

# City of Fort Lauderdale Civic Packet February 2009

This civic packet contains news and information about events and programs available to residents, businesses and visitors in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Regular City Commission meetings are scheduled for 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, February 3rd and Tuesday, February 17, 2009

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## Fort Lauderdale Peele-Dixie Membrane Treatment Plant Wins Awards for Construction Management

The addition of membrane technology to the 82-year-old Walter E. Peele-Dixie Water Treatment Plant in Fort Lauderdale has been recognized with two awards for successful delivery of construction management services. The upgrade is part of the City of Fort Lauderdale's WaterWorks 2011 capital improvement program.

Members of the project team recently accepted a Project Achievement Award from the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) during the organization's National Conference and Trade Show in San Francisco. Peele-Dixie was named the top project in the Program Phase—Infrastructure category. The new 12-million-gallon-per-day (mgd) nanofiltration reverse osmosis (RO) membrane finished water facility replaced an existing lime softening treatment process. The project was successfully completed during a record-setting hurricane season that included Hurricane Wilma in the first year of construction.

In addition, Southeast Construction magazine named the \$26.6 million Peele-Dixie expansion as the "Best Civil" project in that magazine's annual "Best of 2008" projects competition. A separate jury reviewed 129 nominated projects and selected 21 winners. The winning projects were profiled in the magazine's December issue.

The new membrane facility was designed to include a 10-mgd future RO component without building expansion. The project scope included a separate chemical building, two air strippers, clear well, transfer pump station, high-service pump station, two emergency generator facilities with fuel storage tanks, two 4 million-gallon concrete water storage tanks, security wall and fence, and ancillary facilities.

The Peele-Dixie project team included CH2M HILL as construction manager, Hazen and Sawyer as the design engineer, and The Poole and Kent Company as the contractor.

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## 2009 SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch

SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch is an ideal way to relax and enjoy Fort Lauderdale's scenic Riverwalk. Free live performances from the area's best local jazz artists take place on four different stages from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month.

A preview of upcoming performances can be found below. For more information, please call the 24-hour hotline at (954) 828-5363 or visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov).

**February 1, 2009**

***Celebrating Black History Month***

Esplanade Park Stage	Ruby Baker
Connie Hoffman Gazebo	Gerald D'Mietre Trio
Peck Courtyard	Riverside Band
Las Olas Riverfront Stage	Triana Jazz Band

**March 1, 2009**

Esplanade Park Stage	Jimmy Cavallo Quintet
Connie Hoffman Gazebo	Mario LaCasse Band
Peck Courtyard	Tom Lippincott
Las Olas Riverfront Stage	David Fernando Jazz Trio

If you need reasonable accommodation or need to inquire about wheelchair seating at these events, please contact Stephanie Brady at [sbrady@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:sbrady@fortlauderdale.gov) or (954) 396-3696 at least 7 business days prior to the event.

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## **Parks & Recreation Calendar for February 2009**

Call 954-828-PARK for details on these special events and programs:

Sunday, February 1	SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch, Riverfront
Monday, February 2	Lifeguard Training starts, Carter Park Pee Wee Gold Registration, Holiday Park
Wednesday, February 4	Noon Tunes, Stranahan Park
Saturday, February 7	Black History Month Celebration, Riverland Park
Wednesday, February 11	Noon Tunes, Stranahan Park
Friday, February 13	Annual City Mixed Doubles Championships, Jimmy Evert Tennis Center, Holiday Park
Wednesday, February 18	Noon Tunes, Stranahan Park
Saturday, February 21	Kijiji Moja/Black History Month Celebration, Carter Park Community CPR, Warfield Park
Monday, February 23	Teen Advisory Council Meeting, Bass Park
Wednesday, February 25	Noon Tunes, Stranahan Park

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## **War Memorial Auditorium Events for February 2009**

The City of Fort Lauderdale's War Memorial Auditorium hosts a wide variety of events that are open to the public and reflect the diversity of South Florida. Enjoy inexpensive entertainment here in your own back yard!

January 31 – February 1

**Florida Sportsman Fishing and Boat Show**

Florida Sportsman Magazine fuels your fishing habit at this show, new to the War Memorial Auditorium. See the latest and greatest gadgets, gizmos and vessels in the fine art of fishing. \$8 adults, free for children 12 & under with parent. Look for \$3-off discount coupons in the magazine or \$2-off coupon online at <http://www.floridasportsman.com/shows>. Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. War Memorial Auditorium, Fort Lauderdale 954.828.5380.

February 4

**Ebony Fashion Fair**

In its fifty-first year, the Ebony Fashion Fair is hosted locally by the Charmettes, Inc. Ebony Fashion Fair is an elaborate production fully equipped with special effects, hip-hop and R&B music and all of the pageantry of a Broadway show. Known for its commitment to giving back to the community, the show has donated more than \$55 million to charitable organizations and scholarship funds. Commanding the catwalk will be 13 alluring models in designs from a host of the world's best designers, including Christian Lacroix and Carolina Herrera. Attendees will have a choice of a one-year subscription to Ebony magazine or a six-month subscription to Jet magazine with ticket purchase of \$35. Show begins 8 p.m. War Memorial Auditorium, Fort Lauderdale 954.828.5380. Tickets available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). For more information visit [www.ebonyfashionfair.com](http://www.ebonyfashionfair.com).

February 7-8

**South Florida Depression Glass Show**

The South Florida Depression Glass Club presents its 35th Annual Show and Sale, where dealers and collectors gather to purchase items for their collections, homes, friends, and family and to learn about the companies that created these treasures. The show features 30 prominent dealers from around the country specializing in American elegant, depression and mid-century modern glass, pottery and dinnerware, plus unique décor and tableware from the 1920's and beyond. Experts will be available for identification and glass repair. Tickets \$6.50, \$6.00 with coupon, available at [www.sfdgc.com](http://www.sfdgc.com). Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. War Memorial Auditorium, Fort Lauderdale 954.828.5380.

February 28 – March 1

**Rubber Stamp & Scrapbook Expo**

A scrapbooker's paradise awaits at the Rubber Stamp & Scrapbook Expo, the nation's premier paper craft show. Vendors from around the country will have thousands of items on sale to provide everything you might need to create a unique scrapbook and other paper crafts. \$8 per day; \$9 all weekend. War Memorial Auditorium. 954.828.5380. [www.rubberstampandscrapbookexpo.com](http://www.rubberstampandscrapbookexpo.com).

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## Let the Games Begin

*Plans set for the 19th Annual South Florida Senior Games*

The 19th Annual South Florida Senior Games will be held from January 28 through February 10. The games, known as the "Olympiad for people 50 years of age and over," include more than 50 athletic and non-athletic competitions, ranging from tennis, golf, track and field, swimming, and bowling to fine arts.

Events are held at venues throughout the Broward County area, including Fort Lauderdale's Jimmy Evert Tennis Center, Aquatic Complex and War Memorial Auditorium.

The games kick-off on Wednesday, January 28 with registration packet pick-up at the Beach Community Center in Fort Lauderdale from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thereafter, registrant packets will be available at the Beach Community Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Each packet includes a certificate of participation, a T-shirt, one ticket to the Closing Ceremony, the 2008 official results and other goodies.

The South Florida Senior Games event is sanctioned by the Florida Sports Foundation and is a qualifier for the Florida Senior Games State Championships. Participants need to be 50 years of age or over by December 31, 2009. Gold, silver, and bronze Olympic-style medals will be awarded to the winners of each competition.

The Closing Ceremony, at War Memorial Auditorium in Holiday Park, runs from noon to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10 and will include entertainment, presentations, lunch, sponsor booths, door prizes, and more.

The Broward County Parks and Recreation Division and the cities of Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, Tamarac and Sunrise are sponsoring the event.

Call 954-828-4600 for registration information. There will be no on-site registration for any events.

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## City moving forward with beautification plans for north section of A1A

The City Commission approved plans to hire a landscape architectural consultant to develop a comprehensive plan for upgrading a section of A1A roadway between Oakland Park Boulevard and the City's northern boundary.

The plan for scenic enhancements is aimed at improving ambiance and encouraging residents to walk, bicycle and live healthier lifestyles.

Gladding Jackson Kercher Anglin, Inc., was hired to prepare the streetscape plan. Elements to be included in the conceptual design include the roadway segment, pedestrian hardscape treatment, site furnishings and landscaping.

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## City Elections Set

The Mayor and four City Commissioners are the elected officials of the City of Fort Lauderdale. The Mayor is elected at-large and the City Commissioners are elected from each of the four districts. The three-year terms run concurrently, and all are up for election at the same time.

The primary election is held the second Tuesday in February, only if there are more than two candidates running for the same office. If such is the case and one candidate wins with 50% + 1 vote, then he/she is automatically elected; if not, then the two top candidates are placed on the ballot for the general election, which is held

the second Tuesday in March. If, however, there are only two candidates running for the same seat, then they run only in the March election. In the case where no one qualifies to run for office against an incumbent, then he/she is automatically elected.

For more information, visit: [www.fortlauderdale.gov/clerk/election.htm](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/clerk/election.htm)

#### Schedule

Primary Election: Tuesday, February 10, 2009

General Election: Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Terms Begin: 11am, Tuesday, March 17, 2009

#### Offices:

1 Mayor Seat (3-year term)

4 City Commission District Seats (3-year term)

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## Marathon set for Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Fort Lauderdale A1A Marathon and Half Marathon is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009. Event proceeds benefit United Way of Broward County.

A related event, the Publix Health & Fitness Expo is scheduled for Feb. 20-21, 2009, at the Galleria Mall. To reserve booth space, contact: Matthew Lorraine [[lorraine@exclusivesports.com](mailto:lorraine@exclusivesports.com)]

For more information, visit [www.A1AMarathon.com](http://www.A1AMarathon.com)

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## Volunteers Needed for 32nd Annual Waterway Cleanup

The City of Fort Lauderdale is proud to be a Site Sponsor for the 32nd Annual Waterway Cleanup, set for 9am-1pm on Saturday, March 7, 2009, at 35 locations throughout Broward County. The annual event, spearheaded by the Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF), promotes environmental responsibility. Volunteers help clean up Broward County's canals and waterways.

People of all ages are invited to participate by boat or on foot to remove debris from the waterways and shorelines.

Becoming a Waterway Cleanup volunteer is simple. Locate a cleanup site near your home or business, arrive at the site, and sign in with a site coordinator. For a list of cleanup sites, visit [www.waterwaycleanup.org](http://www.waterwaycleanup.org) or call MIASF at 954-524-2733.

Following the clean up, volunteers are invited to attend the Trash Bash volunteer appreciation party for food, drinks, and DJ entertainment. The Trash Bash will be held from 2-5pm at John U. Lloyd Beach State Park, 6503 N. Ocean Drive, Dania Beach.

Sign up today to help clean up Broward County's reefs, waterways and beaches. It's a great way to meet new people and share in the reward of protecting your environment.

For more information about volunteer and sponsorship opportunities:

- Visit [www.waterwaycleanup.org](http://www.waterwaycleanup.org)

- Call 954-524-2733, or
- Email [waterwaycleanup@miasf.org](mailto:waterwaycleanup@miasf.org).




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## Community Appearance Awards applications available

Presented each year by the Fort Lauderdale City Commission and the Community Appearance Board, the Community Appearance Awards recognize homeowners, homeowner associations, architects, developers and builders for projects that enhance the City's visual image and economic vitality.

Applications, which are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2009, may be submitted for one category, construction or renovation, in one of the following categories:

- Commercial
  - Low-rise (1-4 stories)
  - High-rise (5 stories or more)
- Institutional (e.g., hospitals, charitable projects, churches, schools, etc.)
- Landscape/Garden (Commercial or Residential)
- Multifamily Residence
  - Low-rise (1-4 stories)
  - Mid-rise (5-10 stories)
  - High-rise (11 stories or more)
- Municipal Facilities/Parks & Recreation
- Single Family Residence
  - Up to 1,500 square feet
  - 1,501 to 3,000 square feet
  - More than 3,000 square feet
- Retail (e.g., shops, malls, dealerships, etc.)
- Special Projects (e.g., mixed use, affordable housing, other)

### Eligibility Requirements

In order for properties to be eligible for an award, the following requirements must be met:

- Properties must be located within the City of Fort Lauderdale's corporate limits and be visible from a public thoroughfare.
- The property owner must authorize the submission of a project and must sign the application.
- New construction projects must have a Certificate of Occupancy or a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy issued by the City's Planning and Zoning Department between April 2008 and March 2009.

Additional eligibility requirements are listed on the application, which is available on the City of Fort Lauderdale website at [www.fortlauderdale.gov](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov) under the "What's New" section on the home page. Information is also available by calling 954.828.7600.

The Community Appearance Board selects winning properties based on a site review of the project's exterior, the structure and outdoor space, as well as how the project visually enhances the surrounding community.

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## Water Matters Day 2009 set for March 14<sup>th</sup>

Learn about the role you can play in managing and protecting water resources in your homes, yards and communities by attending the sixth annual Water Matters Day.

The City of Fort Lauderdale is partnering with Broward County and other organizations to sponsor this daylong event, which takes place on Saturday, March 14, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tree Tops Park, located at 3900 S.W. 100th Avenue/ Nob Hill Road in Davie. Admission to the park is \$1.50 per person. There is no charge for children 5 and under.

Water Matters Day features a variety of information, activities, and giveaways, including:

- Workshops and educational exhibits on NatureScape principles, pest control through integrated pest management, stormwater management, and water conservation
- Free plants and trees for attendees who visit at least 10 of the educational exhibits
- Live entertainment by folk singer Grant Livingston
- Fun activities for children including craft activities, clowns and face painting.

Fort Lauderdale residents can visit the City's Environmental Services booth to learn about stormwater pollution prevention and water conservation.

For more information about Water Matters Day, please call Broward County's Natural Resources Planning & Management Division, at 954.519.0328.

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## Waste Reduction and Recycling Services Overview

*Make Green Your Routine. Recycle*

Looking for ways to Green Your Routine in 2009? The City of Fort Lauderdale's recycling and waste reduction programs are a good place to start. The City offers an array of collection and drop-off options that service residents, the community and city government. These programs include:

- Residential Curbside Recycling: Serving nearly 37,000 homes, the City of Fort Lauderdale administers the largest residential curbside program in Broward County. Once a week collection of recyclables includes aluminum and steel cans, plastic and glass containers, drink boxes, newsprint, mixed paper and small amounts of flattened cardboard in two sorted 18-gallon collection bins.
- Containerized Yard Waste Collection: Fort Lauderdale was one of the first cities in the County to implement weekly collection of yard waste (leaves, grass, plant clippings) using a 96-gallon wheeled container. It is an important

component of avoided waste disposal that diverted approximately 12,300 tons from the incinerator in FY07/08.

- **Sorted Monthly Bulk Trash Pick-Up:** The bulk waste collection program collects larger household items, tree cuttings and small amounts of construction debris from single-family residents on a monthly basis. Residents are asked to sort bulk trash into "green waste" and "mixed waste" piles that are collected by separate vehicles. Green waste goes to a local recycling center to be mulched.
- **City Government Facilities Recycling:** Nearly 50 city government locations receive weekly recycling collection service, utilizing a combination of office bins, 96 gallon recycling carts and recycling dumpsters. Full carts divert about 1 cubic yard from the waste stream, helping the City reduce disposal costs. Additionally, City facilities recycle cardboard, electronic waste, printer cartridges and batteries.
- **Apartment, Townhouse & Condominium Recycling:** Fifty percent of the City's residents live in multi-family establishments. The City has a mandatory multi-family recycling ordinance that requires all rental property owners and condominium associations to provide "on-site" recycling programs for residents and tenants. The City offers technical assistance and educational support to assist multi-family establishments with Ordinance compliance.
- **RecycleWorks:** This is a volunteer group of Homeowner Association members that earn grant dollars for their neighborhood associations by working directly with the City Recycling Program Coordinator to promote waste reduction and recycling within the community.
- **Parks and Event Recycling:** Environmental stewardship is a core value of the City. The City hosts several special events a year, and has made recycling at these events a priority. New Year's Eve, the monthly Jazz Brunch series, and the Starlight Musical Concerts are just a few of the events that enable attendees to be good stewards of the environment while having fun!
- **Innovative Recycling Grant for the Beach:** With more than 10 million visitors to Fort Lauderdale annually, the City of Fort Lauderdale is committed to preserving the resources and environment that support its tourist trade. As part of this commitment, the City applied for and was awarded an Innovative Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to implement a sustainable beach and beachside recycling program. This comprehensive program includes not only the placement of recycling containers along Fort Lauderdale's beaches and parks, but also establishes recycling programs in marinas and boat ramps. Scheduled for deployment in 2009, this program targets the City's greatest assets and significant waste generating sectors.

Even small changes in your daily routine can make a big difference. In FY07-08, the City of Fort Lauderdale recycled more than 8,300 tons of recyclables through curbside, municipal, school and event recycling programs, saving the City \$747,000 in disposal costs. Recyclable material generated more than \$835,000 in revenue for the City, helping to offset recycling collection costs. An additional 17,471 tons of green waste were collected through our yard waste programs.

Make Green Your Routine. Recycle.

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Please help us keep the Civic Packet mailing list current. Following civic association elections, please send new contact information to:

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Thank you!