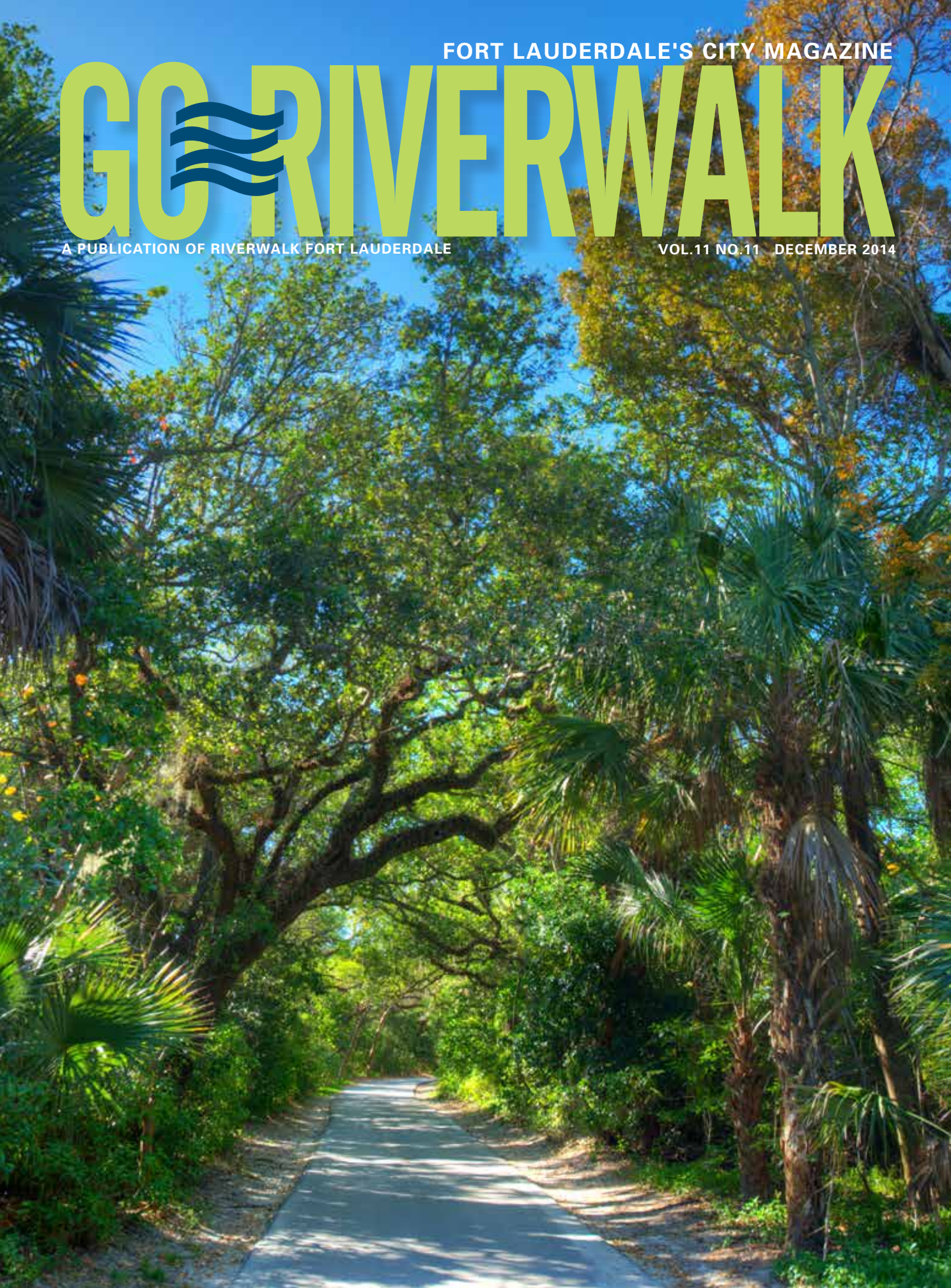


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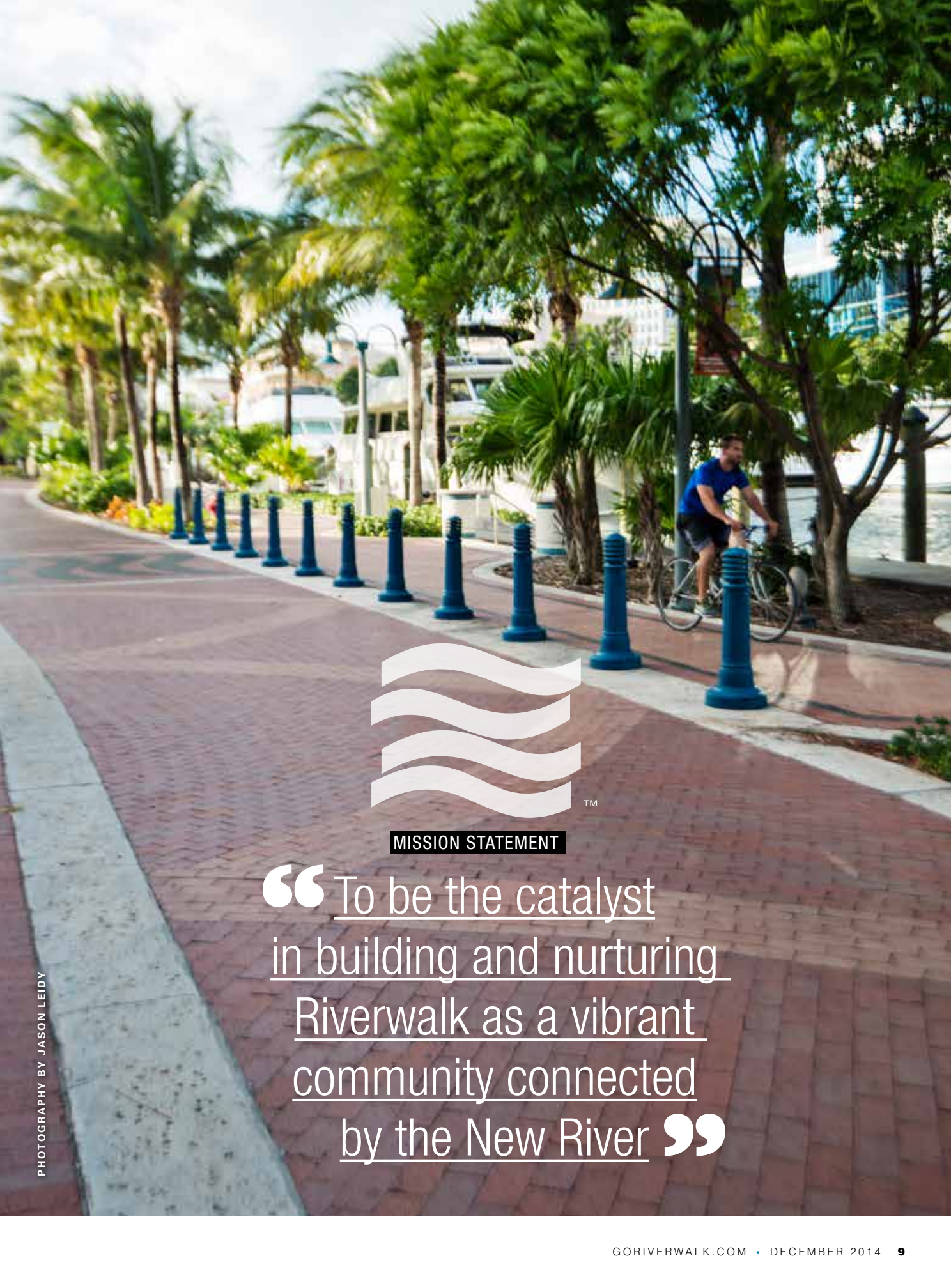
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CELEBRATE RIVERWALK'S 2014 AND CONTRIBUTE TO ITS FUTURE PLANS



BY GREGORY DRAM
Chair, Riverwalk
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As 2014 comes to a close, it gives us great pride to look back on the many accomplishments Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and *Go Riverwalk Magazine* have achieved this year. None of these endeavors would have been possible without our dedicated board of directors, members, and staff.

While it is impossible to list all of our accomplishments in this short article, I want to highlight a few of our significant successes from 2014.

The most visible accomplishment came in October with the launch of the Riverwalk Water Trolley. This partnership offers residents, working professionals, and tourists free connectivity across the New River at a series of eight stops along the Riverwalk.

Other additions include the game tables that were installed in September, Adirondack chairs that debuted over the summer, and 23 additional lights on the Riverwalk. These additional features are enhanced by the numerous ongoing

activities in the park such as the boot camp, dog training, paddleboarding, and yoga classes and bike tours.

So, in addition to celebrating 25 years of service and 10 years of producing a first class magazine, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale has accomplished many things in 2014. However, we are not stopping there. We have ambitious plans for 2015 that include the completion of the north side of the Riverwalk, installation of food kiosks, information kiosks, and additional lighting. These enhancements will make the Riverwalk more of a jewel than it is today.

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The Salute to Business Arts and Entertainment award Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and *Go Riverwalk Magazine* received from the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce.



Riverwalk Progress Report

STAY IN THE KNOW ABOUT RIVERWALK HAPPENINGS



BY GENIA DUNCAN ELLIS
President/CEO,
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Soon, stationary food kiosks will be an added attraction on the Riverwalk, purposed for alternative lunch to go and outdoor dining.

As we go to print, we are wrapping up menus, location and time specifics, and branding but we hope to be operational in December!

The carts are to be located at Bubier Park immediately behind Huizenga Plaza along the Riverwalk. They will offer diverse fare and provide many options during the day for breakfast, lunch, snacks, and quick runs for

coffee (gourmet, we think), tea or soda.

Join us in making this new addition to downtown and Riverwalk a success. The weather is lovely and it's a great time of year to take a walk, grab a bite and enjoy the variety of offerings in downtown.

The Riverwalk Water Trolley continues to be very popular and successful. It is a very convenient way to travel in the downtown Riverwalk District.

The Las Olas Association and merchants have been great supporters as well as our other local businesses, arts and entertainment partners, schools, and more. We are thrilled to hear the positive feedback from the downtown residents, who are becoming frequent riders on a daily basis. To our partners, the City of Fort Lauderdale, and Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management — we thank you for your vision and your

willingness to launch this trial program.

Holiday lighting is again installed along Riverwalk on both sides of the New River and it's well worth an evening stroll to enjoy the area.

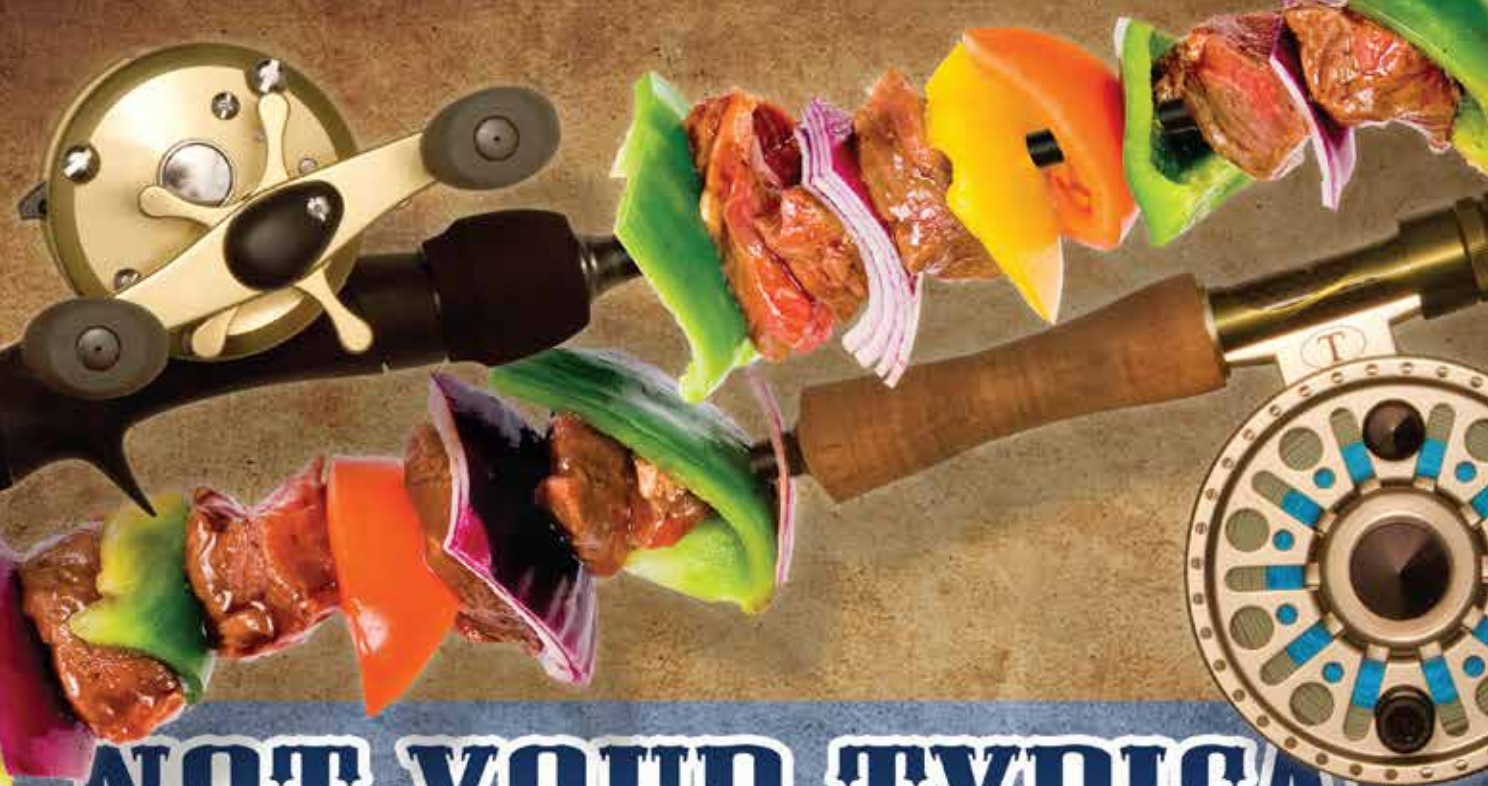
Painted Intersection No. 3 at Southeast Third Avenue is now complete. It is another addition to a traffic calming and pedestrian safety program sponsored and funded by the City of Fort Lauderdale. Projects of this sort continue to enhance our downtown, invite walkability, and demonstrate the forward thinking of our city commission and their gifted staff.

From the Riverwalk staff and Board of Directors – we wish you a happy holiday season and start to planning your New Year! 🎉

On Nov. 6, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc. and *Go Riverwalk Magazine* were among a group of selected organizations honored by the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce at the annual Salute to Business awards ceremony.

The organization was singled out in the Arts and Entertainment category for its continued efforts to plan for the future, assure compliance, and to act as a stimulus for economic development on Riverwalk and in the downtown area.

By hosting a variety of events, facilitating Riverwalk activations and producing a vibrant community magazine, Riverwalk continues to lead the efforts to build a vibrant and connected downtown. We are humbled to be recognized for our on-going projects.



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➤ I am a CPA in private practice after many years in public accounting. I also currently serve on the board of directors for the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association and the NuRiver Landing Condominium Association.

Since my family's arrival in Fort Lauderdale in 2010, Riverwalk Linear Park has been our front yard – we have been living in beautiful NuRiver Landing for the last four years. I quickly joined Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale after moving to the area as I believe in the organization's mission to beautify, improve, and activate the park. My participation has led to new friends, business contacts, volunteer opportunities, and a wealth of insight into the people that support and nurture our downtown.

One of my favorite aspects of the Riverwalk Linear Park area is that it is the birthplace of the city and hosts some of the city's most historic properties along its boundaries. My interest in history has led to my joining the board of trustees for The Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, which maintains several of these historic properties and seeks to archive, preserve, and promote the history of Fort Lauderdale. It is an exciting time to be involved with these organizations as we look forward to the centennial of Broward County being celebrated in 2015!

Riverwalk Park is also one of the few on-leash dog-friendly parks in the city so our chow chow Black gets to enjoy Riverwalk and downtown on a daily basis as much as we do. Phil, Black, and I look forward to seeing you along Riverwalk—particularly at The Downtowner, one of our favorite spots on the south side!



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My wife Courtney and I truly follow the principles of live, work, and play. We live in Rio Vista with our three dogs and son Jarod, who is a junior at Cardinal Gibbons High School.

Our offices are in the Riverwalk Plaza building situated in downtown Fort Lauderdale right on the Riverwalk. And of course we attend many of the activation events along the Riverwalk and downtown – Burger Battle being my favorite! We believe that Fort Lauderdale has become the city that you never want to leave.



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AMC Liquidators has also appeared multiple times on the Travel Channel reality show "Hotel Impossible."

I moved to Fort Lauderdale after an 18-year career in the

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international crude oil trading industry based primarily in Europe. In Fort Lauderdale, I owned several hotels and also a web development business, which I ultimately sold to focus exclusively on the liquidation business.

I have a wife, Pamela, and four children, Ashley 26, Michael (deceased), Chelsea, 22, and Amanda, 19. I have my pilot's license, an airline transport license, instructor ratings, and consider flying, competitive rowing, boating, skiing, and occasional mountain climbing my main hobbies.

Since the loss of my son in 2006, my family and I have awarded 17 college scholarships in the local community in his name.



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• I serve as managing partner of Chieftain Holdings, a real estate investment and development firm I founded in Fort Lauderdale. I am also

president of Merrimac Ventures, a family real estate business, which has been operating in Fort Lauderdale for nearly 30 years. My family started in the hotel business on Fort Lauderdale Beach and we have expanded throughout the state and into Southeast U.S. and Texas.

I am the current owner of the Las Olas Riverfront complex and have plans to revitalize the property into a major mixed-use development. I am also a member of the City of Fort Lauderdale's Economic Development Advisory Board, as well as a board member of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts Foundation. I understand the importance of the Riverwalk in our local community. The Riverwalk links many of our downtown's greatest assets, provides for an exciting way to experience the New River, and undoubtedly was a major part of downtown Fort Lauderdale's growth and transformation into a true live, work, play environment.

I graduated from Duke University with a Bachelors of Science degree in economics and public policy and from Columbia University with a Masters of Science degree in real estate development. I also studied at the London School of Economics. I previously worked in New York for Credit Suisse, and prior to that at the White House in Washington, D.C.

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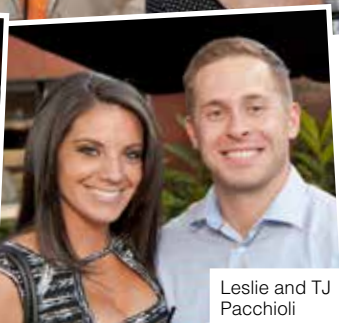
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Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Power Mixer at Chima Brazilian Steakhouse

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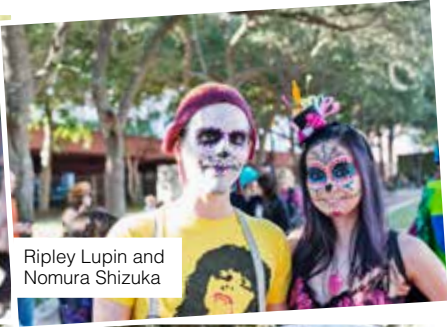
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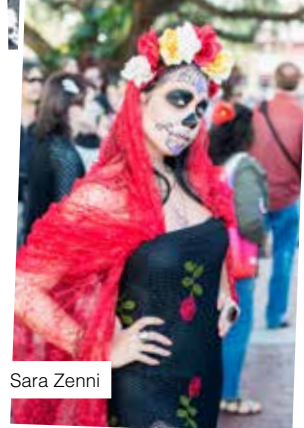
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Nayeli Damian, director of Cultural Affairs at the Consulate of Mexico in Miami

Day of the Dead 2014 Parade PHOTOS BY JASON LEIDY

The main spectacle occurred Nov. 2 when the community dressed up and gathered in Huizenga Plaza on Las Olas Boulevard. Led by event founder Jim Hammond from Puppet Network and his giant puppets, the costumed revelers walked along the Riverwalk towards SW Third Avenue in a colorful sidewalk parade. 



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Downtown Fort Lauderdale's Riverwalk lit up on Nov. 13 for the sixth annual Get Lit kick off held at Esplanade Park. The free holiday event had activities for adults and children alike, featuring train rides, face painting, vendors, food, drinks, and more. The American Legion Symphonic Band, sponsored by the Winterfest Boat Parade, was also featured. Light Up Lauderdale will be displayed for 10 weeks, taking residents and visitors through the holiday season in a festive and picturesque way along the Riverwalk. [GO](#)

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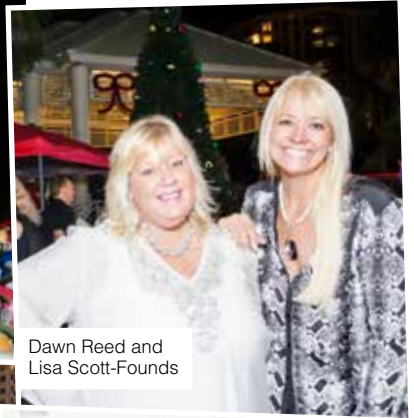




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The auction



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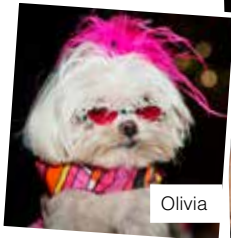
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Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Mutts and Martinis 2014

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On Nov. 7, furry guests and their owners mingled on the south side of the Riverwalk at the Downtowner Saloon for Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale's ninth annual Mutts and Martinis event - Fort Lauderdale's largest outdoor pet-friendly cocktail hour. Larry and Cathy Danielle were the presenting sponsors. A dollar from every ticket sold benefitted the Humane Society of Broward County. 

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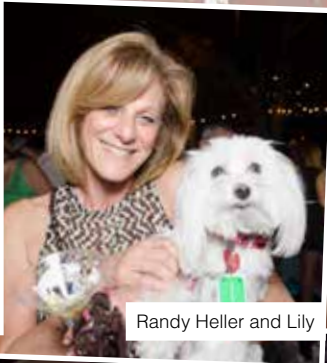
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Downtown's Corporate Rock Star

Downtown Fort Lauderdale counts the nation's largest auto retailer as one of its neighbors. AutoNation has called the city home since 1996 when it was established by H. Wayne Huizenga. Throughout the years, it has proven to be an invaluable supporter of downtown, supplying resources to local institutions and sponsoring dozens of events and projects – making it one of downtown's top corporate rock stars.

Gale Butler, former corporate vice president of AutoNation, served on the DDA board for eight years. Butler gave the Wave Streetcar its name and provided sponsorship and maintenance assistance to Huizenga Plaza. Other downtown institutions that have benefitted from AutoNation's support include the AutoNation IMAX Theater at the Museum of Discovery and Science and the AutoNation Academy of Art and Design at the Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale, Nova Southeastern.

Charitable giving is a central focus of AutoNation's corporate culture and brand. Last year the company announced that it would step up efforts to support cancer research. AutoNation is the title sponsor for a new college football bowl game, the AutoNation Cure Bowl, which takes place this month in Orlando. A partnership with Racing for Cancer, a charity founded by IndyCar racer Ryan Hunter-



BY CHRIS WREN
DDA executive
director, Downtown
Fort Lauderdale



Reay, raised \$2 million in less than two years, including \$1 million alone from AutoNation. The company estimates that its charitable giving in 2014 will total approximately \$5 million.

The auto giant has repeatedly sponsored the Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Day Parade and most recently donated a vehicle for the new downtown security ambassador program. Marc Cannon, senior vice president of Corporate Communications and Public Policy, assisted with the donation. Downtown would not be the thriving place it is today without the invaluable support of AutoNation.

The Ambassadors are Here!

The security ambassador program launched on October 20th and has had a great start. A kickoff meeting with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Broward Sheriff's Department, and the security ambassadors will happen this month. If you see these folks walking around downtown, be sure to give them a warm welcome.



Southwest Second Street
under the canopy lights

Light Canopy Display Dazzles

First, it was the utility box wraps, then the City's painted intersections, and then hanging flower baskets. Now, a light canopy is continuing the trend of beautifying downtown. Southwest Second Street in Himmarshee Village recently got a makeover with the addition of a decorative overhead light canopy. After seeing similar displays in other cities, Tim Petrillo, a DDA board member, spearheaded the project with City Manager Lee Feldman. It's yet another beautification project that will make our downtown sparkle just in time for the holidays!

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Since the beginning of humankind, habitable buildings have been singularly designed to protect us from the environment. Structures give us a place to go to get out of the rain or away from the hot sun, and provide a safe place to work, sleep, and live. But can buildings protect the environment from humans? Can building codes move beyond the focus of occupant health and safety, to the wellbeing of the natural environment? The answer is clearly yes with the global design community, and now the City of Fort Lauderdale, widely embracing the green building code movement.

In 1993, the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) was founded to address the negative impacts of the built environment on the natural environment. Over the years, the USGBC's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program has raised the bar in terms of the way buildings are designed, constructed, and operated. Even as a voluntary rating system, the LEED program transformed building standards, and has expanded the conversation of sustainability around the world. More than 400 local jurisdictions, 35 state governments, and 14 federal agencies have adopted LEED as a standard.

With the success of LEED, the design and code development community recognized the need for a more usable, adoptable, and enforceable program. In 2006, the USGBC contributed to the development of the first



BY JENNI MOREJON

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nationwide minimum green building code standard, ASHRAE 189. The code regulates water usage, energy efficiency, indoor environmental quality, material and resource use, construction practices, and a building's impact on the land. The standard was created for local governments to use as a minimum green building standard to be incorporated into their building code. ASHRAE 189 continues to be an excellent tool that is widely used by the design community.

In 2009, the International Building Code (ICC) along with sponsors from the American Institute of Architects (AIA), ASTM International, and the USGBC began the development of the International Green Construction Code (IgCC). This partnership brought together several years of professional green building knowledge, and incorporated ICC's building code delivery model already used in over 50 states and 22,000 local jurisdictions.

In March of 2010, the first IgCC was released. The code is a consistent and coordinated part of the ICC family of codes and standards. The code can be customized according to jurisdiction to offer flexibility to the building community. Several cities have already adopted the IgCC as a mandatory code or a voluntary tool to promote sustainability. The ICC codes are updated every three years, ensuring that the IgCC will keep pace with the latest advances in green building sciences and technologies.

In line with Fort Lauderdale's vision to be a safe and resilient community, in the coming year the City will develop and implement green building codes for all new development. To kick off this effort, in October, the City hosted a green building code workshop to introduce the IgCC to local public officials. Speakers included Andrew Mack, building official with the City of Boynton Beach, where the IgCC has been adopted as part of their voluntary Green Building Incentive Program.

Industry professionals are finally working together to ensure that green building is implemented in coordination with everyday construction practices. A minimum green building code provides communities with a consistent and coordinated effort to develop a truly sustainably built environment. If you are interested in the City's green building efforts, please contact Alex Hernandez, assistant building official for the City of Fort Lauderdale at (954) 828-6599. 

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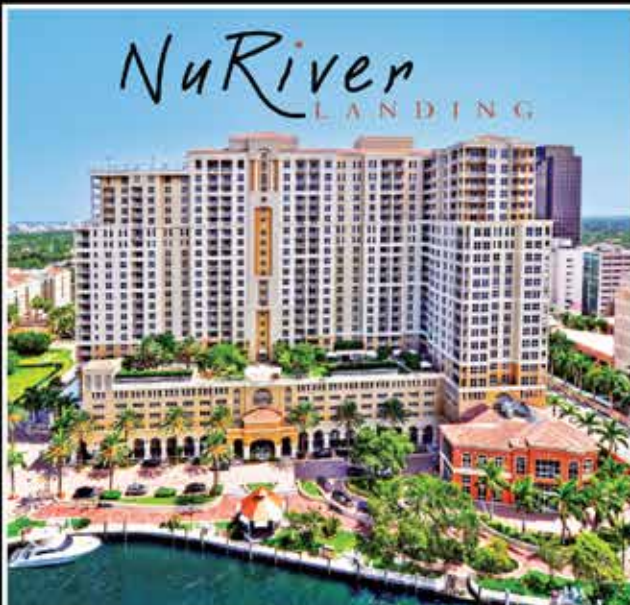
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Greening the Lot

RESTORING PARKING LOTS AND PUBLIC SPACE
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The “Big Yellow Taxi” song by Counting Crows begins with the line: “They paved paradise and put up a parking lot.” Unfortunately, the City of Fort Lauderdale has lost some paradise to paved parking lots too. The Parking Services Division of the Transportation and Mobility Department is striving to restore paradise and public space by incorporating sustainable elements into our parking facilities, namely the addition of Florida-friendly landscaping, decorative parking lots that reduce the amount of emitted heat, solar equipment, and energy efficient lighting.

After completing one year of renovations, the City presented a refurbished version of our most popular boat launch, recently christened, “Cox’s Landing at 15th Street,” in honor of the late Mayor Cox. This facility provides quick, easy access to the ocean for over 17,000 boaters annually.

Cox’s Landing was a \$1.7 million dollar renovation project that received \$1.3 million in grant funds from the Florida Inland Navigation District’s Waterway Assistance Program and the Broward Boating Improvement Program. The assistance of these grants allowed the boat launch to receive more than a just a facelift.

Some of the sustainable best practices and renovation initiatives introduced at this lot include:

- Undergrounding of overhead utility lines and all new energy efficient overhead lighting throughout the facility
- A new ADA accessible, solar powered restroom building
- A new public picnic area, with a parklet built completely on pervious concrete, and a fish cleaning station
- Expanded public and trailer parking, with a solar resistant coating
- Solar powered multi-space parking meters
- New concrete curbing and pervious concrete sidewalks throughout the facility
- Florida-friendly sustainable landscaping throughout the area with bio retention swales
- New floating docks for Fort Lauderdale’s Police Marine Unit
- On-street parking with pervious pavers
- Exterior improvements and ADA accessibility into the police building

Parking Services began the quest to rebuild this part of paradise in January of 2013 after partnering with the Green Parking Council from the International Parking Institute (IPI) and Tim Haahs and Associates. They endeavored to develop best practices for sustainable parking lots and the addition of public space. During the May 2013 IPI Convention, held in Fort Lauderdale, the City showcased the Orchid Parking Lot located at City Hall.

A number of sustainable best practices at Orchid Lot were incorporated into the renovation at Cox’s Landing. The City is moving forward with many of these and other sustainable initiatives at other surface lots. We will be resurfacing seven additional lots to reduce the heat island effect. Lot lighting is being retrofitted with solar technology. Landscaping will display Florida-friendly plants. And to add to the multimodal transportation touch, bike racks and EV charging stations are being installed where feasible.

The City has a program that allows for parklets, which are a semi-permanent decks that expand the pedestrian realm beyond the sidewalk into a parking lane, providing more public outdoor space without the need for street redesign or construction.

This is just another step in connecting our blocks by using best sustainable practices in conjunction with public space and parking lots. 



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Learning From the Past

FORT LAUDERDALE'S DEVELOPMENT – THEN, NOW, AND IN THE FUTURE



BY STEPHANIE TOOTHAKER

Chairwoman of the Downtown Council of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and a director with Tripp Scott's Governmental Relations and Land Use Practice.



Sometimes you have to leave Fort Lauderdale to understand what a fantastic city we have. As I write this article, I am at a conference in Orlando, with a striking view of Disney World and the region that has been built in the shadow of Walt's dream. Yes, it is a pleasant place to visit, but I cannot imagine living here. The city's development patterns define sprawl, and there is a lack of historical depth that I find vital to any community that matters – which brings us back to Fort Lauderdale.

With the holidays upon us, our community sparkles even more than it does the other 11 months of the year. Fort Lauderdale is a genuine South Florida original. Our past helps lead us to the future. In a word, Fort Lauderdale is authentic.

We have a history that transcends the short chronology of our region, specifically driven by our waterways and beaches. Consider the small military outpost and fledgling farming

community that emerged from what was called the New River settlement, just a few dozen settlers huddled around the New River in the 1830s. When the U.S. stockade from which Fort Lauderdale derives its name was abandoned after the Second Seminole War in 1842, the area we call home reemerged as a sustainable community. In conjunction with the city's rebirth, the railroad connected the southern peninsula and Frank Stranahan arrived in 1893 to operate a ferry across the New River. That transportation initiative sparked real development.

Consider the parallels with today's promise of a coastal passenger rail here, the brand new Riverwalk Water Trolley, and the Wave. These 21st century mobility initiatives link our past to our future, and bring a vibrancy to our downtown that is bringing investment, inspiring cutting edge businesses to locate here, and attracting a new creative class of urban dwellers. Our commitment to an eastward redevelopment strategy is working. It is exciting to know that this redevelopment mirrors previous patterns, which originated in that New River settlement almost two centuries ago.

Our beaches add to our tapestry. In the 1800s, wreckers would salvage shipwrecks along the coast. Our coastline was the first component of an economic foundation for those initial inhabitants. A century later, our beaches defined America's spring break culture, before city leaders moved towards a far more sophisticated eastern Fort Lauderdale. Today, as we anticipate the progression of the Fort Lauderdale Beach Community Redevelopment Area, the City is in the final stages of planning for a \$60+ million reinvestment in parks, public spaces, and public-private partnerships that will showcase our beach area and eastern waterways. Our history sets the stage for our next renaissance.

Families like mine with generational ties to Fort Lauderdale have always recognized the depth of our community. As we embark on the next stages of our economy and development, it is wonderful to recognize that so many others see it too. As I finish my year of writing my column for Go Riverwalk, I want to thank you for indulging me in my passion for my hometown. Fort Lauderdale has come a long way, and I cannot wait to be a part of the next chapter of our fantastic community.

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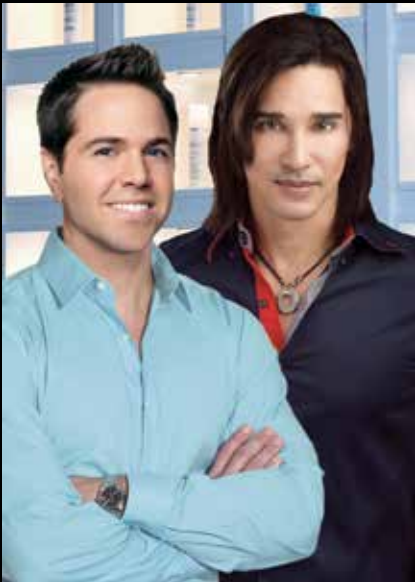
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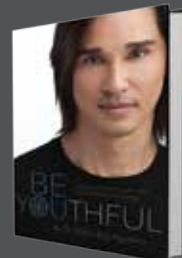
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A Panel Discussion

THE INTRICACIES OF PUBLIC ART

Approximately 45 people arrived at Books and Books' first Art Tuesday of the season. At the event, artists, conservationists, city officials, and administrators in the public art realm converged. Art connoisseurs, curators, art committee members, and consultants from the South Florida region joined the discussion and highlighted a consensus towards igniting an interest in public art.

The event was facilitated by the City of Coral Gables, Economic Sustainability Department's director Cynthia Birdsill, panel guests, and members of the various public art programs in the tri-county area – Dennis Leyva, Art in Public Places coordinator, City of Miami Beach; Leslie Fordham, public art administrator for Broward County's Public Art & Design Program; Miami public artist John Angee; and Elayna Toby Singer, administrator



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of the Palm Beach County Art in Public Places Program.

The panel began with how public art has developed in South Florida and ended with public art's conservation, walking the audience through budgets, media, and politics along the way.

The Concept

Elayna Toby Singer opened the discussion by saying that "architectural integration is key to Palm Beach County's public art program" and cited its significance in helping to reveal the untold story of any place – a key in helping to activate a space. She also spoke about how we can use our public spaces to touch the hearts of residents and visitors that frequent our cities by "taking our buildings, squares, and public spaces from (each) being simply a generic, functional building, like a fire house or a square, and giving (them) some soul, through storytelling. And not just the story of the artist...but also the story of the town, the place, the city, the county in which we live." It was an apt introduction to the subject, as it un-shyly, dove into the nebulous, yet significant nature of public art.

Leslie Fordham agreed, giving examples of discussions held at Port Everglades and Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. These talks focused on creative placemaking at these two very significant economic fuel engines for Broward County and the impact of public art at these locations. Fordham felt that art projects create economic value by giving jobs to local artists and artisans, the makers of the material used by the artist, and elevating society by responding to a patron's need for an aesthetic focal point.

The Artists

In response to the remarks mentioned previously, public artist John Angee chuckled, "Yes, and they want the artist to do all that [highbrow creating]." His comments signify public artists' critical role in making communities more meaningful places.

"As a public artist," he said, "I gave up my personal identity, my studio painting. When I am working on a piece of public art, I am working for a community, not just myself. I am caring about ethnicity, culture, and environment. The challenge is how to create an artwork that is unique, and also community-spirited, and [that] goes in line with everyone's opinion." Everyone is involved.

The Process

Though it may differ from county to county and from state to state, the dialogue that takes place goes way beyond the artist. It begins with an abstract concept or idea and progresses sometimes through the collaboration of artists, community groups, planners, and architects, elected officials and project managers – in order to deliver a work of art resulting from the meeting and partnership of diverse minds. The process itself is a work of public art!

Choosing the Artist

The first phase of the artist selection usually takes place through a call to artists. Initially selected because of their qualifications, the group of finalists is invited to develop a proposal and attend an interview. After an artist qualifies, he or she must then be approved by fellow artists on the panel, city representatives, and residents, ending with authorization by elected officials – the mayor and county commissioners.

Public Art & The Media

Leslie Fordham spoke about Friends of Public Art, a program in Broward County that introduces the public to artists through workshops and seminars.

The entire panel felt that working with the press is important and creates a critical relationship. The panel also agreed that much of local media supports art and endorses publicizing it.

Singer introduced the subject of the politics of public art, which for many years has been that “we did not talk about public art, we just did it,” she said. “There was a time when we would not do press releases announcing new installations. Now, that era has shifted, and hopefully that is symbolic of an evolving South Florida region, as a whole.”

The Cost and Benefit of Public Art

In Broward County, the cost of public art for government buildings comes out of the



Left and above, "Before Rainbow's End" by David Griggs and Scott Parsons in Terminal 3, Concourse E of the Fort Lauderdale - Hollywood International Airport. Below, part of the same installation in Concourse F.



construction budget. If the building cost is projected to be \$300,000, \$6,000, or up to two percent, is usually purposed for the beautifying of the public space. Beautification could take the form of tiles on the foyer floor, lighting in the parking garage or molding in the entrance lobby of the main courthouse of a city for example. In other cases, like Port Everglades and Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in Broward County, public art is paid for by the revenue earned from these enterprises.

Singer feels that county administrators have come to value the Art in Public Places program in Palm Beach County, and consider it as a significant contribution to tourism, economic impact, and

a sense of community and quality of life for residents.

Public Art, Vandalism, and Conservation

“Conservation is an important part,” Dennis Leyvar said, “because maintenance is critical to having public art in a marine grade environment. In Miami Beach we have set aside 15 percent for conservation, and it must be addressed in the artwork material and its maintenance.” In Miami-Dade County, vandalism was cited as a bigger issue than in Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

Singer stated that Palm Beach County – the “baby in the group” of the three counties – with less than 15 years under its belt, has experienced no vandalism to date. This might have to do more with the size of the population, as compared to the numbers in Miami-Dade.

Public art highlights and brings together a conglomerate of societal strands – the public, media, artists – and incorporating the community’s feedback, creates a sense of place for visitors and residents. ©



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A PARK AND ITS RE-CREATION

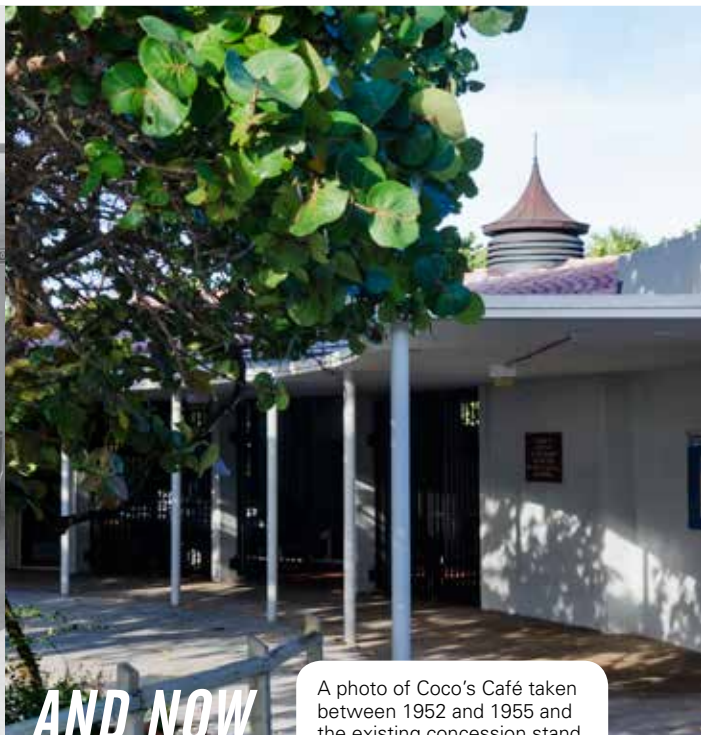
A planner for the future, Hugh Taylor Birch reserved some of his land to be dedicated to preserving Florida the way it was when he found it. About 75 years after his death, the park that bears his name remains undeveloped but also underutilized. With a new executive director at the helm, the Friends of Hugh Taylor Birch State Park are planning to enhance it - the land that Birch gave.

WRITER ALEXANDRA ROLAND



A view of the beach from Birch State Park taken between 1952 and 1955

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A photo of Coco's Café taken between 1952 and 1955 and the existing concession stand

Gale Butler stands on the sidewalk on the west side of A1A, just north of Sunrise Boulevard. The Hugh Taylor Birch State Park signage stands behind her. There is a sense of nostalgia – at least for Butler. “Before, there was less vegetation so you could see the restaurant,” she says. She’s referring to Coco’s Café, the teenage hangout situated on the east side of the park. Butler would go sometimes on the weekends when she was in ninth grade. “I do remember just hanging out at Coco’s Café and I remember a song and a boy, you know, that sort of thing.

There used to be tables all out there so if you can picture it at night with the twinkle lights and the sea grape trees – it would just be stunning.” In October, Butler started as the executive director of the Friends of Hugh Taylor Birch State Park – a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1999 that facilitates the preservation of the area.

She speaks as a woman with legacy. After all, she has history with the place. As a young girl she would ride horses with her sister along the sandy (now paved) main trail. Years later, she brought her young son to the park and distinctly remembers chaperoning him and his Cub Scouts troop at the primitive camp ground during the middle of what seemed like a monsoon.

We walk a few feet north to the front of Birch’s 1940 home, which has acted as a park visitors’ center in recent years. According to the State of Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials, the Chicago attorney, naturalist, and investor traveled to the then undeveloped portion of South Florida in the 1890s and settled near what is now the Bahia Mar Marina. As the town of Fort Lauderdale developed some years later, Birch designated a portion of his land for a four-lane highway from the beach into town and donated what is now the Galleria Mall and nearby neighborhood to his alma mater Antioch College in Ohio.

In 1942, a year before he died, he bequeathed 180 acres to the state. The land was to remain undeveloped and to be used as a park, as per Birch’s own stipulations. Birch also gave two and a half miles of what is now known as Fort Lauderdale Beach to forever remain accessible and visible to the public. “What a gift,” Butler says. “I can’t think of another town on the east coast of Florida that has that.”

The park was officially dedicated in 1954 and during the ‘50s and ‘60s became the “it” place to vacation. “Back then, Florida was exotic,” Butler says. “When you think about (this time period), which is probably when people discovered Florida because air conditioning came into

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Canoes in Long Lake in 1961 and present day

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play, not many people travelled overseas still, so Florida was kind of this exotic place.”

It was the Central Park of Florida. Records from the summer of 1953 to June, 1954 logged more than half a million visitors. A “Fort Lauderdale News” article written in 1974 referenced 870,000 visitors in 1973.

The tropical oasis was navigable by a miniature train that picked up and dropped off visitors around the park, incorporating a stop right in front of Coco’s. The restaurant is gone now, the train tracks are in decay – the railroad shut down in 1984. It was spurred by a decline in park attendance, which occurred shortly after the “happiest place on earth,” Disney World, came to the state in 1971.

Then, perhaps the shadiest place in Fort Lauderdale became more of an afterthought, a connotation that has been carried down until recently. “It’s nothing that anyone did wrong, it just evolved this way,” Butler says.

People know about the park though – the Fort

Lauderdale A1A Marathon and Half Marathon’s course winds right through it and cars are often parked in the beach access parking lot. Picnic tables on the north side are used and there is even a Water Taxi stop where the Intracoastal butts up against the park. But its history has seemingly become... history. Nowadays, hotels ship tourists right past Birch State Park and out to the Everglades to view Florida as it was. The park often goes unnoticed and is thus underutilized. There are 45 acres of mangroves in the center of the park – Florida’s natural habitat is a lot closer than some think.

Jim Ellis, president of the Friends of Hugh Taylor Birch State Park group, thinks that community awareness is essential in cahoots with re-creating the park, highlighting practical use of the space, and developing nostalgia for the way the park used to be. “If we do that, we’ll be successful.”

There are 171 state parks in Florida. Birch State Park is one of two with an executive director, which Ellis

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The main entrance gate to Hugh Taylor Birch State Park



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thinks communicates that they are serious about setting the precedent when it comes to the conservation and rehabilitation of state parks. The Florida State Parks system just announced David Dearth as Birch Park's new park manager. "David is going to be just what we needed," Ellis says. "He's energetic and progressive. There are just so many things we want to do. We needed someone who wants to come and shake it up a bit and he fits the bill."

Butler takes me to the beginning of Long Lake, the

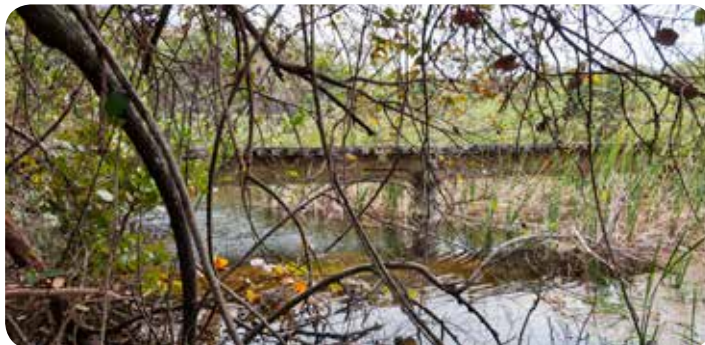
mile-long body of fresh water that runs parallel to the coast on the northeast side of the park. (It continues south and resurfaces somewhere near Bonnet House). "When I would bring my son here, you'd be able to see fish and turtles. But all this needs to come out," she says, referring to the abundant vegetation that has seemed to take over the lake.

There is a launching area and a dock that both precede a channel that was previously used to load paddleboat riders

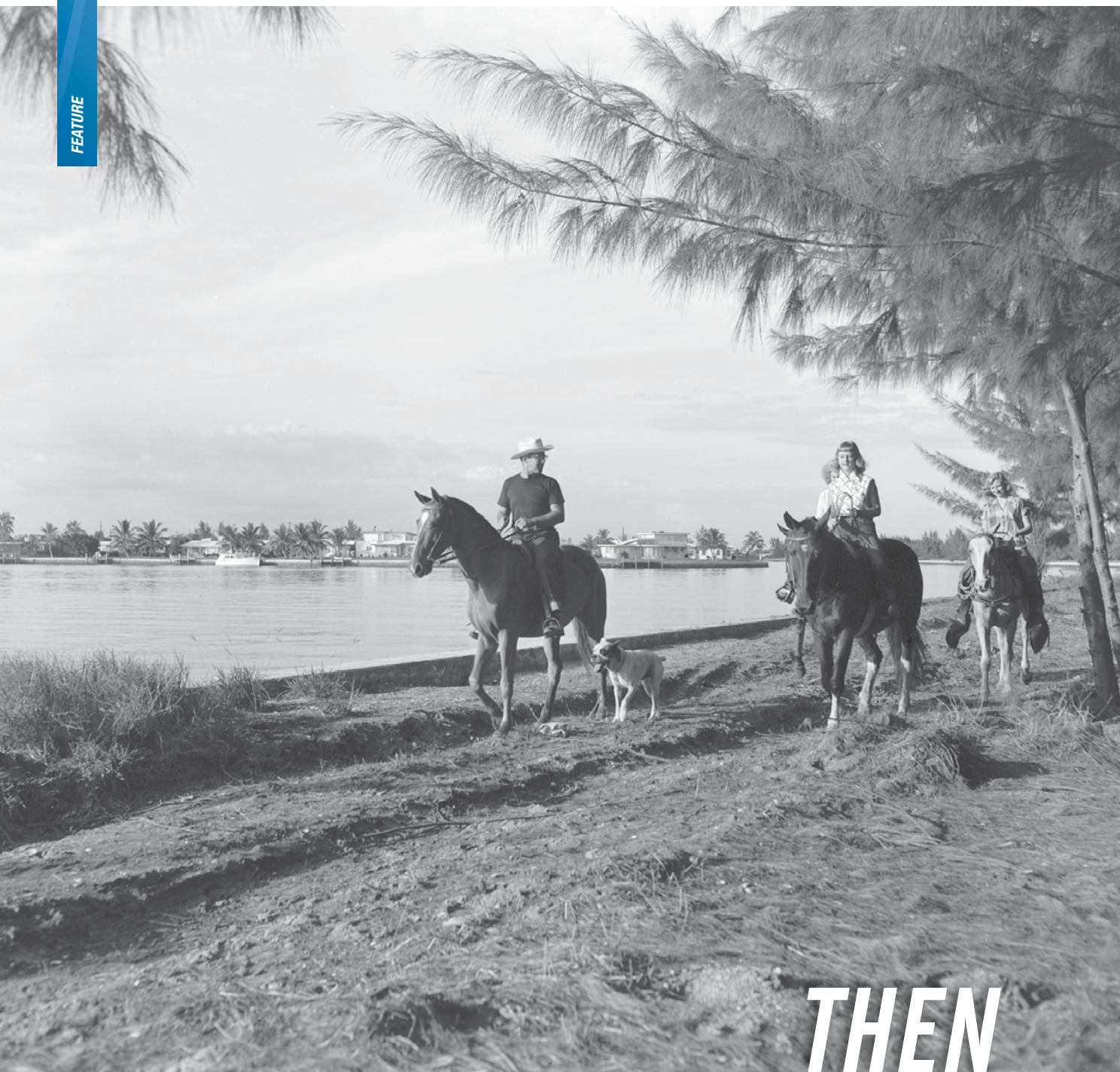


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The miniature Birch State Park railroad in 1955 and the remnants of the train trestle today



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in the water. It's filled in with mangrove roots and flora but Butler anticipates that it will be cleaned out along with the rest of the lake.

Driving along the park's 1.8-mile loop, heading north, Butler says that the vegetation will stay. In some cases it creates shady canopy areas. Other spaces are open, like the pavilion where Kids In Distress hosts one of its annual events. A short distance from there, Gale says, they are planning to section off two dog parks for small and large

canines respectively.

Every year, guests line bleachers at the northern most end of the park to watch the Winterfest Boat Parade. Butler hopes to raise funds to construct an educational and entertainment stage at one end of the open space. "People can bring blankets and lawn chairs. It's like Sheep Meadow in Central Park in New York. If I could, this is where I'd put the children's fountain," a paved area with randomly timed water spouts for children to play in.



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The park sea wall, which borders the Intracoastal, in 1955 and present day. The Friends group recently received a \$2 million dollar grant to replace the existing one.

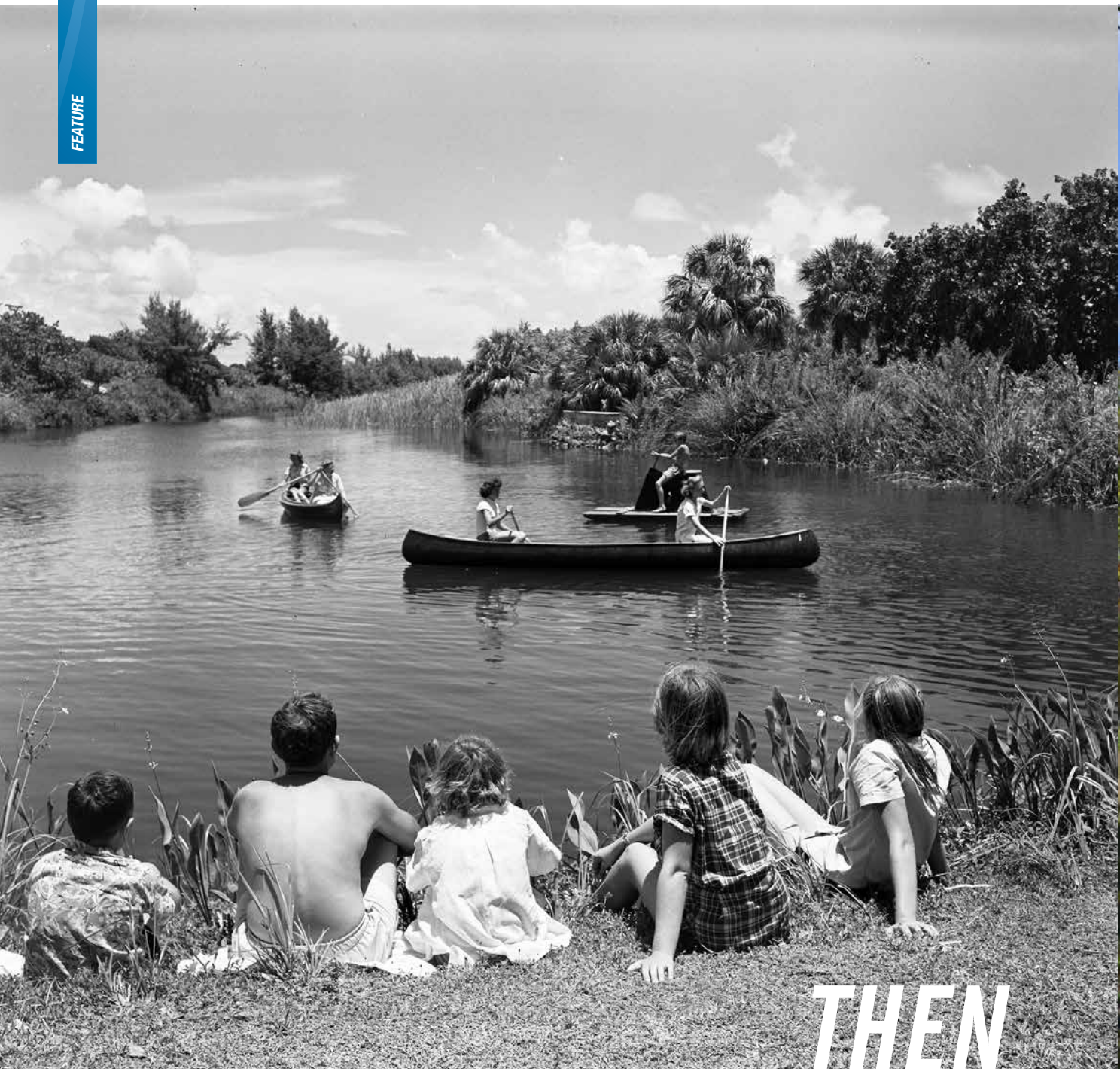
We pass by an older playground, which Butler also hopes will be refurbished. Low lying land that potentially will be elevated to combat flooding, borders the decaying 1.2-mile sea wall that edges the Intracoastal. The park recently garnered a \$2 million dollar grant to rebuild the wall.

Many of these projects are in the design and permitting phase, but are at the mercy of adequate funding. Ellis and Butler seem optimistic though. Butler says that projects

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A rendering of the proposed floating dock near the Water Taxi stop.

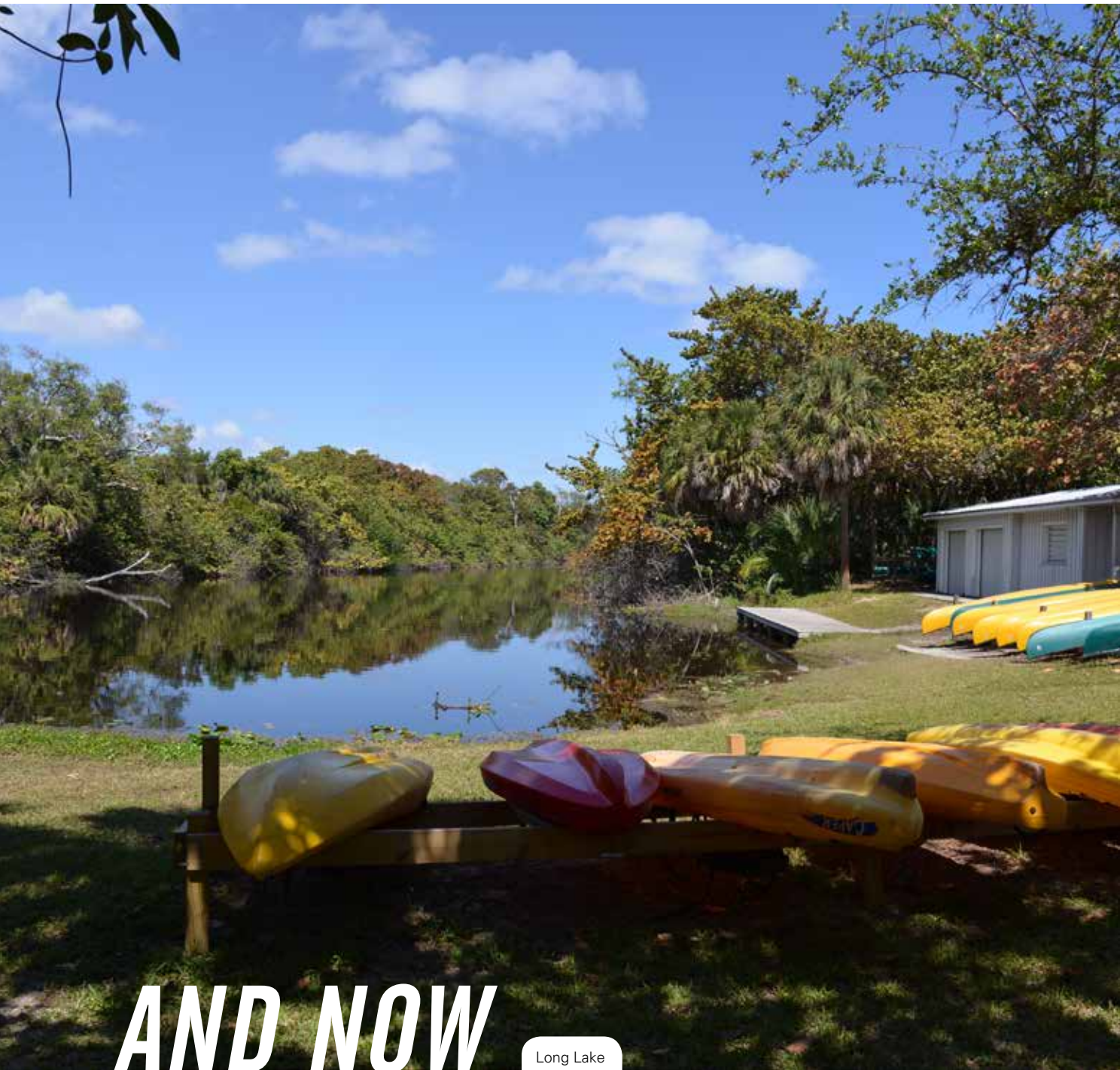


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like the sea wall and Long Lake should at least start in 2015 – they’ve applied for three different grants for the lake clean up and as soon as the first one comes in, they will begin the process. “We wrote a \$25,000 grant for the Community Foundation and then we’re getting help from (the City of Fort Lauderdale’s Department of Parks and Recreation). We’re getting a lot of in-kind help. People are donating machines to help with the dredging.”

They’re hoping a Partnership for Parks grant, wherein

the state matches 40 percent of funds raised for park initiatives, will also come into play. Other changes that they will soon implement will require substantial financial support, which they believe will be generated through a capital campaign. The \$1 million dollar 230’ floating dock on the west side of the park has already been partially funded. A total of 45 projects, including a pedestrian walkway through part of the 45 acres of mangroves, are in the works.



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To create a revenue source for the park, Ellis and Butler are proposing a holiday laser and LED light show to debut in 2015. The display would line the 1.8-mile loop and talks with Florida Power and Light are already underway.

A new restaurant is also in the conceptual phase. “Our hope is to bring the restaurant back – you know, at first it might be hotdogs and hamburgers during the day but the goal would be to have it open at night because you wouldn’t have to go into the park, you could park (on the street).”

The park offices on the south side of the concession building will move to the second floor of Birch’s home, slightly to the north. Plans even extend beyond the park fence. The city would like to relocate the fire station on Sunrise Boulevard closer to the Intracoastal, allowing the use of a fireboat. The Friends group is in initial discussions with Nova Southeastern University for a potential environmental education facility in the station’s current location.

Back inside the park, updates may also include assisting the Fort Lauderdale Garden Club with their quarters. Walking through their garden on the southern-most part of the park, you can't even tell that Sunrise Boulevard traffic is just behind a fence and a sidewalk. And likely, people walking along the boulevard don't know the history behind what's on the other side of the densely shaded park boundary. There are Ceiba trees, potted plants, and manifestations of nature – even those elements that are usually unwelcome. Butler spots the web of a golden silk orb weaver, which reflects a rich yellow color under direct sunlight. “They’re supposed to be really special spiders and I’m trying to think of them that way.” She finds a second web and then another and tries to take a photo with her iPhone. “Well, this is their world.”

These aspects of the park are elements of legacy for many. In a place where it seems like every leaf and spider web is respected by the onsite park rangers, Birch wouldn't need to worry. His preserve is being well kept and hopefully soon, well used again. [GO](#)



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Long Lake in 1955 and present day.

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Jayson Jones, track and field Olympian and business owner, on the track at Joseph C. Carter Park in Fort Lauderdale.

JAYSON JONES

TWO TIME TRACK AND FIELD OLYMPIAN, OWNER/CEO, OLYMPIC STAR FINANCIAL, INC.

Looking at Jayson Jones one wouldn't guess how many roles he plays in his daily life: Dad, professional businessman, personal mentor, and two-time track and field Olympian (2000 and 2008). He says he is always moving towards something ... and realizes many times it's toward helping others.

Born in Germany, with a father in the military, Jones' family moved around a lot. At a young age, Jones was a little kid with a lot of energy, and he got into lots of sports as an outlet for this energy. In elementary school he played baseball and soccer and tried his hand at track and field.

But at the age of 12, everything changed. One evening he went to a black tie roast with his family for Jim McMann. There he got to meet all the cool football players, and most importantly he met Walter Peyton, former running back with the Chicago Bears and 1985 Super Bowl winner. Walter took a liking to Jones and became a mentor to him. From that moment on, all he wanted to do was play football. After getting to know the players, he drew from their camaraderie. He looked up to them, and thus began his plan to play football – forever.

It wasn't until 1994 during his senior year of high school, that it all changed. Jones injured his spleen during the first tackle of an early season game. Although he played the entire game, it would be his last. The doctor told him he would not play again. "It was a hard blow — physically and mentally for me."

After some time healing and re-thinking his future plans, he knew he couldn't leave the sports arena, and started getting involved in track and field, and realized

it came naturally. Jones kept running through college on top of getting a degree in informational technology and informational studies.

The Olympics were not originally part of his plan. His parents are from Belize and his uncle back home told the National Olympic Committee of Belize that Jones was good and should represent them in the Olympics. They quickly took note. Jones brought home medals in 2000 and 2008.

He moved to South Florida in 2005 on a sort of pursuit of happiness. Jones admits to making some financial mistakes of his own along the way. In 2008, he met a very influential accountant, and within a year he pursued a career in the same field. He excelled in financial disciplines, but it wasn't enough. Thinking about all of his sports friends, and how he could help them, he decided to teach others what he had learned about the financial pit falls of life. He started to reach out to friends to grow his business. "In the real world there is no protection when you make a mistake, especially financially," he said.

"I have a passion to help others, and it made sense to work with other athletes. "What I have realized is to be successful you have to establish your "Why?" "Why are you doing this?"

If you are passionate about the reason, then there is no stopping you.

WRITER KIM HILL



Marcell Haywood, former Florida State basketball player and current business owner, in the gym at Joseph C. Carter Park in Fort Lauderdale. When Marcell was younger, he played basketball in this same gym.

MARCELL HAYWOOD

DIVISION ONE BASKETBALL PLAYER, FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY CEO, DIRT PROS

Twelve years ago, Marcell Haywood was a star point guard for Florida State University, a Division One college with a pedigree that boasts several former and current NBA players. Haywood was a formidable athlete and a dedicated student, but where is he now? As with most other legends, we must begin with where he started.

Although Haywood was born in Dover, Delaware, on an Air Force base, he and his family promptly moved to Plantation, Florida just one month later. This swift action was a foreshadowing of the pace of life Haywood would enjoy both on and off the basketball court. “I just remember ... always bouncing around the house... I’ve just never been the one to sit still,” Haywood said. With all this energy, it was not a surprise that Haywood took to sports, but what may come as a surprise is how many sports. Before he took a liking to basketball, Haywood participated in soccer, baseball, and football.

As an active and creative thinker, Haywood appreciates that sports offered an environment that provided a canvas to express those thoughts freely and basketball met his needs most completely. “What makes basketball different from all those other sports is that it’s a sport of constant motion” – something Haywood has come to appreciate in all aspects of life.

Besides an outlet for creative thinking and a means to expend an overabundance of youthful energy, basketball escorted Haywood through young-adult life, introducing him to people who would contribute to his development as an athlete and as a young man. “Along the way, I encountered coaches, and mentors and people who took an interest in me athletically that also taught me a lot about life,” he said. These figures made sure he did not miss

important life lessons as he developed in his athletic career.

After participating on travel basketball teams and on the St. Thomas Aquinas high school basketball team, Haywood went on to earn a scholarship to Queens University in Charlotte, North Carolina. After a year at Queens, Haywood took his talents to Tallahassee and joined FSU’s basketball team. He climbed the ladder, honing his skills as a leader and team player and eventually earned the position of point guard. All the while, words of wisdom from his former coaches and influential people in his life returned to show their multifaceted application. Haywood remembers mantras like “The game of basketball is not fair,” “Sometimes you have to sacrifice for success,” and “Diving after balls is what wins games.”

He explained, “All these concepts translate word for word into real life.”

One such concept came from a lesson from Haywood’s high school football coach, Jim Baxter. “I had a reputation for being a very talented player, but a player who didn’t apply himself all the time, didn’t play hard, didn’t hustle, didn’t realize his full potential because I was too busy being cool as opposed to being assertive and aggressive and focused on winning. After one game, he brought me aside and told me how disappointed he was in the way that I played... He specifically told me... ‘Son, in life, you’re either getting better or worse. You never stay the same.’”

WRITER GABRIELLE ROLAND



Marcell Haywood

This life lesson made progression and forward movement a more conscious aspiration for Haywood and he has subsequently applied this mentality to his athletic career, his interpersonal relationships, his academic career, his interaction with the community, and his own Fort Lauderdale-based company, DirtPros.

Haywood established DirtPros immediately after college. The company manages maintenance operations for large real-estate owners throughout the state of Florida, including college campuses, hospitals, office buildings, etc. "My (managing) style is very open and transparent ... (it's) team oriented and it's fundamentally important to me to make sure that we are winning as a team, not only winning as individuals," he said. "If you look at the teams in the NBA or on any level that have won historically, the team dynamic is what has allowed them to become champions."

Since its inception, the company has maintained tenants that prioritize employee relations. Haywood's employees are his teammates and thus, each individual staff member is needed in order to achieve their "big hairy audacious goals" (B-HAGs). One of DirtPros' B-HAGs is to create 1,000 better jobs for maintenance professionals in South Florida. "To us, every job with our organization is a better job ... because we know our intention is right."

He continued, "If you look at all the attributes that characterize successful people, (they are) the same attributes that characterize successful athletes." With this realization, he has been able to distinguish a new way to move forward in a high-level entrepreneurship capacity. He now mentors young business owners, aspiring entrepreneurs, and today's athletes, who are the business owners and entrepreneurs of tomorrow. These college athletes, who practice and play sports at higher levels can eventually transition their skillsets into the business world. Haywood intends to assist in the growth of these individuals because several mentors did the same for him.

Haywood's personal life reflects the same swift pace and intensity of passion evident in his business life. Even in his off time, Haywood invests in supporting his local community, moving it forward. "I love (the Broward Center for Performing Arts') role in our community and I really see them as part of the backbone that really keeps our community erect," he said. Not surprisingly, then, he enjoys supporting their cause for expansion by enrolling in their new salsa classes and encouraging others to join him. He sums up his motivation this way: "(We are) building an ecosystem and that ecosystem is going to be the key to our continuing growth in the future."



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Amateur golfer Meghan Stasi at her family restaurant.

MEGHAN STASI

AMATEUR GOLFER, CO-OWNER, SHUCK N' DIVE

When she is not helping her husband at their local downtown Fort Lauderdale restaurant, Meghan Stasi is somewhere playing golf — whether that's as close as the Fort Lauderdale Country Club or as far away as a national tournament in France.

Stasi has been involved with sports since she can remember. Both her parents were college athletes, so any sport, from basketball to soccer, was played in their house. Her grandfather was an avid golfer, and at age eight Stasi began what is now her life-long pursuit of the sport.

"I am an amateur golfer, never turned pro," Stasi said. "I did try once back in 2007 and missed the cut so I decided to stay an amateur, and I absolutely love it."

Stasi explained that being on the amateur side is not only about playing and winning, but also about just a love for the game. But don't be fooled, Stasi still considers herself highly competitive.

Stasi moved to Fort Lauderdale in 2008 to be with husband and owner of Shuck N' Dive restaurant Danny Stasi. By being involved in her husband's restaurant, Stasi has brought in her love for sports and made the restaurant a sports hotspot.

"I love being there and meeting different people," Stasi said. "I have a blast talking about golf, or any sport, and being involved with the local community. It's a lot of fun for us."

However, when Stasi isn't chatting it up with locals about her love for the game, she is somewhere playing golf.

Stasi recently returned from a trip to France to play in an international tournament, in which she finished third. Stasi explained that during international trips, she not only focuses on the game, but also embraces the local culture. She tries to compete in at least one international tournament a year.

"I have a blast meeting the locals and experiencing what they have to offer," Stasi said. "That's exactly what we try (to) do in our restaurant. We show them what we have to offer and it's a lot of fun."

Stasi feels immensely connected to the sport. The

people and the environment of the game keep her coming back for more.

"I am so fortunate to be able to travel and play," Stasi said. "I compete every time I'm out there, and I'm playing to win, but I know you can't win every time. I just love it that much to continue to do it."

With that love Stasi hopes to play the sport for the rest of her life. Though golf might seem like an individual sport, it is much more to Stasi.


"It's a sport that I can play with my whole family, and I hope to continue to teach younger people how important the game is too," Stasi said.

Because Stasi is considered a professional amateur golfer, she cannot accept money for teaching golf. However, she plans to volunteer with the St. Thomas Aquinas girls' golf team this fall.

When looking back at what Stasi has taken away from her experiences in golf, she said "Through golf, I have learned many things — patience, time management, how to interact with people, and the love of accomplishment — how to win and lose with grace. These are all very important in the restaurant business."

One thing she and her husband have incorporated at the restaurant, which ties back into golf, is not being allowed to speak on cell phones in the restaurant. She said that if a customer speaks louder than usual, he or she will be asked to leave. However, customers may text and email as they please.

Stasi said that it has been one of her husband's rules since day one, and it allows customers to interact with their fellow diners, servers, and other guests and enjoy the Cajun Zydeco, jazz and blues, and games on the TVs.

As Stasi says, "Every country has its own way of life. I love traveling, but I love coming back home to Fort Lauderdale as well." 

WRITER CLARISSA BUCH



The Main Library
walkway bridge

Extreme Makeover: Library Edition

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING
BUT WE FINALLY HAVE OUR LIBRARY BACK

WRITER ALEXANDRA ROLAND

Even amidst the progression of the digital age, libraries stand their ground. Because they are not just storage facilities for books, they are meeting places and technology hubs too.

Often times a library is a busy city landmark, like the courthouse or City Hall, but for the past three years, construction, renovation setbacks, decreased funding, fewer hours of operation, and staff cutbacks have limited operations at the Broward County Main Library. That will be old news soon, though. The downtown library is officially relaunching on Dec. 13.

Originally purposed to make the building more hurricane resistant (hurricanes in the past had caused major flooding), renovations mainly involved replacing all the windows with impact resistant glass. Seventy-five percent of the cost of the refurbishment was covered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Halfway through the project the contractor was fired and replaced with PRM Engineering and Contracting Inc. Additional construction had to be done to install previously ordered windows that in fact did not fit the dimensions of the existing window frames.

Lisa Manners, the regional library manager for the Main Library assumed her position earlier this year around the same time PRM took over, and could quickly observe the toll the construction was taking on library operations. Before PRM's start, construction was halted for about a year and a half.

"It's exciting to be here at this point because when the atrium was all behind boards and there was only one entrance open to the library it was really difficult for people to come into the building and they really kind of avoided us. It's exciting to see the building come back to life."



The Main Library walkway bridge

The walkway from the garage, made mostly of windows, was almost completely redone. Elevators, the roof, wall and ceiling tiles, and air conditioning equipment in several places were also replaced. The atrium resumes operation with its original fountains, which were turned off during construction. Tables and chairs are there for patrons looking to admire the inside water garden, have a cup of coffee, or talk on their phones. A teen center, on the first floor, is slated to open early next year.

“This company (PRM) is doing more than necessary,” Manners said. “They’ve gone above and beyond what they actually needed to do because [they] wanted to do it right.”

Manners thinks that the library is changing and not just structurally. Its role within the community has evolved and according to her, responding to that shift is paramount.

“That’s where libraries need to go, to keep up with what the public’s needs are. Libraries have always been about how people can gain education, knowledge, and entertainment. Originally that was through books, then came movies, then along came the Internet.

These days, if you think about it, if I want to create a computer from scratch, I can read every book out there imaginable. I can read every website on the subject. But I still don’t really know how to do it until I’ve done it.”

Skye Patrick, director of the Broward County Libraries



The Main Library’s first floor atrium

division, commented on the library’s maturation. “The grand opening of the Main Library ushers in a new era of 21st century library services for the residents of Broward County.”

Creation Stations, already in place, cater to teens and small business owners by facilitating experimental knowledge. Creating a concept using the onsite 3D printers is case in point. Leap motion, which is similar to Wii technology – your hands manipulate what is on screen – is another example of provided programs. Adobe Creative Suite and video production and robot creation software are also available. Entrepreneurs can utilize onsite conference areas and rooms for workshops or temporary office space.

Programming manager for the Main Library Barbara Miller says that the library relaunch is a celebration three years in the making. Events of the official relaunch celebration (Dec. 13) are underwritten by Friends of the Fort Lauderdale Libraries and the Broward Public Library Foundation.

“There’s going to be a lot of commotion. Some people have called it “a day of noise,”” Miller said. “In fact we want you to be loud and excited and happy. I hope no one is coming in that day for quiet study.”

From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. they hope to have activities on every floor, beginning with a ribbon cutting in the morning, spoken word poetry, face painting, and performances by guitarist Grant Livingston, the Broward Women’s Chorus, and Gold Coast Banjo Band. Various presentations are also scheduled, including one by author and editor Tom Swick, which will highlight “The Best American Travel Writing.”

New hours have been added to the Monday through Friday operation schedule and currently, the facility is open on Saturdays. Opening on Sundays is a potential for the future but until then, the library seems to be settling into its new role. ©

A rendering of the terrace on one of the anticipated oceanfront condos at the Auberge Beach Residences and Spa.



Paradise Regained

RESORT LIVING IS COMING SOON TO FORT LAUDERDALE BY WAY OF THE IRELAND'S INN PROPERTY

WRITER ALEXANDRA ROLAND

Ask a seasoned Fort Lauderdaleian about the Ireland's Inn Beach Resort, and they'll relay snippets of its history, personal memories even. Built in 1965, the property is a family heirloom. In 2004 it was acquired by the Fairwinds Group, founded by Andy Mitchell and his wife Kathy Ireland Mitchell, whose family owned and operated Ireland's Inn for decades before.

At a panel discussion in late October at the Events by Grateful Palette location, developers and project facilitators – Jorge Perez, founder and CEO of the Related Group; Carlos Rosso, president of condominium development with the Related Group; Edgardo Defortuna, founder and president of the Fortune International Group; Mark Harmon, managing partner of the Auberge Resorts Collection; and Mitchell – unveiled plans for the Ireland's Inn property. The site will be redeveloped into Auberge Beach Residences and Spa, an oceanfront condominium managed by the international hospitality group of the same name. Construction is set to begin in late 2015 and completion is projected for 2017.

"We were looking for a partner (who) could help to develop the site," Mitchell said of the property's development history. "I had a chance to meet with Edgardo (Defortuna). We felt that the fit was perfect and Edgardo became my partner and has been for almost a decade."

After the economy took a turn in 2008, Defortuna and Mitchell reevaluated and brought Jorge Perez into the partnership. Perez had previously discovered the Auberge concept while on business in California. Involving

Auberge with Ireland's Inn redevelopment was an easy decision, he said. "We wanted to have a brand that I felt went with Fort Lauderdale, with the highest level of luxury that was going to be different from South Beach... Sunny Isles. Auberge immediately came to mind. We had other brands that we looked at – The Four Seasons, The Ritz Carlton – and I said, 'Let's look at Auberge.'"

Perez said that Fort Lauderdale has not taken off like Miami has. He referenced projects in Miami that come in at \$3,000 a square foot in South Beach, or \$1,500 a square foot in Sunny Isles. He thinks this Auberge project will rival development down south especially in regards to luxury. "Properties right on the beach in Fort Lauderdale – they're nonexistent. So we think of it as an incredible opportunity that we have to (pursue)." He said that Auberge Beach Residences and Spa will be the most expensive project in Fort Lauderdale by far.

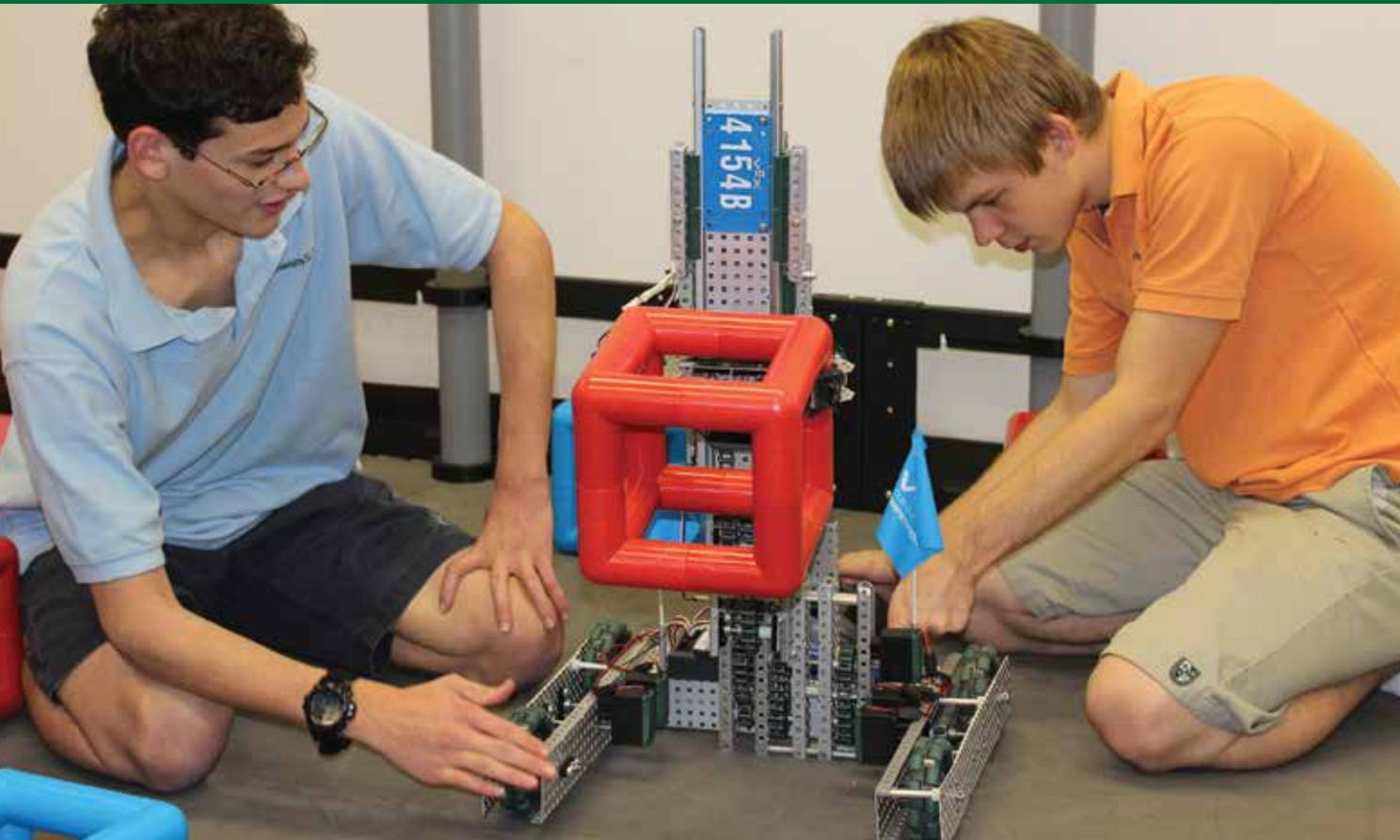
Rosso described it as a low density and low intensity project. Ocean front units are projected to be in phase one. They are aiming for large space with quiet surroundings and a select number of residents. One hundred and seventy-one units ranging from one to five bedrooms will be available – some with terraces with square footage equaling more than half of the unit itself. The proposed multi-level underground garage has been reduced to one expanded level of mechanized parking, but with the same number of spaces as previously anticipated – 600.

Unit pricing will be competitive – ranging from \$1.5 to \$8 million dollars and 50 percent down is required.

It is described as a private residence with amenities the public can enjoy. The general public will be able to access the planned spa and two onsite restaurants – one facing the ocean and the other on A1A. The rest of the space will be available only to private residents.

"We wanted to do something that fit where Fort Lauderdale is going," Mitchell said. "The key is to make sure that whatever we do compliments the natural Fort Lauderdale landscape. People talk about a sense of place, what Fort Lauderdale is. It's less stressful, more relaxed. That doesn't mean frumpy. We have some very affluent people living here, but they like a casual lifestyle. We found a brand that fits the natural lifestyle, (that fits) the people of Fort Lauderdale." ©

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Captain Kid

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD ALEX CASAMENTO REPRESENTS HIS CAUSE AS THIS YEAR'S WINTERFEST JUNIOR CAPTAIN

WRITER CLARISSA BUCH



Like most kids, 11-year-old Alex Casamento loves playing golf, riding his bike, and checking out high-end sports cars. However, Alex has battled polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA), an autoimmune disease that impacts his toes, ankles, knees, hips, back, neck, shoulders, elbows, and fingers, since the age of five.

Alex refuses to let that slow him down though. His parents, Mike and Karen Casamento, are extremely active with the Arthritis Foundation, which has turned Alex into an activist for the 300,000 children in the country who suffer from the debilitating disease.

To honor his constant fight, Alex was nominated and ultimately won the opportunity to represent the Arthritis Foundation as Winterfest's 2014 Junior Captain in the 43rd Annual Seminole Hardrock Winterfest Boat Parade.

"He was really excited when he was nominated," Karen Casamento said. "But we tried to not make too much of a big deal (about) it because it wasn't about winning. He just wanted to get more awareness out there."

Brad Koogler, community manager for the Arthritis Foundation's Broward/Miami region, nominated Alex and thought he would be fitting as an ambassador for the foundation.

"Alex is a great kid and a brave boy," Koogler said. "He's gone through a lot in his short life with his arthritis and (he) is just so resilient."

After a two-week social media campaign, Winterfest announced Alex as the winner with the most votes. Over 5,000 people in total participated in the poll. "It was really nice to see all the support generated from friends and family," Karen Casamento said. "This was something very positive [that came] out of the negative situation he deals with."

The Casamentos are heavily involved with the

foundation's cause, participating in local walks, the Junior Arthritis conference, and other events. "As a family they have raised thousands of dollars to help the foundation find a cure for junior and other forms of arthritis," Koogler said.

As the winner, Alex will ride in the Winterfest Boat Parade on the FPL boat alongside family and friends. This year, the 11 other children nominated for the Junior Captain award and their families will join him.

The Winterfest Junior Captain accolade was created in honor of 15-year-old Amanda Blake who battled osteosarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer. To continue her legacy, each year Winterfest honors a child in the community who is fighting a tough battle by naming him or her the Winterfest Junior Captain of the Seminole Hardrock Winterfest Boat Parade. ®

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BOB DRINON RALLIES SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY'S FUTURE

WRITER CLARISSA BUCH • *PHOTOGRAPHY* JASON LEIDY



The annual JA World Uncorked returns for its fifth year on January 24, 2015. The culinary showcase, presented by Premier Beverage and hosted by chairs Bob and Susan Drinon and Renée Korbel Quinn with Junior Achievement's Circle of Wise Women, will give guests a chance to mingle with some of South Florida's top chefs, experience their culinary creations, and support local education through Junior Achievement South Florida.

Drinon, president and CEO of Premier Beverage Company, believes that Uncorked is an integral fundraiser for Junior Achievement and a great way for the organization to raise awareness about the services they provide to the community's children.

The non-profit, founded in 1959, serves youths in the local community and aims to equip them with skills they can use in the arenas of entrepreneurship and the workplace. Since 2010, proceeds from the annual event and other Circle of Wise Women initiatives have raised over \$2 million to help support JA's financial education programs in Broward County public schools and many private schools. In the 2014-2015 school year, JA of South Florida's programs will reach about 48,000 students.

Their 60,000 square-foot JA World facility at Broward College in Coconut Creek is typically geared towards providing youths an opportunity to engage in a life-like city as residents, business owners, and civic leaders. In January, the venue will house Uncorked V, transforming into a food-lovers paradise.


"The event offers the community a wonderful opportunity to experience the JA World Center," Drinon said. "It is truly a remarkable facility our children are able to attend."

This is the second year Premier Beverage has sponsored the event, but the first time Bob and Susan Drinon are co-chairs. They attended Uncorked for the first time last year but the company has been involved with JA and supporting other fundraising events for several years.

"As a Florida based company, we believe it to be our honor and privilege to support the communities where we live, work, and play," Drinon said. "Educating our future leaders on important life skills only helps to ensure a better tomorrow."

At this year's Uncorked there will be a wide array of wine selections courtesy of Jackson Family Wines and premium bars featuring Gentleman Jack, Herradura Tequila, Finlandia Vodka, Voss Artesian Water, and more. Unique and custom cocktails will be available, as well as an assortment of food from all over Broward County. Live music and dancing will round out the night.

"It is unlike any other fundraiser in South Florida. It is a luxury evening of great food and beverage, but in a casual setting," Drinon said. "Without events like Uncorked and other fundraising mechanisms, JA would not be able to provide important resources and education to our children in the community."

Uncorked is expected to have over 650 attendees and anticipates another sell-out this year. Open to guests age 21 and older, Uncorked V is a no-program, table-free delight for the adventurous palate. Tickets are \$150 per person and are available in advance at www.jaworlduncorked.com. 

GOT TURKEY?

Sure you do. And if you have more left over than you know what to do with, reinvent the bird with these recipes from the Ugly Sisters - Penny Sanfilippo and Jonny Altobell, owners of 11th Street Annex.

The only thing we really want to have leftover after the holidays is some good single malt whisky. By December 25th anyone in food service who is not heartily sick of turkey is lying, or was traumatized by a turkey as a child and seeks revenge. But in case you really do want to use every last scrap, here are some ways to repurpose your leftovers.

Savory bread puddin' with turkey

The answer to leftover veggies

2 cups chopped cooked turkey

5 cups bread cubes (leftover rolls are great to use here)

1/2 tart green apple diced, not peeled

2 cup shredded cheese of your choice (whatever's left over from the cheese tray – Swiss, cheddar, jack, mozzarella, colby etc)

1/2 cup corn kernels, cooked

1 cup cooked zucchini (sliced is fine, but small cubes work too)

2 cloves fresh garlic, minced

1 teaspoon each chopped fresh parsley and basil

3 green onions sliced (white and green parts)

7 eggs

1 quart milk

1/2 teaspoon salt, pepper to taste

In bowl, mix up turkey, bread, apples, herbs, and veggies. In separate bowl (or blender) mix eggs, milk, salt, and pepper. Pour egg mix over veggie/bread mix and let sit for 20 minutes or until moist (you can add additional milk up to 1 cup if mix looks dry). Put half the mixture in a well-greased 2 quart Pyrex-like dish. Sprinkle 1/2 of cheese on top with rest of bread mixture. Put baking dish in slightly larger pan.

Add hot water to larger pan so level is half-way up the dish. This will ensure even cooking without crunchy edges. Place in oven at 350 °. Cook uncovered for about 30 minutes. You're looking for no jiggle. Inserted knife should come out clean. Top with remaining cheese until melted. Remove from oven and let sit 10 minutes. Scoop and enjoy. This could be done with gluten free bread too, if needed.



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3 quarts stock (can make yourself or if you have to cheat and use store bought, be sure to adjust salt.)

6-8 oz. chopped onion

3 ribs celery, sliced

2 large carrots, peeled and sliced

2 bay leaves

1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning

1/2 teaspoon thyme, dried

Put ingredients in stockpot and simmer until veggies are tender, then add:

2-3 cups leftover stuffing (stir to break up lumps)

2 1/2 cups leftover gravy

1/2 cups mashed potatoes

1 oz. Craisins/dried cranberries (optional)

Heat through and add salt and pepper to taste. Serve piping hot.



Turkey salad with cranberries and brie

An elegant lunch for Black Friday

MAKES
4

2 cups cooked turkey,
finely chopped

½ cup toasted, chopped,
walnuts or pecans

1 oz. dried cranberries

Good quality mayo

2 ribs celery - diced

½ cup whole berry cranberry
sauce

4-6 oz. wedge brie cheese,
sliced ¼" thick (keep cold for
easy slicing)

4 slices good quality bread
(NOT soap suds) or split
2 nice hoagie-type rolls

Mix turkey, dried cranberries, celery, and
enough mayo to bind in bowl. You can add
more of any if you like.

Shmear cranberry sauce on bread. Top with
turkey salad. Place 2-3 brie slices evenly on
each piece. Place under broiler and WATCH
until brie melts. Remove from oven and put
on plates. This is a knife and fork meal. A
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Fairytale Feast

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WRITER GABRIELLE ROLAND • *PHOTOGRAPHY* JASON LEIDY





Be their guest. Be their guest. Put their service to the test. Beauty and the Feast Bar | Kitchen has taken a fairytale concept and coupled it with gourmet food. With a grand opening in April of this year, Beauty and the Feast may not have a tale as old as time, but it definitely has generated buzz amongst Fort Lauderdale's foodies and tourists.

Chef Jeff Vincent and Society 8 Hospitality Group's director of new business development Steven Dapuzzo have been working together to create a total package for diners.

The dining area, also known as the "Feast" section, is outfitted with reclaimed wood from Carolina barns. The light of Edison bulbs bathe the room in a warm glow with the help of natural sunlight, which streams through

windows facing the ocean. Tufted cream, chocolate, and caramel booths frame wooden tables and seating is configured to give diners

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Chicken and waffles



The restaurant's interior



Banana Fosters French toast

an easy view of the ocean as well as the kitchen.

The bar area, or “The Lounge,” boasts an extensive Premier bar, alluring light fixtures, and cozy seating. Classy wall patterns, red reclaimed brick, and flower

centerpieces work nicely with the view of Fort Lauderdale beach.

The restaurant concept hinges on small plate dining and sharing. Diners are encouraged to order several dishes to enjoy as a table rather than one meal for each individual person.

Dapuzzo explains that the concept is meant to attract adventurous eaters and inspire “a gathering of friends and family, having a good time enjoying ... the best views in the state and a table full of food.”

The restaurant features a menu

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SIGNATURE DISH: Chicken sliders - buttermilk soaked chicken with a crispy breading tossed in a honey Sriracha sauce, topped with a crunchy mango slaw and served on a Hawaiian roll.

inclusive of recipes that run the gamut with inspirations from Sierra Leone to Japan, Mississippi to South America and other places in between. Vincent explains that with Steven's Italian background and his low-country cuisine background, menu items end up coming from all over the world. The goal is to "[encourage] diners to order a variety of plates, which should be shared."

In line with the feast motif, the restaurant offers a roasted pig, which must be ordered in advance on account of the length of the roasting period – between seven and eight hours. This item is not just a meal, it's an entire production. The pig is seasoned with a Tommy Gun Rub made by the restaurant and served with Two to Tango barbeque sauce,

also made in-house. After roasting, the pig is rolled out on a cart, taken directly to diners' tables, and pulled right in front of them, tender and full of flavor.

"Whether you're a table of six or a table of 26, we feed you", says Dapuzzo. Other dishes on the menu include chicken and waffles – buttermilk soaked chicken in a crispy breading, paired with sweet potato waffles and drizzled with local orange blossom honey, powdered sugar, and cinnamon.

Another crowd pleaser is the Banana Fosters French toast. Chef Vincent uses thick slices of challah bread and tops the crispy fried bread with *à la minute* Banana Fosters syrup and banana slices. It's light but flavorful.

The restaurant's signature dish is their chicken sliders. It is soaked in buttermilk, coated with a crispy breading and tossed in a honey Sriracha sauce. The chicken is topped with a mango slaw for tang and crunch and then served on a Hawaiian roll, because according to chef Vincent, "there's not a better bread in the entire world."

Chef Vincent and Dapuzzo like to keep crowd-pleasing recipes on their menu, but enjoy spicing things up with new guest starring items weekly. "We have the right atmosphere, a great view, good food, great cocktails," says Dapuzzo. "You want to let loose and enjoy yourself. So you pair that with good food and good drinks and it's done. That's the night." ©

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BY RENÉE K. QUINN, QuinnProQuo's business strategist, media socialista and community advocate specializing in downtown Fort Lauderdale. As a mixologista, she dishes the latest in food trends, cocktails, craft beers and, culinary events.

Sweet Holiday Bites

THESE ARE A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS



Wilton Manors' Stork's Bakery - at your service for your holiday pies

- **APPLE CRANBERRY WALNUT** – mounds of hand-peeled Granny Smith and Rome apples, crunchy walnuts and tart cranberries distributed throughout the filling under a buttery, brown, sugar crumb topping.
- **COCONUT CREAM** – coconut milk filling and sweet coconut topped with fresh whipped cream and toasted coconut.
- **PEACH ALMOND CRUMBLE** – fresh peaches and spices topped with a brown sugar and toasted almond crust.
- **PERFECT PUMPKIN** – creamy pumpkin mixed with spices and finished with fresh whipped cream.
- **SOUTHERN PECAN** – all the goodness of the south in a pie chock full of toasted pecans.
- **STORKBERRY** – the year round favorite – a blend of blueberry, cherry, strawberry, raspberry, and blackberry.
- **STRAWBERRY RHUBARB** – the ultimate combination of sweet and tart. Visit www.storksbakery.com for additional selections.



Joseph's Italian Pastry Shop – A little piece of New Jersey!

Christmas is the time for dessert, and in my family that meant Italian pastries and cookies. Joseph's Italian Pastry Shop is a third-generation Italian American bakery in the Sicilian and Neapolitan traditions. They are known throughout South Florida for their cannolis and decadent cannoli cake. They bake an array of Italian butter cookies – from rainbow to Pignoli Nut, daily. I recommend the Sfogliatelle pastries – clamshells with a layered texture filled with an orange flavored ricotta – from the province of Salerno.

Joseph's Italian Pastry Shop,
788 S. Federal Highway
Deerfield Beach

Chef Martha Clemons perfects the donut

Fried dough. Sugar. Sweet fillings. Chef Martha perfected the art of making homemade donuts when she produced over 16,000 donuts, all from scratch and by hand over the course of two months. They are not currently on the menu, however, you can contact her for a custom order. They are sinfully delicious.

L'Hermitage Catering & Events, LLC
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Fork & Cork

JA WORLD UNCORKED V PULLS OUT ALL THE STOPS FOR JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

Showing the creations of top chefs and caterers, the art of "mixology," and high-energy nightclub entertainment, the fifth annual JA World Uncorked culinary experience presented by Premier Beverage on January 24, 2015 will delight and educate. JA World Uncorked's fifth anniversary celebration at JA World's 60,000-square-foot facility at Broward College in Coconut Creek will offer treats to the hundreds of anticipated guests.



Chef chairs for this year's event are Wes Bonner of Publix Aprons Cooking School and Catering and Marc Gruverman of The Capital Grille. They'll lead the brigade with culinary chair Alyssa Lovitt of Beauty and the Feast.

Students from the Art Institute's International Culinary School will play a special role, participating in just one of the event's educational facets. They'll be paired in advance with chefs, prepping dishes to be served. They'll also butler the treats throughout the night.

Open to guests 21 and older, Uncorked is a non-program, "table-free," culinary experience. Tickets are \$150 per person and are available in advance at www.jaworlduncorked.com.



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Calendar Editor

"Girlfriends" Invitational" Exhibit

Through December
Dorothy Mangurian
Comprehensive Women's Center
at Holy Cross HealthPlex
(954) 229-8562

Multicultural Holiday Display

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

Monthly Exhibit: Christmas

December
Historic Stranahan House
Museum
(954) 524-4736
www.stranahanhouse.org

French Montana with Jeremih

Dec. 1
Revolution Live
(954) 449-1025

"unWRAPPED" Exhibit

Dec. 1 - Jan. 2, 2015
ArtServe
(954) 462-8190
www.artserve.org

Pops Series: World AIDS Day Commemoration

Dec. 2
In commemoration of World
AIDS Day, the South Florida
Symphony Orchestra will
perform.
Broward Center
for the Performing Arts
(954) 522-8445
www.southfloridasymphony.org

Author Mae Silver

Dec. 2
She will discuss her book "Too
Hot to Hide: Remarkable Women
of Fort Lauderdale."
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443
www.broward.org/library

THE CIRCLE - South Florida First Run Engagement

Dec. 2 - 18
Cinema Paradiso Fort Lauderdale
(954) 525-3456
www.fliff.com



An Evening of Celebration

Dec. 2
The event will benefit the World
AIDS Museum and Educational
Center.
Broward Center
for the Performing Arts
(954) 390-0550
www.worldaidsmuseum.com

The 52nd Annual Christmas on Las Olas

Dec. 2
Over 40,000 people are
expected to attend. The event
will include Anidjar & Levine
Snow and dozens of local choirs
from schools and churches
will perform on three different
stages. Chick-Fit-A is sponsoring
Skate Las Olas. An array of food
vendors will be offering holiday
treats.
Las Olas Boulevard between
Southeast Sixth Avenue and
Southeast Eleventh Avenue
www.lasolasboulevard.com
(954) 258-8283



Garry Krinsky's Toying with Science

Dec. 3
Parker Playhouse
(800) 359-2525

Holiday Celebration and Open House

Dec. 3
Historic Stranahan House
Museum
(954) 524-4736
www.stranahanhouse.org



All Aboard the Seoul Train

Dec. 4 • 6 p.m.
Menu: Napa cabbage kimchi
(Pogi kimchi); Korean spinach
salad (Sigeumchi Namul); grilled
short ribs (LA Galbi) with crispy
sweet potato in a sweet and
spicy sauce (Goguma Mattang);
whole fried snapper (Domi-
yangnyeom) with Korean chili
and lemongrass sauce served
with a vegetable pancake and
Asian chives (Buchujeon).
Publix at Plantation
1181 S. University Drive,
Plantation
(954) 577-0542
\$40

The Fast and Furriest

Dec. 4
An inaugural event to benefit
the Humane Society of Broward
County featuring automobiles,
games, food, and a silent
auction.
Ferrari-Maserati of Fort
Lauderdale
www.humanebroward.com

Holocaust Stories

Dec. 4
"Interrupted Lives" by Stephanie
M. Krulik and "Vanished
Boyhood" by George Stern.
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443

The Galleria's Eighth Annual Men of Style Shopping Night

Dec. 4
The Galleria Mall
(954) 564-1036
www.galleriamall-fl.com

Florida Grand Opera - Madame Butterfly

Dec. 4 & 6
Broward Center
for the Performing Arts
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

Light Up Sistrunk Extravaganza

Dec. 5
Historic Sistrunk Boulevard
between Northwest Ninth
Avenue and Northwest
Twelfth Avenue
(954) 828-4742



Premier Night, A Holiday Spectacular

Dec. 5
Benefits Pinion.
Las Olas Home of Steven Savor
(954) 213-4428

Celebrating the Holidays with Avery Sommers

Dec. 5
Historic Stranahan House
Museum
(954) 524-4736
www.stranahanhouse.org


























Classic Albums Live: A Very Lennon Christmas

Dec. 5
Parker Playhouse
(800) 359-2525

Friends of the Fort Lauderdale Libraries Books and More Event

Dec. 5
Broward County Main Library
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www.broward.org/library



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9th Annual Ribbons for Children
 Dec. 5
 Art exhibit, cocktail reception and benefit auction featuring original art work from over 30 local artists to benefit Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 728-1040 www.childrensdiagnostic.org



"Life Partners" - Exclusive South Florida Engagement
 Dec. 5 - 11
 Cinema Paradiso Fort Lauderdale www.fliff.com (954) 525-3456

"Viva La Libertá" - South Florida First Run Engagement
 Dec. 5 - 11
 Cinema Paradiso Fort Lauderdale www.fliff.com (954) 525-3456



Ronin Pro Wrestling
 Dec. 6
 War Memorial Auditorium (954) 828-5380 www.roninwrestling.com

Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Black Tie Ball
 Dec. 6
 Hard Rock Live (954) 767-0686



Family Fun Series- Roald Dahl's "Willy Wonka TYA"
 Dec. 6
 Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

Origami that Pops for Family Fun
 Dec. 6
 Broward County Main Library (954) 357-8692 www.broward.org/library

Tap 'N' Run
 Dec. 6
 Tap 'N' Run is 2.5 mile long race, which anyone can complete within an hour. Multiple chug stations are placed at the start and on the race route where participants get to indulge in five ounces of beer on a trek to the finish line where a full brew awaits! Every participant receives a finisher's medal that doubles as a bottle opener, a race t-shirt, sunglasses, a koozie, and other free swag. The benefiting charity is Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale. Race finishes at America's Backyard (800) 204-4178 www.tapnrun.com

A Jazz Holiday featuring Metta Jazz
 Dec. 6
 The Broward Jazz Combo will join Metta Jazz in the culmination of a three-day residency at Broward College. Broward College Bailey Concert Hall (954) 201-6884

First Annual Christkindlmarkt
 Dec. 6
 Inspired by Christkindlmarkt in Nuremberg, Germany, which began in 1545. The Garden Club at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park www.birchstatepark.org/christkindlmarkt (954) 563-0550



Orchid, Garden and Gourmet Food Festival
 Dec. 6 & 7
 Bonnet House Museum & Gardens (954) 703-2614

Victorian Holiday Tea
 Dec. 7
 Historic Stranahan House Museum (954) 524-4736 www.stranahanhouse.org

Holiday Craft Fair
 Dec. 7
 New River Inn Museum (954) 463-4431 www.fortlauderdalehistoricalsociety.org

Yo Gabba Gabba! Live! Music Is Awesome
 Dec. 7
 BB&T Center www.thebbtcenter.com/events

Symphony Holiday Spectacular with Dunlap and Pennington
 Dec. 7 & 9
 Presented by Symphony of the Americas. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

13th Annual Inlet Challenge Bicycle Ride
 Dec. 7
 DC Alexander Park www.inletchallenge.org

Fort Lauderdale Historical Society Speaker Series
 Dec. 8
 Bob Stone - "Cattle Ranching: Five Centuries of Tradition." New River Inn Museum (954) 463-4431 www.fortlauderdalehistoricalsociety.org



Cincinnati Pops Orchestra Florida Tour - Holiday Pops
 Dec. 8
 Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

Circa Survive with Title Fight, Pianos Become the Teeth
 Dec. 10
 Circa Survive is an American alternative rock band from the Philadelphia suburb of Doylestown, formed in 2004. The band quickly made a name for themselves in the indie music scene in a little over two years with their first album, "Juturna" and second album, "On Letting Go." Revolution Live (954) 449-1025

Gold Coast Jazz Society Bill Charlap Trio
 Dec. 10
 One of the world's premier jazz pianists, Bill Charlap has performed and recorded with many leading artists of this time, ranging from jazz masters Phil Woods and Wynton Marsalis to singers Tony Bennett and Barbra Streisand. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

Circa Survive
 Dec. 10
 With Title Fight and Pianos Become Teeth. Revolution Live (943) 449-1025



19th Annual March of Dimes Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon

Dec. 11
Sonesta Fort Lauderdale
(754) 300-2614



An Evening with Kenny G

Dec. 11
Parker Playhouse
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

Book Discussion

Dec. 11
Discussion of "Being Esther" by Miriam Karmel at the Ruth Cohan Jewish Book Review Series.
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443

Greater Fort Lauderdale Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Networking Luncheon

Dec. 11
Meet new friends, make business connections, and enjoy a wonderful luncheon prepared by the renowned chef at SAIA, located at the Sonesta Hotel on Fort Lauderdale Beach.
SAIA at the Sonesta Hotel
(954) 523-3500
www.gogayfortlauderdale.com

White Dream

Dec. 12
A holiday celebration benefiting St. Demetrios Ministries.
The Westin Beach Resort & Spa
(954) 467-1111



Issues with I Killed the Prom Queen, Ghost Town, Nightmares

Dec. 12
Issues is a metalcore band based out of Atlanta, Georgia. They have often been associated with the metalcore genre and are known for their mixture of nu metal and R&B.
Revolution Live
(954) 449-1025

Trans-Siberian Orchestra: The Christmas Attic

Dec. 12
BB&T Center
www.thebbtcenter.com/events



A Christmas Carol

Dec. 12 - 23
Fridays - Sundays
Fort Lauderdale's Children Theatre
(954) 763-6882
www.flct.org

Miami City Ballet George Balanchine's The Nutcracker

Dec. 12 - 14
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

Winterfest Boat Parade Viewing Party

Dec. 13
New River Inn Museum
(954) 463-4431
www.fortlauderdalehistoricalsociety.org



Winterfest Grandstand Viewing Area

Dec. 13
Birch State Park
(954) 767-0686

Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade

Dec. 13
Downtown Fort Lauderdale
(954) 767-0686

Broward County Main Library Relaunch

Dec. 13
Broward County Main Library
www.broward.org/library

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Dec. 13 & 14
Broward County Convention Center
www.ultraconofsouthflorida.com

Forever Family Bella's Group 4th Annual Holiday Party

Dec. 13
Nan Knox Boys and Girls Club
(954) 893-8240
www.foreverfamily.org



Fort Lauderdale Christmas Pageant

Through Dec. 14
First Baptist Church Fort Lauderdale
(954) 831-1125

Cookies with Santa

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

Holiday River Tours

Dec. 14 - 18, 20 - 23
Historic Stranahan House Museum
(954) 524-4736
www.stranahanhouse.org

Bug 3D: A Rainforest Adventure

Through Dec. 15
Museum of Discovery and Science
(954) 713-0930

Digitour: Slay Bells

Dec. 15
Revolution Live
(954) 449-1025

The Black Keys

Dec. 15
BB&T Center
www.thebbtcenter.com/events

"Interstellar": An IMAX® 3D Experience

Through Dec. 16
Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater
(954) 463-IMAX (4629)

South Florida Amateur Astronomers Association presents the Equinox

Dec. 16
Learn about the equinox with a film and discussion.
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443

"The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies": An IMAX® 3D Experience

Dec. 17 - Jan. 15, 2015
Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater
(954) 463-IMAX (4629)



"Tiny Giants" 3D

Dec. 17 - Aug. 31, 2015
Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater
(954) 463-IMAX (4629)



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
















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 **Joe Bonamassa**
Dec. 18
Hard Rock Live
(954) 767-0686

 **To Fly - Aviation Renovation**
Opens Dec. 19
Museum of Discovery and Science
(954) 467-6637

 **Fleetwood Mac**
Dec. 19
BB&T Center
www.thebbtcenter.com/events

 **School Holiday Camp: Science of Sleuthing**
Dec. 19
Museum of Discovery and Science
(954) 713-0930




 **Seraphic Fire - Handel's "Messiah"**
Dec. 19
Composed in 1741, "Messiah" has been a staple of the choral-orchestral repertoire since its first performance. Broward Center for the Performing Arts
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org



 **'Tis the Seasoning**
Dec. 20 • 6 p.m.
Menu: Brie cheese crostini with apple compote and spiced rosemary glaze; grilled lamb lollipops with pumpkin spice compound butter and a mint and port wine reduction; bacon wrapped pork tenderloin with

a rosemary gorgonzola stuffing and mashed sweet potatoes with Amaretto caramelized onions and sweet chili pistachios; eggnog gelato.
Publix at Plantation
1181 S. University Drive, Plantation
(954) 577-0542
\$40

 **Vladimir Issaev's The Nutcracker**
Dec. 20 & 21
The Nutcracker features a team of professional dancers performing the principal roles, as well as a community cast made up of local character artists and children for the party scene.
Parker Playhouse
(954) 462-0222
www.parkerplayhouse.com




 **Y100 Jingle Ball 2014**
Dec. 21
BB&T Center
www.thebbtcenter.com/events


 **Blue October**
Dec. 21
Revolution Live
(954) 449-1025


 **2014 Winter Break Camps**
3-Day camp: Dec. 22-24
5-Day camp: Dec. 29 - Jan. 2
Museum of Discovery and Science
(954) 713-0930


 **The Courage To Remember Holocaust Exhibit**
Through Dec. 23
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443
www.broward.org/library

 **"Stars of David"**
Dec. 23 - January 4, 2015
A funny new musical revue celebrating the lives of Jewish public figures, based on the best-selling book by Abigail Pogrebin, with original music by Broadway's composers and lyricists.
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

 **Christmas Eve Private Tour**
Dec. 24
Historic Stranahan House Museum
(954) 524-4736
www.stranahanhouse.org


 **Jingle Jam 2014**
Dec. 24
First Baptist Church Fort Lauderdale
www.firstfortlauderdale.com

 **School Holiday Camp: Fact or Fiction**
Dec. 26
Museum of Discovery and Science
(954) 713-0930

 **Fort Lauderdale Antique and Holiday Show**
Dec. 27 & 28
War Memorial Auditorium
(954) 828-5380



 **Tchaikovsky Spectacular**
Dec. 28
Parker Playhouse
(800) 359-2525

 **"Journey to the South Pacific": An IMAX 3D Experience®**
Through Dec. 31
Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater
(954) 463-IMAX (4629)




 **Light Up Lauderdale**
Through January
Light Up Lauderdale, presented by Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale in association with the City of Fort Lauderdale, features a promenade of light displays along the Riverwalk. Highlighting the City's one-of-a-kind tropical backdrop, the annual program will run through January. In its sixth year, this free to the public holiday spectacular will showcase the mile-long brick Riverwalk pathway in Downtown Fort Lauderdale, giving residents and visitors opportunities to enjoy the beautiful city center. The area will be adorned with lighted trees, garland-wrapped poles and sponsored displays along both sides of the New River, stretching from Federal Highway to the Marshall's Bridge (Southwest Fourth/Seventh Avenue).
Parking may be easily found in multiple garages, parking lots or at meters throughout the downtown area.
(954) 468-1541
www.goriverwalk.com

 **International Gem and Jewelry Show**
Jan. 2 - 4, 2015
War Memorial Auditorium
www.intergem.com



 **27th Annual Las Olas Art Fair Part I**
Jan. 3 & 4, 2015
Las Olas Boulevard
(561) 746-6615
www.artfestival.com

 **Tropical Beats Series: Starry Night**
January 4, 2015
Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six
(954) 522-8445
www.southfloridasymphony.org



Black Holes: Space Wraps and Time Twists

Through Jan. 5, 2015
Through a combination of hands-on physical models, computer-based investigations, immersive experiences, and a technology-assisted learning environment, visitors can make sense of the weird ideas behind black holes and examine the evidence. Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 713-0930

Seth Rudetsky's Broadway Concert Series: Audra McDonald

Jan. 8, 2015
Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222

Ruth Cohan Jewish Book Review Series 2014-2015

Jan. 8, 2015
Discussion on "The Winter Guest" by Pam Jenoff. Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443



Don Williams
January 9, 2015
Parker Playhouse
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

Fort Lauderdale Beach Collector Car Show and Auction

January 9 - 11, 2015
War Memorial Auditorium
www.ftlauderdaleauction.com



4th Annual 5K 4 Kids Race

Jan. 10
The race will benefit Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center. St. Anthony's Catholic Church (954) 728-1040

New Year Season Kick-Off Volleyball

Jan. 10 & 11
Broward County Convention Center
(561) 586-1437

Butterflies - Paintings by Marcos Antonio

Jan. 10, 2015 - February 2015
Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443

Winter Jam 2015

Jan. 11, 2015
BB&T Center
www.thebbtcenter.com/events



The Big Read Kick-Off: "To Kill a Mockingbird"

Jan. 12, 2015
The kick-off will feature performances by the Senior Moments Band and a lecture by D. Christine Jackson of Nova Southeastern University. Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443

Fort Lauderdale Historical Society Speaker Series: Helen Landers - "Memories of Broward as it Was"

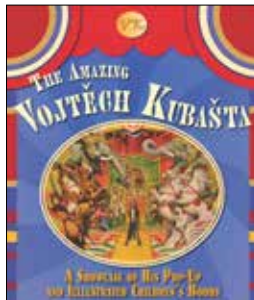
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New River Inn Museum
(954) 463-4431
www.ftlauderdalehistoricalsociety.org

Bonnet House Lecture Series

Jan. 12, 2015
Bonnet House Museum & Gardens
(954) 703-2606

Weeds and Seeds: A History of Dining in Southern Florida

Jan. 15, 2015
Presented by Michele Williams, Ph.D.
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443



The Amazing Vojtěch Kubašta

Through Jan. 16, 2015
A showcase of his pop-up and illustrated children's books
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-8243
www.broward.org/library



Stone Crab and Seafood Festival

11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Jan. 17, 2015
Family friendly festival offering seafood dishes starting at \$5 each, hermit crab races, and music. Esplanade Park Free

Gun and Knife Show

Jan. 17, 18, 21 & 22, 2015
War Memorial Auditorium
www.suncoastgunshows.com



JA World Uncorked

Jan. 24, 2015
JA World Uncorked, a Fork and Cork affair, presented by Premier Beverage, is a multifaceted four-hour culinary event benefiting the educational programs at Junior Achievement of South Florida. JA World Huizenga Center (954) 979-7120
www.jaworlduncorked.com

Café Dolly: Picabia, Schnabel, Willumsen

Through Feb. 1, 2015
Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale
(954) 525-5500
www.moaf.org



"Journey to the South Pacific": An IMAX® 3D Experience

Through Feb. 12, 2015
Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater
(954) 463-IMAX (4629)

"Island of Lemurs: Madagascar" 3D

Through Feb. 12, 2015
The film takes audiences on a journey to Madagascar. Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater
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- St. Patrick's Parade and Festival - March 14
- Duck Fest Derby - March 28
- MIASF Plywood Regatta - April 11-12
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Sunday night
Historic Stranahan House Museum
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Sundays • 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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Behind the Scenes - Private Living Quarters Tours

Second Wednesday of the month
Take a sneak peek inside normally closed areas of Evelyn and Frederic Bartlett's private living quarters.
(954) 703-2606
www.bonnethouse.org/hours-fees/

Starry Nights

Thursday Evenings

Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale
(954) 262-0245

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ArtServe
(954) 524-0805
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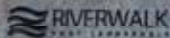
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Stiletto-clad teams and participants strutted on SW Second Street on Oct. 18 to raise money for breast cancer awareness. Photos by Suzanne Barton Photography



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ArtServe "BIG: Big Beautiful Art" Exhibit and Reception

ArtServe hosted a reception for the exhibit's participating artists. "Best in Show," "Honorable Mention," and "People's Choice" awards were presented.



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Broward Public Library Foundation 2014-2015 “Books with Brunch” Kick-off

Author Elaine Viets presented her current book “Catnapped!” at the first of three “Books with Brunch” events. Photos by Kevin Lane



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Winterfest White Party

The media only event was presented by GrayRobinson P.A. and hosted by the Harbor Beach Marriott. Photos by Jason Leidy



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