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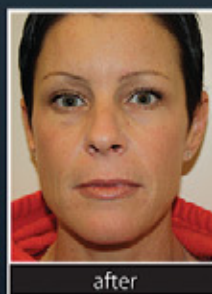
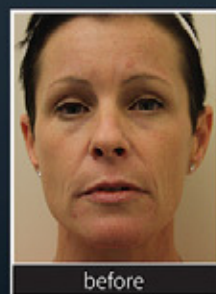
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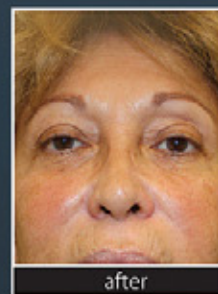


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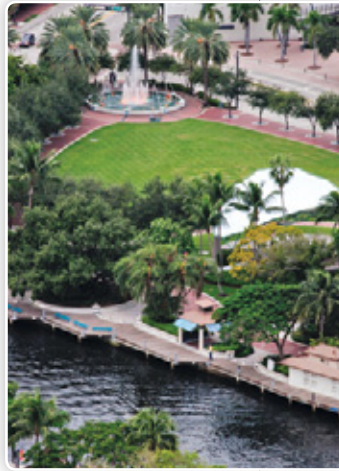
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Best Reasons to Join

Riverwalk Trust Members Share Why They Support Us

With this month's magazine theme **Best of Fort Lauderdale**, I've asked **Riverwalk Trust** members to share their top reasons for joining our foundation. Annual membership starts at \$100. For more information, visit www.goriverwalk.com/riverwalk-trust/membership. Look for more members' thoughts in the April issue.

"The Riverwalk is one of the most beautiful yet underused **assets** in the entire City of Fort Lauderdale. Being part of an organization that seeks to expand the Riverwalk's public profile is **beneficial** to all. One more added benefit of being part of Riverwalk Trust is the ability to **interact** with leaders in the community and make friends with really great people."

Gary Dean Farmer Jr.

Attorney, Farmer Law P.A.

"The best reason to join Riverwalk Trust is to **support** the enhancement of the two gems of Fort Lauderdale — the **New River** and **Riverwalk**. These two areas are significant to Fort Lauderdale for boaters, visitors and residents alike. They are a source for recreation, arts and entertainment, and they add beauty to our city. Additionally, the ability to be amongst like-minded people is incredibly **rewarding**."

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"One of the best reasons to join Riverwalk Trust is to **celebrate** the paradise that has been created as well as to meet, socialize and network with others who work, live or play Downtown. Be a part of it and join Riverwalk Trust today!"

Jim Demos

Wealth Management Advisor, Merrill Lynch

"There are many reasons why I decided to join Riverwalk Trust as a **member**. First of all, it is an organization that has an outstanding track record for more than two decades. Secondly, it is the driving **force** to bring the Riverwalk, Downtown and community together through **vibrant** signature events and fundraising. Lastly, they do an outstanding job marketing our destination via Go Riverwalk magazine, advertising and social media. It would be very difficult for us to imagine a Fort Lauderdale without the Riverwalk Trust."

Heiko Dobrikow

General Manager, Riverside Hotel

"I joined Riverwalk Trust because I feel it is important to give back to your **community**. I have established long-lasting relationships through my **involvement** and have been proud to serve and help our park and our community **grow** through the years."

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Riverwalk Trust Tribute

John P. "Jack" Seiler to be Honored March 28

First let me say that we are very pleased to be honoring **John P. "Jack" Seiler** for his continued work in **Downtown** and **Riverwalk**. As a strong advocate for the growth in our area and a willing partner, Jack has **paddleboarded** on the New River with us, done a number of **walks**, **bicycled** along the river, attended tons of events and always **encouraged** the activation of Downtown.

He has encouraged stakeholders to band together to make a larger impact and has offered his time in formulating ideas for success. In October 2011, the Riverwalk Trust Board of Directors unanimously selected Jack to be honored for his longstanding and continued **commitment** to Riverwalk and



'Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale works as a catalyst to activate the linear park and walkways on the north and south side of the New River as well as other parts of Downtown.'

Downtown at the March 2012 Riverwalk Tribute recognizing The Honorable John P. "Jack" Seiler.

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale works as a **catalyst** to activate the linear park and walkways on the north and south side of the New River as well as other parts of Downtown. Weekly we survey the area for infrastructural needs as well as potential **improvements** that can be made in the area. We work to add tree canopy through our Tree Harmony Program and can proudly tell you that over the last six years, we have installed more than 40 trees and palms.

We acquired decorative **planters** that are placed strategically throughout the area to enhance the beauty of the walk

along with decorative benches and the **Carillon Clock** at the entryway of Southwest Third Avenue.

We have partnered with the Navy **League** and **Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations** to obtain and install the iconic Lone Sailor Monument (one of a limited number in the United States) as well as partnered with **DDA** to form a magazine and construct other improvements throughout the area.

Over the years we have installed more than 38,000 **signature bricks** and annually provide decorative **banners** to the Downtown community. Along with the number of signature fundraising events, we routinely host walk-up events in the park such as **boot camp** and **yoga**.

We continue to be very engaged in the identification and branding of the Downtown community and work and monitor the compliance with the **Downtown Master Plan** as well as others. Our days are full and we are always looking for new members and great volunteers. Help us continue to make Downtown Fort Lauderdale and Riverwalk the **destination** it should be.


On another note, we welcome **Chelsea Anderson** as our new intern. She is already hard at work on helping us grow! She brings great skills and a wonderful willingness to join our team and we are very fortunate to have her. Be sure to welcome her when you get the chance! 



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Museum, Blanche and Joseph Ely House. The artist re-designed the markers in order to make them more affordable; the new



and educators, individuals from the sites where the prototypes are installed, and archaeologist **Dr. Bob Carr**, an expert in Florida archaeology. The **Cultural Heritage Landmark Project** has a challenge to have 10 markers installed each year in order to have 100 markers in place by the county's Centennial in 2015.

Other projects in progress that have long-range **influences** include **The Wave**, a 2.7-mile streetcar system that will serve as a local circulator in downtown Fort Lauderdale, Broward Cultural Division's **CreativeBROWARD 2020 Plan**, a 10-year plan for economic and cultural

New markers identify and honor important cultural and historic sites in Broward County. Currently there are more than 120 historic sites mapped throughout Broward County.

These projects require **vision** to make it happen. The Broward Cultural Division's Public Art and Design Program commissioned artist **Alicia Bellini-Sobchak** to design a prototype marker for the Broward Cultural Heritage Landmark Program. The Broward County Cultural Division and Broward Historical Commission worked together on the project.

The markers are signs, which can be freestanding or wall-mounted, that identify and honor important **cultural** and **historic** sites. Currently there are more than 120 historic sites mapped throughout Broward County.

The first four installed markers are located at **Wray Botanical Collection**, **Flamingo Gardens**; **Pine Island Ridge**, **Tree Tops Park**; **Tequesta Indian Village**, **Peace Mound Park**; and **Ely Educational**


markers are made of long-lasting porcelain enamel.

They are **symbols** of our history, signposts to our past, and identity markers for pride that will bind the community through time.

Nine additional markers are being installed at **Bonnet House**, **Snow-Reed Swing Bridge** and **West Side School** in Fort Lauderdale; **Curci House** in Hallandale Beach; **Hammerstein House** in Hollywood; **Sample-McDougald House** in Pompano Beach; **Richardson Historic Park** in Wilton Manors; and **Coral Springs Covered Bridge** and **Doris Davis Forman Wilderness Preserve** in Parkland.

The artist conducted extensive **research** into the history and culture of Broward County from antiquity to present day, working with the Broward County Historical Commission, local historians

development and the **Cultural Tourism Report**, which provides an implementation plan for a county-wide signature event and a centennial event.

Like most things **everlasting**, there is no such thing as an overnight success, although it may appear so to the untrained eye. There is usually much due diligence, years of preparing, practicing, planning and painstaking administration, that goes into anything that succeeds and sustains; so too with art and so too, with the development and design of a **growing** city. 

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Collection of the Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy

By Chris Wren
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Fort Lauderdale Stone Crab and Seafood Festival

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Riverwalk Trust hosted the **Fort Lauderdale Stone Crab and Seafood Festival** on Jan. 28 on the lawn at the **Riverside Hotel**. Hundreds gathered for a beautiful day in the sun to enjoy some of Fort Lauderdale's best seafood and stone crab. Local restaurants prepared and sold their top dishes on the lawn on Las Olas to residents, visitors and foodies alike. Guests also enjoyed refreshing cocktails provided by the Riverside Hotel as well as the lively sounds of the **Ringerz** band, which played throughout the day. And adults and children alike stopped by to watch or participate in the first-ever Riverwalk **Hermit Crab Races**.

A huge thanks to our sponsoring restaurants: **Bahama Joe's**, **Bimini Boatyard**, **Bravo Italian Ristorante**, **Indigo Restaurant**, **Jane's Tropical Treats**, **Kelly's Landing New England Seafood**, **Lauderdale Grill**, **Mangos Restaurant and Lounge**, **Mike's Stone Crabs** and **Truluck's Seafood Steak & Crab House**.

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We are already looking forward to the next Stone Crab and Seafood Festival. Visit www.GoRiverwalk.com for more information.

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6. Sam and Ana Johnatoni
7. Hugh, Sandy and Sebastian Stetter and Roger Marrero



Vendor Day in the Park

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As a member of the stakeholder group for the **Riverwalk District Plan**, on Feb. 11 Riverwalk Trust invited local vendors who were interested in being considered for a permanent spot along Riverwalk to come to **Esplanade Park**. The public had a chance to assess the viability of the vendors' products, services or activations.

Also invited for the day were local **not-for-profit** organizations interested in getting more public exposure and getting their message out. With more than 40 groups participating, the public enjoyed a great day — in spite of the weather — and tried out services, ate a variety of foods and bought some unique items.

The next step will be to collate the results of the vendors exhibiting and the **recommendations** for the public for additional items. Riverwalk Trust continues to work to make the Riverwalk a daily **activation**.

1. Precision Paddleboards and Fort Lauderdale Fire Department
2. Sea Cadets
3. Colley and Tracey Smith of Sweetie's
4. Kathryn Dressler of Museum of Discovery and Science and Frank Herhold

Riverwalk Trust Member Mixer

Photos by Riverwalk Trust



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Riverwalk Trust held a **Member Mixer** on Feb. 9 for its members and friends of **Stranahan House**.

Four times a year, Riverwalk Trust pairs with another organization for a networking cocktail event. Members of both organizations have a chance to enjoy food and drink at a local venue and mingle. In February, the Member Mixer was held at Bourbon on Second.

For information on **joining** Riverwalk Trust, please call (954) 468-1541 or visit www.GoRiverwalk.com.

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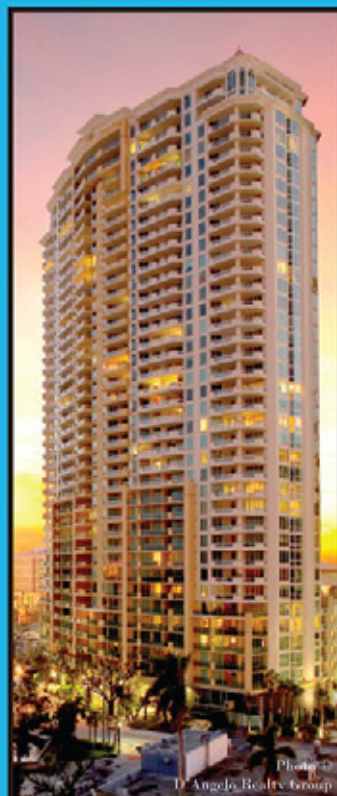
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FEATURED PROPERTIES FOR LEASE

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3 BR/2.5 BATH: CORNER UNIT WITH PANORAMIC VIEWS OF THE RIVER, OCEAN & CITY. \$469,000.

2BR/2BATH: CORNER UNIT, POOL LEVEL WITH GOURMET KITCHEN & LARGE TERRACE. \$329,000.



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FEATURED PROPERTIES FOR LEASE

2BR/2BATH:	FURNISHED, POOL & RIVER VIEWS.	\$2,400.
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STARDUST

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SHORT SALE

STARDUST

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JUST SOLD

STARDUST

2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 19TH FLOOR MODEL, SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN WITH SPECTACULAR VIEWS & A GOURMET KITCHEN.

UNDER CONTRACT

STARDUST

2 BR, 2 BATH SPLIT BEDROOM W/DIRECT RIVER VIEWS. GOURMET KITCHEN, FLOOR TO CEILING WINDOWS & GLASS BALCONY.

SHORT SALE

SKYVIEW

2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH FEATURED IN CITY & SHORE MAGAZINE. TILE THROUGHOUT, 2 FLAT SCREEN TV'S & BUILT-IN CLOSETS. \$289,000.

FEATURED PROPERTIES FOR LEASE

MOONGLOW 2/2:	FURNISHED, LRG. TERRACE, GREAT VIEWS	\$3,000.
SEAVIEW 3/2:	OCEAN, RIVER & CITY VIEWS. 3 BALCONIES.	\$2,795.
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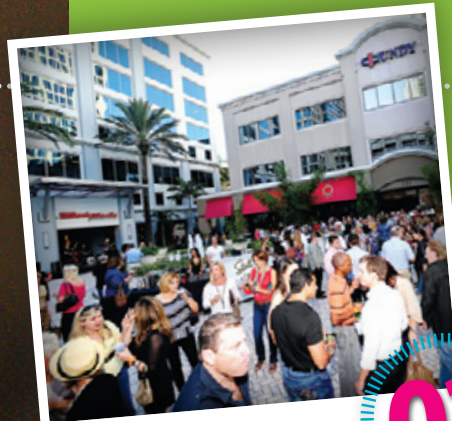

 GO RIVERWALK MAGAZINE'S

the Best of 2012

BY LYNN PEITHMAN STOCK • PHOTOGRAPHY BY JASON LEIDY

*The masses have spoken (OK, 599 of you have anyway).
Our Best of Fort Lauderdale survey votes are tabulated and a few clear
winners stood out, as well as a couple repeats.*

You, dear readers, clearly love Fort Lauderdale's biggest selling points — the sun and the beach and the great outdoors. A few of you also have a quick wit and while your answers weren't conventional ones for our categories, they made for some spontaneous bursts of laughter during our tedious tabulating. Don't worry — we'll share at the end of this piece, but first ... our winners in the 2012 Best of Fort Lauderdale Go Riverwalk Magazine survey.



Get Downtown

03

Best Riverwalk Trust Events

01 Burger Battle

The third annual Burger Battle returns this year, but at a different location: Huizenga Plaza. Tickets are \$40 and available at www.GoRiverwalk.com. VIP tickets are available for \$125.
May 11

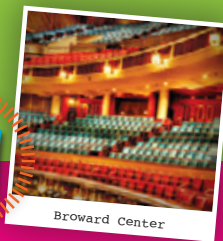
02 Fort Lauderdale Stone Crab and Seafood Festival

Returns this fall or winter.

03 Get Downtown and Mutts and Martinis (tie)

Get Downtown • April 27
Mutts and Martinis • Sept. 14
www.GoRiverwalk.com

01



Broward Center

Best Cultural Experience

01 Broward Center for the Performing Arts

The center celebrated its 20th anniversary last year and continues to bring Broadway plays, big-name performers and other cultural opportunities to Broward County.
201 S.W. Fifth Ave.
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

02 Las Olas Art Fair

March 3 and 4 and Oct. 20 and 21
www.lasolasboulevard.com

03 Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale

1 E. Las Olas Blvd.
(954) 525-5500
www.moaf1.org



Seventh Street Wine Bar

Best Wine Experience

01 Seventh Street Wine Bar
Part wine boutique and part wine bar, Seventh Street offers samples of 100 wines from its computerized dispensers.
701 S. Federal Highway
(954) 522-5560
www.seventhstreetwine.com

02 Wine Down Wednesdays at the Riverside Hotel
Preston's Wine and Martini Bar
620 E. Las Olas Blvd.
(954) 467-0671

03 Total Wine
1906 Cordova Road
(954) 828-9463
www.totalwine.com



Riverwalk

Best Word to Describe Fort Lauderdale

01 Sunny
We have an average of 241 days with sun per year, enticing visitors and residents alike to our beaches, waterways and friendly streets.

02 Paradise

03 Beautiful

03

Best Place to Play

01 Beach/Fort Lauderdale Beach
The city has more than seven miles of beach, which first gained national prominence in 1960 when the movie "Where the Boys Are" popularized the sun, the sand ... and spring break.
<http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/beach>

02 Las Olas
www.lasolasboulevard.com

03 Riverwalk
www.GoRiverwalk.com



Las Olas Boulevard

02



Best Spot for People Watching

01 Las Olas
Las Olas Boulevard

02 YOLO
*333 E. Las Olas Blvd.
(954) 523-1000
www.yolorestaurant.com*

03 Beach/AIA



Las Olas Boulevard



Vibe

Best Restaurant

01 Indigo Restaurant at Riverside Hotel
According to our survey respondents, this is THE neighborhood restaurant for Downtown Fort Lauderdale.
*620 E. Las Olas Blvd.
(954) 467-0671*

02 Timpano Italian Chophouse
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www.yolorestaurant.com
Vibe • 301 E. Las Olas Blvd.
(954) 713-7313
www.vibelasolas.com*

02 Golden Lyon Pub at Riverside Hotel
*620 E. Las Olas Blvd.
(954) 467-0671*

03 Blue Martini
*2432 E. Sunrise Blvd.
(954) 653-2583
www.bluemartinilounge.com*



Golden Lyon



Best Shopping Experience

01 The Galleria Mall

Major department stores and niche specialty shops reside at Broward County's largest regional shopping center.

2414 E. Sunrise Blvd.
(954) 564-1015
www.galleriamall-fl.com

02 Las Olas

Las Olas Boulevard

03 Spice Quarter

2434 E. Las Olas Blvd.
(954) 652-1025
www.thespicequarter.com

03



Best Day of Pampering

01 Elizabeth Arden Red Door

This salon and spa, while a chain (or because of?), oozes comfort, relaxation and friendliness. Deep browns playing off of soothing greens welcome guests, who can also enjoy a catered meal from Seasons 52 in Red Door's private dining room.

2598-A E. Sunrise Blvd.
(954) 564-5787
www.reddoorspas.com

02 Casbah Spa

1000 Seminole Drive, #200
(954) 630-0633
www.casbahspa.com

03 Bliss Spa at W Fort Lauderdale

401 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd.
(877) 862-5477
www.wfortlauderdalehotel.com/bliss-spa



Red Door Spa

01

Best Fort Lauderdale Tradition

01 Winterfest Boat Parade

Having just finished its 40th year, the boat parade is a favorite local tradition to celebrate the holidays. Close to 100 boats, from privately owned to mega-yachts, will float down the New River on Dec. 15.

www.winterfestparade.com

02 Christmas on Las Olas

December • www.lasolasboulevard.com/lasolasassociation

03 Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show

Oct. 25 - 29 • www.showmanagement.com



Winterfest Parade





Best Waterfront Spot

01 Coconut's

For the second year in a row, Coconut's gets the most votes in this category. It's one of the best places in town to catch the sunset.

429 Seabreeze Blvd.

(954) 525-2421

www.coconutsfortlauderdale.com

02 Downtowner

10 S. New River Drive East

(954) 463-9800

www.downtownersaloon.com

03 Bahia Cabana

3001 Harbor Drive

(954) 524-1555

www.bahiacabanaresort.com



Bahia Cabana

Best Happy Hour

01 Tarpon Bend

From \$10 Bacardi buckets on Saturdays to \$3.50 mojitos on

Thursdays, Tarpon Bend is the go-to place for happy hour after work.

200 S.W. Second St.

(954) 523-3233

www.tarponbend.com

02 YOLO

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(954) 523-1000

www.yolorestaurant.com

03 Blue Martini

2432 E. Sunrise Blvd.

(954) 653-2583

www.bluemartinilounge.com

Best Mode of Transportation

01 Water Taxi

Even locals who have never taken the Water Taxi ... or it's been awhile ... will experience Fort Lauderdale waterways with a fresh perspective.

www.watertaxi.com

02 Sun Trolley

www.suntrolley.com

03 Bicycle





Best Live Music

01 SunTrust Sunday Jazz on the Riverwalk

Jazz fills the air the first Sunday of the month at Riverwalk Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
(954) 828-5363

02 Indigo Restaurant at Riverside Hotel

620 E. Las Olas Blvd.
(954) 467-0671

03 Blue Martini

2432 E. Sunrise Blvd.
(954) 653-2583
www.bluemartinilounge.com



Sunday Jazz

01

Best Jewelry Store

01 Daoud's Fine Jewelry

For the second year in a row, readers chose Daoud's as their favorite jewelry store.
2473 E. Sunrise Blvd.
(954) 565-2734
www.daouds.com

02 Carroll's Jewelers

915 E. Las Olas Blvd.
(954) 463-3711
www.carrollsjewelers.com

03 Levinson Jewelers

888 E. Las Olas Blvd.
(954) 462-8880
www.levinsonjewelers.com



Best Public Park

01 Holiday Park

The War Memorial Auditorium anchors this vast park, home to tennis courts, lighted athletic fields, a playground, basketball and racquetball courts and even a roller hockey rink.

1150 G. Harold Martin Drive
(954) 828-5385

02 Esplanade Park

400 S.W. Second St.

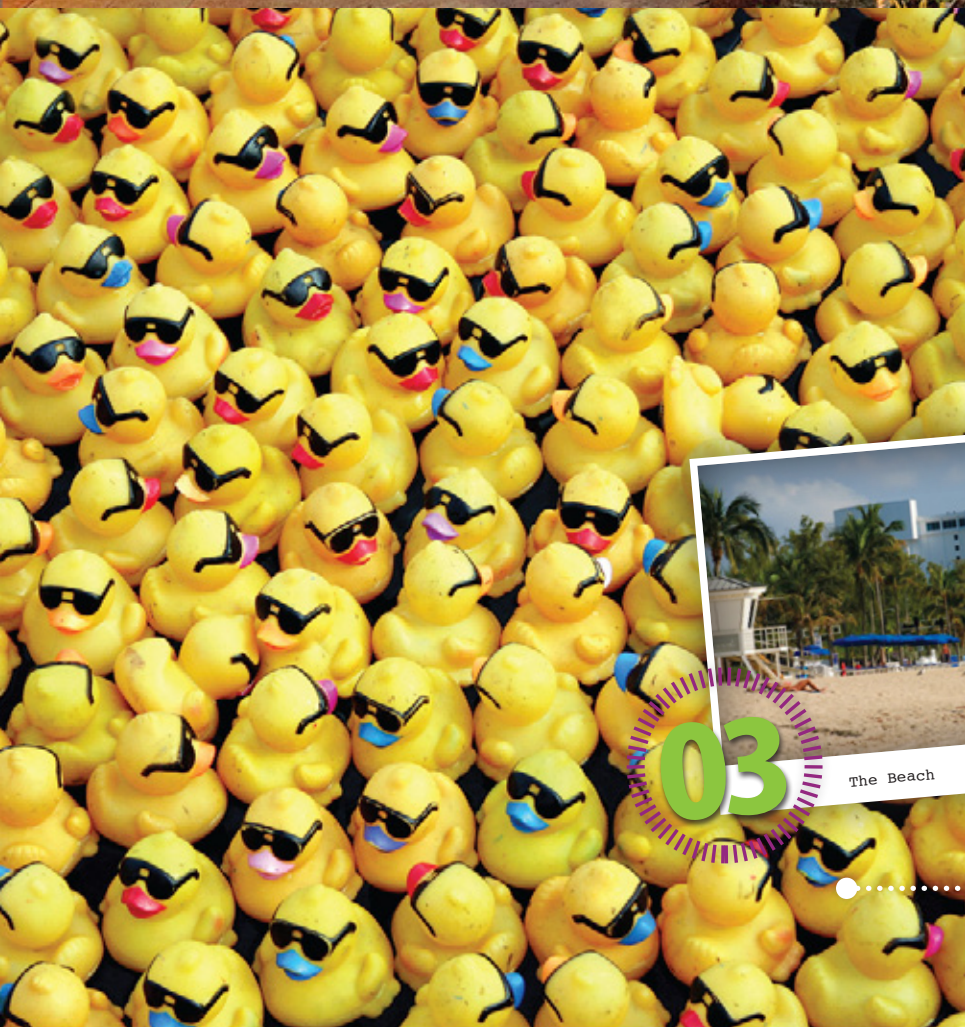
03 Huizenga Plaza

1 E. Las Olas Blvd.



Huizenga Plaza

03



Best Place to Take Visitors

01 Las Olas

Sidewalk cafés, boutiques and family-owned shops line the walkable Las Olas Boulevard.
Las Olas Boulevard

02 Beach/Fort Lauderdale Beach

03 Boat ride on Water Taxi
www.watertaxi.com

Best Fundraising Event

01 Glam-A-Thon

This five-year-old collection of fundraising events is now a 501(c) 3 organization and has teamed up with Broward Health Foundation to help local breast cancer patients with medications, mammograms and other services while undergoing treatment.
www.glam-a-thon.com

02 Fright Night on Las Olas
www.frightnightlasolas.com

03 Kids in Distress Duckfest Derby
www.duckfestderby.org



The Beach

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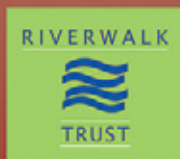
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Huizenga Plaza

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Our Personal Favorites

Now for the Go Riverwalk Magazine staff's best picks ... and we're not talking the best restaurant. A few folks who took the time to take our survey shared their own particular twist:

- **Best Fort Lauderdale Tradition:** "bikinis in December" and "mooning the Jungle Queen" (not that we're endorsing that one).
- **Best Day of Pampering:** "six pack of imported beer and a dead cell phone battery."
- **Best Word to Describe Fort Lauderdale:** "New Jersey"; "Fort Liquordale" (yes, there was a time during the spring break heyday that this could have been appropriate); and "humid."
- **Best Place to Play:** "Fort Lauderdale Fencing Club." En garde! We'll have to check it out.
- **Best Place to Shop:** "Aventura (sorry)." We appreciate your honesty.
- **Best Transportation:** "My Beetle with the top down." And our personal favorite ...
- **Best Place to Take Visitors:** "Friends: taxi. Family: airport." We've all been there.

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Paying Tribute

Riverwalk Trust Honors Jack Seiler at Annual Tribute

BY LYNN PEITHMAN STOCK • PHOTOGRAPHY BY JASON LEIDY

The New River has been a backdrop through John P. “Jack” Seiler’s life. As a youngster in the city, Seiler water skied by the foot of the Las Olas Bridge and fished at Port Everglades. Today, enjoying the river is still part of Seiler’s life, from attending events as part of his job to biking the Riverwalk in his free time.

Construction of the Riverwalk, the brick lined swath along the river, began when he was in college at Notre Dame University. “I love what Riverwalk Park is.

“We’ve placed a special emphasis on the Riverwalk, returning to our roots,” Seiler said. Our history “didn’t start on Fort Lauderdale Beach. It really started in the heart of Downtown, on the river. We have a world-class beach but we have a tremendous treasure in the heart of Downtown.”

Seiler admires what San Antonio has created with its River Walk. “San Antonio took a relatively small body of water through the middle of Texas and they have maximized it. They’ve done a fantastic job of fixing up both sides. They’ve created one of the world’s greatest destinations.

“Here, (the New River) is a great body of water and we haven’t done as good a job of maximizing this body of water.”

Seiler would like to see a bit of a turnaround — a literal one, toward the river. He would like to see more river spots front the water. “Let’s face the river. Let’s enjoy the river.

“It’s a great natural treasure,” he said. “We have the beach, a river and the Downtown area. We’re really blessed.”

Seiler also wants to appreciate and maximize the river: light it better, patrol it better, maintain it better. “We’re taking that great natural resource and making it better.”

Riverwalk Trust Tribute

Riverwalk Trust will honor 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 on Wednesday, March 28.

Cocktails, hors d’oeuvres and a special presentation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Riverside Hotel, 620 East Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. Honored guests, sponsors and special ticket holders will gather for a VIP cocktail reception, beginning at 5 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will assist the Riverwalk Trust in its mission to promote, enhance, activate and beautify the Riverwalk community and Downtown. The cost for the event is \$150 each for individuals (\$200 with VIP reception). The cost for Riverwalk Trust members is \$125 each (\$175 with VIP reception). The evening will feature live entertainment, silent auction, raffles and prizes.

For ticket or sponsorship information, contact Caitlin Fahey at (954) 468-1541, ext. 203, or email caitlin@goriverwalk.com.

The Tribute Planning Committee includes Alyssa Lovitt, Committee Chair; Serge Atherwood, Lacey Brisson, Pat Demos, Katie Donahue, Lisa Scott-Founds, Katie Leibeck, Renée Quinn, Lee Sheffield and Jennifer Zaccone.

Riverwalk Tribute Dinner Honoring John P. “Jack” Seiler

March 29 • 6 to 8 p.m.

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Riverside Hotel on Las Olas





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A Day To Be Irish

Tips for St. Pat's Float-Building

BY KATE SHEFFIELD • PHOTOGRAPHY BY KEITH DOUGLAS

It's that time of year again ... when **Irish decorations** come out of storage and groups across Broward are faced with one very important decision: How will we decorate the float this year for the **Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Day Parade** on March 10? Well, not to worry, because below are some helpful tips to get a move on in your adventures in float building.

Never been in the **parade** before? No sweat. Having a float in the parade is a fun and unique way to reach a wide audience of Broward County and Fort Lauderdale residents. This is your organization's **opportunity** to be a creative as possible so you can wow spectators (last year we had 22,500 people!) and leave them talking about how amazing your float was. All you need is \$50 to enter and some creativity.

Winnie Amatore, Grand Marshal of the 2011 St. Patrick's Day parade, and Joseph Amatore



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Float Building 101

• **Theme:** This is your group's message tied in with the overall St. Patrick's Day theme. Your theme is simply putting your group's twist on St. Patrick's Day so that your decorations can complement it.

• **Vehicle:** the vehicles in the parade vary wildly. In the last two years we've seen a wide array of transportation: trailers, horse drawn carriages, roller skates, bicycles, antique cars, pedi-cabs and fire trucks.

• **Building Materials:** if your organization decides to go with the traditional float pulled on a trailer, then you'll probably be making some trips to the lumber store for wooden pallets, plywood and other items.

• **Decorations:** this can be anything you want it to be. Decorations can be made from found objects or store-bought items. Trash to treasure, Irish decorations from retail stores, and arts and crafts stores are all great resources for decorations.

• **Music:** this is an important but often overlooked detail of the float design. Participants are strongly encouraged to have music accompany their float to help energize your group and the spectators. So, don't forget the music!

Tips for the Big Day

- Arrive on time.
- Keep a steady pace.
- Follow the parade coordinators' instructions.



- Leave the projectiles at home.
- Have fun!

Congratulations to Last Year's Winners!

- **Grand Leprechaun Award:**
Riverwalk Trust and the Downtown Council
- **Best Marching Band:** Stranahan High School
- **Best Pipe Band:** New York Police Department Emerald Society Pipe and Drums
- **The Celtic Award:** St. Anthony Catholic School
- **The Shamrock Award:** Marroone Chevrolet
- **The Pot of Gold Award:** Northeast High School Rebels

Want to Go?

The event is Saturday, March 10, and the **deadline** for parade entries is Feb. 9, so start building! Your group's name could be listed above as one of this year's winners. All it takes is some creativity, teamwork, and the luck of the Irish.

For **more information** on the Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival and a parade application, visit www.ftlaudirishfest.com. See you on the March 10!



Street-striping Ceremony March 9 • Noon

In preparation of the Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival, Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler will paint a ceremonial green stripe along the parade route at Las Olas and 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.

2012 Third Thursday Dates

Jan 19th
Feb 16th
March 15th
April 19th
May 17th

Art Walk Las Olas is an arts driven, reoccurring event the Third Thursday monthly from 6-10pm on East Las Olas Boulevard. Participating galleries host exhibit openings, receptions, artists, and outdoor entertainment.

Art Walk Las Olas is produced and supported by the Las Olas Association and sponsors: The Las Olas Company, The UPS Store.

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It's All About The Wine

Wine Buyers Lend Expertise to Las Olas Wine and Food Festival

BY LORENA STREETER

Paul Quaglini, a veteran of more than 25 years in the wine industry, is an unabashed fan of Italian wines and is ABC Fine Wine and Spirits' wine supervisor for southeast Florida. On any given day he can be found in one or more stores discussing new wines with the staff and customers.

ABC Fine Wine and Spirits will join the **2012 Las Olas Wine and Food Festival** benefitting the American Lung Association on April 20. ABC will be on site during the annual festival to offer samplings and special prices on wine orders.

The Orlando-based company celebrated its 75th anniversary this year (complete with a California sparkling wine named just for the occasion). In the past year, ABC has built new stores and renovated several more, including stores in **Coral Springs** and **Pembroke Pines**. Signs direct customers to wines, spirits and beers and provide information on varietals, styles and more.

"One of the best features in the new store design is the **WineStation**," Quaglini said. "It allows us to showcase some of our favorite wine values by letting guests 'try before they buy'—they discover wines that they might not otherwise experience."

Also, wine tastings in all larger stores are held on average once every three months and feature from 50 to 100 wines. Look for event listings and details at www.abcfws.com.

Quaglini helps ABC seek out and increase its **selection** of interesting, little known wines and spirits that offer more value to consumers. Their Direct to You program also features several wines developed by **Brad Lewis**, ABC's fine wines buyer, who has more than 30 years' experience in the industry. "The Direct



Paul Quaglini, ABC Fine Wine and Spirits wine supervisor.



The WineStation offers ABC Fine Wine and Spirits customers a chance to try before they buy. Pembroke Pines Wine Consultant Larry Baker shows how it works.

Las Olas Wine and Food Festival

*Benefitting the American Lung
Association*

April 20 • 7:30 to 10 p.m.

The street festival ticket includes a complimentary wine glass, butler tray and unlimited sampling from more than 70 local restaurants and 45 tables of wine and micro brews.

*Las Olas Boulevard between
Southeast Sixth and 11th Avenues
www.lasolaswineandfoodfestival.com
\$100*

to You program involves the wine team at every step,” Lewis said.

Quaglini added, “We all travel at least once a year to **Europe** or another wine region, and while we’re visiting wineries we’re focusing not only on what’s available to everyone, but wines that might not make it to the U.S. at all except for our interest.

“We love being able to introduce new and interesting **winemakers** to our guests, because they make some of the best values in wine: not just in the price, but the quality is outstanding because these are winemakers who are the most passionate about what they’re doing.”

Some of these wines will be featured at the Las Olas Wine and Food Festival, Quaglini said. His **favorite** on the list? “We’re pouring our new Jackie Mt. Veeder Cabernet (from Napa), which has terrific structure and everything that makes a Mt. Veeder Cabernet outstanding.” He’ll also be pouring, from Spain, Martin Codax

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Albarino—“a terrific wine for Florida seafood,” and Las Rocas Garnacha; plus several yet-to-be determined labels from Italy, New Zealand and elsewhere.

ABC Fine Wine and Spirits will be offering Las Olas Wine and Food Festival **previews** every Friday through April 13 at select store locations. Customers will be able to preview a selection of what will be poured at the festival from brands such as Bombay Sapphire, Martin Codax Albarino, Milagro Tequila, Stoli Elit, and Las Rocas. **GO**



By Alexandra Roland
Photography by Jason Leidy

The Cheese Culture

From Gouda to Pecorino, New Eatery Shares the Love

It's a way of life for the Europeans. A culture enriched with the flavors of sweets, fresh produce and cheeses, the pairing of wines and the essence that food brings to life.

After a trip overseas, **Susan Phipps** envisioned that same mentality in her own city. She decided on an aspect of the European culinary repertoire very much missing from the Fort Lauderdale area: cheese. Inspired and passionate, this newly inspired cheese enthusiast opened Cheese Culture last August, hoping to spread a little bit of both on the Las Olas strip.

Yellow and white, smooth and crumbly, creamy and spicy, the spectrum of flavors and textures are endless. Each block of cheese has a story. "Every piece of cheese is a living thing," Phipps said.

The two-year-old **Gouda** cheese from Holland is a product that improves with



'Cheese Culture is as much about satisfying your palette as it is enriching your wine and cheese knowledge.'



age. It contains small crunchy crystals of caramel and nutty flair, creating bursts of zest against a sharp bite. One of the more expensive selections, Pecorino Tartufo is known for its truffle flavor, making it equally one of the most **decadent**.

Phipps also carries a lot of American cheeses. "U.S. cheese makers have really come far. (They're) taking more chances," she said. **Barely Buzzed** is a raw milk cheese made in Utah encased in a rind that is infused with espresso beans and lavender. **Humboldt Fog** cheese is formed from the milk of Holland goats but made in McKinleyville, Calif.

The new Las Olas fixture is reminiscent of an old European barn house. The

storefront yellow and white awning complements the French charm of the Cheese Culture lettering displayed on the window of the shop. Inside, warm yellow tones grace the original 1942 walls of the building. The interior has an intimate and uncluttered **ambiance** exemplified by the "community table" situated in the back of the store. The table and chairs are made from reclaimed barn wood from the 1800s, nestled for restaurant seating and educational cheese and wine programs such as a blind wine tasting and fondue class.

Cheese Culture is as much about satisfying your **palette** as it is enriching your wine and cheese knowledge.

signature dish & wine pairing



Tuscan Pig: Porchetta, Cabot Clothbound Cheddar, arugula and white truffle olive oil over a toasted rustic bread.



Kaiken Ultra Cabernet Sauvignon:

Kaiken Ultra Cabernet Sauvignon has an intense ruby red color and showcases red fruits flavors with black cherry aromas accompanied by chocolate and spices that enhance its elegance and complexity.



‘Our first priority is to make ordering cheese easy for people who are not familiar with it.’

Board,” served with complements like fruit, nuts, olives or honeycomb. Cheese Culture also released a lunch menu in January.

Products like two-year aged cheese or raw milk cheese may seem out of the comfort zone for many, but after a full work up on cheese **history**, patrons will feel more prepared to choose and pair selections for dining in or entertaining their own guests.

“Things have changed,” Phipps said. “This is not your mother’s cheese anymore.” **CO**

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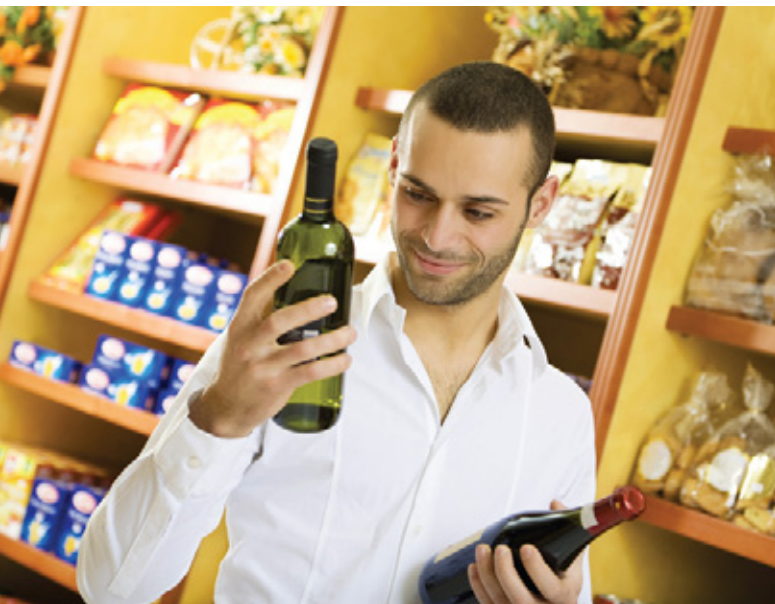
“You can’t just grab any cheese and wine and expect it to become a **perfect marriage**,” Phipps said. In assisting the patron to determine his or her selection, the staff leads each customer up to the cheese case, “where the babies are kept.” Questions about preferred **taste**, texture, or consistency are asked as both customer and staff member collaboratively arrange a cheese board.

Many of the cheeses come from small production **vineyards** and thus are not found in a mass marketing environment. Phipps welcomes that kind of diversity but doesn’t want intimidation to thwart customers. “Our first priority is to make ordering cheese easy for people who are not familiar with it,” she said. The **menu** includes a “Build Your Own Cheese

Cheese Culture
813 E. Las Olas Blvd.
(954) 533-9178
www.cheese-culture.com

WINE TASTING EVENTS

To add your special wine tasting event (or Wine & Food Tasting) to our March issue Wine Tasting Events Calendar (events from March through April only), please email the information as shown above (25-word max even description) to wineevents@goriverwalk.info. Please note: Event listings are accepted and published at our sole discretion. Some event listings may appear exclusively online due to print space limitations. Thanks!



March 9 Shafer Hillside Select Vertical Tasting

Café Maxx
2601 E. Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach

Vertical of Shafer Hillside Select featuring 10 vintages of Shafer's top wine along with several of the new releases from this Napa Valley winery. The vintages featured are: 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001, 1997, 1996 and the very first vintage 1983. Chef Oliver Saucy will make a special five-course tasting menu to accompany the tasting wines. Begins at 7 p.m.
\$295, plus tax plus gratuity
(954) 523-9463

wines from around the world. The event also features a silent auction and a complimentary Riedel wine glass for every guest. Registration required for VIP tickets; suggested but not required for general admission.

VIP tickets are \$150 per person and general admission tickets are \$85 per person. Doors open for VIP admission at 6 p.m. and general admission at 7:30 p.m.
www.mods.org
(954) 467-6637

March 15 Spazio Third Thursday Wine Tasting

Spazio
239 S. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, just north of Las Olas on A1A

Spazio general manager Chris Jacques hosts a wine tasting old and new world wines each third Thursday. Representatives from wine houses around the globe present a pairing of no less than six wines with Spazio's menu of classic and modern Italian cuisine in the Fort Lauderdale Beach restaurant's elevated, ocean view wine lounge.

Priced at \$20 per person, the informal tasting from 7 to 8:30 p.m. includes hors d'oeuvres and a \$10 Spazio gift card. March's wine tasting will feature six crisp whites, roses and reds. Ample meter and lot parking are available.
www.SpazioFL.com
RSVP via email at TasteWine@SpazioFL.com or call (954) 764-8191

ONGOING WEEKLY TASTINGS

The Best Cellar, 1408 N.E. 26th St., Wilton Manors

www.beaconmgmt.com/rsfwf, contact Richard Stetler, (954) 630-8020, thebestcellar@thebestcellar.org

The Grateful Palate, 817 S.E. 17th St., Fort Lauderdale

www.thegratefulpalate.net, contact Adam Irvin, (954) 467-1998

Blue Jean Blues, 3320 N.E. 33rd St., Fort Lauderdale

www.bluejeanblues.net, contact Danielle, (954) 306-6330

Seventh Street Wine Company, 701 S. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale

www.seventhstreetwine.com, contact Chris Skillicorn, (954) 522-5560

Wine Watch, 901 Progresso Drive, Fort Lauderdale

www.winewatch.com, contact Andrew Lampasome, (954) 523-9463

March 30 17th Annual Wine and Culinary Celebration

Museum of Discovery and Science
401 S.W. Second St.
Fort Lauderdale

All proceeds from this event benefit the museum. The Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration will showcase champagne, spirits or wine with food pairings. Because of the EcoDiscovery Center expansion the celebration will have more space, including more tastings, which can take place in the new Mangurian Foundation Learning Center. More than 40 of South Florida's top restaurants and chefs will be represented, as well as



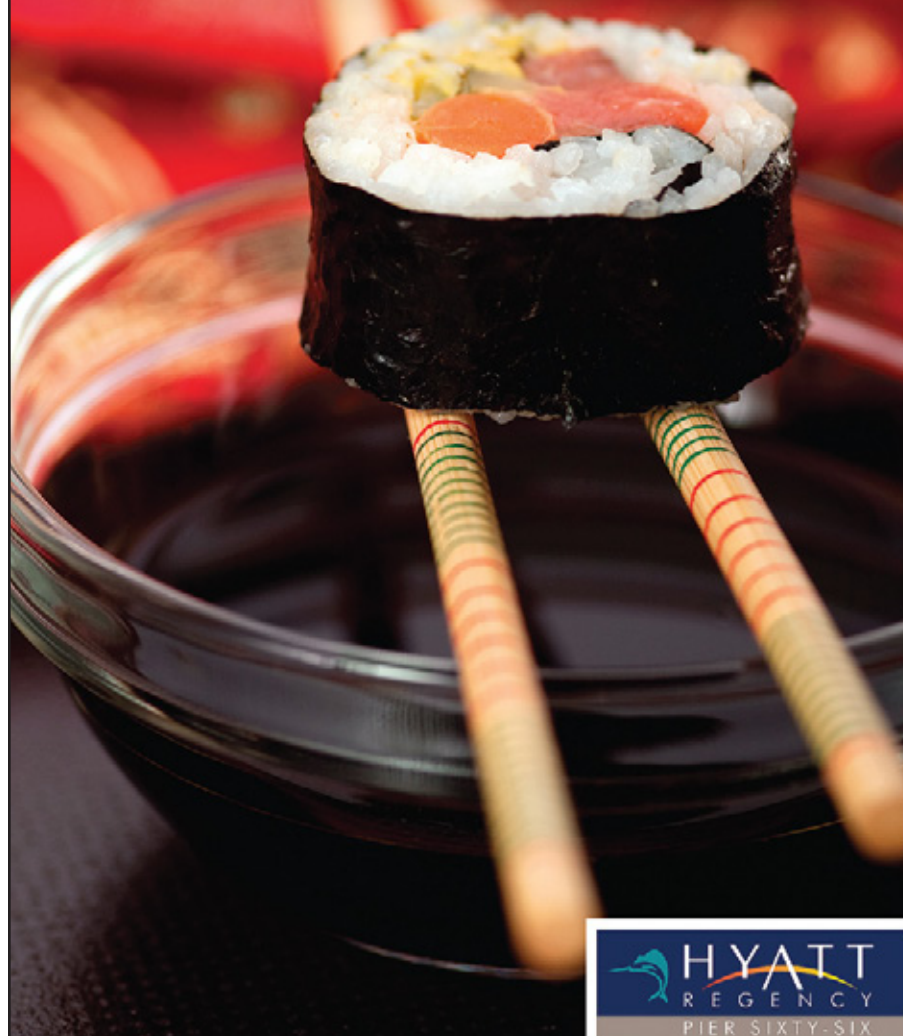
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Shrimp, cucumber, scallions, topped with tuna and avocado	
KAMIKAZE ROLL	16
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SUNDAY BRUNCHING IN FORT LAUDERDALE

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locals, and observant eyes will catch some fascinating people who've graced the place. The brunch has all the traditional brunch items, including an omelet bar, or you can order off the menu. And we haven't even mentioned the Mimosas.

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Sundays • 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
www.yolorestaurant.com
 (954) 523-1000

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This one is so good, we were tempted not to tell you about it. Lobster Benedict, Grilled Heirloom Tomato Benedict and the Chef's Special Benedict creations are just the beginning. Put simply, the food on this menu is amazing, spanning from gourmet to traditional to healthy breakfast options. Mimosas, Spicy Bean Bloody Marys, Bellini's and other Sunday spirits are a must.

Sundays • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 429 Seabreeze Blvd.
 (954) 525-2421
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Hyatt Regency Pier 66 Pier Top Sunday Champagne Brunch

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Sundays • 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
www.hyattregencypiersixty-six.com/restaurants
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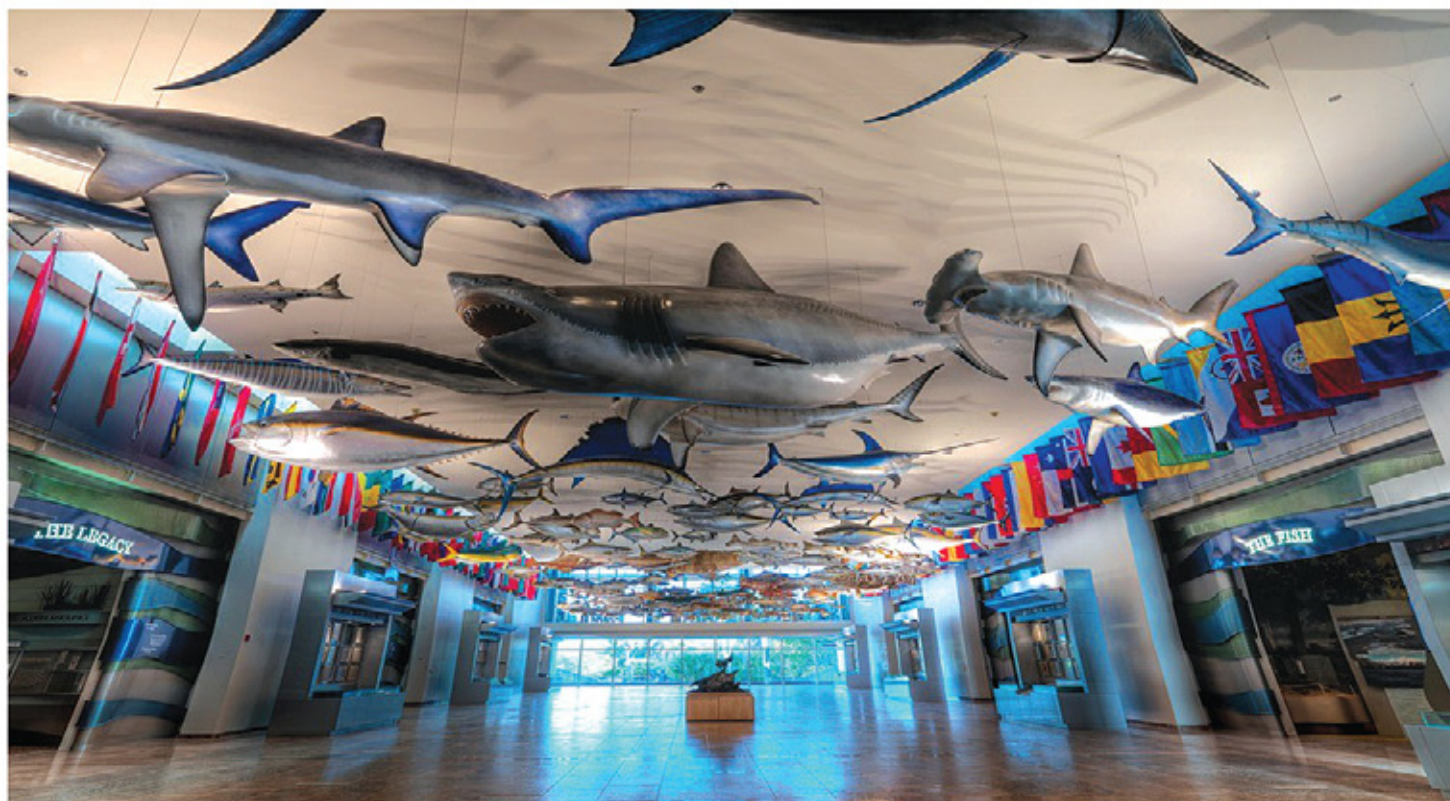
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Literary Feast

March 2 through 5
(954) 357-5954
www.literaryfeastonline.org

LitLUNCH!

March 2
Luncheon featuring Cosmopolitan magazine editor-in-chief and mystery author Kate White. LitLUNCH! is an event of Literary Feast 2012 hosted by the Broward Public Library Foundation. Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six Pier Top

Trey McIntyre Project

March 2 and 3
The Trey McIntyre Project continues to push boundaries and feature "fresh and forward-thinking choreography" (Washington Post) and "brilliant works" (The Los Angeles Times). Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222

11th Annual Links for Literacy

March 2 and 3
Celebrity VIP Party and Golf Classic. Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino/Orangebrook Golf & Country Club (954) 921-3787

Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons

March 2 and 3
Hard Rock Live
(800) 745-3000

Oceana's Inaugural SeaBlue Event

March 3
Event will feature a musical performance by The Honey Brothers with Oceana Ambassador Adrian Grenier with Alexandra Cousteau and World Champion Freediver Martin Stepanek. W Hotel
www.seablueevent.org



29th Annual Southeast Florida Scottish Festival and Highland Games

March 3
A day of Scottish tradition, including live music, food and drink as well as highland dancing, pipe bands and athletics. The festival and games also will highlight live traditional music, sheep dog herding demonstrations, a gathering of South Florida clans and societies, country dancing, Scottish fiddling and singing, and Scottish food, beer and merchandise. Live acts will include The Rogues, Rathkeltair, Uproot Hootenanny and Topsy Laird. Snyder Park (954) 460-5000

22nd Annual Walk for the Animals

March 3
Huizenga Plaza
www.Walk4theAnimals.com

Night of Literary Feasts

March 3
The Broward Public Library Foundation's signature fundraising event featuring 20 nationally known authors, including Sally Bedell Smith, Mary Jane Clark and Kate White; cocktail reception, silent auction and book signings, followed by dinner parties with one or two authors hosted in private homes and upscale restaurants. Cocktail reception at Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six; dinners at private homes and restaurants in greater Fort Lauderdale area

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

LitLIVE!

March 4
Free daylong series of author discussions and book signings with such noteworthy writers as Sally Bedell Smith, Mary Jane Clark, Charles Mann, Kate White and Bernice McFadden. Alvin Sherman Library Research and Information Technology Center Nova Southeastern University

Fourth Annual Glamour in the Garden

March 4
Spend a Sunday afternoon enjoying lunch, a fashion show, makeover, massage, raffle, auction, cake decorating much more. Gilda's Club
www.gildasclubsouthflorida.org

Celebration of Smiles Motorcycle Ride

March 4
Benefitting the Chris Evert Children's Hospital. Broward Health Broward General Medical Center
www.BikersCare4Kids.org

Miami International Piano Festival

March 4, 5 and 6
Part of the Broward Center Master Series. March 4 features Jorge Luis Prats with A Tribute to Schumann, March 5 features Claudio Martinez Mehner and March 6 features Steven Osborne. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222

Zora Neale Hurston Lecture

March 6
Despite the fact that most of Zora Neale Hurston's major published work was released after the Harlem Renaissance (1917-1935) was "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
Featuring University of Miami Frost Concert Jazz Band and Kathy Kosins. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222

Roger Hodgson
The Legendary Voice of Supertramp
March 7
Hard Rock Live
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Learning to have fun in the kitchen

Celebrity Chef Nick Malgieri
March 8 - 6:30 p.m.
Celebrity Chef Nick Malgieri prepares desserts that can easily be made with a minimum of time and effort. Menu: Swiss Chocolate Mousse; Lemon Cheesecake with Tangy Lemon Glaze; Chocolate Raspberry Tart; Old-Fashioned Coconut Layer Cake; Perfect Strawberry Tartlets. \$40.
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Jay Leno
March 8
Hard Rock Live
(800) 745-3000

Lecture Florida Women's Story during the 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

Women's History Month Celebration

March 8
Old Dillard Museum
(754) 322-8828

Uffizi Lecture

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



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 at Las Olas and 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.

Gilda's Club Cancer Crawl 2012

March 9

Teams of 10-plus will compete in this event to raise money for Gilda's Club, a nonprofit agency that provides support services for anyone touched by cancer.

Hard Rock Hotel and Casino
www.gildasclubsouthflorida.org

Charity Artist Event

March 8

Meet South African painter James Stroud meet. Wine and hors d'oeuvres. Safari attire.
Native Visions Gallery
(954) 767-9714

"Death and the Maiden" by Ariel Dorfman

March 8 through April 1

Tony Award winners Glenn Close, Richard Dreyfuss and Gene Hackman starred in the original Broadway production of this political thriller.

Mosaic Theatre
(954) 577-8243
www.mosaictheatre.com

John Carter: An IMAX 3D Experience

Opens March 9

Edgar Rice Burroughs' classic tale of interplanetary adventure arrives on the big screen in this sci-fi spectacle marking the live-action debut of Oscar-winning director Andrew Stanton ("Finding Nemo," "WALL-E").

Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater
(954) 713-0940

Celebrate the Everglades

March 9 through 11

The event features a Clyde Butcher presentation and activities that encourage the public to visit the Everglades to discover the beauty and importance of the River of Grass to Florida.

Museum of Discovery and Science
(954) 467-6637
www.mods.org

Florida Grand Opera Free Outdoor Concert

March 10

Members of the Florida Grand Opera Young Artist Studio will present a concert of selections from some of the world's best-loved operas.

Esplanade Park
(305) 728-9700



The Fairy Doll An Enchanting Ballet

March 10 and 11

Presented by Arts Ballet Theatre.

Broward Center for the Performing Arts
(305) 948-4777

16th Annual Lauderdale-by-the-Sea Craft Festival

March 10 and 11

ATA and El Prado Avenue
(561) 746-6615

Pridefest 2012

March 10 and 11

PrideFest is a celebration and tribute to the LGBT community's unique culture and forward-facing optimism. The weekend-long event includes entertainment, local DJs on the dance floor and diverse South Florida entertainers.

War Memorial Auditorium
(954) 828-5380

Forbidden Hollywood

March 11

Parker Playhouse
(954) 462-0222

Music On Top

March 11

Featuring the Fort Lauderdale String Quartet of the Symphony of the Americas.

Hyatt Regency Pier 66 Pier Top
(954) 335-7002

South Florida Symphony Orchestra Masters of their Universe

March 12

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

Volts and Jolts

March 12 through 15

Museum of Discovery and Science
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Great Bites

Restaurants of Broward's Past

March 13

Join Broward County historian Helen Landers in a photographic presentation of Broward County's restaurants.

Main Library
(954) 357-8243

Downtown Brown Bag Lunch and Learn

March 14

A discussion on how religion relates to modern society.

Brinkley Morgan Law Offices
(954) 928-0410

Lecture

on Fort Jefferson

March 14

Lecture on Fort Jefferson, the Civil War military prison located at Tortugas National Park.

Main Library
(954) 357-7443

Dudu Fisher

March 14

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

Forks over Knives Screening

March 14

Cinema Paradiso
(561) 750-9800

Zora Neale Hurston's Final Decade

March 15

Since her death, scholars and the public have rediscovered Hurston's work and conscientiously researched her biography. Nevertheless, the last decade of her life has remained relatively unexplored.

Main Library
(954) 357-7386
www.broward.org/library

Cystic Fibrosis Gold Coast Guild's Spring Luncheon

March 15

Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six Crystal Ballroom
(954) 491-1499

Young Artist Music Series

March 15

Featuring the Florida Atlantic University Latin Vocal Ensemble. Bonnet House Museum and Gardens
(954) 653-1553

Denyce Graves

March 16

Part of the 2011-2012 Broward Center Classical Series.

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

Seraphic Fire

The Tudors: A Musical Tapestry

March 16

All Saints Episcopal Church
(954) 467-6496

Night of All Nations

March 16

This is the annual signature fundraiser of the Broward International Women's Club.

Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six Pier Top
www.browardinternationalwomensclub.com

Fossil Fun Weekend

March 16 through 18

Museum of Discovery and Science
(954) 467-6637
www.mods.org

Lifesavers for Children Luncheon

March 17

Benefits the Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center.

Holland America Line aboard the ms Eurodam/Port Everglades, Terminal 26
www.childrensdiagnostic.org



Lord of the Dance

March 17

Michael Flatley's "Lord of the Dance" launched a worldwide Celtic craze, blending traditional and modern Irish music and dance.

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

2012 Broward Heart Walk

March 17

Festivities begin at 8 a.m. and the 5K (3.1) mile walk begins at 9 a.m. Day-of activities include health screenings, heart-healthy refreshments, children's activities and entertainment.

Nova Southeastern University
(954) 492-6996



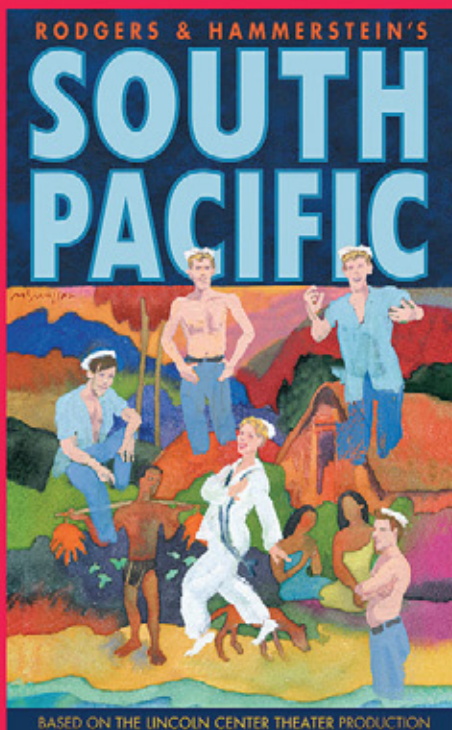
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Lord of the Dance

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Broward Center



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March 18
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March 18
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March 23
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Jerry Seinfeld

March 31
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(954) 462-0222

Flying Karamazov Brothers

March 18
Parker Playhouse
(954) 462-0222

Liel Kolet

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

Women's Investment Class

March 19
Temple Bat Yam
(954) 928-0410

**Bill Clinton Address**

March 20
President Bill Clinton, founder of the William J. Clinton Foundation and 42nd President of the United States, will share his unique insights and observations in an evening entitled "Embracing Our Common Humanity."
Broward Center
for the Performing Arts
(954) 462-0222

Civil War Re-enactment

March 21
Main Library
(954) 357-7443

Collecting Old Master Paintings

March 22
Christopher Apostle, senior vice president and director of Old Master Paintings at Sotheby's, speaks on Collecting Old Master Paintings.
Museum of Art / Fort Lauderdale
(954) 262-0221

George Lopez

March 22
Hard Rock Live
(800) 745-3000

Storytelling: What's the Hurry Fox? And Other Animal Stories

March 22
Through storytelling with puppets, children will enjoy tales from Zora Neale Hurston's children's book "What's the Hurry, Fox? And Other Animal Stories," adapted by Joyce Carol Thomas and illustrated by Bryan Collier.
Main Library
(954) 357-7386

Cannonball Adderley Jazz Series

March 22
Walker Auditorium
(754) 322-8828

Miami City Ballet Coppélia (Program IV)

March 23 through 25
Broward Center
for the Performing Arts
877-929-7000
www.miamicityballet.org

Brian Culbertson and David Benoit

March 23
Parker Playhouse
(954) 462-0222

Gun and Knife Show

March 24 and 25
War Memorial Auditorium
(954) 828-5380

Chopin Foundation Concert Series Young Pianists Concerts

March 24
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7444

Birding Class

March 24
Bonnet House Museum and Gardens
(954) 703-2606

Enchanting Sound of Sitar Anupama Bhagwat

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ArtServe
(954) 885-1466

La Boheme from the Liceu

March 25
Presented by Opera in Cinema.
Cinema Paradiso
(954) 525-3456

Cathy Dooley Presents "The Original Florida Follies"

March 25
This is a charitable organization of retired show business people performing a new show for all ages each year to raise a lot of money for children in need.
Parker Playhouse
(954) 462-0222

Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War Traveling Exhibition

March 27 through May 1
Main Library
(954) 357-7443

Lecture: The Personal Side of President Abraham Lincoln

March 27
Dr. Robert Watson of Lynn University will focus on the personal side of President Abraham Lincoln that covers his marriage, struggle with depression, family life with his children and how it impacted him during the Civil War.
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(954) 357-7443

Broadway Goes to the Movies

March 27
Symphony of the Americas and international soloists take you on an orchestral journey that spans the continent from New York to Hollywood featuring music from stage and screen.
Broward Center
for the Performing Arts
(954) 462-0222

Making Sense of the American Civil War Series

March 28
Main Library
(954) 357-7443

Clueless on Las Olas

March 29
Registration at 5:30 p.m. is followed by reading the mystery, food and drink and meeting the cast of characters, followed by searching for clues on Las Olas and then returning at 8:45 to hear the final clue. Proceeds from ClueLess on Las Olas benefit Partners In Education, Inc., an organization that assists public schools and students in Broward County by developing partnerships with business and community organizations.
(954) 288-7201
www.browardpartners.com

RIVERWALK TRUST**Riverwalk Tribute Dinner Honoring John P. "Jack" Seiler**

March 29 • 6 to 8 p.m.
The Riverwalk Trust will honor 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

Lecture and Video Music of the American Civil War

March 29
Main Library
(954) 357-7443

Cirque Dreams Presents Pop Goes the Rock

March 29 through 31
Hard Rock Live
(800) 745-3000

A Jew Grows In Brooklyn

March 29 through April 1
Parker Playhouse
(954) 462-0222

Toy Story 3

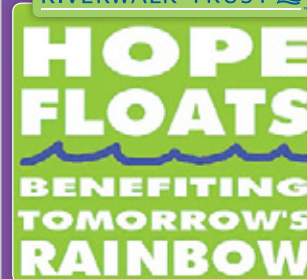
March 29 through April 1
Presented by Disney on Ice.
BankAtlantic Center
(800) 745-3000

Ring of Honor Wrestling

March 30
War Memorial Auditorium
(954) 828-5380

Museum of Discovery and Science 17th Annual Wine and Culinary Celebration

March 30
The event will showcase a sequence of wine with food pairings, each bound to delight, educate and entertain guests and their pallets. And this year, for the first time, the Celebration will feature an array of champagne, spirits and craft beers.
Museum of Discovery and Science
(954) 713-0954

RIVERWALK TRUST**Hope Floats Event**

March 31
Hope Floats will host a free, family-friendly event to benefit Tomorrow's Rainbow at Esplanade Park in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. The Hope Floats project seeks to raise \$25,000 to hire a full-time clinician at the Coconut Creek facility to help children who have lost loved ones go through the grieving process. Hundreds of attendees will have an entertaining afternoon with several bands, child singers, and food and drink vendors. The culmination of the event will be the launching of lighted paper boats in memory of loved ones, taking place at sunset on the New River.
www.tomorrowrainbow.com

Events subject to change. Please call before you go. Submit your events to Calendar@GoRiverwalk.com by the 5th of the month.

**56th Annual Holy Cross
Hospital Auxiliary Gala**
March 31

The event, known as Signature Grand's Vegas, will feature an evening filled with dancing, live musical entertainment and dining with open bar and specialty drinks.
Signature Grand
(954) 229-8561



Jerry Seinfeld Live
March 31

This benefit for the Broward Center for the Performing Arts begins with a pre-performance cocktail reception in the Peck Courtyard at 6 p.m. followed by a gourmet dinner in the Amaturo Theater at 7 p.m. and premium seating in the Au-Rene Theater for the Jerry Seinfeld Live! performance at 9:30 p.m.
(954) 468-3289

Food Photography Workshop
March 31

You'll gain hands-on experience with preparing and styling food, selecting a background setting, and setting lighting and exposure, taught by food stylist and chef Kelly Sterling.
Call for location
(954) 609-7009

**17th Annual Gala
Saturday Nite Fever**
March 31

The event will honor Nova Southeastern University President George L. Hanbury II, PhD, and Chancellor Ray Ferrero Jr., JD. Save the date for an evening benefitting Henderson Behavioral Health and honoring NSU.
Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six Ballroom
(954) 777-1624

**15th Annual New Times
Original Beefest**
March 31

Beefest offers guests craft beer, live music, televised basketball games and food. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Children's Starlight Foundation.
Huizenga Plaza
(954) 233-1587

**Citizen Volunteer Corps
Day of Planting**
March 31 • 8 a.m.

The Citizen Volunteer Corps will be planting in the botanical gardens. Please bring gloves, rakes and shovels.
Stranahan Park
10 E. Broward Blvd.
(954) 828-5005

**Seth Rudetsky's
Big Fat 70's Show**
April 1

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

Carbonell Awards 2012
April 2

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

Civil War Lecture
April 3

Lecture on "Crisis of Secession" and the "Crisis of Civil Liberties" during the American Civil War.
Main Library
(954) 357-7443

Red Bull Candola
April 14

Thousands of Downtown Fort Lauderdale residents and visitors are expected to line the riverfront when the Red Bull Candola (candoh-la) returns to the "Venice of America." Fort Lauderdale will host the event that offers homegrown gondoliers the chance to race and showcase manmade, human-powered gondolas down the New River. Teams of three, two mates and a captain, will take on the task of designing, building and rowing these creative crafts down a .33-mile course between Huizenga Plaza and Esplanade Park in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. For more information visit www.redbullusa.com/candola.

RIVERWALK TRUST

Fort Lauderdale Bus Loop
April 14 • 5:30 p.m.

The Fort Lauderdale Bus Loop, a fundraiser for six local charities involving the Sun Trolley and 10 local bars, returns on Saturday, April 14. Upon registering, participants will receive their passes allowing them a free ride on the Sun Trolley and one drink and/or appetizers at each of the participating locations. The cost for the Bus Loop is a \$25 donation at the door or \$20 if prepaid online. For check-in locations, updated venue information or to purchase tickets in advance, visit www.BusLoop.org.
(954) 574-6000
www.BusLoop.org

**Celebrate National
DNA Day Weekend**
April 14 and 15

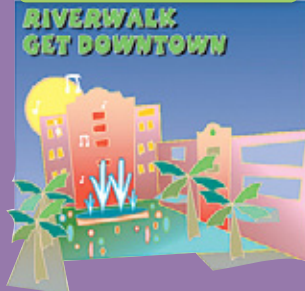
Learn what DNA is and what it looks like, how it can help solve crimes, explore genetic traits, and make your own DNA necklace.
Museum of Discovery and Science
(954) 467-6637
www.mods.org

RIVERWALK TRUST

Riverwalk Trust's Yoga-fest
April 15 • 10 to 4 p.m.

Join hundreds of yoga lovers to hit the mats at Riverwalk Trust's First Annual Yoga-fest. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a day of yoga, healthy eating, green-living and charitable awareness. Join instructors Lorrie Conglose and Lal Maharajh, Vastu Global School of Sivananda Yoga. Enjoy Yoga Class, Breathing Class and learn proper relaxation as part of the day's program. Admission is free with a donation of non-perishable food items or cash donation for food bank. Food drop off at Esplanade park entrance, 400 S.W. Second St. Riverwalk Trust hosts this event with proceeds going to LifeNet4Families Food Bank and Riverwalk Trust.
Esplanade Park

RIVERWALK TRUST



Get Downtown
April 27 • 5 to 8 p.m.

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, nibbles 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 • 7 to 10 p.m.

Riverwalk Trust will host the third annual Burger Battle at Huizenga Plaza. The event promises to pit some of the best local restaurants against one another as they show off their creative juices and grilling skills to 1,000 attendees. A panel of local celebrity judges will give one lucky restaurant the title of Best Burger in Fort Lauderdale. Another restaurant will be chosen as the Fan Favorite by Burger Battle attendees. The goal of the event is to bring together local employees, residents and businesses for a night of burgers, cocktails and fun while raising funds for the Riverwalk Trust. The mission of Riverwalk Trust is to build and nurture a vibrant community connected by the New River. General admission tickets are \$40 and VIP tickets are \$125. VIP tables are available and include full bar, comfortable seating area, table signage, VIP gift bags and more. Tickets are available now on GoRiverwalk.com. Limited tickets available. For more information about the Riverwalk Trust Burger Battle or to get involved, please call (954) 468-1541, 203.

**ONGOING
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@ 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

• **Pilates with Terry White**

6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Esplanade Park
(954) 644-2330
Times and dates subject to change depending on weather restrictions. For more information, call (954) 468-1541 or visit www.GoRiverwalk.com. Look for additional classes and programs coming soon.



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PLACE: Tap 42, located at 1411 S. Andrews Ave.

DATE: Monday, April 16th,
7 p.m.–10 p.m.

PRICE: \$42 per person.

For tickets call Kleber Cozer
(954) 463-4900

FEATURED BOURBONS:

Angel's Envy, Old Forester,
Woodford Reserve,
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Las Olas Wine and Food Festival Wine Down Wednesday

PLACE: Riverside Hotel, inside of Preston's Martini Lounge,
620 East Las Olas Blvd.

DATE: Wednesday, April 18th, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

PRICE: \$40 per person. For tickets call (954) 467-0045

FEATURES: This event will showcase Spanish wine paired with
gourmet Spanish-inspired tapas prepared by Chef Toby Joseph.

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Banfi Italian Festival

PLACE: Tuscan Grill, 1105 East Las Olas Blvd.

DATE: Thursday, April 19th, 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.

PRICE: \$65 for food, wine and Italian beer.

VIP \$85 includes open liquor bar featuring Premier Beverage spirits. For tickets call Gabriel Salas (954) 766-8700
after 5 p.m.

FEATURES: Banfi Brut, Principessa Gavi, San Angelo Pinot
Grigio, Banfi Chianti Classico Riserva, Banfi Brunello, and
Rosa Regale.

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Cheese Culture Rise & Shine Brunch

PLACE: Cheese Culture, located at 813 East Las Olas Blvd.

DATE: Saturday, April 21st, 11a.m. – 2p.m.

PRICE: \$35 per person. For tickets call

(954) 533-9178 or email

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Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays)
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Laffing Matterz
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Laffing Matterz at the Broward
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(954) 462-0222

Bountiful Broward
Eating in South Florida, 1880s-
1980s
Through March 31
The exhibition traces Broward
County's history through
cookbooks, menus, photographs,
postcards, kitchen collectibles,
books and rare artifacts.
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(954) 357-8243

Born to be Wild 3D
Through March 31
Museum of Discovery and
Science AutoNation IMAX Theater
(954) 713-0940

Sea Rex 3D
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Museum of Discovery and
Science AutoNation IMAX Theater
(954) 713-0940

K'NEX: Building Thrill Rides
Through May 6
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raising amusement park thrill rides.
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Chrystal Hartigan presents
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www.chrystalhartiganpresents.com

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(954) 524-4736
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F.A.T. Village Arts District Artwalks
Last Saturday of the month
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Sundays
Historic Stranahan House Museum
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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
First Sunday of the Month
New River Inn
(954) 463-4431, ext. 12
www.oldfortlauderdale.org

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

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Third Sunday of the month
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Vodka Cocktail*

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YOLO bartender Brittany Chapman created the Matchmaker cocktail.

Wodka Vodka is a relic from Poland's communist era, founded in the late 1920s. "Wodka," meaning "vodka" in Polish, is a crisp, clean vodka that displays noticeable flavors of rye with a touch of minerals. Wodka carries aromas of toasty pastry and custard with a supple, glycerous, off-dry medium-to-full body and a creamy powdered sugar, light pepper and mineral on the tongue. Wodka is the sponsor for both Get Downtown events this year. The first will be April 27.

Matchmaker

Muddle fresh pineapple and watermelon
3/4 simple syrup
1 1/2 Wodka
1/2 sour
Shake and serve in a highball.



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LOOKING AHEAD IN 2012

Local Broker Shares Thoughts on Real Estate Market

BY PHIL KEAGY



"I firmly believe we are bouncing along the bottom with a slight drift towards higher prices," said Phil Keagy, broker, Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate

Phil Keagy is a Fort Lauderdale broker who specializes in Rio Vista, Las Olas and other high-profile area properties. The Real Estate section has asked Keagy to share his thoughts on the current state of Fort Lauderdale's real estate market.

"Let me first give you a few statistics that come directly from the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) for 2011 and then I will throw my two cents in ... In 2011, we saw 1,304 non-waterfront homes sell in Fort Lauderdale vs. 1,297 non-waterfront homes in 2010. In 2011, 322 waterfront homes (with ocean access only) sold, up from 281 in 2010. Both were pretty steady.

"And I found this stat pretty interesting. In 2011, the average days on the market for

homes under \$500,000 was six months. For homes from \$500,000 to \$700,000, it was 7.23 months. For \$750,000-\$1 million homes, it jumps to 1732 months and over \$1 million was 23.4 months.

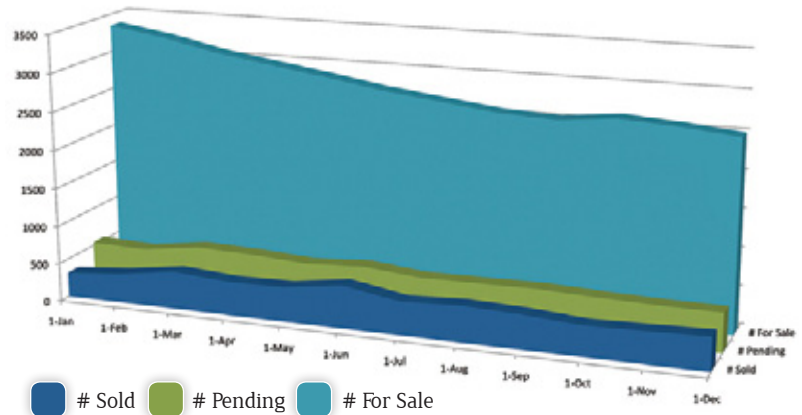
Keagy's perspective is "I firmly believe we are bouncing along the bottom with a slight drift towards higher prices."

Looking ahead to the rest of 2012, Keagy predicts the free fall of real estate prices seen starting in 2006 has ended and we are seeing a stabilization of prices.

"Inventory is at a five to six year low and that is good news for sellers, but bad news for buyers. And good inventory is even more scarce. However, mortgage rates are historically low, so it really is a good time to buy if you can find what you want. Remember that the developers are out of the game so land prices are way down. Your house needs to show value or it will sit. The bottom line: It's always in your best interest to consult with your Realtor."

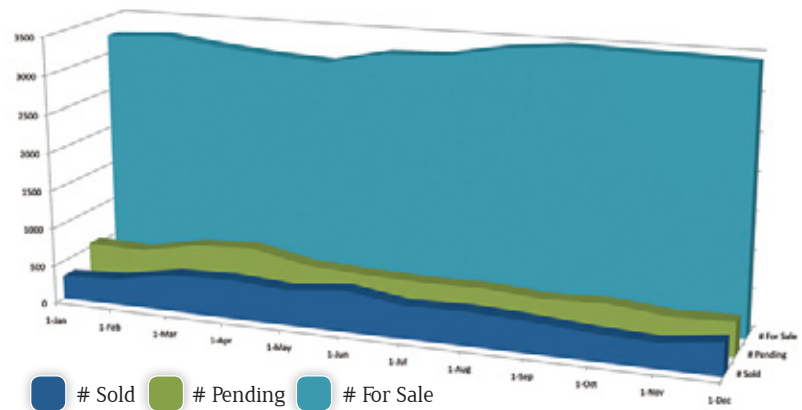
FORT LAUDERDALE HOME SALES IN 2010

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FORT LAUDERDALE HOME SALES IN 2011

Source: Multiple Listing Service





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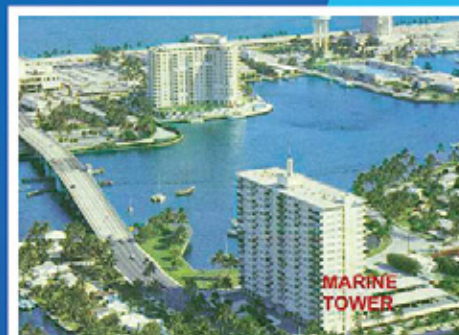
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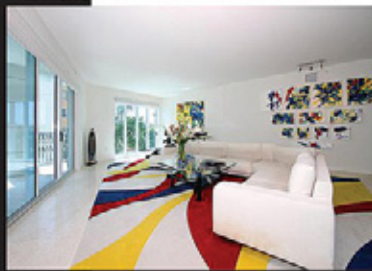
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Sue Molnar

City's Outdoor Event Coordinator Retires After 20 Years



Sue Molnar

By Lynn Peithman Stock

When **Sue Molnar** was in school, she thought she wanted to be a teacher. After getting her teaching degree and leading a classroom for a year, she discovered that profession wasn't for her.

But in a way, **teaching** is exactly what she has ended up doing for the past 20 years ... educating volunteers and organizations how to put on events.

If you don't already know her, Sue is **outdoor event coordinator** for the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department. In a nutshell, Sue is the **gatekeeper** to the master calendar of the hundreds of events that entertain the city each year. "I'm the person who brings together the different **aspects**, beach, maintenance, parking, city, police department, fire department." And at the same time, she tries to make event **management** easy for the various organizations.

"My job is teaching the public how to hold a special event," she said during an interview in her Parks and Rec office, surrounded by baubles, tchotchkes and doodads collected through the years.

Molnar started out **volunteering** at community events in the late 1980s. That worked into a part-time paid job with the city, **coordinating** volunteers. She worked in real estate at the time and really liked this second job. That gig worked into the full-time job of coordinating outdoor events for the city.

In the past five years in particular, more events have been presented by **non-profits**, which means volunteers put on the events, which often means new folks who haven't done this before. Sue has been the one to guide them through the maze of planning, permitting and executing.

For more than 20 years, if there's been an event in Fort Lauderdale, chances are Sue has **manned** a table, directed volunteers, taken **tickets** or answered questions.

Sue and her husband **Joe** attend lots of events, whether she's helped coordinate their relationship with the city or not. "Just to see what was going on, or just to put in an appearance. Mind you, we like going to these events."

Let's hope so. 2011 was a banner year for events in the city: 386, the highest she has tabulated. That compares to a mere 76 events her first year on the job. She estimates **1.3 million** people attended events in Fort Lauderdale last year.

Sue gives credit to **Joe** for being her own support system through all of these events. "Without his moral support, I could not do this," she said. Sue calls Joe "**Mr. Special**

'My job is teaching the public how to hold a special event,' said Sue Molnar



Kids in Distress Duckfest Derby




Glam-a-Thon dogs

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Event.” He even dresses up in pink for the Glam-a-Thon walk; his day job is building maintenance supervisor for the City of Fort Lauderdale police department.

Soon, Sue, a Fort Lauderdale native, and Joe will have a new community to support. They will move later this spring to their riverside home near Brunswick, Ga.; Sue's official last day is March 16. **Jeff Meehan** will take over her duties.

In a way, her teaching on the job is her greatest **achievement**. “It's going to sound corny, but the fact that we've made it **easier** for organizations to help them produce successful events,” she said. “I want their event to go as **smoothly** and **successfully** for them as possible.” 



Centennial Seminoles

Sue's Event Planning Tips

- **Plan ahead:** at least three months to work out the details.
- **Listen:** Take advantage of the city's expertise and experience.
- **Be flexible:** no matter how well you've planned, something will surprise you.

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Broward Center Ghost Light Society Event

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3. Sheri Whittington, Doreen Koenig, Regis Philbin and Monica Maroone

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2. Dwayne and Durée Ross, Maria Soldani, Debbie Zelman and Adriana Pereira



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