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Summer Close Out



Riverwalk Jazz Brunch continues to attract thousands of people to come out and spend a Sunday afternoon in the park to listen to live music from some of our local talents.

This year, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale partnered with the School of Rock Broward County to host the inaugural participation in the International Make Music Day. On June 21, the longest day of the year, we joined with over 700 cities to promote a day to celebrate music. Fourteen bands were stationed throughout the park and Downtown and performed throughout the day and night.

BY BARBRA STERN Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair



Tyler Short and Nico Rainmont at the Make Music Day performance at City Hall on June 21

It was a great opportunity to showcase our parks and to support local businesses by bringing additional people to the district and showcasing our local talent.

Riverwalk's Fourth Annual Smoke on the Water BBQ festival was also a great success. A little rain could not keep the fun away! This year we added a competition component to the event. Six local BBQ restaurants participated and Georgia Pig won the competition for best BBQ dish. We are thankful to all of the participants, sponsors, and partners for making this a fun event for people of all ages.

As we approach the fall, we can look forward to more events in the park. On Sept. 24, Riverwalk will host the Second Annual Fall Festival starting at noon in Esplanade Park. If you're a foodie, you will not want to miss out on Bacon Bash being held two weeks later on Oct. 8, also in Esplanade Park.

In closing, it's banner season again! The Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District and Downtown Fort Lauderdale currently attract more than 1.5 million visitors yearly and the area continues to grow. In addition, many condominium residents, who now call Riverwalk Park their home, enjoy daily strolls along the Riverwalk. Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale provides opportunities to showcase your name or business to this captive audience for a year. You can sponsor a banner pole along the Riverwalk for as little as \$225 a year. This sponsorship also helps fund Riverwalk so we can continue to activate the park. For more information, contact Projects Manager Gabrielle Roland at gabrielle@goriverwalk.com or (954) 468-1541. 🕲

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Technology Moves us Ahead

e were recently approached by Google to participate in a program known as "Let's Put Our Cities on the Map." Using the GIS mapping systems of today allows us to find a business, park, and other types of facilities using our smart phone on the fly. Google Maps Street View will continue to put our city at the forefront.

Under this program, Fort Lauderdale assets will be mapped and maintained in Google Maps Street View by a development team dedicated to the City of Fort Lauderdale. This relationship will also allow businesses to improve their Google Maps Business listings and improve mobile search results for the business by helping the business owner provide accurate information and update their listing directly with the Google Maps Ambassadors face to face – another means of boosting business.

The project will start in August, first with the mapping of Riverwalk, including all of its assets and moving it up on the listings within Google Search. Fort Lauderdale joins this project and is pleased to be able to encourage our residents and businesses to use this valuable tool and to help make the listings in Fort Lauderdale current and easy. Anticipated assets to be mapped include the beach and beach area businesses, Birch State Park, Bonnet House, and many other specific destinations. It will also offer the opportunity for internal mapping within businesses and buildings to guide you to an exact destination. If you see the orange Google tent around in the community – stop by and get "on the map" in Fort Lauderdale.

Other exciting news is that Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale applied for consideration in receiving an artifact from the World Trade Center tragically attacked on Sept. 11, 2001. On July 1 of this year, we were advised that Riverwalk has been selected to receive an artifact to be used as a community project and memorial in our community. We are working in partnership with Fort Lauderdale Fire/Rescue to retrieve the piece and to design and place a memorial in Fort Lauderdale. More specific information will be forthcoming and we are most proud to have been



BY GENIA DUNCAN ELLIS President/CEO, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale



selected and to have such a great partner as the City of Fort Lauderdale Fire/Rescue.

We are hopeful of willing community involvement in designing and placing this artifact and memorial in a place of honor in Fort Lauderdale. It is a means of continuing the role of Riverwalk in growing and enhancing our Downtown community.

We are most proud of our summer, digital edition of *Go Riverwalk Magazine* as we transition to our new publisher, S. MARK Graphics, Mark Budwig and creative director Nick Scalzo. The response has been tremendous. Thank you for supporting Riverwalk and *Go Riverwalk Magazine*. (9)

Breaking News

On July 12, the City of Fort Lauderdale accepted the recommendations of the Citizen's Board of Recognition to honor the following for their outstanding achievements and contributions to our community.

Citizen of the Year – Charles A. "Chuck" Black Distinguished Citizen – Michael C. Weymouth Honored Founders – Dr. James Sistrunk and John Fuhrer Exemplary Former City Employee – Ada Moore

Riverwalk joins the City in congratulating these great selections and looks forward to the celebration that will honor them in October. Chuck Black and Mike Weymouth serve as Riverwalk Board Members and have made great contributions not only to the City but to Riverwalk as well. We are most pleased to call them ours.

We join with other members of the community in recognizing the recent loss of Chuck Black. His commitment to our community and generous spirit have left us in a much better place.



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TRUSTEE MEMBER

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

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

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." MEMBERS OF RIVERWALK FORT LAUDERDALE EXPRESS THEIR SUPPORT AND JOIN US IN OUR MISSION OF BUILDING A VIBRANT COMMUNITY. RIVERWALK SUPPORTS DOWNTOWN'S DIVERSE, MIXED-USE COMMUNITY OF ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENTS ALONG WITH BUSINESS, RESIDENTIAL, JUDICIAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND MARINE INTERESTS. TO JOIN, VISIT WWW.GORIVERWALK.COM/MEMBERSHIP.



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Smoke on the Water

It was a finger-licking, good time at Riverwalk's Fourth Annual Smoke on the Water BBQ Feast, which took place in Esplanade Park on June 11. Residents and visitors enjoyed their fill of cold beer, roasted corn, fresh squeezed lemonade, and some of the best barbecue around. A competition was added to this year's event. Newcomer Georgia Pig took home the trophy as the Smoke on the Water BBQ Feast Champion.



Daniel Deas and Molly Blaschke



Pitman Dan Fitzgerald accepting the award for Georgia Pig with judges Troy Sheller, Bret Hauser, Evan Snow, and Brian Kramer



pork sandwich from

Southern Yankee BBQ



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Daisha, Madeline, and Manuel Vargas

Make Music Day

On June 21, the longest day of the year, musicians, families, and community leaders gathered around the city to celebrate local music. Concerts were held in parks, restaurants, and even at City Hall.



School Of Rock Coral Springs at Esplanade Park



Performers at Lucky's Tavern



Matt Joy by the Liberty Tree on Riverwalk

Mom Jennifer and children Abby and Nate Vaknin enjoy Make Music Day in Esplanade Park



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A More User-Friendly Downtown



CHANGES COMING SOON

Several new improvements aimed at making Downtown more pedestrianfriendly will be arriving soon. The DDA has been hard at work on projects that will improve Downtown.

Before there were skyscrapers and pedestrians, Downtown was a dense jungle of trees. If you've ever seen the picture of Las Olas Boulevard in 1917, you know what I mean. Plentiful trees are a must for a livable city. They provide vital shade for pedestrians, clean the air, and also decorate the landscape with inviting foliage. With that in mind, the DDA will be relocating the last crop of oak trees from the urban oasis demonstration, located at 100 E. Las Olas Blvd. These trees will finally have the chance to spread their roots and grow to their full potential, which makes the landscape designer in me very happy.

Another major improvement to the pedestrian experience will be the Riverwalk Connection Project. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) has approved the current design, with the final permit expected this summer. Once permits are approved, construction is estimated to take approximately two months, with completion estimated for mid-August.

BY CHRIS WREN Executive Director, Downtown Development Authority

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An additional project long in the making is the Downtown Wayfinding Signage Program, inclusive of capital projects that help motorists and pedestrians enter Downtown from the surrounding neighborhoods. Fifty pedestrian wayfinding signs are to be installed within the Downtown by the end of the summer/early fall. These signs will point visitors in the right direction for our many local landmarks and attractions. The DDA and other community groups have partnered with the City to identify additional locations for wayfinding signage within the Downtown.

You may remember the GoLauderdale app launched last fall, part of the Downtown Intelligent Transportation Information System (DITIS) Program. Now it's time for the physical phase of the project. Kiosks with touch screen technology will act in tandem with the iOS GoLauderdale mobile application, which will orient visitors to the area and provide helpful information. DDA staff has been working with the City to identify locations within Downtown for the installation of interactive touch screens. The City continues to work with the DDA on the site plans as well as a maintenance and licensing agreement. The installation of the interactive kiosks is estimated to be completed by mid-summer.

As Downtown continues to grow, these important amenities will help visitors and pedestrians get around our area and learn about all its exciting offerings. With all these new wayfinding tools, even the most recent newcomer will know Downtown like the back of their hand.



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Tech Savvy

BROWARD TECHNICAL COLLEGES PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION TO A WIDE RANGE OF STUDENTS

he old saying "college isn't for everyone" certainly rings true when people like LeBron James, Steve Jobs, and Rachael Ray prove that success doesn't require a formal degree. But celebrities and geniuses aside, everyone should at least have the opportunity for continued education and learning in an environment that best meets their needs. The team at Broward Technical Colleges agrees, and their award-winning accredited programs are helping students enhance their professional future and achieve higher earning power.

While at a Leadership Fort Lauderdale (LFL) event, sponsored by the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce earlier this year, I had the opportunity to listen to a panel of speakers talk about our local K-12 school choices. As they explained the merits of charter schools and the opportunities in the public school magnet program, my LFL classmates and I savored a three-course meal prepared and served by students enrolled in the culinary arts program at Broward Technical College. Not only were we impressed with the flavors of the lunch, but the white glove service by the students left us thinking some local restaurants might want to send potential hires through the program too!

Dining with us were two students also in BTC programs and each shared their story with the group. One young man was learning how to become an Electrocardiograph (EKG) Technician while still enrolled in high school. He told us he wanted to become a doctor one day but was not very outgoing with strangers. So to break out of his shell, he enrolled in



BY JENNI MOREJON President/founder of UrbanistaLab, LLC jennimorejon@gmail.com @emnimorejon @fonimorejon Jenni Morejon the Health Science & Medical Technology program at BTC while in his senior year to begin obtaining credits and meet others with similar goals.

Another student, in his late 40s, owned his own landscaping company but was really interested in learning how to fix boat engines. He recognized that a big part of the South Florida economy is in the marine industries and enrolled in the Marine Service Technology program at BTC where he's taking a one-year, 1350-hour program to become a certified engine technician, specializing in Mercury, Evinrude, and Bombardier gas and diesel engines. Both students were drawn to the quality of the program, combined with the low cost and flexibility of courses, including online classes.

BTC has three main schools: Atlantic Technical College and Technical High School, with campuses in Coconut Creek and Fort Lauderdale; McFatter Technical College and Technical High School, located in Davie; and Sheridan Technical College and Technical High School with campuses in Hollywood and Pembroke Pines. BTC also runs the Broward Fire Academy, which includes a 396-hour program where students can become certified as a firefighter, and a 250-hour program to become an Emergency Medical Technician, or EMT.

Other BTC programs focus on training and certification in subjects such as business management and administration, architecture and construction, cosmetology, communication arts, child care training, drafting and welding, and transportation, distribution, and logistics to name a few. With this broad scope of subject matter, you can pretty much bet that a large number of the 800,000 workers throughout the County could have had their start in a BTC program.

Getting students educated is only half the job. BTC takes it one step further and helps students get to work and actually apply those newly acquired skills with the help of a full-time staff dedicated to job placement following graduation. If that's not enough to entice those who may want to pursue a new skill or profession, BTC teachers are state-licensed and certified, course credits may transfer toward an associate's degree, financial aid is available for qualified students, and BTC participates in the Florida Prepaid College program.

Sure, college may not be for everyone, but at Broward Technical Colleges, learning can be for anyone. For more information visit www.browardtechnicalcolleges.com







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as it a crash or an accident? These two words seem interchangeable, however, their use can result in very different perceptions. For example, when we say someone got into a car "accident," it may imply that it was a random, no-fault occurrence. The outcome was inevitable. If someone was texting while driving and hit another vehicle, labeling this as an "accident" is a misrepresentation of what occurred because the person chose to divert attention from the road, which had everything to do with the outcome. When people make unsafe choices behind the wheel that unintentionally kill or injure others, it's not an accident; it's a preventable crash.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimated that 94 percent of crashes are attributable to human factors such as speeding, distracted driving, and driving under the influence. It also reported reckless or careless driving as the leading cause of fatal crashes in Florida from 2009 to 2013. Regardless of your mode of travel, taking part in any type of unsafe behavior – crossing midstreet instead of at crosswalk, failing to yield to pedestrians, speeding, etc. – that results in serious injury or the loss of life is not by "accident;" it's by choice.

Sixteen people have lost their lives on Fort Lauderdale streets so far this year – five drivers, three passengers, five pedestrians, two motorcycles, and one bicyclist. Characterizing these deaths as accidents implies that nothing could have been done to prevent them. BY DIANA ALARCON Director, Transportation and Mobility Department, City of Fort Lauderdale



Preventing the loss of life on our streets is a priority for the City of Fort Lauderdale. To save lives we need a paradigm shift, which is why the City adopted Vision Zero Fort Lauderdale (VZFL). Vision Zero Fort Lauderdale is a community action plan that incorporates Five E's – engineering, education, enforcement, encouragement, and evaluation – to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on our streets to zero. It also introduces three core principles crafted to guide the City toward its vision of making our streets safer for everyone.

Embracing VZFL and adopting this mindset doesn't mean we'll eliminate crashes or mistakes that lead to crashes, but through the five E's we can decrease the frequency and severity of crashes by modifying street design, providing appropriate infrastructure, lowering speed limits, and educating the public. We can also reduce risky behaviors and encourage safer ones while driving, walking, or biking, such as slowing down, crossing at crosswalks, paying attention, being predictable, yielding to pedestrians, and never driving while distracted or under the influence.

So, does it really matter if we use the word crash or accident when describing a traffic incident? Yes, because words matter. They shift public perception. They have a powerful effect on the way we think about traffic incidents and how we describe them; and they can get people to think about the consequences of the choices they make behind the wheel.

Join me in using the word crash instead of accident and encourage others to do the same. Together, we can reach zero fatalities and serious injuries on our streets. Remember, your choices add up to zero. Your choices save lives.

Visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/visionzero for more information 🕲

Principle 1:

There is not an acceptable level of fatalities or injuries on our streets.

Principle 2:

Traffic deaths and injuries are not accidents, they are preventable crashes.

Principle 3:

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Tools for Growth

MULTIFACETED COMMUNICATION TECHNIQUES APPEAL TO CURRENT AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS

istory shows that the core of a Downtown is often the catalyst for new business and growth that encourages the expansion of a community. "The mission of the Downtown Council of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce (GFLCC) is to build and maintain a vibrant business and cultural community in Downtown Fort Lauderdale through communication, collaboration, and leadership."

Tools to achieve those goals are varied and for the Chamber, our webpage and communications are keys to the success of the organization. Chamber staff members continuously look at opportunities to improve the dissemination of key information and we believe that they do a very successful job of it. Staff utilizes the recommendations of some of the



BY GENIA DUNCAN ELLIS Chair, Downtown Council of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce

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Chamber committees such as Branding and Marketing, which is comprised of specialists in those industries. With efficient messaging and wellplanned branding, the communication side of the Chamber continues to demonstrate favorable success rates when communicating with members and the public. These tools also become great catalysts for encouraging new membership.

The Chamber provides calendar listings of the upcoming meetings and happenings that connect Chamber members. It's a great web amenity for members. It affords a detailed listing of programs and services, social events, and immediate communication. It also provides information and access to key initiatives that are currently of concern.

The Chamber and all of its Councils are in the midst of what is known as the "Summer Sizzle," which is to attract 100 new members over the summer. We hope that you will take the time to review the web page, talk to members, and join this summer. Come sizzle with us at a place where we build better business together.



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CULTURALLY SPEAKING

Public artwork: "Flying Saucer Grove" by Martha Schwartz; location: BB&T Center; dance company: Coral Springs Chinese Cultural Association, Inc



Honoring Public Art

BROWARD CULTURAL DIVISION'S PUBLIC ART & DESIGN PROGRAM CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

Then thinking or reminiscing about a birthday party, some might envision color, dance, and gaiety. This year, movement and form are showing up as compelling and nimble dance partners in a recent compilation of photographs produced monthly in honor of Broward Cultural Division's Public Art & Design Program's 40th anniversary. It's an outdoor party.

In a unique cross-media pairing, local photographers are taking photos of professional dancers in motion with 12 noteworthy artworks located around Broward County, one for every month of the year.

What started as a desire to celebrate 40 years of success for a program that is recognized nationally as one of the leaders in public art, has turned into so much more. An unexpected vibrancy and energy collides in artistic chemistry during each of these photo shoots, something that organizers had not anticipated.

Centered on the concept of "counterpoints" – to emphasize or clarify by contrast or juxtaposition – the photo shoots are staged by professional photographers Tabatha Mudra and Eileen Escarda and choreographed by local talent from Broward County cultural dance organizations.

In January, the first photo shoot began with the artwork "Accordant Zones" at the Broward Judicial Complex paired with dancers from Body and Soul Dance Theatre. Organizers and onlookers realized immediately that the compositions were working in unity.



BY SAMANTHA ROJAS Marketing Development Associate, Broward Cultural Division. She can be reached at srojas@broward.org.

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.



Artworks that have been located around the county, some of them for more than 20 years, have found new visibility. Enthusiasm within our local cultural organizations – South Florida Lindy Collective, Jayadevi Arts, Inc., Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, Ballet Brika West African Dance Theater, and the latest, Coral Springs Chinese Cultural Association, Inc. (CSCCA) – has been contagious and prolific.

In the early morning light, the merging of dancers on the entrance terrace of the BB&T Center accentuated the artwork "Flying Saucer Grove," and a celebration of art unfolded. Ballet Brika West African Dance Theater interacted

rhythmically with artist Alice Aycock's aluminum and acrylic sculpture, "Whirls and Swirls and a Vortex on Water" at Central Broward Regional Park near the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center. Using the art of photography, Mudra created an artistic collaboration with each of the individual mediums.

Broward County's Public Art & Design Program is dedicated to enhancing the urban environment through the creation of commissioned works of art that create a sense of place, improve Broward County's visual environment, and advance the mission of the county agencies where the artworks are located.

Celebrating 40 years is a great achievement and the program has continued to grow and collaborate with other agencies like Port Everglades and Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, libraries, parks, and Water and Wastewater Management, just to name a few, in order to make Broward County a place of pride for residents and a place of interest for visitors.

Visit the Broward Cultural Division website to view other pairings and sharp, poignant photography. www.broward.org/arts

If You Go:

Dance Photo Shoot #8 - Aug. 20, 8 a.m. Artwork - "Welcome to Sunrise"

Mural artist - Cushy Gigs Location - NW 44th Street, at Springtree Drive Dance company - Pablo Malco / Developing Dreams Foundation Director - Alex Vahan, www.cushygigs.com Photographer -Tabatha Mudra

Dance Photo Shoot #9 - Sept. 17, 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

Artwork - "Vendor with Walkman" by Duane Hanson Location - Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport, Terminal 4 Dance company - Jenny Larsson and WildBeast Collective Photographer -Tabatha Mudra

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LOCAL ECONOMICS

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Big Ideas

THE CONTINUED CONVERSATION ABOUT THE CITY'S PROGRESS

n important and vital part of any organization, public or private, is strategic planning. This is a time when like-minded people get together and talk about the road less traveled. In my over 30 years working in organizational management I have been involved in some good situations and total disasters. What made the difference was the commitment of individuals and the collective body to see things to the end result.

At the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, we take this seriously and devote significant time and resources to looking towards our future. Currently, we are custodians of this 106-year-old institution. All of us want to leave it better.

Reflecting highlights projects and ideas that have created a tapestry of accomplishment – most good, many significant. Take Broward Center for the Performing Arts, for example. This community-based jewel of an idea is centric to our lives. With upgrades complete, it is refreshed and renewed thanks to the leadership of President Kelley Shanley and countless others. Clearly this continues to be a game changer for our region.



BY DAN LINDBLADE President/CEO, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce



How about the new runway at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport? It was met with roadblocks and acrimony. Yes, it has displaced neighbors and friends. The vision for expansion came directly out of our need to provide quality transportation at an ever-expanding urban international airport. Even as I write, this expansion at FLL will merely keep pace not provide expansion for the future, according to airport Executive Director Mark Gale.

Yet another focus is Port Everglades – dredging, mangrove rebuilding, protection of coral reefs, beach restoration, jobs, and commerce. It's all about conversations with key stakeholders on all sides. How can we agree and disagree without being distasteful and move things forward.

Think about the new items in current discussion – Fort Lauderdale Beach CRA, Levitt Pavilion on Riverwalk, the Wave Streetcar, Brightline, new development and its size and impact, major events like Xgames, gaming and filming in South Florida, medical and ecotourism, enhancements at Birch State Park – the list is endless; resources are not.

This is why the Chamber's Big Ideas Conference in August is critical. Our compass will direct so many ideas. Your involvement makes all the difference. You can sit on the sidelines and watch the game or help us continue to make Greater Fort Lauderdale the place you never want to leave.





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The River

GROWING AND PROTECTING A COMMUNITY MAINSTAY

or a lot of people, "the river" conjures up memories of summer vacations in places far from South Florida; places where you spend the day fishing on sandy banks, swimming in private coves, and floating lazily downriver in inner tubes. It's the place where you go back to remember your childhood adventures.

In addition to providing opportunities for nostalgic recreation, rivers are most often the main arteries that feed the heart of a community. They are historically the original point of settlement for our ancestors and remain the lifeblood that many businesses and families currently rely on to survive. This is undeniably the case with the New River here in Fort Lauderdale.

As leaders in the marine industry, it is incumbent upon all of us to grow, promote, and protect the New River as the vibrant and vital commerce generator and working waterfront that it is. We must be relentless stewards of this community-owned resource and work together to avoid shortsighted private gains by planning for the long-term vision that will allow us to take advantage of current and future opportunities that activate and engage the broader public, sustain the boatyards, create additional businesses, and spur our local economy.



BY PHIL PURCELL Executive Director, Marine Industries Association of South Florida

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Infrastructure changes are paramount and should remain a high priority in any conversation concerning the New River. It is our responsibility to be persistent overseers of the health and sustainability of the New River. Whether we are dredging, building higher bridges, or planning for passenger rail, the river must remain navigable at all costs. Boat traffic must stay accessible and not blocked to the unseen boatyards at the head of the river near Interstate 95 or the more than 2,000 private-home docks that dot the shoreline.

With a rich history dating back to before the 20th century, along with its current \$8.8 billion benefit, and 110,000 jobs it has spurred in Broward County, the New River is an indisputable cornerstone of our economy and community. We can and should thoughtfully build and revitalize the riverfront through the use of innovation, research, and conservation.

While we recognize and acknowledge some recent successes, it is important for us to provide constant input that will positively affect the decisions that are being made regarding critical elements like development and transportation over the river. It is imperative that watch-dog organizations like the *Sun-Sentinel* work with everyone to showcase new opportunities, invite discussions and debates, and challenge the status-quo to create a thorough dialogue regarding designing the future of the New River, while we continue honoring its past. ⁽¹⁾

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SMALL BUSINESS PROFILE



Top – an inflatable alcohol luge featured at the Big Brothers Big Sisters Déjà vu Ball at Hard Rock Live; bottom – a large flower cart designed for a Chanel promotion at the Seminole Casino Coconut Creek



Events 'R Us

SIXTH STAR ENTERTAINMENT CATERS TO LAND AND SEA EVENTS AND CHARITIES ON A BUDGET

vent design, development, and management fall under a milliondollar industry that is growing rapidly with shows and events hosted daily throughout Greater Fort Lauderdale. Surprisingly, there is no formalized research conducted to access the growth of this behind-the-scenes industry. The industry includes creating unique events for meetings, conventions, charity balls, exhibitions, conferences, and seminars as well as live music and sporting events. There is one Fort Lauderdale business that has been distinctively riding this wave – Sixth Star Entertainment.

Founded 15 years ago by Doug Jones, Sixth Star Entertainment is a small business designed to meet the needs of the ever-changing social world both on land



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and sea. With a staff of 16 creative-minded individuals, Sixth Star Entertainment works with the singular goal of producing memorable events. With well-versed working experience in events, décor, entertainment, and audio visual, they are determined to design and organize events for their clients to help them achieve, as Jones describes it, their "edutainment goals."

Sixth Star is basically split into two different companies. First, at sea, they are the industry leader in delivering entertainment and on-board content for the cruise line industry. They coordinate with cruise lines to provide distinctive programs aboard ships; this can include anything from speakers and lecturers to bridge directors and ballroom dance instructors.

On land, Sixth Star Entertainment is an innovative event design company that develops unique décor and design elements, including audiovisual, for all types of occasions and organizations. "We probably have the largest inventory of event decorations in South Florida," explains Jones. He isn't joking. Upon walking through their warehouse, you feel like you are on the back lot of a Hollywood studio, walking by giant scene walls, two-story electric guitars, and recently completed steampunk-themed cocktail tables - all of this created over the years and on-site at the various art, fabric, and fabrication departments. This has allowed Sixth Star Entertainment to design events for a wide variety of companies and organizations, including: Publix, Miami Dolphins, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Revlon, Honeywell, Winterfest, and Microsoft.

You do not need to be a big organization to go after big companies – you need to be good. You also need to build relationships. Jones points out that business is still about personal relationships and that a small business cannot leave their marketing up to a welldesigned website or social media presence.

Jones is very involved in the Fort Lauderdale community and sits on several boards. He points out that roughly 15 percent of his business is for charity organizations and Sixth Star tries to help these organizations do more with less. "When designing events for non-profits, we try to make their budgets look like [they're] much bigger."

Small Business Stats SIXTH STAR ENTERTAINMENT Year founded: 2002 Founder: Doug Jones Number of employees: 16 Fun fact: Charity clients make up about 15 percent of Sixth Star Entertainment business Phone: (954) 462-6760 Website: www.sixthstarentertainment.com


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C O F F E E H U B



Suggested drink: Macchiato sweetened with maple syrup.

"It's not too strong because it has a little bit of milk. I can taste the coffee, I can taste the milk, and I can taste the maple syrup. The maple syrup gives a little touch that for me is phenomenal."

Caffeinated math:

Each cappucino requires 11 bicycle revolutions. If Edilson can make 40 cappuccinos per hour and is working an 11-hour event, how many revolutions will he make if he doesn't take any breaks?

> Answer 40 drinks x 11 hours = 440 drinks. 440 drinks x 11 revolutions = 4,840 revolutions

Pedal and Grind

A MAN-POWERED MOBILE CAFÉ, THE COFFEE HUB SUPPLIES CAFFEINE TO EVENT PATRONS AND PARTY-GOERS

WRITER GABRIELLE ROLAND





dilson Cremonese, originally from Brazil and now a Fort Lauderdale resident, has always had a passion for both cycling and coffee. He remembers watching the Tour de France on television the summer of 2014. In a sea of cyclists, something caught his eye – a bicycle engineered to function as a coffee maker. He contacted the British manufacturer Velopresso, and nine months later, his investment and dream business was delivered.

Coffee shops are very expensive to operate and in a country where the culture of coffee is dominated by chains like Starbucks, Seattle's Best Coffee, and Dunkin Donuts, standing out can be difficult. What stands out more than a guy riding a tricycle that makes coffee powered by human energy?

"I had the idea, but I'm not an engineer," Cremonese says, but he has become familiar with the mechanics of his machine. "It's a pedal-powered, self-sufficient, coffee tricycle," meaning no electricity is required for this mobile establishment. The propane tank, stored in the base of The Coffee Hub, heats up the water and builds pressure in the espresso machine. After he cycles to his destination, Cremonese parks and switches the clutch to put the tricycle in coffee-making mode. He uses the pedals to grind coffee and work the water pump. The bike is equipped with a water filter, storage for fresh water and "grey water," or waste, a sink for cleaning up, and a cooler for cream, milk, and cold brew coffee.

Coffee Hub uses a standard of two shots of espresso in each drink. He says, "That's where I'm going to sell my business – with the quality," which is why he uses ingredients like organic milk and local Argyle Coffee. It's also why he values customer service. "I don't think I'm just selling coffee. I'm selling an experience where [people] can go behind the counter and see how it works and at the same time, talk to me about coffee, talk to me about the grinder."

The Coffee Hub traverses most parts of Fort Lauderdale with ease. Bridges test Cremonese's pedal power though. If the bike is fully stocked, weighing at least 400 lbs, a push rather than a pedal may be necessary. Cremonese doesn't usually monitor his activity, but he's been clocked at 40 CPH – that's cappuccinos per hour; each cappuccino requires approximately 11 bicycle revolutions. Although he's never experienced a cramp from a rush hour of orders, he has pedaled five to six miles during an 11-hour event.

Cremonese has been getting a lot of attention from visitors and locals from all over the US, but his loyalty is to his home, Fort Lauderdale. "This is my town. I moved from Brazil 15 years ago. This is my home. I don't want to go anywhere else, I just want to promote the city – the place where I am." His hope is that the business draws people to Downtown Fort Lauderdale, activating the city and showing people its unique and innovative qualities.

When ordering from Coffee Hub, Cremonese has a few requests. One – do not compare the drink to Starbucks. Coffee Hub sticks to the traditional definition of drinks so they sometimes differ drastically from what is expected; two – try the drink before adding sweetener.

The Coffee Hub usually makes appearances at events and parties, but Cremonese hopes to eventually have regular hours in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. For more information, go to www.coffeehub.us or search for the Coffee Hub Café on Facebook or Instagram. ⁽⁶⁾



Open Water

TRAINING IN THE LOCAL MARITIME INDUSTRY RUNS THE GAMUT AND KEEPS UP WITH DEMAND

WRITER PETE STEVENSON

FEATURE



Top – students learn how to use the Full Mission Bridge at Resolve Maritime Academy (RMA); bottom – students learn damage control techniques in RMA's two-story Wet Trainer

eventy percent of the earth's surface is covered by water; thus it would stand to reason that jobs under the maritime umbrella would be a big deal, especially in Fort Lauderdale. According to the Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF), the industry's economic impact in Fort Lauderdale is estimated at \$8.8 billion in the county and \$11.5 billion in the region. The industry supports more than 110,000 jobs in Broward County and 136,000 jobs regionally, representing more than \$4 billion in annual wages and earnings in the region.

In addition to shipyards, dockage, manufacturing, wholesale and retail marine products, brokers, outfitting, provisioning, and repairs, Fort Lauderdale is home to one of the largest collections of top-notch maritime training schools in the world.

International Crew Training (ICT) trains students of all levels within the deck, engineering, and interior departments aboard the ship. They provide training that meets requirements for the United States Coast Guard, the Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA) of the United Kingdom, and the British Royal Yacht Association (RYA). RYA training courses are considered the basis for sea training and provide the accepted certification throughout the yachting world. ICT trains for both yachts and cruise lines, but specializes in training for jobs aboard yachts and super yachts.

"We use the latest simulator technology and the most modern facilities available and we are perfectly situated for a maritime training facility, right in the middle of the greatest boating hub in the world," said Chief Operations Officer Brian Luke.

SHIP OCCUPATIONS

Occupations aboard a ship can be divided into three major categories: the deck, engineering, and interior departments.

The **deck** department is responsible for the physical operation and maneuvering of the ship and includes everyone from the captain and bosun to the deckhands.

The **engineering** department is responsible for all the mechanical, technical, plumbing, and electrical operations and would include positions like chief engineers and AV/IT engineers.

Finally is the **interior** department, which is more often found aboard cruise lines and super yachts – a ship over 80 feet in length. The interior department positions are those related to hospitality and include roles such as steward, chef, and housekeeping personnel.

Instructor Will Williamson teaches the practical portion of the Personal Survival Techniques module for the week-long Standards of Training and Certification of Watchkeeping (STCW) basic safety training course at the International Crew Training indoor training pool





ICT can replicate most onboard scenarios for all departments. ICT has a full bridge simulator onsite to replicate all types of maneuvering and weather and operational situations, and can also replicate engineer and interior situations; this can range from working hands-on with engines to completing a course in food safety and hygiene. International Crew Training also trains individuals in realistic fire and flooding situations and for this they partner with Resolve Maritime Academy of Fort Lauderdale.

Resolve Maritime Academy (RMA) is the training arm of Resolve Marine Group, specializing in multiple Shipboard Fire and Safety as well as Bridge Navigational and Safety courses. RMA offers a variety of courses applicable to tanker, offshore vessel, cruise line, and private yacht personnel crew. The facility houses a full 140' trainer ship that can reproduce actual fire, heat, and smoke situations. The recently opened Wet Trainer is a room 40' by 8', two stories high designed to replicate an engine room or other parts of the ship that can actually be flooded to practice different types of damage control techniques and scenarios ranging from command tactics and flooding to damage assessment.

In addition to the renowned fire and safety training, RMA is unique in that they work closely with major cruise lines and other sea-based corporations to develop customized training set to a client's specifications. RMA Director Denise Jones explains, "We can customize a training program to fit a particular ship, or to rectify a problem they may be having. We will take their actual operations procedure manuals and case studies and build the appropriate training course to solve a particular problem or address an area for improvement." **Sea School**, headquartered in St. Petersburg, with locations in nearby regions and Fort Lauderdale, offers U.S. Coast Guard approved training for a wide variety of training certifications. They have trained more than 100,000 students to get their captain's license.

It is a school geared toward individuals at all levels of training. If someone wants to begin their career track toward becoming a captain or a seasoned captain wants to add a certification to his or her resume, the Sea School may be the perfect fit. Captain Jerry Huber said a course that has been increasing in demand has been Maritime Security Awareness. The course meets the needs of every shipping company traveling in international waters. This course is required for all persons employed or engaged on a seagoing ship that is required to comply with the provisions of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code.

The maritime job market is robust, both for its travel and adventure appeal, but also due to a higher turnover rate as compared to most industries. It's true that travel to exotic places and a unique work experience aboard a ship draw thousands of people each year to careers on the high seas, but there is also a lot of hard work and long hours. People looking to get into a maritime career have to understand that you may spend weeks or months away from friends and family. But no matter the reason, if some want to begin a maritime career, Fort Lauderdale is the place to put your toe in the water.

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Learning Loft co-founders Fran Rubio-Katz and Aly Young with a group of students at their Fort Lauderdale facility

Knowledge is Power

LEARNING LOFT CO-FOUNDERS FRAN RUBIO-KATZ AND ALY YOUNG SEEK TO EDUCATE PARENTS AND CHILDREN ON HOW THE RIGHT CONNECTION LEADS TO EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE

WRITER SERINA RUGGERI

new way of learning and teaching has taken South Florida by storm. Introducing The Learning Loft, a way for parents and their children to connect to their emotions and learn how to handle emotional situations. The masterminds behind this innovative way of education are co-founders Fran Rubio-Katz and Aly Young, certified professional educators who stress a deeper connection between children and their families through a compassionate and brain-biased approach to learning. Rubio-Katz and Young have provided an opportunity for parents and children to bond in a setting that teaches patience.

Rubio-Katz, a Florida native and mother of two, graduated from Florida International University with a degree in elementary education. She wanted to teach children the right way to learn so she began teaching on her own in an in-home setting. It wasn't long before she met Young, a sociology graduate from the University of Central Florida, who also has a passion for helping children and parents.

"It's all about connecting parents to children," says Rubio-Katz. From in-home tutoring to school-wide training, time management to emotional regulation, The Learning Loft has been providing brain-based educational tools to families all over South Florida since 2013. Rubio-Katz says, "Connections on the outside are

> what connect you on the inside." They employ the Conscious Discipline approach, incorporating these three tenants: "Be present, be open-minded, and be compassionate." Rubio-Katz says, "Conscious

Discipline is a social and emotional intelligence program that teaches the adult the best way to handle the children and their care." The approach focuses on being conscious of thoughts, actions, and emotions to engage consistent and effective discipline.

"We want to help and encourage adults to be conscious enough to learn how to view behavior as communication," Young continues. "Once this way of thinking is achieved, the parent/adult can help the child learn the skill rather than jump right to discipline."

Depending on the needs of the child and parent/ caregiver, The Learning Loft offers a variety of programs to fit various schedules. Aftercare and tutoring programs are available at both home and school. Wired Rite Tutoring is a unique and holistic method that empowers every student in the five main areas of learning – SPASE – spiritual, physical, academic, social, and emotional connection and awareness.

Learning Loft also hosts a Parental Empowerment Program, a seven-week course that uses Conscious Discipline and the Brain State Model, which instructs parents on appropriate behavior methods. The program also teaches how to add structure and predictability to the home, setting limits, while connecting playfully with the child.

Rubio-Katz and Young strive to create a relaxed, easygoing, and friendly environment for both the parent/ caregiver and child. Their goal is to foster a connection. "Parents may lead a very busy lifestyle or may not know how to academically help the child," Rubio-Katz says. "We help structure that time and help the teachers or parents become familiar with our program. People need this support." For more information, visit www. learningloft.org.

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Continuing Education

FIVE OPTIONS FOR YOUR LIFELONG LEARNING NEEDS

WRITER AARON PAUL

n our fast-paced, competitive, information-sharing world, it is difficult not to learn something new everyday. A common trait professionals share is that they consistently try to distinguish themselves from their peers by investing in formal education. It is never a bad time to invest in yourself. These are a few examples of how you can diversify your portfolio with classes that are available at local colleges.

Start your own Nonprofit Broward College

Start dates: Sept. 14 & Oct. 12 (six weeks)

If you've been paying to attention to the market, the nonprofit sector has been consistently growing. It is a great way to create new relationships and, of course, give back to the community. Linda Kissam, an 18-year veteran in the nonprofit management field, will teach you how to incorporate, select a board of directors, write bylaws, craft a mission statement, obtain tax-exempt status, develop a budget, create a marketing plan, explore fundraising options, and more.

Speed Spanish Broward College

Start dates: Sept. 14 & Oct. 12 (six weeks)

Is there a need to emphasize how valuable speaking Spanish is in our market? This course is designed for anyone who wants to learn Spanish yesterday. You'll learn six easy recipes for gluing Spanish words together to form sentences. After six weeks, you'll be able to dive into any Spanish-speaking situation.

Advance Presentation Skills *NSU*

Start date: Oct. 13 (one day)

The ability to articulate a clear, concise, and captivating presentation is an invaluable skill that a small percentage of people possess. It is a must have in any sales environment. Marsha Freedman is a presentation skills seminar leader, trainer, and speaker. She works with professionals to improve their confidence levels and effectiveness as public speakers. If your presentations are good, but you want to make them great, then you're ready for this course.

Wedding Planner Broward College

Start date: Spring 2016 or Fall 2017 (one semester)

Students will gain the framework necessary to plan wedding events and increase their understanding of the business structure and documentation process. They will learn about signature wedding styles, wedding day etiquette, music selection, contract preparation, working with vendors and prospective brides and grooms, choosing a venue, seating charts, food and beverage, and managing the wedding process.

Solution Focused Coaching NSU

Start dates: Fall 2016, Winter 2016, Summer 2017, Fall 2017 (12 months)

According to the Canadian newspaper *The National Post*, personal coaching (life, career, college, and health and wellness) is the second fastest-growing profession in Canada. In the US, the profession has also seen considerable growth. The family therapy sector of the program is nationally and internationally known for expertise in solution-focused therapy – an excellent fit with the brief, goal-oriented nature of personal coaching. The Graduate Certificate Program is 15 credit hours.

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THE NEW EVENTS APP JUXTA SOCIAL ACTS AS A PLATFORM FOR THE PROMOTION OF NEARBY ACTIVITIES AND PERSONAL EVENT PLANNING

WRITER PETE STEVENSON



The Juxta Social app can be used to organize group meet-ups like this May 23 cardio class with trainer Josh Hecht in Esplanade Park (above and opposite); and the "Awaken Your Creativity" workshop, which took place at the Vu New River building on June 25 (page 46)



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aunching an effective app means having data instantly available. Juxta Social is a new smartphone app that lists public happenings and permits private events in one intuitive timeline to cater to your social habits and desires. In partnership with Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, this location-based application allows you to search for Riverwalk events and area happenings open to the public and also create private activities that you may want do with a group of friends.

Juxta Social is primarily used for public event promotion, giving users access to event listings collected from Riverwalk's Greater Fort Lauderdale calendar (www.goriverwalk.com/ events/greater-fort-lauderdale-event-calendar). The app also incorporates other happenings up to 3,000 miles away.

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale partnered with Juxta Social to launch the app at Burger Battle VII in May. Since it lets you search for all events taking place around you within the next 24 hours, it allowed locals and visitors to discover, attend, and meet up at this annual food competition.

Juxta Social also allows you to filter happenings using any of the following categories: events, games, food, drinks, place, movie, networking, concert, show, fitness, happy hour, birthday, and volunteerism. Did you have a tough week at work? Open Juxta Social and look for a happy hour, cardio class or maybe a jazz concert nearby and change your mood.



What if you want to organize your own event? Juxta Social offers a platform for that. Say you want to do a girls' night out with 20 of your best girlfriends. You could simply create a private event with the app and all the communication, attendance, and coordination can be handled within the application, preventing you from dealing with endless and repetitive communication between attendees.

Some applications, like Facebook, try to coordinate this type of event planning, but have become too bloated or do not have the simple functionality built in like Juxta Social. The app provides a variety of controls for event management, including a chat function to allow you to share information, modify or finalize plans on the fly, approve attendees, and set event start and end times. The app timeline lets you track and share your activities via email or on other social media platforms.



Juxta Social was created and built in Fort Lauderdale and is currently available on both the iOS Apple and Android platforms.

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Community Plaything

THE URBAN CONGA ORGANIZATION SEEKS TO ACTIVATE SPACES WITH INTERACTIVE INSTALLATIONS AND ONE OF THEIR NEWEST TOYS HAPPENS TO BE ON RIVERWALK

WRITER WILLIAM COHN

hat happens when three architecture graduates come together to not only improve their city but also enhance what the word 'play' means to people? The answer is Urban Conga. The design firm, whose end goal is to promote community activity and social interaction through play, is focused on getting people off their smartphones and out to their local public spaces. Once there, the goal is to get people to utilize Urban Conga's wide variety of interactive, outdoor creations, from Pong in the Park, which features municipal ping pong tables, to the "Why Sit When you can Play" bench, also known as the Color Code Bench, a new attraction on Fort Lauderdale's Riverwalk that features an oversized xylophone and promotes making music in public spaces.

In an effort to bring their initial ideas to life and see the effect that play has on people in various cities across America and the neglected spaces in those cities, founders Ryan Swanson, Brennan Huller, and Mark Perrett, and videographer Michael-Angelo Munoz went on a road trip from Tampa to Los Angeles. They stopped in nine cities along the way, setting up various installations, all without permission or permits, and were able to expose people to the underutilized spaces juxtaposed with those installations. The old station wagon they were traveling in even became an installation itself; people along the way were allowed to draw and paint all over it.

Their findings from this cross-country road trip proved to be truly amazing; the installations brought people out, invigorated public spaces, and sparked many conversations. With everything from giant beach balls to interactive projections, Urban Conga found that, when given the chance, The "Why Sit When you can Play," fixture, also known as the Color Code Bench, recently installed on Riverwalk



PHOTOS BY JASON LEIDY

people haven't lost the ability to play. This proved that neglected areas really can be rejuvenated and that people are willing to put down their technology to participate and be active in both their communities and the improvement of their municipal spaces.

"We wanted to provide an opportunity for people to come together along the Riverwalk," founder Ryan Swanson says of their Fort Lauderdale installation. "When two people play, it doesn't matter what your background or demographic is. You just become two people playing and interacting in a space."

With their array of interactive products that are geared towards people getting outside and interacting with one another, the founders of this design firm have brought a different meaning to the word 'play.' They want to see the people across the country going outside, meeting one another, and having fun.

Urban Conga has activated many public spaces around the country and Riverwalk is now home to the "Why Sit When you can Play" bench along the New River. All of Urban Conga's products are custom-designed to fit in with their surroundings, and the Riverwalk's newest addition is no exception. "The unique form was created based [on] the idea of a wave pulling up from the ground," Swanson says. "The musical element is created with two octaves of notes that allow people to play together. Each color resonates a specific note and allows one to play music based [on] color."

The design firm is set on proving that they can be a catalyst in getting more people involved in their communities. The bench design recently won the 2016 Architizer A+ award for outdoor furniture along with the 2016 A1A Florida Object of the Year award; Architizer is the world's largest and



fastest-growing website for architecture. To learn more about Urban Conga, their efforts, and their products, visit www.theurbanconga.com. (1)

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DINING DESTINATION: BLUE FIRE GRILLE

THIS NEWLY RENOVATED OASIS REVEALS A NEW MENU WITH LATIN AND CARIBBEAN-INSPIRED FLAIR

WRITER KATIE TORRES

CHEFQ&A Executive Chef Nathan Keller

What's your favorite dish to cook at home?

I grew up in Las Vegas, NV my whole life and really fell in love with Mexican cuisine. I would say either my pork carnitas or my chicken enchiladas are my favorite dishes to make at home.

When did you first know you wanted to be a chef?

Being a chef is really all I've ever done. My family owned a catering business where my dad was the executive chef so I'd be right there standing on a milk crate washing heads of lettuce and helping out with any and everything. At 19-years-old, I started working at an upscale steakhouse in the heart of Downtown Las Vegas. We did all scratch cooking and I learned everything I know on the job, never having attended culinary school.

What is your favorite drink of choice?

Definitely bourbon, occasionally with ice. Colorado has long been a pioneer state in the craft beer world and craft spirits are no exception. Two of my favorite bourbons, Breckenridge and Tincup, are distilled in Colorado.







Yellowtail Snapper

Ingredients:

1 yellowtail snapper filet Flour (enough to coat fish filet) Seasonings of your choice

Method:

Score fish filet with a sharp knife on the skin side so it will not curl up when cooking. Dredge fish filet in seasoned flour mixture. Pan-fry the filet for six minutes until golden brown. As a suggestion, serve with coconut, jasmine rice and sweet plantains. Arrange fish filet on top of the rice and plantains and top with Haitian piklitiz, a spicy coleslaw. ucked away in its own little oasis of foliage amongst a bustling business district, lies the recently renovated Blue Fire Grille in the Fort Lauderdale Marriott North Hotel. Boasting trendy décor and a peaceful view of the nearby natural preserve, this hidden gem is unveiling an all new Latin and Caribbean style menu.

The official redesign of the restaurant took about 30 days and was completed in December 2015, one of the final projects amidst a full hotel renovation of event spaces, guest rooms, and more. The ambiance is warm and inviting while showcasing modern furniture and featuring a section with a cocktail lounge vibe.

Executive Chef Nathan Keller, who also serves as the food and beverage director, has developed an exciting array of delectable dishes that range from comfort classics to innovative new dishes full of complexity and added levels of flavor.

The new menu features seafood fare, which is almost all locally sourced from South Florida. Top seafood dishes to check out include the Key West Peel & Eat Shrimp and Chef Nathan's famous Florida Snapper – a specialty dish that marries fried sweet plantains with coconut jasmine rice and Haitian piklitz, a spicy coleslaw.

For those not in the mood for seafood, there is an abundance of other options to choose from including homemade empanadas, a short rib and brisket patty, charcuterie boards, and chef's classic chicken wings, one of the few items from the original menu.

Blue Fire Grille's new ambiance and menu will surely draw an abundance of locals in addition to their regular hotel guests. Chef Nathan is not only transforming the dinner menu, but also adding a la carte breakfast options as an alternative to the very popular breakfast buffet. The cuisine ranges from blueberry pancakes to one of chef's signature items, Loco Moco, a contemporary Hawaiian breakfast dish that's bursting with flavor.

To complement the dynamic food menu, Blue Fire Grille has a robust beverage selection to accompany your meal – everything from local craft brews like Funky Buddha Hop Gun and Wynwood La Rubia to signature cocktails like the Meyer Lemon Mint Julep and the latest Old Fashioned. The cocktail program even uses its own homemade syrups and bitters.

Stay tuned this fall for a new happy hour and bar bites menu, which will give you even more incentive to make Blue Fire Grille the place to be after a long day of work. ⁽¹⁾

A recent Leadership Broward graduate, Katie Torres works as a Client Development Manager for Wizard Creations and is active in the community as a volunteer for several nonprofit committees and events. She enjoys spending time with friends and family and checking out all the unique spots South Florida has offer for food and drink.

> If You Go: Blue Fire Grille 6650 N. Andrews Ave.

(954) 771-0440

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Cocktailing on Las Olas

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Writer RENÉE K. QUINN - Mixing up the latest in culinary experiences, craft cocktails, and craft beers. Connecting with spirited friends to share ideas, stories, and life! Get social, tag @MyMixologista in your Tweets and Instagram finds.

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ith four bars within this historic Las Olas hotel, you can experience many different ways to cocktail. Wild Sea's stunning bar is the hub where trendy cocktails are crafted and imbibed. Its creative cocktail menu changes often, allowing one to 'taste' different locales. Their bartenders are very passionate about cocktails and will create your perfect summer concoction.

From there you can make your way to the Golden Lyon pub styled bar where classic and Floridian cocktails meet.

Hidden in the back, along the New River, the pool bar is unique. Here, the bartenders create fruity cocktails to go with the weather, the mood, and the clientele. It's an escape to a tropical oasis in our urban Downtown.

Locals in the know hang out at Preston's lobby bar where bartenders will create your own personalized cocktail in a relaxed setting. Preston's is the 'In the Biz' hub for Las Olas, offering daily half-priced specials.

Now you know. Visit Beverage Manager Mathieu Pinsard and his team at the Riverside Hotel this summer.

Riverside Hotel 620 E. Las Olas Blvd.

Featured Cocktail:

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BARTENDER SPOTLIGHT Meet Mathieu Pinsard BEVERAGE MANAGER AT THE RIVERSIDE HOTEL

1. Known for? Creating cocktails.

2. Your go-to cocktail? The English Rose, a very intense cocktail made with gin, rose water, elderflower, and raspberries in a teacup to symbolize old England. This cocktail follows me around. It changes and evolves, but is still the same for me.

3. Must have garnish? Fresh flowers, zests, and herbs. If the garnish does not accentuate the taste, leave it out.

4. Essential bar accessory? My shaker. I believe every bartender should have a shaker that follows them everywhere. At home, at work, and life in general.

5. Best local bar? Vino's on Las Olas. After all this mixology and these tastings, there is nothing like a glass of wine. I like to relax there and of course keep thinking about the next cocktail to create.

6. You are loving? I love to travel. Each trip is different, even when I go to the same places. From each country or city I visit, I bring something back. It can be ingredients, techniques or just ideas.

7. This time next year you'll be drinking? Wine cocktails. I really believe they are the future and the past of mixology. I am really trying to create some new cocktails with delicate wines without removing flavor or adding too much. We'll see!



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🚱 An Evening with Pitbull

Aug. 1 Hard Rock Live (800) 745-3000 www.myhrl.com



SMART Ride Information Session - Nutrition

Aug. 2

The SMART Ride is a 165-mile bike ride from Miami to Key West supporting HIV organizations. At this information session you will learn how to keep yourself nourished properly throughout the ride!

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

Co-Parenting Classes

Aug. 2 – Oct. 11 Cooperative parenting is a video-based psychoeducational approach focusing on the enhancement of the child's functioning within their family. Mental Health Association of Southeast Florida (754) 701-4069

🖰 Pinion Passion Hour

Aug. 2 The Apothecary 330 (954) 614-6795

🚱 K. Michelle

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Aug. 2 Revolution Live (954) 449-1025 www.jointherevolution.net

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The Go-Go's Aug. 3

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

Buicide 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 and Sept. 3

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

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

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Menzingers, Sorority Noise Aug. 11 Revolution Live (954) 449-1025 www.jointherevolution.net

Fight Time Productions MMA Pro Fights 32

Aug. 12 Fight Time Promotions, LLC provides fans with action-packed MMA professional fights. War Memorial Auditorium (954) 828-5380



Alice Cooper

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

😂 Riverwalk Summer

Social Cruise Aug. 12 Aboard Anticipation IV (954) 468-1541 www.goriverwalk.com



Orchid Care Classes: Orchid Basics

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

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🙆 Monster Jam

Aug. 13 and 14 BB&T Center www.monsterjam.com

Sixth Annual Animal Adoption Fair

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

Stranahan Stories: Ivy Stranahan and the Women's Suffrage Movement with Michelle Foster Sammartino Aug. 15

Michelle will illuminate Ivy's determination alongside other key players in the quest for women's voting rights, which ultimately led to the passage of the 19th amendment in 1919. Historic Stranahan House Museum (954) 524-4736 www.stranahanhouse.org

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Aug. 18 Hard Rock Live (800) 745-3000 www.myhrl.com

Holy Cross Hospital Healthy Cooking Class

Aug. 18 Fresh Inspirations Café Executive Chef Christopher Myers and dietitian Wendy Petusevsky will host a class featuring demonstrations, food samples, and take-home recipe cards for participants. Holy Cross HealthPlex (954) 351-4782

Orchid Care Classes: Orchid Repotting & Mounting

Aug. 20 Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 703-2606 www.bonnethouse.org

Drink Like a Local on

Himmarshee Aug. 20 Downtown Himmarshee Village www.downtownhimmarshee.com

🛞 Ice Cream Science Weekend

Aug. 20 and 21 Museum of Discovery and Science www.mods.org

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Aug. 25 Revolution Live (954) 449-1025 www.jointherevolution.net

Women's Equality Day Event Aug. 26

History Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 463-4431 www.fortlauderdalehistoricalsociety.org



Orchid Care Classes: Diagnosing Pests & Diseases Aug. 27 Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 703-2606 www.bonnethouse.org

Bicky Martin: One World Tour

Aug. 27 Hard Rock Live (800) 745-3000 www.myhrl.com

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



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Art of Wine & Food-"Italy in the Fall" Sept. 1 NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 525-5500

www.nsuartmuseum.org

Brux Pavilion 18+ Sept. 3 Revolution Live (954) 449-1025 www.jointherevolution.net

💛 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

DONOVAN



Donovan Sept. 8

Donovan, '60s legend, icon, poet, and one of our most enduring singer-songwriters will be touring to celebrate his 50th year in the music business, which includes his recent album release *Donovan Retrospective* and brand new single *One English Summer*. Parker Playhouse (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

Destination Fridays -Madrid, Spain Sept. 9

The African-American Research Library and Cultural Center (954) 357-6210 www.broward.org/library

Solo and Fusion of Celestial Sound of Sitar and Veena

Sept. 10 Featuring Pt. Krishna Mohan Bhatt (Sitar), Nitin Mitta (Tabla), Saraswathi Ranganathan (Veena), and Ganapathi Ranganathan (Mridangam). Broward County Main Library (954) 885-1466 www.apaiart.com

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Blind Guardian and Grave Digger Sept. 10

Revolution Live (954) 449-1025 www.jointherevolution.net

Lecture: "Florida Transportation History:

Planes, Trains, & Automobiles" -Steven Noll Sept. 12 Florida's transportation history expert shares tales of early explorers through Henry Flagler's railroad. History Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 463-4431 www.fortlauderdalehistoricalsociety.org

C Tunnel to Towers 5K Run and Walk

Sept. 13 Huizenga Plaza (718) 987-1931 www.tunnel2towers.org

🍪 Brian Wilson

Sept. 14 Hard Rock Live (800) 745-3000 www.myhrl.com



Jake Shimabukuro Sept. 14

Jake Shimabukuro's ukulele performances incorporate elements of thoughtful, sophisticated arrangements. In addition to his original compositions, his repertoire includes Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody, Schubert's Ave Maria and Cohen's Hallelujah. Parker Playhouse (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

Dine & Dock VIP Celebrity Auction

Sept. 21 All proceeds raised from this event benefit the American Red Cross aiding in response to local disasters. In these events, the Red Cross provides shelter, food, and comfort to assist families and entire communities in their time of need. Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six www.redcross.org

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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. NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 525-5500

Heritage Tours

Through Sept. 30 Explore the beautiful city of Fort Lauderdale, also known as the 'Venice of America,' via water, while also discovering its history. Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 703-2614 www.bonnethouse.org

() "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
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Museum of Discovery and Science
AutoNation IMAX Theater
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Immersive Seminole Art Exhibit

Through Jun. 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

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Full Moon Mangrove Tours

The night of the full moon Hugh Taylor Birch State Park (954) 564-4521



JM Lexus Sunday Jazz Brunch First Sunday of the month 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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



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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

C 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 (954) 357-7439 www.broward.org/library

S 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

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

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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

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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

U Food in Motion Flagler Green Market

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

Flagler ArtWalk

Last Saturday of the month FAT Village (754) 800-1640

www.flaglerartwalk.com

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



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Aug 17 • 5:30 - 7:30pm MIXER - Anticipation Yachts Tour of the Intracoastal!

Aug 24 • 3:30 - 6:30pm FRLA BROWARD REVERSE TRADE SHOW Fort Lauderdale Hilton Marina

Sep 21

New Times/Panthers E.A.T. at the BBT Arena, BB&T Center, One Panther Parkway, Sunrise, FL

Oct 6 • 9am - 5 pm FRLA Broward Sustainable Sunshine Hospitality Showcase, Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention Center

Oct 19 • 5:30 - 7:30pm

MIXER - Bokampers Fort Lauderdale 3115 NE 32nd Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

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athy Kafka is a long-time resident of South Florida, creating inspiring art with her camera. Her love for art and photography originated at a very young age and became one of the most important aspects of her life.

She received her BS from Florida Atlantic University and an MBA from Barry University. Not long after, her passion for writing, traveling, and creating artistic imagery evolved into a career.

Her source of inspiration is the South Florida scenery. With a moody background of ocean waves and colorful Florida wildlife at her very fingertips, Kafka believes there is no shortage of creative stimuli.

Her style is her signature. She uses natural outdoor lighting and chooses a stunning surrounding as her backdrop. "It's about telling a story through beautiful photographs," she says. Kafka highlights intricate details in each image, paying close attention to raw expression and natural movement of both person and scenery. Over the years, she has developed a knack for capturing the spontaneous emotions and actions of her subjects in one single shot.

Her passions lie between her and the crosshairs of her camera, waiting for the perfecting moment. Kafka can be spotted, camera-in-hand, snapping images that speak to her – skyscrapers, blossoming flowers, ocean life, city views. For more information, visit www.kathykafka.com or email the artist at kathy1000kai@yahoo.com.



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