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New growth brings critical mass that supports new businesses. The Downtown Riverwalk will finally reach the population point needed to sustain more restaurants and more diverse retail shops. Pretty soon, there will be new retail and restaurant space available along the Riverwalk, which will have the needed foot traffic to help the businesses succeed.

More residents will lead to more events bringing together more diverse crowds. At Riverwalk, we are increasing our event schedule every year and as our

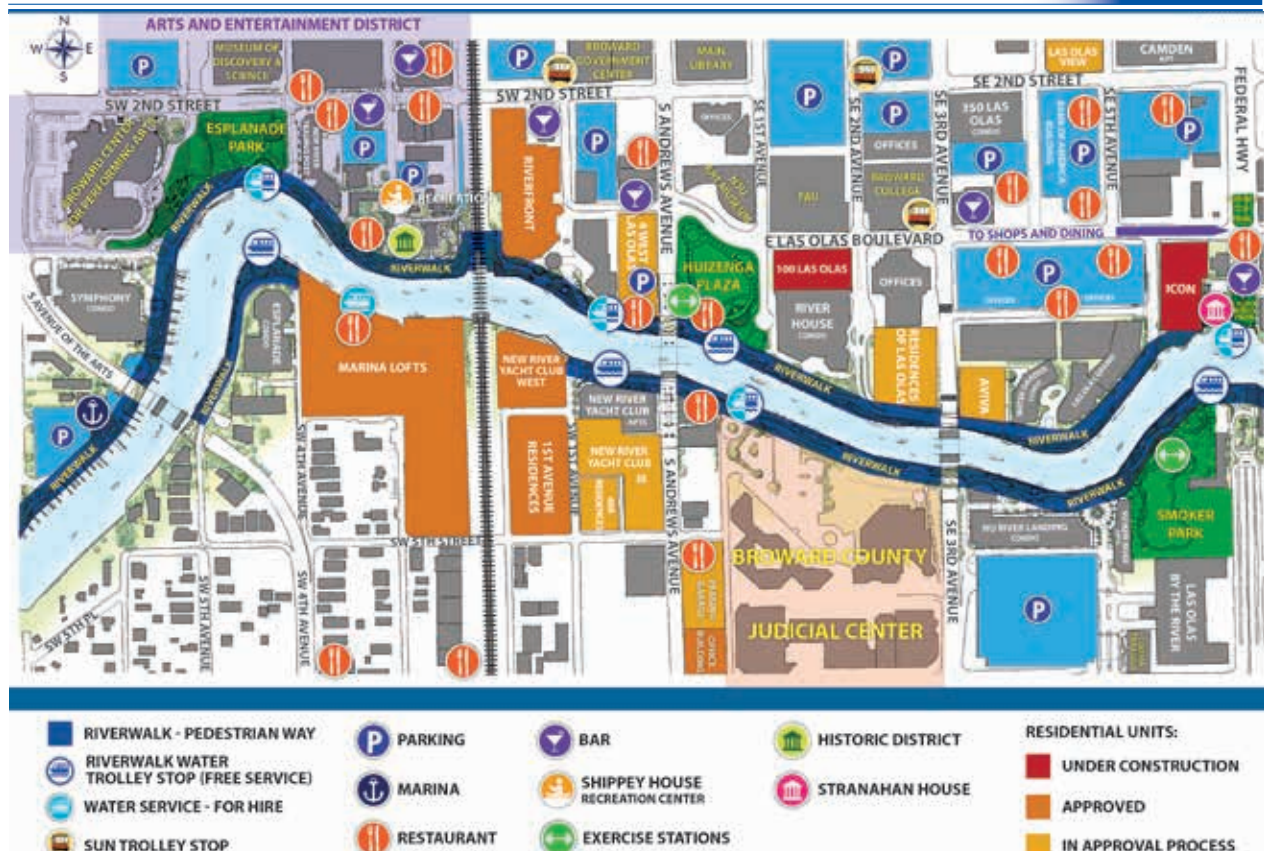
events grow and gain in popularity so do the options to bring new and creative experiences. Did you know that this year, Riverwalk is going to oversee and manage more than 130 events and activations?

Everyone benefits from more residences and traffic, including the non-profit organizations located on or around the Riverwalk. The magnificent Historic District and the Stranahan House's increase in visitors will help them expand their services and provide everyone with a better experience. Soon, new restaurants will be located next to each of these locations, which will further expand their horizons.

And of course, with more residences comes more office demand and business growth, better security, more dog walking, exercising, and, in general, what Riverwalk is all about, increased activation!

While some might not want or accept the Downtown/Riverwalk growth, I say sit tight. The hard work by all those involved is about to come to fruition. Enjoy the show! 60

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## CITY IN PROGRESS

**T**he ability to let you know where parking is, what the rate is going to be, and whether there is a space available is the next thing coming to Fort Lauderdale. Currently, there is a parking study underway that is gathering public input to evaluate the demand, supply, and parking requirements that exist today to determine what should be the next step, both for long-term and short-term parking. The City has contracted with Kimely-Horn & Associates for this study and it is well into the process.

This comprehensive Citywide Parking Study will evaluate the financial stability of the City's parking fund and address the short-term and long-term parking needs. The major components of this work include the following:

- Public input from stakeholders including businesses and residents
- Summary of parking needs
- Rate analysis of City facilities versus private facilities
- Parking demand and utilization analysis
- Evaluation of existing and potential parking resources within each individual RAC
- Best Management Practices associated with traditional parking impacts as well as increased bicycle use and the alternatives available to patrons from car and ride-sharing services
- Development of a GIS-based parking demand model

Other ongoing assessments include the effects of the proposed WAVE construction on existing events programmed in the Downtown. Each construction phase of the WAVE is divided up into segments. Segment 3 encompasses the area surrounding Huizenga Plaza – a major location for events in the Downtown. A part of the RFP being issued for design-build firms are specific requirements and incentives surrounding this area. The forecasted period of performance is approximately 200 days or 10 months. Obviously removing this park for a period that long is not possible. Therefore, there will be modifications to the availability from June 2018 through first quarter of 2019. The City will be working with long-standing events to accommodate as best they can at Huizenga Plaza or another location.

On another note, a ground-breaking ceremony for the 100 East Las Olas Project happened in late March kicking off the construction of that project.

Demolition is moving forward at Riverfront following the removal of equipment from the interior of the existing building. Bricks along Riverwalk from the railroad track east to the center of Riverfront have



Temporary brick removal along Riverwalk

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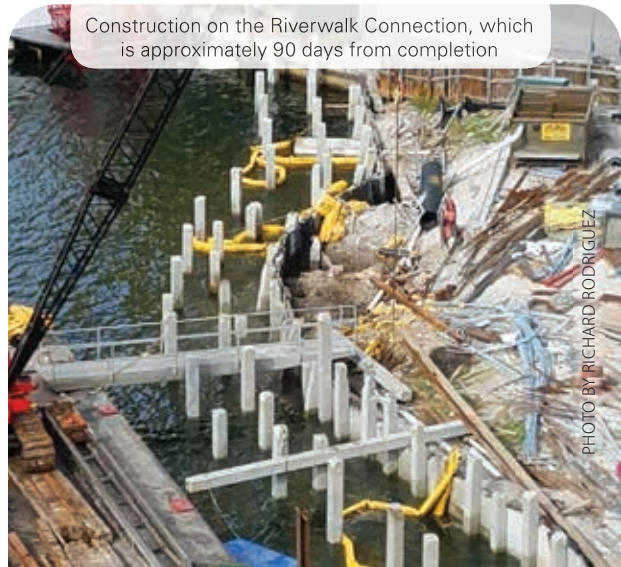
been removed, cataloged, and stored for the duration of the construction in order to keep them safe. At the conclusion of the construction, they will be re-installed in the exact location as originally placed. Because this area is a pedestrian walkway and this abuts the major construction, there will be structures in place to protect all walkers in the area. Under the Maintenance of Traffic required by the City for construction, portions of the walkway will be closed and pedestrians will be re-routed periodically during the construction of the building.

The Riverwalk connection at the northeastern most point is continuing through construction with the addition of piling, seawalls, and construction of the pedestrian walkway. This project continues on schedule and is approximately 90 days from completion. A grand day for Riverwalk and the City!

ICON forecasts completion during the third quarter of this calendar year and we look forward to seeing that building join the existing residential units in Downtown.

New River Yacht Club on the south side of Andrews Avenue along the New River is anticipated to break ground on the new phase of that project.

Yes, my friends and neighbors, there are great things happening in our Downtown and along Riverwalk. 



Construction on the Riverwalk Connection, which is approximately 90 days from completion

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GARCIA STROMBERG

• Born in Cuba, my family and I were on the next to last freedom flight out of the country in 1962. We made our home in Miami where I graduated high school and ultimately received a full scholarship to the University of Miami where I earned my Bachelor's Degree in architecture.

Out of college, I worked for a few architecture firms in Coral Gables including the famous Morris Lapidus before moving north to Fort Lauderdale. Once here, I became the lead architect on the 110 Tower, which remains the tallest office building in Fort Lauderdale.

Since 1987, I have been the Chief Executive Officer of Garcia Stromberg. The goal has been to bring comprehensive professional experience and expertise in architecture and development to each project and to immerse myself in the local vernacular, nationally and internationally. Collaborating with my partner Peter Stromberg, our projects span across a wide variety of project types and scopes, including commercial, mixed-use, hotel/resort, and residential. Some of our architectural endeavors include The Gale Boutique Hotel, Bahia Cabana, and the Floridian National Golf Club.

I am also actively involved in the community, currently serving as a member of the Urban Land Institute's Executive Committee Southeast Florida/Caribbean Chapter. Riverwalk is an integral part of our community and I joined the organization to support their efforts and to stay informed on everything going on in the Downtown.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

**JOY LYNKEY**

JEWEL TONED INTERIORS

• As a seventh-generation Floridian, I am firmly rooted in Florida. Fort Lauderdale is my home and where I have built the foundation of my business and family. After graduating from the University of Florida, I worked at a world-renowned interior design firm on Broward Boulevard. Today, I own and operate an interior design company within the heart of this beautiful city. I have had the opportunity to see a true transformation within Fort Lauderdale as my business has grown and as my husband and I raise our two daughters.

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We are in the process of launching a non-profit, Createful Giving. Our mission is to provide local non-profits with necessary furniture and materials, as well as reduce the quantity of these items ending up in landfills. My team and I are passionate about giving back to our community and it excites us to do so in a unique and creative way.

I believe in this city and the people within it. Joining Riverwalk is a natural partnership to collaborate and celebrate all that our city offers: the creativity, the innovation, and the vibrant multicultural residents that make up Fort Lauderdale. It is a jewel of a city that ignites Florida.



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**TRACEY L. SAMPLES, LMT**

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• I was born in Ecuador and my family moved around frequently as I was growing up because my father was in the military.

We lived in the Philippines, Thailand as well as various cities across the United States. After high school, I joined the Army. For most of my military career, I was stationed at West Point where I worked primarily in food services.

When asked why I decided to become a massage therapist, I like to say that massage found me. I have always liked helping people and making a difference, so working in this field comes naturally to me. In 1988, I received my certification in therapeutic massage and additionally I hold certifications in Touch for Health and various other bodywork modalities. These certifications require that I complete continuing education every year so I am knowledgeable about the newest techniques and therapies.

I currently operate a massage practice here in Fort Lauderdale (Flagler Village) and another one in Leesburg, FL. I am a unique holistic body worker specializing in balancing stress issues and reducing pain from injury.

When I am not working, my partner and I love to travel, especially cruising. Food is another passion of ours whether we are making it ourselves or dining out. I joined Riverwalk because I walk it two to three times per week and it brings me great joy to do so. Being a member allows me to give back to something that I find so valuable.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

**VALERIE BARNHART**

KELLEY KRONENBERG

• I am a partner at the business law firm of Kelley Kronenberg. The focus of my practice is on business transactions, data privacy and security matters, and general liability. This practice involves advising clients in all aspects of business and risk management, including compliance with data privacy laws, contractual matters, corporate governance, purchase and sale of business assets, non-compete agreements, formation of companies, subcontractor agreements, shareholder agreements, and operating agreements.


Accredited by the International Association of Privacy Professionals, I am a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US) and a Certified Information Privacy Manager (CIPM). This certification allows me to serve as general counsel to Infiltration Labs, a cybersecurity company. I assist the company in all matters involving business compliance, data privacy, and security.

Outside of the office, I am an adjunct professor at Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law where I devote substantial time assisting students who are preparing for the Florida Bar Examination. In addition, I serve as an elected representative on the Florida Bar Board of Governors Young Lawyers Division, as well as the Broward County Bar Association Board of Directors, and I am a current member of Leadership Broward's Women Leading Broward Class IV.

A lifelong Broward resident, I joined Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale to network and build relationships with other individuals in the Fort Lauderdale area and serve my local community.



## RIVERWALK FORT LAUDERDALE'S 17TH ANNUAL TRIBUTE EVENT

On Thursday, Mar. 16, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and some of South Florida's top business professionals gathered at the Riverside Hotel for Riverwalk's 17th Annual Tribute fundraising event. This year's honoree was Jorge Pérez, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Related Group. The evening began with a VIP reception where guests networked and bid on an array of wonderful prizes in the silent auction. This was followed by a ceremony where Pérez was honored for his influence on the growth and development of the Riverwalk and Downtown Districts. Funds from this event help to support Riverwalk's mission "to be the catalyst in building and nurturing Riverwalk as a vibrant community connected by the New River." 



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If you haven't noticed, beer has gotten a makeover as of late. Downtown Fort Lauderdale now has a dizzying array of beer options, which is good news as beer bars and breweries serve as key indicators of a city's vibrancy. This is a far cry from the city's bootlegging days of Prohibition when Al Capone and "Machine Gun" Jack McGurn frequented the area. Imagine hearing machine gunfire up and down the New River! Flash-forward some 80 years later and Downtown Fort Lauderdale is a thriving city thanks, in part, to beer.

Downtown Fort Lauderdale has amassed an impressive number of craft beer bars, not to mention our popular beerfest events. Joining their ranks this year is the FemAle Brewfest on May 28 in FAT Village. The FemAle Brew Fest will host a large selection of female-run breweries plus various vendors, music, and a selection of artisanal food pairings from local female-run establishments. This event features only craft beer from breweries with a female head brewer or brewmaster or one that is female owned and operated.

"Although many may picture the average craft brewer as bearded and dressed in flannel, the event will showcase the original brewers – women, the demographic that counts for a whopping 32 percent of American craft beer consumption," says Frances Antonio-Martineau, who leads the Fem Collective, which is organizing the event. "Some of the best, hand-selected female-run breweries in the country will be in attendance showcasing both their regular and seasonal products. I am a beer drinker and female entrepreneur that is always on the lookout for avenues to promote and showcase women."

While breweries are technically industrial in nature, they are also important gathering spots and the activity they generate radiates to surrounding areas. Because they require large industrial space, breweries like the future New River Brewing generate activity in industrial areas once considered to be on the city's fringes. What's more, brewery tap rooms and beer bars are often family and pet friendly, taking the communal atmosphere to another level with games like jenga, corn hole, and horse shoe rings.

The popularity of craft beer has been a boon to cities and fosters a convivial environment with aspects that set it apart from cocktail bars: games, family-friendliness, and open air patios. The role of craft beer in modern day placemaking cannot be emphasized enough. Not only does it activate communities and revitalize urban areas, but breweries also create a sense of pride in a locally-made product. So the next time you grab a pint at your favorite watering hole, you'll be doing much more than enjoying cold suds. ☺



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Problem is, the building is a Federal Courthouse so the outdoor plazas are blocked off with unsightly barricades, there's no water in the decorative fountains, and the huge flat roof leaks. Needless to say, the excitement of a mid-1970s "hip" design wore off decades ago as the building began to fail and new courthouse security standards rendered it obsolete.

Inconspicuous as this building is, courthouses are pretty darn important being the third branch of our government. Each year, more than 9,000 civil cases are filed in the Judicial Conference's Southern District of Florida, which handles cases from Vero Beach to Key West, and Fort Lauderdale's courthouse is smack in the middle. When courtrooms are closed due to leaky roofs, flooding, and mold damage, judges can't hear cases when scheduled, leading to real impacts on our basic justice process.


Recognizing this mounting problem, a task force of federal judges, City and County officials, attorneys, and members of the business community have urged Congress to provide funding for a new federal courthouse for more than 10 years. The group has been successful in demonstrating the need for a new courthouse, but the process to get federal funding isn't so easy and requires approvals by those other two government branches: Legislative and Executive.

So here's a short course in how the process works. First, the General Services Administration (GSA) had to complete a feasibility study to conclude that it would be more cost-efficient to build a new courthouse rather than to fix the leaky one we have now. Check. With the feasibility study in hand, the Judicial Conference of the U.S. then recommended that three new courthouses should be built (Harrisburg PA, Huntsville AL, and Fort Lauderdale FL). Check.

Finally, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees have to recommend that funding be included in the President's 2018 budget. So last month, members from the local task force traveled to D.C. to meet with

Senators and Congressional representatives to push for courthouse funding. The group received overwhelming bi-partisan support and are now anxiously awaiting the President's budget to be released in May.

Why is all this important? We are a growing metropolitan region that needs safe and sound civic buildings. Our public infrastructure is an investment in our future and provides opportunities to create new jobs. The process to spend hundreds of millions of dollars may be long, but it's based on a system that ensures deliberate, accountable, and transparent decisions are made.

So next time you drive past Broward and Third, think about your Civics 101 lesson and all the work that goes into building a world-class city. 



The Federal Courthouse, located at Broward Boulevard and NE Third Avenue

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BY DIANA ALARCON

Director,  
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## TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT 2017

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

We are gearing up for the 6th Annual Transportation Summit on May 9 at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. I look forward to this wonderful opportunity every year to connect with colleagues and neighbors, to share successes, and to learn about innovative projects. The experience inspires me and leaves me invigorated to continue to work with our partners as we build a safer, connected, multimodal community – one project, one decision at a time.

This year, we are excited to welcome the mayor of Oklahoma City, Mick Cornett, to share how he transformed the very landscape of his city that was created from a sprawl-induced car culture to one that is designed around people. Inspired by the determination to remove his city from a list of the most obese cities, he spearheaded significant changes to the built environment that resulted in measured health and quality of life benefits for residents.

Preparing the program for the summit always reminds me of just how many people are out there working towards common goals throughout municipalities, neighboring counties, and in the region. We are gathering best practices and speakers to help us all in our work. We will examine how data, even “big data”, can enhance our planning and demonstrate some exciting tools that transform the data into resources. We will take a deep dive into the role parking management has in reducing vehicle trips by learning about technology that helps us understand and respond to parking demands and how car sharing programs support the shift to live-work-play lifestyles.


Our partners, including the Florida Department of Transportation, Broward County, and municipalities,

will share information on innovative design and signal projects they've recently

completed. Staying true to the City's commitment to sustainability, panelists will explore challenges faced in designing infrastructure projects in a low-lying coastal community subject to increasing stresses from tidal flooding events. Information on how to incorporate and measure performance of green design will also be shared.

We will recognize the contributions of community members who are helping the City achieve its goal of being a safe, connected, multimodal, and sustainable community. Visit the Transportation Summit website today to register and make a nomination for the Neighbor Champion or Outstanding Project or Program Award: [www.fortlauderdale.gov/tamevents!](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/tamevents!)

A networking reception at the new Brightline station in Downtown Fort Lauderdale will top off this exciting day. We hope you will join us for the 6th Annual Transportation Summit that includes this exclusive opportunity to experience this new heavy hitter in our growing line-up of transportation options for neighbors and visitors. I look forward to seeing you there and hearing your ideas for TRANSforming Fort Lauderdale together.

And as always, please remember that your choices add up to zero traffic-related fatalities on our streets. Simple acts such as slowing down, crossing at crosswalks, paying attention, being predictable, yielding to pedestrians, and never driving while distracted or under the influence save lives. See you at the Summit! 



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## #TURQUOISETAKEOVER

A COMMUNITY UNITED AGAINST LUNG CANCER

The color turquoise will be taking over Las Olas this month! The American Lung Association in South Florida, with the support of the Leadership Broward Class XXXV Turquoise Takeover Task Force, is inviting businesses to stand together *against* lung cancer and *for* lung health, leading up to National Women's Lung Health Week May 8-12. The goal is to unite as a community to raise awareness of lung cancer by turning Broward County businesses, media, and landmarks turquoise. They are encouraging businesses to host a dress-down day wearing turquoise, join the photo challenge on social media using #TurquoiseTakeover, hold a turquoise costume contest, and decorate storefronts with turquoise.

According to Amber VanBuren, Executive Director of the Las Olas Association, the Association is asking shops on Las Olas to place turquoise in their windows and hold specials involving the color. There is also a leadership team preparing to place turquoise flags along Las Olas Boulevard to commemorate the event. The color turquoise will be everywhere!

On May 19, Vann Padgett of The Las Olas Company

will be honored with the Hometown Hero Award at the Lung Force Luncheon. Padgett was diagnosed with COPD in 2007 after being smoke free for 12 years. Her doctors and surgeons relied on the research by the American Lung Association to restore her to health. She and Pauline Grant were selected as honorees in appreciation of their years of dedication to saving lives and promoting lung health to fulfill the Lung Association's mission.

Padgett has served on the committee for the Las Olas Wine and Food Festival for 12 years. She helped create awareness among the businesses on Las Olas Boulevard that the Wine and Food Festival is more than just a good time. Last year's festival raised \$100,000 to benefit the American Lung Association and their efforts toward lung cancer and lung disease research.

The Lung Force luncheon is designed to raise awareness and funds for research, education, and advocacy efforts for lung cancer. Lung cancer is the number one cancer killer in men and women, more than breast, prostate, colon, liver, and kidney cancers combined.

For more information on the Lung Force luncheon, contact Nicole Rodriguez at (954) 745-8409 or Nicole.rodriquez@lungse.org.

You won't want to miss the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce breakfast hosted by the Downtown Council on May 25, 7:30-9 a.m. at the Tower Club. We will have an update from some of our legislators in Tallahassee – Senator Gary Farmer, Representative George Moraitis, and Representative Bobby DuBose. Hope to see you there! ☺



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# THE RISE OF AN ARTIST

PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR ARTIST ENTREPRENEURS

When Rachel Piering arrived in Fort Lauderdale, she dipped her toes into Broward County's art world while working in event management with the organization Food For The Poor. Among other things that Piering brought with her from northern Florida were a master's degree in business administration and five years of experience in galleries and public relations in Orlando. She also brought a developing passion for the medium of acrylic paint. When she found Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute (AEI) while surfing the web, things turned for her immediately.

"The AEI course prepares artists to promote their work and provides a framework applicable to running a business – in my case, event management," says Piering. "I took on the responsibility of planning the second annual Doing Business as...Artist Entrepreneurs show at the Main Library in 2010 and created a tri-county art show in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and Delray in 2011. Since then I'm always on the lookout for opportunities to plan my next event."

The AEI program brings a network of like-minded individuals and industry colleagues together, which helps to lay the foundation for ideas to become concrete while generating a business plan over four Saturdays in June.


AEI facilitators Cultural Division's Jim Shermer, artist George Gadson, and Regional Director of the Florida Small Business Development Council Rafael Cruz have seen this time and time again and invite alumni back on the final weekend of the course to share, encourage, and inspire.

"This is a well-organized and deeply-detailed expanse of information," says Piering of her experience with the program. "Being in the same room for four weekends with new and existing artists and gallery owners generates a powerhouse of energy. Creation happens."

Through the nurturing support of Broward Cultural Division, Piering says she was able to garner a Creative Investment Program grant, which supported her first solo gallery exhibition "Visual Heart" at Uncommon Gallery in March 2009. Prior to this sophisticated showing, she exhibited her work at restaurants, group exhibits, and art festivals.

After this she was able to accomplish another milestone – to exhibit at the 18th Annual Chicago Tribune Art Festival. Taking her exposure national was a dream she had nurtured for a long time. From there, she rose to an exhibition in Honduras.

Today, Piering's work goes beyond the canvas. "I'd say that my spin on art exhibitions is that I've found a passion in promoting my own work as well as the work of others. I'm now running my own consulting business, Tempo Event Consulting, and have worked with numerous artists and art organizations to promote their work/business as well."

To learn more, go to Rachel Piering's website at [www.rachelpiering.com](http://www.rachelpiering.com). Visit the Broward Cultural Division website at [www.broward.org/arts](http://www.broward.org/arts) for course outline, dates, and schedules and to RSVP for the upcoming Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute in June. 



*Frenchie*, by artist Rachel Piering





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## BEST IN CLASS

RECOGNIZING THE UPPER ECHELON OF SMALL BUSINESS LEADERS

May is Small Business Month and to celebrate South Florida's entrepreneurs, The Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce is honoring those who have risen to the top of their professions. The Small Business Awards will salute companies in a number of categories during a morning ceremony at the Global Events Center on May 12 at First Baptist Church. Ryan Sturgis of Delivery Dudes will act as keynote speaker for the event.

Sturgis, who was born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, stumbled into his now-sprawling business with friends. What began as a delivery service operating out of a garage has grown into a national organization with multiple locations and more than 300 drivers. Its promise is simple: fast and easy shipping for a flat \$5 convenience fee.

Sturgis' success story is indicative of the hard work and dedication the Chamber sees on a daily basis.

"Small businesses make up the majority of the membership of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and this is our way of identifying best in class," said Golden Johansson, Legacy Bank of Florida. "We will also select members to represent the Chamber at the Broward County Council of Chamber's Small Business Person of the Year program."


Entrepreneurs take incredible risks when starting a business and spend endless hours building a customer base. Success requires talent, relentless attention to detail, and stamina. Choosing winners is no easy task.

That is why we have enlisted an independent panel of judges for this year's competition. George Gremse, Broward SCORE; Jeff Lennox, WSVN 7 News; and Rachel Zietz, owner, Gladiator Lacrosse, which appeared on "Shark Tank," will judge dozens of entries from across South Florida. The three will select winners based on the success of the business and its contributions to the community. They will hand out awards in four categories: New Small Business (1-3 years), Established Small Business (4 years and older), Non-profit Organization, and Small Business Person of the Year.

Last year's Small Business Person of the Year, Yamilet

Strauss, owner of Merchant Processing Solutions, says the award marked a milestone.

"The recognition by the Chamber as Small Business Person of the Year was the pinnacle of my career," said Strauss. "Personally, it validated my work and professionally opened many doors."

The nomination window is closed, but the May 12 program is open to both members and non-members. Call (954) 462-6000 to register or go to [www.ftlchamber.com/sba](http://www.ftlchamber.com/sba). 



Ryan Sturgis of Delivery Dudes, keynote speaker at the 2017 Small Business Awards

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## DREAMERS AND CREATORS

EARLY AND CURRENT MARINE INDUSTRY ENTREPRENEURS

A quick search of the word entrepreneur on the Internet results in some interesting historical definitions dating back to 1755 with such terms as, adventurer, risk-taker, agent of change, resource hacker, wild spirit, business manager, and driver of change and progress. Successful entrepreneurs are indeed all of those things and more.

Since the 1800s, the marine industry has been rife with giants of innovation, design, performance, and efficiency with people like Henry Burger, who moved in 1863 to a small community on the western shore of Lake Michigan and formed the H. Burger Shipyard. He quickly became known throughout the Great Lakes for his expertise. Burger established a reputation that spans three centuries for building the finest custom motor yachts anywhere.

In 1948, Frank Dennison bought the Fort Lauderdale shipyard Dooley's Dry Dock and renamed it Broward Marine. Back then, few yacht builders could consistently build quality boats over 50. As he built the organization, Dennison challenged his customers and associates to "Demand the Finest." That reputation for quality has endured for over 60 years.

In 1960, Richard Bertram's 31-foot powerboat, *Moppie*, shattered race records with the revolutionary prototype of Ray Hunt's Deep-V hull in the Miami-Nassau offshore powerboat race. Since then, Bertram has introduced dozens of spectacular vessels. After decades of attempts by others to conceive a better high-performance and racing hull, Hunt's original dead rise angle remains the optimum.

Palmer Johnson, which originated in 1918, was built in large part by Mike Kelsey, Sr. into one of the world's leading custom yacht brands as a yacht builder, provider of yacht refit/repair services, brokerage, chandlery, and related support services. Mike became vice president of service and repair for Palmer Johnson in 1962. He quickly rose to president and then chairman of the company.


Steve Moynihan entered the marine industry during the Miami Boat show in 1975 at the age of 19 when he held a position at a yacht multiple listing firm. Today, as the sole owner of HMY Yachts, Moynihan oversees the operation of 12 sales offices, four service locations, and a team of 90 dedicated sales, support, and service people.

Frank & Jimmie's Propeller was founded in 1947 by Frank Baron and HVJ "Jimmie" Harrison. Under the direction of Jimmie's son,

Jimmie, the company now has a 10,000-square foot building, which is home to more than 35 employees, and has formed FJ Propeller Miami, with additional FJ Propeller locations in the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Venezuela, and the Bahamas. Frank & Jimmie's Propeller is the largest and most respected propeller shop in the U.S. and is the worldwide leader of the propeller industry. In 2007, Jimmie also founded Neptune Boat Lifts.

Ward's Marine Electric is a third-generation family-owned and operated marine electrical company with headquarters in Fort Lauderdale. For over 65 years, Ward's has become known as the premier provider of everything marine electric. Its mission is to continue to earn the respect of those who have come to depend on Ward's in South Florida and in ports-of-call around the globe.

Bob Roscioli started his career in the marine industry as an apprentice in 1962. Within a year's time, he began to develop the painting technique that would launch his world-renowned marine companies, Roscioli Yachting Center, Inc. and Donzi Yachts Built by Roscioli. Today, he applies his vast experience, technical knowledge, and unparalleled standard of excellence to all facets of custom yacht building and yacht maintenance, repair, and building.

These visionaries, dreamers, and inventors who recognized opportunity and acted on it are just some of the entrepreneurs who continue to spark our inspiration and on whose shoulders we stand today. 



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# ON-DEMAND HAPPINESS

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I'm a tech geek and I love a good smartphone app. The Boatyard app, created here in Fort Lauderdale, makes me want to go out and buy a boat, just so I can use this app all the time. This smartphone app and companion website were created to allow boaters to do more of what they enjoy – boat. Boatyard has a beautiful, smart, and intuitive interface that allows boaters to schedule fueling, cleaning, maintenance or whatever service a boater might need in a simple and straightforward manner.

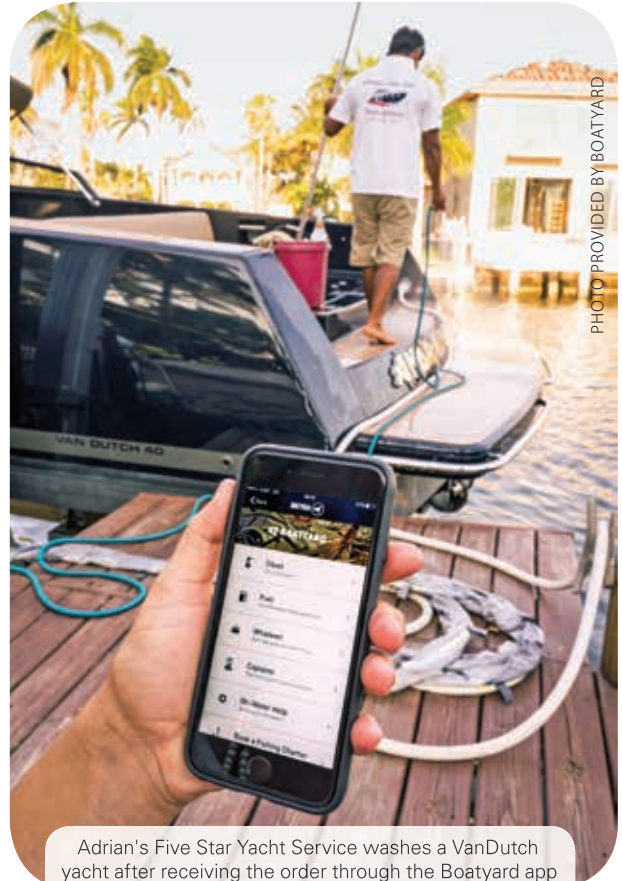
Boatyard is the world's first on-demand service marketplace for recreational boating. Nathan Heber, Founder/CEO of Boatyard.com, explained, "We launched the app in January 2015 because boaters were telling us it was really hard to find qualified boat service providers. Most people find them through word-of-mouth or a google search. So we thought if we compiled a list of the best and most trusted providers and gave boaters a super easy user interface, that would make for a better boat owning experience."

Currently available options in the app include: Clean, Fuel, Service, On-Water Help, Captains, and Whatever. "In the last two years, we've sent over 1.2 million dollars of business to our partners in South Florida. Over 80 percent of our orders come from repeat business and 40 percent transact with us late night or on weekends when there is no one else to call. So if someone transacts with us at 11 p.m. or at 3 a.m. in the morning it's then sent to the provider and automatically scheduled into their system for the earliest possible delivery," said Heber.

"Along the way, we thought we were solving this problem for boaters, which we are, but we found out that there was an equal pain on the other side of our marketplace. Service providers were doing business on the back of napkins in their car or they had cobbled together old software programs to run their business. There just wasn't any robust, easy-to-use software that combined all the aspects of the marine industry. But we knew that they needed something on the backend to deliver a better experience to their customers. So we set out to create something new called Boatyard for Business."


Boatyard for Business provides marine professionals with an easy-to-use platform for automating their administrative tasks while helping them to deliver better customer service experiences to boat owners.

"Our best mechanic has made over \$250,000 in new business that he wouldn't have seen otherwise. And he's done it in a more effective manner," explained Heber. "The



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world is changing. People don't want to leave voicemails. They don't want to play phone tag or in some cases even talk with people." New technologies, like Boatyard, embrace these new attitudes, which can also make for a better customer experience. Heber said, "The marine industry is one of the last to fully embrace new service technologies and many are stuck in their current ways." Those that don't embrace this type of technology may miss the boat on long-term survival.

Boatyard has a footprint in South Florida and Puerto Rico, but they are currently raising additional funding to expand functionality and their geographic reach. 

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Just about a decade ago, the country experienced the Global Financial Crisis, considered by many economists


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I look forward to providing you with important information in the coming months. If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (954) 357-6904 or by email at [martykiar@bcpa.net](mailto:martykiar@bcpa.net). 



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# NEW-AGE NETWORKING

BREAKFAST DONE RIGHT IN SO MANY WAYS: MINGLING WITH A PURPOSE, BUILDING YOUR NETWORK, AND NOSHING ON GOURMET WAFFLES

WRITER GABRIELLE ROLAND



It's the first Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. and entrepreneurs, business owners, and startup hopefuls fill the room at Mad Studios in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. There's a buzz in the air and it's not just the timers on the waffle irons. It's the anticipation of the hopefully invaluable advice from a community mentor seasoned by experiences of both successes and failures. Each month, a speaker is invited to share his or her wealth of knowledge with those in the tech and startup community of Fort Lauderdale as the scent of gourmet waffles perfumes the room.

Hosted by Mad Studios, the Waffle Wednesdays concept was originally born in Wynwood thanks to the creative minds at LiveNinja, a Miami-based business growth and development company. Over the past year, the Broward chapter of this new-age function has drawn large crowds and garnered positive feedback both for the waffles and the networking.

The free event begins before attendees even arrive with waffle prep starting at 8 a.m. A team at Mad Studios has been trained by LiveNinja waffle experts

and is always on the lookout for new and exciting sweet and savory recipes. They don't shy away from the complicated or elaborate. Case in point: banana split, red velvet, or Girl Scout cookie waffles. They have even used a blowtorch for s'mores waffles.

At 9 a.m., professionals young and not so young stream into the Mad Studios office to get their waffle on and mingle with their contemporaries. At 9:30, a speaker discusses a topic for around 20 minutes. After a Q&A session, attendees get a chance to do a bit more chatting and form solid contacts to help extend their professional network. The event typically ends at around 10:15.

Speakers come from various backgrounds and are often past attendees who want to give back to the function. On Apr. 5, Roy Assad, a life coach for entrepreneurs, spoke on the topic of becoming a successful businessperson. He stresses the importance of legitimate networking rather than a cursory trading of business cards and robotically adding connections to LinkedIn profiles. An effective networker makes





Opposite page - April speaker Roy Assad mingles with Waffle Wednesday attendees

Left - Monkey Bite – waffle with fresh banana, chopped almonds, and drizzled with Nutella

Below - Roy Assad, a life coach for entrepreneurs, spoke at the Waffle Wednesday event in April


connections in person and forges relationships that are lasting and mutually beneficial.

Impressed with the Waffle Wednesdays concept, Assad recalls his morning as having “a great energy and vibe” even before he began speaking. He says, “I truly believe that events such as Waffle Wednesdays, if executed properly as this was, impact the business community and contribute to fostering cooperation and collaboration.”

What is different about this method of networking is in the way it facilitates real relationships and fosters discernable growth. Sara Shake of Mad Studios explains that the goal is for attendees to have three

to four solid takeaways and pieces of advice from the speaker. Meanwhile, the event should, “foster a sense of community for the techno-entrepreneurial space.”

Often times, people will schedule meetings at a Waffle Wednesday, utilizing the inspiring atmosphere as a way to make the most of their morning. “We see people actually doing business...actual connections are coming out of this event. People are being hired. Startups are getting funding. It’s really exciting.”

To find out who will be presenting next, check the Yes We Are Mad Facebook page for updates or sign up for their newsletter at [www.yeswearemad.com](http://www.yeswearemad.com). 



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# EVOLVING FOR SUCCESS

FORT LAUDERDALE IS CELEBRATED AS A HUB FOR THE DIVERSIFIED AND WILDLY SUCCESSFUL SMALL BUSINESSES OF TODAY AND TOMORROW

WRITER PETE STEVENSON



Britt Lanier, owner of Two Men And A Truck  
Fort Lauderdale, Pompano Beach, Miramar, and Boca Raton

A hub is a common connection point and used with great efficiency in both nature and business. Many cities can be classified as a hub. A city can be a hub for transportation, resources, ideas, capital or people.

Whether we realize it or not, Fort Lauderdale is a growing hub in all of these facets. Fort Lauderdale is prominently positioned between Miami and West Palm Beach. We have both significant air and sea ports that make us an ever-growing connection point between the Caribbean and the Latin and South American markets. The Greater Fort Lauderdale area has a high concentration of colleges, universities, and training institutions, giving us the most important business resource – a highly-trained workforce. Building a business in a “hub city” is a benefit to smaller and start-up businesses, allowing them to flourish like a much larger company and grow in record time.

Many times the only hindrance in making a hub city effective for all businesses, especially small businesses, is political interference or governmental regulation. Here again, Fort Lauderdale has been fortunate. Back in 2009, in the depths of the recession, city leaders and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce created *Business First*, a program that brings together public and private entities.

*Business First* set out to determine, through extensive research and interviews, what was needed to improve Fort Lauderdale’s business climate. *Business First* was designed to proactively address the concerns and ideas of local businesses. Through this process, it was determined that local businesses wanted a stronger city commitment for expediting development review, zoning, and permitting. They wanted a business resource guide that would centralize information from the city. Finally, businesses wanted assistance in attracting and retaining a quality workforce.

An example of how a small business flourished faster in Fort Lauderdale as compared to other cities is in the success of moving company Two Men And A Truck. Britt Lanier, owner of the Fort Lauderdale, Pompano Beach, Miramar, and Boca Raton locations, explained, “I was living in Palm Beach at the time we first opened. I had grown up in Miami and I covered everything from North Palm Beach to the Florida Keys during my time as District Sales Manager with Coca-





Keith Costello, President and CEO of First Green Bank and 2017 Chair of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce

Cola Enterprises. So I was pretty familiar with all of South Florida. As part of a franchise system, we had to select a specific marketing territory and Fort Lauderdale was perfect for all our needs. It was the right place for us to set up to better serve all of South Florida.”

Lanier went on to say, “When we entered the marketplace, the moving industry in Florida was highly unregulated. It created an environment for less ethical people and the entire industry had a terrible reputation.” This highlights the need for a smart balance on regulations, especially for small businesses. Too much regulation leads to prohibitive costs of doing business and none at all leads to the Wild West; bad for both the reputation of a specific industry and the consumer experience.

Keith Costello, President, and CEO of First Green Bank and 2017 Chair of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce explains, “Local business is the soul of a community. No one comes to Fort Lauderdale or anywhere else to go to chain or big box retail stores. Small creative businesses that have a niche in the market can flourish and help to create the uniqueness of a city. Restaurants like YOLO, Tap 42 or a business like Culinary Convenience make their mark by creating and servicing a niche market. That’s how you compete in small business – not by trying to beat Amazon on price or efficiency.”

Fort Lauderdale is also unique in that it is a big city, yet still, retains small town connections. Chris Caputo, President of Agile Element, a software development, data analytics, and website design company, explains, “Fort Lauderdale is unlike any place I’ve been – we are in many ways a small town community in a big city metropolis. Once you get involved with the local organizations – the Chamber, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Tower Club, and local charities – you’re quickly connected to nearly everybody. Fort Lauderdale is very welcoming for new businesses.”

According to a survey by website [www.topmanagementdegrees.com](http://www.topmanagementdegrees.com), Fort Lauderdale ranked in the Top 20 as a “Best City for Small Business in America.” They based their survey on the following four criteria: Business Tax Climate, Net Migration, Business Costs Index, and Educated Workforce.

The City of Fort Lauderdale, the Chamber, and *Business First* are ongoing successes. They collectively stepped up during economically challenging times and worked to come up with innovative solutions to transform Fort Lauderdale’s business environment. As Charles Darwin once said, “It is not the strongest of species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.”



Chris Caputo, President of Agile Element

# HOPE AND HEALING

MAY IS NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH, BUT ONE LOCAL RESOURCE IS FOCUSED ON FIGHTING THE STIGMA AND FINDING HOPE ALL YEAR LONG

WRITER PETE STEVENSON



Destination Hope Founder and CEO Ben Brafman moderating a panel discussion on the decriminalization of mental illness with fellow mental health leaders, providers, and attorneys in the field



One in four adults experiences some form of mental illness in a given year. One in 17 lives with a serious mental illness such as schizophrenia, major depression or bipolar disorder. The most reported reason that individuals do not seek treatment is the stigma surrounding mental illness.

Destination Hope Founder and CEO Ben Brafman has been fighting the stigma and trying to improve mental health outcomes for 22 years, starting out as a mental health tech and working his way up to become a program clinical director. "Once I was at the level of clinical director, besides seeing the medical side of mental health, I became more aware of the political and financial side. Having a better understanding of the entire mental health industry, I saw what was lacking for patients and the way patients were being treated," explains Brafman.

In 2007 Brafman opened up Destination Hope – initially a 12-bed facility with only a men's program that quickly grew over the years. Today, Destination Hope includes a women's program, a Mature Adult Program, a wellness center, a training academy for addiction professionals, and the Sylvia Brafman Mental Health Center.

Matt's story is one of the many patient successes written into the history of Destination Hope. Matt was diagnosed with a panic disorder in 2009. His life soon spiraled out of control with a drug addiction, run-ins with the law, and finally a drug-induced psychosis.

"I thought I was Jesus Christ. I had a full-blown disconnect from reality," he says. "I was breaking into people's homes, warning them that the world was coming to an end." Soon after, Matt woke up in a hospital psych ward, battling renal failure and looking at potential jail time. He was court ordered to Destination

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Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler and Ben Brafman at a previous Annual Party for a Purpose on Las Olas Blvd. The event was hosted by Guardian Behavioral Health Foundation in May, Mental Health Awareness Month



Hope's Sylvia Brafman Mental Health Center. Matt entered the Dual Diagnosis Program, which focuses on patients with both addiction and mental health issues.


"What I appreciated about Sylvia Brafman Center was that in addition to my drug addiction, they dug deeper to my underlying mental health issues. I was actually diagnosed with a form of PTSD," Matt says. He has been drug-free going on three years and has his mental health issues under control. He attributes some of his ongoing success to the "Family Nights" at the center, which is when former clients come back to the center to meet and show support for current patients. Today, Matt owns a promotional marketing company that produces promotional products and he has a unique niche, as most of his customers are treatment centers, detox clinics, and mental health centers.

Not everyone is as fortunate as Matt to find the right treatment program. Brafman identified some of the biggest obstacles to treatment for patients: "There are several difficulties finding a good treatment center with professionals well trained in mental illness. First, a patient needs to find out about the providers' education, license, and area of expertise. Also, you want to find out if the provider has a good working knowledge of the current medications used. There are a ton of resources in Broward County but it almost feels as if it is a secret.

Providers need to do a better job to direct people to the services we have."

Local services include Mental Health Association of Southeast Florida ([www.mhasefl.org](http://www.mhasefl.org)), Henderson Behavioral Health ([www.hendersonbh.org](http://www.hendersonbh.org)), and Destination Hope ([www.destinationhope.com](http://www.destinationhope.com)).

Guardian Behavioral Health Foundation is the nonprofit arm of Destination Hope. The Foundation raises awareness, fights stigma, and helps to provide funds and services.

Reducing the stigma of mental health may be as simple as encouraging people to have a conversation. Whether it's with a former patient, a family member or a friend, conversation helps to break down barriers and share a burden, something too many people carry alone. 

## GET INVOLVED

**2nd Annual Mental Health Awareness  
Month Party for a Purpose  
May 19  
Chima Brazilian Steakhouse  
[www.guardianbehavioral.org](http://www.guardianbehavioral.org)**





# EMS: EXCELLENT MEALS SERVED

A PEEK UNDER THE HOOD OF FORT LAUDERDALE'S FINEST FIREHOUSE KITCHENS

WRITER PENNY SANFILIPPO AND JONNY ALTOBELL – THE UGLY SISTERS

Imagine making dinner for 15+ friends at your apartment when the smoke detector in the hall goes off. Everyone in the building needs to get out. You have to turn off all the appliances, leave the food, and exit quickly. Welcome to meals at fire stations.

Restaurant business thankfully doesn't work like this, but until we started this article we had no knowledge of food preparation in a fire station. Some eye openers to us:

- Unlike your friends or some of your relatives, firefighters must all have some knowledge of cooking because a shift lasting 24 hours straight does not give you the luxury of finding a dining spot. You must be available for a call at all times. Two meals are planned. Breakfast is generally individual choice.
- There are no free lunches! Monies are collected – roughly \$20 per firefighter/day.
- Shopping is done daily. We've all seen crews at the stores – but you often don't see the crew that drops them off taking the trucks for re-fueling. The shopping can be interrupted for a call, as can the return trip to the station – an issue when there are groceries that will not get refrigerated for whatever time the call lasts. *Foodus interruptus*.
- Cooking duties are divided, but one person per shift – the Chef du jour (our term, not theirs) – takes the lead kitchen position. Others pitch in for prep and everyone except the Chef du jour is expected to help with clean up.
- At Station #2, cookies are mandatory, flavored creamers



Many hands, many dishes on the eight-burner gas stove

are important, and shell on peanuts and bananas are a right, not a privilege.

As professionals, we wanted to see food preparation in action, so we spoke to Fort Lauderdale's Deputy Chief Tim Heiser for some station suggestions. Station #2 was featured in the January issue of *Go Riverwalk* and we were anxious to see a kitchen at such a busy post.

We visited on a Sunday morning, which is often less hectic than other days. It's also brunch day\* and except for the absence of a Bloody Mary or Mimosa, the spread would shame many restaurants.

The spacious kitchen easily seats the 18-20 firefighters who might be present plus the industrial equipment for cooking. An eight-burner gas range with flattop grill and double oven is under a hood with – what else – a fire suppression system. Counters and work tables are all stainless steel as are the wall cabinets. Two residential refrigerators complete the working kitchen. The cookware is restaurant grade and size; the crew use two ginormous cast iron skillets as well as large sauté pans. There are no disposables – dishes are washed either by hand or in one of the two dish machines.

But before brunch preparation, we had to do the day's shopping. We piled into a tower/ladder truck. As we pulled away, a call came for assistance – fire alarm near the beach and the nearest station was handling another emergency. So brunch would be late and shopping delayed, while our escort firefighters (and guides) Bryant Jackson, Engineer Greg Snyder, and Captain Robert Marsh prepared for the worst and hoped for the best. The alarm turned out to be a false one (thankfully) but Jonny and I learned that many people

Brunch samples – fried chicken and jalapeño corn waffles, biscuits and sausage gravy, and scrambled eggs with cheese





WRITERS PENNY SANFILIPPO and JONNY ALTABELL (a.k.a. the Ugly Sisters)

They have owned Ala Carte Catering in Fort Lauderdale for more than 20 years. They recently retired from running their Downtown restaurant, the 11th Street Annex, and are looking forward to sharing all things food (restaurants too) with the readers of Go Riverwalk.



driving on the road need eyeglasses and hearing aids. In spite of sirens, a horn, flashing lights, and a semi-sized bright red vehicle, people still managed to pull out in front of us, failed to stop, and otherwise paid no more attention than to a wayward mosquito. It's not just fighting fires that's hazardous!

Anyway, on to Publix on 17th Street (parking is available – so is fuel at Port) where we competed in a speed shopping event led by Jackson, who remembered everything necessary for two meals for 20 without a list. We returned with no further incident and unloaded groceries as the brunch production began. There was fried chicken and jalapeño corn waffles, biscuits and sausage gravy, scrambled eggs with



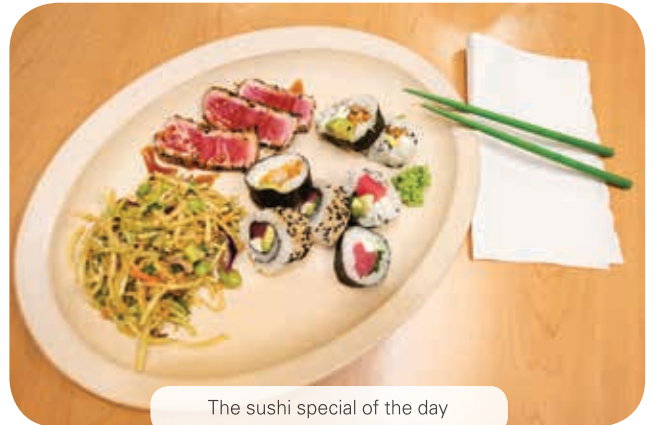
Bryant Jackson unloading groceries from the Publix shopping run

cheese, hash brown patties, and bacon.

I was twitching to help but the kitchen crew of six to seven, had everything well in hand and worked like the team they are. Soul and R&B was playing in the background – singable and danceable – so we did. Snyder really *can* sing.

Two paramedics had to leave for a call just as we started – a reminder that all the laughter, good food, and camaraderie are secondary to their real-life jobs.

The following week Station #3 was selected for dinner. This building is much smaller than #2 – staffed by a crew of five to six firefighters, one engine, and one rescue truck. We were there to observe firefighter/driver Joseph Milin prepare sushi – no shopping necessary for this meal. We arrived at 3 p.m., made it to the kitchen where rice was



The sushi special of the day

being seasoned just as the first call came in. We offered to cover the rice and refrigerate what was necessary but they otherwise would have left it.

The truck, with our self taught “sushi chef”, returned and dinner preparations resumed. He produced three types of very professional (and delicious) rolls including California\*\* and “Inside out” (rice outside) rolls and had



Captain Scott Carey ready to enjoy the special of the day



WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

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Joe Milin after having assembled a variety of sushi rolls

nearly finished slicing before the next call came. We again wrapped and refrigerated for them but their return was quick.

Milin had everything ready to go with the meal: ginger, wasabi, eel sauce\*, crispy Asian slaw\*, plus chopsticks. We were joined at the kitchen table by a Division *and* a Battalion Chief (who make daily rounds to all stations), but lost two paramedics who had to field yet another call. Abandoned, half empty plates – a visual reminder of what they do.

We hear sirens differently now. 🚒

\* Recipes on webpage. [www.goriverwalk.com/goriverwalk-magazine/more-bites](http://www.goriverwalk.com/goriverwalk-magazine/more-bites)

\*\* Made with Krab, cream cheese, and avocado – Milin had to wear gloves to prepare as he has shellfish allergies.

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## COCKTAIL SPOTLIGHT:

JACK FIRE SMOKES UP YOUR SPRING COCKTAIL

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

We asked Stache Drinking Den bartender Adrian Drummond to create a spirited cocktail with one of our favorite Jack Daniel's brands, Jack Fire. Check out this Smoked Old Fashioned that is enhanced with a richness, balancing sweetness with the spiciness of cinnamon.



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## GENERAL EVENTS

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May 1  
 Presented by Broward Navy Days, Inc.  
 Esplanade Park  
 (850) 723-9538  
[www.browardnavydaysinc.org](http://www.browardnavydaysinc.org)

### 25th Annual Mother's Day Luncheon

May 3  
 Signature Grand  
 (954) 765-0550  
[www.hmhbroward.org](http://www.hmhbroward.org)

### Destination Fridays: Peru

May 5  
 AARLCC  
 (954) 357-6210  
[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)



### 16th Annual Expressive Arts Performance

May 5  
 An annual event offered free to the community, which involves many of the children and adults who participate in the music and art therapy programs at Ann Storck Center.  
 Rose & Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center  
 (954) 584-8000  
[www.annstorckcenter.org](http://www.annstorckcenter.org)

### Flower Power Exhibit

May 6  
 Flowers will abound. You will see paintings, drawings, photography, sculptures, and jewelry all depicting flowers in various mediums and styles.  
 Broward Art Guild  
 (305) 343-2664  
[www.browardartguild.org](http://www.browardartguild.org)

### March for Babies

May 6  
 March for Babies supporters are helping improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality.  
 Nova Southeastern University  
[www.marchforbabies.org](http://www.marchforbabies.org)

### Symphony of the Americas Kentucky Derby Party

May 6  
 Private home TBA.  
 (954) 335-7002  
[www.sota.org](http://www.sota.org)



### Matilda the Musical

Through May 7  
 Presented by Broadway Across America  
 Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
 (954) 626-7821  
[www.broadwayacrossamerica.com](http://www.broadwayacrossamerica.com)

### James L. Beller's "Son"

Through May 7  
 Island City Stage  
 (954) 519-2533  
[www.islandcitystage.org](http://www.islandcitystage.org)

### Fort Lauderdale Historical Society Lecture

May 8 and June 12  
 Meet a South Florida history maker, author, or pioneer at this engaging social.  
 History Museum Fort Lauderdale  
 (954) 463-4431  
[www.flhc.org](http://www.flhc.org)

### Ol' Blues Eyes Meets

#### The Velvet Fog

May 10  
 Continuing the celebration of Frank Sinatra's 100th year, jazz vocalist Johnny Rogers joins forces with vocalist David Pruyn and the South Florida Jazz Orchestra. Presented by Gold Coast Jazz Society  
 Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
 (954) 524-0805  
[www.goldcoastjazz.org](http://www.goldcoastjazz.org)



### Charlie Wilson

May 11  
 Hard Rock Live  
 (800) 937-0010  
[www.myhrl.com](http://www.myhrl.com)

### A Masked Ball

May 11 and 13  
 Presented by Florida Grand Opera  
 Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
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[www.fgo.org](http://www.fgo.org)



### KC and The Sunshine Band

May 12  
 Hard Rock Live  
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### Pinion's End of the Year Luncheon

May 12  
 Timpano Italian Chophouse  
 (954) 614-6795  
[www.pinioninc.org](http://www.pinioninc.org)

### Covenant House Florida 5K on A1A

May 13  
 The race to help homeless youth!  
 The World Famous Parrot Lounge  
 (954) 561-5559  
[www.covenanthousefl.org](http://www.covenanthousefl.org)

### Spring Ballet Gala

May 14  
 Presented by Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida  
 Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
 (305) 848-4777  
[www.artsballettheatre.org](http://www.artsballettheatre.org)



### Mother's Day Celebration

May 14  
 Bring your mother to the museum to celebrate her special day with DIY art, crafts, and special tours of the 1899 Replica School House, King-Cromartie House Museum and New River Inn.  
 History Museum Fort Lauderdale  
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### RoboConnect

#### Networking Breakfast

May 15  
 RoboConnect provides Fort Lauderdale professionals the opportunity to come together to enjoy a morning of coffee, pastries, and networking with like-minded peers.  
 RoboVault Self Storage  
[www.robovault.com](http://www.robovault.com)



### Art on the Plaza

May 18  
 Benefitting Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation  
 North Beach Art Gallery  
 (954) 667-0660  
[www.nobegallery.com](http://www.nobegallery.com)



### Connoisseur Salon

May 18  
 Presented by Venetian Arts Society Igal Fedida Fine Art Gallery and Atelier  
 (954) 709-7447  
[www.venetianartssociety.org](http://www.venetianartssociety.org)

### 18th Annual Salute to Leadership Gala

May 19  
 More than 350 influential business and community leaders will enjoy a colorful cocktail reception while bidding on incredible silent auction items followed by a Cuban-inspired dinner. Presented by Broward Partnership  
 Signature Grand  
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### Mamma Mia!

May 19-21  
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[www.broadwayacrossamerica.com](http://www.broadwayacrossamerica.com)



### Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Burger Battle VIII™

May 20  
 This sizzling event will pit top restaurants and burger joints against one another as they show off their creative juices and grilling skills to 1200+ guests along the scenic New River.  
 Huizenga Plaza  
 (954) 468-1541  
[www.goriverwalk.com](http://www.goriverwalk.com)

### Waterway Soirée

May 20  
 The yacht hop and waterway cruise was created to raise much needed funds for Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center.  
 Bahia Mar Resort and Yachting Center  
 (954) 728-1040  
[www.waterwaysoirée.com](http://www.waterwaysoirée.com)





### Divine Strings

May 21  
Like his superstar teacher Pandit Ravi Shankar, musician Vishwa Mohan Bhatt is an ambassador of Indian music, bringing a new sound to a new generation. Presented by APAI Art NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 885-1466  
[www.apaiart.eventbrite.com](http://www.apaiart.eventbrite.com)



### Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons

May 26 and 27  
Hard Rock Live  
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### Great American Beach Party

May 27  
Fort Lauderdale Beach  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
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[www.fortlauderdale.gov](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov)

### Fort Lauderdale Man and Woman of the Year Grand Finale

June 2  
Candidates raise money in honor of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Boy & Girl of the Year. Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort and Spa (954) 744-5300  
[www.mwoy.org](http://www.mwoy.org)

### A Taste of Italy - 15th Annual Dinner and Wine Auction

June 6  
For community supporters and wine aficionados. Presented by PACE Center for Girls Broward Casa D'Angelo Ristorante (954) 561-6939  
[www.pacecenter.org](http://www.pacecenter.org)

### Pinion Passion Hour

June 6  
Bull Market  
(954) 614-6795  
[www.pinioninc.org](http://www.pinioninc.org)



### Smoke on the Water BBQ Feast and Competition

June 10  
Riverwalk's Smoke on the Water BBQ Feast & Competition returns for more mouthwatering good times. Esplanade Park Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale (954) 468-1541  
[www.goriverwalk.com](http://www.goriverwalk.com)



### Finding Neverland

June 13-25  
Finding Neverland tells the incredible story behind one of the world's most beloved characters: Peter Pan. Presented by Broadway Across America Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 626-7821

### BONNET HOUSE MUSEUM AND GARDENS

(954) 703-2614  
[www.bonnethouse.org](http://www.bonnethouse.org)

### Drawing Workshop

May 9 and 10  
Join Nia Nakis on the historic Bonnet House estate.

### Flora & Fauna Class: Gardening for Butterflies and Birds

May 21

### BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

(954) 462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

### Family Fun Series: "Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile"

May 6  
Based on the timeless picture books by Bernard Weber, this production of this crowd-pleasing musical has been taking the country by storm for many years

### Arts Radio Network Series – "Steel Magnolias"

May 13 and 14

### Idina Menzel

May 24

### Dave Mason: "Alone Together Again"

June 9  
Classic rock legend Dave Mason (a Rock Hall inductee as a founding member of Traffic), revisits his classic 1970 solo masterpiece Alone Together on his "Alone Together Again Tour."

### Girls Only: The Secret Comedy of Women

June 14-18 and 21-25  
"Girls Only" is an original comedy that celebrates the honor, truth, humor, and silliness of being female. With a two-woman cast and audiences full of raucous, laughing ladies, the show is a unique examination of all things girly.

### BROWARD COUNTY MAIN LIBRARY

(954) 357-7443  
[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)

### Counterpoints Exhibition

May

### Memoir Writing with Anita Mitchell

May 1

### Meet Lisa Unger, Author of *The Red Hunter*

May 3

### Full Exposure Photography Club

May 3, 10, 17, 24  
Have fun learning how to take photographs.

### Introduction to Microsoft Word 2010, Part 1 of 4

May 4  
Learn a new computer program.

### Creation Station Robotics Club

May 6  
Join the Robotics Club. See what you can make.

### Senior Travel Adventures: Traveling on Your Own or With a Group

May 11  
Friends of the Fort Lauderdale Libraries president Alison Rials will talk about her travel adventures as a senior and as a guide for her elderly parents, now in their 90s.

### Upcycled Downtown Craft

May 13  
Make a craft that you can take home with you the same day.

### Author Richard Gerber Discusses *Jazz, America's Gift*

May 16  
Gerber unearths some interesting facts, such as shared cultural experiences of African-Americans and Jews.

### Chopin for All Concert Series

May 20  
Beautiful Chopin concert from emerging musicians.

### Poetry Writers and Readings

May 20  
Meet other poets at this informative and fun poetry workshop for all.

### Free Opera Concert

May 27  
New Visions, New Voices Fort Lauderdale Operatic Works presents a modern opera in English.

### Summer Reading Kickoff, Build A Better World

June 3  
Have a fun day at the Main Library as you sign up for summer reading challenges.

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May 13 and 14



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May 27  
A National Geographic Exhibition



### Summer Time Moonlight Sea Turtle Walks

June 13-15, 20-22, 27-29 and July 11-13  
Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about sea turtle nesting and nature permitting, observe a loggerhead sea turtle lay her eggs and then head out to sea.

### PARKER PLAYHOUSE

(954) 462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

### Andrés López

May 5 and 13  
"Andrés López is a comedian and actor. He is considered a pioneer of stand-up comedy in Colombia. López gained notoriety in Colombia after releasing his show "La Pelota de Letras," which earned him a Double Diamond award from Universal Music."

### Haters Roast: The Shady Tour

May 11  
Murray and Peter return to the Parker Playhouse with Hater's Roast: The Shady Tour starring favorites from Ru Paul's Drag Race.

### Todd Rundgren

May 24  
As a songwriter, video pioneer, producer, recording artist, computer software developer, conceptualist, and interactive artist, Rundgren has made a lasting impact on both the form and content of popular music.

### Joe Jackson

May 31

### Anne Wilson of Heart

June 8



## 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](http://www.riverwalkwatertrolley.com)

### Broward Means Business

Quarterly  
Fort Lauderdale Historical Society  
(954) 463-4431  
[www.flhc.org](http://www.flhc.org)

### Full Moon Mangrove Tours

The night of the full moon  
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park  
Friends of Birch State Park, Inc.  
(954) 566-0660  
[www.birchstatepark.org](http://www.birchstatepark.org)



### JM Lexus Sunday Jazz Brunch

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

### Chair Yoga with Ester

Mondays  
Broward County Main Library  
(954) 357-7443  
[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)

### El Club

Tuesdays  
Broward County Main Library  
(954) 357-7439  
[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)

### Living Well Program - Tai Chi and QiGong Sessions

Tuesdays  
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park  
Friends of Birch State Park, Inc.  
(954) 566-0660  
[www.birchstatepark.org](http://www.birchstatepark.org)

### Open Mic Tuesdays

Fourth Tuesday of the month  
ArtServe  
(954) 462-8190  
[www.artserve.org](http://www.artserve.org)

### English Café

Wednesdays  
Broward County Main Library  
(954) 357-7439  
[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)

### Crossroads Café

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### Behind the Scenes Private Living Quarters Tours

Second and fourth Wednesday of the month  
Bonnet House Museum and Gardens  
(954) 703-2606  
[www.bonnethouse.org/hours-fees](http://www.bonnethouse.org/hours-fees)



### Free First Thursday Starry Nights

Thursdays  
NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale  
(954) 525-5500  
[www.nsuartmuseum.org](http://www.nsuartmuseum.org)

### Live Animal Shows

Fridays and Saturdays  
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park  
Friends of Birch State Park, Inc.  
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[www.birchstatepark.org](http://www.birchstatepark.org)

### Board Games for Adults

Thursdays  
Broward County Main Library  
(954) 357-7443  
[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)

### CALM Coloring for Adults

Thursdays  
Broward County Main Library  
(954) 357-7443  
[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)

### Ranger Guided Walks

Fridays  
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park  
Friends of Birch State Park, Inc.  
(954) 566-0660  
[www.birchstatepark.org](http://www.birchstatepark.org)

### Friday Night Sound Waves

Fridays  
Slide off your shoes and sink into your beach chair every Friday night, during the Free Friday Night Sound Waves live music series at The Hub on Fort Lauderdale Beach. The Fort Lauderdale Beach Hub  
[www.fridaynightsoundwaves.com](http://www.fridaynightsoundwaves.com)

### Friends of the Fort Lauderdale Libraries Books and More Event

First Friday of the month  
Broward County Main Library  
(954) 357-7443  
[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)

### Food in Motion Flagler Green Market

Second Friday of the month  
Feldman Park  
FAT Village  
(754) 800-1640

### The VoiceBox

Fourth Friday of the month  
ArtServe  
(954) 462-8190  
[www.artserve.org](http://www.artserve.org)

### Advanced Art of Photography with Jack Wild

Saturdays  
Broward County Main Library  
(954) 357-7443  
[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)

### Introductory Art of Photography with Jack Wild

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[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)



### Flagler ArtWalk

Last Saturday of the month  
FAT Village  
(754) 800-1640  
[www.flaglerartwalk.com](http://www.flaglerartwalk.com)



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[www.RiverwalkRec.com](http://www.RiverwalkRec.com)

### • Cardio Mix with Josh Hecht

Mondays & Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | Esplanade Park  
Times and dates subject to change depending on weather.  
(954) 232-7737

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Thursdays | 8:15 p.m.  
Esplanade Park  
[www.adogsbestfriend.com](http://www.adogsbestfriend.com)

### • Cycle Party Tours

Everyday | Reservation required  
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[www.cptours.com/fortlauderdale/cycleparty](http://www.cptours.com/fortlauderdale/cycleparty)

### • Bike & eTrike Tours

Everyday | Reservation required  
Tours are along the north and south sides of the river focused on the Riverwalk.  
(954) 633-4665  
[www.cp-tours.com/fortlauderdale](http://www.cp-tours.com/fortlauderdale)

### • Kayak & Paddleboard Rentals

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[www.segwayfortlauderdale.com](http://www.segwayfortlauderdale.com)

### • EcoBoat Rentals

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Reservation required  
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[www.ecoboatsfl.com](http://www.ecoboatsfl.com)  
(954) 5000-ECO

### • Ebb and Flow Yoga

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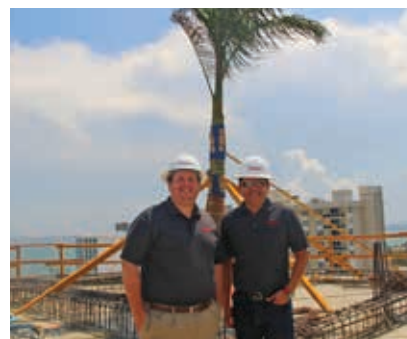
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Newgard Development has topped off Gale Residences Fort Lauderdale Beach. A ceremonial palm tree was placed on the roof to commemorate the major milestone.



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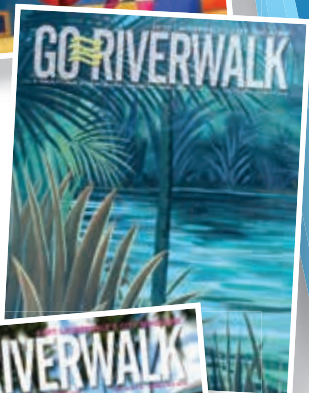
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### MARLENE LEWIS

TITLE OF WORK: ABSTRACT BURST


**F**ort Lauderdale has been an inspiration for many projects over the years, from author Carl Hiaasen's Newbery Honor award winning children's book *Hoot* to the 1960 film *Where the Boys Are* with Connie Francis. Today, artist Marlene Lewis, originally from Miami, finds inspiration in the city's lush tropical setting that is accompanied by cosmopolitan living and a rich culture.

Originally a high school humanities teacher, Lewis spent her extra time painting while also taking night classes at Washington University. Today, she uses her background in teaching to make the abstract figures she specializes in come alive. "Everything I've done has helped me as an artist," Lewis says. "Teaching taught me that one needs a story to tell. Things need to be reworked to be presented in a coherent way."

Lewis also worked on documentaries for the PBS station KETC in St. Louis and she says those projects taught her about framing what she sees in front of her. "You realize, as you are editing or painting, that you are in control of that small piece of space and it's up to you to make it work," Lewis says. Although she focuses heavily on female figurative and nude paintings, along with *plein air* landscapes, she was recruited to paint abstract hearts for organ donor families

who participate in the Donate Life float in the Rose Bowl Parade.

Lewis admires the fluidity of inks and the movement created by acrylics and charcoal once combined with water, allowing her to elicit positive reactions from everyone who views her abstract figures. "People often tell me that they connect with the colors and energy in my paintings," she says. "They seem to be drawn to the possibilities that they experience when they look at them."

If you would like to learn more about Lewis and her paintings, visit [www.marlenelewis.com](http://www.marlenelewis.com). 





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