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FROM THE CHAIR



Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and the Fraternal Order of Police have received a Community Appearance Award for the Police Memorial on the Riverwalk. Photo by Jason Leidy

Full Force of Events

Riverwalk Activations Continue Through the Summer

urricane season begins June 1 and in this issue you will see how our City and other governmental agencies plan for and manage the threat of natural disasters. It's almost like planning to win the lottery — in reverse and with slightly higher odds.

If your family is similar to mine, we **stock** up on enough water to float a boat, ensure the **generator** works, and focus on **canned goods** with a shelf life of decades — where are those Twinkies when you need them? I assume if hungry enough, I will acquire a taste for anchovies.

Regardless of the weather threats of the upcoming season, what do you have planned as we enter **summer**? At **Riverwalk**, we will continue full force with activations and events, understanding that **Mother Nature** may transform or postpone events a bit. Also know that summer's **long days** provide the opportunity to enjoy the Downtown and the

WHATEVER YOUR PLANS FOR THE SUMMER, WE AT RIVERWALK WISH YOU A SAFE, FUN AND HAPPY SUMMER.



CALLAHAN CRUSH CHAIR, RIVERWALK FORT LAUDERDALE Riverwalk in the balmy evenings after work, as well as on the weekends. The **paddleboard** kiosk is up and running so come down to the river to give it a try. And we just hosted the **Fourth Annual Burger Battle** in Huizenga Plaza.

Weather permitting, we will continue the **Sunday Jazz Brunch**, **Riverwalk Sunday Arts**, and the Riverwalk **health and fitness** classes at Esplanade Park. As always, Riverwalk's events will be listed on the Events page of our **website**, www.goriverwalk.com. We look forward to escaping another hurricane year and enjoying our great Riverwalk this summer.

Community Appearance Award

I am pleased to announce that **Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale** along with the **Fraternal Order of Police** were awarded a **Community Appearance Award** at a ceremony on May 9. This award was for the **partnership** and work to add etched bricks, new lighting and repairs to the existing concrete to the **Police Memorial** located at the base of the Broward Center along Riverwalk.

The honor is a **Business Recognition Award**, in recognition for improving the **quality** of life and **enriching** our community. The award is on display at the Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale office.

Whatever your plans for the summer, we at Riverwalk wish you a safe, fun and happy summer. See you on the Riverwalk. (1)



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Almost 8,000 Colorful Runners Riverwalk Hosts Largest 5K Race Ever in Downtown

t is so easy to say **thank you** to **volunteers** that had great fun working on a project ... and believe me, they had a blast — of **color**! On May 5, Riverwalk hosted the first annual **Color Run** in Downtown Fort Lauderdale with more than 7,852 registered runners and more than 200 volunteers. Without the support of the volunteers and the **Citizens Volunteer Corps**, it would have been a great challenge to host such an ambitious "happening."

After a year of strong pursuit by Riverwalk, the **Color Run** organization was convinced that our city deserved the **spotlight**. With help through the permitting process, coordination with the City and on-site support, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale produced a very **satisfied** customer ... one happy enough to agree to return to Fort Lauderdale in **May 2014**! Touted as the "Happiest 5K on the Planet," I can tell you — the assertion is right on the mark. All who participated, volunteered or watched had an awesome time. Without the volunteers, events of this magnitude can't reasonably exist. **THANK YOU** for coming out to play! May your colors remain **vivid**!

Over the next year, you will see our new logos identifying this year as the **25th anniversary** of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and the **10th anniversary** of Go Riverwalk Magazine — each a very proud **milestone**. As we plan an event for the upcoming celebratory year, watch for this symbol to appear on events and meetings that mark the celebration of this success. It is through a **dedicated** board of directors, sponsorships, partners, members and staff that assures that the **mission** of the Riverwalk is achieved and the message delivered.

By June 1, we will roll out the annual offering of **banners** along Riverwalk. A very popular means of supporting Riverwalk and getting you name out for a year, this program continues to grow each year. **Katie Dressler** of Riverwalk will be the project manager of this program and will be notifying existing banner holders shortly of the time of **renewal**. Watch our eblast, webpage and Facebook pages for opportunities to acquire this great way to get your name out, or email **katie@ goriverwalk.com** for more information.

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Downtown by Design

Creating New Connections Along the Riverwalk



Rendering of a potential Riverwalk connection at the Icon Las Olas site. Courtesy of EDSA

ibrant cities never stop changing but constantly evolve over time to adapt to new circumstances and new opportunities. As Downtown Fort Lauderdale undergoes its latest phase of transformation, with the courthouse and many residences emerging from the ground, the Downtown Development Authority has started to focus on improving some key areas of the public realm. As far as we have come, Downtown's far from finished. There is still much to be done to achieve Downtown's potential, and a longstanding priority of the DDA has been to finish the Riverwalk where the Icon site is, thereby bridging the Las Olas Shoppes district with the Riverwalk. EDSA, the design team that helped create the treasured linear park, has offered various solutions for the missing connection, as well as a gateway connection between the Las Olas Shoppes and the Central Business District (CBD). Their plan calls for a widened Riverwalk connection that extends into the river to allow for easy movement between Laura Ward Plaza and N. New River Drive E. DDA Vice-Chair John Ropes said, "The Riverwalk Gateway project will complete Riverwalk on the north side. It is the culmination of a process that started in 1985."

Additionally, in the spirit of the City's **Vision Plan**, the DDA undertook a similar effort to determine how **Huizenga Plaza** should be in the future. Landscape architects, **TBG Partners**, developed designs for a revamped Huizenga Plaza with the aim to "create a strategy that 'sets the stage' for the long-term vision of the Downtown and riverfront districts and to include within this vision priority project(s) that allow an immediate investment to impact Huizenga Park, Las Olas Boulevard and Riverfront corridor today." The team offered three different designs for the park with outdoor restaurants, reconfigured amenities, and iconic sail shades that speak to the City's maritime heritage. DDA Chair **Tim Petrillo** said, "It is important to focus on these two assets of our community because they the **heartbeat** and connectors to the life of our Downtown." Ropes added, "As we redesign Huizenga Plaza, we are creating a special place on Riverwalk to enhance the **experience** for both tourists and residents. We view this as an opportunity to design a **landmark** signature space that will complement the vision of Fort Lauderdale, Riverwalk and the Downtown."

The so-called "dead zone" that exists adjacent to Huizenga Plaza between Southeast Second Avenue and Andrews Avenue along the Las Olas Boulevard corridor is also part of the **redesign** effort. TBG's plan suggests repositioning the **Florida Atlantic University** building for ground floor **retail** that would activate the sidewalk with pedestrian use. Once the property opposite FAU is developed, this void in Las Olas Boulevard will be filled and folks will feel safer **traversing** the boulevard at night.

These initiatives have been longstanding **todo projects** in the community that seemingly dropped off the priority plate for everyone. These **connections** are beyond connections — they are the most significant nodes in the County — the birthplace of the County, on our major river, the entrance to Las Olas Shoppes, and the gateway to our CBD. Board Member **Michael Weymouth** surmised, "If these two projects that are being discussed now by the Downtown Development Authority come to **fruition**, they will forever **transform** the way we look at and use the Riverwalk linear park in Downtown Fort Lauderdale."



Rendering of a reimagined Huizenga Plaza. Courtesy of TBG Partners

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Downtown Groups Work to Improve Community

t is impressive to look at how much new residential construction has been added in Downtown Fort Lauderdale over the past decade. Forgetting the total lack of new development (until recently) for the last five years, there still has been an impressive number of new residential units added to Downtown. The natural outcome of filling these units with living, breathing and hopefully consuming residents is a vibrant and thriving Downtown. When you add the element of additional population in the Downtown area, you naturally have more retail businesses begin to open. You also have a Downtown resident who cares about crime, quality pedestrian areas, beautification projects, homelessness and a host of other issues with which a resident of a neighborhood is naturally concerned.



BY KEITH COSTELLO CHAIRMAN OF THE DOWNTOWN COUNCIL OF THE GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND PRESIDENT AND CEO OF BROWARD BANK OF COMMERCE

WHEN YOU ADD THE ELEMENT OF ADDITIONAL POPULATION IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA, YOU NATURALLY HAVE MORE RETAIL BUSINESSES BEGIN TO OPEN.

One organization that has taken up the cause of making Downtown Fort Lauderdale a great place to live is the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association. This organization was started about six years ago by Ron Centamore and is currently headed by Stan Eichelbaum. When the organization was first started, its members focused on safety, policing, better lighting and other causes that were necessary to make the Downtown a livable community. While there is still progress to be made in all areas, significant improvements in Downtown living have been achieved. The association shares a lot in common with our own Downtown Council of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber and I hope that we will see more interaction between the two like-minded groups in the future.

I heard about the group from Dale Ledbetter, local attorney, author and magician who had just finished with a magic performance for the group's recent social get together. Dale put me in touch with Stan, and I spent a little time on the phone with him. In addition to monthly forums and speakers on Downtown quality of life issues, their very successful sponsorship of the new Las Olas Sunday Market and hosting social events at local Downtown businesses, the group is currently putting together groups such as an economic club, and a film club to promote both business and cultural activities Downtown.

The club now has grown to more than **350 members** and for a small price the activities that a Downtown resident has access to make it a huge value. If you are interested in finding out more their website is www. dflca.org and they also can be reached on Facebook and Twitter.



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Forces of Nature

Port Everglades Offers an Artistic Haven to Tourists

ontaining Mother Nature may seem an impossible task. If bringing her indoors and scattering mother-of-pearl is a way to harness the Forces of Nature, then Port Everglades' Terminal 18 may have succeeded through public artwork by artist Michele Oka Doner, commissioned by Broward Cultural Division's Public Art and Design Program.

Grand and noteworthy, ports greet thousands of tourists annually, making it imperative that they be welcoming and warm.

Terminal 18 is one of the largest cruise terminals in the world, serving two revolutionary cruise ships — the **Oasis of the Sea** and **Allure of the Seas**. Into this labyrinth of history, function, tourism and industry, Oka Doner created the artwork **Forces of Nature** — a sweeping, visual, marine oasis that commands the central floor in the terminal and sets the tone for tourists as they get ready to depart for nautical journeys.

This 3,000-square-foot **terrazzo bronze mural** is a remarkable display of intricate design and function. The artwork, embedded within the building itself, and accessible to every departing passenger, takes the concept of a "**well-traveled floor**" to the next level. Deep green and blue terrazzo matrices on a monumental canvas contain a lively narrative, through two areas of focus.

WHETHER LARGE-SCALE ARCHITECTURAL PROJECTS, OR INTIMATELY SCALED OBJECTS, OKA DONER'S WORK IS FUELED BY A LIFELONG STUDY AND APPRECIATION OF THE NATURAL WORLD.



ROJAS, PUBLIC RELATIONS WRITER FOR BROWARD CULTURAL DIVISION. SHE CAN BE REACHED AT SROJAS@ BROWARD.ORG.

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In the wider section of the footprint, an eight-foot diameter **globe** cast in bronze is energized with crisscrossed longitudinal and latitudinal lines, and appears to be spinning. Enhancing the movement are great sweeps of iridescent **mother-of-pearl** simulating the tradewinds that circle the earth. The motherof-pearl aggregates vary in color – white to pink and silver, scale and proportion, adding a kind of cosmic delight.

In the narrower portion of the floor, ocean currents pick up the sense of motion begun by the spinning globe, carried by the winds, and resulting in a wave-like pattern. Consecutive wavy lines, executed in exquisite aggregate, delineate a new region, approximately 25 feet in dimension. This area contains the seedbed of 175 to 225 units depicted in cast bronze. The forms are drawn from actual seeds from the multitude that are known to drift far and wide in the currents. The seeds vary in scale from 6 to 20 inches and reveal textures, patterns and shapes of exceptional variety. The composition in its entirety is buoyant and dramatic, a work of art that speaks of travel by wind and currents.

Whether large-scale architectural projects, or intimately scaled objects, Oka Doner's work is fueled by a lifelong study and appreciation of the **natural world**. Here in Fort Lauderdale, a work of public art denotes the winds of the change, the temperament of the ocean and its inhabitants, the vastness of the globe; and contains them within a story to be told to travelers passing through the mystery of a port in a storm.





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The Color Run in Downtown Fort Lauderdale

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n May 5, more than 7,852 registered runners took to the streets of **Downtown Fort Lauderdale** for the first annual **Color Run**, a rainbow-hued 5K. Throughout the race, and at the end, the

runners were doused with colored cornstarch. Riverwalk hosted the Fort Lauderdale Color Run with the help of more than 200 **volunteers**. Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale was the designated **charity** of the race, which promises to return to our area in 2014.



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Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Honors Gale Butler at Tribute

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iverwalk Fort Lauderdale honored Gale Butler for her role in the growth and development of Riverwalk Park and Downtown Fort Lauderdale at the Riverwalk Tribute on April 25 at The Riverside Hotel.

The evening began with honored guests, sponsors and special ticket holders gathering

for a VIP cocktail **reception**. Following the VIP reception, cocktails, hors d'eouvres and a special **presentation** was held, featuring live entertainment, silent auction, raffles and prizes.

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THIS IS A REALITY we are all too familiar with. Rain squalls and increasing wind speeds have from **June 1 to Nov. 30** to wreak havoc on the **Atlantic** and with Florida sticking out like a sore thumb in the middle of it all, Fort Lauderdale is no stranger to these powerful named storms.

While residents make their individual plans, the **city** and **state** have instituted collaborative strategies to ensure the city's **safety** before, during and after forces of nature visit South Florida. This is the job of City of Fort Lauderdale Emergency Manager **Jo-Ann Lorber**. "(We) ensure that the city, workers and citizens of Fort Lauderdale prepare, mitigate and have proper recovery, and we respond to all hazards and **emergencies**," she said.

Lorber works with the emergency manager for Broward County, the city manager, assistant city managers and fire chiefs to **coordinate** plans to effectively deal with natural disasters beginning with the **Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan** and the **Continuity of Operations Plan**. The purpose of the former is to protect public health, property and environment. The continuity of government, addressed in the latter plan, certifies that the responding entities have the necessary resources to respond to emergencies during a disaster.

WRITER ALEXANDRA ROLAND

In conjunction with city plans, independent services such as **hospital care** and **electricity** require adequate plans of action. Their **operation** during and/or after a disaster is often mandatory.

Broward Health is the only local hospital system with a dedicated emergency management department. **Kelly Keys**, Emergency Preparedness Manager at **Broward Health**, said that in preparing for a disaster, one of the facilities' first priorities is to "make sure that our employees and the staff have a **family plan**. Where are your pets going to go? Where are your elderly parents going to go?" During and after a storm, the functionality of Broward Health centers remains paramount. Hospital facilities are equipped with generators, portable filtration systems,

"WHERE ARE YOUR PETS GOING TO GO? WHERE ARE YOUR ELDERLY PARENTS GOING TO GO?" adequate storage for medicines and trustworthy communication devices to enable Keys and her team to follow the county's lead when it comes to disaster protocol.

Florida Power and Light too adopts a mitigating plan of action. Greg Brostowicz, spokesman with FPL, said, "We have a plan and that includes strengthening our infrastructure (and) figuring out how we can best utilize new technology and lessons learned from most recent storms." Training includes the participation of

thousands of employees across the state in efforts to predict where resources are most necessary and to prioritize maintenance, such as regularly clearing debris from power lines.

The city's focus weighs heavily on mitigation through preparation. Hurricane mode begins well in advance through **mock storm drills** and tabletop exercises early on in the year. This and other training ensure that directors, department heads and city employees are **National Incident Management** **System** compliant, part of the federal government national framework.

In the event of a disaster, Lorber is the city's "go to" person that **certifies** that the police, fire and public works departments have allocated resources. **Chuck Lanza**, Emergency Manager for Broward, addresses those resources for the county. "During an event, we (the county) fill requests for personnel, supplies and equipment from all the **municipalities** if we can; if not, we make a request to the state for their assistance," he said.

The state delivers support through the disbursement of four Incident Management teams across Florida. They are responsible for allocating supplementary resources. Although the teams are deployed through the Florida Forest Service, they are capable of dealing with all hazards, including storms. Nigel Baker, Battalion Chief in Palm Beach County and a member of the blue team relates, "... the (function of) the team is to go into areas where there's been a disaster and all the **infrastructure** is compromised, no longer functioning or the incident itself overwhelms that particular region of the state." The state sends these teams to manage the surplus resources specified for the region. To mitigate the need for further resources, the state requires gas stations to have generators. Likewise, all Florida Turnpike gas stations are mandated to have gas available during a disaster.

Community can be just as important as first responders and governmental procedures. The **Community Emergency Response Team** program is a certification course initiated through a grant that was applied by the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management in 1998 and set in place to train community members in **emergency response tactics**. The course covers light search and rescue, basic first aid, and triage training. Those certified are activated after a disaster to survey the area and administer assistance.

"They're important because they know their communities and they're helping one another," said **Freddy Zelaya**, City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department Emergency Management Coordinator and Director of the CERT program. The free training is open to anyone and scheduled up to four times a year.

Forces of nature are at times limitless and uncontrollable. Yet, how a city, the community and its residents respond to such a threat before, during and after can mean all the difference. ⁽¹⁾

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PROFESSIONAL PERSPECTIVES

FORT LAUDERDALE'S VERY OWN STORM CHASERS

ne of the most obvious rules of **weathering a hurricane** is to stay inside. It applies to everyone, mostly. Yet while residents are glued to news coverage, there was a time when **Kerry Sanders** and his wife **Deborah Sharp** prepared to wade out the storm outside, sometimes in the thick of it.

Both Sanders and Sharp hae made a **business** of braving the winds and rain to **chronicle** their storm chasing to viewers and readers at home. Sanders is a national correspondent with **NBC News** while his wife left **USA Today** in 2004 for storytelling of

another kind. Now a mystery novel writer, she weathers the storm at home with family or friends. Their **perspectives** are unique ones. They have called **Fort Lauderdale** home for 13 years and have followed East Coast storm systems since well before that. "When I covered them for USA Today I would travel all over," Sharp said. "I was the one coming in to cover a storm as everybody else was leaving. I'd say probably over 20 storms over the years that I've covered." She recalls Donna in 1960 as the first part of her hurricane history. Sanders' broadcasting experience began

WRITER ALEXANDRA ROLAND



with Tropical Storm Bob in southwest Florida in 1983.





"When you're first doing it, you think it's all exciting," he said. "Until you realize how incredibly **dangerous** it is and what it does to a **community** and to the individuals. It turns lives upside down and sometimes people die."

Both took different paths during **Hurricane Andrew** in 1992, specifically during the **aftermath**. On this occasion, Sharp weathered the storm at home without electricity to keep tabs on her husband's reporting locations. Sanders recalled the coverage of Hurricane Andrew as one of the **close calls** in his reporting career. A last-minute decision precluded him from being in the wrong place at the wrong time, which would have meant his life. Eventually, he and his crew rode out the storm in a four-door car underneath the Metro rail in South Miami. In Hurricane Hugo, a Category 4 storm in 1989, Sanders and his crew were en route to their accommodations as the storm was hitting when he fell into an unseen hole in the ground filled with water. Because of the winds, his screams for help were inaudible to his colleagues. Fortunately, he was able to use a tripod to hoist himself out of danger. "It seems like I worry even more because I know what can happen and I know that he's had several close calls," Sharp said.

Still, Sanders prioritizes **caution** and **preparedness**. A rental car, car insurance, proper **foods** like bananas, peanut butter and jelly, and tuna fish snack packs, water, fuel and sufficient clothing are some of his basic **necessities**. He never leaves home without Ziploc bags, which serve as dry storage for socks, tapes and other small equipment.

Now that Sharp **weathers** the storms at home, her preparation habits and experiences vary slightly from those of her husband. "Actually being in my own home during **Wilma** was really scary," she said. "I was there in my little bathroom with my **transistor radio** and I was just listening to the roof rip off. That was actually more frightening to me than being out covering the storms."

According to Sharp, the two **must-haves** for any storm are **preparation** and a large supply of **patience**. Coming from someone who has seen firsthand what hurricanes can do to human life and property, Sanders' advice centers on **safety**. No. 1: if you have the ability to evacuate before the storm, **leave**. There is nothing you can physically do during a storm to protect a weakening housing structure. No. 2: regardless of your location, always have a **plan**.

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SANDERS' ADVICE ON STORM PREPARATION:

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WRITER SUMMER GREENE

CAN ANYONE NAME the last **hurricane** to hit Florida? How about the year? Still thinking? No surprise, as it's been almost eight years since a Florida hurricane grabbed the headlines. **Wilma** hit in **October 2005**, causing power outages for weeks and costing billions in damages. By then though, Americans, still reeling from the devastation of New Orleans nightmare **Katrina**, were hurricane weary.

Interesting to note there was a 13-year gap (thankfully) between **Hurricane Andrew** and **Wilma**! Prior to Andrew in 1992, hurricanes weren't even on our radar screen (pun intended) of social conversation. Then Andrew hit and Florida became **synonymous** with hurricanes.

Of course, watching the beginning of **hurricane season** and listening to all the wise guy forecasts is like participating in a draft for **Fantasy Football**. You forecast results solely based on history and trends and hope for the best.

So what do you need to do to **prepare** for that just in case the big one hits event? By now, the **batteries** you bought when Wilma was lurking in our coastal waters have passed their expiration date — as well as the canned tuna, soup, corn and other stuff you scrambled for — although I might check the date on the Spam; yep, still good! So I guess it's time to restock. And don't forget **flashlights, bottled water**, **plywood** and making nice to your neighbor who bought a gas generator last season. Oh yes, download lots of movies and **eBooks** to your iPad in case the cable goes out.

In all seriousness, hardening your home is the best **strategy** for any weather event. **Impact windows** and **doors** may cost you now, but they will save you thousands down the road in case a storm hits. They also add to your home's resale value, **lower** your power bill and **save you** money on your homeowner's insurance. Now is also the time to **evaluate** the integrity of your roof and any other **home repairs** you have been putting off for awhile. It is much less expensive to get those items repaired or replaced now when demand is low and the scalpers are gone.

We may not be able to see the **future**, but we can see to it that our homes are **safe** and **secure** during this year's hurricane primetime.

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Having been through this, I have developed some quick and easy recipes to share with you in the case we all may need this later in the season. All the recipes listed here are prepared using no heating source or source for keeping foods cool. When preparing these meals, remember that once the can or package has been opened, no food left unrefrigerated is safe to eat after two hours, so plan accordingly. You should make this food and eat it right away to avoid any potential hazards.

WRITER MARCI BOLAND

HOW TO STOCK YOUR PANTRY

First, let's stock the pantry. The American Red Cross recommends that we store enough food to last two weeks.

• **CURED MEATS**: Salami, summer sausage, chorizo

• **CANNED MEATS** Spam, salmon, crab, tuna, shrimp and chicken

• CANNED VEGGIES:

Corn, string beans, peas, diced tomatoes, potatoes, marinated asparagus, peppers, mushrooms, chiles, poblano peppers, green tomatoes, black olives, green olives, beets, red cabbage

• CANNED FRUITS:

Applesauce, cherries, plums, pineapple, peaches, mandarin oranges

• BUTTERS: Peanut butter,

almond butter, Nutella

• **BEANS**: Kidney beans, black beans, white beans, chick peas

• **CONDIMENTS**: Olive oil, mustard, tahini, hummus, salsa, black bean dip, mayo packets and single serve salad dressing (you can buy these at GFS, a restaurant supply store that is open to the public, so share a box with a friend).

• **BREADS**: Pita, flour tortillas, any other bread

• **SNACKS**: Dried fruits and nuts, cereals, power bars, crackers, shelf stable cheese such as Laughing Cow. You can find other cheese and shelf stable foods at www. packitgourmet.com.

• **BEVERAGES**: Almond or soy milk, bottled coffee and tea, lots and lots and lots of water

• **DISPOSABLES**: In case we cannot use the water, try to get earth-friendly disposable plates, napkins, cups and cutlery.

• **PRODUCE**: Get all the fresh veggies and fruit you can, and buy some fresh herbs to flavor things up! This will be a terrific time to get in all five servings of your daily recommended allowance.



O <u>TIPS</u>

Avoid salty and sugary snacks, as these products will not satisfy your hunger, your diet or your health, particularly in hot temperatures. When we lose our air conditioning, we usually end up sweating quite a bit, so remember to take some potassium supplements or a Pedialyte drink to replace essential electrolytes and nutrients.

When preparing meals, remember that uneaten portions must be thrown away if not consumed.

Never eat any food that does not look normal. Remember: "When in doubt, throw it out!"



O <u>ROLL IT UP</u>

Tortilla spread one side with black bean dip and the other side with Laughing Cow cheese. Place shredded lettuces, sliced avocados, salsa and drained mushrooms in middle and roll it up. Be creative – use your imagination.

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• <u>RECIPES</u>



MEDITERRANEAN SALAD

- 1 can white cannelloni beans
- 1 3.8-ounce can of black olives
- 1 cup red bell pepper, diced
- 1 cup yellow bell pepper, diced
- 1 cup green bell pepper, diced
- 1 cup tomato, diced
- 1 cucumber diced
- 1 small onion diced
- 2 tablespoon chopped parsley
- Juice of 1 lime 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar Ground pepper

TOSS together. Top with canned white tuna, flaked. You may serve this over fresh spinach.

CASHEW CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICHES

- 4 mayonnaise packets
- 1/4 teaspoon curry powder
- 2 cans chicken
- 1/3 cup chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons chopped dryroasted cashew
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 tablespoon sweet chile sauce
- ¹/₂ tablespoon chopped cilantro
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped
- green onion
- 2 flour tortillas

TOSS together and add sliced red onion and sliced avocado. Wrap it up!

HAWAIIAN SALAD 1 can Spam, diced

- 1 can diced pineapple (or fresh)
- 1 bag shredded cabbage
- 1 can kidney beans
- 1 cup diced tomatoes
- T cup diced tomatoes
- 1 cup diced cucumber
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion 1 cup chopped fresh string

beans SERVE over chopped greens with the dressing made from mayonnaise and pineapple juice leftover from the can and add salt and pepper to taste.

MEXICAN SEAFOOD-FILLED AVOCADOS

- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon lime zest
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
- 4 ounces canned crab
- 8 ounces canned shrimp
- 2 tablespoons cilantro
- 2 firm ripe avocados
- 2 cups shredded lettuce
- 4 green olives

4 lime wedges **COMBINE** lemon juice, vinegar,

garlic, lime zest, and chili powder; add oil. Combine crab, shrimp and cilantro; add dressing. Stuff avocados.

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AFTER A NATURAL DISASTER STRIKES, THERE IS ONLY A TINY WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY TO RALLY EFFECTIVE RECOVERY EFFORTS BEFORE THE WORLD TURNS ITS ATTENTION ELSEWHERE.

While **donations** to major nonprofit organizations are always helpful and needed, companies have the opportunity to maximize and allocate their resources, products/services and staff to lead in a big way. **Companies** respond best to natural disasters when they approach them as a **business challenge**: by analyzing the situation, figuring out where the greatest need is, and responding in a way that reflects the "market" for aid. So where can your company best serve?

DONATE PRODUCTS/SERVICES

Evaluate the types of products and services the company can offer and decide what situations you can help with. For example, Nipro Diagnostics, a local company that manufactures diabetes glucose monitoring systems and supplies, has given hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of products to both American and international relief organizations in the last two years. They have formed partnerships with reputable nonprofits that are able to quickly disperse well-needed diabetes supplies to those affected by disaster.

USE YOUR BUSINESS MODEL

If your company does not have a direct product or service it can **donate**. the company can also look to how it does business as a way of helping. UPS, for example, extends its logistics expertise and transportation assets to get products to affected areas. They do not deliver just any product but work with their disaster relief partners to identify the right items needed and deliver those to the right place at the right time.

VOLUNTEER YOUR EMPLOYEES

Volunteers constitute for 94 percent of the total workforce to carry out humanitarian work and your company may have a large employee base that it can tap into. It is important to note that organizations that need volunteers are looking for trained volunteers. The Red Cross offers specific volunteer trainings when it comes to disaster relief preparedness and assistance. Also, look to other organizations that offer disaster relief trainings like UNICEF, CARE and/or the Salvation Army.

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Discuss with your partners opportunities where collaboration can occur when disaster strikes. When the 2010 earthquake struck Chile, Microsoft Chile, with the support of its partners Entel, Olidata and Fundación Vida Rural, initiated a project to provide infrastructure to reconnect the affected areas called "Conect@ Chile." In collaboration with the Chilean government mobile information centers were delivered to the affected regions.

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Cash is still king when it comes to disaster relief efforts and a quick way to raise money is to activate your customer base. Whether through an email campaign or point of purchase, asking for a **donation** is a simple way to help meet the needs of those affected by a disaster. More importantly, your customer views you as a caring and compassionate company, which often times equate to brand loyalty. Be sure when it is time to donate the money, you have vetted an organization properly so it's the best allocation of funds.

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WRITER PETE STEVENSON

ALL THE RIGHT CHORDS



PROFILE OF FORT LAUDERDALE'S PROFESSIONAL SOCCER TEAM

ou probably know that soccer is the most popular sport in the world and that more than one billion fans watch the international **World Cup** soccer tournament on television. But did you know soccer players run an average of six miles during every game or that the word "soccer" came from an abbreviation of the word "association football"?

Back in the 1880s, students at Oxford University used to abbreviate words by adding "er" to the end. **Association Football** was then much better known as "**assoccer**," which quickly just became "soccer." But more importantly how much do you know about our hometown professional soccer team the **Fort Lauderdale Strikers**?

Here's a little bit of their most recent history. In 2006 Miami FC was formed ("FC" always stands for "**football club**" in soccer vernacular; however, in the United States we don't often say "football club" just to avoid confusion with American football) The Miami FC then competed in the United Soccer League (USL) and made the playoffs in their first year of existence.





In the 2010 season, Miami FC announced its intention to honor the legacy of professional soccer in South Florida by rebranding the team as the **Strikers** — a team name that has been around in several incarnations for local teams dating back to 1977. The team was renamed the **Fort Lauderdale Strikers** and began play during the 2011 season in the newly formed **North American Soccer League**. The NASL is considered the second tier of soccer in America, just below Major League Soccer (MLS). The **rebrand** has been a great success as the Strikers have strengthened their fan base while seeing increased **attendance** and **community involvement**.

The NASL consists of teams from **Puerto Rico** to **Canada** (including the Strikers' state rivals, the **Tampa Bay Rowdies**) and continues to expand with the addition of the **New York Cosmos** later this year. Head coach **Daryl Shore** leads the team, and he has skippered them for the past four seasons. He will lead the team into this year's NASL under its new format of a split season. The split season consists of a spring championship season that started in April and runs through the end of June, and the fall championship season from August through the beginning of November, culminating in the champions from each season facing off in the **NASL Soccer Bowl**. What's exciting about this format is that if your team struggles in the spring season you still have the fall season to cheer your team on to the championship.

The team is as exciting and **diverse** as South Florida itself. As soccer continues to grow in United States, it is still truly an international sport, as is represented by the geographic diversity of the Strikers' roster. The team boasts players from **Colombia**, **Costa Rica**, **England**, **Bulgaria** and even **Finland**, as well as a large complement of **American** players; many have played for local universities. The Strikers have made a point of being very involved with the local **community** and this includes developing local talent as well.

As many sporting facilities around the country look to upgrade, add amenities and create a great family friendly environment, the Fort Lauderdale Strikers are no different. Their current location at Lockhart Stadium (just north of Commercial Boulevard and west of Powerline Road) is an easily accessible venue and a prime setting to watch soccer. However, as the team, organization and fan base continue to grow the Strikers want to improve their facilities as well. Currently the City of Fort Lauderdale owns the stadium, but the FAA owns the land, so getting approval for expansion or renovations can be tricky. Team President Tom Mulroy and Managing Director Tim Robbie are spearheading the process to work with community leaders to ensure either upgrades to the current stadium or perhaps seek



ABOVE Fort Lauderdale Strikers player Beto Navarro competes against the Atlanta Silverbacks. Photos courtesy of the Fort Lauderdale Strikers

out a location to build a brand new facility. Whatever the outcome, the Strikers are an integral part of the growing Fort Lauderdale sports community.

This organization really strikes a nice **balance** between commitment on the **pitch** (the term for "field" in the world of soccer) and community support off it. The proof of the commitment by the entire Fort Lauderdale Striker organization is in the variety of community outreach programs they perform throughout the year. A few of these include player appearances and **youth soccer clinics** in Broward County schools. These soccer clinics are held in partnership with the **United Way of Broward County Commission on Substance Abuse**. The team also leads the **Kicks for Kids** campaign, through personal and corporate donations, which allows underprivileged kids to **enjoy** a game and all the excitement of a professional soccer match.

So if you are new to soccer or are a lifelong follower, let's get out and support a great team that **supports** us in return. Don't forget to take the kids with you.

Pete Stevenson a local freelance writer and marketing executive. He is political science graduate of Michigan State University.



FORT LAUDERDALE STRIKERS Home matches at Lockhart Stadium, 1350 N.W. 55th St., Fort Lauderdale www.strikers.com



SOCCER BOOSTERS RALLY SUPPORT FOR HOMETOWN TEAM

WRITER ASHLEY TURNER

"Defend the fort! Each day and night! We defend the fort! With all our might!"

This is just one of the **chants** you will hear by the independent supporters group, Flight 19, while attending a Fort Lauderdale Strikers game. In 2010, Derek Reese, his brother Zach Reese and their friend Justin Yarborough formed Flight 19 to stir up support

for the return of the Fort Lauderdale Strikers and North American Soccer League the following year.

Flight 19's mission is to rally passionate support and you can see that on game day. Members join forces to provide an electric atmosphere at Lockhart Stadium through singing, chanting, huge mosaic displays, waving flags and banging drums for the full 90 minutes. All Strikers fans are encouraged to join Flight 19 in Section 132 on game day, which is free with a paid ticket, as well as three and a half hours prior to the game at their official F19 Tailgate Party. Paid memberships are also offered complete with swag and discounts from the Strikers and F19 partners.

Besides attending games, you can find Flight 19 hosting watch parties, road trips and other events that promise to bring Strikers fans and the community together.

Justin Yarborough, the vice-president of Flight 19, is also the co-host of The Tailgate Show along with Paul Mordente and Chris Marrazzo.

The Tailgate Show is a weekly Fort Lauderdale Strikers Blogtalk radio show that highlights the good times had by the supporter groups of The Fort Lauderdale Strikers. You can find them at www. thetailgateshow.us Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m.

The group is named in honor of the flight of five TBM Avenger torpedo bombers that took off from Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale (now Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport) in December 1945, disappearing in possibly the most famous incident associated with the Bermuda Triangle.

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Flight 19, a booster club of the home games. Photos courtesy of



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Starting Out

In addition to a fully stocked premium bar, they have a menu of drink specialties not seen anywhere else. I tried two! One was a special **gin drink** that has all kinds of herbs and essences and another was the **Ginger-Thyme Cocktail** with Pom juice. Both were refreshing and very delicious.

Begin with the **Charred Edamame**; it is crazy addictive. Already creating a buzz is their **Deviled Fresh Farm Eggs** with smoked paprika, which will pack a punch and will delight you at the same time.

There are several amazing **sushi rolls** at hand. I had the rainbow roll, finding it filled with fresh crabmeat, which was as beautiful as it was delectable. My favorite of their small dish items is the **Ricotta Gnudi** with fennel, mushroom, thyme, sea salt and truffle. The **Tuscan Kale Salad** with mango and peanut curry vinaigrette that night was a guiltless yumminess! **Settle In**

The ambiance, the view ... where do I begin? Sitting at a **comfortable** settee, looking out at the ocean as the sun was setting, we are seated in what I can only presume is the best seat in the house ... oh wait ... all the seats are like this! The restaurant and the seats all look out at our **Atlantic Ocean**. And, I was thinking my "press creds" were really working for me. Anyway, back





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to the food. We had lots of decisions to make. Eighteen-hour short ribs — yes, please! Savory and lush all in one bite. Take my advice and order the **Rosemary Frittes** with parmesan aioli. The French fry aficionado I was dining with gave it two thumbs up. Next up is the **Black Grouper** cooked to perfection, with mango and veggie mash up. Delectable. We also caught the **Chai Tea Brined Duck** on its way by for an exquisite bite that was crispy and tender, served with apple-mustard compote and sweet potato foam. The duck was replete with sense of fall and falling leaves.

For the finale, the desserts are fun and

flirty, such as doughnuts, cookies and sticky toffee pudding.

On the weekends, go during the day and indulge in their **Bloody Mary Trio** or their **Champagne Bar**.

Go with friends, family and certainly out of town guests. You will be happy for the **experience**.

Live deliciously!

Marci Boland was the chef and owner of L'Hermitage Catering, an award winning catering and events company in Fort Lauderdale. Currently, she is the director of social catering at Trump International Beach Resort in Sunny Isles.

Pairing

Black Grouper over black beans, green bananas, taro root, kale, finished with a mango salsa, mango habanera and brown butter sauce.



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Member Profiles

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KEVIN BLAIR



Managing Director, Rainmaker Restaurant Group

Co-founder and

CORPORATE TRUSTEE

• I am the cofounder and managing director

of the Rainmaker Restaurant Group which currently owns and operates three contemporary American restaurants — Grille 401 in Downtown Fort Lauderdale, Pinon Grill in the Boca Raton Town Center and Brimstone Woodfire Grill in the Shops at Pembroke Gardens. Grille 401 located at 401 E. Las Olas Blvd. was designed to offer Las Olas a trendy, comfortable and convenient dining environment for lunch, dinner, happy hour, social and corporate entertainment.

Throughout my 20-year career, I have held many roles in the restaurant industry ranging from food service, hospitality, logistics and multi-unit operations. In addition, I have been involved in real estate site selection, accounting and overseeing human resources, thus building a solid foundation for current multi-unit growth objectives.

I am a member of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and am a huge supporter of Fort Lauderdale and its Downtown. As an active and local member of the business community, I think it is important to help contribute to the continued growth and development of the area. In fact, Grille 401 was recently the Title Sponsor of the Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Stone Crab and Seafood Festival and participated in Riverwalk Get Downtown and the Fourth Annual Burger Battle. We look forward to working with Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale for many years to come, so together we can help Fort Lauderdale and Riverwalk park prosper and grow.

JENNIFER FERACO



Senior Account Strategist, Mad 4 Marketing

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• I believe the general rule is once you're here for 10

years, you've earned the right to be called a "Floridian." Although just one year shy of that title, I consider myself a true regular on the Riverwalk and on Las Olas. I fell in love at first sight with the Riverwalk as an LSU college student spending my spring break interviewing at marketing companies, desperately seeking a spot on someone's roster.

Now with more than 12 years of varied experience in traditional and online marketing, I've acquired a proven record of developing and integrating cross channel marketing plans to help clients maximize their brand presence and effectively reach their target market. As a Senior Account Strategist at Mad 4 Marketing here in Fort Lauderdale, I understand clients don't just have a website; they have a brand, a niche, a story to tell.

As one of Riverwalk's newest members, I am looking forward to being actively involved in the many exciting events that take place year long starting with the Burger Battle. From the tranquil walks along the river listening to Sunday jazz to the energetic atmosphere of all that the Riverwalk has to offer, what's not to love about this beautiful place I call home?

ALEXANDRIA BROWN



District manager, Stiles Property Management

CORPORATE TRUSTEE

• I joined Stiles in December 2003. I was managing

properties in downtown Miami but then my role and responsibilities expanded to include properties in Broward. I bring more than 20 years of commercial real estate experience and have worked in other markets, including Orlando, Atlanta and South Florida. In my role as a District Manager at Stiles Property Management, I currently oversee properties in Miami-Dade and downtown Fort Lauderdale-Broward.

I supervise and support the on-site managers to ensure their operations run efficiently and effectively. I am responsible for communicating and getting the word out to the managers so they can forward the message to the occupants of our buildings. As a Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale board member, I am not only proud to support and be a part of such a vibrant organization, but also to have the opportunity to represent Stiles in the community. I feel Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale is extremely dedicated to promoting and enhancing the local businesses, cultural, community and environmental vitality of the Downtown area. When I'm working in Downtown Fort Lauderdale or if I'm socially enjoying what it offers, I quickly realize that it has abundant shopping, fine dining, historic sites, cultural venues, entertainment and the beautiful Riverwalk along the water, and the beaches are just steps away. I truly enjoy traveling and discovering new places and cultures, but I also have all the best of Fort Lauderdale, right here at my disposal. Go Riverwalk! 🕲

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ONE SWEET BUILDING The Story Behind Fort Lauderdale's First Skyscraper

e look out our windows and see buildings as tall as the Las Olas River House, which is even short by today's national standards at only 42 stories. But in the summer of 1926, Fort Lauderdale had its first skyscraper open on the main street Downtown on Andrews Avenue ... a meager nine stories tall. The original plans for the building proposed a much loftier capacity but were depressed on the west side to include only the first and

but were depressed on the west side to include only the first and mezzanine floors, even though the foundation reportedly could sustain a 20-story structure. The building was built by the **First National Bank** for its growing business. The site was purchased

THE BUILDING WOULD BE RENAMED THE SWEET BUILDING, WHICH WOULD BECOME WELL KNOWN TO LOCALS. for \$24,000 and built for the cost of \$487,000.

As most Floridians know, South Florida is prone to hurricanes and on Sept. 28, 1926, the Great Miami Hurricane came roaring through. Luckily, the building sustained only minimal damage due to the quality of its construction. The First National Bank unfortunately did not. To stay afloat, it merged with the Fort Lauderdale Bank and Trust Company across the street where the Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale is today. The building would be bought by John Lochrie, Charles N. McCune and William L. Sweet Jr. in the early 1930s. William Sweet would eventually take full control when his partners lost interest and a second and third mortgage came due. The building would be renamed The Sweet Building, which would become well known to locals. Mr. Sweet objected, however, because he did not want

others to think it was a place where sweets were sold. The first person to occupy the building, and did so until his retirement in 1968, was osteopathic physician David R. Stull. During the 1930s an assortment of tenants occupied this building as well: notable doctors, lawyers, dentists, the Arcade Billiard Parlor, Clip and Curl Shop, Brayton-Cole Co. (pharmacy), Miami Daily News, the Florida Inland Navigation District, Federal Savings and Loan Association, and the Bond and Tax Adjustment Bureau, Inc. (tax service).

In 1947, the first alterations to the Sweet Building would occur with the remodeling of the arcade and a year later with the installation of air conditioning. The windows were remodeled in 1958 and replaced with aluminum frames in 1967. Two highspeed elevators would replace the original one when the lobby was remodeled in 1963. The building's façade would change in 1966. In 1979, One River Plaza Co. acquired the building and continues to be its present owner. They would add the south wall stair tower and firewalls and change the name of the building to One River Plaza. Because of these changes, the building would not qualify for the National Register of Historic Places.

Today, the luxury office building offers historic accommodations with modern amenities to local businesses, including the home of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale. Throughout the distinguished building, the walls are adorned with photographs that chronicle its past and the ever-changing landscape of its Downtown surroundings. ⁽⁶⁾ Ashley Turner is a Fort Lauderdale native and social media strategist. She is the creator of DowntownFTL.net and you can follow her daily Downtown living on Instagram @DowntownFTL.







EVENT CONNECTIONS

Compiled by Alexandra Roland Calendar Editor



DAILY EVENTS

🕗 YESTERDAY'S FUN HANGOUTS, ODDITIES AND ATTRACTIONS Through June 23 Fort Lauderdale Historical Society

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VAS MAY ART SALON THE ART OF THE SEMINOLE INDIANS

Through June 30 Celebrating the cultural arts and history of the Seminole Indians. The Historical Society of Fort Lauderdale (954) 709-7447

🔮 SATURDAY NITE ALIVE

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🍪 WATTS UP TOUR June 1

Featuring Helicopter Showdown, Antiserum, Clicks and Whistles. **Revolution Live** (954) 449-1025

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF BROWARD HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER **HEALTH FAIR CELEBRATION** June 1

Broward County's first hospital celebrates its 75th anniversary with a community health fair. The celebration will feature screenings, educational booths, Ask the Physician booths, kids zone with screenings, refreshments, cake, face painters and much more. Broward Health Medical Center (954) 831-2752

🖰 INAUGURAL FIELD DAY FOR **FOSTER CARE**

June 2 BB&T Center www.ChildNet.us

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SEA TURTLE WALKS

June 3-5, 10-12, 17, 18, 26, 26 July 1-3, 8-10, 15, 16 Nature permitting, participants will have a chance to watch a 300-pound Loggerhead sea turtle venture out of the ocean to lay her eggs. A female loggerhead sea turtle may travel thousands of miles to return to the beach where she hatched as a baby to lay her own eggs as an adult. Begins at Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 713-0930

🕗 HAVING FUN WISH YOU WERE HERE!

June 4 Vintage postcards of Florida with Elizabeth Course. Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443

6 KILLSWITCH ENGAGE

June 4 Revolution Live (954) 449-1025

🍪 BIG BOI

June 5 **Revolution Live** jointherevolution.net/

THE HUKILAU 12TH **ANNUAL VOYAGE**

June 6-9 The Hukilau (hoo-kee-lau) is a four-day Tiki festival that honors the Mai-Kai and celebrates both the history and modern revival of mid-century Polynesian pop culture. The Mai-Kai Restaurant Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Beach Hotel www.thehukilau.com

"MEET" SERIES

Art 🖉

June 6 Meet Dan Austin, author of "Baseball's Last Great Scout: The Life of Hugh Alexander." Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7444

🕝 MUSICAL MOMMY AND ME WITH MISS SUE

June 7, 14 Downtown Jewish Educational Center (954) 667-8000 www.DowntownJewish.com

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🔗 Talk

🚱 DOCTOR P June 7

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🝪 FLEETWOOD MAC June 8 BB&T Center (800) 745-3000



WHERE THE WILD THINGS **ARE: MAURICE SENDAK IN HIS OWN WORDS AND PICTURES** June 8

Young At Art Museum (954) 424-0085 YoungAtArtMuseum.org

🝪 KURT ELLING

June 8 Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

🍪 JESSE Y JOY **Revolution Live**

June 9

🖪 Health

Festival

(954) 449-1025 SUMMER STAGE SHOW CAMP

June 10-July 6 July 8-Aug. 2 Campers work with professional instructors in acting, music, dance and design to mount a full-scale production at the end of each fourweek session. Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre in The Galleria Mall (954) 763-6882

STORYBOOK ADVENTURES

June 10, 17, 24, July 8, 15, 22 Campers set off on a different themebased adventure each week as they unleash the imagination through theater games, story drama and movement, culminating in a showcase for family and friends. Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre in The Galleria Mall (954) 763-6882

SPEAKER SERIES June 10 With local historian and storyteller, Wayne Rogers.

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Fort Lauderdale Historical Society (954) 463-4431

👶 DWIGHT YOAKAM

June 12 Hard Rock Live (954) 797-5531

6 ONE DIRECTION

June 13 BB&T Center (800) 745-3000

HAN OF STEEL: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE

Opens June 14 Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater (954) 463-IMAX (4629)

SCOOBY DOO LIVE! **MUSICAL MYSTERIES**

June 15-16 Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.BrowardCenter.org

O SOUTH FLORIDA PRIDE WIND ENSEMBLE

June 15 The South Florida Pride Wind Ensemble will perform works from American composers including Copland, Gershwin, Sousa and more. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.BrowardCenter.org



CELEBRITY CHEFS AND GUESTS June 16

Chef Kevin Gillespie's true passion lies in serving his customers quality food every day. In April, he is opened his new restaurant, Gunshow, in Atlanta. Gillespie is currently on a national book tour to promote his debut cookbook "Fire in My Belly," which was released on October 2012. **Plantation Publix** (954) 577-4264

🥙 U.S. TUMBLING AND **TRAMPOLINE ASSOCIATION** June 18-22

Broward County Convention Center (954) 765-5900

🛞 Winterfest Sports Food 😭 Family



VIVA FLORIDA 500 BEST IN SHOW SERIES June 20

Viva Florida 500 is the celebration of Ponce de Leon discovering La Florida and the works selected for this series are inspired by 500 years of Florida history which include abstract as well as realistic interpretations. The exhibitions will include works of various media including, watercolor, oil, acrylic and photography and a percentage of all art sale proceeds will benefit Bonnet House programs. Presented by Bonnet House Museum and Gardens. Gallery 928 www.bonnethouse.org

🍯 THE PACKAGE TOUR: **NKOTB, 98 DEGREES AND BOYZ II MEN**

lune 22 **BB&T** Center (800) 745-3000

ALEX'S LEMONADE STAND AND MONICA SCREENING

June 22 Young At Art Museum, animator and educator Rob Cabrera and actress Bailee Madison will team up in support of childhood cancer. At the event, visitors will have the opportunity to buy lemonade from Madison at "Alex's Lemonade Stand," with proceeds benefitting childhood cancer research. Young At Art Museum (954) 424-0085 YoungAtArtMuseum.org



WITH AVERY SOMMERS June 28 • 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Sommers starred on Broadway in "Ain't Misbehavin'," replacing Nell Carter, and "Showboat" as Queenie. Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale (954) 262-0249

8 Music

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6 JOURNEY June 28-29 Hard Rock Live (954) 797-5531

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War Memorial Auditorium (954) 828-5380 www.repticon.com

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Julv 9 BB&T Center (800) 745-3000

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🕀 FORT LAUDERDALE RV SHOW AND SALE

July 11-14 Broward County Convention Center (954) 765-5900

DISNEY'S THE LITTLE **MERMAID JR.**

July 11-13 Broward Center's Summer Theatre Camp Young Professionals perform a musical adaptation of Disney's classic, "The Little Mermaid," featuring hit songs including the Oscar-winning "Under the Sea." Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.BrowardCenter.org

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The Second Annual "The Balancing Act" Conference July 12 The conference focuses on giving women the tools and resources to achieve a healthy work-life balance by providing a day of personal and professional development, inspiration and networking. Ritz-Carlton, Fort Lauderdale

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ONGOING EVENTS

@ RIVERWALK • CARDIO MIX WITH JOSH HECHT

6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays Esplanade Park (954) 790-4953

Times and dates subject to change depending on weather restrictions. For more information, call (954) 468-1541 or visit www. GoRiverwalk.com

PADDLEBOARD RIVERWALK

Saturdays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$25 for a one-hour rental, \$35 for a guided group tour and \$40 for a night tour. Lessons and rentals will also be available.

Esplanade Park (877) 779-9299 www.paddleriverwalk.com

BROWARD COUNTY **SCHOOLS: A LOOK BACK** June

Public education in what is now Broward County has gone from a very humble beginning to what is today one of the largest school districts in the United States. This exhibit explores how education in Broward County grew from those two small schoolhouses as the County itself developed. VIVA Florida 500 program. Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443



REGION 4 SUPERFUND SITE **EXHIBIT** June Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443

III Movies	Festival
🖪 Health	🛞 Winterfest

Food

BROWARD ATTRACTIONS AND MUSEUMS MONTH June

Broward Attractions and Museums Month (BAMM), offers members of any one of the 17 participating cultural institutions free general admission to all participating venues during the month of June. Current and new members of these museums and attractions will receive free entry with proof of membership.

• African American Research Library and Cultural Center

- Art and Culture Center of Hollywood
- Boca Raton Children's Museum
 - · Boca Raton Historical Society and
 - Museum
 - Bonnet House Museum and Gardens Cinema Paradiso
 - Classical South Florida: 89.7 Miami, 90.7 West Palm Beach, 88.7 Naples/ Fort Myers, WPBI News 101.9 and 90.7
 - HD2 West Palm Beach Fort Lauderdale History Center
 - Museum
 - Historic Stranahan House Museum • IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame and
 - Museum
 - International Swimming Hall of Fame Museum
 - Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale,
 - Nova Southeastern University
 - Old Davie School Historical Museum
 - Old Dillard Museum
 - Plantation Historical Museum
 - Seminole Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum
 - Spady Cultural Heritage Museum
 www.bamminfo.org

FLIGHT OF THE **BUTTERFLIES IN 3D**

Through Sept. 30 Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater (954) 463-IMAX (4629)

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ONGOING EVENTS

SUNTRUST SUNDAY JAZZ BRUNCH

First Sunday • 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Riverwalk Park (954) 828-5363

OF ENTERTAINMENT

Third Sunday Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

SUNDAY ARTS

Fourth Sunday • 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Local artists and performers demonstrate their talents and crafts in Esplanade Park and along the linear Riverwalk. (954) 468-1541

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Second Monday of the month Songwriter's Showcase founder Chrystal Hartigan brings local, national and international singer/songwriters together in South Florida to perform songs from the past, present, as well

as the possible hits of tomorrow.
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Avenue

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WELCOME CENTER MONTHLY ROTATING EXHIBITS

Ongoing Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 703-2606

O TOURS AT HISTORIC STRANAHAN HOUSE MUSEUM

Ongoing Historic Stranahan House Museum (954) 524-4736

Science	😂 Riverwalk	🔘 Cultural	Festival	🛞 Floral
Dance	Charity	🔗 Talk	🛞 Winterfest	History
Music	🕢 Art	III Movies	Food	C Kid's Theater
Illeater 🛄	Trade Shows	🕒 Health	Ø Sports	😵 Pets



American Social provided samples at the Spring 2013 Get Downtown.

n the May 2013 Go Riverwalk Magazine, we should have identified a sample of food as from American Social, on the Riverwalk Exclusives Get Downtown Page. We regret the error.







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18th Annual Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration

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Symphony of the Americas

Kentucky Derby Party • May 4



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f you get a hankering to sit down and play the piano, like Fort Lauderdale City Manager Lee Feldman here, stop by Riverwalk's Esplanade Pavilion on June 27. FTL Play Your City project is a display of playable pianos adorned by local artists, and was inspired by the success of other cities implementing similar projects to activate public spaces. FTL Play Your City was put together by Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and Cadence Planning + Designing Living Environments

at the direction of the **City of Fort Lauderdale.** A few years ago, **Jo Ann Medalie** and **Art Seitz** suggested the idea to city officials.

In December 2013, Riverwalk will celebrate its **25th anniversary**. To commemorate the occasion, each month **Go Riverwalk Magazine** will **showcase** one of the many public **enhancements** that has been made along the two-mile stretch of brick walkway along the **New River** in Downtown Fort Lauderdale.



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