

SUNRISE

MAGAZINE



New Civic Center Family Pool

YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT

Sunrise operates under a stable Commission-Manager form of government. The City's key leadership includes an elected, non-partisan, five-member City Commission and the Commission-appointed City Manager, who is responsible for directing day-to-day operations.

The City Commission is comprised of a Mayor and four at-large Commissioners who each serve a four-year term. In March of every year, one Commissioner is appointed to serve as Deputy Mayor, while another Commissioner is selected as Assistant Deputy Mayor.

The Commission plays a vital role in establishing City policy. They also adopt the City budget and City ordinances.

Commission meetings are open to the public and are conducted on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the City Commission Chambers on the first floor of City Hall, located at 10770 West Oakland Park Boulevard.

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

In my ten years as Mayor of Sunrise, my messages have traditionally reflected on the City's recent accomplishments. In this special edition of *Sunrise* magazine, I've decided to break from tradition. While this publication takes a look back at where we've been and what we've done, I believe it's also important to discuss where we're heading.

With a 2005 population of 90,000+ residents, Sunrise is the 21st largest city of Florida's 400+ municipalities and the 7th largest city out of 31 municipalities in Broward County. In ten years, estimates place our population at over 100,000.

These new families will be drawn to the City by the same things that brought us here — quality housing in attractive, safe neighborhoods; good schools; and easy access to employment, shopping and entertainment.

We have worked hard to make the City of Sunrise a healthy, vibrant community ... and we've been successful. We have devoted the time, talent and resources necessary to secure opportunities that have improved the quality of life for all of our residents. Those efforts have yielded outstanding results; we have award-winning parks and programs; a diverse economic base that affords opportunities for residents and businesses; and vibrant, attractive neighborhoods that provide a safe environment for families.

I see the continued development of our City as an evolution. While working hard to maintain and improve our existing neighborhoods, we want new people to move here, to work here and to prosper here. However, in order to evolve responsibly, we must continue to embrace innovation and broaden our perception of the City we call home.

Five years from now, I see a new "downtown" hub — with residences, offices, shops and restaurants all within walking distance. I see a dynamic entertainment district, well known for its exciting nightlife, eclectic restaurants and live theater performances.

I see brick pavers and decorative streetlights that create a scenic, pedestrian atmosphere for residents and visitors. I see a city with an abundance of public spaces, such as parks and greenways that provide our residents with a greater sense of community. I see tree-lined streets where children



play and neighbors interact. I see top-quality community schools that feed the intellect and creativity of our students.

I see a City built on "us" and not "them." A City where consensus trumps economic and geographic divisions. We are only successful if we all thrive. I see a city where progress blends old and new to create a better community, a city that embraces different people, different cultures, different religions and different interests. A place where — as in the challenging aftermath of Hurricane Wilma — residents can rely on City staff, and can count their neighbors among their friends.

Forming partnerships, leveraging private investment, creating a sense of place and community, and retaining and attracting new businesses are cornerstones of our City's future. Encouraging private developers to continue to pursue innovative design concepts will further our goal of turning practical infrastructure into buildings with real architectural and community value.

While this vision may take some time to implement fully, major changes have been taking place throughout our City for some time. This issue of *Sunrise* magazine outlines the significant strides taken by the City as we continue to move toward our vision — investing in improvements, innovative new services and programs that reach out to all segments of our community.

It is my sincere desire that, as residents read this publication, they will not only acquaint themselves with the City's current activities, they will also "see" their future. I encourage them to share that vision by becoming active in our community.

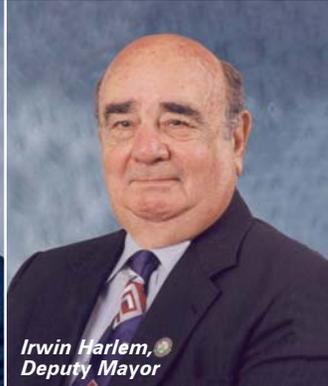
Steven B. Feren

YOUR CITY COMMISSION

Each day, it is our privilege to serve the City of Sunrise - and our goal to improve and enrich the community we call home. Our responsibilities are varied, but none is as important as listening to the citizens we represent. With your valuable input, we seek to shape the opportunities before us, and continue to build a city of which we are all proud.



*Steven B. Feren,
Mayor*



*Irwin Harlem,
Deputy Mayor*



Springtree Golf Club opening



Piper Field opening



Sunrise Golf Village Park opening

Steven B. Feren, Mayor

Mayor Feren was first elected to the Commission in 1987 and served for six years before becoming a State Representative. After leaving the Florida State House of Representatives, he was named to the City Commission in October 1996, and was appointed Mayor upon the death of Dan Pearl in November 1996. He was elected Mayor in March 1997 and re-elected without opposition in 2001 and 2005.

Mayor Feren serves on the Broward County Water Advisory Board, the Broward County Fire-Rescue Council and the Broward County Planning Council. Mayor Feren serves on the National League of Cities' Transportation Infrastructure and Services Steering Committee. He also serves on the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Arts, Parks, Entertainment and Sports Standing Committee, and the Community Development and Housing Standing Committee. Mayor Feren is a Director of the Florida League of Cities, and a past president of the Broward League of Cities. Mayor Feren was recently elected president of the new Broward League of Mayors, and was selected to serve on the Board of Directors of the new Florida League of Mayors.

Mayor Feren graduated from Queens College and St. John's University School of Law. He has had a general practice of law for 26 years. Mayor Feren and his late wife, Meryl, have a son, Adam, who currently attends Johns Hopkins University.

Irwin Harlem, Deputy Mayor

Irwin Harlem, a Sunrise resident for nearly 30 years, was appointed to the City Commission in 1993 and was elected in 1995 and 1999. He was re-elected to his current term in 2003 without opposition. He was selected as Assistant Deputy Mayor in 1993, 1997, 2004 and 2005, and was named Deputy Mayor in 1994, 1998, 2002 and 2006. Deputy Mayor Harlem has served on the Board of Directors of the Sunrise Chamber of Commerce; was a member of the City's Planning & Zoning Board for 10 years — serving as chairman for three years; served a three-year term as chairman of the City's Economic Development Advisory Board; and is a long-time member of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Deputy Mayor Harlem is also active in the Florida League of Cities and serves on the Board of Directors for the Broward League of Cities, as well as the Public Safety & Crime Prevention Policy and Advocacy Committee of the National League of Cities.

Deputy Mayor Harlem served in World War II with the Merchant Marines and Army Engineers Corps, and is the retired owner of Village Hardware on Sunset Strip in eastern Sunrise. He and his wife, Rita, have two daughters, Cheryl and Deborah, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Joseph Scuotto, Assistant Deputy Mayor

Joseph Scuotto - a 26-year resident of Sunrise - has served as a City Commissioner since 1997, and was most recently re-elected in 2005 without opposition. He is currently serving his third term as Assistant Deputy Mayor, and was named Deputy Mayor in 1999, 2001, 2004 and 2005. He participates in the Broward County School Board's Partners in Education and has sponsored numerous civic organizations and charities. He is the president of the Sunrise Italian-American Civic Association, participates in the Lakes Alzheimer's Association, and is on the board of the Sunrise Chamber of Commerce. Assistant Deputy Mayor Scuotto serves on the Broward League of Cities' Community and Economic Development Steering Committee, and is a member of the Florida League of Cities' Environmental Quality Committee. He is also on the board of the South Florida Regional Planning Council, and serves on the Resource and Recovery board. Assistant Deputy Mayor Scuotto is the president of Scuotto's Coney Island Treats.

Sheila D. Alu, Commissioner

Sheila Alu was elected to the City Commission in March 2001 and served back-to-back terms as Assistant Deputy Mayor in 2001 and 2002. She was re-elected in 2003 without opposition, and was selected as Deputy Mayor that same year.

A Sunrise resident since 1992, Commissioner Alu has volunteered in support of several local nonprofit child welfare organizations.

Commissioner Alu has served on the Broward League of Cities' Education Committee; the Florida League of Cities' Criminal Justice, Ethics and Personnel Committee; and the National League of Cities' Human Development Policy Committee.

Commissioner Alu earned her Bachelors degree at Nova Southeastern University (NSU). She is currently a student at NSU's Shepard Broad Law Center, pursuing a law degree. Commissioner Alu has a daughter, Christina.

Donald K. Rosen, Commissioner

Donald Rosen became a Sunrise resident in 1985. He was elected to the City Commission in 2001 and won a second term in 2005. He has served on a number of committees for the Broward League of Cities, and is currently a member of the Transportation Committee and the International Affairs Committee of the Florida League of Cities (FLC). Commissioner Rosen was recently appointed to the FLC's Federal Action Strike Force, and has served as the FLC representative to the State of Florida's Hazardous Mitigation Response Advisory Team. He also serves on the National League of Cities' Finance Administration & Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR) Policy Committee, the International Council, and the Council on Democratic Governance.

Commissioner Rosen is in the safety consulting field. He has been married to his wife, Evelyne, for 29 years, and they have two children - Samantha, and Stephen, a student at the University of South Florida.



SUNRISE'S SUPER SUCCESS STORY DID NOT HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT

Picture this: You exit the Sawgrass Expressway at Sunrise Boulevard and are immediately greeted by flag-waving, pennant-flying, hood-popping new and used car and truck lots lining both sides of the street, all the way to NW 136th Avenue. You take a left at 136th Avenue and are beckoned by nondescript, box-type strip shopping centers and fast food restaurants on the right, and mini-storage warehouses on the left. A little farther down, a million-square-foot industrial-warehouse complex squats across the street from Sawgrass Mills Mall.

Begin your virtual tour on the opposite side of town, and the view is no more appealing. On the east side of Sunset Strip at Sunrise Boulevard, imagine an abandoned supermarket in a deteriorating shopping center. Across the street is a boarded-up restaurant and an outdated fast food franchise. Head north on Sunset Strip and you'll see a makeshift fire station housed in a converted laundromat. Nearby, there's a deteriorating park, a crumbling retail district, a closed community center - and few amenities for residents to enjoy.

Welcome to the City of Sunrise that almost was.

Now picture this: Even before you exit the Sawgrass Expressway, you are greeted by an 11-story, full-service hotel overlooking the natural beauty of the Everglades. Immediately to the east is an impressive array of first-class corporate office buildings - the headquarters of prosperous, prominent employers. There are only two automobile dealerships - and the flags, pennants and yawning hoods are nowhere in sight.

More offices and restaurants border the Sunrise corridor; at NW 136th Avenue, there is an upscale retail/office development laced with tree-lined, pedestrian-friendly promenades. Across the street, a virtual garden leads to the gleaming, green-glassed exterior of the BankAtlantic Center. Directly opposite is another top-of-the-line, full-service hotel - adjacent to a world-class shopping destination with an eclectic array of restaurants. The City's emerging skyline features a pair of condominium towers, as well as a resort-style community of mid- and high-rise structures. Residents in this new downtown hub are only a short walk from work, shopping and world-class entertainment.

In the City's original neighborhoods, a renaissance continues. At the northeast corner of Sunrise Boulevard and Sunset Strip, a refurbished grocery store is flanked by a variety of businesses. Across the street, a new Burger King and Walgreens have been constructed. Go north along Sunset Strip and you'll see the rebuilt Roarke Hall - now the site of meetings and other gatherings. At NW 20th Street children are enjoying a new community green space on the former site of the City's Public Works building. Travel further along the widened, resurfaced and landscaped Sunset Strip to NW 68th Avenue, where City Park has been rebuilt. Area storefronts boast uniform façades with an Island flair. A new multi-purpose center and library welcome residents of all ages, and families splash in the pool at Village Beach Club. Additional community amenities

have been added throughout the area - from the benches and shade trees of Sunrise Golf Village Park to the manicured fields and spacious meeting hall of Soccer Club Park. Welcome to the City of Sunrise that is - or could soon be.

The fact that Sunrise will resemble the second picture and not the first is no accident.

Over the past 15+ years, the City has been on a mission to rescue hundreds of acres of prime land from second-rate development. This aggressive pursuit of quality development has facilitated the emergence of impressive residential and commercial landmarks in the west - and financed the rebirth of the City's founding neighborhoods in the east. We have used planning, public relations and, yes, sometimes cash to create something unique in South Florida.

The reason the City has worked so hard is simple: To generate a stream of cash for the City's future that will ensure a higher quality of life for all our residents for years to come.

Industrial warehouses, strip shopping centers and car lots can be built cheaply. Cheap construction of this type produces lower taxable values, fewer jobs and lower-paying jobs. It is not the type of development on which you stake the future of your community.

On the other hand, full-service hotels, quality retail stores and corporate offices produce higher commercial-taxable values. Additionally, the employees who fill those corporate offices create an increased demand for housing, causing residential property values to rise.

Higher taxable values mean more revenue. Take, for example, the full-service, 350-room Residence Inn/Courtyard by Marriott hotel planned for Sunrise Boulevard just west of the Sawgrass Expressway, with an estimated construction cost of \$40,000,000. Once completed, the project would add approximately \$250,000 to the City's property tax revenues each year. Along with other, similar high-profile projects, this hotel would generate substantial annual revenue for use throughout Sunrise, while requiring few municipal services.

While we're proud of what we've achieved so far, our work here is not done. Cultivated under the leadership of Sunrise's elected officials, new western development continues to take shape. Artesia, a resort-style community of 1,400 luxury villas with Mediterranean-inspired architecture and amenities; and Tao, a pair of contemporary, 26-story towers featuring luxury condominiums and two-story villas, are currently under construction. Sawgrass Mills recently celebrated the grand opening of The Colonnade - an open-air fashion district featuring such high-end retailers as Valentino, Coach and Salvatore Ferragamo, as well as upscale dining destination Grand Lux Café. A luxury day spa and additional full-service restaurants, including PF Chang's and the northern Italian flavors of Villaggio, are being developed. Other important projects include Metropica - a proposed mixed-use development with such components as Class A office space, luxury hous-

ing and upscale dining and shopping establishments.

Bordering Metropica would be a new planned City Hall & Civic Plaza - the civic heart of the community. With this project, we believe that the City has a compelling opportunity to do more than create a center of government. Through careful planning, and by incorporating the design qualities and characteristics of enduring places, we can go beyond simply creating a project. We can create a unique place - a Civic Plaza that will become the focal point for our community. A place of beauty, tranquility, peacefulness, and friendship. A place that honors and celebrates both the unity and the diversity of our City. A place that attracts, delights, excites and comforts our residents - as well as our visitors: When family and friends arrive from out of town, this is the place you will want to share with them.

Creating a place means combining architecture, landscape, culture, history, environment, and physical appearance. But it also means creating social interaction. A place should be alive with the sights and sounds of early morning joggers, of office workers enjoying lunch breaks in a peaceful park setting, of children laughing, of retirees playing chess, and of couples taking evening strolls. A place is inextricably linked to people and the things that happen in that location that are meaningful to them. It is where important words are spoken, vows exchanged, and promises made.

As Winston Churchill said, "We shape our buildings; thereafter, they shape us." Indeed, a great city is often defined by its creation of great places. By developing a new Civic Plaza, we are striving to create a place of lasting value that all residents can be proud of and call their own.

As our western districts prosper, so do our original neighborhoods. In fact, through a sound financial strategy combined with revenues generated largely by quality development, the City is responsible for the investment of approximately \$30 million in enhancements to original Sunrise since 1992.

In 1993, the City Commission initiated approximately \$4.3 million in infrastructure enhancements in original Sunrise, including street reconstruction and resurfacing, upgraded water lines and new landscaping. In 1994, the \$700,000 reconstruction of City Park began.

In 1997, faced with the loss of Publix, a community anchor, the City provided more than \$100,000 in incentives to attract a Neighbors IGA Supermarket to Sunset Strip and Sunrise Boulevard. The next year, Sunrise celebrated the grand opening of two eastern amenities, the new Village Beach Club and the improved Roarke Community Center.

In 2000, the \$5 million Village Civic Center - complete with a fire station, police substation, utility customer service center and community meeting hall - became operational, and Village Square Park opened on the site of a defunct car wash. That same year, the City approved \$100,000 in incentives to upgrade a shopping center on the northwest corner of Sunset Strip and Sunrise Boulevard, facilitating the con-

struction of a new Walgreens and a new Burger King.

In 2002, the City unveiled Phase I of its façade improvement project, resulting in a clean, updated, Bermudan look for 30 businesses along the north side of Sunset Strip, as well as reconfigured parking and new lighting and landscaping. In 2003, the reconstruction of Sunset Strip began, along with the expansion of the façade project to businesses on the south side of the street.

Sunrise Golf Village Park opened in 2004, and plans for a multi-purpose community center and a new branch library - to be developed in partnership with the School Board of Broward County and the Broward County Library system, respectively - are well underway. Additional projects, including the continuation of Sunset Strip streetscape enhancements from NW 68th Avenue to Pine Island Road, are currently being planned.

As we move forward as a City government, we will continue to keep the best interest of all Sunrise residents - our most important customers - at heart. In keeping with our commitment to education, the City is championing the construction of three new schools in Sunrise. These new facilities - an elementary school, a middle school and a high school - would further meet the needs of Sunrise families and enhance the community at large. The City has funded a new Public Safety Complex to replace our former facility. This new state-of-the-art headquarters will be the home of the City's Police and Fire-Rescue departments, and will enable our emergency responders to better serve all Sunrise residents.

It's no accident that Sunrise has become Broward County's most notable success story. No other city, no other city commission in Broward County, has adopted such an aggressive (some would say hardball) approach in its pursuit of high quality development and a better quality of life for all. Nor has any other city succeeded to the extent Sunrise has. We continue to set the standard in South Florida by fostering smart growth and delivering its benefits to the community as a whole.

In the words of management expert Peter Drucker, "the best way to predict the future is to create it." Rest assured, your city takes this philosophy to heart, and will continue to use it to shape our vision of Sunrise. From serving as the catalyst for making the BankAtlantic Center a reality, to helping oversee the rebirth of the City over the past 15+ years - I am proud of my role in bringing this vision to life.

**SUNRISE'S
RECIPE FOR
SUCCESS:
equal parts
planning and
patience.**

Pat Habeno
City Manager

RECOVERY

On Monday, October 24, South Florida experienced the battering winds of Hurricane Wilma - the strongest storm to directly impact Broward County since 1950. As the residents of Sunrise faced power outages, gas lines and other hurricane-related challenges, the City's staff was working hard to provide essential services and aid in the recovery effort.

The City was able to keep Sunrise's water supply system operational throughout the storm - providing customers with water at pressures above the Health Department's boil water order threshold. By contrast, both Broward County and Fort Lauderdale lost their main water treatment facilities and suffered significant pressure loss in their systems.

Immediately after Hurricane Wilma passed, the City's Police and Fire-Rescue teams were operational. Both departments experienced call volumes more than double their normal levels - with Fire-Rescue reporting a significant increase in structure fires due to the use of candles.

The day after the storm made landfall, City crews implemented the "First Push" program - clearing at least one travel lane on 37 miles of principal roads. Work continued that so by day five post-Wilma, all drive lanes were clear of debris, except where crews were limited by downed power lines and poles.

The Mayor and each City Commissioner worked alongside staff to respond to residents' most basic needs, delivering 44,804 meals, 164,000 pounds of ice, and 3,264 gallons of water after the storm. In addition, more than 26,000 gallons of propane were dispensed.

As the City's Building Department conducted inspection and assessment activities, its staff provided approximately 350 meals to residents affected by Hurricane Wilma. By Friday, October 28, the department had begun emergency building permitting. To help speed the permitting and inspection process, the City authorized 10 additional positions in the Building & Code Enforcement Department.

The City coordinated the deployment of a mobile medical unit from the U.S. Public Health Service to assess and provide primary care needs in Sunrise Lakes over a four-day period. When rainstorms impacted our area just a week after Hurricane Wilma, City staff mobilized quickly to assess damage, help relocate residents as needed, and otherwise provide assistance.

Significant recovery efforts are continuing in our community. After having removed approximately 300,000 cubic yards of storm debris citywide, Sunrise is now engaged in the clean-up of City-maintained water bodies and the adjacent banks - removing an estimated 20,000 cubic yards of debris from more than 150 locations. Work is also underway on the removal and repair of more than 10,000 square feet of storm-damaged sidewalks.

Sunrise has allocated approximately \$2.5 million to help restore the appearance of the City's tree canopy. Medians and swales throughout the City are being evaluated, and damaged trees are being removed and replaced. A special effort will be made to plant tree varieties that withstood the hurricane well, such as live oaks and palms.

Broward County is also involved in recovery work throughout Sunrise. The County is responsible for replacing over 500 traffic and street signs downed or damaged in the storm, as well as all damaged traffic signals.

You will see these and other recovery efforts taking place in our community and throughout the County for some time. Rest assured you can count on the City's hardworking staff to help restore the quality of life for which Sunrise is known.



"Over the past decade, the City has done much to advance the quality of life of the residents it serves. In fact, we are so committed to a course of continued accomplishment that only something very powerful can force us to temporarily shift our priorities. In 2005, that 'something' was Hurricane Wilma.

"I'm proud of the way City staff - at every level of our organization - responded to this major emergency. I'd like to thank them for what they have done for Sunrise, and for the work yet ahead of them. It is our intent to put things back the way they were - or better."

- Mayor Steven B. Feren

Pictured: (Top) Irwin Harlem, Deputy Mayor, delivers hurricane recovery supplies to Sunrise residents; (Bottom) Sunrise Fire-Rescue Mobile Command Unit.

SAFETY

Sunrise is the fifth-safest Florida municipality, according to the most recent "America's Safest Cities" list. Sunrise is also rated as the third-safest city in Broward County, topping Davie, Miramar, Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood and Pompano Beach, and ranking just behind Coral Springs and Pembroke Pines.

Sunrise residents can feel secure in the knowledge that they're protected by the City's own Police and Fire-Rescue departments. Dedicated to safeguarding life and property, these award-winning professionals provide the highest quality service during times of critical need – and in their day-to-day endeavors.

The Sunrise Police Department's community policing philosophy promotes crime prevention by fostering communication and trust. The Department works continually to build partnerships with the residents and business owners they serve. Each August they host their National Night Out Against Crime observance - an evening featuring community policing information, fun, food and entertainment.

The Department's two Segway Human Transporters, proposed by **Deputy Mayor Irwin Harlem**, also promote interaction between officers and the community. Using these attention-getting personal mobility devices, Sunrise Police are more visible and approachable on school campuses, during special events, and at such locations as Sawgrass Mills and the BankAtlantic Center.

Sunrise Fire-Rescue is staffed by paramedic-firefighters who are equipped with state-of-the-art tools, training and vehicles. The Fire-Rescue team operates from some of the most modern facilities in Florida - including the Fire-Rescue Station recently constructed just west of University Drive along NW 27th Place, which features three bays for rescue vehicles. The Department's frequent equipment upgrades include the 2006 purchase of two new rescue ambulances at a cost of \$193,000 each.

The Fire-Rescue team conducts community outreach initiatives designed to protect residents of all ages. Each October, to raise awareness of national Fire Prevention Week, the Department sponsors a poster and essay contest in Sunrise elementary schools. In addition, firefighters and fire inspectors visit schools and daycare centers to provide fire safety instruction. To aid the City's elder population, Fire-Rescue personnel participate in the Seniors and Lawmen Together (SALT) Council, and present fire safety and fall-prevention lectures and demonstrations.

A new public safety headquarters - designed to house the Police and Fire-Rescue departments - has already been funded. Their previous facility was not constructed with public safety operations in mind, and was determined to have structural deficiencies. The building also incurred damage from water intrusion, which would have needed to be repaired if the building was not being replaced. The development of a new headquarters, planned for the former Public Safety Complex site, will enable the City to address existing operational needs, enhance public safety capabilities, and improve the departments' ability to serve the public.



Photos: (clockwise from top left) Police officers on Segways; Fire Station #59, the City's newest fire-rescue facility; a Sunrise police officer checks the speed of an oncoming vehicle; Sunrise Fire-Rescue Division Chief Tom O'Connell explains first aid to a young resident.

COMMUNITY

Sunrise takes pride in creating a hometown atmosphere for its residents. Whether funding neighborhood improvements or hosting holiday events, Sunrise fosters programs and projects that promote an enhanced quality of life.

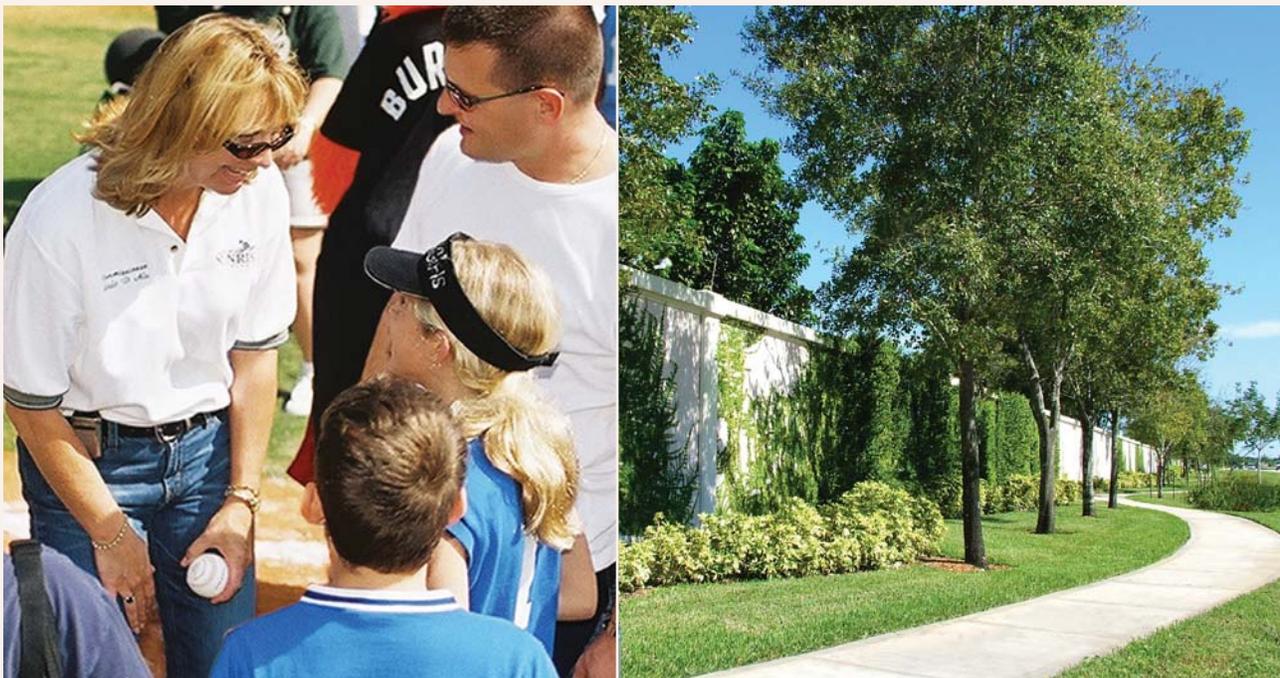
Each year, Sunrise presents such community favorites as the July 4th parade, concert and fireworks, attended by thousands of residents. Sunrise's Welleby Park is also the site of the popular annual Woodstock Arts & Crafts Festival. Since 2005, Sunrise Tennis Club has been the home of the BMW Tennis Championship - the only men's professional tennis tournament held in Broward County, and one of only three major tournaments in the state of Florida.

Leisure Services programs for children abound in Sunrise, including summer camps, dance lessons, sports leagues, and craft and cooking workshops. Adults participate in fitness classes, while the City's seniors enjoy an array of trips, lectures and events.

In late 2005, the City Commission awarded the design contract for the third round of the Neighborhood Participation Program (NPP), which supports resident-initiated projects that build identity and enhance the community. NPP projects - such as the installation of landscaping or entrance features - help improve the appearance of Sunrise neighborhoods and provide an opportunity for homeowners to work together toward a common goal. (For details, see facing page.)

To enhance the community's overall operation and aesthetics, Sunrise has completed numerous large-scale roadway and streetscape improvements. Approximately two and a half miles of Sunset Strip - between University Drive and Hiatus Road - was reconstructed, and palms and shade trees were planted in its upgraded medians. As part of these enhancements to the City's original thoroughfare, approximately 100 homeowners along Sunset Strip were given the opportunity to choose between two styles of new curbside mailboxes - a project proposed by **Commissioner Joseph Scutto**. Based on majority vote, hunter green mailboxes adorned with a palm tree detail were delivered and installed by the City free of charge upon completion of the roadway work.

Projects now under construction include landscape improvements and privacy walls along Pine Island Road, one of the City's most traveled corridors, and enhanced streetscapes at the intersection of I-75 and Weston Road. These projects - to be completed this year at a total cost of more than \$2.7 million - will not only enhance residents' commutes, they'll also help boost community pride and property values.



Photos (from left to right): Commissioner Sheila Alu talks with children and parents at Baseball Opening Day, Oakland Park Boulevard Streetscape.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS

As we age, we take steps to maintain and improve our health. The neighborhoods and structures in Sunrise also require maintenance to stay in good health as they age. Over time, a city can deteriorate or continue to improve, but it never stands still. Not content with simply maintaining the quality of our neighborhoods, the City is also actively seeking to improve them through programs that boost the livability and appeal of all areas of our City.

Neighborhood Participation Program

The first community-based effort of this type, the Neighborhood Participation Program (NPP), was designed to give assistance to neighborhood projects that build identity and enhance the community. **All interested groups - from incorporated homeowners associations to neighbors who organize themselves specifically to request funding - are invited to apply, but must demonstrate that they represent the interests of the entire neighborhood. Applications are reviewed by City staff, and those that are approved by the City Commission receive funding.**

Thirty-three projects, worth approximately \$685,000, have been constructed since the program's inception. The City is preparing to design and construct the third round of the NPP, which will include these 26 projects (outlined at right) at an estimated total cost of \$890,000.



Gold Key Villas Entrance Enhancements

NEIGHBORHOOD	PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST
84 South Homeowners Association	Irrigation Improvements along Weston Road from Blatt Boulevard to South New River Circle	\$45,000
Countryside at Welleby	Entrance Improvements at Nob Hill Road and Josh Lee Boulevard	\$34,000
Gold Key Club	Identification Sign at NW 30th Street and NW 68th Avenue	\$28,000
Lakeview Homes	Entrance Improvements at NW 94th Avenue and NW 46th Street	\$21,500
LaSalle Park Condominiums	Entrance Improvements at 1700 NW 58th Terrace	\$24,000
New Providence	Entrance Improvements	\$44,000
Oakwood at Springtree	Entrance Improvements at Springtree Lakes Drive and NW 96th Avenue	\$38,000
Origins at Welleby	Entrance Improvements at NW 94th Terrace near W. Oakland Park Blvd.	\$38,000
Osprey at Sawgrass Mills	Entrance Improvements	\$20,000
Parkwood Homes	Entrance Improvements at NW 94th Ave and NW 50th Street	\$26,000
Pine Bay	Entrance Improvements at Commercial Boulevard and Pine Island Road	\$5,500
The Pointe at Sawgrass Mills	Entrance Improvements	\$38,500
Quail Run	Entrance Improvements at NW 30th Place and NW 75th Avenue	\$43,000
Sawgrass Estates	Identification Sign at NW 120th Way and W. Oakland Park Boulevard	\$11,000
Springtree West IV	Entrance Improvements at Springtree Drive and NW 91st Terrace	\$11,500
Sugar Bay	Entrance Improvements on West Oakland Park Boulevard between Nob Hill Road & Hiatus Road	\$29,000
Sun Run Condominiums	Entrance Improvements at 3100 Block of Pine Island Road	\$23,000
Sunrise Lakes Phase II	Drainage Improvements on Sunrise Lakes Boulevard	\$35,000
Sunblest Townhomes	Entrance Improvements at Pine Island Road and Springtree Lakes Drive	\$25,000
Villas of Capri	Entrance Improvements at NW 44th Street, west of 94th Ave	\$43,000
Waterbridge	Median Landscaping on Del Lago Circle at Sunrise Boulevard	\$30,000
Waterbridge	Entrance Improvements at Del Lago Circle and Sunrise Boulevard	\$29,000
Welleby/Hiatus Road	Median Landscaping from West Oakland Park Boulevard to 44th Street	\$38,000
Welleby/Josh Lee Boulevard	Median Landscaping from Nob Hill Road to W. Oakland Park Boulevard	\$22,000
Waterside Villas	Landscaping Improvements at West Oakland Park Boulevard and NW 84th Avenue	\$2,500
Westbridge at Welleby	Entrance Improvements at Josh Lee Boulevard and NW 32nd Place	\$43,500

STREETSCAPES AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Sunrise is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the quality of its roadways. In addition to improving the way they function, the City invests in their appearance - beautifying public rights of way with trees and landscaping, as well as pavers and decorative lighting. There are 10 such projects currently in development, representing a financial commitment of more than \$7 million.

Completed Projects Include:

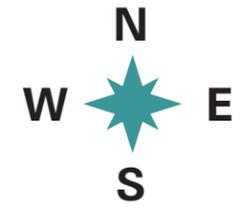
- **Sunset Strip** received significant upgrades with the recent completion of a \$4 million reconstruction project along nearly 2.5 miles **between University Drive and Hiatus Road**. To mitigate wear and tear from more than 30 years of daily use, the existing roadbed was removed and replaced. In addition, the swales were reconfigured, drainage improvements were made and new curbing was installed in the medians.
- More than 1.5 miles of **Sunset Strip between NW 64th Avenue and Sunrise Boulevard** recently received a \$1.6 million major overhaul that included the installation of new sod and irrigation, and reconstruction of the swales; the extension of concrete sidewalks; the construction of header curbs at intersections; and the reconstruction of driveway aprons. The area also received decorative street lighting, attractive new bus benches and an extensive assortment of trees.
- The City also completed landscape and irrigation enhancements along **University Drive**, one of the City's major north-south roadways. Concrete traffic separators were removed from an approximately one-mile stretch of University Drive, **from just south of Oakland Park Boulevard to NW 44th Street**, and were replaced with brick pavers. In addition, the existing medians were refurbished and enhanced with ground cover, sod and trees at an estimated cost of \$250,000, including design.
- The City installed **internally lighted street signs** at twelve intersections along Pine Island Road, Oakland Park Boulevard, Nob Hill Road, Panther Parkway, Flamingo Road and Sunrise Boulevard. The effort, proposed by **Commissioner Donald Rosen**, makes it easier for motorists and pedestrians to find their way around the city.
- More than \$550,000 in improvements were installed in swales along **Sunrise Lakes Drive East**. Those improvements included the installation of 460 trees and the relocation of 69 existing trees. In addition, more than 270 plants and 8,270 square feet of sod were planted.
- Royal palms were added to the northern swale along **West Oakland Park Boulevard from NW 120th Way to Flamingo Road**, and multi-hued shrubs were planted in the median bull noses on **West Oakland Park Boulevard from Nob Hill Road to Flamingo Road**. Construction costs were just under \$82,500.
- The City installed new irrigation and colorful pink tabebuia trees in the swale on the north side of **NW 44th Street between Nob Hill Road and NW 94th Avenue** at a cost of approximately \$65,000.
- In early 2006, the City completed streetscape improvements along **Flamingo Road between NW 136th Avenue (Panther Parkway) and West Oakland Park Boulevard**, as well as the extension of **West Oakland Park Boulevard between Flamingo Road and the Sawgrass Expressway**. Components of the enhancement included the addition of concrete pavers, landscape and irrigation in the Flamingo Road median, as well as irrigation and landscaping upgrades for the West Oakland Park Boulevard extension medians. New plant material included 26 live oaks, as well as royal palms, coconut palms, Alexander palms and sod. Construction of the project cost approximately \$615,500.

Projects Currently Under Construction

Or In The Planning Phase Include:

- Construction is nearly complete on more than \$400,000 in median enhancements along **Sunrise Lakes Drive East**. The project, which spans approximately one-half mile - **from NW 26th Street to NW 30th Place** - includes landscape and irrigation improvements, along with curb replacement and the installation of brick pavers in the median bullnoses.

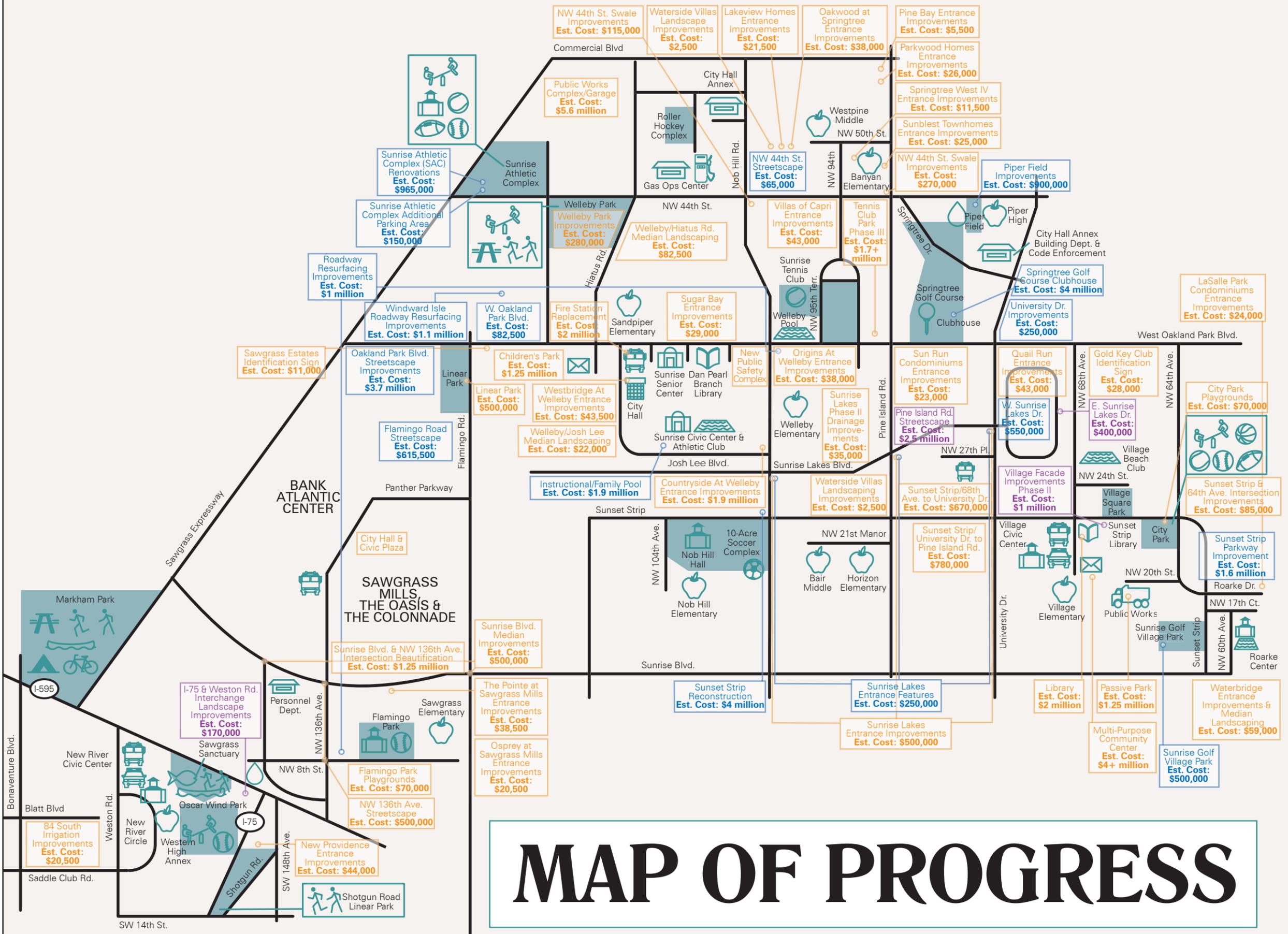
City of Sunrise Map LEGEND



PLANNED PROJECT **RECENTLY COMPLETED** **UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

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| | City Hall | | Pool |
| | Fire Station | | Picnic Area |
| | Police Station | | Camping Area |
| | Public Works | | Jogging Area |
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| | Recreational Facility | | Canoeing |
| | Other City Departments | | Bicycling |
| | Public School | | Playground |
| | Library | | Fishing |
| | Meeting Hall | | Baseball |
| | Water Plant | | Soccer |
| | Post Office | | Tennis |
| | Park | | Basketball |
| | | | Football |
| | | | Golf |

Note: Map is Not to Scale



MAP OF PROGRESS

Under Construction Or In The Planning Phase, Con't.

- Work is currently underway on irrigation and landscaping improvements at the intersection of **I-75 and Weston Road**, primarily along the embankments of the interstate's overpass. The project calls for an assortment of plant material, including pink tabebuias, Senegal date palms and Royal palms. In addition, flowering shrubs - such as ligustrums, jatropa integerrima, downy jasmine and bush allamanda - are being planted, along with sod and ornamental grasses. The approximately \$200,000 project is expected to be complete this summer.
- In an effort to enhance one of its major thoroughfares, the City is constructing a privacy wall along **Pine Island Road** north of Sunset Strip. Initially, the project's plans called for the installation of an eight-foot precast concrete wall between Sunset Strip and NW 27th Place on the east side of the roadway, as well as refinishing the existing walls along the east side of the roadway south of Sunset Strip and the west side of the roadway between NW 21st Manor and NW 26th Place. However, at the request of **Commissioner Joseph Scutto**, the project's scope was expanded, extending the installation of the wall north along both sides of Pine Island Road to the C-13 canal. This extended portion of the wall will be 10 feet high to buffer the taller structures in Sunrise Lakes Phases II and III. Construction is currently nearing completion. The total project cost, including design and construction, is estimated at approximately \$2.5+ million.
- New irrigation, sod and attractive landscaping will be installed along the **south side of NW 44th Street from Nob Hill Road to NW 94 Avenue** at an approximate cost of \$115,000. Project design is expected to begin by late spring.
- Recently the City applied for and received more than \$500,000 in funding from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to enhance **Sunset Strip from NW 68th Avenue to University Drive**. The City will match the FDOT funds with an additional \$170,000. The scope of the enhancement includes intersection sidewalk improvements, irrigation, installation of palm trees, intersection header curbs and decorative street lighting.
- In a companion project, the City received an additional \$500,000 from FDOT to enhance **Sunset Strip between University Drive and Pine Island Road**. The City will match this grant with an added \$280,000. The project will complement previous construction on Sunset Strip from Sunrise Boulevard to NW 64th Avenue, as well as the planned project for Sunset Strip between NW 68th Avenue and University Drive. The project will include decorative street lighting, irrigation, swale landscaping, and pedestrian/transit shelters at existing Broward County Transit stops on Pine Island Road.



Photos: (left to right) Decorative street lighting, pink tabebuias, royal palm tree

Roadway Resurfacing Improvements:

- Protecting the condition of our roadways requires the Public Works Department to maintain over 400 miles of streets. To do this, the City implemented a phased approach to resurfacing streets, which began in the early 1990s. Since that time the City has continued to resurface collector roads and neighborhood streets. Neighborhoods receiving improvements in recent years include **Welleby, Springtree Lakes Drive, New Orleans Estates and Windward Isles**. To date, these improvements are valued at approximately \$2.1 million.

Community-based Improvements:

- Early in 2002, Sunrise completed the first phase of improvements to businesses along the City's original Sunset Strip commercial corridor. Outdated shopping center facades were given a clean, uniform Bermudan look, decorative streetlights were installed, and entry features were added where Sunset Strip intersects with NW 64th and NW 68th avenues. The project also
- Over \$500,000 in improvements are being planned for the entranceways to all four phases of **Sunrise Lakes**. The project, proposed by **Deputy Mayor Irwin Harlem**, will help unify the neighborhood's entranceways and convey a consistent image and identity. Design work will begin this summer.

provided solutions to parking, traffic management and pedestrian access issues. In total, the area received almost \$3 million in improvements during Phase I, partially funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Phase II of the Commercial Facade project**, currently under construction, expands the enhancements. The City is renovating the façades of existing commercial buildings along the south side of Sunset Strip, as well as making drainage improvements and adding signage, decorative pavers, landscaping and irrigation. Phase II, estimated to cost \$1+ million, is expected to be completed by the end of summer.



Photos: Community-based improvements along Sunset Strip, the City's original commercial corridor

PARK AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Sunrise offers a variety of venues for sports - and plenty of green spaces for relaxation. Over the past five years, the City has invested approximately \$44 million in new and reconstructed recreational facilities. Additional projects, with a total value of approximately \$65 million, are currently being planned.



Completed:

- The City has completed extensive improvements to **Sunrise Athletic Complex (SAC)**, including the rebuilding of the athletic fields, the replacement of two pedestrian bridges, new parking lot and tot lot lighting, and new sidewalks in the park and along NW 44th Street and NW 115th Terrace. The work was done at a cost of approximately \$965,000 and funded, in part, by the Broward County 2000 Safe Parks and Land Preservation program. These improvements round out previous enhancements. Those improvements include the construction of two new restroom facilities, dugouts, scorers' towers, scoreboards and paved walkways between the fields; the installation of new fencing and lighting for the fields; the addition of new playground equipment; the construction of a community building with a meeting room; the construction of a covered, handicapped-accessible playground on a cushioned surface; a maintenance building; new backstops for the baseball fields; and renovated tennis courts with new surfacing, fencing and lighting. An additional parking area, estimated to cost approximately \$150,000, is also being planned.
- In 2004, Sunrise marked the grand opening of the clubhouse at **Springtree Golf Club**. The Clubhouse's design and amenities combine to create one of the finest public clubhouses in South Florida. Wood-paneled walls and inviting colors afford a warm, beautifully appointed atmosphere. The \$4 million, 7,000-square-foot facility features spacious locker rooms, a modern pro shop and a course-view terrace. The Clubhouse's 120-seat dining area, The Grille, overlooks the course's 18th green, providing a relaxed dining experience for golf enthusiasts or for those just looking for a casually elegant lunch.

- Nearly \$900,000 in improvements to **Piper Field** were completed in 2004. The reconstructed Piper Field includes a new restroom facility, as well as rebuilt athletic fields and new landscaping, decorative fencing, signage, bleacher seating and sports lighting. The park also features a variety of new landscaping.
- In 2004, the City also celebrated the grand opening of a new park located on the west side of Sunset Strip midway between 12th Court and 14th Street. Known as **Sunrise Golf Village Park**, it is a tribute to the City's roots. The park's name is an acknowledgement of the site's historical importance as the location of City Hall and the Police Department in the City's early years. Sunrise Golf Village Park incorporates appealing landscape enhancements with a curving privacy wall that separates the property into two components. The first portion, which faces Sunset Strip, complements and softens the surrounding commercial properties and provides the public with green, open space as well as eye-pleasing Royal palms and oak trees. The park also features a semi-circular plaza with a sundial and benches, along with a new sidewalk and a bus bay. The rear portion of the property, which faces NW 62nd Avenue, buffers residents from traffic along Sunset Strip. This portion of the project features a green lawn with clusters of oak trees and Royal Poincianas. Construction of the project cost approximately \$500,000, including design, and took less than a year to complete.
- In 2005, the City completed a new **family-oriented pool with a water slide feature at the Sunrise Civic Center**. This enhancement is ideal for use by families, and complements the Olympic-size competition pool and the children's wading pool already at the Civic Center. The

Photos Above (left to right): Three new facilities - Piper Field, The Grille at Springtree Golf Clubhouse, Sunrise Golf Village Park.

pool's centerpiece is an eye-catching, 23-foot-tall water wall, behind which is a curving water slide. Another unique design feature is the pool's resort-style, semicircular shape, which measures 106 feet at its widest point. One end of the pool is designed as "zero entry," offering a ramp-like slope for the comfort and convenience of small children and people in wheelchairs. A 12,000-square-foot deck made of coquina surrounds the pool. This soft stone material reflects heat, making it cool to walk on. Chaises, chairs and tables have been placed on the deck, and 37 coconut palms surround the pool area. In addition, eight matched, ornamental Medjool Date palms frame the pool and water wall. The new pool and landscaping are illuminated at night: All underwater, deck and landscape lighting circuits work together or in sequence to create different lighting effects. As part of the construction project, the Civic Center's existing children's wading pool was refinished, and its decking was replaced with coquina stone. A new ornamental fence surrounds the children's pool, and Montgomery palms have been planted to provide soft shade. An eight-foot-tall concrete privacy wall along Josh Lee Boulevard buffers the residential neighborhood to the south of the Civic Center's new pool. The pool's construction was funded in part by grant dollars, including a \$200,000 state grant from the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program, and a \$950,000 grant awarded by the Broward County Commission as part of the County's Swim Central Challenge Grant program. With the addition of approximately \$750,000 from the City, the project cost just under \$2 million.

Planned:

- The City is moving ahead with improvements to Sunrise Tennis Club. The state-of-the-art recreation facility has already earned a variety of accolades, including the United States Tennis Association (USTA) 2001 "Outstanding Facility Award," and Tennis Industry magazine's 2001 "Court of the Year" award. The planned \$3.5+ million Phase III improvements, proposed by **Mayor Steven Feren**, will join the existing Club grounds with the vacant, adjacent, 1.6-acre City-owned property to its east. The land will be used to complement the Club, enhancing its amenities and creating a park-like setting where residents can relax. Features of the expansion include a **children's play area and picnic pavilions**. The project's design is expected to be complete this fall, and construction could begin in early 2007.
- A **new neighborhood park** will be constructed in original Sunrise, at the southwest corner of NW 20 Street and NW 64 Avenue. The park, which has already been funded, will be built on the current location of the City's Public Works building. A new Public Works Complex, to be constructed in Sunrise Commerce Park, will feature an approximately 19,000-square-foot headquarters for the Public Works Department, in addition to an approximately 13,000-square-foot garage for repair and maintenance of City vehicles.
- Sunrise and the School Board of Broward County have completed the design of a **multi-purpose community center**, to be constructed adjacent to City Park.



Photo (above): New Civic Center Family/Instructional Pool.



Artist's Rendering of the new Sunset Strip Branch Library.

Championed by **Commissioner Sheila Alu**, the center will house five classrooms and a gymnasium facility. When finished, the multi-purpose center will be jointly used by the City and the School Board. As part of this multi-million dollar project, a new, lighted parking lot will be constructed to serve the multi-purpose center and City Park, and the park will receive a new playground. In addition, a wall will be built to separate the multi-purpose center and the stores to the north from the residential areas to the south. Construction could begin this summer.

- The City has authorized the conveyance of City-owned property to Broward County for the construction of a new 10,000-square-foot branch library. The new facility will replace the existing **Sunset Strip branch library**, adjacent to City Park on Sunset Strip. The library's cost will be funded as part of a bond issue approved by Broward County voters in March 1999. The City will retain ownership of the property where the existing facility now sits. Plans for the new facility have been completed, and construction is expected to begin this year.
- Plans are underway for the existing **playground at Flamingo Park** to be relocated and replaced. At its new site nearer the parking lot and restroom facilities, the playground will be more convenient for children and their parents. In addition to new equipment, the playground will feature a rubberized safety surface, as well as a shade canopy. Design on the project is nearly complete, and construction could begin later this year. The playground is expected to cost a total of \$225,000.
- In late 2005, Broward County transferred to Sunrise the ownership of three parcels of land, purchased under the County's Open Space Grant program. These sites - on the north side of Oakland Park Boulevard, west of Pine Island road; on the south side of NW 44 Street, west of Pine Island Road, and on the east side of Nob Hill Road, south of NW 55 Street - represent nearly **24 acres of green space**, and will be developed as passive parks. By October 2006,

environmental studies will be completed to identify all non-native, invasive plant materials for removal, as well as determine if any natural habitats exist on the park sites. Pending those results, design and construction plans can begin. Approximately \$4.5 million in Land Preservation Grants was used to acquire the land. Sunrise has already budgeted approximately \$3 million for the design and construction of the three new passive parks, and will handle their ongoing maintenance.

- The City has funded the construction of a **new Public Safety Headquarters**, which will house both the Police and Fire-Rescue departments. It will be developed on the site of the existing Public Safety Complex, at West Oakland Park Boulevard just west of Nob Hill Road, which is earmarked for demolition. The current Public Safety Complex was not designed with public safety operations in mind, and has structural deficiencies. With the development of a new facility, already funded, the City will be able to better address the departments' operational and security needs, as well as provide Police and Fire-Rescue teams with state-of-the-art training and command centers.
- Sunrise is planning a **new City Hall & Civic Plaza** that would become the civic heart of our community. The facility, which is already funded, would anchor the City's planned downtown and provide residents with a modern venue in which to conduct the important business of government. The new City Hall would replace the current facility located at West Oakland Park Boulevard and Josh Lee Boulevard, which is limited in size and no longer meets the needs of a growing community. A larger facility will enable the City to consolidate its offices in a single, one-stop location - providing convenience to residents. It would also provide a secure environment, resistant to the damage and service disruptions brought by hurricanes and other threats. This unique place will become one of our community's focal points. A **new children's park**, proposed by **Commissioner Sheila Alu**, would be constructed on the site of the existing City Hall.

PROGRESS

The City of Sunrise continues to adopt progressive development policies that result in top-quality residential and commercial projects. Through its carefully considered efforts, the City strives to enhance residents' quality of life. This goal is achieved by not only attracting new development in the City's western corridor, where land is still available, but by also improving Sunrise's established neighborhoods.

A trio of significant projects – individually and collectively designed to change the face of western Broward – are moving toward fruition in Sunrise. Artesia, Tao and Metropica represent the dawning of a new golden age: the development of a polished urban landscape offering residents a wide variety of benefits and amenities.

Artesia, an upscale community of 1,400 luxury residences, is currently under construction at the southwest corner of Flamingo Road and West Oakland Park Boulevard. Developed by award-winning Minto Communities, Inc., Artesia will capture the color and character of such iconic resort towns as Portofino, Italy, and Marbella, Spain.

Also being built are **Tao Condominiums** – two 26-story towers rising along Flamingo Road, just south of Panther Parkway. Tao – a Chinese term meaning “The Way” – will feature nearly 400 residences, and will further the emergence of the City's skyline.

Metropica – the mixed-use development currently being planned for the northeast corner of Sunrise Boulevard and Panther Parkway – embodies the ideals of new urbanism, combining working, gathering and living spaces in a contemporary, walkable environment. A new Sunrise City Hall

& Civic Plaza would be located adjacent to the development's northern end, lending a civic component to the nearby shops, offices, restaurants and residences.

In March 2006, Sawgrass Mills celebrated the grand opening of **The Colonnade**, its new, high-end fashion district. Conceived as a Mediterranean-style open-air promenade, The Colonnade features 190,000 square feet of prominent, luxury retailers, including Barneys New York, David Yurman, Coach, Crate and Barrel, and Burberry. The **Grand Lux Cafe** is currently open, and plans for additional upscale dining establishments include **Villagio** – an upscale Northern Italian restaurant – and **PF Chang's**.

As western Sunrise flourishes, so do the City's original neighborhoods. In addition to creating Sunrise Golf Village Park, the City has expanded its **commercial façade improvement project** – now providing a new look for businesses along the south side of Sunset Strip. Other high-profile projects taking shape in original Sunrise include the construction of two new facilities adjacent to City Park: a **multi-purpose community center**, with programming responsibilities to be shared by the City and the Broward County School Board; and a new **10,000-square-foot branch library**. Recent infrastructure improvements have included the reconstruction of approximately two and a half miles of Sunset Strip.



Photograph of The Colonnade.



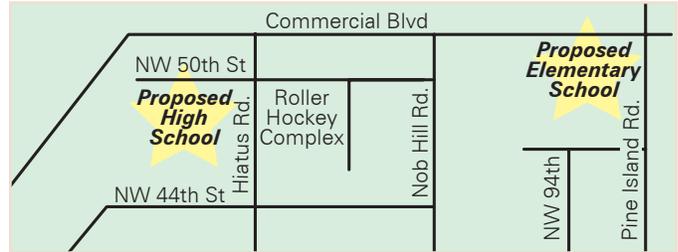
(Top to bottom): Artists' renderings of Tao Condominiums and Artesia.

EDUCATION

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The City has worked closely with the Broward County school and library systems, helping advance their plans for the construction of a **multi-purpose community center**, several new schools and a new branch library in Sunrise. Championed by **Commissioner Sheila Alu**, the approximately 19,000-square-foot multi-purpose center - to be located next to City Park - will house five classrooms and a gymnasium, and will be jointly used by the City and the School Board. As part of the multi-million-dollar project, a lighted parking lot will be built to serve the center and City Park, and the park will receive a new playground.



The Broward County School Board has also announced its intention to build a **new elementary school and a new middle school in Sunrise**. These new facilities will further meet the needs of families with children. In May 2006, the School Board approved a contract to purchase 14.3 acres of land at the southwest corner of Commercial Boulevard and Pine Island Road for the new \$15 million elementary school. Progress is also being made regarding the development of a new \$27 million middle school, with the Board recently acquiring property in Southwest Ranches for the construction of a new 9th grade annex for Cypress Bay High School. Once this new annex is constructed, the site of the temporary 9th grade annex - currently located at North New River Circle, adjacent to the City's Sawgrass Sanctuary Park - will be available for the development of a new Sunrise middle school. The Board is also considering a parcel located on NW 50th Street, west of Hiatus Road, for the potential development of a **new high school**.

A new 10,000-square-foot **library**, planned to replace the existing facility adjacent to City Park, will be funded as part of a bond issue approved by Broward voters. The City has retained ownership of the property where the existing library sits. Upon Broward County's completion of the new library, the existing library will be demolished and redeveloped as parking. The new facility is expected to provide expanded services and become an important community resource.



Rendering of multi-purpose community center, to be located adjacent to City Park at NW 68th Avenue and Sunset Strip.



CULTURE

The City of Sunrise offers its residents a variety of programs and venues dedicated to the pursuit of the arts. The Civic Center is a cultural hub, featuring its own 300-seat Theatre with mezzanine, orchestra pit and state-of-the-art sound and lighting. The City's well-received theatre season includes popular comedies, dramas, musicals, concerts, dance revues and children's shows. Dinner theatre performances, presented in partnership with The Grand Ballroom – the City's on-site banquet facility – also draw appreciative audiences. Best of all, these high quality events are extremely affordable.

In addition to hosting the works of talented local artists, the Civic Center Art Gallery has, to date, been selected as the site of four exhibits curated by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. These prestigious shows have included veteran Geoffrey Clifford's breathtaking photographs of post-war Vietnam; black and white photos chronicling the Filipino American experience of Ricardo Ocreto Alvarado; panoramic images by acclaimed nature photographer Stan Jorstad; and a collection of patriotic magazine covers from July 1942.

These Smithsonian exhibits – like all Civic Center Art Gallery shows – were presented free of charge for Sunrise residents and visitors. The City also hosts a complimentary opening reception for each new exhibit, enabling gallery-goers to meet both established and up-and-coming artists.

Perhaps the City's most popular entertainment destination – the 20,000+-seat BankAtlantic Center – contributes tremendously to the cultural menu in Sunrise. Such notable artists as **Bette Midler, Billy Joel, Jimmy Buffett** and **Elton John** have recently graced the venue's main stage. Family-oriented events - from ice shows and circus performances to large-scale children's productions - contribute to the arena's broad appeal.

In 2005, the BankAtlantic Center unveiled its newest crowd pleaser, the Sinatra Theatre, which hosts comedy acts and cabaret-style shows in a more intimate setting. In recent months, the 3,000-seat Sinatra Theatre has presented concerts by the **Beach Boys, Steve Lawrence & Eydie Gorme, Liza Minnelli, Johnny Mathis, Kenny Rogers** and **Donna Summer**.

Photos: (top left) Sunrise Civic Center exterior, (bottom left) Sunrise Civic Center Theatre, (right) Sunrise Civic Center Gallery.

SERVICE

Residents and business owners expect high-quality services from Sunrise, and the City's 1,300 employees are committed to meeting those expectations. A full-service City, Sunrise employees perform a range of duties — from providing administrative support to supplying water and natural gas.

What do these efforts mean to residents? A cooperative, well-integrated municipal team that results in better communication and services for the community.

While quite a few of the services provided by the City are highly visible in the community, many employees work in a behind-the-scenes capacity. Sunrise relies on a number of administrative departments, such as Personnel, Management Information Systems and Finance, to work together to make the City run smoothly.

The Planning & Development Department, along with the Building Department, performs important permitting and enforcement activities, as well as oversees the City's current construction projects and future development. The Public Works Department maintains roadways, stormwater drainage systems, streetlights and rights-of-way.

The City's Utilities Department works around the clock to deliver clean, fresh water and dispose of wastewater for over 200,000 customers in a 70-square-mile area that includes Sunrise, Davie, Weston, Southwest Ranches and unincorporated Broward County. The Department maintains more than 700 miles of water lines and supplies 29 million gallons of water each day.

As the only Broward County municipality with its own natural gas system, Sunrise also operates a

Gas Department that provides more than 10,000 customers over a 30-square-mile area with a safe, natural source of fuel.

The City works hard to keep our community clean and inviting. Sunrise's comprehensive sanitation program includes twice-weekly garbage collection and - as of April 2006 - monthly residential bulk trash pick-up.

Sunrise also maintains its own Police and Fire-Rescue departments. These skilled professionals are tasked with protecting the life and property of Sunrise residents and visitors. The City takes pride in supplying its public safety teams with the high-tech resources they need - from the Police Department's Segway Human Transporters to Fire-Rescue's state-of-the-art fleet of emergency vehicles.

In order to provide residents, business owners and visitors with around-the-clock access to information, the City created **www.sunrisefl.gov**. This comprehensive, up-to-date Web site is a convenient means of interacting with the City. Users can find a calendar of events, a Sunrise map, and online versions of many popular publications - including the *Horizons* recreation catalog and the *Sunrise Theatre Guide*.

Site visitors can also register and pay for select Leisure Services programs, search a database of available City jobs, view Purchasing opportunities, and opt-in to receive automated event reminders.



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A Public Works crew plants a tree.

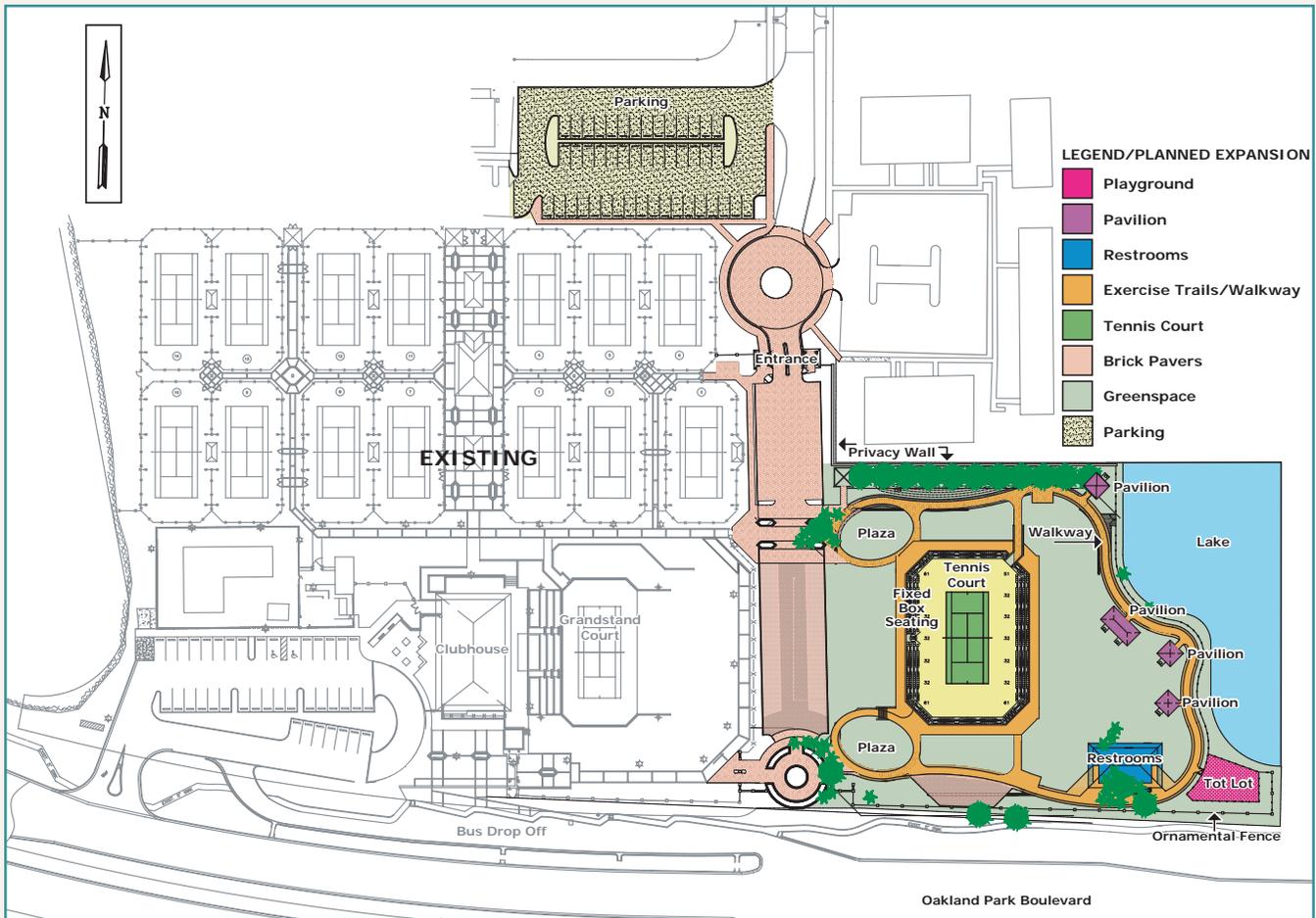


Utilities Water Treatment Lab



Tennis Club Park Expansion

Completion Scheduled for 2007



The next phase of improvements for Sunrise Tennis Club Park include a children's play area, green space and picnic pavilions.

Steven B. Feren, Mayor

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