

From Our President

On November 4, 2014, a general election took place to choose congressional & legislative representatives along with our Governor and several initiatives.

I spent the day serving as a poll watcher as I've done for the past 3 presidential elections. The Democratic Party has an army of lawyers who are trained to insure the integrity of the process.

During the presidential elections of 2004, 2008 and 2012, I helped dozens of people cast ballots after they were told by precinct workers that they were not eligible for a variety of reasons.

I'm happy to report that this time my services were not needed. I was not called on once to intervene on behalf of anyone who was being denied their right to vote. The majority of problems involved individuals who went to the wrong polling place or who were not registered.

We all knew the winners on election night, Florida was not embarrassed with delayed results and we were not the subject of jokes on late night television.

I hope the reason for this is because our Secretary of State and 67 County Supervisors of Elections were organized and prepared.

Unfortunately, another explanation is low turnout. The powers of the President of the United States lie primarily in the area of foreign policy. The lives of average citizens, particularly those in low to moderate income areas like Highland Gardens, are affected more on a daily basis by decisions that are made in the Florida Legislature, the Broward County Commission and at Hollywood City Hall.

If you are eligible to vote and didn't make your voice heard this time, you missed an opportunity to be involved in an essential part of being an American citizen. It's important that all of us vote in 2016. It's more important that we all vote in 2018 and all of the other mid-term and local elections.

David Kout, *President*

From our City Commissioner

The south central region of the district from Hollywood Blvd. to Pembroke and I95 to Dixie Hwy. is in need of crime watch participants. We can use more block captains and mobile patrols as well as more members overall. The holidays are here and burglaries during this period of time usually rise, so we need to be vigilant with our surroundings whether you are home or shopping, please be alert. If you would like to join please contact Shirley.

I would like to thank Mr. Hamm, the principal of McNicol Middle, for the way he serves the children that attend his school and for all he's done for this community. He has been instrumental for the kids to have a gym to play during the summer and very engaging with the civic associations in the area. Mr. Hamm is leaving to be closer to home where he will be the principal of Coconut Creek elementary. We will miss him.

As you may already know the Pembroke Road wall is on track to be replaced. The city should be getting estimates from contractors to see which make more sense, a concrete block or a pre-fab wall. It will probably come down to cost. When I know more I will bring the information forth.

It appears that the developer of the charter schools on Van Buren street wants to put another charter school next to the others that have already been approved for a total of three with about 1850 children.

Peter Hernandez, *Hollywood City Commissioner - District 2*

Meet Our New Neighborhood Team Leader

My name is Charles 'Chuck' Burrows. I am originally from Wisconsin. I am a Veteran of both Iraq and Afghanistan where I served with the 101st Airborne Infantry. I have been with the Department just over 3 years. Until Now I have been assigned to Patrol West side. I have been on the SWAT team for two years. I am new to the NTL job, but look forward to serving this community.

Charles 'Chuck' Burrows, *Hollywood Police Officer*