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SPACIOUS ASHLEY DIRECT VIEWS OF THE NEW RIVER AND VIBRANT LAS OLAS. 3 BEDROOMS, 3.5 BATHS, FOYER ENTRY, POWDER ROOM, LIMESTONE FLOORS THROUGHOUT ENTIRE UNIT, 2 LARGE TERRACES, MARBLE BATHS, MOTORIZED SOLAR SHADES/LAMINETS, CONTEMPORARY FIXTURES, AND EXPANSIVE BUILT IN CLOSETS.

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ASHLEY SOUTH DESIGNER MODEL 3 BEDROOM, 3.5 BATH 2 TERRACES, CUSTOM FINISHES, MARBLE FLOORS IN LIVING AREAS, BRAZILIAN CHERRY WOOD FLOORS IN BEDROOMS, GOURMET KITCHEN, MARBLE BATHS, AND 2 PRIME GARAGE PARKING SPACES.

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JUST LISTED
CHAMPAGNE - $10,755,000
LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! THIS DISTINCTIVE CHAMPAGNE MODEL IS OFFERING STUNNING PANORAMIC RIVER AND CITY VIEWS. WELL MAINTAINED 2 BEDROOM/2.5 BATH RESIDENCE OFFERS TOTAL PRIVACY, SLIDING IMPACT FLOOR TO CEILING GLASS DOORS ACCESSIBLE FROM EVERY ROOM, OVER 2,100SF AND 2 OVERSIZED TERRACES WITH PANORAMIC VIEWS.

JUST LISTED
BRADFORD - $949,000
OUTSTANDING OCEAN, RIVER AND CITY VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM OF THIS DESIGNER MODEL. 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN, BUILT IN OFFICE, MARBLE & WOOD FLOORS, TRULY A MUST SEE WITH NUMEROUS UPGRADES THROUGHOUT!

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COLUMBUS - $8,100,000
DESIGNER COLUMBUS MODEL FEATURING 2 BEDROOMS, 3 FULL BATHS AND 2 TERRACES WITH DIRECT RIVER AND POOL VIEWS. NUMEROUS UPGRADES INCLUDE A COMBINATION OF BRAZILIAN CHERRY & MARBLE FLOORS THROUGHOUT. CUSTOM WALL UNITS IN LIVING ROOM, MOTORIZED WINDOW TREATMENTS AND BUILT IN OFFICE.

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LEXINGTON - $999,000
FAVORED "66" LINE 2 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATHS ON HIGH FLOOR. 2 SPACIOUS BALCONIES OFFER EAST AND WEST VIEWS OF THE NEW RIVER AND OCEAN. NEWLY REFURBISHED WITH POLISHED MARBLE FLOORS AND FRESH PAINT. 5 STAR BUILDING AMENITIES. THIS RESIDENCE IS MOVE IN READY!

CHELSEA - $819,000
2 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATHS WITH SPECTACULAR RIVER & POOL VIEWS FROM THIS HIGH FLOOR! FABULOUS FINISHES INCLUDING CREMA MARFIL MARBLE FLOORING THROUGHOUT, CUSTOM BUILT-IN CLOSETS AND DESIGNER LIGHTING.

JUST SOLD
SOHO
HIGHEST FLOOR WITH SPECTACULAR VIEWS. THIS STUNNING 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH FEATURES A SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN WITH MARBLE FLOORS THROUGHOUT, GOURMET KITCHEN, GRANITE COUNTER TOPS AND 5 STAR BUILDING AMENITIES.

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1 BEDROOM - $539,000
TURNKEY, MOVE RIGHT IN! LARGE 1 BEDROOM, 1.5 BATH MODEL. STYLISH CONTEMPORARY INTERIOR FINISHES WITH TRAVERTINE FLOORING THROUGHOUT. LOTS OF UPGRADES!

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**2BR/2BATH**

OUTSTANDING CITY VIEWS FROM THIS SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN. OPEN KITCHEN WITH GRANITE COUNTERTOPS & STAINLESS APPLIANCES.

**2BR/2BATH**

EAST FACING SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN WITH SATURNIA MARBLE FLOORS IN LIVING AREA, CROWN MOLDING, OPEN GOURMET KITCHEN WITH GRANITE COUNTERTOPS, LARGE MARBLE MASTER BATH.

**1BR/1BATH**

UPGRADED UNIT WITH MARBLE FLOORS THROUGHOUT. CROWN MOLDING, GOURMET KITCHEN WITH GRANITE COUNTERS AND SS APPLIANCES. MARBLE BATH W/SEPERATE TUB & SHOWER.

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**2BR/2BATH**

STUNNING CORNER UNIT WITH LARGE LANAI. 24X24 PORCELAIN TILE THROUGHOUT AND BUILT IN CLOSETS BY ARMA DI.

**2BR/2BATH**

PANORAMIC CITY & RIVER VIEWS FROM THIS NEVER LIVED IN UNIT. SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN WITH TWIN BALCONIES.

**2BR/2BATH**

SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN WITH TILE IN LIVING AREA AND WOOD IN BEDROOMS. MARBLE BATHS AND GARDEN VIEWS.

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New Team Players

We 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!

FROM THE BOARD

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 Gaige Couch

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.

BY BARBRA STERN
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair

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

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• 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

More 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 instructor 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!

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-fort-lauderdale-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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Debbie Savage  
RESPONSIVE HOME HEALTH

As the owner of Responsive Home Health for over 21 years, I have developed a passion for making a difference in the lives 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!

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.

Make an End-of-Year Gift

STAFF PATRICK HARRIS  
RIVERWALK FORT LAUDERDALE  
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

It’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
PARTY CONNECTIONS DJS

I formed Party Connection DJS, a highly regarded Broward County based DJ Entertainment Company, to provide a much desired service to the community. We provide DJ, emcee, lighting, photo, video, planning, and other related services for social celebrations and corporate events of every size and type.

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.

Your support is not only a way to make 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.

For more information on how to 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!

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.

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Jameson Olsen and Allen Pierre

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Tony Treglia and Danielle Butler with the Hip Hop Kids

Mark Budwig and Nick Scalzo

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

Patriot National, Inc. Welcome Reception, Allianz Championship Live Auction, Fidelity Investments Silent Auction, Entertainment sponsor Greenspoon Marder Law with a special performance from the Broadway Musical “Kinky Boots.”

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

ACR Electronics raffle items for Parade participants.

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

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

DEC. 12 - GRANDSTAND VIEWING AREA powered by Ford

Chris Evert Broward Health Children’s Hospital-Health-Safety & Family Fun Zone; Stella Artois Culinary Courtyard; Live Entertainment, activities by the Florida Marlins, Miami Dolphins, Fort Lauderdale Strikers, and U.S. Army. PURCHASE tickets at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino front desk, Select Pet Supermarket locations or online. ALL SEATS RESERVED AND ASSIGNED at Birch State Park.

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


FEB. 25 - CAPTAIN’S CUP AWARDS RECEPTION

Hosted by the Greater Fort Lauderdale Broward County Convention Center

MARCH 2016- VOLUNTEER PARTY

Hosted by Beauty & The Feast

(sponsorships and event dates subject to change)
Riverwalk Bacon Bash

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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.
Revolution of the Eye
Modern Art and the Birth of American Television

THROUGH JANUARY 10, 2016

NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale
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Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301
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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.
2015 in Retrospect
DOWNTOWN HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

It’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 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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What 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 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! ☹️
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

12/13/15  Legendary Locals Book Signing & Talk
12/14/15  Lecture 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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Just 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 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!
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- Albert and Vanessa Molina, parents of Giovanni, grade 4, and Krystal, grade 3

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Please Join Us at Our OPEN HOUSE on Saturday, February 20th, at 12:45 p.m.
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BY JOHN JONES
Chair, Downtown Council, Chamber of Commerce

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In 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 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.

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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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.

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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 high-achieving 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.

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

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“For me, life is about making the world a better place,” she said. “I started in mental health, which led to different arenas. I think it’s all helped serving others.”

Since then, WhiteCloud, who has an environmental engineering background, and his family have led a grassroots organization, which doesn’t have official name, focuses on funding, promoting, and educating his or her individual communities.

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“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.”

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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.

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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.

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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...
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.

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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 indispensable 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.”
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Jason Aube  
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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.

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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.”
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 co-organizer 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.”

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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.

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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.

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It’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
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.
WITH 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.
1. **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.
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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,”
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 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.

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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.
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WRITER ALEXANDRA ROLAND

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SuViche ceviche

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.5 oz. tomato pieces
1 oz. red onion
1 pinch coriander
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½ teaspoon vegetable oil
1.5 oz. vegetable stock

Method:
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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.

**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

**Get Yours**

Stop by one of these downtown bars/restaurants for a bubbly cocktail

**Fork & Balls**
1301 E. Las Olas Blvd.
www.forkandballs.com

**Lobster Bar Sea Grille**
450 E. Las Olas Blvd.
www.buckheadrestaurants.com/lobster-bar-sea-grille

**Wild Sea Oyster Bar & Grille**
620 E. Las Olas Blvd.
www.wildsealasolas.com

Interested in spirited experiences? Join Renée’s #conSPIRITors by following her on Twitter and Instagram (@MyMixologist) and like her Facebook page Spirited South Florida. Remember to #DrinkResponsibly.

#GetSpiritedSouthFlorida
Annual Holiday Display
Dec. 5
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
Palm Beach
(561) 233-3000
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

It’s a Wonderful Life
Dec. 4
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
www.browardcenter.org

Chillounge Night
Dec. 4
Experience the ultimate outdoor lounge party with an aeronautic balloon act, hundreds of daybeds, a fashion show, live bands, food and cash bars, and more.
Huizenga Plaza
(954) 448-0995

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

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 Hotel
www.winterfestparade.com

Calvary Christian Academy 5k
Dec. 5
Calvary Chapel
www.cceagles.org

Jingle Bell Jubilee Ball - 60th Anniversary Toyland Event
Dec. 5
Ritz-Carlton Fort Lauderdale
(954) 849-8286
www.juniorwelfaresociety.org

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

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) 709-2614

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

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

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

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**Glass Animals**
Dec. 8
Revolution Live
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**Symphony of the Americas: Sounds of the Season**
Nov. 13
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**Sophisticated Ladies with Avery Summers**
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Cinema Paradiso
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**Allan Harris Quintet “Centennial Celebration of the Music of Billy Strayhorn”**
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**The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2: The IMAX® Experience**
Through Dec. 10
Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater
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Dec. 10 - 17
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**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

**March of Dimes - Women of Distinction Lunch**
Dec. 11
Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six
www.marchofdimes.org

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

**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.
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**The Wonderful World of Puppets Performed by Stevens Puppets**
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**Winterfest Boat Parade**
Dec. 12
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 H2O.” Begins in Downtown Fort Lauderdale on the New River
www.winterfestparade.com

**Super Saturday**
Dec. 13
Broward County Main Library
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www.broward.org/library

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

**Aesop Bops!**
Dec. 14
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
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**Prehistoric Snowbirds – 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
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(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**
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

**Art Ballet Theatre’s The Nutcracker**
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Parker Playhouse
www.parkerplayhouse.com
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  - Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater
  - (954) 463-IMAX (4629)

### A Well-Strung Christmas
- **Dec. 18 – 20**
  - 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

### Jingle 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**
  - 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 Playhouse
  - www.parkerplayhouse.com

### The Ten Tenors
- **Dec. 28**
  - Parker Playhouse
  - www.parkerplayhouse.com

### 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
- **Dec. 31**
  - Revolution Live
  - (954) 449-1025
  - www.jointherevolution.net

### Stache New Year’s Bash
- **Dec. 31**
  - Stache
  - (954) 449-1044
  - www.stacheftl.com

### Downtown Countdown New Year’s Eve Event
- **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
- **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) 467-8637

### SOJA with Collie Buddz
- **Jan. 3, 2016**
  - Revolution Live
  - (954) 449-1025
  - www.jointherevolution.net

### Tobacco Free Partnership of Broward 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

### International Gem and Jewelry Show
- **Jan. 1 – 3, 2016**
  - Through January 2016
  - Light Up Lauderdale is a ten-week celebration of glittering holiday lights and holiday garland presented by Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and the City of Fort Lauderdale.
  - Riverwalk
  - www.goriverwalk.com

### Watercolor in the Gardens - Session 1
- **Jan. 5 - Feb. 10, 2016**
  - Bonnet House Museum and Gardens
  - (954) 703-2606
  - www.bonnethouse.org

### Ruth Cohan Jewish Book Review Series
- **Jan. 7, 2016**
  - Broward County Main Library
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NSU Art Museum
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**Broward Means Business**
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Business networking event with presentations on local business topics.
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JOSE ANTONIO ZABALGOITIA, CONSUL GENERAL OF MEXICO IN
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The Adventures of Himmarshee Hal: 
Last Hurrah

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