

# FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 *annual report*





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# MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



**Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission,**

I am pleased to present the FY 2015/2016 Annual Report of Accomplishments for the City of Sunrise, which chronicles a year of accomplishments and outstanding service delivery for our residents. We should pause for a moment each year to measure progress and celebrate our successes. I am very proud of the accomplishments in this report and thank the City of Sunrise employees for their continued commitment to excellence.

*FY 2015/2016*

I am grateful to the residents of Sunrise; members of the educational, faith, and business communities; those in elected office; and our wonderful City employees who have supported me and worked with me since I first started here in 1991. My duties as City Manager are a tremendous responsibility that I take on with humility and a sense of purpose. I am proud to lead a dedicated team of highly qualified municipal employees who provide a wide range of outstanding programs and services. During my tenure, I have developed a deep appreciation for the City's history and unique character, and as City Manager I remain committed to ensuring that Sunrise continues its proud tradition as a world-class city committed to delivering a high quality of life and an attractive destination for business, culture and tourism.

With a strong local economy, rising home values, excellent schools, a low crime rate and an abundance of opportunities, the City is viewed by our peers as a highly desirable place to live and to work. The intersection of innovation and entrepreneurship, combined with the City's financial stewardship has positioned our community well for the future. Sunrise is a strong, proud, and thriving community that shares both challenges and successes. Moving forward together, our community will continue to be the place that you are proud to call home. I am especially proud of the hard work by all City employees, supported by a passionate Mayor and City Commission, all of whom are dedicated and unified in their desire to develop excellence and life quality in our great City. This report highlights our accomplishments over the last year and serves as a reminder that the best is yet to come!



Richard Salamon  
City Manager

*“Sunrise is incredibly fortunate to have a visionary City Commission and a workforce that is completely dedicated to our residents, businesses, and visitors.”*



# INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

## *investing in our infrastructure*

The City's Five Year Capital Improvement Plan demonstrates our commitment to a prosperous future through the strategic investment in our physical infrastructure to enhance and protect our valued quality of life. This focus on capital investment will serve as our blueprint for long term sustainability and success. Quality infrastructure leads to neighborhood enhancement, active and safe public places, and serves as an impetus for business development. In addition to robust maintenance and repair efforts across all of our existing infrastructure, we have capital projects in various stages of completion, from planning and design to permitting and construction. We consider each stage of completion a milestone and an accomplishment.



Repaired 899 water service lines and water mains



Changed-out 429 gas meters



Exercised and maintained over 5,000 water hydrants



Tested 250 backflow devices



Exercised and maintained over 2,000 water valves



Cleaned 90,000 lineal feet (17 miles) of gravity sewer lines



**Here are some highlights of key capital improvement projects during FY 2015/2016:**

**Completed projects:**

- Completed demolition of the former Public Works Complex in preparation for future development
- Completed the Fire Station 92 Generator Upgrade Project
- Replaced the 60-ton chiller at City Hall
- Replaced the boiler at the Civic Center
- Added turn lanes on NW 136th Avenue to support and encourage new development
- Replaced existing light fixtures with energy saving LED lights at the Utilities Administration Building
- Repaired 210 lineal feet of curb at the Sunrise Commerce Park Entryway
- Replaced variable frequency drives at regional Lift Station 299 to ensure optimal performance



**Started construction of:**

- Public Safety Building Community Room Expansion Project
- Shotgun Road Linear Park Project
- Stormwater Pump Stations #2 and #3

**Completed design of:**

- Welleby Pool Deck Replacement Project
- 12th Street Park Project



**Other Capital Project Highlights:**

- The 1,700-space parking garage at the Sawgrass Mills Mall was constructed and opened in September 2016
- Developed technical specifications for purchase of a 200 kilowatt portable diesel generator for the Stormwater Section
- Performed in-house engineering design, permitting, specifications, bidding, and project management for Stormwater Pump Station No. 4 Culvert Replacement
- Cleared approximately 1,200 lineal feet of vegetation along the canal located between Pine Island Road and University Drive
- Performed irrigation maintenance and restoration within the medians and swales on West Oakland Park Boulevard, from University Drive to Pine Island Road
- Completed the Panther Parkway irrigation project and revitalized right-of-ways through pressure cleaning, seal coating pavers, and replacement of 350 shrubs
- Completed Weston Road revitalization project including pressure cleaning, seal coating pavers, and replacement of 1,053 shrubs and 31 trees
- Completed Sunrise Commerce Park Entrance revitalization project through pressure cleaning and replacement of 1,080 shrubs and 15 trees
- Installed 28 triple Alexander palms within University Drive medians
- Completed median landscape improvements along Josh Lee Boulevard
- Installed nine Mastic Trees along Shotgun Road
- Installed a 200 gallon Clusia Tree at Sawgrass Sanctuary, during the Earth Day event



# investing in our water and wastewater facilities

Among the most important capital improvements are projects related to the City's water and wastewater infrastructure. The City continues to be proactive in making infrastructure investments as recommended under the Water Distribution System Master Plan and the Water Integrated Resources Plan. These investments not only protect the City's utility infrastructure, but also help to improve water quality, supply, and reliability for customers.

Here are some highlights of key projects in our water and wastewater facilities during FY 2015/2016:

## Completed projects:

- Springtree Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Building
- Sunrise Golf Village Watermain Replacement
- Springtree and Sawgrass Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Biosolids Management Improvements
- Sawgrass Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Aeration Piping Replacement
- Town of Davie Water System Interconnect
- Drilling for the Springtree Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Deep Well Injection Project
- Rehabilitation of three (3) lift stations

## Started construction of:

- Nova Drive Watermain and Force Main Improvement Project
- Lift Station 107 Rehabilitation Project
- Sawgrass Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant High Level Disinfection Reuse Water Facility Project





## *water and wastewater facility highlights*

### **Completed design of:**

- Lift Stations 114, 123, 125, 132, and 148 Rehabilitation Project
- 36" Watermain Replacement Project at NW 44th Street and Pine Island Road
- Springtree Injection Well Flow Delivery Project

### **Other Water and Wastewater Project Highlights:**

- Implemented a nitrification monitoring and control program in the water distribution system to improve water quality
- Conducted the annual chlorination event, inclusive of customer notifications
- Added Fecal Coliform testing to required certification testing list
- Passed the biennial State required inspections of the City's Testing Laboratory
- Flushed approximately 333,800 lineal feet (63.2 miles) of water mains
- Exercised and maintained approximately 5,102 hydrants as part of the Insurance Services Office (ISO) requirements
- Tested over 250 backflow devices, notified 2,455 customers to obtain backflow re-certifications, and repaired 47 City backflows
- Exercised and maintained over 2,000 water valves
- Cleaned, televised, and repaired approximately 90,000 lineal feet (17 miles) of gravity sewer lines as part of the annual sanitary sewer evaluation survey

# investing in our open space



Splashpad at Cypress Preserve Park

Open space is the key to connecting with our natural and historic treasures. Connecting to everything around us and to each other, we learn to value our environment, our heritage, and our place in the world. We grow in awareness of our responsibility to protect and cherish these things through green practices and gentle use, increasing our desire to conserve what we enjoy today for future generations.

Parks are an integral component to economic development, as well as an investment in the arts and cultural growth within our community. Parks provide the setting for social events of all sizes, where people can connect with each other and with nature for personal enrichment. Parks also provide an investment in infrastructure necessary for sporting events and tourism, benefiting the local economy and community as a whole. Parks provide intrinsic environmental, aesthetic and recreation benefits to our City. They promote community health and wellness, enhance property values, attract visitors, and appeal to homebuyers. They put the “Unity” in Community!

In FY 2015/2016, Leisure Services staff worked diligently with Capital Projects staff in the design of ten park and facility projects including:

- Flamingo Park improvements
- Welleby Park improvements
- 12th Street Park improvements
- Civic Center expansion
- Senior Center expansion
- Pine Island Road/NW 50th Street Athletic Complex development
- Veterans’ Park development
- Welleby Pool deck replacement
- Civic Family Pool deck replacement
- Shotgun Road Linear Park improvements

Seven of the above projects are part of the first park improvement projects to be addressed during the initial phase of the General Obligation (GO) bond funding.

Wildlife sculpture at  
Oak Hammock Park



*Shotgun Road Linear Park Improvements*



*Hiatus Road Greenway*



*Welleby Park*



# investing in our leisure services, facilities, and programs



352 Free swimming lessons



27 Theatre productions



Received over \$47,500 in corporate sponsorships for special events and programs



987 Summer Camp kids



8 Art Gallery openings



28,000 passengers received bus rides



# *coaching. connecting. community.*

As stewards of our future, the City needs to ensure that leisure services and recreational activities are available for all ages and stages of our lives. Sunrise offers its residents a variety of attractive parks and community facilities. Sunrise also continues to provide its growing population with first-rate recreational programs, and is a recognized leader in providing outstanding special events for residents. The City offers numerous opportunities for sports, a golf course, a tennis club, playgrounds, municipal swimming pools, a Senior Center, a Civic Center complex featuring a 300-seat theater and an outdoor amphitheater, an art gallery and expansive banquet facilities. Sunrise is also home to eleven public schools, charter schools, two post offices, and a public library.



Through the efforts of the City Commission and Staff, the City of Sunrise was named “Playful City USA” for the seventh consecutive year. The mission of this program is to work to create great play-spaces through the participation and leadership of communities. Providing a place to play within walking distance of every child in America is the goal.

Parks and recreation activities encourage healthy, active lifestyles, as well as social development. Sound bodies and sound minds require physical activity and the chance to experience personal growth. Parks offer a wide range of activities suitable for all ages to get outside and get active - teaching positive lifestyle habits in all areas including nutrition, physical activities, sports, and life skills.



# special event programming

The City of Sunrise's commitment to provide quality, family-friendly activities for free or low cost has been instrumental in fostering the special sense of community experienced among residents. Over 40,000 residents and visitors enjoy annual events within the City of Sunrise.

## Outdoor Movie Series

The Leisure Services Department began offering a new concept for participants of our outdoor movie series. A drive-in movie featuring the animated film *Mr. Peabody & Sherman* was held at the BB&T Center's Parking lot during FY 2016. Over 2,000 participants attended the event and the feedback was outstanding! This new special event has become a regular part of our community engagement.



## Music and Theatre

The Civic Center Theatre was host to 27 shows, including concerts, plays, dance performances and programming for children and young adults. Private theatre rentals in the Civic Center Theatre increased 35% from last year and produced over \$17,000 in revenue.

## Woodstock Arts & Crafts Festival

The Woodstock organization, in partnership with the Leisure Services Department, hosted its annual arts and crafts festival in Welleby Park. This two-day event featured handcrafted items, plants, international foods, and an appearance by Santa. The Woodstock organization donated a portion of the canned goods collected to the City of Sunrise Crisis Closet, which distributes groceries to eligible residents in need.

## July 4th Celebration

The July 4th Celebration is the largest event hosted by the City of Sunrise. The FY 2016 event was comprised of several events throughout the day, including a parade along Sunset Strip, a Family Fun Day at City Park, and a Concert & Fireworks outdoors at the BB&T Center. The nighttime musical entertainment was a huge success with an energetic performance by *Big Bad Voodoo Daddy*.



## Woofstock

Woofstock is the newest addition to the City's list of annual festivals. Held in February at Sawgrass Sanctuary Park, it's a day of fun for our dog friends and their owners. The event features live entertainment, demonstrations, food and retail vendors. Contests include "Grooviest Threads" and "Gnarliest Pet Tricks."



## Tunes 'n Trucks Concert Series

This hugely successful program boasted five concerts from January through May including tributes to Bruce Springsteen, the Beatles, the Eagles, Billy Joel and the music of the '60s, '70s and '80s. Monthly attendance was typically between 2,000 – 2,500 guests, even during inclement weather!

## Seasonal Events

Seasonal events included our annual **Fall Harvest Festival** with costume contests, horse-drawn hayrides, and a pumpkin patch. Our **Winter Wonderland** included children's crafts, holiday treats, piles of snow, and pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Special events such as these bring our community together with increased participation year after year.



## Earth Day Festival

Each April, Sunrise celebrates green living with a free, family-friendly Earth Day Festival at Sawgrass Sanctuary Park. This day of outdoor fun is sponsored by the City of Sunrise Utilities Department and Republic Services.

## Cultural Festival

The Cultural Festival is held each November in City Park. It is a family-friendly event designed to celebrate, highlight, and unify the diverse cultures in our City. The event focuses on the commonalities we all share: the importance of family, friends, a cohesive community, and preserving the legacy of our collective pasts. To this end, the festival showcases multi-ethnic foods, music, art, and dance.



# education and enrichment



## Community Chess Initiative

In 2016, Sunrise was named “**Chess City of the Year**” by the US Chess Federation. In addition, the US Conference of Mayors named Sunrise one of the “Most Livable” Cities in America on the strength of its scholastic chess program and Mayor Ryan’s support of community-based chess. Sunrise is proud to be a recognized leader in scholastic and community-based chess through programs such as:

**Mayors’ Chess Challenge** – This friendly series of chess competitions brings together elected officials, community leaders, students, families and chess players of all ages and abilities throughout Broward County to support and celebrate scholastic and community-based chess programs in various municipalities around the County.

**“Champions of Chess” Student Tournament** – Sunrise began hosting its annual Champions of Chess tournament in 2012. In 2016, 80 students registered, representing children of all ages from elementary, middle and high schools.

**Open-Play Chess** – Each Saturday the City hosts free, supervised chess play in the lobby of the Sunrise Civic Center Theatre. This has been a successful program with many participants.



## Summer Camp

The 2016 Summer Camp program hosted 987 campers at 12 camp sites. The program included 6 talent shows and another amazing Theatre show (Aladdin Jr.). New field trips were added including a Venetian Pool, Tradewinds Park, Movies at Delray, Marlin’s Stadium and Tigertail Lake Recreational Center. New on-site program activities included P.E., X-Games, Soccer Shots, Mind Games, Book and Cookin’, and Game Zone.

## Kids Day Off Program

This is a one-day program for children who are treated to field trips including the Palm Beach Zoo, Miami Car Museum, and hands-on nature and wildlife presentations at Safari Adventure.



## Sunrise Leadership Academy

The City completed the seventh year of its award-winning Sunrise Leadership Academy (SLA), a hands-on civics program for high school students. The SLA curriculum includes an introduction to municipal operations, as well as leadership skills. Students also conducted a service learning project – a successful initiative modeled after the award-winning documentary, “Cyber-Seniors,” which partnered senior citizens with high school mentors who taught them how to use the Internet – especially social media tools – to stay connected to their family, friends, and the broader community. Activities included hands-on help with the seniors’ laptops, tablets and smartphones; Skype sessions; collaboration on a photo timeline that emphasized the shared experiences of the seniors and the teens; and a walking tour of the City’s Cypress Preserve Park to teach the younger students the importance of “unplugging.” The initiative’s first phase concluded in April 2016 with a community screening of “Cyber-Seniors” alongside mini documentaries about the Sunrise project. The Sunrise Cyber-Seniors effort resulted in the city winning the prestigious City Livability Award from the U.S. Conference of Mayors.



# cultural arts

## Civic Center Art Gallery

Eight exhibits were presented in the Civic Center Art Gallery during FY 2015/2016. Featured local artists depicted unique subject matters and represented the use of various artistic media. Opening receptions were hosted for each exhibit, providing visitors with a unique opportunity to meet the artist and discuss their artwork.



## Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival Centerpiece Reception

The City of Sunrise served as an official venue for the film festival. Ten films were screened and three parties were hosted over a 3-day period. This marked the City's fourth year of participation and the largest turnout since the inception of the City's collaborative relationship with the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival.



## Sunrise Symphonic Pops Orchestra

Marking its 29th season, the Sunrise Symphonic Pops Orchestra held five performances and collaborated with guest artists to offer audiences musical selections from jazz, rock, pop, R&B, opera, and Broadway hits.



## Word Up! Poetry Initiative

Working in collaboration with the Jason Taylor Foundation and the Omari Hardwick blueapple Poetry Network, Sunrise continued to host its popular monthly Lyrical Lounge teen open mic nights. Enhancements included the addition of a juried art show for teens, with prizes sponsored by a local real estate development company.

Additional youth programming included the annual Word Up! Poetry Slam (which celebrated its seventh year in October 2015), and writing workshops for Piper High School and Village Multipurpose Center aftercare students facilitated by Florida International University graduate students. On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Leisure Services also hosted "Write Your Dream" – a free writing workshop based on the works of Dr. King. In its second year, the workshop drew 50 students.



# social services

## Children’s Holiday Party

With donations received from members of the Sunrise community and City staff, 90 children from 30 low income families were provided with gifts for the holidays. The corporate partnership with the Double Tree Hotel resulted in the donation of a festive venue for the party.

## Thanksgiving Food Basket Distribution

The Senior and Social Services Division is responsible for coordinating and overseeing the annual Thanksgiving food basket distribution program to assist low-income families in Sunrise. Each year, the Division seeks assistance from Sunrise employees, private and public organizations, clubs, social groups and businesses in order to provide baskets consisting of turkeys and all the trimmings needed for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. This year, 175 families received baskets which would not have been possible without the generous contributions from City of Sunrise employees, the Greater Sunrise Chamber of Commerce, ICNA Relief Organization, Sunrise Lakes Phase 4 Men’s Club, Ally’s Comfort Café, The Bridge Church, Friends of Humanity, Latin Social Club of Sunrise, SALT Sunrise, and Wells Fargo employees, among others.

## Health Lectures

Lectures providing specialized health information covering a wide array of topics were provided throughout the year. Topics included medication management, breast cancer awareness, information regarding heart disease, hypertension, cholesterol, mental wellness, life changes, physical therapy, aromatherapy, podiatry, and animal assisted therapy.



# senior programs



## Senior Trips

A variety of exciting trips and guided tours were offered to our active seniors this year. Destinations included Mounts Botanical Garden, Magic City Casino, Urban Farming Institute, Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, Perez Art Museum, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Pembroke Gardens, Hard Rock Casino, American Airlines Arena, Coral Springs Center of the Performing Arts, John Pennekamp State Park, the Round Up, Delray Beach Marketplace, Marlins Park, Stage Door Theater, Mangos South Beach, Coconut Creek Casino, Safari Edventures, Morikami Museum, Zoo Miami, Boca Museum of Art, Gulf Stream Casino, Knaus Berry Farm, Navy SEAL Museum, and Hollywood Beach.

## Free Sunrise Bus Transportation

The City of Sunrise operates a multi-faceted transportation program which includes bus routes, medical transportation, special event shuttles, senior and youth trips, camp transportation and more. The City Commission suspended bus transportation fees as a pilot program, and now residents can now ride the city bus for free.

# adapted recreation

## Adapted Aquatics

Integrated swimming lessons designed to support those with special needs were provided by the Sunrise aquatics staff.

## Autism Swims

The City of Sunrise hosted its annual Autism Swims event in April. Representatives from the Autism Society, Broward Health/Water Smart Broward, 211 Broward, Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD), and Swim Central were in attendance. Activities included one-on-one swim lessons, water safety education and demonstrations, water exploration, water games and prizes. The event concluded with a 25-yard swim across the pool for a medal. A total of fifteen children with Autism participated in the event.



## Back to School Dance

This event, hosted jointly with Broward County's Special Populations Section, provided an evening of dancing and light refreshments for young adults with special needs and their families. Approximately 50 participants attended the dance.

## Summer Fling Dance

The City of Sunrise, in its continuing collaboration with Special Populations Section of Broward County Parks and Recreation Division, hosted the Summer Fling Dance for adults with special needs and their families. Approximately 250 participants attended the dance.



## "Eggstravaganza" Beeping Egg Hunt

This event, hosted jointly with the Lighthouse of Broward, provided children with visual impairments an opportunity to participate in an egg hunt. The eggs used for the event emitted a loud beeping sound for the children to follow.

## Sunrise Suns Wheelchair Basketball

The City of Sunrise continued to support and provide a home for the Sunrise Suns. The Sunrise Suns is a member of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) and recently celebrated their five-year anniversary. The City provides a basketball court at our Village Multipurpose Center and offers use of the Civic Center for their annual Invitational Tournament.





## Soccer Success

The City continues to have a robust soccer program, on both the recreational and competitive fronts. The recreational soccer program includes over 50 teams ranging from 4 – 17 years old, and is our largest recreational sport. The Sunrise Soccer Club competitive travel program continued its impressive run, with one State Champion team, and two teams winning the Southeast Region III title. The Sunrise Soccer Club is proud that one of their players was honored as Sun Sentinel's High School Player of the Year; that one of their players made the U17 Women's National team, and that many of their players earned Division I college scholarships.



## Travel Basketball Program

In 2016, the City contracted with Cecil Diaz and the Hoopster Basketball Academy to reactivate a travel basketball program. Hoopster Basketball supported four teams and began practicing at the Civic Center and Village Multipurpose Center while competing in local tournaments. With the program's success and potential for growth, the City Commission approved funds to further the program during FY 2016/2017.

## Pickle ball

Pickle ball is offered in the Civic Center Gymnasium on Mondays and Thursdays. When the year began, there were 5 active pickle ball memberships with 13 visits per month. Due to the increasing popularity of the sport, by the end of the year, we had 29 active memberships and 141 visits per month.



## Volunteer Coaching

Athletics programming provided over 500 volunteer coaching opportunities throughout the year. Volunteer coaches are the backbone of the youth athletics programs. As such, coaches are required to undergo Level II background checks and attend a free cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification class.

## Athletic Club Memberships

The Athletic Club offers various membership options for residents and non-residents. In FY 2015/2016, there were 915 active memberships, a 40.34% increase over the prior year.

# MANAGING A STRONG CITY

## *responsible and responsive government*

The City of Sunrise is committed to responsible and responsive government: **Good Government**. A significant component of responsible government is the fiscal stewardship of public funds. Our financial plan is designed to advance the organization through the provision of optimum government services to our residents while investing in social capital to enhance the overall health of the City of Sunrise.

As City Manager, my goal is to provide a dynamic city organization that delivers the highest quality of services to our residents in a cost effective manner. We are aligning priorities within the organization, adopting a cross-departmental approach to addressing issues, and managing within our means while strategically planning for the future. Sunrise residents can rest assured that their hard-earned tax dollars are being strategically parceled by the most capable team around.

### **Moody's:**

*“Sunrise has a very high quality credit position, and its Aa2 rating slightly exceeds the U.S. city median of Aa3. The rating reflects a robust financial position, and a healthy socioeconomic profile with a considerable tax base.”*

## city management goals

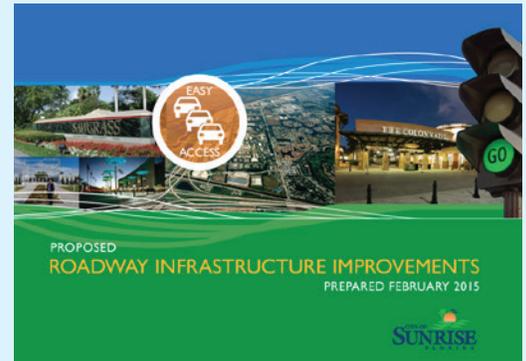
The City Manager’s vision for Sunrise is to be a world-class city by having a competitive, dynamic and sustainable economy that draws on our distinctive strengths in commerce, housing, culture, retail, and entertainment and includes:

- Having a workforce of highly skilled, enterprising and industrious people
- Being connected, locally and nationally
- Playing our part in limiting the impacts of climate change
- Being a place where residents from all backgrounds feel safe, can aspire, succeed and live well
- Being a clean City - attractive, culturally rich, outward-looking and welcoming

## transportation improvements

Long term transportation and roadway improvement proposals being led by the City are well under way. These are improvements that will improve development opportunities for the next decade and beyond.

- The Turnpike Authority’s Planning, Development, and Environment (PD&E) Study for Widening of Sawgrass Expressway from I-595 to SR 441 conducted a study to identify additional improvements to our community.
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is designing the interchange improvement for the southbound NW 136th Avenue traffic at the intersection of SR 84/I-595 and NW 136th Avenue which will enhance mobility in that area.
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) committed to conducting a traffic study of the area from SR 84 to Oakland Park Boulevard, and from Flamingo Road to the Sawgrass Expressway, to identify potential future improvements.



## community highlights

- Red Bull Wings for Life World Run - The City of Sunrise was one of only two cities in the US selected to host the Red Bull Wings for Life World Run in 2016.
- Habitat for Humanity of Broward dedicated five homes to deserving families in the City. The homes, built in cooperation with the City of Sunrise, are part of “Women Build” which provides a place for women to learn the skills needed to build a home, – this is one of Habitat Broward’s most popular and successful programs.



# key accomplishments



- Staff participated in Broward County Water Matters Day, City of Sunrise Earth Day, National Night Out for Bicycle awareness, Back to School Round-Up, and Career Day at Sunrise Elementary schools
- Distributed over two hundred percent more water saving devices than FY 2015 through the Broward Water Conservation Program
- Received State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) funding in the amount of \$428,517, which was used to repair and rehabilitate 15 homes and complete an Architectural Barrier Removal on 4 homes
- Received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding that was used to rehabilitate 14 homes
- Received Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funding that was used to rehabilitate



- Purple Heart - Thirteen Purple Heart parking signs were installed at City of Sunrise parks and civic facilities. The City Commission's hope was to inspire local businesses and schools to take important steps towards recognizing the sacrifices of our combat wounded veterans.
- Oversaw early voting for the Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) and the primary election
- Conducted Sunshine Law/Ethics training for City board members
- Provided comprehensive records management training for 101 employees through webinars in conjunction with the Florida Department of State Division of Archives and Records Management

- Provided public records request training to 39 employees
- Completed a Time Capsule in honor of the City's 55th Anniversary
- Designed and implemented a Lobbyist Registration/Ethics Disclosure Database, as well as the design and implementation of County-mandated changes
- Installed and implemented a Microwave Point to Point Wireless network to provide backup connectivity to City sites for Public Safety, Disaster Recovery, and to enable Wi-Fi hotspot expansion to numerous City parks



- Initiated conversion to a new automated centralized time, attendance, and scheduling system, Kronos Workforce Time keeper and Telestaff, which will eliminate paper timecards and is expected to increase productivity for all departments
- Kicked off a multi-year project to replace the City's new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, which will automate and integrate business processes and provide electronic services to the public
- Rolled out CityConnect, the City's internal electronic one-stop location for communication and information sharing with Sunrise employees
- Installed the City's Voice Over IP (VOIP) phone system at additional Fire Stations 59 and 72 for efficiency and integration with the city-wide system
- Upgraded all City computers with the latest Microsoft Office Suite 2016, adding more features and functionality for SharePoint and ERP



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# key accomplishments

- Developed a 3 Year Geographic Information System (GIS) Strategic Plan outlining the goals and objectives of the City's enterprise-wide business needs for FY 2017 - 2019. The GIS Strategic Plan provides a vision and roadmap that identifies key Initiatives for the City to strategize and forecast future investment in the use of GIS technology in support of GIS services across all business areas within the City.
- Developed a series of maps and data to support the City's 20-year pavement management milling and resurfacing program. The effort subdivided the City's roadways into 16 zones and provided maintenance cost estimates based on the total length of roadway within each zone.
- Successfully negotiated two, three-year successor Collective Bargaining Agreements with the International Association of Firefighters' Rank and File and with the Battalion Chiefs and Fire Marshal, covering FY 2013-2016 and FY 2016-2019.
- Successfully negotiated a three-year successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, Inc. for General Employees (FOPA), covering FY 2014-2017.
- Successfully negotiated a three-year successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Broward County Police Benevolent Association for Police Lieutenants (PBA), covering FY 2015-2018.
- Coordinated the First Annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast and established a volunteer referral process through the City's employment and application portal which streamlines access to volunteers for all departments.

- Established networking partnerships with external organizations to improve diversity and Veterans' outreach and to enhance recruitment efforts:
  - Florida Memorial College
  - Urban League of Broward
  - Florida Atlantic University – Hispanic Leadership Team
  - Job News Job Fair – BB&T Center
  - FAU Internship Job Fair
  - Paychecks for Patriots Job Fair
  - Network partnership with Florida Veterans Coalition



- Employee Mandatory Training – Provided training for City employees on essential workplace issues, such as cultural competency/diversity, prevention of sexual harassment, and prevention of workplace violence.
- Employee Business Skills Training – Provided training for City employees to enhance workplace skills including business writing, grammar and punctuation, professional communications, and Excel software.
- The Florida Public Service Commission Bureau of Safety's Annual Safety Evaluation found the City's gas system in satisfactory compliance with state and federal natural gas distribution safety rules in the areas evaluated.
- Continued focus on east Sunrise improvements, including utility services, drainage, street lighting, master planning and development.



# economic development

Economic Development is key to the future of our great City. Our strong economic development program continues to create thousands of jobs and places millions of dollars on the County tax rolls each year.

In FY 2015/2016, we remained focused on growth, business retention, and branding of the City. Our economic development efforts are a top priority and we will not rest on our laurels. As we enter the next stage of life for our City, we will increasingly shift our attention and opportunities towards expansion and redevelopment projects such as the East Side Master Planning Project. Below are some key accomplishments during FY 2015/2016:

## Multi-family Housing:

- One sector that continues to get a great deal of attention in Sunrise is multi-family development.
  - Portico, a dense and urban luxury design with structured parking and 417 units, neared completion in FY 2016. This development is located on the west side of the Sawgrass Mills Mall and uniquely positioned near a variety of shopping and entertainment venues.
  - In June 2016, Minto received approval for the final parcels of the Artesia project and commenced site work construction. This final stage to finish the build-out process at Artesia is expected to be completed in early 2018.
  - Other multi-family and townhome projects evaluated several in-fill sites throughout the City and expected to announce plans for new development in 2017.



## Sawgrass Mills Mall Update:

- In August 2016, Simon completed the new parking garage providing nearly 1,700 additional parking spaces for the Sawgrass Mills Mall.
- The construction of a new standalone anchor restaurant, Matchbox and a Century 21 store, commenced in FY 2016.
- The mall also commenced a complete renovation of the Oasis area and announced a number of new restaurants – Texas de Brazil, Yard House, and Mojito Bar.
- The Mall also completed the installation of the second traffic signal on Sawgrass Mills Circle at Yellow Toucan Road and will be constructing a third signal at Blue Dolphin.

## Other Commercial Development:

- By the end of FY 2016, HBO Latin America Headquarters was near completion of an expansion of over 46,000 square feet.
- American Express Corporate Headquarters was well underway in FY 2016 with final completion expected in early 2017.
- In FY 2016, two distribution businesses relocated to Sunrise constructing and opening new buildings, JoJo Design and Manny Seafood.
- The 20-acre retail portion of Metropica received approvals and construction is planned for 2018.

## Redevelopments:

- In 2016, the City began the process of assembling sites in East Sunrise to attract private investors and developers. This includes the demolition of the City's former public works garage and a former church site on Sunset Strip.
- The City selected a redevelopment consulting firm and staff began the initial data compilation for the eastern portion of the City. Recommendations and a long term comprehensive redevelopment blueprint is expected in 2018.
- In the redevelopment arena, Orchard Supply initiated redevelopment of an empty big-box space including an overall façade upgrade at the Westgate Shopping Center.
- In FY 2016, relocating and expanding businesses absorbed nearly 85,000 square feet of existing space compared to 150,000 last year, as less space was available.
- The largest office transaction was Heath Trust Workforce with 38,000 square feet and adding 160 new jobs.
- The City's office market vacancy rate is 9.8% which is the lowest it's been in decades and the industrial vacancy rate continues to be one of the lowest in the entire nation at 5.9%.

# *environmental sustainability: good and green*



**Sustainability has emerged as a best management practice for local, regional, state and federal government, as well as the private sector. For municipal business, sustainability is an approach to enhance efficiency through integration of environmental, economic and social considerations into programs, policy and planning. It is also a lens through which to engage the community – residents and businesses, in activities that reduce environmental impacts, conserve resources, save money, and contribute to making the community a healthy place to live, work, and play for current and future generations. Below are some highlights of key accomplishments during FY 2016**

- Launched the Good and Green program
- Presented the Good and Green program at schools (Welleby Elementary, Discovery Elementary, Piper High and community organizations (e.g. East Sunrise Residents Association, Kiwanis, Sunrise Lakes, etc.)
- Energy conservation initiatives
  - LED street lighting, facility lighting and outdoor lighting
  - Energy efficient building systems - A/C and roofing
  - Utility treatment, distribution and collection system improvements
  - Efficient operating procedures
  - Responsible automobile use
- Water conservation initiatives
  - Continue to promote water conservation and promote utilization of high efficiency toilets and program rebate dollars toward the Conservation Pays program
- Facilitate access for residents and businesses to sustainability and cost saving information and resources
  - Waste reduction and recycling
  - Florida-Friendly Landscaping
  - Natural resource stewardship
  - Development of public spaces that reduce the impact of people on the environment
  - Providing infrastructure to enhance opportunities for pedestrian and bicycle travel
- Joined the National Wildlife Federation’s Mayors Monarch Pledge
- Launched the “Be a Butterfly Hero/Broward County NatureScape” campaign
- Developed the “Every Day is Earth Day” Proclamation and campaign
- Integrated sustainability considerations into development review and capital projects
- Adopted and promoted the Broward County Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program

## **GOOD AND GREEN**



# grants

## Active leveraging of funds through Grants:



- Fire Rescue - Broward County Emergency Medical Services Grant for an educational campaign to bring awareness and prevention of child hyperthermia in cars - \$20,000

- Fire Rescue - Florida Department of Health EMS Grant for the purchase of two (2) automatic CPR devices - \$40,000



- Fire Rescue - Broward County EMS Grant for a one year pilot program for PulsePoint expansion throughout Broward County - \$28,000
- Fire Rescue - State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management Grant to purchase a search and rescue simulator and a fire extinguisher simulator to enhance our outreach programs - \$5,445
- Fire Rescue - Grant to purchase and install 250 smoke alarms in Sunrise residents' homes in collaboration with the American Red Cross.
- Fire Rescue - Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant for purchase, programming, and installation of security card access control equipment at various fire stations - \$36,000
- Fire Rescue - Department of Homeland Security - Assistance to Firefighters Regional Grant to purchase Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) - \$342,057



- Police - Autism Society Grant to fund private swim lessons for ten (10) children with Autism

- Police - Department of Justice (DOJ) Grant for Body Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program Grant - \$250,000
- Police – DOJ Law Enforcement and Missing Persons with Alzheimer’s Disease Grant to establish a program to increase awareness and provide resources and knowledge to reduce the risks associated with Alzheimer’s Disease - \$120,000
- Police - Department of Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant for a portable elevated security platform, trauma kits for officers, and additional equipment - \$92,000
- Police - DOJ Grant to purchase bullet proof vests for law enforcement - \$13,144
- Police – Bryne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for overtime for community oriented policing operations - \$18,460
- Police - Florida Department of Transportation Grant to support high visibility enforcement for pedestrian and bicycle safety - \$14,340



- Utilities - South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Grant for the construction of the reclaimed water main extension along Springtree Drive - \$115,000

- Utilities - SFWMD Grant for the construction at Sawgrass Water Reclamation Facility - \$300,000
- Utilities - Broward County Integrated Water Resources Plan Grant for the engineering design services for the Sawgrass Reuse Distribution System - \$150,000
- Utilities - Florida Department of Environmental Protection Legislative Appropriation for the City of Sunrise Stormwater Master Plan - \$450,000
- Utilities - Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Grant for the NW 44th Street Bike lanes - \$1,341,268

# local and national recognition

## The Best of the Best!

**Our world-class community achieves worldwide recognition! Sunrise offers its residents a variety of attractive, well-maintained neighborhoods - from private gated golf-course communities to quality rental properties. Sunrise also continues to provide its growing population with first-rate services, and is the county's recognized leader in providing quality-of-life facilities for residents.**

**The City offers numerous recreational opportunities, including a soccer club, golf course, a tennis club, a Senior Center, a ballroom and banquet facility, a theater, an art-gallery, playgrounds, and several municipal swimming pools! Sunrise is also home to eleven public schools, charter schools, two post offices, and a public library. As a world-class City, Sunrise has committed to making customer service a number one priority and ensures excellence in service that is sustainable and contributes to the overall satisfaction of our residents. The City is honored to be recognized for its commitment to excellence.**

- The City of Sunrise was the co-recipient of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance's 2016 Education Partnership Award. This prestigious award was presented in recognition of Sunrise's comprehensive Chess Initiative, which promotes the benefits of chess in the classroom and in the community.
- In June 2016, the City of Sunrise's Cyber-Seniors Initiative earned Outstanding Achievement honors from the U.S. Conference of Mayors' City Livability Awards Program. This program recognizes cities that improve the quality of life for their residents in innovative and creative ways. This marks the second consecutive year that Sunrise was recognized as one of America's "Most Livable Cities."
- Playful City USA, KaBOOM
- Tree City USA, for the 28th year
- The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), a nonprofit organization serving Broward County's senior residents age 60 and older, awarded the City of Sunrise with a Full Fair Share Contributor Award for 30 years of contributions.
- Aquatic Safety Award – The aquatics program was awarded Jeff Ellis & Associates' prestigious "Silver International Aquatic Safety Award" for consistently exceeding the criteria for aquatic safety certification. The award is given only to those organizations scoring in the top 30% of the audit criteria and is reflective of the staff's commitment to professional excellence and providing the highest degree of swimmer protection in the industry.
- Awarded the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)
- Awarded the GFOA Distinguished Budget Award for excellence in budgeting
- Awarded the NatureScope Emerald Award for Oak Hammock and Cypress Preserve passive parks



# MAINTAINING A SAFE AND DESIRABLE COMMUNITY

## *keeping our sunrise family safe*

Public safety is important to us and the City of Sunrise believes strongly in providing state-of-the-art resources and training to all public safety personnel. Both the Police and the Fire Rescue Department are focused on strengthening their problem-solving skills, community partnerships, and protecting life and property for all City of Sunrise residents and visitors.

In FY 2015/2016 the Sunrise Police Department implemented numerous new programs to reach out to our community. In our continuing efforts to advance community-oriented policing, a new initiative designed to build trust and open communication between law enforcement and the community kicked off during FY 2015/2016. The following programs are illustrative of those efforts.

### **National Coffee with a Cop Day**

Members of the Uniform Patrol Division participated in the National Coffee with a Cop Day that encourages police organizations to get out and interact with members of the community in a relaxed atmosphere in order to open dialogue. In the City of Sunrise, four coffee establishments participated in this event.

### **Community BBQ**

The community BBQ was a spontaneous event advertised on social media where police set-up on a street corner and held a block party. Police officers cooked and served food and drinks to members of the community, which encouraged residents to interact with police officers in a more casual setting. These BBQs continue to be a tremendous success.

### **Lemonade Stand**

The lemonade stand focused on school-aged children whereby police officers would set up an impromptu lemonade stand outside of elementary schools at dismissal time. As students walked or bicycled home, officers would offer a cup of lemonade to the students and engage in a conversation.

### **Bike Patrols**

Members of the Bike Unit continue to patrol neighborhoods on bicycles and interact with residents of all ages. While riding, officers engage residents in conversation, answer questions and even participate in sports activities. This community-policing endeavor continues to be highly effective and very well received by the community.



### Shop with a Cop

Sunrise officers participated in the “Shop with a Cop” event hosted by the Lions Club International. This event pairs uniformed police officers with school-aged children from our community for a “Back to School” shopping spree. The students receive a Wal-Mart gift card and shop for clothes, shoes and school supplies with a City of Sunrise Police Officer.

### Vice Intelligence and Narcotics

The Sunrise Police Department prides itself on having a successful narcotics enforcement unit. The unit currently has several detectives assigned to federal task forces in the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), and Homeland Security. In one noteworthy case, a Sunrise detective assigned to a DEA Group seized approximately \$22,000,000 in June 2016. The unit has made 156 arrests and seized the following amounts of narcotics:

- 6,984 kilos of cocaine
- 3,833 kilos of cannabis
- 20 kilos of heroin
- 3.5 kilos of MDMA

### Criminal Investigations

Detectives assigned to investigate non-drug related criminal activity greatly contribute to the success of the department. These detectives utilize innovative investigative techniques and new technological resources to help solve crimes and prevent future criminal activity. Their commitment to excellence and protecting our great City is evidenced by their outstanding clearance rates:

- Total Part I Crime Solved - 23.7%
- Violent Crime Solved - 53.7%
- Property Crime Solved - 21.2%



### Fire Rescue Life Safety Achievement Award

On September 1, 2016, the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) Fire Research and Education Foundation, in partnership with Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company, presented the City of Sunrise Fire Rescue Department with a Life Safety Achievement Award for its 2015 Fire Prevention accomplishments.

Since 1994, the Life Safety Achievement Award has recognized local fire prevention efforts that have contributed to reducing the number of lives lost in residential fires. Sunrise Fire Rescue is one of 160 fire departments across the United States to receive the award this year for recording zero fire deaths in 2015. In addition, award recipients documented active and effective fire prevention programs, as well as, a clear commitment to reducing the number of house fires in the community.

### Mission: Lifeline EMS Recognition

The Fire Rescue Department was awarded the Silver Achievement Award for the Mission: Lifeline EMS Program through the American Heart Association. The City of Sunrise Fire Rescue Department is the first City in Broward County to achieve this recognition.

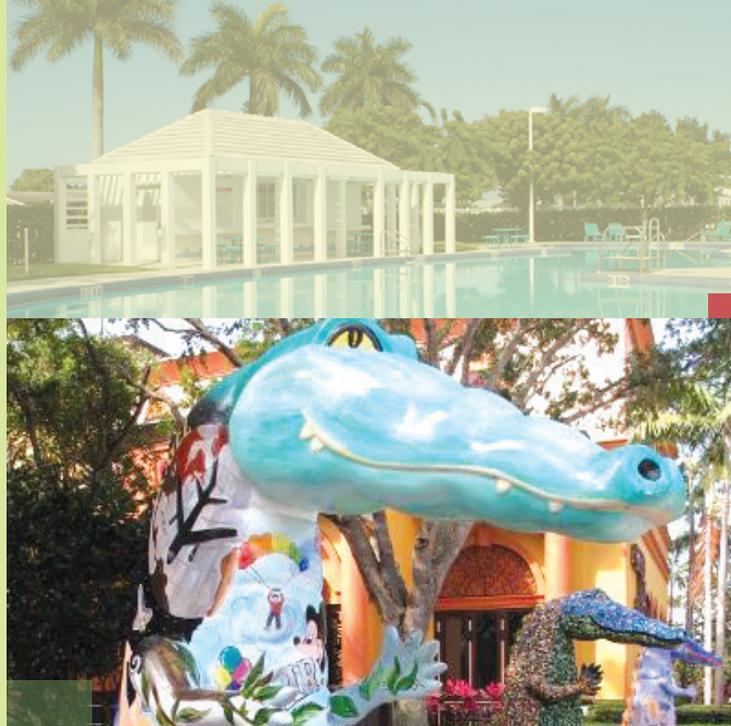
This program seeks to acknowledge the work, training and commitment by EMS agencies and Medical First Responders to improve the overall quality of care for the ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) patient. The correct tools and training allow pre-hospital providers to rapidly identify the STEMI patient, promptly notify the destination center, and trigger an early response from the awaiting hospital personnel. Communication and collaboration among pre-hospital and hospital providers are the essence of Mission: Lifeline.

### Smoke Detector Program

Sunrise Fire Rescue has partnered with the American Red Cross to go door-to-door in eastern Sunrise, providing home safety checks and installing hundreds of FREE smoke detectors for our residents. This program is successful due to the numerous volunteers from our Explorers Program, Local 3080, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program, and Nova Southeastern University students.

# FY 2015/2016: a year in review

Our employees provide essential government services that improve, strengthen and protect our community. We pride ourselves in delivering high quality services to make Sunrise a livable community where people enjoy raising their families and planning their retirement. Below are some highlights of key performance indicators during FY 2015/2016:



Transcribed 45 sets of minutes



Produced **3,602** public records requests

Processed and digitized **228** ordinances/resolutions

Opened **forty seven** bids/RFPs/RFQs

Processed 5,366 lien inquiries



Recorded **698** documents

Wrote **173** Satisfaction of Liens

Processed **ninety seven** applications for the City's 14 advisory boards

Destroyed **685.2** cubic feet of documents (571 boxes) and data pursuant to State Statutes.

**255** resolutions



**fifty** ordinances

695 New Businesses

**84** Special Event Applications



Completed over **6,800** I.T. Service Desk work orders

Procured over **\$51,000,000** through various procurements processes.

**one hundred forty seven** Recruitments



10,842 Job Applications

**259,404** = Total number of online job posting hits/views



**171** New Sunrise Family Members

47 = Total number of internal promotions



Repaired **899** water services or mains throughout the City's water service area.

Installed over **five hundred** lineal feet of asphalt, for a new sidewalk at Hiatus Road & NW 44th Street



**239** Engineering Plans Reviews



7,510 Building Permits

 **nine hundred sixty nine** work orders were handled by facilities maintenance

Completed three (3) surplus equipment auctions which netted **\$149,793.38**

Assisted 17,700 visitors in Leisure Services facilities

Assisted **45,700** customers on the phone in Leisure Services

 **1,103** pavilion rentals

2,017 meeting room reservations

Responded to **17,413** Sunshine 811 requests for locates of gas facilities

**six** new commercial gas accounts

 Changed-out 429 gas meters

**27,020** Building Inspections

92 Development Review Committee Applications

Facebook fan base of nearly **1,700**

 More than **2,300** Twitter followers

Processed 2,155 p-card small purchase transactions

Added **five hundred sixty one** vendors to the City's vendor database

 **6,971** New Code Compliance Cases

**19,190** code compliance inspections were completed

1,503 Special Magistrate Code Compliance Cases

 **\$450,000** in Code Enforcement liens and fines were collected

**three hundred twenty three** Properties Registered in the Abandoned Property Registry

41 Homes Rehabilitated or Improved through CDBG, HOME and SHIP entitlement funding



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*Special thanks to the Mayor and City Commission for your leadership and continued support, which enables us to continue along this path of success and great accomplishment.*

*I would like to recognize the Annual Report project team of Christine Pfeffer, Vincent Villanueva, and Emilie Smith, who prepared the report with information provided by all City Departments. This report highlights our many accomplishments, made possible through the dedication, hard work, and outstanding commitment of the City of Sunrise employees.*





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