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Lisa Tineo is the new Director of Member Experience at the Tower Club. Lisa's primary focus is to provide experiences & events that meet the quality and expectations of the members of the Tower Club. "My goal, in this competitive market, is to emphasize the amazing and unique features that only the Tower Club possesses, and to create lasting memorable experiences for our members."

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As General Manager of Classical South Florida radio and WPBI News, he oversaw the largest classical music network in the state of Florida.

He was owner and editor of a national magazine focusing on Canadian art and culture and he ran sales and marketing for two national television stations in Canada.

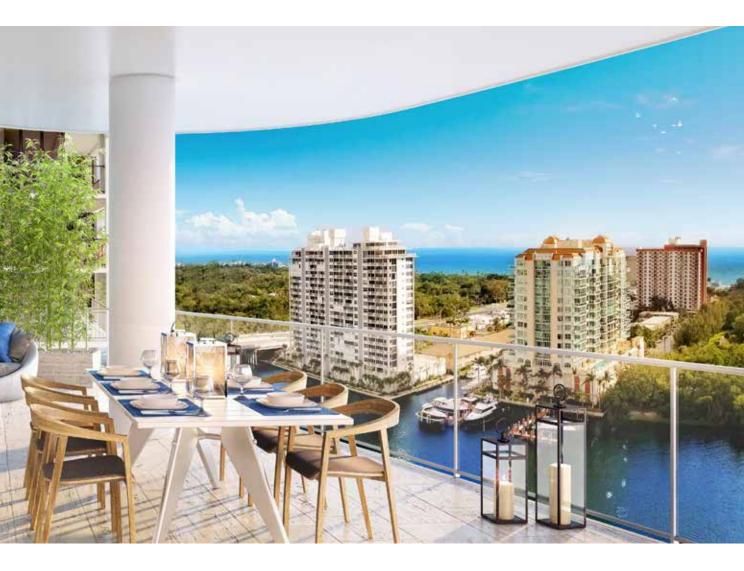


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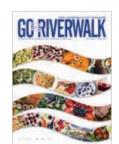
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#### **IUST LISTED ROYAL PALM - \$434,500**

2 BR/2 BATH WITH NEW TILE FLOORING IN LIVING ROOM AND GUEST BEDROOM. CUSTOM BUILT-INS IN THE MASTER BEDROOM AND MORE.

#### FIESTA - \$329,900

HIGH FLOOR WITH BIG VIEWS OF DOWNTOWN FORT LAUDERDALE, GRANITE COUNTERS, WOODEN FLOORS, S/S APPLIANCES AND MORE.

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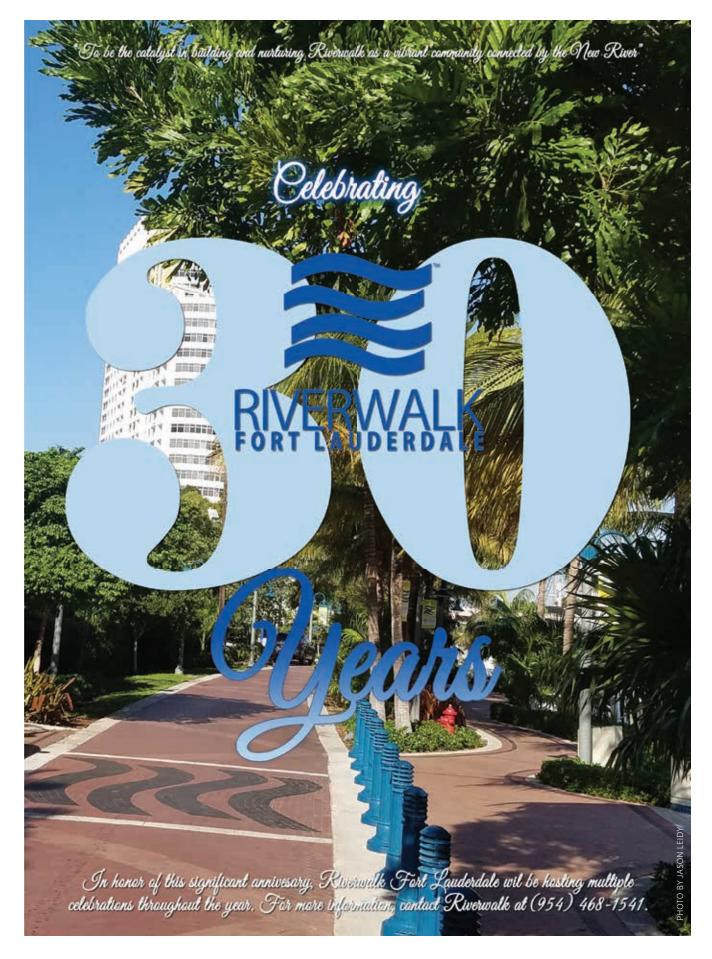
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BY JIM ELLIS Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair

# **NEW MONUMENT ON THE RIVERWALK**

e are pleased to announce Riverwalk's new Capital Campaign to fund and acknowledge one of the most tragic and historic days in our recent history. When the planes hit the Twin Towers on 9/11, the world watched as the most recognizable symbols of power and freedom in the Western Hemisphere fell. From the clear blue morning sky to the smell of fire and the sound of sirens, the world witnessed the events of that day. Even now, we can recall the moments of tragedy and the acts of heroism that tested, and ultimately strengthened, our city and our country. The new World Trade Center and 9/11 Monument are living tributes that honor the lives lost and celebrate New York City and our Country's resilience.

Several years ago, the Port Authority of the City of New York, released a few remaining items directly connected to the events of September 11th. Riverwalk lobbied for and received approval to bring a piece to Fort Lauderdale. Partnering with several local Firefighters and including Robert Hoecherl, the team traveled to New York to bring back a very special section of a historic transportation system - an integral part of saving lives on that day.

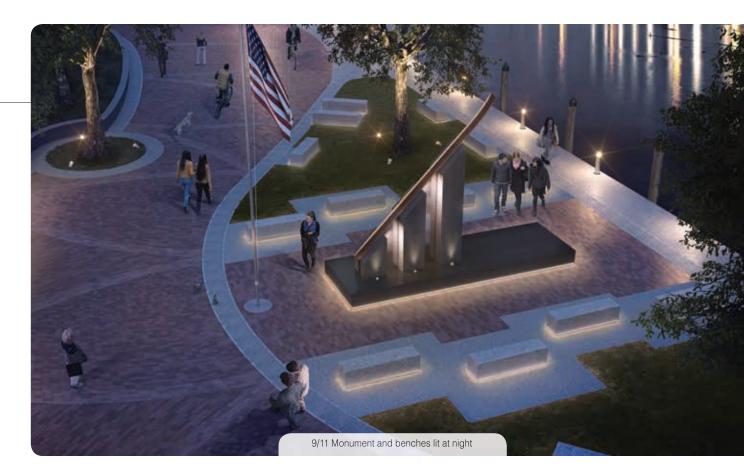
The subway station that was originally opened in 1909, picked up its last passengers on September 11, 2001, at 9:10 am. This happened 7 minutes after a second plane hit one of the towers at the World Trade Center in New York. The station was left empty and buried under the rubble of the collapsed towers. The PATH Rail System was a key element that day that continued to operate after the collapse outside of the towers as an invaluable means to evacuate survivors and ultimately first responders. This reminder of the dedication of personnel and the spirit of community clearly tells you that the day and those following were filled with heroes from all walks of life.

The Monument, conceived and designed by EDSA, Inc, displays a PATH Rail segment from the tracks from the World Trade Center wreckage, in an uplifted position held by granite support pillars, which refer to the solid bedrock of Manhattan that supports its massive buildings. The granite support pillars are in pairs, joined by an internally illuminated acrylic spine that suggests the hope of light emerging out of darkness. The base of the monument will carry the storyline of the Monument and lighting will be included to be sure the monument is respectfully lit at night. The artifact location is central to Riverwalk and provides visibility from all vantage points.

The Monument serves as a reminder that nearly 3,000 lives were lost and to commemorate and honor those lives and the sacrifice of the rescuers and their families.

Please join me in supporting this Monument by financially joining in support of our Capital Campaign, naming opportunities available, please call 954-468-1541 or email info@goriverwalk.com







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BY GENIA DUNCAN ELLIS President/CEO Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale



# **IT IS ANNIVERSARY SEASON!**

egacy is important to a community and this past month we have seen many milestones in the community. Riverwalk commenced celebrating 30 years of service to the community and 15 years of publication of Go Riverwalk Magazine. The Junior League is celebrating 80 years of service to the community with a long-standing and stellar list of projects they have brought to the public, the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club is celebrating the 100th anniversary of their historical clubhouse. Other exciting celebrations are the 65th Anniversary of the Georgia Pig - a favorite local restaurant currently owned by the Moorman family, TravelHost is celebrating its 50th year with Ina Lee at the helm of the Fort Lauderdale chapter, and the Las Olas Art Fair celebrates 30 years on the Boulevard. The Museum of Discovery & Science has just celebrated its 25th Anniversary - also one of the many projects launched by the Junior League. As you can see from this sampling- we have many that are making milestones and history in our city.

With the recent tragic events in our sister city of Parkland, Fort Lauderdale rose up and contributed public services and hosted many events and gatherings to offer consolation, funding, and support for helping the community move forward. This occurrence raised public awareness into many issues, provided voices for moving the needle for change forward and created a dialog that has long been needed. Our students, teachers, and parents have come together to tell us about their needs and we as a community has stepped up to assist in achieving those goals. Our local thanks go to too many to name but rest assured they did all of those good deeds to help - not for notoriety.

During March we had the pleasure of honoring Mike Jackson of AutoNation for his selfless and continuing contributions to our community. You would have to look far and wide to find a more community-spirited leader. It is from his solid commitment to our city that Mike Jackson leads the way for change.

April is here - no fooling! We have a new commission in place - we step ahead in looking at our city and things to come. Stay engaged in your community and local government - enjoy your city and be the change agent you can be.



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• I moved to South Florida from Chicago when I was twelve. After graduating high school, I attended the University of Florida

where I received a B.S. in Broadcast Communications. I also hold an MBA from Nova Southeastern University.

Earlier in my career, I was one of the founders of TrialGraphix – a small, litigation consulting company. Starting with only three employees, TrialGraphix grew to over 325 and had annual revenues of over \$60 million. By the time we sold to a public company, it had become one of the most highly regarded litigation support companies in the country.

Today, I am the President of Summit Performance Training, an authorized Sandler Training center serving the



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**BRIGITTE DORIA** PARADISE BANK

• Born in Germany, my family moved to California when I was only five years old. My father worked for Disney, so you

can imagine how wonderful that was for a young child! After graduating high school early, I enrolled at USC only to quickly find that college wasn't for me. I wanted to travel the world, so I began working for TWA and never looked back.

My banking career started rather serendipitously. When TWA went on strike, I did not want to cross the picket lines. I became a mortgage broker and eventually started my own company. After the strike ended, I continued working for



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#### KARLA NELSON-THATCHER

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• A native of South Florida, I have grown up along with the tri-county area witnessing our expansion from

the Sawgrass to the Seagrass and all places in between. After graduating college, I began a career in the broadcasting industry that took me across the country, moving about every seven months for the good part of a decade. It was a combination of luck and a lot of praying that brought me back to South Florida as a VP for NBC.

Since returning home, the majority of my career was in marketing, and community development for the telecommunications industry. Over the years I have had the pleasure of working with elected officials, community South Florida area. As a business owner who has grown, run, managed, and successfully sold a company, I have a unique perspective on the challenges faced by business leaders. I utilize that real-life problem solving experience to provide solutions to the day-to-day challenges faced by sales people, managers and business leaders. We focus on helping small to mid-sized companies implement sales processes. In addition, I am a professional speaker providing keynote addresses on a variety of topics including sales, benchmarking and other management strategies.

I also volunteer my time at Junior Achievement and the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship. Both organizations help to inspire young people to succeed in a global economy. As a long-time resident of South Florida, and living in Fort Lauderdale, I felt Riverwalk was the perfect organization to connect me to the Fort Lauderdale business community.

my company during the week and flew on the weekends. It was a fabulous life!

After retiring from what was now American Airlines and selling my company, my husband and I moved to South Florida in 2003. I continued working in the banking industry as a branch manager before arriving at Paradise Bank where I am now in charge of business development. I can honestly say that Paradise Bank is the best bank I have ever worked for. We have a very personalized relationship with all of our clients and they enjoy the fact that we are a small, privately owned community bank.

So today, I have a job I love and am very proud of my daughter who is a doctor in Connecticut. I joined Riverwalk in order to meet more people in our ever growing Downtown.

based organizations and local businesses all of whom share my investment in this community.

Today I am the Director of Public Relations, Events and Media for Hotwire Communications. The company was founded in 2000 and provides customized fiber optic solutions to residential communities, businesses, hotel, cities and civic institutions across the nation. In my current role, I develop and implement national public relations campaigns to promote Hotwire's business divisions and work to build the company's community profile through a variety of strategic alliances.

While I live in West Broward, Riverwalk is my social center. It is where I come to play. My husband and I support Riverwalk's' endeavors to bring cultural significance to the area and to create places and events at which we can come together to celebrate the weather, landscape and inherent diversity of our home. Members of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale express their support and join us in our mission of building a vibrant community. Riverwalk supports Downtown's diverse, mixed-use community of arts and entertainment establishments along with business, residential, judicial, educational, and marine interests.

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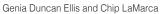


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**Baguette Aboutit** is a new sandwich shop in the Justice District, on the corner of SE 3rd Avenue and Sixth Street. Serving breakfast and lunch, they use only the freshest bread straight from their ovens with no preservatives, chemicals or artificial ingredients. Try the Gen-Ex with grilled veggies and provolone, or the Millennial with ham, turkey and house-made roast beef. These two house specialties speak to their delicious menu, served with a side of humor. Located at 601 SE 3 Avenue.

**Bean to Brew Coffee** opened in the MASS District in December to rave reviews. It is the perfect place to catch up with friends over a simple hot cup of joe or the more creative matcha latte with shots of espresso. Get your caffeine fix at 900 N Flagler Drive at The Hive.

Henry's Sandwich Station pays homage to Flagler's railroad with savory sandwiches made of the highest quality ingredients. Brought to you by the same folks behind Public House, Rok Brgr, TacoCraft, and Pizza Craft in the Himmarshee District. Henry's features housesmoked meats, artisanal cheeses, and local products to satiate hungry Flagler Villagers. Check it out at 545 NW 1st Avenue in FAT Village. (Find out more about Henry's Sandwich Station in the article on page 52).

**JB&C Juice Bar and Cafe** serves up delicious, healthy meals paired with nutritious juices in the oh-so-fresh MASS District. The many windows of this triangular space provide ample natural light that accents the exquisite décor in a setting that is as airy and clean as its cuisine. Pop in at 924 N Flagler Drive.

**Tarpon River Brewing** opened in February in a converted warehouse south of the New River and is already the new local's favorite. A joint venture among the owners of Riverside Market, Native Brewing Company, and the Restaurant People (TRP), the brewery and tap room features a cracker-style house inside the warehouse with yard games, 16 rotating taps and a menu by Chef Leo Hernandez. Grab a pour at 280 SW Sixth Street.

The Wilder is the latest conception from the same creative minds who brought you the Whole Enchilada and Rhythm & Vine. It is an elegant bar/lounge with accents of brass, wood, velvet banquettes and low romantic lighting. Central to the Wilder's rich ambiance is the lovely outdoor patio cloaked in foliage. See for yourself at 701 E. Broward Boulevard.

These bars and eateries are successfully transforming Downtown Fort Lauderdale into the exciting, dynamic place we love and want to see grow. They have invested heavily in this community so let's return the favor by stopping in and giving them our business. See you there!



"Michalengelo and Monet were both artists – with vastly differing styles. So to call Ki'na – the latest of Christina Wan's eateries - an 'Asian' restaurant does not even begin to give you an idea how completely different the offerings are from anything you have had in South Florida... This gem is a **must** for any adventurous eater."

#### Penny Sanfilippo, Go Riverwalk Magazine







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# **BUSINESS DREAMS NEED A BLUEPRINT**

HOW THE DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CAN HELP

any people have dreams of opening their own bar or restaurant. I can tell you that my friends and I have talked about it for years and can never muster up the courage needed to do it. I can only imagine how confusing the whole process can be and to have worked so hard, save money, and put basically your heart and soul into a business; I am sure anyone would want to have as much certainty as possible. I am hoping I can shed some light on the City's process and give some pointers on things to look out for.

The Department of Sustainable Development (DSD) sees many requests for bars and restaurants that come through once someone applies for a business tax, and many people think that is the first step with the City. However, when we get applications that are routed to our zoning counter to sign off many of these new ventures are changes from something else. For example, you may find an office or a retail business space that you like and want to change it to a restaurant or bar. It is these types of changes that need careful consideration.

For instance, aside from the bar or restaurant use being allowed in the location you want, did you know that parking is one of the biggest issues you need to be concerned about? For instance, parking for an office or retail business is one parking space for every 250 square feet of building space, but depending on the type of restaurant, the requirement may be one parking space for every 100 square feet and a bar is required to have a parking space for every 65 square feet. As you can see those numbers are vastly different from each other and can create a situation where you may not have enough parking surplus to cover the new use.

Another thing to think about is the Florida Building Code. Many things need to happen when you change use from one thing to another, and the building code is a state requirement that has to be met. For instance, if you need to put in a hood, new gas lines, different electric service, and plumbing lines you need to pull permits for all those things to be a legal operation. It may seem like an obvious thing to some people, but I am here to tell you that unless you have experience with the Florida Building Code, it is not always easy to understand and decipher.

Luckily, DSD is a one-stop-shop for many things. You can speak to one of our building plans reviewers, our zoning staff, or even walk up to our zoning counter to ask as many questions as you like to get the clarification you need for your new business. They can address the issues above as well as talk to you about other things to look out for and how to get them addressed quickly. We also have an Economic and Community Investment division. They can give you pointers, help connect you



with resources and even offer classes through our Business Engagement Assistance & Mentorships program known as BEAMs for new and existing business owners.

It's always better to have more information up front to help in your decisions and DSD is here to help you. Check out our website at: http:// www.fortlauderdale.gov/ departments/sustainabledevelopment. I like to eat, so I want you to succeed.



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# **REAL WORLD TRAFFIC TEST**

LAS OLAS BOULEVARD SIX-MONTH SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS DEMONSTRATION

hen you think of Las Olas, many people will think about the amazing shops, word class restaurants or even the fantastic events that are held on the Boulevard. However, if you have driven down Las Olas recently, you might have noticed some additional changes happening on the road. These changes are a part of the six month Las Olas Boulevard safety demonstration. This temporary project will seek to increase safety and mobility for all users of the road including pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and even rideshare users and deliveries.

Some of the benefits and features included as a part of this Las Olas project are:

For People Driving - Project elements including designated bicycle lanes, vehicle travel lanes, rideshare drop off locations, delivery loading and unloading zones, will allow for more efficient travel and interaction on the boulevard.

**For people walking**- the crosswalks at SE 13th Avenue and SE 15th Avenue are safer with a reduced crossing distance, high-visibility (ladder) crosswalk markings and pedestrian-actuated lights that provide drivers with greater visibility of people on the crosswalk, resulting in more drivers yielding to the people who are crossing.

**For bicyclists** - new bike lanes were installed to provide a low-stress biking experience with a physical barrier at all times (created through the use of rubber curbs, delineators, and parked cars). Cities that installed protected bike lanes found a significant reduction in crashes. Also, the bike box on SE 15th



Avenue provides a designated area for bike riders to safely position themselves during a red signal, and cross through the intersection ahead of vehicles when the signal turns green.

**For local businesses** - Bike infrastructure typically increases the number of people biking, which in turn increases retail sales. Cities that installed protected bike lanes saw an increase in retail sales when compared to similar corridors without bike lanes. (Source: NYDOT, Protected Bicycle lanes in NYC, September 2014.) The Las Olas projects already have had a positive impact on local businesses, who report that retail sales are already up following completion of construction.

Two new initiatives were also launched to discourage unsafe practices, such as double parking or stopping in the travel lane to pick up or drop off passengers or load and unload.

- Designated Rideshare zones on Las Olas Boulevard offers safe areas for drivers to pull in and drop off passengers, and provides a safe space on the sidewalk for those waiting to catch a ride.
- Designated loading/unloading areas on the side streets away from the Boulevard, allow people to load, unload packages and deliver to the businesses safely.

The best part is that all of these improvements were done at a low cost compared to other more permanent roadway projects. Temporary materials like paint and plastic delineators were used as a cost-effective tool to implement safety improvements and evaluate the design's effectiveness quickly.

The Las Olas Boulevard, safety improvement demonstration project, aligns with the City's Vision Zero program. Since the project was installed, the majority of the vehicles are moving within the posted speed limit of 25MPH, thereby, reducing the chance of severe crashes or fatalities and increasing the safety on the Boulevard.

The safety demonstration runs through June 2018, when data such as bike and pedestrian counts, traffic counts, total crashes, and survey responses (available starting April) will be presented to City Commission for any permanent changes.

For more project information, FAQ and educational tips, visit www.fortlauderdale.gov. (9)

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Joining DaSilva for the April 20<sup>th</sup> Earth Dav concert is drummer Keith Crupi, bassist Robert Sherber, members of the Bad Apples Brass and Low Society Band, and Josh "The Pitbull of Blues" Rowand, for an amazing night of music to benefit HandsOn Broward's Project ROC, Reclaiming Our Coastline, program.

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# **ARTISTS AS ENTREPRENEURS**

UPCOMING SEMINAR HELPS ARTISTS NAVIGATE THE MODERN CREATIVE MARKETPLACE

An artists' success is contingent upon many additional steps not included in the above statement. So, what are the missing steps? Well, to keep you reading I will not list them, but for an artist to be successful, it should usually start with a business plan and marketing plan. Moreover, unless an artist seeks an MBA in addition to art school, these pivotal lessons are traditionally not included in art school curriculum.

Responding to the needs of South Florida's emerging arts community, Broward County Cultural Division invited the founder of Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute (AEI) Megan L. Van Voorhis to a 2006 Creative Conversation workshop. Van Voorhis, Community Partnership for Arts and Culture (CPAC) President and CEO, had launched AEI in 2003 to Clevelandbased artists. The 95 South Florida artists and cultural community members who attended her presentation helped position the need for AEI within the local community – and chart the program's future course.

Teaming up with the Florida Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and arts incubator ArtServe, Inc., the Cultural Division cemented AEI's South Florida presence with an inaugural seminar in 2007. AEI's wide-ranging programming supports and promotes the booming population of creative professionals in Broward and its surrounding counties – and has graduated more than 700 artists through its program.

"Artists are essentially small businesses and an important part of the economy, but there was a lack of services to support them," remarks the Cultural Division's Grants Administrator James Shermer. "We wanted to help the individual artists." Eleven years later, AEI's unique blend of individualized guidance and handson entrepreneurial instruction has become a mainstay for local arts and arts-based professionals. "It was the business class that I did not have in art school," affirms visual artist and AEI alumna Carol-Anne McFarlane.

Welcoming artists of traditional and developing disciplines, AEI's only requirements are a commitment to the arts and a passion for professional growth. Whether self-taught hobbyists or formally trained experts, these aspiring arts professionals are unified by their dream of transforming their creativity into a paying career. "Most art schools do not teach you to go after money," emphasizes Rafael Cruz, SBDC's regional director, and a frequent AEI presenter. "Most artists create individually, but to be a business success, you need a team around you."



Featuring 20 individual classes led by South Florida's top-ranking arts practitioners and industry professionals, the 2018 AEI seminar is hosted on four consecutive Saturdays this June and offers dynamic presentations, panels and interactive workshops tailored to today's creative economy.

Concluding on June 23 with a Business Plan Clinic and Workshop conducted by the SBDC, AEI guides attendees through the preparation of a simple business plan – an essential tool for any artist or arts-based business owner. Learning to work with lenders for financial support, participants are encouraged to submit business plans to the SBDC in advance for inclusion in the clinic's review. Open to the public and AEI alumni, this valuable opportunity allows attendees to refine their short-term and long-run objectives and network with successful artists and business practitioners. In 2009, AEI alumni curated their inaugural "DBA Doing business as...artist entrepreneurs"- an exhibition featuring work by fellow graduates. This year's exhibition, Avant Garde, is curated by Lee Brock and Richard White, with an opening reception Thursday, June 7, at 6 pm at ArtServe, Inc.

#### Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute (AEI) Saturdays, June 2 - 23 ArtServe's auditorium, 1350 E. Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale RSVP: aei2018.eventbrite.com

For more information, please contact me or my colleague Adriane Clarke at aclarke@broward.org; or follow @BrowardArts on social media to learn about upcoming free informational talks we will be providing throughout South Florida for interested artists.

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# **PARTICIPATE IN CHANGE**

GOOD MUST COME FROM TRAGEDY

e remain heartbroken over the senseless slaughter at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14. I will never forget where I was when the news of the shooting began to spread. I will never forget the horror I felt when it was revealed 17 lives, many of them children's, were so violently taken.

This is not the first mass shooting to darken our community, but this time is different. I cringe as I write the words "this time," as if something like this should be a naturally occurring event. However, there was, and continues to be connectivity and a palpable pathos. This horrific attack galvanized the community, and not merely in South Florida. We are all jockeying to support real solutions.

As of this writing, several organizations have made formal statements. We made our public affirmation, too. The Chamber's Board of Directors' resolve is steadfast: school safety must be strengthened; protecting our children a priority. What form that takes remains fluid, but our task force is creating our roadmap for success. Currently, that topography includes communicating our resolve, convening interested parties, affecting public policy and amplifying our collective voice. I am heartened by some successes already realized, especially those led by our students. The list continues to grow: monies raised, legislation filed and passed and admissions of culpability and ignorance. There is no one-size-fits-all solution, and there is no painless way to find impactful resolutions, but there is great opportunity. This is no time to be a spectator. To be a true leader in this community, you must participate in making sure our children are protected. To the true leader, inaction is not an option.

The time is now. Pick an issue, find the right vehicle and use sweat equity to see your work to completion. This will be your contribution, one that could be lifechanging in a positive way. When we help others we get outside of ourselves. Personal issues we face seem to fade away when the focus turns to others.

Work through the Broward County School Board, your place of worship, the Florida legislature, municipal government, the Chamber, Congress or whichever civic group to which you belong. Consider starting a new group focused on solutions.

We lost a piece of our heart on Valentine's Day 2018. We cannot get it back. The only way to heal is by being proactive.





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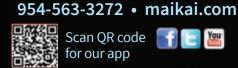
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## TWEET, TEXT, AND TRAVEL

TAPPING INTO MILLENIAL'S TOURISM PREFERENCES

t seems like connecting with Millennials is a challenge for many industries, including the marine industry, which is interested in finding ways to attract this influential consumer group to the boating lifestyle. With tourism topping the industries that impact Florida's economy, we did some research on what this experiential generation is looking for when it travels, and we found some interesting trends.

A 2016 Forbes survey of 31,000 Millennials from 134 countries determined that more than three-quarters of those asked said a friends' recommendations was a major factor in selecting a site to visit, with social media and discounts also influencing decisions. A majority (86%) are motivated by seeking new cultures and eating local cuisine (98%), and 90% of these tech-savvy trekkers used Facebook, Instagram, and Trip Advisor apps when traveling.

In fact, according to Travel Professional News (2017), 87% of Millennial travelers peruse social media for travel inspiration for their next adventure. Social media is considered one of the prime influencers on the type of vacation Millennials will book, making trip and travel promotions on social media platforms like YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, Snap Chat, Facebook Reddit, and blogs critical components to reaching this audience.

Nearly all Millennial travelers will post their experiences on social media, will check multiple sites before booking to get the best deal possible, will book their travel via a smartphone or tablet, and are disappointed by poor mobile

experiences. Most will upgrade their experience by purchasing extras like in-flight wi-fi and will remain loyal to a program that offers them the most rewards, such as freebies, upgrades, and discounts.

Top Millennial travel experiences according to Travel Agent Central (2018) include:

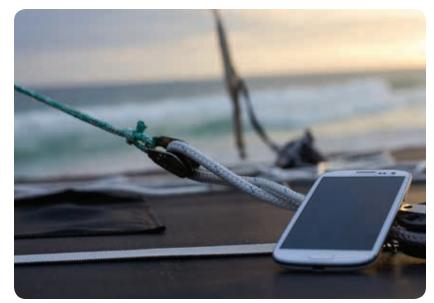
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Other attractive qualities according to Travel Professional News and Travel Agent Central are budget-friendly airline accommodations, destinations endangered by climate change, and exclusivity or hidden adventures. The number one places Millennials want to avoid visiting are typical tourist traps.

Comprising one-third of the total working population, Millennials not only make up the most significant proportion of the American workforce, but they also take the most business trips. With fewer responsibilities at home, Millennials are increasing the practice of mixing business with leisure, known by the popular portmanteau, "Bleisure Travel." A 2016 study by MMGY Global, reveals Millennials take 7.7 business trips in a year, and 78% intentionally carve out personal time while on a business trip.

Business Wire reports other significant Millennial preferences include a personalized travel experience as opposed to a pre-packaged trip, although more than half would choose a package if it were less expensive. Most prefer to stay in a traditional hotel and list enhanced in-room technology as the most appealing hotel trend.

Bottom line, Millennials know what they want and how to get it. We just need to let them know that Florida, and specifically, Fort Lauderdale, offers almost all the travel experience preferences this generation prefers and is a jumping-off point for those it does not. <sup>(1)</sup>



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## **ETHOS GREEK BISTRO**

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When you walk into Ethos Greek Bistro, you know you are not in your father's Greek restaurant. You will not find loud Zorba the Greek music in the background, no TVs or traditional blue and white tablecloths. Ethos is a new contemporary take on Greek cuisine and atmosphere. Owner George Papachristopoulos uses traditional Greek fare and spices but uses them in a modern way, serving it all up in a stylish, comfortable setting.

Papachristopoulos has 25 years of food and restaurant experience honing his craft in restaurants in Montreal and Toronto, eventually moving to South Florida. He first opened Ethos Greek Bistro in Coconut Creek six years ago, and the Wilton Manors location in 2016. His vision has always been to open his own restaurants, but he is also very fit and enjoys healthy eating, so he wanted to incorporate healthy options into his dishes. "We have seen the growth in demand for restaurants to offer some aspect of farm-to-table dishes, and we achieve that at Ethos. In fact, 95 percent of our menu is freshly made inhouse," explains Stratos, George's brother. Stratos runs the marketing and administration of the restaurants, freeing up George to focus on food.

Greek food lends itself to the healthier eating habits of more Americans, as it is easier to create a vegan, vegetarian or gluten-free version of a dish than it may be with other ethnic foods. Don't get me wrong this is not a vegan restaurant; there is delicious lamb, chicken, and beef on the menu. Ethos menu has its origins from the Greek isle of Crete, and the Cretan cuisine offers lighter options with a healthy abundance of fish, grain, and fruits, which focuses on the influence of aromatic herbs and spices to define dishes. It has been studied that people of Crete live exceptionally long and healthy lives.

Ethos is perfect if you want something different, in a





peaceful setting, no TVs or music blaring and a focus on food, service, and friends. "Fair price, quick service, and healthy eating. It is not always easy to combine those three features. We clock every order that comes into the kitchen, and everything comes out and is served in 12 minutes or less," beams Stratos.

So let me conclude with my perfect meal at Ethos. There are several ways to experience Ethos. You can either go meze style, which is to try a variety of small plates share and with the table or traditionally selecting courses.

I am a traditionalist. First let's start off with a signature cocktail, because, well it has been a long day. So I order the Velvet Dynamite, which is Espolon Silver Tequila, pear, lime, and jalapeno essence. Then for an appetizer, I order up some Grilled Octopus, a sashimi grade Mediterranean octopus, with a nice char-grill. For my entrée, I opt for the Rebel Lamb, prepared in a traditional slow-cook method with barrel-aged feta, carrots, potatoes, fresh herbs, enveloped in parchment paper and baked. Finally, for dessert, my choice is Galakto-Fantastico, which is a warm custard wrapped in phyllo dough, topped with cinnamon & honey. Yum.

Ethos means "custom" or "character" in Greek. As originally used by Aristotle, it referred to a man's character or personality, especially in its balance between passion and thoughtfulness. Today ethos is used to refer to the practices or values that distinguish

one person, or organization from others and George Papachristopoulos truly distinguishes his food from many others. (9)

Small Business Stats ETHOS GREEK BISTRO Owner: George Papachristopoulos Year Founded: 2012 Number of Employees: 120 Address: 2055 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL Phone: (754) 999-0034 Website: www.ethosbistro.com

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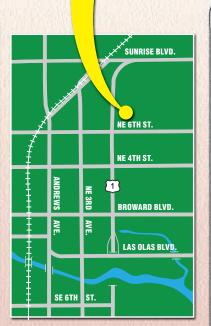


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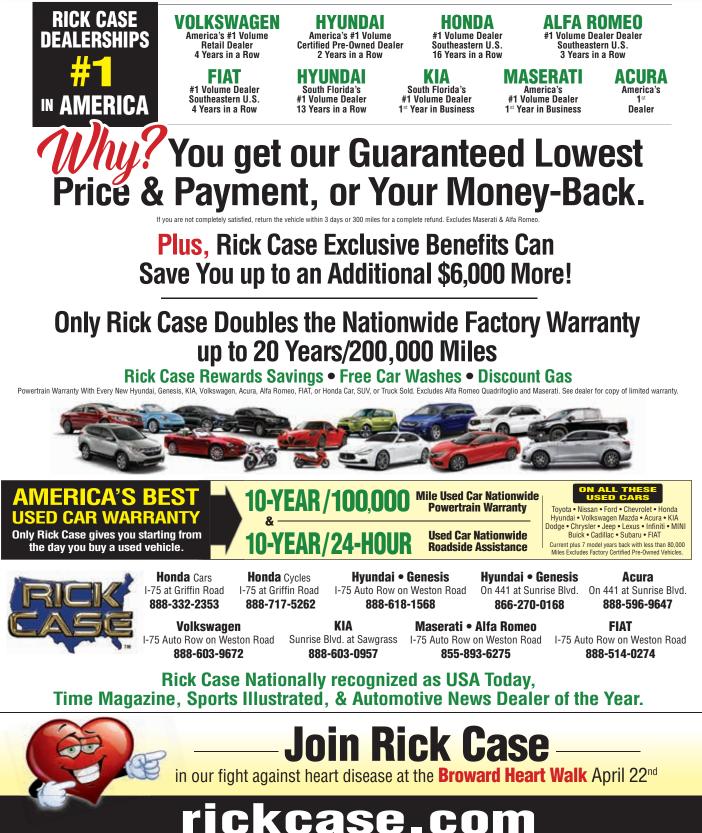


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WRITER PETE STEVENSON

iguel Pilgram is jazz. Jazz is best when you improvise. Jazz is your own voice, your own rhythm, your own style. That is exactly what you get when you meet and follow Miguel Pilgram's life and career. You would never expect a 4th generation navy man to be opening up an exciting new jazz entertainment venue. The navy is about discipline. Jazz is about free-form, flow and doing your own thing. However, Pilgram has tapped into his naval discipline and dedication to create a career and company that is diverse, creative and his own thing.

After serving in the Navy as a Petty Officer and traveling extensively, Pilgram put his skills to use as a security expert for casinos in the US and Asia. He landed a job with Star Cruises, a Chinese/Malaysian company that eventually bought Norwegian Cruise Lines. "So they [Star Cruises] brought me back here to South Florida to orientate Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) workers on Chinese culture and their methods of doing things," explained Pilgram. He worked for NCL for ten years, rising to second-in-command of their Global Security and Surveillance.

In 2010 Pilgram's life changed, and so did Fort

Lauderdale's, when he won \$52 million in the lottery. "I got a huge financial blessing. So I started a lifelong vision of creating my own company," said Pilgram. Soon afterward he formed The Pilgram Group, which grew and diversified into every facet of the real estate business, which includes property acquisition, valuation, renovation, and management. Most





subs, cheesesteaks and hot wings of course! In 2015, and with access to an original Buffalo chicken wing recipe, he opened up a fast-casual restaurant New York Subs and Wings. Pilgram had grown up in Memphis and worked in restaurants and clubs along the famous Beale Street. He knew what worked and what didn't when it came to hospitality. "I realized if you have a product that is good with service that is exceptional, that beats everything else," declared Pilgram. The original



location of NY Subs and Cheesesteaks received rave reviews. However, it was on the non-rush hour side of the street. "Even though our lunchtime business was phenomenal, dinner was not much," sighed Pilgram. So being an innovator and knowing he had a great product, Pilgram reimagined the restaurant. "People don't want a 5-star restaurant; they want to come in and get their wings and cheesesteaks and be on their way. So we scaled back from 2,100 square feet to 900 square feet, but keep that same great food and service. Now let's do something even more dramatic to the restaurant. Let's put a 1,400 square foot Jazz Lounge in the back, with a separate entrance and a courtyard. Now add a shipping container that has been totally renovated for an 8-piece stage. We also installed a louvered roof, so even if it rains you are still going to enjoy the venue," beamed Pilgram. See now that's what I call business improvisation. That's jazz.

There are additional subtle design notes to the lounge that

will make it enjoyable for all. The lounge allows for several different experiences within the same space. You can sit up close and personal with the artists near the stage and simply soak in the sounds. Alternatively, you can move to the bar area and enjoy drinks with the bartender or move over to the fire pit section and have a relaxing conversation with friends, while still enjoying the music. The original restaurant has the slogan Better Subs. Better wings. Better days. I think they need to squeeze Better Jazz in there somewhere.

Miguel Pilgram may be a businessman, but in a sense - he is an artist, an artist that mixes development, food, entertainment and giving back to his community. Broward County recently recognized this artistry and honored him for his generous commitment to the community as he was awarded a proclamation of a Miguel Pilgram Day. You haven't seen the last of Pilgram's vision and style as he will be launching his own clothing line and continues his commitment to mentoring and developing affordable housing in Fort Lauderdale.



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## **THE WOMEN BEHIND THE WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL**

#### GOOD PEOPLE SUPPORTING A GREAT CAUSE

WRITER RACHEL CREVELING

ith the 23rd Annual Las Olas Wine & Food Festival (LOWFF) just around the corner, what better way to get excited for an evening of indulgence than a look behind the scenes?

If you have experienced the all-inclusive festival in the past, you know it is a Friday night for the books. On Friday, April 20th, guests will enjoy five blocks of sips and samples from 50+ restaurants and hundreds of wineries. Pair that with live Chef Competitions and VIP lounges curated by sponsors such as Celebrity Cruises and Woodford Reserve, and you can be sure #LOWFF is not your average festival.

Perhaps most exciting is the fact that 100% of ticket proceeds benefit American Lung Association (ALA). Did you know that this event was founded over two decades ago by ALA? The hundreds of thousands of dollars raised through ticket sales and sponsorships for this one-night-only event supports a wide variety of local philanthropic missions that American Lung Association drives right here in our city.

For the first time, the organization introduced Committee Leadership to the planning process this year. With American Lung Association's Director Ashley Bencivenga at the helm of the event, Committee Co-Chairs Katie Leibick and Carrie Caldwell have volunteered their industry expertise to take the evening to new heights. Production of this massive outdoor party is carefully coordinated by CI Management's Valerie Roy.

Together, these four dedicated and influential women are helping an already beloved local event evolve into the city's most sought-after ticket.

#### Let's learn more about each of them:

#### Name: Ashley Bencivenga **Profession:** Executive Director, American Lung Association

Something new you are excited to see at the 2018 LOWFF: I am excited about our first-ever Vegan Battle! This year marks our 3rd Annual "Best of the Best Chef Competition," and with the increasing desire for vegan options, we could not be happier to announce one of our battles will crown the best vegan dish in Fort Lauderdale! Our city has every type of



cuisine for every type of guest, and we are excited to offer such a wide variety of culinary excellence for our event-goers.

#### Name: Katie Leibick

#### **Profession:** Director of Events, Breakthru Beverage

Connection to American Lung Association: This will be the 9th LOWFF I have been involved with. and I have seen the event grow and change each year. The American Lung Association does an amazing job raising funds in the local community, and the Las Olas Wine & Food Festival is one of their biggest fundraisers in Florida. All of the funds raised go toward research and education to improve lung health and prevent lung disease.

Something new you are excited to see at the 2018 LOWFF: I am excited to experience the improved flow and design of the event! Each year evolves in its production value, and this year we are taking it up a notch by featuring "neighborhoods" that highlight the culinary depth of each Fort Lauderdale borough. I cannot wait to discover new restaurants in some of my favorite South Florida locations.

#### Name: Carrie Caldwell

#### **Profession:** Director of Events, The Restaurant People

Connection to American Lung Association: This organization does such an amazing job of hosting integral, community supported events, which ultimately drive funds to the organization; it is impressive! The Las Olas Wine & Food Festival is more than 20 years old and continues getting better and better. When I was asked to co-chair this event, it was an honor, and I look forward to helping grow this event to be the best it can be!

Something new you are excited to see at the 2018 LOWFF: This year, we are organizing the restaurants in "neighborhoods" allowing guests to experience locations like "Fort Lauderdale Beach" or "Himmarshee." This flow helps guests understand where their favorite festival participants are located around town, making it easier for them to patronize them after our festival. I am excited about this as it makes the event more enjoyable and educational for the guests and serves to brand our generous restaurant participants in a more impactful way.

#### **Name:** Valerie Roy

#### **Profession:** Owner, CI Management Event Production

Connection to American Lung Association: After many years attending events such as the LUNG FORCE Soiree (formerly Luncheon) and the famed LOWFF, we were honored when they invited us to come on board as their official management partner. Working sideby-side with this organization has been very rewarding considering the seemingly endless contributions they make to our community.

Something new you are excited to see at the 2018 LOWFF: It is hard to choose just one! I am going to say the first-ever reveal of Celebrity Cruise's "THE EDGE" - their newest ship is like nothing I have ever seen. Celebrity is literally building the Edge's VIP cruise deck right on Las Olas Boulevard so guests can enjoy a "taste" of this visionary vessel.

Guests enjoy three hours of pure decadence under the Las Olas night sky, but it takes months of planning to create Fort Lauderdale's favorite charitable evening.

In addition to these leading women, there are hundreds of volunteers and support staff, plus the generous participating restaurants and vendors that donate their food, drink and time to make this event pop.

What's more, guests who attend the festival get a double dose of the feel-good-factor. Not only does their ticket purchase entirely benefit charity, but every ticket holder is a VIP and can enjoy unlimited food and drink, access to the experiential lounges and all the festival has to offer.



Tod Roy, Valerie Roy, Ashley Bencivenga, Jason Venger

To ensure a luxury experience for all, this massive event limits tickets to 2,500. It sells out every year, so if you are looking to do good and feel good this April 20th, don't miss the Las Olas Wine and Food Festival.

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## THE LATEST DISH ON THE NEWEST DINING

FORT LAUDERDALE ADDS TO ITS GROWING FOOD FARE

WRITERS PENNY SANFILIPPO AND JONNY ALTOBELL - THE UGLY SISTERS

#### **HENRY'S SANDWICH STATION**

#### 545 NW 1st Ave., Fort Lauderdale | (954) 616-5538

From Stumptown to Downtown – this place has it all. The latest incarnation from the JEY Hospitality Group is the first "restaurant" in Fat Village, and it will be tough to beat. From concept to execution, the Chef's haven't missed a trick. Don't let the name fool you the sandwiches are more than two slices of bread served with a filling at lunch. There are breakfast sandwiches, open-faced toasts, soups, salads and because City regulations required a hood – a French Fry Bar was added.

Anyone in the restaurant business in Florida will tell you that the supply of unusual grocery items is, well, limited (mostly because the big wholesale suppliers do not want to carry them). While crossing the country in search of really great sandwiches (43 shops in 5 days) they became passionate about what makes a great sandwich and were determined to offer it here. Regions of the country that identified with say Giarnedera or sweet and spicy pickles on their sandwiches are finally represented because they are bringing in the condiments directly, both for food service and for retail. Meats for the sandwiches are roasted in-house, and the "Roast Beef" is perfectly cooked Prime Rib. Don't look for American Cheese instead enjoy Cypress Groves'Truffle Tremor or a Vermont Creamery Delight. Moreover, don't get me started on the bread. They took four months just to develop a hoagie roll that combined all the characteristics they wanted!

Food is ordered at the counter and delivered to the tables served with real plates, cutlery and glassware. Moreover, there are NO fountain drinks just American Craft Sodas from New Jersey to Texas and places

in between like Faygo - from our hometown – Detroit. Craft beer is featured along with house wine selections. We mentioned Stumptown in the opening and anyone who has had coffee in Portland OR will know what a treat this "import" is.

So go to this former pumping station by the railroad tracks and be prepared to be wowed by the design and the menu. We were!

PSSST – Ask for Secret menu items while at the counter – you can order a "dingy" and make your own Ice Cream Float.









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#### KI'NA 420 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale | (954) 900-3107

Michelangelo and Monet were both artists – with vastly differing styles. So to call Ki'na – the latest of Christina Wan's eateries- an "Asian" restaurant does not even begin to give you an idea how completely different the offerings are from anything you have had in South Florida. Located next door to Ms. Wan's successful Temple Street Eatery, this gem is a must for any adventurous eater. Jonny and I went to dinner with Mark and Nick, two other *Go Riverwalk* staff members, on a quiet Monday evening and we would have stayed for days just trying new dishes - well truthfully, there weren't any "old" dishes on the menu. This is a great place for group tastings. Go with one or two other couples and just order one of a bunch of items. You will not be disappointed. Just make sure you like them enough to share.

Chef Vince Tien sources much of his seafood from his old haunts on the West Coast. The tiny oysters on the half-shell were artfully displayed on chilled river rocks and served with a fish sauce based Mignonette. All the foodstuffs are made with non-GMO ingredients, and the offerings include vegetarian choices that taste like they are not. Vegan preparations are also available. Jonny who HATES - let me repeat HATES – beets and usually leaves the table if they appear, she stayed and actually enjoyed the Beet Tartare topped with an organic egg yolk and house-made black lime salt. And not just to tell tales about my sister, in spite of saying in print that I thought the whole kale fad was overdone, could have eaten a double order of the crispy kalette with pickled chili and sweet and sour sauce.

We tried the cod with seared scallops, roasted chicken breast with a Chef's twist on chimichurri (ginger, scallions) and even braved the braised beef tongue Ragu with Lo Mein Noodles. Delicious!

They are open for lunch, dinner and have a happy hour Monday-Saturday 5-7 pm. This is a don't miss spot for any foodie - just don't look for take-out standards. Thankfully, you will not find them here.







#### **BOATHOUSE AT THE RIVERSIDE** 620 Sagamore Rd., Fort Lauderdale | (954) 467-0671

We have come to believe that the Riverside Hotel never does anything other than spectacular, and the latest addition to this gem on the Riverfront is so over the top that any superlatives are trite. The opening, planned for the second week of March is on schedule as of the printing of this article. We got an early, behind the scenes peek at this knockout site.

There is something special about dining near (or on) water, and The Boathouse has a prime view of the New River (plus 225' docking space). A 35 seat bar is both inside and outside because of retractable garage-style windows. There are 175 total seats grouped around one-of-a-kind wooden tables made by furniture-artist Paul Fetscher. The hotel's exercise rooms will be upstairs and the pool flanks one side of the Boathouse so poolside dining will be readily available. Most of the dining space is outdoor and why not? For those who remain strictly indoors, there is an open kitchen complete with a wood-burning oven (we are sooo jealous). Moreover, be sure to check out the Salt Water fish tank as you enter - it was in the lobby of the Riverside for years and now has a new location. All this, and we have not talked about the food- yet.

Chef Alea Asher who has headed the kitchen at Wild Sea for the past two years will be moving to the Boathouse. The menu is very Mediterranean and will feature both hot and cold tapas as well as soups, salads, and a few "classics" including pizza and flatbread





(remember that oven). Because the restaurant was not open we will have to go back to actually taste the Charred Octopus or Duck Fat Potatoes – but we trust the food is as good, because of their first class restaurant team. We look forward to the opening and so should you.

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This beautifully renovated location right in the middle of the Riverfront's massive new development is open for business. The bar is open – and wonderful – the food service is coming soon.

The Bryan building itself is on the National Historic Registry which, for Fort Lauderdale makes it worth the trip alone.You will not be disappointed with the innovative cocktails and craft beers. Walk over after work – they open at 5 pm.



#### TARPON RIVER BREWING

#### 280 SW 6th St., Fort Lauderdale | (954) 353-3193

Great space, fun food, superb beer and-GASP walking distance from Andrews Avenue? From Publix to Pub – it is a dream come true. We were lucky enough to attend one of the opening nights, and if the crowd then was any indication, success should be guaranteed. The 1920's building, now an 11,000 square foot taproom and restaurant, even has an area for "outdoor" games. The printed menu reflects somebody's sense of humor with "Foreplay" describing Appetizers. We tried the Hot Chicks which is an 8 oz. mason jar filled with deep fried chickpeas tossed with Cajun

seasoning. Yummy and different. Short and Flat is the section with Pizza, and we got a delicious bite or two. There's something for everyone – including breakfast (they open at 8 am), vegetarian and vegan fare plus the ever more popular Gluten Free options. We would like to go back just to see what a PB&J Burger looks like or to try Hangover Fries (IPA Cheddar Sauce with Bacon and Fried Egg).

Oh, we had better mention the beer, as it is a working brewery. On our visit, they were pouring four: a fruity IPA, a Golden Ale, a Porter and a Stout. Flights are available if you can't make up your mind and there will be more rotating brews to come. This joint venture between Riverside Market, Native Brewing, and the Restaurant People promises to have something for everyone.



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**Heal the Planet Day** Apr. 22 A day of fun, family-friendly activities. Esplanade Park (954) 565-2950 www.healtheplanet.com

#### JA Business Hall of Fame Awards Celebration

Apr. 24 Honoring local leaders for their business excellence, innovative vision, courageous leadership and community responsibility. JA World (954) 979-7124 www.jasouthflorida.org

#### **Birdies for Birch Golf**

Tournament Apr. 26 A fundraier for Friends of Birch State Park Fort Lauderdale Country Club (954) 566-0660 www.birchstatepark.org

#### A Child is Missing - 5th Annual Oz Jubilee - "Somewhere Over The Rainbow"

Apr. 28 Join us for an evening of dinner, dancing, mingling, and a silent auction. Bahia Mar (954) 763-1288 www.achildismissing.org



#### Monster Energy Fort Rock Festival Apr. 28-29 South Florida's biggest rock festival

Greater Fort Lauderdale CVB Markham Park (954) 767-2444 www.fortrockfestival.com



Miami City Ballet: Program 4 Apr. 28-29 Featuring Apollo, Concerto DSCH and La Valse Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.miamicityballet.org

#### 2018 Walk Like MADD & MADD Dash Fort Lauderdale 5K Apr. 29 A family friendly, non-competetive 5k

Huizenga Plaza (954) 448-7880 www.madd.org

#### Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida Apr. 29

Le Corsaire/Petipa Tribute II Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.artsballettheatre.org

I am Tango Apr. 19 24 world-renowned

#### Broward Navy Days-Fleet Week 2018

Apr. 30 - May 6 U.S. Navy and Coast Guard will feature seven ships total. Port Everglades www.browardnavydaysinc.org

#### A Child is Missing - Kyaunnee Richardson May. 6 Join us for an evening of dinner, dancing, mingling, and a silent auction. Bahia Mar (954) 763-1288 www.achildismissing.org

#### Wings for Life World Run 2018 May. 6

A global running event to find a cure for spinal cord injury. BB&T Center www.wingsforlifeworldrun.com/us/en/



Jersey Boys May 8-20 The true story of how four bluecollar kids became one of the greatest successes in pop music history.

Broadway in Fort Lauderdale Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

#### Gold Coast Jazz Society -Honoring the Great Ladies of Jazz May. 9

Jazz concert presented by the Gold Coast Jazz Society. Broward Center for the Performing Arts

(954) 524-0805 www.goldcoastjazz.org



#### Riverwalk's 80's Dance Party May. 11 Bust a move while supporting Riverwalk Esplanade Park (954) 468-1541 www.goriverwalk.com

#### Florida Is...

Through May 19 An evolving body of twodimensional works that depict the natural beauty of Florida. The Frank Gallery (954) 392-2120 www.thefrankgallery.org

#### ARTSERVE (954) 462-8190 www.artserve.org

First Friday Jazz Jam Apr. 6 Featuring local student musicians

#### **BONNET HOUSE MUSEUM** AND GARDENS (954) 703-2606 www.bonnethouse.org

**Concerts Under the Stars** 

Apr. 5 Featuring the Dillard Jazz Ensemble

#### **Birding Class - Warblers Made** Easier Apr. 8

Warblers are the most beautiful but also the most difficult group to see and identify

**Bonnet House Lecture Series** Apr. 9

Planting for Life: How to make your backyard your bird feeder

**Bonnet House Spring Fling** Apr. 14 A day of family fun, lectures and music

Drawing Workshop May 10-11 A two day workshop on the art of drawing

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

The Kinsey Sicks Apr. 21 Things You Shouldn't Say Tour

**Dead Horses** Apr. 22 Known for high energy performances, as well as intimate listening room experiences www.browardcenter.org

Are You My Mother? Apr. 22-23 Part of the Family Fun Series



10.000 Maniacs Apr. 26 One of the most critically acclaimed bands of the last three decades

**BROWARD COLLEGE - BAILEY HALL** (954) 201-6884 www.baileyhall.org

Apr. 6-7

**Rioult Dance** Apr. 11 Rioult Dance NY fast became an established name in modern dance

Look and See: A Portrait of Wendell Berry Apr. 12

Look & See is a cinematic portrait of the changing landscapes and shifting values of rural America.

#### **BC Chamber Players: Great Romantic Piano Trios** Apr. 17

Broward College music faculty gather to perform two of the most beloved Romantic works by Johannes Brahms.

#### Anat Cohen Quartet

Apr. 21 The Jazz Journalists Association has voted Anat Clarinetist of the Year eight years in a row

**Broward Choral Society** & Select Choir Apr. 22 Annual Spring Concert



**Delray String Quartet - The Great Piano Quintets** Apr. 24 An exciting program of 19th Century masterpieces

**Body Parts** Apr. 27-29 A Broward College Theater Second Stage Production

**The Broward Symphony** Orchestra Apr. 28 Featuring works by Elgar, Sibelius, Berlioz, and Beethoven

**The Broward College** Symphonic Band Apr. 29 Featuring works by Turandot



2018 Community Involvement Awards May. 2

Broward Schools honors volunteers, mentors and business partners

#### FORT LAUDERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY (954) 763-6882

www.fortlauderdalehistoricalsociety.org

#### **History Makers**

Apr. 5 Dev Motwani, president of Merrimac Ventures and founder and managing partner of Chieftain Residential is the honoree

FRIDAY NIGHT SOUND WAVES-THE HUB fridaynightsoundwaves.com



**Edan Archer** Apr. 6 Alt-country rock

Oriente Apr. 13 Deep Afro-Cuban rhythms mixed with Jazz, Blues and Brazilian influences

#### Joel Da Silva

Apr. 20 All-Star Blues + Brass with a side of Sass Jam Band

**The Valerie Tyson Band** Apr. 27

Local jazz legend

#### Turnstiles

May. 4 The Ultimate Tribute to the Music of Billy Joel

Ladies of Soul

May. 11 Perform tunes ranging from Motown and R&B to Disco and Top 40

#### HARD ROCK LIVE (800) 937-0010 www.myhrl.com

**Huey Lewis & The News** Apr. 20 The Grammy-winning rock band from the 80's performs their hits.

John Mulaney: Kid Gorgeous Apr. 21 Mulaney is best known for his work on "Saturday Night Live" as a writer and as a "Weekend Update" correspondent.



The Gipsy Kings May. 5 Featuring Nicolas Reyes and **Tonino Baliardo** 



**Kenny Loggins** May. 15 The Grammy Award winning musician performs his hits.

> **MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY** AND SCIENCE (954) 467- MODS (6637)

**BBC Earth Presents: Incredible** Predators 3D Through Apr. 27

**Curious George: Let's Get** Curious Through Apr. 28 Meet and Greets on Fridays through April 27, 2018

Adventures with Clifford The Big Red Dog Through Apr. 28 Meet and Greets Saturdays through April 28, 2018

Amazon Adventure Through June 6

Hubble 3D Through June 6

**Broward College Spring** Dance Concert

Repertoire by Rioult Dance company, faculty and students



#### EVENTS CONNECTION

#### Island of Lemurs: Madagascar 3D Through June 6

Under the Sea 3D Through June 6

**Dream Big: Engineering** Wonders of the World Through June 6

NSU ART MUSEUM FORT Lauderdale (954) <u>262-025</u>8 www.nsuartmuseum.org

**Art of Wine and Food Series** Apr. 12 Stop & Smell the Vino

**Art of Wine and Food Series** May. 3 Chill Out for Summer

#### PARKER PLAYHOUSE (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

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#### Kris Kristofferson May. 2 The three-time Grammy Award Winner performs

Mike Birbiglia

May. 11 The NewOne, a hilarious blend of storytelling and stand-up

#### ONGOING

**Riverwalk Water Trolley** 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

#### Memoir Writing with Anita Mitchell

First Monday of the month Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

#### **Genealogy Club**

Fourth Monday of the month Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/librarv

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

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

Tuesdays Hugh Taylor Birch State Park Friends of Birch State Park, Inc. (954) 566-0660

#### www.birchstatepark.org

**Open Mic Tuesdays** Fourth Tuesday of the month ArtServe (954) 462-8190; www.artserve.org

#### English Café

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

#### Full Exposure Photography Club

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

#### **Behind the Scenes Private Living Quarters Tours** Second and fourth Wed. of the

month Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 703-2614 www.bonnethouse.org



#### Free First Thursday Starry Nights First Thursday of the month **NSU Art Museum** (954) 525-5500 www.nsuartmuseum.org

#### CALM - Coloring for Adults

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

#### **Networking Social** Third Tuesday of the month

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

#### **Ranger Guided Walks**

Fridays Hugh Taylor Birch State Park (954) 566-0660 www.birchstatepark.org

#### Live Animal Shows

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

#### www.birchstatepark.org First Friday Jazz Jam

First Friday of the month ArtServe (954) 462-8190

#### **Friends First Friday Book Event**

First Friday of the month Libraries Books and More Event Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443

www.broward.org/library

#### Food in Motion Flagler Green Market

Second Friday of the month Feldman Park Greater Fort Lauderdale CVB (754) 800-1640 www.sunny.org/event/foodin-motion-at-peter-feldmanpark/22042

#### The VoiceBox

Fourth Friday of the month ArtServe (954) 462-8190; www.artserve.org

#### Advanced Art of Photography with Jack Wild

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

#### Intermediate Art of

Photography with Jack Wild Saturdays Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

#### Sun Trollev Guided Tour

Third Saturday of the month The Galleria at Fort Lauderdale (954) TROLLEY www.suntrolley.com

#### FATVillage ArtWalk Last Saturday of the month FAT Village

(954) 760-5900 www.flaglerartwalk.com

#### **Bank of America Free First Full** Weekends

First Full Weekend Bank of America cardholders receive FREE admission the first full weekend of each month. NSU Art Museum (954) 525-5500 www.nsuartmuseum.org

#### **RIVERWALK RECREATION**

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#### A Dog's Best Friend Group Classes

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

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#### Kayak & Paddleboard Rentals

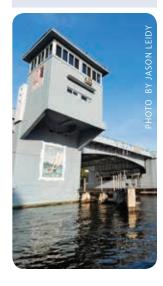
Everyday | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Along the New River Explore the yachting capital of the world in a kayak or on a paddleboard. Launching from Esplanade Park. (954) 633-4665 www.cp-tours.com/ fortlauderdale

#### Fort Lauderdale

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

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t is often said that in life the one thing no one can take from you is what you know. Distinct skills and knowledge set us apart from everyone else, and culture plays a vital role in that equation. When looking at cultural art programs offered in the community, there are few that offer the variety and depth that South Side Cultural Arts Center does.

Katy Audette is a ballet instructor at the newly renovated South Side Center, and she made it a point to mention how in her thirty years of teaching she has not seen anything that compares to this program. "The other school I teach at is Muse; they have something called a conservatory program where they



offer musical instrument lessons including piano and violin along with other pursuits like singing and acting. There are very few studios that offer that around, in fact, I cannot think of another, and the South Side Center is very similar to that except it is on a smaller scale. It is interesting because they not only have the performing arts, which are extensive (they have the modern classes-jazz, tap, and ballet), but they also offer Irish, Mexican, and Afro American dance, as well as culinary arts which is really cool. It is very broad," explained Audette. The ages of Audette's students range from 5 years old to adults, and she indicated that this is another component that

> makes South Side Center special. Most programs focus on classes for younger children, but at South Side, adults have an array of classes they can choose from as well, with more to be added in the near future. The South Side Center acts as the first step for many students in the hopes that once they take a class, they can determine whether it is something they want to dive into at a more focused studio, or not. Audette stated how these classes - ballet in particular - produce skills that will be useful for students out in the real world. "The biggest thing is for students to soak up the discipline of ballet because it translates to everything they do after ballet. Most of the kids are not going to go on to dance professionally, you may have one in a class that will do that if you are lucky, but the skills translate into their first job. They learn that arriving early instead of being on time, being prepared, dressing properly, translates into the next thing that they will do in life", she said.

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