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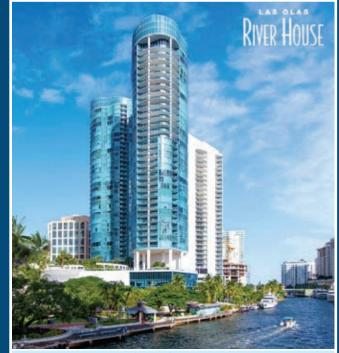
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BY JOHN ROPES Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair

# **FESTIVALS IN FORT LAUDERDALE**

ART, MUSIC, PARADES AND FOOD - RIVERWALK AND FORT LAUDERDALE HAVE THE BEST FESTIVALS AROUND!



**O** ne of the greatest things about living in Fort Lauderdale is the unlimited recreational activities and festivals held for the enjoyment of our great community. Whether you want to experience art, music, great food and drinks, or a parade, you always have something happening along the Riverwalk and Fort Lauderdale in general. Every season, every month, every weekend, there are new activities bringing our local community together.

### Art

The Annual Las Olas Art Fair has become so popular that they have a festival in January, March and October this year! More than 300 national and international exhibitors bring their creative works for display at these highly regarded events. The Las Olas Art Fair is ranked among the top 100 art festivals in the nation.

### Music

The world-famous Tortuga Music Festival is held annually in April on Fort Lauderdale Beach. This event spans three days and, in 2019, attracted over 100,000 people from the United States and 22 other countries.

The Revolution Live Sunday Jazz Brunch has been held on the first Sunday of each month for the last 30 years and brings people together along the Riverwalk to enjoy music from the best local jazz artists on three separate stages. This event is also dog friendly!

### **Food and Drink**

The annual Riverwalk Chili Cookoff is held every February and brings local amateur and professional cooks together to compete for the best chili. Attendees get to sample, judge and vote for their favorite.

The Las Olas Food and Wine Festival held every April, featuring food and drink from 50-plus restaurants and more than 40 wineries. This event anticipates hosting 2,500 attendees and benefits The American Lung Association.

March 27 is the annual Riverwalk Burger Battle where attendees can sample and judge for their favorite burger from more than 16 South Florida restaurants.

### **Holiday Parades and Festivals**

One of the most anticipated festivals in South Florida happens in December every year along the Riverwalk in Fort Lauderdale! The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Winterfest Boat Parade is held on the New River and is best viewed from the Riverwalk. This annual event attracts over a million viewers along the entire 12-mile parade route.

See you on the Riverwalk!



### REPLICA PHOENICIAN SHIP MAKES LANDFALL AT **CORAL RIDGE YACHT CLUB** AFTER UNPRECEDENTED 6,000-MILE ATLANTIC VOYAGE

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The **Phoenicia** began its voyage from Carthage, Tunisia on September 28, 2019. After sailing from Carthage to Cadiz, Spain, Essaouira, Morocco and Tenerife, in the Canary Islands, the ship left the Old World on November 23, 2019 and safely reached port in the Dominican Republic on December 31, 2019, having crossed the Atlantic Ocean using nothing but wind, current, sail and compass. The ship and crew landed on February 4, 2019 to much fanfare, as city officials, Club members and the public cheered them on. Coral Ridge Yacht Club also made Captain Philip Beale an Honorary Member to add to their hearty welcome!





BY GENIA DUNCAN ELLIS President/CEO Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale



# **ART, MUSIC AND BURGERS**

MARCH IS AN IDEAL TIME TO EXPLORE YOUR FESTIVE SIDE IN FORT LAUDERDALE

ew River Fest — where fire, water and fun collide — arrived with a flash, bang and lots of great entertainment.

The first annual New River Fest was held on Saturday, Feb. 8, in partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale. This family friendly event drew a sizable crowd to enjoy science experiments that went KABOOM! and allowed our younger visitors and some of our older ones to learn a little about science and chemistry.



VIP guests enjoyed their own party on the Summer Wind

The event was presented by Crush Law and was supported with sponsors from Charter One Yachts, Broward Center for Performing Arts, Museum of Discovery and Science, Two Men and a Truck, Rivertail Restaurant, Breakthru Beverage, College Hunks Hauling Junk, Sheehan Buick, Big Mouth Girlz, Eye on South Florida, and Go Riverwalk Magazine. The evening featured Big City Dogs who rocked the crowd and had people up dancing. Performing also were Drums of Polynesia Fire Dancers and the famous Fushu Daiko Drummers. The spectacle was fantastic and the crowd was delighted as they clapped and cheered on the performances.

Bringing chairs and blankets to sit on the lawn, families and friends visited together to enjoy a beautify evening in Esplanade Park.

This is just one example of the many festivals that are held downtown and throughout the City to welcome, entertain and engage our community. Looking ahead we will have several events:

- The Jazz Brunch sponsored by Revolution Live on the first Sunday of each month
- The 13th Street Craft Beer and Wine Festival on March 7
- The Las Olas Art Fair on March 7 and 8
- The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival on March 14
- The MASS District Events March 27 through 29
- Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale's Burger Battle on March 27
- The annual Pineapple Jam will be held on March 27 at Historic Stranahan House

These are just a few highlights that show how busy March will be. Other upcoming festivals include Margarita Festival, Pooch & Hooch, The Yard at Sistrunk, NOBE Sunday Block Party and many more.

You will also you will find kickball leagues in full play at Huizenga Plaza in partnership with Township, Carter Park Jamz inspiring your musical side, the AIDS Walk and Festival at Fort Lauderdale Beach supporting one of the many worthwhile causes in our community and the chance to find something new or different or fun in Fort Lauderdale.

Take advantage of the Go Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale event calendar online, or check out the calendar in the back of this magazine for upcoming happenings in our community. It will give you leads on great shows, musicals, informative meetings and ways to just relax and enjoy our local parks.



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After earning my associate's degree from Broward College, I attended and graduated from the University of Miami with a degree in Political Science and Chemistry.

Today, I am a product manager for MAPEI Corporation responsible for the complete product life cycle of crack-isolation and sound control flooring membranes used in construction.

I called Georgia home for ten years. My experience working for the Atlanta Development Authority (2003-2010) is most relevant to *Go Riverwalk Magazine* readers. Leveraging tax increment financing, the Authority was the catalyst that spurred the creation of the Atlanta Beltline, a 22-mile rails-to-trails project. I was the Beltline's first marketing director.

I sit on the board of the Coral Shores Civic Association, having served as its president for five years (2015-2019) and also volunteer my time to support the Galt Ocean Mile Library. My passions include the symphony, enjoying Fort Lauderdale's waterways by boat and attending the many festivals in the area. I believe the City's best days lie ahead and I encourage my local leaders to preserve its "old Florida" charm while embracing and balancing smart development. I joined Riverwalk to get plugged in and see where I might be able to offer value.



### TRUSTEE MEMBER JULIE O'NEILL TOWER CLUB

• As someone who has always been a social person, it was probably destiny more than fate that I would become the membership director at the Tower Club. As part of a family

of more than 300 clubs nationwide, I have unique education and training opportunities all while meeting new and interesting people on a daily basis. Our members consist of seasoned professionals all the way to some impressive younger individuals just starting out their careers. In addition, we have one of the best views in Downtown Fort Lauderdale!

My life in the membership world started after I was forced to reinvent myself and my career after a challenging second divorce. So thanks to a little bit of luck and an amazing mentor, I began my membership career at the Boca Woods Country Club. From there I moved on to the Coral Ridge Yacht Club and have now been at the Tower Club for two years.

While I love people and all of the events I do at the club and in the community, family is my number one priority. I have two sons, ages 19 and 13, who keep me very busy. I'm also a huge fan of Bikram Yoga and working out. This probably comes from living in India during my childhood. (Ask me about that experience sometime!)

With the Tower Club being in the heart of the Riverwalk District, it was only natural that we become members. We love their events and their members, many of whom are also members of the Tower Club.

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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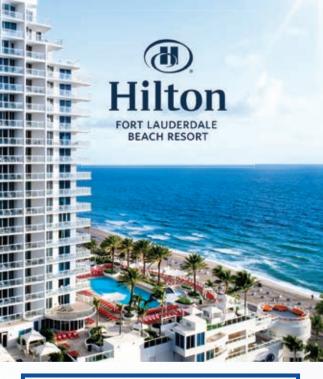


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# **RIVERWALK FORT LAUDERDALE NEW RIVER FEST**

It was perfect weather on Saturday, Feb. 8, for the inaugural Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale New River Fest presented by Crush Law. Commissioner Steve Glassman kicked off the event and ignited the stage with the Museum of Discovery and Science Kaboom experience. Residents, visitors and families enjoyed entertainment from Big City Dogs Band, Drums of Polynesia and Fushu Daiko. VIP guests enjoyed an evening aboard the Summer Wind yacht while several food and beverage options lined the street for all to enjoy. This truly was a night colliding water, fire and fun. @



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# **RIVERWALK POWER MIXER**

On Feb. 10, Riverwalk Trustee members and Corporate Sponsors and their guests gathered at the Lillian S. Wells Women's Center at Broward Health Medical Center for an evening of networking accompanied by food and drink. Belmont Village Senior Living and Danto Builders sponsored the event.





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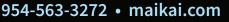
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# **TWO GREAT TRADITIONS RETURN TO FORT LAUDERDALE ON MARCH 14**

ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION AND DEBUT OF PRO SOCCER HIGHLIGHT MARCH

n Saturday, March 14, Fort Lauderdale celebrates the return of a legendary tradition, the St. Patrick's Parade and Festival, and we will also celebrate the home debut of Inter Miami CF, David Beckham's new Major League Soccer team!

The pageantry and excitement begins bright and early when thousands will gather at Huizenga Plaza (Las Olas and Andrews Avenue) at 7 a.m. for the annual Shamrock Run. Festivities will continue throughout the morning with live music and entertainment, and then, it's time for the largest St. Patrick's Parade in South Florida.

The St. Patrick's Parade begins at 11 a.m. this year and travels west along Las Olas Boulevard from Southeast Fifth Avenue through the heart of downtown Fort Lauderdale. The colorful parade will feature more than 100 decorative floats, pipe and drum corps, classic automobiles, bagpipers, marching bands, Irish dancers, street performers, scout troops, local sports teams, veterans groups, and more.

Following the parade, don't miss the St. Patrick's Festival, which runs until 7 p.m. at Huizenga Plaza and along the Riverwalk. Highlights include live bands, interactive entertainment, cultural attractions, a Kids Zone, and an exclusive performance by U2BYUV, the ultimate U2 tribute band. For more information about the St. Patrick's Parade and Festival, visit www.stpatsftl.com.

Saturday, March 14 also marks the opening of Major League Soccer (MLS) in Fort Lauderdale! At 2:30 p.m., Inter Miami CF will take the field for its inaugural home opener at the brand new, 18,000-seat professional soccer stadium located on the former site of Lockhart Stadium.

The historic game will match Inter Miami against the L.A. Galaxy, which happens to be David Beckham's former



team. Beckham played for the Galaxy from 2007 to 2012, leading the club to backto-back MLS Cup Championships in 2011 and 2012. The opening matchup should prove to be an exciting contest as Inter Miami boasts a host of talented young players led by a



trio of 19-year-olds that includes Argentine midfielder Matías Pellegrini and forward Julián Carranza, along with Venezuelan defender Christian Makoun.

Inter Miami's debut marks a major milestone in the public/private partnership between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Beckham group. Under the agreement, the Beckham group is investing \$130 million to transform the 64-acre Lockhart Stadium property into a soccer-centric community destination. In addition to the new soccer stadium, the complex will include a 50,000 square foot state-of-the-art soccer training center and seven professional fields. The facility will be home to Inter Miami's United Soccer League (USL) team and the Academy. It will also host international clubs, tournaments and local high school sporting events.

At the same time, exciting plans are moving forward for a signature community park that is also being funded and constructed by the Beckham group. The community destination will feature public gathering areas, open green space, shade structures, a dog park, playgrounds, multi-purpose fields, a walking/jogging/ fitness trail, along with other amenities and ancillary facilities all for use by our community.

The City's partnership with the Beckham group breathes new life into this landmark property. It brings professional soccer back to our community; provides our youth with opportunities for expert coaching, training, and instruction; gives our City much-needed new parks and recreation areas, athletic fields, and stadium access; and ushers in the return of high school games and athletic events.

I'm excited to see the tremendous progress being made on this game-changing initiative that fulfills our shared vision of expanding green space and promoting active healthy lifestyles. It is truly a transformative project that will redefine the Uptown area of Fort Lauderdale and make a lasting impact on our community for generations to come.

See you at both amazing events on Saturday, March 14!

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# FORT LAUDERDALE DDA BY THE DECADES

MILESTONES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A METROPOLITAN CITY

he Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has been writing a GoRiverwalk column for at least a decade, if not longer. Articles have ranged from announcements of upcoming events, to project updates and trends on real estate development. We've even shared a poem and a collage of photos depicting a city on the rise.

All the while, I don't recall us having shared our own agency history and our key accomplishments over the past half-century. As the saying goes, if you're not telling your story, then someone else is probably telling it for you, and it might not be what you want to say. So here's a snapshot of who we are and what we've accomplished by the decades. We look forward to working with our partners, such as Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, and all DowntownFTL stakeholders to keep the progress moving well beyond 2020.

The Fort Lauderdale DDA is an independent taxing district established by the Florida State Legislature in 1965 at a time when suburban sprawl rendered Downtown Fort Lauderdale a blighted and largely vacant city center. Led by a volunteer board of directors, the DDA has spearheaded legacy projects over the past 55 years to stimulate and sustain economic development and livability in DowntownFTL. The DDA levies a modest millage rate of 0.9414 on non-residential properties in its 350-acre taxing district, using this revenue to support capital projects, programs and advocacy efforts to support continued investment in the urban core.



### The 1970s

DDA acquired 15 acres of blighted and vacant land to build new civic and cultural amenities. Land was purchased using the DDA's first general obligation bond, resulting in signature destinations like the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, the Museum of Discovery and Science, the Riverwalk and adjacent parks, the Main Library, and the Museum of Art.



### The 1980s

DDA initiated a land use and zoning policy that allowed for mixed-use development. During this period, new Class A office buildings were being built in the central business district and the DDA's efforts to promote residential development set the stage for the live-work-play environment we have today.



### The 1990s

DDA built Huizenga Plaza along the New River as a signature open space. Recognizing that great cities have great parks, the DDA constructed a stage, amphitheater and interactive fountain to create a public park suitable for both big events and casual encounters.



### The 2000s

DDA renovated 12 blocks of South Second Street to set the stage for private investment. As the first major streetscape investment in the urban core, the DDA issued a second general obligation bond to completely rebuild this key east-west roadway from the Broward Center for the Performing Arts to Federal Highway with new landscaping, street trees, streetlights and wide sidewalks.



### The 2010s

DDA facilitated support for federal, state and local investments in transportation and public infrastructure. The DDA organized collaboration among numerous government agencies resulting in a commitment of nearly \$400 million to build projects ranging from a new federal courthouse, to a downtown mass transit system, to completion of the northern section of the Riverwalk.



### 2020 and Beyond...

The DDA will continue to focus on key priorities that involve public and private investments, improved mobility, enhancements to our streets, sidewalks and parks, and greater community engagement.



Cities do not stop changing, growing and evolving. As a new decade kicks into full gear, we stand ready to work with the community to keep building a successful DowntownFTL for all!

For more information about the Fort Lauderdale DDA or to read a digital copy of the DowntownFTL 2020 State of the Market report, go to www.ddaft.org.



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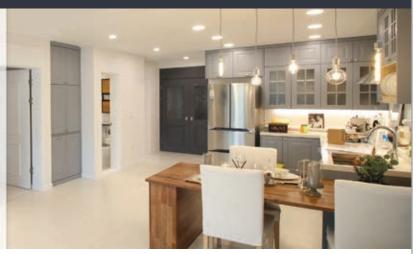
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# **LESSONS OF TRANSPORTATION SUCCESS**

CONNECTING MODES OF MOVEMENT WHERE THE PEDESTRIAN IS FIRST

s we turn the corner into spring, our weather is getting a little warmer and the festival season has begun in South Florida. But for us in the transportation field in South Florida, it is not just about the traditional festivals, it is also time for the South Florida Safe Streets Summit — a time for us to come together and share our successes and learn from other experts in the field.

The Summit brings together transportation professionals across Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade Counties and is held by the three county transportation planning organizations. This year we were proud to host the event in Fort Lauderdale.

We were excited to be able to showcase the incredible things that have been accomplished to better move people in Fort Lauderdale since the Transportation and Mobility Department was created in 2012, making steps



closer to the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision of having a connected transportation system where the pedestrian is first.

We not only learn from our colleagues in the region, but experts are also brought in from around the world. This year, Mikael Colville-Andersen from Copenhagen spoke to the group about creating Life-Sized Cities.

He shared how we have learned that if you make more space for cars, more cars come instead and create more traffic instead of relieving traffic, spending billions of dollars on major projects that do not have the outcomes promised. But if we examine how people are using the transportation system in real life instead of using technical computer driven models we can make small changes that make a big difference in how people move around our city that can be experienced in every day life.

One of the key methods he shared was to watch "desire lines" of how people are traveling. For example, if there is a place where pedestrians are crossing a street where there is not a crosswalk, it is because there is a need for a crossing, the answer is not putting up barriers making it more difficult for pedestrians to get where they need to go.

The Transportation Department has followed this practice over the past years and been very successful especially when considering crosswalk locations. Northeast Third Avenue and Andrews Avenue just north of Broward Boulevard are great examples of where we saw people crossing at these locations, but it was not safe to cross. So we worked with Broward County to install these crossings, thus making a significant improvement to safety for moving people with small wins. Or slightly larger wins such as new signalized pedestrian crossings that we were able to work with the Florida Department of Transportation on to improve the ability to cross Broward Boulevard at East First Avenue and Sunrise Boulevard and Southeast Tenth Avenue.

As we enter the next generation of transportation planning in the City, we will be embarking with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization on the development of our next Transportation Master Plan to create a vision filled with small and large wins to move people more efficiently through Fort Lauderdale and what we need to get there. Stay tuned over the next year to be a part of this process.

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# TIME TO GET YOUR IRISH ON

FORT LAUDERDALE'S SPIRITS — AND STREETS — TURN GREEN ON MARCH 14

he Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Parade and Festival presented by The Law Firm of Kelley/Uustal takes place in downtown Fort Lauderdale on Saturday, March 14. The pageantry and excitement begin at Huizenga Plaza (Las Olas and Andrews Avenue) at 7 a.m. with the Shamrock Run, immediately followed by the Leprechaun Dash for kids. Festivities will continue throughout the morning with live music and entertainment leading up to the best St. Patrick's Parade in South Florida.

The parade starts at 11 a.m. and travels west along Las Olas Boulevard from Southeast Fifth Avenue through the heart of downtown Fort Lauderdale. The colorful cavalcade will include more than 100 decorative floats, pipe and drum corps, classic automobiles, bagpipers, marching bands, Irish dancers, street performers, scout troops, local sports teams, veterans groups, and much more.

The St. Patrick's Festival follows the parade and runs until 7 p.m. at Huizenga Plaza and along the Riverwalk. Highlights will include live bands, Irish dancers, interactive entertainment, cultural attractions and an expanded kids zone featuring bounce houses, gigantic slides, pony rides, face painting, a petting zoo and mechanical rides. Featured performers will include the Kelly Academy of Irish Dance, the Fineans, Aranmore Academy of Irish Dance, Celtic Bridge, Drake School of Irish Dance and more.

In addition to the parade and festival, Fort Lauderdale residents and visitors are invited to an outstanding kickoff celebration. Get ready for the best Irish Happy Hour in town as we present an Irish Party in Park on Friday, March 13, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Huizenga Plaza, located at the corner of Las Olas Boulevard and Andrews Avenue in downtown. The free event will feature an Irish Happy Hour, Irish music, the legendary striping of the street, and more!

Established in 2010, the Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

The event organizing committee consists of volunteers from neighborhood, business and civic entities who are dedicated to presenting an authentic, exciting and family-friendly annual parade and festival.

The celebration on the Saturday before March 17 provides downtown Fort Lauderdale businesses with an added economic boost from thousands of residents, locals and tourists, who enjoy the festivities while supporting local shops, restaurants, retail, cultural and entertainment venues.

For more information on the Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Parade and Festival, visit www.stpatsftl.com.



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# FESTIVALS - THEIR ROLE IN OUR COMMUNITY

AND HOW WE CAN SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH FESTIVALS

estivals contribute to our community in ways we don't always recognize. They provide an opportunity for segments of our community to gather and celebrate together, generate a sense of pride for local culture and contribute to the local economy.

While festivals seemingly come and go, taking place one or more days annually, their impact permeates the communities even in the days between when a festival takes place each year. Festivals can shine a light on cultures/ethnicities while elevating a city artistically as a whole. And as we've seen with FAT Village's art walk, they can also rejuvenate neighborhoods. By providing dialogue and awareness of cultures and concepts, festivals can transform communities; a facet worth celebrating in and of itself.

In short, festivals support place and community just as much as place and community can support festivals. So, how are we supporting our festivals in Broward?

For those who have a hand in the production of festivals, we have a grant for you to apply for fiscal year 2021 funding. Some key dates for our Cultural Festival Program (CFP) grant:

- April 15: Application workshop learn more about the grant and how to apply directly from our staff (free to attend)
- June 1: Letter of intent deadline
- July 1: Application deadline

While the Cultural Division's funding opportunities are currently being restructured to account for more



equitable and efficient distribution, these adjustments will not impact the current funding cycles.

- In 2020 we will continue to offer funding for:
- Individual, creative projects
- · Tourist development and cultural heritage efforts
- Arts and culture organizations' exhibitions and programming
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In the meantime, throughout the grants restructuring process, Cultural Division Director Phil Dunlap will be hosting three-hour sessions where former, current and future grantees can learn more and ask questions about the process. These monthly Culture Café sessions are free and will take place the third Friday of every month from 2 to 5 p.m. at General Provision's downtown

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# **TRAFFIC GRIDLOCK DRIVES THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY NUTS, TOO**

SOUTH FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT IN APRIL TO ADDRESS LONG-RANGE PLANS

raffic in South Florida may be the butt of jokes for motorists living outside of the Sunshine State who wonder how so many drivers survive the highways and byways by passing on the right and ignoring their turn signals. For the people who live here, bumper-to-bumper driving along Broward Boulevard or getting stuck in rush hour traffic along I-95 can be, well, challenging.

South Florida motorists waste more than four days of their life a year stuck in traffic, according to INRIX, a Seattle-based transportation data group that annually distributes a benchmark traffic congestion study. Put another way: if you live to age 75, you'll spend almost a year in traffic. Time, as the old saying goes, is money, and the time wasted behind the wheel in gridlock costs.

Unfortunately, traffic gridlock is not only frustrating motorists, but makes it harder for South Florida's businesses. Already we're hearing anecdotes of potential employees rejecting jobs because of long commutes, increased billings by attorneys traveling between their offices and the courts and delivery services forced to readjust their schedules to accommodate traffic gridlock.

The business community is addressing the issue by cooperating across county lines in finding innovative approaches to help keep South Florida, the nation's 12th largest economy, moving.

In April, representatives from the leading chambers of commerce, the three major transportation planning organizations, along with city and county administrators, corporate executives, elected officials, representatives from Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties will come together in the South Florida Transportation Summit. The local and national experts attending the summit will highlight long-range transportation plans that will lead to a larger, overall vision to help South Florida's business, community and political leaders develop new ways to keep our region moving and our economy growing. I believe this forum will help us do both.

Right now, the Miami metropolitan area, which includes Broward and Palm Beach counties, ranks 12th among U.S. cities for time lost to traffic gridlock, according to INRIX. The data puts Miami behind Atlanta, but well under the top three worst places to drive — Boston, Washington, D.C., and Chicago. The traffic gridlocks we now see, whether along busy arterial streets like Broward Boulevard or along too many stretches of I-95 and I-595, cannot become the literal stranglehold that stalls the movement of people and goods. Our region can't afford that.

The Greater Fort Lauderdale area has a lot of advantages that make it an attractive destination for businesses – low taxes, a viable labor pool, its proximity to the Latin American and South American markets and, of course, balmy weather and beautiful beaches. It sits in the middle of a thriving four county region, consisting of almost 8 million residents and an economy of \$345 billion. Our city's downtown has grown over the years to become a vibrant place to work, live and play, a far cry from the days when the Downtown emptied out after 5 p.m.

The business community played a major role

in the growth of our region and has consistently addressed challenges that affect South Florida - be it affordable housing, climate change, and now the seemingly intractable problem of traffic gridlock. The Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and other business groups, for example, supported Broward County's Successful 2018 Surtax Referendum, a needed initiative to bolster mass transit and other alternative forms of transportation to more easily move people around the county. The upcoming transportation summit is another step to ensure better mobility becomes a reality in South Florida. 🕲

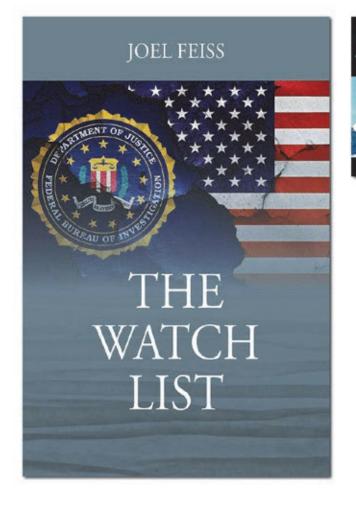
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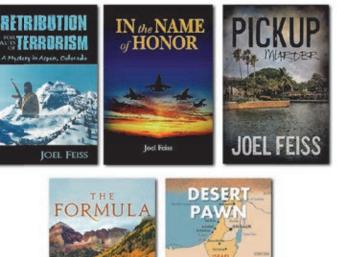


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BY PHIL PURCELL CEO/President, Marine Industries Association of South Florida Writer Kelly Skidmore



# **KEEPING OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN**

THE BROWARD COUNTY WATERWAY CLEANUP ATTRACTS THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS

his year marks the 43rd annual Broward County Waterway Cleanup. Organized by the Marine Industries Association of South Florida, it is the county's largest and longest-running environmental event. The first Waterway Cleanup, held in the late 1970s, encouraged communities to join the marine industry in the cleanup of Broward County's local inland waterways for the enjoyment of residents and visitors alike.

The 1970s were indeed a time of awareness and retrospection. The first Earth Day was held in 1970 and the Keep America Beautiful campaign launched in 1971, which hit its stride with the commercial that portrayed a Native American man paddling a birch bark canoe on a waterway that became increasingly polluted along his journey – a commercial that is still ranked as one of the most-watched commercials of all time.

Growing public awareness and concern for controlling water pollution led to sweeping amendments of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act in 1972. As amended, the law became commonly known as the Clean Water Act and prompted a national interest in environmentalism.

Over the decades, the Broward County Waterway Cleanup, usually held the first weekend in March, has



been responsible for attracting 75,000 volunteers who have collected more than 4.25 million pounds of trash and debris from the surrounding rivers, lakes, canals and the Intracoastal Waterway. Typically, a lot of cans, bottles, plastic bags, tires and palm fronds are collected on both land and sea, with many volunteers working from boats, canoes, kayaks and paddleboards. Lawn furniture, shopping carts, bicycles and even an ankle monitor have been occasional finds.

As part of the Waterway Cleanup, the Marine Industries Association of South Florida hosts an essay and short story writing contest for middle and high school students in Broward County schools. The entries focus on the role our waterways play in our community, whether historically, economically or environmentally. The winner of the essay contest, which is open to high school students, receives \$500, while the middle school short story winner receives \$250. Both middle and high school students can also submit recycled art projects, with one high school student and one middle school student winner each receiving \$250.

The now annual Trash Bash is the popular volunteer thank you party that takes place immediately following the cleanup at an outdoor venue and is a muchanticipated event with food, drinks, live entertainment, raffle prizes and the announcement of the essay and art scholarship winners.

Today, dozens of companies have joined in sponsoring the event with presenting sponsors, the Florida Inland Navigation District, also known as F.I.N.D, and National Marine Suppliers. In recent years, many volunteers have noted that the waterways are cleaner than in the past, citing more awareness, widespread recycling, and a renewed focus on protecting our natural resources as reasons for the improvement.

As the organization dedicated to promoting and supporting recreational boating, the Marine Industries Association of South Florida is proud to organize this annual event in Broward County. Boaters are traditionally intrinsic stewards of our waterways and are always looking for (or inventing) innovative ideas that help to change old habits, find renewable sources of energy, and preserve our natural environment with sustainable solutions – and they certainly don't mind picking up a little trash while enjoying a few hours out on the water. <sup>(1)</sup>

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SMALL BUSINESS



#### Small Business Stats HOUSE BOUTIQUE

Owner: Patricia House Founded: October 2019 Number of employees: 4 Address: 713A E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale Phone: (954) 701-1114 Website: www.houseboutiquefl.com Decorating and furnishing your home can be a daunting task especially when you often have to consult multiple different professionals to get it done. From choosing furnishings to a possible renovation, it's hard to find one place that can handle all your home décor needs. It was this idea in mind that interior designer Patricia House opened House Boutique on Las Olas, a one-stop shop for everything home décor, furnishing and renovation related.

Patricia House has been working as an interior designer for more than 20 years now and previously owned an interior design store called Casablanca for 13 years in West Palm Beach. However, in recent years after relocating to Fort Lauderdale, she realized there weren't many stores in the area offering shoppers much more than just home décor items for sale.

"I wanted to have a one-stop store where you can find a wall treatment or something decorative for your home but also have the opportunity to do a consultation with us for interior design as well," House said. So, this past fall, she opened House Boutique on the famous boulevard to offer everything you could ever need in home interior design and much more to South Florida residents.

Upon entering House Boutique, visitors will immediately notice House's signature modern coastal style that can be seen all throughout the store. Shoppers can browse through different home décor gifts and decorative items that they can add to their own home or purchase for a friend or loved one to the enhance their space. However, for those looking for help with larger scale projects such as the decorating and furnishing of entire rooms in their home, they can also set up a consultation with Patricia and her design team to help bring your vision to life. "My goal is always to make your house feel like a home," she said.

Aside from home décor items and interior design services, however, House Boutique sets itself apart by also offering shoppers the option of full home renovation services as well. At House Boutique, their team of inhouse carpenters can do any kind of renovation job in your home, involving carpentry. Whether you're looking to replace your kitchen cabinets or update the woodwork in your bathroom, they can do it all.

At the end of the day, however, when it comes to what House feels sets apart her and her business from the rest is her ability as a designer to add those final details to your home that makes it uniquely you.







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# AN INTERVIEW WITH VINCENT J. VIOLA

THOUGHTS ON LESSONS, REWARDS, SPORTING TRENDS AND HOCKEY

WRITER GO RIVERWALK STAFF

#### **RIVERWALK TRIBUTE**

Honoring Vincent J. Viola, Owner, Florida Panthers Friday, March 6 Riverside Hotel 620 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale



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#### Vincent J. Viola

**TITLES AND COMPANIES:** Chairman, owner and governor of Sunrise Sports & Entertainment, the Florida Panthers Hockey Club, the BB&T Center, and SSE's additional operating entities.

GRW Magazine introduced readers to this year's Riverwalk Tribute honoree Vincent J. Viola in the February issue.

This month, the owner of the Florida Panthers NHL hockey team answers some more in-depth questions about his business philosophies, trends in sports, and his thoughts looking ahead to the Panthers' new ice rinks and endeavor with the War Memorial restoration.

Viola will be honored on Friday, March 6, at the Riverside Hotel. Through Viola's leadership, the Florida Panthers Foundation has shown their continued commitment to the local community in their support of children's health and education, veteran's affairs, youth hockey and the endangered Florida panther.

#### What is the biggest lesson you took from other jobs?

Throughout all of my career and endeavors, I have found that ego is the root of a company and a team's problems. If you can remove the ego and create a 'company first, team first' culture, then you can succeed. It's about employees and leaders who remove that ego and make decisions for the team.

# What do you see as the biggest challenges in terms of growing the Panthers enterprise?

As a franchise, we're only 26 years young, we're still working on becoming a part of South Florida's daily life one fan at a time. Through our amazing programs such as Community Champions and key local partners, we're proud of the work we're doing for the South Florida community.

# How do you see the restoration of the War Memorial and new indoor ice rinks benefitting the Fort Lauderdale community?

The restoration of the War Memorial is a project that aligns perfectly with our organizational DNA. A core pillar of our Florida Panthers foundation and a cause near to my heart, this project honors veterans. Being able to do so and at the same time use the space to grow the game of hockey makes this a perfect fit. Part of what we do every day is inspire the youth of South Florida to get on the ice and learn the game. This facility will allow us to continue that commission and restore a regular community hub in Ft. Lauderdale.



#### What's the most rewarding part of your job?

Through our Community Champions Grant Program, we've been able to work with truly inspirational 501 (c) (3) organizations. Seeing the impact that not only our funding, but the programs and volunteer opportunities with our staff and partners have on these organizations, is indescribable. In addition to that, sports brings communities together. We're here to build a winning team and a team that the South Florida Community can believe in and rally around. That's a powerful thing.

#### What's the hardest part of your job?

Losing a game! We all want to see wins and the happiness it brings to our community. You can't get too high or too low, but we like to see wins on the ice.

#### At the Panthers, what are you focusing on going forward?

We want to be a competitive franchise on the ice for many years to come. Our focus is on making the playoffs year after year and winning the Stanley Cup.

#### What are the three biggest trends you have on your radar?

Sports betting, fans wanting more in-game experiences other than just watching the game, and technology continuing to evolve – our mobile ticketing platform has taken off strongly since its launch.

# What problems in your industry are you excited about solving?

Hockey is not the same experience on TV as it is in person. We are working on player and puck tracking to enhance the game for the viewer, plus making it as convenient as we can for fans to get to games at an affordable rate to see the game live.





# MILESTONE YEAR FOR 25TH LAS OLAS WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL

SOUTH FLORIDA EATERIES AND INTERNATIONAL WINERIES RETURN TO LAS OLAS BOULEVARD ON APRIL 3

WRITER GO RIVERWALK STAFF



or more than two decades, guests have strolled Las Olas Boulevard in April for an evening of charitable fun as the American Lung Association (ALA) hosts one of the premiere wine and food festivals of South Florida — and it's back again, for the 25th anniversary.

Get ready to indulge in the best eateries of Greater Fort Lauderdale and its surrounding areas paired with samplings from international wineries at the 25th Annual Las Olas Wine and Food Festival, happening Friday, April 3, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Presented by New Amsterdam Vodka, J Vineyards, Woodford Reserve, Breakthru Beverage, and Amerant, the event will bring in 60 selected restaurants highlighting the best of Greater Fort Lauderdale, more than 30 international wineries showcasing 200-plus wines, live music, DJ's, dancing, and interactive experiences for VIP guests.

All of the proceeds will benefit the American Lung Association of South Florida.

This year's honorary chairs, Eric Pfeil of Breakthru Beverage and Ina Lee of Travel Host, have led a committee that has worked to bring new elements for guests to enjoy along with Scarlett Clarke of Yellow Cab who is overseeing the corporate event partnerships.

A new addition this year: A limited access VIP Pre-Party and Early Entry Add ticket, which includes a beautiful pre-event at Riverside Hotel's rooftop starting at 5:30 p.m. and then access to the tasting pavilions at 7 p.m. for the first 200 VIP purchasers. This add-on is available for a \$50 upgrade at the time of purchase.

Tickets to the annual LOWFF are \$150 and are all-inclusive. Special discount promotions are available throughout the upcoming months, so it is suggested to purchase early before specials (and tickets) run out. By flashing #LOWFF's signature wineholder-necklace credentials, guests gain access into the VIP Lounges placed along each intersection plus all luxury tasting pavilions decadently designed on each Las Olas block. Wine and food tasting Neighborhood Pavilions will transport guests through the best of Greater Fort Lauderdale's communities as guests experience the very best of our restaurants along with pairing wines.

Additionally, this year's Las Olas Wine and Food Festival is hosted by Las Olas Association, Las Olas Company, Amerant, and Cadillac.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.lasolaswff.com. For a complete line-up of event details and ticket information, visit www.lasolaswff.com or call (954) 727-0907.

#### IF YOU GO:

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# LET'S GET FESTIVE

PRIDE OF THE AMERICAS CELEBRATES TWO CONTINENTS, 53 COUNTRIES AND ONE LOVE

WRITER LYNN STOCK

ort Lauderdale will host the first Pride of the Americas festival and parade on April 21 through 26. Go Riverwalk Magazine chatted with Richard Gray, senior vice president, diversity, equity and inclusion for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau.

#### How did Pride of the Americas get started?

It was the Pride Fort Lauderdale Board that came up with the idea of "How about incorporating the Americas?" Two continents, 53 countries, one love.

It just fits in with Fort Lauderdale and who we are. We are an unusual destination. ... We have almost 186 languages spoken. There are more black people and brown people than there are white people here. We are so diverse and so inclusive and so open and so welcoming, just to weave all these Caribbean countries, to weave Colombia to Peru.

We're super excited about it. As I said, it fits with us. It fits with who we are. I think it's all about showing that we're visible as a destination. Nowadays, I think especially more so under the current administration in Washington, you've got to be visible. I think that visibility creates awareness and awareness leads to acceptance and acceptance ends discrimination.

# What role does the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau have with the event?

We're the presenting sponsor. ... We're the only convention and business bureau that has a department like my department (diversity, equity and inclusion). We have a seven-figure budget, which is substantial. The idea is to develop and grow our visibility and show how inclusive and open and welcome we are.

#### What's next for Pride of the Americas?

It's going to be an event that's held every two years and it will be held in Argentina (in 2022).

#### **Pride of the Americas events**

The activity-packed six days will include runway shows, an arts festival, an LGBT+ health and wellness conference, a travel symposium, Business of the Americas conference and a transgender summit.

The festivities end with a beach festival and fireworks display on Fort Lauderdale Beach on Sunday, April 26.

Organizers promise two big concert headliners, but unfortunately were not able to share those names at Go Riverwalk Magazine's press time.





#### Tuesday, April 21

Women's Arts Event, 6 p.m., Vanguard Sanctuary for the Arts, Fort Lauderdale Official Afterparty

#### Wednesday, April 22

Earth Day Volunteer Experience, 8 a.m. to noon Inspiring Progress: Advocacy in the Americas Conference, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Opening VIP Reception, 6 p.m., Museum of

Discovery & Science, Fort Lauderdale Opening Ceremonies & Concert, 8 p.m., Broward Center for the Performing Arts

#### Official Afterparty

#### Thursday, April 23

Spotlight on Seniors: Aging in the Americas, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (shared luncheon with Health Symposium)

LGBT+ Health & Wellness Symposium: HIV/AIDS in the Americas, Noon to 4 p.m.

Pride of the Americas Day of Service, 9 a.m., Feeding South Florida, Pembroke Park

Runway Fashion Show, 8 p.m., Seminole Hard Rock Resort & Casino, Hollywood

Official Afterparty

#### Friday, April 24

Pride of the Americas Business Conference, 9 a.m., Citrix, Fort Lauderdale

Transgender Issues Summit, 1 p.m.

Night on the Drive, 6 p.m. until late, Wilton Manors Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida Concert, 8 p.m., Sunshine Cathedral, Fort Lauderdale

Official Afterparty

#### Saturday, April 25

Rainbow 5K Run, 6 to 9 a.m.

Pride of the Americas Parade, 11 a. m., SR A1A, Fort Lauderdale Beach

Beach Festival, noon to 8 p.m., Fort Lauderdale Beach Park

Trans Youth/Parent Workshop, 2 p.m.

Diversity Honors, 6 p.m., Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood

Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida Concert, 8 p.m., Sunshine Cathedral, Fort Lauderdale

Official Afterparty

#### Sunday, April 26

Faith and Pride Service, 11 a.m., Fort Lauderdale Beach Park

Beach Festival and Fireworks, noon to 8 p.m., Fort Lauderdale Beach Park.



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# **NEW FACES IN OLD SPACES**

RIVERTAIL - "REEL FOOD" ON THE NEW RIVER

WRITERS PENNY SANFILIPPO & JONNY ALTOBELL - THE UGLY SISTERS



Priney Irish Pub was a special spot on the Riverwalk in Ft. Lauderdale. The old maxim of "Location, location, location" was proven true by the pub's longevity. But as with so much in Downtown Fort Lauderdale, change seems to be the new constant.

Walking into Rivertail feels familiar – even with plenty of updates and bright splashes of color – the spacious outside patio overlooking the river is as charming as ever. Inside, there is seating for 150 and the ultra modern concrete mural of the New River is worth the visit alone! Rivertail is adjacent to The Wharf and is indeed part of the same Comma and Breakwater Hospitality groups. The primo spot on the New River is accessible by boat with dock space as well. Restaurant hours are still somewhat limited, with dinner Wednesday through Sunday from 6 p.m. to midnight, and Happy Hours Wednesday through Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. Appetizer prices range from \$12 to \$21 and entrees from \$25 to \$38.

A name like Rivertail should conjure images of seafood – and James Beard award nominee Chef José Mendin does not disappoint with his innovative menu ideas.

OK, when did you last have a crab doughnut? Tiny bites of brioche filled with crab and glazed with honey and sea salt beat the morning variety of doughnuts hands down.

The Yellowtail Ceviche taquitos are a crunchy mouthful with silky ceviche inside. The Bay Scallops "Escargot" were

a tongue in cheek service of scallops served as you would snails (in an escargot dish) with each scallop enrobed with shiso-garlic butter and lime zest.

Jonny was convinced to try the Veal Brains Meunière and was delighted. I applaud the server who had the nerve to even suggest it to her! We never made it to entrees as the apps were so varied and satisfying.

Happy hour is a great time to sample their 1-2-3 knockout — \$1 oysters, \$2 shrimp and \$3 stone crab claws all served icy cold and well – perfect. The raw bar selection was both expansive and welcome. You have to know the fish is FRESH when there are seven to nine selections from which to choose. A reason to return for dinner alone might include the Brazilian Seafood stew (Moquea Mista) or one of the Grill specialties, Cobia or Black Grouper – with sauce selections sure to intrigue you.

There is a glass deli case at the main door that showcases the catch of the day and you can watch the fabulous kitchen crew prep treats for service until you can't stand it and you have to sit down and order some yourself.

Both the inside and outside bars are staffed with talented mixologists who made some of the prettiest (and tastiest) drinks I've had in ages. More on that in Sips. This is another "must do" for your out of town guests. You'll be a reel star.

IF YOU GO:



RIVERTAIL Address: 305 S. Andrews Ave., Suite 123, Fort Lauderdale Phone: (954) 306-2665 Website: www.Rivertailftl.com Dinner: Wed. through Sun. 6 p.m. to midnight Happy Hour: Wed. through Fri. 4 to 7 p.m.

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BITES & SIPS TEAM RENÉE K. QUINN, PENNY SANFILIPPO and JONNY ALTOBELL

# **CRAFTED COCKTAILS ON THE NEW RIVER**

A CONVERSATION WITH A RIVERTAIL MIXOLOGIST

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN





### **GREEN MACHINE**

A bright and refreshing gin, basil cucumber cocktail with fresh lemon. Spirited South Florida sat down with the team at Rivertail to talk craft. We were treated to several inspired cocktails, with two cocktails standing out, both with my favorite clear spirit, gin. My go to is made with Ford's Gin or Hendricks gin. Be Gincurious!

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Tell me about yourself. Years in industry: *18* Known for: *My passion behind the bar* Your go-to drinks is: *Old Fashioned* Must-have garnish: *Dry fruit* Essential bar accessory: *Shaker* Best local bar: *Rivertail* You are inspired by: *Dead Rabbit NY* The cocktail trend that's going to move us forward in 2020: *Flavored and seasonal old* 

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#### The Peking Acrobats

March 1 Masters of agility Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org



**Russian National Ballet** March 1 The Sleeping Beauty Parker Playhouse (954) 462-0222 www.parkerplayhouse.com

#### 2020 Annual Food & Wine Benefit March 1 Celebrating their 93rd anniversary

Flamingo Gardens (954) 473-2955 www.flamingogardens.org

#### Dan Rodriquez

March 1 Musician famous for his music in commericals Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

#### Trixie Mattel: Grown Up

March 3 A evening of music, comedy and unnecessary costume changes Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

#### Fantasy in the Garden

March 3 Raising funds to provide free field trips to the museum for students Friends of NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club (954) 525-5500 www.nsuartmuseum.org



Mean Girls March 3-15 The hilarious hit musical direct from Broadway Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

**Gift Gathering Party** March 4 Donate gift cards and other items to BPL! Broward Public Library Foundation New River Fine Art (954) 357-7382 www.bplfoundation.org

#### Kenny G

March 5 The premier contemporary jazz artist Parker Playhouse (954) 462-0222 www.parkerplayhouse.com

#### Masterworks III

March 5 Featuring cellist Zuill Bailey South Florida Symphony Orchestra Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.southfloridasymphony.org

#### Excuse Me That's My Seat

March 5 A conference celebrating International Women's Day Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-8023 www.ftlchamber.com

### 20th Annual Riverwalk Tribute

March 6 Honoring Vincent J. Viola, owner of the Florida Panthers Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Riverside Hotel (954) 468-1541

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#### The Hit Men

March 6 Legendary performers who played with some of music's greatest artists Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

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#### Brandi Carlile

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#### Women's History Month Exhibition March 7

Community reception ArtServe (954) 462-8190 www.artserve.org

#### Gary Gulman

March 7 Peace of Mind Tour Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

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March 7 Music of the Beatles and the Rolling Stones Coral Springs Center for the Arts (954) 344-5990 www.thecentercs.com



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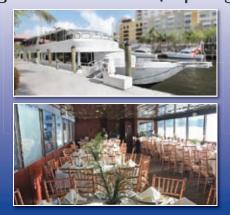
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