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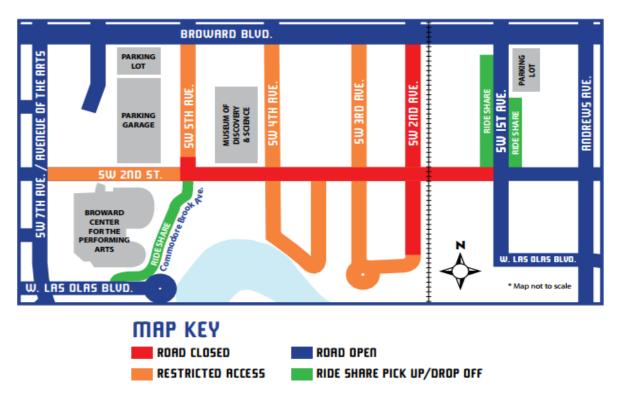
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# CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE DOWNTOWN COUNTDOWN 2017

Ring in 2018 in the beautiful city of Fort Lauderdale! This year's Downtown Countdown celebration will feature a variety of activities for the entire family beginning at 3:30 P.M. and ending at approximately 8:30 P.M. Those festivities will include bounce houses, face painting, games and contests, a DJ and dancing, and a kids countdown at 7:00 P.M. For the adult crowd, there will be live music from 7:45 P.M. until 1:00 A.M.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department will head the public safety and security operations for this event. Extensive measures will be in place for public safety and security in and around the event site. These measures consist of both visible and non-visible operations and include on-site and remote surveillance. We ask that the public assist and participate with ensuring a safe celebration by using your eyes and ears. If you see something, do not hesitate to say something.



### Road Closures: (LINK: http://bit.ly/2BVfkpt)

- Friday, December 29 at 9:00 A.M. through Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 A.M.
  - Southwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Street will be closed from Southwest 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, east to Southwest 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
  - Southwest 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be closed from Southwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Street south to the New River.
- Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 7:00 A.M.
  - Southwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Street will be closed from Southwest 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue east to Southwest 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.
  - Southwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Southwest 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Southwest 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be restricted to Broward Center for the Performing Arts employees, and Taxi, Uber, and Lyft pick-up/drop-off only.
  - Southwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue will be closed south of Broward Boulevard.
  - Access to Southwest 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Southwest 4<sup>th</sup> Avenues south of Broward Boulevard will be restricted to residents who live in the area and employees of nearby businesses. Motorist should expect long delays in movement, especially from 8 P.M. until 3 A.M.
  - > Southwest 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be closed south of the parking garage entrance.
- > All roads are expected to be reopened on Monday, January 1 at 6:00 A.M.

In an effort to manage the expected attendance for this event, Fort Lauderdale Police Department personnel will be stationed at nearby intersections and crosswalks to assist with pedestrian and vehicular traffic, as well as throughout the event site.



## Parking: (LINK: http://bit.ly/2h6Pu8j)

- City Parking Garage (CPG)
  - 150 Southeast 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
- County Lot II
  - 100 Southwest 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue
- Broward Governmental Garage
  - > 151 Southwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
- 200 Las Olas Circle Garage
  200 Southwest 1st Aver
  - > 200 Southwest 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue
- Riverfront Garage
  - 305 South Andrews Avenue
- Riverhouse Lot
  - > 220 Southwest 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

# The Fort Lauderdale Police Department reminds motorists to only park in designated parking areas, as any parking violations will be strictly enforced.

## Taxi Cabs | Uber | Lyft:

The City of Fort Lauderdale reminds for-hire vehicle operators to use only the designated locations for pick-ups and drop-offs. The two designated pick up/drop off locations are: (1) the driveway at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on Commodore Brook Avenue south of SW 2nd Street; (2) SW 1 Avenue south of Broward Boulevard. Any other locations used for pick up/drop off will be strictly prohibited and citations will be issued. The designated areas are for Broward County permitted Taxi cabs, Uber and Lyft vehicles only. All other transportation services are prohibited.

### Lost Child Prevention and Reunification Program:

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department will be issuing wristbands for children up to 12 years of age; free of charge. Parents and guardians are encouraged to bring their children to the Fort Lauderdale Police Department tent, which will be stationed at Southwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Southwest 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

This program allows for expedited reuniting of children with their parents, should they become separated. Parents are reminded to have discussions with their children, directing them to locate a uniformed police officer or fire rescue personnel should they become separated from their family.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department wishes all of our neighbors and visitors a very happy and safe New Year and we look forward to serving you in 2018.

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