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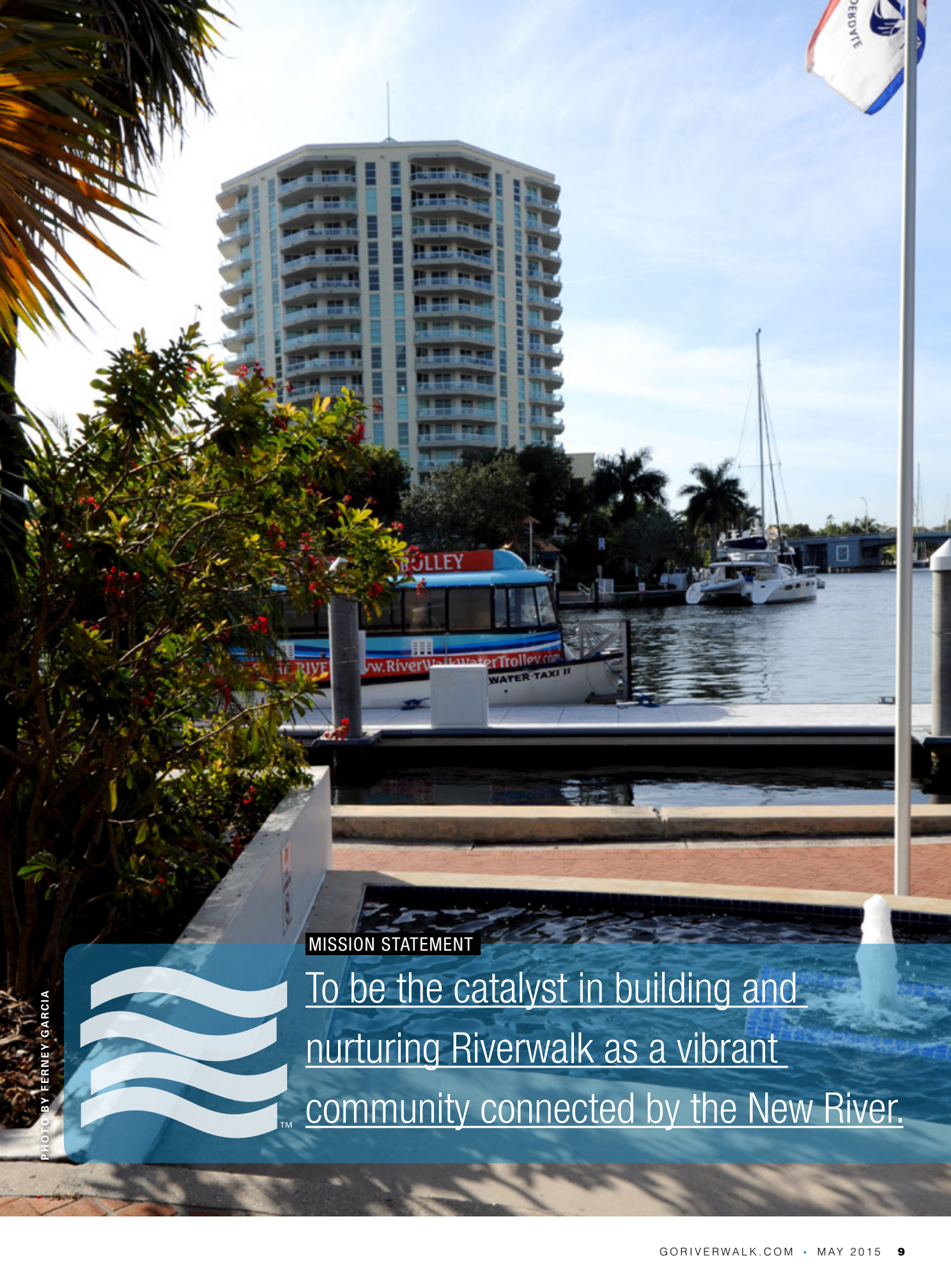
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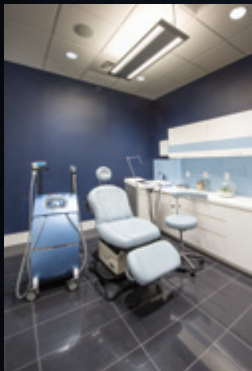
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Riverwalk in Downtown Fort Lauderdale is experiencing a renaissance with the revitalization of downtown and the surrounding properties. We watch as the building under construction by Stiles Corporation at the corner of West Las Olas and South Andrews has made efficient and positive headway during construction. It will become another grand building in our downtown. Properties along the south side of the New River continue to develop and we are watching the continued growth of the Icon property as the new building enters the early stages of production.

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale in conjunction with the Downtown Development Authority continues to work towards obtaining appropriate permits to construct the Riverwalk pedestrian way in front of the Icon Property and Stranahan House to complete the north sidewalk on the New River – a long awaited and much needed connection.

The free Riverwalk Water Trolley, a partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale and Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and successfully managed by the Downtown

Transportation Management Authority continues to be a grand hit. Funding has been committed for the upcoming year, which will continue this service.

Riverwalk Noon Tunes, food kiosks, exercise stations, water fountains, trash receptacles and more have again assisted in encouraging positive downtown activity. Bicycle tours, kayak, paddleboard, Segway, and tricycle rentals, electric boats, and yoga, cardio, photography, and dog training classes continue to attract many. The recent enactment of the busker ordinance permitting street performance in specific locations will encourage additional things to see and do.

Coming soon will be informational kiosks and ambassadors that are able to provide information, directions, and assist in welcoming our residents and visitors. We think Fort Lauderdale is poised for greater things and are proud to be a part of the group that is working to make a difference. Consider volunteering or joining Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale. It is through the support of the community that we are able to achieve these goals. 📍

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Along Riverwalk you can find these electric Ecoboats, a green initiative, available for hire to cruise our waterways. This sweet little gem will seat 10 and you can skipper yourself, following lessons, or have a captain pilot for you. Take along drinks and a snack and make it a waterway picnic! Certainly we think the price is right!

We are also pleased to add the *Gatsby*, another Duffy electric boat that is available for guided tours along the waterway with Captain Al. We continue the “green” routine with these environmentally sensitive vessels and encourage residents and visitors to enjoy our waterways. As we grow our downtown populations, we seek a variety of options to encourage healthy living and activities and the enjoyment of our community. You can obtain further information by contacting Riverwalk Recreation at (954) 526-5159.

Friends of Shippey House, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, and the City of Fort Lauderdale are




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DUNCAN ELLIS
President/CEO,
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Shippey House

partnering to complete the exterior and interior of the Judge Shippey House located on SW Third Ave. in the Riverwalk District. The final step to this process will be to house a company that will stimulate activity on the Riverwalk and in the surrounding district and continue to address the desires and needs of the community for a greater variety of things to do. Riverwalk Recreation has agreed to reside in the space and provides exactly the kind of activation that the City Commission has indicated they desire for that location.

The area of Riverwalk where this property is located is adjacent to the History Center. With the activation of the Shippey House, we hope to increase local traffic and activities and attract attention to the History Center and the surrounding historical properties. The Fort Lauderdale History Center has oversight of the historic and valuable city properties in this area and it is our desire to shine a light and showcase this underutilized area and assist in directing residents and guest to learn from this group and tour those properties. Watch for additional information about this project and its progress. 



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📍 I began my career in 2001 at Prudential Securities in Miami, FL where I was a financial advisor trainee. I assumed additional responsibilities

as the syndicate coordinator and mutual fund coordinator for the Miami branch. In 2009 I transferred to the Aventura office as assistant branch manager where I continued to grow my advisory practice and assumed a more leadership role. In 2012 I became the branch manager of the Fort Lauderdale office for Wells Fargo Advisors. In this capacity, I lead a team of 29 financial advisors, working with them to more effectively manage their practices and to assist them as they work to help their clients succeed financially. I also work with the other offices and managers in the Fort Lauderdale complex.

Prior to my employment in the financial services industry, I utilized my accounting background, and worked in Manchester, England for three years for an American company that was expanding in the United Kingdom.

I attended the University of Florida and received a BS in communications from Florida International University. I also have a BS in accounting and an MBA with a concentration in management from Florida Metropolitan University. In my spare time I enjoy golfing, barbecuing, and spending time with my wife Jill, sons Joshua and Matthew, and our chocolate labrador retriever named Sadie. I am involved in various organizations in the Fort Lauderdale community, such as The Foundation Fighting Blindness, Jewish Family Services, Greater Miami Jewish Federation, and Coral Springs Lodge.



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EAST BROWARD DENTAL

📍 I am originally from Hungary and I came to Fort Lauderdale in 2001 after spending a few

years in New York City. I remember it only took a short vacation and I fell in love. The endless summers, the beautiful landscape, the ocean, and the friendly people – that is what helped me in my decision to call Fort Lauderdale my home. I enjoy jogging and swimming under the sun in my free time and of course spending time with my family.

Since I was a dental hygienist in Hungary it was easy to continue my career in the dental field. I met Dr. Burak Taskonak in 2010 and I started to work with him in 2012 as his office manager. We opened the doors of East Broward Dental just about a year ago and we became active members in the Fort Lauderdale community.

It's a wonderful thing to be involved with our neighborhood - it gives us a better opportunity to meet and mingle with people who are all involved in maintaining this beautiful city. This is why we became members of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and we look forward to volunteer opportunities.

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WRITER PATRICK HARRIS
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Our local philanthropic community recently lost one of its most generous and passionate contributors. Kirk Landon, the former chairman of American Bankers Insurance Group in Miami, turned into a full-time philanthropist upon his retirement. He was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Miami Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals in 2011 and in 2004, he made the single largest gift ever to FIU, creating the Landon Undergraduate School of Business. Mr. Landon left a legacy.



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My husband David and I own Fierce Finds Mobile Boutique™ an upscale mobile fashion boutique. A real

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Prior to launching Fierce Finds Mobile Boutique™, I worked with a Fortune 500 fashion retailer but desired more interaction with the customer and community involvement. David and I also wanted to provide luxury without the price tag and the pretentiousness that often comes standard with upscale establishments in South Florida.

We give businesses the opportunity to be associated with this feel-good experience in exchange for a parking space. We improve their customers' experience by creating a mini-lifestyle center right in their parking lot. Leveraging my MS in integrated marketing communications and eight years of digital marketing expertise, I help to increase our partners' foot traffic.

We also donate a percentage of proceeds to Cat's Exclusive, a low-cost no kill cat shelter in Margate and Kristi's House Project Gold, a program for commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC) in Miami.

Outside of the business we enjoy working out and traveling. I'm excited to be a member of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and I look forward to meeting members at upcoming events.

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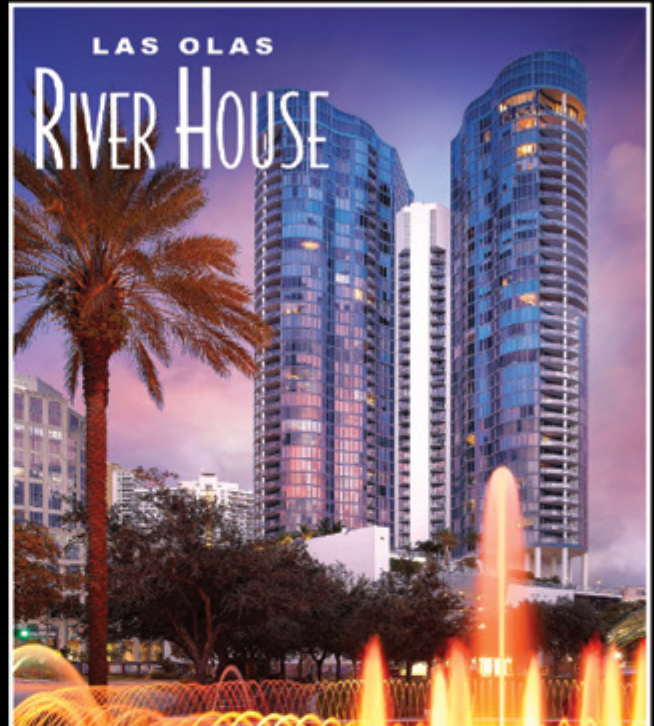
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PHENOMENAL DIRECT RIVER VIEWS FROM THIS MAGNIFICENT 2BR/2.5BATH + COMPUTER ROOM. FEATURES INCLUDE HARD WOOD FLOORS THROUGHOUT, A GOURMET KITCHEN WITH GRANITE COUNTERS, SUB ZERO FRIDGE, POGGENPOHL CABINETRY, AND DOUBLE OVENS. \$949,000.

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THE SYMPHONY



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NEW LISTING

2BR/2BATH - \$385,000

SPLIT FLOOR PLAN, 2 BALCONIES

NEW LISTING

2BR/2BATH - \$459,000

HIGH FLOOR/CORNER MODEL WRAP AROUND BALCONY



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MOONGLOW

THIS 2BR/2BATH SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN FEATURES A LARGE BALCONY WITH BEAUTIFUL RIVER VIEWS AND FLOOR TO CEILING GLASS. \$609,000

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SKYVIEW

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HIGH FLOOR BARELY LIVED IN! GORGEOUS SUNSETS, RIVER & OCEAN VIEWS FROM THIS 1 BEDROOM, 1 BATH UNIT. TILE FLOORS THROUGHOUT, WOOD FINISHED BAR AND LARGE BALCONY. \$379,000.

UNDER CONTRACT

SUNGARDEN

BEAUTIFUL SERENE VIEWS FROM THIS OPEN FLOOR PLAN. TILE FLOORS, UPGRADED GRANITE, NEW STAINLESS APPLIANCES.

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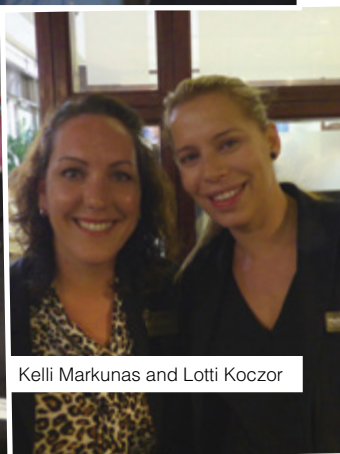
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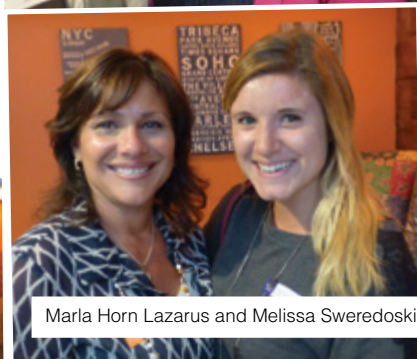
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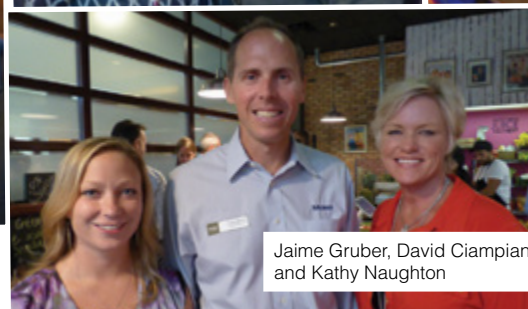
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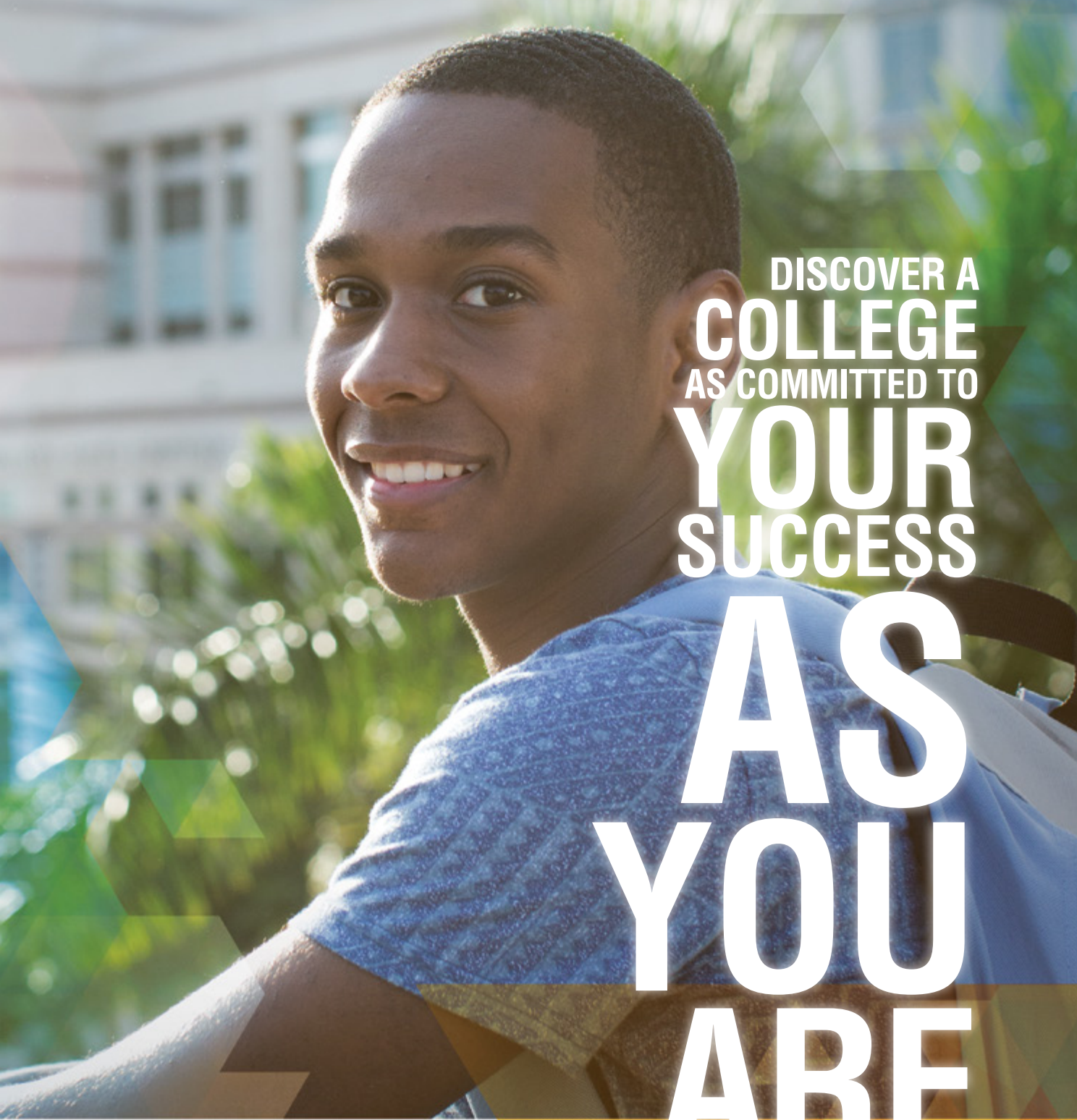


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Riverwalk Power Mixer

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On Mar. 23 Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale hosted another Power Mixer at the Downtown Juice Factory. Power Mixer events are a perk for Trustee level members and above. 



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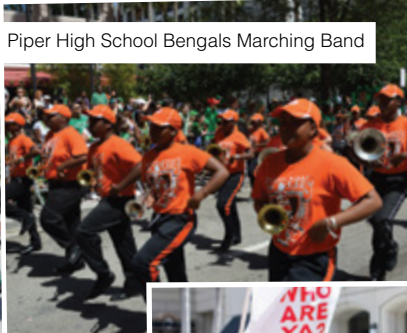
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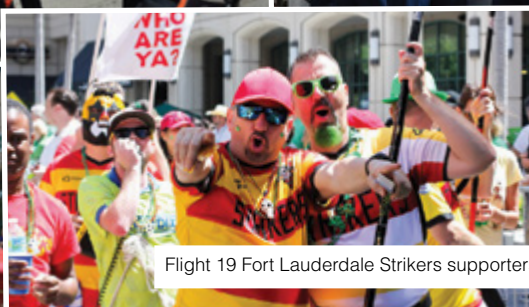
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City of Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Parade and Festival

WRITER CLARISSA BUCH

To kick off Downtown Fort Lauderdale's historic tradition, Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler painted a green stripe along Las Olas Boulevard on March 13 for the annual "Street Striping" ceremony, signaling the route for the parade the following day. From then on, it didn't take long for the color green to flood downtown with a plethora of events and activities - everything from a four-mile race to live music and of course, the highly anticipated parade. But festivities didn't stop there - Irish dancers, live bands, interactive entertainment, and delicious food and drinks were offered for the thousands of attendees who chose to celebrate the holiday with the City of Fort Lauderdale. [GO](#)



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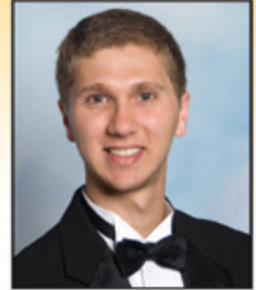
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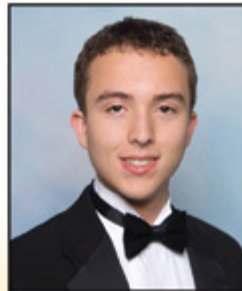
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Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Downtowner of the Year

PHOTOS BY GINNY FUJINO




Guests gathered to celebrate Michael Weymouth at the sold out Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Downtowner of the Year event on Mar. 19. Weymouth, president of the Las Olas Company, was selected because of his continued support of the downtown community. 

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From left, A.J. Ryan, Jr. (Tim's father), Genevieve Ryan (Tim's grandmother), James Ryan (Tim's uncle), and Gene Ryan (Tim's aunt)



Tim's grandmother, Genevieve Ryan with company

100 Years of Broward County

MAYOR TIM RYAN'S PERSPECTIVE

This year celebrates 100 years of Broward County. I asked our County Mayor Tim Ryan for his perspective on this incredible milestone and for insight on how far we have come and where we are headed.

CW: Downtown Fort Lauderdale has always been a key centerpiece of transit in Broward County – from Frank Stranahan's trading post on the New River to the FEC station also beside the river and then the construction of Las Olas Boulevard. What are your thoughts on the new mobility hub to be located at the bus terminal and the role of the Wave Streetcar in county growth?

TR: The downtown area is in the midst of a major transformation. It used to be that downtown was just where people worked, and it cleared out when most folks headed home to the suburbs at five o'clock. Downtown Fort Lauderdale is becoming a bustling urban center, where people live, work, and play all within a very concentrated area. As that growth continues, new ways to get around – like the Wave – will become increasingly important.

CW: Your family has called Broward County home for several generations. When did they arrive here and what kind of changes have the Ryan's witnessed over the years?

TR: My grandparents, A.J. Ryan, Sr., and Genevieve Ryan, came to Fort Lauderdale from Chicago in 1924 and moved to Dania in 1926. Back then, there were acres of open land. Dania was famous for its tomato fields, and that lasted into the 1940s and



BY CHRIS WREN
Executive Director,
Downtown
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1950s when salt-water intrusion into the soil killed the crops. One of the biggest changes my family witnessed was the rapid and sustained population increase following World War II.


CW: Can you pinpoint a moment in these last 100 years that made the biggest impact on the county for years to come?

TR: As with the rest of Florida, the advent of air conditioning had a huge impact on the growth of Broward County. Air conditioning became widely used in Florida in the 1950s and 1960s, and at the same time, we experienced a huge population growth. We didn't get air conditioning in our house until the first wall unit was installed in 1968. I shared a room with three of my brothers, and we had one fan for all four of us. It was always a battle to go to sleep last so you could have the fan blowing on you.

CW: What do you see as the most pressing challenge for the county in the next 100 years?

TR: Continuing to meet the needs of our growing population will be the biggest challenge ahead of us. The population of Broward County is expected to reach two million in the next 15 years. We're just about out of land to build on, so we're going to have to focus on urban infill, and making sure we do so in a way that takes into account our transportation needs, provides housing for people of all income levels, meets the demands on our drinking water supply, and prepares for potential impacts from sea level rise.

CW: What does the county look like in the next 100 years from your perspective?

TR: It's difficult to predict the future, but I hope that in the next 100 years the preparations we make today for sustainable growth will protect and enhance Broward County so that people still want to visit and call [this place] home and where our natural treasures have been preserved for everyone to enjoy. 

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SMALL BUSINESS WEEK – FORT LAUDERDALE | MAY 4-10

Every year since 1963, the President of the United States has issued a proclamation announcing National Small Business Week, which recognizes the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. The U.S. Small Business Administration indicates that more than half of Americans either own or work for a small business, and they create about two out of every three new jobs. Every day, they're working to grow small businesses, create 21st century jobs, drive innovation, and increase America's global competitiveness.

This year, for the first time ever, our community will celebrate small businesses that are making a big impact by kicking off Small Business Week – Fort Lauderdale, May 4-10. A collaborative effort involving the City of Fort Lauderdale, the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), The Mosaic Group, and Upstart Global, during this week-long event, small business owners in the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights CRA will be recognized and entrepreneurs will be invited to participate in workshops and conferences to help with strategic planning and learn about best practices, mentorship, and networking. This exciting week of activities will include Restaurant Week, a Small Business Conference, Small Business Saturday, Startup Weekend, Business Pop-Up Showcases, and more.



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



The Small Business Conference will take place on May 5 at the Hampton Inn at 250 N. Andrews Avenue. The one-day event will include a series of workshops geared towards the development, capacity building, and enhancement of local small businesses. Admission is free, but space will be limited so if you or someone you know may be interested, make sure to register in advance online.

The Pop-up Business Showcase will host eight retail stores that will open for three days in a variety of existing vacant shops in the CRA. Participating pop-ups are local small businesses that have expressed direct interest in establishing their retail businesses in the Fort Lauderdale CRA and have gone through rigorous planning and preparation towards that effort. This is their chance to "try out" their brand before settling in a bricks and mortar storefront.

Other fun events geared toward community involvement while bringing attention to small businesses will include "Eat & Go Seek," when guests can visit each participating restaurant for samplings and a chance to win prizes. A special Mother's Day Brunch is also planned for May 10 at four local restaurants. Each location will feature a special menu, live entertainment including jazz, gospel, and rock/pop music and roses for any mothers that attend.

A full schedule of events is listed on the Small Business Week – Fort Lauderdale website. For information about sponsorship opportunities, call (754) 300-8959 or visit www.smallbusinessweekftl.com. Come out and help make a big impact on small businesses!

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Street Smart in Fort Lauderdale

2015 TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT TO IGNITE BEHAVIOR AND CHANGE DISCUSSION

On May 20, 2015 the City will host the Fourth Annual City of Fort Lauderdale StreetSmarts Transportation Summit at the Broward Center for Performing Arts. StreetSmarts is a regional full-day event initiating discussions for creating streets that are safe, livable, connected, and sustainable places for people of all ages and abilities. This year's event promises to ignite a new conversation about how to shift our street behavior to foster improved safety for all street users. Changing our unsafe behaviors of speeding, red-light running, crossing outside a crosswalk, and riding the wrong way in the bike lane are issues that call for smarter design and better practices. StreetSmarts will combine the elements of engineering design with education by discussing best practices for stakeholder outreach, opportunities with non-profit partners, and innovative technology with sustainable street design.

The City's 2014 Neighbor Survey identified "safety of biking" as residents' number one transportation concern. Adopted in 2013, The Connecting the Blocks plan identifies over 500 prioritized capital investment program projects to improve the safety and efficiency of biking, walking, and driving. The City is dedicated to delivering cost effective projects to improve



BY DIANA ALARCON

Director,
Transportation and
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safety for all transportation options. From high-capacity transit projects in downtown Fort Lauderdale to improved pedestrian crossings on Las Olas Boulevard, the City is working to turn goals of urban living into a reality.

Continuing with the progress made during the 2014 transportation summit, this year's event will highlight the many partners working to make our region more livable including the Florida Department of Transportation, Broward County Metropolitan Planning

Organization, and Broward County Planning Organization.

Session topics include improving pedestrian and bicycle safety through design and education, aligning policy to complement implementation goals, stimulating behavioral changes, and sharing tri-county successes. The City is hosting StreetSmarts in partnership with Florida Atlantic University MetroLab, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, and Women in Transportation (WTS) South Florida Chapter.

Highlighted speakers include: Gabe Klein, COO of Bridj and former transportation commissioner for the City of Chicago; Victor Dover, author of *Street Design: The Secret to Great American Cities & Towns*; and Maria Nardi, director of Urban Planning for Miami-Dade County.

Through this annual event, a network of peers exchange best practices, share lessons learned, and achieve a common vision for safe streets and strong cities. The 2015 event will include an afternoon networking session entitled, "One on One with your Local Leaders" to allow attendees to engage with city and county commissioners, other forms of city leadership, MPO leadership, and state leadership.

The StreetSmarts Transportation Summit is an unparalleled event for igniting conversations about our ambitious goals. I invite you to join this forward thinking discussion on creating a city you never want to leave.



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The Downtown Council (DTC) of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce includes the core hub of downtown Fort Lauderdale serving an enormous number of businesses that operate in the geographic area. A board meeting and planning session for reviewing downtown needs occur monthly along with governmental and legislative initiatives that impact the community. DTC works to engage the businesses in addressing hot topics that affect the economy.

On the fourth Thursday of each month, DTC hosts a monthly breakfast featuring interesting speakers that have a business focus relevant to our downtown businesses and owners. Annual topics include the Mayor's message on the State of the City, regional transportation, healthcare,



BY JOHN JONES
Chair, Downtown
Council, Chamber of
Commerce




legislative updates, and more. DTC is also known for a few of its major events such as Downtowner of the Year and Broward Partnership for the Homeless Breakfast, which raise thousands of dollars annually to assist with the needs of the organization.

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, founded in 1920, is the oldest and largest business organization in Broward County with a specific mission to bring businesses, organizations, and individuals together to help build a vibrant community. The success of this organization is noteworthy.

The Chamber includes committees and action teams such as Budget & Finance, By-Laws, BusinessFirst, the Business Development & Education, Government Affairs, Membership, Nominating, Non-Profit Liaison, and Small Business committees, the Trustee Advisory group, and a number of ad hoc groups. It also consists of individual councils such as the Beach, Downtown, GLBX, Oakland Park - Wilton Manors Uptown, and the Weston Business councils.

Offered through the year are a large number of networking opportunities, speaker bureaus, educational opportunities, and more.

As part of a vibrant and productive organization, members of the Downtown Council continue to make Fort Lauderdale a desired destination to operate a successful business. 

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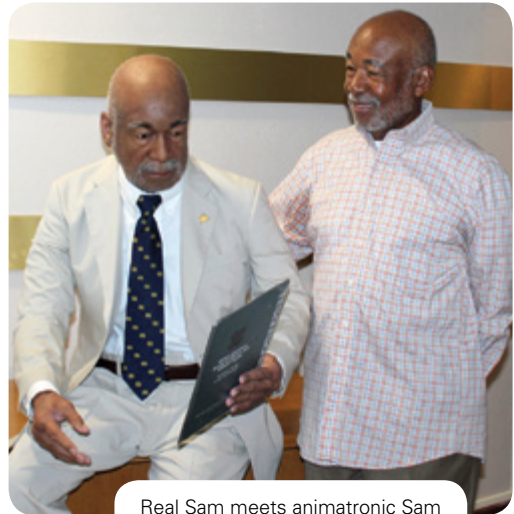
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SAM MORRISON'S LEGACY LIVES ON AT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN RESEARCH LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER

In December 2014, former director of the Broward County Library Sam Morrison was flown to San Bernardino, CA to Garner Holt Productions where he was scanned and his voice recorded. Impressions were taken of his forearms and hands. He left behind an extra set of his clothes. After months of extensive work and the digitalizing of his voice and movements, an animatronic figure resembling Morrison was completed and shipped to the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC) in Fort Lauderdale where a technician from the production company uncased the figure, mounted it to an office desk, and hooked up its hydraulic lines and electronics.

This story however, begins decades earlier with Morrison's dream and vision.

It was Morrison's wish to build a library by and about African-Americans for the Broward community and the world-at-large. Not just any library, but a state-of-the-art facility for research, life-long learning, community gatherings, cultural events, and technology training that would attract visitors, researchers, historians, and filmmakers from around the globe. Morrison believed in his vision enough to inspire an entire community to follow his dream, no matter how difficult the struggle. This dream was realized during the official groundbreaking ceremony for the AARLCC on Oct. 23, 1999.



BY SAMANTHA ROJAS AND STEVE VINIK

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Officially open to the public on Oct. 26, 2002, the center became the third of its kind in the U.S., joining the Schomburg Center for Research in New York and the Auburn Research Library in Atlanta. This 60,000-square-foot research center boasts 5,000 square feet of gallery space and houses 75,000 books, manuscripts, historical documents, and artifacts and soon, an animatronic figure of Sam Morrison, much like Disney's original animatronic Abraham Lincoln.

The figure has a metallic frame body shell with joints placed in natural positions based on a study of biomechanics. Motion actuators, similar to muscles, were placed within the frame to create range of motion in limbs and joints. The figure is powered by compressed air delivered through a rainbow assortment of tubes running through the interior of the shell into the desk that the figure sits upon. The actions of the figure (including head nods, speaking, gesturing with his arms, and kicking one leg) are activated by a theme park-style controller.

With every hair and wrinkle in place, the figure is surprisingly life-like. His eyes appear to twinkle while his hands feature elegant fingers with age spots and scars. When the motion sensor is tripped, Sam comes to life and tells his story. He lifts his head and looks around and then he welcomes the visitor and introduces himself and his dream of the library. He recounts the history of getting the county and the community to work together to raise money to build the library and describes the library's resources and collections of African-American historical documents, artwork, and culture.

Correction: In April's Culturally Speaking column Glavovic Studios was incorrectly listed among the Mockingbird Trail partners instead of Cadence.

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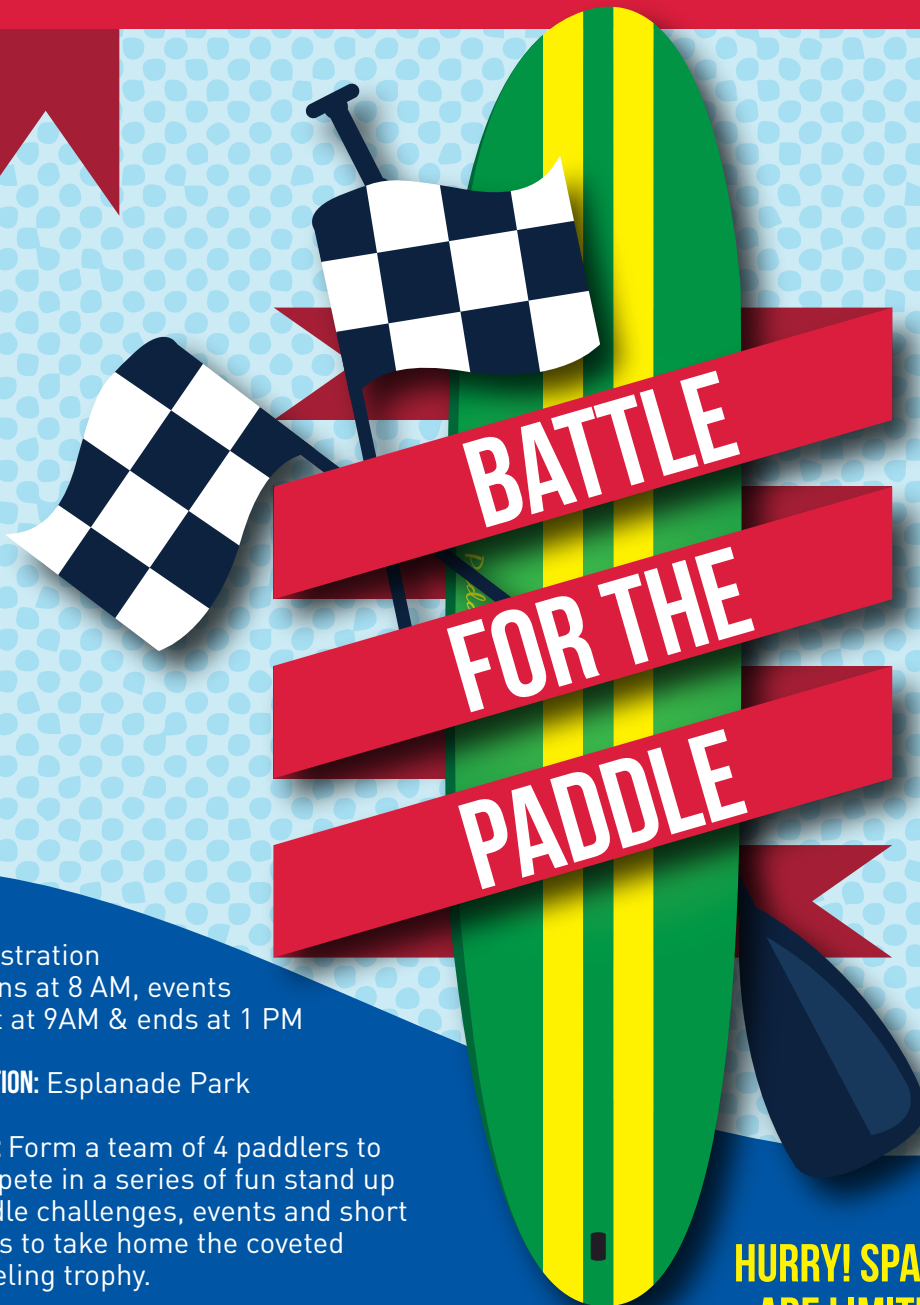


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Tourist Town

TOURISM'S EXPANDING ROLE IN THE
FORT LAUDERDALE ECONOMY

We have reviewed real estate, and transportation, and had a general overview of what fuels our economy in previous issues. This month we'll examine tourism, its importance, and opportunities for expansion.

Decades ago we made a strategic decision to move away from spring break debauchery and improve our guests' experience with upgraded amenities, locations, food, etc. Sun, surf, and sand continue to drive tourism. The sea is for water sports and taking a cruise and the sand is for soaking up rays.

Annually we attract over 14.3 million visitors, over three million of which are international. Our guests spend \$11.4 billion vacationing and generated over \$53 million in bed tax revenues in 2014. Competition for vacationers and conventions is fierce. This is why we must continue to up our game and improve the experience.

We have struggled with beach restoration up and down our 23 miles of coastline. Difficulties arise from governmental bodies like the US Army Corps of Engineers, protected species like sea turtles, which nest on our shores, funding at all levels of government, and a variety of other factors like hurricanes and sea level rise.

Enhancing our upscale direction, new properties are coming online and upgrades to older ones are in the hopper. Witness the



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announcement of the Four Seasons, the opening of Margaritaville in Hollywood, the Conrad, Paramount, Auberge Luxury Residences and new plans for Bahia Cabana, and Bahia Mar.


But hotel stays and beach days are not all we offer. Port Everglades is one of the top cruise ports in the world. In fact, passenger moves at Port Everglades topped four million in 2014, with a record number of 3,880,033 multi-day moves

and 121,321 daily moves. Our cruise industry accounts for more than 5,000 direct jobs and nearly \$1.7 billion in annual economic activity.

Another tourism jewel is the Broward Center for the Performing Arts (BCPA). Most don't know that BCPA is one of the top ten most-visited theaters in the world with more than 700 performances each year to over 600,000 patrons.

Last year BCPA finished capital improvements that replaced old technology and created new structures and dining spaces. The Huizenga Pavilion and the Rose Miniaci Arts Education Center now provide valuable community assets for all to enjoy. All together BCPA has made an over \$100 million economic impact to our economy.

There are opportunities for tourism expansion. We can levy an additional penny bed tax that will raise approximately \$10 million annually. The majority of funds should be used to market the destination to grow market share. Funds are controlled by county commissioners. We have a Tourist Development Commission, which should be recommending how to grow our tourism base by strategic use of tax dollars. Unfortunately, it has been routinely bypassed.

We need to build a host hotel connected to our expanding convention center in order to attract group business and conventions. We are not competitive because of our limitations and inability to achieve this development. We have spent millions with three failed attempts. Hopefully, we can move this forward and make our destination the place you never want to leave. 



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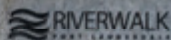
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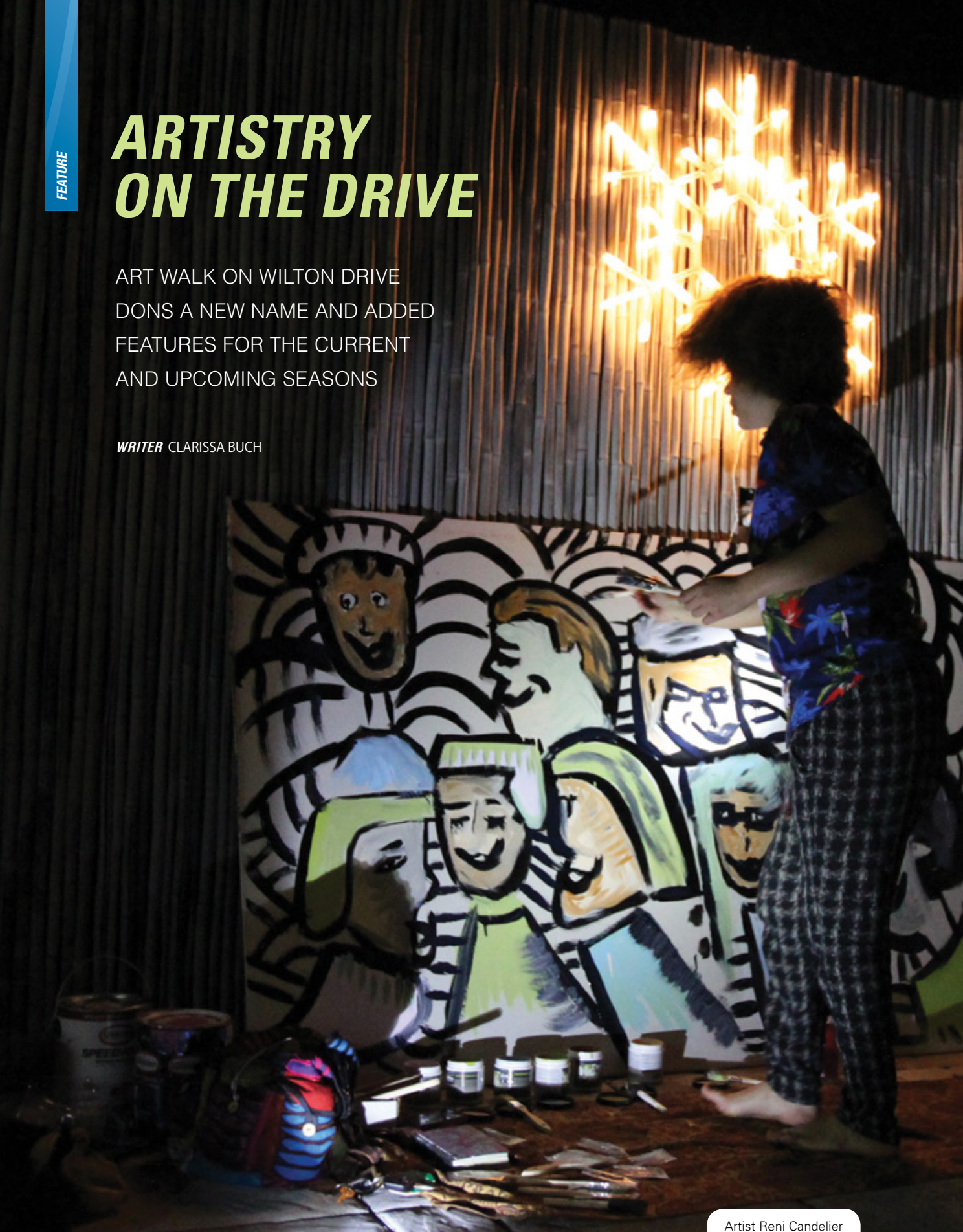
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ARTISTRY ON THE DRIVE

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AND UPCOMING SEASONS

WRITER CLARISSA BUCH



Artist Reni Candelier



Items by Dana Forte



Artist Shaun Williams

Art Walk on Wilton Drive's future looks colorfully bright, especially with a new owner, an updated name, and several fresh plans for enhancement. Formerly known as Island City Art Walk owned by Krishan Manners and Tony LoGrande, the Art Walk is now the vision of local artist and area resident Thomas Alford.

"I really wanted to start my own Art Walk," he says. "But when I heard the owners were selling Wilton Drive's, I thought it was a good opportunity for me to take over."

Alford is no stranger to the 1.1-mile stretch of road – he organizes monthly street cleanings of Wilton Drive through the county's Adopt-A-Street program. He says this is just the beginning in turning Wilton Manors into a hub for local artists, art lovers, residents, and tourists. "We have such a viable industry here. Being an artist, it's important to me to see the walk go on."

From November through May, every third Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m. more than 40 artists display pieces ranging from paintings to jewelry. Each artist is hosted by a local business owner. Attendees can enjoy wine and hors-d'oeuvres while experiencing the art scene.

Since Alford took ownership last November, Art Walk has already undergone changes – moving the event from the third Friday to the third Saturday, offering VIP passes good for discounts at participating businesses. "I want to give [Art Walk]

a whole new look and feel," Alford says. "I want more artists and more community involvement to really take it to the next level."

Living and working in the community gives Alford the opportunity to dedicate personal time to enhance the Art Walk experience. With other areas holding similar events, Alford believes that the extensive restaurant and bar scene in Wilton Manors gives his walk an edge. "We have more of an entertainment industry in addition to art. With the restaurants, shops, and bars, it's really a wonderful place have the event."

Alford plans for more artists, community involvement, live bands, and entertainment in upcoming seasons. He also wants to enhance the community's day-to-day public art displays by adding utility box wraps on local street corners.

"I hope people start to see a different side of our community. I want to put Wilton Manors on the map in both the art and entertainment industries."

The next Art Walk event is on May 16 and a Summer Gallery Crawl series will follow on the third Saturday of the month in July, August, and September before the 2015-2016 season begins in November. GORIVERWALK.COM



Artist Kristofer McDermott



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WRITER GABRIELLE ROLAND

1 PAY BY PHONE PARKING

The City of Fort Lauderdale must know how unlikely it is for anyone to have a substantial number of quarters (unless you're are a wishing well cleaner). This life hack allows drivers to pay for parking by phone in four easy steps after signing up for a free account. The system also alerts you when your parking is about to expire and allows you to extend parking time remotely.

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2 RIVERWALK WATER

TROLLEY The trolley route has eight convenient stops, which mean easier access to the courthouse, Las Olas Boulevard, condos on the river, the Riverwalk exercise station, and more. The trolleys are wheelchair accessible and run from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. – 11 p.m., seven days a week.



3 STAY HYDRATED

Fort Lauderdaleans are not strangers to the heat, but we can sometimes forget the importance of staying hydrated. If you're thirsty you're already behind the curve, so sip on some coconut water throughout the day. It's full of electrolytes. You can pick one up at your local grocery store or go au naturel with one from your neighbor's tree (with their permission, of course).

4 SEATBELT BURN

A little sizzle can be good – sunny side up eggs, juicy hamburgers, salty hot dogs – but when that sizzle involves your skin, it's a different story. Protect yourself from seat belt buckle burns with this Fort Lauderdale life hack. Refasten your seatbelt after you get out of your seat. This will keep the metal part tucked in and shielded from the sun while you're away from your car.

5 SPIKED WATERMELON

Beach day! No open containers allowed? No problem. Carve a hole at the top of a watermelon and remove the rind. Using skewers, poke holes through the fruit flesh, stopping just short of the rind on the other side. Then insert a funnel in the hole at the top. Slowly pour in your liquor of choice, little by little. (May I suggest coconut rum?) The result is spiked, refreshing, juicy, legal goodness for those 21 and over.

6 DIY BEACH PROOF PHONE CASE Don't want sand in every single crevice of your phone when you go to the beach? Drop your phone into a Ziploc bag. You'll still be able to use the touch screen and you won't be blowing sand out of the microphone or charger slot three days later.



7 COMMUTING For commuters who don't want to deal with traffic, the Tri-Rail is a useful alternative. Take the commuter train to the Fort Lauderdale station and catch the free Tri-Rail shuttle to different downtown spots. You will not only shave off time from your commute, but also reduce your carbon footprint!

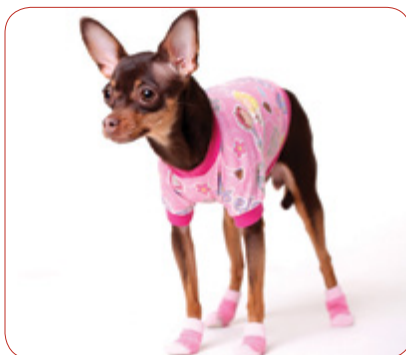
8 EXERCISE Fitting exercise and healthy eating into your busy day isn't easy. But there's a nearby solution. The Riverwalk is 2.5 miles of linear park on the north and south sides of the New River. There is an exercise station just east of the Andrews Ave. Bridge on the north side of the river. Three Riverwalk Gourmet Delights food kiosks are also located there and offer several healthy options.



9 WATERPROOF SHOES It's no surprise that when summer rolls around, it rains almost every afternoon like clockwork. Reclaim your right to freedom of footwear and waterproof your shoes with this life hack. Rub bee's wax all over the cloth parts of your shoe then blow-dry the surface. The wax will melt and your shoes will look the same, but now they'll be water repellant.



10 NATURAL MOSQUITO REPELLANT Keep those pesky things away with an aromatic addition to your garden. Lemongrass repels mosquitoes, allowing you to take in South Florida air that isn't tainted with the fumes of bug spray. Lemongrass is also good for coughs and sore throats, digestion, acne, insomnia, and more when brewed as a tea.



11 BEACH SHEET, BEACH BLANKET Use a fitted sheet instead of a towel or blanket at the beach. Tuck the corners under while digging into the sand. This way the sand holds the sheet down from underneath and no sand gets on your beach bed.

12 SAND, MEET BABY POWDER Keep wet sand at the beach where it belongs and not in your car with one simple household item – baby powder. Sprinkle it onto your feet when you're leaving the beach and the wet sand will brush off much more easily. Your car detailer will thank you... or maybe he won't?

13 NO MORE ICE, ICE BABY Keep your drink cool without watering it down with ice. Freeze grapes or cherries and use them as ice cubes in your beverage of choice while you recline at the JM Lexus Jazz Brunch. Eat them at the end of your drink and treat yourself to a burst of refreshment.

14 NOT AS HOT DOGS If it is too hot for you to walk on the sand or sidewalk barefoot, it's probably too hot for your pet too. Recycle some baby socks and use them as soft booties for your dog. They may walk funny, but consider it their happy dance since their paws are nice and cool.

15 PARK ASSIST AT THE AIRPORT Park Assist, coming to the Fort Lauderdale – Hollywood International Airport this fall, will guide drivers to empty spaces within the parking garage and back to their cars when they're ready to leave. Fort Lauderdale – Hollywood International Airport will be the first airport in the U.S. with a camera-based parking guidance system. goriverwalk.com

THE CODE FACTORY

WYNCODE ACADEMY SEEKS TO GROW SOUTH FLORIDA'S TECH COMMUNITY

WRITER ANDREA RICHARD





A Wyncode Academy pitch day in Miami

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Wyncode Academy will be offering four cohorts or terms a year with about 12 spots for each term. The first cohort in Fort Lauderdale began on Apr. 20 and students will graduate on June 18, also known as Pitch Day, when students present web applications they designed during the boot camp. Pitch Day is open to the public. The second cohort of the year begins on June 29.

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Our modern world is arguably run on code. We shop online with our tablets, and snap pictures on our smartphones, editing them with the latest app to seamlessly upload them to our social media for mere amusement for our friends and family. The Internet, connecting us in unprecedented ways, runs on applications built by developers who have studied JavaScript, Ruby, CSS, and so forth.

Code is a language that doesn't discriminate despite the tech field being dominated by Caucasian males.

While technology and the digital revolution have disrupted our lives, and our career opportunities, for better or for worse depending on which side of the equation lies your perspective, joining in on the tech wave as a professional developer - an in demand career with a wide range of possibilities - isn't as impossible as many might think.

Wyncode Academy, based at coworking space The LAB Miami in Wynwood, is seeding South Florida into a fertile hub, growing it into a prosperous tech community. This adventurous and unconventional programming school, conceptualized and launched by husband and wife duo Johanna and Juha Mikkola in January and May 2014 respectively, came north to FAT Village last month kicking off its first

Fort Lauderdale boot camp.

Scheduled Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the Wyncode Academy boot camp is held in a conference room at the coworking space General Provision in FAT Village. General Provision was an ideal fit since the inspiring community room allows students to get a feel for working remotely, a prospect that many developer jobs offer.

The curriculum is intensive and provides a solid foundation for students to become junior developers by learning Ruby, Ruby on Rails, JavaScript, jQuery, CSS3 and HTML5. Students cannot have a job while attending Wyncode, not even



Johanna and Juha Mikkola, co-founders of Wyncode Academy

something part-time. Brainstorming, open discussions, and weekly reviews and mentorship are all part of the educational experience. The classes are small, just roughly about 12 students, so individual attention is a huge component.



The nine-week boot camp brings together ambitious, curious folks ready for a change. “Some of our best students come from different backgrounds,” says cofounder Juha Mikkola. “We’ve had chefs, lawyers, artists succeed at learning how to code. People think you have to know higher level math, algebra and a bunch of equations, but what it takes is a willingness to learn, commitment, passion, and putting in the time for learning.”

A traditional computer science degree at a university can take upwards of four years to complete, but, according to Mikkola it doesn’t need to take that long to land entry-level work as a junior developer. And college grads, he thinks, can often leave such institutions lacking valuable business skills such as how to work on a team and effective communication. This gap is something Wyncode seeks to fill.

Fort Lauderdale lead instructor and freelance software developer, Damon Davison, describes building software as a “team sport.” He advocates getting women and minorities into programing, which motivates him to create a welcoming atmosphere at his classes.

“I think that women are often turned off from technology, [and] come to believe from an early age that they’re not good at technology. It’s a real shame. You don’t have to be really smart to be good at programming,” he observes. “It’s a craft like many others, you just have to learn how to use the tools.”


Davison has his students spend time outside the

classroom and sends them to the neighborhood’s pub, Maguire’s Hill 16, in an effort to integrate them into the community and encourage them to work in teams over a working-lunch experience.

One of the major selling points of becoming a developer is the ability to work from home, he says, which is beneficial to those wanting to raise children and

“Ninety-two percent of our students are placed. There’s a demand out there greater than the available talent in Florida,” says Mikkola. “We are developing homegrown talent.”

live wherever they want. He and his wife Allison used to live in London where she ran the music label, Southern, which she now can manage from anywhere in the world since they moved the company onto the cloud, a practice of using remote servers.

“Human beings, on average, are really smart,” he says. “If you’re motivated and put into the right environment, you can learn anything.” 



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TIME-HONORED SALVAGE

OZMA DESIGN RECLAIMS AMERICAN
CRAFTSMANSHIP ALONG THE NEW RIVER

WRITER JAMION KRIES • **PHOTOGRAPHY** JASON LEIDY



Tables in different states of completion sit in front of slabs of salvaged wood



The New River is alive and well with the hustle and bustle of the maritime industry. The busy hum from the boat engines traveling on the city's main artery is matched by two young entrepreneurs, Eric Miller and Sean Kearns of Ozma Design. They transform reclaimed slabs of wood, brought up from river bottoms much like the New River, into one-of-a-kind tables. The wood pieces are from Florida's own backyard where varieties such as walnut, maple, live oak, eucalyptus, curly sinker pine, and cypress grow.

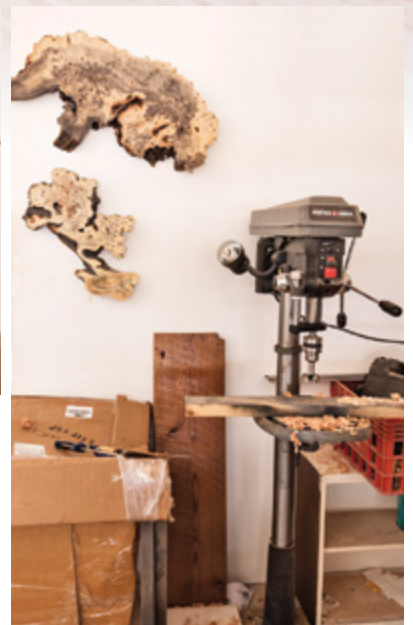
Long before Ozma Design, Sean Kearns was hard at work at State University of New York – College of Environmental Science and Forestry. He studied landscape architecture and received a bachelor's degree. At around the same time, Eric Miller was immersed in graphic design at Washtenaw College in Michigan. Kearns and Miller would soon hold their American dream in their bare hands, crafting materials from the earth in their very own woodworking shop near the FEC rail bridge just east of Himmarshee Village.

The duo started Ozma Design because Kearns was fed up with products from major retailers and their seemingly programmed obsolescence – a trait all too familiar in the foreign manufacturing economy that the United States has come to know, departing from a time when “made in America” was the only thing waiting on the shelf. The two only source their materials from the United States. For example, they obtain live oak, a light to medium toned wood from Geneva, Florida. Early ship builders used this particular variety to build the vertical members that took on one of the largest energy systems on the planet – waves. So, in this respect it suffices to say that Ozma's live oak coffee tables will safely support a cup of java.

The idea that a 100-year-old piece of wood, previously cut down ages ago, could live new life was an idea that inspired Kearns and Miller. The wood that Ozma uses does not lose value, but actually increases in worth over time. Pieces of wood that grew up from the ground would now be stationed in the homes of people who will own them for generations, like ancient



Sean Kearns (left) and Eric Miller hold up an example of a piece destined to become a small coffee table. This will be the underside of the piece.




Tables in different states of completion sit in front of slabs of salvaged wood

architecture never meant to die. The open circle of the first letter of Ozma's brand design thoughtfully "represents the life cycle of a tree and its continuance," said Kearns. "Some of these trees have been around before the state of Florida was in existence. This tree could have seen a battle in the Civil War, while some of our slabs saw the gold rush in Oregon," said Miller.

A curly sinker pine has a pattern that emerges on only one out of 3,000 logs. These trees were floated down the Suwannee River in North Western Florida a century ago or more. A rare curly sinker tree most likely saw the action of the Civil War as mounds of dirt erected by the Confederacy to shield the blows coming from Union boats still line the sides of the river. Over time, some of the trees became water logged after falling to the river bottom where the rich, red, sandy soil soaked in and changed the

wood's appearance gradually. The logs fell to such great depths that the sun's magnified rays could not pierce through the water enough to damage the integrity of the wood, further safeguarding this rare variety of pine.

"Ozma Design works to ensure the satisfaction of each customer by letting them become part of the process. If they want a step down base on their table legs to mimic crown molding on their ceiling, that's exactly what they get," said Kearns.

Kearns and Miller are old souls in the sense that they seek to reclaim what once was – the American dream of leaving their mark, building a crafted piece that will outlast their lifetime. 

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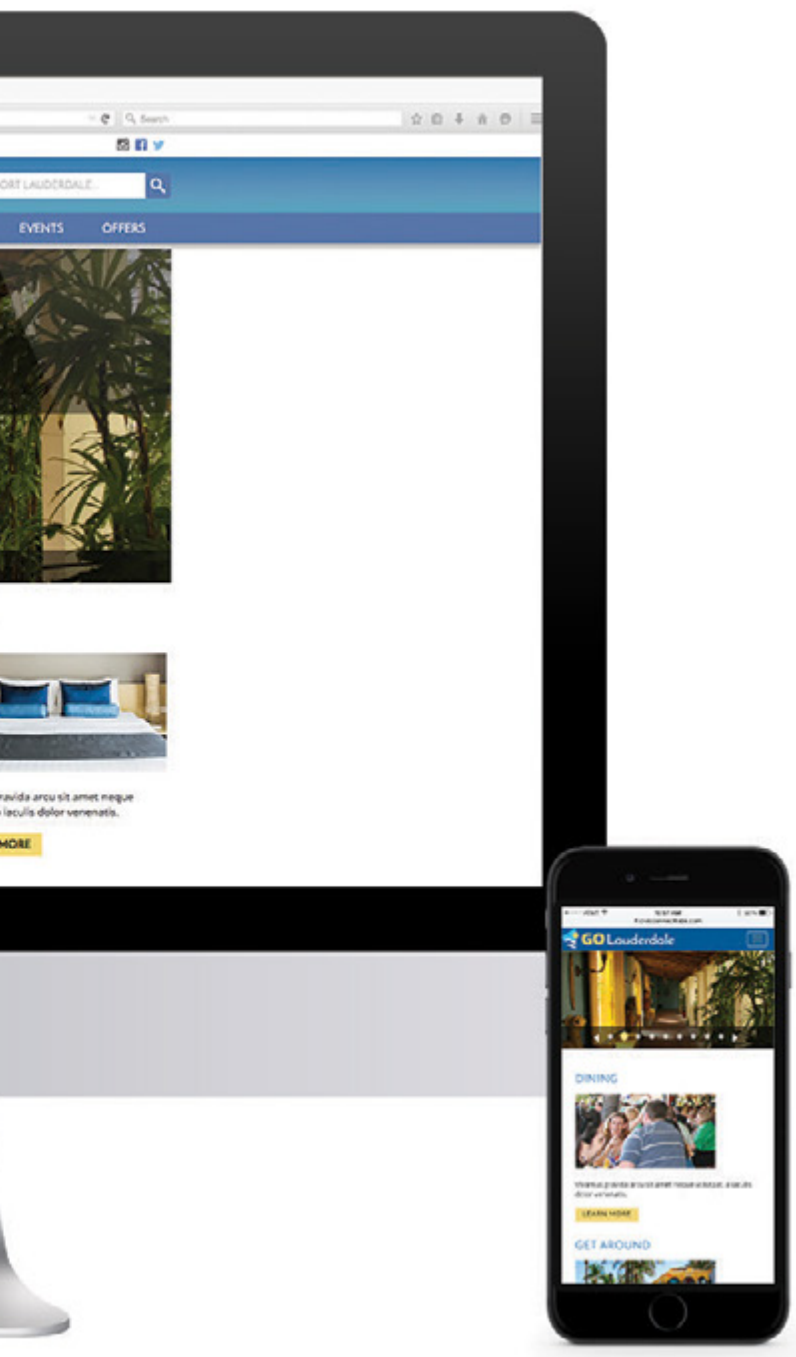
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THE URBAN DIGITAL AGE

A NEW APP AND WEBSITE COMMISSIONED BY THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IS AIMED TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT FORT LAUDERDALE. IT IS ONE OF MANY NEW TECHNOLOGY CONCEPTS TO RECENTLY HIT THE FORT LAUDERDALE SCENE.

WRITER JOANNA KENTOLALL



It is now easier than ever to discover all that Fort Lauderdale has to offer thanks to a new website and free app from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to be released in early summer. www.GoLauderdale.org is a resource to help find the best of where to eat, stay, and play in the area.

The DDA works to facilitate the physical and economic development of the downtown region and this new collection of information provided by www.GoLauderdale.org will help to do just that. “The system is able to access a wealth of Fort Lauderdale information, any data that is out there to assist in making decisions or becoming knowledgeable of what is available,” said DDA urban planner Chadwick Blue.

Caddy Beacon

WRITER ALEXANDRA ROLAND

Golfers, even amateur ones, have to monitor their strategy, which fluctuates based on their individual position on a course. Water, sand, and lack of familiarity with a course can adversely affect a shot. Imagine an electronic caddy, accessible at the swipe of a finger, which dispenses personalized advice and tips for managing the course according to a golfer’s individual location. CaddyBeacon is poised to be a digital, mobile caddy.

Ned MacPherson and Chris Maiorino, co-founders of MPR Equities, LLC, a boutique private equity/venture capital investment firm were approached by a group of developers with this concept about nine months ago. Subsequently, both became co-founders and managers of the CaddyBeacon app, which packages micro-location and proximity aware content delivery technologies for the everyday golfer’s use. “We’re very familiar with the technological innovations [in golf] and the lack thereof,” MacPherson says, referencing GPS technology, which is expensive and can be inaccurate up to six yards when purposed for golfing advice.

Using info collected from beacon transmitters placed on the golf course, the app displays data that is accurate to one tenth of one yard. “As you’re walking [with] your smartphone, there will be automatic notifications giving you the safest play, all the hazards you need to pay attention to, and all the geographic and environmental information,” MacPherson says.

CaddyBeacon, officially released at the Fourth Annual Broward Sheriff’s Cup Golf Tournament on Apr. 13, is free and available for Android phones, iPhones and the Apple watch. Currently, the technology is in use at the Weston Hills golf course in Davie. MacPherson and Maiorino are in talks with 10 other local courses and say that currently, South Florida and California are the target markets.



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The system was developed by Civic Resource Group International, an expert in combining data sourced from multiple locations into one design. The user-friendly interface helps visitors easily navigate the content on the site. Working with partners that include Yelp API, Google Places, Broward County Transit, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Tourism Bureau, this new website and free app will combine information from various sources into a one-stop-shop for event listings, special offers, dining, hotel, and transportation options. Users can access and interact with content through a variety of devices including smartphones, tablets, and desktops. Interactive kiosks will also soon be available downtown and along the beach.

Funded by a grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), www.GoLauderdale.org is a new way to experience the city using an insider's guide tailored to meet the needs of locals and tourists alike. Whether you're looking to walk, cycle, drive, or take public transit around the city, schedules and directions are available to help navigate through downtown. Users can get directions to attractions from their current location using GPS or Google Maps with interactive mapping that incorporates real time

transit information. With recent expansion of transportation options in the city such as provided by the Broward County Bicycle Sharing Program (Broward B-Cycle) and free Riverwalk Water Trolley, there are so many ways to get around, and this is the place to find out how.

Hotel listings and offers, along with local attractions, can also easily be located. An online calendar lists the many events and activities in the area, while providing an opportunity for event organizers to promote and market what's happening throughout the city.

Looking for a place to eat? www.GoLauderdale.org allows users to choose from select geographical areas and then the site or app suggests restaurants and incorporates reviews, menus, current offers, and what else is nearby.

With Fort Lauderdale recently being honored as one of the Top 10 Best Downtowns of 2014 in the country by www.Livability.com, www.GoLauderdale.org is poised to help showcase why. 

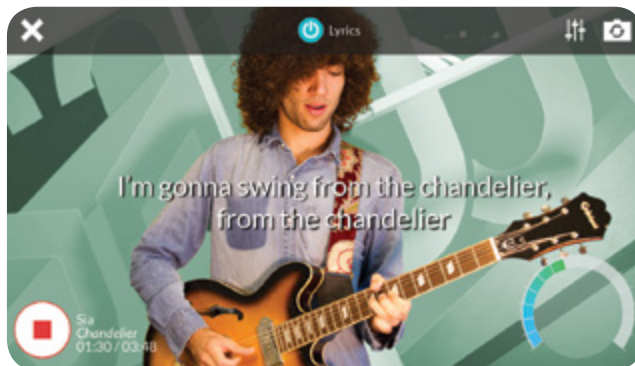


Saloote

WRITER CLARISSA BUCH

Headquartered in Fort Lauderdale, mobile app Saloote is attracting many music lovers. The app is the first of its kind, giving users the ability to connect with each other through music. "It provides a platform for artists and music fans to jam out, connect, and create music video mashups," CEO Walter Bernacca says.

Bernacca's inspiration stems from watching fans cover performances of their personal idols and seeing Ellen DeGeneres feature them on her show. "When young Yuto Miyazawa's cover of Ozzy Osbourne's 'Crazy Train' became an Internet sensation, Ozzy united with the young fan on Ellen and invited him to join his tour," says Bernacca. "Our idea is to provide a



platform for fans to 'salute' their idols by recording cover performances and or music video mashups."

Saloote takes an artist straight from his or her bedroom out into the world, giving users easy-to-use tools to record and collaborate, access to a plethora of new and old hit songs, and the ability to communicate with a community of artists and enthusiasts. "Anyone can seamlessly mashup audio and video performances of a given song, but until now, no other app has been able to provide video mashup collaboration for users," explains Bernacca.

As Fort Lauderdale's music scene continues to grow, Saloote gives residents the chance to take their music to the next level. "The South Florida area has always bolstered an influential music scene," says Bernacca. "Saloote gives local artists a platform to discover and collaborate with one another while also sharing their performances with users of the app outside the area."

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GoNo

WRITER CLARISSA BUCH



Fort Lauderdale native Todd Butler has solved one of life's oldest problems, indecisiveness, with the creation of the GoNo app. The app allows users to connect with friends or the public to ask and answer questions and then view results updated in real time.

"When a few friends and I were weeks away from graduation at George Washington University, we decided to put ourselves in a room and come up with an idea for an app," says Butler. "We then spent about a year planning it out, and that's how GoNo happened."

Butler describes the app as a social decision making tool. "Basically we

created a tool that crowd sources your thoughts and opinions. It's like hot or not for everyday items and places."

The app debuted in August 2013 and has approximately 10,000 users, but Butler plans to expand the tool as it moves into its next phase. "Phase one was all about getting the app started, but as we move into phase two, we want to figure out how to make a profit off of it," says Butler.

Butler believes the app can be beneficial for Fort Lauderdale residents and tourists. "When it comes to choices on anything from swim suits to places to eat, there is definitely a huge market for crowd sourcing information here."

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UNDERWATER LITERACY

NEW RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL'S COMMUNITY INITIATIVES TRAIN FUTURE MARINE INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS AND PRODUCE ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS ADOLESCENTS.

WRITER ALEXANDRA ROLAND

New River Middle students during a shark tagging field trip

Ask a kindergartner what he or she wants to be when they grow up and you'll get varied and even colorful answers – a teacher, veterinarian, actor, circus trainer, or sometimes all four. By the time a child gets to middle school, the choices have reached a more narrow focus, especially at New River Middle School.

It's due, in part, to the fact that New River Middle, the largest marine science magnet middle school in Florida, attracts students from all over the county. Most of them are interested in entering the marine science field in the future or just want to know more about the subject.

Garrett Hole, an eighth grader, wants to be a marine biologist. "When my mom gave me the brochure, I instantly saw all the marine activities and marine information. I knew I wanted to go to New River," he says.

Katherine O'Fallon, the magnet coordinator for New River Middle has been with the school since 2006. She oversees the curriculum, organizes outreach programs, and markets the marine science program to potential students. If students don't live in the school's geographic boundaries, they have to apply for admission, contingent upon meeting the standardized requirements: a level three or higher

on the reading and math FCAT and at least a 2.0 GPA. Students come from as far as Pompano Beach, Miramar, and Weston. "We are bursting at the seams with the number of students," O'Fallon says.

Set on the New River, New River Middle is geographically poised to immerse students in the marine science field. Students take an average of four to five marine related field trips a year, including tours in the Everglades, kayaking excursions, and snorkeling with Sea Experience in Fort Lauderdale. Hands on field trips like the shark tagging expedition from Port Everglades north to Commercial Boulevard with Nova Southeastern



A student assists during a shark tagging field trip



STUDENTS COLLECT DATA IN BIRCH STATE PARK



University professor Dr. Burkholder rope in partnerships that O'Fallon says are integral in getting her students more exposure to real life experience. Trips like these also help students formulate career choices – a priority for O'Fallon and also a target for the State.

In 2004 the State implemented the Learning in Florida's Environment (LIFE) program, which has affected over 21,000 students and incorporated 22 parks since its inception. In conjunction with LIFE, a partnership involving the Department of Environmental Protection, the Broward County Public School District, and Friends of Hugh Taylor Birch State Park facilitates three trips a year that parallel the sixth and seventh grade curriculum.

New River Middle students began visiting Birch State Park in concurrence with themes delineated by the Wheelabrator program, an annual project that prompts students to examine real world environmental problems. This year's theme is community involvement and sustainability and in 2014 it was "Save Our Oceans." Activities have included testing water quality, analyzing currents, and assisting in preventing beach erosion near the park. "I was able to see the struggles an environment faces and how people can solve these problems," student Gage Fatio says of his Birch State Park experience. The LIFE project is currently being expanded to John U. Lloyd State Park.

"I think sometimes [students] only go to certain places. They don't realize what's right here in their backyard. They also don't feel a connection to it, a sense of protecting it until they've been there," O'Fallon says. Other outreach programs give them an opportunity to



view the environment within some context.

New River Middle students along with their families are encouraged to participate in Marine Industry Association of South Florida's (MIASF) annual waterway clean up at whatever site is near to their home. O'Fallon says this helps them to take ownership of their environment – a thought which extends past the end of the school year. Marine Industries Day, which was started last year, takes place in June. A variety of marine industry vendor booths line Esplanade Park, including one manned by New River students. A little later on in the year, MIASF sponsors 50 students to be able to attend the annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show.

Additionally, programs like the ROV club – building remotely operated vehicles used to perform tasks underwater – have gained momentum. O'Fallon wrote a grant to fund the program, now in its second year. Currently an afterschool club, it will morph into a full-fledged elective next year. The ROV teacher sponsor briefs students on engineering, buoyancy, and electrical circuitry before students assemble individual ROVs and test them in an onsite tank. "It's very STEM, which is what everyone is pushing for. It's basically science, technology, engineering, and math. Once the students create the ROV, it has to be operated through an obstacle course. They have to be able to pick something up and move it to another spot," O'Fallon says.

A group recently won second place at an ROV tournament at South Broward High School in March. They'll compete again in the national competition in Massachusetts. "If they



STUDENTS COLLECT DATA IN AND AROUND BIRCH STATE PARK





STUDENTS EXAMINE WATER QUALITY IN BIRCH STATE PARK

start at this level in middle school,” O’Fallon says, “and they have the basic concepts down, can you imagine what they’re going to be able to build when they’re older?”

O’Fallon anticipates working more closely with the Museum of Discovery and Science – including operating student built ROVs in the sea otter tank at the museum. Currently, the museum goes out to New River Middle through MODS sponsored outreach programs.

Sabrina Ruiz, an eighth grade ROV student, says, “I believe that ROVs can most definitely benefit Fort Lauderdale’s environment because [they] spread the comprehension of skills that include leadership, teamwork, and cooperation. These skills are also used [in] the environment and community. The ROV also provides the opportunity for others to collect a variety of data and research that scientists can use to impact the future.” She added that field trips and programs such as ROV don’t make her view the environment differently. Instead they heighten her interest, which seems to be the case for other students as well.

Each year, O’Fallon encourages students to participate in extracurricular programs like the Plywood Regatta, a MIAFS event where teams of students are tasked with building and launching a seaworthy vessel. “Normally we do two sixth grade teams, two seventh grade teams, and two eighth grade teams,” O’Fallon says. “I actually have enough to make three teams in my eighth grade. They have to turn in the form and I tell them it’s a drawing. I actually had to put [the names] in a fish bowl because I was like, “I can’t choose! I don’t want to choose!”

She never pushes students to pursue a marine science profession, but part of her job is to alert them to opportunities they have to continue their studies after eighth grade, which includes attending South Broward High, the high school counterpart to New River Middle.

Eighth grader Vincent Torci has always wanted to become a marine biologist. He says that field trips like ones to Birch State Park helped him to connect to the environment. He adds, “I [have] always loved the environment and I need to protect it.”



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The lobby at 15th Street Fisheries

As the Venice of America, Fort Lauderdale boasts several restaurants with boat access, including 15th Street Fisheries. Located on the Intracoastal just north of the 17th Street Causeway Bridge, 15th Street Fisheries has been a popular stop for boaters since 1978.

In 1949, the Drum and Clark families purchased the Lauderdale Marina and in 1978, Ted and Carol Drum decided to build a boathouse. With strong ties to the marine and real estate industries, the family thought the location was perfect for the venue. Drawing on concepts they had seen during their travels, they constructed a replica of an old boathouse. Carlos Rives, the general manager for the past eight years, explains, “Boathouses [were] places where fishermen used to come in at night. [They would] dock



Tarpon congregate by the dock



The Fisheries Dockside

their boat, eat, and sleep there as well... and that's how [The Drums] wanted to build it."

While the establishment did not accommodate overnight guests, diners were free to dock their boats while they ate lunch or dinner. That invitation still stands today. After construction, Michael Hurst became the manager and operator of the restaurant. His management ended with his death in 2006 and the Drum family carried the torch, keeping the doors open and longtime diners happy.

The boathouse hosts two separate restaurants each with its own kitchen and menu. Downstairs, The Fisheries Dockside presents a casual environment. Waterside seating gives diners an up-close view of tarpon swimming around docked vessels. At any given time, about 35 tarpon, up to 180 pounds each, linger in the docking area alongside other marine life in hopes of snagging a snack. People are invited to purchase bait at the dock store and feed the

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fish from the floating dock. What attracts the tarpon to the restaurant? A combination of water temperature, current, and nearby bait wells could be the cause. Underwater lights illuminate the area at night giving the illusion of an enormous under water fish tank.

Upstairs, the second restaurant is called 15th Street Fisheries. (The boathouse as a whole is referred to as 15th Street Fisheries.) With open dining spaces and four rooms, which are equipped for private engagements, this restaurant is more upscale and the menu has a higher price point.

While the ambience of the restaurants may differ, their individual menus are both designed by chef Lenny Judice and the vast majority of the menu items are seafood themed. Rives attributes a large portion of the success of the restaurant to chef Judice, noting that he is “very talented, creative, and passionate about what he does.”

Rives also explained that all seafood is locally sourced and butchered at the restaurant to preserve freshness of the product. Naturally, the menu changes seasonally based on available ingredients.

The view from 15th Street Fisheries



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The Fisheries Dockside serves a dish that has been on the menu for 37 years – Joe’s Sizzler Skillet. Made with ingredients including fresh fish, shrimp, bay scallops, tomatoes, and artichoke hearts, the popular dish is served on a cast iron skillet in a rich and creamy white wine sherry sauce. Upstairs at 15th Street Fisheries, the signature dish is the pan roasted black grouper. Artfully crafted, the

meal features wild mushrooms and baby clam meat atop a bed of red and golden quinoa, surrounded by a lobster sherry cream sauce.

Rives describes the inside of the restaurant as a nautical museum, filled with authentic maritime artifacts collected over the years from boathouses, shrimping companies, and fisheries throughout Florida. The old-time ambience

carries through the building.

Besides quality food and a breathtaking location, 15th Street Fisheries prides itself on customer service. According to Rives, “It’s all about the hospitality. It’s about the feeling diners get when they sit at the table.” These ingredients have rendered 15th Street Fisheries an icon in the city of Fort Lauderdale for more than three decades. 

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Multiplicity Exhibit

May 2015
Broward Art Guild Gallery
www.browardartguild.org

Monthly Exhibit: Mother's Day Ivy Stranahan

May 2015
Historic Stranahan
House Museum
(954) 524-4736
www.stranahanhouse.org

Sunderland Wildlife Photography Exhibit

May and June 2015
Broward County Main Library
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May and June 2015
The exhibit features rare
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contemporary book art, prints
and objects from private
collectors, artists, academic
institutions and the South
Florida Audubon Society.
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Brain: The World Inside Your Head

Through May 3
Museum of Discovery
and Science
(954) 467-6637

American Lung Association of South Florida 20th Annual Wine and Food Festival

May 1
Las Olas Boulevard
(954) 524-4658

2015 Fun Lunch

May 1
The Leadership Broward
Foundation, Inc. is hosting a
fundraising event, open to the
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leaders for their dedication and
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Broward Foundation.
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Kentucky Derby Party

May 2
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a mint julep along the banks of
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New River Inn Museum
(954) 463-4431
www.fortlauderdalehistoricalsociety.org

Seafarers' House Golden Compass Gala

May 2
Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six
(954) 734-1580
www.seafarershouse.com

Fringe Festival

May 2
This live theater event aims
to fuse the art scene with the
local community by bringing
the true nature of creation to
the stage and street. Artists will
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War Memorial Auditorium
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www.fortlauderdale.gov/wma

March of Dimes' Annual March for Babies

May 2
Nova Southeastern
University in Davie
(954) 641-1346

Jason Bonham's Led Zeppelin Experience

May 3
Hard Rock Live
(866) 502-7529

Taylor Caniff Presents: OddRyhme Tour with Michael Wood and Zac Mann

May 3
Revolution Live
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May 3 and 15
All Saints Episcopal Church
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www.browardcenter.org



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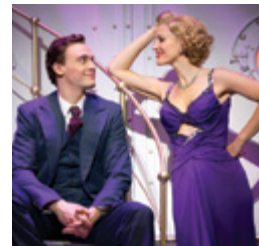
May 4
Revolution Live
(954) 449-1025
www.jointherevolution.com

Blue Door String Quartet Chamber Series 2

May 5
Josephine S. Leiser
Opera Center
(954) 522-8445
www.southfloridasymphony.org

Pinion Passion Hour

May 5
Café Vico
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Anything Goes

May 5 - 17
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Falling in Reverse with Ghost Town

May 6
Revolution Live
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www.goriverwalk.com



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Matt Kearney with Judah & the Lion

May 8
Revolution Live
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May 8 and 9
Hard Rock Live
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Broward Education Foundation's Gala

May 9
Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six
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www.browardfoundation.com



CDTC Sunflower Circle of Friends Mother's Day Champagne Brunch

May 9
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www.childrensdiagnostic.org

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Spring Ballet Gala

May 10
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Mother's Day Brunch

May 10
Harbor Beach Marriott's Ocean Ballroom
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May 12
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Gold Coast Jazz Society: Mike Longo, Jazz Pianist & the Gold Coast Jazz Society Band

May 13
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Watch Out Ivy!: When Ivy Stranahan Went Undercover For the Government

May 14
Ivy Stranahan, known to some as the First Lady of Fort Lauderdale, was a community activist and organizer in civic affairs including women's suffrage, the

Audubon Society, conservation and bird protection, and the establishment of the Everglades National Park. This program is presented by author and historian Mae Silver.
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Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Mid-Year Luncheon

May 15
Presented by Bahia Mar Marina and Ryan Tannehill, this event is a high-end yacht hop and waterway cruise intended to raise much needed funds for the Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center.
Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six
(954) 627-0135
www.gflalliance.org

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May 15
Pier Top Lounge
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(954) 414-6000
www.childnet.us

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May 15
Museum of Discovery and Science
(954) 467-6637

Kings of Chaos

May 15
Hard Rock Live
www.hardrocklivehollywoodfl.com

Chopin for All Concert

May 16
Broward County Main Library
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www.chopin.org

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www.hpbcf.org/regatta
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May 16
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May 17
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May 20
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Fort Lauderdale Speaker Series presents Captain James Lovell

May 20
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Holy Cross Dorothy Mangurian Comprehensive Women's Center
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May 21
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May 22 - Sep. 8
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Museum of Discovery and Science
www.sesamestreetpresents.org

Gold Coast Derby Girls vs. Molly Roger's Roller Girls

May 23
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The Adventures of Himmarshee Hal: **Burger Burglary**

WRITER DEBORAH SHARP • ILLUSTRATION DENISE BAKER

Cayla frowned at Himmarshee Hal, the world's most unobservant private eye. "I'm positive I mentioned I'm a vegetarian."

The scent of sizzling meat wafted over downtown. For their first date, Hal had hoped to surprise and delight Cayla with two tickets to the sold-out Riverwalk Burger Battle.

Awkward.

He did recall a getting-to-know-you chat. He'd told Cayla his family - his dad, mostly - predicted failure when Hal took the remnants of his trust fund to strike out alone at thirty-four. Cayla was thirty, and also from the Midwest. But instead of paying attention to the rest, he'd become distracted. What color were Cayla's eyes, exactly? Gray? Green? He'd stared, mesmerized by how her lips curved when she smiled.

Cayla was not smiling now.

He tried a positive spin: "The tickets include three cocktails and a French fry bar."

Had Cayla also mentioned being a problem drinker on a carb-free diet? He hoped not.

On Huizenga Plaza, burger fans queued. A band rocked. Cayla's toe tapped to "Uptown Funk."

Oh, no! Suppose she wanted to dance? Hal had the rhythm of a rhinoceros.

He pleaded anyway. "Come in with me. I promise to be a better listener."

She wavered. "I do love French fries."

Forty bucks a ticket so Cayla could nibble some fries. But it was worth it. Hal had set his heart on Cayla since spotting her on the Riverwalk

on New Year's Eve. He had just abandoned icy Michigan for Florida, and a fledgling PI career. The career had yet to fly.

Now, they locked their bicycles outside the benefit event. That Hal was even on a bike proved his feelings. Cayla rode expertly, seemingly unbowed by the heat. Hal wobbled, sweating. And it was just May. Would he actually combust under the August sun?

Once inside, Hal gorged on gourmet burgers. He voted for his favorite, dropping a wooden chip in a box. Cayla - and the cocktails - even persuaded him to bob to the band. Beside a fountain, they shared their first kiss. Cayla's lips tasted salty, from the French fries.

Just then, a man in a weather-inappropriate trench coat barreled toward them. He ran into Cayla, almost knocking her down. Hal grabbed the guy's sleeve: "Careful! You could have hurt her."

Arms wrapped in front, the man appeared to be cradling something under the coat. Shifting his load to throw a punch at Hal, he lost his balance. Hal toppled over with him, still holding tight to the coat.

A box tumbled out. Wooden chips spilled. The man had attempted to sabotage the contest by burgling the votes for fan favorite, Hella

Hamburger. Breathless from the chase, Hella's chef helped Hal off the ground. He pumped Hal's hand. "You saved Burger Battle, bro!"

For their second date, Cayla asked if she could cook for him. He pictured a repast of twigs and leaves, but said yes anyway. Hal had fallen hard for this girl with the gray-green eyes.

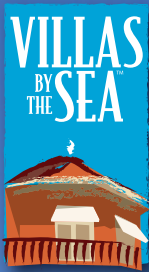
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Deborah Sharp is a Fort Lauderdale native, a former journalist, and the author of the Mace Bauer Mysteries. She lives along the New River with her husband, Kerry Sanders.



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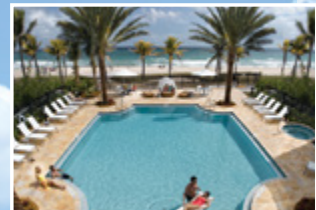
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