

# #pbresidentsfirst

*LOCAL decisions impact your life every day!*

*Dear Neighbor,*

I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you over the last few months. I shared my message of returning this seat to the residents and you shared your concerns and hopes for the future of Pompano Beach. I have learned so much from you and I want to share what I am hearing from people. As always, text, call or email me your thoughts anytime.

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## Here's What Residents Are Saying

### Growth/Development

- Traffic and development are on peoples' minds. **Most residents think the city is going too far and they support finding a happy medium.**
- People want the commission to listen to their concerns.
- Residents support infrastructure projects that are well-thought out and well-communicated. The McNab & 6th Terrace bridges are important projects to residents.

### Lifestyle/Community

- We like to support new local businesses and restaurants. **Our dining options have improved. Keep it coming!**
- Pompano Beach boaters want more local restaurants with dockage
- Golf cart life is here to stay. People love to cart and want more options for parking
- People used to feel more connected to each other and the city. Many of our neighborhood & civic associations have dwindled creating a communication and connection void. **I will hold monthly meetings to discuss your thoughts, meet each other and share important information.** There is no replacement for face-to-face time with each other!!

### Schools

Families are struggling with our local schools. Residents understand that the Broward District manages our schools, but they want the city to do more. To be a great city, we need to have great schools.



### Safety

**This is the most universal topic mentioned. Residents say the City has not taken the right steps to reduce homelessness and crime.** Safe neighborhoods mean less traffic and more frequent police patrols. Residents want a simpler process for getting speed bumps and they want the city to find new ways to regulate STRs and sober homes.

### Youth Sports/Parks & Recreation

- Strong local youth sports programs are important to kids, parents and grandparents. We need top notch, organized, professionally-run youth programs.
- We love our parks. New fencing at Kip Jacoby made us excited that something new was coming. Currently the lot is being used to store construction equipment. The lot is slated to become pickle ball courts in the future.
- The updated amphitheater is attracting bigger name performers and is a success.

### Building Department

The building department is a source of stress for residents and businesses. It can even deter residents from starting home improvement projects. Residents want more help navigating the process.

# Homelessness in Pompano Beach

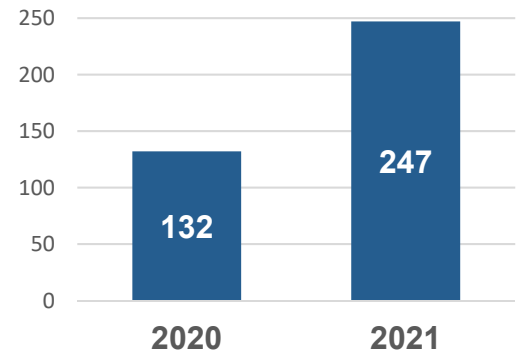
## What the Data Tells Us

If you feel like there has been an increase in homelessness in Pompano Beach, you are correct. From 2020 to 2021 homelessness in Broward County increased 16%. During that same time, Pompano Beach experienced an 87% increase. Pompano Beach's share of the county's homeless population rose from 6% to 10%.

## What We Can Do

Homelessness is a complex but important challenge that requires a coordinated response. There are many government and community organizations that address individual aspects of homelessness. Creating a centralized response team that can set clear goals for our city and coordinate these efforts would be a good start to better addressing this growing concern.

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## Commission Meetings

### June 14

There was a decision to rezone the property that is the current Festival Marketplace. The property was recently sold and the new owner plans to build a warehouse. The commissioners did not discuss the widespread flooding our city experienced due to Tropical Storm Alex.

### June 28

The commission voted to move forward with the plan that reduces westbound Atlantic to 2 lanes and permanently closes NE 1st Ave in the North-South direction. Our current commissioner, Tom McMahon, led the lane reduction effort at the meeting.

**July Meetings**  
Tues 7/12 1 p.m.  
Tues 7/26 6 p.m.

### Lyons Park Update

- Pipe installation is deep into Lyons Park
- Cypress Rd. is repaved and open
- McNab Rd. work will be complete soon
- SW 2<sup>nd</sup> St by City Hall is open
- Concrete is still difficult to obtain

### Ask Alison

*Q: What is a CRA?*

*A:* Under Florida law, local governments can designate areas with substandard structures, a shortage of affordable housing or inadequate infrastructure as **Community Redevelopment Areas**. A CRA "Board" comprised of city government officials and others appointed by the city oversees the re-development. In Pompano Beach we have two CRA zones, the beach and the historic downtown area in Old Pompano.

In the downtown area the CRA has used tax dollars to lease vacant buildings and is in the process of selecting businesses to occupy them. The CRA is looking for established restaurateurs and is offering to pay their rent for up to 8 years. This approach has effectively closed the district to local businesses or would-be entrepreneurs.

*It is worth noting that the largest vacant building leased by the CRA was owned/managed by sitting commissioner Tom McMahon until he was elected and management was transferred to his father.*



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