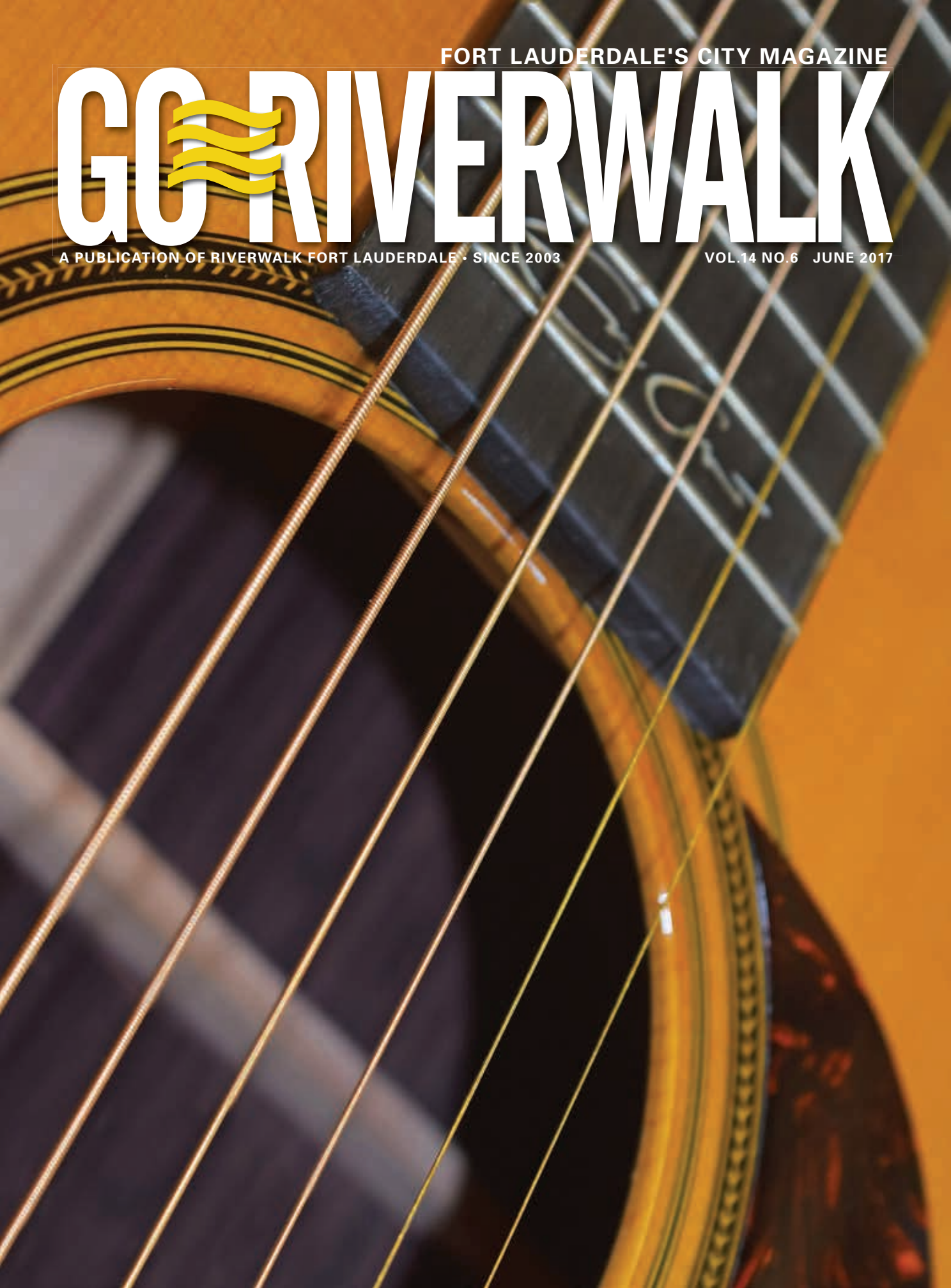


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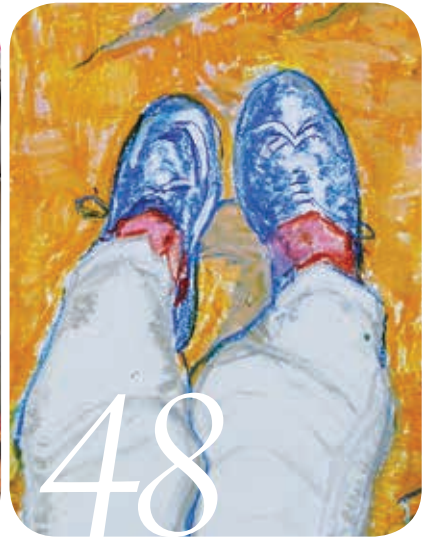


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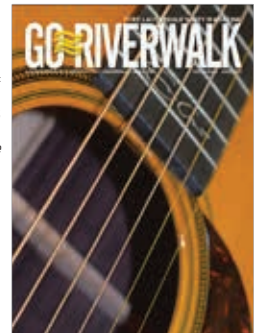
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JUST LISTED CHAMPAGNE - \$1,150,000

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3 BR/3.5 BATH ASHLEY NORTH WITH TWO TERRACES AND MARBLE FLOORS THROUGHOUT. GOURMET KITCHEN WITH GRANITE COUNTERTOPS, SUB ZERO REFRIGERATOR & MEILE DISHWASHER.

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CUSTOM DESIGNED 2 STORY, 2 BR/3 BATHS + MEDIA ROOM. FEATURES A BEAUTIFUL MAHOGANY & GLASS STAIRCASE. GOURMET KITCHEN. TWO LARGE EAST FACING TERRACES.

CHAMPAGNE - \$999,000

PANORAMIC OCEAN, CITY & RIVER VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM IN THIS UPGRADED 2 BR/2.5 BATH CHAMPAGNE SOUTH UNIT.

UNDER CONTRACT CHAMPAGNE

DESIGNER MODEL WITH STUNNING VIEWS OF THE RIVER, OCEAN AND CITY. 2 BR/2.5 BATH UNIT FEATURES A GOURMET KITCHEN. MARBLE BATHS AND TWO SPACIOUS TERRACES.

BRADFORD - \$975,000

2 BR/2 BATH, PANORAMIC VIEWS OF THE OCEAN, RIVER & CITY. NEARLY \$200K DESIGNER FINISHES, POLISHED MARBLE FLOORS IN LIVING AREAS, DESIGNER LIGHTING, WATERWORKS BATHS & LARGE TERRACE.

PRICE REDUCED BRADFORD - \$775,000

RIVER & OCEAN VIEWS FROM THIS 2 BR/2 BATH SPLIT FLOOR PLAN WITH FULL LENGTH TERRACE, GOURMET KITCHEN & MARBLE FLOORS.

BRADFORD - \$749,000

2 BR/2 BATH WITH LARGE COVERED TERRACE, SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN, MARBLE FLOORS & BATHS, GOURMET KITCHEN AND MUCH MORE.

UNDER CONTRACT BRADFORD

2 BR/2 BATH WITH STUNNING RIVER & CITY VIEWS. SPLIT FLOOR PLAN WITH OVERSIZED TERRACE, GOURMET KITCHEN AND MORE.



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JUST LISTED - CUSTOM ONE-OF-A-KIND COMBINED UNIT

OFFERED AT \$6,695,000

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JUST LISTED MADISON - \$1,649,000

34TH FLOOR WITH OVER 2,700 SQ FT OF LIVING AREA, CUSTOM LIGHTING. PANORAMIC CITY VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM & A WRAP AROUND BALCONY.

PRICE REDUCED MADISON - \$1,599,000

EXQUISITE TOWER SUITE WITH MAGNIFICENT VIEWS OF THE RIVER AND DOWNTOWN. EXPANSIVE WRAP AROUND TERRACE.

COLUMBUS - \$1,049,000

35TH FLOOR 2 BR/3 BATH WITH S/S ARCHITECTURAL SERIES APPLIANCES, GOURMET KITCHEN WITH SNAIDERO CHERRY WOOD CABINETS.

JUST LISTED COLUMBUS - \$1,025,000

2BR/3BATH + DEN AREA ON THE 28TH FLOOR WITH OVER 2,100 SQ FT OF LIVING AREA. 2 LARGE SPACIOUS TERRACES WITH CITY AND RIVER VIEWS.

PRICE REDUCED COLUMBUS - \$999,000

HIGH FLOOR 2 BR/3 BATH + OFFICE /MEDIA ROOM. RIVER AND CITY VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM, PRIVATE ELEVATOR ENTRY.

LEXINGTON - \$799,000

10TH FLOOR WITH OVER \$125K IN DESIGNER UPGRADES. THIS 2 BR/2 BATH SPLIT FLOOR PLAN OFFERS A GOURMET KITCHEN AND CUSTOM LIGHTING.

LEXINGTON - \$789,000

GORGEOUS 30TH FLOOR TURN-KEY FURNISHED LEXINGTON MODEL. PRIVATE ELEVATOR, DESIGNER DECORATED WITH WOOD FLOORS.

PRICE REDUCED LEXINGTON - \$775,000

2BR/2.5BATH WITH FLOOR TO CEILING GLASS. SPLIT FLOOR PLAN WITH OUTSTANDING RIVER & CITY VIEWS.

CHELSEA - \$699,000

2BR/2.5BATH WITH FABULOUS FINISHES INCLUDING CREMA MARFIL MARBLE FLOORING THROUGHOUT, DESIGNER LIGHTING & CUSTOM BUILT-IN CLOSETS.

PRICE REDUCED CHELSEA - \$649,000

STUNNING CHELSEA MODEL, 2 BR/2.5 BATH WITH OUTSTANDING VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM. TILE & WOOD FLOORING THROUGHOUT.

SOHO - \$649,000

TURNKEY CONDO WITH DIRECT RIVER AND SUNSET VIEWS. GLASS WALLS BETWEEN ROOMS AND NEW UPGRADED GOURMET KITCHEN.

UNDER CONTRACT SOHO

COMPLETELY RENOVATED 2BR/2BATH WITH DIRECT RIVER VIEWS. UNIT FEATURES DESIGNER UPGRADES INCLUDING A BRIGHT GOURMET KITCHEN, PORCELAIN FLOORS AND BUILT-IN MEDIA CENTER.

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3BR/3BATH - \$889,000

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JUST SOLD

PENTHOUSE

CAPTIVATING VIEWS THROUGH 10 FT FLOOR TO CEILING ARCHED WINDOWS IN THIS SPLIT 2 BR/2 BATH, NE CORNER TOP FLOOR RESIDENCE. RENOVATED MASTER BATH & GOURMET KITCHEN.

PENTHOUSE - \$549,000

2BR/2 BATH WITH RIVER VIEWS. LIMESTONE FLOORING IN THE LIVING AREAS, CROWN MOLDING & 2 PARKING SPACES.

JUST SOLD

2BR/2 BATH

CORNER UNIT WITH WRAP AROUND TERRACE OFFERING NE VIEWS, CUSTOM WINDOW TREATMENTS & BEAUTIFUL LAMINATE FLOORS. 2 BR/2 BATH SPLIT FLOOR PLAN.

JUST LISTED

2BR/2 BATH - \$425,000

COMPLETELY RENOVATED UNIT WITH AMAZING VIEWS. WRAP AROUND BALCONY OVERLOOKING THE GREEN GARDEN AND THE POOL AREA. ELEGANTLY FURNISHED AND DECORATED WITH STYLE.

JUST LISTED

2BR/2 BATH - \$419,500

WHITE, BRIGHT & TROPICAL CORNER UNIT WITH A WRAP AROUND BALCONY. NEW S/S APPLIANCES AND GRANITE COUNTERTOPS.

JUST LISTED

2BR/2 BATH - \$412,500

SPLIT FLOOR PLAN WITH AN EXTENDED BALCONY. TILE FLOORING THROUGHOUT, S/S APPLIANCES & ITALIAN CABINETRY.

JUST SOLD

2BR/2 BATH

SYMPHONY SOUTH TOWER WITH BEAUTIFUL SKYLINE VIEWS. 2 BR/2 BATH WITH A SPLIT BEDROOM FLOOR PLAN. GOURMET KITCHEN WITH STAINLESS STEEL APPLIANCES.

350 LAS OLAS PLACE



PRICE REDUCED

SAN MARCO - \$519,000

UPGRADED SPLIT FLOOR PLAN WITH NEW FLOORING THOUGHOUT. ENJOY OCEAN & CITY VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM.

FIESTA - \$329,000

ONE-OF-A-KIND 1 BR/1BATH WITH 370 SQ FOOT PRIVATE TERRACE.



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SEAVIEW

3BR/2 BATH WITH BEAUTIFUL OCEAN, CITY & RIVER VIEWS. 2 LARGE TERRACES, OPEN FLOOR PLAN, 24x24 TILE FLOORING THROUGHOUT AND MUCH MORE!

PRICE REDUCED

MOONGLOW - \$674,000

FULLY FURNISHED 2 BR/2 BATH HIGH FLOOR UNIT ON THE RIVER. POPULAR MOONGLOW SPLIT BEDROOM FLOOR PLAN. LARGE WRAP AROUND TERRACE WITH FANTASTIC VIEWS OF THE RIVER, OCEAN & CITY. 2 PARKING SPACES.

JUST SOLD

MOONGLOW

PANORAMIC OCEAN/CITY & RIVER VIEWS! IMPORTED WOOD FLOORS, S/S APPLIANCES, SPACIOUS EXTENDED BALCONY WITH GLASS RAILING.

UNDER CONTRACT

SKYVIEW

HIGHEST 2 BR/2 BATH FLOOR PLAN AVAILABLE WITH DIRECT RIVER VIEWS. COMPLETE MODERN DESIGN RENOVATION FEATURING WHITE LACQUER KITCHEN WITH QUARTZ WATERFALL COUNTER & MUCH MORE!

PRICE REDUCED

SKYVIEW - \$465,000

UPGRADED 2 BR/2 BATH WITH NEWLY INSTALLED TILE FLOORS. GOURMET KITCHEN WITH GRANITE COUNTERS & S/S APPLIANCES.

SKYVIEW - \$459,000

2BR/2 BATH SPLIT FLOOR PLAN WITH NEW WOOD FLOORING THROUGHOUT. BEAUTIFUL SUNSETS, RIVER & CITY VIEWS.

JUST LISTED

SKYVIEW - \$449,000

2 BR/2 BATH OPEN FLOOR PLAN WITH INCREDIBLE RIVER, POOL & CITY VIEWS

PRICE REDUCED

SKYVIEW - \$434,000

SPLIT 2BR/2BATH OPEN FLOOR PLAN WITH INCREDIBLE RIVER, POOL & CITY VIEWS. NEW WOOD FLOORING THROUGHOUT, UPGRADED LIGHTING AND MORE.

UNDER CONTRACT

SKYVIEW

2BR/2BATH ON THE 25TH FLOOR WITH DIRECT SUNSET, RIVER & CITY VIEWS. OPEN FLOOR PLAN WITH CUSTOM WINDOW TREATMENTS & MORE.

SKYVIEW - \$399,000

WELL MAINTAINED UPGRADED UNIT WITH VIEWS OF THE POOL, RIVER & CITY FROM THE BALCONY. OPEN GOURMET KITCHEN.

SUNGARDEN - \$359,000

DIRECT RIVER VIEWS FROM THIS 1BR/1 BATH UNIT FEATURING WOOD FLOORS.

PRICE REDUCED

SUNGARDEN - \$335,000

1 BR/1 BATH ON THE 29TH FLOOR WITH DIRECT RIVER VIEWS.

PRICE REDUCED

SUNGARDEN - \$299,000

IMMACULATE 1 BR/1 BATH UNIT WITH TILE FLOORS & LARGE WINDOWS.

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3BR/2BATH

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2BR/2BATH - \$399,000

RARELY AVAILABLE UPGRADED UNIT WITH LARGE OUTDOOR SPACE.

JUST SOLD

2BR/2BATH

22ND FLOOR FACING THE RIVER. SPLIT FLOOR PLAN UNIT WITH OUTSANDING OCEAN, CITY AND RIVER VIEWS.

JUST LISTED

2BR/2BATH - \$335,000

SPLIT FLOOR PLAN, OPEN GOURMET KITCHEN & NEW S/S APPLIANCES.

2BR/2BATH - \$290,000

BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN CONDO WITH 2BED/2BATH SPLIT FLOOR PLAN.

PRICE REDUCED

2BR/2BATH - \$285,000

BEST PRICED 2 BR/2 BATH IN THE BUILDING. SPLIT FLOOR PLAN.



BY JIM ELLIS
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair



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Riverwalk is about to reach a major milestone. The north side is almost completed and that has taken vision, planning, dedication, and an investment of over 30 years of hard work.

Successful projects start with a clear vision, a good plan, strong leadership, cooperation, dedication, and community involvement. Plus, in this case, Riverwalk also includes a non-profit organization working with and through our governments and various agencies, which adds a whole level of complication to an already daunting process.

Now, think about Riverwalk 30 years ago – a three-mile barren wasteland in the middle of our central business district, Broward County's government center resting on both public and private land, without infrastructure, failing seawalls, some blighted property – a very difficult puzzle and a confusing mess. I think of Riverwalk in 1987 and I have a lot of respect for all those who have come before us and have made the overwhelming commitments to move a project like this forward. It's amazing.

Over the past 30 years, there has been an enormous time commitment by Riverwalk's staff and board members, City and County officials, and citizens, who have contributed to a dream. Did it turn out as envisioned, or is it better than what the visionaries ever imagined? Did the original Board realize how much effort, money, time, and government and community involvement was needed to see the vision through? Over the last 30 years the vision has evolved and I'm hoping most will agree that the efforts and vision have paid off handsomely.

Our Riverwalk is a major attraction for residents, businesses, locals, and tourists alike. It has become an amazingly successful attraction not only for the beauty of what it is as a park but also for the over 130 annual events and activations and all the amenities it has to offer. I can only hope that seeing this amazing accomplishment of the completion of the north side is as satisfying for all of those

over the past 30 years as it is for the Riverwalk Board and members of our community.

For those of us that are fairly new to Riverwalk and its 30-year history, we can't wait for the completion. For all who have contributed to the success, we sincerely hope you can join us as we celebrate all of your hard work that's come before us. We realize that without your vision and dedication, this day would not be possible, and we want you to be a part of the celebration. [GO](#)



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On May 1, 2017 we welcomed members of our Armed Forces into our city and community and participated in a kick off at Esplanade Park of Fleet Week in conjunction with Broward Navy Days. It is always our pleasure to thank our service personnel for their commitment to our safety and freedom.

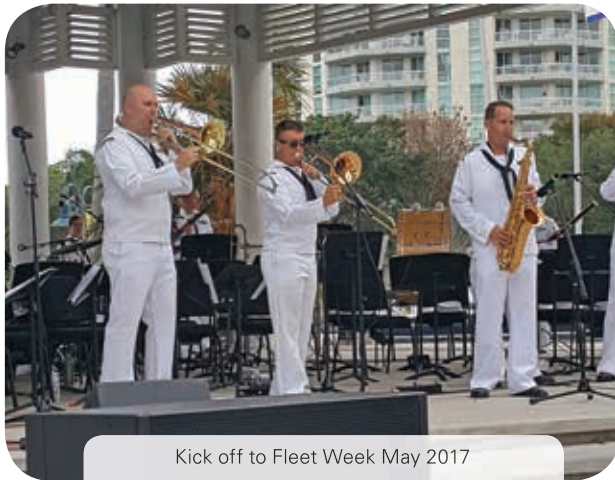


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In early May, the City of Fort Lauderdale hosted a charrette at Broward College on the Las Olas Boulevard Streetscape Improvements Project. Receiving input from the partners, businesses, and residents, the public meeting reviewed the potential improvements between S. Andrews Avenue and SE 11th Avenue on Las Olas including:

- Improvements to sidewalk, burbs/ramps to meet the American Disabilities Act Standards
- Addition of a parallel bike route
- Pedestrian lighting
- Strong emphasis on pedestrian crosswalks
- Lane diet reducing the number of driving lanes
- Sidewalk improvements with a much wider area for that corridor
- Landscaping – considering the removal of the center island and installing mature canopy trees along the sidewalk to enhance the pedestrian experience
- The integration of the forecasted WAVE

We believe that there will be further meetings and discussions as this project proceeds ahead.

On May 11, 2017, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale was pleased to accept the Community Appearance Award

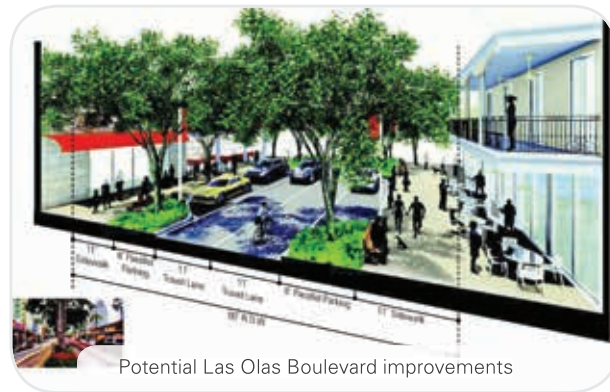


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for the Judge Shippey House renovation and activation. Honors were shared with Doug Snyder of FSMY, architect; Natalia Barranco, landscape architect; and CP Tours for the oversight of construction both inside and outside. The activation of this part of Riverwalk is tremendous and the reuse of this house meets the growing needs of our community.

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale is approaching 30 years and it is such a pleasure to see the north side being completed in its entirety. We still anticipate completion of this project by the beginning of the third quarter of this year.

In other news, demolition of the interior of Riverfront has commenced and we expect to see buildings beginning to come down soon.

The Riverwalk Board of Directors and their committees continue to work to plan and forecast the future of the Riverwalk District and how we can bring more and greater things to our community. We thank them for their commitment to our city.


There is a tremendous amount of activity on Riverwalk and we look forward to its completion and all of the new and exciting things it will offer. 



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➤ A native of Queens, NY, I attended the University of Miami where I earned a BA in history and anthropology. Never being one to sit still, I then attended Florida International University where I first earned a BS and then an MS in social studies education. This education path naturally led me back to UM where I graduated cum laude with a Juris Doctorate degree.

My law career started when I had the privilege to clerk for the Honorable Judge Norman Hendry of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. I am now a partner and member of the Trusts & Estates Practice Group at Shutts & Bowen. Being specialized in this area of law has provided me with the opportunity to speak to professional organizations in the field. In addition, I have gained a specialty in working with the LGBT community and their specialized needs in planning for their future.

Community involvement is something I strongly believe in. Over the years, I have served on a number of boards throughout South Florida and I am currently on the Board of Directors at the Palm Beach Planned Giving Council and the Town of Palm Beach United Way Allocation Committee. I am also a member of GLLN Fort Lauderdale, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, and the Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce.

Being a member of Riverwalk allows me to further my community involvement and learn more about what's going on in Fort Lauderdale.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

DAVID BECKEY

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➤ South Florida has been my home for most of my life. I grew up in Miami and graduated from Miami Palmetto High School. Following graduation, I attended Auburn University where I earned a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Upon returning to South Florida after my college graduation, I worked for Enterprise Rent-a-Car for over a decade. In addition to gaining a great deal of management experience while working for the company, I also managed to make valuable connections that have helped me in the years following my time at the company. My first foray into banking was thanks to someone I had previously worked with at Enterprise. After spending 10 years at Bank Atlantic as a branch manager, I moved over to SunTrust for a few years before landing at Seacoast Bank.

At Seacoast Bank, I have the flexibility to work in what I call the non-traditional dollar space. This arena includes small shopping centers and other local businesses that most traditional banks do not serve. We pride ourselves on providing a level of relationship banking that is not duplicated by many other institutions. For example, you will always find me at the closing of a real estate transaction sitting next to my client to ensure that everything is going according to plan.

I joined Riverwalk so I could be "in the know" about everything going on in our community and to support an organization that is critical to the growth and development of our Downtown.



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Originally from Philadelphia, my family moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1977, and settled on the Las Olas Isles. Growing up, I was known to terrorize the waterways in my 13' Boston Whaler. After graduating from Pine Crest School, I attended the University of Florida and received a Bachelor's Degree in political science.

My hospitality career started when I was an event manager at Hugh's Culinary in 1994 and I joined the Marriott family in 1998. While with Marriott I grew my career and honed my sales skills both here in Fort Lauderdale and in Newport, Rhode Island. I eventually left the Marriott family seven years ago to return to my "roots" on Las Olas Boulevard and joined the team at The Riverside Hotel as Corporate Catering Sales Manager.

In 2015 after 21 years in the catering industry, I decided to try my hand at selling hotel rooms. I am currently responsible for handling the negotiated corporate accounts, the foreign travel market, and private dining for Wild Sea Oyster Bar & Grille, Indigo, and Preston's Wine and Martini Lounge.

On a personal note, I am celebrating 11 years of bliss with my husband Stephen and our rescue pup Frankie. My other interests include travel, thrifting, reading, socializing, and shoe shopping. I believe the Riverwalk is a vital asset to the community I am so grateful to be a part of and I am proud to be an Executive Board Member for the organization.



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Born in Miami, I am a South Florida native and I am fortunate to have lived in all three South Florida counties. I am a graduate of the University of Florida where I currently sit on the Advisory Board to the Masters in Real Estate Program (MSRE). Real estate has been in my blood since I was a child as my father is a retired real estate attorney and his colleagues were predominately builders and developers.

I work with 13th Floor Investments, a Miami-based owner, operator, investor, and developer. The firm invests across multiple asset classes and geographic regions of Florida including ground-up development of apartments and condominiums and homebuilding as well as the operation of our income-producing assets including retail, office, and multi-family. We firmly believe in the regentrification of the urban markets, transportation-related developments (TOD's), and compelling mixed-use developments.

These are very exciting times for East Fort Lauderdale including the Riverwalk area, Flagler Village, Las Olas, and the Central Business District. The energy, people, developments, etc. are the result of the hard work of so many of the area's stakeholders including the City, consultants, volunteers, and boards.

I am proud to be a part of Riverwalk for the second time as I originally joined when I owned my brokerage firm, Realty Masters Advisors (RMA). Then and now, I believe Riverwalk is an amazing steward for the New River, its parks, and for Fort Lauderdale's urban renaissance.



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A NEW CHAPTER FOR THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Think back to 2002. What was Downtown Fort Lauderdale like? The Downtown Publix was under construction, Riverfront was still the place to be, and Hyde Park Market stood where the Icon Las Olas now rises. Since then, we have seen the addition of more than 11,000 residential units, a doubling of the population, over \$2 billion in real estate development, dozens of new bars and eateries, revitalization of the north and south neighborhoods, the addition of the Brightline, and many more achievements. And all of this incredible progress occurred during the tenure of Chris Wren as Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). After an illustrious 15-year career at the DDA, he has promoted Jenni Morejon to succeed him as Executive Director.

Wren has left an indelible mark on this Downtown with a legacy of game-changing projects that steered the area through two real estate booms and one Great Recession. He joined the DDA in 2002 as Executive Director after serving as Director of Planning and Zoning at the City of Fort Lauderdale. Over the past 15 years, he has demonstrated a talent for building partnerships between the public and private sectors, which has been instrumental in planning and implementing complex, high-impact projects, such as the Wave Streetcar (breaking ground this year) and the Fort Lauderdale Federal Courthouse Committee.

In partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale, Wren also helped get approval for nearly 10,000 new Downtown residential housing units since the Great Recession. And we have him to thank for leading another successful City/DDA collaboration – the return of the St. Patrick's Parade and Festival to Downtown Fort Lauderdale. Wren explained, "I am grateful for the opportunities I've had over the past 15 years, and really my entire 30-plus year career helping build community and leaving places better and stronger than when I arrived. As I pass the baton, I know the DDA and Downtown Fort Lauderdale will continue to blossom and grow and be one of the greatest cities we know, truly a world-class city."

Wren will continue advising the DDA in a consultant capacity as the agency enters the next chapter with Morejon at the helm. A creative thinker with a sharp eye for place-making, her enduring passion for Downtown is evident in her 17 years of planning here. She is also

the first female Executive Director of the DDA, a fitting milestone to take the agency into the future.

Morejon is a natural choice to lead the agency. Her experience, enthusiasm, and dedication to Downtown Fort Lauderdale is staggering. We look forward to her continuing the mission to build a world-class Downtown.

As we look ahead to a new era of leadership, the future seems very bright, thanks to the foundation laid by Chris Wren and the DDA has been very fortunate to have had his leadership. Downtown Fort Lauderdale truly is a better place because of him and his many contributions. 🇺🇸



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Chris Wren, former Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). After a 15-year career at the DDA, he has promoted Jenni Morejon to succeed him



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THE POWER OF VULNERABILITY

As I reflect on heading up the 23rd class of the Leadership Fort Lauderdale (LFL) program, I think about the words I shared last summer with more than 30 classmates who were about to embark on an incredible and rewarding experience.


LFL, as it's known, is a program of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. Like other regional and national models that push to engage up-and-coming community leaders, LFL brings together an eclectic mix of professionals from all industries – public, private, and non-profit – at various levels in their careers.

We met for one day each month from October to May, visiting iconic community institutions and learning from leaders of our region's key industries. Even more, we made lasting connections with each other and gave back to the community as part of a class project. I graduated from Class 20 and have been giving back to the program ever since, most recently serving as curriculum chair for the current class.

When I stepped in front of the new recruits last September in our introductory meeting, I wondered if I had the right message to share. I had just left an organization after 17 years, started my own consulting gig, and soon after landed a role with a small but powerful agency. I wanted to inspire the class to be

bold, to take risks, and to participate with authenticity. Yet I was also a bit reluctant to acknowledge that vulnerability can be powerful – with great risk comes uncertainty. After all, I was supposed to lead a team of leaders and any reflections on my own missteps, trials or challenges would surely put off the new classmates.

So stepping in front of the room, I did the only thing I know how to do. I spoke from my heart and with passion. I repeated an excerpt from Theodore Roosevelt's "Citizenship in a Republic" speech from 1910. I urged the class to show up, to be present, and to step into the arena with your head high and gaze forward.

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat." 



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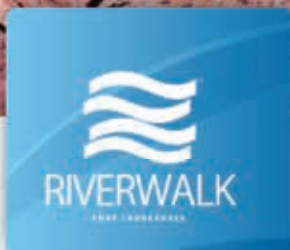
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THE RETURN OF THE SEA TURTLES

BEING SAFE ON A DARKER BEACH

If you've been out to the beach at night lately you probably noticed it's a little darker. Sea turtle season runs from Mar. 1 through Oct. 31 and is the time of year turtles make their way onto the beach to lay their eggs. Beachfront artificial light is restricted during this period because light can discourage female turtles from nesting and it also disorients hatchlings that rely on light and reflections from the moon to find their way to the ocean at night. Bright, artificial lighting used to illuminate streets and buildings can guide hatchlings toward roadways instead of back to their safe haven in the ocean.


While the conditions safeguard these protected animals from wandering into the streets, they also decrease the visibility for drivers, pedestrians, and

bicyclists. Here are some things to keep in mind as you walk, drive or bike in the early morning or late evening:

Walkers – You can take action before you even leave the house by choosing light-colored or reflective clothing. While on the move please make sure you're walking on the sidewalks, or walk facing traffic in the event there is no sidewalk. Use crosswalks and push buttons when you cross the street. Walk defensively but courteously. Don't assume that all road users know that pedestrians have the right-of-way in crosswalks or that drivers have seen you. Give a friendly wave to drivers before crossing in the crosswalk and always keep your head up and put your phone away while crossing streets, driveways, and intersections.

Bikers – Make sure drivers and walkers can see you. As with walkers, be sure to wear light-colored or reflective clothing while walking in low-light conditions. Florida law requires bicyclists to have a bright, white front light and red, rear light and reflector while biking between sunset and sunrise. Use hand signals to communicate your movement intentions with cars and pedestrians. This helps you to be predictable, which is a great way to prevent a crash. All bicyclists riding on the sidewalk must yield to walkers, and have the same rights and duties as a pedestrian while on the sidewalk or in the crosswalk. Tell walkers and other cyclists if you plan to pass by calling out "passing on your left" loud enough for the person to hear. Avoid using headphones while riding as they reduce your awareness of what's happening around you, a great defense.

Drivers – Be alert and predictable. Use your blinker/directional lights, maintain the posted speed limit, and expect pedestrians to cross the street. Put down your phone while you're driving. If you need to take a call or activate navigation, safely pull over or have a passenger assist you. Always stop on red, even when making a right turn. Always stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk and give cyclists three feet of space as you pass them.

Enjoy yourself and remember the choices you make while visiting the beach can help protect the sea turtles and save the lives of neighbors and visitors, helping to reach the City's Vision Zero goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries on our streets! 



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BY DIANE D'ANGELO

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HOW RETAIL FOLLOWS ROOFTOPS

TAKING A PULSE OF THE MARKET

The mission of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce's 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 Ken Krasnow of Colliers International; Tim Petrillo, co-founder of The Restaurant People; and Charlie Ladd, President of Barron Real Estate on "Retail Follows Rooftops: Density Means Business." Jenni Morejon, Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority, led the discussion.

Krasnow began with an overview of the market. There is currently a 4.2 percent vacancy rate in Broward County retail space and a 4.5 percent vacancy rate in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. Rents have grown 10 percent over the past four years in Broward County and have grown 37 percent in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. There have been zero major retail developments delivered to the market in the past four years in Downtown Fort Lauderdale but there are currently four retail buildings covering 104,301 sf under construction. According to a TEN-X Market Retail Report, Fort Lauderdale is ranked as the third Retail Buy Market in the U.S., behind Austin and Miami. The retail outlook is positive, but there are headwinds. E-commerce currently comprises 13 percent of all retail sales and is expected to increase. Store footprints are shrinking and big box stores are closing. Technology has affected retailers and the role of the store needs to be reimagined.

Ladd started developing retail in Fort Lauderdale in 1993. He said the type of retail built mirrored Downtown. Our City started as a second-home place but in the last five to six years, people can truly pursue an urban lifestyle. He believes retail is an amenity to the community and while big box retail is done, the Downtown is not threatened. He said parking requirements held back development for years but the focus has become using the same parking facility for multiple uses, for example, retail, office, and residential.

Petrillo, whose company owns and operates numerous restaurants in Fort Lauderdale, believes the bones of our community are awesome. We have the beach, offices, a great airport and cruise port, and a street that connects Downtown to the beach. The restaurant business is a real estate business. If you locate a restaurant in a good area, you pay higher rent but spend less in advertising; while if you are in a lower rent area, you frequently have to spend more on advertising. He believes density is good and allows chefs and owners to take risks and create great restaurants.

All the participants believe culture, art, and festivals are very important and have put cities "on the map." Culture is why people pay a premium to live in an urban area.


The next Chamber breakfast will be held on June 22 at 7:30 a.m. at the Tower Club. Mark Gale, CEO/Director of Aviation for the Broward County Aviation Department will be the event speaker. To purchase tickets, please visit www.ftlchamber.com. Hope to see you there! 



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Ken Krasnow of Colliers International; Tim Petrillo, co-founder of The Restaurant People; and Charlie Ladd, president of Barron Real Estate, speakers at the Apr. 27 Chamber breakfast, discussed "Retail Follows Rooftops: Density Means Business"



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ARTS CALENDAR 2.0

A ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR EVENTS ON THE LOCAL ARTS, CULTURE, AND ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

I recently went out of town on three consecutive weekends. My thinking when I booked the trips was that this time of year would be slow in Broward. But I was wrong.

During those three weekends alone, there was the opening of The Frank Gallery in Pembroke Pines, a Girls' Club performance by our Broward Arts Journalism Alliance (BAJA) advisory board member Vanessa Garcia, an exhibition opening reception at NSU Art Museum, and a Sofar Sounds concert (If you don't know about this international phenomenon of secret gigs, be sure to check out the website: www.sofarsounds.com). And the list goes on with the Fort Lauderdale Air Show and other exciting art happenings like the FAT Village ArtWalk. I returned home with an acute case of FOMO – fear of missing out.

What did I do? I channeled my FOMO by planning my trips.

The first one was to Chicago – one of my favorite cities, where I dodged in and out of buildings and restaurants in 40-degree rain. While the city boasts an incredible scene of arts and cultural hot spots – I have to admit, I was eager to return to our palm trees and sunshine.

The second trip was to New York City for the Frieze Contemporary Art Fair, which takes place along the East River in Randall's Island Park. In addition to the fair, I

wanted to also see other arts and cultural events in the city. But I was disappointed when I realized I would have to scour numerous publications, social media sites, and blogs to plan my itinerary.

It was then I realized how crucial, not to mention, efficient, it is to have everything in one place. And we offer that here in Broward County!

On May 1, Broward Cultural Division, in partnership with arts incubator ArtServe Inc., launched a newly revitalized and improved www.artscalendar.com – a one-stop-shop for event listings and blog posts on the local arts, culture, and entertainment scene. The new look of this comprehensive resource is sleek and user-friendly, with upgraded technology that offers easy access and interactive navigation.

Events, venue locations, and artist profiles can all be submitted and accessed by the public for free. So, whether you are looking to plan your weekend, read about an event you missed, browse local artists or find a job or call-to-artist opportunity – it can all be found in one place.

It's a great resource for local artists and arts organizations as well as residents and tourists alike. We can't wait for you to see the new look at www.artscalendar.com. And while you're there, sign-up for the newsletter and follow along on Facebook at @ArtsCalendar and on Twitter at @BrowardArtsCal. 

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BEING INVOLVED DELIVERS RESULTS

The 2017 legislative session of the Florida Legislature was dismal at best. I was chagrined at many of the responses received from elected officials when our issues were brought to them. Many didn't listen. Several were hostile.

We have worked too hard to let some politicians derail our momentum. There is a reason why we have low unemployment. March figures show a four percent rate for Broward County. Salaries are on the rise, too. Year after year we have created more than 30,000 net new jobs. But then the part-time legislature meets.

Two areas targeted by House Speaker Richard Corcoran were Enterprise Florida and Visit Florida. The former was eviscerated with no business incentive funding and the latter was cut 67 percent. Both were subjected to what has become all too common – fake news, new facts, political banter, and the inability of politicians to build consensus with a carrot instead of a stick.

The most disappointing? Our county is now subjected to harmful mismanagement of public policy by both houses. We will receive a small portion of what we send in doc stamps for workforce housing. Our nationally-ranked Broward College will be bludgeoned. Our hospitality industry will lose jobs. If voters approve an increase in the Homestead Exemption in November we will lose millions in our tax base, which pays for essential services.

In order for us to make a difference, we must engage in the process. This means we must travel to Tallahassee

during committee weeks prior to session when the table is set. The Florida constitution allows the Legislature to begin early in even-numbered years. We do just that in 2018, opening on Jan. 8.

During the 2018 regular session we must be engaged. I encourage you to be part of our delegation, which will be coordinated through Capitol Days. Watch for those dates and locations.

We must also be part of the solution on the federal level. There are a number of ways to get involved. Be part of our issues committee headed by Government Affairs Chairman Jon Polenberg, Becker and Poliakoff. Attend our kick-off reception for Washington Summit 2017 presented by FP&L at the Riverside Hotel, Aug. 16, 5:30 p.m. Meet with your congressional representative, senators or their staffers.

It is proven that taking part delivers results. Two examples of this are Port Everglades and the new sand for our beaches.

Our Port Everglades Action Team has delivered palpable results through congressional action in just a few short years after decades of inaction. A few pictures shown to then-Senate Appropriations Chairman Senator Joe Negron by Ina Lee, Travelhost Media, were enough to secure funding for new sand on our beaches.


Electing politicians who understand and support our business and jobs agenda is the lynchpin to our success. We must make sure to elect local, state, and federal officials who represent us and fully grasp what they are doing. 



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A BOATER'S PARADISE

THE SUMMER SLOW DOWN MEANS A BOOMING REFIT MARKET

Ahhh, summer in Fort Lauderdale. Most visitors, tourists, and part-time residents have left for northern climates, schools are out, and many families are vacationing for a time in other interesting ports of call. There's a little less traffic on the roadways, a little more elbow room in restaurants and stores, and a bit more space to spread out on the waterways, too. We all take a collective deep breath and slow our heart rates down just a little.

Fun in the sun, especially during the extreme temperatures that can be reached during summer in South Florida, demand a healthy splash of H₂O. Home to more than 300 miles of inland waterways, 100 marinas, and 50,000 registered vessels, Fort Lauderdale is indeed a boater's paradise. Cool relief from long, hot summer days can be found on a leisurely ride down the New River, snorkeling above the flora and fauna just off shore, working a weed line among the small swells of the Atlantic, or finding a permitted section of the Intracoastal to pull out the water skis and skim the surface.


While enjoying these exhilarating summertime days and relaxing during the warm languid afternoons on the water, most of us have learned to keep our skin protected with sunscreen and water-

wicking long-sleeve shirts. We know to hide our faces under wide-brimmed hats and apply massive amounts of aloe when we've underestimated the harsh effects of wind and sun. It should not be surprising, then, that the boats that transport us through these adventures need special attention and protection from the weather as well.

For most businesses within the marine industry, however, the lazy days of summer remain as busy as the rest of the year. Boats of every size, from run-abouts to superyachts, schedule a myriad of needed repairs, and plan everything from massive refits to routine maintenance during summer months. Individual jobs can take anywhere from one day to more than a year. Throughout Broward County, 110,000 employees earning salaries and wages that typically pay 28 percent above the state average in Florida are keeping those 50,000 boats safe and operational.

In Fort Lauderdale, the refit market is also booming, due in large part to a legislatively-imposed cap on sales tax, and yacht owners are buying and refitting existing boats to take advantage of lower costs and faster turnaround times. In South Florida, marinas and boatyards are busy with vessels that need mechanical maintenance, electronic replacements,

new paint, canvas and woodwork repairs, furniture, and appliances – servicing any and all material that can eventually succumb to constant use and the effects of sun and salt.

For both Fort Lauderdale natives and those who have come recently, summer in Fort Lauderdale is like no place else on earth, and the enduring legacy of the marine industry helps to keep it that way. 

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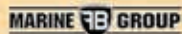
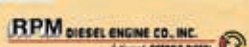
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GROWLERS AND HOWLERS

THIS STAND-ALONE GROWLER FILLING STATION IS COMING SOON TO A PLAZA NEAR YOU

As good beer drinkers know, in the last decade there has been exponential growth in craft beer. By definition, craft beer comes from a brewery that produces no more than 2 million gallons yearly and follows distinct brewing methods.

Many of the craft beers people crave come from small regional brewers that may not have a reach large enough for their beers to make it to South Florida. This is where a growler filling station comes in. It's like craft beer straight from the tap. A growler is 64 oz. and a half growler, known as a howler, is 32 oz. Purchase a growler once and use it over and over again each time you visit a filling station. Growlers can come in a variety of materials but generally are made of dark or amber glass. The darker coloring protects the beer inside from excess light and UV exposure, which tend to break down the beers' integrity.

Memphis Garrett will soon be opening one of the first stand-alone growler filling stations in Broward County. After having spent over 14 years in building up a successful resume in the restaurant and hospitality industry, Garrett struck out on his own. "When I graduated from Florida State I moved to L.A. and started working for SBE (a large hotel, restaurant management company). I started at the very bottom, but I quickly moved up and got to the point where I was opening three locations a year for SBE. I got hooked on that on-the-go lifestyle."

Garrett moved back to Florida and started thinking of life beyond SBE. He began to conceptualize his own restaurant, which later became Poke House in the Victoria Park Shoppes plaza on Federal Highway. Building off the success of Poke House, Garrett's next inspiration came when he went to visit his sister in Tennessee. Garrett explained, "I was visiting and she said, 'Let's go fill up the growlers.' And I asked, 'What are you talking about?' So we grabbed these jugs, drove down to this little strip mall and there were lines coming out the door of the growler filling station."

At the time it was illegal to sell growlers in Florida but they were finally legalized in 2015. Prior to this change, Florida had bizarre laws that restricted the sale of beer and other malt liquors to containers that held either 32 ounces or fewer or 128 ounces or more.

Garrett knows Fort Lauderdale will be the right place for Growlers & Howlers, set to open at 636 N. Federal



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Highway this summer. "What I've noticed in Fort Lauderdale is that people really do support small and local businesses. That's one of the reasons I opened Poke House here first and not in South Beach. Something about Fort Lauderdale has a good dynamic and demographic of people that are always willing to give new businesses a chance."

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AN ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE AT RISK

A SENSATIONAL INDUSTRY

Every year, the tourism industry celebrates National Tourism Week, historically in the first full week of May. This year, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau (GFLCVB) took that opportunity to host its annual Tourism Day Luncheon.

This year's luncheon was different from those of the past for several reasons. One: it was held at the beautiful Sport of Kings Theater at Gulfstream Park in Hallandale. Two: It combined and celebrated an industry that is an economic powerhouse for Broward County and South Florida, and highlighted seven individuals whose unique stories, devotion to exceeded expectations, and overall humanity is paramount to what hospitality is and why it is particularly excellent throughout Greater Fort Lauderdale. And Three: There has never been a time in recent history where our industry is more at risk than ever before. Tourism has been making headlines in Florida as the State Legislature votes to make severe cuts in the tourism marketing of our State. At the time of this writing, the Florida legislature has reduced the budget for Visit Florida to \$25 million, a 67 percent cut in the proposed \$100 million budget.

The long and short-term effects of reduced tourism funding are easy to find. Look at the most well-known history of Colorado. In 1993, the Colorado legislature eliminated the Colorado Tourism Office's \$12 million budget. Colorado had been the number one summer tourist destination and the feeling was that, "People


would come here anyway." Within one year, Colorado dropped from the #1 destination spot to #17.

The state's economy saw a one billion dollar hit within the first year and the losses continued in subsequent years. In all, over the course of six

years, Colorado saved \$76 million, but had an overall economic loss that registered at least \$10 billion. While Colorado has regained market share in the past 20+ years, it never again has been #1.

In the State of Florida, every 76 visitor supports one tourism job and visitor spending ultimately supported 1.4 million jobs in Florida in 2015. Visitors to Greater Fort Lauderdale generated 60.5 million in Tourist Development Tax for Broward County. That's important because it is because of tourism that jobs are created and taxes are kept at enviable levels. (Just ask a visitor from New Jersey about their income or property taxes...)

Visit Florida funding is imperative to the marketing and promotion of Florida for group and leisure visitors. It is part of the infrastructure that creates an amazing quality of life for Broward County residents through direct and indirect job creation, and non-resident tax revenue generation.

National Tourism Week provides a platform to acknowledge the importance of tourism. Last month, the GFLCVB had the privilege of receiving nearly 100 nominations of SUNSational Service. A distinguished panel of judges was tasked to review each nomination and select seven of the best. Our Lucky 7 are the faces of tourism. They represent the very best in service, compassion, and exceeding expectations on a daily basis. Congratulations to our SUNSational Service Winners for 2016. And a special recognition to David Blevins and Tiffany from the Hampton Inn for their humble, yet exemplary work in a time of crisis. You can see their stories as told by the people who nominated them at www.sunny.org. 

SUNSational Service Winners for 2016

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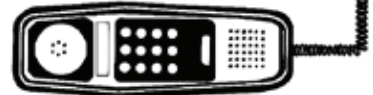


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FLY ME TO FORT LAUDERDALE

THE VENICE OF AMERICA ENCHANTS MILLIONS OF VISITORS EACH YEAR AND THEY KEEP COMING BACK FOR MORE

WRITER JOANNA KENTOLALL

The siren song of the sea has been luring visitors to Florida for generations. Just last year nearly 113 million people traveled throughout the Sunshine State according to VISIT FLORIDA. But with so many beach destination options in the area, what brings them to this little corner of paradise in Fort Lauderdale?

Even in a state dotted with coastal cities well known for water recreation and temperate climates, Fort Lauderdale is renowned. Most tourists come for the famous beaches and inviting waterways. Yet, in addition to the nautical lifestyle that makes the location a favorite hot spot, there is much more to see and do.

Travelers looking for an iconic experience seek out the landmark boat-shaped building located directly on the shores of Fort Lauderdale Beach. The celebrated former Yankee Clipper is now the renovated 484-room B Ocean Resort. A multi-million dollar refurbishment adds contemporary flair to the historic hotel that people are familiar with, but retains the unique style.

"The Yankee Clipper was so recognizable. There's an immediate connection that endears it to guests," said Director of Sales and Marketing Michael Dutton.

Something else that endears crowds to visit is the popular mermaid show at the resort. The legendary underwater performance with frolicking mermaids is a quintessential Fort Lauderdale experience.

But it's not all about the beautiful sights for guests who may be coming here for business instead of pleasure. Or is it? With conference rooms at the B Ocean Resort providing beach views from floor to ceiling windows as part of 14,000 sq. ft. of meeting space, professionals get the best of both worlds.

And so, some visitors come to Fort Lauderdale for pleasure. Some visitors come for business. And some



Above - The world-famous mermaid show at the B Ocean Resort's Wreck Bar draws crowds of locals and tourists alike

Left and below - Situated in the former Yankee Clipper, B Ocean Resort boasts 484 rooms



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Riverside Hotel on Las Olas Boulevard

visitors come for the serious business of shopping.

Las Olas Boulevard is the shopping and dining district where travelers stroll through over 120 stores, restaurants, boutiques, art galleries, museums, and more.

Strategically set within walking distance from all the action is the Riverside Hotel, offering a respite for patrons who come to spend time and money along the trendy street. The 231 rooms of the property are full of “Old Florida” appeal.

Although most travelers visit during the winter season, the hotel sees an increase from locals during the summer and special packages are often available. This year art lovers can combine a stay at the Riverside Hotel with a trip to the nearby NSU Art Museum.

For tourists in search of something more serene, a short drive from Las Olas Boulevard is the oasis of The Pillars Hotel. Nestled on a quiet and mostly residential stretch of the intracoastal, the small luxury hotel offers a haven from the crowds. With 18 rooms, out-of-towners make their way here when seeking a custom stay that feels more like a private vacation home with first-class service.

Guests are treated to an easy elegance that can sometimes include being serenaded by an opera singer while dining dockside at sunset. This romantic charm has become the hallmark of the British Colonial-styled estate that often welcomes repeat visitors.

“The beauty of this small property is that we learn about each guest and adapt. They return year after year because of the personalized service,” said The Pillars Hotel General Manager Gui Goncalves.

Visitors are bewitched by more than just the sunny skies and blue beaches of Fort Lauderdale. The destination is engaging jet-setters who are in search of more. Local hotels see an eclectic mix of explorers seeking out iconic adventures, shopping excursions, art escapes, and tranquil retreats.


Dutton said, “Fort Lauderdale has become a viable destination for a full experience.” 



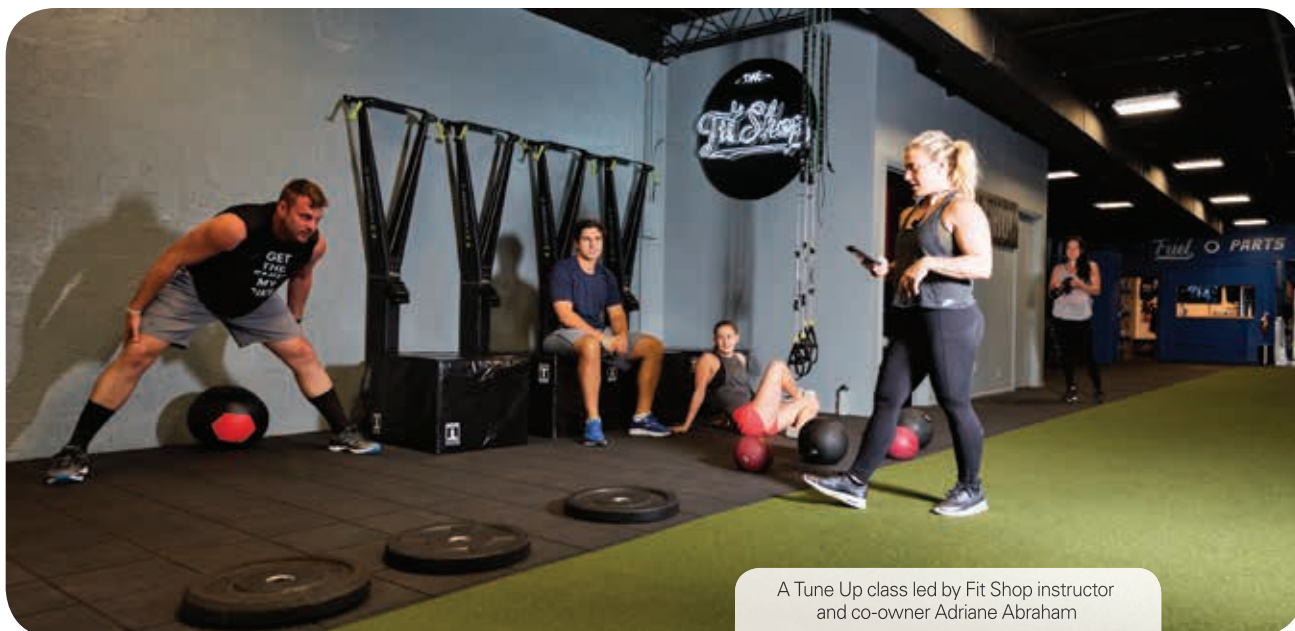
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The Pillars Hotel Fort Lauderdale

HUSTLE FOR THE MUSCLE

IT'S NO PAIN, NO GAIN AT THE FIT SHOP FORT LAUDERDALE WHERE THE MAIN GOAL IS TO SHIFT CLIENTS INTO THE BEST VERSION OF THEMSELVES

WRITER CRISTINA HUDSON



A Tune Up class led by Fit Shop instructor and co-owner Adriane Abraham

Just as we need to care for our cars, we also need to maintain and service our bodies. The new Fit Shop in Fort Lauderdale is here to help “fuel, maintain, and repair your bodies properly for ultimate performance.” Fashioned after a vintage body shop, the Fit Shop Fort Lauderdale opened in Flagler Village this past December. This is the second location for owners Adriane Abraham and Kaisa Kerwin, who opened the first shop in North Miami Beach in 2014.

The Fit Shop’s team of trainers, which includes Abraham and Kerwin, is made up of professional instructors who share their passion for athleticism, fitness, and constant, personal self-improvement by helping others to maintain and improve themselves. Fit Shop’s tagline is “Shift.” When you shift in an automobile, you change gears and move. Abraham says, “Never stop shifting, learning, and growing to be the best individual you can be.”

The Fit Shop is anything but your average gym where you can just check off your list that you “went to the gym today.” Their five different one-hour classes will motivate you to push yourself and then push yourself even harder. The cardio-conditioning, kickboxing class is called the Burnout. With the use of dumbbells, bands,

and core training, you burn fat, build muscle, and develop core strength and coordination.

The Tune Up is a high-intensity boot camp-style class where you work with equipment to improve flexibility, balance, speed, and strength. Supercharge is a high-intensity kickboxing and boot camp-style class that is a combination of the Burnout and Tune Up, which will truly kick your butt while helping you to continue to increase your strength, power, and speed. Plus, you get to take out your frustrations on the heavy bag!

According to Kerwin, the Tune Up Turbo will bring out “the inner athlete in you.” This super-intense cardio




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class focuses on developing your coordination, agility, and power and is great for your cardiovascular health. Through pilates and high-intensity interval training, the Exhaust class focuses not only on strength, but also on toning and sculpting your body.

Don't feel intimidated by the intensity of these classes. They are open to individuals with all different fitness levels. If you have an injury or just aren't able to perform some of the exercises (like me) the instructors will show you how you can modify the moves to accommodate your individual situation and continue to maximize your workout.

There is always electrifying music throughout each class to keep you going, so leave your ear buds at home. In addition to the individual classes available seven days a week, the Fit Shop also offers personal training sessions. These private sessions are another option for anyone looking for a one-on-one experience tailored to drive you to achieve your goals. You'll leave sweaty, motivated, and feeling accomplished. A day or two later you'll probably feel the effects of your workout, but I can attest to the truth of the saying, "No pain, no gain." 



WORKOUT ESSENTIALS

- Wear comfortable and non-restricting clothing and good sneakers.
- A hair tie is always helpful for the ladies, but if you forget to bring one, don't worry. They'll have one there for you.
- Whenever you workout it's important to keep hydrated. If you don't bring bottled water with you, you can always buy one at the front desk.
- You may want to bring a towel to wipe the awesomeness off your forehead as you sweat your way to a better you.
- If you have sensitive hands like I do, some light-weight lifting gloves will help prevent calluses from using dumbbells and other equipment.
- If you take one of the kickboxing classes, you probably will want to bring your own gloves. They will loan you a pair for your first class, but you will need to rent them for a small fee for any class after that.



If You Go:
The Fit Shop
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729 NE Second Ave.

(954) 769-1885

www.thefitshop.com

SUMMER IS...

WRITER BEVERLEY DOUGLAS

ILLUSTRATOR DENISE BAKER



Summer is
 short sleeves
 knock-knees
 halter tops and white cotton tees
 Laughter
 holding both your sides
 and teeny, weeny fireflies
 Lazy days
 pleasures free
 An ice-cream cone for you and me
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#SUMMERSELFIE

THE BASICS OF THE MODERN DAY SELF-PORTRAIT

WRITER JASON LEIDY

Selfies are here to stay for the foreseeable future and summer is a great time to get started on your collection if you haven't already. Here are the basics.

Most selfies are shot using cell phone cameras either with the native phone application or a specialized app for editing and/or posting the selfie. Regardless of the phone you may carry, it's getting easier all the time to produce a good-looking selfie as cell phone technology and software progresses.

First, find your light source. Unless your intent is to imbue some sort of emotional content, avoid harsh shadows cast across your face. Overly dark settings are another problem area – grainy and fuzzy are not flattering. And please, oh please, make sure the strongest, soft (read – diffused) light source is in front of you, not behind you. We've all seen those unintended silhouettes and they really don't offer much to your audience. Selfies hold true to the universal photography adage, lighting is everything.


Next, consider your composition. This is where you add context and perhaps a bit of meaning to the selfie. Are you at an important social event? Then by all means, let's see your crew! Are you on a once in a lifetime trip? Let's see those pyramids in the background! Are you just feeling great about the way you look? Select a simple, neutral background that won't distract from your killer hair, makeup, or outfit.

An important feature in your selfie composition includes selecting the angle of your shot. If you're going for full body length, you may need to employ the selfie stick. These ubiquitous telescoping gadgets extend your reach to include a wider angle in your shot, but keep in mind they are the opposite of stealth. Some people use a timer setting instead, placing the camera at a distance and then walking to a pre-set location in their shot. However you place the camera, keep in mind that the most frequently used and flattering angle is with the camera elevated above the face.

If you are curious about options for editing that selfie, you can start with the built-in editing tools available in social sharing platforms such

as Facebook, Instagram, etc.

Another popular route is to run your selfie through an app designed to enhance appearance. Some examples include the incredibly powerful Facetune (\$4 - \$6 purchase) and Perfect365 (free with in-app purchases). Both of these are available on iOS and Android.

Gone are the days of mediocre snapshots. Summer is the perfect time to share your selfie from a far away vacation or a selfie with old and new friends. It's the season to get yourself out there in the selfie game. 



Writer and photographer Jason Leidy took this selfie with his partner on a biking trip in Islamorada

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CAFFEINATE ME

STACHE COFFEE BAR JOINS ARTISANAL "THIRD WAVE" MOVEMENT

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

Check out www.goriverwalk.com for more spirited #BITES, SIPS, and recipes.

The artisanal coffee movement, or "third-wave," has landed at Stache Drinking Den & Coffee Bar. This addition ranks them among the top coffee purveyors in Broward County as they offer one of the best cups for the best price in Downtown.

Stache coffee now offers two new varieties of Panther cold brew including nitro cold brew on tap. It's full-bodied, cool, and creamy, served with no ice, black or white. If you like cold brew, you will probably love Panther nitro cold brew.

Easily the fastest way to kick start your morning is the new Yama slow drip cold brew made with Panther's Brazilian roast. It's one drip per second, one cup per hour, only six cups per day, one per customer while supplies last. Classic Panther cold press is also still available and is as refreshing as ever.

Pour-over is the latest craze sweeping the coffee world. Get the full taste of Panther's single origin beans with brewed-to-order Chemex and Kalita Wave, now available.

Need a bite with that? An assortment of pastries and fresh fruit are now served daily. Stache's main bar has also been outfitted with power outlets for remote working.



Stache Coffee Bar

109 SW Second Ave.,
Downtown Fort Lauderdale
Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
www.stacheftl.com
Instagram @stachecoffeebar

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WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

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



COFFEE COCKTAILS:

For the slightly more adventurous, Stache mixologists have crafted a menu of five delicious, spirited coffee cocktails exclusively available at Stache:

Pinche Pantera: Ancho Reyes, Panther cold press, cane syrup, milk

Irish Old Fashioned: Irish Whiskey, Panther cold brew syrup, chocolate bitters

Milk Punch: Bourbon, vanilla extract, milk, chocolate

Espresso Martini: Vodka, Panther espresso, cane syrup

Irish Coffee: Panther coffee, Irish whiskey, Demerara cane syrup, topped with fresh whipped cream

Café Stache: Panther coffee, cinnamon, dark chocolate-infused tequila

We recommend you try Old Forester Bourbon, Tullamore Dew Irish Whiskey, Woodford Reserve Rye, Stoli Elite Vodka, and Milagro Tequila in your coffee cocktails.



Café Stache



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



Pinche Pantera

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WRITERS PENNY SANFILIPPO and JONNY ALTOBELL (a.k.a. the Ugly Sisters)

They 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.



BREAKING BREAD

A TOUR OF LOCAL ESTABLISHMENTS THAT FUEL OUR CRUSTY ADDICTION

WRITER PENNY SANFILIPPO AND JONNY ALTOBELL – THE UGLY SISTERS

Baking is that branch of the culinary arts where creativity is appreciated and science is necessary. Too little yeast and bread is flat and heavy. Baking soda and baking powder are NOT interchangeable, and the wrong amount of either can leave you with flat or nasty tasting products. That's why many creative chefs have no patience for baking – it's too structured. Most of us, however, love to eat baked goodies. There are those who use bread as a vehicle for butter (Jonny is one) and there are those of us who swoon for the chewy, crusty bite of bread. I have been known to shamelessly fondle just baked warm loaves of bread in public.

So we toured Greater Fort Lauderdale to find out who's doing what. We did not include supermarkets or chain locations. There's nothing wrong with them – but we wanted independent businesses. We also omitted a couple “Bakery and Cafes” as they often don't bake on the premises.

SUNSHINE BAKERY at 2621 W. Davie Blvd. (just west of I-95) has Latin treats that would be at home in any Central or South American city. Empanadas, pastelitos, and croquettes, are all fresh and wonderful in this 30-year-old neighborhood fixture.

Pastry reigns on trendy Las Olas, probably because foot traffic is not conducive to eating a loaf of bread and this is a tourist go-to. **PAN'E DULCE** on Las Olas offers beautiful pastry, gelato, and Italian coffee but if you want breads you would need to travel to either of their other locations (Oakland Park or Commercial). **GRAN FORNO** (the original bakery site at 1235 E. Las Olas, NOT the restaurant location) has a mouthwatering selection of freshly baked breads: Pane Olive, Siciliano Semolina, Fennel Raisin, and a dozen others, plus pre-made sandwiches, lunch specials, pastries, and Italian coffees.

The far end of Las Olas near A1A has acquired **NANOU BAKERY** (2915 E. Las Olas Blvd.), an authentic French bakery complete with crispy baguettes and mouthwatering pastries. There is a small parking lot in front so you also get an oddity – free parking near the beach. There are a few tables as well if you don't want to take out.

We leave Las Olas and travel to yet another French Bakery (can you ever have too many?). Just north of the bend at Sunrise and US 1 you can step into Paris via **CROISSAN'TIME** (1201 N. Federal Hwy.) There's a reason they've been around as long as they have. Baguettes, Pain de mie, and, of course, croissants are all here plus sinful pastries and an impressive selection of French imported foodstuff. Just a little north of here on Federal is **SWEETER DAYS BAKE SHOP**. (1497 N. Federal Hwy.) Although not a bakery in a traditional sense, it's worth mentioning. This cupcake and cookie spot has beautiful treats worth the calories!

Heading back to W. Sunrise you will find a tiny space tucked behind the Walgreens at 1011 W. Andrews Ave. called **SUNRISE BAKERY** that offers freshly-made Haitian baked goodies.

Our final visit is to an iconic locale at Commercial and Andrews – **THE GERMAN BREAD HAUS** (311 E. Commercial) – where organic bread is the rule not the exception. This alpine a-frame has been around for years and the structure is so not South Florida that you will be astounded that you ever missed it. They have some pastry items, strudel included, but we go for the hearty loaves of black bread, rye or multigrain. They also have a selection of Kosher goodies.

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

GENERAL EVENTS

Fort Lauderdale Developing Leaders' Networking Event

June 1
 Presented by NAIOP South Florida
 Chima Brazilian Steakhouse
 (954) 990-5116
www.naiopsfl.org

Fourth Annual CaribStyle Week

June 1-4
 The event series promises to showcase a dazzling array of the destination's rich Caribbean style, creativity, fashion, music, and food offerings.
 Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau
 (800) 227-8669
www.caribstyleweek.com

Fort Lauderdale Man and Woman of the Year Grand Finale

June 2
 Candidates raise money in honor of Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Boy & Girl of the Year.
 Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort and Spa
 (954) 744-5300
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Fort Lauderdale Story Slam

June 3
 World and Eye Arts Center
 (954) 540-9897
www.worldandeye.com

Global Connections Exhibit Reception

June 3
 In this juried art exhibit you will see how local artists present ethnicity, culture, heritage, etc. in paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture, and jewelry.
 Broward Art Guild
 (305) 343-2664
www.browardartguild.org

Pinion Passion Hour

June 6
 Bull Market
 (954) 614-6795
www.pinioninc.org



A Taste of Italy - 15th Annual Dinner and Wine Auction

June 6
 For community supporters and wine aficionados. Presented by PACE Center for Girls Broward Casa D'Angelo Ristorante
 (954) 561-6939
www.pacecenter.org



Fifth Annual Smoke on the Water BBQ Feast and Competition

June 10
 Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale's Smoke on the Water BBQ Feast & Competition returns for more mouth watering good times. The event is free to attend and open to all ages. Enjoy BBQ items starting at only \$5, live music, cold beer, and fun activities for the whole family! Local pitmasters will be competing to become the named "Smoke on the Water BBQ Feast Champion."
 Esplanade Park
 (954) 468-1541
www.goriverwalk.com

Fort Lauderdale Historical Society Lecture

June 12
 Meet a South Florida history maker, author, or pioneer at this engaging social.
 History Museum Fort Lauderdale
 (954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org



Storybook Adventures Camp

June 12-24
 Unleash the imagination through theatre games, story drama, and movement! This program culminates in a showcase for family and friends.
 Florida Children's Theatre in the Galleria Mall
 (954) 763-6882
www.flct.org

Summer Stage Theatre Camp

June 12 - July 7 - Session 1
 July 10 - Aug. 4 - Session 2
 Campers work with trained instructors in acting, music, and dance to mount a full-scale production at the end of each four-week session. Camp is held at the Galleria Mall, with performances at Bailey Hall.
 Florida Children's Theatre in the Galleria Mall
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Finding Neverland

June 13-25
 Finding Neverland tells the incredible story behind one of the world's most beloved characters: Peter Pan. Presented by Broadway Across America
 Broward Center for the Performing Arts
 (954) 626-7821
www.broadwayacrossamerica.com



Broward Education Foundation Scholarship Awards Ceremony

June 14
 The Broward Education Foundation Student Scholarship Program awards scholarships to qualifying students who fall short of their financial need to pursue a post-secondary education.
 Nova Southeastern University
 (754) 321-2032
www.browardedfoundation.org

RoboConnect Networking Breakfast

June 15
 RoboVault Self Storage
www.robovault.com



Annual Care for Kids Luncheon

June 16
 Presented by ChildNet
 Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six
 (954) 414-6000
www.childnet.us



Marine Industry Day

June 17
 Marine Industry Day is a free, family-oriented event aimed at celebrating the region's marine industry through a variety of fun, interactive experiences. It features live music, food trucks, children's activities, numerous marine-related activities, water taxi tours, educational games, and much more. Presented by Marine Industries Association of South Florida
 Esplanade Park
 (954) 524-2733
www.miasf.org

Jim Moran Institute and FSU Business and Leadership Conference

June 21 and 22
 Presented by the Jim Moran Institute
 Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention Center
 (954) 210-4404
www.jmiconference.com

The Black and White Gala

June 24
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Las Olas Capital Arts Reception Featuring Liora Davis

June 29
 Las Olas Capital Arts is pleased to be featuring the inspiring artist, Liora Davis. Las Olas Capital Arts is the principal philanthropic mission of Las Olas Capital Advisors. The initiative seeks to support, promote, and celebrate local artists by providing a venue to showcase their work.
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BONNET HOUSE MUSEUM AND GARDENS (954) 703-2606 www.bonnethouse.org



Orchid Greenhouse Tour

June 13

Enjoy a behind the scenes view of one of Evelyn Bartlett's passions – orchids!

Cruisin' Down the River

July 8

Join the Bonnet House Museum and Gardens and Kelly's Landing Seafood Restaurant for a whimsical cruise down the New River.

BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

Dave Mason: "Alone Together Again"

June 9

Girls Only: The Secret Comedy of Women

June 14-18 and 21-25

"Girls Only" is an original comedy that celebrates the honor, truth, humor, and silliness of being female. With a two-woman cast and audiences full of raucous, laughing ladies, the show is a unique examination of all things girly.

Tig Notaro

June 18

Tig Notaro is a standup comedian, storyteller, and writer originally from Mississippi. Notaro writes, produces, and stars in the semi-autobiographical comedy series "One Mississippi."

Bring It! Live

July 1

Straight out of the Dollhouse Dance Factory, come see the main event featuring Miss D's top girls as they high kick, shake, and flip their way to the top.

BROWARD COUNTY MAIN LIBRARY (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

Exhibit: Fort Lauderdale Buildings in the Abstract

June

See an exhibition presented by photographers Aurelio and Sharon Zuniga. Can you identify the buildings?

Visit the Star Lab Planetarium

June 3

Summer Reading Kickoff, Build A Better World

June 3

Have a fun day at the Main Library as you sign up for summer reading challenges.

Suzu Hammer as Safari Sue

June 3

Safari Sue the adventurer will do a story-telling magic show all about the world of mysterious buildings and stories.

Artist Marco Antonio, Impressions of Humanity

June 3

See the documentary by Artist Marco Antonio, Impressions of Humanity, which took six years to make and was filmed in 19 countries. This documentary tells some of the true stories of the people that Antonio Marcus met. After watching the film, you can make your own handprint and color or give your personal message inside the handprint. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Ansel Davis

June 3 & 13

Ansel Davis will speak about vision loss and guide dogs for the blind.

Meet Your Wildlife Friends

June 3

Meet your wildlife friends with the Sawgrass Nature Center. The event is part of the Build A Better World Kick-Off Summer Reading event. All ages are welcome.

BCL Social Club: A New Activity Each Week for Adults

June 6, 20, July 11, 18 and 25

Tell the World's Story with Stamp Collecting

June 10

Meet with members of the Hollywood Stamp Club. This group of men and women will show you how to collect stamps. Bring your own stamps to share. All ages are welcome to this program. There will be a philatelic handout (free stamps).

Upcycled Downtown Craft

June 10 and July 8

Make a craft that you can take home with you the same day.

Senior Moments...the Unforgettable Band Plays a World of Music

June 15

Inventor Info Chat

June 15 and 20

Learn about trademarks and other interesting facts from the United States Patent and Trademark Office's Office of Innovation Development

Socialized Medicine 101 presented by Dr. Robert Mitchell

June 17

Let's View the Planets

June 20

Karaoke Fun

June 21

LGBT Concert

June 24

Art Songs from LGBT composers of the 20th century. Enjoy a concert presented by Fort Lauderdale Operatic Works.

MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE (954) 467- MODS (6637) www.mods.org

Women in Engineering Workshop

June 03

The event includes a screening of Dream Big 3D: Engineering Our World, presentations from special guest Menzer Pehlivan, a geotechnical engineer featured in Dream Big, and local engineers from the American Society of Civil Engineers, followed by hands-on engineering challenges.

One-Day Camp Adventures

June 9

Five-Day Camp Adventures

June 12 - 30, July 1-31, Aug. 4 - 18



Summer Time Moonlight Sea Turtle Walks

June 13-15, 20-22, 27-29 and July 11-13

Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about sea turtle nesting and nature permitting, observe a loggerhead sea turtle lay her eggs and then head out to sea.

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Anne Wilson of Heart

June 8

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June 16

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www.flhc.org

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The night of the full moon
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park
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Mondays
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Open Mic Tuesdays

Fourth Tuesday of the month
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English Cafe

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Bonnet House Museum and Gardens
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www.bonnethouse.org



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Thursdays
NSU Art Museum
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www.nsuartmuseum.org

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Fridays and Saturdays
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CALM - Coloring for Adults

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www.fridaynightsoundwaves.com

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Food in Motion Flagler Green Market

Second Friday of the month
Feldman Park
FAT Village
(754) 800-1640

The VoiceBox

Fourth Friday of the month
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www.artserve.org

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Saturdays
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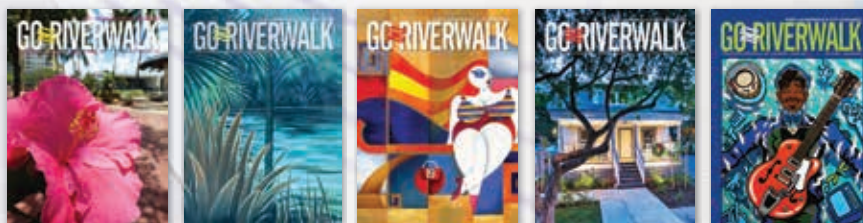


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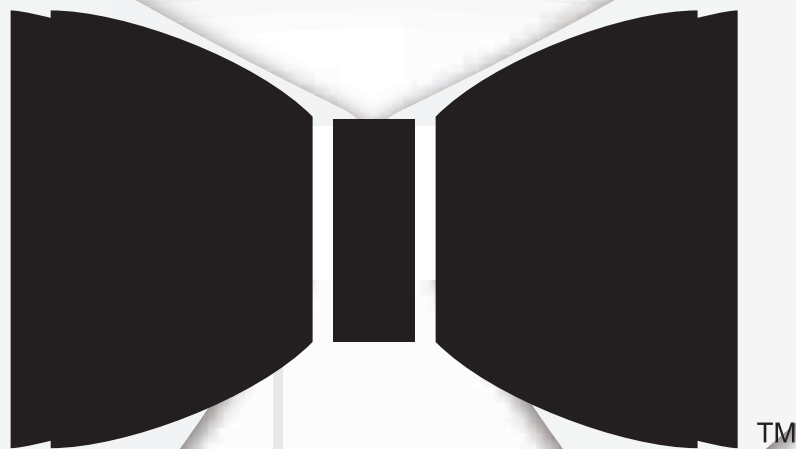
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TINA SALVESEN

TITLE OF WORK: *BLOSSOM* – FROM THE *CONVERSATIONS WITH MYSELF* SERIES

Chicago-born and Miami-raised artist Tina Salvesen recalls her passion for art beginning at a young age, sparked by a simple fight with her sister. The portrait at issue, a copy of *Battista Sforza* by Piero della Francesca, was ripped to shreds, but Salvesen's love for art was not.


Salvesen, who received her Bachelor's degree in art from Skidmore College, now works in mixed mediums such as drawing and painting using pastels, charcoal, watercolor, and pencil, among other things.

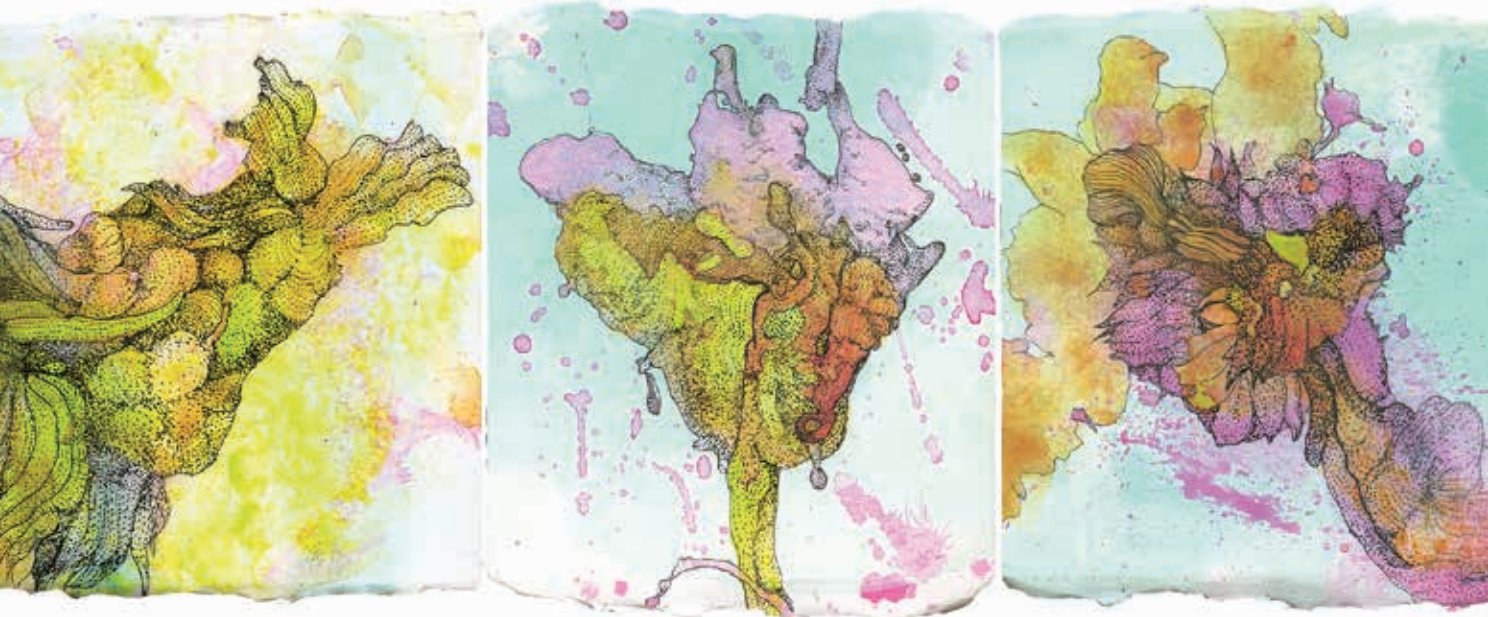
"All day, in my studio or whenever I get the chance to sketch...I am always working, always," she says. But before she creates her pieces, she likes to build her subjects beforehand, constructing bird nests and then drawing and painting them on two-dimensional surfaces.

Currently, Salvesen says her art has taken a turn, and has become more refined, spiritual, and intellectual by way of her dedication to meditating, something she has been doing for 30 years. "All of my art is influenced by

this practice and by my belief in reincarnation and the soul's evolution through different levels of realization," the artist explains. "Through meditation one experiences different states of consciousness, which I describe as a multidimensional universe."

Mixing her enthusiasm for art with her zeal for meditation, the end results are drawings and paintings that embody Salvesen. "I like to draw intricate, complex images that have meaning for me," she says. This driving force is exemplified in Salvesen's artwork, such as her series entitled *Conversations with Myself*, which explores varying concepts like blossoming flowers and germination.

She has exhibited all over the world, from the New Jersey State Museum to Belgium and Spain, and has also achieved the status of Master Draftsman. To learn more about Salvesen and to view her artwork, follow her on Instagram and Twitter @tinasalvesen or visit www.tinasalvesen.com. 



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