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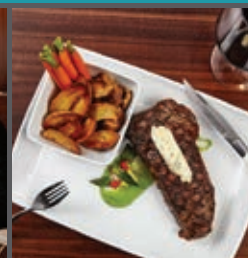


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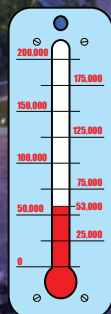
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Throughout the months of August and September, food lovers have the opportunity to taste innovative flavor creations from world-renowned celebrity chefs at sought-after restaurants during Restaurant Months in Greater Fort Lauderdale. During this annual promotion, 50 of Broward County's top restaurants are offering specially created three-course gourmet meals priced from \$35. With more than a dozen participants on Fort Lauderdale Beach, including: **3030 Ocean, Bo's Beach, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., Burlock Coast Seafare & Spirits, Cafe Ibiza, El Vez, Lona Cocina, Naked Crab, S3, Spazio, Steak 954, Steelpan, Tsukuro** and **Wild Thyme Oceanside Eatery**, your special price meal can be twice as nice, with an ocean view.

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MORE TIME & WAYS TO OOH AND AHH



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- 8** Beachsweep Fundraiser **Cafe Ibiza**
- 15** Rosé Soirée **Conrad**
- 17** Midsummer Night Dream **W FTL**
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 - 2 c. Chardonnay
 - 0.5 c. Lemon-Lime Soda
- Build Sangria in a pitcher over ice. Add fresh fruit. Serve in a wine glass over ice.



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CHAMPAGNE

30TH FLOOR 2 BR/2.5 BATH WITH DIRECT RIVER VIEWS. MARBLE FLOORS THROUGHOUT, COMPUTER ROOM, GOURMET KITCHEN, MARBLE BATHS, WALK-IN CLOSETS, LAUNDRY ROOM AND MORE!

CHAMPAGNE - \$875,000

2BR/ 2.5 BATHS WITH DIRECT RIVER VIEWS FROM THIS UPGRADED MOVE IN READY CHAMPAGNE SOUTH MODEL. CUSTOM OFFICE, DESIGNER LIGHTING THROUGHOUT, SILHOUETTE WINDOW TREATMENTS, MARBLE BATHS &

PRICE REDUCED

CHAMPAGNE - \$836,000

MOVE IN READY 2 BR/2.5 BATH WITH DIRECT RIVER VIEWS. MARBLE FLOORS THROUGHOUT, COMPUTER ROOM, GOURMET KITCHEN, MARBLE BATHS, WALK-IN CLOSETS, LAUNDRY ROOM AND MORE!

BRADFORD - \$795,000

2 BR/2 BATH WITH BEAUTIFUL VIEWS OF THE RIVER, OCEAN & CITY FROM EVERY ROOM. MARBLE FLOORS IN THE LIVING AREAS, THERMADOR DOUBLE OVENS, MARBLE BATHS, LAUNDRY ROOM AND MORE!

NEW LISTING

BRADFORD - \$779,000

SPECTACULAR RE-DESIGNED 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH UNIT WITH OPEN ENTRY, PANORAMIC DIRECT RIVER VIEWS, SPLIT FLOOR PLAN, OPEN GOURMET KITCHEN, QUARTZ COUNTERS, MARBLE FLOORS AND MORE.

PRICE REDUCED

BRADFORD - \$699,000

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



PARK - \$2,450,000

STUNNING CONTEMPORARY WATERFRONT 3BR/3.5 BATH CONDO. WITH 3,239 OF CUSTOM LIVING AREA, PLUS A POOLSIDE A/C'D CABANA SUITE, AND A DOUBLE PRIVATE A/C'D STORAGE ROOM. UPGRADED BATHROOMS, CUSTOM LIGHT FIXTURES, SPECTACULAR GREAT ROOM, FORMAL DINING, LARGE KITCHEN WITH FAMILY ROOM, FANTASTIC MASTER SUITE PLUS 4 BALCONIES WITH DIRECT RIVER VIEWS!

NEW LISTING

MADISON - \$1,494,000

RISE ABOVE IT ALL IN THIS LUXURY HIGH FLOOR MADISON MODEL! THIS STUNNING UNIT OFFERS \$500K IN CUSTOM UPGRADES THROUGHOUT THE 3 BEDROOM & 3.5 BATH FLOOR PLAN. EXPANSIVE RIVER, CITY, POOL & PARK VIEWS FROM FLOOR TO CEILING GLASS WINDOWS SURROUNDING EVERY ROOM. PRIVATE FOYER ENTRY, OPEN FLOOR PLAN, RE-DESIGNED KITCHEN W/LARGE ISLAND, FORMAL DINING ROOM W/ BUILT-IN BAR, SLIDING GLASS DOORS, NATURAL STONE ACCENT WALLS, PREMIUM FIXTURES, CUSTOM CEILINGS AND LIGHTING, & SMART TECHNOLOGY.

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MADISON

PRISTINE HIGH FLOOR MADISON FLOOR PLAN W/ EXPANSIVE VIEWS FROM FLOOR TO CEILING GLASS WINDOWS, CUSTOMIZED RECESSED CEILINGS & LIGHTING, MARBLE FLOORS THROUGHOUT, STACKED STONE ACCENT WALLS, DESIGNER FINISHES & AN IMPRESSIVE HOME THEATER. PRIVATE ELEVATOR ENTRY, SPLIT BED FLOOR PLAN, 3 BEDS & 3 FULL MARBLE BATHS+POWDER ROOM. GOURMET KITCHEN, STAINLESS STEEL APPLIANCES, GRANITE COUNTERTOPS, CENTER ISLAND & WINE COOLER.

PRICE REDUCED

COLUMBUS - \$1,295,000

COMPLETELY CUSTOMIZED COLUMBUS MODEL. STUNNING 2 BR/ 3 BATH FEATURING INTERIORS DESIGNED WITH THE HIGHEST QUALITY FINISHES. PRIVATE ENTRY WITH GLASS DOUBLE DOORS. MARBLE FLOORS THROUGHOUT, A WET BAR WITH ONYX LIT INLAIS, BUILT IN WALL UNITS, UPGRADED FIXTURES, VANITIES & GLASS DOORS IN BATHROOMS.

CHELSEA - \$775,000

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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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LEXINGTON

BEAUTIFULLY UPGRADED LEXINGTON DESIGNER MODEL WITH DIRECT RIVER AND POOL VIEWS. CUSTOM LIGHTING, S/S APPLIANCES & MORE.

SOHO - \$689,900

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3BR/2 BATH - \$564,000

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2BR/2 BATH

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

2BR/2 BATH - \$368,900

HIGH FLOOR UNIT WITH BEAUTIFUL OCEAN AND CITY VIEWS. SPLIT FLOOR PLAN, TILE FLOORING THROUGHOUT, S/S APPLIANCES AND MORE.

1BR/1BATH - \$295,000

OCEAN & CITY VIEWS FROM THIS 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH UNIT. SPLIT FLOOR PLAN, 11 FOOT CEILINGS, GOURMET KITCHEN, S/S APPLIANCES & MORE.

1BR/1BATH - \$269,000

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PRICE REDUCED RIVIERA - \$419,900

OUTSTANDING SUB PENTHOUSE 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH WITH GORGEOUS CITY VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM. MARBLE STONE FLOORS THROUGHOUT, SPLIT BEDROOM FLOOR PLAN, OPEN GOURMET KITCHEN AND MORE.

ROYAL PALM - \$389,000

2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH SPLIT BEDROOM FLOOR PLAN. MARBLE FLOORING IN THE LIVING AREA, OPEN GOURMET KITCHEN, GRANITE COUNTERTOPS, LARGE MASTER BEDROOM, MARBLE FLOORING AND MORE.



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SEAVIEW

30TH FLOOR SPECTACULAR RESIDENCE DESIGNED BY GEORGE LEMAIRE WITH DRAMATIC OCEAN, RIVER & CITY VIEWS. EVERYTHING IS CUSTOM, WITH OVER 200K IN UPGRADES. TWO LARGE TERRACES AND MORE.

PRICE REDUCED

SEAVIEW - \$749,000

31ST FLOOR RARELY AVAILABLE 3 BR/2 BATH SUB PENTHOUSE SE CORNER UNIT WITH 10' FT. CEILINGS, UNOBSTRUCTED VIEWS OF THE NEW RIVER, OCEAN & CITY.

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MOONGLOW

DESIGNER MODEL RECENTLY COMPLETED A TOTAL RENOVATION. FANTASTIC RIVER, OCEAN & CITY VIEWS. BRAND NEW OPEN GOURMET KITCHEN, NEW S/S APPLIANCES, SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN AND MUCH MORE.

MOONGLOW - \$555,000

RIVER VIEWS FROM THIS 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH SPLIT FLOOR PLAN. UNIT FEATURES TILE FLOORS, CROWN MOLDING, GOURMET KITCHEN WITH GRANITE COUNTERS & A EXPANSIVE TERRACE THAT OFFERS GREAT VIEWS.

SKYVIEW - \$499,000

HIGH FLOOR 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH WITH OVER \$60K IN UPGRADES, ONE OF A KIND REMODEL MODERN DESIGN! ITALIAN PORCELAIN FLOORING.

THE SYMPHONY



3BR/3BATH - \$839,000

LARGE 3 BR/3 BATH EAST FACING CONDO, CORNER SUB-PENTHOUSE WITH BOAT SLIP 2269+ SQ FT. PLUS A LARGE SUNDECK. 2 PARKING SPACES INCLUDED.

NEW LISTING

3BR/2 BATH - \$719,000

3 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATHS RARELY AVAILABLE SOUTHEAST CORNER UNIT WITH DIRECT RIVER VIEWS, WRAP AROUND BALCONY, 2 PRIME PARKING SPACES, GOURMET KITCHEN, S/S APPLIANCES AND MUCH MORE.

PRICE REDUCED

2BR/2 BATH - \$368,000

GORGEOUS VIEWS OF THE SAILBOAT BEND, SPLIT FLOOR PLAN, RICH LAMINATE FLOORING THROUGHOUT, GOURMET KITCHEN AND MORE.

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1BR/1 BATH

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BY JIM ELLIS
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair

TIME TO EAT!


THE LATE SUMMER MONTHS PROVIDE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE FORT LAUDERDALE'S GROWING DINING SCENE

As we move further toward “fall” – a funny term in South Florida – it does remind us of the change of colors farther north and that it is the beginning of pumpkins, gourds and winter squash season.

We live in South Florida so what do you envision planting during August? According to experts on planting vegetables in South Florida, August is a good time to plant cantaloupes, carrots, collards, corn, eggplant, escarole, lima and pole beans, mustard, onions, okra, peppers, potatoes, radish, summer spinach, summer squash, tomatoes (larger fruit varieties) and watermelon.

economic driver. From mixologists, barbacks, servers, chefs, line cooks to managers — the creation and delivery of good food allows us to maintain the caption of “culinary mecca” for many.

There are several new restaurants anticipated along the Riverwalk in the upcoming year, including the area previously known as Riverfront and as well from Southwest Second Street down to Las Olas.

With new restaurants opening each month, be sure to enjoy the summer season as an opportunity to get in without long lines or reservations and try a variety of new offerings. Be a local and support your local businesses. 



Local restaurants that tout farm-to-table options diligently follow these grow cycles to bring the freshest and finest to your plate. Local markets feature foods from around the state and other locations that allow local cooks to do the same at home.

Through our partners and local businesses, we continue to celebrate the new options coming online along the Riverwalk and in the Downtown. When you hear a new restaurant is opening, remember that they are using local businesses to build out the space, local labor for operation, foodstuff and supplies — all of which are economic boosts to our city.

Growth in our Downtown now offers a variety of multi-starred restaurants full of culinary options. Hospitality is a very large part of the economy in our community and the first-class training offered and available locally is a tremendous advantage and another

Greater Fort Lauderdale Restaurant Month

Fort Lauderdale celebrates the culinary scene in August and into September with special three-course gourmet dinner menus at more than 40 restaurants throughout Broward County.

August and September tend to be slower months for area restaurants, so now's a good time to try something new and different.

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A staff attendant will be on duty from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily to welcome people and help answer questions and provide information. We encourage our local partners that have something happening to let us

know and to provide those handouts to be distributed or shared from that location. Directional maps will be available as well as a list of transportation options.

Riverwalk has operated a volunteer information kiosk at Huizenga Plaza on Saturdays and Sundays for three years with great success and we anticipate a more formal option at that spot in the future.

Sharing information and opportunities keeps a vibrant city up to speed on the many options available. By day or night, Fort Lauderdale is a walkable community with choices for shopping, dining, cultural locations and events as well festival and civic activities. A go-to source, this will help share that information.


Riverwalk Laura Ward Plaza is a traffic and pedestrian hub that has recorded more than 1 million pedestrians and travelers through this specific location. What better place to offer this kind of resource!

Adjacent to the Historic Stranahan House, the Cheesecake Factory and a large variety of shops and dining options, the City continues to support the enhancements in our Downtown and identifies and implements creative options for our residents, businesses and visitors.

We thank the City of Fort Lauderdale for their vision, the Las Olas Company for their technical assistance, the Water Taxi for their sponsorship, Hotwire Communication for their guidance and expertise, and the many downtown and citywide partners that have worked to make this happen.

Information is defined as “the communication or reception of knowledge or intelligence.” It is our hope this resource will be well used and shared.

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RORY COOKSEY

WHEELHOUSE IT

With an entrepreneurial spirit and a passion for sales and leading teams, I have always enjoyed working with people to build successful business relationships and unique experiences.

Early in my career I was the market coordinator for McDonald's where I was successful in developing individuals while promoting the company in South Florida. From there, I went on to be the volunteer coordinator at the Lauderdale Air Show matching the right people to the right job so guests, vendors and VIPs would have an enjoyable event and the volunteers would want to come back year after year.

Today, I am the manager of business and brand development at WheelHouse IT. We are a full service IT company with a dedicated team of professionals who are focused on building relationships with our clients in an effort to create a roadmap to success. By working closely with all departments including marketing, sales and product management teams, we develop a comprehensive strategy to identify business opportunities and maximize growth. Our motto is "If it's not in your wheelhouse, don't reinvent IT."

As someone who likes to stay busy, I'm a bit of a workaholic. However, I also believe in giving back to the community. I have been a longtime volunteer with the Ronald McDonald House and have assisted other nonprofit organizations in our community. When I learned about Riverwalk and all they do for our community, I knew I had to become more involved. I look forward to helping them achieve their goals while expanding my sphere of influence.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

MATHEW KAPLAN

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL

My parents always told me that if you love what you do, then you never work a day in your life. I never understood that fully until recently. Raised in South Florida, at the age of 18 I decided to get out of the Sunshine State and attend the University of Colorado-Boulder. In 2013, I graduated with a degree in architecture and environmental design.

After college, I moved back to South Florida to pursue an opportunity in golf course design. This was short-lived, as the industry was shrinking. However, it was this experience that led me pursue my master's degree in architecture at FIU.

For graduation, my grandparents gifted me an E-Trade account. I knew nothing about the stock market, investing or the financial industry, so I decided to take it upon myself to learn all I could. I was instantly captivated.

After years of studying and research, I realized where my passion was. That fueled my desire to make a major career change. In January, I started working for Northwestern Mutual. I find great satisfaction in helping my clients develop a personalized plan tailored to their needs at every stage in life. I believe everyone from a college graduate just starting out in their career to established professionals looking for new alternatives can benefit from a financial representative who has their best interest at heart.

When not working, I'm usually golfing or exploring Fort Lauderdale with my girlfriend of four years. I joined Riverwalk in an effort to meet more people and support a great organization.

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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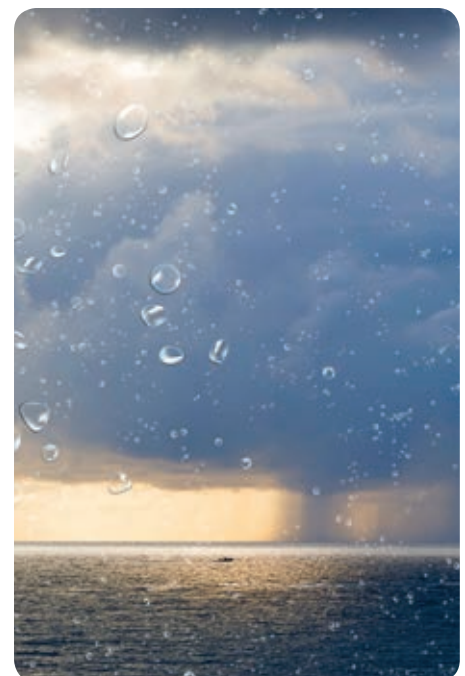
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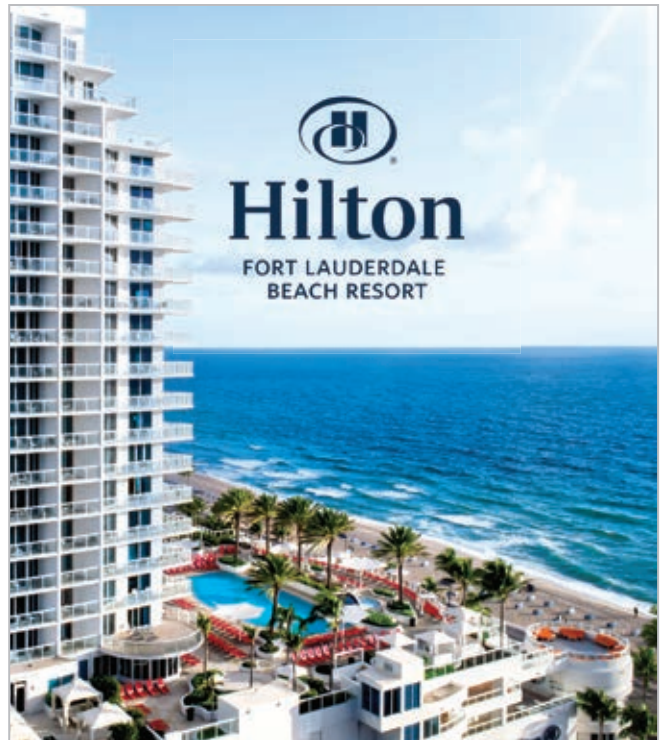


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GREAT NEWS IN THE MIDST OF SUMMER

ENHANCEMENTS ABOUND THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

Our city staff recently finished its budget proposal for 2020, and I'm happy to share some great news. Despite some serious financial challenges, we will be able to address our priorities of improving infrastructure and quality of life without any increase in our property tax rate.

It represents the 13th consecutive year that the tax rate has remained unchanged.

This was indeed a daunting task for Chris Lagerbloom, who just became city manager in January. Despite the robust growth of our tax base, he anticipated that Fort Lauderdale's expenses would exceed its revenue by some \$20 million in this budget.

But at the urging of myself and the rest of the City Commission, he started the budget process early. He asked each department to find cuts that would have minimal impact on operations and to refocus on our critical priorities.

What were the financial challenges we faced? They were twofold.

First, the City Commission decided last year to end the long-running practice of raiding our utility reserves to balance the budget. Second, the former City Commission approved significant increases in compensation packages for the police and fire unions right before they left office.

In balancing the budget, city staff identified more than \$6 million in strategic cost-cutting measures that should have no impact on our ability to serve the residents of Fort Lauderdale and another \$4 million in savings based on how we manage major projects.

We also achieved significant cost-savings from the decision to bring in the Florida Panthers hockey team to re-envision War Memorial Auditorium and operate the renovated facility.

The city manager also is advocating the city take an innovative approach to its transportation services by partnering with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization. This will save money, but will also help us focus more on finding solutions to traffic congestion.

Here are some priorities funded in the budget proposal:

- **Flood prevention:** Many of our neighborhoods increasingly flood during high tides or heavy rain. Projects have been designed and are ready to go to make upgrades in areas experiencing the worst flooding.
- **Water and sewer infrastructure:** The budget continues the \$200 million in water and sewer system improvements that the city promised to undertake.
- **Homeless initiatives:** We continue our new partnership with Broward County, the United Way and the business



Significant budgetary savings will be achieved through the City's partnership with the Florida Panthers hockey team to renovate War Memorial Auditorium. The new complex will house training facilities for the Panthers, public ice skating, and youth sports programs.

community to address homelessness with our rapid rehousing initiative and community court program.

- **EMS station:** Money is earmarked to open a new EMS station serving the greater downtown area.
- **Las Olas Boulevard:** More than \$800,000 is set aside to pay for improvements to the Las Olas corridor from downtown through the shopping district and into the Isles neighborhoods. (A community group headed by two of our commissioners will soon make recommendations.)
- **Bond issues approved for a new police station and park improvements:** Voters approved a bond issue this spring to build a new police headquarters and one to improve our parks. This budget launches both initiatives.
- **Algae blooms:** Our waterways have been hit hard by algae blooms, and the budget proposal addresses this. We are investing in research and will hire contractors to respond to algae blooms.
- **Sidewalks:** The budget earmarks \$1 million to repair and replace sidewalks in critical areas.
- **New government campus:** The city recently signed an agreement with Broward County to build a joint government campus. The budget earmarks our share of initial design work.
- **Streetscapes:** Funding is set aside for several major streetscape projects. These include the Breakers-Birch area of North Beach Village, Third Avenue downtown, State Road A1A in the central beach area, and the section of Las Olas Boulevard on the barrier island.
- **Median beautification:** More money is devoted next year to improving medians throughout the city.

This budget plan appears to accomplish much of what my colleagues on the City Commission and I promised to do without raising property tax rates. I look forward to public input in the coming months. Our budget hearings will take place Sept. 3 and Sept. 12. They will be held at 5 p.m. at City Hall. [@](#)

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URBAN ACUPUNCTURE

IMPROVING OUR PUBLIC REALM ONE PIN PRICK AT A TIME

The Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has long been tasked with building a city that you never want to leave. This includes beautifying the public realm (i.e., our shared public spaces) and enhancing areas that haven't received attention in many years.

In 2018, the DDA kicked off an Urban Acupuncture Program that aims at making high-impact, cost-effective improvements at strategic locations throughout Downtown Fort Lauderdale. We are working to transform what's thought of as background infrastructure, such as parking garages, facades, storefronts and traffic control boxes into integrated and artistic components of the public realm.

This isn't actually all that new for the DDA. In the 1990s, we implemented Fort Lauderdale's first Art in Public Places campaign, which brought sculptural art into plazas near highly traveled office buildings (surely you've sat on the red chair on Las Olas Boulevard across from Java & Jam).



More than 10 years ago, the DDA was the first in Broward County to install traffic control "box wraps" to transform the silver cabinets at all signalized intersections into beautiful works of art, setting off a trend every municipality in Broward soon followed.

The first "pin prick" in our present-day Urban Acupuncture Program is the iconic A&E District Garage mural, designed by international artist Arlin Graff. The mural connects the parking garage to the surrounding arts and science centers, creates a sense of place for the Riverwalk A&E District and serves as a recognizable landmark along Himmarshee Street.

Our next focus is to improve the experience of entering Downtown Fort Lauderdale through our main

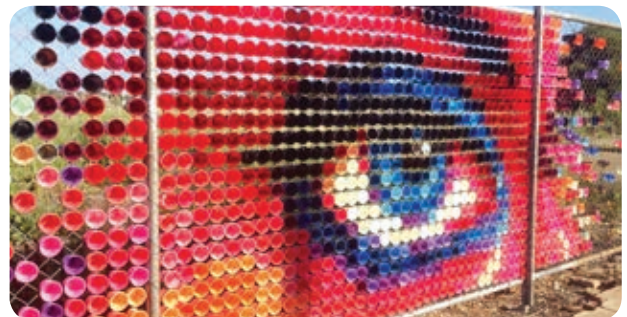
gateway, Broward Boulevard. For this, we have two exciting projects that are expected to be completed this year!

First is our SW 2 Avenue Streetscape Project. This short stretch of roadway, between West Broward Boulevard and SW 2 Street along the FEC railroad, will receive a major facelift with wider sidewalks, reconfigured parking stalls and upgraded lighting, landscaping, drainage.

The street serves as a physical and visual connection between the Brightline/Virgin Train Station, Riverwalk A&E District, Himmarshee Village and Historic Districts and the Riverwalk in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. The project will improve the safety and aesthetics of the corridor, all while injecting a good dose of high-quality urban design.

Next, expect to see a fun and unique art installation on the chain link fence located between the Broward County Central Bus Terminal and the Brightline/Virgin Train Station. Through a competitive call to artists, the chosen creative will transform an unwelcoming barrier into a work of art, signaling you've arrived in Downtown Fort Lauderdale.

Have a trigger point that you would like to see improved in Downtown Fort Lauderdale? Email your idea to us at dda@ddaftl.org.



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I recently sat in a meeting where the claim was made that we use more energy to heat and cool buildings than almost any other type of energy consumption. Whether that statement is accurate or not, you can't deny that a lot of power is consumed to cool us off in Fort Lauderdale. But, our founding fathers and mothers knew this too. They used smart design to help mitigate heat when air conditioning was a wish for the future and not a reality.

For instance, the orientation of our homes is a big one. Aligning a home so that it has a north/south orientation with the main windows facing north (usually the living room) keeps heat gain down more than if the house has an east/west orientation.

The orientation of the home is not always an easy

one to deal with, especially if you're moving into an established neighborhood that, like mine, has most of the parcels facing east/west. But, long overhangs over the windows allow light to come into a home but provide shade when the sun is high.

Properly placed landscaping with shade trees are also a big help. I've seen so many single-family home sites being developed, and large mature trees are removed for construction purposes only to have small replacement trees installed at the end of construction. Maintaining those trees and working around them can result in an interesting design of a home and provide shade for the home as well as reduce overall heat bloom.

I think that too often we rely on what we think is the quickest approach and that technology will solve all our problems and keep us comfortable, and to a large part it will and does.

However, doing a simple Google search and making informed design choices can help keep your household heating and cooling costs low, reduce the drain on the power grid, and help reduce overall greenhouse gases. If done in conjunction with solar power, thoughtful design and other efficient technologies can keep large homes

as cool and comfortable as any others and substantially reduce operating costs — some so low the home is basically heated and cooled for free.

Like I said, it's £}¥% hot out there and it's only getting &@+-% hotter. We can make small changes that equal a huge impact. If you're looking to remodel your home, think about what you could do to make it more efficient. If you're building a new home, think about its design to deal with our local environment. By now we should all know why historic Southern homes have giant wraparound porches.

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NEIGHBORHOOD MOBILITY

RESIDENTS SHARE THOUGHTS ON HOW TO IMPROVE GETTING AROUND THEIR NECK OF THE WOODS

Addressing transportation concerns throughout the City of Fort Lauderdale requires a multi-faceted approach since there are various forms of transportation to consider, as well as different levels of planning, ranging from citywide to individual neighborhoods.

To initiate successful change, an integrated approach is used that examines priorities at both the micro level as well as at a macro level with how they fit into the City's larger overarching transportation system. In an effort to understand micro/neighborhood-level transportation needs, the City's Transportation Department began working with neighborhoods to identify mobility challenges they face together with their preferred solutions.


Through the Neighborhood Mobility Master Plan program, staff worked with six neighborhoods across the city to develop transportation master plans. The program included seed funding to start the implementation of priority projects. Tarpon River, one of the neighborhoods that participated in the program, is currently in the implementation phase. City staff has worked closely with the neighborhood and created lasting relationships to help them move closer to fulfilling their transportation goals. With a plan in place, we have a clear path forward of what is needed and we continue working with them to identify additional funding to complete it.

Throughout the planning process, Tarpon River residents identified a variety of different measures to advance mobility including traffic calming, sidewalks, lighting, landscaping, and even a pedestrian bridge and a Riverwalk Water Trolley stop to improve access through alternative modes of transportation.

When asked, Tarpon River residents felt the plan would be a success if it primarily focused on improvements to walkability. This can be attributed to the fact that more than 50 percent of residents who completed the survey said they walk every day for pleasure and exercise, but 71 percent of respondents stated that the sidewalks are unsafe. Most respondents (62 percent) also stated that they use something other than their car to get around at least once a month, but would still like increased access to encourage additional use of alternative forms of transportation.

The collected data and community input shaped the Tarpon River Master Plan, which can be found at www.fortlauderdale.gov/mobilitymasterplans.

The Transportation Department recently made the neighborhood's top priorities come to fruition with their seed funding that consisted of the installation of a new sidewalk on Southwest Ninth Avenue between Davie Boulevard and Southwest Seventh Street, and improving the neighborhood's access to the Riverwalk by constructing a connection between Southwest Fifth Street and Southwest Fifth Avenue. This small, but important connection has improved access and allows convenient pedestrian and bicyclist access to the Riverwalk and all that it has to offer.

Neighborhoods participating in the process have had unique goals that satisfy their mobility needs, while at the same time, each has had the same overall goals of improving mobility and safety for all modes of transportation. Transportation staff has truly enjoyed working with each neighborhood and look forward to continuing to help with their mobility plan implementation to realize their unique visions. 



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Through our diverse programs and services, we promote health and fitness, stimulate social interaction and foster community engagement, all in an effort to enhance quality of life.

Our department is one of only 169 agencies in the country that has earned national accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies. This prestigious designation confirms our City's commitment to providing the community with quality parks and recreation programming and services, along with efficient and effective operations.

According to the National Recreation and Parks Association, parks are an integral part of building a community and are considered an essential public service just like water, sewer and public safety.

Multiple studies have shown connections between the environment and the physical, social and economic health of a community.

Well-planned parks help establish and maintain a good quality of life by providing for active “human-

powered modes of transportation,” ensure the health of a community by having an active park system that allows for physical activity with access to free or low-cost recreational opportunities, contribute to economic development by improving the local tax base and property values, conserve natural resources and preserve open space for future generations, and foster community pride by providing social and equity benefits connecting people together regardless of age, gender, socioeconomic status, ethnicity or ability.

Recognizing all these benefits, City of Fort Lauderdale voters overwhelmingly approved a parks bond that will allocate up to \$200 million for citywide improvements to our parks and recreation facilities.

The parks bond will enable Fort Lauderdale to make significant citywide investments in our parks system to strengthen resiliency, address sea level rise, combat flooding and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Nearly every park in our City will see upgrades and enhancements such as new playgrounds, walking trails, pools and splash pads, boat slips and ramps, outdoor fitness equipment, athletic courts and fields, lighting, solar panels and shade structures, pavilions, restrooms, ADA improvements and even new dog parks.


Funding from the parks bond will also be used for land acquisition to expand our green space and help us continue to promote active, healthy lifestyles, increase leisure and social engagement, and enhance quality of life. 



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CONVERSATIONS ON CAPITALIZATION AND COMMUNITY

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Philanthropy fuels so many important causes and organizations in Broward County. For funders, where, why and how much to contribute are among the biggest concerns.

I first encountered the wealth of generosity in our community as a former Society Scene editor for the Sun Sentinel, and, in my role at NSU Art Museum and now with Broward Cultural Division, I continue to see the positive impact it has on our region. The nature of philanthropy is rapidly changing, though, in part due to fast-developing technology and improved accessibility, and as funders, board members, government employees, elected officials and philanthropists, we each need to do our part to ensure we are allocating our resources in the best possible ways.

In 2010, Grantmakers in the Arts (GIA) – the only national association of both public and private arts and culture funders in the U.S. – embarked on the National Capitalization Project to seek answers to the under-capitalized tendency of the nonprofit arts field.

Defining capitalization as “the resources an organization needs to fulfill its mission over time,” GIA has hosted Conversations on Capitalization and Community in 15 cities throughout the nation, encouraging cultural stakeholders to engage in dialogue about the financial health of nonprofit arts groups within their communities, and how funders can more effectively support their grantees.

The next location for this forum is right here in Fort Lauderdale. On Sept. 17, in partnership with GIA, Broward Cultural Division will host these dialogues in two three-hour workshops.

The morning session is designed for public and private arts funders interested in the wellbeing of the nonprofit arts sector.

The afternoon workshop geared to grantees – arts and cultural nonprofit organizations of all sizes – will examine what a well-capitalized organization looks like and how to achieve financial stability and vibrancy. Each session is limited to 40 persons.


I invite you to join me in taking arts funding to the next level. Feel free to email me at mclements@broward.org to reserve your or your organization's seat at the table. 



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GOALS FOR CONVERSATIONS ON CAPITALIZATION AND COMMUNITY

1. Elevate knowledge of capitalization for nonprofits and their funders
2. Provide shared vocabulary that granters and grantees use to inform and transform grantmaking and nonprofit financial practices
3. Provide insights into having effective dialogues between funders and grantees
4. Facilitate discussion with funders and nonprofits about their community's capital drivers, their institutional values and practices, and the ways that each entity fits into the arts eco-system
5. Create a greater sense of complementary practice and camaraderie for a stronger, healthier arts and culture ecosystem.



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SOLVING THE CHALLENGES OF HOME OWNERSHIP

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We hear it over and over. It's a concern of almost every new business we hope will either start or relocate their operations in the Greater Fort Lauderdale area: "Let's talk about housing prices."

The ability of the median wageworker to purchase a home remains a key driver for economic success. To put it bluntly, South Florida needs an ample supply of workforce housing, and currently there's not enough. Too many homeowners in the region are forced to pay far too much of their income toward housing payments, if they can afford to do that at all.

According to a recent Realtor.com study of the monthly median housing costs in 500 metropolitan areas, homeowners in metropolitan Miami-Fort Lauderdale area spend 29.7 percent of income toward housing, the nation's second highest. This ratio is particularly troublesome for our employees working in hospitality, education, law enforcement and emergency response.

Workforce housing is a systemic problem that the business community and our locally elected officials are addressing. The Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce continues to work on a number of fronts to secure more housing options for moderate to low income wage earners.

For example, the Chamber endorses an initiative championed by Broward County Commissioner Nan Rich to create a Broward County Affordable Housing

Trust Fund, which county voters approved last November. This fund, which initially has \$5 million, can only be used for housing programs as outlined by county ordinance. County staff is seeking an additional \$5 million for the fund this year, but Commissioner Rich has her eye on a more ambitious goal.


Commissioner Rich wants to use 2/10 of a mill from current ad valorem revenues to generate \$30 million a year to pay for more moderately-priced housing initiatives. Another potential source of revenue, she said, will come within the next five years as local community redevelopment agencies begin phasing out.

"My priority is affordable housing," she said during a recent governmental affairs meeting at the Chamber. "We have to make effective change."

Setting aside public lands for workforce housing development is another key initiative, especially since much of Broward County is already built out. As a chairman of Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale, I have worked with the city to identify and convert additional public land into 500 units of housing for low-income wage earners within the urban core west of Interstate 95. The Chamber will be working with developers and the appropriate government agencies to ensure this promising approach to develop workforce housing continues.

Lastly, I have worked closely with the Pride Center in Wilton Manors in support of the center's senior living affordable housing project. I am proud of the collaborative efforts between our Chamber, Pride Center CEO Robert Boo, the City of Wilton Manors and the Broward County Government to bring to market 48 affordable, senior rental units on the Pride Center's campus.

The Chamber continues to review additional options: from linkage fees to inclusionary zoning to additional revenue streams and developable land options that will spur construction of affordable and workforce housing. We are proud of the local efforts to address this issue as maintaining an ample inventory of moderately priced housing is essential for our economy and way of life.

Dan Lindblade is President and CEO of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. 



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THE ORIGINS OF THE WEATHER FORECAST

160 YEARS AGO, AN ENGLISH NAVAL OFFICER PIONEERED DAILY WEATHER PREDICTIONS

The weather, in all its past, present, and future tenses, has intrigued humans for centuries. Since 1792, the Old Farmer's Almanac has been publishing weather trends and patterns of the past, and despite local morning, afternoon and evening newscasts reporting on the weather multiple times a half-hour, the Weather Channel, now in its 37th year, was created to provide present, up-to-the-minute, localized weather information, as well as dramatic national severe weather coverage.

The unreliability of weather prediction, however, is often a chief subject of complaint. During major weather events, the path a storm might take is literally called the "cone of uncertainty." How many times have you heard someone remark, or even smirked yourself, "I wish I had a gig where I could be wrong 50 percent of the time and still keep my job!" Meteorologists have heard it more times than they can count. The truth is, today a seven-day forecast can accurately predict the weather about 80 percent of the time and a five-day forecast can accurately predict the weather about 90 percent of the time. A 10-day or longer forecast, however, is only right about half the time.

Vice-Admiral Robert FitzRoy, an English officer of the Royal Navy and a scientist, is credited with creating the first scientific weather predictions in 1860, which he called by a name of his own invention: forecasts. With no previous weather warning system, fishermen, farmers and other workers relied on wisdom (the appearance of clouds), wives' tales (a creaky or painful knee), and animal behavior (the bull in a field, the frog in a jar, or the swallow in a hedgerow) to predict inclement weather.

Dismayed specifically by a massive loss of life at sea around the coast of Britain, FitzRoy believed many of the 7,201 lives lost from 1855 to 1860 could have been saved with forewarning of "the gale" before it reached outpost destinations. He set to work on strategies to make weather information more widely available for the safety of shipping and fishermen and designed a type of barometer that was fixed at every port for crews to consult before setting out to sea. Originally, FitzRoy sent only storm warnings via electric telegraph, then developed general two-day forecasts the following year.

But like today's weather forecasters, FitzRoy had his detractors. Although he was surprisingly accurate most of the time, and many newspapers had suggested a variety of commercial uses for the forecasts, he faced

difficulties with politicians who complained about the cost of the telegraphs and the scientific community that was wary of his methods. And once a public complaint filed in the Cork Examiner read, "Yesterday, at two o'clock, we received by telegraph Admiral FitzRoy's signal of a southerly gale. The gallant meteorologist might have sent it by post, as the gale had commenced the day before and concluded fully 12 hours before the receipt of the warning."

Today, voluminous data from impressive computer models form the basis of most weather forecasts and with better data over the last few decades forecast accuracy has improved tremendously. But with all its variables, meteorology is still not exactly exact.

Luckily for us, Fort Lauderdale boasts an average of 246 sunny days a year, so despite all the prognosticating, on any given day we can often just poke our heads out the front door, look up to the skies, and take our best guess. ☺



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What do you get when you mix axe-throwing and alcohol? A unique, one-of-a-kind experience new to South Florida!

Located in Flagler Village, Chops + Hops Axe Throwing Lodge is the first in the state — and among the first nationwide — to offer axe-throwing opportunities with the added bonus of a full liquor and

Lauderdale to satiate the previously untapped market.

Even though the owners themselves weren't fully sold on bringing axe-throwing to South Florida at first, they were lucky to find a landlord who was immediately enthusiastic about the idea.

"The landlord actually was very into our concept and thought it would be a really cool addition to his property

so he asked us to expand from the size we were originally considering. That opened up the possibility of doing a full liquor bar and creating a more fully evolved concept," Lavernia said.

"That's where Chase came in," Lavernia added. "At the time, he was a senior person in a well-known local restaurant group. I knew he was looking for an opportunity to branch off and create a unique concept of his own and thought it would be the perfect fit for him to join forces with us. After some back and forth he agreed to come on board and, with that, the Chops + Hops you now see was born."

So what can you expect when you visit? Upon arrival, you'll be ID'ed and asked to read and fill out a participation waiver. Once the legal stuff is out of the way, you'll be given your axe throwing bay assignment. An "axeexpert" will review safety rules and teach you step-by-step how to throw — and then it's your turn! Axeexperts will also

play individual or team games with your group to get the competitive juices flowing, and the whole time you can order cocktails from your Axeexpert or visit the bar to grab drinks. 🍷



craft cocktail bar. Food is also available and served by a rotating lineup of food trucks on the back patio, and live music is offered on weekends.

Chops + Hops, which opened its doors on Saint Patrick's Day (March 17, 2019), is jointly owned and operated by Ryan Lavernia, William "Clay" Rusch and Benjamin "Chase" Walton. The idea was born following a trip Rusch took to Washington, D.C., where he attended a going away party at an axe throwing facility for a close friend. Lavernia recalls, "When [Clay] came back, he told me that we had to open an axe throwing place. I told him he was crazy because it sounded like a terrible idea in South Florida."

Despite initial hesitation, Lavernia admits curiosity got the best of him and he started researching the concept. Within just a few weeks of their initial discussion, Lavernia and Rusch booked flights to Buffalo, New York, to visit the first location in the country that allowed axe throwing and served beer and wine. Following that trip, the two were set on bringing the concept to Fort

Fast Facts

CHOPS + HOPS AXE THROWING LODGE

Year established: 2018, doors opened on St. Patrick's Day 2019

Owners: Ryan Lavernia, William "Clay" Rusch and Benjamin "Chase" Walton

Fun fact: "We all thought this was a bad idea upon first hearing it."

Number of Employees: 10

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Address: 702 N.E. First Ave., Fort Lauderdale

Website: www.ChopsandHopsFL.com

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DO YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR A 2019 EXEMPTION OR MAKE AN APPEAL? THE FINAL DEADLINE IS SEPT. 18

The Broward County Property Appraiser's Office mails the TRIM (proposed tax) Notices in mid-August each year. The proposed property tax notice will show your 2019 property assessment, exemptions and the proposed taxes along with dates and times for the various taxing authorities' public budget hearings.

The TRIM Notice is your opportunity to review your property assessment and ensure you are receiving all the tax-saving exemptions you are entitled to. Our office's contact information will be listed on the newsletter enclosed with the TRIM Notice giving you the opportunity to contact us directly should you have any questions. The absolute deadline to apply for any 2019 exemption or to appeal your property assessment is Sept. 18, 2019.

Many property owners ignore their TRIM Notice until it is too late to appeal an assessment, question the proposed tax rates or file for exemptions. If you wait until you receive your tax bill in November to inquire about your property assessment, you will lose your right to appeal. The first thing to know is your taxes are calculated using this formula:

TAXABLE VALUE X TAX MILLAGE RATES + SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS = TAX BILL

The Property Appraiser determines the market value and assessed/Save Our Homes value of your property.

Your tax rates and non-ad valorem fees are set by the various taxing authorities (school board, county commission, city commission, hospital district board, water management district, and so on) listed on your TRIM Notice. If you want to question your proposed tax rates, non-ad valorem fees, special assessments or services, you should contact the elected officials who serve on these taxing authorities and attend the public hearings in September 2019.

Important: The Property Appraiser does not set your tax rates or collect your taxes. Your tax rates are set by the city and county commissions, school board, and other taxing authorities. Additionally, any PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) assessments are not included on the TRIM Notice but will appear on the November tax bill sent by the Broward County Tax Collector.

Why are my property taxes higher than the prior owner's last year?

Florida law requires property be reassessed at market value as of Jan. 1 the year following a change in ownership and/or the year the property receives/loses the Homestead Exemption. After this reset in value occurs, the property will be protected by an assessment cap starting the following year.

For Homesteaded property, the Assessed/Save Our Homes (SOH) Value can increase by no more than 3 percent above last year's Assessed/SOH Value (or the consumer price index, whichever is less), regardless of the increase in just value.

For tax year 2019, the assessment increase is capped at 1.9 percent for all Homesteaded properties. For non-Homesteaded property, the assessed value can increase by no more than 10 percent above last year's assessed value. The 10 percent cap does not apply to the school board taxes.


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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DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER

THERE'S MORE TO YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY THAN MEETS THE EYE

WRITER JOANNA KENTOLALL



If you think you know everything that's available at libraries today, you're probably missing the whole story. Beyond just books, libraries now offer everything from virtual reality to the reality of live performances. And you don't even have to step inside the building to enjoy some of it — but after reading this you just might want to.

Libraries have been digitizing their collections and expanding options to meet the changing needs of the public for years. Sleek new systems have long replaced old card catalogs and bulky computers. Services have been translated into digital formats.

Now 3D printers, audio/video production equipment, arts/crafts, robots, GoPros, hands-on programs, shows, meeting spaces and much more wait to be discovered. Not to mention the content that can be obtained from mobile devices. Libraries have traditionally provided technology to residents before they could access it and that continues today. Information, education and recreation are available, and often at no cost.

Here in Broward County we are fortunate to have one of the largest and busiest library systems in the state. More than 7.5 million walk-in customers visit 38 locations annually. Each branch offers different options and the main library, located in downtown Fort Lauderdale, provides many of the latest innovations. Some of those innovations are possible thanks to Broward County Library Director Kelvin Watson, who has made them a priority, "providing a variety of digital resources is a way to remove barriers to access," he said.

Technology is a main focus at the library, but it also maintains traditional items that people depend on, such as book clubs. Watson leads a monthly discussion about a chosen book with participants and says that this shared experience is an example of how the library itself is once again becoming a center of the community. "It brings people together and is a central focal point for conversation," he said. Currently readers come to the library for the book club, but soon Skype will be an option for anyone who may not be able to make the trip.

Other opportunities to access the library remotely continue to expand. Pop-up libraries are located around the county and if you're in a hotspot, you can



PHOTO PROVIDED BY BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARY
Ways to access technology at library branches has changed in 25 years, such as at the Imperial Point Library Computer Center in 1994.




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Who remembers the library card catalog? This is one from the Hollywood library branch in the 1970s.

read e-books even if you don't have a library card. Instant access is now also available on Broward County Transit and even at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. The dedicated space at the airport serves as a virtual branch to provide busy travelers with streaming media technology.

Watson said that this new flexibility with services continues to improve options everywhere. “We’re doing a better job of connecting with the community as a whole, business, schools, organizations, residents and visitors. Becoming versatile allows us to select the resources that meet the needs.”

So take another look at what your library has to offer. Whether you go in person or connect on the move, there’s plenty to see.

For more information about making the most of local libraries, visit www.broward.org/library. 

BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARY BY THE NUMBERS

7.5 million Annual walk-in customers

38 Locations throughout Broward County



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THE STORM WARRIORS

BEYOND A FULL GAS TANK AND STOCKED-UP FOOD — THOSE WHO ALWAYS WORK HURRICANES SHARE THEIR BEST ADVICE ON HOW TO PREPARE AND KEEP YOUR COOL

WRITER LYNN PEITHMAN STOCK

When an intense storm approaches, South Florida residents know the drill: scrounge grocery store shelves for water and non-perishable food, remove the patio furniture and gas up the car.

But not everyone has the luxury of hunkering down to wait out the storm or even flee northward. Other folks, such as emergency personnel, building managers and news reporters, have to work ... and worry about loved ones holding down the home front.

So we asked such storm-weary Fort Lauderdale residents how they prepare for hurricanes and deal with the aftermath. They also share their best storm-preparedness tips and gadgets.

Paula Prendergast

Executive Director
American Red Cross, Broward
County Chapter

Number of hurricanes worked:
At least 6

How do you prepare for serious weather?

I have the American Red Cross Emergency App (free), which gives instant access to customizable weather alerts, safety tips and preparedness information for 14 different emergencies.

How to make sure your loved ones at home are taken care of, since you are usually out working?

All my loved ones use the American Red Cross Emergency App. For my family in Pennsylvania or the Keys I'm able to monitor more than 35 different severe weather and emergency alerts. When we receive an alert, it contains important steps on what to do next so they all know the drill and what to do. The app also has an "I'm Safe" feature, which allows us to send a message letting us know we are out of harm's way.

Your cannot-do-without gadget:

My Red Cross portable power bank to charge my cell phone.



Jo-Ann Lorber

Assistant Chief
Emergency Management &
Homeland Security/Domestic
Preparedness
Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue

Number of hurricanes worked:
Every tropical storm and hurricane
in this area for the past 23 years.

How do you prepare for serious weather?

I move the vehicle to a parking spot in my condominium development that does not have trees around it. I take pictures of the inside and outside of my condo to help with filing any insurance claims if my condo receives any damage from the storm.

Next, I ensure that my homeowner's insurance policy, vehicle insurance policy and other important documents are placed in a sealed plastic bag and place them inside my dishwasher or a waterproof plastic container and place it in the bathtub.

Before I walk out the door to go to the EOC, I ensure that I shut all my interior doors, set my refrigerator to its coldest temperature, throw out any items that I know will spoil if the power goes out in the frig

Favorite tip:

Do not use a generator in your home and keep it away from open windows.



Alan Goldsmith

Executive Vice President and
Chief Administrative Officer
Broward Health



Number of hurricanes worked: 5

How do you prepare for serious weather?

Broward Health does a tremendous amount of preparation with staff, outside agencies, EMS and other local partners. When the storm comes, we wait like everyone else. After the storm is when the adrenaline kicks in. We need to help the first team of nurses, doctors and staff who worked during the storm travel safely home, and we call upon our second team to report for duty so that patient care remains uninterrupted.

Your cannot-do-without gadget:

A flashlight. It sounds simple, but you don't know how long your home will be without power, and a flashlight enables mobility.

Heather Havericak

Interim CEO
Broward Health Medical Center



Number of hurricanes worked:

More than 5

How to make sure your loved ones at home are taken care of?

This can sometimes be stressful, but ensuring I always am well organized and prepared at home is essential to ensuring the safety of my two children and husband. Pre-planning is the key.

Your favorite, most obscure tip:

Make sure you have all of your needed supplies far in advance of the mad rush.

Your cannot-do-without gadget:

When you get to sleep overnight in the hospital during storms, a great AERO bed is a plus.

Juliet Murphy Roulhac

Director, Corporate External Affairs
Florida Power & Light Company



Number of hurricanes worked: 3

How do you prepare for serious weather?

At Florida Power & Light Company, we stress to our customers and our employees the importance of having a storm plan in place well in advance of any type of weather emergency.

How to make sure your loved ones at home are taken care of?

My husband's plans include evacuating our home if the storm reaches a Category 4 level or higher, and he has two options of where he could go.

Your cannot-do-without gadget:

Hand wipes and hand sanitizer are musts for me. They're easily accessible and so convenient in situations where there isn't any running or clean water, which is often the case immediately after a major storm.



PHOTOS BY JASON LEIDY

Kerry Sanders

NBC News Correspondent
Husband of Deborah Sharp, former
USA Today reporter

Number of hurricanes worked:

Almost every named storm since
1983

How do you prepare for serious weather?

I have my “go bag” with gear. That is not only rain-clothes (shorts/bathing suits to wear under the rain clothes as you always sweat because of the heat/humidity with a storm) but also towels, baby wipes, carpenters glasses (to protect eyes from blowing sand), a baseball helmet (for when I have to stand outside with flying debris). Boots. Crocks. Windspeed gauge. Two waterproof phones (on two different systems incase one fails – ATT and Verizon). Ziplock bags (to keep things dry). Cash (with power outages no access to ATM or use of a credit card). A generator plus several cans of gas for both power and for the vehicle I’ve rented in the town where I’m working.

Your favorite storm-surviving tips:

Always find the Chinese restaurant where you are. For some reason, they always remain open to the last minute and reopen first when a storm passes. It’s a truism for every storm I’ve covered.

Best tip for the aftermath:

A very long extension cord. You may not have a generator, but your neighbor will and they’re often more than willing to share power to keep a fan blowing on you at night to cool you off as your home will be hot and muggy.

Jermaine Frazier

Battalion Chief and
Emergency Manager
Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue

Number of hurricanes worked: 3

How to make sure your loved ones at home are taken care of?

Making sure our home is as resilient and protected as possible — properly insured, impact doors and windows, a three- to five-day supply of food and water and backup power supply.

Your cannot-do-without gadget:

Point of contact list (hard-copy) to have a way to reach out in the event assistance is needed. Pre-establishing relationships with partners ahead of time is essential in Emergency Management. It is far easier to ask a friend for a favor in a time of need than a stranger.



Deborah Sharp

Former USA Today reporter and
author of the Mace Bauer Mysteries
Wife of Kerry Sanders, NBC News
Correspondent

Number of hurricanes worked:

At least 15

How do you prepare for serious weather?

As a former journalist, I covered many storms over 20 years as a correspondent for USA Today. Preparing our own home was always a challenge for Kerry and me, even more so when one or both of us were dispatched outside the region, and we couldn’t work together to batten down the hatches. I keep lawn furniture and potted plants to a minimum.

Favorite tip:

Stash a couple pairs of underwear in the freezer before the storm. You’ll thank me when it’s sweltering, and you can slip into something cool.

Your cannot-do-without gadget:

I still have a battery-powered transistor radio. It doesn’t need Wi-Fi or a power cord, and music or human voices comfort when the house is dark and the storm is howling.



Timothy G. Curtin

Administrative Director,
Community Services
Memorial Healthcare System

Number of hurricanes worked:

I may have lost count. The first one was the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

How to make sure your loved ones at home are taken care of?

We prepare our homes and our families first — stocking up on food, water, batteries, gasoline in the cars, putting up shutters. We try to make sure our home is as prepared as can be so when duty calls we avoid the additional stress.

Your favorite tip:

I prepare as if there's no difference in a Cat 1 or a Cat 5 hurricane. They are all very strong and can cause major destruction.

Your cannot-do-without gadget:

A wind-up AM/FM radio and a battery operated fan. The radio keeps me informed about what's going on outside and the fan keeps me cool!



Pam Zirkle

Commercial Property Manager
Las Olas Company

Number of hurricanes worked:

10

How do you prepare for serious weather?

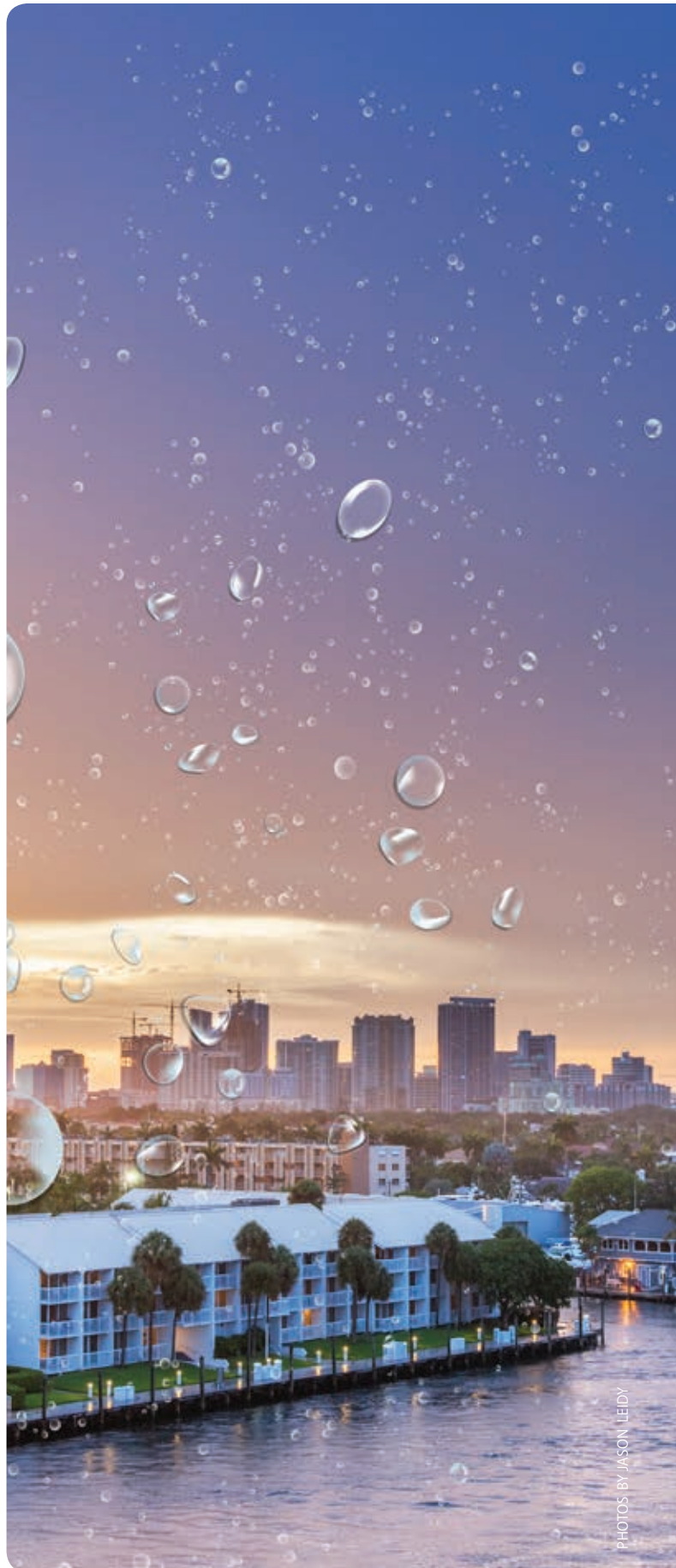
By mid-May, I send out a hurricane preparedness memo to each tenant with pertinent information for the upcoming storm season. This also contains tips for preparing when a storm is imminent. I also request updated emergency contact information from each tenant.

Your favorite tip:

Staying calm is key to preparing for storms and getting through the aftermath.

Your cannot-do-without gadget:

Extra cell phone battery and portable charger.



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TUSCAN PRIME NOW OPEN

A TASTE OF ITALY THAT IS TURNING HEADS

WRITER MADELAINE BOYER

Las Olas is known among locals and tourists alike as a Fort Lauderdale hotspot that will satisfy any kind of cuisine cravings. In total, the Boulevard boasts more than 30 different restaurants, which include fine dining establishments, grab-and-go spots and everything in between.

With so many options to choose from, it certainly makes it difficult to know which restaurants will best tingle your taste buds, especially when there are new restaurants constantly popping up on the Boulevard. Even with an outstanding number of eateries found on Las Olas, one new restaurant is making waves with a menu featuring Italian classics with a twist – Tuscan Prime.

The Italian chophouse first opened its doors earlier this year to a warm welcome from the Fort Lauderdale community. The space was previously home to the former Grille 401, but through The MONTE Restaurant Development Group, owners Michele and Gennaro DiMeo gave the restaurant a total overhaul and transformed it into the Italian chophouse bringing in hundreds of customers weekly.

It has been a dream and passion project of the DiMeos

to open an Italian restaurant in South Florida. Gennaro DiMeo, a Naples, Italy native, felt drawn to bring food from the heart of his home country to the Fort Lauderdale area.

With that in mind, the menu features a variety of Italian classics that are best when paired with a glass of wine from their cultivated wine list. Some dishes, in particular, that are sure to leave patrons salivating include black linguine arrabiata with jumbo shrimp, scallops, mussels, clams and calamari tossed with a spicy San Marzano tomato sauce or braised lamb osso buco paired with a vegetable demi-glace and gnocchi.

Another concept that sets this new restaurant apart from the rest is the daily specials dubbed Prime Happenings.

“Every day is going to be a party. It’s South Florida,” said Anthony Ortiz, Tuscan Prime’s general manager.

“Everyone is looking for a reason to come out and enjoy, and we’re going to give them a reason to come out every single day,” he added about Prime Happenings.

There is something happening every day of the week. Starting out the week, guests can enjoy brunch specials on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. that includes unlimited Mimosas, Bellinis and Aperol Spritz.





The restaurant hosts a live jazz band on Sundays.

For the rest of the week, visitors can partake in Martini Mondays, Tuesday Ladies' Night, Wednesday Sponsor Spotlight, and Thursday Pastabilities where all pasta entrées \$25 and under are \$12.

There is truly something for everyone to enjoy throughout the week at Tuscan Prime. So, next time you're looking to go out to dinner on the Boulevard be sure to make a reservation for the newest spot on the block.

Tuscan Prime is quickly shaping up to be the hottest restaurant in town. [Go](#)



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A conversation with

Michele Dimeo, Proprietor, Tuscan Prime

Our Spirited South Florida writer Renée K. Quinn talked to Michele DiMeo, who owns Tuscan Prime with her husband, Gennaro, about how the restaurant was started and a few of her favorite meals and beverages

How did you create your concept?

We were searching for the perfect location in Fort Lauderdale and after two years of researching the market, we found it — bringing classic recipes from home and making them modern to fit the market. What are the two favorite cuisines behind diners of all ages and travelers? Italian and steakhouses, so that is how the concept was born.

What is your go-to/favorite entrée?

The Prime Meatballs Gennaro; Chef Rodrigo "Rod" Galera's Lamb Ossobuco; and Prime Rib Eye.

What sets your cocktail program apart from others?

We pride ourselves on offering a balanced selection for every palate. Each cocktail has a special and unique element, which helps to set them apart from the pack.

What is your favorite culinary memory?

Traveling in Tuscany and tasting all of the traditional cuisines to get inspiration for my menu.

What is your essential bar accessory?

Definitely a mesh strainer to ensure a clean strain for our infusion cocktails.

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

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Opened: 2019

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HOW TO EQUIP YOUR KITCHEN FOR STORMY WEATHER

THE SISTERS SHARE THEIR STORM-TESTED FOOD AND COOKING RECOMMENDATIONS

WRITERS PENNY SANFILIPPO & JONNY ALTOBELL — THE UGLY SISTERS

For those of us who live full time in Florida the summers bring a multitude of experiences: heat, near daily rain, mangoes, heat and more mangoes. About July, we also start seriously watching for hurricanes that might affect us. Yes, I know that the “official” start of hurricane season is now earlier, but it still doesn’t set in for Jonny and me until after the Fourth of July. We’ve spent a good many storms together and have a couple ideas that can take the food worry down a notch — both before and after the power goes out.

For the kitchen

Consider a **good** cooler (as big as you have storage or budget for). Some of the new ones guarantee frozen food or ice for up to five to seven days. You don’t want to open and close your fridge very often and you can place your favorite frozen foods, ice cubes (including iced tea or coffee cubes if you’re an iced beverage drinker) in the cooler for use the first day or two after landfall. Foods in the freezer can be removed and cooked as they thaw if the outages are extensive (and long).



Since we actually **like** cooking (and don’t have natural gas) we purchased a couple of single butane burners, like the ones you see at omelette stations. They are readily available at places that sell camping equipment. Don’t forget to buy a couple extra cans of butane. These are safe for indoor use — unlike propane, which needs ventilation. The burner can fit up to a 10-inch sauté pan, or a smallish saucepan.



Since hot coffee in the morning is NOT an option, rather a necessity, consider an inexpensive non-electric percolator (camp stores again) or a pour over press. I also have an old-fashioned hand crank coffee grinder to grind beans — but if you buy pre-ground you’re ahead of the game. We drink



coffee black — if you don’t, many stores (including Costco) have shelf stable individual creamers that you can buy anytime and tuck away.

As to what to cook: keep it simple, but tasty. Plan food and water for five to seven days. Canned favorites should be purchased well before the approach of a system — they’ll still be good if we skate by with no storm.

Our editor shared that she and her son found that even canned soup was delicious post-storm when heated in a Sterno-fueled fondue pot, which is no surprise to any of us who have been weeks without power. The simplest items become a treat when the only “normal” is being able to have a meal — even by flashlight. ☺

PANTRY ESSENTIALS

Because of our RV travels we have found a couple pantry items you might consider:

- Pre-cooked “ready pasta” (various shapes) by Barilla — just open the envelope and heat in your favorite pasta sauce. Aldi’s also carries individual pre-cooked quinoa and brown rice. The major grocery stores often carry pouches of par-cooked rice or risotto.
- Shelf stable milk, available in individual or quarts, dairy or non dairy. Trader Joe’s has small containers of shelf stable heavy cream.
- Individual servings of guacamole. You can freeze then use them as “ice” in your cooler. No one should ever be without tortilla chips. Soft tortillas are shelf stable and can be a great bread/roll stand in or used as a vegetarian soft taco shell with canned beans, guacamole, salsa and cheese.
- Speaking of cheese — unopened chunks will keep in your cooler for four to five days with no food-born danger.
- Shelf stable pre-cooked bacon is readily available and an option for more than one kind of meal.
- Tuna in pouches comes with its own seasoning and can be tossed in a salad (remember the pre-cooked pasta?).



REFRESHING SUMMER SIPS

YES! YOU CAN TAKE IT WITH YOU!

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

It's the end of summer, so before the holidays are upon us, let's enjoy the last sunny beach days and vacation vibes.

It's all the rage: popping open cans of wine and cocktails. If beer can do it, why not wine and spirits? It's hard to beat an icy cold beer straight from the cooler on a sizzling summer day. The newest pop-top sips around town are just as refreshing and just may be an alternative for health-conscious alcoholic beverages.

Here's a round-up for your next poolside or beach adventure. Perfect for day drinking by pool or ocean. Sand between toes not included.

For your sipping pleasure cocktails, hard seltzers and sparkly wine have arrived in cans. No need to pack your bar tools or favorite mixologist, Cutwater Spirits offers whiskey, vodka, tequila, rum and mixers expertly crafted in a can for your next sunny adventure.

A few favorites include:

- Floral scented lime Tequila Margarita
- Cool, fresh, and effervescent Cucumber Vodka Soda
- Honeysuckle, caramel, and vanilla infused bourbon balanced with sweet lemon in a Whiskey Lemon Tea
- Ripe tomatoes, exotic spices and a heavy dose of pepper to make a spicy Bloody Mary with vodka
- White Rum, crafted from pure cane sugar, fresh and spicy house-made ginger beer is a storm of a Rum and Ginger

<https://www.instagram.com/cutwaterspirits/>

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Pro Tip

Proceed with caution, as these crisp cocktails and coolers have about the same alcohol content as a typical glass of wine and are very easy to toss back. Alternate with your favorite H2O, sparkling or flat.



Hard seltzer is one choice if you're looking for a relatively low-calorie alcoholic beverage that contains less carbs than a beer and has a lower ABV than wine. High Noon Sun Sips hard seltzer coolers are made with fresh juice (pineapple, black cherry, watermelon and grapefruit), no added sugars, sparkling water and vodka.

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August 6
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EILEEN LAMARCH AND AARON RICHMOND



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LAYNE POLAKOFF, LORI CANNING
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GRACE CHO



JIMMY DIAZ, PHIL DUNLAP, MEREDITH CLEMENTS
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DANA KLEINMAN, JACKLYN LAFLAMME
AND ERIN BASSETT

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BLACK AND BLUE DINE AROUND

Victory Living Programs held its ninth annual Black and Blue Dine Around Event on June 2 at the Capital Grille. Proceeds from the event will help individuals with developmental disabilities live, work and play more independently.



DEBBIE AND STEVE DAY



DONNA AND STEPHEN SCHORR



CAROL GLUNT, LIZ FINN AND ANITA HART

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27TH ANNUAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

More than 100 Broward County high school students came together for the event June 13 and 14 at Nova Southeastern University. United Way of Broward County's Commission on Behavioral Health & Drug Prevention's Broward Youth Coalition hosts the annual event.



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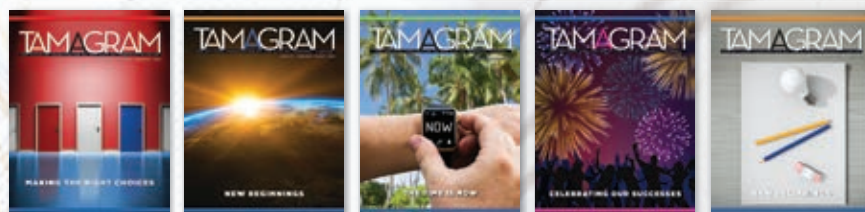
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- Giovanni, fishing enthusiast & pediatric patient



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Meet Giovanni. He was rushed to the pediatric trauma center at Salah Foundation Children's Hospital after being hit by a car. Following surgery, he spent eight weeks recovering in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit under the care of a multidisciplinary team of specialists. Giovanni continues to improve each day and is hopeful about what lies ahead.

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- Hematology Oncology
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit – Level III
- Pediatric Acute Care and Pediatric Medical/Surgical Treatment
- Pediatric Emergency Department
- Pediatric Intensive Care Unit – Level I
- Pediatric Sedation and more

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