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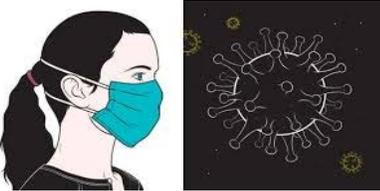


From Our President Mary Peloquin



There is a lot going on.

The Covid - 19 statistics for Broward County are looking good. As of September 17th, the positivity rate was 2.97%. This is good news. We should pat ourselves on the back for being careful and vigilant, wearing



masks, social distancing and washing our hands. Hopefully, the kids will be back in school soon and we can keep the downward trend going. Recently there was a group of "anti-maskers" demonstrating, shouting and marching through the Coral Ridge Target surprising the Target team and frightening shoppers. This is not us. True that everyone has rights but more importantly we all have obligations to each other. Wear a mask for the sake of the compromised people around our neighborhood, on our streets, in our stores and within



our families.

There will be a Coral Ridge General Membership meeting via Zoom on October 22nd at 6:30pm. The meeting will feature candidates for the November 3rd election and the 26th Street project. The 26th Street project, which was on the back burner, is now being pushed forward by Broward County's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Fort Lauderdale's Transportation and

Mobility (TAM) departments. The project is along 26th Street from Bayview Drive to Federal Highway and includes such things as a traffic circle and sidewalks. This is good news. Candidates for our local, county and state area will be invited to speak at the meeting. Once the candidates have RSVP'd a list will be generated and shared.

The Redundant Sewer Project is moving along and hopefully finished up by the end of the year if not before. Bayview Drive is now being resurfaced and the sidewalks are fixed. Any damages to properties along Bayview should also be repaired. If any residents have issues with this project as it winds up, contact us through the Coral Ridge website at coralridgeassociation.org.

Feel free to show the Fort Lauderdale Police who take care of our neighborhood your appreciation by waving or saying hello. Our policemen and policewomen keep an eye on things more than most of us realize. It is a comfort to know we can count on them to keep Coral Ridge residents safe now and in the future. At the monthly Coral Ridge Association Board Meeting Officer Tom Gestal reports crime statistics each month for Coral Ridge and surrounding commercial properties. Something simple we can all do is keep our cars locked, leave no valuables in the car and do not leave guns in the car.



Unlocked vehicles being stolen or rummaged through is something

reported every month. Nothing is worse than hearing of an unlocked, keys-in-the ignition vehicle being stolen with guns in the car. It has happened.

There have been so many named storms this year that NOAA is going to the alpha list of names. This happened in 2005 when Hurricane Wilma came to town in late October. Now we are that same threshold six weeks earlier which is scary. Hurricane



preparedness is of the utmost importance. Every one of us should have our supplies and have a plan. We have been lucky this year but it only takes one storm to ruin the area, disrupt and take lives. Be prepared!

Vacation rentals continue to be an issue here in Coral Ridge and throughout the city. There are two near my house that have not been a problem. Others are ongoing nightmares with overcrowding, loud parties, way too many vehicles, lewd behavior and out of area owners who do not seem to care. This truly can make it hell on earth for nearby neighbors. If there is a problem, please report it to:

VRINFO@fortlauderdale.gov.

If way out of hand, call the police and let your Coral Ridge Board know at coralridgeassociation.org.

The newly elected Board Members for 2021 will be announced at the Coral Ridge General Membership Meeting on October 22nd. Hope to see you then via Zoom.



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From Our Mayor Dean Trantalis



COVID-19 infection rate declines locally; major flood-control project set to begin

I think we can all agree that this past summer we saw a change in our habits, a change in relationships and a change in attitudes about many of the things we once thought were so important. The good news is that we have persevered, and over the past couple of weeks, the greater Fort Lauderdale area has shown some significant progress in the fight against COVID-19.

The infection rate locally has dropped steadily from a peak in mid-July when 15 percent of all test results were coming back positive for the virus. Thankfully, that infection rate now hovers below 5 percent. Hospital visits and the number of people dying from COVID are markedly lower as well.

This is the result of the great compliance among residents and businesses with the health safety measures we put in place: requiring masks and social distancing.

Hopefully, as this trend continues, the governor and Broward County will allow more and more of our economy to reopen. We have demonstrated that we can be safe and go about our daily lives at the same time.

The first step in this direction occurred when I joined with many of my fellow mayors to persuade the county to allow extended operating hours at restaurants.

The second step came this week. The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show will proceed Oct. 28-Nov. 1 in a scaled-back version with strong safety measures in place to protect public health. The show has a major economic impact on our economy each year, providing a needed boost to many small businesses and their employees.

The Boat Show will require everyone to wear masks and will have more entry points along with a designated guest-circulation system. There will be touchless ticketing, constant disinfection of highly used surfaces and the use of thermal imaging to take temperatures of those entering the show area.

The city continues to help where it can while we await a vaccine and a broader economic recovery.

We have been feeding more than 1,000 families each week at Mills Pond Park, and we have been making extra efforts to find help for the homeless whose numbers are rising because so many people are out of work. We are also providing grant

assistance to small businesses to help them through this crisis.

Moreover, as a result of my conversations with Gov. DeSantis, the state added quick turnaround antigen testing to our COVID-19 assistance operations in Holiday Park. This is the only public site in Broward to offer this test, which provides results in less than two hours rather than the several-day wait with the standard COVID test.

I would like to thank the governor for working with us to add this test as it will help businesses and amenities to open and operate safely. It also helps assist the county in its efforts at contact tracing.

Both the county and city have undertaken efforts recently to assist those needing help paying their rent, mortgage or utility bills. The city quickly ran through \$727,500 dedicated for that purpose. The county then started a larger program using \$25 million in federal CARES Act funding.

As we work our way through this pandemic, the city is moving ahead with infrastructure plans, police reform and key quality-of-life issues.

Infrastructure

The City Commission is set to approve its FY20-21 budget that includes money to undertake the full-scale launch of our initiative to address neighborhood flooding caused by high tides and heavy rain. Fort Lauderdale is one of the communities across America most impacted by climate change as a result of our low-lying coastal environment.

We are focusing on seven areas that frequently flood — Durrs, Dorsey Riverbend, Edgewood, Progresso Village, River Oaks and Victoria Park as well as the greater Southeast Isles area of the Las Olas Isles and Rio Vista.

These areas currently lack significant stormwater infrastructure. For instance, Edgewood currently relies on swales for drainage but will now have a network of pipes installed. Today, pumping capacity is very limited across Fort Lauderdale as a result of having only four pump stations. This aggressive program will build eight more.

The city will add exfiltration trenches, catch basins, permeable pavement, swales, and force mains in addition to the pump stations and stormwater pipes. The work will cost about \$200 million and take five years to complete.

We were able to leverage a line of

credit to get an early start on parts of the project. Construction of a nine-acre stormwater retention area in the River Oaks community is nearing completion and will also function as a nature preserve with elevated boardwalks and a historic bascule bridge.

Designs for the next phase of stormwater improvements will begin. Round 2 encompasses Flagler Village, Harbour Inlet, Harbour Isles, Melrose Manors, Riverland, Sailboat Bend and Tarpon Bend.

A decision also should be made shortly regarding the aging Fiveash Water Treatment Plant. The city manager expects to bring forward to the City Commission a recommendation on building a new plant.

Reports from two expert consultants have stated that the 60-year-old plant has outlived its lifespan. They say renovation is no longer a viable option. The issues at the Fiveash Plant are numerous — with coloration being the most obvious to the public. We also need a plant that can withstand a Category 5 hurricane

The likely plan is to build a new plant further inland near the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport where we have the deep wells that pull our water supply from underground aquifers. We are looking at ways to fast-track this important project.

Police reform

The City Commission recently sat down with the Citizen Police Review Board to discuss ideas on police reform.

We appreciate the hard work and dedication of those who serve our community as police officers. It is through their efforts that our community is as safe as it is today. Crime is the lowest it's been in decades.

Yet, we can all agree that recent incidents nationally and locally serve as indicators of the need to reassess operations and procedures. We must ensure all people are dealt with fairly and with the utmost transparency regardless of their race.

In our meeting, we focused on how to give the review board more powers. While it currently makes disciplinary recommendations regarding officers after internal affairs investigations are completed, its role is limited as is its ability to dig deeper.

We will explore expanding its authority so the board hears a wider variety of cases and can offer a wider variety of

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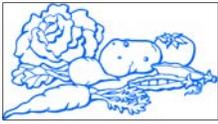


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The Garden Project Anthony Gross



Here we are, already in October, COVID-19 has changed our way of life, and we are into the Greek alphabet for named tropical storms, but the earth still rotates and continues its journey around the sun, and that means, the fall equinox is approaching. With the shorter days we should be seeing cooler temperatures, less humidity and for those who are still attempting to fight the iguanas and have a vegetable - herb garden it is time to start planting.

Many of the commercial growers already have plants in the ground and that means it won't be long before produce starts to be available on our local shelves, from our community garden and fresh produce coops will be taking your orders.

In about 60 days we will be moving into our continuous harvest of fresh produce in SOFLO now that is something to look forward to!

This month, I would like to talk about some of the plants we are using as hedges and specimen plantings. It seems that every new construction home or landscape remodel is using the same few varieties. Most of us see them and say to our landscaper "I want that plant" but do you really know about the plant, how it grows, how it can be used, and if it will be successful in your landscape over time?

Let's review a few of the most common ones we see.



Silver Buttonwood

Conocarpus erectus var. sericeus we all have seen this one along the beach, and it does well in our coastal sandy soil. This is a native plant and relatively free of pests and disease. As the picture shows it can be kept as either a nicely trimmed hedge or a small tree. If grown as a tree as it ages the trunk becomes a beautiful gnarled home for native orchids and tillandsias (air plants). The best example to see this trunk feature would be when you are at the traffic light in front of the Gateway movie theater, there are several old but toppled examples in the median.



Green Island Ficus

While this is a non-native it does not seem to pose a risk or indicate that it would be a problem in our environment. It seems to be relatively pest and disease free. It was actually named the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association, plant of the year in 2000. When you visit a nursery to purchase, make sure to look at the leaf shape to know which variety you are purchasing.

Ficus microcarpa var. crassifolia 'Green Mound' has heavy-textured leaves a little more than twice as long as wide - about four inches by almost two inches. They are widest a little above the midpoint of the blade with a blunt but obviously pointed tip.

Ficus microcarpa 'Green Island' on the other hand, has the same heavy texture but is only a little longer than wide, say three to four inches in either dimension, and the shape would be described as round.

Green Island tends to spread out

sideways and is easy to train as a ground-hugging shrub clinging closely to rocks, across a bed, or even trailing down a wall. It needs trimming and maintenance to keep it as a low hedge.

Green Mound (*var. crassifolia*), forms a dense mounding dark green mass easily kept below six feet high and about the same width. It is a great screening or background shrub that needs almost no pruning to stay dense and trim.



Clusia

This is a non-native and my personal least favorite of the current popular hedge plants. This plant is easily grown from cuttings thus it is cheap and readily available; as such, it is a contractor's choice and possibly our highest risk of a monoculture pest or disease problem in our future. It is almost always used in areas that are too narrow. This is a shrub that needs to be planted at a minimum of 5' on center and yet it is consistently crammed up next to a fence, house, or sidewalk. Perfect example of a "square peg in a round hole".

There are two types *Clusia rosea* & *Clusia guttifera*. In general, *rosea* is the tree type and should be purchased as a single trunk specimen. *Guttifera* can grow to tree size, but this is the one you see trimmed and managed as a hedge.

Once established both are considered drought tolerant. Their most common pest and disease problem is scale and anthracnose disease as well as they can suffer from *Fusarium* fungi.

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Both *Clusia* species must be hand pruned and this can be a laborious and expensive proposition so many choose the easy ways out and uses a hedge trimmer, this results in leaf drop and opens the plant up to disease problems.

Many grow adventitious roots, (roots that arise from cells other than root cells) these arial roots can cling to walls, fences, and when you are the traffic light by Skyline Chili take look at the root mass of the *C. Rosea* there. Think what this will look like at your house or creeping under your fence into your neighbors' yard or onto the sidewalk.



Wild coffee

Psychotria nervosa, while many of you might have heard of wild coffee, it does not seem to be understood that it can be used as a hedge. In fact, it can stand up to the abuse of your lawn care maintenance company using their electric trimmers to shear it and keep it in a nice formal hedge. It works well as a privacy screen and is great in shade too! The dark green glossy leaves with their deep veins provide a tropical feel to your yard. They bloom white flowers attracting butterflies and other pollinators, and then produce beautiful red berries that look like coffee beans. Unfortunately, there is no caffeine in the beans, so leave the them for the songbirds and other wildlife who will visit your yard.

Now that we have reviewed these landscape specimens that may make a yard look fresh and some might even say “modern” or “current” we need to stop and ask, are we creating a new monoculture? We can never know for sure, but for those of you who might ask what this has to do with anything, I'd like to remind you of the time when almost every home in Coral Ridge had a *Ficus* hedge. A white fly came along and wiped most of them out. That was an example of the perfect monoculture storm. So, while we should be encouraged that the above-mentioned plants are varied home by home, we should also keep in mind the term “mixed hedge”.

A mixed hedge has many benefits such as attracting and hosting more native wildlife, creating a more visually interesting look, and perhaps the most important factor, it is more resistant to pests and diseases. When a pest or disease appears, it might attack a portion of your plants, and you would still have the other segments of your hedgerow healthy

and growing. When you have monoculture hedges throughout the neighborhood, all it takes is one invasive pest arriving on a cargo ship and in a few short seasons we could all be needing to replant.

As you think about plants for your yard, remember to look south. See what is doing well in Monroe and Miami-Dade counties. If they are successful there, odds are it will be here in Broward as well.

Thanks for allowing me to share my thoughts, enjoy what will hopefully be a great fall, and above all, wear your face coverings and stay safe.

Your Neighbor,
Anthony Gross
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Podocarpus

The most common species we see is Shrubby Yew *Podocarpus macrophyllus* 'Maki'. This excerpt from Monrovia.com is a great description of how to use.

“Narrow form means this plant works well in narrow city side yards. Also works well along backyard fence lines to block undesirable views. Small enough for courtyards and walled gardens, use as a corner element or treat as a semi-formal green column. Very adaptable to contemporary or Asian-inspired themes. A lifesaver on deep, narrow lots and as a columnar divider to separate multistory homes. Grow this tree with other plants that offer similar easy-care requirements.”

This shrub does require regular watering, and once established is generally pest and disease free. The most common issue in our sandy soil is magnesium deficiency.

One last shrub that is currently used more as a specimen plant versus a hedge is our native.

Attention Coral Ridge Joggers!!
We must keep our eyes and ears open when running on the street! Always go against the traffic, so we can see what is coming and get out of the way if necessary!

Always give bicycles the right of way! We can step aside very easily, they cannot!





Coral Ridge Real Estate

Starting the 2nd Half, Mixed Signals

By Chris Williams



We continue to have a decent recovery since Covid-19 affected the market in mid-March. Overall, waterfront and dry lot home sales combined (62) are up 17% this year compared to 2019. Waterfront homes are down 14% though. However, dry lot homes are up 38%. That's impressive given the virus issues we have been dealing with. Real estate activity is moving at a pretty good pace!

Sales prices have dipped for waterfront. The average sales price continues to be lower than last year by 22%. But because of the disparity of product, a better indicator may be square foot pricing which only fell 22%. The average sales price for dry lot homes was slightly lower by 5% while square foot prices were up 3%.

Here's a snapshot of Coral Ridge statistics for August 2020 and Year-to-Date¹:

Waterfront Homes (August - 2020)

	Number of Sales	Avg Sales Price	Avg Median Price	Sales Price per sq. foot
2020	2	\$2,425,000	\$2,425,000	\$429
2019	7	\$2,146,571	\$1,641,000	\$501
% Change	-250%	+13%	+48%	-14%

Waterfront Homes (YTD thru August 2020)

	Number of Sales	Avg Sales Price	Avg Median Price	Sales Price per sq. foot
2020	18	\$1,812,583	\$1,618,638	\$529
2019	21	\$2,326,000	\$2,154,142	\$605
% Change	-14%	-22%	-24%	-13%

Dry Lot Homes (August - 2020)

	Number of Sales	Avg Sales Price	Avg Median Price	Sales Price per sq. foot
2020	11	\$1,199,318	\$965,000	\$404
2019	4	\$1,313,750	\$1,273,500	\$352
% Change	+175%	-9%	-24%	+15%

Dry Lot Homes (YTD thru August - 2020)

	Number of Sales	Avg Sales Price	Avg Median Price	Sales Price per sq. foot
2020	44	\$941,266	\$793,863	\$353
2019	32	\$992,517	\$908,406	\$344
% Change	+38%	-5%	-13%	+3%

There has been little change in the current amount of inventory (mid September). We have 51 single family homes for sale in Coral Ridge (21 waterfront, 30 dry lot). Given the YTD rate at 6.88 homes sold per month gives us almost 7.4 months' worth of inventory (a slight dip from end of June).

Current Inventory (mid September)

	Number of Listings	Avg List Price	Avg Median Price	List price per square foot	Days on Market Avg.
Waterfront	21	\$3,916,857	\$3,290,000	\$721	134
Dry Lot Home	30	\$1,270,440	\$1,060,000	\$427	150

What do you think about the 4th quarter for this year? Can we finish strong and beat last year's sales of 88 homes? I'd like to hear from you. Let me know your thoughts about our neighborhood. I can be contacted at 954-830-2242 or Chris@HomesInCoralRidge.com If you have questions about your home's value and marketability, be sure to consult a qualified Realtor.

Chris Williams is a Fort Lauderdale Native and has lived in Coral Ridge for more than 50 years. Chris is the current Treasurer of the Coral Ridge Association. He is also a Board member of the City of Fort Lauderdale Budget Advisory Board. Chris has been a Realtor® with RE/MAX Preferred in Coral Ridge since 2006.

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4 Things Broward County Residents Should Do NOW

League of Women Voters of Broward highlights four ways to prepare for November elections

By Monica Elliott

President, League of Women Voters of Broward County

November may seem a long way off, but it is important to take these steps NOW to make sure you can vote in the election.

Most of these actions can be done online at the website for the Broward Supervisor of Elections:

www.browardsoe.org

1. **Register to vote by Oct. 5** to vote in Nov. 3 election. To register online, you must have a Florida Driver's license or Florida Identification Card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and know the last four numbers of your Social Security Number. Registering to vote

online is safe and secure and the fastest method. If you do not have a Florida Driver's license or ID card, then you can print the voter registration form, in either English or Spanish, complete the form and mail it. Do you know anyone who just turned 18 or hasn't registered? Help spread the word.

2. **Request Vote-By-Mail ballot**, in English or Spanish. You do not have to use it. Think of Vote-By-Mail as an insurance policy that will allow you to vote no matter what happens with the pandemic. Either go to www.browardsoe.org or call the Broward County Supervisor of Elections office at 954-357-7055. Vote By Mail ballots are mailed starting Sept. 24.

3. **Make sure your address is correct.** Vote-By-Mail ballots cannot be forwarded by the U.S. Postal Service. If you have moved temporarily, you can forward the ballot to a different address by completing a form at the SOE site. Do you know anybody who has moved recently? Remind

them to update their address for their voter registration.

4. **Start researching the candidates and the issues.** Check out the non-partisan League of Women Voters website www.Vote411.org. Do you know of a group that would host a non-partisan election information talk? Contact our speakers bureau about booking a Zoom presentation called Decision 2020.

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NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale Now Open

The NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale has reopened to the public. For the safety of visitors, staff and volunteers, new health and safety guidelines are in place, which include social distancing, reduced capacity, face coverings and enhanced cleaning and disinfection protocols. Several of the Museum's current exhibitions have been extended, including *Happy!*, which will now be on view through October 11, 2020. In addition, *Transitions and Transformations* will remain on view through January 2021, and *I Paint My Reality: Surrealism in Latin America* and *William J. Glackens: From Pencil to Paint* will both remain open until Spring 2021. The Museum begins its new exhibition season on November 21 with the South Florida Cultural Consortium exhibition, featuring works by 13 preeminent South Florida artists who are recipients of the 2020 South Florida Cultural Consortium awards. For details, visit:

nsuuseum.org.

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To Coral Ridge Association Members,

The term of a Coral Ridge Association Board member is one year commencing January 1st through December 31st. No Board member shall serve more than three consecutive terms. Please note the nominees' summaries on the following pages.

Sincerely,
Mary Peloquin
President, Coral Ridge Association

Coral Ridge Association Board of Governors Election Ballot

The following members of the Coral Ridge Association are candidates for the 2021 Board of Governors. Please indicate your choices by placing a checkmark on the line provided next to the names you select.

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Nominees new to the Coral Ridge Association Board

Nominees who have previously been Coral Ridge Association Board Members

Nominees who are current Coral Ridge Association Board Members

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This is a copy of the ballot that has been sent to Coral Ridge Members to elect the 2021 Board of Governors.

I hereby certify that I am a member in good standing of the Coral Ridge Association as of August 31, 2020.

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From Our Commissioner Heather Moraitis



2020 has not been an easy year. We've experienced a historic pandemic, impacting our community in ways none of us have ever experienced before. There is no playbook for these events. Still, we as a city are doing our best to keep residents safe, and now manage the financial impacts of shutting down our economy for so many months.

We have now finished the yearly budget process. The City Commission met on September 3rd and 14th for budget hearings and neighbors were given the opportunity to share input on the city's operation and expenditures. I'm happy to say that even though we experienced financial shortfalls due to COVID-19, we were able to avoid raising taxes. You can go to FortLauderdale.gov/budget to see the full budget the commission approved at the final budget hearing.

I also recently attended the Florida League of Cities virtual conference as a representative of our city. We discussed several issues including how cities can best access federal and state CARES funding for relief from the pandemic.

At the virtual conference, I had the

honor of being awarded the Home Rule Hero Award, an award given to local government officials who lobby members of the legislature on behalf of local issues. I strongly believe in Home Rule, as it is the ability for a city to address local problems with local solutions with minimal state interference. I have worked tirelessly throughout the legislative session to promote local voices making local choices, specifically when it comes to how our city handles vacation rentals.

As a city, we want to have the authority to regulate vacation rentals according to the needs of the area and not be preempted by the state, especially when we see that vacation rentals adversely affect our city by taking away from the character of our neighborhoods. Furthermore, we only have limited inventory for affordable housing and these vacation rentals overinflate the home value in our city.

The vacation industry is very heavily funded and is able to gain influence easily in Tallahassee. However there are few natural advocates against vacation rentals other than residents

and the elected officials who represent them. Therefore it's extremely important for local elected officials and citizens to lobby the legislature.

I was happy to join the effort for this important issue and I am proud to be following in my husband George's footsteps as he won the Legislator of the Year award from the Florida League of Cities for home rule vacation rental advocacy when he served as a State Representative in Tallahassee.

With all this being said, we continue to navigate uncertain times and I want you to know that you are always welcome, and in fact encouraged, to reach out to me or my staff. As I was just recently re-elected unopposed I want to take the opportunity to thank you and restate that I am proud to represent you and will continue to listen and be your voice at the local level.

Sincerely,
Commissioner Heather Moraitis

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recommendations to the police chief and city manager. I've long seen this board as playing a critical oversight role for the community.

While we look at the role of the Citizen Police Review Board, the city manager has retained national police reform experts to analyze our departmental policies, training and recruitment and offer suggestions on how we can do better. He is also conducting a national search for a new chief.

Quality of life

Here's some other exciting developments in our city:

The city has spent \$112,000 from its Tree Canopy Trust Fund this past

year purchasing and planting more than 1,000 trees.

We've hired a program manager to activate four open spaces along the Fort Lauderdale beachfront: D.C. Alexander Park, the Las Olas Oceanside Park, the amenity deck atop the new Las Olas Garage and the Intracoastal promenade south of the Las Olas Bridge. Programming is anticipated to begin in February 2021 and will feature options such as health and wellness opportunities, musical concerts, family activities, and special events.

Plans for a new EMS substation are moving forward. The City Commission approved the purchase of property located at 507 SE 11 Court for the substation. Our property search focused

on the area between the railroad tracks and Federal Highway and between Davie Boulevard and Sunrise Boulevard to provide better response times to areas both north and south of the tunnel.

The city continues to expand affordable housing options. The commission has approved a loan to Mount Hermon Housing to build a project for senior citizens consisting of about 100 apartment units in the historic Dorsey-Riverbend neighborhood.

LauderTrail — a network of walking and biking trails that would connect neighborhoods across the city — is moving to the next phase. We are creating a steering committee that

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Dollars and Sense in Coral Ridge

by Thomas Balcom, CFP®, CAIA, MBA

Is value investing dead? With the rise of Robinhood and commission free investing, many individuals have been recently investing in the stock market in hopes of saving for college, retirement and for some folks, to make a quick buck. With the introduction of commission free trading at Robinhood and other brokerage firms, it appears that the investing public has been drawn to familiar names and as a result, the deluge of investment dollars has driven up the value of a number of companies. Folks in the financial services industry typically use the price/earnings ratio as a metric to judge whether a stock price is fairly valued, undervalued or overvalued. This is similar to using an appraiser to estimate the value of your home. You may believe your home is worth \$1,000,000 while an appraiser may assess the value at \$900,000 based upon recent sales of comparable homes. The stock market is similar, although you cannot always compare the stock price or valuation of Amazon with the stock price of Walmart as their business models differ.

On a year-to-date basis through September 18th, the Russell 1000 Growth Index is up 19.87% while the Russell 1000 Value is down 10.59%. The Russell 1000 Growth index has been fueled by companies which include Apple, Microsoft, Amazon,

Google, Facebook and Visa which collectively account for an oversized 38% of the index. The top holdings of the Russell 1000 Value Index include Berkshire Hathaway, Johnson & Johnson, JP Morgan, Verizon, Walt Disney and Intel which together account for a modest 11% of the index. The difference between the returns of the two indices is 30.46%. For some folks, they may feel that they should sell their Russell 1000 Value “losers” and replace them with the Russell 1000 Growth “winners.” Before doing so, we want to share some historical data with you.

From a historical standpoint, the current difference in returns is reminiscent of the technology bubble which occurred from January 1, 1999 through February 28, 2000 when the Russell 1000 Growth Index outperformed the Russell 1000 Value Index by 36.42% over that particular time period. While we are not implying that the current market will end like the tech bubble earlier this century, we should learn from these periods and ensure that we do not allow history to repeat itself. One final data point that may interest long-term investors is the fact that the annualized returns for the Russell 1000 Growth Index has been 6.21% from January 1, 2000 through September 18, 2020 while it has been 5.92% for the Russell 1000 Value Index. While

there are times when value outperforms growth and vice versa, most financial advisors would not suggest that we write the obituary for value investing since mean reversion often occurs over longer investment periods. Diversification may not matter in the short-term, but it often does over the long-term.

With the presidential election upcoming, uncertainty related to a COVID-19 vaccine and the hopes of a return to “normal” for both businesses and schools, we would anticipate a rise in stock market volatility over the coming months. If you have benefited from the recovery in the stock market from its March lows, you may want to consider rebalancing your portfolio. If your portfolio is professionally managed, you should reach out to your financial advisor to ensure that your current asset allocation will meet both your short and long-term financial objectives.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this article, please feel free to email me at:

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or call me directly at 954-903-0009. If you have suggestions for future topics, please let me know.

Data source: **Morningstar**

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will help conduct an in-depth feasibility study and draft a master plan over the next year. In the meantime, three pilot projects will get underway — a segment on Northwest 15th Street, a Holiday Park connector and a Brickell Avenue extension.

Two important points in closing.

Please remember that we are now in the height of hurricane season. It's been a very busy year in the tropics, but so far we have been unscathed. Keep your eye on the weather forecasts and continue to ensure that you have your emergency supplies at

hand and are ready to secure your property if necessary.

Also, the once-a-decade census count ends this month. This is incredibly important to our community as it determines our representation in both Washington, D.C., and the state capitol and is used to allocate funding from the federal government to implement critical needs such as improving education and addressing traffic congestion.

If you have not done so, please take a couple minutes to go to **www.My2020Census.gov** and be counted. And encourage your friends, family members, neighbors and co-workers to do the same.

Thank you very much!



P.S. Did you see the Sun Sentinel endorsement of our campaign? On Sept. 3, they said “Trantalis is far more capable and qualified ... to be mayor, and we urge Fort Lauderdale voters to re-elect him to a second term.”





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3	9-305(a) Landscaping encroaching on Right-of-way.	Remove any landscaping material encroaching upon the public right-of-way.
4	9-305(b) Landscaping not maintained. Missing and/or bare areas of lawn cover.	Replace and/or maintain
5	9-280(h)(1) Fence in disrepair.	Repair, replace or remove fence. Obtain any necessary permits.
6	9-304(b) Parking on lawn surface prohibited. Gravel/paved drive is not well graded and/or dust free.	Remove all vehicles/boats/trailers from lawn. Resurface gravel/paved driveway.
7	47-34.1.A.1. Non-permitted land use in zoning district. Unroofed outdoor storage. 18-1 Under Roof (example balcony, carport, porch)	Cease non-permitted use.
8	47-34.4.B.1. Boat, boat on trailer, boat trailer, RV, commercial vehicle, mobile home, bus, or inoperable vehicle improperly parked/ stored on property.	Cease overnight parking/storage of specified vehicles, boats and trailers in residential zoning districts.
9	9-308(a) Roof not maintained. 9-308(b) Debris on roof. Roof stained and/or dirty.	Repair, replace, maintain roof. Obtain any necessary permits. Clean and/or paint roof.
10	9-306 Exterior of structure not maintained.	Repair, replace, maintain, clean and/or paint. Obtain any necessary permits.
11	9-280(b) Floors, walls, ceilings, roofs, windows, doors and/or all building parts not maintained.	Repair, replace. Obtain any necessary permits.
A	24-7(b) Unlawful solid waste on the swale constituting a public nuisance.	REFER TO BLUE BULK TRASH VIOLATION NOTICE
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C	18-11(a) / 18-11(b) Swimming pools; nuisance specified	REFER TO YELLOW PUBLIC NUISANCE VIOLATION NOTICE
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Common Symptoms of an Ear Infection:

1. Head Shaking or Head Tilt
2. Scratching/Itchiness
3. Redness/Swelling or Crusts/Scabs
4. Pain
5. Brown, Yellow or Bloody Discharge and Odor

While nearly all ear infections can be successfully treated and managed, having the infection diagnosed

properly and promptly is crucial. Not only are ear infections uncomfortable for pets, but they can also lead to more serious health problems.

What Happens if an Ear Infection Goes Untreated?

Swelling: With an infection causing constant pain, pets will frequently scratch their ears and shake their heads. This can result in painful swelling of the earflap called an "aural hematoma" that requires surgical treatment. A pet that experiences chronic infections can even develop swelling of the inner ear canal.

Internal Damage: Infections that travel deep into the ear canal can damage or even rupture the eardrum, leading to a more severe infection of the internal ear.

Hearing Loss: An infection that spreads deep into the ear can even result in permanent hearing loss. Fortunately, with a thorough examination by your veterinarian, treating ear

infections can be simple and effective.

For more information about pet ear infections, please feel free to call or stop by to talk with our staff and doctors. The clinic offers hours seven days a week.



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The City of Ft. Lauderdale's website: <https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/fire-rescue/hurricane-preparedness> has great guidelines for a hurricane, before during, and after the storm.

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Non-perishable, ready-to-eat food

(manual can opener)

Disposable plates and utensils

Battery-powered flashlight

Battery-powered radio

Extra batteries

First aid kit

Cash

Prescription medication (two-week supply)

Eye glasses or contact lenses

Toilet paper, soap, wipes, personal hygiene items

Large plastic garbage bags

Change of clothes, gloves, sturdy shoes, rain gear

Blankets and pillows

Keys (home, vehicle, boat)

Tools (including rope, duct tape, tarp)

Unscented bleach

Supplies for those with special needs (infants, children, seniors and pets)





Recycle In Coral Ridge

Simple Things to Help the Planet

Every day brings more news of poisoned oceans, melting glaciers, and endangered species. Here are simple steps you can take to help reduce your carbon footprint.

1. Buy recycled, not just recyclable. Paper products are the most common recycled products available on the consumer market. These include printer paper, paper towels, and, yes, toilet paper. If every American family bought a roll of recycled toilet paper just once, we could save 400,000 trees.
2. Shop with reusable grocery bags, many of which are made of recycled plastic. Four trillion plastic bags are used worldwide per year and only 1% of these are recycled. Several major retailers give a bag credit for each reusable bag that you use.
3. Avoid plastic straws, single-use plastic drink cups and water bottles. Use your own ceramic coffee mug at work. Americans buy 50 billion water bottles per year and less than a quarter are recycled. Using a reusable bottle can save 156 bottles per year.
4. Designate one, or more, meals a week as "meatless." A vegetarian diet puts a lot less burden on the environment, and is better for your health. Meat production produces significantly more greenhouse gases than vegetable production and a hamburger requires 660 gallons of water to produce while a salad uses just 21 gallons.
5. Don't waste food. Use those perishable groceries before they go bad. In the U.S., 40 percent of edible food is wasted. Food accounts for 3 billion tons of carbon emissions and uneaten food is the single largest source of trash in landfills.
6. Program your air-conditioner thermostat to a higher temperature when you're not at home.
7. Unplug electronics that you rarely use. Also, unplug the AC adapters that power small electronics when not in use. 75% of appliance energy use comes from when the appliance is turned *off*. LED light bulbs can cut energy use by 80% and use only 12 watts to produce as much light as a 60-watt incandescent bulb.
8. Go paperless. Request bills and statements by email. Request to be removed from marketing mailing lists.
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10. Spread the word. Encourage your network to adopt these and other best practices.



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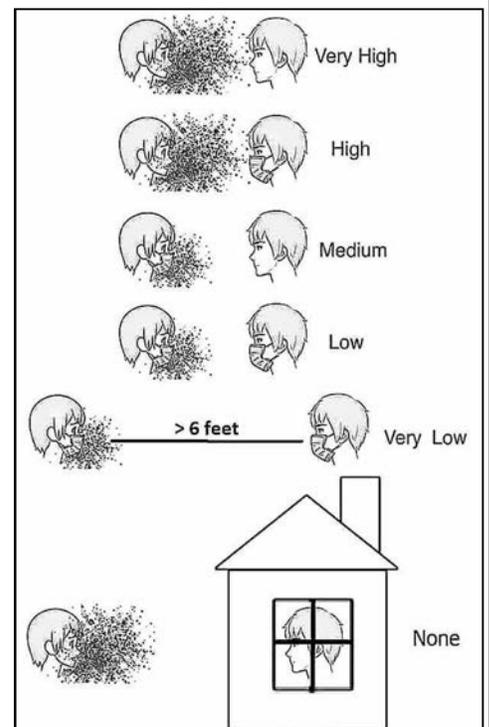
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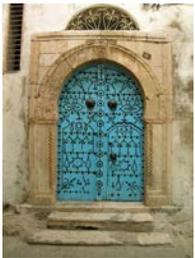
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I Love Tunisia!

By Chuck Murawski

Since we are still locked down due to the virus, I dug into my old files to find one of my past adventures. When we were living in Spain, it was great to take the car ferry across to Morocco. I have always loved the architecture of Spain as it's routes are from the times when the Moors occupied Iberia. Wanting to dig deeper, one year we booked a package tour to Tunisia. (Suggestion: It is best to book a package tour because you are able to cover many that would be hard to find on your own, and nowadays, it is safer.) What a wonderful discovery.

Every door is a work of art!



Even this drain in one of the village streets is a work of art.



Driving desert roads are always a surprise when you run into wild



camels or sheep herders watering the flock.



It is always a surprise when you come upon a beautiful oasis. One



day traveling between villages we came across the old STAR Wars movie set. This is where they built



the location sets for the film. Today, some of the local desert nomads actually live in parts of the sets. You find stalls and road side markets full of temptations to buy.



When we moved back to the US and shipped our household furniture, we had so many great treasures from Morocco and Tunis, I decorated the guest room here totally Moroccan. One of the locations I was unaware of was the island of Yerba. Just off the coast. Famous because there is a Synagogue that is considered one of the oldest and most holy in all of North Africa.

Pilgrims traveled from all over Europe and would stay in these



courtyard rooms and cook and wash outside in the courtyard. Sort of the Motel of ancient history.

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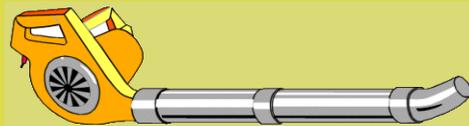
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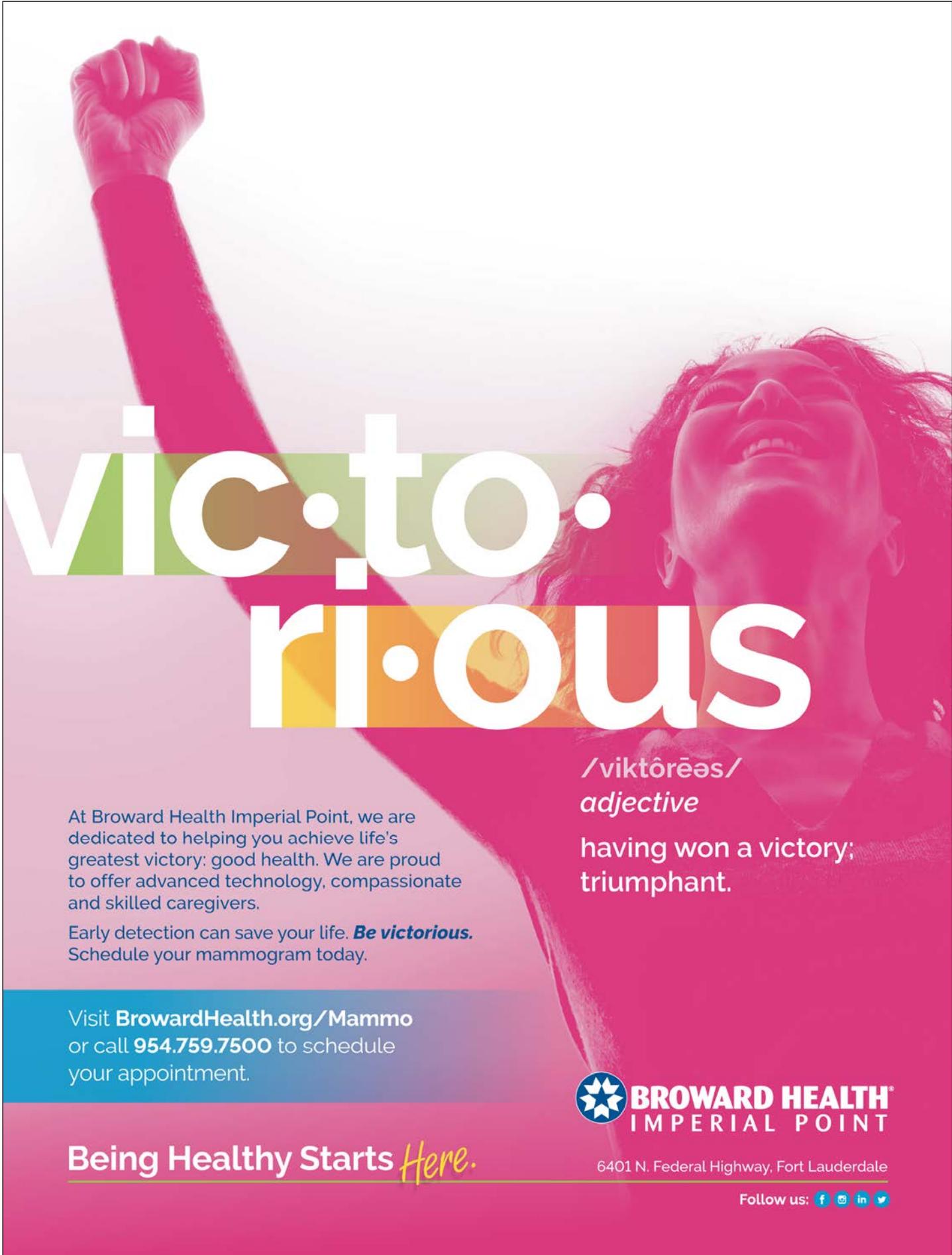
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