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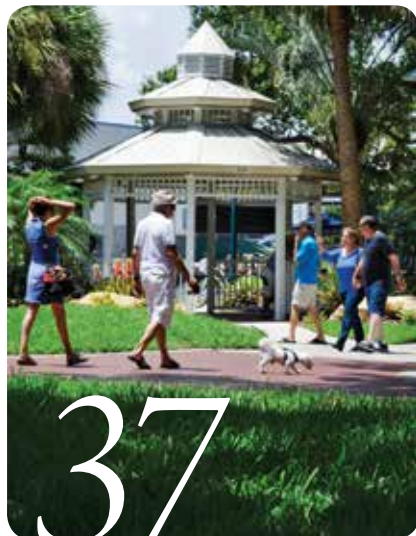
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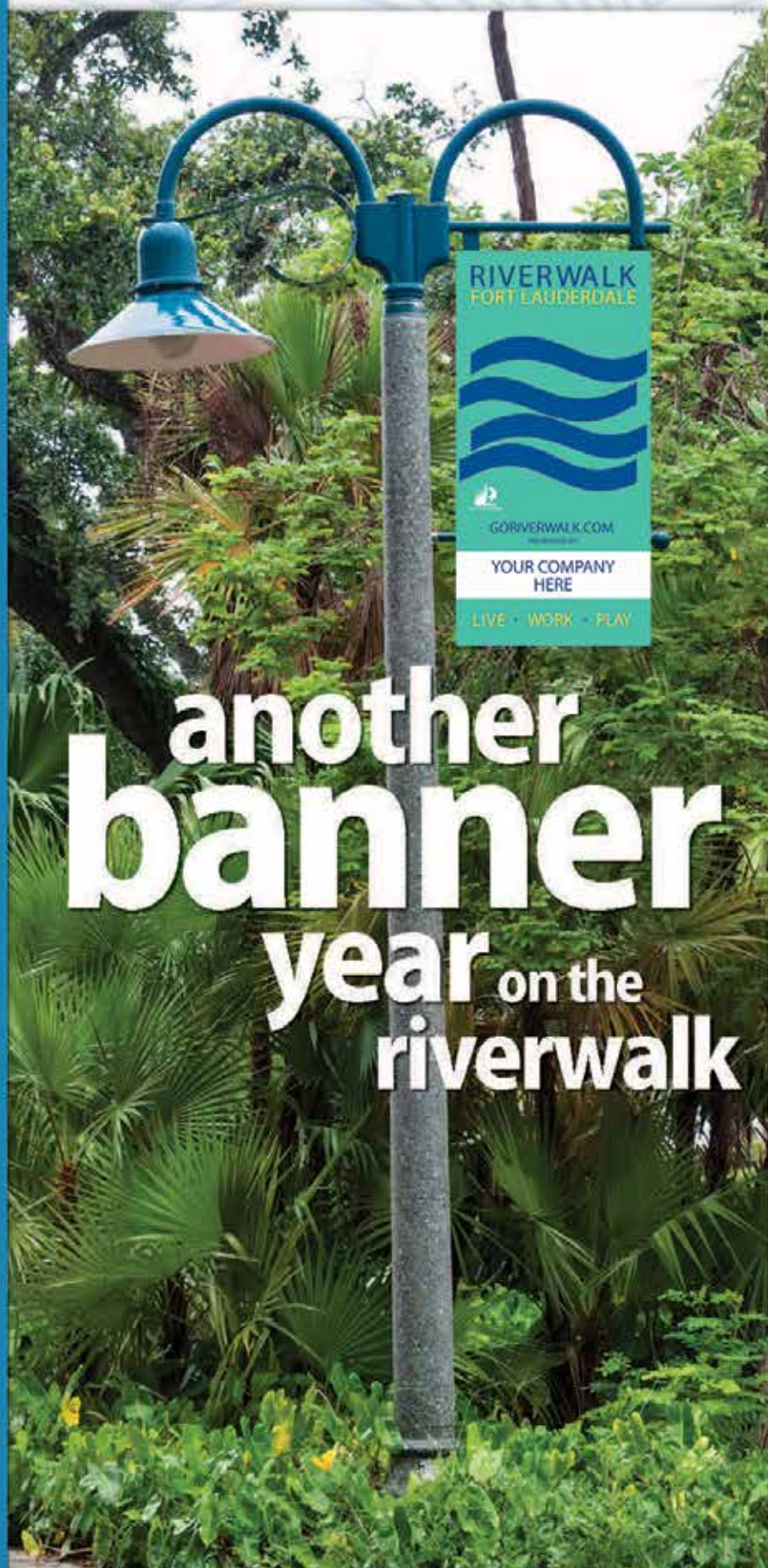
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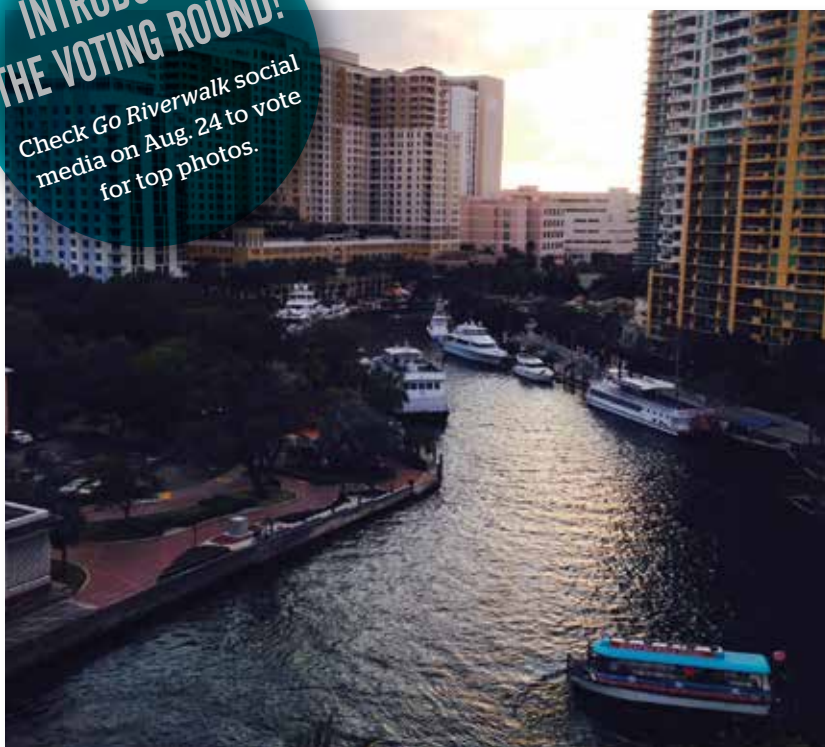
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The Riverwalk banner program is an initiative that benefits Riverwalk, as well as those who purchase banners. Whether they are local companies or large corporations, businesses have the opportunity to gain exposure in Fort Lauderdale. The funds raised through purchasing banners support Riverwalk and its endeavors, while companies can use the banners as a form of advertisement.

Banner spaces extend from Symphony Condos to Laura Ward Plaza on the north side, and from Smoker Park to Esplanade Condos on the south side. While spots are first come, first served, some companies consistently purchase banners in the same spot year after year. This allows them to claim a piece of the Riverwalk and join in its history. Prices start at \$300, and the cost per unit

decreases as a company purchases more banners. There is also an option to add logos, with a surcharge.

While the banners are excellent tools for companies to draw attention to themselves, the Smoker family purchases banners for different reasons. Every year Sue Smoker Kane selects a banner in front of the Smoker Family Park, which is named after her father Stan Smoker. “My dad was a visionary and a developer in Fort Lauderdale for many years,” she said. The banner is a tribute to her father and the family, and has stayed in the same place for the past few years. It marks the legacy her father left downtown and perpetuates a family tradition.

The deadline to purchase a banner is Oct. 1, but spots are limited, so it is best to select banners early. For more information, visit the “Sponsoring Banners” tab on www.goriverwalk.com, or contact Gabrielle Roland by phone at (954) 468-1541, extension 200, or by email at gabrielle@goriverwalk.com. 



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- Provide information about restaurants, shops, events, and activities in downtown and along the Riverwalk.
- Enhance Riverwalk's identity as a vibrant, engaging, downtown Fort Lauderdale destination.
- Earn community service hours for your school, nonprofit, or philanthropic organization.

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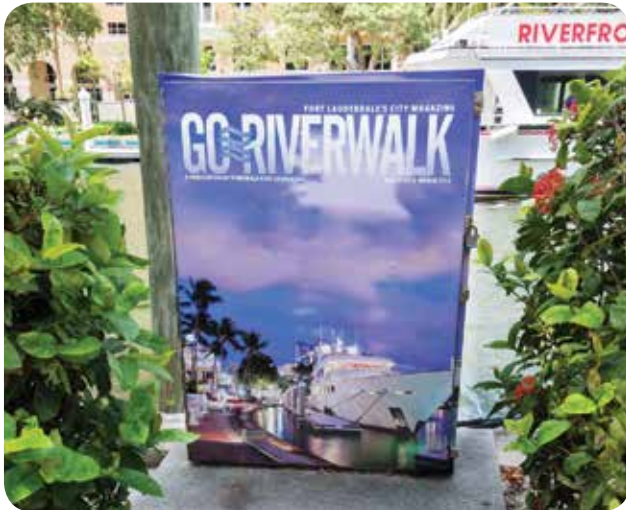
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Proud Moments of Summer




Summer brings the opportunity to do some improvements and add new things. We are most proud to have partnered with the City to complete the Riverwalk utility box wraps. Eight locations are now sporting a fresh new look featuring some of our favorite *Go Riverwalk* magazine covers. We are most honored to be a part of the continued efforts to enhance the walkability of downtown and to bring a unique approach to changing the scenery in the area. We have included a location map and photo of each of the wraps.

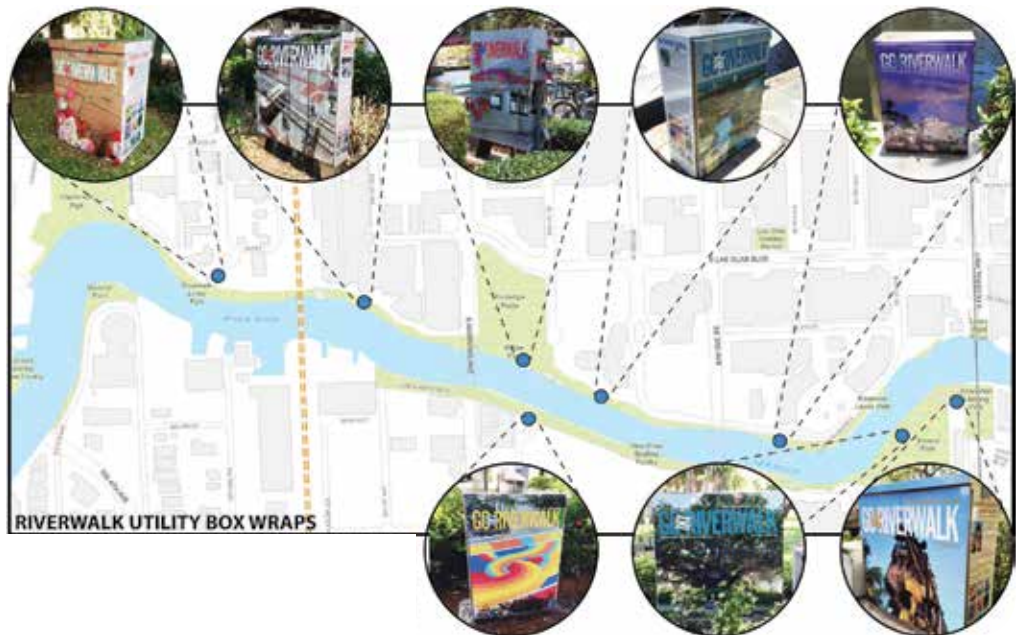


BY GENIA
DUNCAN ELLIS
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Be sure to stroll the Riverwalk and give us your feedback.

As our interns return to their scholastic endeavors we want to take a minute to let you know what a pleasure it has been to work with and mentor these up-and-coming professionals – Madison Watt, Megan Riordan, and Bianca Wiesler. We are hoping to keep them engaged with us this fall and winter as they return to student life. They have brought creativity and ingenuity and we are much better for having worked with them this summer. Thanks ladies! 



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As the founder and chief executive officer, I have devoted the last three years to building an organization at the forefront

of combating fraud. My everyday functions include: accelerating Fraud Protection Network's growth through partnerships, alliances, and potential acquisitions, building and using scores and analytic products to stop fraud, enhancing the Fraud Protection brand, raising awareness, and driving new member adoption.

In early 2014, I navigated Fraud Protection Network in signing an agreement with Experian in a partnership to become the only reseller of PI.P.P.A. (Precise Identification Personal Protection Alert). I played an intricate role in negotiating with Experian and becoming EI3PA Certified. I generated funding of over \$2 million, the proceeds of which will be used to position the company as a leader in fraud protection/prevention.

Prior to Fraud Protection Network I spent my time helping consumers that had been scammed or defrauded in the process of recovering their funds. These individuals had paid millions of dollars to companies but services were not rendered. While providing recovery services I determined that something had to be done to protect the average household from being defrauded. I have held numerous positions with several recovery and collection companies.

I joined Riverwalk to network with other members and to show my support for a good cause. In addition, I wanted to bring something to the organization and its members that would benefit everyone, which is why we are now offering one year of complimentary identity theft protection to all Riverwalk members. We are proud to be a part of Riverwalk and the downtown area.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

Vache Karakachian

ECOBOATS

I am of Armenian descendant but I was born in Venezuela and

lived there until my early 30s. I have been a fan of cars and boats since I can remember. I used to come to the U.S. on vacation and I fell in love with the Fort Lauderdale beaches, people, and safety. Things in Venezuela got hectic and I decided to move to the U.S. with my family, and of course I chose Fort Lauderdale as my home. I am so fortunate that my two hobbies have given me great opportunities.

First, my antique car restoration background gave me the opportunity to obtain my American citizenship. Today my boat hobby has given me the opportunity to open my Fort Lauderdale based business called Ecoboats.

I love this city so much and I have always wanted to support Fort Lauderdale as the Venice of America. I really want everyone to be able to enjoy the Fort Lauderdale waterways as I have done for so many years in an eco-friendly way.

I am glad to be a member of this community and look forward to getting to know it.

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Back in May, I wrote about how you are the most important philanthropist in our community. Yes, we love the generosity of the millionaires, billionaires, and corporations who give, but you, the individual, make the biggest impact on nonprofits throughout South Florida.

This data was further backed up when *Giving USA* recently released their annual report on philanthropy for 2014. It shows that Americans gave over \$358 billion to charity last year – the highest total ever recorded in the



TRUSTEE MEMBER

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ID AUTOMOTIVE

- With over 26 years of experience developing and delivering projects in the design and construction industry, last year I decided to launch ID Automotive to better serve my

automotive dealership clients.

During my 14 year tenure at Southeast Toyota Distributors, I managed the roll out and dealership facility upgrade program for the Southeast region. After completing well over 100 Toyota projects, I had a number of owners ask if I could help with their other brands. Those repeated requests and strong dealer relationships led to this new venture. ID Automotive is currently overseeing multiple projects across a number of brands including Toyota, Ford, Lincoln, KIA, and Chevrolet, with upcoming projects for Porsche, Mercedes, and Rolls Royce.

As a graduate of the Boston Architectural College, I have spent most of my architectural career in the field, working in cities such as Boston, Chicago, and New York. However, being raised in South Florida and understanding all that it has to offer, I kept coming back to Broward County. After settling in Fort Lauderdale over 15 years ago I consider this to be my home and that is why I established a business here and bought a house on the New River. The area is the perfect place to host clients and friends. We often will cruise the river on our boat, attend an event along the Riverwalk, stroll down Las Olas for dinner or head down to the beach. Each time, I am reminded of how fortunate we are and what a great town we live in.

As for the river, it is the connector that takes us from downtown to the beach and the Riverwalk has been the heart of it all, creating a great experience for us residents along with our visitors.

Drawing from my background and the past cities I have lived in, I want to help further the development along the New River. I feel it is what makes Fort Lauderdale so unique. Not to mention, my wife Deanna and I use the river every chance we get and are out boating every week, sometimes with our two boxers. I proposed to my now wife on the New River and we were recently married at the Huizenga Pavilion at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts where a few of our guests arrived by boat.

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JUST LISTED

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JUST LISTED

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O.A.R and Phillip Phillips headlined the Lauderdale Live Music Festival, which, after a one-year hiatus, returned to Huizenga Plaza June 19-21. The event was sponsored by AEG Live, Donahue Entertainment, and Underground Lauderdale. [GO](#)



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Jude Alawa
Yale University



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Vivian Zhai
Dartmouth College



I've always loved learning, and a huge part of the growth that American Heritage has brought to me has been the people around me. When I realized an institution at the level of Harvard could provide unparalleled possibilities for me, I really set my mind on getting there, and I credit American Heritage School for helping me reach my goals.

Francisco Rivera
Harvard University

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Seeds of Change

FORT LAUDERDALE PLANS FOR GROWTH

In case you haven't noticed, downtown Fort Lauderdale is experiencing a bit of a growth spurt. With all this rapid change comes the inevitable concern – too much, too soon? Is downtown ready to accommodate all the new residents? Can our public services and infrastructure meet the increased demand? Absolutely. It's healthy to be cautious about change but our city is well prepared, having planned for this kind of growth for decades. We now find ourselves the envy of other cities. In a June article, the *Miami Herald* compared the “surging” residential market of Fort Lauderdale to Miami's “stalling” one. In the midst of all this activity, it's important to be reminded of the crucial assets that led us here, which we must continue to foster as we grow.

1. A STRONG CLASS A OFFICE INVENTORY

Our office community plays a key role in the recipe for downtown's success. The addition of One West Las Olas and the planned Crocker Tower will pick up where 200 Las Olas Circle left off in providing new Class A office space to attract corporate headquarters.

2. THE ARTS COMMUNITY

Downtown is extremely fortunate to have a dynamic art scene that few other urban cores enjoy. Our performing and visual arts



are anchored by the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, FAT Village, the NSU Art Museum | Fort Lauderdale, and our many galleries. With the new opportunities presented by Levitt Pavilions and the Mockingbird Trail, the arts in downtown Fort Lauderdale continue to expand and evolve.



BY CHRIS WREN
Executive Director,
Downtown
Development
Authority



3. THE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY

Clearly this has been the most transforming addition to downtown as of late. More than 5,700 residential units are under review, approved, or have been recently completed and will bring with them new residents. It's important to support community efforts like urban gardens, social events, and outdoor markets that welcome residents into the social fabric.

4. MITIGATING GROWTH IMPACTS

New policies have been implemented and will continue to be introduced to assuage potential growing pains. Some of these efforts include All Aboard Florida's quiet zone along its rail corridor and the future reduction in traffic anticipated from the Wave Streetcar. The system's traffic light prioritization will ease traffic flow, along with other improvements.

Whatever challenges may arise from this growth will be met as they always have – together, through open dialogue. This incredible real estate boom is the product of years of master planning, unit allocation requests, and other initiatives - seeds for growth that have indeed sprouted. As former City Manager, Dr. George Hanbury, eloquently put it, “We all plant seeds for trees under which we may never sit.” Looking around at all the construction, it seems we will soon be enjoying the shade of the trees our community has planted.

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The Journey of a Leader

TRUE LEADERS DON'T CREATE FOLLOWERS.
THEY CREATE MORE LEADERS.

Last month I poured my heart out on this page and shared the love I have for this city. I hope my words inspired you to look at Fort Lauderdale through a lens of adoration and appreciation. For this column, I can't help but share another subject that's close to my heart. A topic that has helped me grow personally and professionally and is hopefully equally inspiring – leadership.

I'm certainly no expert in this regard and I trust no one can ever reach a point when they've learned all there is to know about how to be a great leader. After all, to stop learning means to stop growing. But in recent years as a community builder on the City's Leadership Team, I've come across some amazing opportunities and experiences that have helped me realize the value and qualities of being a leader.

At a climate change conference in D.C. in June, I had the opportunity to be part of a speed mentoring event. I was asked to share—in a handful of quick, 15-minute sessions—how to increase your promotion potential. It was quite rewarding to share my story of being promoted six times over a 16-year period with the City of Fort Lauderdale. But the story I told was less about me, and more about the actions and characteristics of the leaders I've been inspired by along the way.

Working for or alongside a true leader—not just a boss—can bring out your natural leadership qualities. My biggest influence has been the fortune of a great mentor, or many mentors, all encouraging, guiding, and showing me in their



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own unique ways how to lead and how to grow. A great mentor does not encourage you to replicate their style, but instead shares lessons learned so you can anticipate your actions long before a situation ever occurs. Leaders understand that mentoring is not a one-way relationship. They seek opportunities for reverse-mentoring, allowing for continual inspiration from those with a fresh perspective or operating from a different paradigm.

Great leaders see the path before anyone else. They may have the ultimate vision, but they don't craft it alone. Leaders look to advisors and confidants to help them connect the dots and foresee both problems and successes. A recent article I read explained that leaders care about why things get done, but bosses just want things to get done. The important difference in the two is intent. Team members will help develop and execute the how if they clearly understand and take ownership in the why.

A leader knows that he or she doesn't know it all and is not afraid to admit it. Leaders hire and work with others who are smarter, think differently, and complement their own approach. A collaborative team environment with shared decision-making can only be successful when trust and respect are paramount. Great leaders know that delegating authority and allowing their trusted team members to act and shine will result in gratifying success, which begets more success and achievement toward the mission and vision.

Yes, some are born leaders. But if you love what you do and you want to inspire others to be their best, to carry out a shared vision, and to evolve and reinvent achievements, then you are already halfway there.

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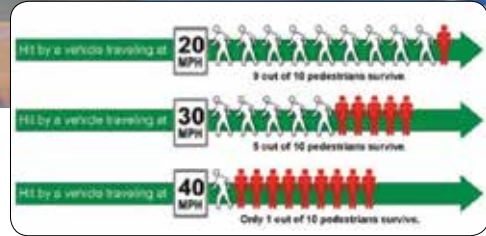

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Safety Measures

WHY SPEED MATTERS



The City of Fort Lauderdale is working to make improvements through the Connecting the Blocks Program initiated to create safe streets for all users of the streets including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit, and vehicles. A significant contributor to the safety along the streets is the speed at which we travel. Speed impacts the safety of all users of the street, from pedestrians to vehicle drivers. It has a bearing on the reaction time needed to stop, the impact of that crash if stopping isn't possible, the safety of pedestrians crossing the street, and the bicyclists on the roadway.

"Speed kills" is a well-known adage that is reiterated in roadway safety campaigns across the country. Speed matters. The severity of crashes increase with speed as well as the likelihood of a crash happening due to reduced reaction time. National crash statistics support the adage including the fact that a third of all traffic fatalities are speed-related, and approximately 72 percent of these fatalities occur on streets other than highways. Of the fatality crashes, 43 percent occur on high-speed roads, defined as having a posted speed limit of 45 mph or more. A key method to improving the safety on our streets is to reduce the speed of vehicles.

Non-motorized users of the streets are the most vulnerable to speed. Statistics show that if a pedestrian is hit by a vehicle traveling at 20 mph or less, there is a 90 percent chance of survival. When the travel speed increases to 40 mph, the chance of survival drops to only 10 percent.

The City of Fort Lauderdale has been




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undertaking countermeasures to improve traffic safety and reduce speed across the city, concentrating on downtown. The downtown sees a significant amount of pedestrian activity and there is an interest in continuing to accommodate pedestrians, thereby reducing the need for short vehicle trips within the immediate area. Several recent examples of these types of improvements include creating traffic calming measures on Las Olas Boulevard. Among these initiatives are the painted intersections and the installation of speed radar signs, which alert drivers to obey the speed limit. They are also to be used as educational and data collection measures at various locations.

Almost a year ago, a pedestrian crosswalk was installed at SE Third Ave. and SE First St., downtown. The crosswalk was equipped with enhanced crosswalk marks as well as Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) to alert drivers to pedestrian crossing at the un-signalized intersection. Following the installation of the pedestrian crossing, the county continued to partner with the City by reducing the speed limit to 25 mph, which is illustrated by painted signs on the street.

Continue to watch for many more upcoming projects to increase the safety of all users of streets. We don't mean just speed reduction, but also bike lanes, new pedestrian crosswalks, and additional, inventive best practices to realize the vision of having a multimodal city where the pedestrian is first. 

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In the Heart of the City

EQUIPPING THE UNDERSERVED

The Downtown Council of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce exists to build and maintain a vibrant business and cultural community through communication, collaboration, and leadership. While this mission primarily connects us to community leaders through an aggressive slate of networking gatherings and informational events, we're also strategically engaged in coming alongside those who are underserved so they might be equipped to move forward personally and professionally. To that end, we are pleased to support the Broward Partnership in their operation of the Broward County Central Homeless Assistance Center.

This impressive and inspirational organization maintains a robust menu of services: medical, dental, and psychiatric care; substance abuse education, prevention, intervention and treatment; childcare, family therapy, and support groups; vocational assessment, job training, and life skill classes. You name



BY JOHN JONES
Chair, Downtown
Council, Chamber
of Commerce



it. Broward Partnership is right there making a difference. As a leader in downtown seeking to achieve victory for everyone in our area, the organization is committed to reducing homelessness by promoting independence and self-worth through advocacy, housing, and comprehensive services.

The eradication of homelessness is a serious and salient community issue, and that's why we've made it a strategic pathway for our generosity as a Council. You can too, and you'll find all the information you need at www.bphi.org.

Maybe you'd like to volunteer. Perhaps you'd like to make a gift of some kind. Or it could be that you simply want to play some golf – the 2015 Golf Challenge is coming up next month. In the months to come we'll tell you about a unique and fun-filled breakfast that might just become your favorite meal of the year.

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Duende's Saturday Celebration

PART TWO OF BROWARD 100'S FINALE WEEKEND

Broward 100 – The Art of Community represents an exciting time, and birthday vibes are all the rage as organizers systematically roll out programming in a yearlong schedule of art, talent, and festivities. The pieces of the puzzle are falling into place with the most recent reveal being the grand finale Broadway-Style production “WE,” announced to the press in June and scheduled to culminate the weekend-long celebration on Oct. 3 at 8 p.m. at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts; but more about that later in part three of this series in September.

Five local creative professionals were selected to brainstorm and design the series of events over the course of this weekend, from Friday night and leading up to the Saturday “WE” performance. The professionals and their events include: Pablo Malco – dance, Friday night; Eddy Edwards – sunrise concert, Saturday morning; Loren Oliveira – unique multi-stage dance and music combinations, Saturday, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., in Huizenga Plaza; Myrna Meeroff – children’s activities in Esplanade Park and the Amaturo Theater, Saturday, 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. The fifth creative mind Jim Hammond assisted in the development of the Duende concept.

During the Duende weekend, Broward County will symbolize the moment when we transition from 100 years into the next decade. On Saturday, as morning breaks and the day dawns on a brand new century for Broward County, festivities begin with a surprise sunrise ceremony and dance ritual, followed by a welcome and opening by county dignitaries.

Everyone is invited to the Riverwalk for the sunrise concert at 8 a.m., which is orchestrated by creative mind and entertainment director Eddy Edwards, who will produce a unique mixture of local and celebrity sensations featuring secret local headliners and various Broward arts organizations. Residents and visitors are invited to feel inspired and simply breathe in the morning air with diverse music, extreme talent, and local legends.



BY SAMANTHA ROJAS


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Creative minds Loren Oliveira and Myrna Meeroff will orchestrate Duende activities from 11 a.m.- 7 p.m., with plays and musical performances through a three-stage story of unique dance combinations for families, as well as children’s interactive art booths on the outdoor stages of Huizenga Plaza. At Esplanade Park and in the Amaturo Theater there will be children’s activities and plays specially written for this event. Original screenplays by Meeroff include stories about the 31 Broward cities, Napoleon Bonaparte Broward, the Stranahans, the Seminoles, and other historians in “The Superheroes of Broward.”

Don’t miss a thing! Look out for the simulcast on LED screening in Esplanade Park, which will showcase activities elsewhere at Huizenga Plaza, various ArtParks around the county, and at Amaturo Theater. If you have not read Part 1 (Friday night) of this series, look for it in the March issue of Go Riverwalk, which can be found online at www.goriverwalk.com.

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Tourism in Fort Lauderdale has expanded with 68 months of consecutive growth

Talking Numbers

ECONOMIC STATS – THIS YEAR AND LAST

A look at key economic indicators so far in 2015 showed steady expansion for our South Florida economy. Unemployment in Broward County in June was up slightly at 5.2 percent with 51,616 people registered as out of work. By comparison, Miami-Dade County was at 6.2 percent, Palm Beach County stood at 5.1 percent, Florida at 5.6 percent and the United States at 5.3 percent. To keep unemployment at current rates we must create 90,000 net new jobs by 2030, according to forecasters at the Florida Chamber Foundation.

Tourism continued to expand with 68 months of consecutive growth as rates, occupancy, and tax revenues outpaced the same period last year, according to the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau. In fact, the average daily rate is the highest since prior to the Great Recession.

Tri-county single-family real estate sales in May outperformed the same period last year by 8.2 percent with 4,542 transactions, according to Greater Fort Lauderdale Realtors. However, condo sales were down 4.6 percent. In five months there have been 19,559 single-family homes sold compared to 18,279 last year—a 6.5 percent increase.

Through April we have enjoyed 17 months of consecutive, double-digit international air traffic growth, according to Greater Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL). FLL ranked



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eleventh in international capacity ahead of Boston, Orlando, Philadelphia, Seattle, and Las Vegas.

Total FLL passenger traffic for April was 2,348,311, up 7.1 percent over the same period in 2014. Domestic traffic increased by 4.2 percent while international passengers were up 20.7 percent.

Another good indicator of future growth is building permits. The value and number of construction permits in the City of Fort Lauderdale through June was over \$1.3 billion on 16,148 submitted for review. Permit value year-over-year was up 64 percent while the volume of permits rose 21 percent.

Perhaps the biggest permit we have received is for the completion of the \$370 million Port Everglades project that is 19 years in the making. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers not only gave the green light but also sweetened the deal by setting aside \$1.2 million for planning, environmental, and design (PED).

The PED portion will cost an estimated \$5.6 million and take up to 24 months to complete, according to Port Director Steve Cernak who serves on the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors.

The project will create 4,700 construction jobs and 1,500 permanent direct jobs locally from the additional cargo capacity. Port Everglades represents a \$28 billion annual economic impact producing \$800 million in local and state taxes. 

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BEST OF AT A GLANCE**BEST PLACE TO SEE THE SUNRISE:
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How often do you come from Curaçao to Fort Lauderdale?

WJ: About twice a year.

What do you think Fort Lauderdale has to offer?

MJ: It's beautiful, it's safe, and the people are just so friendly.

WJ: It's the Venice of the United States. Lots of water. Wherever you look, water, water, water.

The best place to shop in Fort Lauderdale?

MJ: I like the Galleria Mall.

What is your best memory in Fort Lauderdale?

The celebration of the Fourth of July. That's why we came yesterday (July 4). We see everybody on the street, celebrating. They are so proud to be American. You see the American flag everywhere. It's just great.

**VANESSA FERGUSON AND WOLF**

How long have you lived in Fort Lauderdale?

My whole entire life. I am 16.

If you were trying to convince someone that Fort Lauderdale is a really nice place, what would you say it has to offer?

Well, there are a lot of activities, a lot of events. I would mention downtown, the museum, the beach. There's a lot of scenery, museums, artwork.

What is your best memory of Fort Lauderdale?

I used to go to the Museum of Discovery and Science a lot when I was a child. I also remember when there was a hurricane but that's not really a good memory.

Where would you go for the best burgers?

On Federal Highway, there's this good burger spot called Smashburger. And I know about Burger Fi. They have vegetarian options.

BILL LACEY

How long have you lived in Fort Lauderdale?

I've lived in South Florida my entire life. I live in Hallendale Beach right now. I've been working here [at Briny's] in Fort Lauderdale for eight years. I am the head bartender.

What do you think Fort Lauderdale has to offer?

I can definitely say that we have some beautiful people. We have beautiful tapestry. I say everyday, 'This is my office window' - beautiful boats, sun, sand.

Best season in Fort Lauderdale?

Wintertime. Probably the same temperatures, but lower humidity.





ANIER AND BRUNI BUTOW WITH DOG AMBER

How long have you been in Fort Lauderdale?

RB: 45 years.

Where were you before?

RB: Originally, we are from Germany.

What's the best way to get around Fort Lauderdale without a car?

RB: By boat. We see anything from mega yachts to small boats [on the New River].

What is your best memory of Fort Lauderdale?

BB: When this Las Olas Riverfront was in business. We like to walk here. It's shady. We do it a couple times a week. But it is aggravating that the place is not open. There was so much business here on the Riverwalk. It is such a nice property. Why is it empty?

CHYREESE AND XAVIER DUCTAN

What do you both do for a living?

XD: Real estate.

CD: I work from home.

What do you think Fort Lauderdale has to offer?

XD: I often call Fort Lauderdale the big-small city. It has everything that you need in a big city - the conveniences, the arts, the waterways. Except it doesn't feel as busy and congested as say Miami or New York. The international airport, transportation, lots of first class restaurants, the port. And you still have that almost small town feel, just a little bit.

Where's the best place to go for some good burgers?

XD: Tap 42. By and far. To me that's the best place. If you're on a budget, maybe like Five Guys or Burger Fi.

CD: Tap 42 on Mondays has the \$5 burger.



Where is the best place for an evening out?

CD: Dinner at the Hyatt at the rotating restaurant?

XD: That could be nice. I think right on the water like 15th Street Fisheries would be good. One, because you are able to see the entire intracoastal. They have valet parking, very good seating, outdoors and upstairs, and they have been around for a very long time.

CD: Table 69 is the best seat in the house, on the patio, away from everyone else, beautiful views of the 17th St. bridge.

What is your best memory of Fort Lauderdale?

The spring breaks of the 1980s. I'm that old. Because at that time I was in my youth. It was a different time as far as people. There were a lot more nightclubs and bars.

Where's the best place in Fort Lauderdale for breakfast?

The Riverside Hotel has a good breakfast. I like the friendly service they give you. A lot of places I go and I'm invisible. At that place I'm seen right away and taken care of.

Where is the best place to go for live music in Fort Lauderdale?

Either Revolution Live or Dicey Riley's on Second Street and Third.

BEST OF AT A GLANCE

BEST BURGER JOINT: ROK: BRGR



EARL BOSWORTH, KARA STARZYK, AND DOG TOBY

What do you do for living?

KS: I am a freelance photographer.

EB: Director of Broward County Cultural Division.
I am also a musician.

What do you think Fort Lauderdale has to offer?

EB: Great nightlife.

KS: Great places to walk, take the dog.

EB: We spend a lot of time just walking along the Riverwalk.

KS: The Riverside Market area, swing bridge.

Where is the best place to relax in Fort Lauderdale?

EB: Our house.

KS: On the river. On the Riverwalk.

EB: Whether we are kayaking or just hang out here at Esplanade. Toby relaxes wherever he is.

KS: He has a rough life!

What's your best memory in Fort Lauderdale?

EB: How we met. We met at Blue Café on Second by the tracks there.

KS: We used to see each other and then one day he walked onto my photo shoot. He had just started working with ArtServe and I was taking his picture and we got together a little bit after that.

EB: Four and a half years later we have a dog and a house together.

CLAUDIA DE LA VICTORIA

What do you like to do in Fort Lauderdale?

Normally we just go to the beach or we go to a restaurant in the Las Olas area.

What do you think Fort Lauderdale has to offer?

It's nice and beautiful and the areas are always clean.

We can walk around and bring the dogs, so that's a plus.

What is your best memory in Fort Lauderdale?

It was actually one day when my husband and I, both of us were off. It was a Tuesday and we went to Las Olas.

PEGGI AND RALPH ANDERSON

How long have you both lived in Fort Lauderdale?

RA: Three years, just this past month.

What do you do for a living?

PA: I am a nurse practitioner. And he is a lawyer.

RA: I do civil appeals. My office is right at the 110 Tower.

What do you think Fort Lauderdale has to offer?

RA: I would say it has a real nice attractive riverfront and downtown area. It is also very pedestrian friendly for people that live downtown.

We live in Tarpon River.

PA: There are a lot of activities. You've got the water, resources, water access, Las Olas, cruises. We just did a cruise last night. The fireworks *Liberty Belle* cruise.

Where's the best place to see the sunrise in Fort Lauderdale?

RA: The beach.

Where's the best place to get pizza in Fort Lauderdale?

PA: We have a few favorite places. We like Big Louie's on Sunrise and Rice and Dough downtown.



We have been together for 18 years and it was like going back again when we were falling in love. It was in the middle of the day and nobody was there because everybody was working but then by about one everybody started coming to the beach and he was like 'Oh my gosh we're not the only ones who took the day off!'

Where's the best place to have drinks in Fort Lauderdale?

Sangria Café, right on the beach. It's like 30 bucks and they give you two glasses. You just need one for the whole day.



RAY CROZIER

Are you local in Fort Lauderdale?

I was born about three blocks over from here. In Sailboat Bend.

How long have you been here?

Sixty-seven years.

What do you think Fort Lauderdale has to offer?

A cosmopolitan downtown, the best beach, friendly people, great art museums, attractions, and decent weather. And you've got a lot of businesses so, the corporate world.

What is the best way to get around Fort Lauderdale without using a car?

Water Taxi. That's the most fun way.

What is your best memory in Fort Lauderdale?

My mom dropped me off one afternoon with this friend of hers while she went shopping downtown. And I got to spend the afternoon with Mrs. Stranahan at Stranahan House. She lived upstairs because downstairs was a restaurant. All I could remember was it was so hot I couldn't wait for my mom to come back.

Where's the best place to get a drink in Fort Lauderdale?

Tarpon Bend - Bloody Mary's.

Where's the best place to listen to live music?

On Sunday afternoons there's a guy that sings at Briny's.

ROBYN AND JEREMY CHANCEY

JC: See those trees over there? We planted them over 25 years ago, so, we love the Riverwalk.

So do you guys live in Fort Lauderdale?

JC: Absolutely, born and raised.

RC: I've been here for one year.

What do you guys do for a living?

JC: I'm an arborist and a landscaper. I take care of trees.

RC: I am a real estate agent. But not here, in South Carolina where I am from.



How did you convince her to come to Fort Lauderdale?

JC: I told her that we have the most beautiful waterways, and the best weather in the summertime. And she didn't believe me until I brought her here.

RC: That is absolutely true. Everybody from South Carolina told me I was crazy I moved to South Florida because it was so much hotter. It's totally not true.

JC: In South Carolina they'd be sitting inside with the AC and iced tea.

RC: You can enjoy the outside here year-round as compared to 10 hours north. It seems like it should be a lot cooler but it's not.

Do you have any good memories in Fort Lauderdale?

RC: Well, we got married on the river, at Colee Hammock Park.

JC: One year ago yesterday (July 4).



BEST OF AT A GLANCE

BEST PLACE FOR LIVE MUSIC: REVOLUTION LIVE



WHITNEY JOHNSON AND CHRystal SAMUEL

Do you guys live in Fort Lauderdale?

CS: I live in Deerfield.

WJ: I live in North Lauderdale.

What do you think Fort Lauderdale has to offer?

WJ: It has everything. Right now I'm out here with my family for my birthday celebration. I come out at different times to go to happy hour with my friends. I come to relax just because it's peaceful.

CS: You can do anything from spending the day with your family to enjoying nightlife with your friends.

What do you think is the best thing to do outdoors in Fort Lauderdale?

CS: Beach. It's always easy. Not just swimming. Sometimes I'm not in the mood to go in the water. You can always walk the beach, there are always people around. You can just hang out.

Do you guys have any special memories in Fort Lauderdale?

WJ: This one today. I have been out here for the fireworks. We had a mini reunion out on the beach one year. My first year of college we all came back and to celebrate we all went to the beach one night. A lot of our get-togethers are Fort Lauderdale based.

CS: Everybody comes here. It's like home.

WJ: It's not like going to South Beach, where you can't find parking.

Where is the best place to hang out with your friends?

WJ: The strip of bars on Himmarshee. And if it's not too late, I like walking on Las Olas where the restaurants are. And sometimes we'll go to one restaurant for drinks and then another for something to eat.

BEST OF AT A GLANCE BEST SEASON: WINTER

LOUISE AND ARTHUR RUIZ

Are you guys local in Fort Lauderdale?

LR: No, we actually live in Hollywood.

So do you come down here often?

LR: Once in a while, like for the Sunday jazz brunch.

What do you think Fort Lauderdale has to offer?

AR: Las Olas.

LR: Oh yes, the Las Olas Art Fair, we love. Walking from here to the Las Olas Art Fair, when they have it, is fantastic. Seventeenth St. is really good. They have lots of stores and things to go to as well as restaurants.

What is the best way to travel around Fort Lauderdale without a car?

LR: Oh, I think the Water Taxi.

Where is the best place to get dessert in Fort Lauderdale?

LR: The Cheesecake Factory and Kilwins.

If you had a date night in Fort Lauderdale where would you go?

LR: For him, I would probably say on Las Olas somewhere. If it was my choice, I would pick here on Himmarshee.

AR: Blue Martini.

LR: Oh my gosh, what am I thinking? Yes Blue Martini. That is our favorite. For sure.



BEST OF AT A GLANCE

BEST PLACE TO TAKE KIDS: MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE



BARRY, DANIEL, AND ANJA WEINBERG, AND LENA WITTIG

How long have you lived in Fort Lauderdale?

BW: I've been here since '78.

AW: Since '93.

DW: I've been here my whole life. Nine years.

LW: I am here for six weeks.

What do you do for a living?

BC: A chiropractor

AW: I do wellness home consulting.

DW: I'm in fourth grade and I want to be a biologist, a photographer, and an artist when I grow up.

What do you think Fort Lauderdale has to offer?

AW: I think for most people they immediately say the beach. Of course we have a great beach but I think we have a lot of other things to offer. What I think I enjoy most here are the outdoor things. We love parks, we love nature, we love exploring different things because growing up in Germany it is very different. We see things here that in Germany grow on your windowsill in a little pot. Then you go to Birch State Park and you have this giant tree. It is so big you can climb it and go through it. We love the Water Taxi. We just took it. And what I also love about Fort Lauderdale is that even when you are a local here, you can still be in the spirit of being on vacation all the time. Yes, you work here every day and all that, but you can get away and you feel like wow this could be anywhere in the world because it's beautiful.

DW: I like everything about Fort Lauderdale.

SABRINA, STELLA, FINN AND JOSH EDLER

How long have you been in Fort Lauderdale?

JE: Her, a lifetime. Me, 23 years.

What brought you to Fort Lauderdale?

JE: Teaching scuba diving.

Is that what you do for a living?

JE: I used to. I came from Belize. I was diving there. I came here to go to school and become an instructor and I ended up staying.

SE: I teach. So I have taught second grade for 10 years.

What does Fort Lauderdale have to offer?

SE: My favorite thing about it is that it is a big-small town. I love seeing so many local people around town, everywhere. They're always out. They're always enjoying the city. Plus, the beach is so close. There are lots of things for the kids to do. We love the water. It just keeps us here.

What is your favorite restaurant in Fort Lauderdale?

SE: We have so many. Coconuts.

JE: Southport Raw Bar. We do the occasional tourist spot on Las Olas, but we like to give all the local mom-and-pop shops good business.

Where is the best place for an evening out, like a date night?

JE: Definitely here on Second Street or on Las Olas because we live just a couple minutes from here so it's very close to us. But it is also nice to explore the restaurants. There are so many restaurants that are always opening up here.

SE: When we can we always try to find out the new one that just opened up. Like we just went to Louie Bossi's the other day. The atmosphere outside in the courtyard was phenomenal.



JAMES WETHERINGTON

What do you do for a living?

I work for a security firm hired through DDA (Downtown Development Authority). We provide a service to bring back the quality of life for Fort Lauderdale. We help and educate tourists so they stay safe, give them maps, and give them insight on areas where good food and good entertainment is. We also make sure to keep this area clean to [maintain] the quality of the area.

What is the best thing that Fort Lauderdale has to offer?

The beaches, the shopping, and just the view. Just to walk around with your family and enjoy the view on the Riverwalk. The city has also put in an area that you can workout, which is a great idea. Riverwalk also offers things like the Water Taxi, the free trolley, and the Riverwalk cruise where you can cruise on the river for an hour and a half and see all the sights.

**JESSICA DEL ROSARIO**

What do you do for a living?

I work here at the ticket counter for Riverfront Cruises. It's an hour and a half tour.

If you were leaving Fort Lauderdale tomorrow, where is the last place you would visit?

I would go to the Museum [of Discovery and Science]. My boys love it.

ELIAS VERBEL

Where are you from?

Colombia.

Where is your favorite place to eat?

At the beach.

Favorite place to get ice cream?

Around Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. I like to get vanilla and strawberry ice cream.

What do you like to take pictures of while you visit?

The art in the park, the fish, and the boats. Especially the police boat.



Best place to relax?

If you're looking to unwind, catch sun or get into the ocean, the beach is great. But believe it or not we have the benches here [on the Riverwalk] where you can sit and enjoy the breeze, talk with friends, maybe take pictures. Not everyone wants to be in the hot sun but here you have the nice shaded areas, a lot of historical sites to go and check out. We are in coalition with Riverwalk to bring things back, but it takes time.

BEST OF AT A GLANCE

WHAT DOES FORT LAUDERDALE HAVE TO OFFER:
BIG-SMALL CITY FEEL





JOE VAQUERA

You do [construction] for a living?

I have a real estate company, but I'm here to help out the guys with a commercial project they have going on. It will be the highest building in Fort Lauderdale after it's done. It'll be 45 stories.

When you're out with your buddies, where's the first place you'll hit?

We would go to Timpano, or a little more expensive would be Rocco's Tacos. Cheesecake Factory is good too.

Describe your ideal weekend with your family.

We'd have to do waterskiing, do the [water] trolley, walk around Riverwalk and the beach. Then check out the Museum [of Discovery and Science] and see what movies are on IMAX.

What's the best season?

The holidays because all the events are going on but the summertime is cool because everyone leaves and you get the beaches back to yourself.

MARSHA LEIFER

What do you do for a living?

I'm a retired real estate agent from Miami.

What do you do in your retired life now?

I enjoy working out and strolling Las Olas with my dog SoBe.

What is your favorite tourist experience?

I take my friends on the boat, I go to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts very often. I go to FAT Village and ArtServe.

Where do you go to get a drink with your friends?

I like Timpano and Grille 401.



PHILIP RIVERON

If you were going to spend a weekend down here, where would you go?

We would probably go to the beach, and I would probably go eat at Rocco's Tacos, but if I wanted to splurge I would go to Grille 401.

What's the best burger joint?

ROK:BRGR.

Any places you would want to take your kids?

Well, my firstborn son will be here in two weeks, but if he was a little older I would take him to the Museum [of Discovery and Science]. I really think it's a great place for kids.





RYAN SIROIS

How long have you been in Fort Lauderdale?

I'm from Pembroke Pines, and I've lived there my whole life. I moved to Fort Lauderdale eight years ago.

What do you do for a living?

I do brand development. I'm an art director here at Helium Creative.

What do you think Fort Lauderdale has to offer?

I think Fort Lauderdale has an upcoming urban, cultural vibe that is a breath of fresh air between West Palm and Miami.

Describe your ideal Sunday spent in Fort Lauderdale.

I can tell you what I'm doing tomorrow in Fort Lauderdale. We're going to Snyder Park, with our two dogs, and taking them in the lake that they have there. They just started swimming, so they now love to go in the water. Probably going to eat at Green Bar. Then go to my parents' house for my dad's birthday. Ideally though, would be that, and throwing in a massage. There's a place we just started going to, called Lifestream.

You're moving from Fort Lauderdale tomorrow, how do you spend your last day?

That sounds like the last day of my life! Take a walk on the beach. Watch the sunset.

Where's the best place to get coffee in Fort Lauderdale?
The Alchemist.

Best place for a date?

I'm going to be totally cliché: a walk on the beach.

CHRIS GAIDRY

How long have you lived in Fort Lauderdale?

My entire life. I was born at Holy Cross Hospital.

What do you think Fort Lauderdale has to offer?

What doesn't it have to offer? It's become more than just a tourist spot, more than just a transient place for snowbirds to come. You have a lot of people that are invested in the improvement and development of it. I think it's going to rival a lot of the stuff you see in Miami.

Where's the best place to go to relax in Fort Lauderdale?

I'd say Warsaw Coffee is up on my list right now. Scott Ojeda has done a fantastic job with that location.

Best brunch in town?

Las Orquideas, up on Federal just north of Commercial. They do Colombian style breakfast, and I like going there around brunch time. Also, probably O-B House.

Where's the best place for a night out on the town?

Shameless plug, I would say all the events we do at Flagler Village with Food In Motion. It really is a place where the community gets involved. They come together to not only shop and do the food thing, but they're spending time, they're having good conversation and meeting new friends. It really is a village.



What's your favorite season in Fort Lauderdale?

Do we have seasons here? I would definitely have to say winter just because of the weather. It's perfect temperature, and we don't have snow to worry about.

BEST OF AT A GLANCE

**BEST WAY TO TRAVEL WITHOUT
A CAR: WATER TAXI**

INESSA RAMOS

How long have you lived in Fort Lauderdale?
Well, I live in Hollywood, and I come to Fort Lauderdale a lot.

What do you think Fort Lauderdale has to offer?
A lot of great restaurants, a lot of cultural things to do, art, obviously, cool record stores.

Favorite memory in Fort Lauderdale?
Going to the Mai Kai.

Live music?
I've seen a lot of shows at Revolution Live and Culture Room.

**ROBERT PEREZ**

What do you think Fort Lauderdale has to offer?
Food trucks. I like that everything is close, but doesn't feel crowded, and you can walk to every place, like bars and restaurants. There's also a little bit of everything.

What's the best way to get around Fort Lauderdale without a car?
Uber.

Where's the best place for dinner?
The Food Trucks. ROK:BRGR makes good burgers!

Where would you go for live music?
Poorhouse or Fat Cat's.

**BRAD MINTO**

What do you think Fort Lauderdale has to offer?
A little bit of everything, beach, culture, art, fashion, music - it's like a melting pot. It's not just a spring break town, not just a beach place or a vacation spot. It's a place for people to thrive and live year round and prosper. I live where people vacation, but I feel like I live in a thriving metropolis.

Where do you go to feel inspired?
FAT Village. This, to me, is the epicenter of the culture and future of the city.

What's the best season in Fort Lauderdale?
Definitely not summer. Winter because you might get cold weather, and pull out the UGG boots and a jacket.

If you were moving tomorrow, how would you spend your last day in Fort Lauderdale?
I'd probably go to the beach. I think people assume I go to the beach here but I really never do. I would probably do something that I would miss the most, which would be that.

Where's the best place to go for a night on the town?
Rhythm and Vine is a new spot that opened up. You can't go wrong with Himmarshee and obviously Las Olas.



GRANTING THE GIFT OF MUSIC

THE LEVITT FOUNDATION
SELECTS ESPLANADE PARK
FOR AN OUTDOOR CONCERT
PAVILION COMING SOON

WRITER CLARISSA BUCH





A Levitt Pavilion location at the SteelStacks performing arts campus in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania



Levitt Pavilion sites in Arlington, TX; Pasadena, CA; and Los Angeles, CA (from top to bottom)

The City of Fort Lauderdale announced in June that Esplanade Park along Downtown's Riverwalk was selected by the Levitt Foundation as a site for an outdoor concert pavilion. Residents and tourists are in for some major musical performances once the project is completed.

The Levitt Foundation is a national nonprofit organization that exists to strengthen the social fabric of America, mainly through music and entertainment. According to Levitt representative Sharon Yazowski, "Levitt empowers communities to transform neglected public spaces into welcoming destinations where the power of free, live music brings people together and invigorates community life."

The national Levitt program collectively serves more than half a million people in 16 cities annually through 400+ free, family-friendly outdoor concerts. During the past decade, more than \$18 million in grants have been awarded to support the core Levitt program. Each signature Levitt venue is managed and supported by a local 501(c)(3) Friends of Levitt nonprofit organization that must present 50+ free concerts every year. Locations include Los Angeles, CA; Westport, CT; Memphis, TN; and Arlington, TX.

Grants and special projects coordinator for the City of Fort Lauderdale Gina Rivera first heard of the Levitt Foundation through an email blast about a year ago. Once Rivera decided to apply, the process moved fast. After conversing with representatives, generating ideas, and touring the site and surrounding area, the Levitt Foundation concluded that Fort Lauderdale is an ideal fit.

"It is clear that Fort Lauderdale has leaders and individuals throughout the city who believe that vibrant community destinations are key to a healthy community," Yazowski said. "Levitt's decision to approve Esplanade Park as a match for a future Levitt Pavilion site was based on the need for the park's activation, the park's accessibility to a wide range of socioeconomic groups, and the displayed potential for this cultural asset to have significant social and economic impact for the city's Riverwalk area."

According to Yazowski, Fort Lauderdale's dynamic leadership and the City's commitment to creating a viable downtown where everyone is welcome align with Levitt's values of inclusivity, accessibility, and collaboration.



Levitt Pavilion sites in Memphis, TN (top) and Westport, CT (bottom)



Rivera agrees. She believes the Riverwalk is ready for activation and Levitt will make that happen. “This Levitt pavilion will be the icing on the cake we’ve been waiting [for],” she said. “There is so much potential for the pavilion to attract audiences to the Riverwalk and invigorate the downtown area.

Right now we set a pretty ambitious timeline of having it be completed by 2017. It depends on many factors, but it’s just our ambitious timeline.”


Once the project is complete, Esplanade Park through Levitt will host 50 professional concerts each year covering a wide-range of musical genres to represent the city’s many cultures. The venue will also be used by other groups for additional programming and events.

City Manager Lee Feldman was thrilled to receive the news about Esplanade Park’s future and is confident that it will enhance the Fort Lauderdale experience for both neighbors and visitors. Feldman believes that providing meaningful opportunities for people of all ages and ethnicities to come together and unite will ultimately strengthen Fort Lauderdale’s position as a progressive city.

“We look forward to working with Levitt’s team of professionals, gaining insight from their experience, knowledge and expertise, and bringing an outstanding new project to our downtown at virtually no cost to the City,” Feldman said. “This will enrich Fort Lauderdale’s reputation as the city you never want to leave.”

Mayor John P. “Jack” Seiler said he looks forward to collaborating with the Levitt Foundation on this game-changing initiative to expand the city’s music, arts, and cultural offerings, enhance quality of life, and make Fort Lauderdale an even better place to live, work, play, visit, and raise a family.

“The project provides us with a unique opportunity to bring a new level of activity and entertainment to the Riverwalk,” Mayor Seiler added.

The city is abuzz with news about this upcoming project. Rivera said, “Now it’s time for the real work to begin. We need to put our hats and heads together and make this come to life.” 



The illustration that serves as the cover for John Bowen's book *Eleven Months and Nineteen Days*

AN ARTIST GOES TO WAR

JOHN BOWEN ILLUSTRATES SCENES
FROM THE VIETNAM WAR

WRITER BRIANA HARRIS





Art is expressed emotion – the application of human skill and imagination, often used to both educate and entertain. *Eleven Months and Nineteen Days: A Vietnam Illustrator's Memoir*, a book by local artist John Bowen, does just that as it bridges the gap between civilian and military experiences through historical anecdotes accompanied by 43 original sketches.

Bowen, now a Fort Lauderdale based artist and author, spent his adolescent years watching his father draw and paint, a hobby Bowen picked up. It resulted in a career.

The United States draft occurred in the early 60s, after his high school graduation. Bowen was introduced to his recruiting officer who had coincidentally been working as an Air Force illustrator. Feeling as though this position would be the most comparable to his interests, Bowen too enlisted as an illustrator, working to create charts, graphs, and posters to assist headquarters in visually understanding the mechanics of war.

Halfway through his second enlistment, Bowen received orders for deployment. Stationed at Vietnam's Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Bowen, then 26-years-old, spent the latter months of 1967 through the beginning of 1968 graphically supporting his Air Division Unit.

During his 11 month and 19 day deployment, Bowen attempted to get acclimated to life at war. "We were supposed to be in a secured area, but the 1968 'TET' Offensive, [a Vietnamese campaign of surprise attacks] in January, turned that all around. From that time our base experienced enemy attacks," said Bowen.



John Bowen, present day, standing in front of his work

John Bowen in Vietnam in 1968



In response to the turmoil, Bowen sketched as a way to cope with anxiety and fear. "Sketching the scene of our friendly fire incident is what I remember most. A sniper in the area shot at our guys. I could see it all. Someone pointed to a person in a tower across from us and announced that he was the sniper, and to shoot. Shots were fired...but unfortunately he was not our enemy."

Bowen's sketches were simple yet detailed and depicted raw events of war. As a result, he was instructed to illustrate not only operations, but also tragic events - the very memories that would later be used as official military documentation, and inspiration for Bowen's book.

Upon his return to the U.S., Bowen faced physical and emotional trials while readjusting to civilian life. While still in the service in North Carolina, he sent samples of his work to the art director at the *Miami Herald*. "He answered me and told me he liked my work. Two weeks after I got out, I was working there. I spent the next 17 years at the *Herald*." Again he found refuge in the arts.

"I can't imagine anything keeping me away from art, it's my passion...but anyone that goes to war doesn't come back the same. The truths of war [were] in my subconscious, and after 25 years of suppression, memories came up and I decided to write a book," explained Bowen.

The inspiration behind this 20-year project was not to tell the story of one man's tour of duty, but to highlight all who lived through the 10-year battle, and honor those who did not. Bowen says that the book is to help the reader gain a clearer idea of what troops experienced on a daily basis. The combination of his storytelling techniques and illustration skills unbury the authentic misfortunes of war.

In 2014 Bowen's memoir was awarded a Silver Medal by the Florida Authors and Publishers Association, and sold up to 400 copies via his website www.johnbowenwatercolorist.com.

Now retired, Bowen promotes his book at signings and veteran events. He enjoys painting and spending time with his family.



Sketches from John Bowen's memoir *Eleven Months and Nineteen Days*



He says, "Not everyone's a writer, but I think everyone's got at least one book in them." It's just a matter of recognizing, then documenting one's life story, while possessing the willingness to publically fight one's own war. [@](#)

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a small, light-colored piece of driftwood. The hand is positioned over a large pile of beach debris, including seashells, pieces of coral, and other natural materials. The background is a dense collection of these items, creating a textured and colorful scene.

ART ON THE WALK

LEAVING THEIR MARK ON
THE RIVERWALK, STUDENTS
EXPRESS THEMSELVES
THROUGH PUBLIC ART

WRITERS MEGAN RIORDAN AND BIANCA WIESLER

PHOTOGRAPHY JASON LEIDY

Camp counselor Susanne Seiler, Kelly Mahon, camp owner Adreana Chambliss, Sofia Cabanillas, Nicolette Bromfield, and Megan Mahon



Carrie Bennett applies adhesive while Sofia Cabanillas, Megan Mahon, and Nicolette Bromfield build their mosaic design



For many teachers, summer is the time to take a break from the chaos of the school year. From lesson planning to long hours, educators generously give their time to the community's youth. For Carrie Bennett of St. Coleman School in Pompano, teaching art continues throughout summer as she shows children how to create and love art as much as she does.

Bennett has spent her 11 years as an art teacher searching for opportunities to change the way art is created in her classroom, looking far beyond easels and sketchpads. In more recent years, she has taken the initiative to get students more involved with the community by finding ways to display their art in public places.

One of her most recent public pieces of art was seen at a local Whole Foods during Earth month. Her after-school class created a bottle cap mural to be displayed for several weeks.

This summer's project incorporates mosaic-designed posts to be permanently mounted on the Riverwalk. Contributions from private donors, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, the City of Fort Lauderdale, Rainbow Tile, D&B Tile, and John the Plumber in Pompano facilitated the project, which allows students to put their personal touch on pieces of public art.

Throughout the summer, Bennett's students have outfitted these posts





Sofia Cabanillas working on a mosaic pole



in various camps around the Pompano Beach and Fort Lauderdale areas. With 12 posts to be completed before school is back in session, these future artisans have their work cut out for them.


During Bennett's annual summer art camp, "Color the City," 16 students learned the art of mosaic through different projects in the course of the week, and completed the first four posts. Campers are able to experience the production of art in a workshop setting, learning every step from applying tiles, to grouting, and finally polishing the masterpiece. As for the eight remaining posts, Bennett visited a few other camps on a weekly basis as the specialty art teacher, namely the "Hola Mundo" camp in Pompano Beach.

The mission doesn't stop there, Bennett's real goal for camp is to challenge her campers through teamwork and creativity. "[The projects] really just get the kids working in teams, which is what I love to see," she said. "So you're not just creating art, you're bringing people together, especially kids."

Bennett used social media to collaborate and form relationships, making this project successful, combining resources to bring everything together.

Carl Williams, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, looks forward to the impact this will have on the city. "It's really great when you find people that are so open and willing, and really eager to make a difference," he said.

Upon completion, post installation will begin in Smoker Park and continue along the Riverwalk come early fall. Displaying various colors and patterns, the posts are a unique feature to the park, and could continue throughout other city parks.

Williams' hope for these posts is to set Riverwalk apart and bring people together as a community, providing a gathering place that encourages neighbors to come and enjoy the art. 



COMING TO AMERICA

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WRITER CLARISSA BUCH



International Week at Nova Southeastern University



International student Yanelle Cruz came from Honduras to get her associate's degree at Broward College

Broward College student Yanelle Cruz isn't an average college student. In May 2014, she decided to start a new life and move to downtown Fort Lauderdale from her home in Tegucigalpa, Honduras to attend college.

"I had visited the United States before but only for a very short amount of time," she said. "I've read that this city is very versatile and you can find pretty much whatever you're looking for, which is why I decided to attend school here."

Cruz and 553 other Broward College students are known as International Students who are attending college through a student visa. An influx of international students from around the globe find themselves calling this their home away from home each year, and the numbers are rapidly increasing.

Broward College associate vice president of International Education David Moore has seen a significant increase in international student enrollment in the last two years. He projects that fall 2015 will have the most international students enrolled in the college's history.

"We have a lot of students that have international roots predominantly in Latin America and Central America," Moore said. "We are very fortunate that we attract these students to study with us."

With international student enrollment continuing to increase, Broward College appointed an international students outreach coordinator and increased their overall staff to ensure international students remain happy and comfortable while studying in Fort Lauderdale. "Appointing the coordinator was probably the single best thing



International Week at Nova Southeastern University



we did," Moore said. "It keeps our students happy and maintains constant communication with them."

Broward College offers virtual college fairs for students interested in enrolling from out of the country. Moore believes that because South Florida is a well-known travel destination, Broward is slowly becoming a main hub for international students. "In terms of our international students, we have the most coming from Venezuela," he said. "We also see a lot of students from Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, and Asia."

Dr. Alejandra Parra, associate director of International Affairs at Nova Southeastern University (NSU), agrees with Moore. Broward is becoming a hotspot for these students.

"I was actually an international student about 30 years ago from Argentina," she said. "Now I show students how this area can truly be a home away from home for them too."

There are 1,114 international students currently enrolled at NSU representing approximately 104 countries. According to Parra, most come from South America, Asia, India, and Saudi Arabia.

"There are literally students from all over the world. It's really a wonderful environment and gives a feeling of globalization to the university," she said. Both Moore and Parra focus greatly on programs that assist students before and during their stay.

Parra said, "We help students get used to the culture of the U.S., and while they are here, we constantly support their stay with everything from picking majors and minors to helping them get a driver's license."

Cruz explained that assimilating into American culture was both



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Three top photos: International students at a welcome event sponsored by Broward College's International Education department



easy and difficult at times, but Broward College staff helped in making the transition. "Socially it was challenging because I arrived during a summer semester, which means there was not that much activity on campus," she said. "The staff in the international office has been very welcoming."

Once international students finish their degrees, Parra explained that students typically return to their home countries or decide to stay in the U.S. permanently.

Cruz finishes her associate's degree at Broward College next spring and hopes to transfer to Florida Atlantic University to pursue a bachelor's degree in international studies, sociology,

and women's studies. She is considering staying in the U.S. instead of returning to Honduras, but she has not made any final decisions.

"I really want to do something that will benefit my country, whether that means living in the U.S. or actually returning home," she said. "I want to give back to my country, but I feel like I might be able to do a better job from afar. Either way, I'm just open to [seeing] where life takes me."

Cruz recently celebrated her one-year anniversary of moving to the states. "A part of me is sad this is happening all so quickly," she said. "I only have one more year here at BC and they have really treated me like I am at home." [@](#)



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The large outdoor dining area is covered to soften direct sunlight or in case of rain



The Louie Bossi's Experience

AFTER TWO YEARS OF PLANNING AND RENOVATIONS, LOUIE BOSSI'S BAR AND PIZZARIA UNVEILS HOMEMADE ITALIAN FARE AND DÉCOR OUTFITTED WITH METICULOUS ATTENTION TO DETAIL.

WRITER GABRIELLE ROLAND • PHOTOGRAPHY JASON LEIDY



The salumi bar



The valet entrance on the south side of the restaurant features a Vespa scooter with sidecar

Louie Bossi's Ristorante Bar and Pizzeria, a labor of love in the making for over two years, has opened its doors. The final product is a compilation of countless details that all fit to make even a newcomer to the boulevard a quintessential fixture.

Todd Herbst, a partner at Big Time Restaurant Group envisioned an Italian restaurant from the get-go. "[Herbst] always wanted to do Italian food. We were just waiting on the right location," says executive chef Louie Bossi. Unbeknownst to Bossi, Herbst and Lisabet Summa, culinary director at Big Time Restaurant Group, already had a chef and restaurant name in mind.

A self-trained chef, Bossi has been cooking since childhood and made strides in Fort Lauderdale's culinary scene off pure determination and dedication to his craft. He climbed from grill cook to executive chef at Big City Tavern.

When it was time to select a location for this new venture, Bossi says, "Las Olas is one of the best strips in South Florida. It was a no-brainer." The restaurant opened on June 4 after about a year of renovations. "When Todd and Lisabet approached me, Todd said, 'It's going to take a while because if we're going to do it, we're



going to do it right,' and it took a while, but we did it right," says Bossi.

"The inspiration for the menu [came from] a lot of traveling. Me and my partners [Herbst and Summa] traveled to New York, Chicago, and San Francisco and the last one on our list was Italy." During this journey, the partners gathered concepts and ideas that fit the persona of the restaurant. Herbst played a vital role in the execution of the décor and flavor of the dining area.

The pathway leading to the restrooms from the piazza in back is lined with chicken wire-framed windows and a collection of quirky vintage Italian photos gathered from stacks of books dedicated to Italian history and culture. The ceilings of the restaurant feature weathered, exposed beams. Small, kitschy plates with different patterns and colors adorn tables as functional decoration. A giant spider-like light fixture hangs above the seating area situated by the salumi bar. An accent brick wall, Edison light bulbs, and distressed wood throughout the restaurant work together to bathe the grand space in a warm glow highlighted by classic subway tiling. The space is classic, yet spunky.

The kitchen is a wonder in its own right. The small space was designed so that the restaurant could house a wood burning oven for Neapolitan-hybrid pizzas, a meat curing station with state of the art refrigerators, a pastaria where 15 different kinds of pasta are made, a gelato making station for fresh gelato daily, a salumi bar featuring seven different kinds of salami, and a bakery section for fresh bread. "[They] built a chef row for the foodies to sit right by the kitchen with me...You can sit there on any given night and watch the full service of a kitchen being run," says Bossi.

The restaurant has two outdoor seating sections – one to the rear and one in the front. The rear section was originally a part of the valet parking section for SoLita, an Italian restaurant that previously occupied the space.

Herbst envisioned something different for the 2,000 square foot space and transformed it into a quintessential garden-esque seating area with astro turf, mismatched chairs and tables, a bonfire, a gazebo reminiscent of a birdcage, and a smorgasbord of mirrors, window frames, and shutters of all shapes, sizes, and colors on the walls of the piazza. Guests walk to and from the



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MIRAFIORE DOLCETTO D'ALBA The fruity bouquet presents overtones of violet, blueberry, black cherry, and rosemary. Its pleasant almondy aftertaste brings out its fullness with soft tannins.


back parking lot and valet station through this wonderland garden. A white retractable roof shades the area to provided protection from the afternoon sun while keeping the piazza perfectly illuminated.

Summa and Bossi started compiling the menu two and a half years ago, testing dishes and perfecting recipes. "[I] grew up Italian, love Italian, am Italian. The difference in my Italian restaurant and in my Italian food is in the ingredients and the time and effort that we put into making everything homemade, from scratch, by hand."

Porchetta, a traditional Italian dish, is a specialty at Louie Bossi's. The pig is sourced from Palmetto Creek Farms, a local free-range farm. It is delivered to the restaurant and after a 48 hour brining process, the pig is stuffed with rosemary, sage, garlic, olive oil, fennel, and a secret ingredient. It is then rolled, tied, and roasted for three to four

hours. The final product is carved and served on its own or in dishes like the restaurant's signature item Strozzapreti. Bossi explains, "[Strozzapreti] means 'choke the priest' in Italian. They started making [the pasta] in the Vatican and the priests would come by when the women were making it and they would eat it so fast [that] they would choke on it."

A dish with a story is enough to peak interest, but flavor is what has pegged this dish as a favorite. Besides the savory porchetta, the dish includes pesto-corto and cherry peppers, which give it a spicy kick.

The restaurant also prides itself on homemade traditional Italian desserts like gelato, tiramisu, and cannolis. An in-house limoncello – a traditional Italian palate cleanser that is nursed slowly after dinner to aid in the digestion of a meal – caps the Louie Bossi's experience. 



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Monthly Exhibit: Back to School

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Aug. 4
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Hard Rock Live
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Margaritas 4 MSF

Aug. 6
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Aug. 7
Guests will board the iconic Riverboat *Liberty Belle*, docked at Pier Sixty-Six for a 2-hour sunset cruise along the intracoastal waterway. Proceeds from the event will benefit Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and six other charities. This is a 21 and over, rain or shine event. The \$40 ticket includes food, open bar, and music.
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Aug. 11
Hard Rock Live
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Aug. 23
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Hats Off to Women's Vote Program and Reception

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Sept. 2015
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Sept. 2
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www.stranahanhouse.org

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Riverwalk Recreation members enjoy discounted rates on rentals for paddleboards, kayaks, bicycles, and e-bikes.

Members are also entitled to discounted Cycle Party Social Mixer tours. Options include a single membership for \$29 each month and a two-person membership for \$39 each month. Contact Riverwalk Recreation for further details.
(954) 526-5159
www.RiverwalkRec.com
300 SW 1st Avenue, Suite 111



Paddleboard Riverwalk

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(877) 779-9299
www.paddlerriverwalk.com

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www.segwayfortlauderdale.com

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First Saturday of the month
Join award winning photographers Hank Henley and Jason Leidy along the Riverwalk in downtown Fort Lauderdale for a three hour workshop featuring lecture, hands-on, and extended online components. From this foundation, you can further your skills via sessions that are customized to your specific goals.
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Everyday
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Bicycle Tours

Daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
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(954) 562-5159
www.riverwalkrec.com



Kayak Rental

Daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
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The Cast of WE Announcement Press Conference

Director and Cirque Dreams creator Neil Goldberg announced members of the cast for the Oct. 3 WE performance, presented by Broward 100 as part of the grand finale celebration Duende. Photos by Jason Leidy



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SEAN DE FREITAS IN FRONT OF ONE OF HIS COSTUME DESIGNS



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Marine Industries Association of South Florida June Events

Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF) hosted its annual dinner meeting on June 6 as over 200 MIASF members boarded the new Grand Floridian at Bahia Mar. MIASF also organized the second annual Marine Industry Day in Esplanade Park on June 20. Dinner meeting photos by J. Christopher; Marine Industry Day photos courtesy of MIASF

MIASF Annual Dinner Meeting



FORT LAUDERDALE COMMISSIONER DEAN TRANTALIS, CAROL-LISA PHILLIPS AND FORMER FORT LAUDERDALE MAYOR JIM NAUGLE



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Fort Lauderdale Bus Loop

Guests boarded trolleys and traveled from the 17th Street Causeway to the beach, grabbing bites and sips at local venues along the way. Proceeds benefitted a number of charities including Covenant House Florida, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, and the Broward County Gator Club Scholarship Fund. Photos by Greg Jules



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Inaugural Challenge Cup Press Conference

The Boca Juniors and Fort Lauderdale Strikers held a press conference at Huizenga Plaza ahead of the July 1 inaugural Challenge Cup. Photos courtesy of the Fort Lauderdale Strikers



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ArtServe Launches \$25 for 25 Campaign

Guests celebrated ArtServe's 25th anniversary at Café Vico with an Art After Hours friend-raiser. Photos by Ed King



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The Adventures of Himmarshee Hal: **Summer Heat**

WRITER DEBORAH SHARP • ILLUSTRATOR DENISE BAKER

Himmarshee Hal thought he heard a knock at the door of his historic cottage in Sailboat Bend. He couldn't be sure over the rattle of an ancient wallbanger, losing its battle to unrelenting August.

Hal peeked through the blinds, shut tight against the morning sun. His girlfriend stood out front, looking peevish.

He cracked the door. A swell of heat rolled in. As Cayla entered, Hal planted himself in front of the wheezing AC.

"We were supposed to meet at Riverwalk Recreation," she said.

"I texted." Hal lifted his t-shirt collar. "Too hot."

"Don't be such a baby! You can't stay inside all summer."

"Can too."

Even saying two words made him sweat.

When Hal moved from Michigan in January to start a career as a private eye, he thought he'd found paradise. Now, it seemed like purgatory. After a splash of positive attention – misplaced, if Hal was honest – investigative requests had dried up. Apparently, even cheating spouses and common thieves conserve energy in August.

About the only thing going right for Hal was Cayla. She plucked a red-and-yellow orb from her backpack. A fruity smell suffused the cottage.

"I'm going to show you how to survive summer," she said. "Lesson One: Mango smoothie."

Cayla sliced the just-picked fruit into a blender, adding ice and OJ. The

frosty concoction perked his spirits.

"Next stop, coffee at the Riverwalk kiosk," she said. "There's a morning breeze and shady oaks."

At first, Hal went begrudgingly, whining. Soon he was enjoying



himself. Cayla insisted on a bike tour, and a visit to a huge chair on the Riverwalk. In a turnabout, the two locals perched, smooching, as a tourist snapped their picture.

They returned to the kiosks for lunch – crepes for Cayla; tacos for Hal – then traded bikes for rental paddleboards.

Watching Cayla glide gracefully over the New River, Hal recalled pictures of Seminole Indians, poling dugout canoes from the Everglades. Considerably less skillful, Hal toppled in the *Jungle Queen's* wake. The dunking damaged his pride, but at least the breeze felt cool against

drenched skin.

For their last stop, they strolled across Las Olas for the art museum's Starry Night Thursday. The air conditioning embraced Hal like a beloved friend. After gallery wandering, they enjoyed espresso and cupcakes until museum closing.

By then, Hal had completely forgotten the heat.


Even better, the day had passed without a single misstep, missed cue, or misunderstanding on his part. Maybe he was smart enough to succeed as a private investigator, despite what his family thought.

After walking Cayla to her loft, Hal headed home. Returning past the museum, he saw two men in coveralls struggling to unload a pallet into a van.

"Need some help?"

They ignored him, but Hal hoisted anyway. With the load in, the men quickly followed. As the van screeched away, a museum guard rushed outside.

"We've been robbed!" the guard shouted.

Hal felt the heat again. 

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

Follow Himmarshee Hal's
next escapade
in the September issue
of *Go Riverwalk Magazine*.



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