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By Mark Budwig  
Chair, Riverwalk Trust



# Why Riverwalk?

With this month's magazine theme **Where We Live**, I've asked five Riverwalk Trust members why **Riverwalk Trust** makes **Fort Lauderdale** and **Downtown** a better place to live, work and play. Following are their responses. If you have your own response, email it to me at [Chair@GoRiverwalk.com](mailto:Chair@GoRiverwalk.com).

"Because I live and work Downtown, everything the Riverwalk Trust has done to improve the quality of life in the Riverwalk area has made living here more enjoyable for me every day. From biking and walking along the Riverwalk to all the special events, food and entertainment, Riverwalk Trust brings it all together."

**Dan Humbert**  
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"Riverwalk Trust spearheads so many beneficial events and activities for Fort Lauderdale, from generating business for the local establishments with great events such as Burger Battle and Bus Loop to keeping the community informed and healthy with free fitness programs along the New River. However, the most important thing that Riverwalk Trust does is build a community of caring residents. I am proud to be a member of an organization that cares so much for its community and fronts programs that boost our city and Downtown area today while driving future programs to ensure a Fort Lauderdale that thrives."

**Marilyn Oliva**  
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"Riverwalk is one of Florida's great public spaces. The New River was the very reason our city was formed, and it continues as a vital economic pulse that draws us to its edge. Riverwalk Trust activities reconnect our city with its roots and helps us appreciate this waterway of extraordinary beauty, commerce and culture. The Trust celebrates our life on and by the River as a connection to past and future generations — an essential element that defines us and binds us as a community."

**Sam Poole**  
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"We love living Downtown because we can walk to an abundance of restaurants, bars and events. We both enjoy strolling along the Riverwalk on weekends, sometimes listening to jazz over a brunch or just people watching. It's clean, safe and very pretty. You can feel the vibe of our unique heritage along the New River. I can't imagine the river Downtown without the Riverwalk. No visit to our Downtown loft by friends from up north is complete without partaking in all the Riverwalk has to offer ... whether it be libations or entertainment!"

**Bruce Johnson**  
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"Riverwalk Trust is not about a river or a walk but about the people that make up a wonderful subtropical urban community. The Riverwalk Trust nurtures a unique homegrown lifestyle and a sophisticated outdoor culture. With its many programs and advocacy efforts throughout the year, the Fort Lauderdale Riverwalk community is indeed a very special place for everyone: resident and visitor alike. It's hard to imagine a better place to call home!"

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By Genia Duncan Ellis  
President/CEO, Riverwalk Trust

# Enhancing Riverwalk

## Our Organization Looks for Ways to Activate the Walk, Support Our Partners

The Riverwalk is the **heart** of Downtown. It defines the core of our city and is integral to our **history**.

Today these stretches of walkways along the New River tell you that Fort Lauderdale is growing up into a walk-able (and bike ride-able) urban community that thrives on its residents, business people and tourists who enjoy the many cultural and dining experiences readily available. The serene park-like walks are soothing and beautiful at the same time.

One of the roles of Riverwalk Trust is to **enhance** the experience of using the walkways and linear park to identify programs, attractions and events that **complement** the Downtown and to make them available to the public. On many occasions, Riverwalk partners with our historical community to feature places such as **Stranahan House**, the **Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club** and the **Fort Lauderdale Historical Center** to tell the story of our city. We also partner with our local retail community like the merchants from Las Olas Boulevard and others throughout the Downtown to provide a diverse kind of **entertainment**.

A primary mission of Riverwalk Trust is to oversee and **activate** the linear park, and in doing that, identify and nurture programs that the public wants available. Weekly **boot camp** and **yoga** are fixtures in the Esplanade Park area. In the next few months we will review and test a variety of other programs and amenities that will be on the walk on Saturdays and Sundays to support a growing need identified by the public and to provide an economical boost in Downtown.

Through **Go Riverwalk Magazine** and our growing calendar of events, we are able to feature our cultural community as it expands. With places such as the **Museum of Art**, the **Studio School**, the clever group from **Flagler Village** and many more, we are becoming more culturally sophisticated as a community. Riverwalk Trust is partnering with a number of organizations in bringing art in public places to the community to provide additional esthetics to the area.

Genia Ellis, Kim Spellacy and Caitlin Fahey ride BCycle bikes to tour Riverwalk.

Photography by Jason Leidy



### Riding Along Riverwalk

A new, fun way to activate the Riverwalk — and areas beyond — is the share-able bicycle program, **BCycle**. We use these bikes as a new means of inspecting and activating **Riverwalk**. Our staff members routinely **ride** the walk, using the bicycles from **BCycle** in **Esplanade Park**, as a means to cover more territory. One or more of the staff from Riverwalk Trust uses this resource daily as means of observing the **needs** of the walk, greeting visitors and residents and continuing to monitor projects in process! It also doubles as a means of getting some extra exercise, **reducing** our carbon footprint and continuing the use of the many amenities available in town.

We are most fortunate to have the **Broward Center for Performing Arts** (and look forward to their upcoming expansion) and **Parker Playhouse** to continually bring new and unique shows to town. The **Museum of Discovery and Science** provides a learning experience in a fun place to go with continuing changes to their programming. We continue to partner with these many organizations to host events outside to encourage the community to enjoy our amenities.

Riverwalk Trust has a number of missions and these are just a few. Over the next few months we will tell you more and will encourage you to **join, participate** and **support** Riverwalk Trust. We will continue to work hard to upgrade and enhance the physical property and activate the Downtown to be the vibrant community that we are. **GO**



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By Chris Wren  
DDA Executive Director  
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# Everyone Loves a Parade

## Irish Culture and Fun Return In This Year's St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival

I am pleased to announce the **Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival** return on Saturday, March 10. This year marks my last year as chairman of the event and I'm ending it with a bang.

Last year we had the surprise of paratroopers kicking off the event and there will be a special **surprise** in Huizenga Plaza as well this year. You'll have to get there by 11:30 a.m. to find out!

As with the previous years, the focus is on authentic **Irish culture** and family, so the kids zone will be enhanced and the entertainment will be local Irish bands and dance troupes. A new addition to the event is the **Leprechaun Leap**, a sprint down the parade route that begins at 11:30 a.m. In the **kids zone**, you can expect fun for all age groups with puppet shows, pony rides, a petting zoo and a trackless train. A helicopter flyover above our main street, Las Olas Boulevard, will wow the crowds once more.

We've come a long way since our first year in 2010. What started as a proclamation from the newly elected **Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler** on Inauguration Day on St. Patrick's Day 2009 to bring back the St. Patrick's Day parade has grown to a 22,000 spectator event, complete with South Florida sports teams, elected officials, a state governor, hundreds of parade entries and countless memories to last a lifetime.



Photography  
by Keith  
Douglas



Each year the planning committee is faced with the herculean task of raising more than \$100,000 to produce the event and each year members of the community have stepped up to plate to accomplish that goal. Their **generosity** does not go unnoticed, so I thank each of you for your contribution. **Gratitude** is also in order for the many folks who enter the parade every year. The floats and creative entrants never cease to amaze me — who would have thought Star Wars characters lived among us in Fort Lauderdale?

Last but not least, I must thank my intrepid **planning committee**, who took on the work of producing the event on a voluntary basis and work long hours to make this event possible. I commend your efforts and look forward to **celebrating** with you!

This being my last year as chairman, I hope to see you on the boulevard and have a beer with me in the park. **Kathy Keleher**, marketing and parade director of the Winterfest Boat Parade, will be chair next year so be sure to give her a warm Irish welcome.

*Chris Wren, Outgoing Chair,  
Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival*





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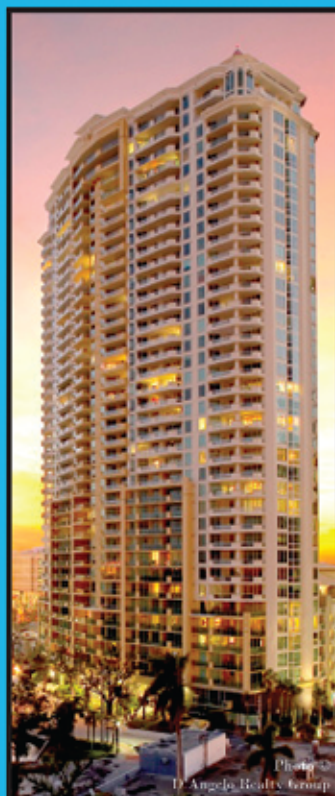
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# where we live

*Whether You're Living Downtown at the Beach or in Historic Locales,  
Fort Lauderdale's 33 Square Miles Offer A Multitude of Options*

BY ASHLEY MARCO • PHOTOGRAPHY BY JASON LEIDY

Appropriately named the “Venice of America,” the diverse city of **Fort Lauderdale** is comprised of nearly 180,000 residents who are proud to call it home. From the beaches and waterways to Downtown condominiums and suburban homes, Fort Lauderdale's **neighborhoods** have a little something for everyone. Here's a look at just a few of the city's residential niches.





down

Looking east over the New River and Intracoastal Waterway





Tarpon River



New River at Sailboat Bend

he hustle and bustle of living Downtown is ideal for those who seek unlimited options. High-rise condominiums stand tall against the skyline, each offering a different view of the city. **Sailboat Bend**, the oldest neighborhood in Fort Lauderdale with the highest concentration of historic homes, sits quaintly tucked away, almost hidden.

**Alysa Plummer**, president of the Sailboat Bend Civic Association, describes the 100-year-old neighborhood as a slice of old Florida, the way it used to be. "I think Sailboat Bend is one of the best kept secrets of Fort Lauderdale, because it's a Downtown neighborhood so everything is incredibly accessible. It has a private feeling that you're not necessarily in the middle of the city," she said.

Nestled along the river sits the flourishing neighborhood of **Tarpon River**, where old trees and lush vegetation make it a Downtown oasis. Tarpon River's ideal location has led to its redevelopment over the past decade. Waterfront condominiums and the addition of the **Riverwalk Arts and Entertainment** district have brought industry to an area that once housed the oldest known non-Indian inhabitants of Broward County. Prestigious waterfront condominiums such as the Las Olas River House and the Symphony offer residents a luxury lifestyle with everything nearby.

# town





# Fort Lauderdale Imperial Point

**F**ort Lauderdale residents who live in the northeast seek a real community feel, and in neighborhoods like **Imperial Point**, where some original homeowners still reside, they won't be disappointed. Originally constructed in the 1960s by Haft-Gaines as a top of the line retirement community, Imperial Point earned the distinction of being an all-electric GE Medallion neighborhood. Now consisting of 1,470 homes, Imperial Point is comprised of young families and their children.

The northeast area of Fort Lauderdale prides itself on history. **Betty Shelley**, president of the Imperial Point Owners Association, says they even collect original neighborhood booklets and brochures when they come across them. "When I moved here there were still some of the original people who bought houses here," she said. Today, some of the younger residents of the neighborhood have grown up living in Imperial Point, which just celebrated its 50th anniversary last year.

'Fort Lauderdale neighborhoods are as diversified as the people who live in them,' said **Andrea Harrington**, real estate agent.



**O**ne of the most obvious perks of living in Fort Lauderdale is the **beach**. Homes in **Harbor Beach** range from understated and charming to grandiose waterfront properties. Features include a private marina and the Harbor Beach Surf Club, which boasts 300 feet of private beach for its residents.

Once known as the spring break capital of the world, residents of Central Beach are located just steps away from some of the best restaurants, shops and nightlife in Fort Lauderdale. **John Weaver**, president of the Central Beach Alliance Home Owners Association, estimates that at least \$80 million in government funds will be put into redeveloping the beach area over the next 10 years. Hotels that were once considered "mom and pop" establishments are now undergoing **renovations** to reflect the expanding atmosphere of the beach. Luxury condominiums are the majority leader in this area, where living on the beach isn't just an address — it's a way of life.





# the beach

Beachfront Condo on the Galt Mile





# west & northwest

Peter Feldman Park in Flagler Village



Sistrunk Boulevard

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easily one of the most diverse sections of Fort Lauderdale, the northwest area is constantly evolving. Over the last several years, **Flagler Village** has redeveloped as a “live/work/play” neighborhood, with the new construction of various condos and lofts. **Venessa Santiago**, president of the Flagler Village Civic Association, says the vision for Flagler Village is grand. “We see the potential of a neighborhood with beautiful sidewalks and streets, with great restaurants, sidewalk cafes and retail businesses where Flagler Village residents are locals,” she said.

The **Sistrunk** section of town is on a verge of a renaissance. The City, state and other agencies have embarked on a **\$15.2 million project** to improve the main thoroughfare through the neighborhood. Officially called the **Sistrunk Boulevard Infrastructure Project**, it stretches from Federal Highway to Northwest 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Roadwork began in January 2011 and new lamp posts and other improvements already spiff up the street. The 2.5-mile project will reduce portions of the boulevard from four lanes to three, place overhead utilities underground, create on-street parking, widen sidewalks, add decorative streetlights, add bus shelters, and improve medians.

In the west, neighborhoods like **Melrose Park**, however, choose to emphasize their historic roots. Known for their exceptionally large lot sizes, the more than 2,000 homes in Melrose Park are strategically placed close to major highways, hospitals and transportation.

But according to **Donna Guthrie**, president of the Melrose Park Civic Association, the neighborhood was built in a circle in order to discourage local traffic from cutting through. “I encourage people to drive through; you’ll maybe get lost,” she said. “I’ve been here for 15 years and I still get lost. I never knew it was so nice in here.” Thanks to grants from the city, Melrose Park is revamping itself with new entrance signs and even solar lighting. Great value and close proximity to Downtown makes Melrose Park a desirable neighborhood for both families and young professionals alike.

“Fort Lauderdale neighborhoods are as diversified as the people who live in them,” said **Andrea Harrington**, EWM Realtor. “Fort Lauderdale offers a lifestyle that meets anyone’s desires and price range. We live, work and play here and would not have it any other way.” 





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# Urban Public ARTiculation

## *Visual Expression in the Community*

BY ALEXANDRA ROLAND • PHOTOGRAPHY BY JASON LEIDY

What do bridges, museum walls and sailboats have in common? According to several Fort Lauderdale artists, they are **canvases** for visual expression. Public art has swept through the city in the most recent months and is inspiring color, culture and celebration throughout the community.

Several projects including the **Marshall Bridge mosaic panels**, the **Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale outdoor murals** and **Full Sails** commissioned sailboat statues, are on display or set to be installed in the coming year. Fort Lauderdale residents and visitors alike will have a lot to see, take in and appreciate in and around the City in 2012.

Completed just before the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, the **Marshall Bridge Beautification Project** is almost 25 years in the making. Located at the start of the **Riverwalk**, at the meeting of Avenue of the Arts and Southwest Fourth Avenue, the Marshall Bridge is a landmark of the New River.



Heather Bettner and Phil Thornburg with a model for the Full Sails project



'Band' by Arturo Herrera at  
the Museum of Art | Fort  
Lauderdale





'Watching the Wheels Go Round and Round'  
by Roberto Behar and Rosario Marquardt at the  
Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale



Gloria Reese and Dave Rose, members of the Tarpon River Civic Association, spearheaded the beautification process, locating existing association funds and applying for a \$35,000 **Neighborhood Capital Improvement Program (NCIP)** grant that would later make such a revitalization process possible. Abstract fiber artist **Kevin Kichar** and tile fabrication artist **Diane Hutchinson** were responsible for the design and completion of the four 12-by-9-foot handmade mosaic panels and worked closely with the City during the meticulously engineered installation process.

These seasoned public artists are fully invested in their art as a representation of Fort Lauderdale and an inspiration of community pride. “(Public art) gives people a sense of ownership because it’s theirs and they want it to stay that way,” Kichar said. “**Sailboat Bend**” and “**New River Story**” face east, the latter depicting the historical Seminole Indian presence on the New River. “**Tarpon River**” faces the west side, and is positioned next to “**Avenue of the Arts**,” which will be featured on the 2012 Las Olas Art Festival poster.

Just down river is a more traditional setting for artistic expression, the Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale. But even before the courtyard of Fort Lauderdale’s art mecca, large **outdoor murals** tantalize the eyes of patrons and passersby.

The museum commissioned the work of four local and international artists for three outdoor murals in celebration of the

‘Public art gives people a sense of ownership because it’s theirs and they want it to stay that way,’ said artist **Kevin Kichar**.

venue’s **25th anniversary**. Museum director **Irvin Lippman** said that the purpose of the installation was to invite artists to visually respond to the architecture of the **Edward Larrabee Barnes**-designed building in visual form. His plan was for the museum to make an urban statement in the most dramatic way. “How can we reach further into the **community**? By basically turning the museum inside out,” he said.

An ongoing series of outdoor wall installations will grace the walls of the Andrews Avenue and Las Olas Boulevard attraction in two-year renewed cycles. “Public art has many different roles, but it’s in part about creating a place that can be greater appreciated by your public,” Lippman said.

Also on the agenda is the **Full Sails project**, orchestrated by Prince Media’s **Heather Bettner** and Fort Lauderdale’s Parks and Recreation Department director **Phil Thornburg**. According to plan, approximately 100 seven-foot molds of a wave-riding sailboat will be commissioned and designed by local artists to be placed in





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and around the city. Bettner and Thornburg are excited to involve local elementary and secondary schools in the city decoration effort as well. Private companies are expected to sponsor each work of art, generating funds for the Parks and Recreation Department.

The sailboat as a symbol of Fort Lauderdale is very important for Bettner. "Fort Lauderdale has always been known as a boating community. Now, it's an **art destination**," she said.

The Full Sails' call to artists closes at the end of February. Once chosen, artists will work on their individual projects during the summer months in time for the official unveiling and installation by the end of this year. The sailboats will be on display until May 2013.

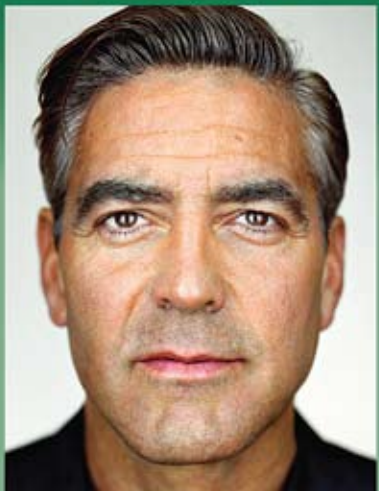
"It will be an eye opener for others to see what we have to offer," Thornburg said. "I can't imagine it's not going to be a homerun for everybody." **GO**

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Marshall Bridge project  
mosaic artists Kevin Kichar  
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# Geocaching

## *Learn More About Where We Live Through GPS-Driven Treasure Hunts*

BY PETE STEVENSON • PHOTOGRAPHY BY JASON LEIDY

**I**nvestigate your neighborhood through new eyes using your smartphone and a willingness to **explore** through geocaching. Geocaching is a **treasure hunting game** that uses GPS technology to locate (and hide) geocaches. The treasures are not Spanish coins, rare diamonds or ancient artifacts ... the real treasure is the **adventure**. It can be a casual hobby or a highly competitive game among friends or teams.

Geocaching can be as simple as a walk in your local **park** or as difficult as climbing a **mountain**. The nice thing is you can make it whatever you want it to be based on your ability, location or interests.

Geocaches are found using **GPS coordinates**. This worldwide treasure hunt was formally the exclusive domain of outdoor adventurers, searching remote wilderness areas, using high tech and expensive GPS tracking devices. Now with the advent of much more advanced smartphones and of course apps, **geocaching** has exploded onto the scene for the rest of us. Here is a **technology** that gets us off our couches and out of our homes instead of hunkering down inside them.

A traditional geocache is a container in which a logbook (sometimes as small as a scroll of paper) is held to record all who have come before you and found the same geocache. Many geocache containers, of the larger variety, hold a small treasure, which you may take and swap for something you have brought to replace the current treasure. Treasures can range from little trinkets such as keychains and toys to special items known as “**trackables**.” Trackable items are treasures that have a tracking number written or stamped on them in which you, the original owner and all other geocachers who have

found the item, can follow on [www.Geocaching.com](http://www.Geocaching.com) as the trackable is found and replaced in another location worldwide.

To find a geocache location you need the **GPS coordinates**. Prior to smartphones, you would go to a website and enter in the GPS coordinates into your GPS dedicated device. Today,

with **geocache smartphone applications**, you simply click on the app and a map will pop up with a display of all the geocaches within your vicinity and in what direction you must travel. They will typically get you within 10 to 20 feet. Now the rest is up to you and your **wits**.

Geocaches always come with clues, whether it is in the name of the clue itself or from other hints provided by the individual who originally placed the container. Once a geocache is found you usually sign the logbook or scroll. So bring a **pen**. Smartphones can do a lot, but they can't dispense ink — yet.

One of the charms of geocaching is there is an underlying etiquette that has developed. There is that connection with other geocachers who have come before you, in that they replaced the geocache where it was originally found, and if they took a treasure, they have replaced it with another. Always be respectful of people's property when looking for or

placing a geocache. The geocaches can range in size, from microcontainers, which are hidden in more urban settings, to large box containers that are typically hidden, but never buried, in more rural settings (think alligators).

Geocaching offers several enjoyable **benefits**: the puzzles, the exercise and hopefully the ultimate success of finding a geocache and seeing the names of people who have may have signed the logbook, which could have been only days or hours



### Geocaching Resources

- [www.Geocaching.com](http://www.Geocaching.com)
- Geocaching for iPhone and Android, \$9.99



A man in a white polo shirt and blue jeans stands in a park, looking at his iPhone. He is surrounded by lush green trees and a black metal fence.

Pete Stevenson checks information on the Geocaching app on his iPhone while searching for a geocache in Esplanade Park.

before. However, my favorite is that it will take you to places that you never would have seen otherwise. Whether you are geocaching while on vacation or right here in Fort Lauderdale you will discover places, parks and businesses that you never knew existed, such as little known **hidden corners** of the city or beautiful places in a park or woods that the average person just passes by. Geocaching truly is a metaphor on life – it is not the **destination**, it is a way to enjoy the **trip**. **GO**

*Pete Stevenson is a native of Michigan and has lived in Fort Lauderdale for the past eight years. He continues to discover more about his new home through geocaching.*



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## *Lighthouse of Broward*

# Sensory Garden

*Hidden Urban Retreat Invites You to Stimulate Your Senses*

BY CHRISTI RICE • PHOTOGRAPHY BY JASON LEIDY

In Downtown Fort Lauderdale, tucked between Andrews Avenue and the railroad tracks, there sits a **hidden urban retreat**, where the sights and sounds of traffic and construction are drowned out by the chirping of birds, bubbling of a fountain and the rustling of leaves in the breeze. What was once a parking lot is now home to a **sensory garden** designed to be not only visually appealing but to provide a stimulating journey through all five senses.

The garden, which is also a certified **wildlife habitat**, is owned by the Lighthouse of Broward, an independent non-profit organization that provides services, resources and comprehensive rehabilitation training for blind and visually-impaired babies, adults and seniors in Broward. **Elly du Pré**, executive director of Lighthouse of Broward, said that while the sensory garden is primarily used for teaching mobility and orientation to Lighthouse clients, it was also designed to be both **relaxing** and stimulating for visitors of all ages and abilities.

“Anyone can walk around the path, and by the time you get back to the entrance you’re in a completely different frame of mind,” she said.

At any given time the **garden** is home to more than 100 different plants, trees, ferns, flowering bushes and grasses, each one selected not just for its aesthetic appeal but for its unique aroma, sound or touch. Visitors are encouraged to **touch** the plants and feel the wide variety of textures in their leaves, whether soft, rough, prickly or spongy. Trees such as the **ylang ylang**, the flower of which is the source of the Chanel No. 5, fill the garden with a variety of **aromas**, and herbs such as oregano and Mexican tarragon are grown and later used in cooking classes for the visually-impaired. Signs in print as well as Braille offer descriptive **details** of







John T. Ryan, a Lighthouse client who was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa in his late 20s, said he tries to visit the sensory garden as often as possible with Smiley, the 65-pound male Vizsla who serves as his seeing-eye dog.

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The Fort Lauderdale Garden Club in partnership with Leadership Broward Class XII created the sensory garden in 1994. The garden is one of the first of its kind in the nation. Throughout the years garden club volunteers have returned on a monthly basis to maintain and enhance the space, and in 2006 their efforts were recognized with the **Emerald Award**, Broward County's highest environmental award.

Du Pré described the garden and all of its design elements as a work of "mission-based art."

"This was built specifically to be part of our **mission**, for the benefit of our clients, and is connected directly to what we are trying to accomplish," she said. **GO**

*Christi Rice is Grants Manager for Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc. and serves on the Executive Committee of Emerge Broward. She enjoys living, working and playing in the downtown Fort Lauderdale area.*

each plant, allowing sighted and non-sighted visitors alike to learn about and fully absorb their surroundings.

John T. Ryan, a Lighthouse client who was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa in his late 20s, said he tries to visit the sensory garden as often as possible with Smiley, the 65-pound male Vizsla who serves as his seeing-eye dog.

"The first time, I had Smiley take me through every inch of the place, just feeling all of the plants," Ryan said. More than just a place to spend time with nature, Ryan said the garden provides a safe, distraction-free **environment** where he can utilize the steps, benches, railings and trees to enhance Smiley's guide-dog training.



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# Tap 42

A One-Stop Shop for the Finest Burgers, Beer and Bourbon

Alexandra Roland is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in print journalism at the University of Miami. She is founder of a.p.r. Consulting, a full-service communications firm.

The closing of the local landmark Brownie's Bar on South Andrews Avenue came with the opening of Fort Lauderdale's newest definition of comfortable sophistication — **Tap 42**, a gastro pub for the locals, a new age hangout for the fun-lovers.

Brothers **Blaise** and **Sean McMackin** bought the Brownie's Bar property two years ago and recently redesigned the previous establishment, ushering in a new concept of atmosphere and menu offerings. Tap 42 officially opened last November. The inside of the 3,900-square-foot talk of the town is underscored with sophisticated minimalism, which provides ample opportunity to appreciate the richness of character hidden in all corners of the new city **watering hole**.

With 100-year-old reclaimed Douglas fir tabletops, recycled barn wood walls and a 1,500-penny mural behind the bar, Tap 42 is full of an authentic **earthy quality**. Patrons feel legitimately suave as they







approach the sexy rustic eatery, but are equally welcomed by its calm and unassuming climate.

"We felt there wasn't a bar we could go to," Blaise said. "I think it (Tap 42) brings a nicer casual environment (to Fort Lauderdale)."

The outdoor portion of Tap 42 is complemented by the openness of the indoor bar and the spacious entrance to the

restaurant, which creates a fluid uncluttered ambiance that keeps the joint low-key and laid back. But word has spread. Make no mistake.

Tap 42 is a **bustling hotspot**, especially on Friday nights.

Tap 42 offers 42 **craft beers**. In addition to the "usual suspects" such as Red Stripe, Amstel Light and Beck's, the bar lists red and white wine, bubbles and "The American Drinks" such as Mint Julep and the Kentucky Margarita as possible orders. The bar also has arguably the largest selection of **bourbon** in East Fort Lauderdale to boot.

The owners of Tap 42 are all about informed beer drinking. "There's a whole culture to the **beer market**," Blaise said. A family tree mural of beers spans an entire wall near the hostess station detailing beer origins, specialties and similarities. "All beer starts as a lager or ale," it reads at the center. From there, circles of various sizes extend outward to form the wall of beers.

"Our idea was to be a bar with food," Blaise said. This concept has since evolved to include a strong emphasis also placed on the latter. It has gone from "just food" to light colorful **salads** (plenty of vegetarian options if requested), generous **burger** portions, and well-received **appetizers** like the mussels and fries and the Florida Rock Shrimp Mac and Cheese.

Most of the ingredients at Tap 42 are from local sources and thus are fresh and environmentally friendly. **Chef Chris Palmer** is used to working with the most high-quality ingredients. "I come from a five-star experience and I wanted to bring that to the everyday person," he said.

A selection of eight nine-ounce hearty **burgers** anchors the menu, the eighth of which is a foot-high, 29-ounce burger blend loaded with Swiss, cheddar, kosher pickles, country ham, roasted pork, fried green tomatoes, sweet bourbon onions, bibb lettuce and pecan smoked bacon. This popular order, also known as the "Tap 42," is intended for two, but for a lone daring and starved guest, a free beer stands on the other side of inhaling the massive hamburger mountain.

With the always welcomed combination of good friends, food and beer, it most likely won't take too far past the Tap 42 entrance for first-timers to realize that they'll be back for more ... very soon. **GO**

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#### SIGNATURE DISH

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Third Thursday of the month

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Cost: \$20 per person, the informal tasting from 7 to 8:30 p.m. includes hors d'oeuvres and \$10 Spazio gift card. Slated for February is the Regal Red Wine tasting to benefit the American Heart Association during National Heart Health Month. Wine selection, future tasting dates and themes are viewable on the restaurant's website, [www.SpazioFL.com](http://www.SpazioFL.com).

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Cost: VIP tickets are \$150 per person and general admission tickets are \$85 per person. Presale tickets are available at a reduced rate until March 1 with VIP tickets reduced to \$135 per person and general admission tickets reduced to \$75 per person. For advance tickets please call (954) 713-0954 or online at <http://tinyurl.com/wine2012>

Time: Doors open for VIP admission at 6 p.m. and general admission at 7:30 p.m.

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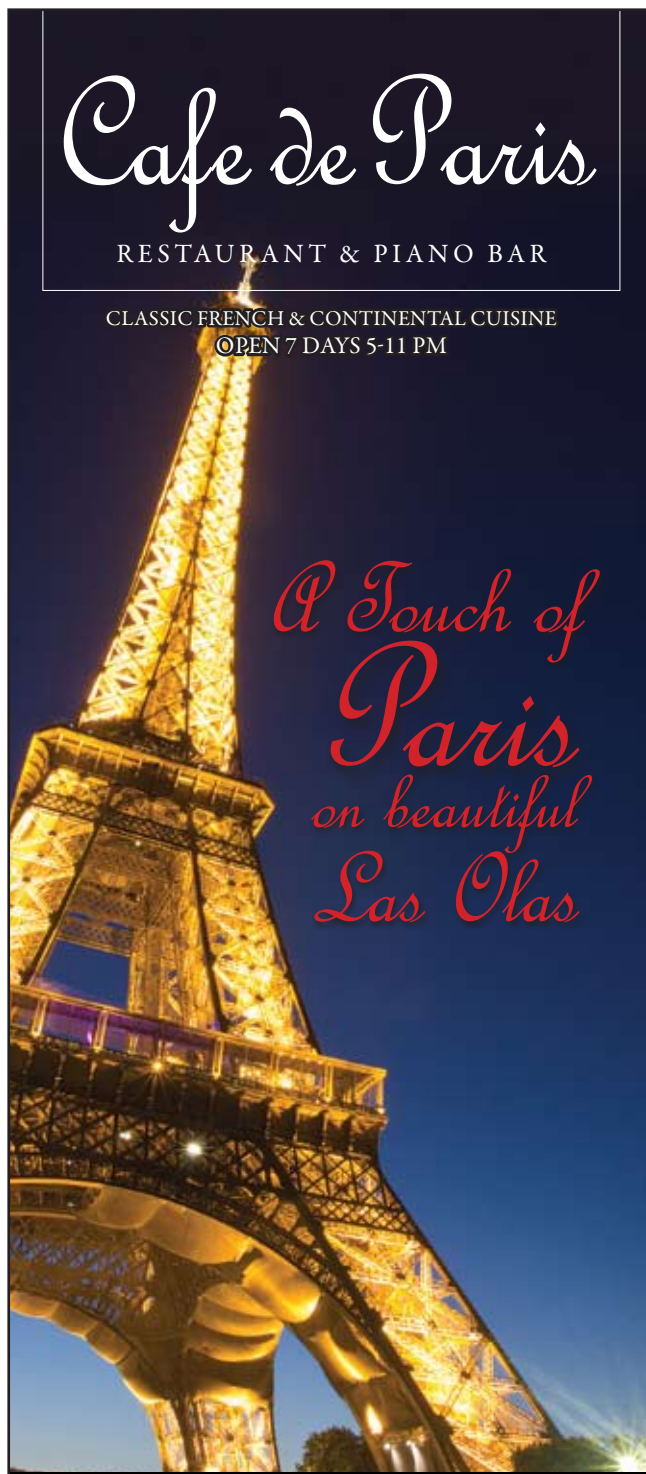
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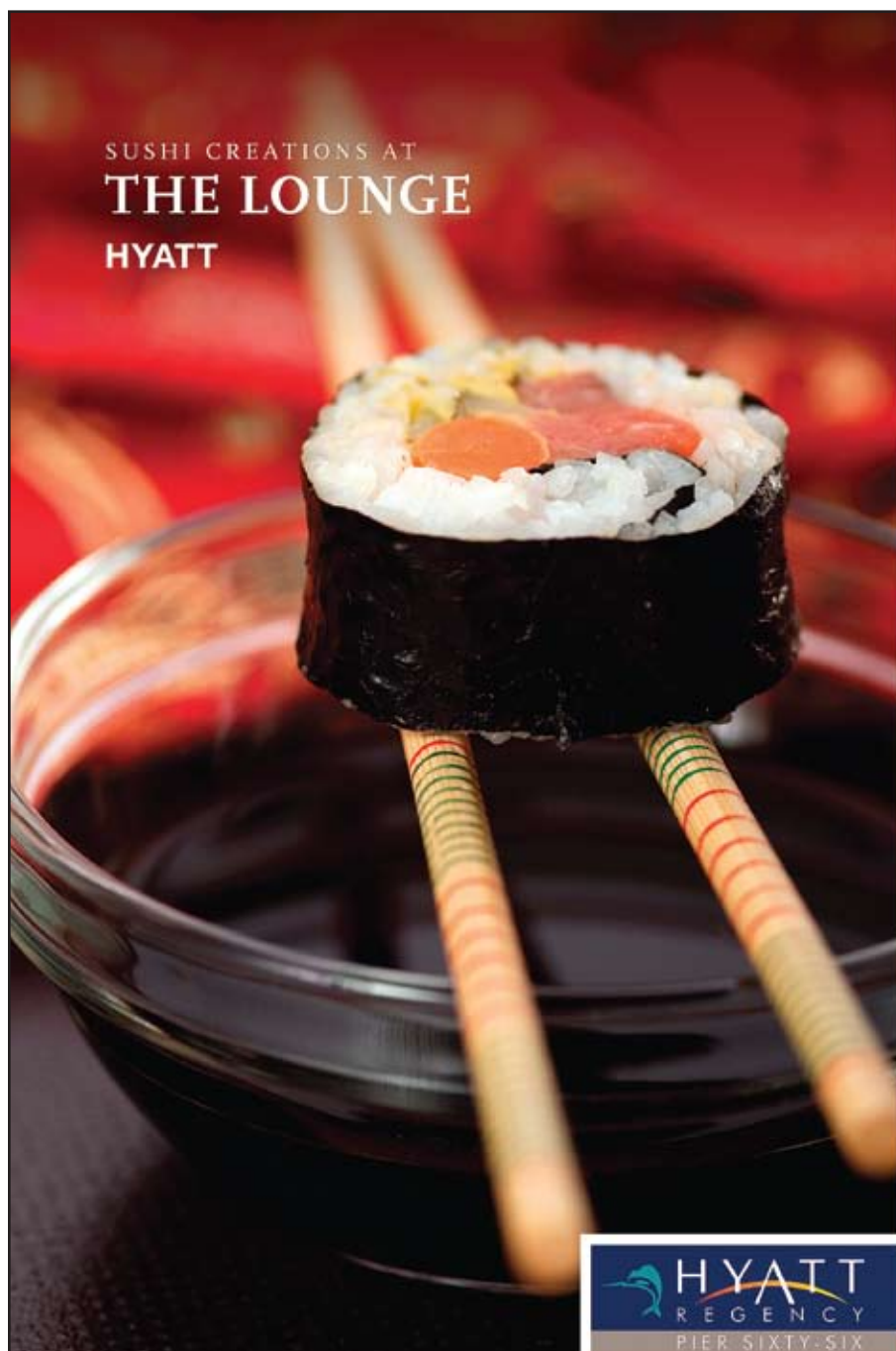
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<b>PIER 66 ROLL</b>	22
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# A CHOCOLATE ODYSSEY

*Some Delicious Details About This Much Loved Confection Just in Time for Valentine's Day*

BY SHERYL MAURO

Chocolate, schokolade, el chocolate, cioccolato, czeolada, le chocolate, chokola. No matter how you say it, we all love it! Whatever the shape or form, hot or cold, chocolate has a mystery about it and its hold on us. It's a treat when we don't feel good; we love to give it to others, and the more decadent, the better. Sometimes it's in the simplest form — a warm chocolate chip cookie, perhaps, or a pure chocolate candy bar. Our fixation on chocolate has a long history, filled with royalty, riches, passionate love and romance.

The earliest evidence of the use of cacao was found in jars at the site

of Puerto Escondido in Honduras from around 1100 BC. Cacao was used medicinally, as currency, for ceremonial purposes, to fight fatigue, and was often used as sacred offerings. The Aztecs began seasoning cacao with vanilla, chile pepper and achiote. Montezuma, the Aztec chief, supposedly drank 50 cups of chocolate per day and drank an additional cup to increase his stamina before spending time with his female companions, while Montezuma's court reportedly drank about 2000 cups of "xocolatl," a bitter, frothy, spicy drink, each day.

Once Spain conquered the Aztecs, they began importing chocolate to Europe where it quickly became a court favorite. Only royalty and the wealthy could afford to drink it. In England, however, anyone with money could buy it. The first chocolate house opened in London in 1657; at the end of the 18th century, the first form of solid chocolate was invented and in 1819, EL. Callier opened the first Swiss chocolate factory.

The "Dutch" process of treating chocolate with alkali to remove the bitter taste was developed. Europeans then began adding sugar and milk to chocolate, added cocoa butter back into the dutched chocolate and molded the chocolate, creating the first British chocolate bar, followed by the Cadbury brothers in 1849.

When the Industrial Revolution arrived, machines were invented that produced chocolate bars in mass quantities. Once this happened, people worldwide were introduced to chocolate. Responsible for a major portion of the chocolate candy produced in this country, it was the year 1894 that candy manufacturer, Milton Hershey, decided to try adding a chocolate coating to his caramels. Calling this new enterprise the Hershey Chocolate Company, it was located near the area he had been born, Derry Township, Penn. By the summer of 1905, with the milk from nearby dairy farms and the spirit of hard-working local people, his new factory started turning out delicious milk chocolate.

Chocolate contains alkaloids such as theobromine and phenethylamine, which have some physiological effects in humans but which can be toxic to dogs and cats. Chocolate has been linked to an increase of serotonin levels in the brain while dark chocolate seems to possess substantial antioxidants that reduce the formation of free radicals.

Some researchers found that chocolate, eaten in moderation, can lower blood pressure. Even if it doesn't work, isn't it worth a try? If you are eating chocolate for a boost, dark chocolate, which has a higher cocoa content, is a superior choice to milk chocolate.

Who doesn't think of chocolate when they think of Valentine's Day? Who

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doesn't melt just a little when they receive a box of chocolates? Two things that just go together are chocolate and romance. Sweethearts give chocolate for many reasons. If nothing else, when someone gives us chocolate, it makes us feel appreciated and loved; with warm feelings like that, this can be very conducive to romance. When the Aztecs and Mayans were experimenting with chocolate, they made sacrifices of chocolate to the goddess of fertility, Xochiquetzal.

Once chocolate made its way to Europe, the belief survived. Europe's most celebrated lover, Casanova, supposedly drank a few cups of chocolate during the day because of his belief of its aphrodisiacal powers. According to legend, chocolate is a powerful love potion, used to enhance sexual gratification. Madame de Pompadour, a mistress of French King Louis XV, was not the most loving person, so she was advised to drink chocolate mixed with ambergris to stimulate her desire.

I don't know about you, but with all of the health and romance hype, I'm going to go have some chocolate. What could it hurt?



*Sheryl Mauro is the owner/chef at Hibiscus Cafe, full service caterer, breakfast and lunch restaurant serving the Fort Lauderdale area located at 3000 North Federal Highway.*





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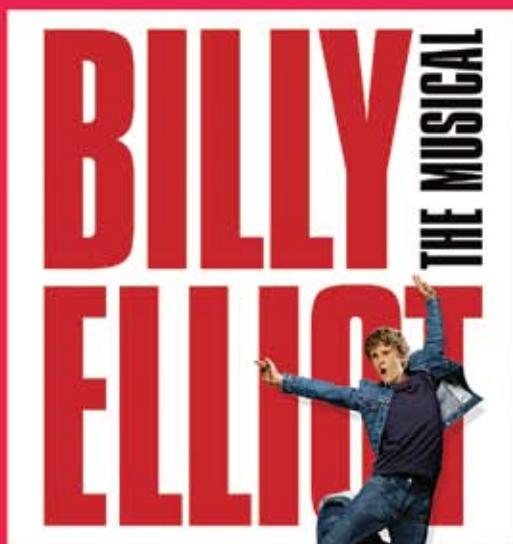


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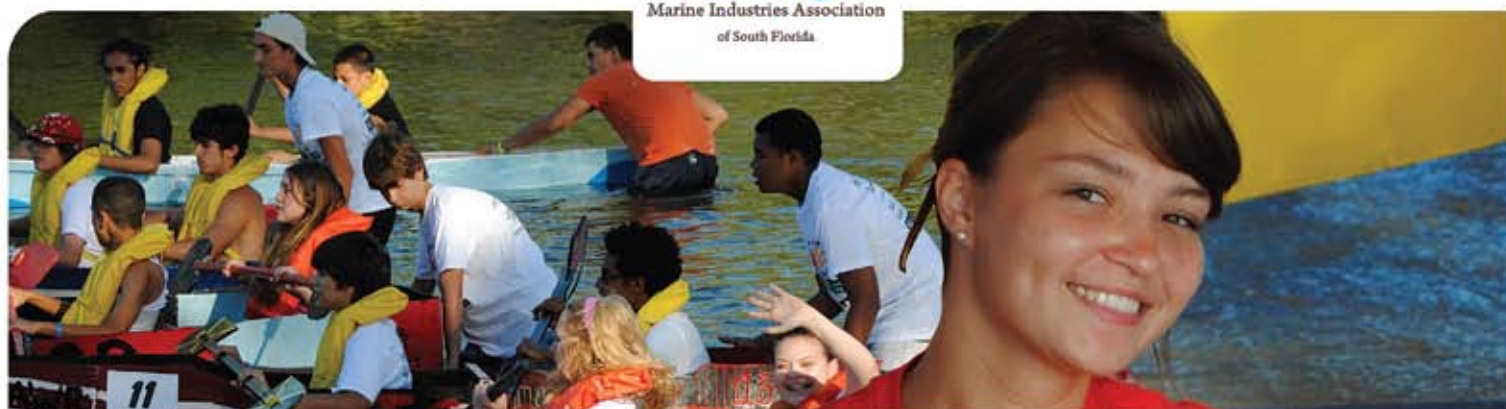
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### Big Read Kick-off Zora Neale Hurston's Florida Dust Tracks Lecture

Feb. 8  
This lecture proposes to set both the novel and the author in sociohistorical, geographic and cultural contexts.  
African-American Research Library and Cultural Center  
(954) 357-7386  
www.broward.org/library

### Smart Watts Home Energy Workshops

Feb. 8, 22 and 25  
The Museum of Discovery and Science has teamed up with the City of Fort Lauderdale to bring free, home energy savings workshops to Fort Lauderdale residents, homeowners and renters. Smart Watts Home Energy Saver Workshops will teach residents how they can make their homes more energy efficient and save money through easy, no-cost or low-cost energy savings actions.  
Museum of Discovery and Science  
(954) 713-0940

### Jeff Foxworthy

Feb. 9  
Hard Rock Live  
(800) 745-3000

### Black History Month Celebration

Feb. 9  
Old Dillard Museum  
(754) 322-8828

### 2012 Fort Lauderdale Greek Festival

Feb. 10  
The Fort Lauderdale Greek Festival is a public celebration of Greek food, wine, dance and culture. More than 50 authentic home-cooked Greek meals and baked desserts are served. Greek wines and beer are also available.  
Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church  
(954) 467-1515  
www.fortlauderdalegreekfestival.org

### Journey 2: The Mysterious Island An IMAX 3D Experience

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

### Save Our History

Feb. 10 through 12  
This event brings history to life with exhibits of the Revolutionary War and World War II, reenactments of battles and live encampments on the auditorium grounds and a trade show centered on American History with rare, one-of-a-kind items.  
War Memorial Auditorium  
(954) 828-5380

### Red and White Wine and Culinary Delight

Feb. 10  
United Way of Broward County will hold its 11th annual food and wine fundraising event presented by Consolidated Credit Counseling Services, Inc. and Premier Beverage Company.  
Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six  
(954) 462-4850, ext. 125

### Shen Yun Performing Arts

Feb. 10 and 11  
Broward Center  
for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222

### Next Step Dance Presents EROS

Feb. 10  
Broward Center  
for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222

### Soweto Gospel Choir

Feb. 10  
Parker Playhouse  
(954) 462-0222

### Impressions: A Juried Art Exhibit

Feb. 10 through April 8  
Bonnet House Museum & Gardens' juried art exhibit showcases artists from throughout the nation and the artists' personal interpretations of this country's architecture, nature or culture.  
Bonnet House Museum & Gardens  
(954) 653-1551

## RIVERWALK TRUST

### Vendor Day In The Park

Feb. 11 • 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Any vendor interested in a permanent location along Riverwalk from Friday to Sunday each week is invited to present their business for review and fit for the limited permanent spaces that will be coming available. This day is an opportunity to demonstrate your product or service for assessment for the trial program. Vendors may be food, drink entertainment or artist. Not-for-profits are invited to come and celebrate the event and talk about your organization with the public. We'll have games, food and surprises. Contact Riverwalk Trust at (954) 468-1641, ext. 203, for an application or more information.  
Esplanade Park

### The Improvised Shakespeare Company

Feb. 11  
The Improvised Shakespeare Co. could reveal a tragedy, comedy or history — it's up to the audience. Each play is completely improvised, so each play is entirely new.  
Broward Center  
for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222

### Film Discussion Their Eyes Were Watching God

Feb. 11  
Imperial Point Branch Library  
(954) 357-7386  
www.broward.org/library  
Free

Events subject to change. Please call before you go. Submit your events to [Calendar@GoRiverwalk.com](mailto:Calendar@GoRiverwalk.com) by the 5th of the month.



**Story Time for Families**

*Feb. 11*  
Medieval and Renaissance stories are featured in this presentation in conjunction with the exhibition *Offering of the Angels: Old Master Paintings and Tapestries* from the Uffizi Gallery, Florence.  
*Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale*  
*(954) 262-0221*

**Billy Elliot**

**Broadway Across America**  
**Feb. 11 through March 11**  
*Broward Center*  
*for the Performing Arts*  
*(954) 462-0222*

**Temple Bat Yam Hosts Club 50**

*Feb. 12*  
Guests will enjoy the informal atmosphere, the open grills, all-you-can-eat salad bar and steaks found at Chuck's Steakhouse, followed by entertainment at the Temple.  
*Chuck's Steakhouse/Temple Bat Yam*  
*(954) 972-5465*

**Fifth Annual I Care, I Cure 5K Run/Walk**

*Feb. 12*  
The I Care, I Cure Childhood Cancer Foundation supports the development of, and raises public awareness about, cutting-edge research for targeted therapies for childhood cancer.  
*Bank Atlantic Center*  
*www.icareicure.org*

**Progressive Dinner  
Sponsored by  
Symphony of the Americas**

*Feb. 12*  
Guests are chauffeured by limousine to enjoy hors d'oeuvres, gourmet dinner, desserts and dancing under the stars at select homes in Fort Lauderdale's Sea Ranch Lakes, accompanied by musicians of the Symphony of the Americas.  
*Homes in the community*  
*of Sea Ranch Lakes*  
*(954) 335-7002*

**Florida Grand Opera's  
Young Artist Studio Recital**

*Feb. 12*  
*Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale*  
*www.FGO.org*

**Youth Pride Band  
of South Florida**

*Feb. 12*  
The inaugural concert of the Youth Pride Band along side the Pride Wind Ensemble will play a selection of band favorites.  
*Broward Center*  
*for the Performing Arts*  
*(954) 462-0222*

**Women's Investment Class**

*Feb. 13*  
The Sisterhood of Temple Bat Yam, a reform synagogue in East Fort Lauderdale, invites women to learn the fundamentals of investing. A certified financial advisor will explain the basics of financial planning and answer questions in this one-hour class.  
*Temple Bat Yam*  
*(954) 928-0410*

**Friends of the Museum of Art  
Elegant Tea and Fabulous Fashions**

*Feb. 13*  
This event is a part of a series of monthly programs to support the Museum of Art and to provide a social environment for those who have an interest in art.  
*Riverside Hotel*  
*(954) 493-6313*

**Patrizio Buanne**

*Feb. 14*  
*Broward Center*  
*for the Performing Arts*  
*(954) 462-0222*

**Gladys Knight**

*Feb. 14*  
*Hard Rock Live*  
*(800) 745-3000*

**RIVERWALK TRUST****Love in the Park**

*Feb. 14 • 6 to 10 p.m.*  
Love in the Park is a new event coming to Fort Lauderdale that embodies food, wine, music and more. Love in the Park embraces the Valentine's Day traditions of romance while offering a unique way to celebrate this special heartfelt holiday. All that encompasses Valentine's Day is brought together in a festival atmosphere. Assemble your own gourmet basket through the Love in the Park outdoor market to enjoy on the concert green.  
*Huizenga Plaza*  
*www.loveinthepark.info*  
*(954) 468-1541*

**I Have A Dream  
Smart Stage Matinee**

*Feb. 15*  
*Broward Center*  
*for the Performing Arts*  
*(954) 462-0222*

**THE DUCKS ARE COMING...**

**Esplanade Park**  
**February 25th 1-4pm**

DuckFestDerby.org  
KIDInc.org

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**Bonnet House  
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Wednesdays through Feb. 15  
Bonnet House Museum & Gardens  
(954) 703-2606

**Bonnet House  
Outdoor Acrylic Workshop**

Thursdays through Feb. 16  
Bonnet House Museum & Gardens  
(954) 703-2606

**Florida Grand Opera  
Rigoletto**

Feb. 16 through 18  
Broward Center  
for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222

**The Conservation  
of Old Master Paintings**

Feb. 16  
Paintings Conservator Claire Berry,  
director of conservation for the  
Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth,  
Texas, discusses the conservation of  
Old Master paintings.  
Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale  
(954) 262-0221

**Fight Time Promotions MMA**

Feb. 17  
War Memorial Auditorium  
(954) 828-5380

**Hispanico Ballet Flamenco  
Smart Stage Matinee**

Feb. 17  
Traditional Latin American music  
and dance performed live by  
talented international artists.  
Parker Playhouse  
(954) 462-0222

**Grande Crystal Ball  
Diamonds Are Forever 60th  
Anniversary**

Feb. 18  
Hosted by Fort Lauderdale  
Children's Theatre  
Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina  
(954) 763-6901

**Gold Coast Derby GRRLS**

Feb. 18  
War Memorial Auditorium  
(954) 828-5380  
[www.goldcoastderbygrrls.com](http://www.goldcoastderbygrrls.com)

**Sundiata: An African Folktales**

Feb. 18  
Broward Center  
for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222

**Get The Led Out  
The American Led Zeppelin**

Feb. 18  
Recreating the studio sound of Led  
Zeppelin.  
Broward Center  
for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222

**Broward Art Guild Children's  
Exhibit**

Feb. 18 through 24  
Broward Art Guild Gallery  
[www.browardartguild.org](http://www.browardartguild.org)

**Ladybug Release Weekend**

Feb. 18 through 20  
Help release tens of thousands of  
ladybugs in the new Science Park.  
Learn about ladybug myths and  
folklore and how they grow and  
survive in the wild, then take a  
handful of ladybugs and set them  
free.  
Museum of Discovery and Science  
(954) 713-0940

**The Paintings  
in Offering of the Angels**

Feb. 19  
Eric Zafran, curator of European  
art at the Wadsworth Atheneum  
in Hartford, Conn., speaks on the  
iconography of the paintings in  
Offering of the Angels in his lecture,  
Sin to Salvation: The Cycle of  
Christian Art.  
Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale  
(954) 262-0221

**Nikolai Baskov**

Feb. 21  
Parker Playhouse  
(954) 462-0222

**Opera in Cinema**

Il Trittico from the Royal Opera  
House.  
Feb. 21  
Cinema Paradiso  
(954) 525-3456

**Publix Apron's Cooking School  
Celebrity Chef Demonstration**

Feb. 23  
The event features Fabio Viviani,  
Bravo TV's Top Chef All Stars Season  
8 cheftestant.  
Publix at Plantation  
1181 S. University Drive, Plantation  
(954) 577-0542

**RIVERWALK TRUST****TacoStock****TacoStock**

Feb. 23 • 5 to 9 p.m.  
This annual taco cookoff features  
micro brews and local music.  
Tickets are \$25, which gets you  
six tickets; each ticket equals one  
item. Eat four tacos and drink two  
brews, eat six tacos, eat two tacos  
and drink four beers ... whatever  
you want. Come chill, listen to  
everything from Woodstock to  
TacoStock, vote for your favorite  
tacos, and wash down the cilantro  
and poblanos with some locally  
brewed hops. Presented by Occupy  
Taco, Nacho Mama's, Burger Beast,  
Prestige Worldwide (Boats and  
Tacos), Cruz Diablo Productions and  
Riverwalk Trust.  
[www.burgerbeast.com/tacostock](http://www.burgerbeast.com/tacostock)

**Book Discussion****Their Eyes Were Watching God**

Feb. 23  
Main Library  
(954) 357-7386  
[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)

**39th Annual Freedoms Foundation  
George Washington Ball**

Feb. 24  
The evening begins with a cocktail  
party with cocktails and hors  
d'oeuvres followed by dinner,  
dancing, entertainment and a silent  
auction.  
Coral Ridge Yacht Club  
(954) 306-7400

**Fourth Annual Fancy Jeans  
Cocktail Party**

Feb. 24  
The music inspired party will  
include live entertainment, video  
disc jockey, a "best dressed"  
contest, a raffle for a chance to win  
three extraordinary travel prizes  
and an extensive silent auction.  
Dance all night while tasting  
favorite food items served at highly  
rated restaurants in town. The event  
benefits the Jessica June Children's  
Cancer Foundation.  
Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six  
(954) 712-6322

**BankAtlantic Non-Profit  
Academy Awards**

Feb. 24  
The event will honor Broward  
County's non-profit organizations  
and leaders for their dedication and  
impact on the community.  
Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino  
(954) 765-1329

**Arlo Guthrie in  
"Boys Night Out"**

Feb. 24  
Parker Playhouse  
(954) 462-0222

**Miami City Ballet  
Giselle**

Feb. 24 through 26  
The quintessential 19th century  
romantic ballet, Giselle tells the  
story of a young peasant girl  
who is betrayed by her disguised  
aristocratic lover, dies of grief and  
madness, yet comes back from the  
grave to rescue him.  
Broward Center  
for the Performing Arts  
(877) 929-7010  
[www.miamicityballet.org](http://www.miamicityballet.org)

**Jane Monheit**

Feb. 24  
One of the most acclaimed jazz/  
pop singers today, Jane Monheit  
returns to the Broward Center's  
intimate Amaturu Theater with all  
new material.  
Broward Center  
for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222

**Kids in Distress  
Duck Fest Derby**

Feb. 25 • 1 to 4 p.m.  
Presented by JM Family Enterprises,  
benefitting Kids in Distress.  
Esplanade Park  
[www.duckfestderby.org](http://www.duckfestderby.org)

**An Evening with George Winston**

Feb. 25  
Broward Center  
for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222

**2012 Secret Garden Tour**

Feb. 25  
The event benefits Camp Wekiva  
youth scholarships, prison  
gardening, world gardens and  
other Fort Lauderdale Garden Club  
projects.  
Fort Lauderdale Garden Club  
(954) 683-3271

**Gun and Knife Show**

Feb. 25 and 26  
The Fort Lauderdale Gun Show is  
a favorite for local gun collectors,  
hunters and enthusiasts.  
War Memorial Auditorium  
(954) 828-5380

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**Sailboat Bend  
Centennial House and Garden Tour**  
Feb. 26  
The event will kick off with a celebration of 100 years as a neighborhood.  
Major William Lauderdale Park  
(954) 551-6402

**Are You My Mother?  
Family Fun Series**  
Feb. 26  
Broward Center  
for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222

**Watch the Oscars on the Big Screen**  
Feb. 26  
Cinema Paradiso  
(954) 525-3456

**D.B.A. 2012 Art Exhibition**  
Through Feb. 27  
Main Library  
www.artistsdoingbusinessas.com

**Film Viewing  
Their Eyes Were Watching God**  
Feb. 27  
African-American Research Library  
and Cultural Center  
(954) 357-7386  
www.broward.org/library

**From Austria With Love**  
Feb. 28  
Guest artist Eliso Gogibedashvili, an 11-year-old Austrian child prodigy violinist, will perform one of the most popular violin concertos in the repertoire.  
Broward Center  
for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222

**Lecture and Movie**  
Feb. 28  
"The Important Role of African Americans in the United States Military during the American Civil War," viewing portions of the movie "Glory" with Professor Kisha King of Broward College.  
Main Library  
(954) 357-7443  
www.broward.org/library

**Kathleen Turner in "High"**  
Feb. 29 through March 4  
Broward Center  
for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222

**Hamlet**  
March 1 through 11  
(Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays)  
Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre  
Studio Theatre  
(954) 763-6701  
www.flct.org

**Trey McIntyre Project**  
March 2 and 3  
Broward Center  
for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222

**Frankie Valli  
and The Four Seasons**  
March 2 and 3  
Hard Rock Live  
(800) 745-3000

**24th Annual Las Olas  
Art Fair Part II**  
March 3 and 4  
Festival-goers return each year and look forward to seeing longtime favorites as well as new and emerging talent.  
Las Olas Boulevard  
(561) 746-6615

**Miami International Piano Festival**  
March 4 through 6  
Part of the Broward Center Master Series, with Jorge Luis Prats on March 4, Claudio Martinez Mehner on March 5 and with Steven Osborne on March 6.  
Broward Center  
for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222



**Lecture on Zora Neale Hurston:  
Queen of the Harlem Renaissance**  
March 6  
Despite the fact that most of Zora Neale Hurston's major published work was released after the Harlem Renaissance (1917-1935) was ostensibly "over," she was a central figure of the Harlem Renaissance and had an impact on the cultural production and life of the period.  
Main Library  
(954) 357-7386  
www.broward.org/library

**Gold Coast Jazz**  
March 7  
With University of Miami Frost Concert Jazz Band and Kathy Kosins.  
Broward Center  
for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222

**Lecture  
Florida Women's Story  
during the American Civil War**  
March 8  
Local history writer Mae Silver will present a lecture about the role that Florida women played during the American Civil War.  
Main Library  
(954) 357-7443  
www.broward.org/library

**Uffizi, the Medici  
and Patronage during the  
Renaissance**  
March 8  
Marcia Hall, PhD, professor and director of graduate studies at the Tyler School of Art at Temple University in Philadelphia, speaks about the Uffizi, the Medici and patronage during the Renaissance.  
Museum of Art / Fort Lauderdale  
(954) 262-0221

#### RIVERWALK TRUST



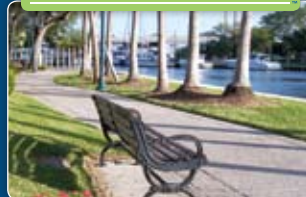
**Street-striping Ceremony**  
March 9 • Noon  
In preparation of the Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival, John P. "Jack" Seiler will paint a ceremonial green stripe along the parade route.  
Huizenga Plaza  
**Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Day  
Parade and Festival**  
March 10 • Noon to 2 p.m.  
The parade will take place along Las Olas Boulevard and will end at Huizenga Plaza. The parade begins at noon and the festival will start right after, approximately 1:30 to 2 p.m.

**Celebrate the Everglades**  
March 9 through 11  
Visitors will learn about the Everglades from experts in a number of disciplines via activities and presentations that encourage the public to visit the Everglades to discover the beauty and critical importance of the River of Grass to Florida.  
Museum of Discovery and Science  
AutoNation IMAX Theater  
(954) 467-6637

**John Carter  
An IMAX 3D Experience**  
Opens March 10  
Museum of Discovery and Science  
AutoNation IMAX Theater  
(954) 463-4629

**35th Annual Waterway Cleanup**  
March 10 • 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Broward County  
www.waterwaycleanup.org

#### RIVERWALK TRUST



**Riverwalk Tribute Dinner  
Honoring the Honorable John P.  
"Jack" Seiler**  
March 28 • 6 to 8 p.m.  
The Riverwalk Trust will honor the Honorable John P. "Jack" Seiler for his role in the growth and development of Riverwalk Park and the City of Fort Lauderdale at the Riverwalk Trust Annual Tribute. Honored guests, sponsors and special ticket holders will gather for a VIP cocktail reception, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Riverside Hotel located at 620 E. Las Olas Blvd, Fort Lauderdale. For sponsorship, donation or event information call (954) 468-1541, ext. 203.  
Riverside Hotel on Las Olas

#### RIVERWALK TRUST

### RIVERWALK GET DOWNTOWN

**Get Downtown**  
April 27  
Riverwalk Get Downtown, Fort Lauderdale's largest outdoor cocktail hour, offering the best Flavors of Fort Lauderdale from local restaurants and bars in the courtyard Plaza at Las Olas Place, 333 E. Las Olas Blvd., returns. For a \$25 donation, or \$20 prepaid online, attendees will receive two drink tickets, an array of tastes from local area restaurants and live entertainment. Admission is complimentary for Riverwalk Trust members at the Riverwalk 100 level and up.

#### RIVERWALK TRUST



**Burger Battle III**  
May 11  
Mark your calendar for the third annual Burger Battle. Details to come soon. Contact Riverwalk Trust for participation and sponsorship opportunities: Caitlin@goriverwalk.com or (954) 468-1541, ext. 203.

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## ONGOING EVENTS

### RIVERWALK TRUST

#### @ Riverwalk

##### • Cardio Mix with Josh Hecht

6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays  
Esplanade Park  
(954) 732-0517

##### • Yoga with Ali Hecht

6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Esplanade Park  
(954) 732-0517

Times and dates subject to change depending on weather restrictions. For more information, call (954) 468-1541 or visit [www.GoRiverwalk.com](http://www.GoRiverwalk.com). Look for additional classes and programs coming soon.

#### Laffing Matterz

Through May 19

Laffing Matterz at the Broward Center combines dinner theater with topical satire.

Broward Center  
for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222

#### K'NEX: Building Thrill Rides

Through May 6

K'NEX: Building Thrill Rides, a special exhibit, gives visitors the opportunity to explore the science, math and technology behind hair-raising amusement park thrill rides. Museum of Discovery and Science  
(954) 467-6637  
[www.mods.org](http://www.mods.org)



FRANCESCO MAZZOLA, called IL PARMIGIANINO, Madonna with Child. Oil on panel. Collection of the Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy

#### Offering of the Angels

Through April 8

Featuring tapestries and paintings by some of the artists of the Renaissance and Baroque periods, this exhibition makes its American premiere at the Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale, Nova Southeastern University. Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale  
(954) 525-5500

#### Yoga Class in the Gardens

The Bonnet House  
Museum & Gardens  
(954) 563-5393, ext. 137  
[www.bonnethouse.org](http://www.bonnethouse.org)

#### Chrystal Hartigan presents Songwriters Showcase

Second Monday of the month  
Showcasing local, national and international songwriters in a solo acoustic format. Evening begins with a one-hour open mic session (one live original song per performer). Stage is then set with four featured invited songwriters performing "in the round" style. Broward Center  
for the Performing Arts  
[www.chrystalhartiganpresents.com](http://www.chrystalhartiganpresents.com)

#### Introduction to Ghost Hunting Saturday Nights

Historic Stranahan House Museum  
(954) 524-4736  
[www.stranahanhouse.org](http://www.stranahanhouse.org)

#### F.A.T. Village Arts District Artwalks

Last Saturday of the month  
Features local artists.  
Northwest Fifth Street/Andrews Avenue

#### River Ghost Tours

Sundays  
Historic Stranahan House Museum  
(954) 524-4736  
[www.stranahanhouse.org](http://www.stranahanhouse.org)

#### Las Olas Outdoor Green Market

Sundays • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Las Olas Chemist Parking Lot  
(954) 462-4166

#### Fort Lauderdale Historical Society Historic Walking Tours

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# A REAL ESTATE BROKER'S VIEW OF THE MARKET

BY ALEXANDRA ROLAND



"MANY BUYERS ARE SECOND HOMEOWNERS LOOKING FOR A BUILDING WITH STRUCTURE AND FINANCIAL HEALTH," SAID JOHN D'ANGELO OF D'ANGELO REALTY

As the dust of the mid-2000 bubble burst continues to settle, what is the future of South Florida real estate? Equally as important, what shape is the Fort Lauderdale market in presently and where does that leave you, the buyer, seller or concerned resident?

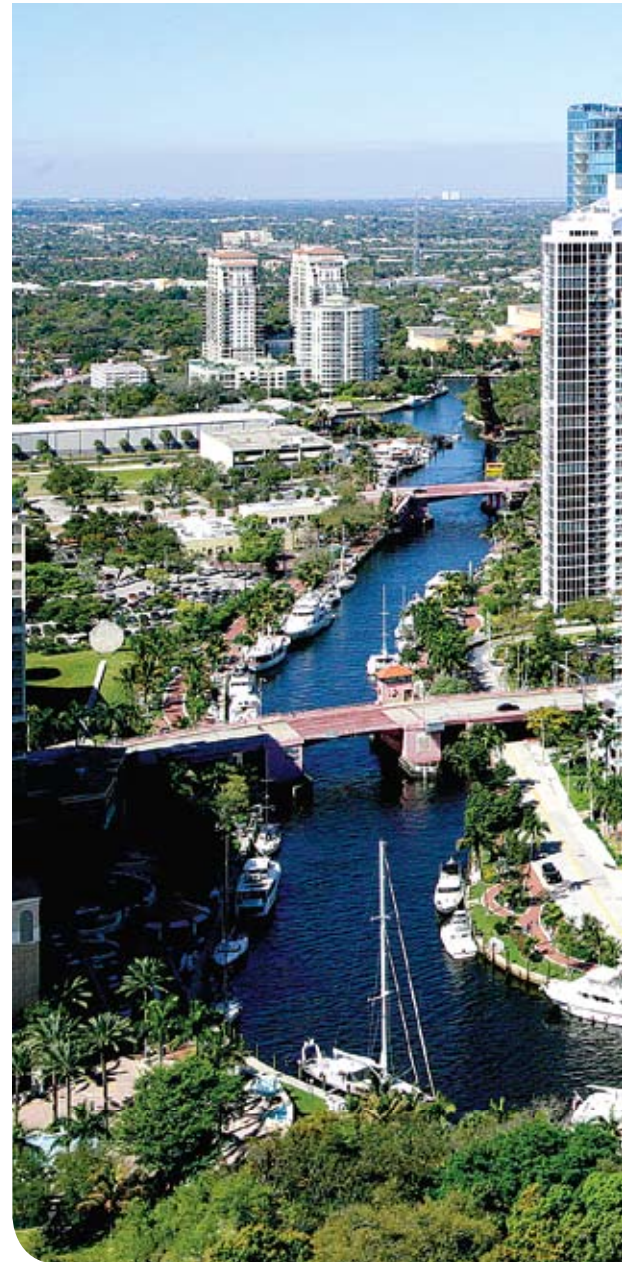
John D'Angelo, Fort Lauderdale's 23 year industry veteran, owner of D'Angelo Realty on Las Olas, shares his view on the happenings of his specialty: East Fort Lauderdale luxury condos.

Following the heavily publicized real estate market crash in the mid to late 2000s, the perception of buyers and sellers was warped with the pessimism of the media frenzy. It was undoubtedly a buyer's market, but the scales were not set for every situation. Now, even as the market enters a leveling off period, it is difficult to define real estate as a whole with uniform trends and predictions.

Nevertheless, with changes still occurring, D'Angelo reviewed some current noticeable industry tendencies.

"Prices are firming up," D'Angelo began. "Sellers are not as eager to take lowball offers. They are looking for a realistic selling price." Immediately after the market decline, the prevailing misconception was that all sellers were desperate to get rid of their properties. Although the fallacy continues to pervade, it simply is not the case. Real estate is sold based on supply and demand and currently the supply is not where it used to be. Yet, while inventory is low, that has not stopped prospective residents from looking.

Potential property owners have specific criteria that motivate and determine their purchase, making the demographic of interested buyers a unique one. According to D'Angelo, a significant number of clients come from the Northeast or the Midwest interested in purchasing a second or vacation home. Current South Florida residents and European and South American



investors are also paying attention to the downtown luxury condos Fort Lauderdale has to offer.

"Many buyers are second homeowners looking for a building with structure and financial health," D'Angelo said. Prospective residents want the perks of the health clubs, spas, parking convenience and security that luxury condos provide without having to worry about maintenance.

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What is the prognosis for buyers at this point? There are definitely some factors in their favor, record low interest rates being one of them, but D'Angelo stresses that those looking to make a real estate purchase should be realistic and willing to learn.

"We have people walking in looking for an oceanfront condo for \$50,000. That didn't exist before or after (the crash)," he said.

Despite trends in real estate, current and past, or predictions of future changes within the market, D'Angelo is confident in buyers' need to be aware of and informed about the community they are interested in, their type of desired purchase and the market they plan to buy in.

Go Riverwalk's new Real Estate Update section is designed to keep our readers educated and informed.

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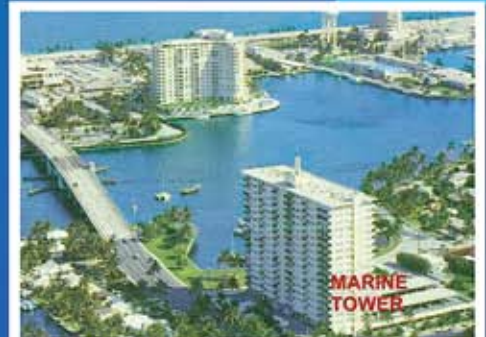
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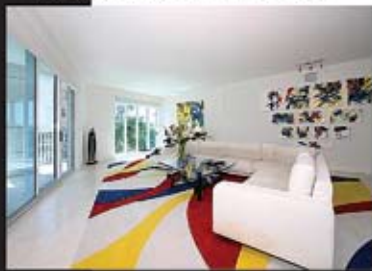
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I joined the Adams-LaRocca team in August 2010 and have worked in the employee benefits consulting industry for the past five years. My professional experience includes full lifecycle, end-to-end experience in providing benefits consultation and wellness initiatives to my clients. I have a passion for serving my clients so that every interaction is a positive and rewarding one. I strive to bring a balance of both conceptual and analytical skill sets that aid in problem solving and identifying innovative ways to meet my client's employee benefits challenges.

I graduated from Auburn University in 2007 where I received my bachelor of business administration degree with a concentration in

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