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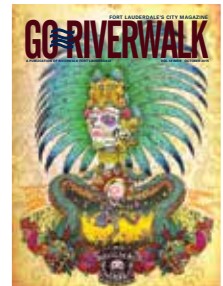
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JUST SOLD

COLUMBUS

THIS 2 BEDROOM, 3 BATH DESIGNER MODEL FEATURES A GOURMET EAT IN KITCHEN WITH GRANITE COUNTERTOPS, STAINLESS STEEL APPLIANCES, 2 TERRACES WITH DIRECT RIVER & POOL VIEWS, UPGRADED FINISHES THROUGHOUT.

CHELSEA - \$819,000

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.

SOHO - \$649,000

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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3BR/2.5BATH - \$559,000

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2BR/2BATH - \$539,000

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2BR/2BATH - \$469,000

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

2BR/2BATH - \$424,900

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

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MOONGLOW - \$639,000

RARELY AVAILABLE 2BR/2BATH SOUTHEAST CORNER UNIT. GOURMET KITCHEN WITH GRANITE COUNTERTOPS. LARGE TERRACE WITH EXPANSIVE RIVER VIEWS. 5 STAR BUILDING AMENITIES. \$639,000

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SKYVIEW - \$499,000

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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SKYVIEW

2BR/2BATH SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN FEATURES DIRECT RIVER VIEWS ON WEST SIDE. FRESHLY PAINTED THROUGHOUT, SPACIOUS GLASS BALCONY, GRANITE COUNTERTOPS AND A BREAKFAST BAR.

SUNGARDEN - \$369,000

RIVER, POOL & CITY VIEWS FROM THIS 1BR/1BATH RESIDENCE. FEATURES A GOURMET KITCHEN & SPACIOUS BALCONY.

JUST SOLD

SUNGARDEN

HIGH FLOOR RARELY AVAILABLE UNIT WITH DIRECT RIVER VIEWS. 1 BEDROOM, 1 BATH MODEL FEATURES LARGE MASTER WITH WALK IN CLOSET, FLOOR TO CEILING GLASS WITH RIVER VIEW.

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2BR/2BATH - \$359,000

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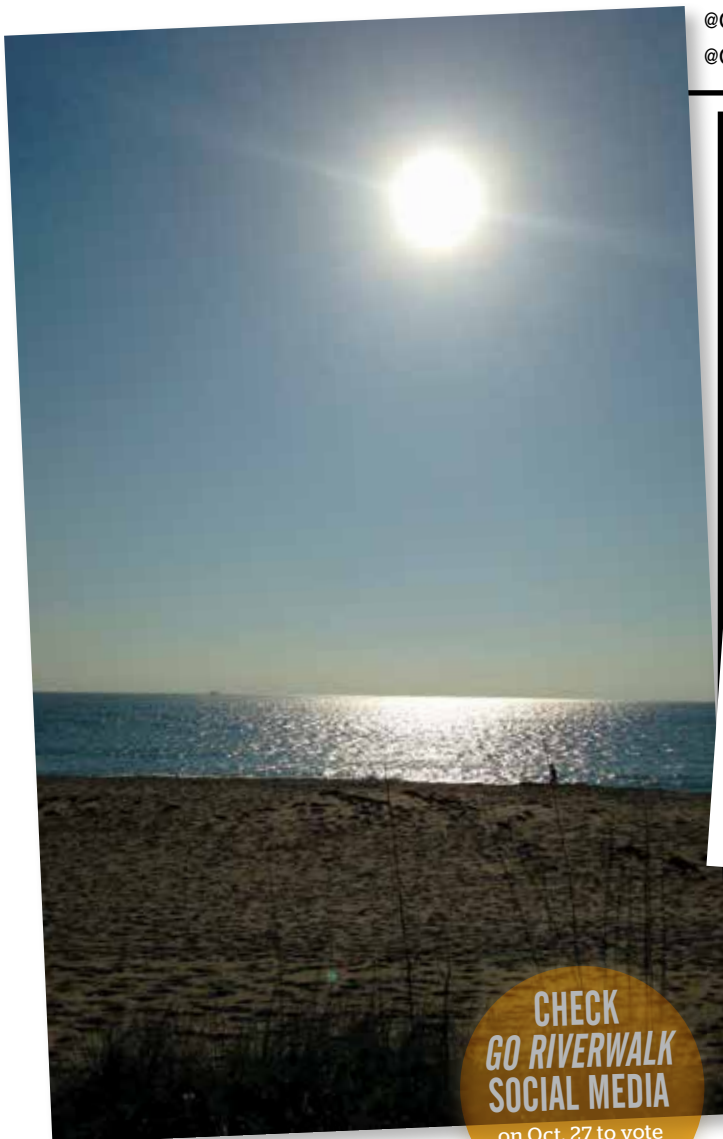
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Riverwalk is managed on a daily basis by a competent and dedicated staff led by our President/CEO Genia Duncan Ellis. This team ensures that the ideas and plans of the board are reviewed and implemented where possible. Fundraising through events, the sale of bricks, banners, and tiles on public art, and benefiting from membership and sponsorships, Riverwalk is self-sustaining and puts its funding back into Riverwalk Linear Park and the Riverwalk District. Through the use of *Go Riverwalk Magazine*, a great publication managed by our Riverwalk staff and our executive editor Alexandra




BY BARBRA STERN
Riverwalk
Fort Lauderdale
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Roland, we are able to provide current information, profiles on current members, calendars of upcoming events and programs, and coverage of projects and city-wide improvements that are underway.

As downtown Fort Lauderdale continues to grow and prosper, we are welcoming more residents to live in the urban core of the community. They have chosen to live in a vibrant and active downtown with our responsibility being to identify and provide opportunities for exercise, walking, bicycling, boating, kayaking, paddleboard, as well as events and even ways to passively use the beautiful parks and river.

The year is bright with great promise and we hope to bring more structural improvements, new and different events, future planning of projects, and a variety of programs to encourage the public to continue to use Riverwalk and the downtown Riverwalk District.

We appreciate your participation and welcome your input. 



Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Announces 2016 Tribute Honoree

We are pleased to announce the honoree for the 2016 Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Tribute. Douglas Eagon, President of Stiles Corporation will be honored for his role in the growth and development of Riverwalk Park and Downtown Fort Lauderdale at the Riverwalk Annual Tribute on March 31, 2016. Check future issues for mini articles on Eagon's life and career.



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■ I've been doing business in Fort Lauderdale since 2006. My first venture was a

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Like a few other transplants, I am from the Northeast. Northern Virginia is where I grew up. I graduated from Radford University with a B.A. in political science. I went on to get a Master's degree in sports management and actually attended St. Thomas University School of Law with my sights set on being a sports agent; instead, I started a management company and became a lawyer.

Today, I teach the Mastering the Business of your Association curriculum to association boards and managers throughout the state. PeytonBolin is headquartered in Fort Lauderdale with satellite offices in Orlando, West Palm Beach, and Tampa. This year we were listed on the 2015 Inc. 5000 list - America's Fastest Growing Private Companies.

Being a Riverwalk trustee member is an opportunity to contribute to the development of Fort Lauderdale's core. I love living in a city with a cultural mix and vitality and I think each one of us should give back in a meaningful way.

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Have you ever wondered how the members who appear on this page are chosen? How do they get this great piece of advertising? Did they have to spend thousands of dollars in order to have their picture and bio in this magazine? No, it's quite simple actually. Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale's



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Renée LaBonte

SYMPHONY OF THE AMERICAS

✦ My husband Jim and I moved to South Florida over 40 years ago. We have been an integral part of the community and its growth –

both with his profession as a real estate developer and our involvement together supporting community causes. I received my training at colleges in St. Louis, Boston, and New York as a concert pianist, and I serve as the founding executive director of the Symphony of the Americas. I have performed with national symphonies all over the world, and I am always thankful to come back “home” to Fort Lauderdale, where I also maintain a private piano instructional studio for young and adult students.

I have received awards from Women in Communications, Florida Grand Opera, Broward Cultural Foundation, Florida State Music Teachers, and Florida’s Division of Cultural Affairs. My latest challenge will be serving our community as a newly inducted honoree and member of the Order of St. John of the Knights of Malta, an organization with only 1,200 members worldwide.

Our Symphony of the Americas, under the artistic direction of our internationally acclaimed Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese, is proud to be a designated Broward County Major Cultural Institution, and though we have performances throughout all of South Florida, we are pleased that our performance home for our Guest Artist Subscription Series and our Matinee Series is at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on the Riverwalk!

Having lived in Fort Lauderdale and having supported so many of our great community causes for over 40 years, I am proud to be a member of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and observe its growth to be one of the finest waterfront cities in the U.S.

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2020 Vision

THE DDA'S TOP FIVE PRIORITIES

Where do we see ourselves in five years? It's a question the DDA Board asked over the summer at its visioning workshop, moderated by James Carras, principal of Carras Community Investment. "Visioning gives organizations an opportunity to see themselves, their future selves, and better articulate the impacts they want to have," said Carras. He is working with us to prepare a strategic plan and he has over 30 similar visioning workshops and resulting plans for public, private, and alternative organizations.

As past DDA successes like the Wave Streetcar and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts flourish and expand, it's time to plan for the next big project and define the agency's goals. While we are in the midst of this process, we welcome input and expect the visioning process to conclude late this year. Below are what the board views as the biggest priorities for the next five years.

1. Complete the Wave Streetcar Phase 1/Plan for Extensions

As the Wave nears completion of final design for phases 1A and 1B, focus for the extensions south to the airport and seaport will ramp up in the coming years. These extensions will be integrated with the Central Broward Transit Study, which recently entered the Project Development phase with the Federal Transit Administration. The DDA will be busy assisting the local outreach for these segments and facilitating coordination among the partners.

2. Facilitate Growth with the Downtown Master Plan

Since its inception, the DDA has been a key facilitator for development projects in conjunction with the parameters set



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Downtown
Development
Authority



forth in the Downtown Master Plan. The agency will continue to seek additional residential unit allocations for the downtown and advocate for other policies that promote a vibrant urban setting.

3. Ensure Organizational Stability Through Self-Sufficiency


The agency's scope of work has increased over the years with large projects like the Wave and the Ambassadors. The agency has been exploring new revenue streams to support this expansion. The Board views a self-sufficient organization with the capacity to take on major projects as a key priority for the next five years.

4. Provide a Safe and Appealing Downtown Environment and Experience

Keeping downtown a safe and welcoming destination is an ongoing effort of the agency, which has been bolstered by the addition of the Ambassadors. The DDA will continue to explore new tools to enhance the downtown experience and attract visitors.

5. Ensure the Efficient Flow of Traffic Downtown

With more growth comes more traffic. The DDA will continue to work with our local governments and civic groups to keep traffic moving in the face of growth. Fortunately for Downtown Fort Lauderdale, the Wave Streetcar will help mitigate that increased traffic.

Five years from now downtown will look much different with a streetcar system, thousands of new residents, and a cleaner and safer environment thanks to this board's planning. Hindsight may be 2020 but with this board's vision, it is foresight that's 2020. 

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Fort Lauderdale City Commission

Press Play

REACHING THE CITY'S FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN
INITIATIVE BY INITIATIVE

Every October 1 your municipal government closes the books on one fiscal year, and rings in a new budget with a fresh set of goals and expectations to make Fort Lauderdale the city you never want to leave. A deliberate process guides our elected officials and city administration to strategize and prioritize the needs and desires of our community and ensure that resources match up with planned services and projects.

This process begins in the summer when the Mayor and Commissioners review each department's business plan, which highlights successes, challenges, and proposed projects or service enhancements that align with the City's five-year strategic plan, Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2018. Combined with results from our statistically valid annual neighbor survey, City leaders then develop a list of priority initiatives for the coming fiscal year. Since 2013, the City has been using this method to implement important projects that have a real benefit and lasting impact on the community.

One such initiative that grew out of this system is the "Code Compliance Process Improvement" effort, prioritized in 2013. As a result of dedicating resources and a focus on improving results to keep our major streets and



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of Sustainable
Development, City
of Fort Lauderdale.



neighborhoods neat and clean, neighbor satisfaction of the City's efforts regarding property maintenance increased by 14 percent in annual survey data from 2013 to 2014. Because code compliance was a major priority initiative, City resources across departments were devoted to this effort, even including neighborhood walks with the City Manager and staff to focus on major problem areas.

For fiscal year 2016, the City Commission outlined 11 major priorities on their policy agenda. These "Commission Annual Action Plan" (CAAP) initiatives include:

1. Beach Community Redevelopment Area (CRA)
2. Stormwater Management Plan*
3. Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights CRA
4. Beach Traffic Management Plan
5. New soccer and lacrosse fields*
6. 17th Street Mobility Plan*
7. Comprehensive Homeless Strategy*
8. Development Density Policy
9. Central City CRA
10. Beach renourishment*
11. Lighting solutions on the beach

These initiatives are important, complex, and typically take multiple years to fully implement. This is evident in that five of the 11 items (those highlighted with an asterisk) are carried over from last year's CAAP list. For each initiative, city staff develops project charters to clarify scope, resources, and milestones. Then on a quarterly basis, the City Manager provides updates to the Commission on the progress of the efforts. Neighbors are encouraged to view these reports on the City's website at www.fortlauderdale.gov.

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Share the Road

THERE'S A NEW SHARROW IN TOWN

Maybe you've seen this symbol on the roadway while making your way around the city. It's probably clear that it has something to do with bicycles, but what exactly is it telling you to do, or not to do, and where? A "sharrow" or "shared-use arrow" is a symbol that lets everyone know that bicyclists may ride on the street using the full lane – that cars and bikes should share the road. They also indicate to bicyclists where to ride and encourage bicycling with traffic, which is the safest direction.

What is the expected behavior of bicyclists and motorists when sharrows are present?

According to the Florida Driver's Handbook, every bicyclist must follow the steps below.

- Follow traffic laws including stopping at stop signs and red lights and traveling in the same direction of vehicle traffic.
- Keep both hands on the handlebars.
- Check behind before changing lanes or moving notably within the lane.

- Signal intent to turn by pointing in the direction you are going to turn.
- Do not wear headphones or any other listening device while bicycling.
- Do not ride a bicycle when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

When traveling in a lane with a sharrow, the driver of an automobile is expected to:

- Respect the right-of-way of bicyclists as other "vehicles." Bicyclists may take the full lane when sharrows are present.
- Pass a bicyclist like a slow moving vehicle, and only when it is safe to do so.
- Give cyclists a minimum of three feet of clearance and reduce speed.
- At night, avoid using high beam headlights when you see a cyclist approaching.
- Yield to bicycles just as you would to any other vehicle.

You may have noticed a lot of the new sharrow symbols in the Lake Ridge and Victoria Park neighborhoods. These were installed as part of the US1 Improvement Project by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). They were placed to establish an alternative bike route to safely direct bicyclists around the construction area, north and south of Sunrise Boulevard, between the Searstown and Gateway intersections. They will remain after the construction project is completed and will continue to offer bicyclists a safer environment to travel through this area.

These new bike amenities address one of the top priorities identified by our neighbors in the City's 2014 Neighbor Survey, which is "safety of biking." This is accomplished by addressing all the E's of bicycle safety: engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation.

Hopefully, this article has educated you on the use of sharrows. We will be collecting data to evaluate their effectiveness and hope that enforcement of the rules on drivers and bicyclists won't be necessary. We encourage you to try them out! For more information, contact Debbie Griner, Transportation Manager, at dgriner@fortlauderdale.gov.



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A City on the Move

FORT LAUDERDALE'S FUTURE
ACCORDING TO JENNI MOREJON

Kermit the Frog was a bit melancholy when he first performed Joe Raposo's lyric 45 years ago on *Sesame Street*. Pondering issues of identity and individuality, he vocalized a simple yet profound idea: "But green's the color of spring, and green can be cool and friendly-like; and, green can be big like an ocean, or important like a mountain, or tall like a tree." From *Sesame Street* in 1970 to the corner of Broward Boulevard and Federal Highway in 2015, it's helpful to know who you are, where you're going, and what matters most.

Fort Lauderdale is a city on the move! With an identity that is rooted in collaborative cylinders of excellence, great attention is being given to forward progress in infrastructure, public places, neighborhood enhancement, business development, public safety, and internal support. As part of a team helping to guide those ideals towards a realized vision, the Department of Sustainable Development administers plans and policies to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike. It may not be easy, but the investment is well worth it.

Jenni Morejon was named director of the Department of Sustainable Development in January of this year, having previously served as deputy director for three years and principal planner since 2008. Morejon received her Bachelor of Science in Environmental Design from the University of Colorado, and her career has been devoted to community planning, urban design, project and program management, and the encouragement of high-quality development in urban coastal settings. The Downtown Council is pleased to have Morejon as our featured guest this month.

On Thursday, Oct. 22, Morejon will update breakfast attendees on the implementation of "Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2018: Our City,




Director of the Department of Sustainable Development Jenni Morejon



BY JOHN JONES

Chair, Downtown
Council, Chamber
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Our Strategic Plan"; she'll also discuss various projects that are currently under construction or in design. You may register for the breakfast at www.events.ftlchamber.com. It will take place at the Global Event Center of First Baptist Fort Lauderdale. 

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A collage of the 17 writers chosen by the Broward County Cultural Division:
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The Art of Journalism

BROWARD COUNTY CULTURAL DIVISION'S
NEW TAKE ON ARTS REPORTING

In the day and age of continuous change within the reporting world, the National Endowment for the Arts awarded four agencies across the country funding in support of arts journalism. These agency initiatives are geared towards programs that discern how the arts might be written about in the future. Broward Cultural Division received \$25,000; Arts Alliance in Ann Arbor, Mich. - \$45,000; Arts Council of Indianapolis, Ind. - \$35,000; and Culture Source in Detroit, Mich. \$30,000.

It seems that with print newspapers diminishing and online sources increasing, there is a need to take another look at the world of published words; and for Broward's local arts agency, the Cultural Division, arts writing has become the focus for this moment.

Simply put, the aim is to achieve a greater volume of new content with richer, more informed dialogue about the arts community, while giving local writers a forum and an opportunity to season their craft in the real world and in a credible environment. Thirty-nine local writers applied to the program and 17 were selected, who will make Broward County arts and culture their 'beat.'

In order to make it happen, through a program called the Broward Arts Journalism Alliance (BAJA), the Division designed and then executed a series of workshops over the course of a year that culminated with a Call to Writers. South Florida's writers were invited to gather with a team of faculty from the Goldring Arts Journalism Program,

the Janklow Arts Leadership Program, and the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University, and a collection of local and regional media professionals.

Heavy hitters in this gathering included Florida Theater On Stage Founder Bill Hirschman; *ArtHive Magazine* founders; *Miami Rail's* editor and publisher; S.I. Newhouse's director of the Goldring Arts Journalism Program and associate professor in newspaper and communications Johanna Keller; theater critic and reporter for *The New York Times* Eric Grode; founder and editor-in-chief of *Caribbean Intransit*, *The Arts Journal's* Marielle Barrow; founder of Global Reporters for the Caribbean Zahra Burton; Alex de Carvalho, Knight Innovator in Residence at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Florida International University. These are just a few that came to share and learn at the Broward workshops. We were excited to have a union of goals with these professionals and they seemed just as eager about us. It was an inspirational and thought-provoking time, and we knew we were on to something big.

Exciting things happened along the way. NPR's arts reporter Neda Ulaby presented a lecture at ArtServe and was interviewed by WLRN and shared some of her insights on the trends of this creative, literary field.

The 17 selected writers, who were contracted by a panel and engaged in August, included citizen bloggers, website and feature writers, profilers, reviewers, critics, and photo essay specialists. They will be writing for Broward Cultural Division's fine arts magazine *Cultural Quarterly*, as well as a newly developed arts blog platform on www.ArtsCalendar.com. They will also be involved in event coverage for Broward 100, Duende and "WE" through social media and website opportunities.

They have already hit the streets and their blogs and reviews are showing up on www.broward100.org and www.artscalendar.com and in local social media streams. Look out for them on Facebook and Twitter, and get used to seeking them out for art critiques, fresh perspectives, and ongoing updates on the arts scene in Broward County. @



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Dr. Carlos Pulido, M.D., Pre-Med Program Director, reviews human anatomy and physiology with AHS senior, pre-med student, and President of the Pre-Med Society, Sneha Chaturvedi, who hopes to attend Harvard University and become a neurosurgeon.

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On the Money

AIMING FOR 90,000 NEW JOBS BY 2020

As I write this month's column we are on final approach to a number of programs, products, and services at the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. Our eye is on the target to create 90,000 net new jobs by the year 2030.

That's what it will take with current population trends to keep unemployment at five percent. We expect to reach 1,940,000 residents by that time, an increase of 160,000.

We have a number of fantastic allies to help us meet this goal including, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County Government, Port Everglades, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, and our 1,300+ investors representing nearly 500,000 employees.

By the time you read this we will have returned from Washington, DC, with the Chamber's Washington Summit 2015. Our work there is a continuation of efforts to be engaged on critical economic and community issues affecting jobs and economic vitality. We have learned over the years that you are either at the table or on the table as it were.

Our robust legislative agenda includes: a new federal courthouse; beach preservation/restoration; transportation funding for improvements like the Wave streetcar and a multimodal freight program, giving the



BY DAN LINDBLADE

President/CEO,
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Metropolitan Planning Organization oversight of revenues and expenditures for managed lanes generated from the Interstate Highway System; continuation of Port Everglades improvements; improvements for healthcare delivery systems; and a host of other important items.


Some wonder why our organization continues to be involved in the political process and

how we strategically set our focus. There must be a nexus between economic sustainability and jobs. Take the south runway at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL). That transportation project, incubated at the Chamber, created "Friends of the Airport," a consortium of business leaders who were convinced we had outgrown the current structure.

Many years later those visionaries were right as we have gone from being on the list of airports with lengthy delays to no delays at all. In fact, FLL is one of the fastest growing, large hub airports. We rank second in international traffic growth and second in total passenger growth. When we look at FLL as an economic output generator, we find it generates \$13.2 billion.

We have also been active in support of All Aboard Florida (AAF) this year. This private rail system, with stops in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, and Orlando, is a lynchpin for our future economic success.

On at least two different occasions I testified before the Florida Development Finance Corporation where AAF received \$1.75 billion in Private Activity Bonds, which will be used to finish this project. Once completed, AAF will add nearly \$3.5 billion in GDP to Florida's economy. On top of that, it is estimated that \$2 billion in labor income and over \$600 million in tax revenues will be generated through 2021. With more than \$6 billion in positive economic impact for the state over the next eight years, AAF will also create more than 10,000 construction jobs.

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The submerged seawall at Esplanade Park during king tides in late August



THE TURNING TIDES

FLOODING IN FORT LAUDERDALE
IS NOTHING NEW, BUT KING TIDES
AND CLIMATE CHANGE HAVE THE
CITY ON THE WATCH

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Waters from king tides in late August seep past the Las Olas Blvd. seawall at the north end of Luna Canal

This year, king tides, a seasonal phenomenon lasting from August through November, were predicted to be 2.9- 3.3 feet higher than those in previous years. Shannon Vezina, public information officer for the City of Fort Lauderdale, says actuals were about 6 inches higher than predicted levels, coming in at 3 - 3.5 feet higher than average high tides.

In 2012, after Hurricanes Isaac and Sandy wreaked havoc along the coastline, strong wave action from the east coupled with king tides caused the infamous damage to A1A, which is one of the factors that has led to the reconstruction and beach renourishment projects along the seaside highway.

Vezina says that usually king tides pose minor threats, such as traffic nuisances. Additional storm water can exacerbate the problem when water from king tides are already overflowing storm drains. The higher levels of saltwater can backtrack through storm drains and up onto streets, potentially causing corrosion on vehicle undercarriages that repeatedly come in contact with the standing water. Maintenance measures, like hosing down the underside of cars after contact with seawater, can combat damage.

A City-led king tides adaptation measure involves over 50 one-way tidal valves that were installed in storm drains in local low-lying areas. Two dozen more are planned for the future. When it rains, the mechanism pushes water out but doesn't allow water from high tides to backtrack and funnel into the streets.

Vezina says, "We also have a Comprehensive Storm Water Master Plan. It is taking a look at the entire city and our infrastructure and trying to...facilitate better drainage so that when the water does fall, it can get to the appropriate outfalls and get back out to the major waterways so it's not accumulating on city streets."

Major flooding is a different story and with the effects of climate change looming ahead, the City isn't

Water laps over seawalls and backs up through storm drains; we become all too familiar with flood watches and warnings during the rainy months; thunderstorms and hurricanes inundate streets and yards with more water than we know what to do with.

Although South Florida does not typically face catastrophic flooding events, the area is known for its susceptibility. Fort Lauderdale boasts seven miles of beach and 300 miles of canal coastline but residents and city government lament when the community is at water's mercy.

Recent developments in policy and the City's prioritization of proactively dealing with the vulnerability of local low-lying areas and sea level rise sheds a telling light on the significance of flooding and the necessary responsiveness.

The main causes of flooding are linked to seasonal high tides, rainfall from inclement weather, and sea level rise.



King tides flooding Annie Beck park in late August

taking any chances. In 2014, Broward County replaced existing 1992 flood maps. “Over time landscapes are altered by development, mitigation activities, and meteorological events, which change flood risk,” Richard Benton, floodplain manager for the City of Fort Lauderdale says. Various entities utilize these maps to determine the flood risk of a particular piece of land.

Fort Lauderdale is a part of the Southeast Florida Climate Change Compact, an agreement among four counties to collaboratively pledge support to deal with climate changes impacts. The Unified Sea Level Rise Projections data for the region, which resulted from the Compact, shows three to seven inches by 2030, and nine to 24 inches by 2060.

“Fort Lauderdale has a 20-year vision plan. We have a five-year strategic plan,” former Assistant City Manager Susanne Torriente says. “We definitely have a focus on climate adaptation and dealing with flooding in terms of our storm water program. I think that the region in general and the City in particular is aware of these matters and we’re actively planning and taking action.”

The identification of Adaptation Action Areas (AAA) is a part of a pilot program born



Flooding on the south side of Las Olas Blvd. during last year's king tides

TOP AND BOTTOM PHOTOS BY SHANNON VEZINA



Flooding at Stranahan House during last year's king tides



Top and bottom: A1A and beach stabilization measures began in April 2013 along the beach area washed away during Hurricane Sandy in October 2012

from the Southeast Florida Climate Change Compact. The City incorporated AAAs into its Comprehensive plan this January. AAAs serve as a mechanism to identify low-lying areas that are at high risk for flooding and vulnerable to sea level rise so that necessary funds can be flagged to implement improvements. Fort Lauderdale is the second city in the state to adapt AAAs.

On May 12, 2015, Governor Rick Scott signed CS/CS/CS Senate Bill 1094 that stipulates six requirements for the coastal management sections of comprehensive plans. Under section one it states: “Include development and redevelopment principles, strategies, and engineering solutions that reduce the flood risk in coastal areas, which results from high-tide events, storm surge, flash floods, storm water runoff, and the related impacts of sea-level rise.”

Torriente says, “It’s a matter of looking at when we design, when we construct. What do we do differently? What are our design standards? And how do we take into consideration the information that we now know of projected sea level rise? That is what our planners and engineers are doing.”

At the homeowner’s level, during construction phases, location should be considered, and homes or structures built above Base Flood Elevation, says Leslie Chapman-Henderson, CEO of Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH).

FLASH, originally founded in Florida, pioneers disaster resilience. “Our organization grew out of post [Hurricane] Andrew years. It was after Andrew that everyone was like, ‘Ok, we’re making this recovery but what are we doing about the building codes? What about the next time?’” The agency also aims to educate the masses on how to protect homes from natural disasters, locally and nationally, through outreach programs on a grassroots level that address





The A1A reconstruction and beach nourishment projects are nearing completion



homeowners' concerns.

According to Chapman-Henderson, in regards to flooding preparedness, the first necessary action is to determine your flood and evacuation zones in case of a disaster. The City's GIS software (gis.fortlauderdale.gov/FemaFloodZones) enables residents to determine flood zones according to location. But it is a classification that varies greatly. Vezina says, "Your flood zone can differ significantly from one property to the next."


Next, secure financial protection or flood insurance.

For homes in high-risk areas, it's mandatory and is not usually covered under homeowner or renter insurance, but it comes with a caveat. Insurance has a 30-day waiting period. In other words, if a hurricane or tropical storm was approaching the city and you purchased flood insurance in anticipation of subsequent damage, chances are you wouldn't be covered. Depending on your flood zone, that could prove to be a hefty consequence. The website www.floodsmart.gov provides access to a flood loss estimator – for a 2,000 sq. foot home, just a few inches of water could yield over \$20,000 worth of damage.

Chapman-Henderson recommends that homeowners purchase flood insurance no matter their zone. "If you're in the high-risk area, it's required. And it's an investment – that's one of the challenges. But if you're outside the high-risk area, it's highly affordable and I believe something like 20 percent of the claims come from outside the high-risk areas."

According to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), as of June 2015, the average premium for Broward County policyholders living in a non-special flood hazard area (NSFHA) was \$362. For homeowners in a special flood hazard area (SFHA), it was \$396. The approximations are not inclusive of surcharges or fees.

Understanding your home and specific places of vulnerability can proactively assist in case a flood strikes. This is the third set of preemptive measures. When there is a heavy rain, does water run away from your home or does it pool near your foundation? Chapman-Henderson says pay attention. Know wet spots. Keep gutters clean. Think about things you can't replace and store them upstairs or on a high shelf.

"We always say, 'Where it can rain, it can flood,' she says. "There's really no place in Florida that is immune." 

A CHANGE IS GONNA COME

THE PORT EVERGLADES EXPANSION – ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS FOR THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE AND BEYOND

WRITER JAMION KRIES • PHOTOGRAPHY JASON LEIDY



The widening and deepening of the channel leading up to Port Everglades is 18 years in the making. Environmental roadblocks have been the main challenge to moving forward with development. However, a new Chief of Engineers Report has been recently approved by the Army Corps of Engineers. This report is the first step in determining the feasibility of such a large-scale project.

The widening and deepening of the waterway will

extend into the outer entrance channel, the inner entrance channel, and the rectangular shoal that flows in between the intracoastal waterway and the inner entrance channel. This will widen berths, or designated spaces used to secure vessels, within the port and a section of the intracoastal waterway.

As estimated in February 2015, the harbor deepening and widening project will cost \$374,100,000. It is slated to begin in 2018 according to the 2015/2016 *Facilities Guide and*



Directory, a Port Everglades publication. Local tax scoffers will not feel the crunch of this nearly \$375 million project as money from federal sources and port user fees will split the cost of construction 50/50.

Expansion is brought on by the need to accommodate larger container ships known as Post Panamax ships. They improve efficiency in the number of units moved and cut fuel costs simultaneously. The ever-growing inhabitants of

South Florida - with its nearly 110 million resident and tourist consumer population - is another reason. The project will create jobs not just for the duration of the expansion, but also permanent new jobs that will remain long after completed construction.

Waters surrounding Port Everglades house a variety of coral species and concern about the environmental impacts of the dredging project have led to a Habitat Equivalency Analysis,



Activity at Port Everglades



take part in the coral transplant project given its nearby proximity, Ellen Kennedy, manager of Port Everglades Corporate and Community Relations, said, "They're not necessarily associated with our project yet because our project is just in the design phase." Kennedy and Wiltshire are enthusiastic about the possibility of working with the nearby university but also mention that NSU would not be the only institution competing for the coral transplanting project.

New methods of construction, which utilize sheet pilings or vertical corrugated steel sheets driven into the ground, will dramatically reduce the environmental impact on the underwater substrate as well. Previous plans were made to cut out the limestone rock from the channel at underwater depths, but this never panned out.

The Southport turning notch extension is another main facet of the project. This expansion will provide more room for ships to turn around in the cargo berth area, lengthening the current 900 feet to 2,400 feet. Super Post Panamax gantry cranes will stretch across five new cargo berths in order to latch onto the containers of larger ships. The estimated cost of this project is \$269,400,000, which includes the mangrove creation area and improvements to

conducted to assess potential damage scenarios and calculate the extent of mitigation efforts required to offset those impacts. After a review of potential courses of action, the US Army Corps of Engineers selected a plan involving artificial reefs.

Glenn A. Wiltshire, Deputy Port Director says, "Our project is very innovative in the approach to the mitigation [of] the environmental impacts of the project. I don't know if the Corps has ever grown coral in nurseries for a deepening project before."

Plan Implementation (Element 6) of the 2014 Port Everglades Master/Vision Plan states: "This plan involves deployment of piles of limestone that have either been quarried and transported to the mitigation areas, or dredged from the channel construction areas, placed parallel to existing reef tracts. Up to 12,235 coral colonies greater than 10 centimeters in diameter and free of disease, along with boring sponges, would be relocated from impact areas to the mitigation sites, which would be prepared in advance of dredging."

When asked if Nova Southeastern University (NSU) would



Mangrove planters will be transplanted to the existing conservation easement



Approximately 8.7 acres of mangroves will need to be removed for the Southport Turning Notch Extension. About 16.5 acres that will be added to the existing conservation easement

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West Lake Park, a mangrove estuary west of the Intracoastal.

Addressing environmental impacts is part of the approval for the port expansion, since 8.7 acres of mangroves will need to be removed for the extension. Approximately 70,000 new mangroves and wetland plants will add 16.5 acres to another area of the existing conservation easement. Mangrove nurseries were created for this purpose and are required to show sustainability for future growth.

The Panama Canal is also undergoing improvements in order to accommodate larger ships. This is an important factor in combination with the expansion of our local ports, since approximately 15 percent of all Latin American trade in the United States comes through Port Everglades.

The unknown variable that comes with the added influx of intercontinental travel is a variety of invasive species – plants, animals, insects, and fish. Currently, ships must discharge their waters under specific guidelines to prevent

the transfer of ballast water, seawater taken into ballast tanks for ship stability when en route, from places like the Indo Pacific region over to our waters. The purpose is to avoid the introduction of foreign creatures.

The lion fish is a prime example of why such guidelines are in place, as the species has invaded South Florida waters much to the dismay of marine biologists. The price we pay for being an ever more connected world. 

MARITIME MECCA

THE WORLD'S LARGEST
IN-WATER BOAT SHOW RETURNS
WITH A FEW NEW FEATURES

WRITER CLARISSA BUCH

Yachting Capital of the World and Venice of America, are among Fort Lauderdale's many names, so it's no surprise that the largest in-water boating event of the year calls the city home. And this time, the Marine Industries of South Florida annual boat show will return in November, as opposed to the show's traditional date at the end of October.

"Most of it has to do with the rainy season," says Show Management's vice president of marketing Brett Keating regarding the date change. "Now that we decided to make the change, it'll continue to be the first Thursday in November for future years."

Besides a new start date, seasoned attendees can expect some new additions too. Show Management, the company that organizes the boat show, hired event management group QuintEvents, known for providing VIP experiences, like elite ticket packages, specialty experiences, hotel deals, and transportation, at other large-scale gatherings like the Kentucky Derby, the Masters, and NFL events.

"We thought it would be a great way to expand and give our guests a different kind of social experience," Keating says. "We have given the company an area for them to implement a very high-end VIP club. They'll have the best catering, food and beverage and concierge services, and will even help set up private tours of yachts, which can otherwise be difficult to get on."

Another addition is the event's Blue Party. Keating says it's a ticketed event, but to get your hands on those tickets, you'll need to ask an exhibitor. "This will really make connections between boaters or people who want to be a boater and our exhibitors," she says. It's going to be a lot of fun. Everything will be in blue lights, and all the proceeds will go to the Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center at Broward Health."

The VIP experience and parties aside, the event will



extend over seven locations, covering more than three million square feet of space. According to Keating, water sports demonstrations, fishing and boating seminars, workshops, yacht tours, live entertainment, and food and drink are just a sample of what to expect. And she believes whether you're an experienced boater, someone interested in the water, or someone looking for a fun event, this show can cater to just about everyone.

"If there's any boat show you should go to, this one is it," says Keating. "There's really something for everyone. And it's the best place to be if you're on the edge of buying a boat because you can learn and feel open to ask questions from professionals who will show you the way."

On average, 100,000 people attend the event annually,



with guests flying in from around the world and staying in local hotels. “There [are] a lot of people that go into putting this together,” Keating says. “You’ve got all the boats and a lot of the parts and accessories on display, and behind all of that you have manufacturers, crew, security, food concessions, and entertainers. As far as supporting people’s lifestyles, it’s huge.”

But most importantly, Keating believes the biggest benefit to the show is how it unifies the boating world. “The show activates the whole community and surrounding area in such a big way,” she says. “Fort Lauderdale is a yachting mecca and we have access up and down the east coast, and to the Caribbean and the Bahamas. The show really brings the whole community together.” ⁶⁰

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WRITER MEGAN RIORDAN

Fort Lauderdale has a new startup in the boating world. Sailo, founded in New York in 2014, is an online marketplace connecting boat owners, captains, and customers interested in a unique boating experience.

“We believe in the shared economy and helping boat owners monetize their expensive asset that often sits unused 95% of the time,” explains Magda Marcu, one of Sailo’s four co-founders and head of operations and finance.

Boat captains can post personal pages and boat owners can create detailed boat profiles to be reviewed by potential customers looking to rent either or both. The company is excited to grow their network in South Florida, already managing a rapidly growing fleet of over 600 boats.

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Sailo to be considered a sufficient boater capable of driving the vessel. The boat owner then decides if he or she is comfortable renting the boat. “We help each [customer] in a way that creates the trust they need to interact with each other,” says Marcu.

The benefit for boat owners is not only that they can set their own prices, but also that they know their boats will be returned to them safely. Sailo also covers insurance for both boat and renter in the case of an accident.

The company also offers event venue boats for occasions like company parties, alumni reunions, a sunset sail for a marriage proposal, and charity events. Marcu explains, “We make a point of giving back to worthy local charities by sponsoring fundraisers as well as donating boat cruises.”



Boats in Salio's South Florida fleet



Sailo has sponsored the Charity Gala for Victims of Crime as well as the Big Brother, Big Sister cruise aboard a 130-guest sailboat schooner. They have also contributed to the silent auction at C4Q's Tech 3.0 Bash to fund technology training in underserved areas. They anticipate making charity and sponsorship cruises an annual occurrence.

A selection of boats are eligible for rent from pontoons or smaller personal boats, to 97 foot sailboats complete with luxury cabins, beds, and a full crew and captain. “I love the freedom I feel out on the water,” Marcu says. “Our aim at Sailo is for our customers to create lasting memories.”

After officially launching Salio at the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show last year, they anticipate an October opening for the company's Fort Lauderdale office. For more information, visit www.salio.com. 

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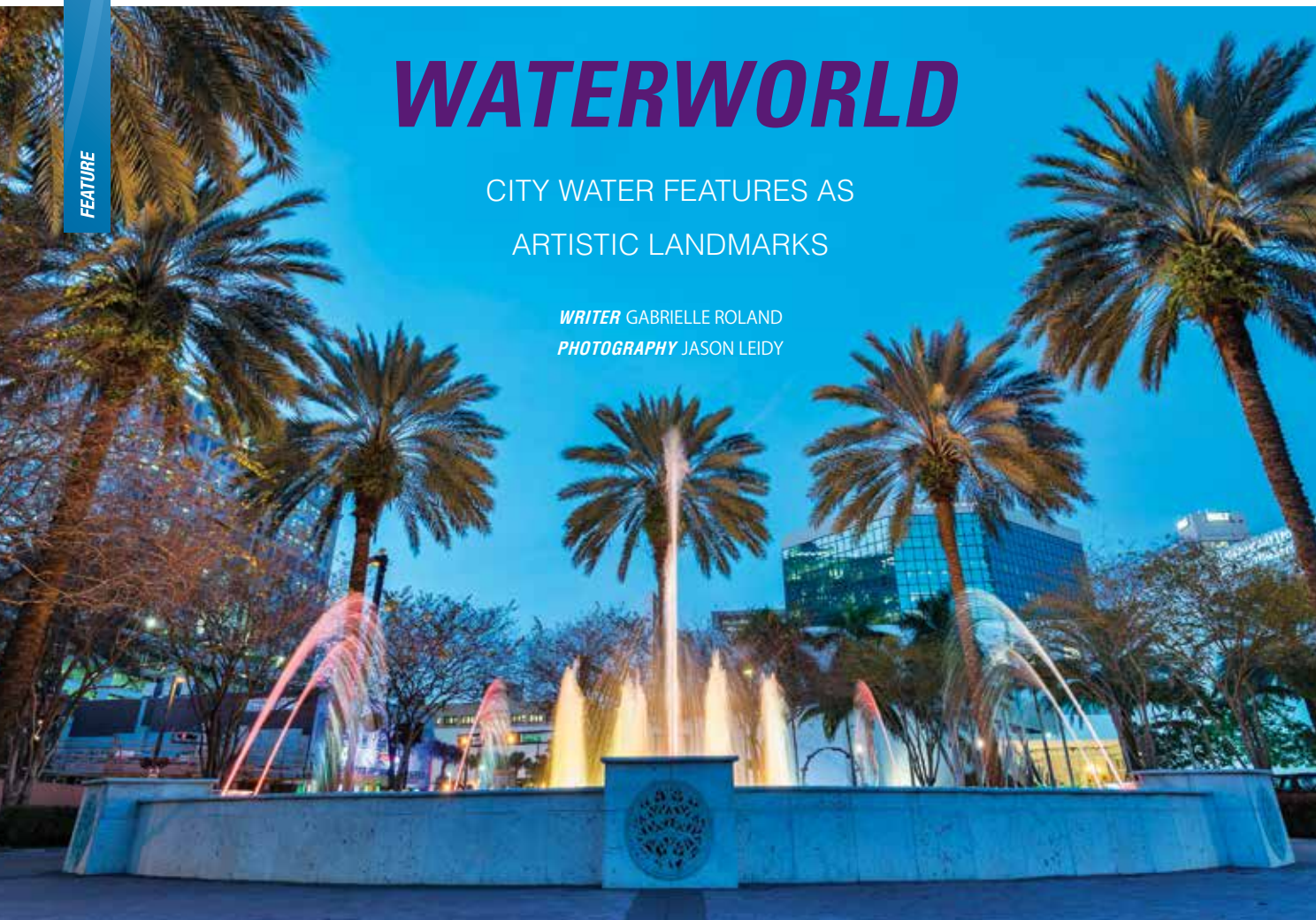


WATERWORLD

CITY WATER FEATURES AS
ARTISTIC LANDMARKS

WRITER GABRIELLE ROLAND

PHOTOGRAPHY JASON LEIDY



▲ Huizenga Plaza Fountain

1 E. Las Olas Blvd.

If you have ever driven or walked through downtown Fort Lauderdale, you have probably passed by the Huizenga Plaza fountain. Constructed and installed in the early 2000s, the fountain has some unknown features. For 15 minutes at the beginning of every hour from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., speakers installed within the fountain play music and the water jets rise and fall to the beat. At the north, south, east and west columns of the fountain, there are controls resembling shower drains. Hover your hand over one and watch the water soar and sink at your command. Each column controls a different ring of jets.

◀ Esplanade Park Fountain

401 SW Second St.

The Esplanade Park Fountain is an oldie, but a goodie. Located between the Esplanade Pavilion and the New River, this fountain is lined with royal blue tiles giving the feature an aqua blue tint. The fountain was designed by Wallace Roberts and Todd, an urban planning/design, landscape architecture, and architecture firm headquartered in Philadelphia. The fountain was installed in the early 1990s and was funded by the PECO grant in an effort to beautify the area, which was then considered the Arts and Science District.





Las Olas River House Koi Pond

333 Las Olas Way

What is better than a koi pond at the entrance of your apartment building? A Koi Pond *inside* your apartment building. The River House Condo is famous for its eye-catching design and cool blue color, but what some may not know is the inside is just as cool for different reasons, like their indoor koi pond. The pond is seemingly framed into three portions but the koi are free to roam through the connected sections.

W Hotel Pool

401 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd.

The W Hotel pool might as well be an extension of the Fort Lauderdale beach. In fact, if you stand far away enough from the transparent railing, you may not be able to see the sand and roadway that separates them. But the uniqueness of this water feature really shines in the way you access it. Swimmers and sunbathers ascend from the floor beneath the pool through a tunnel of glass walls and a glass ceiling revealing a clear underwater view and direct Fort Lauderdale sunlight. The stairway leads to the deck, but guests often linger to take photos of submarine sights like wiggling toes, cannon ball water explosions, and smiling faces. Needless to say, this feature is known on the social media scene for its photo opps.


Wreck Bar

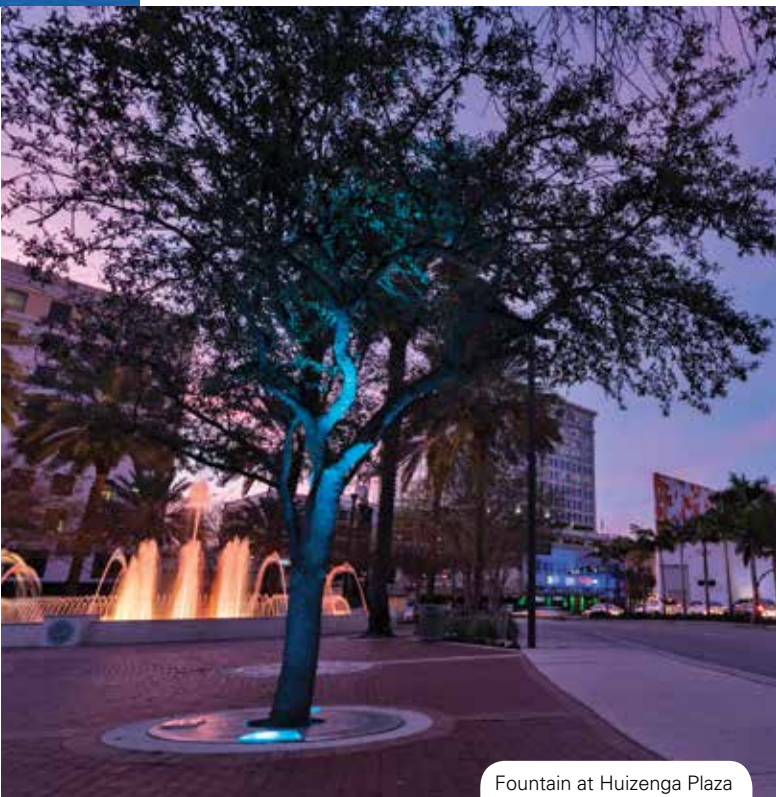
1140 Seabreeze Blvd. (B Ocean Resort)

If you're into performance art, the Wreck Bar may be appealing. The B Ocean Hotel, formerly the Yankee Clipper, houses this local watering hole. It's located next to the pool at a parallel level and thus gives frequenters and guests a front row seat into the pool through glass windows behind the bar. What sets this pool apart from all the others on the beach occurs twice a week – on Fridays and Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. Mermaids flip their tails in a synchronized swimming routine that has been a fixture since the 1950s. Grab a pint and stay for the show.

Water Garden Condo Fountain

347 N. New River Dr.

The Water Garden combines sculpture with aquatic art at the entrance of the condo building. This outdoor public art features a unique abstract steel sculpture with water cascading from the base over platforms to pool in a moat surrounding it. The contemporary structure is the property's sentinel, juxtaposing natural art with the contrived variety. 



Fountain at Huizenga Plaza

THE BUSINESS CLUB

TOWER CLUB RETAINS ITS VISTAS
BUT UPDATES ITS INTERIOR

WRITER PETE STEVENSON

PHOTOGRAPHY JASON LEIDY

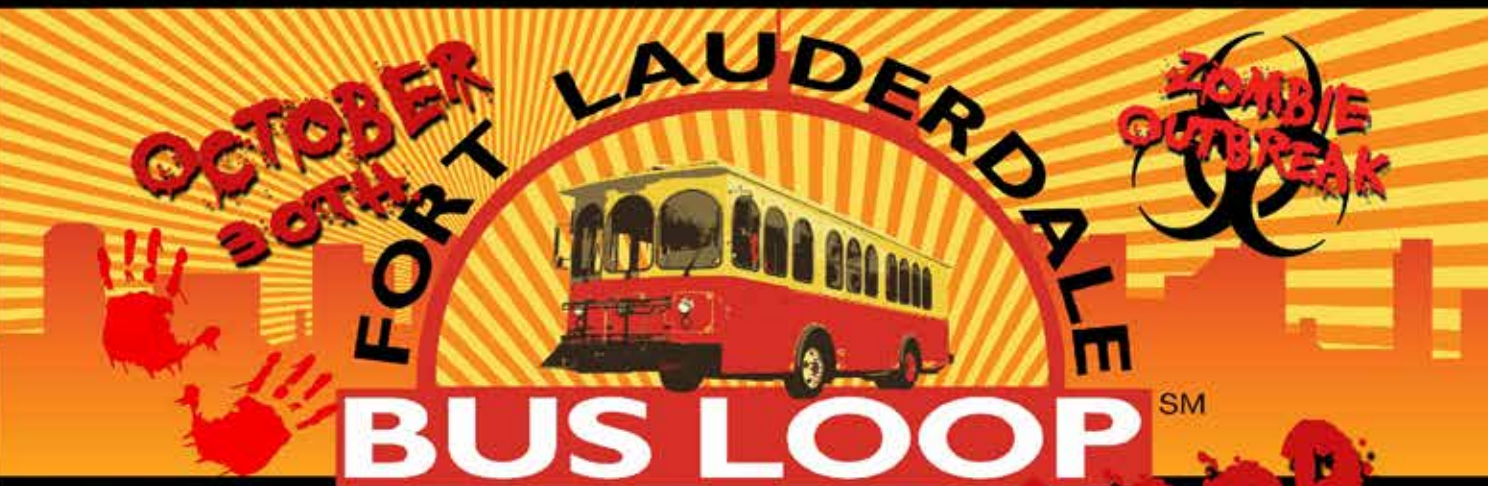


A rendering of the remodeled dining area (above); the dining area during construction (below)

When you walk into the Tower Club on the 28th floor of One Financial Plaza in Downtown Fort Lauderdale, stunning views of the city and ocean come into focus. The sweeping vista visible from the Tower Club is something that you would never want to change. However, over the years the surroundings inside the club had become somewhat dated. The atmosphere needed to be updated according to the changing styles, technologies, and requirements of its growing membership.

The creation of the Tower Club as a private business and dining club was spearheaded by Fort Lauderdale





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businessman Fred Pettijohn over 40 years ago in 1974. Since then it has become connected with local businesses and community entities, like Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale. The original purpose of the club was to be a sanctuary, where business and community leaders could connect and build relationships.

Today much has changed in the way people do business. We text, email, and schedule video-conferences, many times completing business deals between individuals and corporations without ever having met in person. Touch-screens can actually make us lose touch. Places like the Tower Club may be more important than ever as the platform for doing business or creating relationships face-to-face. These are just some of the reasons the club is undergoing its largest renovation in its history.

"The Tower Club renovations are more than just renovations. This isn't simply putting down some new carpet and throwing some paint on the wall, it's a total reinvention of the club," says Michael Rosa, general manager. "The new design for the club is to embrace Fort Lauderdale's maritime history and business culture tied to the Port and Intracoastal. We started as a city of trade, travel, and exchange."

The club will embrace this motif in very subtle and refined ways. The member upscale dinning venue will be known as a passport to providing a unique heritage menu with meticulous personal service. The Trade Bar & Lounge will provide a large selection of exclusive wines, whiskies, rums, and local craft beers.

The large ocean view event space/ballroom will be known as the Union Exchange Ballroom and will provide a space for meetings, events, weddings, parties, and celebrations. And they are embracing technology as well with a multimedia




Looking back towards the NW corner of the club from the new bar pictured in the rendering above

area that will boast a 90" flat screen for that big business deal or for just watching the big game.

All of these spaces reflect customized designed and afford amazing water and city views. "Part of the exclusivity of the Tower Club is we are the only other event space to offer such views [besides Pier 66]," said Rosa.

While one of the goals for the reinvention is to retain and attract a diverse membership, the focus on business has not been lost. The most important concept that the Tower Club team wanted to convey was to appeal to their diverse membership needs. The demographic of business clubs is a mixture of business leaders, philanthropists, foodies, socialites, and families.

"We want a complete mix of networking, business, family, and fun and we are working that into every part of the design," said Victoria Hilber, membership director. The renovations began on June 27 and are expected to be completed for an October 10 grand reopening. 



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FEATURE

THE CULTURE OF REAPING

LOCAL FARM OWNERS SEEK
TO REDEFINE THE WAY THEIR
FOOD IS PRODUCED

WRITER CLARISSA BUCH • PHOTOGRAPHY JASON LEIDY

When asked if someone knows the term hydroponic farming, blank faces and confused looks are common. But for Marando Farms owners, Chelsea and Fred Marando, it's a way of life.

When the locals opened their beloved Fort Lauderdale farm, they put hydroponic farming at the top of their to-do list. Creating new opportunities for farmers and ranchers to help combat climate change and grow healthy, local foods is a main priority. Hydroponic farming gets them one step closer to that vision.



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Part of the City of Fort Lauderdale's Open Streets Event. FREE family activities, live entertainment, Miami Marlins, Teddy Bear Clinic, Santa on his South Florida Ford Sleigh and much more.

THROUGH - NOV. 24 - WINTERFEST® FANTASY BOAT STUDENT ART CONTEST

Open to 3rd - 5th grade Broward County students - Every Participant will receive tickets to South Florida Fair with art displayed at Galleria Fort Lauderdale.

DEC. 5 - SEMINOLE HARD ROCK WINTERFEST® BLACK TIE BALL presented by Moët & Chandon in association with Russian Standard Vodka, Brugal Rum and Republic National Distributing, Co.

Patriot National Welcome Reception, Fidelity Investments Silent Auction, entertainment sponsor Greenspoon Marder Law and a special performance direct from the Broadway Musical "Kinky Boots."

DEC. 7 - WINTERFEST® CAPTAIN'S MEETING presented by

Show Management, hosted by Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina

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

DEC. 12 - WINTERFEST® GRANDSTAND VIEWING AREA

presented by SOUTH FLORIDA FORD

Chris Evert Broward Health Children's Hospital Health, Safety & Family Fun Zone, Stella Artois Culinary Courtyard, Live Entertainment and activities by the U.S. Army. PURCHASE tickets at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino front desk or Select Pet Supermarket locations. SEATS RESERVED AND ASSIGNED at Birch State Park.

DEC. 12 - WINTERFEST® VIP VIEWING presented by the Huizenga Family

Hosted by the Riverside Hotel and Stranahan House. Pacific Rim and Templeton featured wines.

DEC. 12 - SEMINOLE HARD ROCK WINTERFEST® BOAT PARADE

44th Annual Holiday Parade - "Fairy Tales Afloat." Highlights: Grand Marshal Showboat presented by JM Lexus, Showboats sponsored by WSVN, Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza/BIG 105.9, South Florida Ford, FPL Jr. Captain, Galleria Mall Reindeer, Broadway Across America, Pet Supermarket, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Baptist Health Santa Showboat. Vote for your favorite entry to win!

FEB. 25 - WINTERFEST® CAPTAIN'S CUP AWARDS RECEPTION

Hosted by the Greater Fort Lauderdale Broward County Convention Center

MARCH 2015 - WINTERFEST® VOLUNTEER PARTY

Hosted by Beauty & The Feast

(sponsors and event dates subject to change)

WINTERFEST® SANCTIONED EVENTS/CELEBRATIONS

Glam-a-thon	October 17
Coral Springs Holiday Parade	December 9
South Florida Fair	January 15-31
Hope Floats	March 12
St. Patrick's Parade and Festival	March 12
MIASF Plywood Regatta	April tba
New River Raft Race	April tba
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EVENT & TICKET INFORMATION

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Top: the hydroponic system delivers water directly to the plants and a separate line delivers nutrients. Bottom: water is delivered directly through a small pipe system.

While the name sounds daunting, the practice is simple. Originating from the Greek words *hydro* and *ponos*, meaning water and labor, hydroponics is a method of growing plants without soil. Instead growers use mineral nutrient solutions in water.

Discovered in the 19th century, researchers realized plants absorb essential mineral nutrients as inorganic ions in water. Though soil acts as a mineral nutrient reservoir, the soil itself is not essential to plant growth. According to Chelsea Marando, when the mineral nutrients in soil dissolve in water, plant roots can absorb them. And when the required mineral nutrients are introduced into a plant's water supply artificially, through hydroponic farming, soil is no longer needed for the plant to thrive.

"It really works well when you have small confined spaces, because you can grow more plants and produce in an upward direction," she says. "And you can grow a myriad of things like watermelons, tomatoes, butternut squash, all at the same time."

For the Marandos, using hydroponic farming is also convenient. At their farm, they are able to grow fruits and vegetables in about 14-21 days, compared to the average 36-40 days in a soil-based garden.

"We're really fortunate at how fast we can grow things," she says. "You produce a great amount in a much shorter amount of time."

But Chelsea Marando believes the biggest problem with farming,



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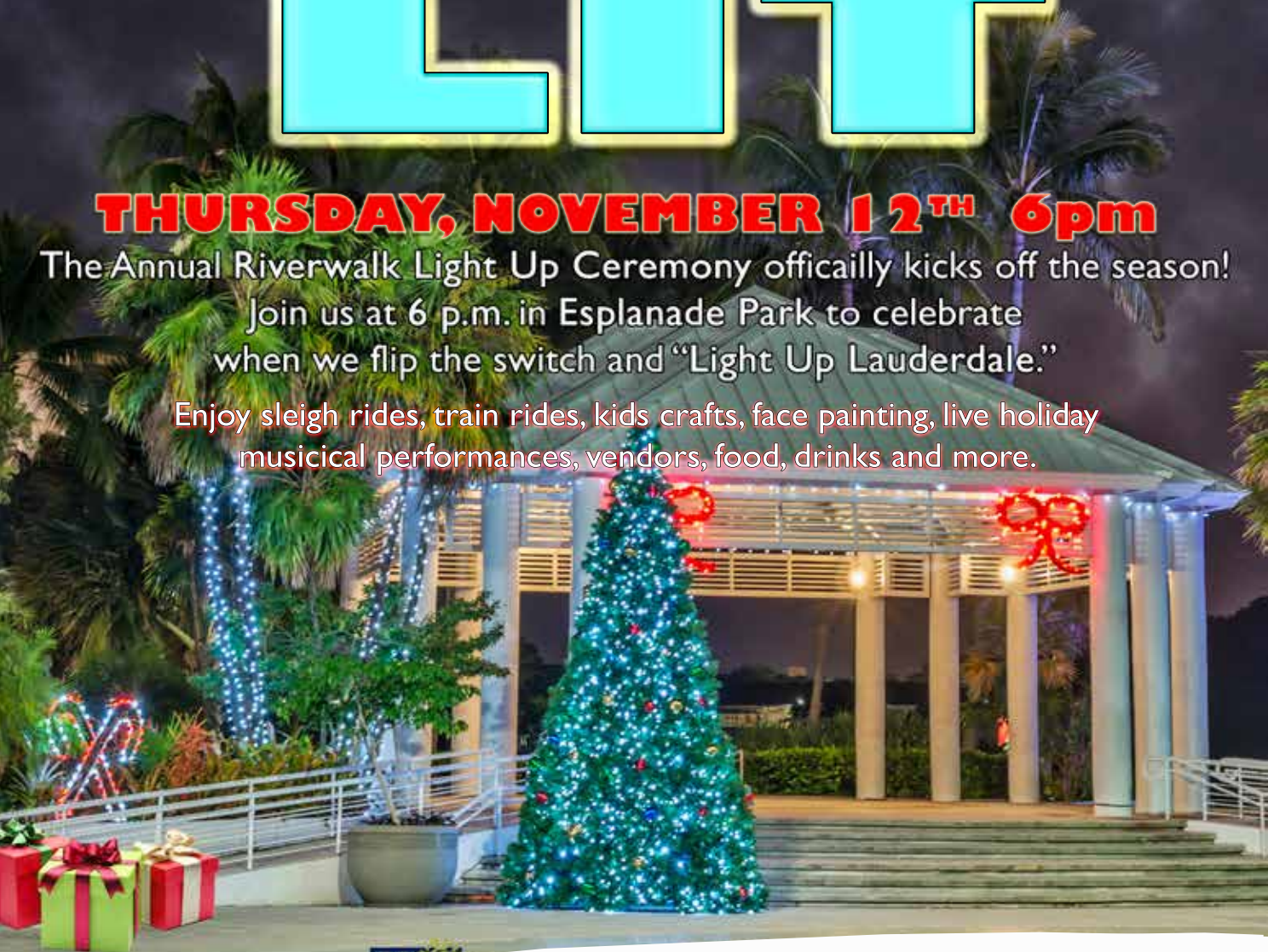
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During growing season eggplants and tomatoes are excellent candidates for hydroponic systems.



including hydroponic methods, is the misconception that it's difficult. And that's something she wants to change.

"In South Florida we have the perfect temperature for all sorts of growing," she says. "Whether you're growing hydroponically or in soil, Florida is just a great place to grow. And we can get 12 months of growing time down here too, which is why we should all be growing."

Chelsea encourages anyone to start his or her own hydroponic system, which can be bought online. "You can buy a self-sustaining system where all you have to do is pour in water and fertilizer," she says. "Anyone can do it. And some of them only cost a few hundred dollars. You can then be growing up to 20 different plants."


Most plants like leafy greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers, and herbs like basil, chives, mint, and lavender thrive in a hydroponic system. Avoid corn, zucchini, summer squash, and melons, as they tend to take up large amounts of space, making them more difficult to grow hydroponically.

The farm also employs an aquaponic system. Here, plants are not rooted by soil, or even coconut husks, which is sometimes the case in a hydroponic system. The aquaponic system uses a tank of carp fish to produce nitrogen rich water, which funnels nutrients through plant beds. It's a process of raising fish and plants together, using waste from the former to facilitate the growth of the latter.

To the Marandos, the bottom line is: They don't care how you grow, just as long as you do grow. "I think we're all disconnected on where food comes from," she says. "I don't care if the only thing you grow is a head of lettuce for your

A tank of carp fish, which supports the farm's aquaponic system



salad. I just encourage people to grow in some way and get their hands dirty. Here's a good example, one tomato plant can produce over 500 pounds of tomatoes. Think of what that can do... and that's just one plant." 

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Hop Step Jump Bars creator Chef Shashank Agtey

Hop Step Jump

If you're a fitness fan, a healthy eating enthusiast or anyone in between, @HopStepJumpBars are for you. Shashank Agtey, executive chef at 3-J Hospitality (America's Backyard, Stache, and Revolution Live), has fused his passion for fitness and clean eating by creating Hop Step Jump Energy Bars, a Systematic Energy Bar System designed to supply, sustain, and refuel your workout.

5 Superfoods: Hop Step Jump selected five key superfoods for optimal health and performance: bee pollen, maca powder, chia seeds, cardamom, and beet powder.

Ancient Science: Agtey combined ancient knowledge with modern science to formulate nutritional products using high quality ingredients from around the world.

Chef Agtey is an avid supporter of various charities in the South Florida area. In line with the spirit of giving back, Hop Step Jump is currently partnered with the University of Florida's Honey Bee Research & Extension Lab (HBREL). Agtey plans for proceeds from Hop Step Jump sales to go directly to helping the honey bee, an integral part of our ecosystem that is currently in trouble. By giving back to UF's HBREL, Hop Step Jump will help them aim to improve the health and productivity of honey bee colonies in Florida and globally by investing in research projects focusing on honey bee husbandry, ecology, behavior, and conservation. Read more at their website: www.hopstepjumpenergybars.com





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This amber-hued Crop Organic Vodka cocktail captures the seasonal flavors of plump roasted pumpkins and autumn baking spices. Crop's seasonal vodka will pair well with most fall-style dishes.

Recipe:

2 oz Crop Spiced Pumpkin Vodka
1 oz freshly pressed lemon
1 oz cranberry/walnut syrup

Method: Shaken vigorously then strained over ice

Glassware: Double rocks or coupe glass

Garnish: Be creative. Use something like a fig and pumpkin seed garnish.

Tip: Try this flavorful vodka in your Old Fashioned recipe. Augment or replace the bourbon.

Get Yours

Shake one up or stop by one of these downtown restaurant or bars for a taste of pumpkin this season.

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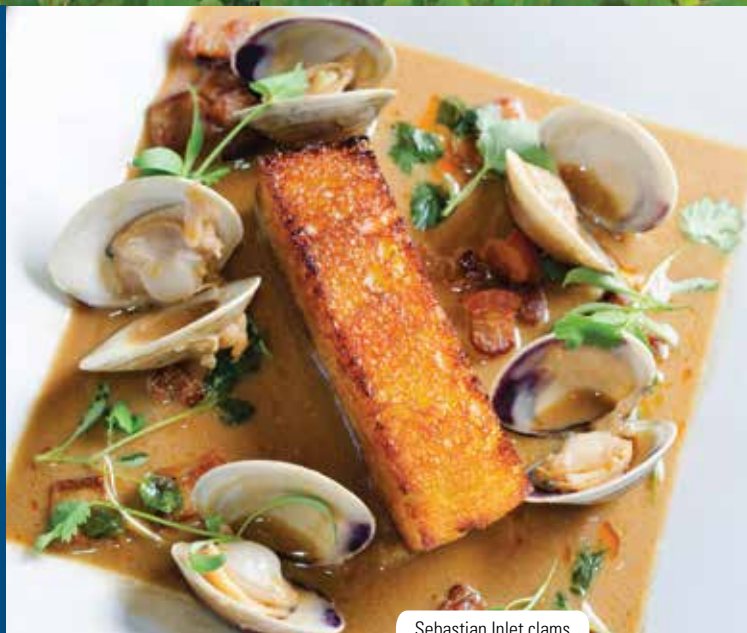




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Sebastian Inlet clams

Most oceanside restaurants in Fort Lauderdale are on the west side of A1A, which means you have to look at the street and the cars going by before you can enjoy the ocean views. Aptly named, and just steps from the sand and waves, Sea Level is a beachfront restaurant and bar serving lunch, dinner, and cabana service at the Fort Lauderdale Harbor Beach Marriott.

The new “farm to fork” menu, which changes according to what ingredients are fresh and available, is displayed on Sea Level’s wall length chalkboard. The concept was revamped by executive chef Jason Connelly and the Marriott Corporate Culinary Team. “We were looking to execute casual dining, simple seafood dishes, and fun sharable appetizers,” a representative said.

When we arrived at Sea Level, photographer Jason



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DAY BOAT SCALLOPS

Yields one serving

Note: Depending on available ingredients, Sea Level serves multiple versions of this dish.

Ingredients:

4 large sea scallops
Salt & pepper to taste
1 oz. oil
¼ of one grilled corn on the cob
2 oz. English pea puree

Process:

Add oil to a skillet or sauté pan and heat until just smoking; then add the scallops to the pan one at a time. Begin cooking on high heat, then lower heat to medium and cook the scallops through. You want a nice crispy top to your scallop and the scallop itself should be cooked to medium temperature. Once the scallop has a golden brown color on one side, flip it over and cook for 20 more seconds, then remove from heat.

Shuck the corn and then place the shucked corn on the grill, rotating it until there is color on all sides. Serve with the English pea puree and a side.

ENGLISH PEA PUREE

Yields 1 ½ cup

Ingredients:

2 lbs. English peas
1 cup chicken stock
Salt & pepper to taste

Process:

In a small pot, add chicken stock and bring to a boil. Add the English peas and cook until just soft, about five minutes. Then strain peas from the chicken stock and reserve, before placing cooked peas into a blender. Blend peas while adding the chicken stock, a little at a time, until the consistency is smooth. Season with salt and pepper to taste.



Executive chef Jason Connelly

CHEF EXCLUSIVE

What is your favorite culinary memory?

Marriott will sometimes send chefs to help out other properties that are in need of support. Dubai was opening up the very first JW Marriott Marquis outside of the United States and I went on the taskforce to help open up all the bars and lounges.

What trend excites you most about today's culinary scene?

I love to use whatever is in season, whatever I can get from the local farms, or even pull things from our on-site garden and create a dish that way. This is not really new but I love that people want to know where their food is coming from. People want to be able to trace their food back to the farm. Whatever is in season and coming from the farm, that's what I want on my menus.

What is your favorite kitchen utensil?

I love my spoons – all different kinds of spoons! Very versatile tool in the kitchen.



NY strip steak

Leidy and I could see the writing on the wall, literally. We admired the wall length chalkboard and ordered a variety of signature mojitos.

Our first dish, the Paradise Farms kale salad, featured an egg yolk sitting on bright golden beets over kale, with red onions and creamy goat cheese. This stunning salad was tossed with a toasted sunflower seed and dill vinaigrette that balanced the silky egg yolk.

Served next, the Sebastian Inlet clams waded in a lemongrass-coconut broth with chunks of bacon and toasted brioche, which we dipped into the spicy chili oiled broth and then used to scoop up the tender clams. The sweet smell of cilantro and the smokiness of

the bacon really made this dish unique.

The stars of the show were a surf and turf duo: day boat scallop and pork belly served with caramelized onion bread pudding, fresh grapes, and crispy croutons with a stroke of black garlic broth. The flavors collided for a pleasant palate experience.

After a quick break to admire the sea and refresh our cocktails, we were served our final dish. The char-grilled bite of NY strip steak topped with a quail egg was paired with pea-scallion puree, a juicy heirloom tomato, charred scallions, and a roasted potato. It was the perfect ending to our seaside adventure. No dessert needed. 🍷

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"Catch Their Spirits" Evergreen Cemetery Walking Tour

October 2015, Saturdays
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org

Collective Soul

Oct. 1
Revolution Live
(954) 449-1025

14th Annual For the Public Good

Oct. 1
Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six
www.browardlegalaid.org.events

Great Balls of Fire: Comets, Asteroids and Meteors

Oct. 1 - 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
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Historic Walking Tour

Fridays Oct. 1 - 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
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www.flhc.org

Pinion Membership Luncheon

Oct. 2 The Capital Grill
(954) 261-8808



9th Annual "Taste of Harbor Beach"

Oct. 2
Fort Lauderdale Harbor Beach Marriott's Grand Ballroom
(954) 756-3021

Duende

Oct. 2 - 4
Broward County celebrates its 100th birthday with a Seminole experience, the "WE" performance, and more. Various locations
www.broward.org/broward100

Back to School with the WPA Museum Extension Project

Oct. 2 - Mar. 31, 2016
Broward County Main Library
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Clutch

Oct. 3
Revolution Live
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Everest: An IMAX® 3D Experience

Through Oct. 4
Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater
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Exhibition - "Helhesten: The Hell-horse: Danish Cultural Resistance During World War II"

Through Oct. 4
NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 525-5500
www.nsuartmuseum.org

Family Fun Day - Ofrendas Exhibit Opening

Oct. 4
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org

Ofrendas Exhibit (Hispanic Heritage Month)

Oct. 4 - Nov. 2
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 463-4431
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The Indestructible Lee Miller

Oct. 4 - 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
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Chair Yoga with Ester

Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26
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Broadway Across America: Once

Oct. 6 - 18
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
www.browardcenter.org

Educational Resources for Non-Traditional Students

Oct. 7
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443
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Dr. John and the Nite Trippers

Oct. 7
Parker Playhouse
www.parkerplayhouse.com

Building Fantastic Futures Luncheon

Oct. 8
The Hilton
Fort Lauderdale Marina
www.friendsofmods.org

Eat Your Heart Out

Oct. 8
The Galleria at Fort Lauderdale
(954) 918-3008

Jazz: America's Gift: From Its Birth to George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue & Beyond

Oct. 8
Broward County Main Library
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Art and Wine

Oct. 9
Enjoy fine art and fine wine on the grounds of Broward County's oldest and most historic home. Purchase masterpieces from some of South Florida's greatest artists while helping to preserve the history of this important landmark. Historic Stranahan House Museum
(954) 524-4736

The Main Street Kids' Club: A MathStart Musical

Oct. 9
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
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Ghost Light Society Soiree: Havana Nights

Oct. 10
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Mutts and Martinis

Oct. 10
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Oct. 10
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www.childrensdiagnostic.org

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Oct. 10 and 11
War Memorial Auditorium
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SW Second Street
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Oct. 11
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
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Dia de los Muertos Lecture - Nayeli Damia

Oct. 12
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org

Symphony of the Americas: Honoring Italian and Hispanic Heritage Month

Oct. 13
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
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Author Bradette Michel discusses her book, *For Their Own Good*

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

Newfound Glory and Yellowcard with Tiger's Jaw

Oct. 14
Revolution Live
(954) 449-1025



Stranahan House Annual Meeting

Oct. 14
Historic Stranahan House Museum
(954) 524-4736

Trick or Treat on Second Street

Oct. 15
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org

The Third Annual Block Party for Higher Education

Oct. 15
This event features live entertainment, food trucks, a family entertainment section and information about local businesses. There will be prizes and free admission to the NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale. Educational booths and tables will showcase the many opportunities offered by Florida Atlantic University, Broward College, and Nova Southeastern University.
Las Olas Blvd. from Andrews Ave. to NE Second Ave.
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Author Janet Roseman

Oct. 15
Roseman will discuss her book *If Joan of Arc Had Cancer: Finding Courage, Faith, and Healing from History's Most Inspirational Woman Warrior*.
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Eighth Annual "This One's For The Girls" Luncheon

Oct. 15
Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six
(954) 229-8562

Irati with the Green, The Movement, Hours Eastly

Oct. 15
Revolution Live
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Casino Night Benefitting Gilda's Club South Florida

Oct. 16
Ferrari - Maserati of Fort Lauderdale
(954) 763-6776
www.gildasclubsouthflorida.org

The Naked Magicians

Oct. 17
Parker Playhouse
www.parkerplayhouse.com



Fire Prevention Day

Oct. 17
Museum of Discovery and Science
(954) 467-6637

2015 Profiles in Leadership Gala

Oct. 17
Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six
(954) 767-8866

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Oct. 17
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Oct. 17
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Oct. 17 and 18
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27th Annual Las Olas Art Fair II

Oct. 17 and 18
Art enthusiasts can expect to see many of their favorite artists as well as first time exhibitors with their finest work. The 28th Annual Las Olas Art Fair, produced by Howard Alan Events and hosted by the Las Olas Association, will feature 150 of the leading artists in the country.
Las Olas Boulevard from SE Sixth Ave. to SE 11th Ave.
(561) 746-6615
www.artfestival.com

3rd Annual Smoke on the Water BBQ Feast

Oct. 18
Free, family friendly event. Top South Florida restaurants will serve BBQ, smoked, and grilled items starting at \$5. Live music and entertainment for all ages will be available.
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www.goriverwalk.com

Stranahan Series: "Collecting Presidents" with Christopher Bigney

Oct. 19
Christopher Bigney is a former music teacher and library media specialist. He began collecting political buttons and memorabilia at the age of 13 during the Goldwater/Johnson election year. He will share many pieces from his personal collection and reveal their unique histories.
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Oct. 21
First Baptist Church
of Fort Lauderdale
(754) 321-2030

Wednesday Cinema Classics

Oct. 21
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Oct. 22
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Up Close and Personal Concert by Elizabeth Caballero

Oct. 22
NSU Art Museum
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Up Close and Personal with Jackie Ryan

Oct. 23
NSU Art Museum
Fort Lauderdale
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20th Annual Wines of the World Auction and Dinner

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Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six
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Oct. 23
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Oct. 24
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www.browardcenter.org

United Way of Broward County Mayors' Gala

Oct. 24
Broward County Convention Center
(954) 453-3725

Gold Coast Derby Grrls!

Oct. 24
War Memorial Auditorium
(954) 828-5380

Hopsin with Dizzy Wright, Jarren Benton

Oct. 24
Revolution Live
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Through Oct. 25
New River Inn Museum
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www.fortlauderdalehistoricalsociety.org

Spirits of Stranahan House - Halloween Tour

Oct. 25, 30 - Nov. 1
Historic Stranahan House Museum
(954) 524-4736

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

Oct. 25 - Jan. 10, 2016
NSU Art Museum
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Oct. 27
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Oct. 30
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Oct. 30
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Oct. 31
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Nov. 2
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(954) 463-4431

Day of the Dead Stroll

Nov. 2 (Monday)
6:30-7:15 p.m.
Huizenga Plaza to Revolution Live
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Nov. 7
Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber Building
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Miami City Ballet: Program One

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Symphony of the Americas: West Point Glee Club

Nov. 10
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Gold Coast Jazz Society: Tierney Sutton & Shelly Berg Trio

Nov. 11
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Nov. 12
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Nov. 12 - 29
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Nov. 13
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Badfish: A Tribute to Sublime

Nov. 14
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Marvels of MODS Gala

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Miss ARC Broward Pageant

Nov. 15
Parker Playhouse
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Artopia

Nov. 20
NSU Art Museum
www.glbx.org

Turkey Trot and Paddle

Nov. 26
DC Alexander Park
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(954) 761-3543
www.riverwalkwatertrolley.com

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Ongoing
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Full Moon Mangrove Tours

The night of the full moon
Bonnet House Museum and Gardens
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JM Lexus Sunday Jazz Brunch

First Sunday of the month
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Riverwalk Park
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Wednesdays
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Second Wednesday of the
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Club 211 hosted the cocktail fundraiser at Anthony's Runway 84 on Aug. 4.



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The Adventures of Himmarshee Hal: Dogged Detective

WRITER DEBORAH SHARP • ILLUSTRATOR DENISE BAKER

It was half-past noon. Hal's stomach growled. A breeze stirred, carrying the tantalizing scent of fried food and . . . wet dog?

Hal quizzed his girlfriend: "Mutts and Martinis? I'm going to enjoy this, right?"

"It's a cocktail party for dogs and their people." Cayla cradled her pup in her arms. Raising Brutus's paw, she pointed Hal toward the Downtowner. "You'll have fun, I promise."

It hadn't rained long. Dogs dried under a warm October sun. Barks echoed on the Riverwalk.

Hal had his doubts. Back home in Michigan, people didn't party with their pets. Here, he'd spotted devoted owners pushing furry "babies" in strollers. Today, he'd experience his first doggy fashion show.

Personally, he thought Cayla went overboard dressing the ironically named Brutus. With the heft of a Chihuahua and the profile of a pug, the dog was no brute. Yet he sported tough biker boots and a miniature leather jacket. A tiny bandana capped his head.

Hal soon realized Brutus was at the understated end of the fashion show spectrum.

A Maltese in a rhinestone thong strutted as a stripper; paws in lacy gloves, pink feather boa wrapping her neck. A boxer "drove" a cardboard Aston Martin, as suave as James Bond. A poodle in a striped top and jaunty cap was a French sailor.

Music played. People drank. Dogs lapped from water bowls.

Just as the band quit for a break, a scream rang out: "My baby's gone! Somebody stole Stella."



Clutching Brutus, Cayla comforted the frantic woman: "My boyfriend's a detective. He'll help you find your dog."

In his first months as a private eye, Himmarshee Hal had blundered his way to recovering stolen gold, foiling a hot-girl robbery ring, and revealing a cheating spouse (even if it was the wrong spouse).

But dognapping? What did Hal know about that?

He recalled Stella's "mom" walking the Maltese stripper. He surveyed the crowd. A guy with huge biceps and

a shaved head raised suspicions, considering his t-shirt was feathered in pink fluff. Stray rhinestones sparkled, incongruous against his black jeans. When Burly Guy saw Hal staring, he took off.


Hal gave chase, rapidly closing the gap with his runner's stride. Mr. Burly approached a beat-up Mercury. Hal heard soft whines from the trunk.

He'd given little thought about how to apprehend the much-bigger man once he caught up.

Mr. Burly saved him the trouble by rocketing a huge fist into Hal's face. Hal was headed down when he heard Cayla rallying her fellow dog-lovers to stop the thief. Barking dogs and raging owners closed in.

"The purloined pooch is in the trunk," Hal muttered, just before passing out.

Hal woke to slobbery dog kisses and a repeating chorus: *He's a hero...hero...hero*. The dognapper wore handcuffs.

Cayla's eyes gleamed with pride: "Didn't I tell you you'd have fun?" 

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.

Follow Himmarshee Hal's
next escapade
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