



# CITY OF HOMESTEAD CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

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July 2024

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## ELECTED OFFICIALS 2024

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Seat 1



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Seat 6

# CITY MANAGER MESSAGE



Zerry Ihekwaba,  
PhD, PE

Dear Mayor and Council,

As we reflect on the past four months since taking office, I am proud to share the significant accomplishments that our city departments have achieved. Together, we have made meaningful strides in improving the quality of life for our residents, enhancing our infrastructure, and investing in the future of our community.

Key among these is the formation of the Interdepartmental Quality of Life Task Force. This initiative, involving special details, ride-alongs, CCTV monitoring, and surveillance of common dumping sites, has led to several arrests, vehicle seizures, and the removal of nearly 100 tons of garbage. In a recent update a vehicle that was seized was awarded to the City after completing the forfeiture proceedings. These efforts are critical in maintaining a safer, cleaner, and healthier Homestead.

In addition to these efforts, we continue to prioritize infrastructure as a cornerstone of our city's resilience. Our focus on infrastructure is not just about building for today but ensuring that Homestead is prepared for the challenges of tomorrow. By maintaining and improving our city's infrastructure, we are laying the foundation for long-term sustainability and growth.

I'm also proud to highlight our inaugural College Summer Internship Program, which welcomed 15 interns, including 11 Homestead residents. This six-week program has been transformative, benefiting both the students and the city departments they served. It's a key component of our strategy to build a robust talent pipeline into the public sector, inspiring the next generation to contribute to our community's success.

As part of our ongoing commitment to the community, the City of Homestead is launching the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami School to Work Program. This partnership will connect high school students with City employees for workplace mentorship. By pairing students with mentors who share similar backgrounds and interests, we aim to provide tailored guidance and foster valuable relationships throughout the school year.

Moreover, our commitment to securing funding for vital city projects has remained unwavering. In the past four months alone, we have successfully accepted 4 grant awards totaling nearly \$1.2 million in grant funding, which will support various initiatives aimed at enhancing the City of Homestead. We continue to actively pursue additional grant opportunities to further bolster our city's development and ensure that we can deliver the best possible services to our residents.

In closing, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our dedicated city staff, partners, and the community for their unwavering support. The progress we have made together is a testament to our shared commitment to making Homestead a better place to live, work, and thrive. I look forward to continuing our work and achieving even greater successes in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Zerry Ihekwaba, PhD, PE

Aug 13 Council Budget Workshop

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Aug 21 City Council Meeting

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Sept 7 Eats & Beats Summer Concert  
Featuring Jamie Davis

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Visit the City of Homestead's NEW  
Flickr account to see event  
photos.

[HOMESTEADFL.GOV/FLICKR](https://www.homesteadfl.gov/flickr)



[HOMESTEADFL.GOV/CALENDAR](https://www.homesteadfl.gov/calendar)



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## Pump Station/Basin Moratorium

The Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources through its Environmental Resources Management (DERM) sometime in July 2023 imposed a consent decree moratorium on seven of the City's sanitary sewer (wastewater) basins due to inflow/infiltration flows exceeding the established maximum levels. Unfortunately, no Council or legal advice to execute the consent decree agreement with the County was received, and the required corrective action and follow up were not seriously undertaken. However, the City's Public Works Department has been working diligently to address and fix the identified issues.

To date, the City has successfully repaired two of the affected basins, specifically those associated with Pump Stations 15 and 46. One of these basins has been granted full approval from DERM, while the second has transitioned from a temporary moratorium to a conditional status, indicating it is in a trial period to ensure it is fully fixed.

In a significant move to expedite the necessary repairs to the remaining five basins, the administration plans to have the City Council approve a contract with a specialized sewer pipelining company. The goal is to accelerate the repair process, with all work projected to be completed by December 2024.

## Homestead Regional Park

City of Homestead has developed a master plan for the 85-acre Homestead Regional Park (HRP) and has prioritized the development of this multi use sport and recreational regional park in six (6) phases. The overall design and construction cost of the Park is estimated at approximately \$63 million dollars.

### Design Phase 1

The City is expected to receive the 90% design drawings and the project cost estimate from the consultant by August 30, 2024. The 90% design will be submitted for City of Homestead Building permitting.

Additional scope consisting of a mini soccer field, a parking lot, covered pavilion and soils investigation to complete the design of the pavilion and the bathrooms is being reviewed.

Upon approval of the consultant's design and permitting cost proposal the design will be updated and submitted to regulatory agencies for permitting.



## Donnie Avocado Substation

As electrical demand continues to grow in the City, it has become essential to build a new electrical substation in the northeast portion of our territory. This substation will increase capacity, enhance flexibility, and ensure the continued reliability of our electrical grid, which is vital to supporting our community's expanding needs. In the August Special Call meeting, the City Council approved the City Manager to award the contract for design services for the Donnie Avocado Substation.

## OPERATIONAL UPDATE

The City Clerk's Office is currently implementing various process improvements to the department. One of the most recent implementations includes Microsoft Word 360 for transcribing meeting minutes, reducing transcription time by 50%. Additionally, the city's postage machine has been updated and in turn has improved efficiency. This month the department processed 1,600 mail pieces —469 more than last month's 1,131.

### COMING SOON

The Clerk's office is also in the process of implementing a new public records request workflow platform JUSTFOIA.

The projected timeline for this project is the end of **August 2024**.

# CODE COMPLIANCE

## OPERATIONAL UPDATE

### Process Improvements

Due to a significant backlog, it currently takes up to 30 days for violators to receive a Code Enforcement Order following a Special Master hearing.

To address this delay and improve efficiency, Code Enforcement Orders will now be printed and signed by the Special Master during the hearings. This on-the-spot processing will drastically reduce the time needed to complete this administrative task, allowing the compliance clock to start much sooner and accelerating enforcement timelines.

In the month of July, Code Compliance also issued **311** tickets for code violations in the City of Homestead.

### TOP 10 VIOLATIONS FOR JULY

Violation	Citations Issued
Non Permitted Structure or Work	35
Improper Landscaping Maintenance	30
Improper Bulk Trash Disposal	25
Overgrown Improved Property	23
Overgrown Vacant Property	19
Maintaining a Public Nuisance	15
Fence Erected Without a Permit	12
Accumulated Garbage, Trash, Junk, and/or Debris	11
Improper Garbage Disposal	11
Obstructing Public Right of Way	10

# COMMUNICATIONS | PIO

The Communications Department is excited to announce the development of a new show titled "**Community Matters.**" This show will feature sit-down style interviews with representatives from various city departments, community organizations, and other stakeholders. The aim is to present and discuss new initiatives that impact the residents of Homestead, ensuring that our community remains informed and engaged.

In addition to the new show, the department is also launching a series called "Top Common Code Violations." This series is designed to educate residents about common code compliance violations and provide practical tips on how to avoid fines. By raising awareness and offering clear guidance, we hope to improve overall compliance and enhance the quality of life in our community.

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance public outreach, the department is currently reevaluating its strategies and exploring new digital and print platforms, including the South Dade Newsleader, Nextdoor, Flickr, and Threads. These platforms offer fresh opportunities to engage with residents in more dynamic and interactive ways.

Following the direction of the City Manager, we are continuing our efforts in media outreach and pursuing digital and print opportunities to showcase the City of Homestead . These initiatives are part of our broader mission to maintain transparent communication and highlight the positive developments within our city.



# CUSTOMER SERVICE | HPS

On June 10, 2024, HPS launched a new Customer Service Window, offering customers the ability to address their questions, concerns, and issues directly with a customer service representative. This service is specifically tailored for Start, Stop, and Move service requests, as well as billing inquiries. These face-to-face interactions have significantly improved the level of assistance we provide, allowing customers to receive immediate and personalized support. Between June 10 and July 31, 2024, the Customer Service window has successfully assisted 250 customers.

In addition to this initiative, the department is focused on providing same-day or next-day connections for services, further enhancing customer convenience and satisfaction.



## GRANTS

### HCRA Residential Rehabilitation Program (RRP)

The DPA offers up to \$10,000 in financial assistance for down payment or closing costs for low to moderate-income families purchasing a single-family home or townhouse in the Homestead CRA area. Current residents of the CRA for at least one year may qualify for an additional \$5,000.

### HCRA First Time Homebuyer's Down Payment Assistance Program (DPA)

This program offers up to \$10,000 in financial assistance for down payment and closing costs to help low to moderate-income families purchase a single-family home or townhouse within the Homestead CRA area. Long-term residents (1+ year) of the CRA may qualify for an additional \$5,000.

## CIP PROJECT UPDATE

### Completed

#### 419 SW 2nd Avenue Demolition (Triangle)

Current Phase: Closeout  
Key Milestones Achieved: Completed

### In Progress

#### Krome Marketplace Parking Lot Design

Current Phase: Design  
Key Milestones Achieved: Site Plan Completed 07/25/2024  
Percentage Completion: 25%  
Expected Completion Date: 08/30/2024 (Ready for Permit Submission)



## BUILDING PERMITS

In an effort to reduce permit application processing times the Development Services Department has implemented changes such as designating a staff member to process permits for the larger development projects by Lennar Homebuilders allowing the rest of the staff to concentrate on the remaining applications. This has allowed all other permits to be processed in a timely manner.

As of the month of July, there are **167** projects pending review. This includes items such as permit application submissions, questions and inquiries.

The current review queue contains a total of **446** items, categorized as follows:

- Building: 116
- Electrical: 110
- Plumbing: 20
- Zoning: 130
- Lennar Permits to Process: 70

## BUSINESS LICENCING

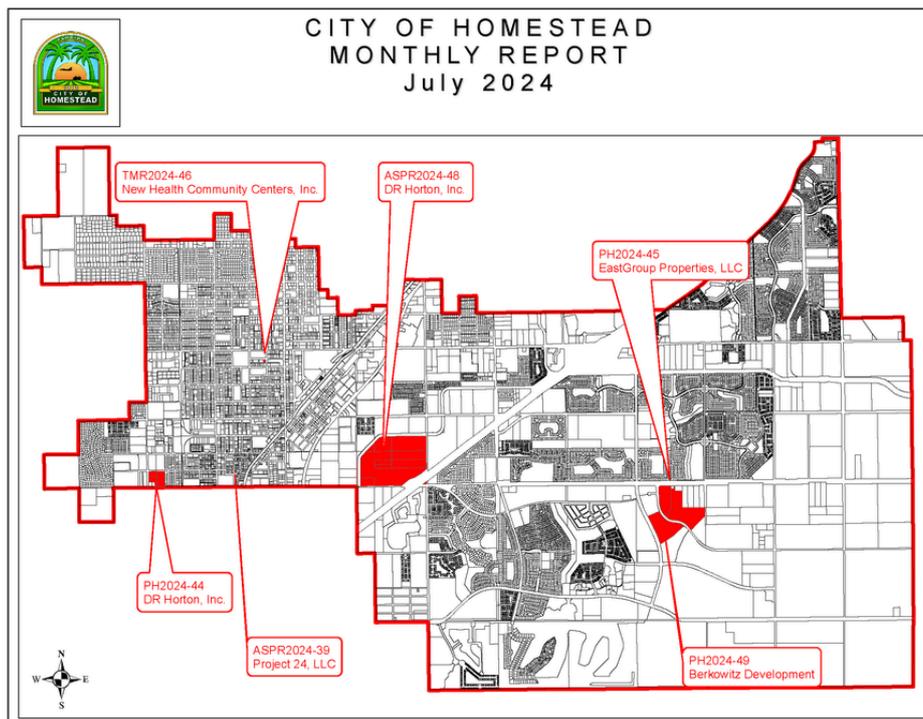
The Business Licensing division sent out **3,500** renewal notices.

## PLANNING

Planning has four items scheduled for the August council meeting: two plats, a special exception, and a second reading for a code amendment.

## ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

The Professional Service Agreement regarding Murals for the exterior of the Seminole Theatre murals is in process.



# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Emergency Management Department is working diligently to ensure the City of Homestead is prepared to respond during the Hurricane Season (June 1st-November 30).

- 1.The Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) is currently being updated as it is a dynamic document.
- 2.The UAV (drone) is being utilized as a "flying camera" to capture updated photos of city-owned structures, particularly rooftops, to document their pre-event condition. The structures already photographed are Harris Field Park, Phichol Williams Community Center, PAL gym, and Blakley Park. While not required, FEMA encourages "before and after" photos to provide clear evidence of any new damage post-event. These photos will be invaluable for comparison should any city facility sustain damage after a storm.

The department continues to monitor the weather including extreme temperatures experienced in the summer months. To inform residents the Emergency Management Department worked closely with the Communications Department of the Beat the Heat video campaign to ensure residents and employees are informed and prepared to handle the extreme temperatures.



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## WEATHER ADVISORY

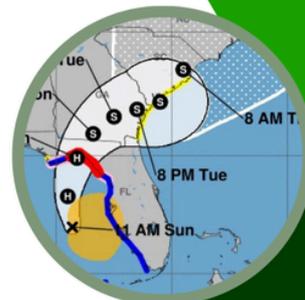
August 8, 2024

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### TROPICAL STORM ADVISORY IN EFFECT

The National Weather service has issued a **TROPICAL STORM ADVISORY** on August 4, 2024.

- Tropical Storm Debby is expected to become a Category 1 hurricane before hitting the northern Florida area on Monday evening.
- Miami-Dade County may see 1-5 inches of rain and strong wind gusts.
- Flood watch is in effect until evening of August 4th, 2024 and a small craft advisory until 8 AM Monday, August 5th, 2024.



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
[WWW.NOAA.GOV/DEBBY](http://WWW.NOAA.GOV/DEBBY)

\*Information provided by the National Weather Service\*



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## OPERATIONAL UPDATE

### **New Outage Visualizing Tool**

This innovative tool is designed to revolutionize the identification of trending outage issues through a comprehensive geographical layout, empowering us to be more responsive.

### **New Electronic Time Sheets**

Our cutting-edge Electronic Time Sheets are poised to streamline process flows, providing a simplified and accurate method to track work progress.

## CIP PROJECT UPDATE

### **Completed**

#### **Overhead Canal Crossing (142nd Ave)**

Current Phase: Closeout

Key Milestones Achieved: In-service

#### **Trenching for Renaissance Feeder Getaways**

Current Phase: Closeout

Key Milestones Achieved: Trenched to the first Manhole

#### **Security Cameras for Streetlight Thefts**

Current Phase: Implementation

Key Milestones Achieved: Cameras installed (3) Campbell Dr/ (3) on Lucy St.

#### **Campbell Drive Streetlights**

Current Phase: Construction

Key Milestones Achieved: Wire being pulled West of Turnpike



### **In Progress**

#### **Transfer of Covanta Power**

Current Phase: Bidding

Key Milestones Achieved: Agreement executed

Percentage Completion: 25 %

Expected Completion Date October 2024

#### **Marie Estates**

Current Phase: Construction

Key Milestones Achieved: Primary and Secondary cable installed

Percentage Completion: 70% Complete

Expected Completion Date: June 2025

#### **Mowry Estates**

Current Phase: Construction

Key Milestones Achieved: Primary and Secondary cable

Percentage Completion: 20% Complete

Expected Completion Date: July 2025



# FINANCE

The Finance Department is proud to announce that the 2023 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (ACFR) for the City of Homestead was issued on June 26, 2024. The ACFR details the operations and financial position of the City. The financial statements are presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants, Marcum LLP. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion that the City of Homestead's financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The Annual Report is available for review on the City's website.



Finance is working on the City's Proposed FY2025 Budget to be presented to Council at First Budget Hearing on September 3, 2024.

# GRANTS DIVISION

During the month of July, the City of Homestead submitted two grant applications totaling \$8,659,250 in grant funding requests and was awarded two grants totaling to \$955,667.78. In addition, the City Manager's Office is restructuring the grant process to better align grant applications with the City's goals. Grant applications and projects are structured to align with the following strategic areas resilience and sustainability, alternative energy, quality of life (safety/beautification), cybersecurity/innovation/technology, community engagement, economic development, and climate adaptation.

## Grants Applied For:

An Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program grant application was submitted to the United States Department of Transportation requesting \$200,000 for the development of a Transportation Master Plan. The City plans to develop a comprehensive strategic document that will guide the development and management of the City's active transportation system, creating a vision for non-motorized transportation while focusing on the multimodal methods of transportation to meet current and future needs of the City.



A Water Quality Improvement grant application was submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection agency requesting \$8,459,250 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Enhancements project. The proposed project will make significant improvements to critical infrastructure of the treatment plant that, once completed, will not only increase the amount of sewage that can be treated but also enhance the removal of nutrients and pollutants to improve the quality of treated effluent used to recharge the Biscayne Aquifer.



## Accepted Grants:

The United States Department of Transportation awarded the City with a \$200,000 Safe Streets and Roads for All grant to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. The development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan can aid in identifying the most significant roadway safety concerns in the community, as well as strategize ways to address roadway safety issues.

The City was awarded a \$755,667.78 Urban and Community Forestry grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service for the City's Urban Forest Reforestation project. This project aims to increase equitable access to urban tree canopy by planting Florida native trees, as well as non-invasive grasses and shrubs, in disadvantaged communities within the City.

## RECRUITMENT UPDATES

The Human Resources Department is actively working to fill City vacancies. For the month of July, we have processed 172 job applications and hired two part-time Recreation Leaders I for Parks and Recreation Department. Currently, the City has 71 vacancies.

## OPERATIONAL UPDATES

On July 16th, 2024, the Human Resources department held Safety Training classes. This month's topic was Fall Protection.

### **Developing the Next Generation of Public Administrators**

The Human Resources Department has organized the first College Summer Internship Program. The internship program provides valuable opportunities for professional development and hands-on experience in a variety of government operations.

Interns are working across multiple departments, including the City Clerk's Office, City Manager's Office, Emergency Management, Human Resources, Innovation and Technology Department, Parks & Recreation, Public Information Office, Public Works, and Electric Utilities.

On July 18th, 2024, the department held a Mid-Point Meeting with the City's 2024 Summer College Interns who welcomed the City Manager as a guest speaker. Dr. Ihekweba highlighted the value of working in the community for local government and shared details about his education and career path.



## OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open Enrollment for benefit offerings will be held from August 5th - August 16th, 2024 for effective date of October 1st, 2024

The Innovation and Technology department has completed several tasks over the past month to ensure a smooth transition during recent changes. These tasks include:

### Transition to a .gov domain name:

IT Department transitioned the City of Homestead domain name from cityofhomestead.com to homesteadfl.gov. This unique domain identity makes it easier for the public to officially identify governments and their agencies on the internet. The use of the .gov top-level domain helps reduce uncertainty and provide more secure communication.

### Implementation of Microsoft 365 Apps with Teams:

Microsoft 365 Apps with Teams were deployed citywide. Microsoft Teams streamlines communication in one place, employees can meet virtually, and collaborate by using channels, share task lists, etc.

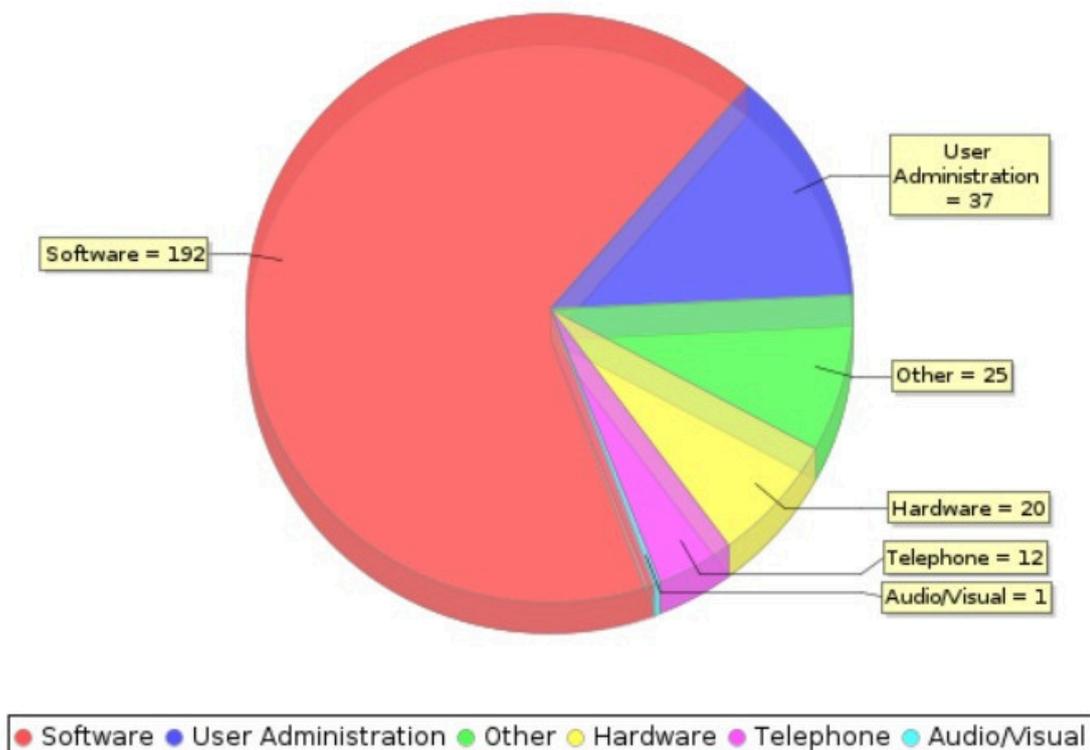
### Voicemail to Email feature:

The IT Department would like to announce a new feature designed to enhance our communication efficiency: Voicemail Notifications via Email. Whenever an employee receives a phone voicemail, they will automatically receive an email notification with an attachment to listen to the message. This new service will help them stay on top of important messages and ensure responsiveness.

### Helpdesk Ticketing Statistics:

IT closed a total of 287 tickets.

Helpdesk Tickets By Category



## EXCITING EVENTS

In the month of July the Parks Department held several successful events:

July 4th - Race to the 4th at the Homestead Miami Speedway

July 13th - Eats and Beats Summer Concert at Losner Park

July 19th - Teen Movie Night at Losner Park

July 20th - Adopt a Tree with Miami Dade County at Harris Field Park

July 27th - Kiwanis Club Book Drive with Councilwoman Avila at Harris Field Park

## CIP PROJECT UPDATE

### **JD Redd Park - Roof Replacement**

Current Phase: Bidding

Key Milestones Achieved: Procurement is working with legal to resolve the PO language issue with the vendor.

Percentage Completion: 0%

Expected Completion Date: TBD upon PO issuance

### **JD Redd Park - Door Replacements**

Current Phase: Permitting

Key Milestones Achieved: Vendor has submitted for permits

Percentage Completion: 20%

Expected Completion Date: 60 Days after Permit issuance

### **Harris Field Park - Baseball Restroom Renovations**

Current Phase: Permitting

Key Milestones Achieved: Architect has revised plans to meet new code and vendor has submitted for permit.

Percentage Completion: 20%

Expected Completion Date: 90 Days after Permit issuance

### **James Archer Smith Splashpad Renovation**

Current Phase: Permitting

Key Milestones Achieved: The splashpad equipment and park amenities for the area are already on site at Parks and Rec Yard. Currently working with Architect for plan revisions from building department comments

Percentage Completion: 60%

Expected Completion Date: 60 Days after Permit issuance



## OPERATIONAL UPDATE

### **Uniform Patrol:**

On July 8, 2024, Uniform Patrol migrated to a 4-10 schedule. This was done in an effort to reduce overtime, increase daily manpower, and improve our efficiency in our response to calls for service.

Two Probationary Police Officers have successfully completed the FTO program, and both have been assigned to the Midnight Shift Patrol. Two Probationary Police Officers are still in training, with one expecting to be released in August.

### **Community Services:**

On July 10, 2024, a knock and talk was conducted by Community Policing Unit, Gang Violence Initiative, SIU and GIU, in the community of Seascape to educate and bring awareness to the community on See Something Say Something.

July 13, 2024- SOS and Homestead PD teamed with Healthy Mind, Heart and Body, Inc. and for a Back-to-School Fair at the Phicol Williams Community Center. Over 500 book bags were provided to children, along with free health screenings. Over 1500 attended.



July 15, 2024- The Community Policing Unit and the Closet of Living Hope conducted a clothes distribution at Homestead Soup kitchen.

Miami Lighthouse provided screening to all of our summer camp participants at PAL.

July 20, 2024- Community Policing and other stake holders held a safety with Walmart located at 1499 N Homestead Blvd.



July 24, 2024- The Community Policing Unit provided a station tour to a group of children with the "Three Virtues" group.



### **Group Violence Initiative:**

GVI continues to hold weekly collaboration meetings to disseminate information on any recent shootings or acts of violence in the City of Homestead, that are group initiated. They also conducted 18 custom notifications, meeting with victims or suspected individuals connected to group violence. The goal is to provide services and persuade individuals from future involvement in acts of violence.

### **Training:**

The department is currently conducting an officer survival course for all officers. This course teaches our officers the basic skills needed to survive the day-to-day challenges faced during an officer's tour of duty. This includes knowledge of the law, tactics, perimeters, felony stops, building searches, etc. The course is conducted by Lt. Ferrer (Training Instructor), along with other departmental instructors.

## **CIP PROJECT UPDATE**

The vehicle purchases for this project are currently in the receiving phase. All approved and outstanding vehicles have been delivered and put into service, with the exception of one Administrative Police Vehicle, which is expected to arrive in August.

The Procurement Department is working with Miami Dade College (MDC) on holding a vendor fair this coming October/November at the Phichol Williams Community Center. The date is to be discussed.



Fleet has been updating vehicle numbers/asset tags on vehicles and equipment as well as updating the website decal.

Procurement/Fleet is working on obtaining additional samples for the quincentennial logo to be placed on city vehicles & equipment.

## CIP PROJECT UPDATE

### Procurement & Contract Services Department:

#### Completed

##### Tree Replacement

Current Phase: Closeout

Key Milestones Achieved: Completed

Percentage Completion: 100%

##### 40 Year Building Recertification- Building Year 1987

Current Phase: Closeout

Key Milestones Achieved: Completed

Percentage Completion: 100%

##### Procurement Building Interior Office Expansion Phase 1

Current Phase: Closeout

Key Milestones Achieved: Completed

Percentage Completion: 100%

## CIP PROJECT UPDATE

### In Progress

#### Phase II Construction of New Windows

Current Phase: Permitting  
Key Milestones Achieved: N/A  
Percentage Completion: 0%  
Expected Completion Date: 60 - 90 days



### Fleet Division:

#### Completed

##### AC Replacement

Current Phase: Closeout  
Key Milestones Achieved: Completed  
Percentage Completion: 100%

### In Progress

#### Forklift Replacement

Current Phase: Bidding  
Key Milestones Achieved: N/A  
Percentage Completion: 0%  
Expected Completion Date: 09/30/24



#### Shop Extractors

Current Phase: Bidding  
Key Milestones Achieved: N/A  
Percentage Completion: 0%  
Expected Completion Date: 09/30/24

#### Garage Door Motors and Door

Current Phase: Bidding  
Key Milestones Achieved: N/A  
Percentage Completion: 0%  
Expected Completion Date: 09/30/24

#### EV Charging Station Infrastructure

Current Phase: Bidding  
Key Milestones Achieved: N/A  
Percentage Completion: 0%  
Expected Completion Date: 09/30/24



#### Charging Station for Electric Vehicles

Current Phase: Bidding  
Key Milestones Achieved: N/A  
Percentage Completion: 0%  
Expected Completion Date: 09/30/24

## CIP PROJECT UPDATE

### Transportation Masterplan, Water and Sewer Master Plan and the Stormwater System Masterplan Needed

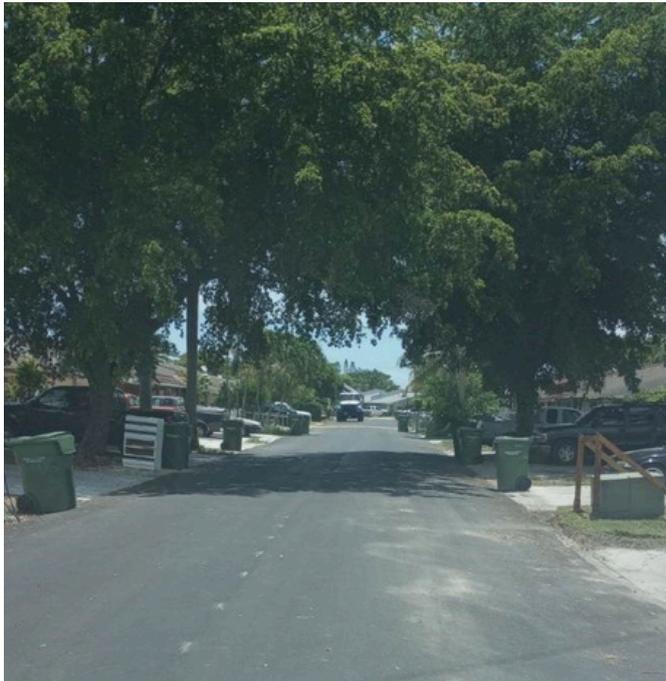
Public Works and Engineering Department (PWED) reviewed the infrastructure and the utilities that the city owns and operates. The City is in need of a master planning, mapping and monitoring the expansion and operation of the infrastructure. As a result, PW&ED has been coordinating with different municipalities and the County to research and develop the general scope of services. These plans will identify the conditions, as well as the need for any future maintenance and upgrade.

PWED has also met with the different pre-approved consultant and awaiting a cost proposal for these masterplans (Transportation Masterplan, Water and Sewer Master Plan and the Stormwater System Masterplan).

## OPERATIONAL UPDATE

For the month of July Public Works and Engineering:

- received **8** right of way permit applications, which are under review
- Responded or approved **8** right of way permits from the month of June 2024.



## OPERATIONAL UPDATE

### Wastewater Treatment Updates:

Wastewater Treatment has maintained effluent fecal coliform bacteria-free during the reporting period and passed all FDEP nutrient removal parameters. They have also maintained plant processing without disruptions during equipment failures.

They will be completing Lead and Copper Rule Revisions GIS for all water users within the service area. Once completed, each resident will be able to access their pipe material in their points of connections

The department repaired the majority of storm damages to Wittkop Water Treatment plant including, but not limited to three Soft-Starts, replaced one 150 HP Electric Motor, two Rosemount gauge type pressure transmitters, one ABB differential pressure transmitter. Also, repaired the gate operator.

### Wastewater Collections Division

Cleaned sewer 4,810 feet in area 26

Sewer repairs at locations below:

- 31825 SW 188th Terrace
- 137 NW 8th Ave
- 1421 South Audubon Drive

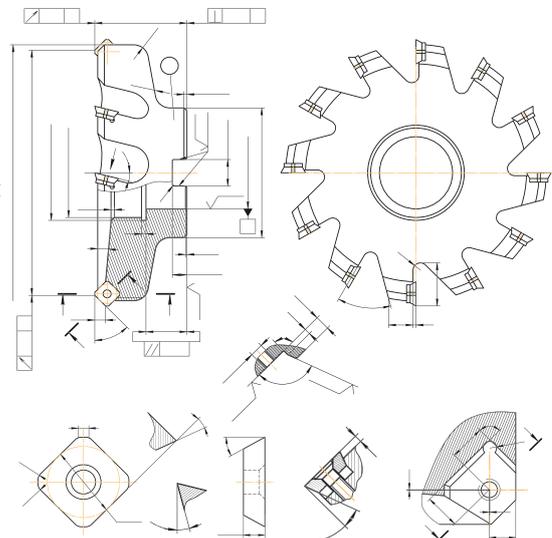
### Water Distribution Division

Replaced one inch water services at locations below

- 1620 Sandpiper Blvd
- 1621 Geer Ave
- 926 NE 3rd Ave
- 925 NW 4th Ave
- 532 SW 3rd Ave
- 703 NW 8th St.
- 621 NW 8th Ave



- Replaced two inch service at 897 N Homestead Blvd.
- Repaired four fire hydrants
- Repaired a 6' watermain break located at  
• SW 304 St and SW 165 Ave
- Completed 48 fee sheets for new construction
- Completed Water and Wastewater plan review:  
Project Name: Redland Gardens North  
Project Name: Redland Gardens South  
Project Name: 217 NE 2 RD



## CIP PROJECT UPDATE

### Racetrack Booster Pump Station

Current Phase: Construction

Key Milestones Achieved: Completed project start-up

Percentage Completion: 96% completion

Expected Completion Date: 09/30/224.

## OPERATIONAL UPDATE

### Annual Roadway Improvements

- Water lines were repaired on Kia Dr and the road was resurfaced
- Milling of the eastbound & westbound lanes of SW 328 St from SW 162 Ave to SW 152 Ave is completed.

### Annual Sidewalk Improvements

- 7,080 square feet of 4" x 5" sidewalk was replaced
- 3,051 square feet of 6" x 5" new sidewalk was installed
- 21 linear feet of straight 6" curb was replaced
- 9 handicap pedestrian ramps were replaced



# SOLID WASTE

As part of the ongoing Quality-of-Life task force Solid Waste is evaluating service needs while providing additional pickups for the most blighted areas. The month of July a sixteen-unit apartment building's garbage service was increased to address dumpster overflow.

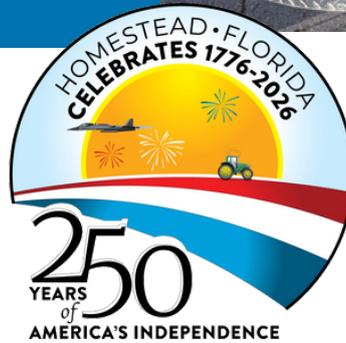
## CIP PROJECT UPDATE

Solid Waste Department is excited to roll out our brand-new front loader truck, now serving businesses across Homestead made possible with ARPA funding.



# COH EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

The City of Homestead hosted its annual Race to the 4th event at the Homestead Miami Speedway. The event featured vendors, food trucks, rides, and live music. Attendees were treated to a fireworks show complete with show stopping visuals synchronized to patriotic pop anthems. Right before the fireworks Mayor Steve Losner unveiled a new logo commemorating America's upcoming 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, set to take place in 2026. The new logo will be featured throughout the city's celebrations, city vehicles, city facilities, and initiatives leading up to the anniversary. It serves as a reminder of the city's dedication to honoring its history while looking forward to a bright and united future.



The fun never stops in Homestead as residents enjoyed the Movies in the Park event with a special showing of Blue Beetle in the heart of Downtown Homestead's Losner Park. Before the start of the film, residents played in Parks and Rec's Super Wacky Activities Truck (S.W.A.T) complete with video games, music, and even a basketball hoop. Those who attended brought blankets and watched the feature film under the stars for a perfect summer night.



July continued with the kick off of the Eats & Beats Summer Concert Series featuring Larger Than Life, the Boy Band Experience. Guests enjoyed hits from the early 2000's crazed boy band era while eating delectable offerings from a variety of food vendors. It was the perfect evening in Downtown Homestead where a few lucky winners won giveaways and prizes.

