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As a result, I have a deep passion for Riverwalk and Downtown Fort Lauderdale. I am excited to become *Go Riverwalk Magazine's* fourth publisher in its 13-year history.




BY MARK BUDWIG

Publisher,
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Summer Notes

With our digital summer issue, we have the advantage of doing lots of great, new things to entertain and inform you! Some view summer as the slow season, but we are here to tell you that is just not the case in Fort Lauderdale. With the national acknowledgment that Fort Lauderdale ranks number two in the nation for staycations, we are here to stay and there are still lots of visitors that join in that adventure. Warm, summer breezes, flowers in bloom, a noticeable change of pace – this is still “the city that you never want to leave” as our City Commission says.

Riverwalk continues to become a known destination for residents and visitors and we work hard to find new and unique ways to encourage those guests. With more residents moving into our Downtown and multiple transportation options, we are a vibrant city. Construction continues on Shippey House




BY BARBRA STERN
Riverwalk
Fort Lauderdale
Chair



with the release of many of the outstanding permits. Completion of the Riverwalk on the north side is working its way through the permitting system with a hope that we will see those released shortly.

The free Riverwalk Water Trolley is continuing to demonstrate a great increase in ridership. This program has become a model for other cities. Riverwalk is proud of being the catalyst in getting this project in place and we will continue to work to assure its viability and growth. Congratulations go to Sun Trolley for their management of the project.

The Greater Fort Lauderdale events calendar has become a great hit. It is a most valuable tool for assuring that conflicting events aren't competing for the same audience. It lets our charity and business partners list their future events.

Membership continues to be the cornerstone of Riverwalk and we strongly encourage you to join, rejoin or sponsor. Watch for our August printed edition with our new publisher – we are growing! Be sure to download our mobile app JuxtaSocial from your phone's app store. 



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The *Go Riverwalk Magazine* team: Back row, left to right – Director of Photography Jason Leidy, Publisher Mark Budwig, and Creative Director Nick Scalzo; Front row, left to right – Executive Editor Alexandra Roland, Riverwalk President/CEO Genia Duncan Ellis, and Calendar Editor Gabrielle Roland

gap in the afternoon and are hopeful that this will become a reality.


Riverwalk is pleased to announce the appointment of S. MARK Graphics as the publisher of *Go Riverwalk Magazine*, a most valuable tool for Riverwalk, Downtown, and our many partners. With an extensive background in graphic design, web pages, social media, and magazine publication, Mark Budwig of S. MARK Graphics is excited to take our magazine to the next level. Mark has been a long-time board member and supporter of Riverwalk and we believe that this is a great fit for us both.

Please welcome Mark to the team!

In transitioning to the new publisher, we have published a digital, summer edition that spans June and July and delivers expanded coverage. The first printed edition via the new publisher launches in August.

We have enhanced our social media for our advertisers and members and you will find a great list of options available. Contact Mark Budwig at S.MARK Graphics, publisher@goriverwalk.com or (954) 523-1980 for advertising package information.

We are also pleased to announce our partnership for the mobile app JuxtaSocial, which, based on your location, lists all happenings within a radius identified by you. We strongly encourage you to download it from your phone's app store. It's free and a great step forward.

Banners are currently being offered for installation. As you may know, banners are hung along Riverwalk for 12 months. Having your name or company name displayed in a high-traffic area is a true value. We encourage you to call Gabrielle Roland, Special Projects Manager for Riverwalk, at (954) 468-1541, ext. 200 or email her at Gabrielle@goriverwalk.com to get more information. Don't miss this great opportunity. 

An Evolution

Change is good. At times, it's not easy, but most often it comes with great results. Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale continues to work to complete the Riverwalk on the north side of the New River and we are evaluating the proposed changes that will perhaps complete the remaining pieces of Riverwalk on the south side. These changes would make for a completed pedestrian-friendly walk along one of Downtown's greatest natural features.

Work continues with the Levitt Foundation on the pavilion that is proposed for Esplanade Park. Friends of Levitt have completed their legal incorporation and are working on a preliminary conceptual design and structuring a program for public engagement at each step of the process.

Progress with the Riverwalk Water Trolley shows that ridership continues to increase with our locals, visitors, and tourists. It operates not only as a short tour and means of transportation to Downtown options, but also as a commuter option for those working Downtown. We are continuing to identify additional funding to cover the two-hour time



BY GENIA
DUNCAN ELLIS
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Rebecca Noble

DIGDEV DIRECT

• I am the Senior Vice President of Business Development and a partner at DigDev Direct, one of the top data companies

in the U.S. Having joined the team in 2013, I am responsible for the company's strategic direction and I spearhead business development initiatives consistent with the company's overall strategy. In addition, I help identify potential deals and develop the tactics and teams needed to bring them to fruition. I am a driving force in each project and remain continually engaged to ensure effective response and continued success for the company's clients.

In addition to my professional career, I am very active in the South Florida community. I am a proud member of the Boca Chamber of Commerce and sit on the Board of the Boys and Girls Club, Broward County Chapter where I have devoted significant time to fulfill the mission of enabling all "at risk" young people. I am also a supporter of the Special Olympics and il Circolo Italian American Association of the Palm Beaches and a regular supporter of the arts, including Symphony of the Americas.

Fort Lauderdale is thriving and Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale has its thumb on the pulse of this city. There is no better way to get to know the businesses and people than to be a part of this amazing group.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

JoAnn Brandon

CLOUD 9 BRANDING SOLUTIONS

• I am originally from Michigan and moved to Fort Lauderdale a little over three years ago. After owning a vacation property here for three years, I knew it was where I wanted to settle

down and start my own business.

Throughout my career, I have worked for some of the largest promotional product distributors. It is an industry that has changed dramatically, largely in part to the proliferation of the internet and social media. New technologies and ever-changing corporate demands continue to raise the bar for my industry.

Knowing that I needed to be responsive to the needs of the customer and constantly increased expectations, I formed Cloud 9 Branding Solutions in 2014. We are a promotional marketing company that specializes in branded merchandise, awards/rewards, corporate gifts, and apparel. We strive to build customer awareness and loyalty through the positioning of promotional items.

On a more personal note, my husband and I recently made the beautiful beaches of Fort Lauderdale the backdrop to our amazing wedding with over 75 guests. I am a member of the Tower Club, Tower Forum, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber, Fort Lauderdale Forum, and I volunteer with various organizations. In my spare time, I enjoy trying new restaurants, community events, concerts, theatre, and long walks with our dog Jake.

As a newer resident of the Fort Lauderdale area, I joined Riverwalk to be a part of the future growth and re-shaping of our community.

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So you know you love the Riverwalk and the various events we put on throughout the year. You are aware that having this beautiful linear park in the heart of our Downtown not only enhances the area, but it also helps to attract businesses and visitors who help to improve our overall economy. However, you may not know that Riverwalk is a

membership-based organization.

Riverwalk members are some of the main driving forces behind everything we do. Their financial support helps us accomplish our ambitious goals, and many members serve on our various committees and assist us at our events.

So why should you become a Riverwalk member? Aside from basking in the knowledge that



TRUSTEE MEMBER

Dan Young

B2B CFO

Originally from Jamaica, West Indies, I moved to South Florida with my family in the early '70s in the middle of high

school. We settled in Miami Beach where I finished high school and then received an engineering degree from the University of Miami. I later earned my MBA and Masters in Accounting degrees at NSU.

My career spans over 30 years of progressive financial and executive management experience in a broad array of industries involving companies from start-ups to those with more than \$500M in revenues. I have engaged both domestic and global companies, including international financial management as an expatriate in Brazil.

In 2015, I joined B2B CFO, a chief financial officer (CFO) consulting company. As a partner at B2B CFO, I work with business owners of privately held companies ranging from start-ups to companies with 200 employees. I help the business owners increase the company's value through higher profits and increased cash flow. I also help them develop and execute transition plans for their business.

I am currently the president of the Legends at Weston Hills Condominium Association. I also sit on the boards of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, Big Brothers Big Sisters Broward, and St. Paul Lutheran Church.

I have always enjoyed and appreciated Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale. I rejoined the organization because I truly care about the future of Fort Lauderdale and believe Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale is a driving force. I am also looking forward to networking with like-minded business professionals.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

Lisa Efird

MORRISON, BROWN, ARGIZ & FARRA, LLC

I am a manager in the Tax & Accounting Department at Morrison, Brown, Argiz & Farra, LLC (MBAF) in the Fort

Lauderdale office. Throughout my 17 years in public accounting, I have gained extensive experience in tax compliance, working on tax engagements for all types of entities and individuals. I specialize in high net worth individuals, the cruise line industry, automotive dealerships, manufacturing, and international tax services. I pride myself on providing personalized tax and compliance services to my clients.

After graduating from Providence College Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in accountancy, I attended the University of Miami where I received my Master of Business Administration with specializations in accounting and international business.

I am a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants. I currently serve as the Reservations Director for the South Florida Affiliate of the American Woman's Society of CPAs, and formally served as the society's president. I am a member of Tower Forum and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Leads Group. I sit on the Executive Committee of the MBAF Women's Network, a women-oriented initiative within our firm. I volunteer as a reading pal for United Way of Broward County and I am involved in my church's music ministry.

I joined Riverwalk to become more involved in the community in which I work and live. My participation in Riverwalk ensures that I will be a part of the preservation of this beauty for years to come.


you are doing your part to make Downtown Fort Lauderdale a beautiful and vibrant place for everyone, you also receive a variety of benefits including invites to social events, discounts on bricks, and a subscription to this magazine just to name a few.

We've even made membership easier with our Sustainer Program. This program allows you to make

an ongoing, monthly contribution to Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale at a level that is comfortable for you. Whether it's \$12, \$30 or \$50 per month, your monthly contribution is automatically deducted from your credit card until you decide to change the amount or cancel it.

Ongoing monthly contributions mean no more renewal letters, no postage, and lower administrative

costs so more of your dollars go towards our programming and enhancements in the park.

For more details on how to become a Sustaining Member of Riverwalk, visit www.GoRiverwalk.com/membership. 



TRUSTEE MEMBER

Steven W. Hudson

HUDSON CAPITAL GROUP

➤ I serve as President of Hudson Capital Group (HCG), a position I've held since June 1997. HCG is a private firm that

invests and manages assets in private equity, select start-up ventures, and real estate holdings. Since its inception, HCG has developed over 3,000 apartments and condo units in Fort Lauderdale, Naples, Sarasota, Tampa, Orlando, and Dallas. Additionally HCG, through its affiliate companies, owns and manages warehouses, retail centers, and office buildings throughout South Florida.

From May 1999 until July 2007, I served as President and CEO of International Yacht Collection (IYC). In its five offices worldwide, IYC specialized in new construction, brokerage, charter, and yacht management for megayachts 100 feet and above. IYC was acquired by Trinity Yachts in 2007.

From 1995 through 1999, I was a Vice President for Republic Services, Inc., a leading provider of environmental services for commercial, industrial, municipal, and residential customers. From 1991 through 1995, I held several positions and worked closely with my father Harris "Whit" Hudson at Hudson Management Corp., a holding company for several solid waste services and recycling companies located in Florida.

I was born and raised in Fort Lauderdale where I attended Pine Crest School and I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in business economics from Southern Methodist University.

I am actively involved in numerous organizations and joined the Riverwalk Board to help continue the great work that Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale has achieved.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

Yamilet Strauss

MERCHANT PROCESSING
SOLUTIONS

➤ I was born in Bogotá, Colombia and raised in Westchester, New York. After

graduating from Fordham University with a Bachelor of Science, I moved to South Florida in May 2001. Here is where my career in the electronic payments industry began. Initially, I created and led a very successful national sales team that focused on turn-key electronic payment solutions for the quick service restaurant segment.

It was my work in the electronic payment industry that led me to pursue an MBA in Technology Management from the University of Phoenix. After graduation in 2005, my entrepreneurial spirit took off and by early 2006 I established Merchant Processing Solutions – a National Credit Card Processing Company. I created MPS to help business owners, nonprofits, and entrepreneurs understand the complexity of the credit card payment arena.

Outside of work, I run my own networking group called Business Networking for a Cause that fundraises for local charities. In addition, I am the incoming chair for the 2016 Oakland Park/Wilton Uptown Manors Business Council and I currently sit on the Board of Directors for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce.

I joined Riverwalk because it is a wonderful organization and helps to keep me involved with and gain exposure in the community. It is my belief that one must stay active in our community and handle our normal day-to-day workload. As I like to say, "If you are not networking, you are not working."

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Spring Power Mixer

On May 2, Riverwalk Trustee members and corporate partners gathered for another quarterly Power Mixer at the offices of Gray Robinson. Everyone enjoyed an evening of high-level networking along with some excellent food and drink. Power Mixers are exclusively for Trustee members and corporate partners. To learn more about the many benefits of becoming a Riverwalk Trustee member, please contact the Riverwalk office at (954) 468-1541. [GO](#)



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Riverwalk Burger Battle™ VII

On Friday, May 13, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale hosted the seventh annual Riverwalk Burger Battle™ sponsored by the Pilgram Group. Sixteen restaurants from around South Florida brought their best burgers out to Huizenga Plaza hoping to win the title of "Best Burger" and "Fan Favorite." Attendees got their fill of beefy burgers, French fries, and sweets while they rocked out to The Joe Friday Band.

After the tasting and judging, Shula Burger's "Heater Burger" earned them the "Best Burger," "Burger Nirvana," and "Best

Burger Joint" awards. Newcomer BRGR STOP's "Peanut Butter Jelly Time Burger" snagged the "Fan Favorite" title. The Hard Rock Café won in the category of "Best Bar & Grill," while Shooters Waterfront won the "Best Knife & Fork" award. Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale is thankful for all of the sponsors and supporters who came out to this fundraising event, which helps in the pursuit of their mission. [GO](#)



Smiles from the crowd during the Stephens & Goldwyn, PA sponsored burger-eating contest



Burger Battle judges: chef Robyn Almodovar, Curtis Deckman, chef Danielle Herring, chef Nicole Votano, chef Eric Baker, and chef Camilo Cuartas



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Diana Zafra pouring Jack Daniel's honey lemonade cocktail

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Tim McGovern and Julianne D'abruzzo at the Barefoot Wine booth



Shula Burger



The Water Taxi team at the French fry bar



BurgerFi contest burgers



BurgerFi burger-eating contest winners



Ten Palms at Gulfstream



Hard Rock Café



Michael and Deanna Kubinski and
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We live where everyone vacations, so why not take advantage of it? Ditch the suburbs and save on airfare by spending a summer staycation in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. The area is fast becoming a true tourist destination with new hotel projects on the horizon.

Tribute/Element Hotel will be located at 299 N. Federal Highway and will feature a rooftop lounge and sky lobby, infinity pool, shuffleboard court, and pop-up ice cream stand. On the ground floor will be a coffee bar and restaurant.

The Quantum at Flagler Village/Courtyard by Marriott is another dual branded hotel coming to Flagler Village with a mix of residences and hotel rooms. It will be located at 701 N. Federal Highway and will include a bistro concept restaurant and bar, a rooftop pool, and other amenities.

Other exciting new hotel projects include Flagler Village Hotel to be located at 315 SW First Avenue, Fairfield Inn on 30 S. Federal Highway, and 111 Broward Boulevard. While we wait for these projects to be completed, book a room at Downtown's two original, pioneering hotels.

The Riverside Hotel is a local institution located at 620 E. Las Olas Boulevard and built in 1936. It's 3.3 miles from Fort Lauderdale Beach with skyline and river views and marble jacuzzis. There are two restaurants, an outdoor pool, a pub, and a bar, plus 11,000 square feet of meeting space.



BY CHRIS WREN
Executive Director,
Downtown
Development
Authority




The Hampton Inn, at 250 N. Andrews Avenue, is a quick eight-minute walk from the vibrant shops and restaurants of Las Olas Boulevard, with well-appointed suites, a fitness room, outdoor pool, and free, hot breakfast daily.

Park the car during your stay and try our many alternative Downtown modes of transportation. You can go by taxi, Uber, Lyft, water taxi, the free Water Trolley, B-Cycle, Ocean View Rickshaw, or simply walk!

There is no shortage of activities to explore this summer. Partake in our monthly recurring events, such as the JM Lexus Jazz Brunch on the first Sunday of the month, Food in Motion on the second Friday of the month, and the FAT Village Art Walk every last Saturday of the month.

Downtown's many bars and restaurants are always a surefire good time. Take your pick, from casual to caviar – it's all here. And there's more fun to be had at our world-class museums and cultural centers. NSU Art Museum will have four exhibits this summer showcasing the artistic genius of Chuck Close, Ana Mendieta, William J. Glackens, as well as Italy's high fashion.

The Museum of Discovery and Science will have a Wildlife Rescue exhibit that involves visitors in compelling stories of animal rescue. Continue down the street to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts and catch your favorite act. This summer will feature *Heathers the Musical*, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, Culture Club, and *The Go Go's*, just to name a few.

Summer in Downtown Fort Lauderdale is serious staycation fun. So save money on airfare and gas and gear up for an unforgettable summer in your own backyard. 



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Left – skating at Ramp48; above – birthday party at Xtreme Action Park

Life IS All Fun and Games

GET OUT AND SET YOUR INNER KID-SPIRIT FREE

Skateboarding? Arcade games? Driving before you turn 16?! To the average person, these sound like actions the kids might find fun if not dangerous or plain illegal. But if you've recently ventured to Uptown Fort Lauderdale – the general area along Cypress Creek Road, west of I-95 – you might know what I'm talking about. You may have even spent a Friday or Saturday night setting free your inner-kid spirit and indulging in these wildly amusing activities.

With limited options for skateboarders to legally grind, flip, and jump in Downtown Fort Lauderdale, Ramp48 provides a great outlet for the novice rider and a challenging course for the budding pro. The only indoor skate park in Southeast Florida, Ramp48 opened up 13 years ago when a local surfer/skateboarder, who owned his own indoor skate park since the 1970s, sold his property and donated the profits to the Calvary Chapel as long as they promised to make an indoor skate park part of their ministry.

Today, hundreds of kids, and plenty of adults too, walk through the doors of Ramp48 each week to practice, compete, participate in weekly bible study, and just simply have a great time skateboarding. The skate park has a well-stocked pro shop, a street course, bowl, half-pipe, and a new 13-foot vertical ramp! Daily entry fees range from \$5-\$10, making this a very affordable and accessible sport for most families.

Deborah Montoya, the skate-park manager, first became involved with Ramp48 when her son started skating there nine years ago. Besides running the day-to-day operations, Montoya is most proud of the ways Ramp48 strives to



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reach out to the community. A couple times a week, the park gives free (with a paid entry fee) beginners lessons taught by local, professional instructors. Ramp48 has also consistently hosted the "Grind For Life" skateboard contest, which is a circuit-series fundraiser that provides financial assistance to cancer patients and their families when traveling long distances to doctors and hospitals.

A mile east of the skate park, on Powerline Road just north of Commercial Boulevard, is perhaps the best indoor family entertainment venue South Florida has ever seen. Welcome to Xtreme Action Park, where you will find bowling lanes, a ropes course, retro and state-of-the-art arcade games, gas powered go-karts on an indoor asphalt track, and plenty of food and drink options to satisfy every age and every taste.

Xtreme came on the scene in Fort Lauderdale a couple years ago; the brain child of David Goldfarb of Primetime Amusements and Aaron Parkinson of FiiK Electric Skateboards and Golf Skate Caddy. Because of its great success, fueled by the passion of Goldfarb and Parkinson, there are already plans for the venue to get bigger and better with the addition of an indoor trampoline park and a "Dezer Collection," an auto museum by real estate mogul Michael Dezer.

Xtreme enjoys partnering with the greater Fort Lauderdale community by hosting corporate and team-building retreats and offering FUNdraising packages for schools and charities.

For right now, plan on having your next birthday party or special event at Xtreme, whether you're turning eight or 80! And come join me at the very popular Uptown Block Party hosted by Xtreme on the second Saturday of every month. This event helps to bring recognition to the general area and is in support of Envision Uptown, a group of local business and property owners looking to transform Uptown Fort Lauderdale into a walkable, transit-ready, urban neighborhood of offices, residences, retail, hospitality, civic buildings, and parks.

With these two options for fun and action, get out, get wild, and go extreme! 



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THE CITY BENEFITS FROM ITS
NEW BIKE SHARING PROGRAM

What do organizations such as the City of Fort Lauderdale, Google, Facebook, and LinkedIn have in common? They all offer an employee bike share program to their workforce! The City is excited to have joined the growing list of employers that offer this non-traditional benefit. It is proving to be quite a valuable amenity to move around Downtown with ease.

Fort Lauderdale Bikes, the City's official bike share program, provides an opportunity for City employees to easily and quickly check out a bicycle using a simple smart phone application. As a joint effort between the City's Transportation and Mobility Department and the Human Resources Department, Fort Lauderdale Bikes helps to achieve many City goals outlined within the City's Vision and Strategic Plans including the leading goals to be a pedestrian-friendly, multi-modal city, and to be a sustainable and resilient community. Just as important is the goal to be an "employer of choice" in the region.

Bike stations are currently located in three convenient locations with plans for expansion to other City facilities. City employees can check out a bike to travel to and from meetings or meet others for lunch, all with the added bonus of getting exercise and taking a break from the office to get some fresh air. The bikes are designed to accommodate working professionals through the use of clothing guards that prevent professional attire such as skirts from getting



BY DIANA ALARCON

Director,
Transportation and
Mobility Department,
City of Fort
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caught in the spokes or chain. In addition, large baskets are mounted onto the front of the bikes to transport such things as meeting supplies, a purse or computer bag.

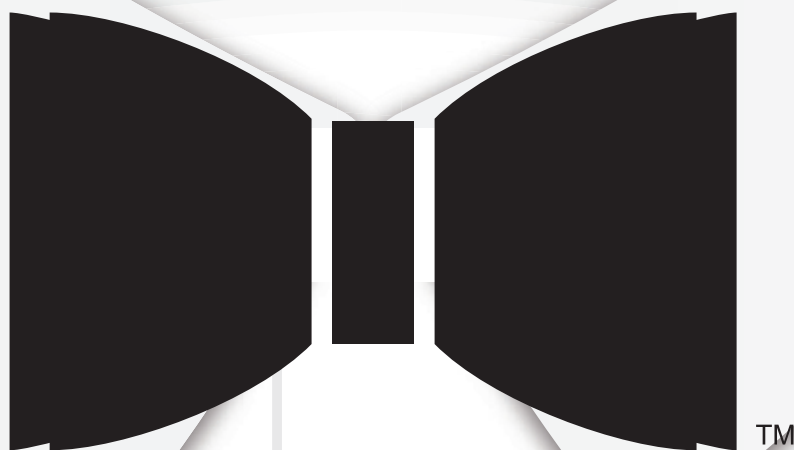
The City is also aggressively increasing the number of bike racks throughout the Downtown area to ensure there are safe bike parking options for people when they choose to bike instead of drive. Many of these new bike racks will include a tire pump. Now how smart is that? As part of the initial installation of the Fort Lauderdale Bikes station at the City Hall location (100 N. Andrews Avenue), a "fix it" station was installed for the public's use that includes a tire pump and all the needed tools to fix your bike. So if you are ever in a crunch, check it out! [@](#)

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The Chamber Candidate Forum

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Mid-year reminds us that we are in the heat of an election year and the candidates are appearing all over to tell us about their vision for the future. Careful review and selection is key to good government.

On June 23, 2016, the Downtown Council in partnership with the Beach Council, Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association, and Government Affairs Committee will host the first in a series of Chamber Candidate Forums offering the public the opportunity to hear what issues are of concern and a chance to meet the candidates.

The breakfast will be held at the Tower Club, 100 SE Third Avenue, One Financial Plaza, 28th Floor in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. Pre-registration can be done at




BY GENIA
DUNCAN ELLIS
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www.ftlchamber.com and we hope that you will join us. Buffet starts at 7:30 a.m. and the program begins at 7:45 a.m.

This event, sponsored by S. MARK Graphics and Scarr Insurance Group, and will feature Brittany Wallman from the *Sun-Sentinel* as the moderator. Broward County District 9 Candidates Commissioner Dale Holness and Senator Chris Smith will be interviewed by the moderator on issues that are key to our city. Gary Farmer, Representative Jim Waldman, and Representative Gwen Clarke Reed will be interviewed as they pursue the seat for Florida Senate District 34. Questions have been provided from a variety of sources to cover issues that affect our business community and quality of life.

On August 9, 2016 the Downtown Council, Beach Council, Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association, and Government Affairs Committee will host a second forum at the Beach Council Luncheon at the W Hotel. More information and candidate listings will become available as candidates confirm to participate in the August luncheon. 



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Artist Ruben Ubiera

Urban Canvas

REDEYE HEATS UP THE SUMMER

Come July 16, ArtServe challenges you to expand your imagination and creative limitations with its annual RedEye arts event. A decade-old Broward County tradition, RedEye brings together local, multi-media artists of every genre under one roof, for one night, to create a unique art happening. An urban canvas of human artistry, which began as a fundraiser for the award-winning non-profit, RedEye has since turned into so much more.

Year after year, this underground showcase has brought local artists and the public together for a night that celebrates every art form that ArtServe supports. This year it pushes people to go beyond their boundaries a bit. Organizers dare you to step into a brave, new world and create your own reality for a night. The theme, "Reality Reimagined," encourages artists and guests to explore new realities within expanded spectrums of art and thought. Alternate universes, through games; other planets, through sound; and structures, through visual work, colors, and words.

"It's a chance for artists to explore their full, unlimited, creative potential," says ArtServe President Jaye Abbate. "And, for less than the cost of a movie ticket, attendees – even those who are not typically art lovers – get exposed to new films, new music, new dance forms. They can push past their comfort zones and have a great time for a good cause."



BY SAMANTHA ROJAS

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If you would like to receive the *Cultural Quarterly* online fine arts magazine, visit the website at broward.org/arts and click on Cultural Quarterly to subscribe.




During a night packed with live music, interactive performance art, films, food, and fun, the summertime tradition will feature a wide array of emerging talents.

Acclaimed local art star DaveL, this year's featured RedEye artist, will showcase some of his newest works and his international art clothing line, and create a live mural on the ArtServe building, assisted by local students, who he will be mentoring this summer.

New to RedEye this year are some very cool elements, including the ArtServe unplugged stage. Emcee Michelle Rose Domb will lead four top bands on the mainstage headlined by the dynamic Alexander Star and the Golden People and the Water Street Project. Three feature films will be offered, and an original, dramatic short play will be presented. A spoken word salon will turn words into powerful art, whilst the rising importance of gaming art will be clear through the interactive live video den happening in SofaLounge.

Attendees can expect the unexpected as the hottest ticket in town gives them a night of art, music, food, and fun in the heat of the summer. "It's a night to kick back. Let reality take a raincheck and dive into a new creative realm," adds Abbate.

"You have never seen a show like this, in South Florida, at a private venue, for its originality, its mix of artists, and its unique experience," says coordinator, Ed King. "Traditionally, rain or shine, the rooms are packed and the atmosphere is gritty and underground with talent." It's "RedEye: Reality Reimagined." 

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Sat. Aug. 6 • 8:00 PM

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Tue. Aug. 9 • 7:00 PM

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Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

GETTING ON THE SAME PAGE

There are many things that can impact local economies. Some factors are within our control; things like the permitting process, governmental regulations, local taxes, how we recruit and retain jobs, our activities and relationships with each other, and many others.

The key for our region is that we have been focused on working as a team. Business, government, education, homeowner associations, and others have been in general agreement about what needs to be done. I believe that is what allowed us to lead the state out of the recession.

The City of Fort Lauderdale has several items moving that could impact our economy. A group of our citizens is attempting to place a building moratorium on any new construction, other than residential or buildings less than 40 feet tall, for a period of one year. They want to take a year to study traffic issues and complete a development plan.

The problem is construction is one of the main areas fueling our strong economy. Shutting new construction down is not a good idea. We already have all the plans we need. We have traffic studies, land use studies, and we have sat down with our neighbors and completed charrettes.



BY DAN LINDBLADE

President/CEO,
Greater Fort
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We have several layers of groups that review new projects. The Planning and Zoning Commission is empaneled to determine if the project should be approved. The City Commission also has the ultimate review authority and does use its power to turn down projects or ask that they be modified.

Take the Bahia Mar project that has met with some opposition. Traffic and height concerns have marred a pair of 39-story condo towers. About 100 people turned out to bark about the project. The site screams for redevelopment. Our International Boat Show deserves it. Stay tuned.

Then we have our Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) that is trying to figure out what to do with millions of dollars. Just when it appeared we had it all figured out, the cost for the aquatic center skyrocketed. Now there isn't enough to complete that project without stealing from others.

On another front, Broward County is currently looking at a linkage fee (impact fee) that would be levied on commercial construction. Money raised would be used for workforce housing. While I agree there is demand for less expensive housing in the urban core, there must be a broader solution than a tax on commercial real estate.

Speaking of taxes, get ready for a penny sales tax increase coming your way on the November ballot. You'll recall last month I brought this up. What we know now is that enough cities in the county want to put it before votes for infrastructure needs and the county wants it for transportation – both are needed. It sure would be nice if we were all on the same page. 



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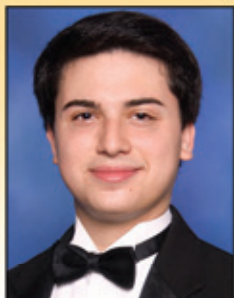


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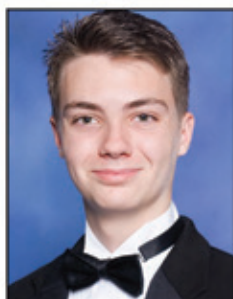
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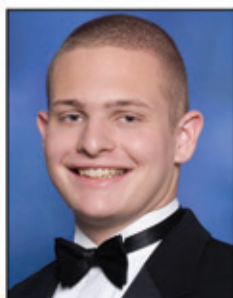
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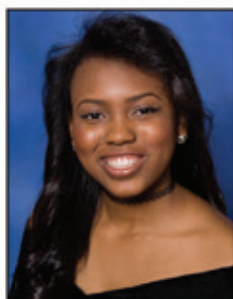
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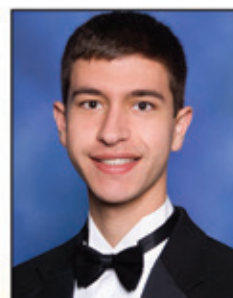
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Top – Alex Carvalho, Head Coach Matt Simmons, Rico Wilson, Neil Cohen, and Mark Simmons; right – Alex Carvalho



Down and Dirty

THE FORT LAUDERDALE KNIGHTS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB BOASTS AN ALL MALE CAST OF PLAYERS WITH A PASSION FOR THE SPORT AND COMMITMENT TO THE GAME

WRITER JAMION D. KRIES

The Old Rugbeian Society credited the creation of rugby to a young student named William Web Ellis. Although the notation came in 1897, it was actually in 1823, at the Rugby School of England, where Ellis picked up the oval ball and started running, thus changing the style of football at the time and creating rugby football.

Today, the Fort Lauderdale Knights Rugby Football Club keeps up the rich tradition started almost 200 years ago. They can be seen practicing many nights at Mills Pond Park and recently capped off the season with a playoff appearance. During the regular season, they allowed only two losses.

Toby Lawrence, 36, is the long-time captain and current club president. He explained that the Fort Lauderdale club is part of a social phenomenon that openly welcomes any new member with a desire to play.

Miller Lite sponsored the Fort Lauderdale Rugby Club at a point in time when they were known as the Fort Lauderdale Lites. The team ownership, however, resides amongst its members and is made up of an all male cast. Our city once had a women's team named Fort Lauderdale Iron Maidens, but they have since merged to make Fort Miami Women's Rugby Club. As for the men's Fort Lauderdale rugby team, they are actively involved in city volunteering that includes the Irish Festival and Ruggerfest here locally.

PHOTOS BY JASON LEIDY







Although the team is local to Fort Lauderdale, it is governed by U.S.A. Rugby and the Florida Rugby Union. Regardless, the club is able to “operate autonomously” according to Lawrence. The club operates as a not-for-profit with a registered 501c3 named the Fort Lauderdale Rugby Foundation.

A sense of good will and charity will not win games, though. “This year we were long on talent, but short on number of players,” said Lawrence, whose father Keith originally coached the team during its inaugural year in 1977. “We fell short of expectations during the 2015-2016 season.”


Alex Carvalho, 28, has been with the team for five years, playing the open side flanker position this year and serving as vice captain. He fits right into the world of rugby. “I’ve always been a pretty rough guy. My family, the guys and the girls, all grew up wrestling with each other and generally just knocking each other around,” said Carvalho. However rough these gentlemen are, there are much lower incidents of head injuries during games as compared to American football with steel helmets belting together like angry rams.

Carvalho’s love for the sport began at 17 and although he committed to American football for his first college season, the game of rugby eventually drew him in. “I quit football at the end of the season, and started playing rugby again that spring.” The lure for this rugby-loving athlete came down to one factor: “The weight of the world on an athlete’s shoulders [because] giving anything less than everything they had would mean the game,” continued Carvalho.

Marquis Solomon, 27, is a second row forward who started his rugby career at Georgia State University in 2011. He is on his third year with the Fort Lauderdale Rugby team and also enjoys pick-up basketball games with friends. Although he suffered a torn achilles tendon in 2015, “everything else has been common bumps and bruises,” said Solomon.

The man behind raw talents like Carvalho and Solomon is Head Coach Matt Simmons, 50. Although Simmons has only been with the Fort Lauderdale team since November 2015, he has almost 30 years of playing experience and 12 years of coaching at various levels. He originally started playing in the UK in 1981 and continued until 2008. Simmons also held a spot on the British Army team playing competitive soccer.

“Injuries and availability took their toll over the last few weeks,” said Simmons. He has personally suffered from a broken ankle, fingers, elbow, and nose, many ankle sprains, a missing tooth, popped rib, a neck fusion, cauliflower ears, and stud marks from the cleats – the life of a rugby player.

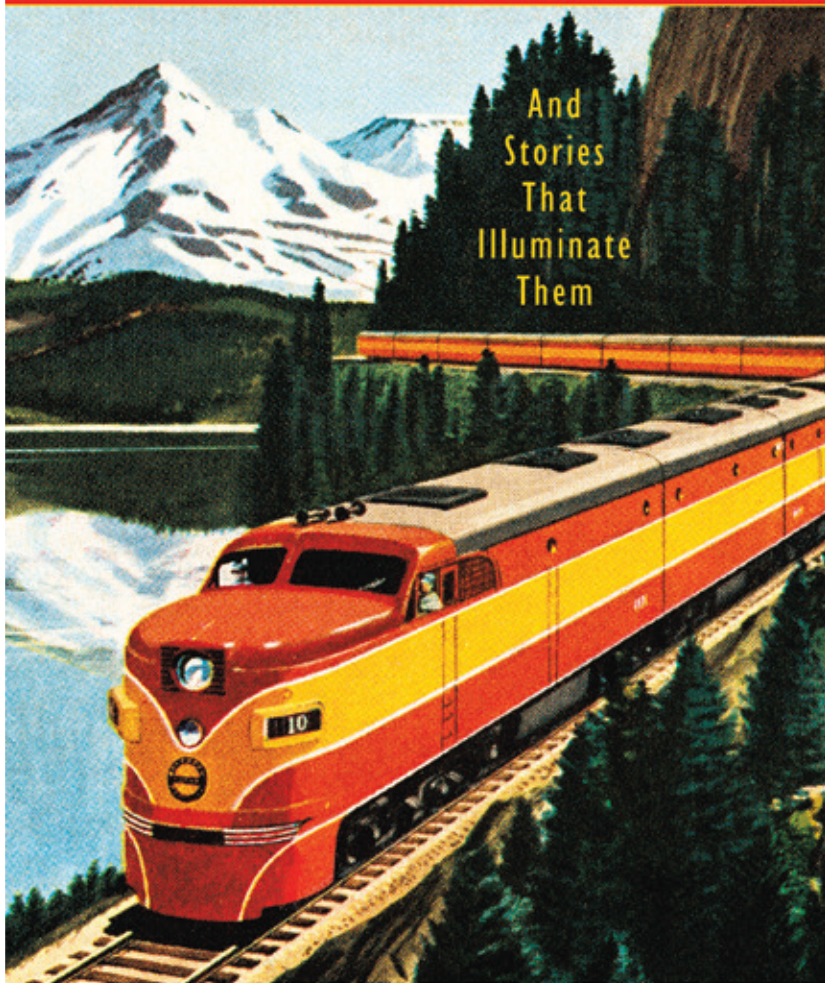
While the season may be over, this time off will give Simmons the opportunity to recruit and build up a much needed relief bench of talented players. The effort these men put into an average game is well worth the ticket price as compared to the ballooning cost of basketball and American football games. The Fort Lauderdale Knights look forward to seeing you this upcoming season. 



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THE JOYS OF TRAVEL

And
Stories
That
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THOMAS SWICK

Why do we visit other places? Local travel writer Thomas Swick answers this question in his latest book, *The Joys of Travel and Stories That Illuminate Them*, published this May. As a travel writer, Swick is amazed at how positively people respond when he explains what he does for a living. So this got him thinking – why do people like to travel?

“I came up with the notion that there are many subtle reasons why we travel beyond simply visiting certain sites. I whittled it down to seven reasons for the need to travel,” he says. In his book, he looks at stories that illuminate each of these motivations. “I examine, through essays and stories, what I consider the seven fundamental pleasures of travel. It is part meditation on the meaning of travel, part memoir, and part advice book, giving tips to people on how they can make the most out of their own trips,” Swick says.

He adds that we may not even appreciate the first motivation for travel, which is anticipation. “We all look forward to a trip, but we may overlook anticipation as part of the travel process, because we are still at home,” he explains. We all derive psychological pleasure from looking forward to something.

The next human motivation for travel is movement. “We are born with the need to move. A crying baby likes to be picked up and rocked or even carried a short distance,” Swick says. Today, we may complain about much of the travel process, but movement goes beyond simply air travel. *The Joys of Travel* tells stories of exciting trips by road, rail, and sea, and even the oldest method of travel – on foot. Walking while on a trip, can lead to some of the most memorable discoveries. In many cities you can discover more interesting people and places on a 20-minute walk than you would ever encounter on a 20-

A portrait of Thomas Swick, a middle-aged man with grey hair and glasses, wearing a light blue button-down shirt. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with green foliage.

A Wayfarer's Wonderings

AUTHOR THOMAS SWICK EXPOUNDS ON OUR
MOTIVATIONS FOR TRAVEL AND THE PLEASURES
WE GENERATE FROM OUR EXPERIENCES

WRITER PETE STEVENSON

mile drive. Another advantage of walking as opposed to driving in a foreign land is that you do not have to worry about which side of the road is correct.

"You never know what exactly will happen next when you are traveling," Swick says. "Sure, much of it is planned, but it is also improvised," which leads to the third joy of travel – a break from the routine. "Only the traveler goes to sleep with no idea what tomorrow will bring. A traveler can have a horrible day one day, but know the next day will be entirely different." Each day is a blank slate.

A break from routine is closely linked to the fourth travel objective – novelty. "You know you are going to experience something new and novel when traveling," Swick says, "whether it's a new location, new tastes or even new sounds. I collect music, so if I hear a song or singer I like, I'll seek to discover who that artist is and buy their music." When we look back on a trip, these novel experiences are part of our memory mosaic. We will most often remember where we ate a particular new food, saw a specific site or heard a memorable song.

The most lasting and important of the motivations of travel may be that of discovery. Swick says, "All the stuff that we learn when we travel goes beyond the personal. What you learn on your voyage throughout the world helps us as citizens. You get a better understanding of different people's cultures, religions, and views." This is one of the reasons Swick suggests to, as you travel, get off the beaten path and become more of a travel explorer.

"There is the world of the tourist and there is the world of the locals, and rarely do the two intersect," he says. Swick suggests to travel deep and slow, rather than fast and shallow. You will make stronger personal bonds and have richer, more memorable experiences. Instead of visiting a country and trying to snap a photo of every famous tourist site, pick a location, spend some time there and meet the people. Because when you do this, you just might make an emotional connection, which is the sixth reason we travel.

You won't always have an emotional connection. Most travel is a low-key emotional experience, as you are just an observer in a foreign land, visiting museums and eating at restaurants. To have an emotional connection, you need to be engaged and open to new possibilities. If you do make an emotional connection and actually meet some locals at a deeper level, when you look back, it is no longer a place you visited – it's the home of your friends.

After much discovery, a break from routine, and hopefully some deeper connections, you are ready to head home and explore the final reason for travel – a heightened apperception of home.

As you travel, you are always making comparisons to "how it is back home," which does not necessarily mean better or worse, just different. But for Americans, you realize and appreciate the diversity of America, compared to many other countries. You value what you have on so many different levels.

For more information on Swick's book, *The Joys of Travel and Stories That Illuminate Them*, go to www.thomasswick.com. 

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Burger Battlefield

ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND [BURGER] WAR ACCORDING TO EVENT JUDGES AND FANS. SHULA BURGER, BRGR STOP, HARD ROCK CAFÉ, AND SHOOTERS WATERFRONT WERE VICTORS IN THIS YEAR'S BURGER BATTLE. STAY TUNED FOR BURGER BATTLE VIII, SET FOR – MAY 20, 2017.

WRITER CRISTINA HUDSON

If you didn't go to the Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Burger Battle™ VII, brought to you by the Pilgram Group, on Friday, May 13, you really missed a good one. The weather was absolutely perfect and the only thing this sold-out crowd of carnivores feared was not having enough room in their stomachs to sample each creation of the 16 competing restaurants. Many ate their burgers with fries from the French Fry Bar provided by the crew from the Riverfront Cruises Water Shuttle. And what's dinner without dessert? The dessert bar from Susie's Scrumptious Sweets included different cake pops and strawberry shortcake sliders. At least 20 guests gave their vote to Susie's for the "Fan Favorite" award.

Jack Daniel's cocktails, a variety of Barefoot wines, and cold beers from Stephens Distributing helped wash down all of these eats, while The Joe Friday Band kept everyone rocking and singing along in between bites and sips. Nearly everyone took a break from munching to be entertained by the burger-eating contest, which included challengers from the Fort Lauderdale Fire, Police, and Parks & Recreation Departments. Cheered on by a screaming crowd, two challengers from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department finished in a tie by eating four whole burgers from BurgerFi in three minutes.

Those who treated themselves to the VIP experience had the beef brigade broken up with pollo loco tacos and strawberry cheesecake chimichangas from the Feisty Bull and iced coffee from Argyle Coffee. The VIP area included private seating, multiple open bars, stocked with Jack Daniel's, other Brown Forman products, and the favored Red Bull and Finlandia specialty cocktail.

Whether sitting at VIP tables, wandering around from restaurant



"Best Bar & Grill" winner – Hard Rock Café's "Hickory Bar-B-Que Bacon Cheese Burger"



"Best Knife & Fork" winner – Shooters Waterfront's "Sunset Burger"



"Best Burger," "Burger Nirvana," and "Best Burger Joint" winner – Shula Burger's "Heater Burger"



"Fan Favorite" winner – BRGR STOP's "Peanut Butter Jelly Time Burger"

PHOTOS BY JASON LEIDY

to restaurant or mulling it over a cold beer in the little beer garden, each guest was tasked with the arduous decision of who they would be giving their vote to for “Fan Favorite.”

This year, the competition welcomed six new contenders – BRGR STOP, Burger Craze, Funky Buddha Brewery, Shake Shack, Bamboo Beach, and the Chef’s Palette from the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale.

The judging panel for Burger Battle VII was made up of six new culinary judges.

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Chef Eric Baker

Executive Chef of Max’s

The blind tasting by the judges of each contender’s burger led them to give the “Best Burger” title to Shula Burger. Their “Heater Burger” won the judges over in a big way. The base is a burger made up of a blend of ground chuck, brisket, and short rib. It is then topped with pepper jack cheese, crispy jalapeños, a four-pepper relish, chipotle mayonnaise, red onion, and iceberg lettuce. Stacked on a buttered brioche bun, this burger with a spicy kick not only took home the “Best Burger” trophy, but also won the award for “Burger Nirvana” and “Best Burger Joint.”

The “Fan Favorite” trophy went to newcomer BRGR STOP. Their blended burger on a seasoned challah bun, topped with candied bacon, San Marzano tomato jam, and creamy Skippy Peanut Butter is known as the “Peanut Butter Jelly Time Burger.” This unique burger is from their regular restaurant menu.

The Hard Rock Café proved that the classics never die. They kept things rocking, taking home the “Best Bar & Grill” title with their “Hickory Bar-B-Que Bacon Cheese Burger.” The “Sunset Burger” from Shooters Waterfront earned them the “Best Knife & Fork” award, making it the third year in a row that they have won in this category.

All 16 competitors brought delicious burgers. In the end, it comes down to taste and individual preferences. Be sure to mark your calendars and keep those stretchy pants aside for Burger Battle VIII, taking place at Huizenga Plaza on Saturday, May 20, 2017. [GO](#)

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Winning restaurant staff gather on stage to claim their titles. Clockwise – Hard Rock Café, “Best Bar & Grill;” Shooters Waterfront, “Best Knife & Fork;” Shula Burger, “Best Burger,” Burger Nirvana,” and “Best Burger Joint;” and BRGR STOP, “Fan Favorite”



Row, Row, Row Your Boat

FOR THE LANAKILA IKI OUTRIGGER CANOEING CLUB, THE SPORT MEANS TRAINING, TRADITION, AND *OHANA*

WRITER JAMION D. KRIES





Top left – club members attend a steering clinic led by longtime member, John Key; top right – club members: Hank Wolfman, Steve O'Malley, Ashley Trop, John Key, Bob Shustack, and David Fletcher



David Fletcher

PHOTOS BY JASON LEIDY

The outrigger canoe first hit the shores of Hawaii around 200 AD. It was necessary for these outrigger canoes to be strong given the volcanic activity that was constantly changing the topography of Hawaii with thick, jagged manifestations from inside of the earth.

A *Kahuna*, or Hawaiian priest, would take to the forests and follow the '*elepaio*, the Hawaiian forest bird. The bird was attracted to only rotting Koa wood, showing the priest the trees that were not fit for the bursting waves that would rock the soon-to-be outrigger's hull.

The spirit of outrigger canoeing lives on in Fort Lauderdale to this very day. Lanakila Iki is a club that boasts 44 active members all taking part in a rich tradition on Fort Lauderdale Beach and in Holland Park in nearby Hollywood. There is a three-day trial for prospective members, after which individuals pay their regular membership, \$200 per year when paying all at once or \$20 per month for a total of \$240 per year. The club provides all necessary gear for prospective members, but once one joins the Lanakila Iki Outrigger Canoe Club, he or she should be equipped with their own life jacket and paddle.

The club is very active, hitting the brine up to six times per week with as many as 18 paddlers on any given day. A typical practice includes a six-mile paddle using one or two of the five available outrigger canoes, with a small break after three miles for water. To prepare for races, expect a 10 or 12-mile paddle during practice.

Before a practice starts, the outrigger canoes are typically rolled to shore with the undercarriage on wheels rather than running them across the sand, which could lead to degradation of the fiberglass hull's painted exterior. Once the members have brought the outrigger canoe to the shoreline and have climbed aboard, the word "*hoe*," pronounced "ho-ae," can be heard, which means members are to start swabbing the sea with their paddles. "Hut" can be heard soon after, which signals members to paddle on the opposite side.



Top – members out at practice;
middle left – Steve O'Malley;
bottom left – Ashley Trop;
bottom right – longtime member
John Key leads a steering clinic

Rossy Marchena Gilchrist, 41, works in business administration and is a club member/paddler. “I was introduced to this amazing sport previously, and I found that this sport was very competitive and required a lot of endurance and that was exactly what I was looking for,” she said. There is a sense of *ohana* or family among the members.

“The club has given me a total understanding of what a ‘team’ means; to be in sync, to show respect for others, to be part of a unity.” Her friend, Doron Sherman, another member of the club, encouraged her to join. Gilchrist said that her most pleasant experiences come from times when she is afloat on the waves as they hurriedly whisk her to an emerald shoreline.

Larissa Trujillo, 45, works as a senior IT analyst and joined the club in 2013. Gilchrist was instrumental in Trujillo coming aboard. “My friend Rossy had recently joined the club and told me that Lanakila Iki was different. It didn’t take me long to realize that this club was unique and welcomed paddlers with arms wide open,” said Trujillo.

The Liberty Challenge in New York City was a 15-mile race of clenching teeth and fighting the sweat pouring downward into the eyes. Trujillo prepared by practicing three times per week, which not only helped to develop team chemistry, but also helped her complete the race successfully. “Teamwork and respect is key and having the club believing that we can accomplish impossible things together, it allows you to dream big and make those dreams a reality,” said Trujillo.

Bob Shustack, 44, works in sales and marketing and is a club member/ paddler. He joined in 2015 when he

moved from Miami to Hollywood. Shustack has stuck with the club for one simple reason. “The club is family,” he said.

Jennifer Peters originally challenged Shustack to get involved with Lanakila Iki. Since then, he has competed in the Queen *LiLiukalani* Race in Kona, Hawaii, a four-day race that leaves the body aching and the heart yearning for more. In 2015 Shustack competed in the Catalina Crossing Race. He was not alone. Sharks were nearby as Shustack performed a water change during the race with a bloody hand cut open by the boat’s ladder. “I was bleeding quite profusely,” he said.

He derives his passion for the sport from the “experiences traveling the world, paddling with new teams, [and] feeling the *ohana*.”

The Lanakila Iki Outrigger Canoe Club welcomes you and your friends for a fun-filled adventure upon the Atlantic shore. Whether you are an A-type personality or a laid back engineer, there are members waiting to welcome you into their *ohana*. [GO](#)

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Music for the People

MAKE MUSIC DAY COMES TO FORT LAUDERDALE ON JUNE 21
TO CELEBRATE THE SHARING OF HARMONIES

WRITER PETE STEVENSON





MAKE MUSIC NEW YORK 2015 PHOTO BY JEMAL COUNTESS



MAKE MUSIC NEW YORK 2014 WITH RED BARAAT PHOTO BY BRAD BARKET

Make Music Day Fort Lauderdale is a city-wide celebration of the creation of music, no matter how it's done. Fort Lauderdale is proud to be a participating city in a worldwide celebration of making music on June 21. There will be a few featured events, as well as impromptu concerts played all over the city.

Make Music Day is an event for people who love music and the joyous sense of community that music can foster. Music for the people, by the people. It is an invitation to all musicians, amateur as well as professional, to sign up to perform on June 21.

The event was inspired by La Fête de la Musique, which in French means both "festival of music" and "make music." It was launched in France in 1982, and has since gone global, taking place each year in 120 countries and over 800 cities worldwide. The event always takes place on the Summer Solstice. It is based on three basic principles: free live concerts for everyone, in all types of locations, including some unusual ones; a showcase of musical diversity involving all musical genres; and a celebration of the participation of all kinds of musicians, amateurs and professionals alike. Several of the goals are to provide an equal platform for musicians of all skill levels and interests to inspire the next generation of musicians through innovative outreach programming.

The Fort Lauderdale event is organized by volunteers and musicians, who donate their time and skills to create an accessible, public music event. "It showcases amateur and established musicians, and celebrates music in all its diversity," said local organizer Burny Pelsmajer.

"Over the past few years, the local music scene has become increasingly vibrant in Fort Lauderdale. Make Music Day gives all the opportunity to take an active part in such an event that highlights Fort Lauderdale's musical variety."

The event is presented by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation (NAMM), which promotes active participation in music across lifespans, supporting philanthropic giving and public service programs related to music.

Make Music Day is supported by Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and School of Rock West Broward – a school for aspiring musicians who love rock n' roll. They believe live performance is the most fun and effective way to teach an instrument, which is why they get kids playing on stage as quickly as possible. They also believe that music is more than a solo act and that it teaches kids to play alone and as part of a team. This approach promotes accountability, speeds up the learning process, and fosters an inclusive community of rockers. They're not only learning an instrument, but they're also making friends, building confidence, and becoming better people.

To learn more about Make Music Day Fort Lauderdale locations or to participate, visit www.makemusicday.org. 

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Cowboy Town

THE WEEKLEY BROTHERS SHARE THEIR LOVE FOR RODEO WITH THE TOWN OF DAVIE AND BEYOND

WRITER CLARISSA BUCH

When the Weekley brothers watched their first rodeo in 1957, they didn't realize that's how they would spend the rest of their lives. Now, nearly 60 years later, Troy, Daniel, and Wayne Weekley are the men behind the Weekley Brothers Davie Pro Rodeo, hosting everything from bull riding to team roping in the Town of Davie.

"At the time, we lived in Miami Shores," Troy says. "I remember us telling our dad on the way home that we wanted to move to Davie and become cowboys."

The Weekley family moved to Davie about three years later, and the brothers started rodeo at 13. "I guess you could say going to that first rodeo when I was seven-years-old is what got us all hooked," Troy says.

"We started riding bulls and all that kind of stuff," he adds. "We had local members teach the three of us. Whatever we did, we did together."

Davie's rodeo culture has been around long before the Weekley's. Most locals describe the area as "Cowboy Town," which pays homage to Davie's rural and agricultural history. Though urban development has transformed much of South Florida in the last 50 years, the Town of Davie has kept its quirky cowboy roots, largely in part to the Weekley brothers and their love for rodeo.

"The rodeos have been going on in Davie for 80 or so years," he says. "But around 1986, we thought the quality of the rodeo was declining a bit and we wanted to make it better."

Troy says what inspired him and his brothers to take over the rodeo was the affect it had on each of their lives. "We really wanted to give that to other people and other young children," he says. "We wanted more people

to get hooked on it just like we did."

In 2007, the rodeo transformed into the Weekley Brothers Davie Pro Rodeo, attracting top-notch riders for family-style events. The brothers organize between four and five events per year, with the hopes of more. In the last 30 years, Troy says they've hosted more than 300 events in the arena.

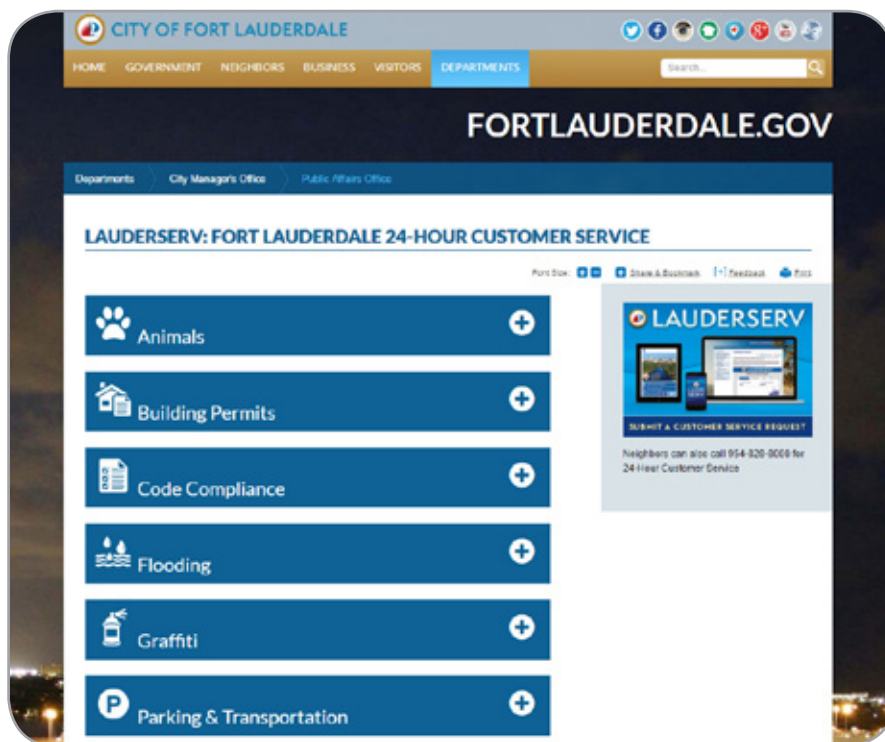
"We see between 4,500 to 5,000 people come out for some of these things," he says. "They come from places like Jupiter, the Keys, and nearby too. There are a lot of people involved in this."

The brothers host the Southeast Circuit Finals Rodeo in November, one of the biggest rodeos in the country. "In the last few years we've made a lot of improvements to the arena," he says. "We want to increase the seating even higher for the event in November."

Though Troy and his two brothers don't ride anymore, their love and excitement for rodeo remains strong and has spread to their children and grandchildren too.

"My kids and their kids do rodeo," he says. "It really gives us a feeling of accomplishment to have the rodeo doing as well as it's doing. In some sports in South Florida, you don't get nearly as many spectators, so I guess you could say we're doing pretty great." ⁶⁰

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Citizens Brigade

FORT LAUDERDALE RESIDENTS
COME TO THE RESCUE USING
LAUDERSERV

WRITER PETE STEVENSON



The City of Fort Lauderdale continues to update and improve on its Lauderserv platform. What is Lauderserv? It is both a website and free application for Apple and Android smartphones that offers direct access to the City's 24-hour Customer Service Center. The application allows you to report issues, request City services, and let the City know what's happening right from your mobile device. Fort Lauderdale wants to create state-of-the-art ways to assist people, using the latest technologies, which allow the City to be more responsive and efficient.

Once you have created a user account with an email, the application allows you access to all the following reporting sections:

Animals – Find animal shelters, rabies clinics or report barking dogs.

Business – Report excessive signage, no permit or license issues, possible health code violations, etc.

Graffiti – Report graffiti on City or private property.

Housing – The housing umbrella includes accumulation of garbage, illegally parked cars, pet cruelty, tenant/landlord problems, overcrowding, excessive noise, poor property maintenance, etc.

Parking – Report parking meter malfunctions, parking without a permit, and parking appearance issues.

Parks – Report any general park issues in City-owned and operated parks.

Road & Street – Report potholes, request curb repair, street cleanings, paving requests, and even view street flooding reports.

Sanitation & Garbage – Report missed pick-ups, illegal trash or dumping, hazardous waste, leaf burning. Under the Recycling section you can view Recycling Drop-Off Centers, report a missed pick-up or request a new recycling bin.

Snow Removal – Let's hope no one ever has to use this section.

Street Signs – Report missing or damaged signs.

Traffic/Street Lights – Report non-working street or traffic lights.


Trees – Report a fallen tree or request pruning and replacement of trees or stump removal.

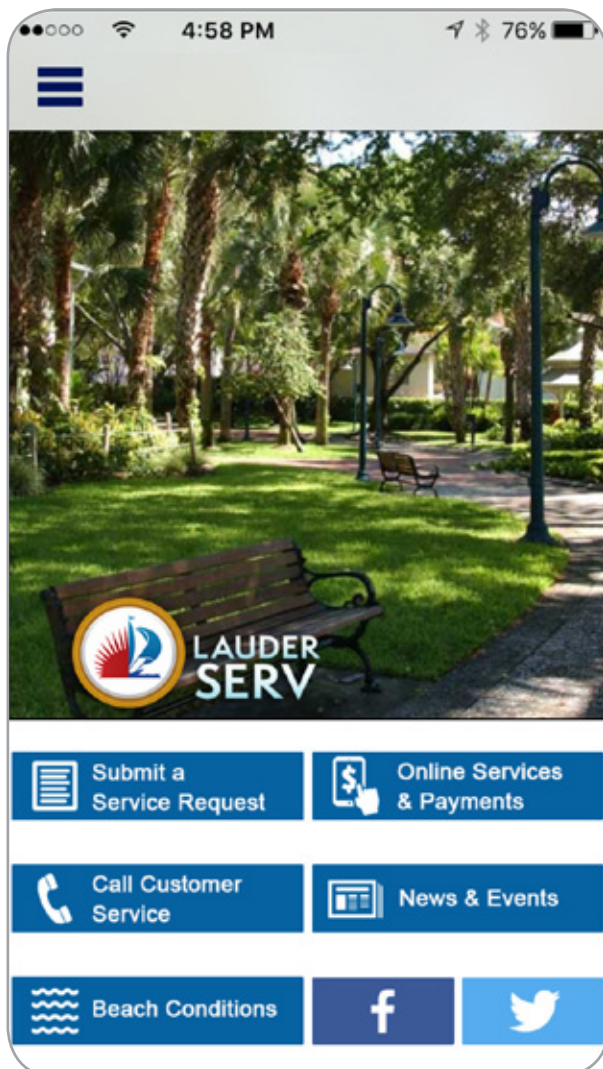
Utility Issues – Report that you have no water, heat, or electricity and alert the City about downed power lines or a blown transformer.

Because these issues and requests are submitted via smartphone, it will provide the exact coordinates of your report and also allow you to include a photo as well. This allows for a quicker and more accurate response from whichever City department is responsible for the particular problem you have reported. Once you have made a report or request, you will be emailed a unique identification number for that request, which you can then use to track and follow the progress.

In addition to all the reporting functions of Lauderserv, there are a variety of additional information screens: find out your sanitation pick-up days and how to pay your water bill. Learn about current beach conditions and airport issues.

Since the application service is cloud-based and the servers are located out of the State of Florida, there is the additional advantage to smartphone customer service; if the City loses power in the event of a hurricane, you still will be able to access alerts and report issues.

In George Orwell's novel *1984*, he suggested Big Brother would be watching us everywhere. Well, he got part of it wrong. In reality we have all become little brothers reporting and tracking everything with our smartphones. Now we can report issues back to our local government for a better life and more efficient customer service experience. 



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A1A Full and Half Marathons

Forego snowy sidewalks and near-freezing temperatures for sun, sand, and warmth with Fort Lauderdale's A1A full and half marathons. The 26.2-mile (or 13.1) course takes runners on a journey through the neighborhood's sandy coastline and features miles of unobstructed ocean views as hundreds race along. The event, which takes place next February, begins before sunrise and all runners receive a beach-themed finishing medal. Registration prices range from \$75 to \$115. www.a1amarathon.com; next event – Feb. 19, 2017

The Color Run

Nearly every weekend, runners and walkers gather for yet another charity-inspired journey, raising funds and awareness for causes varying from hunger and wellness to disease and prevention. One of Fort Lauderdale's most popular philanthropic runs is the Color Run, which promotes happiness and healthiness by bringing community members together for a 5K race filled with dancing, laughter, and an overabundance of color. Choose to run, jog or walk the course while journeying through color-spray zones where buckets of paint are showered on participants. Coined the "Happiest 5K on the Planet," the 5K is more of a vibrant and lively block party than an old-fashioned race. Proceeds benefit Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale.

www.thecolorrun.com; next event – Apr. 29, 2017

Insane Inflatable 5K

Picture the wildest bounce-house fantasy of your childhood dreams, then imagine yourself conquering it as fast as possible. The Insane Inflatable 5K fuses the world's largest and most extreme inflatables to create a crazy (and bouncy) obstacle-course run, spanning just over three miles. The event inspires race-goers to let their inner-kid shine in approximately 10 different bounce-filled challenges where runners will run, jump, dive, and fly through the finish line. As a partner with the American Cancer Society, the run benefits the Relay for Life movement. The "Insane by Choice" race kicks off at Central Regional Park in Lauderhill this December. Registration is priced between \$54 to \$100. There's no minimum age requirement, but all participants must be at least three-and-a-half feet tall. Spectating is free, so invite friends and family to watch as you conquer.

www.insaneinflatable5k.com/ft-lauderdale-fl; next event – Dec. 17, 2016



Runner's High

WHETHER YOU'RE A SEASONED RUNNER OR NEW TO THE SPORT, HERE ARE FIVE MUST DO RACES FOR LOCAL RUNNING AFICIONADOS

WRITER CLARISSA BUCH

BattleFrog Obstacle Series

Test your mind, body, and spirit with an obstacle-course race designed by Navy SEALs. The BattleFrog series combines 8K of running with more than 22 obstacles bound to take you far beyond your comfort zone. Take it up a notch with BattleFrog's Elite version, where competitive racers can win cash prizes and awards by completing the course twice. The Xtreme version lets racers run multiple 8K laps through a 24-hour time period, created for those who want to test how far their mind and muscle can go. There are one-mile and 400-meter dash races too where children ages four and up can battle. The next BattleFrog race launches December 2016 at CB Smith Park in Pembroke Pines. Prices vary between \$20 to \$150.

www.battlefrogseries.com; next event – Dec. 10, 2016

Las Olas Triathlon

City Bikes' Las Olas International Triathlon sets racers on a near 28-mile journey through land and sea. The race begins with a .6-mile swim in the Fort Lauderdale Beach ocean, followed by a 21-mile bike ride on A1A into Birch State Park, and a 6.2-mile run along the coastline. The race, which begins at DC Alexander Park, is limited to four hours. Though the race is in March 2017, hundreds are expected to participate from around the globe, so early registration is suggested. Registration fees vary from \$145 to \$245.

www.lasolastri.com; next event – Mar. 12, 2017 

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An Officer and an Equestrian

FORT LAUDERDALE'S MOUNTED POLICE UNIT HAS BEEN AROUND SINCE THE '80S AND WITH A STABLE OF 10 HORSES, IT'S GROWING IN BOTH SIZE AND REPUTATION.

WRITER PETE STEVENSON



Officer Nathan Stoner and Mount Sheba

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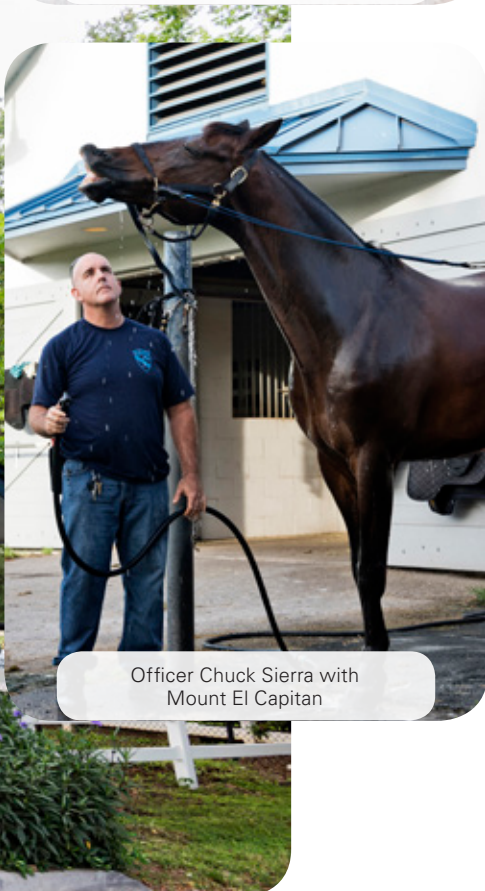




Barn Aid Monica Dellavecchia is a civilian employee who tends to the care and maintenance of the mounts.



Police Mount Sheba is the only mare in the unit. She's a registered thoroughbred "paint" horse.



Officer Chuck Sierra with Mount El Capitan

The City of Fort Lauderdale Mounted Unit is an effective part of modern law enforcement. Increasing numbers of cities are establishing mounted units each year. Horses are by far some of the most effective tools in a variety of policing measures. In addition to event crowd control, mounted units are used in crime suppression, property checks, traffic stops, and the patrolling of inaccessible areas.

The Fort Lauderdale Mounted Unit, headed up by Sergeant Hugo Fontalvo, was formed in 1983, with its first stable opening in 1985. The stable was initially located out by the Executive Airport, but then moved, in 1994, to its current location at NE Ninth Street and Federal Highway, near Parker Playhouse and backing up to Holiday Park. Currently, the Mounted Unit has 10 horses with a budget for a total of 12.

Traditionally, the horses in this unit have been donated to the department. The obvious pro is that it does not cost the City. But the con is you never know what type of horse you are going to get and not all horses are cut out to be in a mounted police unit. Sergeant Fontalvo said that the Fort Lauderdale Mounted Unit gets a fair number of their horses from a racing background.

"The problem with those horses is they know two speeds – fast and really fast. If you have ever watched a horserace after it is over, continue



Sergeant Hugo Fontalvo at the mounted unit barn



to watch the horses. Many times they need another horse to come up to them to help them stop, because they are never taught to stop,” explained Fontalvo.

Beyond the ability to stop on command, potential horses need to be desensitized to all the modern visuals and noise pollution of a large city: crowds, moving objects, fireworks, horns, loud music, leaf blowers, etc. Even if a horse comes from another discipline – hunter, show jumper or Western pleasure – it will not prepare them for rush-hour traffic or an Air & Sea Show.

When acquiring new horses, Fontalvo explained, “We normally don’t get, or necessarily want, a horse younger than four-years-old, because they are still in the process of development. They say the perfect age range to acquire and train a horse for police work is from seven to 10 years of age. But if I know I can get a good three years out of a horse, we will take a horse up to between 14 and 16-years-old.”

Even if they receive a donated horse that fits within their parameters, not all horses make it through the screening process. This involves checking out the horse’s personality and temperament, a full medical exam, and a complete review of past medical records. Also, an examination by a professional farrier, a specialist in horse hoof care, is needed. A farrier combines blacksmith skills with veterinarian skills.

Once a horse jumps all these hurdles, they are put through an extensive and ongoing training regimen. Rarely does a horse complete this training in 30 days. It may take between a year and three years to be fully trained. This does not mean the horse is not used in police work for this length of time. Rather, a horse with less training may not be used in certain situations.


“There is a term we use called ‘Fire and Smoke’ with the ‘fire’ being the actual incident or problem we are approaching and the ‘smoke’ is an outer ring or distance away from the fire. Now from here you will have two types of horses; one is a horse that will go only so far as the smoke ring and the other is a horse that will approach all the way to the fire. Once the smoke horse sees that another horse has moved all the way to the fire they will then follow,” explained Fontalvo. These

are some characteristics the Mounted Unit must discover through the training process.

Training in the Mounted Unit isn’t limited to only our four-legged friends, police officers in the unit must also go through extensive training as well. First and foremost, Sergeant Fontalvo said he would rather have really good police officers first, rather than an officer who is good at riding horses. “We can teach people to ride, but I want good cops – officers who do good police work and will engage in all situations,” he said.

No matter the level of skill coming into the unit, all officers are put through a 12-week rider-training course. They must learn the visual cues horses are giving them and learn the silent commands to give the horse. Even writing a simple ticket is different. The officer remains atop a horse with one hand on the reins and one hand on a ticket book, talking into the shoulder mounted radio, all the while engaging with citizens.

Engagement may be one of the clear advantages of a mounted unit. It has been shown in study after study that people are far more apt to proactively walk up to an officer on a horse and report a crime or something suspicious, than an officer in a parked car. Even individuals who are the actual recipient of a ticket or citation are more receptive and amenable to the situation.

Not every city is lucky enough to have and support a mounted unit. Fort Lauderdale’s unit is not only growing in size, but also in reputation. In fact, Fort Lauderdale’s Mounted Unit will host the 2017 North American Mounted Unit Commanders Association (NAMUCA). This association brings commanders together yearly where they are given the opportunity to share experiences, information, and best practices. 

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The Great Escape

AN EMERGING FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT COMES TO HIMMARSHEE VILLAGE

WRITER JAMION D. KRIES



Clues from the Aunt Esther's Condo escape room



The lights dim and the sound of thunder can be heard in the background. This is not a normal night in Fort Lauderdale because we are in a Flummox'D escape room on SW Second Street. Owners Kaycie Davis, 32, and Andrew King, 45, are photographers by trade who first discovered escape rooms in Bangkok, Thailand.

An escape room challenge happens in the confines of four walls where a group of people solve a mystery or problem using a set of clues and clues along the way. "It requires all types of thinkers," Davis says. "We had a room full of engineers one day, and they didn't get very far."

She says the game works well when there are both beta and alpha thinkers. Beta thinkers are often seen as fully engaged with quick activity as a result. They are public speakers and seek to engage their audience. An alpha, on the other hand, is in a more relaxed, meditative state of mind. They are able to see things that a beta might not pick up on because beta thinkers are too close to the action.


The original name for the current Flummox'D escape room open on Himmarshee was Adventures with Your Cantankerous Aunt Esther, but has since been shortened to Aunt Esther's Condo. Hoochie Coochie Cabin is the second escape room, which will open in the coming months, with a third to be up and running by the end of the year.

"We wanted to be in the mix of it all," Davis says, when reflecting on choosing Downtown Fort Lauderdale as a location. "It's hard to find an activity that doesn't revolve around drinking as an adult."

"Escape rooms are the fastest growing form of entertainment," says King. The rest of the world might very well agree as 13 million international participants engaged in escape room challenges last year. Davis and King saw the potential to provide corporate team building for companies that want a firsthand look at how their employees engage with one another. However, this is not merely a business-to-business venture. Davis explains that all ages are welcome, but that it typically takes an age level of 15 to fully immerse oneself in the action.

The pair did their research. A one-year traveling adventure allowed both Davis and King to thoroughly delve into the world of escape rooms and to establish Flummox'D as a premier venue.

This new variety of entertainment is a departure from the western way of leisure that often includes popcorn and a television remote. "It is very popular in Europe and Japan," Davis says.

Flummox'D might just be the extra activity you have been looking for to get out, engage, and meet new people. 

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Flummox'D owners Kaycie Davis and Andrew King



Sounds of the Summer

SYMPHONY OF THE AMERICAS' 2016 SUMMERFEST SERIES
FEATURES THE "BEST OF THE BEST" MUSICIANS FROM OVER 10
DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

WRITER PATRICK HARRIS

Maestro Brooks-Bruzzese at a
previous Summerfest concert



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY SYMPHONY OF THE AMERICAS

South Florida is home to a number of wonderful cultural organizations. We are privileged to have great music, theatre, and dance from a variety of genres accessible right here in our own backyard. However, many organizations “go dark” in the summer and our community is left to find other ways to escape the heat and humidity of South Florida. One organization has been bringing masterful sounds to our ears and making our summers a little easier to bear.

For 25 years, Symphony of the Americas has provided our community with a summer music festival – Summerfest. Bringing together internationally-acclaimed musicians from different parts of the world, the festival includes concerts, master classes, and educational outreach programs throughout Florida and the Americas. The fact that many audience members may have never experienced the exhilaration of a live orchestral performance is not lost on Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese or the members of the orchestra. “Seeing that look on a person’s face when they hear their first note of a full symphony orchestra makes everything worthwhile,” says Maestro Brooks-Bruzzese.

In addition to bringing music to those who may have never heard it before, Summerfest has also helped communities in need. Maestro Brooks-Bruzzese instituted a joint project with Rotary International and Sister Cities International, taking Symphony and Summerfest musicians to Haiti. They performed in numerous cities and hillside churches, ultimately raising over \$50,000 for potable water efforts and re-forestation.

While this year’s festival may not match that humanitarian effort, it will highlight the “Best of the Best,” featuring musicians and soloists who have participated in Summerfests of the past. These artists represent over 10 different countries and perform with world famous orchestras including Arpeggione Chamber Orchestra of Austria, the Mission Chamber Orchestra of Rome, and Italy’s I Musici.

With a variety of musical styles including classical and popular music for strings, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Musical programs will feature the music of Vivaldi, Mozart, Piazzolla, and others. There is also a commissioned piece by Italian composer Lorenzo Turchi-Floris in addition to a special arrangement of Latin favorites by Latin Grammy Award-winning composer Eduardo Magallanes. Summerfest soloists include violinist Sandro Tigishvili of Georgia, Summerfest concertmaster and violinist Orlando Forte of Cuba, principal violinist Svetlana Forte of Ukraine, and principal flutist Marilyn Maingart of the United States.

Symphony of the Americas’ Summerfest runs July 9 through Aug. 10 at locations throughout South Florida and Panama. In honor of its 25th Anniversary, the Symphony will also feature two performances of varying musical repertoire in a special 2-Concert Sunday Series Subscription on July 17 at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts and Aug. 7 at the FAU Theater in Boca Raton. Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$65 with subscription seats starting at \$30 per person. VIP tickets are also available. A complete concert listing is at www.sota.org.

So take a break from the summer heat and come out and enjoy Summerfest. You will hear great music, meet musicians from around the world, and be able to have something to talk about other than how hot it is outside. ☺

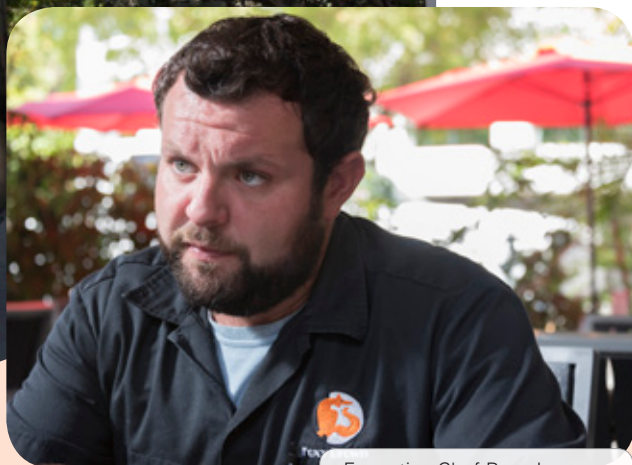


PHOTOS BY JASON LEIDY

A Whole Lotta Foxy

FOXY BROWN'S CHARMING LOCATION, FRIENDLY STAFF, AND INNOVATIVE COMFORT FOOD HAVE PUBLICIZED THE RESTAURANT'S REPUTATION FOR A GROOVY DINING EXPERIENCE

WRITER CRISTINA HUDSON



Executive Chef Ryan Lorenzo

CHEF Q&A

How long have you worked at Foxy Brown?

I've been with the Be Nice Group for two years. I've been at Foxy Brown for six months and was previously the kitchen manager at the Red Cow.

What is your favorite type of food to cook?

Old school, one-pot dishes. I like to use a lot of herbs.

Where did you get your culinary training?

I attended the Culinary Institute of America in New York, but came back home to South Florida. I love the ocean.

In the heart of Downtown Fort Lauderdale is a charming little place called Foxy Brown. During the week, you can make a reservation for lunch or dinner, but don't think about it on the weekends during brunch. "It's a small place," says Executive Chef Ryan Lorenzo, "but don't let the size fool you." He's not kidding. Unless you arrive early or later on a brunch day, expect to see dozens of people sipping on complimentary, refreshing fruit or veggie infused water as they wait for a table.

Whether you sit at an inside table, at the bar, or on the outside patio surrounded by greenery, be sure to treat yourself to one of their craft beers, fine wines or special sangrias or mimosas.

Foxy Brown serves comfort food with a twist, packed with bold, sweet, savory, and spicy flavors. Everything on the menu is homemade, including the condiments, even the mayonnaise. All ingredients are fresh and come from local, artisanal companies.

The Patty Melt, the subject of many childhood memories for the owner is "the sandwich that inspired the menu." As you look over the menu, you'll notice many common comfort food ingredients. There are also specialty items like their weekly featured pancakes and frittatas, and the daily changing En Papillotes, which incorporate fresh ingredients and seafood from their sister restaurant G&B Oyster Bar. One item that you can always find on the regular menu, besides the Patty Melt, is their most popular dish, the Beef-a-Roni.

Foxy Brown's Beef-a-Roni is not your mother's Beef-a-Roni. This dish is so loved that they go through about 180 pounds of short rib every week. On Sunday, go for family-style specials



after brunch. Kung Fu Monday's feature a unique, Asian-inspired menu.

"Be nice" is their motto, handed down from owner Elliot Wolf. Foxy Brown and four other local restaurants make up the Be Nice restaurant group. Chef Lorenzo explains, "You get more out of your employees if they are all cordial to each other."

It seems the company motto really works and spreads beyond the walls of the restaurant. Members of the staff are friends outside of work and do not just act like co-workers. A happy staff and great food lead to happier guests that can't wait to return. 🍷



If You Go:

Foxy Brown

723 E. Broward Blvd.

(754) 200-4236

Monday - Friday • 11:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Saturday • Brunch 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.;
regular menu 2 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Sunday • Brunch 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.;
regular menu 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Happy Hour • Monday – Friday, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Beef-a-Roni Recipe *Serves four*

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ pounds of short rib
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 cup of red wine
- 4 cups of veal stock
- 4 carrots, peeled and diced
- 2 sweet onions, diced
- 4 stalks of celery, diced
- 2 cans of peeled tomatoes
- A selection of fresh herbs
- 1 pound of Casarecce pasta
- 8 tablespoons of ricotta
- ½ cup Pecorino Romano cheese
- Parsley according to taste

Method:

Boil the Casarecce pasta for 10-11 minutes and set aside. Braise the short rib in a mixture of garlic, red wine, veal stock, carrots, onions, celery, peeled tomatoes, and fresh herbs for four and a half hours. Remove the meat. Puree the sauce and return the meat to the mixture. Toss the pasta with the meat and sauce and plate. Top each portion with two tablespoons of ricotta and sprinkle Pecorino Romano cheese and parsley according to taste.





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Mixology Spotlight

TANGY & TART: SHRUB COCKTAILS

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

We are experiencing a cocktail renaissance, and today's bartenders are committed to crafting cocktails that display rich, vibrant, and unique flavor profiles. Using fresh squeezed juices, fruits, hand-picked herbs, and shrubs, cocktails are hand-shaken to icy perfection, representing today's culinary approach to the art of the cocktail.

VINEGAR + SUGAR = TART AND SWEET SYRUP WITH SAVORY UNDERTONES

Shrubs, aka drinking vinegars, are the result of preserving fruit, vegetables or herbs in vinegar, then sweetening the mixture with sugar. The method of storing fruit in vinegar originated in 17th century England as a way to extend the summer season and make use of overripe produce.

Shrubs are a source of acid, a refreshing change of pace from the usual lime or lemon in your cocktail recipe. A shrub simultaneously lends acidity and sweetness, balancing a cocktail.

Shrubs can be made one of two ways, resulting in a zesty, piquant concentrate that is the essence of the fruit, vegetable or herb.

- Cover ripe fruit in vinegar, steep at room temperature for up to two weeks. Drain off the vinegar and strain the fruit so the juice and a little of the pulp come through. Add sugar.
- Macerate the fruit in sugar to create a syrup. Mix with an equal measure of vinegar.





A Twist on the Classic Clover Club Cocktail

Ingredients:

2 oz Fords Gin
3/4 oz raspberry shrub syrup
3/4 oz flower/wheat grass syrup
3/4 oz fresh lime
Egg white

Shake all ingredients without ice to froth egg white. Shake with ice and strain. Garnish with edible flowers and a mist of Rosewater.

Shrub Cocktails

are the rage, try them at one of these downtown bars this summer:

APOTHECARY 330

330 SW Himmarshee Street
www.apothecary330.com

KREEPY TIKI BAR & LOUNGE

2608 S. Federal Highway
www.kreepytikilounge.com

STACHE 1920'S DRINKING DEN & COFFEE BAR

109 SW Second Avenue (Moffat)
www.stacheftl.com

Cocktails created by: Nick Nistico, Beverage Program Specialist and Hospitality & Spirit Educator at Breakthru Beverage Florida.
Cocktail Photos by Jason Leidy

BARTENDER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Ayme Harrison

OWNER AND BARTENDER AT KREEPY TIKI BAR & LOUNGE, FORT LAUDERDALE'S URBAN POLYNESIAN PARADISE.

Ayme brings experience and family charm to the enchanting, retro, Polynesian-themed Kreepy Tiki for a unique boutique experience featuring a tattoo parlor, eclectic music, and nostalgia. Many of the tiki cocktails are based on original tiki drinks with a slight twist. All ingredients are fresh and homemade. Beware, one visit and you will be hooked.



You're known for...?

Ordering an Old Fashioned wherever I go, even bowling alleys.

Your go-to cocktail to serve?

Anything spirit forward. Daiquiri, you can never go wrong.

Must have garnish?

An orange

Essential bar accessory?

My Cocktail Kingdom Beachbum Berry Skull Bar spoon.

Best local bar?

Besides mine? When I'm not at my bar, you can usually find me visiting my friends over at Valentino's or Stache's Whiskey Den.

You're loving...?

... that summer is almost here and I can put my garden to good use.

This time next year you'll be drinking...?

Whiskey, neat.



Check out www.goriverwalk.com for more spirited **#BITES+SIPS** and recipes. Join Renée's **#conSPIRITors** by following her on Twitter and Instagram (**@MyMixologista**) and like her Facebook page, Spirited South Florida. Remember to **#DrinkResponsibly #GetSpiritedSouthFlorida**



For additional events, check the Greater Fort Lauderdale events calendar:
www.goriverwalk.com/events/greater-fort-lauderdale-event-calendar

Ocean Explorers Camp for Middle School

June 20 - 24
 Museum of Discovery and Science
 (954) 467-MODS (6637)
www.mods.org

2016 Five-Day Summer Camp Adventures - Science Around the World

June 20 - 24
 Jump from continent to continent to explore how different cultures interpret and utilize science.
 Museum of Discovery and Science
 (954) 467-MODS (6637)
www.mods.org



Make Music Fort Lauderdale

June 21
 Make Music Fort Lauderdale is a live, free musical celebration on June 21, the longest day of the year, with concerts across the city.
 Downtown Fort Lauderdale
www.makemusicday.com/fortlauderdale/



Art Roundtable: Cheryl Maeder: Photography as Canvas

June 21
 NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale
 (954) 262-0258
www.nsuartmuseum.com

Sixth Annual Jim Moran Institute Business and Leadership Conference

June 22
 Join entrepreneurs and business leaders for workshops on trending business topics aimed at helping your business grow.
 Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention Center
 (954) 399-2849
sfljmi.fsu.edu



Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra

June 24
 Ottmar Liebert returns with his band Luna Negra as they perform selections from various worldwide gold and platinum albums including the classic debut "Nouveau Flamenco."
 Parker Playhouse
 (954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

Black and White Exhibit

June 25
 The Grind Coffee Project
 (954) 774-0555



Animal Culture: Cobra and the Popular Imagination

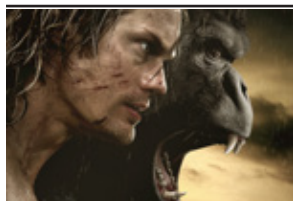
June 26 - Sept. 25
 This exhibition is an exploration of the avant-garde post-World War II European Cobra artists' use of animal images, and how they functioned as forms expressing popular, visual culture.
 NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale
 (954) 525-5500

2016 Five-Day Summer Camp Adventures - Creep into the Deepend

June 27 - July 1
 Dive in and investigate animals that live in extreme depths and their unusual adaptations. Campers will have the opportunity to meet and interview a DEEPEND scientist!
 Museum of Discovery and Science
 (954) 467-MODS (6637)
www.mods.org

ArtServe Presents "RedEye"

June 29 - July 29
 ArtServe
 (954) 462-8190
www.artserve.org



The Legend of Tarzan: An IMAX 3D Experience

June 30 - July 14
 Museum of Discovery and Science
 AutoNation IMAX Theater
 (954) 463-IMAX (4629)
www.mods.org

Immersive Seminole Art Exhibit

July 1 - June 20, 2017
 The Seminole story - past, present, and future - told through native crafts and local artists from the Hollywood and Big Cypress reservations.
 History Museum Fort Lauderdale
 (954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org

Tarzan and the Jungle

July 2 and 3
 Museum of Discovery and Science
 (954) 467-MODS (6637)
www.mods.org



July 4th Spectacular

July 4
 Fort Lauderdale Beach
 (954) 828-6075
www.fortlauderdale.gov

2016 Five-Day Summer Camp Adventures - The Science of Art

July 4 - 8
 Combine your love of chemistry with art to make paint and weave your own textiles with materials from nature. Explore unconventional methods to create art through science. Make colorful stained glass, tie-dyed shirts, and art pieces using solar energy.
 Museum of Discovery and Science
 (954) 467-MODS (6637)
www.mods.org

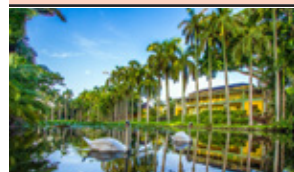
Kian-n-JC: The "Don't Try This at Home" Tour

July 7
 Parker Playhouse
 (954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org



Culture Club

July 8
 Broward Center for the Performing Arts
 (954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org



Cool Saturdays Summer Special

July 9
 Visitors can explore the whimsical house where fish sculptures rise in the air, shells have their own museum, and shady nature trails invite you to search for playful monkeys in the trees and majestic swans in the fresh water lakes.
 Bonnet House Museum and Gardens
 (954) 653-1554
www.bonnethouse.org

Grind Coffee & Craft Fair FTL

July 9
 The Grind Coffee Project
 (954) 774-0555



Cruisin' Down the River: Wine & Whimsical Tales

July 9
 Enjoy a boat ride past 200 years of history on the *Carrie B* paddlewheel boat. Learn about the history of Fort Lauderdale's New River and Port Everglades.
 Bonnet House Museum and Gardens
 (954) 653-1554
www.bonnethouse.org



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Broward County Veterans - Debbie Duay

July 11
A Broward genealogical expert presents a review of significant Broward military veterans. History Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org

2016 Five-Day Summer Camp Adventures - Food Science!

July 11 - 15
Experiment with the chemical reactions that make your favorite treats and 'taste' with your nose. Learn about the importance of bees and what you can do with your leftovers! This week includes a walk to Kilwins to learn how fudge is made. Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 467-MODS (6637)
www.mods.org

Pinion Passion Hour

July 12
Cibo Wine Bar
(954) 385-7625
www.pinionic.com



2016 Turtle Walks

Through July 14 | Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
Visitors will enjoy an entire evening of sea turtle exploration and identification while uncovering the natural history and myths of turtles. Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 713-0930
www.mods.org

Conserving Florida

July 16 and 17
Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 467-MODS (6637)
www.mods.org



Summerfest 2016: 25th Anniversary

July 17
Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 335-7002
www.sota.org



Stranahan Stories

July 18
Historic Stranahan House Museum (954) 524-4736
www.stranahanhouse.org

Star Trek Beyond: An IMAX 3D Experience

July 21 - Aug. 4
Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater (954) 463-IMAX (4629)
www.mods.org

Alex and Ani - SMART Ride Fundraiser

July 22
Join Broward House at Alex and Ani - Las Olas to learn about the SMART Ride - a 165-mile bike ride from Miami to Key West supporting HIV organizations. Alex and Ani - Las Olas (954) 522-4749, ext. 1202
www.browardhouse.org

Comedian Hannibal Buress

July 22
Hard Rock Live (800) 745-3000
www.hardrockhollywoodfl.com



H.G. Wells's War of the Worlds

July 23
Seventy-eight years ago, Orson Welles and his Mercury Theatre on the Air presented their version of H.G. Wells's classic story, and it became the most infamous radio broadcast of all time. WRLL Radio Theater brings the original script back to life. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

Beres Hammond

July 23
Beres Hammond is Jamaica's undisputed king of "lover's rock" and one of reggae's most iconic stars. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

Star Trek Voyage Weekend

July 23 and 24
Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 467-MODS (6637)
www.mods.org



Todrick Hall: Straight Outta OZ Tour

July 27
YouTube superstar Todrick Hall is as meta as they come, a love child of pop culture and the American dream, both of which he inverts and gloriously mutates into something entirely new. Amatur Theater (954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

The Capitol Steps in "What to Expect When You're Electing"

July 28 - 31
The Capitol Steps is a comedy troupe that has been a Washington, D.C. institution for over 30 years, providing a unique blend of musical and political comedy to our nation's capitol and more. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

Ink Mania

July 29 - 31
This year's event will include seminars, live music, special performances and entertainment, an art fusion wall, a graffiti wall, tattoo contests and awards, a pinup pageant, special guests, and more. War Memorial Auditorium (954) 282-5380
www.fortlauderdale.gov/wma



"Bring It! Live" Tour

July 30
The "Bring It! Live" tour will feature Miss D and her Dancing Dolls performing original routines. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

The Fifth Annual "Caturday Saturday"

July 30
The Grind Coffee Project (954) 774-0555



SMART Ride Information Session - Nutrition

Aug. 2
(954) 522-4749 ext. 1202
www.browardhouse.org

The Go-Go's

Aug. 3
From their halcyon days as America's sweethearts to their current status as superstars who pioneered a genre, The Go-Go's preside over an amazing three-decade reign as high pop priestesses. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

Suicide Squad: An IMAX 3D Experience

Aug. 4 - 18
Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater (954) 463-IMAX (4629)
www.mods.org

Cool Saturdays Summer Special

Aug. 6
Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 653-1554
www.bonnethouse.org



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Orchid Care Classes: Orchid Basics

Aug. 6
Bonnet House Museum and Gardens
(954) 703-2606
www.bonnethouse.org

William J. Glackens: A Modernist in the Making

Through Aug. 7
NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 525-5500
www.nsuartmuseum.org

Lecture: "Archaeology of the New River" - Bob Carr

Aug. 8
A presentation by Florida's foremost archaeologist, exploring significant local digs and artifacts discovered in Broward County.
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org

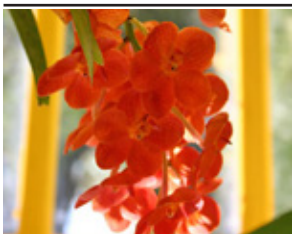
Fight Time Productions MMA Pro Fights 32

Aug. 12
Fight Time Promotions, LLC provides fans with action-packed MMA professional fights and is geared toward fans who want to see live action and support mixed martial arts.
War Memorial Auditorium
(954) 828-5380



Alice Cooper

Aug. 12
Alice Cooper pioneered a grandly theatrical brand of hard rock that was designed to shock. Drawing equally from horror movies, vaudeville, and garage rock, the group created a stage show that featured electric chairs, guillotines, fake blood, and boa constrictors.
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org



Orchid Care Classes: Orchid Repotting

Aug. 13
Bonnet House Museum and Gardens
(954) 703-2606
www.bonnethouse.org

Sixth Annual Animal Adoption Fair

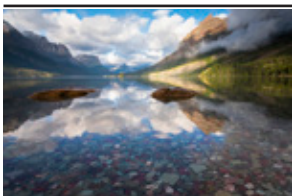
Aug. 14
Free admission and parking. Find your "Forever Fur Friend" via on site adoptions.
War Memorial Auditorium
(954) 828-5380
www.fortlauderdale.gov/wma

Stranahan Stories

Aug. 15
Historic Stranahan House Museum
(954) 524-4736
www.stranahanhouse.org

Chuck Close Photographs

Through Aug. 28
This comprehensive survey of the work of Chuck Close, one of today's most important contemporary artists, explores how he has pushed the boundaries of photographic methods and approaches.
NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 525-5500
www.nsuartmuseum.org



National Parks Adventure 3D

Through Aug. 31
National Parks Adventure takes audiences on the ultimate off-trail adventure into America's awe-inspiring great outdoors.
Museum of Discovery and Science
www.nationalparksadventure.com



Wildlife Rescue

Through Sept. 5
Wildlife Rescue is an exhibit that involves visitors in compelling stories of animal rescue, the dedicated people who are taking action, and the science that supports their efforts.
Museum of Discovery and Science
(954) 467-MODS (6637)
www.mods.org

Animal Culture: Cobra and the Popular Imagination

Through Sept. 25
This exhibition is an exploration of the avant-garde post-World War II European Cobra artists' use of animal images, and how they functioned as forms expressing popular visual culture. It also demonstrates Cobra's exploration and critique of ideas about human and collective cultures, especially those relating to the animalistic, instinctual, or "primitive."
NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 525-5500

V for Victory World War II Home Front and Military Memories

Sept. 30
The exhibit recognizes Broward's patriotism and participation in the war effort and gives insight into the civilian life and military activities during the war.
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-8243
www.broward.org/library

"100 Years of Broward Education" Exhibit

Through Oct. 1
Celebrating the Centennial of Broward County Schools with images from 1899 through the present.
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 463-4431



A Beautiful Planet 3D

Through Jan. 31, 2017
Museum of Discovery and Science
AutoNation IMAX Theater
(954) 463-IMAX (4629)

ONGOING

Riverwalk Water Trolley

Ongoing
Seven days a week, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.
The Riverwalk Water Trolley travels along the New River from the Broward Center for the Performing Arts to Stranahan House. There are four stops on the north side of the river and four on the south side. Passengers ride for free.
(954) 761-3543
www.riverwalkwatertrolley

Full Moon Mangrove Tour

The night of the full moon
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park
(954) 566-0660

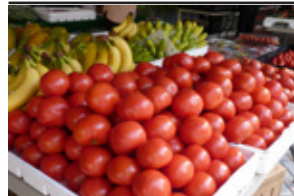


JM Lexus Sunday Jazz Brunch

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

River Ghost Tours

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



Las Olas Sunday Market

Sundays • 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Come to the Las Olas Farmers Market on Sundays. On the first Sunday of the month, bring your dogs for the "Dog Days of Summer" and stroll by the varied culinary delights and talented artisans. On the second Sunday, listen to live entertainment. On the third Sunday, homegrown chefs and professional chefs demonstrate their latest creations.
Plaza at YOLO
(954) 214-9933
www.lasolassundaymarket.com



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Frank Loconto and Friends at Mango's

Second Sunday of the month
Mango's on Las Olas Boulevard
(954) 684-1399

Chair Yoga with Ester

Mondays
Follow the yoga instructor at your own pace. No experience needed.
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443
www.broward.org/library

Living Well Program - Tai Chi and QiGong Sessions

Tuesdays
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park
(954) 566-0660

English Café

Tuesdays
Learn to speak English in a friendly environment.
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7439
www.broward.org/library

Open Mic Tuesdays

Fourth Tuesday of the month
Chris Monteleone hosts the forum for musicians, singers-songwriters, bands, spoken word artists, comics, painters, and sketch artists.
ArtServe
(954) 462-8190
www.artserve.org

El Club

Tuesdays
Brush up on your Español.
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7439
www.broward.org/library

Crossroads Café

Wednesdays
Broward County Main Library
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www.broward.org/library

Broward Means Business

Second Wednesday of the month
Business networking event with presentations on local business topics.
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org

Behind the Scenes Private Living Quarters Tours

Second and fourth Wednesday of the month
Bonnet House
(954) 703-2606
www.bonnethouse.org/hours-fees



Free First Thursday Starry Nights

Thursdays
NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 262-0245

Live Animal Shows

Fridays and Saturdays
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park
(954) 566-0660

Ranger Guided Walks

Fridays
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park
(954) 566-0660



Friday Night Sound Waves Music Series

Fridays through Nov. 18
June 24 Across the Universe, Tribute: Beatles
July 1 Weedline, Classic Rock
July 8 Party Express, Top 40: Dance
July 15 Sabor Latino, Latin: Brazilian and Samba
July 22 Spread the Dub, Reggae: Ska, Funk, Roots
July 29 Piano Bob's 88's, Jazz: New Orleans Boogie Woogie
Aug. 5 Jimmy Stowe, Top 40: Tropical
Aug. 12 David Morin Elvis, Tribute: Elvis
The Hub by Fort Lauderdale Beach
www.fridaynightsoundwaves.com

First Fridays: Book Event and Pickers Sale

First Friday of the month
Pick up new and used books and gently used items. Sponsored by the Friends of the Fort Lauderdale Libraries.
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443

Food in Motion Flagler Green Market

Second Friday of the month
Feldman Park
(754) 800-9765

Historic Bike Tours

Saturdays and Mondays
A narrated exploration of Fort Lauderdale's Riverwalk, where the city was born, including the Sailboat Bend historic district.
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org

Historic Segway Tours

Saturdays and Sundays
With a local guide, explore the history of the New River and historic Francis Abreu properties.
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org

New River Ferry: Bridges, Boats and Beginnings (Historic Boat Tour)

Mondays and Fridays
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org

Yoga by Donation

Third Saturday of the month
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org

Flagler ArtWalk

Last Saturday of the month
FAT Village
(754) 800-1640
www.flaglerartwalk.com

Docent Guided House Tours

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

RIVERWALK RECREATION

@ Riverwalk • (954) 526-5159
www.RiverwalkRec.com



• Cardio Mix with Josh Hecht

Mondays & Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | Esplanade Park
Times and dates subject to change depending on weather.
(954) 232-7737

• A Dog's Best Friend Group Classes

Intermediate Dog Obedience Class
Thursdays | 7 p.m.
Masters Dog Obedience Class
Thursdays | 8:15 p.m.
Esplanade Park
www.adogsbestfriend.com

• Cycle Party Tours

Everyday | Reservation required
Jump aboard a 15-person quadracycle and experience Fort Lauderdale in an entirely new way.
(954) 633-4665
www.cp-tours.com/fortlauderdale/cycle-party

• Bike & eTrike Tours

Everyday | Reservation required
Tours are along the north and south sides of the river focused on the Riverwalk.
(954) 633-4665
www.cp-tours.com/fortlauderdale



• Kayak & Paddleboard Rentals

Everyday | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. |
Along the New River
Explore the yachting capital of the world in a kayak or on a paddleboard. Launching from Esplanade Park.
(954) 633-4665
www.cp-tours.com/fortlauderdale

• Fort Lauderdale Segway Tours

Everyday | 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. |
Reservation required
Take a one- or two-hour Segway tour in Fort Lauderdale on the Riverwalk. Training provided.
(954) 304-5746
www.segwayfortlauderdale.com



• EcoBoat Tours

Everyday | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. |
Reservation required
2525 Marina Bay Dr. W.
www.ecoboatsftl.com
(954) 5000-ECO



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Broward Center Celebrates 25th Anniversary

The event, produced by the Broward Performing Arts Foundation and presented by Joshua and Nicole Taggart, netted more than \$400,000 for educational and enrichment programs at Broward Center.



BONNIE AND ROBERT KAGAN, CAROL HARRISON, STEVE KALAGHER, AND BETSY AND ROBERT BRADFORD



WINI AND JOE AMATORE AND MICKI PECK



CHARLIE AND LAURA PALMER

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Winterfest's "Play Ball" Luncheon

Winterfest, Inc. hosted the "Play Ball" luncheon in honor of their 45th anniversary and the Marlins' exciting 2016-17 season.



ERICK ESTEBAN WITH BILLY THE MARLIN



MARYANN AND CAPTAIN LEE ROSBACH



FORT LAUDERDALE MAYOR JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER, BILLY THE MARLIN, AND BROWARD COUNTY MAYOR MARTIN KIAR

PHOTOS BY GINNY FUJINO

PAWS' Eighth Annual Tea in the Garden Event

Attendees enjoyed tea sandwiches, scones, and desserts while listening to the tunes of guitarist Michael Corbin.

The event raised over \$25,000 for the animals at the Humane Society of Broward County.



MARIA LEVINE, PEG MARKER, AND JEANNIE HUDSON



MEGHAN LECKEY AND KRISTEN GUNDLACH



LYNNE MCGRATH, DIANA METCALF, LORRAINE THOMAS, CARYL SORENSEN, AND KAROLA WOODWORTH

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Romero Britto Art Talk

On June 6, artist Romero Britto visited with the fourth and fifth grade Art Enrichment Club at Virginia S. Young Elementary in Fort Lauderdale.



ROMERO BRITTO AND MACKENZIE KURTZ



ROMERO BRITTO



SANDY LEVY, VIRGINIA S. YOUNG ART TEACHER GINA BALDWIN, ROMERO BRITTO, AND ROBIN, SEBASTIAN (VSY STUDENT), AND HERNAN CASTILLO

PHOTOS BY JASON LEIDY

Second Annual Waterway Soirée Yacht Hop

The event took place at the Bahia Mar Hotel & Marina and raised \$177,000 to benefit the Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center.



CAPTAIN LEE ROSBACH, JESSICA VONES, AND SKIP ZIMBALIST



HORACIO RANDAZZO AND DR. ANA CALDERON RANDAZZO



MICHAEL FRANTZ, HEATHER CASTLE FRANTZ, HENRY SIGEL, AND LORI CASTLE

Funding Arts Broward (FAB!) 2017 Grant Recipients Reception

As many as 26 recipient organizations were awarded with grants ranging from \$5,000 - \$12,500, totaling \$200,000.

The reception was hosted by Northern Trust.



JANE CRASHER, DEREK T. DAVIS, AND PATRICIA WEST



MINDY AND TOM YANILOS, CAROLYN LEE, AND LINDA CARTER



JOY SATTERLEE, MISTY WEINGER, AND DRAZIA RUBENSTEIN

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John Allyn

TITLE OF WORK: LAS OLAS BRIDGE SOUTH
WRITER SERINA RUGGERI




John Allyn, a seasoned sketch artist and native Floridian, made his way to South Florida from Naples after graduating from University of Florida with a degree in construction and planning almost 20 years ago. He spent 15 years as a resort designer, which has opened his eyes to the history reflected in each structure. He is an Airforce veteran, serving in the first Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm. During his tenure, once word got out that he was an artist, he was asked by his commander to paint a commemorative mural for the squadron.

Allyn familiarizes himself with his candid surroundings before choosing the perfect location. You will usually find him setting up shop on a busy sidewalk, engrossed in his next work of art. "I draw everything on location," he says, "each one taking two to five hours to complete, depending

on the size." His work portrays vintage-style imagery. He uses indelible ink along with sepia and grey ink for soft and shadow-like undertones, and then applies a subtle black color when he returns to his studio.

Although he resides in South Florida, this traveling artist has been seen in Mexico, the Caribbean, and other rich, historic places all over the world. He appreciates the culture and diversity in people, and expresses this in his artwork. His crafty eye catches historic landmarks and unique architecture that draw him to a particular location.

Having been published in numerous books and magazines, he was recognized in the 2012 Riverfront Quick Draw Competition and was a part of the 2013 Fordham University Center Gallery in Manhattan and the Galt Mile Ocean Solo Gallery Exhibition. Allyn also has big name clients such as Jack Nicklaus and Celine Dion. 



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