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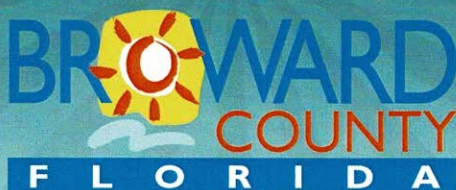
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PIONEER SPIRIT





# Congratulations

to the men and women  
who have been selected  
as Broward County Pioneers



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**VOLUNTEER PARK**

12050 W Sunrise Blvd, Plantation, FL 33323

**NOVEMBER 4, 2023**





# PIONEER DAY

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Broward County residents and visitors will celebrate Pioneer Day 2023 in the city of Plantation. This year, Plantation celebrates its 70th Anniversary!

Pioneer Day is an annual event that recognizes the contributions of Broward County residents who have made a positive impact on their communities through their professional, business, civic, educational, historic, artistic, or inspirational endeavors.

Congratulations to the nominees this year who will be honored in a number of categories that have impacted the community that we live in today. It's important that we celebrate the pioneering spirit as it is characterized by a bold and adventurous attitude, a willingness to take risks, and a determination to succeed despite the odds. It is a desire to make a positive impact on the world and leave a lasting legacy!

Thank you to the Broward County Historic Preservation Board and the Cultural Division for continuing the annual tradition of Pioneer Day as a way to celebrate the rich history and culture of our county.

Happy 70th Anniversary to the city of Plantation. Thank you for hosting Pioneer Day this year!

Sincerely,

MAYOR LAMAR P. FISHER  
Broward County, Florida



# PIONEER DAY 23



Welcome to Plantation as we celebrate Pioneer Day 2023! We are delighted to host the celebration this year, which also happens to be the 70th anniversary of this city I love. We gave our employees dark green polo shirts with our city logo, and they have been wearing them proudly. You'll likely be seeing our staff in them again on this special day.



I especially want to thank the nominees, all of whom have had a meaningful impact on their community and Broward County. You not only know our history, you helped create it.

I also want to point out the efforts of the late Betty Cobb of Plantation to promote and support Pioneer Day. Keeping valuable components of our past often takes extra effort from passionate, caring individuals. Betty Cobb was the epitome of such a person.

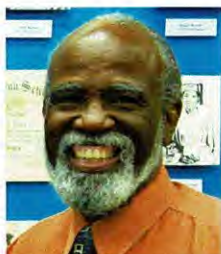
Finally, a word about our city itself. We are now 70 years old, and are quite aware of our storied history. While the city council and I are committed to doing everything we can for our city, we also realize that we are part of a long-running chain of public servants in Plantation. We are grateful for all of the elected officials who sat on that dais before us, and we intend to keep moving our city in a positive direction.

*Nick Sortal*

MAYOR NICK SORTAL  
City of Plantation



## BROWARD COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD



### **DEREK T. DAVIS, Chair (Miramar)**

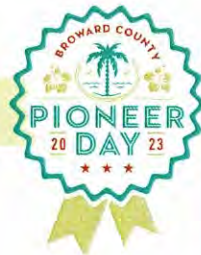
Davis is the former Curator of the Old Dillard Museum in Fort Lauderdale, developing cultural and educational programs at a historic schoolhouse listed on the National Register of Historic sites, built as the first public school building for blacks in Broward County. His work includes organizing exhibitions, administering musical concerts, managing collaborations with cultural organizations, facilitating policies and procedures for non-profit fundraising organizations, conducting tours, overseeing website development and managing the museum staff. As a high school student during the period of racial protests in the late 1960s, he wrote a play, "Black Search for the Future" that was lauded, videotaped by Channel 10 and viewed all over South Florida. He's worked for The Miami Herald, the Black Archives History and Research Center, the African American Research Library, and Broward County Schools. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communications from Florida Atlantic University. Appointed by Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness, Derek Davis serves as a Member of the Board and fills the professional category of Conservation or Curation.



### **JEFFREY SCHWARTZ, Vice Chair (Parkland)**

Jeff Schwartz is the President of the Parkland Historical Society. In this capacity, he was directly involved with creating and burying the Parkland time capsule, scheduled to be opened on the city's 100 year anniversary. He initiated the city's historical marker program, identifying and marking sites as well as educating public visitors, and was critical in getting the city's first book on the History of Parkland, Florida, written and published. A world traveler, he has been to almost 100 countries, for both work and personal enjoyment. He received his Bachelors of Geology from City University New York, York College, and followed up with a Lamont Doherty Geological Observatory Fellowship in Geophysics at Columbia University. Appointed by Commissioner Michael Udine, Jeff Schwartz serves as a Member of the Board and fills the professional category of Historic Preservation.



**DANIEL J. STALLONE Member (Davie)**

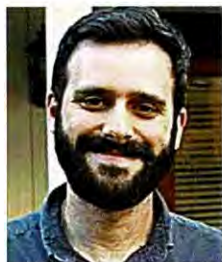
Daniel Stallone is the Town of Davie's Police Code Compliance Official, where he oversees the Code Compliance Division and enforces the Town's Code of Ordinances, municipal codes and regulations in land use. Daniel holds a Bachelor's degree in Geology from the University of Dayton, Ohio; a Master's degree in Public Administration from Florida Atlantic University and a Juris Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University. Currently, he is completing his Dissertation

for a Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution. He is also completing an online Bachelor's degree in Anthropology with the University of Florida. Appointed by Commissioner Steve Geller, Mr. Stallone serves as a Member of the Board and fills the professional category of Historic Preservation Planning and Land Use.

**CYNTHIA STRACHAN SAUNDERS,  
Member (West Park)**

Cynthia Strachan Saunders is a vocalist, songwriter, actress, community historian, curator of local community history and author. As a vocalist known as "Jus' Cynthia", her debut CD is a collection of smooth jazz and contemporary songs. Her debut book, a pictorial and written oral history of the first decade of Carver Ranches, stemmed from her grandparents, who were original pioneers of the area. She currently owns,

occupies, and maintains the first Broward County-designated historical site and operates a community history museum on the site. Cynthia has added "Author" to her list of sobriquets with Promises from the Palmetto Bush, the Genesis of Carver Ranches. Appointed by Broward County Mayor Barbara Sharief, Cynthia Saunders serves as a Member of the Historic Preservation Board and fills the professional category of History or Folklore.



## **JONATHAN AXLER, Member (Davie/Fort Lauderdale)**

Jonathan Axler is the Parks Service Specialist for the Barnacle State Historic Park, Miami-Dade County's oldest house still in its original location. Axler has served in that position since August of 2022.

Axler is responsible for a variety of park operations, including school and group tours, community programs, outreach, exhibits, collections management, and distance learning. He provides historical interpretation for children and adult programs and

helps recruit and train volunteers. A South Florida native, Axler previously served as Education and Curatorial Coordinator at the Historic Stranahan House Museum; Museum Assistant at the Plantation Historical Museum and Gallery Curator at Flamingo Gardens wildlife sanctuary, aviary and botanical garden. Axler is currently a board member of the Broward County Historic Preservation Board and a member of Gold Coast Archivists.

Axler earned his Bachelor of Arts from Florida Atlantic University where he is currently seeking a Master's in History.

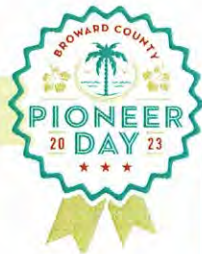


## **KIM WEISMANTLE, MEMBER (Davie)**

Kim Weismantle is a Davie native and the Education Director at the Old Davie School Historical Museum. After completing her Bachelors in Recreation and Leisure Management and a Masters in Public History at FSU, she has shared the fascinating history of her hometown of Davie through exhibits and programming at the Old Davie School Historical Museum since 2013. During this time, she has developed a historic walking tour of Davie, initiated and serves as an interviewer for

the ODSHM Oral History Project, published "Images of America: Davie" in 2021, and welcomes over 5000 students each year to the Old Davie School as a part of the interactive Step Back in Time field trip program. She is dedicated to the ongoing research of west Broward during the twentieth century, including the natural environment of the Everglades frontier, the agricultural history and the changing and growing community of Davie. Appointed in 2023 by Mayor Lamar P. Fisher, Kim Weismantle serves as a member of the Historic Preservation Board and fills the professional category of historic preservation.





#### **ANTHONY ABBATE, Member (Fort Lauderdale)**

Anthony Abbate is Professor at the School of Architecture at Florida Atlantic University and former Associate Provost for the Broward Campuses. He is also an NCARB certified architect registered in Florida and New York, with a Master of Architecture from Washington University and a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the Catholic University of America. Abbate received the William G. McMinn Award for

Outstanding Architectural Education from the Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects in 2014, the Arango Design Award in 2000, Washington University's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1995, and 25 awards from the American Institute of Architects for design excellence as well as the President's Award for Distinguished Service. He is a past chair of the Broward County Cultural Council and former chair of the County's Public Art and Design Committee. He served on the City of Fort Lauderdale's Board of Adjustment, chaired the City's first Sustainability/Green Committee, chaired the Sustainability Advisory Board, and chaired the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board (BRAB). He is Past President of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale and the Rotary Fort Lauderdale 1090 Foundation.

With a long record of community service and leadership, he currently serves on the board of directors of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and Hispanic Unity of Florida (HUF). He is a member of Leadership Florida; and is also a regular contributor to the Sentinel's South Florida 100 opinion page. Appointed in 2019 by Commissioner Tim Ryan, Anthony Abbate serves as a member on the Board and fills the Licensed Architect category.

**The BROWARD COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD collects, arranges, records, preserves and maintains in its archives, museums, libraries, historical artifacts, data, and all other objects and material illustrative of and relating to the history and archaeology of Broward County and of Florida.**

# CITY OF PLANTATION 70TH ANNIVERSARY

The City of Plantation celebrates its 70th Anniversary this year. With a population of less than 500 and a budget of \$1,288, the City of Plantation was incorporated on April 30, 1953.

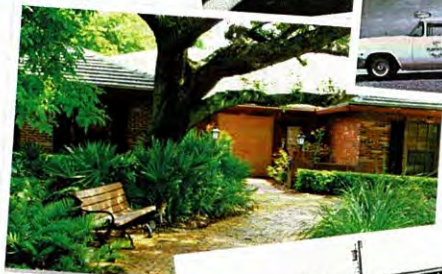
Frederick Peters moved his family to South Florida in 1931 to escape the harsh Midwest winters. By the end of the decade he had purchased 10,000 acres west of State Road 7/441, which at that time was isolated and far west of any existing development.

The first construction took place in 1947 on East Acre Drive by architect Russell T. Pancoast and builder Chauncey Clark. The idea was to entice people to buy "long acres," which were one-acre lots with 2/3 of the land dedicated to gardens and fruit trees. The city continued to grow throughout the following decades and now has an area of 22 square miles and boasts a population of more than 90,000.

Today Plantation retains its original home town charm, and offers all the amenities of a large city, but with the safety and security of a smaller community.

Community events, parades and holiday celebrations are highlights throughout the year, providing memories that last a lifetime and traditions passed down from generation to generation.

[plantation.org](http://plantation.org)



## PLANTATION HISTORICAL MUSEUM

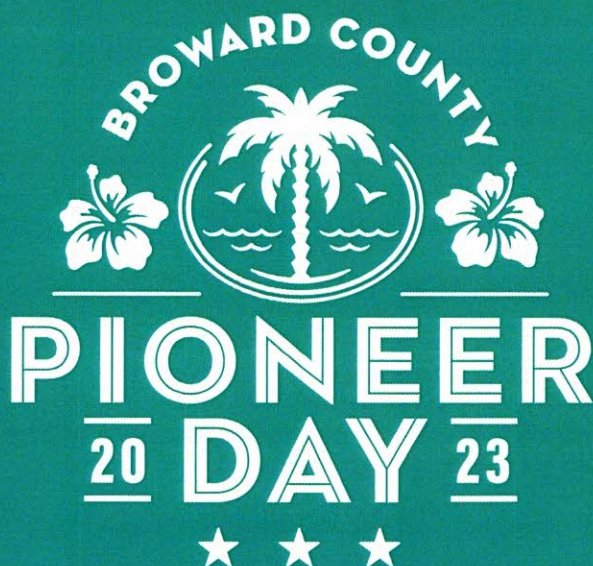
It is the mission of the Plantation Historical Museum to preserve the history of the City of Plantation.

The museum features an Everglades Diorama showing the "Many Faces of the Everglades"; a History of the City of Plantation exhibit; A collection of Fire Dept. memorabilia including the city's first fire engine, and a Seminole and Tequesta display.

**Plantation Historical Museum**  
**511 North Fig Tree Lane**  
**Plantation, FL 33317**  
**954-797-2722**

**OPEN**  
**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**  
**and Saturday, 10am - 4:30pm**





# OUR 2023 HONOREES



## TED ARPIN



One of Fort Lauderdale's original pioneering families, Ted's grandfather JB Arpin the 4th, moved the family from their lumber town in Wisconsin in 1908 after he accepted an offer from Governor Napoleon Bonaparte Broward to be one of the principal drainage engineers in Broward Everglades project.



Arpin and Sons,  
"Scientific Sealers of  
Seawalls"

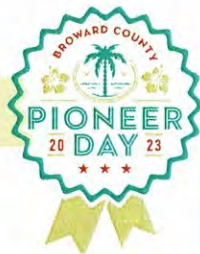
Since then, the family has operated the oldest contracting/engineering firm in Broward County known as Arpin & Sons. Ted took over Arpin & Sons with his brothers, Fred, and Donald junior, after their father, Don Senior, passed away in the late seventies.

Ted is known for his structural expertise and acute mindfulness to quality, for the high-end construction industry. He built a solid reputation by completing additions, remodels, and renovations in much of Broward County and many of its city's most exclusive neighborhoods. Ted is also known for having an intense sense of and respect for historic preservation in Broward County. He has completed projects in Monroe, Dade, and Palm Beach counties. Working on many historically designated and significant structures he believes in restoring and rehabilitating. Restoring important historic resources to their original glory.

Because of his reputation he is known as the premier historic preservation contractor by many in South Florida. Some of the more well-known historic homes and buildings are in Islamorada to Port Saint Lucie. We are honored to have his son sit as a Director with Broward Trust for Historic Preservation who brings many of the same qualities, ideals, and the desire to maintain. Thank you, Ted, for all you have contributed to our County, especially your passion for keeping our historic resources alive for future generations to appreciate.



## COOPER CITY



## AMY HEYWANG



Aside from her many accomplishments within Broward County (serving as 2017 Broward County Pioneer) her career path is reflective of her dedication.

Amy spent 20 years of employment with BSO dispatching & 911 office. She is an active participant of the Adult Programs, a member of several local Women's groups- including

Red Hat Society and a regular volunteer at Memorial Hospital. She also serves on the Senior Advisory Board and the Census Complete Count Committee. She is a great representation of Cooper City as a resident who is active within the community & always willing to give a helping hand.

"Having the privilege to speak with her regularly with conducting resident well-checks during covid-19, Amy has always remained her most cheerful & optimistic self. She even at one point offered her own personal vehicle (wheelchair modified) for anyone needing to use it." - Gina Maggio, Adult Program Specialist.

*Nominated by City of Cooper City*

## COOPER CITY

*The City of Cooper City is a municipal corporation created by Special Act of the Florida Legislature on June 20, 1959. Located approximately fifteen miles southwest of Fort Lauderdale, this 8.5 square mile bedroom community has the fourth highest median household income in Broward County. With an estimated population of 30,074, the average age of residents is 32.5 years.*



*With three elementary schools, one middle school and one high school, as well as several private and religious-affiliated schools, and an abundance of parks, recreational facilities and programs for all ages, Cooper City has long been known as an excellent place to "grow families".*

Wilton Manors Historical Society Digital Collection

## CORAL SPRINGS



## MAUREEN BERK



When Maureen Berk and her husband Mickey moved to Coral Springs in 1972, Sample Road consisted of just two lanes and only one permanent school building accommodated students. Over the next 51 years, the couple lived, worked, and raised their family in the “City in the Country.”

Berk served as a Coral Springs City Commissioner, Vice Mayor, and Acting Mayor. Among her many accomplishments, Maureen was able to secure 12 new school facilities, start new school initiatives, and establish the MLK Scholarship which has since award thousands of dollars to deserving students.



Maureen's passion for her community extended far beyond Coral Springs. She was appointed by the Broward County School Board to serve on the Blue Ribbon Committee; she served on the Broward County Site Acquisition Committee, and she was the Past President of the Broward League of Cities. In addition, she is the founder and Past President of the South Florida Cancer Hotline.

Maureen Berk's influence is felt not only through her roles but also through her genuine care for people. Her involvement in various volunteer activities reflects her steadfast commitment to improving the lives of Coral Springs' children and residents.

*Nominated by City of Coral Springs /  
Coral Springs City Historic Advisory*

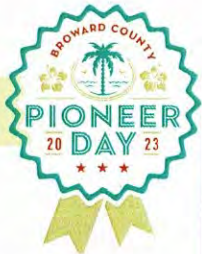
## CORAL SPRINGS

*More than 55 years ago, successful Fort Lauderdale builders, James S. Hunt and Joe Taravella of Coral Ridge Properties, had the vision to create a planned city from the ground up that they named Coral Springs. The first land purchase was for \$1M for 3,860 acres of green bean crops and cattle fields. To draw interest in the land that was sometimes considered "too far out", they constructed a covered bridge and recruited talk show host Johnny Carson for a land sale BBO.*





## CITY OF DANIA BEACH



### DAVID NUBY



One of South Florida's own legends from Dania Beach, Fla., Mr. David Nuby was born in 1936. Mr. Nuby's father and family owned 5 acres of land in Dania and sharecropped the tomato fields with his family. As a jazz drummer his career spans from "Jamming" at the Sir John Lounge in the 50's until he joined the Charlie Austin Band where they were the first Black Jazz group to play on Fort Lauderdale Beach at the Boca Key Hotel. Under the direction of Charlie Austin, Dave Nuby is well remembered as the house drummer at the famed Hampton House in Miami. Nuby has played and enjoyed touring with some of the greatest jazz musicians in the world.

He opened and started a company Nu-Black Septic Co., Mr. Nuby keeping up with his musical talents opened up a recording studio next to his office in Dania. Mr. Nuby's septic tank company proudly laid most of Broward County drains when and where there wasn't any sewers. The company has been in operation over 40 years.

*Nominated by City of Dania Beach /  
Dania Beach Historical Society & Museum, Inc.*

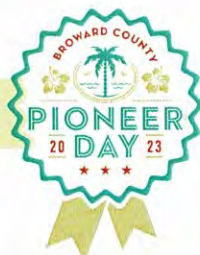
## CITY OF DANIA BEACH

*Dania Beach is Broward County's first city. The historic roots of the first city in Broward County date back to the 1880's, when much of what is now the FEC railroad line was laid through the area. In recognition of this transportation advantage, a pioneer and developer named W. C. Valentine planned a settlement called Modello and 12 Danish families moved from Chicago to settle there in 1898-1899. Three years later, 30 Danes were recruited from Oconto, Wisconsin to colonize the settlement, and the first home was built by A.C. Frost, for whom a park is now named. When the Town was incorporated in November 1904, its 35 residents changed the name to Dania.*



*Built in 1912, the Nyberg-Swanson House was built for Charles M. Nelson, one of the first Scandinavian settlers in Dania.*

## TOWN OF DAVIE



## LINDA SLUDER



Linda was born in Jacksonville, Florida and moved to rural open spaces of Davie in the early 1970s. At a young age, Linda had always been around horses, and she eventually learned how to breed different equine from her father who specialized in Appaloosa stock.

Linda has been a mainstay in the equestrian community, is a member of the United States Equestrian Federation and has celebrated several national wins, as well as, three world championships for most versatile Appaloosa with Roman Spun Gold. Amongst all of Linda's accomplishments, she is steadfast in keeping the equestrian culture in Davie. Linda and her daughter (Marilyn Celeste Foster) operate the Spun Gold Equestrian Center and have trained countless numbers of budding horses for the show ring and youth rodeo circuits. Davie has been where Linda breeds the most successful horses, as well as has trained students of all ages the true meaning of horsemanship.

*Nominated by the Town of Davie*

*Old Davie School Historical Museum*

## TOWN OF DAVIE

*The wilderness of the Everglades slowly gave way to farmland as the dredging of canals began in South Florida in 1906 under Napoleon Bonaparte Broward. In 1908, Robert Parsell (R.P.) Davie purchased 28,000 acres of land in the Everglades and organized an experimental farm to demonstrate the possibilities of the new farmland, enticing pioneers from around the world. This included a group of Americans returning from the Panama Canal Zone, who called their settlement 'Zona'. In 1914 the new residents voted together on the name 'Davie' after the original developer and the Davie Experimental Farm.*





# CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH



## JUDITH STANICH



"Although the length of my years in Broward County cannot compare to the longevity of others that are being honored, I hope that the impact of my small efforts in helping to preserve the history of Deerfield Beach and to increase awareness of the importance of the past, as well as helping to enhance the cultural atmosphere in Deerfield Beach make me a worthy recipient of this honor; an honor I will share

with all of the DFB Historical Society and our volunteers."

- JUDITH STANICH



A graduate of the University of Duluth, Judith has been an active member of Deerfield Beach Historical Preservation Board, Deerfield Beach Rotary, Friends of the Arboretum, Kiwanis of Deerfield Beach, Friends of Deerfield Beach Island. She is Vice President of the Deerfield Beach Historical Society and a former Chair of the Deerfield Beach Cultural Committee.

*Nominated by Deerfield Beach /  
The Deerfield Beach Historical Society*

## DEERFIELD BEACH

*The Town of Deerfield was incorporated on June 11, 1925, a year that also saw the opening of the first public library, which was serving a population that had climbed to 1,300 residents. In 1939, the name of the town was changed to Deerfield Beach and the population numbered about 1,800. Although primarily an agricultural community until the late 1940s, after WWII tourists began to discover Deerfield's scenic oceanfront.*



## FORT LAUDERDALE



## JOANN WALKER SMITH

Born 1949 in Champagne, Illinois, JoAnn arrived as a young woman and dedicated public servant. She valued history and gardening above all else. Using her skills as a master gardener she created the only botanical garden in Broward County, assuring that local and historical plantings were used next to the historic Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club.



Annually JoAnn was called upon to decorate the facilities for the holidays using ornamental garland and ribbons of the times, to provide an appropriate look. Historic research and design materials, and indigenous elements were key to the magic she presented.



*Nominated by Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale*

## FORT LAUDERDALE

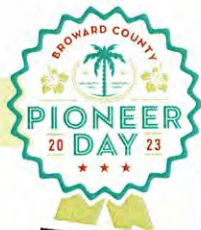
*The City of Fort Lauderdale is named for a Second Seminole War fortification built on the banks of the New River in 1838. That year, Major William Lauderdale led a detachment of Tennessee Volunteers south along the east coast of Florida to capture Seminole agricultural lands and battle the elusive Indian warriors.*

*It was not until the Florida East Coast Railroad built tracks through the area in the mid-1890s that any organized development began. The city was incorporated in 1911, and in 1915 was designated the county seat of newly formed Broward County.*



*The Woman's Club of Fort Lauderdale was founded in 1911, and this headquarters building, designed by August Geiger, was dedicated in 1917.*





## LUANN COMES



Arriving in Broward County in 1959 at the age of five LuAnn graduated from Plantation High School, Broward Community College with an AA Degree and FAU with a Bachelor's of Arts in Education. LuAnn's teaching career spanned 39 years in Broward County Schools. While teaching, she worked with new teachers to enhance their skills; supported children



and parents new to the community or with special needs; sponsored the Student Council and National Honor Society along with their community activities such as food and toy drives; and coordinated Volunteers. Currently, she volunteers and is an active member in Broward County Retired Educators, the Gamma Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, and the Village Gate Homeowners Association where she continues to take leadership roles in all groups.

An active member of GSBC since 2015 her community engagement has been shaped by the belief that a community must preserve its past, but also be welcoming and supportive of others in their endeavors or challenges.

*Nominated by the Genealogical Society of Broward County*

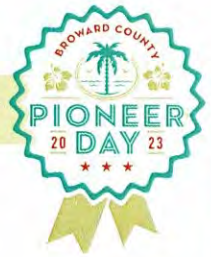
## GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY

*The Genealogical Society of Broward County had its beginning in 1967 when five people attended an organizational meeting. Rapid growth began in the mid-1970's with the Bicentennial and with Alex Haley's novel ROOTS, putting emphasis on history and family history.*



*By the late 1970's, the Society had over a hundred members and was meeting in a courtroom of the Broward County Courthouse In 1977 the Genealogical Society of Broward County was chartered as a non-profit cultural organization.*

# HISTORY FORT LAUDERDALE



## CLIFFORD BERRY SR.



He began his career in Port Everglades working for Pacific Molasses. In addition to his full-time job, Cliff became a hardworking entrepreneur on the docks of Port Everglades. In 1971 with 10 employees he incorporated his business. By the beginning of the 1980s Cliff Berry, Inc. began branching out into the fields of oil and chemical clean up and disposal. Other family businesses followed, including Port Everglades Overnight Trailer Park and Poplar Lodge Supper

Club. Cliff was awarded the Coast Guard Distinguished Public Service Award in 1991, the highest honor the USCG gives to a civilian other than the Live-Saving Award. In 2001 he was awarded the prestigious Seafarer's Golden Compass Award given to an outstanding contributor to this cause.

Over the course of 50 years, Mr. Berry donated his time and services to multiple non-profit charities in South Florida. When asked about the special influences in his life, Cliff named two: his faith in God, and his marriage to his wife, Betty.

*Nominated by History Fort Lauderdale*



## HISTORY FORT LAUDERDALE

*History Fort Lauderdale, proud steward of our community's past by making our heritage accessible and engaging to residents and visitors, celebrates its 60th Anniversary in the South Florida community in 2022*

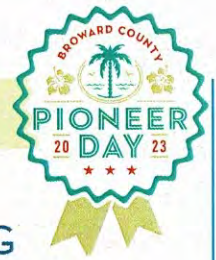
*Located on the New River, the Fort Lauderdale History Center tells the story of the community's history from the Tequesta Indians to Pioneers of Fort Lauderdale to the present day through its four historic structures.*

The New River Inn was constructed in 1905 by the area's first contractor Edwin T. King.

It was commissioned by Nathan Philemon Bryan, a Jacksonville native and US senator. It was one of the very earliest hotels in the Fort Lauderdale area.



# HOLLYWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## MARION OBENAUF FORDING



Born in Passaic, New Jersey in 1929, Marion was a graduate of Broward High School.

During WW2 she worked in "ships Service" Great Southern Hotel and later at the Hollywood Beach Hotel. The latter had been commissioned as the top secret US Naval Indoctrination and Training School, closing it to all but Navigation

officer trainees who were learning about the Navy's new secret weapon - RADAR.



After a long career at BellSouth (called Southern Bell prior to 1983) Marion became a member of the Hollywood Historical Society in 1991, serving as treasurer and board member since 2003.

*Nominated by City of Hollywood /  
Hollywood Historical Society*

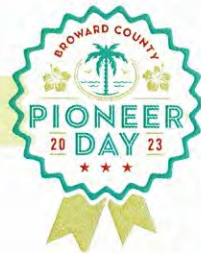
## CITY OF HOLLYWOOD

*From its formal incorporation by adoption of a municipal charter on November 28, 1925, the City of Hollywood has transformed itself.*

*Beginning as an undeveloped tract of pine forests, palmetto plants, and tangled undergrowth interspersed with tomato farms and low lying marshland, it has become the second-most populated city in Broward County and the ninth largest city in the State of Florida. Founded by the planning visionary Joseph Wesley Young, a Washington state native and former resident of California and Indiana, the original one square mile of farmland has grown to over 28.87 square miles.*



## NAVAL AIR STATION



## LOUISE CROCCO



Louise grew up in Albany, New York where no high school sports were available for girls. When her family moved to Fort Lauderdale before her junior year, with encouragement from Cardinal Gibbons girls principal Sister Marie Schramko, she helped start girl varsity basketball, softball, and volleyball programs. She wound up being named captain and MVP in all three sports during both her high school years.

During college, she learned all she could about coaching. After graduating from FAU in 1969, she went to work at Cardinal Gibbons, where she went on to win a Florida record

18 state championships and was named National Coach of the Year four times. In 2005, Louise was inducted into the American Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. She retired from coaching in 2007 and served as athletic director until 2012. Louise now lives in south Florida caring for her 2 horses. Her legacy goes far beyond her coaching accomplishments. The life-long relationships with thousands of former players, their families, Cardinal Gibbons faculty and graduates continues strong as ever. This fall the gym at Gibbons has been renamed "Louise Crocco Gymnasium" to honor this remarkable woman.

*Nominated by Naval Air Station  
Fort Lauderdale Museum.*

## NAVAL AIR STATION

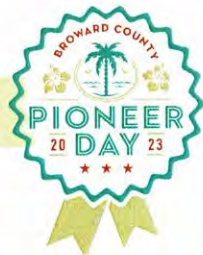
*Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale (NASFL or NAS Fort Lauderdale) was originally part of the national defense program; serving as one among 257 air stations during World War II, and was one of a few specialty schools for training on the TBM/TBF Avenger aircraft. Building # 8, The Link Trainer Building, housed 6-8 Link Trainer flight simulators. It is the only remaining structure left of a naval complex of more than 200 buildings. This building is now the Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum.*

*Wilton Manors Historical Society Digital Collection*

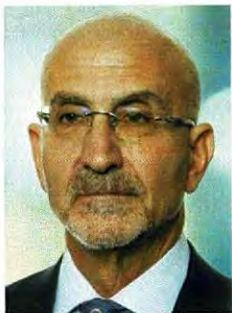




# PARKLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## ANDREW MAURODIS



Andrew (Andy) Maurodis' representation of municipalities runs deep; for over 30 years, he served as City Attorney to both the City of Deerfield Beach and the City of Parkland. Andrew is also the Broward County Planning Council's attorney, a position he has held since 1996.



Andrew has served as special counsel to cities in Broward County and advises on land use and zoning issues, affordable housing projects, code enforcement, regulatory oversight, procurement, and Sunshine law matters. As home sharing platforms like Airbnb have gained popularity, Andrew represents municipalities in protecting the interests of residential neighborhoods.

Andrew was instrumental in handling some of the most important and critical legal issues of Parkland's development. He started his career with Parkland in 1988.

*Nominated by Parkland Historical Society*

## CITY OF PARKLAND

*In the early-1960s, Bruce Barnett Blount, from Mississippi, inherited land in the northwest corner of Broward County from his parents. He had a vision to form a city on a portion of the land he owned, even though in 1963 Parkland had about 22 citizens and a total of nine homes. Parkland became ready for the housing boom in 1982, when an upgraded Holmberg Road was extended further west, with traffic circles and traffic lights.*



# CITY OF PLANTATION



## PEGGY TINGLE



After moving from Kentucky to Broward County in 1970, Peggy began teaching at Peters Elementary School in the City of Plantation where she taught fifth grade for 20 years and was a Reading Specialist for 17 years.



She is committed to community work and service, serving on the City of Plantation Educational Advisory Board and the City Historic Preservation Board.

"I'm still enjoying the memories of all the good times in our city and south Florida. Like shopping at the old indoor Towne Mall, attending Halloween Happenings at Peters School, having breakfast at the Plantation Nook (and now the Plantation Diner) for over 40 years, and attending Advent and Sunrise services at the Plantation United Methodist Church and on the football field across the street. I was blessed being a wife, mother, grandmother and now great-grandmother. Working as a teacher was a most rewarding experience, and volunteering with the various clubs and organizations in the City of Plantation was a privilege. I love my city and the people in it." - Peggy S. Tingle

*Nominated by  
Plantation Historical Society*

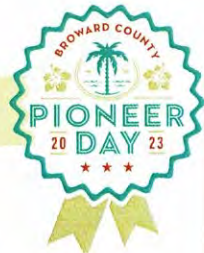
## PLANTATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*In 1974 a small group of woman formed the Plantation Historical Society (PHS) to preserve the history and archives of our community. The group has educated and enlightened residents and visitors from around the world about our history and those who have worked to make Plantation, "Your Place in the Sun." We are always searching for dedicated individuals to be part of this exciting journey of studying the past and documenting the present for future generations.*





## POMPANO BEACH



## CINDY SINGLETON PETERS



"I consider myself fortunate to have grown up in Pompano when I did. It really has been the best of both worlds - our small farming community growing into a bustling city. From Bean and Pepper Jamborees to a world class beach resort area. What a ride!



"My grandfather Robert McNab came to Pompano in the late 1890s. He instilled in me a love of Pompano that has grown over the years. My husband Larry and I lived in my grandparents home for the 15 years before it was moved. Our family will be forever grateful to all those who fought to save this piece of Pompano Beach history."

*Nominated by Pompano Beach Historical Society*

## POMPANO BEACH

*Pompano Beach celebrated the 100th anniversary of its incorporation on July 3, 2008. It is the second oldest city in Broward County, and the fifth oldest in all of South Florida. Only Key West, West Palm Beach, Miami and Dania Beach became municipalities earlier than Pompano (the "Beach" came later).*



*Other than Key West, which by the 1820s was already an important port and city, the towns of southeast Florida came into being because of the railroad. In 1896, Henry Flagler decided to extend his Florida East Coast Railway south from West Palm Beach to Miami, opening up land that heretofore had been a virtual wilderness.*

## SUNRISE



### LORELEI BOYDEN



Lorelei Boyden was born in Saint Andrew Jamaica and moved to the United States in 1978, where she achieved a BSc in Elementary Education and a Masters in Educational Leadership. She has spent 45 years in K-12 education in South Florida.

"As a resident of the City of Sunrise for over 30 years, a graduate of the Resident Leadership Academy, and CERT member I have renewed awareness of living in the best city in all of the

United States. I have lived in other US cities and none compares. I really appreciate the amenities and programs the city offers to its citizens to improve their well being. Working with a variety of people in all sections of the county has enhanced my collaborative skills. Being a professional development facilitator and presenter has honed my communication skills as well as those of community building" - Lorelei Boyden

*Nominated by City of Sunrise*

### CITY OF SUNRISE

*The City of Sunrise was incorporated in 1961 by Norman Johnson - an innovative developer whose model homes attracted buyers to what was then the remote western edge of Broward County in southeast Florida. Originally known as Sunrise Golf Village, the City had a population of 4,300 and comprised just 1.75 square miles by 1967.*



*In 1971, the City, by referendum, changed its name to the City of Sunrise. Through annexation, Sunrise eventually expanded to its current boundaries - encompassing more than 18 square miles and with a population of 92,000+.*



## TRAILBLAZERS OF BROWARD COUNTY



### ANNE FLEMING NAVES



Anne Fleming Naves had a lasting foundation in church, family, education, and love.

"I enjoyed school, and had Special teachers in high school for music and dancing.

(Side Note: I Remember the beginning of WWII I thoroughly enjoyed teaching history, Civics, and all Social Studies. I later developed a Multicultural Educational Program (Only 3 in the United States!). I

married and had three beautiful children that grew up to be loving adults.

"The most traumatic experience I remember having, is of my uncle, Rubin Stacy, being lynched in Davie on July 19, 1935. It all seems so surreal now – that all of those things happened. Some of my most pleasant and fulfilling memories are those I've had while spending time with my five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren! They are the BEST MEDICINE IN THE WORLD and will KEEP YOU YOUNG!"

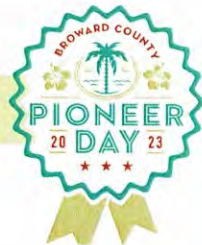
*Nominated by Trailblazers of Broward County*

## TRAILBLAZERS OF BROWARD COUNTY



*The Trailblazers of Broward County is an organization dedicated to preserving and promoting local African-American history and achievements. In 2012 the Trailblazers donated to the African-American Research Library and Research Center, a collection of over 50 interviews of African-Americans, most native-born, who presently or formerly resided in the City of Fort Lauderdale.*

## WEST PARK



## ERMA GLINTON



Ms. Erma Glinton has been living in the Hyde Park/Carver Ranches neighborhood, (which was later incorporated within the City of West Park, Florida), for over 50 years. Erma worked for the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS) for 26 years before retiring. Since retirement, Erma has been enjoying

various activities she loves including gardening, dancing, sewing, singing, and taking care of animals.



As a resident of West Park, Erma joined the local dance team, Silver Steppers Dance, a group which incorporates physical fitness and dance all in one. Erma faithfully attends the local Star of Bethlehem Church. She enjoys serving at church and sharing her faith. Erma is loving, caring, and one of the most giving individuals in the community. Her family is the most important part of her life, and she is a beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, and cousin. Erma is a regular attendee of the City of West Park Senior Program which she greatly enjoys. She also participates yearly in the City of West Park's Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and loves calling West Park, home.

*Nominated by City of West Park*

## WEST PARK

*The City of West Park is Broward County's newest city. The previously unincorporated neighborhoods of Carver Ranches, Lake Forest, Miami Gardens, and Utopia embarked on the road to incorporation in 2004, after the Florida Legislature approved House Bill 1491, which provided for an election on November 2, 2004. Following a vote of 3,400 to 956 for incorporation, West Park was on its way to becoming Broward County's 31st city.*





## WILTON MANORS



## CONSTANCE RUPPENDER



Moving to Fort Lauderdale in late 1983 during a recession I was blessed to find a job right away, and other successes followed. In April 1987, I moved into my home in Wilton Manors and five days later gave birth to my youngest daughter, Samantha.



I taught for one year at Fort Lauderdale High School, then segued into nonprofit work with Easter Seals of Broward County. I had a few different jobs over the years, including a stint at ArtServe. My truly formative years was my time spent working for Fort Lauderdale Historical Society. From 2002 to 2005 I served as executive director for Old Davie School. During my tenure we moved the 1912 Veile House onto the school's site and I got to drive the truck a few feet. It took a couple of days and it was a media circus and just so much fun. And, we saved that amazing house.

I joined the staff of Central Broward Water Control District, where I wore many hats over my 16 years with them. I've served on city boards and learned to see the 'big picture.' I recognize all the valuable contributions made by those Wilton Manors residents who came before me. It has been my pleasure to offer my time and talents for the past twenty-six years; and I plan to help keep Wilton Manors the great place it continues to be.

*Nominated by Wilton Manors Historical Society*

## WILTON MANORS

*Before it was named Wilton Manors, the area in which Wilton Manors is now located was known as Colohatchee. This name appeared as the name of a train stop on the Florida East Coast railroad in these early days of Floridian development. The name Wilton Manors was created by a land developer from Georgia in 1925. Ned Willingham led the early development of the town, and Wilton Manors was officially incorporated as a municipality in 1947.*



## JUDGE L. CLAYTON NANCE AWARD

### TRAILBLAZERS OF BROWARD COUNTY

In 1908, Beau Cummings, a local community organizer and Mary Black Razor, a retired Broward county teacher, recruited and organized sixty sons, daughters and relatives of former black pioneers. Initially they met for the purpose of reliving the past life of blacks in Fort Lauderdale and to make plans for a social event, however after several meetings, it was agreed to expand those efforts to include blacks within the entire county. They named themselves "Trailblazers of Broward County, Inc. "



The general purpose is to recapture information substantiating the achievement made by black county residents during the period 1900 to the present and to promote public understanding and appreciation of achievements made.

The Social Science department at Broward County College (BCC) was contacted during the initial organizational period and under the leadership of Dr. Winston Thompson, Associate Dean of the college, is supporting the efforts of the Trailblazers. Along with BCC, the City of Fort Lauderdale's City Commission awarded the group \$10,000 in startup funds.

Over the years, the organization has conducted oral history interviews, produced plays, managed the erection of monuments (such as the Sankofa Bird on Sistrunk Boulevard), hosted community events (such as the Dixie Court Family Reunion), and assisted other organizations with documenting the history of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County.

Currently, the Trailblazers meet each month at the Old Dillard Museum.

*Proposed by City of Fort Lauderdale*



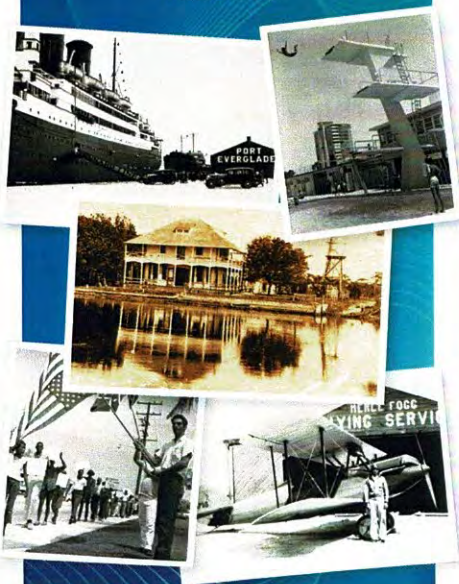
## JUDGE L. CLAYTON NANCE AWARD

The Judge L. Clayton Nance Award has been presented by the Broward County Historical Commission since 1979. Among the past recipients of this award are several prominent local historians, preservation activists, newly created museums, educational organizations, and cultural sites. The Fort Lauderdale Naval Air Station, Ah Tha Thi Ki, the African-American Research Library, the Old Davie School, Broward County Urban River Trails and the Women's History Coalition are among past award winners.

Circuit Court Judge L. Clayton Nance (1924 -1979) was devoted to the study of local history. He spearheaded a drive to create a county-level commission to protect and promote local heritage and, in 1973, the Broward County Historical Commission was founded. From 1972 to 1979, he served as the official advisor to the Commission. He oversaw every facet of Commission activity, from Pioneer Days to the stocking of the research library and amassing of the Commission's map collection. Judge Nance was also the first public defender in Florida and the first public defender elevated to the Circuit Court.

## BROWARD'S HISTORY MAKERS

The Broward County Historic Preservation Program assists with the identification, protection, education and research of Broward's varied historic and archaeological resources.

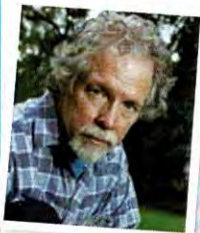


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## SPECIAL AWARD

### ROBERT CARR

#### Archaeological and Historical Conservancy



Florida's archaeological and historic sites are being diminished and destroyed daily by development, unlawful collecting, and climate change. Bob Carr has been instrumental in documenting, preserving and protecting significant sites so that they may be studied and enjoyed by future generations.



Carr co-founded the *Archaeological and Historical Conservancy* in 1985 and has served as its full-time director since 1999. He has a Master's Degree in Anthropology from Florida State University. He has worked as an archaeologist with the State of Florida's Division of Historic Sites, National Park Service and Dade County.

He was Miami-Dade County's first County Archaeologist and became the County Historic Preservation Director, is the former editor of the *Florida Anthropologist* and former president of the Florida Archaeological Council and is a recipient of the Bullen Award and Florida's Historic Preservation Award.

*Proposed by Broward County  
Historic Preservation Board  
& Broward Trust for Historic  
Preservation*

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD SPECIAL AWARD

Traditionally this award is presented to a person or group who has contributed to the mission of the BCHC and does not qualify under the other award criteria.

Other Awards not always given out every year include:

### HISTORIC CONTRIBUTOR AWARD

#### JULIA SNOW JONES AWARD

*Given in 2005 only to a person who persistently battled on behalf of historic preservation issues*

#### F. K. WALKER AWARD

*Memorial Award in memory of Annette Van Howe*

#### ARCHEOLOGIST'S AWARD (1998 only)

#### SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

#### APPRECIATION AWARD

#### VOLUNTEER AWARD (one year only)

#### CO-SPONSOR AWARD



# STUART P. MCIVER HISTORIAN'S AWARD

## TROY WEEKLEY

*Proposed by Town of Davie*

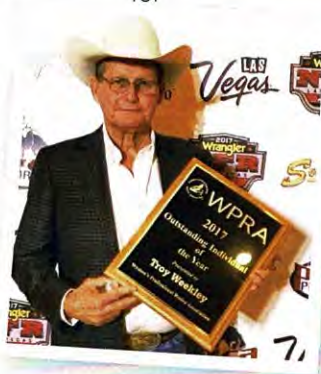
Troy was born in Miami, Florida and moved to Davie in the early 1960s. There, Troy and his twin brother (Dan) both became interested in the rodeo and told their father that they wanted to be cowboys. After graduating high school, Troy started working for the family business while participating as a contestant in the Davie Rodeo for almost 20 years. He would compete in several events including bull riding, tie-down roping, and team roping.

The Davie Rodeo initially began in the early 1940s with just a pit area that was fenced off. Shortly thereafter, bleachers were constructed by locals for more spectators to attend events. The rodeo was again renovated over the years and is presently housed by a 72,000 square foot outdoor roofed facility with a seating capacity for many thousands of people. In 1986, Troy started to assist both his family and the Parrish family producing events at this facility and formed the Five Star Rodeo, and then the Weekley Brothers Davie Pro Rodeo in 2007.

Troy has been instrumental in

## STUART P. MCIVER HISTORIAN'S AWARD

The Historian's award was started in 1992 and traditionally this award is presented to a person or group who has contributed to the mission of the BCHC and does not qualify under the other award criteria.



holding Davie Rodeo events that celebrate our history. He is involved with many organizations including the Davie/Cooper City Chamber of Commerce and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. Troy was inducted into the Broward County Sports Hall of Fame and selected as the Women's Professional Rodeo Association Outstanding Individual of the Year.

His events have been recognized by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, voted the number one rodeo in Florida, and recognized multiple times by USA Today People's Choice Award. Troy considers the rodeo an All-American Sport and is an essential part of the cowboy heritage of Davie.

## DR. COOPER KIRK MEMORIAL AWARD

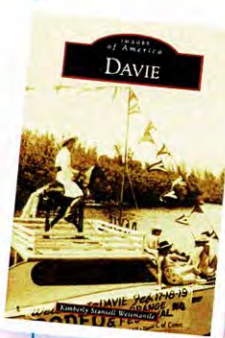
### KIM WEISMANTLE



fascinating history of her hometown of Davie.

Kim brought her background and love for children's programming to the Old Davie School Historical Museum in 2013. Since then, she has revitalized the interactive 'Step Back in Time' school program which welcomes over 5,000 students each year and has crafted new exhibits featuring the natural environment of the Everglades frontier, the agricultural history, and the changing and growing community of Davie.

She is dedicated to the ongoing research of Davie, as well as, western Broward, and using the Old Davie School Historical Museum's incredible archive collection of photographs, she authored the book 'Images of America: Davie' from Arcadia Publishing in 2021.



Kim Weismantle is a Davie native and the Education Director at the Old Davie School Historical Museum. After completing her Bachelor's Degree in Recreation and Leisure Management, and a Master's Degree in Public History from Florida State University, she has continued to work and share the

### DR. COOPER C. KIRK MEMORIAL AWARD

The Dr. Cooper C. Kirk Memorial Award has been presented by the Broward County Historical Commission since 1992. Most past winners of the Kirk award have published significant works on local history or been leaders in local history setting fine examples of historical research following the tradition set by Dr. Kirk who, starting in 1972, served as the first Broward County Historian.

A sought after lecturer on local history Kirk was a tireless researcher. His work on Major Lauderdale, for whom the City of Fort Lauderdale was named, was published in book form in 1982 as William Lauderdale: General Andrew Jackson's Warrior which earned him wide acclaim. The Cooper Kirk award was first given in 1992. It is traditionally presented to those involved in writing or supporting efforts regarding local history.

*Nominated by Town of Davie*

Wilton Manors Historical Society Digital Collection



## APPRECIATION AWARD

### CITY OF PLANTATION

Frederick Peters moved his family to South Florida in 1931 to escape the harsh Midwest winters. He purchased 10,000 acres along State Road 7/441, which had been built to connect Miami-Dade to Palm Beach County, and at that time was isolated and far west of any existing development.



*City of Plantation  
City Hall, dedicated in  
December 1973*

Mr. Peters hired noted architect Russell Pancoast to develop a City master plan, which included an ordinance preventing homes next to each other from looking alike, minimum lot size restrictions and separate commercial, industrial and residential zoning districts. The first construction took place on East Acre Drive by Chauncey Clark. The idea was to entice people to buy “long acres,” which were one-acre lots with 2/3 of the land dedicated to gardens and fruit trees.

With a population of less than 500 and a budget of \$1,288, the City of Plantation was incorporated on April 30, 1953. The first Council Meeting was held on May 11, 1953 in an old feed warehouse near the intersection of East Acre Drive and Broward Boulevard.

Today, in keeping with Frederick Peters’ original Master Plan, Plantation retains its original home town charm, and offers all the amenities of a large city, but with the safety and security of a smaller community. Community events, parades and holiday celebrations are highlights throughout the year, providing memories that last a lifetime and traditions passed down from generation to generation.

The City has had a historical society since 1974 and an early version of its historical museum was located at City Hall. A more spacious historical museum opened in 1985, where Plantation preserves its past. Host of prior Pioneer Day events, the City chose to host Pioneer Day 2023, in recognition of its 70th anniversary year.

*Nominated by Broward County Historic Preservation Board*

# PIONEER DAY: OUR BROWARD LEGACY

**THE PIONEERING SPIRIT**, lauded throughout the illustrious history of our country, can never be commended too strongly. There aren't too many places today where one can sit and hear a first-hand account of what the area was like with only a handful of settlers. Yet many in Broward County can still recall what it was like when its one-million-plus population was one-tenth that number. That's what Pioneer Day is all about. It's a celebration of those who can say "I remember when."



*County Commissioners, 1915, Broward County, Florida. State Archives of Florida / Florida Memory*

And, someday, some of the newer residents may be able to recount, in that same spirit, "I remember Broward County's first Pioneer Day." Shortly after the Broward County Historical Commission was formed in November 1972, Commission Member Sue Phillips suggested that the group establish an annual Countywide fair or show, honoring pioneer residents. It would permit the historical societies and other civic-oriented groups to exhibit their historical and educational materials.

The desired result, of course, was to share information about the area's history and heritage with Broward's residents. With the help of the Mental Health Association of Broward County, the First Annual *Broward County Pioneer Day* was held May 5-6, 1973, at the American Heritage School in Wilton Manors. Featuring the Seminole Indians, 3,000 people turned out for the premier *Pioneer Day*. First published in *Broward Legacy Magazine*

