



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 25-264

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager RW
DATE: December 12, 2025
SUBJECT: 2025 Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to remind the City Commission of the upcoming 2025 Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade being held on Saturday, December 13, 2025.

The pre-show will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by the parade starting at 6:00 p.m. The parade will begin at the New River Docks, and travel along the New River and Intracoastal Waterways to Lake Santa Barbara in the City of Pompano Beach.

Table with 3 columns: Bridge Location, Bridge Up, Bridge Down. Rows include SW 7 Avenue, FEC Railroad Bridge, Andrews Avenue, SE 3 Avenue, Las Olas Boulevard, Sunrise Boulevard, Oakland Park Boulevard, and Commercial Boulevard.

The event application identified three (3) separate activation sites, including:

- Las Olas Intracoastal Promenade Park. The event impacts began on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, and conclude on Sunday, December 14, 2025;
Tunnel Top Park/Laura Ward Plaza/Riverwalk from Salt 7 to the Riverside Hotel. The event impacts began on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, and conclude on

Monday, December 15, 2025; and

- The New River and Intracoastal Waterways with event impacts on Saturday, December 13, 2025.

This year, the Parks and Recreation Department along with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department have partnered to provide the PLAY After-School and Teen TRIP Program participants a special viewing area at Colee Hammock Park located at 1500 Brickell Drive. City staff estimates approximately seventy (70) participating youth that will be picked up at their respective community park locations and transported to Colee Hammock Park between 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. The event site will have pre-parade child-friendly activities.

For more information on the 2025 Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade, visit <https://www.parks.fortlauderdale.gov/special-events> and search the Events Calendar tab. If you have additional questions, please contact Carl Williams, Director of Parks and Recreation, at cwilliams@fortlauderdale.gov or (954) 828-5804.

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