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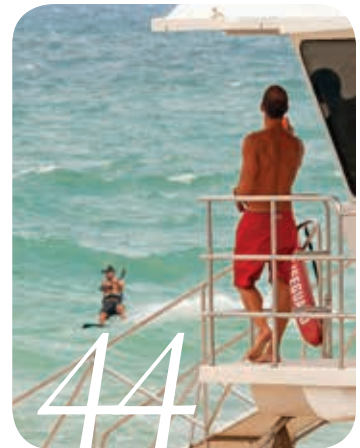
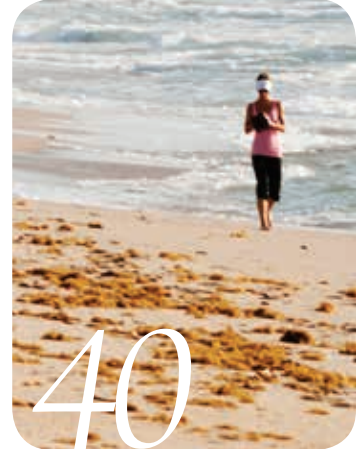
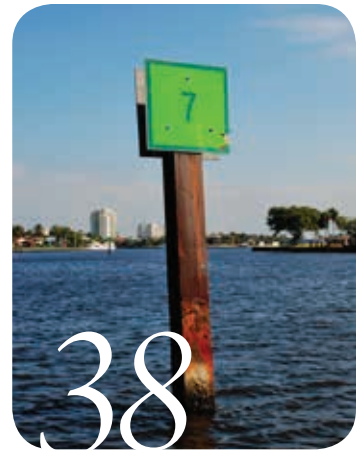
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PRICE REDUCED **ASHLEY - \$1,425,000**

RISE ABOVE IT ALL IN THIS HIGH FLOOR 3BR/3.5 BATH DESIGNER MODEL, SITUATED ON THE SOUTH EAST CORNER OFFERING 270 DEGREE VIEWS OF THE OCEAN, INTRACOASTAL, RIVER AND VIBRANT LAS OLAS.

ASHLEY - \$1,375,000

3BR/3.5 BATH ASHLEY SOUTH WITH STUNNING OCEAN, RIVER & CITY VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM. TWO TERRACES, SPACIOUS GOURMET EAT IN KITCHEN WITH POGGENPHOL CABINETRY & GRANITE COUNTERTOPS!

JUST SOLD **ASHLEY**

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

ASHLEY - \$1,050,000

3 BR/3.5 BATH CUSTOM DESIGNER MODEL. MONOCHROMATIC NEUTRAL TONES THROUGHOUT, MARBLE FLOORS WITH DETAIL INLAIS, MOTORIZED WINDOW TREATMENTS, CUSTOM BUILT IN OFFICE AND MUCH MORE!

CHAMPAGNE - \$995,000

30TH FLOOR 2 BR/2.5 BATH WITH PANORAMIC OCEAN, CITY & RIVER VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM. GOURMET KITCHEN POGGENPHOL CABINETRY & GRANITE COUNTERTOPS, MARBLE BATHS AND 2 SPACIOUS TERRACES.

JUST SOLD **BRADFORD**

ENJOY OUTSTANDING OCEAN, RIVER, AND CITY VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM OF THIS 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH SPLIT FLOOR PLAN. WOOD FLOORING, EXPANSIVE BALCONY AND CUSTOM INTERIORS.

JUST LISTED **BRADFORD - \$749,000**

2 BEDROOM 2 BATH SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN. MARBLE FLOORING THROUGHOUT, GOURMET POGGENPHOL KITCHEN, RIVER & OCEAN VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM, 5 STAR RESORT AMENITIES.



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THIS MASTERPIECE BOASTS PRIVATE ELEVATORS, FLOOR TO CEILING GLASS WITH MOTORIZED WINDOW TREATMENTS, AUTOMATED SMART HOME SYSTEM. THREE BALCONIES TO TAKE IN THE STUNNING 270 DEGREE VIEWS OF THE OCEAN, RIVER AND CITY.

TOWER SUITE - \$1,995,000

REMARKABLE 41ST FLOOR SUB PENTHOUSE CONTEMPORARY MASTERPIECE BY RENOWNED DESIGNER PILAR REYES SANTAMARIA. COMPLETELY RENOVATED, THIS ONE OF A KIND MADISON OFFERS 3 BEDROOMS, 3.5 BATHS WITH PORCELAIN FLOORING THROUGHOUT, ITALIAN GLASS DOORS, ELEGANT GOURMET KITCHEN WITH LARGE CENTER ISLAND, AND ENDLESS VIEWS OF THE OCEAN, NEW RIVER AND SUNSETS FROM THE OVERSIZED TERRACE.

COLUMBUS - \$1,489,000

TASTEFULLY RENOVATED HIGH FLOOR COLUMBUS MODEL CONDO WITH 3 FULL BEDROOMS, 3 BATHS. PREFERRED "04" LINE WITH TWO BALCONIES FOR UNOBSTRUCTED NEW RIVER VIEWS.

JUST LISTED **MADISON - \$1,299,000**

ELEVATE YOUR LIFESTYLE IN THIS HIGH FLOOR MADISON TOWER SUITE OFFERING EXPANSIVE VIEWS OF THE RIVER, DOWNTOWN AND BEYOND. THIS LUXURY RESIDENCE FEATURES PRISTINE FINISHES, MARBLE FLOORS THROUGHOUT, GOURMET KITCHEN WITH HIGH GLOSS SNAIDERO CABINETRY AND CUSTOM GLASS BREAKFAST BAR, DESIGNER FIXTURES, LARGE LIVING SPACES, MOTORIZED WINDOW TREATMENTS AND A WRAPAROUND TERRACE THAT RISES ABOVE THE REST.

JUST SOLD **MADISON**

EXQUISITE 38TH FLOOR TOWER SUITE WITH MAGNIFICENT VIEWS OF THE RIVER & DOWNTOWN. EXPANSIVE WRAP AROUND TERRACE & LARGE OPEN FLOOR PLAN. ELEGANT DESIGNER FINISHES THROUGHOUT.

PRICE REDUCED **GRAMERCY PH - \$899,000**

PENTHOUSE MODEL 2BR/2.5 BATH WITH DIRECT RIVER, OCEAN & CITY VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM. THE FLOW THROUGH FLOOR PLAN HAS BEEN TASTEFULLY DESIGNED IN NEUTRAL COLORS, 24 x 24 SATURNIA MARBLE FLOORING THROUGHOUT TWO TERRACES.

COLUMBUS - \$875,000

25TH FLOOR 2 BR/3 BATH + OFFICE/MEDIA ROOM. RIVER AND CITY VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM, PRIVATE ELEVATOR ENTRY.

COLUMBUS - \$795,000

HIGHEST FLOOR COLUMBUS IN THE BUILDING WITH OUTSTANDING VIEWS, A MUST SEE. SNAIDERO CHERRY WOOD CABINETS & MUCH MORE.

JUST LISTED **COLUMBUS - \$795,000**

19TH FLOOR MOVE IN READY! SPACIOUS 2 BR/3 BATHS, MARBLE BATHS, UPGRADED COLUMBUS MODEL, PRIVATE DOUBLE DOOR FOYER ENTRY, DESIGNER FINISHES, WINE COOLER AND WOOD FLOORS THROUGHOUT.

LEXINGTON - \$749,000

10TH FLOOR WITH OVER \$125K IN DESIGNER UPGRADES. THIS 2 BR/2.5 BATH SPLIT FLOOR PLAN OFFERS A GOURMET KITCHEN AND CUSTOM LIGHTING.

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UNDER CONTRACT

2BR/2 BATH

20TH FLOOR ELEGANCE, SOPHISTICATION AND CAPTIVATING SUNSETS. NEWLY RENOVATED KITCHEN, NEW S/S APPLIANCES, GRANITE COUNTERS, DUAL BALCONIES WITH NE VIEWS TO THE OCEAN, CITY & SKYLINE.

2BR/2 BATH - \$579,000

NE CORNER OF THE SOUTH TOWER WITH CAPTIVATING DIRECT VIEWS OF THE RIVER, DOWNTOWN FT LAUDERDALE & THE OCEAN. SPLIT FLOOR PLAN, TILE FLOORING THROUGHOUT, & 2 ASSIGNED PARKING SPACES.

PRICE REDUCED

2BR/2 BATH - \$499,990

2 BR/2 BATH CORNER RESIDENCE WITH STUNNING VIEWS OF THE OCEAN, RIVER AND CITY SKYLINE. LIMESTONE FLOOR THROUGHOUT LIVING AREAS, WOOD FLOOR IN BEDROOMS, GOURMET KITCHEN WITH GRANITE COUNTERTOPS, LARGE CORNER WRAP AROUND TERRACE.

2BR/2.5 BATH - \$469,000

CONCERTO 6 CORNER UNIT, WRAP AROUND BALCONY WITH AMAZING VIEWS OF THE RIVER, THE PORT AND THE OCEAN. ITALIAN CABINETRY, S/S APPLIANCES. GRANITE COUNTERTOPS AND MORE!

JUST SOLD

2BR/2 BATH

SPLIT FLOOR PLAN WITH A FABULOUS LAYOUT WITH 2 SEPERATE BALCONIES. PANORAMIC CITY AND RIVER VIEWS FROM THIS UNIT.

2BR/2 BATH - \$359,000

TWO GENEROUS BEDROOMS - EACH WITH EN-SUITE BATHS. OFFERS OVER-SIZED CLOSETS AND LUXURY PLANK FLOORING.

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AQUA VISTA - \$619,000

RARELY AVAILABLE 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATHS. OPEN CONCEPT GOURMET KITCHEN, S/S APPLIANCES. MARBLE MASTER BATHROOM, AND MORE.

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SAN MARCO - \$524,500

NEW CUSTOM RECONFIGURED KITCHEN & MASTER BATHROOM MARBLE FLOORING THRU-OUT, CLOSET BUILT-OUT. SHOWS LIKE A 10!

RIVIERA - \$449,000

HIGH FLOOR CORNER UNIT, MARBLE FLOORING THROUGHOUT. OUTSTANDING CITY VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM IN THIS 2 BR/2 BATH.

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.

JUST LISTED

ROYAL PALM - \$414,500

2 BR/2 BATH, SPLIT BEDROOM FLOOR PLAN, MARBLE FLOORING IN LIVING AREAS. OPEN GOURMET KITCHEN, S/S APPLIANCES & GRANITE COUNTERS.

FIESTA - \$329,900

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

FIESTA - \$329,000

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



RIVERSIDE - \$848,000

RARELY AVAILABLE SOUTHEAST EXPOSURE 2 BR + DEN/2 BATHS. STUNNING DIRECT RIVER & OCEAN VIEWS FROM THIS HIGH FLOOR, SPLIT FLOOR PLAN, FEATURES INCLUDE DOUBLE DOOR ENTRY, FLOOR TO CEILING IMPACT WINDOWS, GRANITE COUNTERTOPS, SPRAWLING TERRACE, 2 SINGLE PARKING SPACES, AND STORAGE.

UNDER CONTRACT

RIVERSIDE

2 BR + DEN/2 BATHS WITH OUTSTANDING VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM. LARGE UPGRADED KITCHEN, MARBLE FLOORS, GRANITE COUNTERTOPS AND LARGE TERRACE OVERLOOKING THE RIVER.

SEAVIEW - \$769,000

IMPECCABLE 3/2 COMPLETELY RENOVATED, DESIGNER FINISHES INCLUDE PORCELAIN PLANK TILE THROUGHOUT, GOURMET KITCHEN, S/S APPLIANCES, MOSAIC BACK SPLASH. CUSTOM WINDOW TREATMENTS, DESIGNER LIGHTING. BATHROOMS DESIGNED WITH CUSTOM VANITIES, FIXTURES & GLASS ENCLOSED SHOWER. TWO RIVER FRONT TERRACES CAPTURE SUNSETS & SUNRISES, VIEWS TO THE OCEAN, WINDING RIVER, TWO PARKING SPACES INCLUDED.

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SEAVIEW - \$669,000

THIS UPGRADED 3 BEDROOM 2 BATH UNIT HAS BEEN CONVERTED INTO A 2/2 + DEN. DIRECTLY ON THE RIVER WITH SOUTH FACING VIEWS.

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MOONGLOW - \$608,900

27TH FLOOR 2BR/2BTH NE CORNER UNIT W/PANORAMIC VIEWS OF THE NEW RIVER, OCEAN, INTRACOASTAL, BRAZILIAN CHERRY WOOD FLOORING, GOURMET KITCHEN, & MUCH MORE!

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SEAVIEW

BEAUTIFUL 3BR/2 BATH WITH DIRECT RIVER VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM. CUSTOM WALK-IN CLOSETS, SIDE BY SIDE WASHER & DRYER, MARBLE FLOORING IN EVERY ROOM AND MUCH MORE!

PRICE REDUCED

STARDUST - \$599,000

2 BR/2 BATH WITH SOUTHEAST DIRECT RIVER & OCEAN VIEWS. TILE FLOORS THROUGHOUT, BUILT IN CLOSETS & FLOOR TO CEILING WINDOWS.

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STARDUST - \$549,000

HIGH FLOOR 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH WITH SPECTACULAR OCEAN, RIVER, CITY AND POOL VIEWS. SPLIT FLOOR PLAN WITH WOOD FLOORS THROUGHOUT, MOTORIZED WINDOW TREATMENTS AND MORE.

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STARDUST

2BR/2BTH WITH BEAUTIFUL RIVER & OCEAN VIEWS. GOURMET KITCHEN, S/S APPLIANCES AND MORE.

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2BR/2BATH - \$390,000

SPECTACULAR RIVER & CITY VIEWS FROM THIS 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH UNIT DIRECTLY ON THE NEW RIVER. GOURMET KITCHEN, S/S APPLIANCES AND MORE.

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1BR+DEN/1BATH

SUB-PENTHOUSE WITH 11 FOOT CEILINGS, OCEAN AND CITY VIEWS!

JUST SOLD

1BR/1BATH

BEAUTIFUL RIVER VIEWS, GOURMET KITCHEN, S/S APPLIANCES AND MORE!

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STUDIO/1BATH - \$249,000

UPGRADED STUDIO, NEW S/S APPLIANCES AND DIRECT RIVER VIEWS!



EMBRACE THE WATER WORLD OF FORT LAUDERDALE


THE BEACH AND THE NEW RIVER – SO MANY THINGS TO DO

When the world thinks of Fort Lauderdale what comes to mind? The beach, the weather, the waterways, activities, restaurants, action and fun. We have seven miles of some of the most beautiful active beaches in the world. The beach is our biggest asset, and why not with all the activities it affords us. From simply walking and enjoying its beauty, to swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving, kayaking, boating, people watching, dining, shopping, attending events or parties or just sunbathing. No wonder it's what we are known for! After a 25-year battle, a large part of our beach was recently re-nourished resulting in tremendous growth in beachgoers. The re-nourishing effort was led by our own County Commissioner Chip LaMarca.

Where else can you get some of the most gorgeous weather year-round to enjoy all the outdoor activities we have to offer? The average temperatures and the number of sunny days add to the appeal of our city.

Then we have our scenic waterways: the Intracoastal, rivers and canals add up to a hundred and sixty-five miles of navigable waterways. Where else can you get all of this in one easily accessible community that draws millions of visitors every year? Birch State Park is about to open a 230' public floating boat dock along the park on the Intracoastal, and for the first time, the public will be able to access the park and its new restaurant Park & Ocean via the waterways. Think of all the restaurants along our waterways: Shooters, Bokampers, Boatyard, Flip Flops, Pirates Republic, Briny Pub, the Downtowner, Boathouse, 15th Street Fisheries and Southport Raw Bar, just to name a few. Don't own a boat, no problem just hit one of the Water Taxi stops and sit back and enjoy the show. The water taxi stops at the majority of the restaurants mentioned above.

And of course, there's the Riverwalk along the New River. More than 100 annual events and three walkable miles along the beautiful river, through the heart of our downtown, with dozens of new restaurants. Bikes, paddleboards and kayaks are available for rent by Riverwalk Recreation located along the Riverwalk at SW 3rd Avenue. Also offered is yoga, photography, and dog training classes and lots of other activities. Plus there's a free water trolley to take you along the river at no charge.

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PARKS AND NEW PROJECTS BLOOM

Summer has definitely arrived with the warm and humid weather - you can nearly tell time by the recurring afternoon showers. We love the rain that refills our aquifers and waters our lawns - green is definitely the color of summer! With summer comes a slower pace and a time to rest and rejuvenate. It is also a season filled with new and exciting things to do and places to go and see. We ask that you remember to support your local businesses during this period and take the opportunity to try the large number of amazing new places to eat, shop, play or relax...staycations are a very popular way to enjoy a quick respite!

Riverwalk Center is under reimagining, and we think it is a grand opportunity to create more art, activation and still maintain the core business of parking and supporting the mall area and businesses there - be sure to stop for a great lunch at one of the options.

New playground equipment has been installed at Sistrunk Park through a partnership between Riverwalk and JetBlue. A tremendous community partner, JetBlue identified a program, brought a team, spent some time building the new equipment and continue to make a positive and generous impact on our community. We thank the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation


Department for assisting in assuring an efficient day of building and a beautiful finished product.

As Riverwalk commemorates 30 years of community service, May 11th kicked off the year-long celebration with an 80's Dance Party - complete with having our guest dress the part. Who knew that some our locals had such great dance moves! Stay tuned for other upcoming events celebrating this milestone. We also are most pleased to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of GoRiverwalk magazine - another great milestone - produced by Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and in partnership with our publisher S.MARK Graphics.

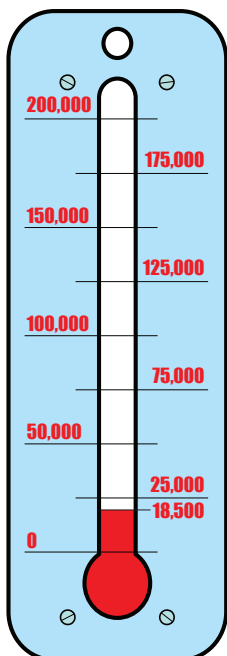
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale was honored to be selected for



an award at the 40th Annual Community Appearance Awards by the City of Fort Lauderdale. The project was the completion of Riverwalk on the northeast end making the final pedestrian connection on the north side of the New River. We were most grateful for all of the partners including the Downtown Development Authority, City of Fort Lauderdale, Related Group and Glen Bryant of BM Marine.

The Capital Campaign for 9/11 launched this past month, and we are pleased to tell you that Broward County through Commissioner Chip LaMarca has donated \$7,500 to kick off the funding followed by a grant award for \$10,000 from the National Daughters of the American Revolution and \$1000 from FOP Fort Lauderdale, Lodge #31. We hope to make expedient progress with our capital campaign and go to construction by early next year. We are honored to be selected to receive such a valuable and precious piece of our history, something that has changed the complexion of our times. Please consider donating to this wonderful project that will become a striking piece of public art. 

9-11 MONUMENT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



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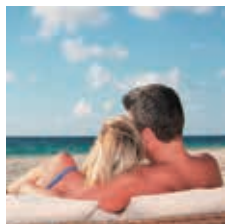
Now more than ever is the perfect time to take a vacation in your own backyard, with the return of Visit Lauderdale's **Vacation Like A VIP**, at Greater Fort Lauderdale's Resort Collection hotels, including Conrad Fort Lauderdale Beach, Hilton Fort Lauderdale Beach, Lago Mar Resort & Spa, Marriott

Harbor Beach Resort & Spa, The Ritz-Carlton Fort Lauderdale and W Fort Lauderdale.

In addition to the special rates, guest reserving a two night stay through September 30, will receive room upgrades and perks such as a \$100 resort credit, a \$25 American Express gift card, valet parking and more.

For more details on the 'Vacation Like A VIP' offers, and to enter and WIN a Vacation Like a VIP package to stay at your choice of any of the participating resorts, visit www.MyFortLauderdaleBeach.com

SUMMER LOVIN' SWEEPSTAKES



To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the movie Grease, Friday Night Sound Waves invites you to enjoy (ah, oh) those summer nights, on Fort Lauderdale Beach, listening to some great music with the chance to win great prizes in the "Summer Lovin'" sweepstakes, June 22 through September 21.

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Each week, those attending the free, family friendly concert series will have the opportunity to register for the chance to win a Fort Lauderdale Beach experience courtesy of local restaurants, hotels, and attractions.

Highlights of the prizes include Round Trip Air Travel on Southwest Airlines (6/22 & 7/6), W Fort Lauderdale's Live It Up In Living Room (6/29), a \$250 Galleria Mall Gift Certificate (7/27) and so much more.

To view details on the weekly prizes and upcoming performances, visit FridayNightSoundWaves.com

ON THE HORIZON

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➊ From the day I decided to go out on my own, I knew I wanted to build an agency where professional growth and personal

inspiration intersected and where both would be nurtured equally. I understood early on that employees and client partners have fears, passions, goals, and needs that must be internalized, acknowledged and met. In 2007, I opened Latin2Latin Marketing + Communications (L2L), whose headquarters are on the New River, an agency that would internalize those fears and goals and develop quick-to-market, lead generation solutions based on strategic insights that drive growth and ROI.

Eleven years later, I'm proud to say that L2L is an award-winning agency that has garnered an outstanding reputation

for connecting talent, businesses, communities, government, and media partners to create winning solutions for our valued client partners on a local, regional, national and international basis. My leadership team has more than 100 combined years of in-language, in-culture marketing expertise across Health, Education, Technology, Financial, Digital/New Media, TV/Entertainment, CPG and Culinary sectors. I credit much of L2L's success on our laser-focused mission to "romance clients at every turn," a paradigm shift in how traditional marketing agencies work with their clients. I'm humbled by the accolades and awards and especially proud of being recognized as a 2017 South Florida Business Journal Influential Business Women honoree.

My commitment to community runs equally deep as a donor, sponsor or board/council member in a host of civic and community-based organizations including Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

RANDALL VITALE

HOFFMAN'S CHOCOLATES

➊ I am South Florida native, born and raised in Miami and I have lived and worked in Fort Lauderdale since 1999.

My wife and our 2-year old son live in Flagler Village and we enjoy everything Fort Lauderdale offers. And no matter where in the world we go, Fort Lauderdale is home, and there is nowhere else we would rather be.

Today, I am the President at Hoffman's Chocolates. The company was founded in 1975 and has eight retail locations in Broward and Palm Beach counties including our flagship store in Greenacres (near Lake Worth). The Greenacres location is connected to our factory where all our chocolates are

handmade. People visit year-round for factory tours, chocolate making classes, or when celebrating birthdays. It is also home to our famous Winter Wonderland, which will be celebrating our 28th year this winter.

Hoffman's and our parent company BBX Capital support many organizations throughout South Florida including Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale. Our team is committed to serving our community and giving our time and dollars to the communities we live and work in.

I have been a member of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale for many years and am also a past board member. I encourage any individual or company who lives, works, or plays in Fort Lauderdale to become a member of the Riverwalk and get involved. The future of Fort Lauderdale is intertwined with the New River, and the Riverwalk remains the catalyst for promoting and developing this incredible asset of our great city.



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ROBIN MARTIN

REBUILDING TOGETHER BROWARD COUNTY

➊ Born and raised in South Florida, I have always had a deep passion for the community and those who call

South Florida home. While a teenager, my family was impacted through divorce and the loss of our home. This experience of housing insecurity shaped my later passion to work for causes that bring about meaningful change in the community.

After graduating high school, I served in the United States Army and served overseas in Operation Joint Guard - a part of NATO's Stabilization Force, in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1997. During that time, Christianity and faith became an important part of my life.

With a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Florida Atlantic University and a Master's Degree in Divinity from Trinity Western Seminary in Vancouver Canada, I feel that I am uniquely qualified to work in a nonprofit ministry.

Now with over sixteen years of experience in nonprofit leadership in Broward County, I have served as the former Director of Programs for the Broward County Homeless Hotline and the Executive Director of HOPE South Florida. Since 2016, it's been my honor to serve as the Executive Director of Rebuilding Together Broward. Because of this experience, I saw the value that Riverwalk brings to our community. I chose to become more involved with the organization so I could do my part to help it fulfill its unique mission.

Most importantly, I am a proud father of three - Tanis, Madeline and Felicity - and husband to an amazing woman, Melissa.

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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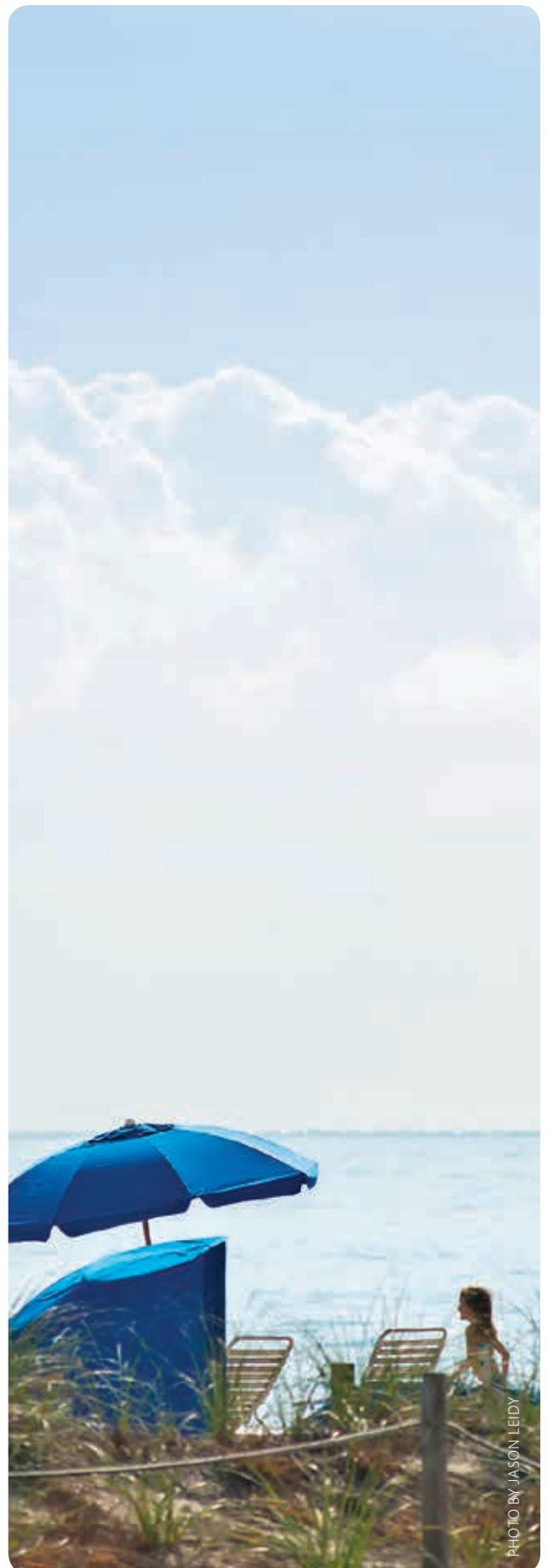


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RIVERWALK 80'S DANCE PARTY

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale is celebrating its 30th anniversary! In honor of this momentous anniversary, Riverwalk hosted an 80's Dance Party, on Friday, May 11th. Thank you to our sponsor FSMY Architects & Planners. People busted a few moves on the dance floor. The evening was filled with plenty of 80's tunes from Party Connection DJ Darrell Gilbert, excellent 80's cocktails from Breakthru Beverage, and cold beer from Stephens Distributing. [GO](#)



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The Color Run™ 5k took place on Saturday, May 12th, starting and finishing in Huizenga Plaza. The race is always a one-of-a-kind experience that is less about speed and more about enjoying a crazy color day with your friends and family. Participants of all different speeds, ages, shapes, and sizes crossed the finish line covered in smiles and a rainbow of color. [GO](#)



Riverwalk volunteers working registration



What size t-shirt do you need?



Ready to run

RIVERWALK POWER MIXER

On May 10, Riverwalk Trustee members and distinguished guests gathered at Fort Lauderdale's newest brewery - Tarpon River Brewing. Everyone enjoyed tasting a variety of brews in this unique space and learned about the latest happenings along the Riverwalk. A special thank you to our Power Mixer sponsors: Tarpon River Brewing, Crush Law, Iberia Bank, and Midgard Management. [GO](#)



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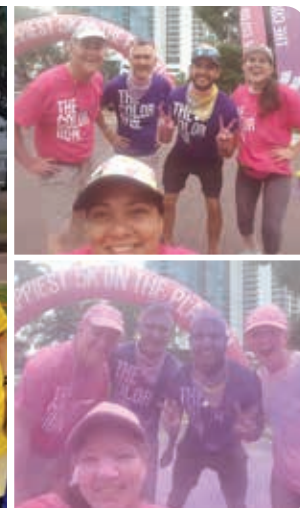
Girls Just Want To Have Fun



A pink storm



The Yellow Zone Team



Team Purple and Pink
before and after the race

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AN OPEN LETTER TO GREATER DOWNTOWN FTL

TOGETHER WE WILL MOVE FORWARD

Recent decisions to halt implementation of the Wave streetcar project have certainly been cause for disappointment to the Downtown Development Authority. Having incubated the idea for a downtown rail system in the early 2000's, we have worked to align the project partners, secure a variety of funding sources, and generate the necessary community and government support to build a premium transit service for our growing urban center.

With great conviction we steadily plowed ahead, slowing at times to deal with the amazing complexity of federal, state and local government approvals and agreements needed to build and ultimately operate the first system of its kind in South Florida.

With that same conviction, recently elected leaders of the City of Fort Lauderdale and their counterparts at the Broward County Commission voted to stop the project, which had virtually lost all visible public support. Project partner agreements permitted this withdrawal of support, so there is no questioning the outcome.

While we would have preferred a different reality, we respect the decisions of our local elected officials representing the voice of the community. The DDA has operated in partnership with the City and County and our stakeholder base for 53 years, and we will continue to do so, helping to build a sustainable, inclusive, world-class downtown. Our focus on future transportation solutions remains paramount, and it will only be

in collaboration with the City, the County, and the residents and corporate citizens of our community to successfully move forward.

Together we will move forward.

Because we have so much to move forward on; from the construction of a new federal courthouse to development of a new joint City/County government campus, to improving our urban public spaces, sidewalks, and parks. From ensuring those from all socio-economic strata have a place to live and work and making sure our residents, employees, and visitors have a safe, efficient and seamless way to move around Downtown FTL and throughout the region.

This is our charge at the DDA. Since 1965 we have been working steadfastly to improve Downtown Fort Lauderdale. We set the course by implementing major projects like the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, the Museum of Discovery and Science, the Museum of Art, and great public spaces like Riverwalk and Huizenga Plaza.


So let's not stop now. To continue on the path of progress, we need you. We need the collaboration and commitment from a community inspired by greatness and focused on solutions. Leaders inspired by the benefits of hard work toward the long view of excellence. We will open our eyes, listen with attention, and focus on the shared vision of a Downtown, a city, a region we can all be proud of calling home. 



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*“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.”*

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OFF THE BEATEN BEACH PATH

EXPLORE A FEW PLACES A FEW STEPS FROM THE BEACH

Fort Lauderdale Beach. Synonymous with partying, drinking, co-eds, and all sorts of things, both naughty and nice. With literally tens of millions of visitors to the beach annually, hundreds of millions (if not billions) of tourist dollars spent every year, and tourism being one of our largest industries, Fort Lauderdale Beach is not just important to the City, but the surrounding area as well.

However, I like the less obvious and off the beaten path choices.


For instance, Birch State Park is a gem right next to the beach. Going there is like stepping into another part of the state altogether. There are nature trails, jogging paths, pavilions, playgrounds for kids of all ages (believe it or not I can still do a backflip off a swing set), and paddle boat and kayak rental. The park offers live animal presentations, a mangrove habitat walk, flower shows, and even a tour that includes the Terramar Estate (Mr. Birch's home) and the caretaker's home from the 1940s. They also offer full moon kayak tours where you can paddle in one of the few coastal dune freshwater lakes left in Florida.

If you are hungry how about a bite at Park & Ocean? A relatively recent and welcome addition to the park, Park & Ocean has a full menu and craft brews in a building that can only be described as old Florida cool with a stunning view of the Atlantic Ocean.

So this is starting to sound like an advert for Birch State Park, which I am happy to do because in case you haven't noticed I like it a lot. But, there is also the Bonnet House. A short walk south of the state park is a beautiful 1920s mansion. Located in stunning surroundings, Bonnet House is a hidden gem that speaks to the legacy and history of Fort Lauderdale. And, did you know there is a classic 1940s era Cadillac convertible (a series 62 I believe) parked in the garage? Now you do.

From Bonnet House, you can head out the south gate right into North Beach Village. This area is home to some impressive mid-century modern architecture and is up and coming with shops, coffee houses, and restaurants.

Want a piece of old Florida entertainment? Well, head over to the Wreck Bar in the B Ocean Hotel about 2 miles south of Bonnet House. A slice of old Florida charm with a themed bar (bet you can figure out the theme) and a window into the pool where live mermaids do a show every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

I guess my point is that while our beach is known worldwide as a party spot (we were mentioned in a Marvel movie after all), there are other things to do and I've only touched on a few. I bet if you spend enough time there you'll be able to discover all sorts of off-the-beaten-path options. 



The Birch House

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THE NEW RIVER — OUR OLDEST ROAD

REDISCOVER TRAVELING BY WATER

Do you know what was considered the first road in Fort Lauderdale? Many might guess Federal Highway or another major road in our City. However, the first road in Fort Lauderdale was actually the New River and connecting waterways. The reason why the New River was considered the first roadway is that it was accessed and used for transportation of goods into the City years before any car traveled on land. Today, this road is still heavily used by the marine industry for commercial and recreational purposes.

To honor this history and provide an alternative choice to our neighbors and guests to travel using Fort Lauderdale's first major roadway, the Transportation Management Association (TMA) operates the Water Trolley service system. Three years ago, as part of the Riverwalk Masterplan, eight stops were added along the New River in the downtown core to move people between the north and south sides.

- Stops on the Northside include: Esplanade Park, Riverfront Plaza, Huizenga Plaza, and the Laura Ward Riverwalk Plaza.
- Stops on the Southside include: Smoker Park, South Andrews Business District EAST, South Andrews Business District WEST and Tarpon River.

The Water Trolley begins on the west end of the New River by the Performing Art Center. If you are coming early for a show at our amazing Performing Arts Center, you could catch the Water Trolley at Esplanade Park and then travel down the river to the Riverfront, or Laura Ward Park to visit one of the

many restaurants for dinner. After dinner, you can jump back on the Water Trolley or enjoy a leisurely stroll along our famous Riverwalk.

The Water Trolley also stops at various residential properties such as The Esplanade, The New River Yacht Club Apartments, Nu River Landing, and Vu New River and then travels east to multiple stops including a local favorite, the Downtowner Restaurant. Many neighbors meet there to enjoy a walk along the south side Riverwalk to Smoker Park as a means of exercise for their pets.

You can start at Smoker Park on the south and catch the Water Trolley to Riverfront and enjoy an afternoon in Huizenga Park. This park was donated to the neighbors of Fort Lauderdale by Wayne Huizenga. On most weekends, you will find the park filled with special events including Fort Lauderdale's Irish Festival and Parade. This is an annual event in the park that attracts over 20,000 neighbors and visitors to watch the Saint Patrick's Day parade and enjoy the Irish music.

Once you have had your fill at the event, jump back on the trolley and cruise down to Laura Ward Park. Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, in partnership with Related Group, recently completed the final extension of the north side of the Riverwalk that connects to Laura Ward Park. This is the Riverwalk's most eastern point and connects to Fort Lauderdale's premier shopping district, Las Olas Boulevard. Las Olas Boulevard is known for its unique boutique shops and authentic restaurants that are sure to meet any appetite or preference.

What folks enjoy most about the Water Trolley, besides its many destinations, is that it is free to ride.

Neighbors and guests can enjoy a lovely, relaxing boat ride along Fort Lauderdale's first roadway Sunday-Wednesday from 11 am – 8 pm and Thursday-Saturday from 11 am – 9 pm.


Visit www.riverwalkwatertrolley.com or call the 24/7/365 Neighbor Support Center at 954-TROLLEY for additional information. Remember to download our free Riverwalk Water Trolley Tracker on your smartphone to track the Water Trolley in real time. 



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RETHINKING MASS TRANSIT

LOOKING TO ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

Mass transit is a cornerstone feature for any modern urban center—safely getting residents and visitors from one place to another while not continually adding more cars to the road. As companies consider where to locate their headquarters and explore locations for expansion sites, business executives often look at the mass transit options, among many other components, in the urban core. Additionally, as millennials look to where they want to start their careers – mass transit and affordable housing are among the top factors often cited.

Recently, the city of Fort Lauderdale voted to stop work on the Wave – a 2.8-mile streetcar project that was a collaboration at the city, county, state and federal level. Emerging as a hot-button issue in the recent municipal elections, the sentiment from many Fort Lauderdale residents was that they didn't want to see the Wave move forward. Some viewed it as over budget, too costly and outdated technology. Despite more than \$30 million spent to get us to this point, the Wave is no longer happening.

So what does that mean for downtown Fort Lauderdale? How will we move our city into the technology era and update our transportation system? While our urban core adds more density, residents and tourists, we have to figure out how we want to get people from one place to another. Our community must come together to find solutions. We need our business, neighborhood and elected leaders to come together to solve this mounting challenge. Our roads are getting congested and developing mass transit is a long-term

project, so we need to think about where we want to be in 20 years—now.

Cities like Houston, San Francisco, Denver and Chicago are investing heavily to make sure that their cities are not left behind, and that they are incorporating mass transit into their long-term city plans. They are taking different approaches that incorporate their city's strengths and existing systems into the overall plan. For example, Houston is redesigning the city's entire bus system to make it more efficient and rider-friendly. In the first year, they saw bus ridership increase rather than following national trends of decreasing ridership. San Francisco has developed a plan for their city that utilizes the growing shared economy by introducing a city-wide ride-sharing program that allows shared vehicles to use specialized carpool lanes. The city of Denver is building an expanded rail network via one of the nation's first public-private partnerships where both the public and private sector share the risk. And Chicago is utilizing their waterfront as a transit lane for moving people throughout the downtown core in a more meaningful way.


Fort Lauderdale has a real challenge ahead of us, and it is going to take the entire community to find “outside the box” solutions. It is crucial that we think about solutions that modernize our transportation system while utilizing the latest technology. Simply kicking the can down the road and continuing to complain about the growing traffic problem is no longer an option. 



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INVESTING IN ART

TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ART MARKET

The internationally recognized Deloitte Art & Finance Report is a barometer for the steadily evolving art and finance industry, highlighting key trends and developments at the crossroads of business, finance, and the arts. On June 20, 2018, Adriano Picinati di Torcello, Director and Global Art & Finance coordinator at Deloitte, and co-author of the report will speak in Broward County about the global art market and share the Report's latest insights.

The event is the closing forum for the 2018 DBA (Doing Business As) exhibition at ArtServe, which includes works by graduates of the Artist as Entrepreneur Institute, an annual program that provides artists with business and management skills to operate in the marketplace.

Among the Deloitte Art & Finance Report 2017 findings:

- Services related to art and collectibles are increasingly converging with wealth management as the industry moves toward a more holistic asset management model; 88 percent of wealth managers surveyed (up from 78 percent in 2016) think art and collectibles should be included as part of wealth management solutions.
- The art market outlook for 2018 remains cautiously optimistic despite heightened geopolitical and economic risk. The ArtTactic art market speculation barometer is up 17.7 percent from January 2017, which suggests that experts believe the current art market recovery has reintroduced more speculative behavior.
- A majority (86 percent) of art professionals surveyed said their clients buy art and collectibles for emotional reasons but also focus on investment

value; 54 percent of wealth managers see art as a way to safeguard value (up from 51 percent in 2016). With more wealth expected to be allocated to art and other passion assets in the next decade, a more sophisticated and dynamic approach to managing art related wealth will be needed.

- Technology is increasingly playing a key role in the evolution of art services as art sales continue to grow and social media is increasingly influencing the creation of art and marketing and distribution channels. Technological innovations are improving art market transparency and the infrastructure around the management of art and collectible wealth.

Adriano Picinati di Torcello

Adriano Picinati di Torcello leads art and finance activities within Deloitte Luxembourg, an initiative he has been coordinating since its beginning. Adriano also coordinates the development of the Art & Finance activities at the Deloitte group level. He has played a key role in the

Luxembourg government's decision to set up a Freeport for the storage of valuable goods operational since 2014. Deeply involved in creating awareness on the subject of art and finance, Adriano initiated the international Deloitte Art & Finance Conference that has become the annual benchmark event in the field. He has also developed Art & Finance seminars for professionals seeking hands-on guidance through the global art market and is the co-author of the Deloitte and ArtTactic Art & Finance Report. Being the spokesman of the Art & Finance initiative within Deloitte, he regularly speaks at national and international conferences.


This free event is presented by Broward Cultural Division at ArtServe in Fort Lauderdale (1350 E. Sunrise Blvd.) Seating is limited, and RSVPs are strongly advised: InvestingInArt.eventbrite.com. 



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BUILDING AND KEEPING A GREAT TEAM

FLEXIBILITY AND COMMUNICATION ARE KEY

Heading into the second half of 2018 our economy continues to excel in most sectors with steady unemployment figures and a continued battle for talent. We continue to watch pressure on companies looking for talent. In a region rich with both domestic and international economic output, the currency of talent is golden. In order to retain and recruit employees companies must be creative.

What we are hearing is salary is one issue, but there are others that we have all heard about. Flexible work schedules, incentive plans, benefits beyond health and vacation—all of these are basic to the package for attracting and keeping employees.

Constant communications and clarity of purpose are essential to successful relationships with your team. Make sure to tell them how much you value them and what they do. Show interest in their family. Schedule team outings when you can. Team lunches or celebrations beyond the traditional make a big impact, too.

One of the most powerful tools you can deploy is Management By Walking Around (MBWA). Take routine walks through different parts of the office. Spend time talking to individuals about their work.

Learn more about what difficulties they have. Do they need a new chair? Is their computer acting up? Is the office too cold? Show interest in the little things. It will make a big difference in how they perceive you.

The key is you must be genuine. This is not the time to be obsequious. Most of us can spot a fake. If you have to force it better not try this.

If you are successful in life and your career, chances are you have a level of self-confidence that can sometimes be mistaken for egotism. Humility in a person is grand. Self-deprecation works too in small doses.

I find it essential to maintain a friendship with someone who calls you on your baloney. My wife is one such friend. She tells me when I get too big for my britches—“You’re not the Mayor of Fort Lauderdale, Dan,” she says.


Lastly, be steadfast and persistent in training, nurturing, supporting and recognizing your team. Take a bullet for them if needed. Surrounding yourself with great talent is only good if they are willing to go into battle with you. 



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BEAUTIFUL BEACH, NAVIGABLE RIVERS, AND OCEAN VIEWS

Location, location, location, the mantra of every realtor everywhere, steadfastly holds true in South Florida, where the scenic beaches are listed among the top 15 in the United States. With an average of 246 sunny days per year and plenty of oceanfront accommodations, food and beverage establishments, and entertainment options, Fort Lauderdale Beach became a magnet for tourists and full- or part-time residents, long before Fort Lauderdale was made famous in the 1960 film, “Where the Boys Are,” and concerted efforts over the years, like beach revitalization and successful marketing campaigns like Hello Sunny, continue to promote our sandy shores and attract a global audience that contributes significantly to the local economy.

Of course, there is no beautiful beach destination without the shimmering Atlantic Ocean, which truly is an incomparable community asset. No matter if you are riding the waves on a longboard, trolling the seas in a center console, or boarding a cruise ship to the Caribbean from Port Everglades, the water is really where its at. Waders, swimmers, snorkelers, and divers alike are drawn to the water to personally explore and discover everything from the shells that wash upon its shore to the mysteries buried in its darkest depths. With the third-largest barrier coral reef in the world mere miles from our shoreline, the Marine Research Hub of South Florida strives to help universities uncover promising solutions to sustainable ocean health and improvements to the human condition.

The marine industry also owes a portion of its success

to the navigable, commercial rivers and waterways that are dotted with marine-based businesses that contribute to an \$11.5 billion regional economic impact and support 136,000 jobs. A recent study by Thomas J. Murray & Associates confirmed that South Florida waterways are home to the world’s highest concentration of yachts over 80’, which sustain the cluster of workforce talent and broad-based services the yachting world has come to expect here. Additionally, the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show – the largest in-water boat show in the world, spans seven waterfront sites along the Intracoastal Waterway, welcomes more than 105,000 visitors from about 52 countries, and contributes \$857 million to the State economy.

It is not enough to say that the beaches and the water are main South Florida attractions that draw global visitors without admitting that we sometimes take for granted, the intrinsic value of Port Everglades, the Fort Lauderdale International Airport, and the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, which lands a thousand private jets during the five days of the boat show and serves more than 150,000 aircraft operations a year, making it the eighth busiest general aviation center in the United States.

Situated between stylish Palm Beach and culturally-diverse Miami-Dade, Broward County is the physical epicenter of regionalism in South Florida. It is an important and powerful position for business,

community, and government leaders, as they collectively hold the keys to managing the development and planning the infrastructure needs that will be required to leverage our strength as a region, accommodating population growth that further connects our communities, yet maintaining distinct and purposeful county identities.


From 2020 to 2045, Broward County’s population is estimated to increase from approximately 2.0 million to 2.7 million, and Palm Beach’s and Miami-Dade’s populations could increase by 600,000 and 1.4 million, respectively. With nearly three million more residents living in the South Florida region in the next 25 years, real estate will likely be at a premium and location could become more important than ever before. 



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SLOW BURN HITS THEIR MARK

LOCAL THEATER COMPANY GROWS UP

Let us start with the song “When I Grow Up” from the musical *Matilda*. In this song, the children sing about their hopes for adulthood, which they are delightfully unaware what being an adult actually entails. The Slow Burn Theatre Company was once those children who have now quickly grown up.

Many people may think the Slow Burn Theatre Company is an actual theater or the name of a particular theater at the Broward Center. They are not. The Slow Burn Theatre Company formed, like any good business to fill a need that was not being met. Matthew Korinko and Patrick Fitzwater moved down to South Florida from St. Louis in 2008. Once settled in, they wanted to try to find a smaller theater company that did lesser-known musicals. As Korinko explains, “We wanted to do musicals that had limited runs on Broadway. The ones that weren’t hugely popular but were still really good and that explored contemporary issues. In our search, we couldn’t find anybody that did those kind of shows with any kind of consistency. So one night we decided to try it ourselves and be the company that does those shows in South Florida.” Therefore, in the summer of 2009, the flame was lit, and Slow Burn was born.

Next Slow Burn went in search of a venue that turned out to be a Goldilocks situation. There were locations that were too big for the size of productions they wanted to do, and the smaller theaters already had a theater company locked into the location. “So we ended up getting into a high school theater, which seemed safer at the time, then trying to get into a big venue,” explained Fitzwater. Thus Slow Burn’s first five seasons were held at the West Boca Performing Arts Theater at West Boca Community High School.

Slow Burn has definitely graduated from high school. It was supposed to be a theater production company doing small, unique musicals, and that is what it started out to be. “However, fortunately, and unfortunately, it takes a turn, and we did not start out wanting to do blockbusters, and now we are doing blockbusters,” exclaimed Fitzwater. “We still are doing contemporary musicals, we never said we were going to do the forgotten musicals, it is more of the shows that didn’t get a fair shake and may have been overlooked or overshadowed. Maybe we’ve gone more with title recognition, but we haven’t moved away from contemporary musicals,” confirmed Korinko.



Scene from *Disaster! The Musical*

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“The Broward Center asked us early in our run at the high school to come to join them; we just didn’t have the resources at the time to make that move happen. We were very interested. Therefore, we eventually did a few smaller shows at the Broward Center and the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center – to test the waters, while we were still doing shows at the high school,” explained Fitzwater. This was also a test to see if their audience would follow them – and they did. However, the audience and the company has evolved over the years. “We



Scene from the musical *Memphis*

started seeing a much broader audience. People still get confused because now we are doing shows right alongside *Wicked* and *Hamilton*, so people think we are simply the next tour that is in town. It has been a hard message to get out that we are a small homegrown theater company. We appreciate that they think it is a Broadway-caliber production, which is also the reason it has been a fundraising nightmare because people don’t understand that this a small organization (three full-time employees). From the outside looking in, people think it is the Broward Center covering the cost of these productions, and that is not the case,” said Fitzwater. *Slow Burn* incurs half of all the cost of renting the theater, building sets, and hiring actors, etc.


The most significant growth challenge has been on the business side. Korinko started, “Most theater companies have this staff who are a mix of business types and creative types and take on the world.” While Fitzwater concluded, “But we were two creative types, and the world took us on. All of a sudden, we had to retro-fit ourselves to the business side as we have grown. In fact, we just hired a managing director, and that is something we should have done years ago.”

Quality productions have been a mainstay of *Slow Burn* from the start. “We said to actors back when we started, when we couldn’t pay actors much, ‘we are going to make sure you are going to be proud to act in this show. It’s going to be a show you are going to want to invite your friends and family to,’ – that we could promise actors. We couldn’t always promise incredible pay, especially at the beginning, now we are getting very competitive. But no matter the bottom line, they will always be proud to be in any of our shows,” beamed Korinko.

The number of individuals that audition for their productions demonstrates the growth and respect of *Slow Burn*. At their first shows, they saw maybe 35-40 actors audition, now that number, including video submissions, is over 600. As they have increased

the number of shows each year and their production schedule is more demanding, the value of seasoned actors becomes more important. Maybe in the past, they could do more hand-holding of actors, but to uphold the quality of their productions they need to go with actors who can assimilate quickly. It’s a natural evolution of any successful theater production company – grow or become extinct. Some actors miss the “good old days” when it felt like a small family. But Fitzwater and Korinko wouldn’t begrudge any actor from moving on from *Slow Burn* to starring on Broadway, just as the original actors and fans should be excited that *Slow Burn* has moved onto bigger productions.

Korinko marveled at the rise of *Slow Burn*, “I don’t think anyone in their right mind would have said that in six years of starting *Slow Burn* we are going to be partnering with the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. You don’t dream a dream that big - or maybe you do. However, that wasn’t our intention.” If they had tried to plan this trajectory, it probably would not have worked out as well as it did. These two individuals worked on something they loved and let it grow organically. “We never thought that far ahead. In fact, we haven’t had time ever to sit back and think it wasn’t supposed to be this big,” concluded Fitzwater.

So let us close with a song title, from the smash hit *Hamilton*, Patrick Fitzwater and Matthew Korinko, “History Has Its Eyes On You.” 

Small Business Stats

SLOW BURN THEATRE COMPANY

Founders: Patrick Fitzwater & Matthew Korinko

Year Founded: 2009

Number of Employees: 3

Address: 201 SW 5th Avenue | Fort Lauderdale, FL

Phone: (954) 323-7884

Website: www.slowburntheatre.org

Next Production: *Rock of Ages*, June 14 - July 1



BY STACY RITTER

President/CEO, Greater Fort Lauderdale
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RELAX AND ENJOY OUR SUMMERTIME SPACES

WHERE TO GO & WHAT TO DO

Summertime brings about something magical in the Greater Fort Lauderdale area. Summer-inspired activities and sunshine settings become a utopia of fresh air, abundant activities and positive vibes. Summer is also a time to enjoy the laid-back pleasure of the destination's many waterfront communities for day to dusk fun. Here are some ideas of things to do to kick-off your summer season.

All along the Broward coastline, the inspiration for summer pursuits comes easily. Aside from enjoying our 23 miles of certified Blue Wave beaches Greater Fort Lauderdale offers a variety of colorful neighborhoods with shopping, art, and indoor and outdoor restaurants and cafes for cool libations and the time to relax and savor your surroundings.

Hollywood Beach is an area equally attractive for families as the bikini set. Full of character and charm, Hollywood Beach features the popular Boardwalk, brimming with entertainment, where visitors can stroll, rollerblade or cycle and easily find a café to enjoy some tropical cuisine and watch the waves roll in.

From there, you can hop on the trolley and make your way to Arts Park in Young Circle, a central location where culture and cuisine combine for easy going activities, such as taking an art class for the day and celebrating your masterpiece over drinks and dinner. If


you enjoy live music, check out the iconic beach venue bandshell in south Broward, which offers outstanding free band performance events in its open-air theater, typically 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. most Wednesdays to Sundays.

Further north, Pompano Beach, named after the saltwater fish found in Florida's Atlantic waters, is another community boasting plenty to do for everyone. Recently named, *20 Best Places To Go* in 2018 by Money Magazine, Pompano Beach features a growing arts and culture scene, and some of the country's best scuba diving sites, pristine beaches, picture-perfect coastal views and a charming lighthouse museum, proving Pompano Beach's appeal as one of Greater Fort Lauderdale's gem destinations.

The area is also known for its growing craft brew scene with many popular neighborhood breweries. The list includes Banging Banjo, Pompano Beach's first craft microbrewery; 26 Degree Brewing Co., named after the 26th parallel north line of latitude where it sits; Holy Mackerel, brewing Belgian-style ales and newcomer Odd Breed Wild Ales, which has been recognized as Best New Brewery in 2018 by 10Best.com. Those looking for something especially unique also can head to Broski Ciderworks for a selection of refreshing fruit-forward, gluten-free ciders.

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Whether you have golden beaches on your mind, want to dance the night away at a water-front music concert or just want to settle in with friends with a refreshing microbrew in hand, Greater Fort Lauderdale has it all at your fingertips this summer. 



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The absolute last deadline to file for all 2018 exemptions is September 18, 2018.

Meet Our Mobile Exemption & Information Team

The Broward County Property Appraiser's Office has a group of representatives visiting homeowner and community groups around Broward County to educate property owners about the role of our office and provide important tax-saving information. To find out when we will be assisting residents and property owners in your community, simply visit our event calendar online at www.bcpa.net/Events.asp. If you would like a representative to attend one of your meetings or events, please contact Michael Clark, Mobile Exemption & Information Team (MEIT) Manager, at 954.357.6905 or mclark@bcpa.net.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 954.357.6904 or by email at martykiar@bcpa.net. ☎



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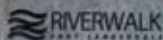
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GOOGLE TECHNOLOGY COMES TO THE WATERS OF FORT LAUDERDALE

WRITER PETE STEVENSON

Everybody and I mean everybody has used Google Maps Street View. We have all used Google Street View to look at photos of our home. Hopefully, the Google car passed by on a day when our front lawns were tidy. Google's Street View has recorded millions of miles on all seven continents and in more than 65 countries with high-powered cameras to capture amazing views that some of us will never have the chance to see in person. Now that technology is coming to the waters of Fort Lauderdale with -Waterway View and its companion mobile app. Waterway View is a fully functioning Google Maps Street View for the water. This will give boaters direct

access to information as they journey the intracoastal waters. Not only will this generate a thorough visual map covering over a 140 nautical miles along the Intracoastal Waterway but it will also offer the opportunity for businesses to reach customers on their boats. Waterway View imaging began in February and completed in May. The entire Intracoastal Waterway is captured, from the northern Palm Beach County line south to Key Largo.

Admit it we have all dragged that little yellow map guy onto streets we grew up to see what has changed or to the front of a business we have never been to before. Well, now we can drag the little map guy into the water. Don't worry he will not drown. The Google Street View "blue line" will follow the waterway, assisting you to select destinations with the benefit of visual familiarization anywhere along the mapped waterways. The actual Waterway View app will provide even more information than just viewing through your desktop browser. The Waterway View app will be a valuable new resource for the boating lifestyle, connecting boaters, visitors and even non-boaters with restaurants, marinas, fuel docks, landmarks, and a wide variety of services.

Greater Fort Lauderdale - with 300 miles of






waterways and 40,000 resident yachts, also known as the Venice of America, and home to the World's Largest Boat Show is the perfect location to launch this form of technology. However, this type of undertaking cannot be done alone or at least is best accomplished in partnership. That is why the Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF), the largest marine trade organization in the Southeast United States, is working in partnership with the region's certified Google Street View content provider to make sure all aspects of boating in Fort Lauderdale was taken into consideration. As Phil Purcell, CEO/President of MIASF, points out, "This is an incredible opportunity to add another tool to the toolkit of the marine industry in South Florida, which employs 136,000 people and produces an annual economic impact of 11.5 billion dollars."

Since Google does not own boats, though we know they can afford it, the local mapping boats were provided

by Boat Owners Warehouse and MarineMax. Similar to Google Street View vehicles, the boats were fitted with 360-degree cameras providing panoramic views.

This app and functionality will increase the awareness of our amazing Intracoastal Waterway, to local boaters, non-boaters and visitors alike. Now anyone can plot a day out on the water in advance through a visual familiarization of local boating hotspots and boating-friendly businesses.

Waterfront and land-based businesses have the opportunity to promote their businesses to the boating public through this Waterway View program. Visit MIASF.org for details or call the project administrator at 941-451-6740. The Waterway View app is a free download from the Apple App and Google Play stores, and on MIASF's website, MIASF.org. A web-based version of the mobile app will be available to the public beginning in March and continually updated as more content is added . 



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ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK TO MAKE OUR BEACH WORLD-CLASS

FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH – A PLACE TO PLAY, VISIT AND KEEP CLEAN

WRITER PETE STEVENSON



PHOTO BY PETE STEVENSON

Fort Lauderdale Beach represents a distinct convergence of elements. It combines stunning vistas, exciting activities, and unique businesses. There are parks, and world-renowned hotels, shopping and entertainment, and a beach culture enjoyed by all who visit, work and live here. However, to keep this balance in harmony, it takes many people organized in the form of volunteer, governmental and business organizations. The following are just a few of the many groups that keep making Fort Lauderdale Beach better:

Ocean Conservancy

Even though the Ocean Conservancy is a national organization, its local impact is important in keeping our beach clean and raising awareness to the fragile beach environment. The Ocean Conservancy works with millions of volunteers of all ages, from all around the world, on their International Coastal Cleanup—something they have been doing for more than 30 years. The Cleanup takes place in over 104 countries around the world and usually on the 3rd Saturday of September. Fort Lauderdale and Broward County participate in the annual International Coastal Cleanup, every year. The 33rd Annual Coastal Cleanup is tentatively scheduled for September 15, 2018, from 9 am until noon.

Last year over 1600 people volunteered their time to help clean the beaches in Broward County as part of the annual cleanup. They collected over 8,000 pounds of trash from 13 locations. An estimated 75,000 pieces of debris were picked up with the number one trash item being some form of plastic.

Beach Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) – From The City of Fort Lauderdale Website

The City of Fort Lauderdale is well aware of the value and importance of the beach to the Greater Fort Lauderdale Metropolitan Area.

That is why the City of Fort Lauderdale established the Beach Community Redevelopment Plan in 1989.

This plan establishes goals and objectives for the redevelopment of the Central Beach area. It is the framework that directs the financing, implementation strategies, management and administration of the plan. The plan has an end date of 2020, which has been tasked with the following goals. Many have been completed, and others are ongoing.

Redevelopment Goals

- Eliminate any conditions of blight that are currently found in the area.
- Provide for a mix of land use that will foster family activity and recreation in the Central Beach area, and provide opportunities for tourist-related facilities and activities.
- Stimulate the redevelopment of the core area as a catalyst for the revitalization of the entire Central Beach area.
- Maintain public access to the Central Beach and Intracoastal Waterway.
- Provide for the resiliency of the public infrastructure in response to impacts of climate change and sea-level.

Redevelopment Objectives

- Enhance the resort image of Fort Lauderdale Beach as a place for tourists and conference groups.
- Make Fort Lauderdale Beach an integral part of the City for use by residents.
- Improve the transportation and mobility options within and through the Central Beach area to include bicycles, pedestrians, transit, micro-transit, water-taxi, automobiles and other alternatives.
- Create and enhance a positive visual and physical image of the Central Beach.
- Provide for an active pedestrian environment throughout the Central Beach area, particularly between the Intracoastal Waterway and the Central Beach.
- Improve inadequate public infrastructure for resiliency in response to the anticipated impacts of climate change and sea-level rise.

PHOTOS BY JASON LEIDY



The Beach Business Improvement District (BID)


The role of the Beach BID is to monitor the progress of and make recommendations on services, enhancements and special programs and events. Initially, like most cities that have BIDs, they focus on issues of safety and cleanliness in and around the beach community. However, as Fort Lauderdale Beach has grown much cleaner and safer over the years, “the BID has morphed more into an organization that focuses on marketing and



promoting the area for a greater beach experience,” said the Chair of the BID, Eduardo Fernandez. In fact, the Fort Lauderdale BID has funded a variety of initiatives that benefit both beach and businesses alike. An example of this was the recent Beach Volleyball Major Series, part of the international FIVB Volleyball World League. Not only was this a family-friendly event, but it also brought significant international exposure to Fort Lauderdale. The BID also looks at ways to improve the beach so that more organizations will consider Fort Lauderdale Beach.

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce – Beach Council

The mission of the Beach Council is to “Champion the beach through collaborative relationships to encourage responsible growth and to actively pursue achievable common goals.”

This idea came to fruition in the re-lighting of the Fort Lauderdale Beach Wave Wall where the Beach Council became the conduit between the Public and Private sector. The Council is focused on continuing this trend by beginning the dialogue on BIDs, or Business Improvement Districts. This vehicle allows business owners near the beach to band together to better their demographic area by such activities as landscaping, security, tourist information, cleaning, and participation with others in identifying means to address coastal resilience. 



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FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH — CLEAN AND SAFE

COMPILED BY PETE STEVENSON

CLEAN - We know that you would not think of throwing trash into your backyard. Our beach is our city's backyard. As neighbors, we all share the beach, and we also share it with local and migrating wildlife and millions of visitors. So we all need to work together to keep it clean.

Fort Lauderdale Beach was the first Blue Wave certified beach in Florida. To maintain certification Blue Wave advocates preserving the natural beauty of our beaches, and promotes ethics, including providing for

proper waste disposal, exercise, dune protection, visitor safety information, healthy consumption of fish and seafood, spaces for relaxation and respect for the ocean's power.

The Clean Beaches Coalition is a "network of coastal organizations and individuals committed to promoting clean, healthy and well-managed beaches around the world." They administer the Blue Wave Program, which is our nation's first environmental certification for beaches, and they also run National Clean Beaches Week which is an "earth day for beaches" celebrated at the beginning of each July.

Enjoy clean, safe, user-friendly Florida beaches.

Hollywood, Dania Beach, Deerfield Beach, Pompano Beach, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, and Fort Lauderdale are proud to have been continuously certified as Blue Wave Beaches by the Clean Beaches Council of Washington DC since 1999.

With its makeover and clean up from a college student Mecca to a family-friendly clientele complete, Fort Lauderdale has been transformed into a chic beach destination, with luxe properties dotting the beachfront skyline to Las Olas Boulevard for casually chic shopping and dining scene, Fort Lauderdale Beach has some of the best people-watching in South Florida. Moreover, don't forget to stroll, jog, or blade along the palm tree-fringed, brick-lined beachfront promenade.

SAFE- Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue supervises three miles of continuous public beach from the South Beach Picnic Area up to and including the beach in front of Hugh Taylor Birch State Park. In the guarded areas of the beach, there are 20 year-round, permanently staffed lifeguard towers spaced between 200 and 400 yards apart. There are also as many as ten temporary-auxiliary stands that are used during the peak season, special events and holidays. The lifeguard towers are staffed from 9:45 am to 5:00 pm daily.

In the lifeguard-supervised areas of Fort Lauderdale Beach, drowning is rare. Most water-related fatalities occur in unsupervised waters distant from lifeguard towers. Accident prevention is the key to your safety. This website will help you become "Ocean Smart" with important tips that experienced ocean swimmers, as well as leisurely beachgoers, need to know.

You will also learn about Fort Lauderdale Ocean



PHOTO BY JASON LEIDY

Rescue, proudly serving Greater Fort Lauderdale and our visitors since 1926.

Please remember that the beach is an alcohol-free area for your safety and enjoyment. Ocean conditions can change quickly. Check with the lifeguard on duty if you are unsure of safe conditions. Swim only in front of a lifeguard-protected area; the ocean is always potentially hazardous.

You can also call the Beach Conditions Hotline anytime at 954-828-4597 (updated daily).

See the Fort Lauderdale Beach Live Beach Webcams (courtesy of www.sunny.org).

Beach Warning Flag Meanings



GREEN FLAGS - Low Hazard. Conditions are calm; normal care and caution should be exercised.



YELLOW FLAGS - Moderately Hazardous Conditions. Moderate currents and/or surf are present; use extra care.



RED FLAGS - Very Hazardous Conditions. Rough surf and/or strong currents exist; swimmers are strongly discouraged from entering the water.



DOUBLE RED FLAGS - Closed to the Public. The water and/or beach are closed to the public due to severe currents and/or surf, water pollution, the threat of lightning, or the presence of predatory fish.



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PRIVATE EYES

A PEEK INSIDE THE PILLARS HOTEL

WRITERS PENNY SANFILIPPO AND JONNY ALTOBELL – THE UGLY SISTERS


Just imagine Fort Lauderdale in the time before – well – before it became FT LAUDERDALE. “Where the Boys Are,” the 1960’s film with scenes in the Elbo Room, and a beach both smaller and less developed than in 2018. A1A is a semi-sleepy route by the ocean, as the north/south road division required because of increased traffic had not yet occurred. So much has changed, and yet some things remain.

Today, running parallel to the Intracoastal Waterway is Birch Road – and off that, is a small gem of a property called the Pillars Hotel, where time stops. Whether a guest on the property or a member of the “Dining Club,” this is a step back and forward at the same time. If this is too existential, you can skip to the business pages in this magazine. If not, read on.

Entrance is through the hotel lobby, and there are seats for maybe 30 or so in the inside dining/bar area. However, it is the outside that beckons. Our tour of the elegant 18 room hotel premises was conducted by the ever-so-charming GM, Gui Goncalves, and he underscored the Pillars focus on the guest and member experience. We passed the sparkling water of a large heated pool and headed for the dock where tasteful “cabanas” shelter tables that can be arranged to seat up to 60 guests. The overlook is breathtaking – especially at sunset – as the hotel does not allow boat docking and guests get a clear view of the



Intracoastal as well as the western sky. Sit at the slightly elevated “landing” at the light up table for a visual treat after dark.

The menus change daily, and since it is a small kitchen (by restaurant standards), the chef is free to choose what appeals to him. The average cover is around \$40.00. So why haven’t we *all* eaten here multiple times? Because you have to know someone; this is a private dining club with membership required. It is, however, worth the effort to enjoy the multiple dining experiences. You might have an evening with live Brazilian music, or opera with your dinner. Monday’s during the season are International Days, and this year had some Korean favorites in the mix. If you are lucky enough to know a member – treat them to dinner at the Pillars- and then beg for a reference so you can join too. Alternatively, you could treat yourself to a mini “staycation” to relax and eat well. This experience is unique in a city that doesn’t do ordinary. 



WRITERS RENÉE K. QUINN,
PENNY SANFILIPPO and JONNY ALTOBELL



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Las Olas Wine and Food Winners

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B MAGICAL DINING

DIVE INTO THE WRECK BAR

WRITER JASON LEIDY

A historic property on Fort Lauderdale beach offers underwater magic to enhance your dining experience. The iconic property formerly known as the Yankee Clipper has undergone several renovations in the past eight years. The most recent renovation since re-opening as the B Ocean Resort features multiple dining options now under the leadership of Executive Chef, David Morales and one stands out for its underwater tiki weekend vibe. The world-famous Wreck Bar is well known for its sunken ship décor with a dining area surrounded by fish tanks. Moreover, all this beneath an eye-catching row of “porthole windows” behind the bar with a view in to one of the hotel pools. For the past 11 years, MeduSerina and her pod of Aquaticats have delighted visitors and locals alike with their magical appearances in the undersea performance space viewed through the porthole windows.

The mermaid programs have traditionally run Friday and Saturday evenings. Due to popularity, they have grown from the Friends and Family Show at 6:15 and a Dinner Show at 8:30 pm to include an adults-only Aqua Burlesque Show at 10:30 pm. Reservations are highly recommended, and seating begins early, so plan on a leisurely pace as the magic unfolds. After taking in the surroundings, guests can dive into a seasonally changing dinner menu with Shared Plates, Tapas, Salads, Burgers, and Sandwiches along with delicious signature tiki cocktails. Chef Morales sources his menu locally in South Florida, using fresh seafood and produce from local farms.

The newest addition to the underwater magic lineup was introduced in March on Sundays and is pitched as the Mermaids, and Mimosas Brunch from 11 am to 3 pm. Adult guests can enjoy bottomless bubbles and the bloody mary bar. Guests are welcome to partake from the Unlimited Raw Bar featuring Blue Point Oysters, Snow Crab, and Chilled Shrimp. The luxurious buffet stations offer items like Prosciutto San Danielle, Bonne Bucherondin (Goat Milk) Cheese, Smoked Salmon, carved on demand Sea Salt Crusted Prime Rib, and an Omelet Station in addition to a Crudos and Ceviche Bar. A la carte Brunch items and shared Seafood Towers for 2 – 6 people are also options. A kids buffet is available at a reduced rate for guests 12 and under. 🍹



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www.goriverwalk.com/events/greater-fort-lauderdale-event-calendar

GENERAL EVENTS

The Emperor of the Moon

Through June 3
 A hilarious and thought-provoking farce by England's first professional female playwright
 The Vanguard Theatre
 Thinking Cap Theatre Company
 (954) 610-7263
www.vanguardarts.org

Victor/Victoria

Through June 10
 Based on the beloved 1982 film by the same name
 Broward Stage Door Theatre
 (954) 344-7665
www.stagedoorfl.org

Art-Chitecture

Through June 15
 The many facets of architecture as seen through the eyes of an artist
 Broward Art Guild
 (954) 537-3370
www.browardartguild.org

What the Deep Blue Sea Say

Through June 26
 Sara Macel's Photography Explores her Grandmother's Hidden Past
 Bailey Contemporary Arts
 (954) 284-0141
www.baileyarts.org

Carnival & Cabaret

Through June 30
 Exploring the flamboyant festivals in Venice, Rio and New Orleans as seen by porcelain artists from Europe
 Wiener Museum of Decorative Arts
 (954) 376-6690
www.wmoda.com

From Door To Door

Through July 1
 Follows the journey of three women over 70 years
 Broward Stage Door Theatre
 (954) 344-7665
www.stagedoorfl.org

Trans Cuba

Through July 15
 Documenting the lives of trans women in the island nation
 Stonewall National Museum
 (954) 763-8565
www.stonewall-museum.org

The Wizard of Oz

Through Aug. 18
 A multi-sensory exploration of the iconic Land of Oz
 The Frank Gallery
 (954) 392-2120
www.thefrankgallery.org

Shania Twain

June 1
 Shania Now Tour
 BB&T Center
 (800) 745-3000
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Art-Chitecture - Reception

June 2
 The many facets of architecture as seen through the eyes of an artist
 Broward Art Guild
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Sinatra Night - Eliot Weisman

June 2
 Book signing with Frank Sinatra's former manager
 Bilotta Gallery
 (954) 626-0410
www.bilottagallery.com



Angels for Angels Charity Ball

June 2
 To benefit the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics
 W Fort Lauderdale Beach Hotel
 (305) 924-1601
www.cureangelman.org

Black & Blue Dine Around Event

June 3
 A gourmet dining experience
 The Galleria Mall
 (954) 616-1074
www.victoryliving.org

Fort Lauderdale Story Slam

June 8
 A storytelling contest featuring both novice and experienced storytellers
 Vanguard Sanctuary for the Arts
 (954) 540-9897
www.worldandeye.com

I Am the Elephant

June 8
 Using Art to Involve Discussion with Niki Lopez
 Old Dillard Museum
 (754) 322-8828

South Florida Pride Wind Ensemble

June 9
 Cartoon Classics
 Broward Center for the Performing Arts
 (954) 462-0222
www.pridewindensemble.org

Butterfly Gardening Workshop

June 9
 Learn how to start your own butterfly garden!
 Butterfly World
 (954) 977-4434
www.butterflyworld.com

Two on Tap

June 10
 Taking audience back to the era of Fred & Ginger
 Sunrise Civic Center
 (954) 747-4646
www.sunrisefl.gov

A Taste of Italy

June 12
 16th Annual Dinner & Wine Auction
 Casa D'Angelo Ristorante
 PACE Center for Girls
 (954) 561-6939
www.pacecenter.org

Rock of Ages - Slow Burn Theatre Company

June 14 - July 1
 An arena-rock love story
 Broward Center for the Performing Arts
 (954) 353-0746
www.slowburntheatre.org

Mr. Parker

June 14 - July 15
 What starts out as a one night stand becomes a journey of self-discovery
 Island City Stage
 (954) 519-2533
www.islandcitystage.org

Nicole Henry - South Florida Jazz

June 16
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www.southfloridajazz.org

Wilton Manors Stonewall Pride Parade & Festival

June 16
 Featuring a parade, music, vendor booths and a festival
 Wilton Drive
 (754) 200-2979
www.wiltonmanorsstonewall.com

Maroon 5

June 17
 Featuring hits and songs from their new album Red Pill Blues
 BB&T Center
 (800) 745-3000
www.thebbtcenter.com

Annual Caregiver Symposium

June 22
 Focusing on improving the quality of life for caregivers
 Nova Southeastern University
 (954) 484-7117
www.theSoFIA.org



Bold Voices

June 23
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 Parker Playhouse
 (954) 763-2266
gaymenschorusofsouthflorida.org

Daryl Hall & John Oats and Train

June 24
 The award winning artists join up for a co-headline tour
 BB&T Center
 (800) 745-3000
www.thebbtcenter.com



Full Moon Party

June 28
 Honoring Genia Duncan Ellis, Katie Torres & John Haley
 The Atlantic Hotel
 (954) 561-5559
www.covenanthousefl.org

Caribbean Comedy Night

June 29
 A fun filled evening of top comic talent
 Miramar Cultural Center
 (954) 602-4500
www.miramarculturalcenter.org

Boy George and Culture Club

July 1
 With The B-52's and the Thompson Twins' Tom Bailey
 Pompano Beach Amphitheater
 (888) 929-7849
www.theamppompano.org

The Charlie Daniels Band

July 3
 Headlining the Red White & Brews festival
 Charles F. Dodge City Center
 Pembroke Pines
 (954) 392-9480
www.charlesfdodgecitycenter.com

Summer Sizzle Salon - Reception

July 7
 A creative mix of artistic styles
 Broward Art Guild
 (954) 537-3370
www.browardartguild.org

SOS Ocean Conservation Day

July 13
 A free and educational event for the whole family
 Jaco Pastorius Park
 (754) 246-4848
www.stokedonsalt.com

Symphony of the Americas Summerfest

July 14
 Spend the summer with the symphony for FREE
 Miramar Cultural Center
 (954) 602-4500
www.symphonyoftheamericas.org

Beauty & The Beast

July 14-15
 Step into the enchanted world of Broadway's modern classic
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ARTSERVE
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Cold Reading Workshop
June 2
A one-day only adult acting workshop

DBA: Avante Garde Gallery Reception
June 7
10th anniversary of the distinguished artist collective

Art & Finance report - A Closer Look At The Growing Art & Finance industry
June 20
"Deloitte Luxembourg Director, Mr Adriano Picinati di Torcello"

DBA: Avante Garde
Through June 22
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Modern Dance with Shawna Bowden
Saturdays
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HeartServe YOGA at ArtServe
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A Conversation with President Bill Clinton and James Patterson
June 12
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Audra McDonald
June 13
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The Illusionists
June 19-24
Seven of the most incredible illusionists on earth

Casey James
June 22
The American Idol finalist performs songs from his new album


Bring It! LIVE
June 30
Straight out of the Dollhouse Dance Factory, the show features high energy routines

Beres Hammond
July 6
All the Love Tour

The Greatest Love of All: The Whitney Houston Show
July 13
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Shirley Casear
July 15
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Pamir Guanchez and His Latin Flow
June 1
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School of Rock
June 8
Kicking off the summer with some great music

The Fabulons
June 15
Performing music from the 50's through the 80's


Gypsy Rose
June 22
Performing your favorite disco hits



Guavatron
June 29
Performing a mix of dance, rock and jazzy tunes




Spred the Dub
July 6
Good Time Reggae Music




Young Trees
July 13
Performing original works and a blend of pop, folk and world music


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Harry Connick, Jr.
June 3
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Hulk Hogan & Rick Flair
June 9
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Tyler Henry - The Hollywood Medium
June 23
5 Life Lessons I've Learned From The Departed show




Donnie & Marie
June 28
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Poison and Cheap Trick
July 1
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Pandas 3D
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IMAX @ Museum of Discovery and Science

Backyard Wilderness 3D
Through Feb. 14
IMAX @ Museum of Discovery and Science

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Art of Wine and Food Series
June 7
June's theme is Red, White and Wine

Creativity Exploration
June 9
June's topic is Connections and Creations

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Through July 8

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www.riverwalkwatertrolley.com

Broward County Parks & Recreation Guided Nature Walks

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www.broward.org

Heart Serve YOGA at ArtServe

Sundays
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ArtServe
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**Sunday Jazz Brunch**

First Sunday of the month
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Riverwalk Park
City of Fort Lauderdale
(954) 828-5363
www.fortlauderdale.gov

Memoir Writing with Anita Mitchell

First Monday of the month
Broward County Main Library
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Genealogy Club

Fourth Monday of the month
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El Club

Tuesdays
Broward County Main Library
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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

Networking Social

Third Tuesday of the month
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443
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Open Mic Tuesdays

Fourth Tuesday of the month
ArtServe
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English Café

Wednesdays
Broward County Main Library
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Full Exposure Photography Club

Wednesdays
Broward County Main Library
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Evening Observations

Wednesdays
Explore the stars and the universe
Buehler Planetarium, Broward
College Central Campus
(954) 201-6681
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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

CALM - Coloring for Adults

Thursdays
Broward County Main Library
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Third Thursday Cooking Series

Third Thursday of the month
A program of monthly cooking classes that are free and open to the public.
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Ranger Guided Walks

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

Fridays and Saturdays
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park
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First Friday Jazz Jam

First Friday of the month
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First Friday Piano Bar

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Arc Broward wrapped up their Traveling Plate dinner series at the historic Parker Playhouse. Students from Arc Culinary worked alongside the newly promoted Executive Chef Juan of Arc Culinary to prep, cook, and serve a meal giving them the hands-on experience. The revenue generated helps students with disabilities and other life challenges transform their lives and build new futures. The Traveling Plate dinner series will continue in the fall.



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28TH ANNUAL FLEET WEEK

Incorporated in 1990, Broward Navy Days, Inc. (BND), was formed under the leadership of Captain Jean Fitzgerald, USN (Ret.), to host an annual Fleet Week celebration at Port Everglades. Fleet Week provided events and shore leave activities for visiting Navy and Coast Guard ships that are part of the U.S. Navy Southern Command and Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale. The celebration and honoring continues.



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PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS BROWARD. 'GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN' BRUNCH RAISES \$50K

PACE Center for Girls Broward attracted more than 200 guests and raised more than \$50,000 at its annual "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Brunch" at Pier Sixty-Six Hotel & Marina. Volunteer leadership, came together with generous sponsors to funds in support of the PACE Broward mission – to give girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training, and advocacy.



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2018 ANNUAL FORT LAUDERDALE FOP POLICE OFFICER MEMORIAL

On April 25th the Fort Lauderdale law enforcement family and community came together to pay tribute to the twelve Fort Lauderdale Police Officers who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving and protecting the citizens of Fort Lauderdale.

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2ND ANNUAL TACO BATTLE & CRAFT BEER FEST

The TACO BATTLE & CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL returned to Esplanade Park in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. The annual battle brought together local restaurants and craft breweries for a challenge that showcased the BEST TACO culinary skills and Brew Masters of South Florida! The Festival was an event for the whole family!



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JOIN THE BREAKFAST CLUB

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Breakfast has always been my favorite meal of the day, and as a long-time resident of Fort Lauderdale and a self-proclaimed foodie, it seemed like the choices were slim... up until recently. I have been thrilled to discover a few

places that are worth sharing:

THE BAKE SHACK

238 South Federal Highway, Dania Beach

The Bake Shack has been open approximately two years now. It is a popular place with locals, and for a good reason; everything is made from scratch. They offer a wide variety of incredibly delicious and unique donuts. My favorite is the peanut butter and jelly donut. They also offer muffins, breads, cookies, sticky buns, cakes, quiche, and occasionally a few gluten free (GF) options. Breakfast selections range from egg sandwiches, chicken and waffles, the Egg Shack (which is their specialty omelette), french toast, pancakes, and more. Bake Shack coffee is made from locally roasted beans courtesy of Victoria Original Italian Coffee Roasters in Dania.

I have to confess that I am a regular here. I have tried numerous offerings on their menu and lately have been obsessed with their pancakes. You can get them plain, or with blueberries, strawberries or chocolate chips. The pancakes cover the entire plate and are light and fluffy, and simply perfect.

The restaurant itself is not a very large space but always seems to be able to accommodate the constant flow of traffic and the staff is big on making you feel welcome and appreciated. The Bake Shack is open for breakfast and lunch. Breakfast can be enjoyed all day.

THE BAKE BAR

3354 North Ocean Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale

I pass this place often when I am driving down Ocean Blvd and finally had the opportunity to stop in for breakfast. It's a quaint, cozy place and has that familiar feeling reminiscent of trattorias in Italy. There is a small "bar" area near the register with seating for two people; the bar wraps around and is adjacent to several lighted food cases which contain some appetizing looking pastries. An adjoining room holds approximately eight tables with varying seating options; and then there is also outside seating in front, in a small patio area.

The owner and his staff are very friendly and engaging and are very accommodating to your needs.

The breakfast menu is small but sufficient. It includes omelets (Simple, Vegetarian, or Ham and Cheese) with a choice of extra toppings for a minimal charge, eggs any style, pancakes, and frittata. There are also some side dishes (crispy bacon, sausage, bread, ham or sautéed spinach). They offer Julius Meinl coffee which is an Austrian brand. It's smooth, aromatic, and lacks the bitter taste that some of the larger chain coffee houses offer. I ordered the frittata with a side of bacon. The frittata consisted of eggs, onions, parmesan cheese and it was unlike any frittata that I've ever had. It was thin, like a pancake, and the texture was similar to that of a pancake. The flavors were subtle and the caramelized onions in it simply enhanced it. The bacon was exceptional with a slight crispiness that was just so pleasing. I look forward to returning to savor some of the other offerings.


The Bake Bar is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. It closes after lunch and reopens at 5 pm for dinner. Currently, the menu is pasta-centered, but the owner plans on changing it in the near future. There are some gluten-free pastry options at present and they will be offering gluten-free pasta shortly.

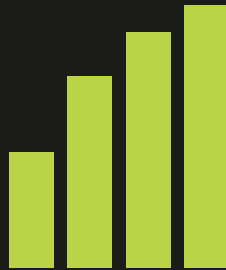
THE LUNCH ROOM

4520 North Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale

I've eaten here many times and can say that the food is consistently good. Everyone is super friendly and the service is usually pretty fast. It's a modern, bright place with seating inside and also outside. They have a refrigerated case up front that holds an array of grab-and-go selections if you are in a hurry: yogurt cups, steel cut oatmeal, chia cup, overnight oats, or a fruit cup. Many of these are gluten-free and/or dairy-free (DF), or vegetarian (V).

They also offer sandwiches, salads and smoothies (the smoothies are GF, DF, and V). My absolute favorite breakfast item here is the B-Fast Mushroom (sauteed mushrooms and shallots, scrambled eggs, fontina and manchego cheese on a pressed hoagie roll). If you want to have your meal without the bread, any sandwich can be made into a bowl. And that's exactly what I do. I order this item served on a bed of mixed greens and it is delicious! The flavors just meld together beautifully.

The Lunch Room is open for breakfast and lunch. It's also a part of the Be Nice restaurant group which includes: Foxy Brown, Red Cow, Coconuts, G&B Oyster Bar, and Top Hat Delicatessen. 



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