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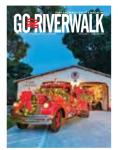
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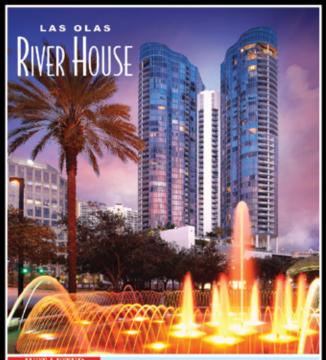
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Some of Riverwalk's 2015-2016 board members – top: Barbra Stern, Roger Craft, Ann-Marie Fox Mancuso, and Tim Heiser; bottom: Mary Adams, Michael Wild, Pat Demos, Mike Weymouth, and Gage Couch

**BY BARBRA STERN** 

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## **New Team Players**

e recently welcomed the incoming Board of Directors to Riverwalk and we are very excited about the opportunities we see for the future. Our Board of Directors is comprised of outstanding members of the community – returning members and fresh faces – all with the same interest: how can we make Downtown Fort Lauderdale, and the gem of the city, our Riverwalk, a place to live, work, and play?

We are so excited about the opportunities to grow the activities on both the north and south sides of the New River. We are working hard with our partners to identify short and long term projects to enhance the experience of visiting or living downtown.

Our Master Plan and Projects Committee has already started coming up with great ideas to help enhance the Riverwalk. We have discussed adding a playground so that while you enjoy the exercise stations, your children will also have a place to play right near the river. Our plans to complete the north side connection are also moving forward. If there is something you would like to see added to the Riverwalk, we encourage you to share your ideas and get involved with this great committee.

With 2016 right around the corner, be on the lookout for our signature events. We have the Stone Crab and Seafood Festival coming up in January in Esplanade Park. On Mar. 31, 2016, we will have our 16th Annual Tribute honoring Doug Eagon for his role in the growth and development of the Riverwalk and the downtown community. Make sure to check our calendar for more events. See you on the Riverwalk!



### 2016 RIVERWALK TRIBUTE HONOREE DOUG EAGON

In 1977, after graduating from college, Doug Eagon secured an internship with the City of Fort Lauderdale Planning Department as a planning assistant. "It was a great experience," Eagon says, "Even now that I was a college graduate and I was making minimum wage at \$2.10 an hour, which was about half what I was making at Ernie's BBQ. But, seriously, I would have done it for free, which I guess two bucks an hour is almost free."

Implementing what he learned in college, Eagon saw the brief internship as a way to prove himself. After, he worked construction for a while but soon received a call from the City regarding another opening - ultimately back in the planning department, which is where he first met Terry Stiles.

This article is part of an ongoing series. Check archived and future issues for past and subsequent articles respectively. The Riverwalk Tribute event will take place Thursday, Mar. 31, 2016. Call (954) 468-1541 for more information.

# RIVERWALK AMBASSADORS

# JOIN OUR TEAM!

## SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 11AM - 5 PM (Three hour shifts)

Riverwalk Trust and the City of Fort Lauderdale are looking for energetic, outgoing, and enthusiastic volunteers to serve as Riverwalk Ambassadors.

### As an Ambassador you will have an opportunity to:

- Welcome neighbors and visitors, answer questions, and hand out brochures from a Riverwalk Kiosk.
- Provide information about restaurants, shops, events, and activities in downtown and along the Riverwalk.
- Enhance Riverwalk's identity as a vibrant, engaging, downtown Fort Lauderdale destination.
- Earn community service hours for your school, nonprofit, or philanthropic organization.

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## **Making Moves**

ore new things are on the way! As we enjoy the greatest weather of the year, we find ourselves spending more and more time outside in the sun or under the stars. Our environment encourages healthy living through exercise and we are pleased to announce a new addition to Riverwalk Recreation starting this month – Christine Axel, founder of Pilates Fort Lauderdale.

Axel is a certified power pilates instructior and is CPR and first aid certified. She is ready to assist you in transforming the way your body looks, feels, and performs by helping you to build strength without excess bulk and create a sleek toned body and a flat abdomen. Now, who wouldn't want that?

Axel became a certified instructor after knee surgery and rehabilitation. She carried the mark further by studying functional anatomy, kinesiology, rehabilitation, injury prevention, and posture analysis. We think this is a great addition to our Riverwalk Recreation options. Join a class by visiting www.pilatesftlauderdale.com or calling (954) 400-7183.

Light upgrades along Riverwalk on the north side are complete and serve as a great change!



BY GENIA DUNCAN ELLIS President/CEO, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale



Christine Axel hosts pilates classes on the Riverwalk

Take a stroll one evening and enjoy the brighter ambiance. You will also note that the holiday lights and decorations are up for the season and, as always, create a festive and enjoyable addition to the walk. We thank our partners, including the City of Fort Lauderdale, for making this possible on an annual basis for the good of the community and downtown.

January brings many options for entertainment. We have been working for several months to consolidate all of the Greater Fort Lauderdale events and happenings into a single location to make it easier for the public to choose local entertainment. Visit www.goriverwalk.com/events/greater-fortlauderdale-event-calendar to see our latest listings. We have partnered with the charity community, City of Fort Lauderdale, the Arts & Entertainment District, the city's historical properties, and more to produce a rolling, annual calendar. Go to www. goriverwalk.com/events/riverwalk-happenings to view just our Riverwalk events.

With such a vibrant city and only 365 days a year, many events overlap. We hope that this helps event hosts to select non-competing dates to maximize all opportunities.

An online form at www.goriverwalk.com/events allows you to submit information to our calendar department and Project Manager Gabrielle Roland to be included in the magazine, online, or both. We appreciate your input!

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of the elderly and disabled. Whether it is transitioning from surgery back home or a long-term care need, keeping my clients safe and comfortable in their homes is a personal commitment. With many families split up by geography, Responsive Home Health offers the helping hand many in our community need. We keep family informed and offer peace of mind and a direct contact to someone who cares.

My desire is to bring the same passion to the Riverwalk and the place I have called home since 1981. I received my Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Barry University and while going to school, I worked at a retirement community. Here, I developed my passion for caring for the elderly. I started my career fighting for the rights of the elderly, and was a founding member of the Florida Assisting Living Association. I also built and designed two large assisted living communities in Coral Springs and Tamarac. After these projects, I realized I wanted to focus my attention on helping my clients "age in place" at home.

My two sons were born and raised here and after college they didn't want to live anywhere else. As for the river and Riverwalk, it is my favorite place to spend time and travel by boat. When any out-of-town guests come, we always go to the Riverwalk to relax, enjoy, and show off our incredible Venice of America!



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**Damian Polgar** 

ALPINE JAGUAR

• I am the Director of Marketing and Direct Sales for Alpine Jaguar, the largest Jaguar dealer in the world.

I was hired in 2013 to take Alpine Jaguar in a new direction in an effort to reach a lost customer base through a grassroots approach. I experienced success in similar campaigns while working for Toyota when they launched the Tundra into new commercial markets in 2008.

I currently serve on the Board of Envision Uptown, which consists of uptown business representatives, including Citrix, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, Alpine Jaguar, and Diversified Properties to name a few. Through continued participation in Deliver the Dream, Broward Health Foundation, and Homesafe, I, along with Alpine Jaguar, have become an active and invested member of the community.

Joining Riverwalk was a natural extension of this philosophy. I believe that keeping the Downtown beautiful and vibrant is simply good business for everyone.

I am an alumni of Villanova University (Go Wildcats!), which makes for an entertaining basketball season at home - my wife is a Florida Gator. I am the father of two boys, ages four and five, which drives my commitment to leave a better community than I found.

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**STAFF** PATRICK HARRIS RIVERWALK FORT LAUDERDALE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST t's hard to believe it's December and another year is coming to a close. We hope as you look back on the year, you will have many fond memories about your time along the Riverwalk. Whether it was a particular day when you took a leisurely stroll or when you attended one of our many events, you knew that Riverwalk was



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### **Darryl Gilbert**

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• I formed Party Connection DJs, a highly regarded Broward County based DJ Entertainment Company, to provide a much desired service to the community.

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Born into a musical family – my father was a classical pianist – my lifelong love of music of all types serves me well. As a trained and experienced DJ and master of ceremonies, I have been a part of creating special memories for thousands of enthusiastic clients, delighted that they chose Darryl Gilbert to be their master of ceremonies, disc jockey, or host.

My wife and I purchased a home in Broward County, and raised our two children here. They always get a smile and a reaction when they say "I'm from Fort Lauderdale." And each one has a piece of prime riverfront property in the heart of downtown Fort Lauderdale – a signature brick along the Riverwalk on the historic New River. They are so proud of them!

The Riverwalk and surrounding neighborhood is itself a dynamic community, uniquely accessible to everyone. Events are happening everywhere you look. Everyone can enjoy the friendly, safe, inviting atmosphere.

Over the years, we've seen excellent examples of how Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, in conjunction with the public and private sector, has succeeded in attracting important businesses to the downtown area. Simultaneously, efforts have been undertaken to promote family-friendly events and activities, maintain and improve open spaces and green areas, support music and the arts, limit development in specific areas, and improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians, cyclists, and boaters. The results? A vibrant community nucleus.

I am proud to be a member of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale. The people and businesses at the heart of this association are a dynamic force advocating both sustainable development and the preservation of the area's unique artistic and cultural heritage.

always there to make your experience in the Downtown a pleasant one.

We hope you will keep these pleasant thoughts in mind when you are making your end-of-year giving plans. As a nonprofit organization, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale relies on its members and donors for a significant portion of its funding. Your support is not only a way to give back to your community, it also makes everything we do possible! An end-of-year, tax-deductible gift now will help us with our efforts to make Downtown Fort Lauderdale a vibrant and active place for residents, businesses, and tourists.

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make an end-of-year, tax-deductible gift to Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, please contact us at (954) 468-1541. You can also make a donation on our website – www.goriverwalk.com.

Thank you for your continued support of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale. Happy Holidays and best wishes for a prosperous 2016!





## Riverwalk's Third Annual Smoke on the Water BBQ Feast

On Oct. 18, there was plenty of smoke along the New River at Riverwalk's Third Annual Smoke on the Water BBQ Feast. Residents and visitors came out all day for the finger-licking good barbecue, cold beer, and entertainment from local bands the Steele Brothers Band and NMBR11. It was a successful fundraising event, which helps Riverwalk pursue its mission. The Fourth Annual Smoke on the Water BBQ Feast has already been scheduled for June 2016.

STAFF: CRISTINA HUDSON PHOTOS BY JASON LEIDY

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## Fort Lauderdale Bus Loop

STAFF: CRISTINA HUDSON PHOTOS BY PINELOPI DOVINO On Friday, Oct. 30, the Zombie Bus Loop took over Fort Lauderdale. With two make-up artists on hand, many guests got painted before they hopped on the buses. Others came dressed and ready in their best zombie costumes. All zombies received a complimentary cocktail or appetizer at each of the eight participating venues. Funds from the Fort Lauderdale Bus Loop benefit five local charities: Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Covenant House Florida, Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation, Jack & Jill Children's Center, and the Broward County Gator Club Scholarship Fund. <sup>(6)</sup>















Marcia K. Moore, and Lisa Scott-Founds

Sondra Dane, and Doug Jones











## Winterfest **White Party**

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY WINTERFEST

A VIP event for Winterfest sponsors, the White Party was a glamorous evening of musical performances and vendor displays, and included the unveiling of the official Winterfest poster, completed by artist Marcia K. Moore. 🕲



## *"FAIRY TALES AFLOAT"* DECEMBER 12, 2015



## 2015 WINTERFEST® DATES TO REMEMBER:

DEC. 5 - SEMINOLE HARD ROCK WINTERFEST® BLACK TIE BALL presented by Moët & Chandon with wine and spirits byRepublic National Distributing, Co. featuring Brugal Rum , Russian Standard Vodka, Templeton Rye, Trivento Wines and The Macallan Scotch Whisky

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DEC. 7 - CAPTAIN'S MEETING presented by Show Management, hosted by Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina.

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DEC. 11 - SEMINOLE HARD ROCK WINTERFEST® GRAND MARSHAL RECEPTION

This a private reception to honor our Grand Marshal Nick Cannon.



DEC. 12 - GRANDSTAND VIEWING AREA powered by Ford

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**DEC. 12 - VIP VIEWING presented by the Huizenga Family** Hosted by the Riverside Hotel and Stranahan House. Featured wines: Pacific Rim and Templeton.

### DEC. 12 - SEMINOLE HARD ROCK WINTERFEST® BOAT PARADE Grand Marshal Showboat presented by JM Lexus

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Riverwalk Bacon Bash

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STAFF: CRISTINA HUDSON PHOTOS BY JASON LEIDY The unmistakable aroma of bacon was in the air on Nov. 6 as bacon lovers from near and far came out for Bacon Bash 2015. Tastebuds were tantalized by both sweet and savory bacon dishes from restaurants competing for the trophies - "Most Creative Use of Bacon" and "Best Overall Bacon Dish." Guests washed down bacon treats with an assortment of craft beers from local breweries. The VIP Biergarten Experience offered unlimited specialty craft beers and bourbon tastings. When the votes were tallied, Himmarshee Public House took home both trophies. Funds raised from Bacon Bash benefitted Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and Covenant House Florida. <sup>(1)</sup>

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In the beer garden with Michelle Fernandez and Vincent Morenza from Wynwood Brewing Company

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Jennifer Brown, owner of "From Jenny With Love"



M.E.A.T. chef and owner George Patti









Troy Beasley, executive chef from Grille 401 with a bacon twist on the deviled egg









Daniella and Mila Bozo



Laura Angri, Valentina Baquero, and Yadira Castro with Chancho



STAFF: CRISTINA HUDSON PHOTOS BY JASON LEIDY

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The Broward Center Spotlights





Guests kicked off the holiday season on Thursday, Nov. 12 at Riverwalk's Annual Get Lit event. Residents and visitors came out to Esplanade Park to enjoy holiday songs from the Broward Center Spotlights and the Bobby Rodriguez Orchestra. Children of all ages went on train rides along the Riverwalk and hay rides through downtown. Food trucks kept bellies full while vendors got the holiday shopping started. Get Lit is the launch of the 10-week series of lights that will be displayed along the Riverwalk throughout the holiday season.



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## Revolution of the Eye

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**Revolution of the Eye: Modern Art and the Birth of American Television** is organized by the Jewish Museum, New York, and the Center of Art, Design, and Visual Culture, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). The exhibition is made possible by the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, The Skirball Fund for American Jewish Life Exhibitions, the Stern Family Philanthropic Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and other generous donors.

The exhibition at NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale is presented by AutoNation. Additional support provided by VANITY FAIR and the Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Family Foundation. Media partner: CBS4

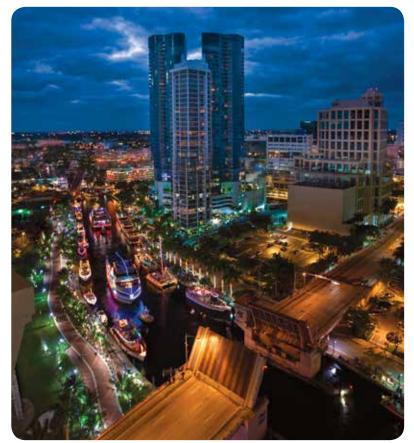


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Publicity photograph for the Electrohome Courier portable television, late 1950s







## 2015 in Retrospect

DOWNTOWN HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

t's been another outstanding year for Downtown Fort Lauderdale, with a flurry of construction activity, and many fun events and milestones like, the County Centennial, the DDA's 50th Anniversary, Flagler Village's Mockingbird Trail, and as always, the Winterfest Boat Parade, which will close 2015 with a bang.

My favorite part of the year was seeing the new sense of vibrancy here. All the people, shops, and eateries have created a vibe that everyone wants to be part of. I asked some of our downtowners what their favorite moments from the year in downtown were.

Mayor Seiler said, "My favorite moment was walking down Las Olas Boulevard during our St. Patrick's Parade and Festival, and seeing thousands of neighbors and visitors smiling, laughing, and enjoying a great Fort Lauderdale tradition. This awesome event brings families and friends together, supports our downtown



BY CHRIS WREN Executive Director, Downtown Development Authority

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establishments, grows our local economy, and truly epitomizes the essence of building community."

The St. Patrick's event was also the favorite for Kathleen Robinson Wren. "My favorite was seeing a fantastic St. Patrick's Day event downtown, especially the drum line with all the young children from the high schools competing with their drum sticks [and] all the different kinds of drums. Their outfits and the passion in their eyes during their routines was just fantastic," she said.

Bob Denison, Fort Lauderdale native and president of Denison Yachts, added, "As a local kid that grew up in the boating industry, and as a sucker for all things Christmas, the boat parade remains one of my favorite downtown Lauderdale events. How can you beat it? The lights, the boats, the music, and sight of everyone coming together along the New River is the freaking best."

Leslie Fordham, Public Art and Design Administrator at the Broward Cultural Division, said, "Something new is always popping up on the south side of the New

River. My favorite restaurant is Hardy Park Bistro and this year they took the restaurant, located on SW Seventh, on the road for themed dinners at the Fire & Safety Museum in Sailboat Bend and a picnic at C&I Studios in FAT Village. The food was wonderful! It was great fun and we met some really nice people!"

Maggie Gunther, Manager of Communication and Programs at the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance said, "My favorite downtown moment of 2015 was the launch of the Mockingbird Trail. What I love most about it is that residents were inspired to create something exciting, whimsical, and enriching for our city. It was truly a collaborative effort spearheaded by Cadence Landscape Architects + Urban Design, funded in large part by the Community Foundation, and inspired by speaker Peter Kageyama, who the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance brought to our community two years ago for our Six Pillars long-range plan. When we work together, the results can be truly magical!"

I couldn't have said it better. From all of us at the Downtown Development Authority, Happy Holidays!



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## It's All By Design

A YEAR IN THE MAKING, A NEW YEAR TO CREATE

hat a tremendous year it's been. Seems like just yesterday we kicked off 2015 and since then, we've watched our beautiful city grow right before our eyes. So much development has been completed in downtown including Pinnacle at Tarpon River on SE Third Avenue, New River Yacht Club by the Andrews Avenue Bridge, Vue New River next to Smoker Park, The Manor at Flagler Village and The Edge, both successful along Federal Highway north of Broward Boulevard, and Trader Joe's and the Fort Lauderdale Audi Dealership further north along US-1. The collective construction value of these developments alone is \$280 million, helping to preserve our low tax rate and build a vibrant mixed-use community.

We also have a lot of development underway. Projects like the 8th Avenue Residences just north of the Tunnel, One West Las Olas across from the NSU Art Museum, Icon Las Olas, connecting the final stretch of the north side of the Riverwalk, and Wisdom Village Crossing



BY JENNI MOREJON Director, Department of Sustainable Development, City of Fort Lauderdale.



at Sistrunk Boulevard and Andrews Avenue. The total construction value of these developments is roughly another \$200 million, and yet, is only a snapshot of further investment on the horizon.

While these changes are occurring, behind the scenes City of Fort Lauderdale staff is working hard to realize the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision: We are Fort Lauderdale, a community of choice. We are the city you never want to leave.

Fast Forward is the City's 20-year vision plan and is an incredible resource for elected officials, employees, and the community. The plan is the culmination of

significant neighbor outreach efforts. All in all, more than 1,500 unique ideas were gathered and provided for an aspirational vision of what the city could become in 20 years.

Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 then forms the basis for our annual budget and our City Commission Annual Action Plan. Press Play includes 12 goals, 38 objectives, 191 initiatives, and 141 performance indicators. Forty-two percent of the Fast Forward ideas are incorporated into Press Play and over 80 percent of Press Play is in progress! Needless to say, we are busy, so no wonder the year has flown by!

As you notice developmental change in the city, know that it is all by design. We are thinking ahead and planning to ensure that the city is connected and that the pedestrian is prioritized; that the city is ready, safe, and resilient; that the city is a community of neighborhoods; that the city has its own sense of place as an urban center and vacationland in the heart of South Florida; that the city is prosperous and an urban laboratory for education and business; and that the city is united in our kaleidoscope of multi-generational cultures, ethnicities, and community partners.

So as you hold up your champagne glass to ring in the New Year, I hope you join me in a toast, pausing to reflect on all that has been achieved, while also looking forward; fast forward. Salud! <sup>(1)</sup>



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## Festive Holiday Season at the New River Inn

### **EXHIBITS**

Visual Arts Series\* – Exhibition of Seminole Painters Elgin Jumper, Jimmy Osceola, Stephanie Hall

Seminole / Miccosukee Archives – Historic Photo Exhibit

### **EVENTS**

- 12/06/15 Holiday Craft Fair 10am-4pm & Historic Walking Tour
- 12/07/15 Holiday Twilight Tour 6-8pm
- 12/21/15 Winter Solstice & Holiday Lights Boat Tour 7-9pm

### **LECTURES**

- 12/13/15Legendary Locals Book Signing & Talk12/14/15Lecture Series\* Centennial Storytelling
- \* This was made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation of Broward. Funding for this event is provided in part by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Museum hours: 12-4 M-F & 9:30-4 Weekends • 231 SW 2nd Ave, Fort Lauderdale 954-463-4431











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## **Vision Zero**

REACHING THE GOAL OF ZERO FATALITIES

ust last month, I received a call that a mother never wants to receive. "My son was struck at college by a vehicle while riding his bicycle to class. Although he was not critically injured, many other families have not had the same blessing that I had."

The City of Fort Lauderdale strives to improve the safety of all who call Fort Lauderdale home or come to visit our beautiful city. In an effort to build community and improve safety for all of our neighbors, the City of Fort Lauderdale has adopted Vision Zero: Fort Lauderdale.

Vision Zero: Fort Lauderdale is the City's pedestrian and bicyclist safety action plan to work towards eliminating traffic fatalities or injuries that occur on our streets. Vision Zero was developed together with partners in our community, including residents, county and state agencies, and nonprofits, as a response to neighbor concerns about safety when walking, biking, taking transit, or driving, and the number of deaths on our streets.

Vision Zero started in Sweden in the 1990s



BY DIANA ALARCON Director, Transportation and Mobility Department, City of Fort Lauderdale

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and has been successful in reducing street fatality rates by 50 percent. This initiative was chosen because of its holistic approach of identifying areas that impact roadway safety in order to successfully create a paradigm shift in the behavior on our roadways. The strategy includes a comprehensive list of five E's that can be implemented across the city to reach zero fatalities.

**Engineering strategies** create safe and convenient environments allowing pedestrians to walk, bike, take transit, and drive through streets that reflect the implementation of the Complete Streets policy and other transportation initiatives.

**Education strategies** educate neighbors of all ages and abilities on best practices to safely use streets for all modes of transportation. Efforts include strategizing with our schools to include safety lessons for students.

**Encouragement strategies** promote and encourage behavioral change and participation. This is done through new and existing resources, public outreach, and special events, such as the recent Open Streets event held on Las Olas Boulevard.

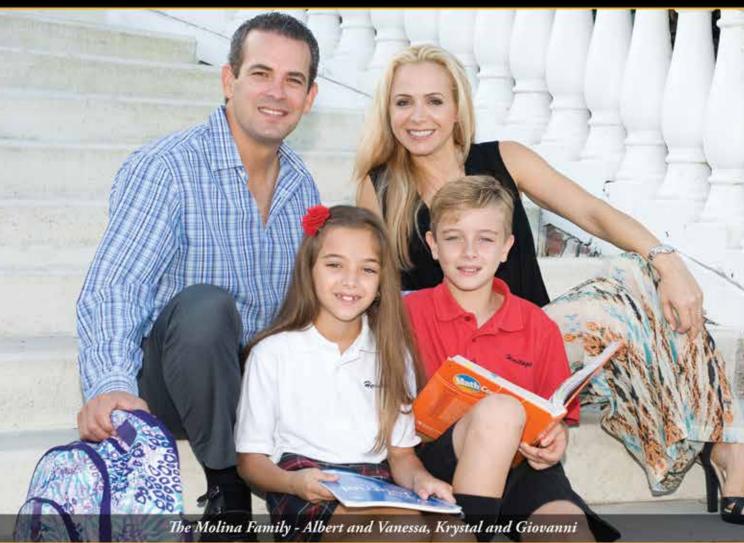
**Enforcement strategies** create awareness to encourage motorists to slow down and observe traffic laws. This is accomplished through high visibility enforcement efforts that will continue to occur in partnership with state and local agencies.

**Evaluation strategies** collect data to measure the successes of the multiple strategies being used to help reduce traffic-related fatalities as outlined in Vision Zero.

Vision Zero: Fort Lauderdale is not a plan that is driven by City staff; it is a city-wide movement that will need the help of every neighbor and visitor to assist in preventing traffic fatalities on our streets. With the help of our neighbors and our Vision Zero partner organizations, we will be able to coordinate efforts to truly progress Vision Zero across the city.

As you can see, the need for Vision Zero impacts me as a mother, however we all know someone who has been involved in a traffic crash. So stand with me and join the Vision Zero movement today! Please visit www. fortlauderdale.gov/visionzero to read our plan and learn about how you can get involved. Remember, no loss of life on our streets is acceptable!





# The Heritage Advantage

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# The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

CLOSING THE SEASON

s outgoing chair of the Downtown Council, I recently had an opportunity to sit down with Genia Duncan Ellis, our chair-elect for 2016. In this interview, she asked me about my role in one of Fort Lauderdale's most treasured holiday events.

*Ellis:* When you first arrived in downtown Fort Lauderdale 25 years ago, did you immediately connect at First Baptist Church?

*Jones:* Yes. First Baptist was the reason I relocated to South Florida, and at that time I jumped right into helping prepare for the seventh season of the Fort Lauderdale Christmas Pageant. I had finished my undergraduate work in Tulsa and was playing viola and conducting professionally, but the Pageant was beyond anything I'd experienced at that point. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn and grow, and I realized right away that it had already become one of the most popular events in the area.

*Ellis:* I've heard some describe the Pageant as a Broadway-style show with lots of surprises. What do you enjoy most about being part of the production?



Chair, Downtown Council, Chamber of Commerce



Fort Lauderdale Christmas Pageant 2014

*Jones:* I think what I enjoy the most is the camaraderie among the cast and crew and that we get to bring so much joy to the community. Sometimes people think of the church as a place that's boring, but the Pageant has so much sizzle – real camels, flying angels, pyrotechnics, and some of the most dynamic holiday music in town – that could be why it's been awarded two regional Emmys and a host of other accolades.

*Ellis:* So, what compelled you, a pastor, to serve as part of the Chamber of Commerce's Downtown Council?

*Jones:* Fort Lauderdale is an incredible city, and I wanted to get to know more of the folks who are making it a place you "never want to leave." First Baptist has been downtown since 1907, and we're looking forward to a future filled with rich collaboration in this diverse and forward-thinking culture. The Downtown Council has been a wonderful way to engage with professionals from nearly every sector, and leading this year has been a real privilege for me.

For more information about this season of the Fort Lauderdale Christmas Pageant, visit www.christmastickets.com. For additional information about the Downtown Council, visit www.ftlchamber.com.

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# Investing in the Arts

THE ECONOMIC RETURNS

n Florida, there are 532 arts and cultural not-for-profit organizations, local arts agencies, and individual artists that are currently seeking grant funding from the state. This year, the Florida Cultural Alliance is recommending an investment of \$45 million.

These 532 organizations include 45 Broward-based organizations such as Bonnet House Museum and Gardens, Brazilian Voices, Gold Coast Jazz Society, Museum of Discovery and Science, Slow Burn Theatre Company, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Stranahan House, Broward Stage Door Theater, Broward Film Society, The Girls' Club Foundation, and Symphony of the Americas. They are important to the fabric of Broward County - they treat both residents and visitors to the accomplished sounds, sights, and vibrations of multicultural artistry; they inspire, enlighten, and bring hope to both cast and audience members. They also supply jobs. Multiply, multiply, multiply.

Additionally there are a number of organizations and individual artists that apply for and receive grant funding from Broward Cultural Division. These grant programs are funded through Broward County government's budget. Together with funds from philanthropic giving and endowments from like-minded individuals, as well as ticket sales, grantees manage these funds in order to keep the arts alive and their budgets in check year after



the main event of the Broward 100 celebration

*For every \$1 the state invests in the arts, \$5 is leveraged in return. The arts industry* spends on goods and salaries in order to produce that work of art; while their audiences will in turn, spend money in preparation of attending arts events babysitters, restaurants, parking fees, and clothing purchases. It's called an economic multiplier.



**BY SAMANTHA** ROJAS

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year. It's a challenging task, as there is always a struggle with allocation of dollars to the arts.

The important thing to note is this: Although many believe that the arts open doors, expand thinking, supplement education, encourage tourism, uplift spirits, and simply bring fun into daily lives, these are not the reasons that you should talk to your legislator to approve the recommended budget.

The reason is that for every dollar spent on the arts, \$5 is leveraged (economic multiplier) in local and state taxes. What does that mean? This \$5 leverage, translates through an economic multiplier to \$446 million leveraged from a \$45 million investment. The reason to support the arts is that it makes good business sense.

This gives every resident a solid case for picking up the phone or sending an email to their local legislator to say, "Hello, I support the arts, and I wish you to support them too."

Arts advocates go to Tallahassee for Arts and Cultural Day on Jan. 26, 2016 to tell this story about the arts in Florida. If you are interested in joining this statewide network, become a member of the Florida Cultural Alliance today by visiting www.flca.net. 🕲



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# **Collaborative Change**

WORKING TOWARD SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH

olitics is not a dirty word. As a matter of fact, without elected officials and government we would not be as economically viable.

With all the negative press recently surrounding the Florida Legislature and Congress, it's easy to see why people turn off the noise of politics. Many dismiss government. The presidential debates haven't done much to improve that reaction, however, now more than ever it is critical we work as a business region to push our issues at all levels of government. Let me explain why.

Without public and private partnerships we would not be able to afford large-scale improvements like the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport South Runway, 595 express lane expansion, All Aboard Florida, the Wave Streetcar, and deepening of Port Everglades to name but five.

These projects require that government and the private sector remain actively involved, presenting the value proposition on a regular basis. Many times it takes multiple visits to and BY DAN LINDBLADE President/CEO, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber



from Washington, DC, and Tallahassee to get the message across.

Take sand for beaches. Some leadership in Tallahassee have no idea that for every dollar we spend on sand we get \$5+ returned in the way of taxes and revenues, according to a statewide study on beach conservation.

The number one reason we have had 70 consecutive months of expansion in our tourism industry is because people want to come to our beachfront at one of our fantastic hotel venues. That equates to more than \$53 million in bed taxes used for marketing our destination, new sand, the BB&T arena, our convention center, our fantastic Convention and

Visitors Bureau, and a host of other important components to our recipe for success.

Just recently, the Chamber renewed its focus on the Florida Legislature. We made multiple trips to Tallahassee during the regular session working on healthcare issues critical to our region. While we were not successful in our expansion efforts, we made a difference and will continue to fight the good fight when the next session starts in January 2016.

In fact, the Chamber is working closely with Broward Days to make that organization more relevant and strategic in its mission. This is a natural marriage between the two organizations based on our expertise in producing an effective program at the federal level.

Washington Summit, a program produced by the Chamber and presented by Florida Power and Light, continues to be a catalyst for our region. We brought back significant funding through Tiger Grants, transportation funding with our dynamic Metropolitan Planning Organization, and secured Pentagon support for United Way's Mission United program for veterans. The latter is rolling out nationwide.

There are so many more reasons to be active in working with and supporting our elected officials and public agencies. Together, we can ensure sustained economic growth and prosperity.

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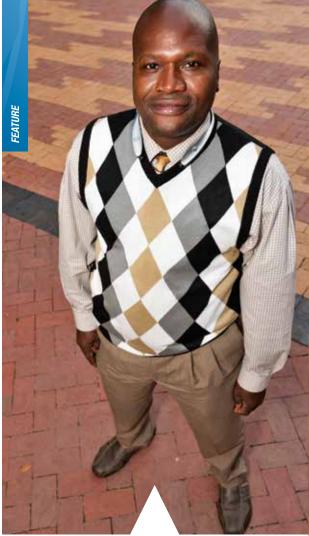
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# **MISSION DRIVEN**

## TEN COMMUNITY ADVOCATES AND THEIR PASSION FOR LOCAL CAUSES

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## Christopher Crossman Seagull Alternative High School

Christopher Crossman, a Broward County Public School teacher at Seagull Alternative High School, doesn't follow a traditional 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. schedule. Most days, Crossman plays a slew of roles, with a teacher being just one. He acts as a counselor, a social worker, a doctor, a provider, and even a parental figure.

"It can be mentally and physically taxing," he said. "I have to be everything these kids need. It's totally out of the job description of being a teacher, but the rewards outweigh it all."

Crossman has spent the last 30 years teaching in three different countries: Jamaica, Belize, and the U.S. He specialized in Advanced Placement Calculus for highachieving students before transitioning to Seagull, a school for at-risk teens. "I never saw myself teaching at an alternative school," he said. "But once I started with these kids, I realized they were in need of strong teachers."

At Seagull, Crossman teaches math for grades six through 12, but focuses on making sure the students' fundamental needs are met first. "If you're hungry, homeless, or have family problems, you can't concentrate. There are a lot of kids out there with horror stories, and I've learned these problems really affect the ability to learn. That's why I really make an effort to address them the best I can."

An important lesson Seagull has taught him is to look at a child's behavior more so than the child. "You can't just look at a kid," he said. "You have to understand why a kid does something bad. Take away the circumstances, and they're good kids."

Crossman was named a finalist for Broward County Public Schools' Teacher of the Year for 2014-2015. He says it validated his passion and the amount of time he invests in the school and its students.

His focus now is to continue helping at-risk students, and fostering a nurturing environment for them. "This profession is a calling, and with any calling, it requires total commitment. Kids learn better with teachers who care, and kids know when you do. You can't fool them. You'll only be fooling yourself."



## Mary Fertig Education Advocate

Mary Fertig, a Fort Lauderdale resident and mother of six, advocates for equitable resources in a number of Broward County schools. From advocating for roof and cafeteria renovations, air conditioning and swimming pool replacements, to even moving to increase the number of electrical outlets in classrooms, Fertig has dedicated more than 30 years to renovating and rebuilding the county's schools. She says she won't stop anytime soon.

"I've really learned that there is nothing more powerful than people coming together to advocate for action," she said. "And Fort Lauderdale has a dedicated core of people who believe in the power of education."

Fertig's grassroots organization, which doesn't have



an official name, focuses on funding, promoting, and fighting for resources she believes every school should have. At the organization's core, she works with about 30 others, but there are hundreds more who continue to volunteer.

"Fort Lauderdale has a good heart," she said. "So many people here work hard and make a difference because they really love the community."

Fertig, who graduated from Fort Lauderdale High School, advocated for the school's recent rebuild and revitalization. She has since shifted her focus to Stranahan High School, hoping for a similar outcome. "The school has incredible students and excellent faculty," she said. "But the decline of the facility continues, and we're trying to get them the resources they deserve."

Fertig's volunteers advocate in a variety of ways – contacting local politicians, spreading the word on social media, participating in school board meetings, and educating his or her individual communities.

Though the process can be slow and tedious, her end goal is the same: Get all Broward County schools the proper facilities and resources to nurture the learning environment, no matter how long or what it takes.

# Sue Glasscock House of Hope & Stepping Stones

For more than 30 years, Sue Glasscock has worked in social services for Broward County. Involved in the past with the child welfare, mental health, domestic violence, and substance abuse sectors, she dedicates her life to serving others.

"I always knew I wanted to have a position in making the world a better place," she said. "I started in mental health, which led to different arenas. I think it's all helped make a difference though."

Glasscock is the CEO of House of Hope & Stepping Stones, where she works with those battling substance abuse. She deals with operations and makes sure the nonprofit has adequate funding to continue to function. "Working here is an opportunity to give people a second chance," she said. "A lot of [people] we help come out of incarceration, with substance abuse and possible mental health issues too."

To Glasscock, the best part of her work is seeing someone become successful and gain self-esteem. "There is nothing more rewarding than seeing someone feel better about themselves and take back control over their life," she said. "That is why we do what we do."

In her three decades of work, she says one of the most powerful things she's seen is how the community has grown to be more cooperative and collaborative, which she believes has strengthened Broward's social services system as a whole.

"Most of us are dealing with the same families," she said. "We're all members of the same groups, and we all work together way more. Especially compared to 30 years ago."

Though working in social services isn't a career path for everyone, Glasscock said anyone in the community can make a difference. "It's the little things people do that really help."

## Richard WhiteCloud Sea Turtle Oversight Protection

Richard WhiteCloud, his wife, and two-year-old daughter were set to move to New Mexico in two days. The U-Haul was packed and the electric was scheduled to be turned off. When WhiteCloud's wife Zen went to Deerfield Beach to teach her last yoga meditation sunrise class, she saw hundreds of sea turtle hatchlings, some dead, others disoriented.

Since then, WhiteCloud, who has an environmental engineering background, and his family have led a 10-year crusade to advocate for sea turtles and protect their habitat from the failure to enforce artificial lighting ordinances. "We felt that the animals were in such dire straits because people forgot that they were there and they





forgot to love them," he said.

The only move the WhiteCloud family eventually made was from Deerfield Beach to Fort Lauderdale – it's where their nonprofit Sea Turtle Oversight Protection (STOP) is located. The organization incorporates over 170 volunteers throughout the county, having had thousands involved since its inception in 2010.

Only one sea turtle hatchling in 1,000 will survive to reproduce, so STOP's efforts focus on protecting the hatching process. WhiteCloud uses a computer program to determine which nesting areas are close to a volunteer's home. The volunteer, who fulfills an at least eight hour per week time requirement, can chose from a selection of night shifts to monitor the hatchlings, collect data regarding their disorientation in reference to lighting code violations, and rescue and release. Hatchlings that are severely injured are scooped up and transported to Gumbo Limbo, a nature center in Boca Raton. STOP volunteers have saved over 120,000 hatchlings in the last four years.

Teakahla, WhiteCloud's daughter, was three when they first became involved with the cause. Now, at 13, she volunteers with STOP and helps her parents. "We want people to understand that [their ecosystem] is not just something that can be disregarded as an indispensible tool for human recreation," WhiteCloud said. "The children's future depends on it. We have to leave them something and teach them how to protect it."

#### Leann Barber Made in Broward

Leann Barber is a renaissance woman. Born and raised in South Dakota, Barber graduated from the University of Washington and had a successful career in both information technology and finance. She worked for over 20 years in New York City and London, finally settling in Fort Lauderdale seven years ago.

The day that changed her outlook was when she visited juvenile court. She saw adolescents in trouble with the law for simple transgressions, their lives on negative trajectories. She met one 14-year-old girl who was near to failing in school. She told Barber she never thought she would go to college, so why care about learning?

Barber asked herself, "What could I do as one individual in the community to affect people, particularly young people?" The lessons she learned as a member of 4-H back in South Dakota stuck with her. Hands-on lessons like sewing and cooking taught her math skills, gardening reinforced science principles.

A national, private, nonprofit, 4-H is a thriving program that brings much needed hands-on learning experiences to youths through a wide variety of curriculums, from sewing and fishing to robotics and filmmaking.

Two years ago Barber founded Made In Broward, which is simply the umbrella name under which she promotes her vision to "Create an environment, through 4-H, where youths and adults can learn, work, and grow together as catalysts for positive change." Barber purchased a separate property exclusively for this purpose. Known as The Cottage, it's a space for sewing, cooking, and gardening groups. In just two years she has seen the growth in confidence and the blossoming of minds in over 40 locals.



### Jason Aube BB&T

BB&T's Broward County Market President Jason Aube moved to Fort Lauderdale over five years ago with his family. Immediately, he fell in love with the city. He quickly looked for ways he and his employees could support the community. So he turned to an internal BB&T initiative – The Lighthouse Project.

"The Lighthouse Project is really a movement created by our CEO during the great recession of 2007/08," Aube said. "As the CEO traveled the country, he realized so many people and organizations were going through times, including many banks. However, BB&T was still financially strong. So the Lighthouse Project was born." The Lighthouse Project does not support any particular cause or demographic. Rather, like a lighthouse itself, it shines its support on any program that may need a little light.

The program is employee driven. If any BB&T employee sees a need or a cause that is worthy of some support, the employee will write up a proposal and send it to Aube for his approval. Aube is not just the guy in the corner office who approves the programs; he and his employees participate.

This past year, one of the organizations that received financial, as well as volunteer support, was ChildNet. ChildNet manages a network of child welfare services that provide foster care, adoption, and family preservation services for the more than 4,400 children in care and their caregivers in Broward and Palm Beach Counties. ChildNet had taken over some corporate offices that were not warm and inviting for children. So Aube and his employees worked with a variety of artists to bring child-friendly murals to many of the rooms and common spaces of building.





## Phil Purcell Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF)

Beacause of the abundance of waterway infrastructure in Fort Lauderdale, there must be support for the jobs that sustain it. This is why the Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF) was created in 1961 as a nonprofit trade group. The association is focused on sustaining and growing 110,000 middle class jobs in Broward County and 136,000 jobs regionally that promote a boating lifestyle, thereby protecting the community that makes an inland waterway infrastructure prosper.

Phil Purcell became the Executive Director of MIASF in February 2014. The focus of the organization has been to keep an eye on federal, state, and local laws that may nurture or inhibit marine business. "The resurgence of South Florida's marine industry is not only due to the geographic superiority of this region, but also our pool of quality craftspeople," wrote Purcell.

The MIASF has intertwined itself in the fabric of the community by promoting events such as the Annual Waterway Cleanup, a cause that has been running strong for 39 years and is part of Broward County's largest and longest running environmental event. It's held every March and combines the efforts of approximately 2,000 volunteers cleaning up 23 tons of trash and debris from our waterways in 30 locations. The work is exercised both on land and in water with the use of over 1,000 boats.

MIASF also owns the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. This event has been running for over 55 years, attracting thousands from the Middle East, Europe, Latin America, and Asia. It is the world's largest in-water boat show. Outwardly, it might be seen as a consumer-fed event, but it also serves as an integral part of business-to-business relationships in the community.

Purcell said, "We have successfully advocated for sales tax caps that led to a 900 percent increase in revenue collected for the State of Florida to ensure marine facilities remain marine facilities."



#### Anne Sallee Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association (FRLA) and The Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association Education Foundation (FRLAEF)

The hospitality industry is known for its dichotomies in wages. For people like servers, compensation is often much less than a living wage. The industry has another side, one marked by high-end hospitality jobs where amenities are many and varied, as if the worker or associate was a guest themselves since they sometimes live in close quarters with their clients.

In this chasm between a low paying job and a high paying luxury work environment lies the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association, which seeks to act as a bridge between people and industry. According to FRLA literature, "Our mission is to protect, educate, and promote Florida's 82 billion dollar hospitality industry, which represents 23 percent of Florida's economy and more than 1.1 million employees, making it the state's number one industry."

The FRLA was established in 1941 and represents more than 10,000 independent and household name members, suppliers, and theme parks. "No industry has a future if it does not have a steady pool of qualified, available employees," said Anne Sallee, Broward Chapter Director of FRLA since February 2014. "Through our effort to work with 22 schools and the many wonderful teachers, the Broward Chapter of the FRLA works to assure availability of the employees, technicians, managers, and future owners needed to keep this critically important industry vibrant and successful."

"Recruitment is the number one opportunity in our industry," said Chapter President Eduardo Fernandez. "As

our county continues to experience a healthy growth in tourism visitation, it is critical that we develop a strong bench to ensure the ongoing success of our destination as a world-class venue."

## Rob Davis Code for Fort Lauderdale

The government that controls federal, state, and local laws is a vast system with records that are equally as dense. The mission of Code for Fort Lauderdale is to promote a more transparent government in Fort Lauderdale and clarify any gray areas that arise from accessing government services.

"We volunteer to help the Fort Lauderdale local government and local organizations alike to adopt and encourage open web technologies," said Rob Davis coorganizer at Code for Fort Lauderdale. "I have always been passionate about volunteering and community service. Each citizen has an experience, and to share those stories with each other can help build better services."

Code Fort Lauderdale is a citizen technology group with ties to a larger organization known as Code for America Brigade. The cause has locations nationwide and overseas. They are a network of volunteer groups that collaborate with



SALLEE, DAVIS, AND CRUSH BY JAMION KRIES

local government to solve civic issues that arise.

The focus is on four areas: health and human services, economic development, safety and justice, and communication and engagement. The utilization of technologists to improve government services is a key aspect of what they do.

"The difference is made by those who can use our projects (i.e. websites, visualizations, etc.) to become better informed members of the community. We effectively break down the moving pieces to see if there is an arrangement that will lead to better results for the city and the citizen," said Davis.



## Courtney Callahan Crush Life After Last Call, Inc.

Courtney Callahan Crush began helping dogs that would otherwise have been euthanized by Broward County Animal Care after her family adopted a dog about four years ago. "The dogs need time and help being marketed and matched with people who would like a pet," said Crush. "The consequences of our community discarding or abandoning pets with no help on the adoption end, means those animals die."

Life After Last Call acts as a haven for dogs at the very end of their life line at the Broward County Animal Shelter. "It is only made possible by our foster care volunteers who open their homes to assist," Crush said.

Crush and her friends coordinated with Abandoned Pet Rescue – a Fort Lauderdale no-kill shelter – and decided to establish Life After Last Call in January 2015.

"The magnitude of pet overpopulation and pet abandonment is daunting and many advocates and local government are tackling it with spay and neuter and additional programs," she said. "In the meantime animals in need [remain]. So while it may be a drop in the bucket, we seek to find homes for those we are able to help."



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Guardian Ad Litem Monique Damiano, Judge Kenneth Gillespie, and Circuit Director of the Guardian Ad Litem program Kasandra Philips

# FIRST RESPONDERS

WHEN A CHILD'S FUTURE IS DECIDED IN A COURTROOM, A GUARDIAN AD LITEM HELPS HIM OR HER TO HAVE A SAY

WRITER GABRIELLE ROLAND · PHOTOGRAPHY JASON LEIDY

he whispers between a little girl and her teddy bear are private. And if you are an adult, they're off-limits. Judge Kenneth Gillespie, a Circuit Court judge from the 17th Judicial Circuit of Fort Lauderdale, remembers a little girl who took that relationship very seriously. At the age of six, she had been placed in a foster home. Each night she would confide in her teddy bear, but her foster parents overheard what they interpreted as her talking to herself. Concerned for her mental health, they sought a psychiatric evaluation. Afraid to loose her teddy bear, the little girl admitted to speaking to herself. A hearing was set and the psychiatrist's recommendation was a powerful psychotropic medication. What hope is there for a child who is afraid to speak up in this situation? Her rescuer was her guardian ad litem - the only adult she entrusted with the truth.

A guardian ad litem is a court appointed advocate for a child that has been brought into the dependency system due to allegations of abuse, abandonment, and/or neglect. According to Kasandra Philips, Circuit Director of the Guardian Ad Litem Program, the duties of a guardian include maintaining contact with the child and with all parties that have some affiliation with him or her (i.e. teachers, mentors, relatives, parents, counselors, etc.). The guardian makes recommendations to the judge based on his or her findings. They are expected to approach the situation objectively, considering the child's needs as paramount. Judge Gillespie says, "Their role is to make sure that the vision and the voice of that particular child is not lost."

Judge Gillespie first interacted with the Guardian Ad Litem Program in 2004 as a General Magistrate and has come to view the guardians as first responders. "They're usually the first on the scene in terms of evaluating, investigating, [and] assessing what the child needs," he says. They triage the case from the very beginning, assessing every aspect of a child's life to construct a composite report of a child's needs and best interests.

Children usually enter the dependency system after traumatic events and in some cases, siblings are separated for the first time in their lives. Their guardian ad litem is charged with assisting in stabilizing a fragmented family. Monique Damiano, a guardian since May 2014, assumes this responsibility wholeheartedly. "I think we have great opportunities to make differences. It just takes a little bit of time and caring and it's something the child will never forget."

Damiano believes the work of a guardian is one of relationship building. The dependency division can feel unstable for children. The program adheres to its mission, which states: "I am for the child." For Damiano, these words carry tremendous weight. She says, "I am the invisible arms that are wrapped around that child to make sure she is safe and has everything that she needs."

A guardian ad litem and special advocate coordinator for over three years, Stacey Feldman credits the program with helping her to become a better parent. She says, "I don't think it's time consuming, because I absolutely love doing it. That's why I sought out a position."

In the last 18 months, dependency cases have increased by approximately 40 percent due to many factors including the rise in the use of Flakka, a newly popular, illegal, synthetic drug. Judge Gillespie alone currently handles 534 active cases involving children and there are four additional judges in the Dependency Division. More children in the dependency system mean a current shortage of their direct allies in the courtroom.

For more information, attend a weekly information session held on Wednesday afternoons at noon in the Guardian Ad Litem Program office. Additional details are available at www.galbroward.org.

# THE WOODS ARE LOVELY, DARK, AND DEEP

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AIM TO RESTORE, NURTURE, GROW, AND RESPECT BIRCH STATE PARK AS A COMMUNITY LANDMARK

WRITER ALEXANDRA ROLAND

t's time for the botanical guardians of early Fort Lauderdale history to be preserved and enjoyed. RNGR, a new young professionals wing of Friends of Birch State Park, aims to call attention to the park amongst peers under 40. RNGR stands for restore, nurture, grow, and respect – goals the group hopes to achieve with emphasis placed on the park as a destination to be utilized the way its original owner intended.

"We started talking about it over the summer," Sara Shake, one of RNGR's founding members, says. "We got in touch with Gale Butler, the executive director of the park, and Jim Ellis [president of the Friends of Birch State Park]. They really wanted to form a young professionals committee because they feel like young professionals and young families are the ones that are going to be using the park the most."

In lieu of capital campaign efforts the park leadership has undertaken to accomplish projects included in its master plan, the goal of the group is to increase park attendance. They want people to be excited about using



– front: Meghan Gyory, Jonathan Schwartz, Kathryn Dressler; back: Joshua Miller, Andrew Leshin, Sara Shake, Christi Lyn Rice, and Anthony Bruno Jr. and experiencing the features hopefully coming soon.

Currently, according to Shake, there are more or less two categories that locals fall into. She says, "You encounter the local that has lived miles from the park, but has never been in it or the local that grew up going to the park, having their birthday parties there, riding through the trails, having field trips there, going to camp Live Oak for the summer. Everyone on the board has a tie back to the park."

Shake, Christi Lyn Rice, and Kathryn Dressler were the first to be recruited by Butler. Shake, who owns her own public relations firm, and Dressler, who works with the staffing organization Randstad, both remember going to the park as children.

Dressler says, "[My dad] would take my brother and me down different nature trails and he would give us a dollar for every tree that we could properly name or identify. I think he got that from his father. My grandfather was very interested in nature." Philip Dressler, her grandfather, served as the executor of the estate of Hugh Taylor Birch and defended Birch's wishes for the area to remain in its natural state all the way to the Supreme Court.

"It's kind of a legacy project for me and I just think that it's a great opportunity for me to leave my mark and impact on Fort Lauderdale, where I grew up," Dressler says.

Rice isn't a bona fide native, but she's been using the park since she moved here nine years

ago. "None of my friends really went [to the park]. It was something I would just do on my own – ride my bike over there or just go for a quiet spot."

She first heard of the organized efforts to revamp the park at a Leadership Broward panel presentation. "[Gale Butler] was talking about all the plans to revitalize the park," she says. "This used to be a major tourist attraction in South Florida. There were about a million people coming every year and now there's like 300,000. And I think that's really sad because so many people drive by it everyday and have no idea that it's there."

Rice has a nonprofit background – she's been with Broward Center for the past year, but prior to that worked with Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Habitat for Humanity, and Women in Distress. The other board members form a microcosm of local professionals.

There is not an age requirement to belong to RNGR. "We want it to be a social group and we also want it to have an impact," Rice says. Efforts are concentrated on service and "friendraising," which is a focus on



membership and fundraising. Included in the former are quarterly volunteer projects, the first of which took place in November – RNGR's paddle board cleanup of the mangroves.

"Friendraising" will incorporate events that typically attract young professionals: music and exercise. RNGR will be working on their two flagship events of 2016, a music festival and their Birch Man race. Bircharoo, based on Bonaroo in Tennessee, will be an all day music event, most likely at the primitive campground within the boundaries of the park. A spinoff the Spartan obstacle course race, Birch Man will highlight the adventurous side of the park.

"I traveled a lot, especially this summer, to a number of different cities," Rice says. "New York has Central Park. You go to Chicago and there's Lincoln Park. I went to Vancouver and there's Stanley Park. Greenville, South Carolina has this beautiful, amazing park right in the middle of downtown that's a hub for the city, both for residents and visitors. That's what I would like to see [Birch State Park] become."

RNGR is looking to attract a new crop of attendees that will create an indelible legacy for the next generations. For more information, visit www.birchstatepark.org/rngr.

# FOR THE LOVE OF HUMANITY



## SEVEN WAYS TO GIVE BACK WITHOUT BREAKING THE BANK

WRITER CLARISSA BUCH

tith 1.5 million nonprofit organizations registered in the country, one would imagine an equal number of ways to get involved. Sure, monetary donations help, but organizations welcome alternative ways for volunteers to engage with and promote a cause.

"To get involved, you just need to get a little creative [in]

the way you look [for] and support nonprofits," Tony Beall, founder and president of Mister Nonprofit Consultancy, says. Beall helps nonprofits garner support for all aspects of an organization. He recommends volunteering professional services, becoming an advocate, or donating airline miles as ways for the everyday person to give back.

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- Volunteering a professional service: Those who specialize in a professional service can offer it pro bono to a nonprofit in need. The key is to think about what you do in everyday life, and apply it to a nonprofit. For example, legal, public relations, marketing, and finance services are often necessities for most nonprofits. Offering services pro bono saves money for an organization and allows a volunteer to directly help a group of his or her choice.
- 2. Online purchasing: Support a charity through online shopping. www.we-care.com donates a portion of a transaction to a customer's chosen charity. It's called philanthropic technology, which unites brands, people, and charities, and creates opportunities to give back in a simple way. More than 2,700 retailers are represented on We-Care, including Walgreens, Apple, Ticketmaster, and Amazon, and there is no charge to shop through the site.



**3. Miles for charity programs:** For those with hundreds of frequent flyer miles, there's a good chance they can be donated to charity. Nonprofits often use donated miles to convert them into airline tickets for specific events or to auction them off. Many airlines have a charity miles program, including United, Delta, and American Airlines. Check with your desired airline to get more information.





- **4. Become a brand ambassador**: There is no such thing as too much promotion for a nonprofit. Most organizations welcome the added publicity, making it easy for anyone to get involved. Reach out to an organization you're interested in to see if there is an official brand ambassador program. If not, take it upon yourself to advocate for the cause through social media, blog postings, community rallies, and other events.
- **5. Become an active advocate:** Nonprofits usually have a weekly or monthly newsletter outlining future goals and upcoming events. If you don't have the extra time to attend an organized event, try reaching out to local politicians via email, phone or mail to help the organization advocate for its current goal. Talking with friends, family, and community members about an organization's issues or goals is a great way to advocate too.
- 6. Charity Miles: There are hundreds of nonprofit organized walks and runs that raise money for specific causes. But if doing it on your own time works better for your schedule, download the free app Charity Miles. Before your next run, walk or bike ride, launch the app, choose a desired charity, press start, and then hit the road. Bikers earn 10 cents per mile; and walkers and runners earn 25 cents per mile, which is given directly to the organization. The app is available for both iPhone and Android.
- 7. Broward County Schools: Community members can support Broward County students through volunteering and mentoring programs. Anyone interested in volunteering should fill out an application at www.getinvolvedineducation.com. Once approved, the volunteer will be able to help in the front office or classrooms, and assist with specific activities and events. If an individual or organization is interested in a more structured volunteer experience, the county offers a mentorship program. Once all application requirements have been met, including a background check and training, mentors are assigned to the school of their choice and matched with a student. Mentors typically spend one hour a week in one-on-one or small group mentoring sessions.

# **RUM DIARY**

MODERN DAY MOONSHINERS OPEN FORT LAUDERDALE'S FIRST RUM DISTILLERY

WRITER KATIE TORRES

Joe Durkin and Avi Aisenberg

FEATURE



South Florida Distillers Inc. has made the perfect home in the heart of Fort Lauderdale. There's a reason for that. South Florida is one of the largest rum markets in the U.S., even the world. Plus, South Florida Distillers' founders have roots here. Avi Aisenberg and Joe Durkin were both born and raised in South Florida and have known each other since middle school. They went on to go to Cypress Bay High School in Weston and kept in contact throughout college. After graduating, they found themselves back in Broward, each with the itch to start something that required both of their talents – a rum distillery.

Aisenberg, who brings engineering expertise and business ingenuity, and Durkin, who contributes hospitality experience and a creative streak, work with Luke Tullos, who serves as the well-connected marketing and sales person. He adds years of bar consulting and craft cocktail experience.

Among other pursuits, they're currently focused on perfecting their brainchild, FWAYGO, which was released this January. The white rum is overflowing with bold flavors and dynamic layers of character – something that's hard to achieve with a white rum that hasn't even been aged.

What makes FWAYGO so unique are the ingredients, plus the passion of the makers behind it. They start with a high-grade cane molasses, which they get solely from



local sugar cane producers. Then they re-dilute it in order to pitch the yeast, a process that is followed by two distillations to strip the fermented molasses of all the alcohol.

Don't let the small equipment fool you – the distillation equipment is state of the art thanks to the custom controller Aisenberg built in order to automatically control temperature and other important features accurately and efficiently.

After the two distillations, Durkin conducts the fine art of separating the heart from the head and the tail. He has to run off the first part, or the head, to get to the best tasting rum in the heart of the batch. But he can't go too far because then he'll get into the end, or the tail. Once that process is complete,

a bottle of white FWAYGO rum is brought into the world. Some of the rum will go into barrels to be aged – Durkin uses several virgin oak barrels of various char degrees in order to perfect the aged rum.

Grilled Pineapple FWAYGO, released in October and practically sold out in November, has all the character of the original FWAYGO, but incorporates a tropical essence. They collected locally grown pineapples – so local that several came from Tullos' backyard – and grilled them for flavor. This will be a seasonal offering, only available once a year.

Their biggest challenge so far? Having to compete with



the big dogs: Bacardi, Captain Morgan, etc. These giant companies have deep pockets and aren't afraid to "pay to play" – a practice that is actually illegal. These huge companies come in and give thousands of dollars to local bars and restaurants to keep out the competition. For the little guy, that makes it really tough. But the guys at South Florida Distillers are counting on local support.

FWAYGO rum is available in their storefront, and in select Total Wine locations and can be found at several bars and restaurants in the area.

Visit www.southfloridadistillers.com for more information. <sup>(1)</sup>

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# WINTER WONDERLAND

THE SEMINOLE HARD ROCK WINTERFEST BOAT PARADE CAPS THE YEAR WITH A FAIRYTALES THEME

WRITER MEGAN RIORDAN

or most who have spent December in Fort Lauderdale, the Winterfest Boat Parade seems to cap the year. Known as "the greatest show on H2O," the 44th annual event will be making its 12-mile loop on Dec. 12, starting in Downtown Fort Lauderdale, floating east on the New River, then north on the Intracostal and up to Pompano Beach.

For Kathy Keleher, parade director for the past 14 years, the parade is the pinnacle of the year. "I love that this is my extended family," she says. Originally from Buffalo, Keleher experienced the Winterfest Boat Parade for the first time during college when she was unable to go home for the holidays.

Fitting with this year's theme, "Fairytales Afloat,"





2014 Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade

Winterfest will be parading its own boat entry outfitted with an enchanted dragon. The parade will incorporate other entries yielding boats with various interpretations of fairytales on the water. There will be the much anticipated barge boat entry by Ford. Though Keleher can't divulge much about it, she says, "It's going to be something you've never seen before." Look out for Republic National as a new entry, too.

Parade planners work hard to keep waterways safe. ACR Electronics is this year's Boating Safety Partner. "Since we are a 12-mile boat parade, it's very important for us to see where we are in the front and [back] and everything in the middle," explains Keleher. Avoiding boat errors or accidents is paramount. Winterfest also

## 44th Annual Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade Events

For additional details, visit www.winterfestparade.com/events or call (954) 767-0686.

#### BLACK TIE BALL

Dec. 5 • 6 p.m.

Attendees dressed in formal wear will dance and be entertained by a special performance direct from Broadway. Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino

#### **GRANDSTAND VIEWING AREA**

Dec. 12 • 3:30 p.m. View the parade from Birch State Park for \$25 per person. Birch State Park

#### SEMINOLE HARD ROCK WINTERFEST BOAT PARADE

Dec. 12 • 6:30 p.m. Watch as the boat parade travels east on the New River and north on the Intracoastal to Lake Santa Barbara in Pompano Beach.



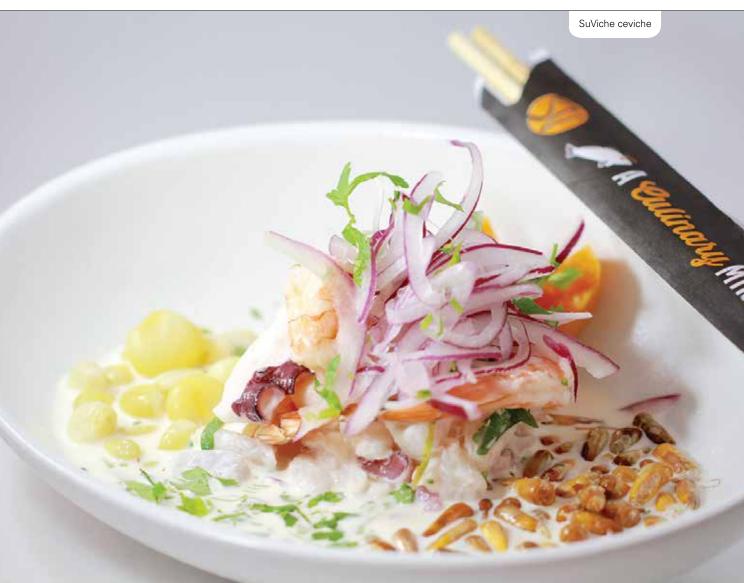
welcomes a few new faces this year, notably the new boat parade chairman Mark Swanson and Chairman of the Board Jim Dunn.

Beyond the entertainment, Winterfest is giving back to the community through the Junior Captain contest. Winterfest encourages all nonprofits in Broward to nominate a child under 16 that is going through a difficult situation. Through the month-long social media campaign, one child is selected to be the parade's Junior Captain, which allows him or her to ride on the FPL showboat with 25 of their friends. "All nominees and their families get to ride on our Santa boat," says Keleher. "This way, there's never a child who doesn't get the experience of being in the parade."

Winterfest is known for its annual selection of A-list figures and celebrities that join the festivities. Nick Cannon is this year's Grand Marshall and Captain Lee from *Bravo's Below Deck* will be the celebrity boat captain.

For more information about Winterfest events, visit www. winterfestparade.com. 🕲





# A Tale of Two Cuisines

SUVICHE BRINGS PERUVIAN AND JAPANESE FOOD FUSION TO LAS OLAS

WRITER ALEXANDRA ROLAND



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Thursday: Ladies' night BOGO drinks for ladies 7-11 p.m.

Friday: Reverse happy hour BOGO drinks 11 p.m. to close

Executive chef Jaime Pesague

ometimes culinary trends are born from seemingly unlikely pairings. Business developer Aliosha Stern lingered on that possibility over five years ago when he found himself fed up with eating the same things. He wanted something fresh, heath-conscious, and flavorful. After researching different types of cuisine, in 2010, he opened SuViche, a Peruvian-Japanese restaurant, in Brickell, Miami. And as of this October, a new Las Olas location makes four SuViche restaurants in South Florida. What started as a personally motivated business decision turned him into a foodie.

For Stern, the combination of Japanese and Peruvian flavors seemed natural. For the culinary world, it isn't an unheard of coupling at all. Ryan Egozi, director of operations for SuViche says, "There's a lot of Asian influence in Peruvian cuisine. If you look at what's coming out of Peru now, it's all very gastronomical and heavily influenced by the Orient and those flavors, and spices, and colors."

Egozi says that the Las Olas space differs from the sister locations because it was their first opportunity to comprehensively and creatively design the décor and fine-tune the atmosphere. "Wê're all kind of young," he says of the team. Egozi, Stern, and Andrei, Stern's brother and co-owner of SuViche, are in their late 20s, early 30s. "Because wê're in touch with our own demographic, wê're able to give them what they're looking for or be slightly ahead of the curve in that respect," Egozi says.

A warm coziness was the target and trendiness, the underlying theme. Bright orange chairs are tucked under heavy, wooden tables, which sit below an orange glow emitted from lights above. A living wall of hanging plants is positioned at the entrance to the space, in front of the hostess' station. Sit at the bar, inside or outside, at a high top or in a booth. Face south and you'll get a view of the



#### CHEF EXCLUSIVE

What inspired you to become a chef? JP: Love for food, land, and cultures.

You've worked in a lot of places. Which has been your favorite and why? JP: Every [place] teaches me lessons and gives me knowledge, but Europe in general gave me a lot.

What ingredient do you use the most when you cook for yourself or your family? JP: Always Aji Amarillo.

# DINING DESTINATION



moss lettering spelling out the SuViche catchphrase: "Let's get saucy." At SuViche, the sauce takes the spotlight. There's a reason for that – there is a deliberate chemistry to the compilation of flavors.

The ceviche dishes start with leche tigre, the natural ceviche base. SuViche calls it their signature Peruvian sauce, which is made of about 10 different ingredients including lime, ginger, garlic, fish stock, and celery. Every ceviche and the majority of SuViche's sauces use a portion of this base. Ceviche natural is the basic option, which just comes with leche tigre. Additional hybrids round out the menu. The SuViche Ceviche and the Chifa integrate Japanese spices, giving the dishes a white, creamy (no milk is used), tangy texture and include Asian staples like pickled ginger and fried wonton crisps. The Rocoto and Aji Amarillo incorporate Peruvian peppers and yield a more traditional flavor. The SuVama Ceviche combines the SuViche Peruvian sauce with housemade Aji Amarillo sauce, and is served with hominy, a sweet potato wedge, and canchita - popcornlike kernels also given as a snack at the outset of the meal.

Usually, ceviche is premade to give the juices time to cook the fish. Peruvian ceviches, though, are served immediately, which yields a rare or medium rare texture. The dishes are also extra saucy so they are served with a spoon. The supporting sections of the menu include popular sushi combinations like the Perfection Roll – shrimp, cream cheese, and real crab salad – and specials such as the Lomo Saltado, served with chicken, steak, or seafood.

The food is prepared to appeal to all age ranges, Egozi says. They have a pulse on what their customers enjoy – it's how they determine a portion of their menu. Items on the feature menu are changed on a yearly basis. The ones that are the most well-received are rotated into the standard menu, replacing dishes that were not so popular. The same goes for the Pisco bar, the only one in Fort Lauderdale.

Tequila is to Mexico as Pisco is to Peru. The Peruvian spirit is made from muscat grapes and is similar to brandy in its distillation process. It can be paired with fruity concoctions and herb blends as a *mecerado*, or infusion. Blueberry and thyme, lemongrass, mango, coconut, gummy bears, chili – about 10 combinations make up the menu. "The Pisco bar is a new wrinkle in the [SuViche] concept," Egozi says.

Menu items are generally consistent in every location but for a different atmosphere, Sebastian Stahl, director of marketing, recommends visiting SuViche's Wynwood restaurant, admired for its outdoor patio, swings, and a mural created by a UK artist.

#### LOMO SALTADO

Ingredients: 5.5 oz. beef tenderloin 2 oz. Lomo sauce *(see recipe below)* 2.75 oz. fried yellow potato .5 oz. tomato pieces 1 oz. red onion 1 pinch coriander ½ teaspoon yellow chili .3 oz. fried banana ½ teaspoon vegetable oil 1.5 oz. vegetable stock

#### Method:

Cut the tenderloin into larger pieces and stir-fry until the meat is sealed on all sides. Add the julienned red onion and yellow chili. Add the tomatoes and flambé. Add the Lomo sauce and vegetable stock. Reduce. Add the coriander.

#### SALSA DE LOMO (Lomo sauce)

Ingredients: 2 cups oyster sauce 2 cups soy sauce 1 cup white vinegar 3 1/3 cups water ½ teaspoon oregano ½ teaspoon cumin 1 teaspoon garlic paste

#### Method:

Mix all ingredients and save to serve with the Lomo Saltado.

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FUNKY BUDDHA AND TAP 42 RELEASE EXCLUSIVE COLLABORATION BEER

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

Fixtures in the South Florida craft beer scene, Funky Buddha Brewery and Tap 42 have come together this month to release a collaboration craft beer aptly named 42 Truths Florida Pale Ale. Funky Buddha's Brand Manager John Linn explains, "From its inception, Tap 42 has set the bar for serving quality craft beer and food in Fort Lauderdale, and we're proud to be partnering with them on 42 Truths." Forty-Two Truths is an American pale ale with a crisp body and a balanced hop aroma. It features caramel malts, Northwestern hops, and – in a distinctly Florida twist – a dose of fresh orange peel that adds a bright citrus kick. At 5.5 percent ABV (alcohol by volume), it's a beer that will serve as a fitting complement to the craft food at Tap 42 and Funky Buddha Brewery. It's also ideal for a flavorful beer session at the bar.

# Pizzacraft Artisan Pizzeria

FOX TV's Hell's Kitchen alum Chef Bret Hauser delivers chef-driven artisanal 14-inch pizzas with a Neo/Neapolitan twist, homemade pastas, and small plates. All ingredients such as produce, meats, and cheeses will be imported from Italy and locally sourced from vendors such as Swank Farms and Miranda Farms. A variety of cheeses, pastas, and dough will be made in-house while a specially made double-zero flour has been crafted in California. This special proprietary blend will create a crispier, charred crust on the dough. This new JEY Hospitality concept will feature an old world Italian technique with new world ingredients.

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# MIXOLOGY SPOTLIGHT: Colorful Cocktails

Holidays are the perfect time to bring out your inner mixologist. Head to your local market for inspiration. The bright natural color of fresh dragonfruit locally grown in South Florida is a perfect match for Bacardi Dragon Berry Rum. Top this delicious, juicy strawberry and sweetly exotic dragonfruit mixture with sparkling wine for a vibrant cocktail.

We asked our go-to mixologist Nick Nistico to create our holiday cocktail spread. Check out www.goriverwalk. com for more spirited #BITES+SIPS and recipes.

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#### **Dragonberry Rum Spritz**

1 oz. Bacardi Dragonberry Rum 1 bar spoon fresh lemon juice One ½ inch slice fresh dragonfruit

Shake cold and top with 4-5oz. Zonin Prosecco

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FORK & BALLS 1301 E. Las Olas Blvd. www.forkandballs.com

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For additional events, check the city-wide events calendar: www. goriverwalk.com/events/greater-fortlauderdale-event-calendar

🚱 Annual Holiday Display Dec 2015 Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

#### 🥸 53rd Annual Christmas on Las Olas

Dec. 1 Las Olas Blvd. between SE Sixth Ave. and SE 11th Ave. (954) 256-8382 www.lasolasboulevard.com

#### 😵 Holiday Celebration and Open House Dec. 2

Historic Stranahan House Museum (954) 524-4736

Art of Wine and Food Series: Bubbles for Basel Dec. 3 NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 525-5500 www.nsuartmuseum.org

🖰 The Galleria's Ninth Annual Men of Style **Shopping Night** Dec 3

The Galleria Mall (954) 564-1036

#### 🚱 The Soul Rebels Dec. 3 **Revolution Live** (954) 449-1025 www.jointherevolution.net



The Barber of Seville by Gioachino Rossini Dec. 3 and 5 Witness the unfolding of comic opera at its best: energetic young lovers foiling the grand schemes of a buffoon; mistaken identities; a plot that

turns and twists-all wrapped up in Rossini's unmistakably masterful music. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (800) 741-1010 www.fgo.org

#### 🖰 A Christmas Carol Dec. 3 - 6 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org

🙆 Kansas Dec. 4 Parker Playhouse www.parkerplayhouse.com



Chillounge Night Dec. 4 Experience the ultimate outdoor lounge party with an aerosphere aerial balloon act, hundreds of daybeds, a fashion show, live bands, food and cash bars, and more. Huizenga Plaza (941) 448-0995

#### 🔍 It's a Wonderful Life Dec. 4

Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org

#### 🥸 Pinion Holiday Event

Dec. 4 Villa de Palms (954) 261-8808

#### C Ribbons for the **Children Art Auction to** benefit the CDTC Dec. 4 Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 728-1040

www.childrensdiagnostic.org

#### 💛 Broward Partnership Breakfast for Champions of the Homeless Benefit Dec 4 Broward Partnership Central

Homeless Assistance Center (954) 832-7037 www.bphi.org

🖰 24th Annual Day of Caring Dec. 4 BB&T Center (954) 453-3725

## 🥝 Golden Lion

Productions: 2015 NPC Winter Classic Dec. 5 Parker Playhouse (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

#### 😌 Winterfest Black-Tie Ball Dec. 5

With decor to reflect the Broadway production Kinky Boots, this event is tagged as the largest holiday gala in Fort Lauderdale, Attendees dressed in formal wear will dance and be entertained by a special performance direct from Broadway. Hard Rock www.winterfestparade.com

🖰 Calvary Christian Academy 5k

Dec. 5 Calvary Chapel www.ccaeagles.org

#### 🖰 Jingle Bell Jubilee Ball -**60th Anniversary Toyland** Event Dec. 5 **Ritz-Carlton Fort Lauderdale**

(954) 848-6286 www.juniorwelfaresociety.org



Chopin for All **Concert Series** Dec. 5 Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

Compiled by **GABRIELLE ROLAND** Calendar Editor

#### Ring of Honor Wrestling Dec. 5

War Memorial Auditorium (954) 828-5380 www.fortlauderdale.gov/wma



Orchid, Garden, and **Gourmet Food Festival** Dec 5 and 6 Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 703-2614

😵 Cookies with Santa Dec. 5 - 8 Historic Stranahan House Museum (954) 524-4736

#### 🕑 Broward Art Guild **Youth Art Competition**

Dec 5 - 28 Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

#### 💛 11th Annual Home for the Holidays Dec. 6

Broward Health Medical Center (954) 828-1822

### 🙆 Sailor Jerry Presents:

An Evening with Lucero Dec 6 The Culture Room www.luceromusic.com/site/tour

#### 论 Holiday Craft Fair and Historic Walking Tour Dec. 7

History Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 463-4431 www.

fortlauderdalehistoricalsociety.org

#### 🚱 Silverstein and Senses Fail Dec. 7 Revolution Live (954) 449-1025



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#### 🚱 Glass Animals

Dec. 8 Revolution Live (954) 449-1025

#### Advice Straight Up: An Expert Entrepreneur Speaker Series Dec. 8

The Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship in the Florida State University College of Business and the Urban League of Broward County are proud to present the Advice Straight Up Expert Speaker Series. Urban League of Broward County (954) 228-3082 www.advicestraightup.com

#### Symphony of the Americas: Sounds of the Season Nov. 13

Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org

Sophisticated Ladies with Avery Summers Dec. 9 Cinema Paradiso (954) 709-7447

#### Centennial Celebration of the Music of Billy Strayhorn" Dec. 9

Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org

#### The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2: The IMAX° Experience Through Dec. 10 Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater (954) 463-IMAX (4629)

SUNsational Service Courtesy Awards Dec. 10 Broward County Convention Center (954) 767-2483

#### Ruth Cohan Jewish Book Review Series

Dec. 10 Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

# In the Heart of the Sea:

The IMAX® Experience Dec. 10 - 17 Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater (954) 463-IMAX (4629)

#### 🧭 2+3: The Artists'

Organization Through Dec. 11 ArtServe (954) 462-8190 www.artserve.org

#### 🛞 Grand Marshal Reception

Dec. 11 This reception is the prelude to the parade. Many local VIPs, dignitaries, and sponsors will be on hand to welcome this year's celebrity Grand Marshal Nick Cannon. Hard Rock www.winterfestparade.com

## Food in Motion

Dec. 11 Peter Feldman Park (954 785-7475

#### O March of Dimes -Women of Distinction Lunch Dec. 11 Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six

**Delray String Quartet: Concert #2** Dec. 11 RiverSounds – All Saints Episcopal Church (561) 213-4138

www.marchofdimes.org



Miami City Ballet: George Balanchine's The Nutcracker Dec. 11 - 13 Broward Center for the Performing Arts (305) 929-7010 www.miamicityballet.org

#### Outré Theatre: "Thrill Me"

Dec. 11– 13 Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222

## 👶 "A Peter White

Christmas" featuring Rick Braun and Mindi Abair Dec. 12 Parker Playhouse www.parkerplayhouse.com

#### School Daze and Holidays Paper Magic Dec. 12

Learn cool origami folds and enhance your brain power. Broward County Main Library (954) 357-8243 www.broward.org/library

#### The Wonderful World of Puppets Performed by Stevens Puppets

Dec. 12 Broward County Main Library (954) 357-8243 www.broward.org/library



#### Winterfest Boat Parade Dec. 12

Starting in Fort Lauderdale's Starting in Fort Lauderdale's Downtown, traveling east on the New River and north on the Intracoastal to Lake Santa Barbara in Pompano Beach, it's 12 miles of the "Greatest Show on H20." Begins in Downtown Fort Lauderdale on the New River www.winterfestparade.com

#### 😵 Super Saturday

Dec. 13 Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

#### Chanukah Fair on Las Olas Nov. 19 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org

#### O Aesop Bops!

Dec. 14 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org

#### Prehistoric Snowbirds - Dr. Michele Williams

- **Dr. Michele Williams** Dec. 14 and 15 The preeminent expert on South Florida archaeology shares tales of New River visitors before human explorers. History Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 463-4431

#### South Florida Amateur Astronomers Association presents the Winter Solstice Dec. 15 Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

Whitehorse Dec. 15 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org

#### Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Grinch Stole Christmas Dec. 15 - 27 Discover the magic of Dr. Seuss' classic holiday tale as it comes to life on stage. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222

#### Cocktails and Caroling and Drawing for JetBlue Raffle

Dec. 16 Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club Clubhouse www. fortlauderdalewomansclub.com

#### ArtServe Presents "unWRAPPED: A Curatorial Collection of Art & Gifts" Dec. 16 - 30 ArtServe (954) 462-8190 www.artserve.org

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Dec. 17 – Jan. 28, 2016 A continuation of the saga created by George Lucas set 30 years after *Star Wars: Episode VI -Return of the Jedi* (1983). Starring: Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill, and Carrie Fisher. Directed by J.J. Abrams. Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater (954) 463-IMAX (4629)

A Well-Strung Christmas Dec. 18

Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org

### 🍪 The Bronx Wanderers

Dec. 18 – 20 Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

# 🚷 Pink Talking Fish

Dec. 18 Revolution Live (954) 449-1025 www.jointherevolution.net

#### Holiday River Tour Dec. 18. 20 - 23

Historic Stranahan House Museum (954) 524-4736

Ashanti's The Chocolate Nutcracker Dec. 19 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org



Vladimir Issaev's The Nutcracker Program: The Nutcracker Dec. 19 and 20 Parker Playhouse www.artsballettheatre.org Single Bell Jog Dec. 20 Huizenga Plaza www.jinglebelljog.net

### Winter Solstice & Holiday New River Tour Dec. 21 History Museum Fort Lauderdale

(954) 463-4431 Star Wars Sleepover for Boy Scouts Dec. 21

Dec. 21 Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 713-0930 www.mods.org

### Winter Holiday Break Camp Activities - Jedi Training Academy Dec. 21 - 24 Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 713-0930 www.mods.org

Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack Show Dec. 22 Parker Playhouse www.parkerplayhouse.com

An Irish Christmas Dec. 23 Parker Playhouse www.parkerplayhouse.com

#### The State Ballet of Russia: Swan Lake Dec. 27 Parker Playbouse

Parker Playhouse www.parkerplayhouse.com

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### Star Wars Sleepovers for Families

Dec. 28 Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 713-0930 www.mods.org

Winter Holiday Break Camp Activities - Jedi Training Academy Dec. 28 - Jan. 1, 2016 Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 713-0930

www.mods.org

# Crazy Fingers

Revolution Live (954) 449-1025 www.jointherevolution.net

#### Stache New Year's Bash Dec. 31 Stache (954) 449-1044

(954) 449-1044 www.stacheftl.com

# Downtown Countdown

Dec. 31 SW Second St. and SW Fifth Ave. (954) 828-5363 www.fortlauderdale.gov

### 👶 Chameleon String Trio

Nov. 29 Josephine S. Leiser Opera Center (954) 761-3435



Light Up Lauderdale Through January 2016 Light Up Lauderdale is a tenweek celebration of glittering holiday lights and holiday garland presented by Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and the City of Fort Lauderdale. Riverwalk

www.goriverwalk.com

# International Gem and Jewelry Show

Jan. 1 – 3, 2016 This event showcases exclusive jewelry in a variety of metals and stones. War Memorial Auditorium (954) 828-5380 www.fortlauderdale.gov/wma

### Forbidden Broadway: Comes Out Swinging

Jan. 2 and 3, 2016 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org

#### Great Balls of Fire: Comets, Asteroids, and Meteors

Through Jan. 3, 2016 The Space Science Institute's National Center for Interactive Learning, with funding from the National Science Foundation and NASA, has developed this national traveling exhibition program. Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 467-6637

### Birding Class

Jan. 3, 2016 "Birding by Season" with birding expert Paddy Cunningham. Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 703-2606 www.bonnethouse.org

# 🛞 SOJA with Collie Buddz

Jan. 3, 2016 Revolution Live (954) 449-1025 www.jointherevolution.net

### County Exhibit Jan. 4, 2016 – Feb. 27, 2016 Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

Diva Diaries Jan. 6 - 31, 2016 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org



Watercolor in the Gardens - Session 1 Jan. 6 - Feb. 10, 2016 Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 703-2606 www.bonnethouse.org

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#### 😵 Holiday Hangover Happy Hour Jan. 7, 2016 Historic Stranahan House Museum (954) 524-4736

#### Acrylic in the Gardens - Session 1

Jan. 7 - Feb. 11, 2016 Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 703-2606 www.bonnethouse.org

### 🕀 Fort Lauderdale Beach **Collector Car Show and**

Auction Jan. 8 - 10, 2016 War Memorial Auditorium (954) 828-5380 www.fortlauderdale.gov/wma

#### 🍪 Shen Yun Performing Arts

Jan. 9, 2016 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org



상 John Sebastian Jan. 9, 2016 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org

🍪 Who's Bad: The Ultimate Michael Jackson Tribute Jan. 9, 2016 Parker Playhouse www.parkerplayhouse.com

### 🥙 28th Annual Las Olas Art Fair I

Jan. 9 and 10, 2016 The 28th Annual Las Olas Art Fair, produced by Howard Alan Events and hosted by the Las Olas Association, will feature 150 of the leading artists in the country. Las Olas Blvd. from SE Sixth Ave. to SE 11th Ave. (561) 746-6615 www.artfestival.com

### ArtServe Presents "ArtBRAVO!" a Juried **Fine Art Exhibition**

Jan. 9 - 29, 2016 Awards will be given based on artistic distinction, concept, and mastery of technique. Media will include digital/projection art, paintings, photography, mixed media, sculptures, ceramics, and glassworks. ArtServe (954) 462-8190 www.artserve.org

### Revolution of the Eye: Modern Art and the Birth of **American Television**

Through Jan. 10, 2016 NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 262-0204

### 😲 "History of the Bonnet House Beach" with Bonnet House Curator Denvse Cunningham

Jan. 11, 2016 (954) 703-2606

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## Decture Series

Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 703-2606 www.bonnethouse.org

# 🝪 Symphony of the Ionescu-Galati, Violin

#### Zentangle with Shawn Ann Hayden - Session 1 Basics

Jan. 12 - 26, 2016 Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 703-2606 www.bonnethouse.org

### 🥙 Calligraphy with Tony

Pastucci - Session 1 Jan. 12 - Feb. 9, 2016 Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 703-2606 www.bonnethouse.org

### 🎸 Paul Anka Jan. 13, 2016

Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org

#### 🍪 Kristin Chenoweth Jan. 14, 2016 Broward Center for the Performing Arts

www.browardcenter.org

Just Add Water Jan. 14, 2016 St. Thomas Aquinas Bienes Center for the Arts (954) 513-2272 www.bca-sta.org

#### 🔮 John Pizzarelli Quartet Jan. 15, 2016 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org

## 🔮 Delray String Quartet: Concert #3

Jan. 15, 2016 RiverSounds - All Saints Episcopal Church (561) 213-4138

### 🖰 The Great Pizza Contest

Jan. 15, 2016 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org

### 🕀 Fort Lauderdale Orchid Show

Jan. 15 - 17, 2016 Acres of beautiful blooms will be on display for all to see and purchase. . War Memorial Auditorium (954) 828-5380 www.fortlauderdale.gov/wma



#### 😂 Riverwalk Stone Crab and Seafood Festival Jan. 16 The free festival celebrates the local South Florida Seafood Industry and highlights some of Fort Lauderdale's favorite seafood restaurants. Seafood lovers of all ages are welcome to come out rain or shine and enjoy

a day of great food, drinks,

live music, games, prizes, and more. Esplanade Park (954) 468-1541 www.goriverwalk.com 🕖 Seminole and **Miccosukee** Photo **Archives Exhibit (Native** American History Month) Through Jan. 24, 2016 Patsy West's photographic collection of the Native American experience in South Florida. History Museum Fort Lauderdale

(954) 462-4431

🥙 Exhibition -"Helhesten: The Hellhorse: Danish Cultural **Resistance During World** War II" Through Feb. 7, 2016 NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale www.nsuartmuseum.org



🕮 Wild Africa 3D Through Feb. 11, 2016 Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 467-6637



**Bonnet House** Museum & Gardens

# **His Legacy** Jan. 11, 2016

This lecture will explore the life and time of Broward County's namesake. History Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 463-4431

Mondays Jan. 11 - Feb. 8, 2016

### 6 Seraphic Fire Jan. 12, 2016

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Tiny Giants 3D Through Feb. 11, 2016 Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater (954) 463-IMAX (4629)

# The Indestructible Lee Miller Through Feb. 28, 2016

NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale www.nsuartmuseum.org

#### O Back to School with the WPA Museum Extension Project

Through Mar. 31, 2016 Broward County Main Library (954) 357-8243

# Historic Walking Tour

Fridays through May 1, 2016 A leisurely walk along the New River, Fort Lauderdale's first highway. Explore historic buildings and hear tales of the many characters who built Fort Lauderdale. History Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 463-4431 www.flhc.org

William J. Glackens: A Modernist in the Making Through Aug. 31, 2016 NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale www.nsuartmuseum.org

# ONGOING

### Riverwalk Water Trolley

Ongoing Seven days a week, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. The Riverwalk Water Trolley travels along the New River from the Broward Center for the Performing Arts to Stranahan House. There are four stops on the north side of the river and four on the south side. Passengers ride for free. (954) 761-3543 www.riverwalkwatertrolley.com

#### Moon Rock Display Ongoing

Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

# Full Moon Mangrove Tours

The night of the full moon Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 564-4521



### JM Lexus Sunday Jazz Brunch

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

### River Ghost Tours Sunday night

Historic Stranahan House Museum (954) 524-4736 www.stranahanhouse.org



Use Olas Outdoor Green Market Sundays • 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plaza at YOLO (954) 462-4166

### 🖰 English Café

Every Tuesday Learn to speak English in a friendly environment. Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7439 www.broward.org/library

### 🚱 Open Mic Tuesdays

Fourth Tuesday of the month ArtServe (954) 462-8190 www.artserve.org

### O El Club

Tuesdays Brush up on your Español. Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7439 www.broward.org/library

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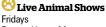
Second Wednesday of the month Business networking event with presentations on local business topics. History Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 463-4431

#### Behind the Scenes – Private Living Quarters Tours

Second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Take a sneak peek inside normally closed areas of Evelyn and Frederic Bartlett's private living quarters. Bonnet House (954) 703-2606 www.bonnethouse.org/hours-fees



Starry Nights First Thursday of the month This is a free event. NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 262-0245



Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 564-4521

# Ranger Guided Walks

Fridays Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 546-4521

### First Fridays: Book

**Event and Pickers Sale** First Friday of the month Pick up new and used books and gently used items. Sponsored by the Friends of the Fort Lauderdale Libraries. Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443

### Food In Motion Flagler Green Market

Second Friday of the month Feldman Park (754) 800-9765

### Historic Bike Tours

Saturdays and Mondays A narrated exploration of Fort Lauderdale's Riverwalk, where the city was born, including the Sailboat Bend historic district. History Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 463-4431 www.flhc.org

### Historic Segway Tours

Saturdays and Sundays With a local guide explore the history of the New River and historic Francis Abreu properties. History Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 463-4431 www.flhc.org

#### New River Ferry: Bridges, Boats & Beginnings (Historic Boat Tour)

Saturdays The guide introduces passengers to scalawags and hers, native people, and explorers. The tour continues at the History Museum. History Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 463-4431 www.flhc.org

### Ø Yoga by Donation

Third Saturday of the month History Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 463-4431 www.flhc.org



G Flagler Artwalk Last Saturday of the month FAT Village (754) 800-1640 www.flaglerartwalk.com

### Docent Guided House Reimbursement Tours

Ongoing Historic Stranahan House Museum (954) 524-4736 www.stranahanhouse.org

### RIVERWALK RECREATION

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Cardio Mix with Josh Hecht 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays Times and dates subject to change depending on weather restrictions. Esplanade Park (954) 232-7737

### 😂 • Segway Fort Lauderdale

Everyday • 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Take a one- or two-hour segway tour in Fort Lauderdale on the Riverwalk. No experience, balance, or coordination needed. Training provided. One-hour tour: \$59 per person; two-hour tour; \$89 per person. (954) 304-5746 (advanced reservations)

www.segwayfortlauderdale.com

### • Photography Classes on the Riverwalk

First Saturday of the month Join award winning photographers Hank Henley and Jason Leidy along the Riverwalk in downtown Fort Lauderdale for a three hour workshop featuring lecture, hands-on, and extended online components. From this foundation, you can further your skills via sessions that are customized to your specific goals. (817) 266-2946

### 😂 • Bicycle Tours

Daily 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. \$49 for a two-hour Las Olas/Himmarshee Loop. (954) 562-5159 www.riverwalkrec.com

### 😂 • Cycle Party Tours

Everyday Adults \$39, youths (5-15) \$15 (954) 633-4665 www.cycleparty.com



• Ecoboats Daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Reservation required. Monday-Thursday: \$80/hour Weekends and Holidays: \$90/ hour. Minimum 2 hours, maximum 6 hours. 2525 Marina Bay Dr. W. (954) 5000-EC0 www.ecoboatsftl.com

#### 😂 • Pilates Fort Lauderdale

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Esplanade Park Saturdays, 10 a.m. Lawn behind History Center (954) 400-7184 www.pilatesftlauderdale.com

#### 😂 • Kayak Rental

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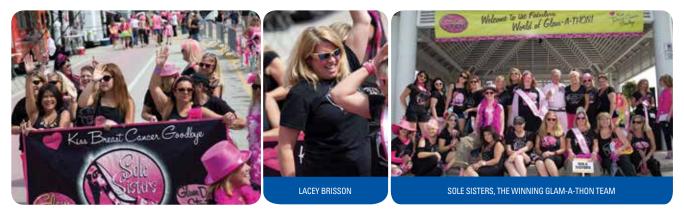
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# **Glam-A-Thon Glam Doll Strut**

The Ninth Annual Glam Doll Strut took place on Oct. 17 and raised funds to assist local women undergoing breast cancer treatment. Photos by Suzanne Barton



# **Peter Pan Pirate Party**

Stranahan House hosted an afternoon of fairytale literary characters. The event included games and photo ops with Peter Pan characters. Photos by Ashley Turner



CAPTAIN HOOK (JOHN DELLA-CERRA) WITH YOUNG PIRATES



PETER PAN (LINDSAY ROMAGNOLI) WITH SARA COSTA AND SOME JUNIOR PIRATES



THE EGORT FAMILY WITH PETER PAN (LINDSAY ROMAGNOLI)

# **Day of the Dead Stroll**

The event was a creative spectacle honoring Mexican and Latin American traditions. First two photos by Jay Bird, third photo by Lynne Ingram

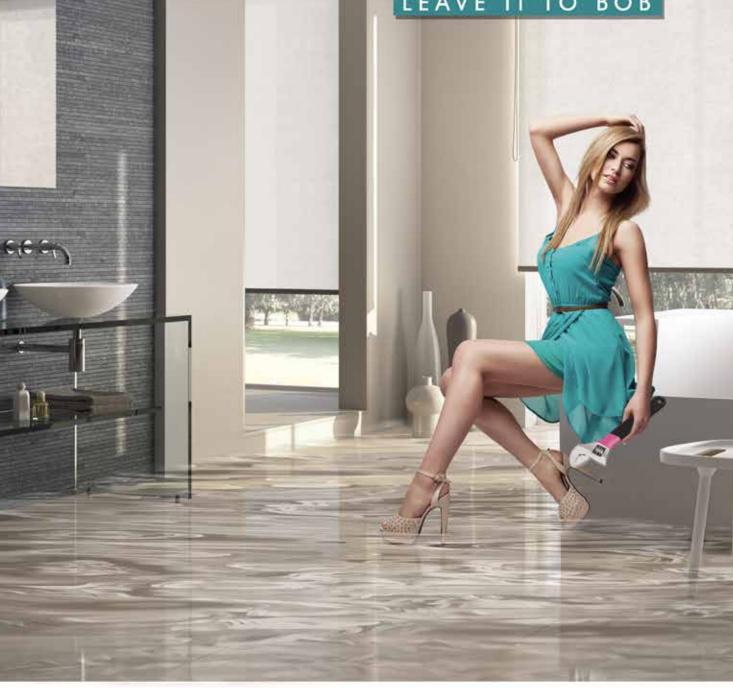


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# The Adventures of Himmarshee Hal: Last Hurrah

WRITER DEBORAH SHARP · ILLUSTRATOR DENISE BAKER

FICTION

hen Hal saw the banner at the Briny Riverfront, a lump the size of a soccer ball filled his throat. He hoped he wouldn't cry, especially not in front of his father. Like the rest of Hal's wealthy, WASP-y family, his dad was no fan of unbottled emotion.

"Happy First Year to Himmarshee Hal. World's Best Detective."

Hal knew that description exaggerated, at best. Lied, at worst. But the banner, the party, and the invitation to Hal's dad to visit from Michigan were all Cayla's doing. And Hal had learned not to second-guess his girlfriend in get-it-done mode.

Throughout December, she'd planned and plotted. Now, just before Christmas, Hal's party had come together – piggy-backed atop a holiday bash held by the restaurant where Cayla worked.

She figured a massive crowd would impress Hal's dad. But Robert Bradford was not easily impressed. Especially when it came to Hal – a trust-fund wastrel in his father's eyes, with an embarrassing history of screw-ups.

Still, Hal had managed some successes since his fresh start in Florida as a private eye. Most resulted from bumbling good luck. Over the year, though, he sharpened skills with each mistake.

"Yo, bro!" A pierced, tattooed chef hailed Hal. He'd won the annual Riverwalk Burger Battle when Hal stumbled – literally – into a saboteur. He slipped Hal a Hella Hamburger gift card. "Whatever you want, on me."

As Hal's dad looked on, the grateful

parade swelled: The yachtie whose stolen gold Hal found on St. Patrick's Day; the rude movie-goer whose life he saved after a popcorn kerfuffle; the woman whose Maltese Hal snatched from a Riverwalk dognapper at Mutts and Martinis.

Finally, up walked a sunburned man in a golf shirt. "Remember me?"

Hal, his observational powers un-sharp, reluctantly shook his head.

The man plucked a club from a golf bag he'd leaned on the bar. Hal ducked, recalling his first surveillance job. He'd ID'ed the wrong guy, and still had the club-dents in the hood of his Honda to show for it.

"That day scared me off cheating. It wasn't my wife who hired you, but it could have been. You made me see what I had to lose."

Hal's father finally spoke up: "Cheating husbands, Hal?"

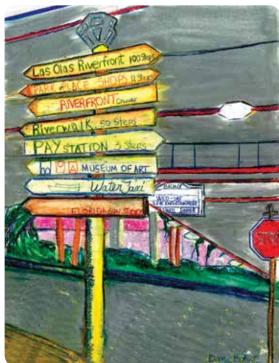
Cayla, furious, jumped in. "Don't you dare sneer. You should be proud."

Robert seemed taken aback. "I wasn't sneering!"

Hal could have told Cayla that was his dad's default expression: Resting Sneer Face.

"I was about to say I *am* proud. You've done good work here, son. Made a good life."

Hal's father squeezed his shoulder – a display of wild emotion among Bradfords.



The soccer ball rolled back into Hal's throat.

Later, walking home, Hal encountered one last acquaintance from his year along the Riverwalk.

"Travis McGee!"

The big man on the bench grinned. "I told you your new life would work out."

"Everyone insisted you're a fictional character."

Travis watched the current flow in the New River. "In Fort Lauderdale, my friend, the lines between truth and fiction are blurry."

Deborah Sharp is a Fort Lauderdale native, a former journalist, and the author of the Mace Bauer Mysteries. She lives along the New River with her husband, Kerry Sanders.

This is the last installment of The Adventures of Himmarshee Hal. To read the series, check archived issues on www.goriverwalk.com.

# FUNCTIONAL GLASS ART

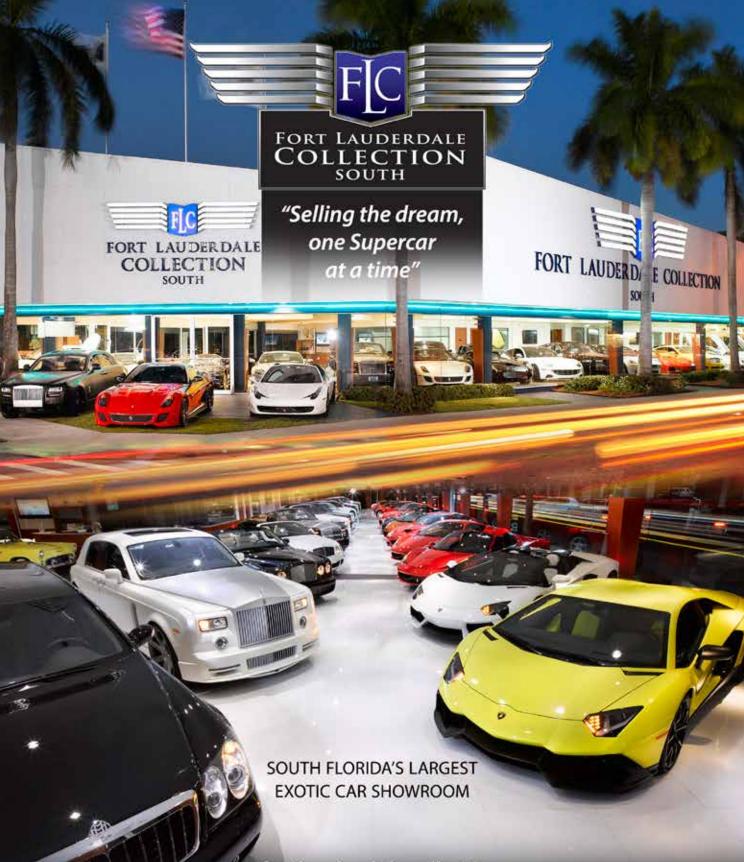


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