

TRAVEL

Welcome to Florida, now here’s a face mask

By JIM TURNER  
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TALLAHASSEE —Two state-operated welcome centers opened to the public this week for the first time since March, while the coronavirus pandemic keeps two others shut down.

And while the highway centers were once known for offering free orange juice to weary travelers, state workers at the re-opened facilities on Interstate 10 near the Alabama border and Interstate 75 near the Georgia border are providing free face masks as part of COVID-19 protocols.

Visit Florida President and CEO Dana Young said more than 400,000 masks

have been made available by the state Department of Health and the Division of Emergency Management’s State Emergency Response Team.

“They will be for our staff, and we will be making these available freely to the public throughout the summer if they desire to pick one up while they are visiting our state,” Young said during a Visit Florida Executive Committee conference call Monday.

The welcome-center openings come after the state on June 5 ended a motorist checkpoint on I-10 near the Alabama border set up in late March as part of an effort to require people traveling from Louisiana, then a COVID-19 hotspot, to

self-isolate if they entered Florida.

Still not open is a welcome center along Interstate 95 and a Visit Florida kiosk inside the Florida Capitol, which remains closed to walkup visitors.

The I-95 welcome center is just north of a weigh station being used as a COVID-19 checkpoint for motorists from the disease hotspots of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

“We are really looking forward to being able to re-open the I-95 welcome center, and we hope to have more news on that in the coming days,” Young said.

At the checkpoints, motorists have been required to complete forms that include contact information



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and trip details. The state collected nearly 28,000 traveler forms at the I-10 checkpoint.

More than 35,700 forms had been collected at the I-95 checkpoint as of Monday, according to the state Department of Transportation.

When the respiratory virus caused the closing of many state agencies, at least 16 of the 20 people who work at the state’s welcome centers were trained to handle phone calls from small business owners for the Department of Economic Opportunity.

The opening of the centers comes as Visit Florida, the state’s tourism-marketing agency, is finalizing a “rebounder” marketing campaign that will initially concentrate on getting Floridians to become comfortable traveling in the state.

STUART

Large crack found in southbound span of Roosevelt Bridge

By WAYNE K. ROUSTAN

Vehicle traffic was detoured and commercial boating traffic halted at the Roosevelt Bridge in Stuart due to emergency repairs after a crack appeared on the underside of a segment of the bridge during a routine inspection.

A large crack developed at the base of the south end of the bridge forcing the bridge to be closed indefinitely until repairs are completed, the Florida Department of Transportation said.

“Safety is always our number one priority,” Gerry O’Reilly, FDOT District 4 Secretary, said in a statement. “We are systematically assessing every aspect of the structure at this time.”

The Roosevelt Bridge is two separated bridges with three lanes each on each span that have been closed until a thorough safety inspection is completed. The stretch of Dixie Highway that passes under the bridge is also closed.

“Some concrete fell from underneath the Roosevelt Bridge on the southbound side,” said Stuart police Sgt. Brian Bossio. “It’s unknown why it happened.”

The Coast Guard has set up a safety zone in the area to prevent any commercial boating traffic from going under the bridge. The



STUART POLICE

The south lanes of the Roosevelt Bridge have been closed to vehicular and boating traffic because of a large crack that formed at the south end, Stuart police said.

Coast Guard also issued an advisory via radio overnight.

A statewide team of bridge experts has been assembled. Teams were on site assessing the situation and performing a full structural review. The waterway and Florida East Coast railroad corridor remain unaffected at this time, FDOT officials said.

Motorists and pedestri-

ans wishing to cross the St. Lucie River on Dixie Highway should follow detour signs as posted. Police are on site to direct traffic.

The new Roosevelt Bridge was built in 1996 and spans the St. Lucie River in Martin County.

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DAVIE

Boil-water notice issued for residents

By AUSTEN ERBLAT

DAVIE – Davie residents in at least 10 communities are being advised to boil their water following a water main break impacting hundreds of homes.

The town issued a boil water notice Tuesday night for properties between Orange Drive and Southwest 25th Street from South Hiatus Road to Nob Hill Road after a water main broke around 4:20 p.m. the town said in a statement.

Communities impacted by the notice include, but are not limited to, Davie West, Davie Farnettes, Hiatus Ranchettes, Long Lake Ranches, Mystique Estates, Hiatus Isles, Lawson Isles, Blackhawk Reserve, Camelot Estates

and Long Lake Estates.

Water should be boiled if being used for drinking, cooking, making ice, brushing teeth, or washing dishes. Water should be brought to a rolling boil for at least one minute, officials say, and bottled water can be used as an alternative.

The notice is effective immediately and will be in effect for at least two days after tests are passed.

Residents can call the town’s utilities department during business hours at 954-327-3742 or 954-327-3750 after hours.

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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Notice of Development of Rulemaking (Rule Development Workshop, June 30, 2020)  
DATE CHANGE – Previously Advertised on June 2, 2020

**Policy/Rule No:** Policy 4002  
**Policy/Rule Title:** Hiring Procedures  
**Purpose and Effect:** The revision of Policy 4002 is to allow for adoption of the new Policy 2404, 2407, and 2409.  
**Summary:** The revision of Policy 4002 is to allow for adoption of the new Policy 2404, 2407, and 2409.  
**Summary of Statement of Estimated Economic Impact and Regulatory Costs:** The adoption of this policy will not have an economic impact on the School Board of Broward County.  
**Subject Area to be Addressed:** The revision of Policy 4002 is to allow for adoption of the new Policy 2404, 2407, and 2409.  
**Specific Authority:** §§ 1001.41, Fla. Stat.  
**Law Implemented:** N/A  
**School District Contact Person:** Ms. Tracey Neal, Director, Emergency Risk & Emergency Preparedness  
**A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP (SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP) WILL BE HELD AT THE FOLLOWING DATE AND PLACE:** The Board Workshop will be held virtually on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.  
**THE PERSON TO BE CONTACT REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND TO OBTAIN A COPY OF ANY AVAILABLE PRELIMINARY DRAFT IS:** Craig Kowalski, Chief, Special Investigative Unit  
**THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS AVAILABLE AT:** N/A

School Board Workshops will be conducted by Board Members via electronic communication. The meetings will also be live streamed. Due to Broward County Administrator’s Emergency Order 20-01, public comments will be accepted on all agenda items in the following manner: Any person may submit written comments regarding noticed agenda items to: Noemi Gutierrez, Supervisor, Official School Board Records, 600 Southeast Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 or by e-mail to PublicComment@browardschools.com no later than two (2) hours in advance of the published time of the School Board Workshop. Anonymous comments will not be accepted; therefore, each written comment must include the person’s name and address. Pursuant to School Board Policy 1100A, in the event a large group of individuals (more than twenty (20) sign-up to speak on one agenda item, the Board Chair has the authority to adjust the time limit for each speaker to speak less than the three (3) minutes (which is approximately 400 words) usually permitted, and/or limit the overall time speakers will be heard on that item.

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation. The School Board also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Director, Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department & District’s Equity Coordinator/Tile IX Coordinator at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.

Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, (ADAAA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities/ ADA Compliance Department at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES  
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE  
2020-2021 PROGRAM YEAR

The City of Fort Lauderdale has prepared its Annual Action Plan for 2020-2021(AAP). A draft copy is available for public review and comments upon request in the Housing and Community Development Division, located at 100 N. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 during regular business hours. The comment period begins on Thursday June 18, 2020 and extends through Thursday June 25, 2020. The seven-day public comment period and other program waivers is regulated under the CARES Act. (Public Law 116-136). The City’s Public Participation plan has been amended accordingly. You may submit written comments to the City of Fort Lauderdale, Housing and Community Development Division at the above address or email us at KBlack@fortlauderdale. All written comments will receive a written reply and will be included in the final Plans.			
<b>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</b>			
<b>PROPOSED CDBG ACTIVITIES FOR 2020-2021 BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$ 1,588,589</b>		
General Administration		\$	317,718
Rehabilitation Administration (i.e., Project Service Delivery Costs)		\$	255,000
<b>CDBG Programmatic Funds</b>	<b>\$ 1,015,871</b>		
<b>HOUSING PROGRAMS</b>			
Rehabilitation		\$	93,191
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY AREA (NRSA)</b>			
Housing Opportunities, Mortgage Assistance & Effective Neighborhood Solution, Inc. (H.O.M.E.S., INC)		\$	124,000
Mount Bethel Human Services Corporation		\$	71,000
<b>COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PLAN</b>			
City of Fort Lauderdale- Capital Improvement Projects		\$	500,000
<b>PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES</b>			
Women In Distress of Broward County		\$	37,500
SoFIA (Impact Broward) Inc		\$	50,000
Broward Partnership for the Homeless		\$	50,000
Sunshine for All		\$	25,000
Turnstone Development		\$	25,000
Other Public Service Activity		\$	10,180
<b>HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)</b>			
<b>PROPOSED HOME ACTIVITIES FOR 2020-2021 BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$ 719,537</b>		
Administration		\$	71,954
<b>HOME Programmatic Funds</b>	<b>\$ 647,583</b>		
CHDO Set Aside		\$	107,931
Housing Rehabilitation/Replacement		\$	39,653
Purchase Assistance		\$	300,000
TBRA		\$	200,000
<b>Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)</b>	<b>\$ 7,114,059</b>		
<b>PROPOSED HOPWA ACTIVITIES FOR 2020-2021 BUDGET:</b>			
Administration		\$	213,422
Homeless Management information System		\$	70,000
Housing Quality Standards Inspector		\$	97,000
Go Section 8 Database		\$	3,000
<b>HOPWA Programmatic Funds</b>	<b>\$ 6,730,637</b>		
<b>REQUESTING AGENCIES</b>			
<b>Broward House</b>			
1. Facility Based Housing		\$	1,223,721
2. Project Based Rental Assistance		\$	806,564
3. Tenant Based Rental Voucher		\$	1,261,372
<b>Broward Regional Health Planning Council</b>			
1. Permanent Housing Placement (PHP)		\$	269,352
2. Short Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utilities (STRMU)		\$	485,500
3. Tenant Based Rental Voucher		\$	1,111,990
4. TEHV		\$	61,895
<b>Care Resources</b>			
1. Non-Housing Supportive Services: HCM		\$	262,000
<b>Legal Aid of Broward County</b>			
1. Non-Housing Supportive Services: Legal Services		\$	180,000
<b>Mount Olive Development Corporation</b>			
1. Project Based Rental Assistance		\$	493,000
2. Project Based master lease		\$	58,000
<b>Sunserve</b>			
1. Non-Housing Supportive Services: HCM		\$	328,000
HOPWA uncommitted funds will be allocated based on future program needs		\$	189,243
Information disponible en espanol telefono 954-828-6024. Pou plis kesyon ki nan kreyòl , tanpri rele 954-828-4530. If you desire oral interpretation at any public meeting or hearing, please advise the City of Fort Lauderdale that you have Limited English Proficiency (LEP) within 10 days prior to the meeting and we will ensure the appropriate person is available to assist you and interpret for you at the meeting or hearing.			
In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act and Florida Statutes 286.26, persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate in the Planning meeting should contact our office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at 954-828-4527 for assistance. Additionally, if you are hearing or speech impaired and need assistance, you may contact the Housing & Community Development Division at: 954-828-5069 (TTD / TTY).			
The programs offered through Housing and Community Development Division do not discriminate based on race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, familial status, or disability.			