



HOLLYWOOD DIGEST

Updates from the City Commission Meeting

The City of Hollywood is conducting its Regular City Commission Meetings in both a virtual and in-person format. However, due to limited public access to City Hall, the City is offering several options for members of the public to view and participate in the meetings.

To view the meeting agenda, please visit hollywoodfl.org. Members of the public may watch the City Commission Meetings via the City's website at hollywoodfl.org/WatchMeeting, on Comcast Channel 78 or ATT U-Verse Channel 99. To provide comments or speak in-person on an Agenda item (except presentations and proclamations), please complete and submit the online comment form, which is available from the Thursday before the Commission Meeting at 6 p.m. until the Tuesday before the Commission Meeting at 6 p.m. Comments will be read into the record during the meeting.

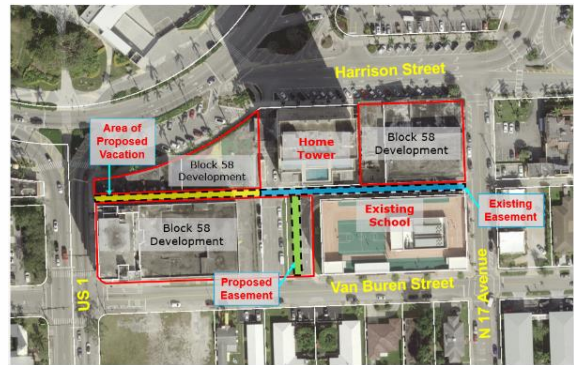
This **Hollywood Digest** is an update of the actions taken and information shared during the City Commission Meeting held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021. In case you missed the live meeting, the archived video can be viewed on the City's website at hollywoodfl.org.

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Commission Approves Alley Vacation Ordinance for Block 58 on First Reading

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve an ordinance on first reading to vacate a portion of the alley that is part of the Block 58 development project. The City Commission previously vacated this alley on October 3, 2018, but because all requirements were not satisfied within 24 months, the original ordinance became null and void.

Block 58, which is located at the northeast corner of US1 and Van Buren Street, is anticipated to be developed into a mixed-use residential and commercial project.



Ordinance to Amend Zoning and Land Development Regulations Approved on First Reading

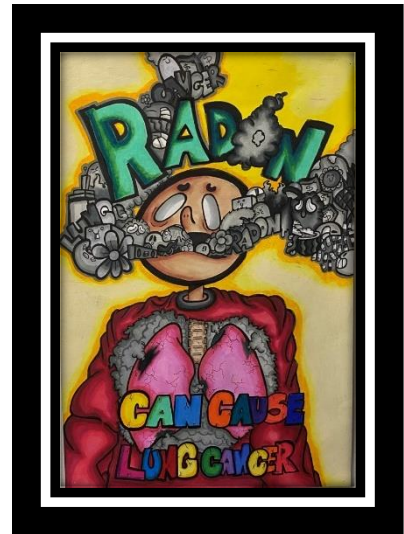
The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve an ordinance on first reading to amend the zoning and land development regulations to establish a distance separation for package stores. The changes include a distance separation of 2,500 linear feet between package stores that are less than 9,000 square feet. A package store is a place where alcoholic beverages are dispensed or sold in containers for consumption off the premises.

PRESENTATIONS

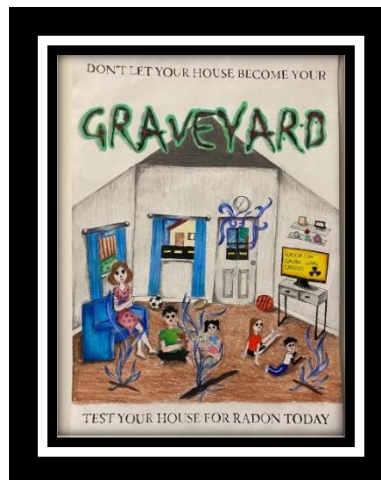
- **2021 Florida State Radon Awareness Poster Contest:** The Mayor and City Commission recognized the 2021 Florida State Radon Awareness Poster Contest winners from the Hollywood Academy of Arts and Sciences. And the winners are:



Artist: Arden Hazle
"A Deadly Show Stopper"
2nd Place



Artist: Timur Kim
3rd Place



Artist: Rebecca Lopez
"Devastating Effects of Radon"
Honorable Mention

Principal Johna Giordano and Hilary Fine, Arts Director and Teacher of the Hollywood Academy of Arts & Science; Padraic Conner, Environmental Consultant of the Florida Department of Health; Chrissy Cohen, Executive Director of the American Lung Association; and Mayor Josh Levy and City Commissioners presented the students with letters of congratulations and Certificates of Achievement.

The Florida Department of Health recognizes Radon Action Awareness Month every January to educate Floridians about the dangers of being exposed to elevated indoor radon levels. Radon is a cancer-causing radioactive gas you can't see, smell or touch. Indoor radon exposure is the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and the second-leading cause of lung cancers in the United States. For more information about radon, its health effects and testing procedures, please visit the Department's Radon Program's website at www.floridahealth.gov/healthy-environments/radon/ or contact the Department of Health Radon Hotline at 1-800-543-8279.

- **FCCMA Recognizes the City of Hollywood for 95 Years of Council-Manager Form of Government**

On behalf of the Florida City and County Management Association (FCCMA) and in conjunction with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), Sarah Hannah-Spurlock recognized the City of Hollywood for 95 years of its Council-Manager form of government. Under this form, Hollywood residents elect a governing body — Mayor and Commissioners — to adopt legislation and set policy. The governing



body then hires a City Manager with broad executive authority to carry out those policies and oversee the local government's day-to-day operations. According to ICMA, the council-manager form of government recognizes the critical role of elected officials as policy makers, who focus on mapping out a collective vision for the community and establishing the policies that govern it. This form of government, known for embodying high ethical standards, recognizes the need for a highly qualified individual who is devoted exclusively to the delivery of services to residents.

PROCLAMATIONS

- **Recognition of Muslim American Heritage Month:**

Raheem Seecharan, Director of the City's Information Technology Department, accepted a proclamation in recognition of Muslim American Heritage Month (April), which fosters greater understanding, acceptance and social cohesion among people of all faiths to help combat prejudice. The City of Hollywood celebrates the historical contributions of Muslim Americans who have enriched our world in the arts, medicine, architecture, humanities, music, and other areas and encourages the promotion of intercultural understanding, mutual respect and universal acceptance of our City's cultural diversity.



- **Recognition of Arbor Day, April 30, 2021:**

The Mayor and City Commission presented Lee Gottlieb and volunteers from the Youth Environmental Alliance (YEA), Inc. with a proclamation in recognition of National Arbor Day, which is celebrated every year in April to acknowledge the priceless benefits that trees provide in our daily lives. Trees help reduce erosion of soil, cut heating and cooling costs, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife. In conjunction with the National Arbor Day celebration, volunteers will plant two Gumbo Limbo trees at the ArtsPark at Young Circle at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 22nd.



- Recognition of Earth Day, April 22, 2021:** The Mayor and City Commission presented a proclamation in recognition of Earth Day 2021 to Wendy Schugar-Martin, Chair of the City's Sustainability Advisory Committee. Earth Day is an annual holiday to raise awareness of and demonstrate support for environmental protection and promote civic participation and political action. The City of Hollywood is a proud Green Local Government, certified at the silver level by the Florida Green Building Coalition. In addition, the City has been named a Tree City USA for more than 40 years and a certified Community Wildlife Habitat since 2017.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- OIC-SF Works Skills Training Program:** The OIC of South Florida is providing scholarships for qualified Hollywood residents to attend a work skills training program in our City. This program, which offers two courses – Construction Operations and Warehouse & Logistics, is part of the Neighborhood Pride Programs funded through the City's ILA with Broward County and the CRA. The orientation sessions will be held virtually on **Monday, April 26 at 10 a.m. and Monday, May 3 at 2 p.m.** For more information and for the link to join the training, please visit choosehollywoodfl.com.
 - Chamber of Commerce Disaster Preparedness Panel Discussion - Is your business prepared for disaster?:** The City of Hollywood is teaming up with the Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce on **Friday, April 30th from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.** to be part of a comprehensive panel discussion to support the business community on disaster preparedness. This virtual discussion will be held via zoom and will feature the City's Emergency Manager Jaime Hernandez, Kevin Guthrie from the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Ben Wesley from FPL and Hillary Cassel from the Law Firm of Cassel and Cassel which specializes in property insurance. The focus of the discussion is on preparing small and large businesses with a plan of action be prepared for the upcoming hurricane season as well as, environmental issues and pandemic response.
 - Go Fly a Kite!:** Commissioner Linda Anderson has teamed up with the City Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts as well as neighborhood and civic groups to host "Kite Day" this **Saturday, April 24th from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.** at the PAL Field (Boggs Field) located at 2310 N 23rd Avenue. Bring your own kite or there will be extras available. Participants will have their temperatures taken, and social distancing and facial masks will be required. The event is being supported by the Liberia Civic Association, Timothy Hobbs BBQ, SweetzHeartz, Gary Southwest DJs, Parkside Civic Association, A1-KIDS FIRST and Laurie Schecter.
- New Noise Regulations Take Effect May 1st:** Just a reminder, beginning **Saturday, May 1st** the City of Hollywood Code Compliance and the Hollywood Police Department will begin enforcement of the new Noise Ordinance for all residents and businesses in Hollywood. In addition to establishing dBA/dBC levels and other requirements, the new rules adopted by the City Commission also require Noise Level Detection Devices for businesses with amplified music/entertainment. The devices must be installed by June 1st.
- Next City Commission Meeting:** The next City Commission Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 beginning at 1 p.m. For more information about the meeting, please visit hollywoodfl.org.