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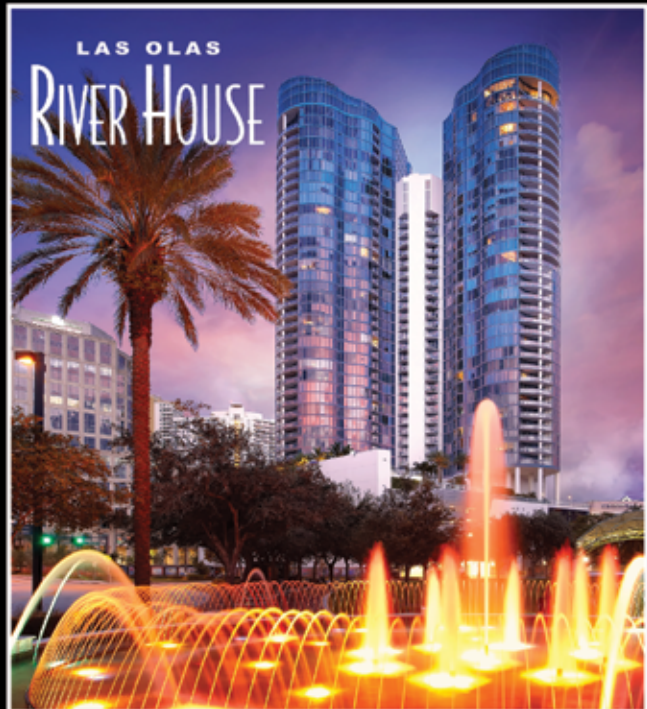
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2 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATHS WITH SPECTACULAR RIVER & POOL VIEWS FROM THIS HIGH FLOOR! FABULOUS FINISHES INCLUDING CREMA MARFIL MARBLE FLOORING THOROUGHOUT. CUSTOM BUILT-IN CLOSETS AND DESIGNER LIGHTING.

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HIGH FLOOR WITH SPECTACULAR VIEWS. THIS STUNNING 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH FEATURES A SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN WITH MARBLE FLOORS THROUGHOUT, GOURMET KITCHEN, GRANITE COUNTERTOPS AND 5-STAR BUILDING AMENITIES.

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2BR/2BATH SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN WITH DIRECT RIVER VIEWS. MANY UPGRADES THROUGHOUT INCLUDE: TILE IN LIVING AREA & WOOD FLOORS IN BEDROOMS, SS APPLIANCES, GRANITE COUNTERTOPS, WALK IN CLOSETS WITH BUILT-INS. SPACIOUS GLASS BALCONY.

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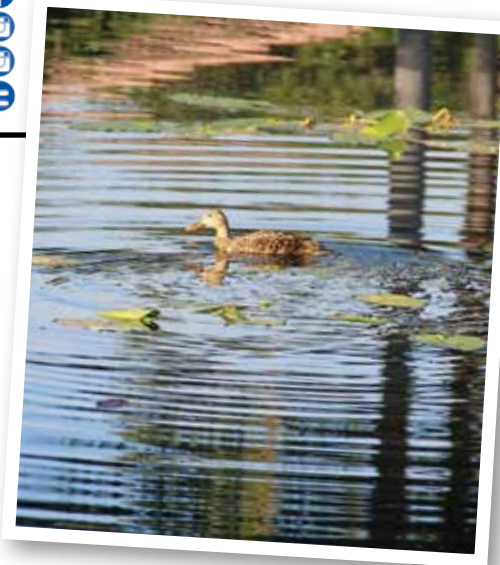
GO RIVERWALK READERS' CORNER

What are the best ways to commute through the city? Our readers weigh in. Comments edited for brevity.

Leela FitzGerald: Water Taxi! My cousin was visiting from out of state. She accidentally left her purse at one of the stops. We told the Water Taxi's captain and he radioed the others. They got the purse and left it with the guys at the fire dept. We were all so impressed and grateful.

Holli Holsaple Bush: Biking is the best. As you bike, you notice different things, different stops. Wait. Did I mention that it [is] great for the heart and great eye candy? You can ride the same path every day and it will not be the same.

Josh Hecht: I think enjoying a nice weekend on the Water Taxi hopping around from bars to shops to restaurants is one of the best [ways]. Getting on a bike and enjoying all the amazing sites, homes, and beaches is another prime idea.



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And SEPTEMBER'S title goes to... **@MICHYELLOW**
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Seasonal Kickoffs

The date of the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show has been moved for the first time and we expect a larger crowd than before. Fort Lauderdale is known as the “Venice of America” and the marine and tourism industries are the backbones of our economy in Fort Lauderdale and Broward County. These industries provide an enormous number of jobs and services that fuel our economy and together contribute to Fort Lauderdale being a sought after destination.

According to Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF), the marine industry accounts locally for more than 110,000 middle class jobs and drives an economic output of over \$8.8 billion annually. Regionally, it accounts for more than 136,000 jobs and generates more than \$11 billion in revenue. We hope that you will support our local industries and businesses to assure the continued growth in our community.

Get Lit is the kickoff celebration for the Annual Light Up Lauderdale event hosted by Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and the City of Fort Lauderdale. Facilitated through our generous partnership with the Seminole Winterfest Hard Rock Boat Parade, we will have the pleasure of having the Bobby Rodriguez 20-piece orchestra perform. With beautiful music, unique and fun rides, games and art projects for children, and gift opportunities, this event continues to



The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show



BY BARBRA STERN

Riverwalk
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attract significant community participation. We invite all attendees to bring an unwrapped gift to donate. Fort Lauderdale Parks Department hosts a giveaway for those who may not be receiving a holiday gift. On Nov. 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. come and experience the kickoff of the 10 weeks of holiday lighting.

The Riverwalk Master Plan and Projects Committee will be kicking off during November to identify and address proposed sustainable additions to Riverwalk and review additional programming opportunities to continue to activate the linear park and the Riverwalk District. We encourage you to participate or share your ideas with us.

The Board and Advisory Board are constantly looking for new suggestions, so please feel free to call the Riverwalk office and share.

BOAT SHOW PHOTO BY FOREST JOHNSON

2016 RIVERWALK TRIBUTE HONOREE Doug Eagon - The Early Years



“I had gone to college in Illinois for two years. I had no clue what I wanted to do. Nixon was in office so I knew that the world was ending soon anyway.” Born and raised outside of Chicago, Doug Eagon first experienced Fort Lauderdale during college spring break. He decided that if he was going to leave the midwest, he would move to Fort Lauderdale. So at 19 with teenage optimism he drove south. “I didn’t know anybody within 1,000 miles when I got here,” he says.

Long hair and all, Eagon stopped at the first motel off Federal Hwy. near SE 17th St., but they turned him away. “They told me they didn’t want my kind there. So I went down to the next little mom and pop motel on Federal Hwy., which happened to be right across

the street from Ernie’s Bar-B-Q.” This time he got a place to stay and a job offer at the nearby restaurant. Ernie’s wife asked him if he wanted to be a dishwasher. He declined at first, but came back when he was down to his last \$65.

“I washed dishes for a while and became one of the BBQ chefs,” he says. “I would cook probably 200 pounds of meat three days a week and make 300 loaves of Bimini bread every other day. Then probably 40 gallons of conch chowder and conch fritters.”

After two years, he says his middle class genes kicked in and he decided to return to college, this time at Florida Atlantic University to study economics with a concentration in urban planning. He began to narrow his direction. Real estate development was the goal but he wanted to have a foundation in urban planning first.

This article is part of a series to be continued in future issues. The Riverwalk Tribute event will take place Thursday, Mar. 31, 2016. Call (954) 468-1541 for more information.



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Top left: Judge Shippey House in its original location; bottom: the house on the move; top right: its current location

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Renovations and Upgrades

As we commence the holiday season with Thanksgiving and Christmas looming ahead, we find our social calendars chock full of options. Be sure to review the opportunities and select a few of the very unique things that are available. *Go Riverwalk Magazine* continues to provide the most comprehensive listing of events and activities for the community. You may always send a message to calendar@goriverwalk.com to communicate any upcoming event.

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc. is now the proud owner of the Judge Shippey House located at 220 SW Third St. in the Himmarshee Village District. Renovations are underway to rehabilitate this old 1926 house and to put it to great use, serving as the hub for Riverwalk Recreation. We have been working with this group for several years and they offer a large variety of tours and services.

The facility will also serve as an information



BY GENIA
DUNCAN ELLIS
President/CEO,
Riverwalk
Fort Lauderdale



station for Riverwalk. As we progress with the renovations, you will see this unique dwelling come to life again. Contributions are welcomed to add amenities that will make it special. These donations are tax deductible and payment should be made to Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc. earmarked specifically for the renovations.

If you have recently taken an evening stroll along Riverwalk on the north side, you will have noticed the addition of LED lighting in the existing poles. This change has made a significant difference in the light spectrum and creates a strong feeling of safety. While there is a companion project, which will replace a number of the rusting poles with spun concrete, we expect this project to be completed over the next month. Infrastructural changes of this sort are costly but through partnerships, membership, and donations, we are able to participate in helping to see these occur.

We encourage you to take a walk, during the day or evening, enjoy the many amenities that are available - measure your distance through mile markers, sit in one of the adirondack chairs and read a book or watch the passing river traffic, play a game of chess, do a little exercising at one of our 10 unit stations, grab a bite to eat at the Gourmet Delights kiosks or just enjoy the beauty and diversity of our downtown. The Historical District has stories to tell and history to share. Riverwalk Recreation offers a variety of activities from kayaking to dog training, photography classes to bicycle/tricycle/segway tours and much more.

We want to be your favorite downtown destination! [GO](#)

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TRUSTEE MEMBER

Drew Miller

IMAGINE BALANCE

• I am a native third generation Floridian. I was raised in Greater Fort Lauderdale and attended Plantation High School. My

coaching journey started with Landmark Education here in town, which inspired me to follow my own path of personal growth. This path eventually led me to coaching. I attended the University of Miami for the Professional Coaching Program.

I have found my passion in life is to be of service to others. I love hearing people's stories of personal growth and individual challenges. It's my ability to listen and observe that makes me a great coach. I have donated my time to many local causes and I have been on many committees helping our community. I am a current member of the Leadership Fort Lauderdale Class 22 through the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce.

I am an executive/life/spiritual coach. I attend the Center for Spiritual Living. I am a student of A Course in Miracles and a follower of many inspirational leaders for my own personal guidance and growth.

I have lived in Broward County for more than half my life. I believe in this community, and I believe in Riverwalk as a space for community. I am proud to support an area for togetherness and a gathering space for all – from the days of my childhood, being raised on West Las Olas, to my adulthood, running in a 5K on the same road. I am proud to be a supporter of Riverwalk.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

Julie Jones-Bernard

FLORIDA LUXURIOUS PROPERTIES

• The fabulous South Florida lifestyle, American

entrepreneurial spirit, and limitless business opportunities enticed me to move from cold grey England to sunny South Florida. Licensed since 2000 and broker/owner of Florida Luxurious Properties, I lead a team of energetic agents specializing in the \$1M plus luxury market. My national and global alliances within the industry and my effective marketing strategies give me an edge as the leading luxury real estate specialist in Fort Lauderdale. I manage a portfolio of Fort Lauderdale's finest luxury offerings exceeding \$139M. Year-to-date, I brokered three out of the top eight single-family residential sales in Broward County.

My multi-lingual team of associates (French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Malay, Mandarin Chinese, Portuguese, and Spanish) and I derive great satisfaction from working with international buyers. We delight in helping U.S. and global clients achieve their real estate goals and smoothly integrate into the fabulous South Florida lifestyle.

I share the Riverwalk vision and as a proactive resident of Fort Lauderdale, I am excited to be an active participant in building and nurturing Riverwalk as a vibrant community.

National Philanthropy Day



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RIVERWALK FORT LAUDERDALE
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

November is the month when Chapters of the Association for Fundraising Professionals (AFP) across the country recognize individuals and organizations for their efforts to improve their communities. This day of recognition began in the early 1980s and in 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation instituting the official day in the U.S.

The Broward County Chapter of AFP holds its 28th annual awards ceremony on



TRUSTEE MEMBER

Lloyd Rhodes

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✦ I have been a resident of Fort Lauderdale since 1983. In 1986, I married Karin and gained a stepdaughter, Ramsey.

Today, we have two beautiful grandchildren.

In 1988 I founded The Rhodes Insurance Group and began my mission to increase the accessibility of cost-effective and robust benefits for local companies using personalized service and reliability. The firm specializes in employee group insurance, performing the functions of an in-house group insurance risk manager. The firm's focus is on providing these services to employers in the South Florida public sector. Prior to 1988, I worked in various capacities with Humana and State Mutual. I have over 35 years of experience in the field of group insurance.

I earned my Bachelor of Arts in marketing with a minor in finance from the University of South Florida in 2004.

My commitment to South Florida extends beyond my professional pursuits. I have served in various leadership roles in many community groups such as Kids In Distress, the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Rotary Club, Broward College Foundation, The Tower Forum, and I am a lifetime member and graduate of Leadership Broward (Class XVIII).

I joined Riverwalk in 2012, because I love working and living in Fort Lauderdale and believe that Riverwalk is one of the most attractive areas of the city.

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Nov. 18 at the Signature Grand. This year's honorees include Helene and Stephen Weicholz as the Philanthropists of the Year; Florida Blue as Outstanding Large Corporation; Chase Polyak as Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy; and Bob Birdsong as Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year. These individuals and corporations have made a difference in the lives of countless people in our community. They have

done so not to receive this recognition, but to simply make our community a better place for everyone.

At its core, philanthropy is a grassroots movement. It begins with an individual who wants to make a difference in the world and spurs the action of others who create a groundswell of support for a specific cause that ultimately creates change in the world. We have written here before

that the biggest philanthropists in the world are people like you. Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale is just one example of what many hands can do to improve their community.

We look forward to seeing you at the National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon on Nov. 18. Tickets are still available at www.AFPBroward.org. To make a difference in Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, please call (954) 468-1541. 



Karen Dixon and Andrea Rosello of Pet Paradise, sponsor for Riverwalk's 10th Annual Mutts and Martinis



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Ben Woodrow and Sarah Stiles with Eevee



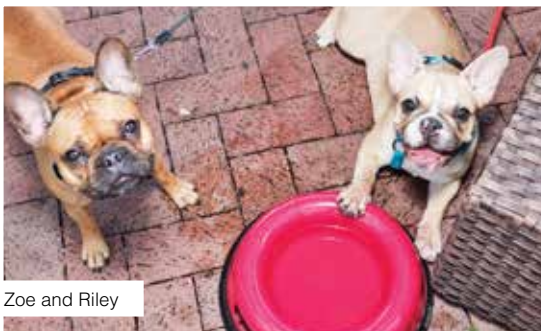
Roo, winner of "Best Overall Dog" in the doggie fashion show



Tatjana Cattano of the Downtowner



Blue, winner of the peanut butter eating contest in the small dog division, and "Most Congenial" title holder with parent Steve Samuels



Zoe and Riley



Lily, winner of the peanut butter eating contest in the medium and up division

Riverwalk's 10th Annual Mutts and Martinis

STAFF: CRISTINA HUDSON

PHOTOS BY JASON LEIDY

On Oct. 10, at The Downtowner, hundreds of pups and their parents had a howling good time at Riverwalk's 10th Annual Mutts & Martinis™, presented by Larry & Cathy Danielle. The afternoon along the Riverwalk was filled with pet activities, including a pet-themed silent auction, complimentary nail trims, peanut butter eating contests, a doggie fashion show, and even a special V.I.Pee area. Many dogs brought by local rescue groups were lucky enough to get to go to a new forever home with a loving family. Proceeds from the event benefited Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and the Humane Society of Broward County. 

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Riverwalk Fall Festival

STAFF: CRISTINA HUDSON
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On Saturday, Sept. 19 the weather was beautiful for the thousands that came out to Esplanade Park to enjoy the inaugural Riverwalk Fall Festival. Children and adults played carnival-themed games, painted pumpkins, snacked on sweets and treats, rode the trackless train, and shopped around at an array of vendor booths. The pie eating contest, sponsored by The Good Pie Company, had everyone snapping pictures and the Schools of Rock from Coral Springs and West Broward kept the crowd entertained all afternoon with live music. [GO](#)

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The kettle corn crew: Joanne Lazo, and Stefani, Lorraine, and Eric Fainer



Mark Palmieri at the
pie eating contest



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O'Brien with Casey's Cupcakes



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neighborhood. Cinema Paradiso was one of the first pioneers back in 1998 when it took over the Vinette Carol Theatre. Publix soon followed with its sleek urban design and filled a grocery void for the surrounding neighborhoods of Tarpon River and Rio Vista. Now Brooklyn Water Bagel is a welcomed addition, with a beautiful new building and fresh bagels for hungry courthouse visitors and employees.

Transportation investments are also

The Moment is Here

NEW DEVELOPMENT IS TRANSFORMING THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE RIVER

Remember when the County Courthouse was the only major draw south of the river? That reality is becoming a distant memory now that investment is transforming the neighborhood into the vibrant destination it was always meant to be.

For decades, the area surrounding SE Sixth Street has revolved around the nucleus of the County Courthouse. DDA board members have lobbied hard for its redevelopment. Four key generators are driving this change, giving people more reasons to cross the river than just legal matters.

The new residential buildings are perhaps the most transformative addition to the area since the original courthouse was first located here. Those living in The New River Yacht Club Apartment Residences, New River Village, Marina Lofts, Pinnacle at Tarpon River, Lofts on 8th, and The Queue will boost the neighborhood significantly and complement the residences already established. These new residents will bring spending power and will need services that are already starting to rise to the demand.

Retail and entertainment were some of the first activities to diversify this downtown




BY CHRIS WREN
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Downtown
Development
Authority



being made to improve mobility for those walking, cycling or riding transit. Broward B-Cycle chose the location at SE Sixth Street and SE Third Avenue to be one of its first stations and in the coming years SE Sixth Street will get a dramatic makeover when the Wave Streetcar will be the only vehicle on the street. The City is currently designing the corridor to be automobile-free, which will make the already pedestrian-heavy street safer, more inviting, and will complement the courthouse and 110 Tower.

The 110 Tower has been a neighborhood stalwart since the 1980s and continues to reinvigorate the area with its new renovation and tenants. This was the first of several buildings on SE Sixth that received a complete makeover, which has breathed new life into its surroundings. The County Courthouse followed suit with its own \$220 million total overhaul and now the Justice Building next door is pursuing a new 72,000-square-foot office building to replace the 32,497-square-foot existing structure. The mixed-use building will bring new eateries to its ground floor spaces and will enliven the corner with more pedestrian activity.

South of the river is clearly no longer just the courthouse hub that it used to be. After decades of waiting, long-planned projects are finally coming to fruition. It seems that now, at last, south side's moment is here. 

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percent increase in the energy savings requirements for new construction projects. These requirements are in line with the latest edition of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), which is the model that the FBC energy volume follows. The fifth edition also requires a second elevator as a means of egress in multistory buildings above a certain threshold. This requirement was significant for buildings that have already received approval through the Development Review Committee (DRC), resulting in necessary design alterations to accommodate the second elevator. As a result, developers rushed in to apply for building permits before the code changed on June 30, shattering all previously known records for permit volume in one day.

On any typical day, approximately 203 neighbors visit the Greg Brewton Sustainable Development Center for services. On June 29, 325 neighbors visited the center with the intent of processing building permits before the new fifth edition of the FBC was implemented. On average, approximately 113 building permit applications are accepted each day. On June 29, 374 building permits were accepted.

During fiscal year 2015 (October 2014 to September 2015) the monthly average of the value of construction associated with building permits applied for was \$87.3 million. On June 29, the 374 building permits applied for totaled \$152.3 million,

almost double the monthly average. The average construction value per permit is approximately \$37,000; on June 29, the amount increased more than 1000 percent to \$408,000 per permit, bringing the total construction value of the 26,000 permits submitted over the past twelve months to \$1.6 billion!

It's important to note that this increase in permit activity has not come at a cost to first-in-class customer service. The average wait time for service at the Brewton Center is less than 30 minutes, and the actual time it takes to resolve a neighbor's issue (such as accepting or issuing a building permit), has remained steady at just about 12 minutes. If you have any questions or comments about development in the city or a specific building permit, we're here to help. 

A City on The Rise

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY CONTINUES

Building permit volume is a strong indicator for improved property values and a sustained tax base for the City. As you've likely noticed from the number of cranes in the air, construction is still booming in Fort Lauderdale.

Over the summer, the fifth edition of the Florida Building Code (FBC) was implemented. Major changes focused on significant revisions to the energy requirements and calculations in the energy conservation section of the code. In summary, the updated FBC requires a 19



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OCT - DEC. 15 - FANTASY BOAT STUDENT ART CONTEST

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NOV. 22 - FAMILY FUN DAY presented by Florida Panthers in association with Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and Open Streets Fort Lauderdale FREE family activities, Florida Panthers Street Hockey rink and gaming van, live entertainment, Miami Marlins, Teddy Bear Clinic, Santa on his South Florida Ford Sleigh and much more.

DEC. 5 - SEMINOLE HARD ROCK WINTERFEST® BLACK TIE BALL presented by Moët & Chandon in association with Republic National Distributing, Co. featuring Russian Standard Vodka and Brugal Rum Patriot National, Inc. Welcome Reception, Allianz Championship Live Auction, Fidelity Investments Silent Auction, Entertainment sponsor Greenspoon Marder Law with a special performance from the Broadway Musical "Kinky Boots."

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

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

This a private reception to honor our Grand Marshal.

DEC. 12 - GRANDSTAND VIEWING AREA powered by Ford Chris Evert Broward Health Children's Hospital-Health-Safety & Family Fun Zone; Stella Artois Culinary Courtyard; Live Entertainment, activities by the Florida Marlins, Miami Dolphins, Fort Lauderdale Strikers, and U.S. Army. PURCHASE tickets at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino front desk, Select Pet Supermarket locations or online. ALL SEATS RESERVED AND ASSIGNED at Birch State Park.

DEC. 12 - VIP VIEWING presented by the Huizenga Family Hosted by the Riverside Hotel and Stranahan House.

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FORT LAUDERDALE'S OPEN STREETS EVENT RETURNS

Open Streets (noun): the practice of temporarily closing streets to automobile traffic so people may use them for walking, bicycling, dancing, playing, and socializing.

Fort Lauderdale is proud to be one of more than 100 cities across the U.S. that hosts an Open Streets event. Fort Lauderdale joined the ranks of Open Streets communities with the inaugural event last year on Nov. 23. If you attended last year's event, congratulations! You were one of more than 3,000 people who had the opportunity to discover, engage, play, and celebrate in the middle of an approximately two mile stretch of East Las Olas Blvd. – without cars!

With the help of multiple partners and a core planning team, Fort Lauderdale's 2015 event, set for Sunday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., is going to be bigger and better and will take place once again on East Las Olas Blvd.

We encourage everyone to get outside and get moving. The event will continue to feature safety activities such as a kids' bike rodeo, but this year there will be a strong emphasis on group activities such as yoga, zumba, spinning, bike rides, and Y-Fit classes. Look for exciting activities from the Winterfest Family Fun Day including street hockey with the Florida Panthers.

To further add to the excitement, Open Streets Fort Lauderdale coincides with other great events taking place the same day, such as the Las Olas Sunday Market and a City of Fort Lauderdale Tree Giveaway as well. And stroll through the incredible local businesses along Las Olas Blvd. to grab a bite to eat or make a purchase. Pick one new business that you have never been to and explore. Several of

the restaurants will again be providing brunch al fresco, so take a break from the activity and enjoy the sites.

So grab a pen, circle Nov. 22 on your calendar, tune up your bikes, grease the wheels on your skates, and round up your friends and family to join us for Open Streets Fort Lauderdale. I look forward to sharing this exciting adventure with you. Make sure to "like" our Facebook Open Streets event page at www.facebook.com/cityoffortlauderdale or visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/openstreets to stay up to date on details, fun facts, and more.



BY DIANA ALARCON

Director,
Transportation and
Mobility Department,
City of Fort
Lauderdale



Why attend Open Streets Fort Lauderdale?


1. Get outside on a Sunday! Open Streets will allow you to enjoy the city in a new and exciting way.

2. Discover new people and places. Enjoy being outside together, meeting friends and neighbors, patronizing new businesses, and building a stronger sense of community.

3. Promote safe physical activity for all. Interactive safety activities will engage participants on how to be safer walking and biking.

4. Build momentum for Complete Streets initiatives. Positive response to this event provides an opportunity to discuss the need to improve our streets to provide improved pedestrian and bicycle access for users of all ages and abilities.

5. Support our local businesses. Visit local businesses that will spill into the street, offer special promotions, and feature their products.

6. It's going to be fun! When was the last time you actually danced in the street? This event will host a variety of activities to engage people through music, dance, food, crafts, and more. 

Open Streets

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Man on a Mission

MAYOR JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER DISCUSSES THE CITY'S PROGRESS

Fort Lauderdale has been ranked among the nation's very best cities in a variety of areas: best family vacation destination, best place to retire, best green government, best location to start a business, and my personal favorite, best downtown. Making this community superior in every way isn't just a passion for Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler; it's his mission.

Tracing back to the spring of 2013 when the Visioning Committee and City Commission unanimously accepted "Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale: Our City, Our Vision 2035," Mayor Seiler has been leading the charge to advance boldly into a future where we're more connected, more prosperous, and more united. His enthusiasm for this task is infectious, and his ability to guide this collaborative effort is undeniable.

Mayor Seiler has been a Florida resident nearly all of his life. Having received his BBA from Notre Dame and his JD from the University of Miami, he quickly moved from professional success to public service. Whether a City Commissioner or a State Representative, he has pursued commitment, perseverance, compassion, and integrity. He was sworn in for his first term in 2009 and was reelected to a second term in 2012. The Downtown Council has previously recognized his accomplishments




BY JOHN JONES
Chair, Downtown
Council, Chamber
of Commerce



Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

by naming him "Downtownner of the Year" (2011) and is now pleased to have Mayor Seiler as our featured guest speaker this month.

On Thursday, Nov. 19, Mayor Seiler will update breakfast attendees on the City's progress towards its strategic and visionary goals. Now more than two years into an aggressive plan, he'll focus specifically on how that plan will impact our downtown businesses and residents.

The breakfast is to be held at the newly renovated Tower Club. You can register for the event at www.events.ftlchamber.com. 

Downtown Council Breakfast

November 19, 7:30 a.m.

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Diamonds, Rubies, and Pearls

THE FORT LAUDERDALE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL CELEBRATES ITS 30TH

Jewels are all the rage these days. Broward County celebrated diamonds on its 100th birthday last month. Adding some color to the jewelry box is the County's Public Art & Design Program celebrating its 40th ruby year in 2016; and this month, the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival (FLIFF) celebrates its 30th pearl anniversary.

"Filmed in Broward," a unique film festival held in July, as part of Broward 100, showcased many of the memorable films shot in Broward County over the century. Eager filmgoers were interested to note that we have attracted some heavyweight filmmakers over the course of Broward's history. Held at the historic arthouse Cinema Paradiso, on SE Sixth St. in Fort Lauderdale, the festival was well-attended most nights.

It's not surprising that these filmmakers were interested in borrowing our palm-lined beaches, expansive Everglades, and busy, sunlit and moonlit streets as backdrops for their stories. The warm breeze, the ocean, and twinkling sky make for good, filmmaking drama, in films such as *Cape Fear* directed by Martin Scorsese, starring Robert De Niro, Nick Nolte, and Jessica Lange; and *The Birdcage* by Mike Nichols, starring Robin Williams and Nathan Lane. Both films included scenes from Greater Fort Lauderdale.

As independent films go, we know they are called 'independent' because they are produced partially or entirely outside of major film studios, allowing for creative expression without mainstream limitations, and thus making room for personal artistic vision. Sometimes, they may carry a lower budget as a result. Often times, this is the price for the freedom to create independently, making this an important sector of the filmmaking industry.

FLIFF is 30 years "Pearl" strong, and growing right alongside the County, and indeed right along with Broward's arts and cultural sector. In 30 years, the growth and development of FLIFF has enticed filmmakers from Bangladesh, Albania, Belize, Bhutan, Cambodia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Iceland, India, Iran, Malawi, Mongolia, New Zealand, Spain,



Still from *The Wannabe* and *Youth*



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Switzerland, and Tanzania, who converge annually in the heart of Fort Lauderdale to 'talk shop,' exhibit their productions, and exchange global ideas. They bring the world to us and Broward County to the world!

This year look out for Japanese war cartoon *Boruto*, *Naruto* the Movie, and a Caribbean story in *My Father's Land*.

Sunday, Nov. 15 will celebrate Israel all day at Sunrise Civic Center, with three comedies and a party. Around the World in 80 Nights, a portion of the festival, will celebrate 18 different countries with food, fashion, music, and film. Join Michael Moor, producer Robert Trujillo (bass player for Metallica), Christopher Lloyd, Loretta Switt, Ed Harris, and Victor Nunez, all attending to introduce their films.

The Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival is being held Nov. 6- 22 at Cinema Paradiso Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood, as well as other event venues, and will showcase features, documentaries, and shorts from around the globe. Visit www.fliff.com for scheduling details and festival receptions and other film festival shindigs.

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Scripps Florida, Max Planck Florida Institute, Torrey Pines Institute, and Vaccine and Gene Therapy Institute shore up our northern boundary. Nova Southeastern University (NSU) has made strategic expansion efforts in this area and last year broke ground on the Center for Collaborative Research (CCR). As part of its Vision 2020, the CCR hosts advanced computational capabilities. Now NSU joins an elite cluster of universities with this type of massive research computing power.

"Over 200 research projects are currently underway at NSU, including studies on cardiovascular disease, chronic fatigue syndrome, anti-cancer therapies, autism, coral reef restoration, stem cells, and wildlife DNA


forensics and many others," said Ralph V. Rogers, Ph.D., provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.

The University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine is investing in its biomedical research and commercialization programs. UM's cutting-edge stem cell procedures have made giant strides in modern medicine. With more than 2,000 ongoing projects, UM's Miller School of medicine works throughout the country to bring its research from bench to bedside.

In order to work more closely together, our academic institutions, research parks, and economic development organizations have formed Life Sciences South Florida (www.lifesciencessf.org). It works like other successful areas to help stimulate economic growth like the Research Triangle Park in North Carolina.

The Florida Institute for the Commercialization of Public Research is a key asset for the private sector. This allows the private industry to take technology developed at Florida's publicly-funded research institutions and bring to market.

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COMMUTER CHRONICLES

WRITERS CLARISSA BUCH, JAMION KRIES, AND ALEXANDRA ROLAND • **PHOTOGRAPHY** JASON LEIDY

IT'S BACK TO BASICS FOR SOME FORT LAUDERDALE COMMUTERS. WHETHER IT'S BY BIKE, ON FOOT OR VIA TRI-RAIL, DOWNTOWN EMPLOYEES ARE FINDING OTHER WAYS TO GET TO WORK (AND LOVING IT).

Annalise Mannix

METHOD OF COMMUTE:
BIKING AND WALKING
By Alexandra Roland

Where do you live?

I live at Camden near Las Olas.

Where do you work?

At City Hall. I'm in the engineering department.

What is your method of transportation to work?

I walk. I ride my bike. Sometimes, if I'm unlucky, it's five minutes to ride my bike. More often than not, it's three or four minutes. And I drive my vehicle when I need it for work or when it's pouring rain.

What is your method of transport around the city in general? Like on the weekends?

I stay in the neighborhood so I would say I mostly ride my bike and do all my shopping down on Las Olas or at Fresh Market.

How often do you drive versus bike or walk to work?

Three days a week I ride my bike, one day, walk, and then one day drive my car, more or less.

How long have you been commuting this way?

I moved here a year ago.

How does this compare to your previous form of commuting?

I worked in Key West, so I rode my bike a lot. It took me 17 minutes to get to work each way. So I moved a little closer to work.

Was that on purpose?

I lived in New York and I would take the train and then the subway and then walk. You waste \$200 a month – well back then, 20 years ago – on the train and then another dollar a day for the subway. And the time too. So now you take that \$200 a month and invest it in a nicer apartment or a gym or your vacation.

What are the pros and cons of your method of commuting?

The con would be – it's a beautiful day when you go and then pouring rain when you leave. Luckily around here, it doesn't rain all day. So if it's raining at five o'clock, chances are by six



o'clock, it's not going to be raining. I've only really, once or twice ridden my bike in the rain.

The con to walking is that when you have your computer and all your paperwork, it's heavy. If you have a heavy load, a bike is easier. You know what [biking] does to you? When you get out of work, you have a sense of freedom that you

don't have when you get in a car. It's almost like being 12, a child-like feeling

because you're out on a bicycle like on a workday. I ride my bike up to Pompano. It's not far – like 12 miles there and 12 miles back, I think. And you don't get that sense of freedom when you're going for exercise. When you leave work, you're just free.

Can you remember an experience when biking or walking really served you well and when it didn't?

Biking serves you well at lunch hour because parking is so hard. Say you're walking over to Bank of America and it's like four blocks. You have to wait for the traffic lights so it takes you 15 minutes to get over there. Then you wait on line for like 10 or 20 minutes. And then by the time you get back, you've lost your whole lunch hour. But if you go by bike, you're there in a couple of minutes.

If you go out with someone after work then you have your bike, you know, late at night. And then you have to ride home at night. But even then, you're on your bike. It's not like walking and someone tries to jump out at you.

Fany Avila

METHOD OF COMMUTE: BIKING
By Clarissa Buch

What's your method of transportation around the city?

I usually use the car when I have my children with me, but I would much rather use my bike in general. Around the city with my friends we always ride our bikes. And when I go to work, I usually ride my bike too. But if I'm with the kids or need to transport things to and from work, I use my car.

Where do you live/work?

I live on Andrews, north of Oakland and I work at the Espresso food kiosk on the Riverwalk. It takes me about 20 minutes to bike to work. I always respect the traffic laws when I'm biking because if you don't, you risk getting hit. I try to stay in the right lane or in bike lane.



How often do you drive versus bike? Why?

It's about fifty-fifty. As of right now I've been driving my car mostly because I have to pick up the kids in the morning and afternoon. It's just easier to use the car. But otherwise I always try to bike. I love the freedom of a bike. You can go anywhere and no one can stop you. And if it rains, I get wet! I have no choice, but I don't mind.

How long have you been biking around town?

I started biking about a year ago. My friends have always been into it and invited me to give it a try. I started riding slowly, you know, not going too far. I ended up getting very into it and bought a road bike. The reason I started using it for work was because my car broke down so I had no choice. That was about eight months ago. Through that I realized it was very doable and very possible, so I never stopped. It's amazing the things you can do when you put your mind to it.

What are the pros and cons of biking?

A con is definitely the rain because of the type of bike I have. I have very skinny tires, which are not good on grass, gravel or water. The rain kills my speed. Another con is the heat. You have to stay very hydrated. I always have a bottle of water with me. It's also common to get flat tires, but if you're prepared you can handle it. Usually, if I'm on my bike, I leave 15 minutes earlier just in case.

The pros are that physically, it keeps you fit and strong. It's not only good for your legs, but also good for your lungs and abs. It keeps your heart healthy too. It's also really economical. You save so much money on gas. It's also fantastic for the environment. I think everyone should ride at least once a week.

Do you have an experience of when your method of transport really served you well and a time when it didn't?

My co-worker and I made a bet to see who could make a delivery faster for work. I got on my bike, and he used a car. I delivered the food first and actually had to wait for him to arrive. It's most definitely easier to get to places on a bike.

So far, I've never had a bad experience. It's all been good and I really can't complain about any of my bicycle adventures.

Steve Rodeberg

METHOD OF COMMUTE: TRI-RAIL

By Jamion Kries

Where do you live, Steve?

I live in Boynton Beach.

What's your primary source of transportation?

I take the Tri-Rail train system from the Delray Beach waypoint to downtown Fort Lauderdale.

Why do you travel to Fort Lauderdale?

I work at the Broward County Library as an audio video specialist.

What was your motivation for choosing this mode of transportation?

I have a family, which includes my wife and three girls. In order for them to get to where they all need to be, I took myself out of the equation, since we have one vehicle. This makes things easier on them. I also like the idea of the train being energy efficient and consuming fewer resources.

How often do you drive as opposed to taking the train?

I take the train to work Monday through Friday. During the weekend, I use the car for errands when I have to take several small trips.

How long have you been taking the train?

I've been using the Tri-Rail system since May of 2013 when I moved to Boynton Beach.

How do you get to the train station?

I ride my bicycle 99 percent of the time.

Do you take your bike aboard the train?

The train station provides bins to store my bicycle. It costs \$20 for a bin and that's good forever without any additional charges.

How much does it cost to take the train?

I pay \$75 a month for full access to all the corridors, from Magonia Park in West Palm to Miami Airport Station.

What is a positive example of why you take the train?

When I-95 is at a standstill and I'm moving, that's a great feeling. I also have time to read, relax, and sleep.

What is a negative experience you've had aboard the train?

When ownership of the railway changed from CSX to the Regional Transportation Authority, it was a nightmare. I believe there were some software issues. There were delays for about a week straight.


How much time does your train ride take from the Delray waypoint to your job in downtown Fort Lauderdale?

It takes me about 30-35 minutes.

How do you get from the railway station to work once the train drops you off?

I take the Tri-Rail shuttle and it drops me a block away from work.

Have there been any recent upgrades to the train?

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The Intracoastal is less than 15 feet away from Abby Laughlin's Mid-century Modern condo with a view of the Las Olas Bridge. She has paid homage to the original style of the 1956 building with minimalist décor. In the mid-afternoon, the sun, reflecting off the nearby waters, streams into an almost all white living room.

The pedigree of the place is reflected in the historic postcards Laughlin collects. She has amassed an assortment of over 3,000, mainly from postcard shows and Ebay. Most are of what has come to be the small neighborhood she moved to four years ago. "I have architect-philía, or whatever you want to call it. I love old buildings and I love Mid-century Modern architecture,"

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

WITH BOUTIQUE HOTELS AND LUXURY CONDOS ON THE RISE, NORTH BEACH VILLAGE IS SLATED TO BE THE NEIGHBORHOOD WITH A BLEND OF SOMETHING BORROWED AND SOMETHING NEW.

WRITER ALEXANDRA ROLAND



The North Beach Village neighborhood with a rendering of the future Gale Boutique Hotel and Residences in the middle

she says. Spanning just a few blocks – between the Intracoastal and A1A, from Bayshore Dr. to Bonnet House – her neighborhood, North Beach Village, is known for being a pocket of quintessence.

“I live here because I saw what was happening and I just thought that this was the last great chance to be in this neighborhood,” she says. Laughlin is the government

liaison for the Central Beach Alliance (CBA) Homeowner’s Association, which presides over an area that extends from Oakland Park Blvd. to B Ocean, from the Intracoastal to the beach, and incorporates her up-and-coming neighborhood. She pulls out maps, master plan binders, and postcards with images of the area from the '50s and '60s – The Escape, Winterset, Windamar Beach Resort, all icons of the past.

She is not the only one who is invested in the neighborhood. The trends of the area have seemed to bewitch those who discover it, a village of historical relevance, dotted with condos, boutique hotels, and soon to come luxury buildings. It's the site of much talked about development.

As we set out on a tour of the village, Laughlin greets Steve Milkewicz, who owns a co-op in The Royal Scot, built in 1937, just a few buildings down on Bayshore. He is also on the board of the CBA.

There is a sense of community and ownership in the village. A few buildings up near Bayshore and N. Birch Road, construction workers descend on the existing structure on the corner lot. Just before there, Robert Poprawski stands in front of The Fronds, which is undergoing renovations. He is also the owner of Snooze Hotel close by on A1A and another hotel in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.

On the wings of the automobile age, a tropical destination for the middle class family took shape in North Beach Village. But it was an area that almost wasn't. In the 1940s, the land, owned by Hugh Taylor Birch, was bequeathed to his alma mater, Antioch College, after his death. A plan to establish estate homes in the area was quickly trumped. Its appeal as a tourist destination and potential economic driver seemed more profitable during the post WWII era. John Weaver, president of the CBA, says his grandparents managed what was known as Blue Sails in the North Beach Village vicinity in the '60s, in the midst of the era when the area first blossomed.

The Mid-century Modernity of the neighborhood is mostly intact today. So are the roads, which are uncharacteristically wide. "We have the widest roads in Fort Lauderdale. It was the time of the automobile," Laughlin says. "The modern thing was to pave everything over. Pave paradise and put up a parking lot."

Its heyday was interrupted as people simply stopped coming. "With the decline of spring break and the decline of motor tourists, there were a lot of people who ran these as third-class motels. It was neglected for many years. And then the recession and lack of bank financing," Laughlin says. Left behind were small, individually-owned motels, which over time, most recently due to the recession, were abandoned and left dilapidated.

Ten years ago, Par Sanda, a Swedish investor and owner of North Beach Village Properties purchased approximately 30 buildings in the area. One hundred million dollars later, over a six-year period, he has renovated them into hotels and long-term rentals.

"He felt that this area was truly something special and he saw a vision that perhaps a lot didn't see at the time," says Christine Sposa, vice president of hotel operations for North Beach Village Properties. Sanda discovered the area while



The Premiere Hotel with Birch Tower in the background and the Manhattan Tower Hotel



vacationing in Fort Lauderdale in the mid-2000s.

"At the time when he arrived [in] this specific area, a lot of the properties were run down, dilapidated. Buildings were very old. A lot of the individual owners didn't have the wherewithal to make the type of renovations that we did. And it created an opportunity for someone such as the developer to purchase the properties at the cost he did," Sposa says.

The buildings, inclusive of 18 hotels and three restaurants, are still reminiscent of the Mid-century Modern detailing, which characterizes the area, but are updated and trendy - more "This-century Modern" as Laughlin likes to call it. The Aqua Hotel is on the higher end of the North Beach Village hotel collection price point. Tropi Rock stands out as the most eccentric of the bunch. Tranquilo is the largest resort - Sanda just purchased the adjacent Vistamar Villa, which will be absorbed into the existing hotel - but coming in at 66

PHOTOS BY JASON LEIDY

rooms, Royal Palms is a close second.

North Beach Hotel is the flagship of the group. It's bordered on the north by Birch Tower, a landmark condominium built in the late '50s by architect Charles McKirahan, who also designed the Manhattan Tower residences a few blocks west.

Evelyn Brown, manager of the Birch Tower for the past 21 years, says she has heard nothing but positive feedback from Sanda's entrance. "It certainly will increase the property value in the area," she says. "They're bringing a lot of tourist revenue for some of the other buildings, other motels. With everything looking so nice, people tend to want to visit Fort Lauderdale and live [here] again."

Laughlin views Sanda as a cornerstone of sorts. "One of the most important things that he did was that he was successful in getting the zoning changed on Breakers Avenue, which is the road that runs parallel to A1A. The idea of Breakers Ave. is to make it into a little Lincoln Road, like in Miami. That, to me, is the most cohesive part of what he's doing." The zoning allows for commercial ventures like cafés and art galleries to pepper the strip and contribute to the

walkability that many have envisioned for the area.

Sposa says Sanda endorses a pedestrian-friendly Breakers Ave. and has taken steps to get there, namely implementing the North Beach Village Café's outside seating to the east. Catty-corner to that is a grouping of colorful chairs that sit in front of a new gallery that was scheduled to be opened in mid-October by North Beach Village Properties with an exhibit by a local photographer. North Beach Village Properties' bike rentals, yoga in the courtyard of Beach Gardens Hotel, vintage hotel weekend parties – Sposa says they're on their way. "I feel like we're just scratching the surface. And we want to do more."

A little further north is an undeveloped lot, the former tennis courts of the Tropi Rock property, that is now home to Plaza Bistro, an outdoor restaurant, serviced by a food truck. Sposa anticipates that the restaurant will open again in the next few months with new additions for guests like a mini-golf course and bocce ball courts.

Funding for the streetscape on a grand scale is another story. "What we're waiting desperately for now is the Central Beach Master Plan to be completed and then once that's all

agreed on and voted on, then we need to put together the funding to do our streetscape," Laughlin says. The plan incorporates the central beach, everything from Bonnet House to 17th Street, and has to be drawn up, voted for, adopted, and implemented. The latest consultant is set to deliver plans by November, but Laughlin isn't optimistic about the timeframe.

"We originally thought it would all be done by November, but it looks like now, [approval] will be in January or February, but it could get all the way there and they could say, 'Well, we want to tweak it a little bit.'" Approval would allow the CBA to apply for grant applications. Laughlin is enthusiastic about the streetscape funding process, referencing the potential for a special taxing district where a portion of taxes are set aside every year for neighborhood improvements. Additionally, every piece of new construction has to pay a park impact fee, which is estimated at \$2,600 a unit. Laughlin proposes that those funds go towards benefitting the immediate neighborhood as opposed to contributing to a general master fund.

CBA President Weaver says: "For all the money that is generated off of the beach tourism tax, we get zero of it. A lot more tax would probably be generated if we invested that in the North Beach Village because a lot more people would come to go to that little area."

The entire village is sprinkled with buildings still in their original condition, along with empty lots that developers purchased with the intent of initiating construction before they demolished existing structures prior to getting permits that never came. Advertisements wrap the fences that



Aqua Hotel - part of the North Beach Village properties owned by Par Sanda

enclose lots slated for luxury high rises soon to come.

The abandoned Escape Hotel is an instance of anticipated change. The historic hotel, originally built in the late 1940s, has become an eye sore in the neighborhood – the CBA mandated that it be painted white to mute the dilapidated appearance. A luxury hotel and 12-floor high rise residence named The Gale is scheduled to break ground early next year, and will incorporate 128 residences – townhomes and one, two, and three bedroom condos – and 96 hotel rooms. Approximately 60 percent of the units have been sold and it's anticipated that the project will be finished by the second quarter of 2017.

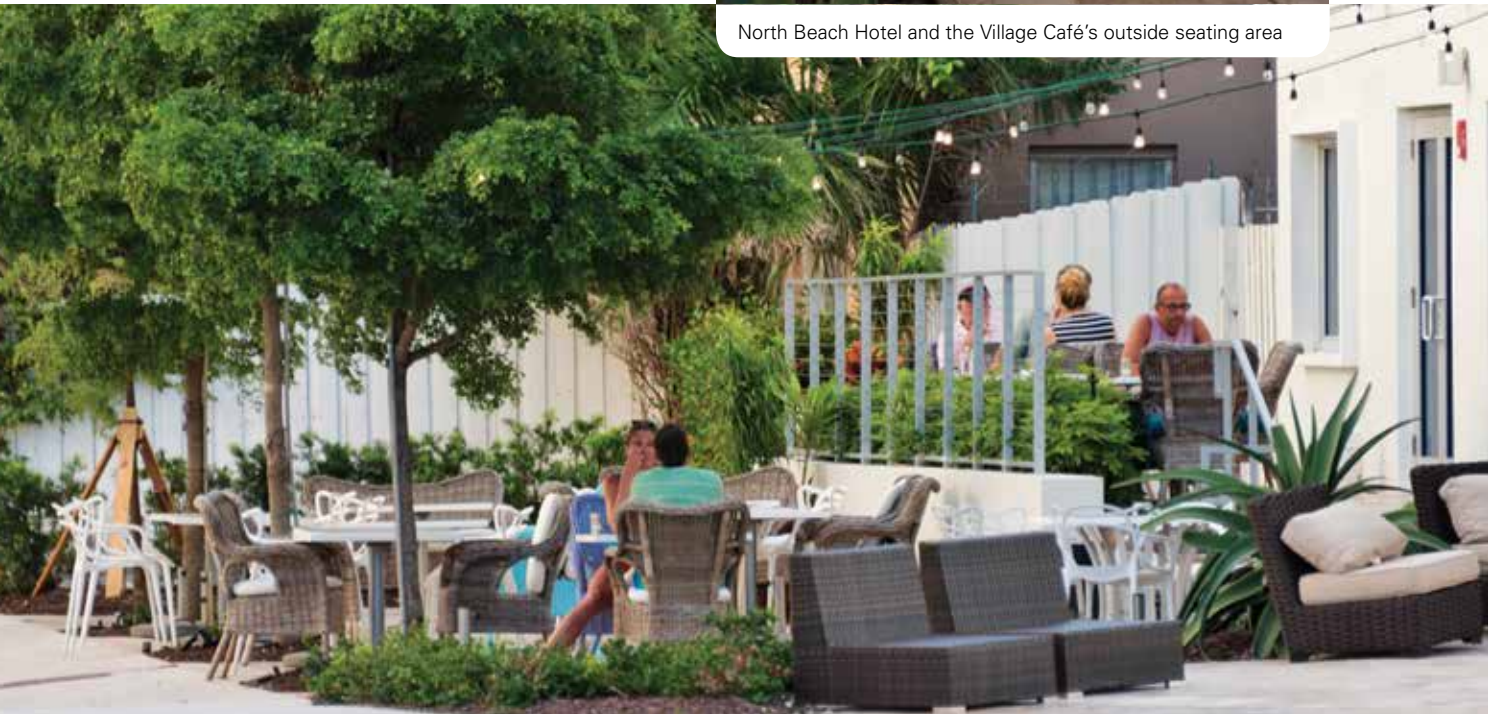
"There's a price you pay when you live so close to the ocean and that is that they want the land. The Gale is a very good example of the adaptive rehab. They adapted the old structure and will incorporate it into something new. A combination of the old and the new," Laughlin says. Oceana on N. Birch Rd., the Four Seasons off A1A and Windamar St., and The Conrad Fort Lauderdale Beach Residences just north of there are other projects on the rise in the area.

Landmarks like the 1950 Premiere Hotel and the 1951



PHOTOS BY JASON LEIDY


North Beach Hotel and the Village Café's outside seating area



Jolly Roger Hotel, refurbished and now known as the Sea Club, pay homage to the past. Walking through the village streets, you know that the area is rooted in a bygone era. Directly to the north of Premiere is the still under construction Paramount, a luxury residence scheduled to be finished by the end of next year/early 2017. The juxtaposition of opposites defines the village – vintage and modern, big box hotels like the W Hotel next to boutique hotels, both of which attract internationals and locals.

"It's a tough thing, you know, how they fit," Weaver says.

"I mean you're trying to fit the high-end luxury with the laid back village. That's the challenge we face. That's basically what we work on all the time. I think we know what we want it to be, it's just a matter of whether or not we can get there."

According to Laughlin, as long as it's respectful change, the influx of new to balance with the old is integral to the economics that can sustain the area. "I understand that no one wants [high rises] but that is the economic engine that allows this to be saved and that's the sweet spot that everybody is looking for." 

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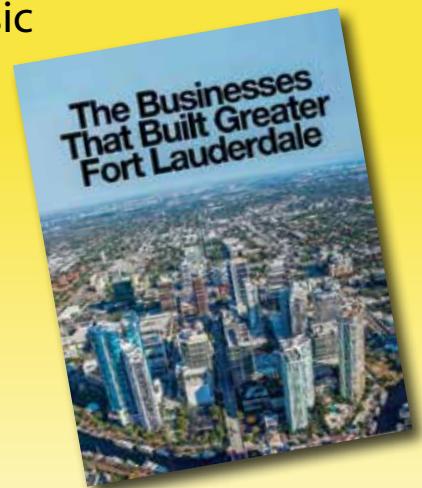
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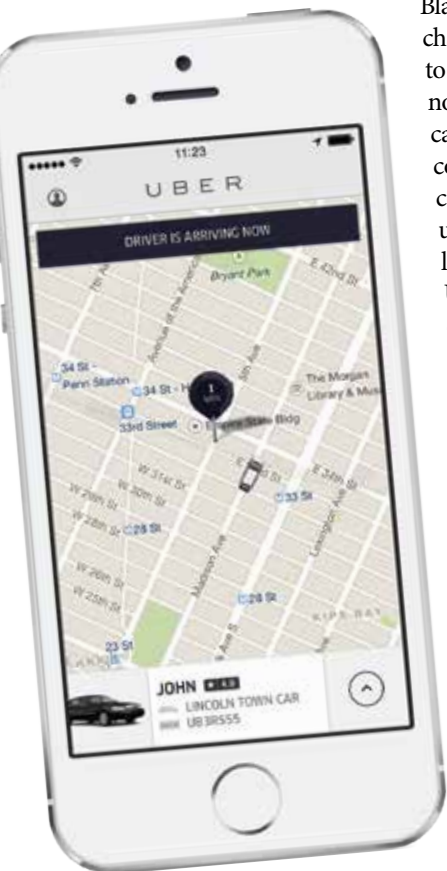
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Uber

www.uber.com

The American international transportation company known as Uber was founded by Travis Kalanick and Garrett Camp in 2009 as "Ubercab." It officially launched in 2011 in San Francisco, California as a service that picks you up and takes you where you want to be via car or SUV. Uber drivers must be logged into the service so they can pick up riders that have requested transportation. The app shows the live movements of en route drivers so a waiting rider can track the impending arrival. Riders also receive estimated time of arrival text messages and a phone number to call their driver if necessary. Different car options are available like Uber X, Uber XL, and Uber Black. Uber X is the most basic option and typically will not be a luxury vehicle. Uber XL is a larger vehicle, like a Chevy Suburban, that can fit six or more occupants and has options such as third row seating. Uber

Black provides licensed chauffeurs as opposed to Uber X, which does not, and is a luxurious car, usually black in color. There are greater costs associated with upgraded vehicles like Uber XL and Uber Black, and even surge pricing when there is a high demand for drivers. Even though pricing varies, it always includes insurance coverage for riders. Uber also offers the opportunity for people at large to become Uber drivers, provided they pass a background check and meet operational requirements.



Lyft

www.lyft.com

John Zimmer and Logan Green launched Lyft in the summer of 2012. Lyft has similarities to Uber. Lyft users can track their driver's distance to their pickup location via GPS. The costs are relatively neck and neck, but Lyft is slightly less expensive. Riders are said to usually sit in the back of Uber X vehicles as they want to be left to handle personal business on their way. Lyft riders however are met with a car that prominently displays a pink mustache, making the car readily identifiable to riders. Furthermore, Lyft encourages its drivers to fist bump their riders once they hop in the car and socially engage with them along the trip. *The Wall Street Journal* noted some main differences between both companies: "Uber conducts business in three times as many markets, has four times as many drivers, and has five times the investment funding." The valuation of Lyft is \$700 million compared to Uber's \$18.2 billion. ⁶⁰

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A BIT OF BUBBLY

NO MATTER THE QUESTION, THE ANSWER IS ALWAYS CHAMPAGNE

WRITER ANDREW MCNAMARA

Champagne has historically been reserved as the hallmark of a celebration - births, weddings, a new job or a promotion. The sound of a popping cork brings many of us back to special occasions and great times. I'm happy to say that champagne is no longer reserved for special occasions - rather, the special occasion is opening the bottle of champagne.

Champagne is a region that sits about 90 miles to

the northeast of Paris, France. The sparkling wine that is produced in Champagne is consistently one of the highest-quality beverages produced anywhere in the world. In other words, there is a lot of great Champagne waiting to be opened.

I'll highlight a few styles with some specific favorite sparklers from Champagne that you can find on wine lists and in retail shops across Florida.

Brut Non-vintage

Brut, in short, means "dry." Non-vintage means that the bottle contains wine from multiple vintages. These are most of the champagnes that you see available on wine lists and in retail shops.

- Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve – A "classic" dry brut champagne. A slight bit of toast. Elegant and medium-bodied. *\$79 retail*
- Champagne Ayala Brut Majeur – An elegant, clean, and pure champagne. Towards the drier side of dry. It goes well with shellfish. *\$54 retail*
- Champagne Gosset Grande Reserve – Clean and crisp with lemon peel and apple notes. *\$40 retail*
- Champagne Bollinger Special Cuvee – Rich and powerful champagne with notes of green apples, apricot, and toast. *\$100 retail*

Blanc de Blancs

Made from 100 percent chardonnay, these are among the most crisp and elegant champagnes.

- Champagne Delamotte Blanc de Blancs – Toast and almonds, with lemon peel and an elegant, long finish. *\$80 retail*


Rose

Pink champagne is beautiful to look at and fantastic to drink. Great with slightly heartier dishes.

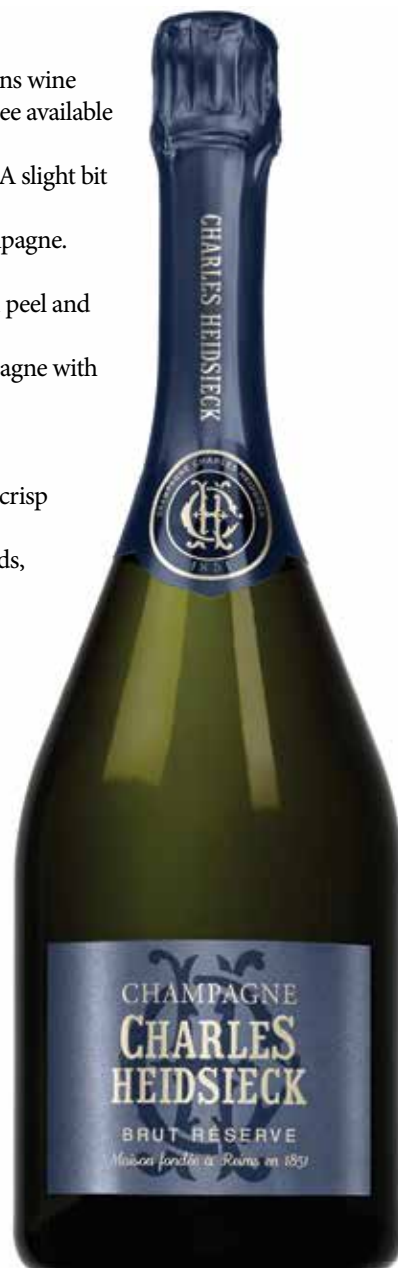
- Champagne Billecart-Salmon Brut Rose – One of the great roses out there. As beautiful as it is to look at, it's even better when you drink it. Elegant and pure with red raspberry and strawberry notes. *\$90 retail*

Tete de Cuvee

The best of the best. A producer's top champagne and usually from a single vintage.

- Champagne Salon 2002 – Arguably the greatest champagne producer there is. Made from 100 percent chardonnay, this is extremely clean with lemon peel, white flowers, and a beautiful, long finish with a hint of toast. Simply stunning. *\$550 retail* 

Andrew McNamara is a master sommelier and director of fine wine at Premier Beverage



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TITLE-HOLDER, TJ
SHUART IS PASSIONATE
ABOUT ADVOCATING
FOR THE SPORT

WRITER PETE STEVENSON
PHOTOGRAPHY JASON LEIDY




South Florida native TJ Shuart has an unbridled passion for the game of amateur golf. Throughout his childhood in Coral Springs, Shuart was predominantly a football and basketball player. However, by the time he got to high school at St. Thomas Aquinas, he wasn't big enough to continue with either sport. He turned to golf.

As is the case for many golfers, a parent – in this case his father – introduced him to the game. Shuart admits he wasn't very good at first, but being fiercely competitive, he had the drive and passion to improve. Improve he did. He played at the high school level and was good enough to garner a scholarship to Loyola University Maryland in Baltimore, where he continued to play at the collegiate level.

Shuart has gone on to become one of the preeminent amateur players in South Florida. Just a sampling of his golf resume includes the 2005, 2011, and 2014 Broward Amateur Championship, 2012 and 2014 Florida State Pub Links Championship, 2007 Florida Azalea Amateur, and the 2014 West Palm City Championship. Most recently, in August, he won the Florida State Golf Association's 25th Annual Match Play Championship. In addition, he has competed in 11 United States Golf Association (USGA) National Amateur events.

Most are casual weekend golfers and keep tabs on the pros and professional game, however, there is another layer that does not get much attention – competitive amateur golf. Shuart, though, advocates for the amateur game.

In 2012, out of love for the game and to fill a void in South Florida, Shuart founded the South Florida Amateur Golf Tour (SFLAGT). The goal of the SFLAGT is to grow amateur competitive golf. There are many recreational, high school, and collegiate players in the junior ranks, who want to take their game to the next level. But they have very few local avenues to hone their skills in competitive play. This tour provides a competitive forum for golf right here in our own backyard. The SFLAGT holds monthly tournaments at some of the best local courses. Each tournament has divisions based on players' varying abilities.

It's no surprise that Shuart's day job is in the golf industry as well. Shuart is the Regional Sales Manager for GolfPipeline, an online golf booking site. It is a platform that combines all the booking, scoring, and social aspects of golf into one site. Like a Facebook™ for golf, it assists in coordinating all the aspects of golf and golfing with friends in one area. 



BALANCING ACT

LOCAL TRAINER STEVE VAN ZANDT
ADVOCATES FOR SUSTAINABLE EXERCISE
AS A WAY OF LIFE

WRITER PETE STEVENSON



Most products and techniques evolve. Conditioning and strength training are no different. Since the current workout revolution started, many people have exercised to get stronger, faster, or bigger.

Local trainer Steve Van Zandt opened SVZ Performance last December but he's been training clients for years. He began with athletes exclusively, including several NFL players. "I've always been interested in health," he says. However, he has found it more rewarding to help everyday individuals get mobility back so they can play more tennis, keep up with their children or simply grab stuff off the top shelf with ease.

For him, it's a personal passion turned career. In high school he played basketball and was a hurdler on the track and field team. Since then, he served in the army for four years, including one year in Iraq, and obtained his degree in exercise science and health promotion and a Masters' in health and fitness management.

Now, he services private clients on a one-on-one basis. From clients with minor complaints and ones in post rehab to those with multiple sclerosis, multiple surgeries, or torn rotator cuffs, he aims to help people get moving again. "I've had clients who have had hip replacements and couldn't do daily chores," he says. "Now they're able to."

This highlights a paradigm shift. Many have come to realize that exercising is more about feeling good and being able to do the things they enjoy at any age. This has led more trainers and health professionals to reexamine how and why they train the way they do. As a result, Van Zandt embraces the Muscle Activation Technique (MAT), which he says is a candidate for virtually anyone.

A form of biomechanically-based training, MAT is designed to evaluate and correct muscular imbalances in the body. The majority of individuals who workout don't want to become the next Arnold Schwarzenegger, but want to improve the way they move and feel. MAT is a method of training to make sure all the necessary muscles and joints of the body needed to move effectively and efficiently are not handing off the work to another group of muscles, causing tension, pain and ultimately breaking down.

Van Zandt describes it this way: There are five guys moving a piano from one room to another, each guy being a different set of muscles. If one of those guys fatigues and has to drop out, this then shifts the additional burden to the four remaining, ultimately leading to some sort of system breakdown. The breakdown could be in the form of pain, lack of mobility or both. Van Zandt says that this is when MAT can help.

Steps for incorporating MAT into a training routine begin with a full assessment of your body and your life. Does your body have any movement imbalances, which may be placing extra stress or pain on another part of your body? In addition to body imbalances, Van Zandt also reviews other life imbalances – nutrition, sleep, stress, which could also lead to neuromuscular disparities. MAT could almost be considered a bridge between weight training and physical therapy. "We're able to work with people," he says. "Everybody can benefit from a more stable body."

He describes it as preventative too, which is in line with his overall philosophy. "The message I'm trying to get out there is [exercise] longevity and not the 30-day weight loss plan. Exercise for longevity, so you can continue to do what you like to do."

Van Zandt finds that most of his clients initially don't have a plan and are at risk for sacrificing their bodies for short-term superficial goals. He says, "Make sure your exercise routines are sustainable. Otherwise, it's borrowed time."

For more information, visit www.svzperformance.com. 



Mellow Submarine

NEW TO FORT LAUDERDALE, MELLOW MUSHROOM BRINGS ONE-OF-A-KIND VIBES ALONG WITH A TRUSTED PRODUCT

WRITER GABRIELLE ROLAND

If you haven't had a chance to visit the recently opened Fort Lauderdale Mellow Mushroom, there are a few things you should know. First, according to co-owner Eric Wilson, "Mellow Mushroom is really funky." Wilson and co-owner Louis Elostá have been working on this trendy project for over two years.

The decor follows an "under the sea" theme with treasure chests filled with Mel Fisher's loot, i.e. Mellow Mushroom paraphernalia, at the front of the restaurant as well as a one-of-a-kind "keg-

quarium," featuring 48 varieties of beer, which are funneled from one end of the restaurant to the inside and outside bars through pipes that resemble those you would find in a ship or submarine.

Walls are painted with notations of subsurface levels putting the floor at 40 feet below sea level. At the center of the dining area, a giant tuna with LED lit, Remo drum heads as scales, hangs from the ceiling as if the fish was swimming above diners. The tuna's neon lights change in sync with dancing jellyfish above the kitchen, an idea brought to





If you go:

Mellow Mushroom

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Most Unique Dish: Bayou Bleu pizza - made with a spicy bleu cheese base, topped with grilled shrimp and Andouille sausage and covered in mozzarella. This dish was born in the Metairie, Louisiana restaurant and has become a Mellow Mushroom staple.

Not in the mood for pizza? Opt for the carnie pub burger or the herb veggie burger.

Best seat in the house? The feature tables are optimal for a 360-degree view of the restaurant including a front row seat of the kitchen's goings on.



Co-owners Eric Wilson and Louis Elosta

OWNER EXCLUSIVE

If you didn't own a Mellow Mushroom location, what would you do professionally?

LE: An entrepreneur or business planner. I love to plan for new businesses.

EW: Well, my background is in psychology and criminal justice so I think I'd probably be a cop. I think if I was unemployed tomorrow and I said 'What am I going to do?' I'd probably join the Sheriff's Department.

Where do you see Mellow Mushroom in one year?

EW: Early 2017 we should be opening a Jupiter Mellow Mushroom and we're looking to expand. I mean we're the number one [Mellow Mushroom] in the country so we're looking for opportunity.

Do you think it's a benefit to be part of a chain or a challenge?

EW: It's definitely a benefit. There's no downside to it.

LE: It's a benefit to be part of a chain. It gives you a sense of community; the networking is awesome; the brains behind the concept and the art infusion of that concept is awesome – ingenious in my opinion. Not with just any chain, you know. I'm talking about Mellow Mushroom.



KOSMIC KARMA

Ingredients:

Dough
Oil and garlic base
Mozzarella
Feta
Spinach
Sun-dried tomatoes
Roma tomatoes
Pesto

Method:

Pound out the dough. Spread it out and shape it. Build the crust using corn meal, which makes it crunchier than your average pizza pie.

Start with the oil and garlic base. Add mozzarella, feta, spinach, sun-dried tomatoes, and roma tomatoes. Garnish with pesto swirl. Place pizza in stone baked oven for eight to 12 minutes depending on how many pies are baking in the oven.




fruition thanks to Elosta.

Elosta and Wilson support artists by inviting local bands to play for those who opt to dine outside at tables or at the bar on Friday nights. The restaurant also hosts local artists in the miniature local art gallery Elosta dreamed up during the design phase. "Mellow Mushroom is all about arts, pizza, [and] beer. We are located in the heart of the art district in Fort Lauderdale [and] we aim to be a vital part of the area," Elosta says. Pieces have been sold right off the wall.

Bryan Kastan, general manager at Mellow Mushroom, speaks to the loyalty of customers and employees, some of whom don Mellow Mushroom tattoos. "They are 'mellow lifers' and they call themselves that," he says. Each restaurant has its own t-shirt design, which some diners collect from across the United States. Fort Lauderdale's Mellow Mushroom t-shirt was designed by Wilson. This is a testament to something Elosta says often: "We don't want to just be known as another Mellow. We want to be known as 'Mellow Fort Lauderdale.'"

Another hallmark of Mellow Mushroom is the special feature table section. Every restaurant has one. These are the most colorful and ornate tables in the dining area. At this restaurant, upside down palm trees hang from the ceiling right above, providing an underwater illusion. Talk about attention to detail. "It's a little crazy," says Wilson, "But that's what Mellow Mushroom is."

Mellow Mushroom has been able to garner a vast following not only with its wacky themes and décor, but also with its unique menu items. There's the obvious option of pizza, but the menu also includes hoagies, calzones, salads, and gluten-free options.

All pizzas tossed at Mellow Mushroom restaurants in the U.S. are made with the same sauce and dough, which is mixed in Atlanta, Georgia using molasses and spring water from North Georgia. Kastan is also proud of the fact that diners "Won't find any Mellow Mushroom in the country that has a fryer." All fries are baked to perfection with dried herbs. 

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Featured Brew: Funky Buddha Brewery's Sweet Potato Casserole

Standard pumpkin beers are pretty much ubiquitous now, having come out as early as mid-summer. (Do we really need pumpkin beer in July?) So instead of a pumpkin beer, Funky Buddha's fall flagship is a beer made after an eponymous

Thanksgiving dish – sweet potato casserole. They actually brew it in the fall so you can drink it around late October, mid-November. The beer is close to 10 percent, so it's a big, rich, sticky beer full of sweet potato and marshmallow flavors.



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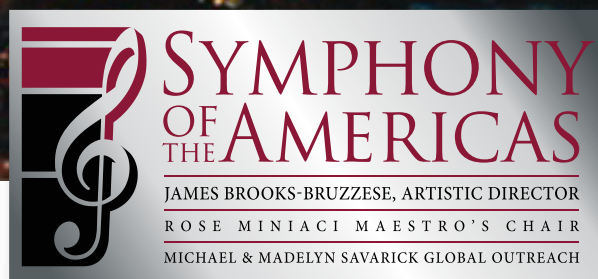
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**Sesame Street Live -
Make a New Friend!**
Through Nov. 3
Parker Playhouse
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Pinion Passion Hour
Nov. 3
The Royal Pig Pub
(954) 261-8808

Ed Rush and Optical
Nov. 5
Revolution Live
(954) 449-1025

Black, White, and Bond
Nov. 5
Museum of Discovery
and Science AutoNation
IMAX Theater
(954) 463-IMAX (4629)



**56th Annual Fort
Lauderdale International
Boat Show**
Nov. 5 - 9
Bahia Mar Fort Lauderdale
Beach Hotel & Yachting Center
(954) 764-7642

**Spectre: The IMAX
Experience**
Nov. 5 - 19
A cryptic message from Bond's
past sends him on a trail to
uncover a sinister organization.
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www.007.com

Magic of Bill Blagg Live!
Nov. 6
Parker Playhouse
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**Seminole Theatre
Studio (Native American
History Month)**
Nov. 6
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Bacon Bash
Nov. 6
Bacon-inspired dishes, both
sweet and savory, from
several local restaurants and
food trucks will be featured
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restaurants cook up. Wear
your swine swag and pig out
with us at Bacon Bash with
DJ Two Story Lori.
Esplanade Park
(954) 468-1541
www.goriverwalk.com

Jesus Christ Superstar
Through Nov. 7
Fort Lauderdale Children's
Theatre in the Galleria Mall
(954) 763-6882
www.flct.org

Cruisin' Down the River
Nov. 7
Cruise down the New River
and hear about the history of
Fort Lauderdale.
Bonnet House Museum
and Gardens
(954) 653-1554
www.bonnethouse.org

**Abandoned Pet Rescue
- Arts & Auctions for
Animals**
Nov. 7
Joe Lalli Studio
(954) 270-5962

**Florida Nonprofits
25th Anniversary Gala**
Nov. 7
Greater Fort Lauderdale
Chamber Building
(305) 557-1764

Matt and Kim 16+
Nov. 7
Revolution Live
(954) 449-1025

**Chopin for All Concert
Series**
Nov. 7
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443
www.broward.org/library

**Night of All Nations
International Dinner**
Nov. 7
Gallery One Hotel
(954) 368-5693

**10th Annual Sallarulo's
Race for Champions**
Nov. 7
Nova Southeastern University
(954) 262-2150

**Miami City Ballet:
Program One**
Nov. 7 and 8
Swan Lake, Viscera, and
Fancy Free.
Broward Center for the
Performing Arts
(305) 929-7010
www.miamicityballet.org

**The Art of Photography
with Jack Wild**
Nov. 7, 14 and 21
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443

**Slow Burn Theatre
Company: "Big Fish"**
Through Nov. 8
Broward Center for the
Performing Arts
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

**Birding Classes:
Ascend to Better Birding**
Nov. 8
Bonnet House Museum and
Gardens
(954) 703-2606
www.bonnethouse.org

**Seminole and
Miccosukee Photo
Archives Exhibit (Native
American History Month)**
Nov. 9 - Jan. 24, 2016
Patsy West's seminal

photographic collection of the
Native American Experience in
South Florida.
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 462-4431

**Symphony of the
Americas: West Point
Glee Club**
Nov. 10
Broward Center for the
Performing Arts
www.browardcenter.org

**Gold Coast Jazz
Society: Tierney Sutton &
Shelly Berg Trio**
Nov. 11
Broward Center for the
Performing Arts
www.browardcenter.org

**Broward County Public
Schools Debate Initiative**
Nov. 11
Broward Center for the
Performing Arts
(754) 321-1859

**Ruth Cohan Jewish
Book Review Series**
Nov. 12
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443
www.broward.org/library

**Harvest Bites and
Holiday Lights**
Nov. 12
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 462-4431
www.flhc.org

Get Lit
Nov. 12
A Riverwalk kick-off to the 10-
week Light Up Lauderdale event
Esplanade Park
(954) 468-1541
www.goriverwalk.com

Light Up Lauderdale
Nov. 12 (for 10 weeks)
Riverwalk
www.goriverwalk.com

**America and Three
Dog Night**
Nov. 12
Hard Rock
(800) 745-3000

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Dragonforce**
Nov. 13
Revolution Live
(954) 449-1025



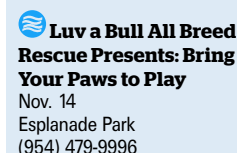
Jason Derulo
Nov. 13
Hard Rock
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**South Florida
Pride Wind Ensemble:
Celebrating 30 Years!**
Nov. 13
Broward Center for the
Performing Arts
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**Badfish: A Tribute to
Sublime**
Nov. 14
Revolution Live
(954) 449-1025



**Luv a Bull All Breed
Rescue Presents: Bring
Your Paws to Play**
Nov. 14
Esplanade Park
(954) 479-9996



Marvels of MODS Gala
Nov. 14
Museum of Discovery and
Science
(954) 467-6637
www.mods.org



**Cruisin' Down the
River - A Boat Ride Down
Memory Lane**
Nov. 14
Carrie B Cruises
(954) 703-2614



Vital Remains
Nov. 15
Revolution Live
(954) 449-1025



**Miss ARC Broward
Pageant**
Nov. 15
Parker Playhouse
www.parkerplayhouse.com



**Stranahan Stories:
Seminole History**
Nov. 16
Historic Stranahan House
Museum
(954) 524-4736



**History of the Mai-Kai
Restaurant**
Nov. 16
Mai Kai Restaurant
(954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org



**The Value of Your
Legacy, Questions to Ask
Ourselves**
Nov. 17
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443
www.broward.org/library



**South Florida
Symphony Orchestra:
And the Tony Goes To...**
Nov. 17
Broward Center for the
Performing Arts
www.browardcenter.org



**Broadway Across
America: Disney's
Newsies**
Nov. 17 - 29
Broward Center for the
Performing Arts
www.browardcenter.org



**Wednesday Cinema
Classics**
Nov. 18
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443
www.broward.org/library



**Political Memorabilia
Presentation**
Nov. 18
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443



**The Wild Horses of
Sable Island Exhibit**
Nov. 18
Forre & Co. Fine Art Gallery
(954) 709-7447



Sacagawea
Nov. 19
Broward Center for the
Performing Arts
www.browardcenter.org



**Riverwalk Fall
Get Downtown**
Nov. 19
Yolo Plaza
(954) 468-1541, ext. 205



**The Wonder Years and
Motion City Soundtrack**
Nov. 19
Revolution Live
(954) 449-1025



The Lightning Thief
Nov. 19
Parker Playhouse
www.parkerplayhouse.com



The Wizards of Winter
Nov. 19
Parker Playhouse
www.parkerplayhouse.com



**Fourth Annual Soaring
for Children**
Nov. 19
The W Hotel
(954) 831-5952



**20th Annual Jeb Bush
Florida Classic**
Nov. 19 and 20
Several venues
(954) 960-6083



**The Hunger Games:
Mockingjay - Part 2: The
IMAX® Experience**
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and Science AutoNation
IMAX Theater
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**National Association
of Women Artists**
Through Nov. 20
ArtServe
(954) 462-8190
www.artserve.org



**Historical Society
Founder's Celebration**
Nov. 20 • 6:30 p.m.
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
www.flhc.org



Artopia
Nov. 20
NSU Art Museum
Fort Lauderdale
(954) 462-2570



**Up Close and Personal
with Jackie Ryan**
Oct. 23
NSU Art Museum
Fort Lauderdale
(954) 709-7447



**20th Annual South
Florida Business Leaders'
Luncheon**
Nov. 20
Aboard the *ms Zuiderdam*
at Port Everglades
(954) 734-1580
www.seafarershouse.org



**Warren Miller
Entertainment - Chasing
Shadows**
Nov. 20
Broward Center for the
Performing Arts
www.browardcenter.org



**An Evening with Joan
Collins**
Nov. 20
Parker Playhouse
www.parkerplayhouse.com



**Falling In Reverse and
Attila**
Nov. 21
Revolution Live
(954) 449-1025



Purple Hat Parade
Nov. 21
Esplanade Park
www.eilepsyfla.org



VeggieTales Live!
Nov. 21
Parker Playhouse
www.parkerplayhouse.com



**Royal Dames Tiara Ball:
"City Lights"**
Nov. 21
Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six
(954) 557-8108
www.royaldames.org



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 **Open Streets**
Nov. 22 • 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.
E. Las Olas Blvd. (from S.
Andrews Ave. to S.E. 15 Ave.)
www.fortlauderdale.gov/openstreets

 **American Diabetes Association's Tour De Cure**
Nov. 22
This year's Tour de Cure features fun activities for the entire family including a children's ride, live music and entertainment, healthy food and specialty food trucks, a sponsor exhibit area with the latest about diabetes care and health-related information, and more.
Hugh Birch State Park
www.tour.diabetes.org


 **CDTC Thanksgiving Basket Brigade**
Nov. 22
Over 600 volunteers will work via assembly line to create a full Thanksgiving meal for CDTC's neediest clients. These holiday meals will then be delivered by volunteers to the families' homes.
Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center
(954) 728-1040
www.childrensdiagnostic.org


 **2+3: The Artists' Organization**
Nov. 23 - Dec. 11
ArtServe
(954) 462-8190
www.artserve.org


 **Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox**
Nov. 25
Parker Playhouse
www.parkerplayhouse.com


 **Fifth Annual Fort Lauderdale Turkey Trot & Paddle**
Nov. 26
D.C. Alexander Park
www.turkeytrotftl.com


 **GWAR**
Nov. 27
Revolution Live
(954) 449-1025


 **Momix Botanica**
Nov. 27
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
www.browardcenter.org



 **Serenades at Sunset - Silver Voices Ringing**
Nov. 29
Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six
(954) 335-7002


 **Chameleon String Trio**
Nov. 29
Josephine S. Leiser
Opera Center
(954) 761-3435

 **Hubble 3D**
Through Nov. 30
Museum of Discovery and Science
www.mods.org

 **Space Station 3D**
Through Nov. 30
Museum of Discovery and Science
www.mods.org

 **STEM Home School Classes- Star Wars and the Invisible Forces**
Nov. 30
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 **DECEMBER**
 **Annual Holiday Display**
Dec. 2015
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443
www.broward.org/library


 **Holiday Celebration and Open House**
Dec. 2
Historic Stranahan House Museum
(954) 524-4736


 **Art of Wine and Food Series: Bubbles for Basel**
Dec. 2
NSU Art Museum

Fort Lauderdale
(954) 525-5500
www.nsuartmuseum.org

 **The Galleria's 9th Annual Men of Style Shopping Night**
Dec. 3
The Galleria Mall
(954) 564-1036

 **Florida Grand Opera: The Barber of Seville by Gioachino Rossini**
Dec. 3 and 5
Witness the delicious unfolding of comic opera at its best: energetic young lovers foiling the grand schemes of a buffoon, mistaken identities, a plot that turns and twists—all wrapped up in Rossini's unmistakably masterful music.
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
(800) 741-1010
www.fgo.org


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

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



 **Chillounge Night**
Dec. 4
Huizenga Plaza
(941) 448-0995

 **It's A Wonderful Life**
Dec. 4
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
www.browardcenter.org


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


 **Ribbons for the Children Art Auction to Benefit the CDTC**
Dec. 4

Broward Center for the Performing Arts
(954) 728-1040
www.childrensdiagnostic.org

 **Broward Partnership Breakfast for Champions of the Homeless Benefit**
Dec. 4
Broward Partnership Central Homeless Assistance Center
(954) 832-7037
www.bphi.org

 **Golden Lion Productions: 2015 NPC Winter Classic**
Dec. 5
Golden Lion Productions is very proud to announce the inaugural 2015 NPC Winter Classic.
Parker Playhouse
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

 **Winterfest Black Tie Ball**
Dec. 5
Hard Rock
www.winterfestparade.com

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

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

 **Orchid, Garden, and Gourmet Food Festival**
Dec. 5, 6, and 9
Bonnet House Museum and Gardens
(954) 703-2614

 **Broward Art Guild Youth Art Competition**
Dec. 5 - 28
Broward County Main Library
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 **Sailor Jerry Presents: An Evening with Lucero**
Dec. 6
The Culture Room
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www.fortlauderdalehistoricalsociety.org

Silverstein and Senses Fail

Dec. 7
Revolution Live
(954) 449-1025

Glass Animals

Dec. 8
Revolution Live
(954) 449-1025

Symphony of the Americas: Sounds of the Season

Dec. 8 and 13
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
www.browardcenter.org

Gold Coast Jazz Society: Allan Harris Quintet

Dec. 9
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
www.browardcenter.org

Ruth Cohan Jewish Book Review Series

Dec. 10
Broward County Main Library
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www.broward.org/library

In the Heart of the Sea: An IMAX® 3D Experience

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

Grand Marshall Experience

Dec. 11
Hard Rock
www.winterfestparade.com

Miami City Ballet: George Balanchine's The Nutcracker

Dec. 11
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
(305) 929-7010
www.miamicityballet.org

Outré Theatre: "Thrill Me"

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

A Peter White Christmas with Rick Braun and Mindi Abair

Dec. 12
Parker Playhouse
www.parkerplayhouse.com



Winterfest Boat Parade

Dec. 12
Starting in Downtown Fort Lauderdale on the New River
www.winterfestparade.com

Aesop Bops!

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

Prehistoric Snowbirds - Dr. Michele Williams

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

South Florida Amateur Astronomers Association Presents the Winter Solstice

Dec. 15
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443
www.broward.org/library

Whitehorse

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

Dr. Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"

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

Great Balls of Fire: Comets, Asteroids, and Meteors

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

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

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

Exhibition - "Helhesten: The Hell-horse: Danish Cultural Resistance During World War II"

Through Feb. 7, 2016
NSU Art Museum
Fort Lauderdale
www.nsuartmuseum.org

Wild Africa 3D

Through Feb. 11, 2016
Museum of Discovery and Science
(954) 467-6637

Humpback Whales 3D

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

Tiny Giants 3D

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

The Indestructible Lee Miller

Through Feb. 28, 2016
This exhibition examines the life and work of preeminent American photographer, Lee Miller (1907-1977), from three perspectives: as a favored fashion model in the 1920's, an assistant, collaborator, and muse, and art fashion and combat photographer of World War II.
NSU Art Museum
Fort Lauderdale
www.nsuartmuseum.org

Back to School with the WPA Museum Extension Project

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

Historic Walking Tour

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

ONGOING

Riverwalk Water Trolley

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

Moon Rock Display

Ongoing
See a real lunar sample. View NASA footage of Apollo 7 astronauts, from lift-off to weightlessness to splashdown. And watch these courageous astronauts lay the groundwork for missions to the moon.
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Full Moon Mangrove Tours

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

JM Lexus Sunday Jazz Brunch

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

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Sundays • 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Plaza at YOLO
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English Café
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El Club
Tuesdays
Brush up on your Español.
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(954) 357-7439
www.broward.org/library

Open Mic Tuesdays
Fourth Tuesday of the month
Chris Monteleone hosts the forum for musicians, singer-songwriters, bands, spoken word artists, comics, painters, and sketch artists.
ArtServe
(954) 462-8190
www.artserve.org

Crossroads Café
Wednesdays
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7439
www.broward.org/library

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

Behind the Scenes – Private Living Quarters Tours
Second and fourth Wednesday of the month.
Take a sneak peek inside normally closed areas of Evelyn and Frederic Bartlett's private living quarters.

Bonnet House
(954) 703-2606
www.bonnethouse.org/hours-fees

Starry Nights
Thursdays
This is a free event.
NSU Art Museum
Fort Lauderdale
(954) 262-0245

Live Animal Shows
Fridays
Bonnet House Museum and Gardens
(954) 564-4521

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

First Fridays: Book Event and Pickers Sale
First Friday of the month
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Food In Motion Flagler Green Market
Second Friday of the month
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Historic Bike Tours
Saturdays and Mondays
A narrated exploration of Fort Lauderdale's Riverwalk, where the city was born, including the Sailboat Bend historic district.
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 463-4431
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Historic Segway Tours
Saturdays and Sundays
With a local guide explore the history of the New River and historic Francis Abreu properties.
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org

New River Ferry: Bridges, Boats & Beginnings (Historic Boat Tour)
Saturdays
The guide introduces passengers to scalawags and hers, native

people, and explorers. The tour continues at the History Museum.
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org

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

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

Docent Guided House Reimbursement Tours
Ongoing
Historic Stranahan House Museum
(954) 524-4736
www.stranahanhouse.org

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

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Intermediate Dog Obedience Class • Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Masters Dog Obedience Class • Thursdays, 8:15 p.m.
Both are six week courses. If you have already attended a Basic Obedience Class, and you are looking for a class to take your dog's training to the next level, this class is for you.
Esplanade Park
www.adogsbestfriend.com

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

• Photography Classes on the Riverwalk
First Saturday of the month
Join award winning photographers Hank Henley and Jason Leidy along the Riverwalk in downtown Fort Lauderdale for a three hour workshop featuring lecture, hands-on, and extended online components.
From this foundation, you can further your skills via sessions that are customized to your specific goals.
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• Bicycle Tours
Daily 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
\$49 for a two-hour
Las Olas/Himmarshee Loop.
(954) 562-5159
www.riverwalkrec.com

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

• Ecoboats
Daily 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
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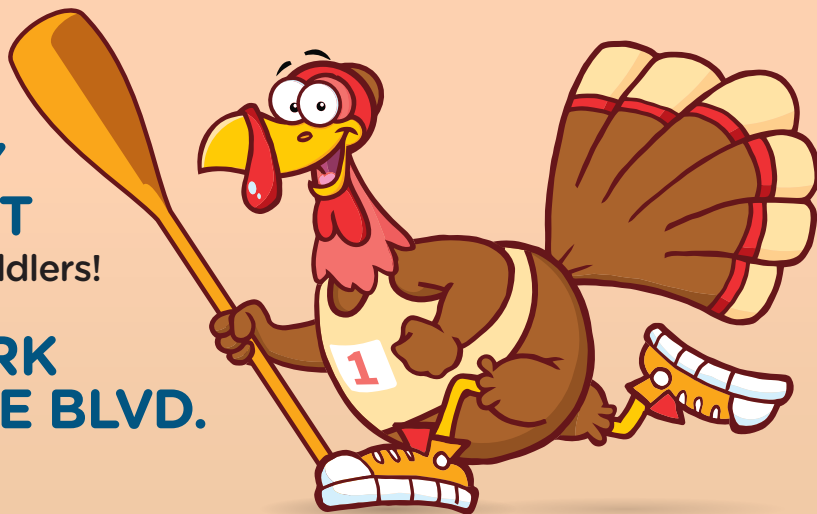
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The Adventures of Himmarshee Hal: **Off Key**

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As Cayla unpacked a vegan picnic she'd brought to the Sunday Jazz Brunch, Hal's mouth watered. It wasn't her tofu casserole or her blueberry-kale cocktail that started him salivating. It was the Italian sausage stand, a few yards from where they'd spread their blanket along Fort Lauderdale's Riverwalk.

Later, Hal planned to plead a protein deficiency and scarf down a sausage. Until then, he'd use food diplomacy, mastered during several months of dating:

"This looks great," said Hal, as Cayla plopped greenish-purple glop into two glasses. "I wasn't aware you could actually drink kale."

Hal and Cayla had met in January, shortly after he left frozen Michigan to begin a new life as a private eye. Since then, she'd made him aware of many new things. He hoped that jazz was better than kale.

Cayla had assured him the menu included all kinds of music - everything from ragtime to Motown to Bob Marley. So far, she'd broadened his horizons with paddle-boarding in the New River, a fashion show for dogs, and bicycling in the suffocating heat of August.

Today, at least, the weather was perfect: crisp and comfortable, under a bright November sun.

Hal grinned as a woman with a neon-colored parasol strolled by.

"Good day," she bid him, with an island lilt. Her parasol rivaled the orange hibiscus and yellow allamanda blooming in Esplanade Park.

"Now that's something you don't see back home in Michigan." Hal's gesture included both the tropical flowers and the woman, swaying now to reggae.

Cayla said, "I told you you'd like the Jazz Brunch."



When the band took a break, the mayor came onstage for a short ceremony. Hal tuned out the introduction, something about a key to the city for someone semi-famous. His attention was on a skinny, shirtless man to the side of the stage. After a series of embarrassing mistakes, Hal had been honing his private eye skills. He observed that this guy seemed off, shuffling and twitching to a beat only he could hear.

Suddenly, the man's head snapped up. He appeared mesmerized by the glint of the sun on the golden key. He scaled the stage, grabbed the key from the stunned mayor, and sprinted toward Hal and the New River.

Hal scanned his surroundings. His gaze landed on the Caribbean woman, and her bright umbrella. With a quick nod of understanding, she closed it, and tossed it to him. Hal thrust the umbrella at the ankles of the fleeing thief. The man went sprawling. The key flew in a high arc.

Arm stretched like a World Series outfielder, Hal backed up . . . back, back, back . . . and **SPLASH!**

As Hal surfaced, spitting river water, he raised a fist. The crowd cheered at the sight of the key.

After drying off, and devouring a congratulatory sausage, Hal discovered the key thief had been high on flakka. A drug-fueled delusion convinced him the key was real gold, and he its rightful recipient.

He should have said no to flakka and yes to kale. ☹️

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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