




DATE: August 13, 2021

TO: The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Town Commission

FROM: J.C. Jimenez 
Town Manager

RE: Letter to Commission – August 13, 2021

COVID 19 (Delta Variant)

As you know, Florida has seen a drastic increase in infections over the last few months. The following are just a few statistics from the recent surge in cases:

U.S. Summary

- As of August 2nd, more than 164 million people in the United States were fully vaccinated against COVID-19, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (Source: CNN/CDC)
- Fewer than 0.001% of those individuals — 1,507 people — died and fewer than 0.005% — 7,101 people — were hospitalized with COVID-19. (Source: CNN/CDC)
- About three-quarters (74%) of all reported breakthrough cases were among seniors age 65 or older. (Source: CNN/CDC)
- Pentagon to require all U.S. military personnel to get vaccinated by September 15, 2021.
- Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, expects the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to grant full approval of the Pfizer vaccine by the end of August 2021.

Florida Summary - Week of July 30-August 5, 2021

- Positivity rate – 18.9%
- New cases – 134,506
- Percent vaccinated – 63%

(Source: Florida Department of Health)

Broward County Summary - Week of July 30-August 5, 2021

- Positivity rate – 15.9%
- The average positivity rate during the same seven-day period in 2020 was 10.18%
- During the July 2020 COVID surge, the highest average positivity rate during a seven-day period was 15.1% from July 13-19, 2020.
- New cases – 12,590. Please note that 5,819 new cases were reported during the same seven-day period in 2020
- Percent vaccinated (cumulative since vaccines were introduced) – 72%

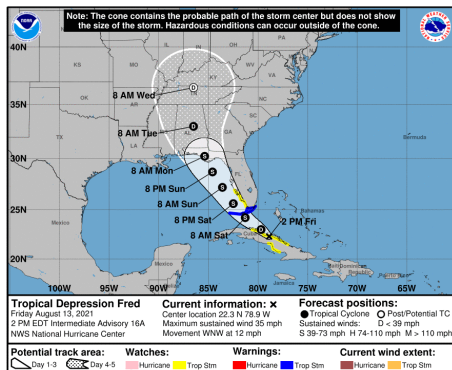
(Source: Florida Department of Health)

Back To School Giveaway - RESCHEDULED

As a result of the forecasted inclement weather from Tropical Storm Fred, the Town's "Back to School Giveaway" is being rescheduled for August 21st, 2021 at Raymond P. Oglesby Park from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Tropical Storm Fred

Please be advised that we continue to monitor the forecasted track of Tropical Storm Fred. As of 2pm today, the center of the storm is expected to pass over the Middle Keys and into the Gulf of Mexico just off the west coast of Florida. Although, tropical storm force winds are not expected for our area, we should expect 3-6 inches of rain throughout the weekend. Public Works has tested all of our stormwater pump stations and has ensured that the lake levels are at the minimum to ensure proper drainage.



3rd Floor Air Condition Unit

This week the air conditioning unit for the third floor failed and is not operational due to a bad condenser coil. Although a full replacement of the unit is needed, staff is exploring options for a temporary repair until we can replace the unit.

American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA)

This week we were informed that the agreement for the Town to access the ARPA funds will soon be sent to the Town for the Commission's approval. The Town is expected to receive \$3,380,261.

Police Department Loan

The bank has informed us that they have extended our interest rate until the end of August. We will be requesting a special meeting prior to the regular workshop on August 25th in order to close on the loan.

Town Hall Lobby Renovation

The Town is currently negotiating with the second lowest bidder. The original low bidder was not a certified general contractor. It should be noted that the second low bidder was only \$1,000 more than the low bidder.

Development of the Trinity property

The owners of the Trinity property have requested a meeting with me and the Town Planner next week to discuss their project.

Departmental Updates

Police Department

This week Police Staff attended “Background Investigation” Training.

Public Works

Carolina Pumps Oil to Water Lube Conversion

The refurbishment of Pump No. 3 has been completed and the pump was delivered today. The pump will be reinstalled early next week.

CDBG 45th Year Grant – ADA Restrooms

Work on the restroom building continued this week. The contractor was working on the plumbing connections to the town’s water supply and to the sewer lift station at the school.

Town Hall Hardening Project and Police Department

Since we are still waiting for the proposal from Calvin Giordano and Associates for the construction documents for this project, I have instructed Public Works to prepare an RFQ for this component of the project. We need to push this project forward.

Lift Station 15

The electrical engineer has completed the plans and the Invitation to Bid (ITB) has now been advertised. All bids are due on August 31, 2021.

Finance Department

This week, Finance Director Taubenfeld worked with the State regarding the Town’s ARPA Agreement. We expect to have the agreement early next week. Once received, we will present the agreement to the Commission for approval. In addition, Finance staff continues to finalize next year’s annual operating and capital budgets for the Town.

Human Resources

This week, HR and Police finalized the recruitment plan for the Police Department. HR also sent out the Personal History Questionnaires out to the police officer applicants. HR Staff is now reviewing all of the applications for Executive Assistant and Communications Coordinator.

Town Clerk

Today, the Town Clerk’s Office arranged for the shredding and disposal of 6,652 lbs. of old town files that had met the required retention period. In addition, the Clerk also worked on the agenda for the Commission Workshop on August 25th.

Town Planner

This week, the Town Planner, Public Works, Finance and I met with the Town Lobbyist team to discuss our priorities for the upcoming legislative session in Tallahassee. These priorities will be presented to the Town Commission for approval. In addition, staff continued working on the Town’s new GIS system and prepared for the Progressive Waste deposition.

Additionally, Staff completed the following:

Zoning Building Permit Reviews:	6
Zoning Inquiries (email/phone):	10
Zoning Inspections:	3
BTR Reviews:	1

Current Planning and Zoning Applications

File Number	Description	Status	Applicant	Project Name	Address
21-SP-01	16 Townhomes	Awaiting Resubmittal	Danay Fernandez, PE	Casa Novas	SW 41 Street & SW 48 Avenue
21-SP-03	Addition of three mobile home sites.	Awaiting Resubmittal	Holiday Hallandale MHC LLC	Holiday MHP	3140 West Hallandale Beach Boulevard
21-SP-05	Commercial development including gas station, self storage, restaurant and other use.	Awaiting Resubmittal and Town Consultant Review of Traffic Study	Southeast Investments, Inc	Seneca Town Center	3195 West Hallandale Beach Boulevard
21-SP-06	Site Modifications to previous approved carwash	Town Commission Wokshop 8/25	M&M Hallandale LLC	Express Car Wash	3441 West Hallandale Beach Boulevard
21-SP-07	Construction of a 227,780 building	Awaiting Resubmittal	BH 2550, LLC	Pembroke Showroom	2550 SW 30 Avenue
21-SP-08	Change use of previously approved site plan (unbuilt) from office to Assisted Living Facility	DRC 8/23 -- Under Review	G&A Capital Holdings, Inc.	Assisted Living Facility	2991 SW 32 Avenue
21-SP-09	Private Recreation Center	DRC 8/23 -- Under Review	Marcelo Bonti / Pampa Soccer LLC	Pampa Soccer, LLC	4678 West Hallandale Beach Blvd
21-SV-01		Additional questions sent to applicant 6/22/2021 via email	BKI-95 LLC	Request for billboard	2000 SW 30 Avenue
21-SE-01	Request to allow a Gasoline Station	Under Review	Southeast Investments, Inc	Allow for Gasoline Service Station	3195 West Hallandale Beach Boulevard
21-SE-02	Request to allow a Self Storage	Under Review	Southeast Investments, Inc	Allow for a self storage	3195 West Hallandale Beach Boulevard
21-RZ-01	Request to amend zoning to allow a self storage	Under Review	Southeast Investments, Inc	Add Self Storage to Parcel B Special Permit List (Ordinance 03-06-03)	3195 West Hallandale Beach Boulevard

Building Department

The Building Department Staff continues to work on the new permitting software. In addition, the Building Official has finalized the proposed amnesty program. This program will be submitted to the Commission for discussion and approval.

Goals for next week

- Conduct Team Building Exercise with department heads. (This exercise was rescheduled from this week).
- Finalize the proposed budget and set up meetings with Commissioners.