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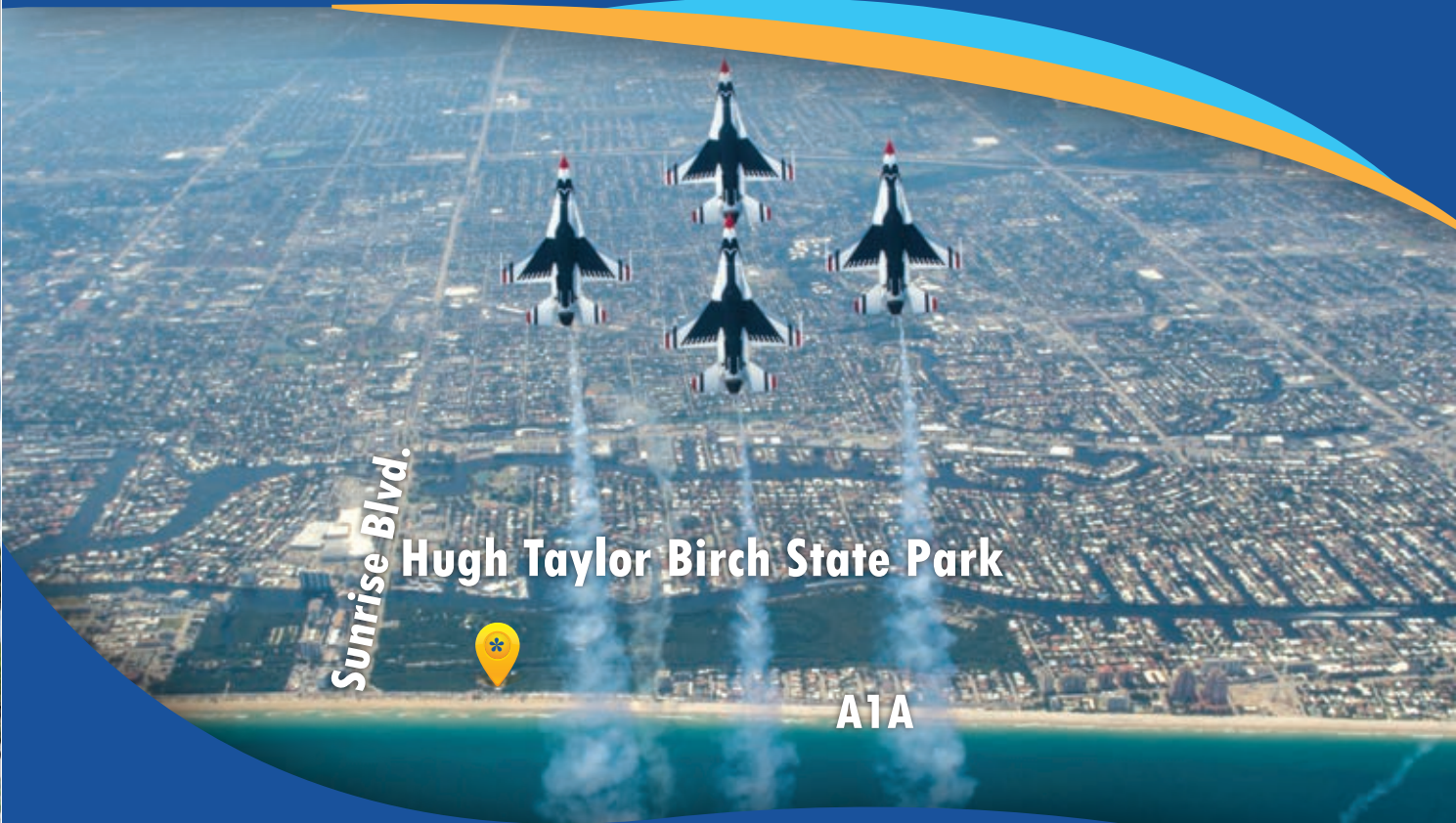
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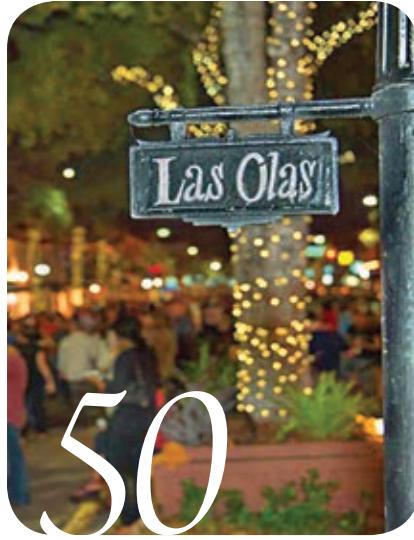
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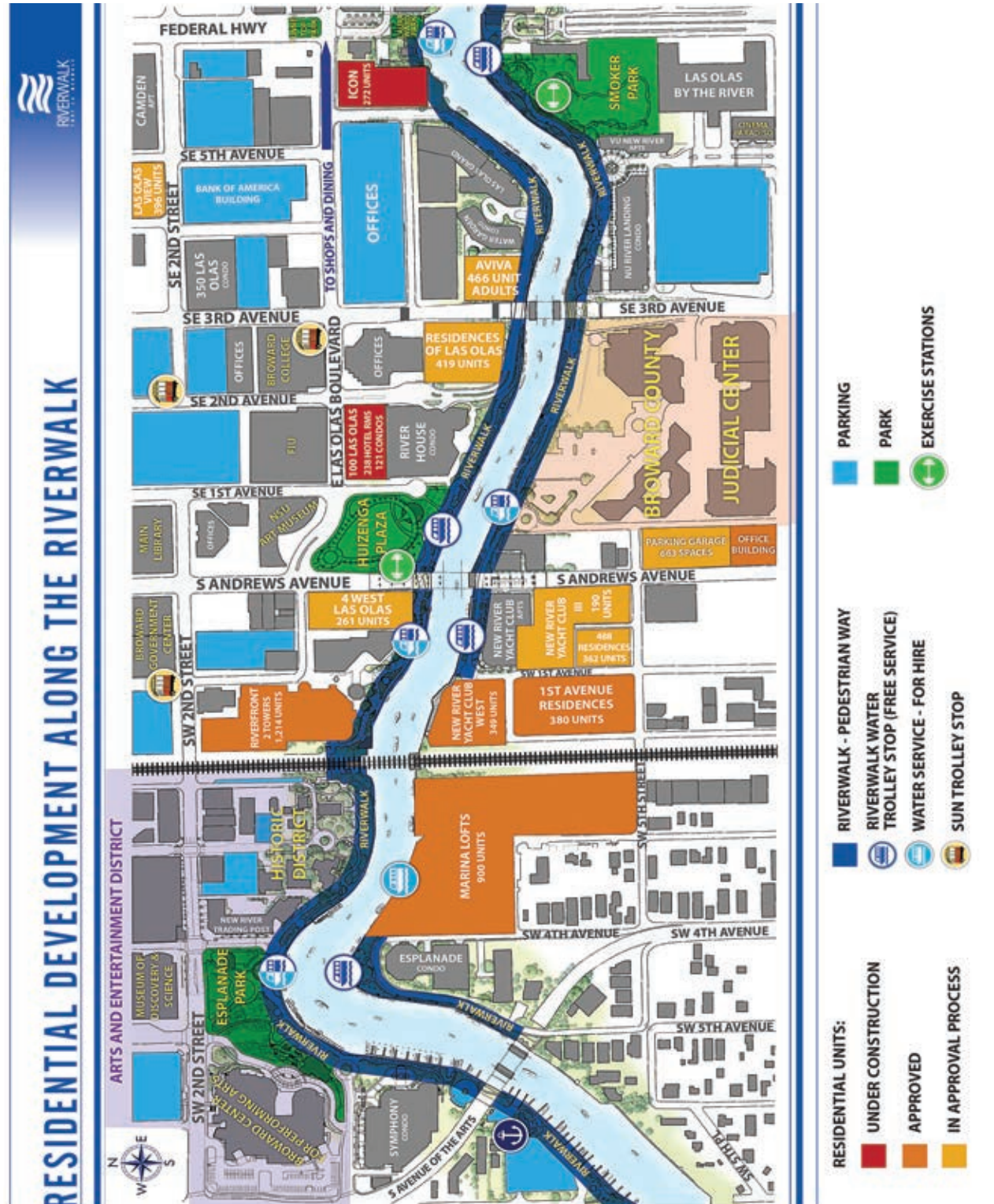
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## A SIGN OF PROGRESS


**O**ur busy Downtown and Riverwalk continue to expand and grow. We are working with Brightline as the railroad tracks and facilities are constructed – sometimes closing some roadways for a few days at a time. It is considered a sign of progress with this kind of change – sometimes a little inconvenient as it is happening but we are assured the result will be well worth it. High-speed direct transportation will be a game changer!

January and February have been busy, full of some great events and March is going to prove to be just as busy. March 3-5 will be the first Annual Riverwalk Taste of Little Italy – a full Italian festival right in Downtown at Huizenga Plaza. Come down and *mangiare* and enjoy the festivities. Not to be outdone, it is time for the Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival on March 11 and all of the ancillary events that lead up to that great day. This parade and festival continue to grow and draw thousands of people to Downtown to participate. All of us are Irish for that day. The parade is scheduled for March 11 and will be something not to miss. The joy of this parade is that it is done by locals celebrating together. From the Riverwalk/Chamber of Commerce Float, to the local high school bands, police and fire departments, and many others, we all celebrate our community.

We are happy to report that the work barge is scheduled to be in place and work is commencing on the completion of Riverwalk on the north side – a long awaited event and a great new connection along the river. The completion of the last link facilitates your entire walk on the north side along the beautiful New River.

A large portion of Riverfront has been acquired and is scheduled for demolition with a beautiful new residential and commercial project approved by the City. It will be such a pleasure to see this very valuable piece of private property that abuts Riverwalk once again alive and productive in Downtown.

Several other major construction projects are in process along Riverwalk and Downtown and with those, we will see more people enjoying the amenities of Fort Lauderdale – fine dining, shopping, festivals and events, cultural exhibits and shows, and more. We are growing a new destination and inviting you to come Downtown and to connect with our other unique areas of Fort Lauderdale.

Please use our website ([www.goriverwalk.com](http://www.goriverwalk.com)) and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Event Calendar ([www.goriverwalk.com - Events - Greater Fort Lauderdale Event Calendar](http://www.goriverwalk.com - Events - Greater Fort Lauderdale Event Calendar)) to find out what is happening in town and we encourage you to read *Go Riverwalk* magazine and keep up to date on what is going on! 







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at the Fort Lauderdale Aquatics Center. From that point on, I knew I wanted to make Fort Lauderdale my home. I was recruited and had the honor of swimming for Florida Atlantic University's Men's Swimming & Diving Team. After finishing a great collegiate and swimming career, I attended Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law to pursue my law degree and eventually become an attorney.

Currently, I am the managing attorney at Jackwin Legal, P.A., a boutique law firm with offices in Coral Gables and Fort Lauderdale. We specialize in real estate, business law, and legal consulting with start-up companies. Additionally, I serve as general counsel for Abode Realty – headquartered in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. I am also a real estate broker for Acadia Real Estate Properties, Inc.

Fort Lauderdale has so many great events and opportunities to offer its residents and visitors, and it continues to grow into a richer and more vibrant community each day. I joined Riverwalk because I wanted to be a part of this growing community. Giving back is one of the most important life lessons I learned growing up and Riverwalk allows me to give back to the Fort Lauderdale community through this great organization.



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David and I divide each month between our homes and consulting business in Fort Lauderdale and Columbia, MD, where we have extended family. It is great fun to enjoy the sun year round here and also experience outdoor activities in the beauty of autumn colors "up north" – and occasionally get snowed in!

For us, Fort Lauderdale is a vibrant city. We enjoy its diversity, the arts, the ocean, and the energetic business community. I have been active with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, including the Executive Leadership Orientation and the Small Business Committee, and with Leadership Broward Foundation.

We joined Riverwalk because of its remarkable mission, and we look forward to supporting it and contributing to the quality of life and business in Fort Lauderdale.



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➤ Originally from Queens, NY, I am a Certified Travel Advisor and an Accredited Cruise Counselor with over 25 years of experience in the travel industry.

I plan travel for individuals and groups and have recently branched out into providing travel opportunities for singles. The Anywhere You Travel Club hosts a monthly meet-up at various venues where we "talk travel" and plan future group trips. There are no fees or commitments to participate. My goal is to create connections through the experience of travel, one journey at a time.

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Riverwalk's Sixth Annual Stone Crab & Seafood Festival, sponsored by Grille 401, brought a record number of seafood lovers to the Riverwalk on Jan. 14. Die hard foodies and passersby enjoyed fresh stone crabs, crab cakes, raw oysters, lobster rolls, and many more delectable seafood items while they sipped on cold cocktails and rocked out to the sounds of Smokin J's Poker Night. It was a wonderful celebration of the seafood industry that flourishes in Fort Lauderdale. [GO](#)



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Colleen Flattery holding  
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## THIRD ANNUAL RIVERWALK BACON BASH

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Joe Perez with Islamorada Beer Company in VIP



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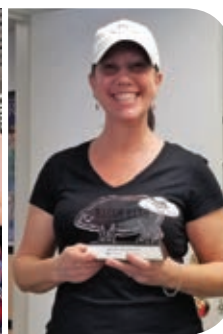
The Fit Shop's Adriane Abraham with Lisa Siegel



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## FIND YOUR FITNESS ON RIVERWALK

After weeks of foodie events along the Riverwalk, locals were invited to remember those New Year's resolutions at Find Your Fitness on Riverwalk. Nearly two-dozen local businesses built on living an active lifestyle and making health-conscious choices were showcased at Esplanade Park on Feb. 4. The afternoon included multiple live demonstrations and some delicious, healthy food options to try. [GO](#)



Event attendees Michael Steinback and Janet Dawson



The Fit Shop's Raisa Kerwin and Angelica Segura



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Cycle Bar's Jason Norton on the demo stage

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A gathering of some from the Circle of Wise Women



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## THIRD ANNUAL RIVERWALK CHILI COOK OFF

It was all about chili, beer, and blues along the Riverwalk on Jan. 28 at the Third Annual Riverwalk Chili Cook Off. Ten chili teams made up of professional chefs, amateur cooks, and aspiring home cooks, each partnered with a local charity organization to raise awareness and money for their charity. The Eppy Group's "Prime Texas Chili" won over festivalgoers who voted them in as the first place winners of the 2017 Riverwalk Chili Cook Off, earning them the title of "Best Chili in Fort Lauderdale." 



Eppy Group: Dean Bergman, Fran Eppy, and Lexi Cantore



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BY CHRIS WREN  
Executive Director,  
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# NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

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Last year saw a steady influx of new establishments to support our growing Downtown population, including several gyms. A common thread is the social aspect of their exercises, which not only helps to motivate people, but also strengthens the ties of our community. See what the fuss is all about by hitting up these new gyms that debuted in the last few months: Located at 525 N. Federal Highway, CycleBar is a multisensory workout that combines music, images, and performance data in a state-of-the-art CycleTheatre™ ([www.fortlauderdale.cyclebar.com](http://www.fortlauderdale.cyclebar.com)). Crossfit Las Olas ([www.crossfitlasolas.com](http://www.crossfitlasolas.com)) is located in Sailboat Bend at 700 W. Las Olas Blvd., with colorful outdoor murals and a hip, youthful vibe. Coming soon to Flagler Village is Flagler Village Crossfit ([www.flaglervillagecrossfit.com](http://www.flaglervillagecrossfit.com)) at 403 NE Eighth St.

If crossfit doesn't do it for you, TITLE Boxing Club ([www.titleboxingclub.com/fort-lauderdale-fl/](http://www.titleboxingclub.com/fort-lauderdale-fl/)) just opened at 350 SE Second St. It combines no-hit boxing and kickboxing techniques with cardio and toning exercises to help you reach your goals quickly and conquer new ones. Like the crossfit gyms, TITLE Boxing Club offers group fitness workouts that are as fierce as they are fun. I recently chatted with manager Brian Gomez about the new club.

**CW: What makes your gym unique?**


**BG:** Beyond being [called] the fastest growing franchise in the U.S. by *Inc.* Magazine, we truly focus on



our community and skill-based group exercise boxing and kickboxing classes. For this reason, we call it a club and not a gym. You are a part of something special here, where the team's main goal is to better all those who walk through the doors. Rob Cabello, our general manager, has ensured we get the best of the best on board, including several title-holders and a five-time world champ! The goal is to take folks of all skill/fitness levels and introduce something new and exciting, which they can see results from and [which will] keep them engaged for years to come.

**CW: Why did you decide to locate in Downtown?**

**BG:** Downtown Fort Lauderdale is growing rapidly and is a place where tons of people are looking for something exciting and special. It truly is an honor and pleasure to become part of the Fort Lauderdale culture. A ton of people have already jumped onboard due to the excitement of getting a great workout in before work with an amazing 30, 60, or 75-minute class, showering, and getting back to the office, or just missing the traffic home.

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## SETTING THE TONE

BIG VISION EQUALS BOLD ACTION



**A**ctions speak louder than words. Whether in relationships, your profession, or the political stage, action usually equals results. But as we've come to realize, words and imagery count too – even when those words are limited to 140 characters or a posted meme. The way we communicate sets a tone and sends a message that impacts and influences many.

So I've been thinking, what words do we need to use to set about a bold and unified vision for the future of our Downtown, our city, and our community? What "call to action" are we instigating, and what big picture are we trying to paint? How do we align priorities so both our elected leadership and our neighbors get engaged and excited to embark on incredible missions?

We have to start by having a clear mission. Business mogul Elon Musk showed us a picture of a rocket he's building to help humanity establish a permanent, self-sustaining colony on the Red Planet. Then he said, "What I really want to do here is to make Mars seem possible – make it seem as though it's something that we could do in our lifetimes, and that you can go." If you think this is crazy, it is. But his compelling imagery and bold statements set the tone that he's serious. It's also gets people excited and willing to commit. So what picture are we showing and what mission are we trying to achieve?

Take transportation and development. In this age of exponential technology growth, innovation, and disruption, our imagery

and our words for the future need to represent our evolving way of life. Illustrations of the future need not be Jetson-like, but let's paint the picture of our major streets and corridors showing innovative solutions like flexible lanes and road surfaces and car technology that together manage large volumes of traffic while reducing air and noise pollution.

Let's show our sidewalks as extensions of communal spaces representing parks and plazas and cafés and markets. Paint the vision of a community that believes high-quality design matters, and that our

public and private investments are valuable for the long run. Show images of buildings and cityscapes that are familiar enough to call home, but that inspire positive change and growth, push boundaries, and create new landmarks.

If we want to realize a great future, we need to show and tell what that future will be like so many can get behind it and of course, fund it. If we want buy-in and commitment we have to excite people and push for excellence.

If we want a world-class, sustainable, and vibrant community, we have to have a big vision and then take the bold steps to realize it. Tell me, what gets you excited about the future? What will it take you to engage? [GO](#)

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## GET YOUR BIKE ON

CONTRIBUTE TO A GREENER FORT LAUDERDALE

**M**arch is Bicycle Month in Florida. It's a time when we encourage you to get on your bike and explore your community during this most beautiful time of year.

Have you noticed the new bike racks around town? The City of Fort Lauderdale has installed over 200 bike racks within the last two years to park over 120 bikes. Did you know that you can park a dozen bikes in the same space as one vehicle? You will find racks in convenient locations close to the beach, retail, parks, entertainment venues, and Downtown. Many of the new businesses in the city provide bike parking as close to the front door as possible because they understand how their customers value this convenience and prime location. New residential development buildings are also providing covered or secure indoor bike parking for their residents.

Always remember to secure your bike when parking in public by using a secure bike lock. Be sure to weave your lock around the bike frame, front tire, and bike rack. It's also a good idea to register your bike with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department. Contact your local station to schedule a time to take advantage of this free service.

The City is working hard to provide comfortable places to bike in response to the Annual Neighbor Survey, which indicates a desire for safe bicycle facilities. Two bike lane projects are set to finish construction in late summer 2017. These projects include a "buffer", a space between the bike lane and vehicle lane to improve safety and comfort for both travelers. National studies have shown that buffered bike lanes increase ridership by 50 to 80 percent because of the sense of safety this design provides.

The project on Powerline Road from Sunrise Boulevard to NW 29th Street will have new six-foot bike lanes and a three-and-a-half-foot striped buffer. The project on SW Fourth Avenue between SW 34th Street and SW Sixth Street will be reconstructed to include a continuous bike lane, including two-foot to four-foot buffers where pavement width allows. But you don't have to wait to experience the comfort of riding in a buffered bike lane. Head over to the beach and take a ride on A1A from Oakland Park Boulevard to Flamingo Avenue or head Downtown and hop onto NW Fourth Street for a ride from NW Seventh Avenue to the FEC Tracks. These projects are repurposing extra pavement to create dedicated space

for more comfortable cycling in our city.

As approximately 75 percent of our daily trips in our cars are less than three miles, I encourage you to make one of those trips by bike to celebrate Bicycle Month this year. So get out there in this gorgeous weather and take a ride to the bank, nail salon, park, or a friend's house. You can count it as an exercise session and feel good about contributing to a greener Fort Lauderdale! We hope you enjoy your ride and please let us know about your experience to help us continue to create more options for our neighbors. 



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BY DIANE D'ANGELO

Chair, Downtown Council of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce



## THE STATE OF OUR CITY

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN BUSINESS

The mission of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce's (GFLCC) Downtown Council is to build and maintain a vibrant business and cultural community in Downtown through communication, collaboration, and leadership. At a recent Chamber breakfast hosted by the Downtown Council, we heard from Mayor Jack Seiler about the state of our City.

Fort Lauderdale has a 4.4 percent unemployment rate, one of the lowest of the metropolitan districts in the State of Florida. A total of 26,300 private sector jobs were created in our city last year. Our city (actually, the Miami-Fort Lauderdale metropolitan district) was named the fourth Best Small Business City in America for 2016 by Biz2Credit, jumping from seventh place in 2015. Small businesses were defined as having fewer than 250 employees or less than \$10 million in annual revenues and they considered annual revenue, credit score, age of business, cash flow, debt-to-income ratio, and the business owners' personal credit scores.

One of the things Mayor Seiler is most proud of is the fact that our city's tax millage rate has remained unchanged for 10 years. He stated that it is the lowest among the 25 largest cities in Florida, and our tax base is strong. The City of Fort Lauderdale has a reserve of approximately \$65 million, which is 20 percent above what is required. So, our City is financially sound.


One of the programs the Chamber is working on in conjunction with the City of Fort Lauderdale is a Business Retention and Expansion Program through the Chamber's Business First subcommittee. They have ambitious



Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler at the January Downtown Council Breakfast

goals for 2017 as they reach out to city business owners to determine the business community's perception of the city's business "friendliness." They plan to survey 800 local businesses, have 50 onsite one-on-one meetings with CEOs, create marketing materials highlighting why Fort Lauderdale is the best place to do business, as well as establish a more robust online portal with development tools for businesses.

Fort Lauderdale is full of people who are willing to work to make our city the best it can be. Our city logged 92,000 registered volunteer hours last year. This is in addition to the many activities of the Chamber and countless other organizations.

We are fortunate to be honoring an individual who is actively working to make Fort Lauderdale the best it can be. On Mar. 30, we will honor Doug McCraw, the President of FAT Village, as our Downtowner of the Year. You don't want to miss this event! To purchase tickets or to become a sponsor, please visit [www.ftlchamber.com](http://www.ftlchamber.com). 



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## FRESH CUP OF ART

DOWNTOWN FORT LAUDERDALE WELCOMES NEW ART TOUR

**B**roward Cultural Division's first in a series of public art tours in Downtown Fort Lauderdale took place early this year at a site known for its glass-steeped walls, its sunlit, cozy enclaves on each of its eight floors, its still, quiet vibe in the middle of the day, and, to those in the design realm, its Brutalist architecture.

Meandering through little pathways between books and wider avenues along glass at the Broward County Main Library, the "Fresh Cup of Art" Public Art Walking tour leader, Public Art & Design (PAD) Administrator Leslie Fordham, opened with notes on the building itself, designed in 1984 by Marcel Breuer.

The building houses more than a dozen public artworks, many of which were donated in the 1980s shortly after the building was built. The artworks seem to build on the experimental styles of the '80s, "which, once dismissed by experts, are being reevaluated in comparison along with the art of today," says Fordham.

Gems in the collection include, *Femina Luma* by James Swarthout, demonstrating photo realism through paintings of different images and angles such as a painting that combines into a sculptural representation with Florida's native flora and fauna.

Strong lines and soft results are featured in Anjal Solar's artwork *Recycled Stacks*. Fordham points out the artist's ingenuity of fabricating the entire artwork herself – mostly out of paper – in support of her recycling passion. Rolled paper cylinders, which could be read as scrolls make an appropriate addition for a library.

Tin Ly's artwork, a flowing, organic, colorful painting is an oversized, horizontal story of orchids and moves attendees away from geometric shapes for a moment.


*Lumina Spiritus* created in 1984, "is also influenced by the '60s and '70s," says Ly.

*Lineage's* artists, Giannina Coppiano Dwin and Patricia Baez, were "inspired by genomes, as well as the culture of the Hispanic community," Fordham says. The artwork is shrouded in light – accentuating lines and colors, intersecting in a sail-shaped glass sculpture, standing tall from a stainless steel base sailboat.

*Fresh Cup* attendees learn about these artworks that Fordham feels, "blur the boundaries of painting for their mix of painting with other mediums, highlighting the skill and thoughtfulness of the many artists." At one such artwork, *Industrial Charade* by Steven Clippinger, Fordham queries such things as what might have brought the artist from California to a non-industrial '80s Florida in order to create this artwork.

The one-hour tour ended on the north outdoor patio overlooking *Solar Time Plane* by Dale Eldred, where local coffee man Edilson Cremonese, founder of CoffeeHub Café, made espressos and cappuccinos for guests by pedaling his custom-built bicycle. "Cycling and coffee are my two greatest passions. I'm excited to bring my own form of public art to caffeinate the conversation," said Cremonese. It's a unique pairing, much like artworks and the library.

Says attendee Grace Kewl, "I appreciated how Fordham put the artworks in context and queried about which lens to view in order to appreciate the art in a new way."

Be part of this new tour, discussion, and coffee social in Downtown Fort Lauderdale on one of the next dates: Thursday, Mar. 16 or Thursday, Apr. 13. Visit [www.broward.org/arts](http://www.broward.org/arts) to RSVP under Events/Eventbrite. 



*Solar Time Plane* by Dale Eldred



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## THE IMPLICATIONS OF CHANGE

TWO AGENCIES ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK



**T**he Florida Legislature convenes this month and as I write this many of our members and Chamber colleagues are in Tallahassee fighting for the core of economic diversification and tourism.

Enterprise Florida and Visit Florida. These two agencies support a myriad of efforts to keep our state competitive in attracting and expanding our economy.

To be clear, there have been some missteps with both agencies. Enterprise Florida was spending too much on top executives, in my opinion. Visit Florida gaffed with a \$1 million contract with music sensation Pitbull. The tourism juggernaut's chief executive resigned over it.

The good these two agencies accomplish far outweighs the bad. If the legislature terminates these two organizations, it will hurt our economy and send us scrambling for solutions.

Here's my read on what this will do.

- **Ends economic diversification and tourism marketing efforts in Florida**, including eliminating the economic development toolkit, international programs, marketing, and small business assistance.
- **Raises taxes** – early estimates show that this legislation could increase taxes by \$89 million. On average, Florida

households save \$1,535 a year as a result of visitor activity, which drives increased revenues.

- **Hurts jobs** – every 85 visitors account for one job in Florida. Enterprise Florida is in the business of attracting high wage jobs and high-growth industries.
- **Decimates Florida's competitiveness** – Nearly every state has similar programs, and this legislation will eliminate our ability to stand up to our competition. In today's economy it takes more than sunshine, beaches, and no income tax to lead in growth of our economy.

Specifically, the bill eliminates 28 items ranging from Enterprise Florida and Visit Florida to the International Game Fish Association World Center facility and the High Impact Business Program.

Currently, the Senate seems more interested in modifying things as opposed to eviscerating them. Governor Scott's budget continues support for current programming and services.

Please be involved in the process this year. Business leaders will be traveling to Tallahassee throughout the session for Tourism Days and Capitol Days on Mar. 14 and Mar. 22 respectively. [@](#)





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The New River can offer the solitude of an old friend. You can sit quietly alongside the river at local public spaces like Esplanade Park, read a book, visit a nearby eatery, or simply enjoy the river's camaraderie.

It invites you to slip a paddleboard or kayak from your backyard into its still waters and allows you to take a long, languid approach to getting to know its history so you can help protect its future.

It encourages you to grab a friend, a canoe, and a

picnic and launch from a nearby ramp so you can explore its arteries, investigate your surroundings, and relive its journey while taking your own.

It inspires the entrepreneur in you to open the Water-Taxi stand, EcoBoat Tours, or the Jungle Queen Dinner and Sightseeing Cruise, so you can share its beauty and wonder with people from around the world.

It sparks the passion to buy a boat. Maybe your dream is to own a flats boat to take your grandchild fishing, or a powerboat that lets you take your kids and teach them to become good waterway stewards, or a luxurious ship that will take you to the Caribbean and beyond.

The river effortlessly carries watercrafts of every size, shape, and make, including those first responders who keep us safe on its waters during unpredictable weather, unforeseen mechanical failures, or tragic accidents. For, while the river is a loyal friend, it maintains the potential to be an unforgiving one, as well.


The New River has an ambitious and worthwhile story to share, and just like reading from a bound book, a Kindle, an iPad, or through Audible, the vessel choice of how you learn that story is completely up to you. 



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# CULTIVATING SUCCESS

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**M**ost people like being surrounded by nature, even if it's just a walk through a city park or pottering about in a backyard garden. We are drawn to green spaces filled with plants, trees, and leafy vegetation. They make us feel better. The same could be said for our indoor working and living environments. That's where the Plant Boat can help breathe some life into your home or business. This small business has evolved from selling plants off an actual boat to creating home and corporate plant designs.

The Plant Boat is a botanical design center based in Wilton Manors. Founded in 2008 by Matthew Lang, whose passion for nature and design is rooted in his love for South Florida's flora diversity, the Plant Boat fashions unique plant arrangements to fit any interior roomscape or exterior landscape. "Originally, I opened The Plant Boat more as a nursery that specialized in exotic plants. It was more of a retail garden center, but then the clients wanted more of the design aspect. So it started to morph into a commercial and plant design center," explained Lang.

Today, in addition to walk-in clients, Lang said that much of his work is with home and commercial designers that want to bring plant elements into their project. "Now, I physically go to the home or commercial space in the final stages and take photos. I'll then Photoshop in the plants and designs that I think will work best." Besides the right look and feel for plants in a space, Lang wants to know if the location is close to the ocean, how high up the space is, and what direction it faces, as salt air, wind, and sunlight are all important factors to consider in plant selection and layout.


Since many of Lang's plants are exotic, clients have returned asking if he would be willing to help maintain the plants – which he does. As any smart business owner knows, growth can come from vertical integration. The Plant Boat has grown through this type of integration. They now will design, sell, and maintain the plants.

Smart businesses can also see more green, when their customers see more green. Making it so that customers spend significant time in spaces with live plants forms the groundwork for more favorable retail activity. It's been proven in studies that when customers shop in retail areas with "plant" versus "non-plant" environments, they visit more frequently, stay longer, rate the quality of the products higher, and are willing to pay more for goods. Green helps those profits grow.

Plants also significantly lower workplace stress and



enhance worker productivity. Both women and men demonstrated more innovative thinking and generated more ideas and original solutions to problems in the office environment that included flowers and plants.

Whether for yourself at home, your employees or your customers, you can't go wrong by going green. The Plant Boat continues to cultivate its diverse client base, which has included Saks Fifth Avenue, Helium Creative, Mod Wine Lounge, and Flash Fire Pizza. The Plant Boat is truly a boatanical treasure trove of green creativity. 

### Small Business Stats **THE PLANT BOAT**

**Year founded:** 2008

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**Number of Employees:** 3

**Fun fact:** The Plant Boat has created plant designs and installations for large yachts.

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The launch of HSTV came on Dec. 3 at the destination's first ever Riptide Music Festival, a first year, two-day music festival on Fort Lauderdale Beach in partnership with Entercom Radio. When the cameras rolled live, viewers were treated to on the spot interviews with special surprise VIPs, pop-up performances, and reactions from festivalgoers. Since then, HSTV has been able to partner with broadcasts of the Winterfest Boat Parade and, most recently, the Swatch Beach Volleyball Fort Lauderdale Major Series. Each live event is also available on Facebook LIVE on the VisitLauderdale page. The results have been spectacular in the first 75 days reaching more than 100,000 viewers across all platforms.

When not covering live events, HSTV streams from a selection of destination web cams, in between scheduled programming consisting of selections from the network's video on demand library. Demand for content and new programs has grown exponentially. Greater Fort Lauderdale is using the HSTV network and air programming to showcase the destination's

vibrant culinary scene. The first three installments feature participating restaurants in the second annual "Taste Fort Lauderdale" series of the South Beach Wine and Food Festival. Hosted by Blue, the local marketing manager for YELP! in Broward County, viewers are treated to a unique perspective on local restaurants that attracts visitors and locals alike. On the heels of those segments, a new, originally produced program, CRAVE!, will air weekly. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

Throughout the spring and summer, tune into HSTV to enjoy live programming. Riverwalk's Noon Tunes will air live on Wednesdays from noon until 1 p.m. and HSTV takes you live to Friday Night Sound Waves at Las Olas and Fort Lauderdale Beach on the first Friday of each month.

HSTV allows us to engage with every visitor in a more meaningful way than ever before. We now have a way to promote every partner and every aspect of our destination. It is an extremely valuable tool that our sales and marketing teams are using to communicate with customers across the country and around the globe. It's also a great platform for the tourism and hospitality industry in Broward County to showcase why we are the best of the best and highlight the amazingly talented people who go out of their way to make all our guests feel welcome. To watch HSTV, visit [www.sunny.org/tv](http://www.sunny.org/tv). 





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WRITER ALEXANDRA ROLAND



Jorge Pérez standing behind a model of Auberge Fort Lauderdale



Pérez on site at Icon Las Olas, one of the Related Group's current Fort Lauderdale projects

There are many components of a self-made person. Curiosity, determination, drive, ambition, and perhaps most essential for continued success – “[Making] sure that you choose to do what you love to do,” says Related Group chairman and CEO Jorge Pérez. “Life is really tough and in order for you to enjoy it and be good at what you do, you have to be passionate. If work is just a chore, you’re not going to be successful either financially or as a happy human.” He has graced the cover of *Forbes* twice and released a book in 2008. This South Florida billionaire condo developer knows what he’s talking about.

With over 80,000 residential units under his belt, Pérez is known as a tycoon with a keen eye for bringing the future of development here and now. On Thursday, Mar. 16, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale will honor Pérez for accomplishments and contributions that have had a ripple effect in Fort Lauderdale and beyond.

“Outside of Colombia, the first city I ever visited was Miami,” Pérez says. Born to Cuban parents in Argentina and raised in Bogota, Pérez traveled to the U.S. at 18. The trip gave the already driven teenager fresh eyes. “I thought it was incredible. Colombia in my days was a very conservative country. So there was a lot of freedom here [in the U.S].”

He experienced a cultured upbringing – his mother took him to museums and art galleries and to watch plays and foreign films when he was a teenager, much to his initial chagrin – but he was disillusioned by the huge poverty gap he witnessed in society around him. He had his heart set on becoming a revolutionary. “I wanted to make a change,” he says. “I wanted to be able to help distribute income in a better way to try to make society more equitable. So I saw myself coming back to South America and working to create that better environment.” That’s



why he studied economics at C.W. Post College in Long Island.

After a year of traveling abroad to places like Spain, England, Germany, France, Austria, Switzerland, Greece, Portugal, and Ireland, he obtained his Master's in urban planning from the University of Michigan back in the States. Then, it was back to Miami. He had fallen in love with cities.

According to Pérez, Miami was then a clean slate, a canvas where he could create something important. And he did. In the '70s, he started as an economic development coordinator and city planner for the City of Miami. From there, colleagues, mentors, and hard work helped him to get in front of the right people at the right time, affording him many of the opportunities that brought him to today.


His first project in Broward happened 20 to 30 years ago in a suburban portion of Pembroke Pines. Since then, the Related Group has been behind some of Fort Lauderdale's most commanding structures – New River Yacht Club, The Manor at Flagler Village, Las Olas Beach Club, and the up-and-coming Auberge Fort Lauderdale and Icon Las Olas, which Pérez says are two of the top buildings Related has built.

"We've seen Fort Lauderdale over the last 40 years become a true urban city with its own idiosyncrasies," he says. "I think it's laid back in the nice sense of the word. It's a real city with its museums, its performing arts center, and its cultural facilities and people are more and more living in the urban core, which is what makes cities really thrive."

He continued, "I like the way the commercial section of Las Olas has grown with a fairly low-density, beautiful, very human scale-type development." He says the core is as much a place to work, as it is to live and play. Pérez hopes that the commercial sector will continue to grow. With smart development comes additional residential projects and more cultural facilities that support a burgeoning city and attract residents to the Downtown.

For him, the real joy of this business is in the creation. "I'm always looking at what do I do next? What makes it thrilling for me to come to work?" Through the years, art, which, he says helps him to understand the world better, has become an integral part of his joy and is intricately related to design and development. Each Related building design features specifically-curated art pieces unique to the project.

Today, Pérez's personal art collection is made up of over 1,000 pieces, which will eventually go to the Pérez Art Museum Miami, a contemporary art museum named after him. He donated his classical South American collection and other funds together totaling \$40 million to the museum in 2011.

Pérez is as much a lover of art as he is of philanthropy. He has taken the "Giving Pledge," committing to bequeath 50 percent of his wealth to philanthropic causes and he hopes to focus on that as his career evolves. In his spare time, he is a frequent tennis player, world traveler, and an avid reader – he logs in two to three hours of reading time a day. 

PHOTOS BY JASON LEIDY



### **If You Go: 17th Annual Riverwalk Tribute Honoring Jorge Pérez**

Thursday, Mar. 16, 5 – 8 p.m.  
Riverside Hotel  
[www.goriverwalk.com](http://www.goriverwalk.com)



# THE LIFECYCLE OF A FESTIVAL

## THE MANY STAGES OF EVENT PLANNING

WRITER PETE STEVENSON

**F**estivals, events, and parades enjoy huge and growing popularity in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. In a climate like ours, festivals take place all year long and in many cases so does the planning. These festivals require expert organization to balance safety with creativity and attention to detail. There are so many factors that we as the public never see. What goes on in advance or behind the scenes for these events to run smoothly?

Fort Lauderdale's **ST. PATRICK'S PARADE AND FESTIVAL** doesn't just happen by accident. It takes a lot of work, planning, and most important – people. According to Tim McGovern at the City of Fort Lauderdale's Parks & Recreation Department, the parade and all the events that support it are "made up of 100 percent volunteers." When do they begin planning for the St. Patrick's Parade and Festival? McGovern said, "As soon as the last one is over. It is really a year-round planning process for the parade. About six months out, we hold the St. Patrick's Irish Golf Classic, which is one of the major fundraisers that helps offset some of the parade costs, which can run up to \$175,000."

McGovern explained that about four months out, the parade community committees meet each month in a different Irish bar around town to address the public's needs and concerns. Also, starting at roughly the same time, the organizing committee meets monthly with police, fire and rescue, and the parks departments to ensure the safety of the public during such a large

event. And according to McGovern, they must be doing something right, as the parade has not had an arrest in over eight years.

"We stress the family-friendly nature of the parade and spend up to \$20,000 on the Kid's Zone alone," he said. "We have also learned to deflate the bouncy house prior to the start of the parade as it has blocked many of the participants from having a clear view of the parade. It's always a learning process that we tweak each year."

To mitigate any issues that weather may present for older patrons, be it rain or heat, the parade event incorporates a huge tent that can accommodate close to a thousand spectators with chairs and giant screens on which to view the parade. The St. Patrick's Parade travels west along Las Olas Boulevard from SE Fifth Avenue to Las Olas Riverfront. The colorful event features more than 100 decorative floats, a pipe and drum corps, classic automobiles, bagpipers, marching bands, animals, Irish dancers, street performers, scout troops, local sports teams, Veterans groups, and over 30,000 spectators.



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On the first Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., the Riverwalk and Esplanade Park are home to the **JM LEXUS SUNDAY JAZZ BRUNCH**, a live outdoor concert series that brings the area's best local artists to the banks of the New River. Thousands of people each month flock to the event to listen to expressive music, spread across three stages. But for this type of event to run effortlessly, there has to be "efficient and ongoing communication," said event coordinator Debbie Bylica of the Fort Lauderdale Parks & Recreation Department. "We are planning all year long. Even though it is a monthly event, we have different vendors and musicians each month and they all require contracts and applications." Good communication, before and during the event, is essential. However, marketing to the public is what helps make this event an ongoing success. The JM Lexus Sunday Jazz Brunch continually markets and promotes the event through a variety of channels and media.

The upcoming **FTL TACO BATTLE & CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL** is a brand new festival you can add to your Downtown calendar of events. What has surprised event planner Elizabeth Chavez-Slowey for this first-time event has been the overwhelmingly positive response from the public, breweries, and Spanish-style restaurants to this gastronomic combination of tacos and craft beer. This Apr. 15 event will feature the Best of the Best of our area's top restaurants and craft breweries for a challenge that will showcase the top taco culinary skills and brew masters of South Florida.


"Originally this was going to be a ticketed event," explained Chavez-Slowey, "but not knowing what the response will be, we decided to open this event up as a free event. We estimate that we will have an attendance of between 1,000 – 2,000 people. Another reason we wanted this to be a free event and open to the largest audience is the fact that our festival falls a week after the Tortuga Music Festival and a few weeks before the Fort Lauderdale Air & Sea Show. And we didn't want to compete for those dollars." 



IMAGE PROVIDED BY THE FTL TACO BATTLE & CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

PHOTO BY JASON LEIDY



# EAT LIKE AN EPICURE

THIS VETERAN, ALL-INCLUSIVE, VIP WINE, FOOD, AND SPIRITS EVENT TAKES FEASTING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

WRITER RACHEL CREVELING

The American Lung Association is gearing up to host the 22nd Annual Las Olas Wine and Food Festival (LOWFF) on the iconic Las Olas Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale. With delicious food, fine wines, and lots of entertainment, it's an opportunity to support a great cause.

Taking place on Friday, Apr. 21, LOWFF is brought to you by title sponsors Breakthru Beverage, William Hill Estate Winery, New Amsterdam Vodka, and Woodford Reserve, and presented by Las Olas Company and Las Olas Association. With over two decades of successful festivals under their belt, there are exciting upgrades in store that will make this year the ultimate not-to-be-missed event.

"The Las Olas Company is a long-time sponsor of the Las Olas Wine and Food Festival because we believe in the great work of the American Lung Association," said Vann Padgett of The Las Olas Company. "Not only does this festival support the [American] Lung Association, it supports the fine merchants on Las Olas Boulevard and provides national exposure for our beautiful venue. The festival continues to grow and attract the very best of the best and we are looking forward to an awesome 2017 event."

## WHAT'S NEW FOR 2017:

### TWO EXTRA BLOCKS

There will be even more space coming to LOWFF this year – two blocks more, in fact. Spanning five total blocks now, up and down Las Olas from Sixth Ave. to 11th Ave., the festival will welcome ticket holders into private luxury tasting pavilions that will include lounge foyers and YELP experiential check-in areas. The extra space means guests will have more room to mix and mingle with friends while tasting and toasting the night away.

### TASTE OVER 100 FOOD AND WINE OPTIONS

It will be the biggest year yet, with more vendors pouring and passing the best South Florida has to offer.

More than 100 of South Florida's top restaurants and internationally recognized wineries will converge for an all-inclusive evening of unlimited tasting for ticket holders. While Las Olas Blvd. stays open to public foot traffic, only ticket holders can enter the tasting pavilions to enjoy the all-you-can-taste event. Each restaurant and winery will additionally enjoy more space inside the tasting pavilions for guests to have the opportunity to engage more with the partners of the festival.

### LIVE COOKING COMPETITIONS

The "Best of the Best Chef Competition" is back for LOWFF 2017. At the intersection of Eighth Ave. and Las Olas Blvd., all LOWFF guests will have the opportunity to dance under the stars while being entertained by the one and only DJ IRIE on the main stage before enjoying the ultimate chef competition. Hosted along with celebrity chef Ralph Pagano, the owner of the newest restaurant to hit Fort Lauderdale, the Naked Crab at B Ocean Hotel, the competition will spotlight the 2016 champions back to defend their titles. Featured participants include: Chef Andres Toran of JWB Prime Steak and Seafood at Margaritaville Hollywood Beach Resort, Chef Yuki Horata of Mama Mia, and Chef Dustin Ward of BLT Prime. Six chefs will battle head-to-head in three categories in front of a live audience before one is crowned the LOWFF 2017 Best of the Best.



2016 Best of the Best Chef Competition



## EVERYONE'S A VIP AT LOWFF 2017

LOWFF 2017 will feature even more luxury lounges along the side streets of Las Olas Blvd. and with more streets and more space, comes more experiences from cocktail partners New Amsterdam Vodka and Woodford Reserve, along with hosting sponsors Mercantil Commercebank, Cadillac, and more. The American Lung Association would like all to enjoy these beautifully built, open-air luxury experiences. There is one all-inclusive ticket price giving all guests access to all parts of LOWFF. Every guest of LOWFF will enjoy the tasting pavilions along the boulevard and gain access to any luxury lounge featuring custom cocktails and unique happenings, while taking in views of Las Olas Blvd. and enjoying showcased musicians and DJs jamming to all types of genres throughout the night.




2016 Best of the Best Judges



Timpano at LOWFF 2016

“Several years ago, we began our partnership with the American Lung Association to bring the Las Olas Wine & Food Festival to the Fort Lauderdale community,” said Bob Drinon, president of Breakthru Beverage Group, South Region. “We have been able to showcase the culinary talents of our local partners and feature internationally recognized wine and spirits thanks to the graciousness of our suppliers. We are happy to see how this event has grown and are excited about where the future will take us; but most importantly, we are proud to have contributed to raising important funds in the fight against lung cancer and other lung diseases.”

It's the ultimate goal of the American Lung Association that this event expands each year to various events around Fort Lauderdale to create a true Fort Lauderdale culinary event week featuring the best of Broward and all of its partners across the area.

To purchase tickets, visit [www.lasolaswff.com](http://www.lasolaswff.com) or email [info@lasolaswff.com](mailto:info@lasolaswff.com) for more information. Find them online (@LasOlasWFF) on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. One hundred percent of the proceeds from your ticket will aid in the American Lung Association's mission to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease. 





# SEASIDE STEWARDSHIP

TORTUGA MUSIC FESTIVAL'S CONSERVATION EFFORTS  
ON THE BEACH, FOR THE BEACH

WRITER JOANNA KENTOLALL



Every spring, turtle nesting season begins on the shores of South Florida. These “tortugas” (Spanish for turtles) come to the beach to lay their eggs in the sand. And for the past few years, spring has also brought a different kind of tortuga to our beaches – a premier country music festival that heralds those turtles as its namesake.

The Tortuga Music Festival (TMF) returns to Fort Lauderdale Beach from Apr. 7 to 9 for another year of performances from top country artists like Kenny Chesney, Luke Bryan, and Chris Stapleton. More than just a concert, this three-day experience has ocean conservation as its overarching goal – including the plight of the sea turtles that give the festival its name.

At the heart of the event is the Conservation Village, a cluster of more than 30 organizations with interactive displays promoting awareness, education, and research about the threats facing the world’s oceans. The concept pairs music with marine conservation. Fans revel in the seaside environment, while also learning about how to preserve it.

The driving force behind the creation of the festival is music industry veteran Chris Stacey. He created the not-for-profit Rock The Ocean, a foundation dedicated to ocean conservation, combining his love of the water and his knowledge of the music industry. A former South Florida resident, Stacey says that living near Fort Lauderdale Beach was his inspiration for the multifaceted event. “It’s a vibrant city, a vibrant beachfront, with lots of groups already doing the work we wanted to support.”

One of the groups that has been with the Conservation Village from the very beginning is Fort Lauderdale-based Sea Turtle Oversight Protection (STOP). “We’ve been there since the inception and seen it grow and evolve...I think it makes a difference to people who connect with the message,” said founder Richard WhiteCloud. STOP is comprised of volunteers who rescue and release sea turtle hatchlings. Nesting can be difficult because habitats are vulnerable and turtles can become confused by artificial light and noise.

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PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE TORTUGA MUSIC FESTIVAL

Although 2016 was a record-breaking year for sea turtle nesting in Broward County with over 3,500 nests laid, many of the eggs remained unhatched. That's why it's important to give the hatchlings their best possible chance at life; and educational opportunities like these can help. Ticket sales and donations from TMF have resulted in over \$300,000 given back to different Conservation Village partners to assist in their work.

With conservation at its core, TMF engages spectators with the many issues surrounding the seas, not just the sea turtles that are the festival's namesake.

Fans may come for the show, but they may also leave with knowledge about coral reef degradation, marine pollution, over-fishing, and shark protection. It's an immersive, overall experience that's on the beach, for the beach.

"There's this oceanfront setting and [a] great fan event with 'A' list talent, and then together with the lifestyle component it makes a magical combination," said Stacey.

For more information, visit [www.rocktheocean.com](http://www.rocktheocean.com) or [www.tortugamusicfestival.com](http://www.tortugamusicfestival.com). 





# FESTIVALS FOR THE LOCALS

FORT LAUDERDALE IS MADE UP OF A MOTLEY CREW OF FESTIVALGOERS WITH DIFFERENT TASTES AND INTERESTS. HERE IS A GUIDE FOR THE AUDIOPHILE, THE CONNOISSEUR, THE ADRENALINE JUNKIE, THE FREE SPIRIT, AND ALL THE ABOVE.

**WRITERS** GABRIELLE ROLAND AND PETE STEVENSON

Fort Lauderdale has so many things going on, we couldn't name them all! Did we miss one? We're always on the lookout for upcoming happenings in the city. Email us at [magazine@goriverwalk.com](mailto:magazine@goriverwalk.com) with your finds.

## FOR THE AUDIOPHILE:

### Make Music Day

**June 21**

Make Music Day (MMD) Fort Lauderdale is a live, free musical festival on June 21, the longest day of the year, with concerts all around the city: street corners, parks, rooftops, gardens, and storefronts. And, unlike a typical music festival, anyone and everyone is invited to join and play music, or host performances. MMD invites musicians, singers, rappers, church choirs, rock bands, glee clubs, and instrumentalists of any age group or skill level to collaborate on making music in the streets.

[www.makemusicday.org/fortlauderdale](http://www.makemusicday.org/fortlauderdale)

### For the Love Music Festival

**Oct. 2017 (Date: TBA)**

If you are wondering *what's love got to do with it?*, the answer is everything. There are few universal forms of communication and music is one of them. This year, For the Love is taking on a more intimate vibe with one stage at the C&I Studios Garden Space in FAT Village. Go for the tunes. Stay for the love. [www.c-istudios.com/uncreative/event/for-the-love-music-festival](http://www.c-istudios.com/uncreative/event/for-the-love-music-festival)

### Riptide Music Festival

**Dec. 2017 (Date: TBA)**

Last December was Fort Lauderdale's introduction to the first Riptide Music Festival. The festival offers music ranging from modern and alternative to indie rock and retro with some electro-pop and reggae leaning groups thrown in for a good mixture. Tickets are from \$35 up to \$75 for a two-day pass.

[www.riptidefest.com](http://www.riptidefest.com)



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## South Florida Folk Festival

**Jan. 2018 (Date: TBA)**

The festival is equal parts music retreat, community gathering, and friends' reunion. The two-day festival features over 40 musicians, songwriting competitions, a jam area, and workshops. For Broward Folk Club members, the cost to attend is \$35 Saturday; \$30 Sunday. For non-members, it's \$40 Saturday; \$35 Sunday.

[www.southfloridafolkfest.net](http://www.southfloridafolkfest.net)



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## PLUS

### Tortuga Music Festival, Apr. 7-9

[www.tortugamusicfestival.com](http://www.tortugamusicfestival.com)

## FOR THE ADRENALINE JUNKIE:

### Southeast Florida Scottish Festival and Highland Games

**Mar. 4**

What do you call a group of guys doing manly things in skirts? Highland Games, obviously. This spring festival, hosted at Plantation Presbyterian Church, transports attendees to Scottish plains complete with kilts, bagpipes, and the impressive highland games events including the caber toss. It's a test of physical strength and fashion sense drawing spectators of all ages. Watch the country dancing, play games, and listen to the bagpipe band competition. You may even leave with an accent! Tickets are as follows: adults: \$20; ages 6 to 14: \$3; ages 5 and under: free

[www.sassf.org](http://www.sassf.org)



## Color Run - Fort Lauderdale

Apr. 29

The Color Run is an annual event to promote healthiness and happiness by bringing the community together to participate in the “Happiest 5K on the Planet.” This is an un-timed, non-competitive event, but it will get your heart pumping. Thousands of “Color Runners” are drenched from head to toe in different colors at each kilometer. At the Finish Festival, revel in music, dancing, and a vivid colorful celebration. The race starts in Huizenga Plaza. Check the website for pricing details.

[www.thecolorrun.com/locations/ft-lauderdale](http://www.thecolorrun.com/locations/ft-lauderdale)



## Repticon Fort Lauderdale

May 20 & Sept. 2

Many of us view our own backyards as miniature Jurassic parks filled with curly tailed lizards, toads, and the occasional garden snake. But for some, that's not enough. This festival takes things to a new level of exotic, dangerous, and totally cool. Meet animals from all over the world at the War Memorial event, even getting up close and personal. Tickets are as follows: adults: \$12; ages 5-12: \$5; ages 4 and under: free

[www.repticon.com/florida/ft-lauderdale](http://www.repticon.com/florida/ft-lauderdale)



## FOR THE CONNOISSEUR:

### Fort Lauderdale Pizza Festival

Apr. 1

When the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie, that's #goals. This festival will be making culinary history this April with a proclamation of Fort Lauderdale Pizza Day. Choose from local pizza places or nationally popular brands and bring the kids to teach them the art of pizza tasting. It's like wine tasting, only better because it involves cheese and it's not limited to 21 and over. The event, held at the War Memorial Auditorium, will feature a kid zone, cooking demonstrations, a pizza-eating competition and more. General admission tickets are \$30 and the VIP experience is \$75.

[www.fortlauderdalepizzafestival.com](http://www.fortlauderdalepizzafestival.com)



## Literary Feast

Mar. 31- Apr. 1

Each year, the Broward Public Library Foundation dedicates a weekend celebration of literacy in support of library programming. A bibliophile's paradise, this event brings international bestselling authors to various venues in Fort Lauderdale and lures bookworms with promises of book signings at local Barnes and Nobles stores. The celebration kicks off with Novel Day for Students on Friday and culminates with a Night of Literary Feasts for honored visiting authors on Saturday evening. Tickets are \$175.

[www.bplfoundation.org/literary-feast](http://www.bplfoundation.org/literary-feast)



## The 32nd Annual Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival (FLIFF)

Nov. 3-19

The Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival has become one of the foremost annual cultural events in Broward County. Each year, FLIFF brings together a wide variety of independent films and filmmakers. Ticket prices range from \$15 up to \$25 for film packages and party events.

[www.fliff.com](http://www.fliff.com)

## PLUS

### FTL Taste of Little Italy, Mar. 3-5

[www.ftlauderdaleitalianfestival.com](http://www.ftlauderdaleitalianfestival.com)

### FTL Taco Battle & Craft Beer Festival, Apr. 15

[www.goriverwalk.com/events](http://www.goriverwalk.com/events)

### Las Olas Wine and Food Festival, Apr. 21

[www.lasolaswff.com](http://www.lasolaswff.com)

### Riverwalk Burger Battle™ VIII, May 20

[www.goriverwalk.com/events](http://www.goriverwalk.com/events)

### Smoke on the Water BBQ Feast, June 2017,

[www.goriverwalk.com/events](http://www.goriverwalk.com/events)

### Riverwalk Stone Crab & Seafood Festival, Jan 2018

[www.goriverwalk.com/events](http://www.goriverwalk.com/events)

### Riverwalk Chili Cook Off, Jan 2018

[www.goriverwalk.com/events](http://www.goriverwalk.com/events)

## FOR THE FREE-SPIRITED:

### FATVillage ArtWalk

Last Saturday of the month

An amalgamation of unique artists has come together to celebrate what makes them different but also what unites them as a colorful community. FATVillage ArtWalk offers stimulating art for the right-brained Fort Lauderdaleians, interactive exhibits for those who want to be a part of the action, food trucks for the adventurous foodie, and the unexpected for the free-spirited.

[www.fatvillage.com/art-walk](http://www.fatvillage.com/art-walk)



## VegFest

Dec. 2

VegFest Fort Lauderdale is a festival for conscious humans interested in celebrating the far-reaching benefits of an environmentally friendly, plant-based lifestyle. An inspiring line-up of performers, speakers, and demonstrators will complement the vast array of vegan samples and foods for purchase. The event will be held at the War Memorial Auditorium. Tickets for adults are \$15; and for ages 12 and under, admission is free. [www.vegfestexpos.com](http://www.vegfestexpos.com)



## Paradise City Comic Con

Dec. 2017

Paradise City Comic Con is three days of entertainment featuring comic book creators, voice actors, cosplayers, celebrities, films, costume contests, anime, workshops, and video games. The event takes place at the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention Center. [www.paradisecitycomiccon.com](http://www.paradisecitycomiccon.com)



## FOR THE NOVEL MINDED:

### LaudyPop

Mar. 10

Feast your eyes and stomachs on this new kid on the block. This event promises to tickle the fancy of anyone with an appetite for art or good eats. Set in the natural gem Hugh Taylor Birch State Park, LaudyPop is sure to have plenty of eye candy and Instagram-worthy photo ops featuring hand-crafted cocktails, locally-brewed craft beer, dishes from local restaurants, interactive performances, and more. Food samples will be served on popsicle-like sticks. Now it all makes sense. General admission is \$75 and VIP access is \$125.

[www.laudypop.com](http://www.laudypop.com)



## Jamaican Jerk Festival

Nov. 12

Embrace the irie Jamaican lifestyle and escape to this Caribbean festival, held in Markham Park, complete with every possible use of jerk seasoning you can imagine: jerk chicken, jerk lobster, jerk corn, jerk pork, and even jerk ice cream. Check the website for ticket information.

[www.jerkfestival.com](http://www.jerkfestival.com)



## Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Mutts and Martinis™

Fall 2017

Fort Lauderdale's largest outdoor pet-friendly cocktail party will take place along the Riverwalk overlooking the iconic New River in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. The goal of this event is to bring together the Downtown community and their favorite four-legged friends for an afternoon of celebration, networking, and awareness, all while raising funds for Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, the Humane Society of Broward County, and other local pet rescue groups. [www.goriverwalk.com/events](http://www.goriverwalk.com/events)



## FORT LAUDERDALIANS! CHECK OUT THESE OTHER FESTIVALS.

**Heal the Planet Day**, Apr. 22

[www.healtheplanet.com](http://www.healtheplanet.com)

**Marine Industries Day**, June 17

[www.marineindustryday.org](http://www.marineindustryday.org)

**Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Fall Festival**, Fall 2017

[www.goriverwalk.com/events](http://www.goriverwalk.com/events)

**Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show**, Nov. 2-6

[www.flibs.com](http://www.flibs.com)





**DREAM TOUR**



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**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:**

**[WWW.THECOLORRUN.COM/FT-LAUDERDALE/](http://WWW.THECOLORRUN.COM/FT-LAUDERDALE/)**



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# GOT SCOTCH?

SCOTCH TASTING EXPERIENCE WITH STEWART BUCHANAN

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

**O**ur favorite consigliere of craft, Nick Nistico, Beverage Program Specialist at Breakthru Beverage Florida, invited us to meet Brown-Forman brand ambassador Stewart Buchanan and learn a wee bit about scotch whisky.

**1. Share a bit of background about how the Brown-Forman partnerships came into existence and the story behind the names?** We have three iconic single malt distilleries in Scotland: BenRiach – Speyside, Glendronach – North East Highlands, and Glenglassaugh – uniquely situated on the Speyside-highland border and also only 50 meters from the beautiful beach on the Moray Firth Coast. Prior to the acquisition by Brown-Forman, Benriach Distillery Company was an independent company founded under the ownership of whisky veteran Billy Walker. His pedigree fits perfectly with Brown-Forman's ethos and approach to whisky as a whole and its exciting return to Scottish single malt whisky.

**2. What is your favorite scotch and cocktail?** The great thing about

Scottish single malt whisky [is that] I have a favorite whisky for every time of day, mood, weather, and company.

- **Bar drinking whisky:** Glenglassaugh Evolution, 50 percent abv bourbon barrel maturation. It is loaded with vanilla, toffee, golden delicious apples, caramelized pears, and earthy coconut.
- **Before dinner whisky:** BenRiach 10 year Classic, an example of the traditional Speyside style with crisp green apple, stem ginger warmth, and fresh barley on the finish.
- **After dinner whisky:** Glendronach 21-year-old Parliament features sherry maturation with a robust Highland character, stewed Mediterranean fruits, nutty, dark chocolate, and rich molasses.
- **Anytime whisky:** We also have peated whisky at BenRiach. The 10-year-old Curiositas is one of my favorites that I can enjoy any time of the day.
- When it comes to cocktails, I love a good old fashioned and a whisky sour using our peated Glenglassaugh Torfa.

**3. What sets your scotches apart from others?** At all three of the distilleries, it is very much about location *terroir*, the differences in the process water we use. This determines how we tweak the production techniques and different cask combinations to gain different profiles in our single malt, promoting full or mid bodied nature, fresh or dark fruit characters, a sweet or robust palate, classic or peated. Across the three distilleries we really do have a whisky for everyone. Also scale is important. Our production rate is ideal for keeping the traditional style production intact.

**4. What music complements your drinking styles?** I love many styles of music. With country or rock in a bar, I would be drinking the sweeter expressions of BenRiach and Glenglassaugh. With blues and jazz sitting in a dark lounge, I would progress to the slow sipping, rich, robust Glendronach expressions.

**5. What is your essential whisky accessory?** A good glass. I like



Stewart Buchanan with Doug Turner, Jonny Altobell, Penny Sanfilippo, Renée Quinn, and Adrian Drummond



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Brown-Forman brand ambassador Stewart Buchanan

Comments edited for brevity

drinking my whisky neat and I will take a lot of time nosing my whisky before I have a sip and will continue to nose between each sip, so a good glass is essential. Glencairn whisky glasses are my favorite, but any tulip or even cognac would do. And if I do take my whisky on ice, it has to be a good weight crystal tumbler.

#### 6. What trend excites you most about today's craft scene?

This doesn't only refer to the craft scene, but I think we have never lived in a more vibrant time when it comes to the consumer. Food, cocktails, whisky, gin, in fact, all drinks – the consumer has such a thirst for knowledge no matter what it is and wants to show his/her individuality

through that. Coming from a production background, I love traveling the world seeing new drinkers experiencing our single malts and filling that knowledge gap between the glass and the distilleries back in Scotland.

**7. This time next year you'll be drinking...** I love trying spirits and beers from wherever I am in the world. On my days off while I travel, I can usually be found in a local brewery or distillery seeing their production styles and sampling their products. I think sherry is taking a bit of a revival, which I love. The more sherry people drink, the more casks we will have for our single malt maturation back in Scotland! Win-win all round.



#### Whisky vs. Whiskey

The Scots spell it **whisky** and the Irish spell it **whiskey**, with an extra 'e'. This difference in the spelling comes from the translations of the word from the Scottish and Irish Gaelic forms. **Whiskey** with the extra 'e' is also used when referring to American **whiskies**.



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NEW LOOKS AND NEW TASTES AT THE  
HIMMARSHEE PUBLIC HOUSE

**WRITERS** PENNY SANFILIPPO AND JONNY ALTOBELL – THE UGLY SISTERS



Chef Tara won the “Chef’s Choice” title and the award for the “Best Bacon Dish” at the Riverwalk Bacon Bash event held in January. Her winning entry was, well, very baconcentric. A cheddar bacon biscuit split and filled with chicharrone (fried pork rinds) crusted chicken and a smear of bacon jam, topped with spiced candied bacon. FYI: This will NOT be served at the next meeting of the American Heart Association.

The term “Public House” is about as British as you can get without needing an accent. Even if you don’t watch Masterpiece on PBS, you have heard of pubs – yep, short for Public House – a tavern or local drinking place. Some had/ have rooms like an inn, but most offer libations and, often, casual food. Lucky for us that the JEY Hospitality Group (ROK: BRGR, TacoCraft, PizzaCraft, Apothecary 330) believes in taking definitions to a new level.

Libations are varied from excellent craft beer to more excellent craft cocktails but, hey – we are all about the food, and this spot, under the direction of Chef Tara Abrams, has food that is anything but casual. A humble “sandwich” is transformed – verbiage loses to top-notch ingredients and combinations.

The Public House was completely remodeled in the past year, so if you haven’t seen the new look, check it out. The lines are clean and the setting is very comfortably open. Space outside was not neglected – wonderful outside dining space with custom planters and LED lights on the lowered tables. It’s perfect for South Florida nights. We had the privilege of attending a new menu launch in late fall with other food bloggers and writers. This is our first opportunity to tell you about it. Jonny and I are not fans of the Chef Q&A format, but we did have fun asking Chef Tara some questions. Some were even about food.







## THINGS THAT SURPRISED US:

We know that often restaurant “group” menus are decided solely on – guess what? – cost. Not so here, as the seasonally changing menu (one to two times per year) is decided by corporate, the corporate chef (Robbys Martinez), and the chef at each restaurant. So Chef Tara likes what she prepares and had a say in its selection for the menu. She has a passion for BBQ and it shows in the smoked brisket nachos, which substitutes potato chips for corn ones topped with pickled red onions. The brisket also appears in a BBQ brisket sandwich, which sports bourbon jalapeños. The spicy lamb ribs (yes you read that right – lamb) have what she calls a “simple” root beer glaze of Boylan’s Root Beer, sesame oil, and sriracha. Simple indeed? Delicious.

There are no prep cooks. You’ve watched TV cooking shows where everything is in neat little bowls, all pre-measured. That’s the work done by the prep staff. But somewhere, a connection is lost. It becomes more assembly than cooking, which is why we were so impressed that all the people who cook prepare their own ingredients for each shift.

Everything is made in-house – nearly unheard of in busy spots like this. In non-foodspeak: this means no bottled salad dressings, sauces or purchased pre-cooked meat.

## WHAT WAS NOT A SURPRISE (TO US ANYWAY):

Chef Tara suffers from occasional food burn out. When you look at food six days a week, often 14 hours a day, a bowl of cereal looks great. Cooking at home is nearly non-existent, but for her, the beach is a great source of peace and solitude. Noisy, busy kitchen versus gentle waves and sunlight – imagine which one is more attractive?

Today’s favorite food can vary according to mood. That makes sense. Not every day is Fried Chicken Day (even with truffle honey).

Chef Tara thinks the whole kale fad is overrated. Well, so do we. 

*Penny Sanfilippo and Jonny Altobell (a.k.a. the Ugly Sisters) have owned Ala Carte Catering in Fort Lauderdale for more than 20 years. They recently retired from running their Downtown restaurant, the 11th Street Annex, and are looking forward to sharing all things food (restaurants too) with the readers of Go Riverwalk.*



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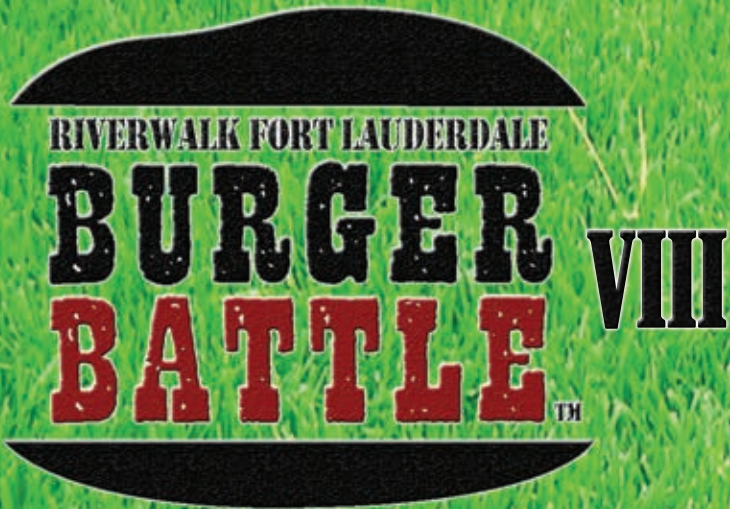
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 **National Association of Women Artists Exhibition**  
 Through Mar. 24  
 ArtServe  
 (954) 462-8190  
[www.artserve.org](http://www.artserve.org)

 **Counterpoints Exhibit presented by the Broward Cultural Division**  
 March  
 Broward County Main Library  
 (954) 357-7443  
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 **Watercolor in the Gardens**  
 Mar. 1 – Apr. 5 (Wednesdays)  
 Bonnet House Museum and Gardens  
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 **Micro Mini Muse**  
 Mar. 2  
 NSU Art Museum  
 (954) 262-0258  
[www.nsuartmuseum.org](http://www.nsuartmuseum.org)




 **Impressions: A Juried Art Exhibit**  
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 Bonnet House Museum and Gardens  
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 **Logan: The IMAX Experience®**  
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 Mar. 2 – Apr. 6 (Thursdays)  
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[www.bonnethouse.org](http://www.bonnethouse.org)

 **The Best of Second City**  
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 Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
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 **The Fab Faux**  
 Mar. 3  
 Parker Playhouse  
 (954) 462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)


 **History Maker - Brightline Railroad**  
 Mar. 3  
 An evening under the stars on the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society's campus celebrating past and present achievements of Henry Flagler's railroad.  
 History Museum Fort Lauderdale  
 (954) 463-4431  
[www.flhc.org](http://www.flhc.org)

 **Fort Lauderdale Taste of Little Italy**  
 Mar. 3 – 5  
 An event celebrating the contributions of great Italians through food, music, art and tradition.  
 Huizenga Plaza  
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 **Side Show the Musical**  
 Mar. 3 – 25  
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 Florida Children's Theatre's Studio Theatre in The Galleria Mall  
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[www.flct.org](http://www.flct.org)

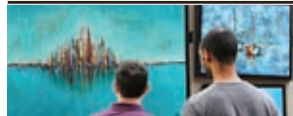
 **The Weight**  
 Mar. 4  
 Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
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[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

 **Annual Walk About Brain Injury**  
 Mar. 4  
 Raise awareness and dollars for brain injury prevention, education, and treatment.  
 Sunrise Athletic Complex  
[www.biaf.org](http://www.biaf.org)


 **Black and White Exhibit Reception**  
 Mar. 4  
 Broward Art Guild  
[www.browardartguild.org](http://www.browardartguild.org)


 **Amos Lee**  
 Mar. 4  
 Parker Playhouse  
 (954) 462-0222  
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 **The Broward County Waterway Cleanup**  
 Mar. 4  
 The cleanup is Broward County's biggest and longest-running environmental event.  
 Broward County's Waterways  
 (954) 524-2733  
[www.waterwaycleanup.org](http://www.waterwaycleanup.org)




 **29th Annual Las Olas Art Fair Part II**  
 Mar. 4 and 5  
 Las Olas Boulevard Fort Lauderdale  
[www.artfestival.com](http://www.artfestival.com)  
 (561) 746-6615

 **Egyptian Weekend**  
 Mar. 4 and 5  
 Museum of Discovery and Science  
 (954) 467-MODS (6637)  
[www.mods.org](http://www.mods.org)


 **Archaeology Day**  
 Mar. 5  
 History Museum Fort Lauderdale  
 (954) 463-4431  
[www.flhc.org](http://www.flhc.org)

 **Rick Springfield: "Stripped Down"**  
 Mar. 5  
 Parker Playhouse  
 (954) 462-0222  
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 **Marc Cohn**  
 Mar. 5  
 Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
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 **Memoir Writing with Anita Mitchell**  
 Mar. 6  
 Broward County Main Library  
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 **Classical Soul**  
 Mar. 7  
 Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
 (954) 335-7002  
[www.sota.org](http://www.sota.org)


 **Smokey Robinson**  
 Mar. 7  
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[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

 **Karrin Allyson Trio - Karrin Allyson Sings Rogers & Hammerstein**  
 Mar. 8  
 Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
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 **Richard Marx**  
 Mar. 8  
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 **Making New Impressions: A Juried Art Exhibit**  
 Mar. 9  
 Bonnet House Museum & Gardens  
 (954) 703-2606  
[www.bonnethouse.org](http://www.bonnethouse.org)

 **Believing in Girls Empowerment Luncheon**  
 Mar. 9  
 Global Event Center at First Baptist Church  
 (954) 561-6939

 **Taj Mahal: Up Close and Personal**  
 Mar. 9  
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### Itzhak Perlman, Violin with Rohan De Silva, Piano

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Mar. 9  
Hard Rock Live  
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### Kong: Skull Island: An IMAX 3D Experience®

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Mar. 10  
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### LaudyPOP

Mar. 10  
The first-year event features an innovative combination of local art, culture, food and libations and will showcase displays of interactive performances and live music.  
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park  
[www.laudypop.com](http://www.laudypop.com)

### Destination Fridays - Lets Dance at AARLCC

Mar. 10  
The African-American Research Library and Cultural Center  
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[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)

### Arts Radio Network Series - "Strangers on a Train"

Mar. 10 and 11  
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### Chopin for All Concert Series - Anna Miernik - Poland

Mar. 11  
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[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)



### Ballet Chipollino

Mar. 11 and 12  
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### Miami City Ballet - Program Three: Walpurgisnacht Ballet, Polyphonia, and the Fairy's Kiss

Mar. 11 and 12  
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### Seminole Artists Exhibition

Mar. 12 - June 2  
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[www.flhc.org](http://www.flhc.org)

### Bonnet House CPR: Recent Conservation, Preservation, Restoration Projects

Mar. 13  
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### Secret History of Fort Lauderdale

Mar. 13  
Fort Lauderdale Historical Society  
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[www.flhs.org](http://www.flhs.org)

### Once Upon A Rock with Author Erica Bennett

Mar. 13  
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### Royal Scottish National Orchestra with Peter Oundjian, Music Director and Nicola Benedetti, Violin Soloist

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### Patti LaBelle

Mar. 14  
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### Where the Boys and Girls Were, The Fun and Sun History of Fort Lauderdale Beach with author Dan Santoro

Mar. 15  
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### 17th Annual Tribute Honoring Jorge Pérez

Mar. 16  
The 17th Annual Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Tribute event will honor Jorge Pérez for his role in the growth and development of Riverwalk, the Riverwalk District, and the City of Fort Lauderdale.  
Riverside Hotel  
(954) 468-1541  
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### Pilobolus "Shadowland"

Mar. 16  
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### Hot... Hot... Hot For A Cure!

Mar. 16  
Attend the Cystic Fibrosis, Gold Coast Guild's Spring 2017 luncheon and fashion show.  
Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six  
(954) 593-2537



### Art on the Plaza

Mar. 16  
This monthly event benefits Jack and Jill Children's Center this March.  
North Beach Art Gallery  
(954) 667-0660  
[www.nobegallery.com](http://www.nobegallery.com)

### Concerts Under the Stars

Mar. 16 and Apr. 6  
Bonnet House Museum and Gardens  
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[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

### Brain Candy

Mar. 17  
Parker Playhouse  
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Mar. 18  
Delight in an assortment of finger foods, music, and tea with Alice in Wonderland characters.  
Historic Stranahan House Museum  
(954) 524-4736  
[www.stranahanhouse.org](http://www.stranahanhouse.org)

### Broward Performing Arts Foundation Annual Celebration

Mar. 18  
Rascal Flatts brings its "Up Close and Acoustic" concert to the Broward Center's Au-Rene Theater as part of the Broward Performing Arts Foundation's annual celebration to support the education and enrichment programs at the Broward Center.  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
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[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

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Mar. 18  
Each acclaimed artist will showcase a selective piece of art representing 11 genres.  
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[www.browardartguild.org](http://www.browardartguild.org)

### Birding Classes - Birding by Season

Mar. 19  
Bonnet House Museum and Gardens  
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[www.bonnethouse.org](http://www.bonnethouse.org)

### Gordon Lightfoot

Mar. 19  
Parker Playhouse  
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[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

### Stranahan Stories

Mar. 20  
Historic Stranahan House Museum  
(954) 524-4736  
[www.stranahanhouse.org](http://www.stranahanhouse.org)

### The Ten Tenors

Mar. 21  
Parker Playhouse  
(954) 462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

### Take-Out Tuesday

Mar. 21  
Theme: systemic poverty/how the war on poverty failed  
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[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

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Mar. 22  
Parker Playhouse  
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[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

**Downtowner of the Year**

Mar. 22  
This year, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce honors Doug McCraw for his contributions to the Downtown community.  
Global Event Center at First Baptist Church  
[www.ftlchamber.com](http://www.ftlchamber.com)

**Riverwalk Race Party**

Mar. 22  
The Atlantic Hotel and Spa  
[www.juniorleagueftl.org](http://www.juniorleagueftl.org)

**Carrot Top**

Mar. 23  
Parker Playhouse  
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[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

**Buckwheat Zydeco and The Dirty Dozen Brass Band**

Mar. 24  
Parker Playhouse  
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[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

**United Way of Broward County's Magnolia Luncheon**

Mar. 24  
Each year, United Way of Broward County's Women United hosts the Magnolia Luncheon to recognize women of dignity, strength, and perseverance.  
Celebrity Cruise Equinox  
(954) 453-3766  
[www.unitedwaybroward.org](http://www.unitedwaybroward.org)

**Style & Substance**

Mar. 24  
The Symphony of the Americas Society will host this event honoring individuals who have distinguished themselves through outstanding service and commitment to the community.  
Ritz Carlton Hotel Fort Lauderdale  
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[www.sota.org](http://www.sota.org)

**Cheyenne Jackson**

Mar. 25  
Parker Playhouse  
(954) 462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

**Big Brothers Big Sisters Déjà Vu**

Mar. 25  
Hard Rock Live  
(954) 584-9990

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Mar. 25  
An exciting solo and fusion of Indian Classical and contemporary Western dance, of East and West!  
Broward County Main Library  
(954) 885-1466  
[www.apaiart.eventbrite.com](http://www.apaiart.eventbrite.com)

**5th Annual Harbor Lights Gala**

Mar. 25  
The W Fort Lauderdale  
(954) 252-3072 ext. 210  
[www.childrensharbor.org](http://www.childrensharbor.org)

**Yedra - Chruszcz Duo with a Latin Twist**

Mar. 26  
Acclaimed South Florida duo of Symphony of the Americas Concertmaster Bodgan Chruszcz and his wife, concert pianist Velia Yedra, will take you on a musical journey from the classics to the upbeat Latin and contemporary rhythms of today.  
Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six  
(954) 335-7002  
[www.sota.org](http://www.sota.org)

**History Makers Event**

Mar. 27  
Fort Lauderdale Historical Society  
(954) 463-4431  
[www.flhs.org](http://www.flhs.org)

**Gold Coast Watercolor Society Exhibition**

Mar. 27 – Apr. 14  
ArtServe  
(954) 462-8190  
[www.artserve.org](http://www.artserve.org)

**Chris Rock's "The Total Blackout Tour 2017"**

Mar. 30  
Hard Rock Live  
(800) 745-3000  
[www.myhrl.com](http://www.myhrl.com)

**Indian Car: Old Photo**

Mar. 30  
Enjoy a theatrical mixed media performance by Colorful Warrior Theatre in celebration of the opening of The Big Show.  
Fort Lauderdale Historical Society  
(954) 463-4431  
[www.flhs.org](http://www.flhs.org)

**Daniel Bennett Group**

Mar. 30  
Bonnet House Museum and Gardens  
(954) 703-2614  
[www.bonnethouse.org](http://www.bonnethouse.org)

**Illusionist Rick Thomas**

Mar. 31  
Parker Playhouse  
(954) 462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

**Annual Pineapple Jam Dinner and Auction**

Mar. 31  
Historical Stranahan House Museum  
(954) 524-4736  
[www.stranahanhouse.org](http://www.stranahanhouse.org)

**Literary Feast 2017**

Mar. 31 – Apr. 2  
Bestselling authors visit Broward County for school visits, bookstore signings and panel discussions culminating in the Night of Literary Feasts welcome reception and private dinners. Hosted by the Broward Public Library Foundation.  
Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six  
(954) 357-7382  
[www.bplfoundation.org](http://www.bplfoundation.org)

**Photographic Exhibits**

April  
Broward County Main Library  
(954) 357-7443  
[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)

**Fancy Jeans Party**

Apr. 1  
Benefitting Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation  
Revolution Live  
(954) 468-8040  
[www.jjccf.org](http://www.jjccf.org)

**Fort Lauderdale Pizza Festival**

Apr. 1  
War Memorial Auditorium  
[www.fortlauderdalepizzafestival.com](http://www.fortlauderdalepizzafestival.com)

**Andrea Martin: The Broadway Concert Series with Special Host Seth Rudetsky**

Apr. 1  
Parker Playhouse  
(954) 462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

**The House at Pooh Corner**

Apr. 1  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

**Derby Day Membership Drive**

Apr. 1  
Fort Lauderdale Historical Society  
(954) 463-4431  
[www.flhs.org](http://www.flhs.org)

**Family Fun Series: Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach Jr.**

Apr. 1  
Based on one of Roald Dahl's most poignantly quirky stories, Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach Jr. is a brand new take on this "masterpeach" of a tale.  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

**Epicurean Escapade 2017: A Food and Wine Experience**

Apr. 1  
Gourmet food and fine wine from global culinary destinations are on the menu.  
Design Center of the Americas  
(954) 229-8562  
[www.holy-cross.com](http://www.holy-cross.com)

**17th Annual Riverwalk Run**

Apr. 1  
Dress in '80s dress to celebrate the Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale's 80th anniversary.  
Huizenga Plaza  
[www.juniorleagueftl.org](http://www.juniorleagueftl.org)

**Home Free**

Apr. 2  
Parker Playhouse  
(954) 462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

**Calligraphy with Tony Pastucci**

Through Apr. 4 (Tuesdays)  
Bonnet House Museum and Gardens  
(954) 703-2606  
[www.bonnethouse.org](http://www.bonnethouse.org)

**Basket Weaving Workshop: Flower Basket**

Apr. 4  
Bonnet House Museum and Gardens  
(954) 703-2606  
[www.bonnethouse.org](http://www.bonnethouse.org)

**Neil Sedaka**

Apr. 5  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

**Duran Duran**

Apr. 5  
Hard Rock Live  
(800) 745-3000  
[www.myhrl.com](http://www.myhrl.com)

**Broward County Public Schools - 2017 Caliber Awards Ceremony**

Apr. 5  
Recognizing and celebrating the district's outstanding teachers, principals, assistant principals, and school related/district employees.  
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[www.browardschools.com](http://www.browardschools.com)



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### Broward College Speakers Series - Angela Duckworth

Apr. 5

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### Watercolor in the Gardens

Through Apr. 5 (Wednesdays)  
Bonnet House Museum and Gardens  
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### Jay Leno

Apr. 6  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
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### Fifth Annual Big Dog Men's Invitational Golf Tournament

Apr. 6  
Fort Lauderdale Country Club  
(954) 266-6818  
www.humanebroward.com



### Untamed Spirit

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



### Micro Mini Muse

Apr. 6  
NSU Art Museum  
(954) 262-0258  
www.nsuartmuseum.org



### Pastel Painting Workshop

Apr. 6 and 7  
Bonnet House Museum & Gardens  
(954) 703-2606  
www.bonnethouse.org



### The Kingston Trio

Apr. 7  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222  
www.browardcenter.org



### 22nd Annual Bank of America Wine, Spirits, and Culinary Celebration

Apr. 7  
Museum of Discovery and Science  
(954) 713-0918  
www.mods.org



### Destination Fridays - Kenya

Apr. 7  
The African-American Research Library and Cultural Center  
(954) 357-6210  
www.broward.org/library



### Birding Classes - Green Cay/Wakodahatchee Field Trip

Apr. 8  
Bonnet House Museum and Gardens  
(954) 703-2606  
www.bonnethouse.org



### Live from South Florida... It's Saturday Night!

Apr. 8  
Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina  
www.gildasclubssouthflorida.org



### Miami City Ballet - Program Four: Divertimento No. 15, Arden Court, and Who Cares?

Apr. 8 and 9  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222  
www.browardcenter.org



### Fort Lauderdale Historical Society Lecture

Apr. 10  
History Museum Fort Lauderdale  
(954) 463-4431  
www.flhc.org



### 50 Years of Marine Science in Broward County

Apr. 10  
For over 50 years, Nova Southeastern University has studied marine science in Broward County and around the world. Explore our county's science past and learn of its future. Fort Lauderdale Historical Society  
(954) 463-4431  
www.flhs.org



### Internationale Bachakademie Stuttgart

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



### Ken Peplowski & Diego Figueiredo

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



### One Woman Sex and the City: A Parody on Love, Friendship, and Shoes

Apr. 14 and 15  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222  
www.browardcenter.org



### FTL Taco Battle and Craft Beer Fest 2017

Apr. 15  
Featuring the best of the best of our area's top restaurants and craft breweries. Esplanade Park  
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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.com](http://www.riverwalkwatertrolley.com)

**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.  
Riverwalk Park  
(954) 828-5363

**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](http://www.broward.org/library)

**Living Well Program - Tai Chi and QiGong Sessions**

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

**Open Mic Tuesdays**

Fourth Tuesday of the month  
ArtServe  
(954) 462-8190  
[www.artserve.org](http://www.artserve.org)

**El Club**

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

**English Café**

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

**Crossroads Café**

Wednesdays  
Broward County Main Library  
(954) 357-7439  
[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)

**Broward Means Business**

Quarterly  
Business networking event with presentations on local business topics.  
History Museum Fort Lauderdale  
(954) 463-4431  
[www.flhc.org](http://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](http://www.bonnethouse.org/hours-fees)

**Board Games for Adults**

Thursdays  
Broward County Main Library  
(954) 357-7443  
[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)

**Coloring for Adults**

Thursdays  
Broward County Main Library  
(954) 357-7443  
[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)

**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

**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  
[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)

**Food in Motion Flagler Green Market**

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

**The VoiceBox**

Fourth Friday of the month  
ArtServe  
(954) 462-8190  
[www.artserve.org](http://www.artserve.org)

**Introductory Art of Photography with Jack Wild**

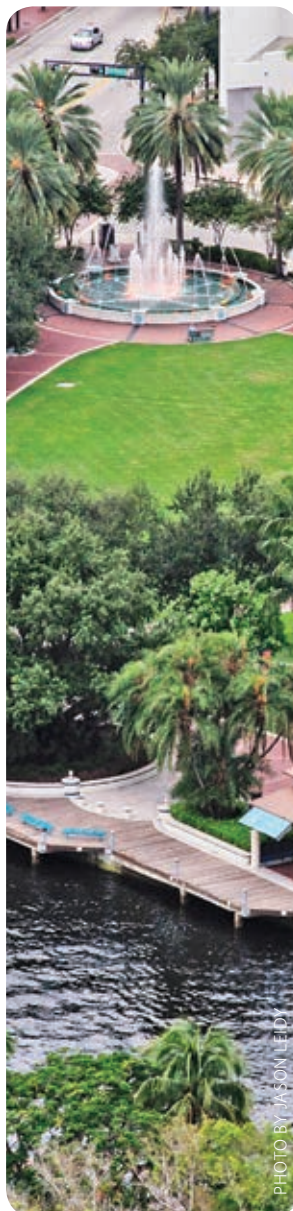
Saturdays  
Broward County Main Library  
(954) 357-7443  
[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)

**Advanced Art of Photography with Jack Wild**

Saturdays  
Broward County Main Library  
(954) 357-7443  
[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)

**Flagler ArtWalk**

Last Saturday of the month  
FAT Village  
(754) 800-1640  
[www.flaglerartwalk.com](http://www.flaglerartwalk.com)



## RIVERWALK RECREATION

@ Riverwalk • (954) 526-5159  
[www.RiverwalkRec.com](http://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.  
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Thursdays | 8:15 p.m.  
Esplanade Park  
[www.adogsbestfriend.com](http://www.adogsbestfriend.com)

**• Cycle Party Tours**

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

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Everyday | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
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[www.cp-tours.com/fortlauderdale](http://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](http://www.segwayfortlauderdale.com)

**• EcoBoat Rentals**

Everyday | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Reservation required  
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[www.ecoboatsfl.com](http://www.ecoboatsfl.com)  
(954) 5000-ECO

**• Ebb and Flow Yoga**

Tuesdays  
Bring your mat to Fort Lauderdale's scenic gem, Riverwalk, and enjoy a peaceful after-work or pre-dinner yoga session with Marilyn DeMartini.  
Esplanade Park  
(954) 649-4904



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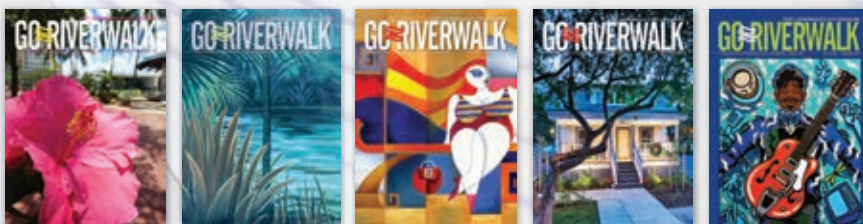


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**February 1**  
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**February 8**  
Big Harvest  
(Reggae)



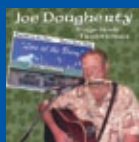
**February 15**  
Andrew Morris  
(Country)



**February 22**  
Big City Dogs  
(Classic Rock & Blues)



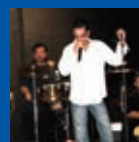
**March 8**  
Joey Gilmore  
(Blues)



**March 15**  
Joe Dougherty's  
Irish Band (Irish)



**March 22**  
The Fabulous  
Fleetwoods  
(Southern Rock)



**March 29**  
Sabor Latino  
(Latin)



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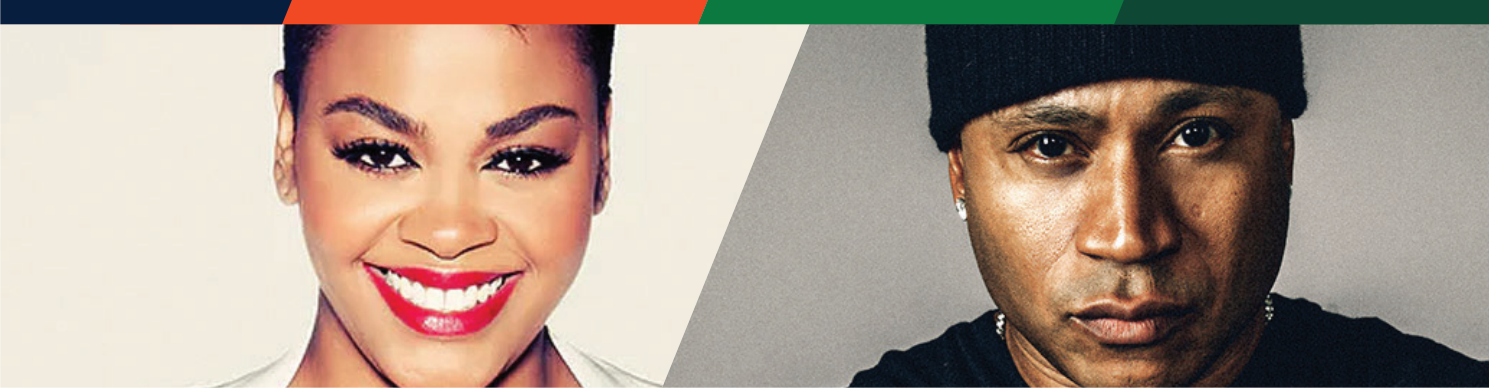
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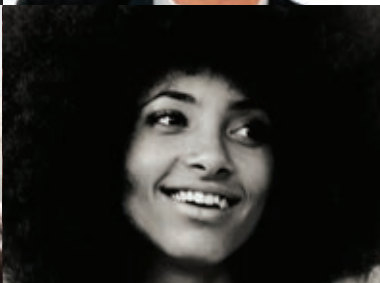
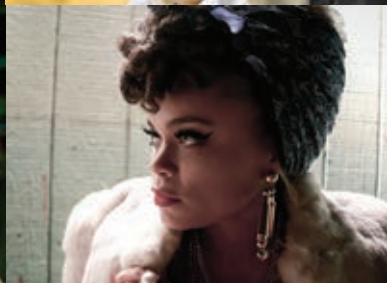




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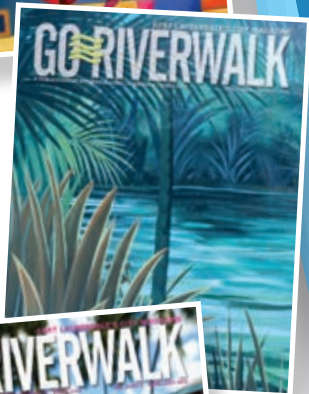
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### SUZANNE BARTON

TITLE OF WORK: WHIRLPOOL

Photographer Suzanne Barton, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, got her jumpstart with *Resort Advisor Magazine*. It was love at first click and since then she's been diving into her passion as a photographer.

Barton lives in Fort Lauderdale – she moved here in 1972 to be closer to the water and to take her photography to the next level. Her favorite photographic subjects center on children, infants, and capturing subjects underwater. Known for her graceful underwater and lifestyle photography, she has many roles behind the lens. Over the years, she has developed her style and is ever-evolving with the digital age of photographic art. “With the emergence of the digital age, photographic subjects can take on a new life,” she says. “A fine art piece can be created using photography, color, design, and imagination.”

Over the years, Barton has used her talents for community causes, namely the AJC Children's Foundation in Honduras. “AJC runs a home for abused, abandoned, or orphaned boys. They provide food, housing and education, life skills, and a family unit. I went as a volunteer as I always had a yearning to work with children. I offered them my photography services as well to help them gain more of a presence, sharing with others their worthy cause. It is a very poor area and I was moved by the faces I photographed.” She now serves on the AJC board.

Barton also provides photography for the Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep Foundation, a unit that provides healing for the loss of a baby through stillborn photography. “I am called to hospitals when a loss occurs and provide this service. It is still very difficult to do emotionally, but I know the healing it will provide to these families by honoring these angels. That's why I do it. I consider it a very “sacred calling” to use my photographic skills this way.” She is involved with other causes such as The Heart Gallery and in 2011, she raised \$25,000 for the Human Society of Broward County.

Currently, Barton is focused on her underwater fine art photography and in the summer of 2015, she was commissioned to do two pieces for the private collection aboard the Royal Caribbean cruise ship *Harmony of the Seas*. This is where her growth is stemming from as an artist and she plans to be an active part of the underwater world from here on.

For more information on Barton's work, visit [www.suzannebarton.com](http://www.suzannebarton.com) or [www.underwater-fine-art.com](http://www.underwater-fine-art.com). 





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