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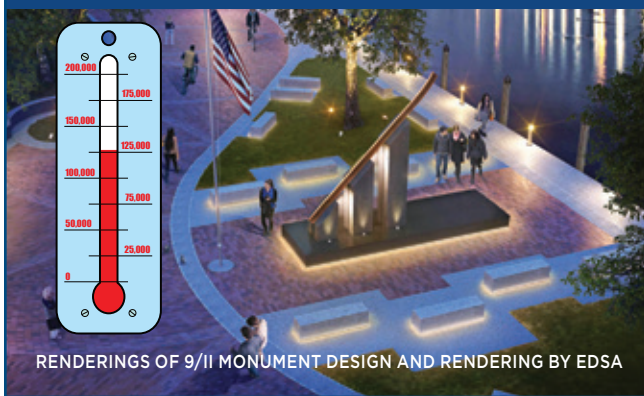
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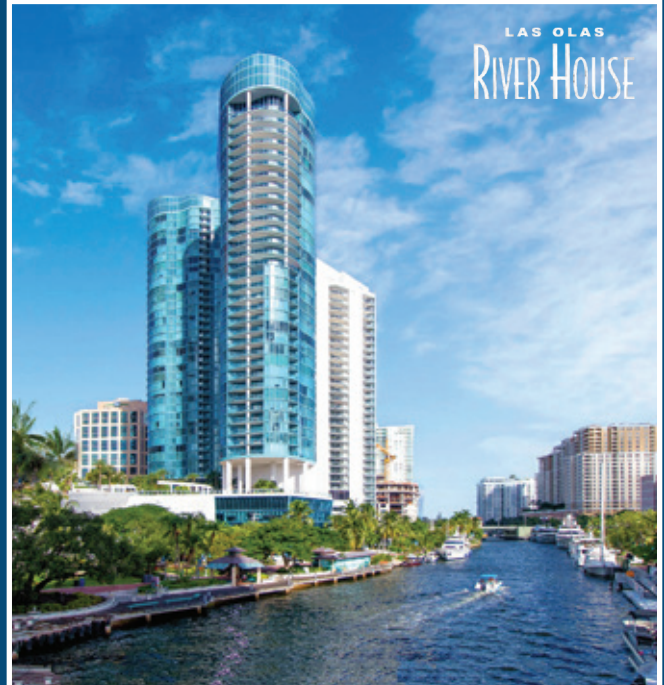
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LIVING LIFE IN THE SHADOW OF THE CORONAVIRUS

I have found it enjoyable each month to reach out to readers of Go Riverwalk Magazine to discuss the exciting new developments in our beautiful Riverwalk/Fort Lauderdale Downtown area. The robust tourism sector, health in each industry from technology to hospitality, and the shout-outs to new businesses springing up on each corner, has brought me much enjoyment and great pride in our city.

A couple of months ago, if you would have told any of us that we would be discussing mandatory closings of schools and all non-essential businesses in our area, the closing of beaches, the set up of temporary mobile hospitals and a complete halt to all entertainment, we would have had you straight-jacketed and put on multiple medications.

This, however, is an accurate description of our trying times.

How do we handle ourselves with all these fearful changes? Do we sink into despair, or do we portray resilience and leadership? Do we react anxiously to current social and economic issues or do we get creative and rise above them with new ideas and different ways of staying afloat and helping one another?

An example of this is happening in our hospitality industry. Although gathering is not allowed at this time, local restaurants are providing curbside pickup or delivery of meals to you and your family and providing deep discounts for laid-off individuals. Many restaurants have pivoted in action to remain in business, and it's working.

Another positive side to this pandemic is family time. I have seen families outside, riding bikes, jogging with their kids and enjoying the fresh air more than ever before (still social distancing, of course). I see people coming together to aid those in need in their community, such as financially helping people who have been laid off and helping with tasks like grocery shopping for the elderly or sharing supplies.

And we must remember that historically with each recession or economic downturn, there is always an expansion that follows.

The important message here is: Stay the course, remain calm at home, spend precious time with family, and remember what is most important – our health. Health above all makes everything we are going through all worth it.

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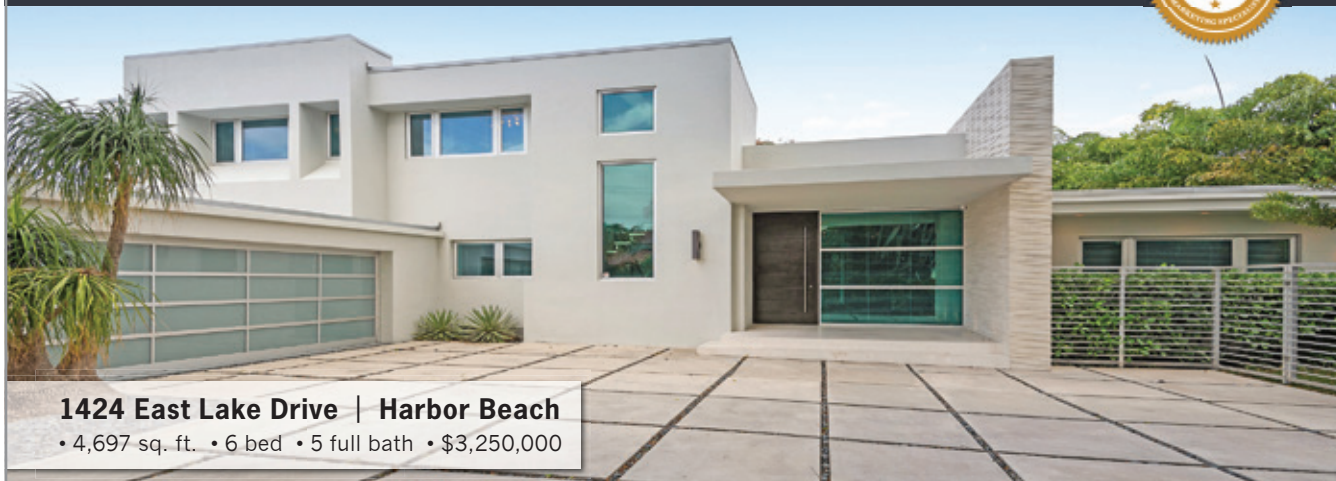
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FINDING THE SLIVERS OF GOODNESS IN OUR NEW REALITY

For the last month, we have seen our lives change dramatically and likely forever in some instances. The “normal” is now something different. Without warning, a serious threat invaded our lives and taught us to wash our hands, cover our mouths, keep our social distance and stay at home.

Our local, county, state and federal governments came to the battle without all of the tools needed but industry stepped in to assist our first responders and medical staffs to quickly manufacture the shortfalls of equipment. Research labs and pharmaceutical companies got to work defining testing kits, expediting the manufacture of those kits and the reading of the results and looking for the appropriate antidote or treatment for this silent and vicious virus.

One bright spot has been the enormous numbers of acts of kindness that likely will go unnoticed but continue to make the difference in how we view our community. We have shared groceries and supplies, made quick trips for those who are high-risk or caring for others. Local restaurants have worked hard to give you takeout or delivery options, kits to building your own dinner, fine meats and produce from their kitchens, either donated to those in need or meals made for our first responders and medical teams.

Parents have become teachers during this homeschooling time, and many have a new respect for our teachers (and understand the great need of a teachers’ lounge). Families have reconnected during their stays at home doing yard work, family time and dinner together in the evenings. Arts and crafts and some very great meals have been created and shared through social media. Companies like Zoom have a new



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audience to provide meetups during social distancing with virtual happy hours and office staff meetings. Netflix, Amazon and others have benefitted from the renting of movies or online shopping.

Businesses and charities are struggling to stay afloat and to make it to the other side of this. When the light is at the end of the tunnel, consider a staycation in our city, dine and shop locally and support our local businesses as they work to recover from the devastating fiscal hits that have occurred. Remember our marine and hospitality industry workers have been severely impacted along with all the local retail businesses, hair salons, gyms and more.

It is with great hope that we take the lessons learned from this and apply them, whether those lessons are to take better care of yourself, plan for essential needs or to just have a plan.

But don’t forget to celebrate the community that pulled together to protect and serve, the neighbors that checked on you, the friends and family that remembered to let you know that they love you.


Enjoy your summer, support your local businesses, thank your first responders and medical teams and look forward to some social gatherings in our parks and community once we can resume our new lives. 



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RIVERWALK MEMBERSHIP



TRUSTEE MEMBER

PHILLIP DUNLAP

BROWARD CULTURAL DIVISION

● I find myself in Broward County, a transplant from the Midwest, coming up on the one-year anniversary as director of Broward County's Cultural Division. Being a member

of Riverwalk has helped me meet more people in the community, which has greatly helped me in this new position.

As the County's largest funder of arts and culture, my job focuses on strategically investing public monies in the development of this very important sector and working to elevate the role of the arts in our daily lives. We do this work because we believe that arts and culture are an integral part of a strong, vibrant and healthy community.

I come from a varied background in the arts to inform the work I do. In college I studied music, achieving two bachelors and a master's degree in jazz performance and music theory/composition. From there, I spent a dozen years as Director of Education and Community Engagement at a non-profit organization called Jazz St. Louis. During that time, I continued to be active as a musician, performing two or three nights each week at clubs, weddings and private events.

As an educator, I taught courses in music business at area universities and worked to advance arts policy at the state level as president of Missouri Citizens for the Arts. I was also active in cultural diplomacy efforts, working with the U.S. Department of State on programs in Afghanistan, Guyana and Thailand. I bring all of these experiences with me to Broward in the hopes of elevating the role of the arts in all of our lives.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

OLIVIER MANOURY

OLIVIER SALON/LIPS RESTAURANT

● I am French, from Paris actually, where I studied cosmetology and managed several salons. Unlike many cosmetology schools in the U.S., schools in France are

required to teach all aspects of the business and not just how to cut hair. One must learn how to be a businessperson, a teacher and also a stylist.

After traveling around the world with world-renowned hairdresser Jacques Dessange, I settled in New York City in the early 1990s, teaching the techniques of my trade and working as a hairstylist as well. It is here where I met my business and life partner – someone who shares the same values of hard work and helping others. One of our proudest achievements has been to build Lips into a wildly popular entertainment destination in New York, Chicago, Atlanta, San Diego and right here in Fort Lauderdale.

I opened Olivier Salon in 2017 with the goal of delivering the best service everyday so our clients can look their best and be their best. We are successful because I only hire self-motivated, experienced professionals who deliver consistently high quality service and share in my vision of not only serving our clients, but the community as a whole. Our salon hosts the Purposely Pink Fundraiser to support Holy Cross Hospital's breast health program and Gift a Smile for Kids in Distress. After I was made aware of everything Riverwalk does for our community, I immediately became a member and have supported several of their events.

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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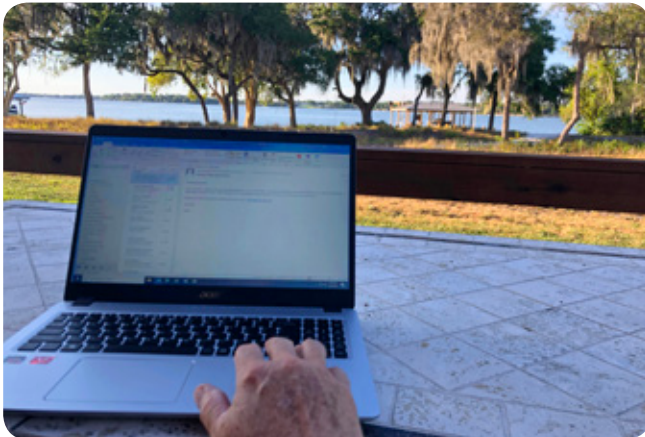
Since Riverwalk has not been able to have any events in the past month, we decided to check in with our board members and staff. We asked them to share photos of how they are working from home, and by the looks of these photos, we also could have called this Working from Home with Dogs. 🐕



Mark Budwig, publisher, Go Riverwalk Magazine, president of S.MARK Graphics and advisory board member of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale



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Ann Fox-Mancuso, board member of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and director of Richard J. Fox Foundation



Micki Scavone, treasurer of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and regional manager for Carr Workplaces, with Leo



Barbra Stern, board member of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Law Offices of Barbra Stern, with Bogie.



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John Ropes, chair of the board of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and founder and president of Ropes Associates, with Sheila



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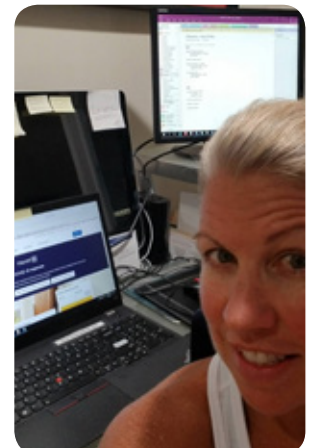
Nick Scalzo, creative director of Go Riverwalk Magazine and S.MARK Graphics



Lisa Scott-Founds, president/CEO of Winterfest Inc., and Duffie



Lisa Siegel, advisory board member, Riverwalk; founder/operations manager, Beerfamous Group, with Ashton Siegel



Lacy Brisson, vice chair, Riverwalk executive committee, and senior retail training instructor at Truist



COMING TOGETHER BY STAYING APART

CITY TAKES SEVERAL MEASURES TO FLATTEN THE CURVE

As cases of COVID-19 increase, it is clear that everyone in our community needs to stay at home. If we do not follow the advice of local, state and federal leaders, the virus could easily overwhelm our community and our healthcare system. This is a time when we all need to work together to combat the virus by complying with the regulations that are in place, limiting physical interaction, staying at home and taking the proper preventative measures to stay safe.

The City of Fort Lauderdale has implemented a very aggressive set of emergency orders to flatten the curve. We have postponed public meetings and events. We have closed non-essential businesses and places where people congregate, including restaurants, bars, gyms, and movie theaters.

In addition, we have closed our beaches, parks and community centers, boat ramps, libraries, museums, entertainment venues and parking garages and surface lots on the barrier island. Assisted living facilities are on lockdown to protect our most vulnerable, and Governor DeSantis has ordered people traveling to Florida from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Louisiana to quarantine.

During the coronavirus pandemic, the City continues to provide essential services to our neighbors. All City sanitation collection services, including residential trash collection, yard waste, recycling, and bulk trash, will continue to operate on their regular collection schedules. Water and wastewater services are not affected by the coronavirus outbreak. These essential services will continue without interruption.

The Department of Sustainable Development (DSD) is continuing to operate via online services. Office visits are being conducted virtually, using online meeting applications. Drop

boxes are setup outside the building for permit plan submissions, and inspection requests are being scheduled through the call center at (954) 828-6520 and Lauderbuild, the City's online portal for building services. Field inspections are being conducted following the CDC's guidelines for social distancing. Please visit Lauderbuild at www.fortlauderdale.gov/lauderbuild for access to permit searches, online payments, application submittal, license renewal, and more.

As the City transitions to a more virtual operation during this period of uncertainty, neighbors are encouraged to utilize Fort Lauderdale's online services to conduct business. Please

visit the Lauderserv page on the City's website at www.fortlauderdale.gov/lauderserv for information about a variety of online services including utility billing, parking and transportation, code compliance, building permits, human resources, and more.

The City Commission has also transitioned to virtual meetings using audio/video conferencing software. Agendas for upcoming meetings and additional information about public participation will be posted at <https://fortlauderdale.legistar.com>. Meetings may be viewed at www.fortlauderdale.gov/fltv, on Comcast Channel 78, or AT&T U-verse Channel 99.

We have developed a COVID-19 Business Impact Survey and a Business and Employee assistance page on our website at bit.ly/FTLCOVID19BusinessSurvey. The survey will provide us with information to help develop strategies to speed recovery and assist local businesses, where we can, during this difficult and challenging time. The webpage offers updates on federal and state assistance programs, information on best practices, and resources available to businesses and employees during this health crisis.

To assist our restaurants and businesses that are offering takeout, pick up, and delivery services, the City is offering 30 minutes of complimentary on-street parking along Las Olas Boulevard. The free parking is available daily from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m. The City encourages everyone to take advantage of the complimentary parking and thanks everyone for supporting our local businesses.

These are unprecedented times that call for extraordinary action. Many of those in our community have never experienced a health crisis of this magnitude. We must limit physical interaction. Again, now is the time to stay at home. This disease spreads when people are in close contact with each other, and many can be asymptomatic carriers.

I want to thank all of our neighbors for taking this situation seriously and for complying with the measures we have put in place thus far. I also want to thank our first responders and our essential employees who are helping to protect our community and maintain our critical services. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or text me at (954) 218-3688. You can also email me at bsorensen@fortlauderdale.gov.

Fort Lauderdale is a strong and resilient City, and together we will make it through this challenging time and come out an even stronger more unified community.

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UPDATES ON CITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

FROM WATERWAY TO ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, THE CITY IS MAKING PROGRESS

As we face very challenging days given the COVID-19 pandemic, as your City Commissioner I urge you to stay home, physically distanced but also united. COVID-19 is not slowing down our key infrastructure projects and I would like to give you some updates on the significant progress the City has made in infrastructure.

RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS

- A mile of new 16-inch sewer main was successfully installed in the Victoria Park neighborhood. The new section of ductile iron pipe begins at Northeast 19th Avenue and Northeast 6th Court, runs south on Victoria Terrace, and then west on Northeast 5th Street to Northeast 11th Avenue. Contractors have completed all asphalt work, added pavement markings, and restored all driveways, pavers, and swales.
- Crews completed installation of a one-third mile of new ductile iron 12-inch sewer main in the Coral Ridge Country Club Estates neighborhood. The new pipe runs along Northeast 36th Street from Bayview Drive east to the end of the cul-de-sac.
- Installation of a new 16-inch sewer pipe was successfully completed in George English Park, located at 1101 Bayview Drive in Coral Ridge. Restoration work included installing new sod in the swale and median areas along Bayview Drive and new asphalt in the George English Park parking lot.

RIO VISTA FORCE MAIN PROJECT

- Significant progress is being made on the Rio Vista force main project. More than 1,800 linear feet of new high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe has been successfully installed using underground directional boring along Southeast 9th Avenue from Southeast 8th Street to Southeast 11th Court.
- The next phase of the project will focus on connecting the new segment of pipe to the existing 54-inch force main. This will involve installing an additional 600 feet of pipe at the south end of the project as well as additional valves and equipment on the north end. When the connections are in place, the new sections of pipe will be activated, and crews will be able to begin removing the above ground bypass line on Southeast 9th Avenue.
- The new pipe will serve two key purposes – in addition to being connected to the existing 54-inch force main, it will also serve as part of the new



7.5-mile redundant transmission line that is being constructed from the G.T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Coral Ridge Country Club Wastewater Lift Station.

REDUNDANT FORCE MAIN PROJECT

- Construction is progressing on the 7.5-mile redundant wastewater transmission line that will run from the Coral Ridge Country Club Wastewater Lift Station to the G.T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant. Two contractors are working simultaneously to expedite construction. Murphy Pipeline is installing the northern portion of the line and David Mancini & Sons is installing the southern portion.
- Murphy Pipeline successfully installed the first segment of pipe in the northern portion of the project. Using underground directional boring, more than 1,450 linear feet of 48-inch of high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe was pulled through the ground along Bayview Drive from Northeast 21th Street to Northeast 24th Court.
- Crews are currently conducting drilling work in preparation for the installation of the next section of pipe, which will measure approximately 2,500 linear feet, and will continue north along Bayview Drive from Northeast 24th Court to Northeast 27th Court.
- Murphy is preparing to mobilize a second crew to begin work on Northeast 18th Street in Poinsettia Park. This portion of the sewer main will be installed along Northeast 18th Street between US 1/Federal Highway and Northeast 15th Avenue.
- David Mancini & Sons is installing the southern

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portion of the pipe. Over 1,800 linear feet of new pipe has already been installed as part of the Rio Vista Force main project.

- Crews from Mancini & Sons are currently working on Southeast 10th Avenue at Southeast 14th Court and south of Southeast 17th Street. The section of roadway is being prepared for the installation of the next segment of the new transmission line, which will run along Southeast 10th Avenue and connect with the portion of line which was installed near Southeast 12th Court.

RESTORATION OF WATERWAYS


George English Lagoon

- Wood Environmental and Infrastructure Solutions has reviewed the scope of work submitted by AshBritt Environmental for the removal of debris from the turbidity curtain area of George English Lagoon. The proposal includes methodologies for debris removal, handling dewatering fluids and the protection of mangroves.
- Wood Environmental is working with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) on the permit requirements for the debris removal project.
- As part of the process, FDEP will review recent sediment sampling data conducted by Wood Environmental in the affected area.
- FDEP is recommending the collection of additional

water quality data in the affected area prior to Wood Environmental submitting a permit application.

- Once the required sampling is completed and FDEP has analyzed the laboratory results, Wood Environmental will move forward with submitting a permit application.

Tarpon River

- E-Sciences has conducted sediment core drilling in affected portions of the Tarpon River. The company anticipates there may be a need for periodic follow-up sampling of sediment to complete the assessment, but the largest portion of sample collection has been completed.
- Processing of the sediment cores has begun, including identifying sediment layers and collecting samples for laboratory analysis.
- E-Sciences continues to coordinate with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on permitting and restoration requirements.
- The company has met with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to discuss permitting, testing and restoration requirements.
- Moving forward, E-Sciences will continue sediment core analysis and sample collection for laboratory analysis, as well as conduct research on past dredging activities which may be needed as part of the permitting process. 

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DREAMS FOR A BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL FUTURE

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

This quote has widely been attributed to the social activist and former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, and it's a good one for sure. Many quote purists, however, believe this inspirational saying was a summarized interpretation of comments she penned on the Fourth of July in 1957 in her syndicated

newspaper column.

While the First Lady wrote to the American people that year about the dreams our country had when the U.S. Declaration of Independence was issued and the Constitution was drafted nearly 200 years earlier, at that time the country was facing interesting, if not unique times.

1957 was the peak of the Baby Boomers years (my parents were toddlers). "American Bandstand" made its network debut on ABC. And the world was facing a global pandemic known then as the "Asian Flu," which ended up taking more than 1.1 million lives worldwide and 116,000 in the United States. To use another great quote, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..." If you don't know this one, take some time while you're quarantined to read Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities."

So, new pop music on TV, a birthrate spike, and a looming global health crisis. What inspiration and guidance could the longest serving First Lady give to the American people in 1957, and how could she relate it to what people were going through two centuries before them?

In her words:

"It was by living hard and courageous lives that these people tried to bring their dreams of liberty to reality, and this fact is a good one to emphasize today. It is the living that we do that still matters, and will matter in what we make of our country in the next few years."

Powerful words 60-plus years ago, and just as relevant today.

We don't know what tomorrow will bring, or how the next several months or years will unfold. As we face COVID-19 and its effects together, albeit temporarily apart, we can help each other cope with feelings of uncertainty while also lifting each other up to dream for a better tomorrow.

We can start by following Mrs. Roosevelt's advice. Every night the moon rises and every morning the sun comes up, we have a new opportunity to make today better than yesterday. Let's be intentional about bringing our dreams to reality and make sure the life we're living matters.

Be well, friends. 





ADOPT-A-MEDIAN

The Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department's Adopt-A-Median program enables neighbors, businesses, and organizations to take a hands-on role in making our medians beautiful. The program allows you to care for a median by doing the manual labor yourself or financially adopt it by hiring a contractor to perform the work. A program sign will even be installed on your adopted median identifying the name of the sponsor. The program is fully customizable and the benefits are tremendous!

If you are interested, please call (954) 828-6819 or email asperling@fortlauderdale.gov.



A CLOSER LOOK

WE ARE MORE THAN JUST PARKS AND RECREATION



The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department is one of 172 agencies in the country with national accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies. This prestigious designation confirms our City's commitment to providing neighbors with quality parks and recreation programming and services, along with efficient and effective operations. This is the only national accreditation of park and recreation agencies and is a valuable measure of an agency's overall quality of operation, management, and service to the community.

However, did you know the Parks and Recreation Department is more than just City parks, beaches and recreational programming? The Department also encompasses municipal cemeteries, facilities maintenance, marine facilities, and sanitation services.

Cemeteries

The City of Fort Lauderdale was incorporated as a City in 1911 and obtained its first official cemetery not long after and now owns four cemeteries within its City limits. These properties play an important part in preserving the history of our City, as well as serving current and future residents. The Cemeteries Division includes the management, operation, and maintenance of the municipal cemeteries: Evergreen Cemetery, Lauderdale Memorial Park Cemetery, Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery and Woodlawn Cemetery.

Facilities Maintenance


The Facilities Maintenance Division maintains more than 140 buildings, covering approximately 1.5 million square feet. This division maintains playgrounds, air conditioning units, and more than 5,000 streetlights, including parking lot lighting for all City facilities. Staff responds to a variety of maintenance and repair service requests and performs preventive maintenance tasks. The Facilities Maintenance Division also manages several maintenance service contracts and provides support for the City's special events.

Marine Facilities

Referred to as the Yachting Capital of the World, Fort Lauderdale offers 165 miles of navigable waterways and hosts the largest boat show, boat parade and cruise ships on the planet. The tropical climate, seven miles of award-winning beaches and world-class shopping and dining make this port of call an alluring destination. The City of Fort Lauderdale's marinas feature convenient ocean access and affordable rates, as well as proximity to transportation and recreational activities. With their central location and countless amenities, the City's facilities are the best place to experience this boater's paradise.

Sanitation Services

The Sanitation Services Division is responsible for removal of refuse and recyclable bulk items. The division is also responsible for cleaning bus shelters, beach debris, canal debris, street sweeping, parking lots cleanup, and maintenance of public places; such as alleys, and City-owned lots.

For more information, check us out on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter (@playfortlauderdale), or visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/parks. 





GETTING AROUND TOWN

CITY ISSUES NEW RULES FOR MICROMOBILITY DEVICES: EBIKES AND SCOOTERS

The past few months have been difficult for communities across the country. As we attempt to manage the impacts of COVID-19, the City continues to look toward the future regarding mobility so that we are prepared to move people throughout our community in new ways. One way to achieve our mobility goals is to promote alternative modes of transportation such as the City's recently revamped micromobility program.

Micromobility, formerly known as dockless mobility, refers to a type of shared mobility that allows users to unlock, rent, and ride motorized bikes (e-bikes) and scooters from virtually anywhere using a smartphone application. As you may have seen throughout the City, micromobility devices are intended to be parked on the sidewalk and out of the way of pedestrians, parked cars, or other users, ready to be rented by the next rider.

The Fort Lauderdale City Commission adopted an ordinance on July 10, 2018, to allow micromobility providers to operate within the City. The ordinance allowed up to four permits to be issued on a first come, first served basis for a one-year period. After permits were awarded on November 1, 2018, a total of 1,700 motorized scooters were permitted to operate within the City's boundaries.

Following the adoption of new Florida Statutes that authorize local governments to govern the operation of micromobility devices, the City of Fort Lauderdale amended Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances on February 18, 2020, to streamline the permitting process and create new regulations.


The improvements include amending the number of permits from four motorized scooter permits to three scooter permits and one e-bike permit to diversify the micromobility options available to riders. In order to ensure greater compliance with the operational regulations listed in the City's ordinance, the City has also updated its fee structure as it pertains to fees paid



by permitted operators when the City has to collect, relocate, and store micromobility devices that are in violation of the regulations.

In March, the Transportation and Mobility Department conducted the application process to issue new micromobility permits and staff is currently working with the top-ranked scooter applicants to finalize the permit filing process. Once these applicants obtain permits and micromobility operations resume, it is important that we are all aware of the guidelines that are in place in order to ensure that we use these devices safely. The guidelines include:

- Micromobility devices are prohibited in the following areas:
 - ▶ The barrier island, except for a parking corral area at the City's Las Olas Parking Garage at 200 Las Olas Circle
 - ▶ Las Olas Boulevard between Andrews Avenue and Southeast 17 Avenue
 - ▶ Riverwalk Park between Avenue of the Arts and US 1/Federal Highway
- Always leave at least 4 feet clear on the sidewalk
- Always park scooters and e-bikes upright using their kickstands
- Never park on private property, in the street, or in on-street parking spots

For more information on the City's micromobility program including announcements and operational guidelines, please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/micromobility. 



COPING WITH COVID-19

SUPPORTING ARTS AND CULTURE IN A FRAGILE WORLD

The past couple of months have certainly been tumultuous, and while we slowly return to our normal lives, the context through which we do so has changed. No matter where we lived prior to the age of COVID-19, we are undoubtedly more aware just how fragile our ecosystem is.

The arts and culture sector has been particularly hard hit, with early estimates at the beginning of April putting the national economic impact at \$3.7 billion. Numbers are expected to rise, depending on how long the impact lingers. In Florida, nearly \$15 million of lost revenue was reported by early April, again with numbers expected to climb.


Compounding these figures, the National Center for Arts Research reports that, in the best of times, the average American cultural non-profit has less than two months' working capital or cash equivalent available. The average performing arts organization and museum has fewer than two months, and the average orchestra has fewer than 15 days. Examining this data shows us that the line between viability and crisis in the non-profit arts and culture sector is quite stark. An organization's fundraising apparatus becomes key to survival and government support is an important piece in the puzzle.

Local arts agencies, like the Broward County Cultural Division, often represent local government funding of arts and culture. As the county's largest investor in arts and culture, the Division is working on multiple efforts to support artists and non-profit arts and culture organizations through existing grants and supplemental funding opportunities.

It is also important that our work is done in conjunction with other area arts funders and not in a vacuum that limits our collective impact. Throughout this crisis, the Division has coordinated with other arts funders to ensure that our efforts are best poised to meet the needs of artists and organizations during the pandemic and as we emerge from the ordeal. It is essential that our solution is not a short-term fix, but a long-term strategy to stabilize and uplift the arts and culture community.

Funders, donors and patrons can also play an important role in supporting relief and recovery efforts. Funders can release restrictions on grants so organizations can use funds for general operating needs. Donors can continue to pay pledges and not ask for refunds for sponsorships or purchased gala tickets, and patrons can donate tickets to canceled events back to organizations in lieu of asking for refunds.

If there is any silver lining to our current situation, it is the highlighting of the importance of the gig economy and making sure gig workers can access much needed federal resources. Artists, musicians, dancers, actors and writers have been a vital part of this gig economy since long before apps like Uber popularized this type of independent work. With the passage of the CARES Act, many artists will finally be able to qualify for unemployment relief.

While our sector is reeling, we have only felt the initial sting; the effects of the disruption will linger for months, likely longer. As lives begin to return to normal, or "the new normal," the arts will return as well. Let us not forget just how fragile the arts and culture economy is. 





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TRYING TIMES

BUSINESS OWNERS HAVE OPTIONS IN COPING WITH THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

It began as a problem on the other side of the world, but it didn't take long before COVID-19 became a pandemic that continues to plague communities across the globe and change their ways of life. Our region is no exception.

The virus' impact has been devastating in South Florida. The number of cases in our area and deaths has been staggering. Businesses – particularly those in the hospitality, tourism and travel sector – either have been closed completely or are barely getting by with limited staff, clients and customers. These are indeed trying times.

The good news is that Washington responded with a series of stimulus measures designed to help fight the outbreak and re-boot the American economy. Much has been said about the start of these initiatives, and there will be time for the essential critique of initial rollout problems to ensure we are better prepared for any future outbreaks. Now, in the midst of the crisis, is the time to examine the federal and state government initiatives to help stave off an economic apocalypse. Fortunately, there are some that can help hard-hit businesses.

The big one, of course, is the \$2.2 trillion federal stimulus bill, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES). The package includes several provisions that benefit small businesses. The legislation includes \$349 billion for a new Small Business Administration loan program that covers employee costs during the outbreak. The measure also changes the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program so borrowers can receive \$10,000 cash advances that are forgiven if spent on paid leave, payroll, lease and mortgage payments and higher costs due to supply chain disruptions. CARES also includes \$500 billion for grants, loans and other investments for industries that have been hit hard by the virus. This part of the legislation is critical for South Florida, which has seen airlines, hotels and other key sectors of the hospital industry crippled by the outbreak.

The Federal Reserve is injecting an additional \$2.3 trillion of stimulus in the form of loans to mid-sized business, states and large counties. Congress may not stop with CARES if that infusion proves insufficient. Yes, we're talking about a lot of money, but the expense is well worth it. It's still better to invest in our existing commerce than spend even more money to rebuild it from scratch.

The state of Florida also offers programs for businesses hurt by COVID-19. The Florida Department of Economy Opportunity's Short Time Compensation Program helps employers keep staff by reducing weekly worktime rather than laying employees off completely. Impacted businesses are encouraged to participate in the Emergency Business Damage Assessment Survey, which state officials use to determine what and how much resources are needed to help businesses and the overall economy.

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, along with other business organizations, like the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Florida Chamber of Commerce and the South Florida Business Council, have used their websites and social media platforms to provide information to keep commerce going through the pandemic. Our links, podcasts and webinars are designed to help business take care of business.


The resources are out there. The Chamber continues to work on behalf of the business community as the prime source of information to encourage entrepreneurs, independent contractors and small business owners to persevere through the COVID-19 outbreak, while preparing to take advantage of the better times ahead. 



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WEATHERING THE STORM

FORT LAUDERDALE'S MARINE INDUSTRY WILL FIND WAYS TO ADAPT — AND THRIVE

The Marine Industries Association of South Florida humbly celebrates its 60th year in 2020, although it's well established that the roots of boating date back to the time of the first dugout canoe, sometime between 8200 and 7600 BC.

The marine industry was born when the first humans loaded those primitive vessels with food, clothing, tools and other items of the day and transported them from one place to another, either to trade with others or to be used to settle in a new location, like the fearless Homo sapiens who migrated across continents hundreds of thousands of years ago.

From those very, very early days, marine travel exponentially evolved over centuries into exploration, shipping, global trade, ocean liners, ferries and much more, including recreational boating. Consequently, Fort Lauderdale became a well-known stop along the seasonal route for boat owners, and a new place to call home for others, creating a world-renowned hub of marine-based businesses and entrepreneurs.

MIASF was founded in 1961 by a dedicated group of those marine business owners who recognized the value of banding together and understood the meaning of strength in numbers. They worked in tandem to celebrate the industry and protect it against seen and unforeseen threats. Yet, many of those association forebearers can take credit for not only creating a foundation on which MIA SF has thrived for decades, but also for building, managing and growing enduring individual businesses along the way, many of which precede the founding of the association. Of the 39 founding members, more than a dozen companies are still operational – 60 years later.

Despite a history rife with natural disasters like hurricanes, floods and tornadoes, as well as negative economic conditions such as recessions, downturns, commodity crises and even poor public policies, marine businesses, and the industry as a whole, have remained resilient and adapted to the ever-changing times and business climate. From tropical depressions to economic depressions, the marine industry has not only persevered, it has flourished.

Today, the world is faced with a new type of challenge. A pandemic of epic proportion that will, without doubt, alter the global economy and change our way of thinking and conducting business. The marine industry is fortunate that it has been recognized as the

essential industry it is. Few industries can claim its same longevity and legacy. Many industries can expect to be disrupted, some will likely dissolve, but still more will adjust, become more efficient and effective, and some will take advantage of new opportunities that emerge.


The hard-working men and women of the marine industry, the yard owners and the marinas and the painters and the electricians and the welders and the mechanics and the plumbers and the captains and the crew and the suppliers and the craftsmen, they will remain. They will see a void and fill it, they will see a need and solve it, they will see a chance and take it. And when the next storm threatens, as it surely will, they will see it coming and face it. 



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CREATING CONNECTIONS THROUGH FILM

MD SIMMONS PRODUCTIONS MAKES A DIFFERENCE ONE STORY AT A TIME

There is so much that can be said and portrayed through film and other creative outlets. Film and television projects can make you feel a wide range of emotions from happiness and sadness to anger and confusion.

That's why film production can be an incredibly important tool to use when trying to make a difference in your community or even to tell someone else's story for others to experience. Local film producers like M. Denise Simmons strive to do just that with every creative project she produces with her team right here in Fort Lauderdale.

In 2017, Simmons founded her production company, MD Simmons Productions, which is a full-fledged creative production studio that creates everything from promotional videos for businesses to music videos and even artistic photography for personal portraits, weddings, and more.

"We produce content for innovative artistic projects that aims to provoke change in the entertainment industry," Simmons said. Aside from producing video and photographic content, MD Simmons Productions also offers event planning services where they handle everything from the planning phase to the execution of the event.

However, what sets Simmons' production company apart is its drive to make a change in the world for the better with each project it produces.

"Every project that we put our hands on, it is our intention to have people think and shift their process on an issue, whether that's through film, music videos, or photography," Simmons said. Some of the larger scale film projects are great examples of how MD Simmons Productions works hard to make a difference in the community by highlighting important figures or social movements through film.

Two projects currently in production include their film in collaboration with The African American Research Society showcasing a behind the scenes look at the making of the play *Let The Good Times Rolle: The Life and Legacy of Esther Rolle at 100* which was inspired by the life of award-winning actor, Esther Rolle. The film will also honor Rolle by debuting never seen before footage and interviews from friends and family members about her life.

Their second project entitled *#BeforeYouShoot* works to end the unnecessary stigma African American

men are subjected to by police officers in America. Simmons also hopes the film can be used as teaching aid during the sensitivity training for law enforcement officers. The full trailer for the film is available to view on the MD Simmons Productions YouTube page.

Unfortunately, with the current COVID-19 situation and people around the world practicing social distancing, Simmons, like many others, has had to make numerous changes to the way she runs her business.

"I am shifting the mindsets of my clients to virtual. I have been on numerous conference calls and webinars to get an understanding of our new normal in production. For film projects, we have shifted entirely to hosting focus groups, casting calls and auditions, and rehearsals between actors online via Zoom or other video conferencing systems," she said.

She has also made the shift to homeschooling her son, which she calls "a challenge." "I have to be honest, some days I feel like I have accomplished a lot of schoolwork with my son and on other days, unfortunately he is right in front of the TV because I have back-to-back Zoom meetings and calls," she said.

As for her advice for other small business owners struggling to adapt during this time she said, "Feel excited because this is an opportunity to be innovative because we now have a lot of free time on our hands to think of and create new ways of doing business that we have never thought of. Financially, things are rough, but my faith in God reassures me that, 'This too shall pass and we will do even greater works than ever!'" **GO**



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2020 SENIOR EXEMPTIONS

SENIORS HAVE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 18 TO PROVIDE TAX FORMS

Residents who have applied for the 2020 Low-Income Senior Exemption but have not yet provided the supporting income documentation still have plenty of time to do so. Many residents have contacted our office concerned about having the necessary paperwork in time as the IRS has extended the 2019 tax filing deadline. Applicants have until September 18, 2020, to provide our office with a copy of their 2019 Income Tax Return Form 1040 or SSA-1099 as well as any additional supporting documentation for their exemption application.

Our office will be mailing Senior Exemption receipts in mid-June to all residents who have completed their application along with income verification. Any exemption applications approved after this mailing will show on the 2020 TRIM (proposed tax) Notice mailed by our office in August.

During these uncertain times, all communication with our office can be handled via email, fax, phone or by USPS mail. Residents can email any documentation directly to our Customer Service Department at CSEmgmt@bcpa.net or fax to (954) 357-6188. If you prefer to mail your information, our mailing address is Broward County Property Appraiser, Attn: Customer Service, 115 S Andrews Avenue, Room # 111, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.


Once it is safe to do so, our office will return to our regular schedule of visiting communities to assist with filing for exemptions and answering any questions residents may have. In the meantime, we are always here to help. Please do not hesitate to contact our office directly at (954) 357-6830 or email me at martykiar@bcpa.net. 



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'THIS TOO SHALL PASS'

A FEW OF FORT LAUDERDALE'S LONGTIME BUSINESS OWNERS SHARE THEIR ADVICE ON COPING WITH THE COVID-19 CRISIS

WRITER LYNN STOCK



They've weathered economic ups and downs. Their parents and grandparents lived through world wars. And they have lost sleep, worrying about employees and cash flow.

Fort Lauderdale's longtime executives and their businesses have not survived over the years by sheer luck. Their leaders have learned from mistakes, hired good employees and found ways to innovate.

In the midst of sheltering in place and learning far too much about a prevalent and scary virus that has turned our world upside down and sent us hunkering down at home, we asked several Fort Lauderdale business people how they are coping.

Here, we share their lessons learned, concerns and optimism with Go Riverwalk Magazine readers.



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Zola Keller has been in business for 41 years, including 38 years in the same store on Las Olas.

Ave Keller, president of the upscale boutique that showcases his wife Zola's creations and exquisite taste, says the store has never offered online sales ... until now.

"This is much worse than any past event," he said.

"Hurricane threats required us to board up and stay in touch with our market as to when we would open. The spike in interest rates caused us to stay away from purchasing inventory on credit. Tariffs had us looking for new suppliers."

How are your work and your company adapting to this new reality?

We have gone through our large in-store inventory and warehouse and selected bridal and mother of the bride gowns that we are placing on a "sale" page on our website, zolakeller.com, offering significant savings. The gown will be shipped free with a free return sticker. Customers can return the gown within 48 hours. A \$100 coupon will be included towards in store alterations on that garment.

We have never offered online sales.

What changes do you see to your business when the shelter in place is lifted?

We are now looking at continuing limited online sales of high-end bridal and mother of gowns. We will also put in place a policy that allows cancellation/return of gowns purchased for a specific event if that event is cancelled due to governmental restrictions.

How do you see this crisis impacting your industry for the next six months? 18 months?

We are already receiving many requests to reschedule missed appointments and new requests for future appointments. Brides will always want that perfect gown, even if the ceremony happens over Zoom. And other customers tell us they are anticipating the celebrations that will take place when the threat of the novel coronavirus passes. People realize an appointment should be made for after we reopen.

I don't see any significant negative impact to the industry. Of course, sales online versus brick and mortar will continue with services such as in-store alterations being a very important factor.

What are your biggest fears?

I don't see any challenges we can't address.

We are fortunate. Unlike businesses like restaurants, our customers still need that product they were going to purchase while we were closed. Most of the potential sales for that period are pent-up right now, but they'll still be there on the other side of the pandemic.

Of course, this business pause means many of our customers will have had the time frame to purchase their special-occasion gown substantially shortened, perhaps taking away the time we'd need to special order a garment. So we are now purchasing inventory to expand their options for immediate purchase. Normally, this is not the time of year when we would purchase new inventory.

What have you learned that might be helpful to others?

Stay the course if you can. If you had a healthy business before the interruption, a slight modification might be called for but stay within your core business model. Educating the consumer is very expensive.



ROGERS, MORRIS & ZIEGLER

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The law firm Rogers, Morris & Ziegler has been in business in South Florida since 1925 when Romney Rogers' grandfather, Dwight L. Rogers Sr., brought his family to Fort Lauderdale.

Romney Rogers is the third generation lawyer in the firm and his son Cam is the fourth. "We feel very connected to Fort Lauderdale having been born and raised here."

As a long-time business, how has your business survived previous economic ups and downs through the years?

We have been fortunate to survive economic downturns, hurricanes and now hopefully survive this pandemic! We have survived by providing our existing clients with great service and developing new clients through relationships and building a good reputation along the way. We have always been a smaller firm that is flexible enough to work with our clients through tough times and provide good counsel and try and be creative to find them workable solutions. Since we have always had a good mix of individual, business and institutional clients and practice in the areas that can survive downturns, we have made it through the other side of 95 years.

How are your work and your company adapting to this new reality?

We have our staff working remotely for their safety, but some lawyers are still coming into the office for "essential services." We are holding up so far without any layoffs or furloughs and hope to maintain that with the help of the SBA loan program.

Is your business open?

We are open and servicing our clients' needs and ready to earn some more business in the area of our practice which includes all types of business advice and transactions, real estate, wills, trust and probate, family law and litigation in all the areas we practice in.

How do you see this crisis impacting your industry for the next six months? 18 months?

We know the economy is in a recession and the question is how long will it stay like this. I am optimistic that in six months we might be back to some sense of normal. However, we don't know how all our clients will fare coming out of all this so we are being conservative with the way we operate. We do know, as we have experienced downturns in last 95 years, this too shall pass!

What are your biggest fears?

Don't like to go to the fear stage, but my concerns in times like these are can we continue to do the right thing to keep our staff employed and our clients problems solved, and still make a living?

What's now keeping you up at night? What used to keep you up at night?

I think we all wake up in the middle of the night over different problems or issues but so far, I am getting enough sleep. I do my best to pray continuously!

What have you learned that might be helpful to others?

Try and plan strategically, but take it one day at time.



15TH STREET FISHERIES

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Ted Drum's family has been involved in several Fort Lauderdale businesses since 1948.

"My father-in-law started Lauderdale Marina in 1948. My father started business in 1952, and I've been indirectly with these companies since I got out of the service in 1968, 42 years," he said.

The company owns Lauderdale Marina, Drum Realty, and the most well known, 15th Street Fisheries. The popular waterfront eatery is now closed because of the county shelter-in-place order, issued on March 26.

"Lauderdale Marina is operating.

"The 15th Street Fisheries is not. We'll be ready to go as soon as they lift up the restrictions. So we're just having a little challenging time with the restaurant. But other than that, we're doing really good."

15th Street Fisheries does not offer takeout during this time, Drum said, mainly because the location is not ideal for that kind of service.

"Deliveries are very expensive. We never did that. And we did have takeout for pickup for a while, but we decided that fish doesn't travel very well.

"So two of our businesses are open and one is not open."





THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWNER

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Roger Craft is principal of the Sunchase Group LLC, a holding company that has owned the Historic Downtowner for almost seven years, and Historic Dockers in Dania Beach for more than five years. Restaurants/bars have operated continuously at the Downtowner site since at least 1972, and The Downtowner is in its 26th year of operation.

Here, Craft shares The Historic Downtowner's "everything to everyone" approach, and his thoughts on how business will continue after the pandemic.

After the Great Recession of 2008, "One of our key strategies was to appeal to as many customers as possible by attempting to be everything to everyone. That continues and is accomplished by having a broad menu that offers dishes ranging from burgers and prime rib to seafood.

"Like others in the industry, we have adapted and made drastic changes to our businesses. We are currently open for takeout and delivery only. At this time, we are still offering the full menu, and have the same experienced cooks preparing the food. Even with the current challenges, we will not sacrifice selection and quality.

"We do not anticipate significant changes to our operation after reopening. The Downtowner has particular appeal due to its location, longevity and distinctiveness in an increasingly dense downtown population. We will continue to reach out to visitors and locals alike to expand our base of business.

"Restaurants have always been an essential part of American society, providing the space and opportunity to relax, socialize, have a good meal, and just have fun with family and friends. In the longer term, as the economy and community normalize, I do not expect the fundamental appeal of restaurants and bars to undergo significant change.

"In the nearer term, I expect there will be many challenges within the industry. Some restaurants

currently closed will not reopen, or at least, face serious difficulty to operate profitably. That could happen for several reasons. Financial constraints may inhibit some restaurants and bars from sustaining operations during a prolonged shutdown. Public lifestyles and attitudes will likely have changed due to social distancing, isolation, and other government directives. We may not fully recognize or understand the post-pandemic, 'new' customer behavior, and will have to adapt quickly to balance and accommodate the needs of those customers. And most significantly, it will likely take time for the economy to gain traction and provide people with discretionary income to go out for dinner and enjoy the simpler things of life.

"My biggest concern is that the fear and uncertainty of the pandemic, along with shutdown of the society that we have known, will have a negative impact on the lifestyles and behaviors of typical folks and consumers. Will people still want, or have the funds, to socialize over drinks or dinner? How long will it take for people to adjust from the current environment of uncertainty, isolation and lack of open businesses? Understanding and navigating the 'new normal' will be critical to ongoing success in the industry.

"The singular, most pressing thing that keeps me awake is the welfare of my staff. These folks look to me and the business for employment and wages to sustain their livelihood and obligations. I have retained, and will retain, as many as possible for as long as possible, irrespective of the bottom line. I am encouraged that help will arrive soon with the passage of the CARES Act and its paycheck protection provisions.

"I have come to a greater realization and appreciation that conditions can change in a moment, yet life and business must go on. I would urge people to remain aware, stay up to date on current, reliable information, make sound decisions based on personal and communal needs, and just keep your head up. Whether running a business or conducting personal life, knowledge and discipline are the key factors to a successful, or at least acceptable, outcome to this tough situation."

ROSCIOLI YACHTING CENTER

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While the full-service Roscioli Yachting Center continues to service boats and yachts, the facility is closed to visitors and all contractors, said Bob Roscioli, owner of the 90-employee shipyard.

"The only people allowed in our yard right now are our normal employees. We're trying to keep our people safe. ... We take everybody's temperature when they come in. The guards have the temperature gauges that they spot everybody that comes, when they go out or come back in. That's a help. Obviously we have cleansing all over the yard where everybody is mandatory, wash our hands and cleaning our cafeteria where we serve food in the morning and the afternoon. So we're really diligent in what we're doing."

Roscioli has been in the business for 58 years.

As a company that's been in business for a long time and I'm sure you've seen economic ups and downs, have you ever seen anything quite like this?

I've been through three recessions. This is my fourth. It's going to be close to a recession unless we get this thing under control. ... You have to be very diligent in your business. You have to work harder and smarter to acquire the business to keep the people coming to you if they will. We lost a lot of work, like all the yards did. But we're diligent on convincing people to get the work done now. Now is the time and don't worry about spending their money.

Have you had to lay anyone off yet?

We laid off a couple of people that we didn't really need in certain areas. We had three or four people in the stockroom. We cut it down. ... But we have some big jobs going.

How is business going right now?

We're a full service yard. We do everything. We do mechanical, electrical, welding, fabrication, carpentry, painting. We do it all, and we have those jobs here right now. Everybody is busy, and we're going to keep them busy. If we're in between a job or a job won't be in until next week, then we'll do our yard work and maintenance.

How do you see this crisis impacting your industry for the next six months, next 18 months?

The boating industry is a remarkable industry, and that's why a lot of people, large companies invest in this kind of a business because it's kind of recession proof. We slow down considerably. But when you've got these multimillion-dollar yachts out there, they still have to be taken care of. They



still have to be worked on. They still have to be stored and taken care of. You can't afford a \$3 million to \$5 million or \$10 million investment to go down the hill. ... It's essential that they have a place to come in an emergency or a haul out. Even though they can't use their boats, they still have to be maintained and taken care of.

So we're kind of resilient. The boating business, I've never seen a shipyard go out of business because of some kind of recession or hard times. If they did go out of business, it was because of maybe poor management. ... This is a tough one because it's a lot of medical issues, which is really a tough one to fight.

Are your workers working more hours or about the same right now?

We're working them a good 40 hours, but weekends we're shutting down.

Before this, were you open weekends?

We used to work half-day Saturdays. ... We were working extra hours because it's the season. Our season starts in September, and we have a little lag over the holiday, and then it starts back up again. Usually people start to get ready to go north. They go north or go to Europe. Well, guess what? They're not going to Europe this year. The boats are going to stay south, which is good for the shipyards. They're certainly not going up to New York or New Jersey. And they started leaving next month or in April, but they're not going. They're staying.

What's now keeping you up at night, or are you a good sleeper?

I'm not a very good sleeper to begin with because my mind is always working, and that's the way I've been all my life. Always thinking, always working. What do we do tomorrow? How can we make things better for everybody?

Have the worries changed?

Worrying doesn't do you any good. You attack problems. I tell them, bring them on. ... Worrying doesn't help you. It's bad for your health, number one. When you get a problem, go attack it. That's what I tell my people. Don't worry. Don't cry. You got to handle it. You got to attack it.



BAHIA MAR

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The Tate family has been active in South Florida real estate for more than 80 years. “We have never closed our doors or defaulted on a mortgage or business loans,” said James Tate, president and owner of Tate Capital, which owns Bahia Mar marina and resort.

But these times are different, he said, adding “we were forced to temporarily close certain businesses such as the Bahia Resort hotel, by virtue of a local stay home order. However, the Bahia Mar marina is allowed to remain open to the yacht owners with very limited services.”

What changes do you see to your business when the shelter in place is lifted?

The Bahia Mar Resort Hotel will be like every other hotel, slow to rebound. We are expecting a long slow recovery. We are hopeful that the local governments enforce strong local laws to cease all short-term rentals such as, AirBnb who have been allowed to unfairly compete thereby damaging the hotel businesses even prior to this crisis.

How do you see this crisis impacting your industry for the next six months? 18 months?

Six months will be survival mode with huge negative cash flow. My guess is that the business landscape in South Florida will greatly change.

18 months is too hard to predict. We are surviving day-by-day, updating cash flows and projection all the time.

Fortunately, we are well capitalized but unfortunately many of our local business owners are not. It is a very sad and upsetting situation to witness but as we all experience this paradigm shift, we as a people will evolve, adapt and grow.

What are your biggest fears?

I am most fearful that we could be facing an economic depression with 25 percent unemployment if the current and forthcoming economic stimulus packages are not complete and sufficient to cover, most if not all U.S. industries losses or cash flow concerns.

That being said, I do believe that we have a strong federal government that fully understands the depth of this crisis and they seem prepared to deal with it.

What have you learned that might be helpful to others?

Stay home, heed the advice of the CDC and national and local governments, stop the finger pointing and realize that our short-term goals should be our safety and the safety of our community while trying to balance the economic inefficiencies we are all dealing with.

Once we survive this crisis, we will rebuild. I hope we rebuild as a better people and a more thoughtful and respectful community.



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SHIPSHAPE

MISSISSIPPI SHIPBUILDER LAUNCHES USS FORT LAUDERDALE

WRITER GO RIVERWALK STAFF

The *USS Fort Lauderdale* was launched from Huntington Ingalls Industries' shipbuilding division on March 31 in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

This is the 12th in the San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ships.

The late Chuck Black, a Fort Lauderdale businessman and a 20-year Navy veteran, led an efforts for years to have a ship named after the city.

His wife, Lynn Elsasser, will attend the ship's christening later this year.

"The successful launch of *Fort Lauderdale*, our 12th LPD (landing platform/dock), is a major milestone achievement for our shipbuilders," said Ingalls Shipbuilding President Brian Cuccias. "Thank you to our shipbuilders for all the hard work they do every day."

The *USS Fort Lauderdale* was moved via Ingalls' rail car system to the floating dry dock prior to launch. The dock was moved away from the pier and

then flooded to float the ship. With the assistance of tugs, the *USS Fort Lauderdale* came off the dock on March 28.

The San Antonio class is the latest addition to the Navy's 21st century amphibious assault force. The 684-foot-long, 105-foot-wide ships are used to embark and land Marines, their equipment and supplies ashore via air cushion or conventional landing craft and amphibious assault vehicles, augmented by helicopters or vertical takeoff and landing aircraft such as the MV-22 Osprey. The ships support a Marine Air Ground Task Force across the spectrum of operations, conducting amphibious and expeditionary missions of sea control and power projection to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions throughout the first half of the 21st century.


To watch a video of the launch, go to bit.ly/USSFortLauderdaleLaunch. 



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HELPING HOSPITALITY

AREA RESTAURANTS AND BARS REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY AND FIND WAYS TO HELP THEIR WORKERS

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

As a local supporter and consultant in the hospitality scene, I have the unique opportunity to work with owners, chefs and bartenders. As I work from my home office in Downtown Fort Lauderdale, I'm taking this opportunity to gather inspirational stories of South Florida business owners coming together during times of uncertainty to support each other and our communities.

Here are a few:

Hands For Hospitality

Thousands of local restaurant workers lost their income within a matter of hours when all restaurants in the City of Fort Lauderdale were forced to shut down.

"That's how fast this happened," said Aaron Abramoff, director of operations for The Restaurant People (TRP), which owns YOLO, Tarpon Brewing, and Java & Jam, among others.

"Personally, having to tell part of my TRP Family (our hourly employees) we have no work for you was the hardest thing of my career."

In light of all this, a group of restaurants and bars operating in Fort Lauderdale banded together to start a fundraising campaign called Hands for Hospitality.

In partnership, they are raising money for their hourly employees via a Go Fund Me account to be distributed equally to all associates registered into the program by their respective restaurants/restaurant group.

All of the funds will be donated to these partnered restaurants' staffs: The Restaurant People, Be Nice Hospitality, Beer Famous Group, Old School Hospitality, Knallhart Management Group, It's Better on the Beach Hospitality, Shooters Waterfront, The Wharf Fort Lauderdale & Rivertail, MyaPapaya, 15th Street Fisheries, Tap 42 Fort Lauderdale & Bar Rita and Handcrafted Hospitality.

www.HandsforHospitality.com



#ConnectingWhileProtecting

Collaborating with Fort Lauderdale's Fraternal Order of Police and Fire Department, Damn Good Hospitality Group invites downtowners to join the #ConnectingWhileProtecting Challenge.

During these trying times, businesses can give back and connect with first responders. Chef Jen Knox and her team have created healthy meal options and fresh juices. When customers order at Green Bar + Kitchen, they can #GBKITFORWARD10 (add a \$10 donation) to help provide healthy meals options to those who support us during this pandemic.

<https://greenbarkitchen.com/>

Stache Drinking Den's Pop-Up Liquor Store also offers the pay it forward initiative when ordering at <https://stacheftl.com/>



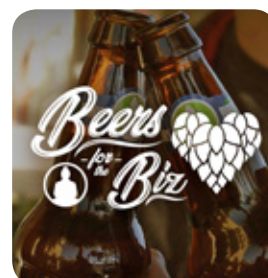
Have a beer. Help the biz.

Beers for the Biz Program benefiting CORE is the program created to benefit families of food and beverage industry workers who've been affected by COVID-19.

Funky Buddha Brewery has partnered with CORE: Children of Restaurant Employees, a non-profit that specializes in providing grants to food and beverage industry workers with children who are in need of help.

Funky Buddha Brewery has donated \$20,000 to start the campaign so that CORE can begin helping families right away. In addition, they will donate \$1 per case of beer sold in April to CORE.

www.beersforthebiz.com. 





TAKE OUT AT HOME

FROM YOUR CUPBOARD TO YOUR TABLE

WRITERS PENNY SANFILIPPO & JONNY ALTOBELL — THE UGLY SISTERS



I recently had to call for help to rid myself of unwanted guests. No, not the in-laws — termites. Florida is a destination for more than just snowbirds. Tenting involves removing ALL edibles (and drinkables) from the house, so, with Jonny's help I became totally aware of foodstuffs in my pantry just in time for the shelter-in-place order in Fort Lauderdale.

Unlike hurricane warnings, where residents scramble to gather food that require no (or little) cooking in anticipation of power outages, this is a time to try some new things because we have the luxury of refrigeration AND cooking. Here are a couple of fun, shelf-stable items discovered in the clean out.

DRIED BEANS

Don't know if there is a “-phile” word for people like me, but I love dried beans. Beanophile? Legumeaholic? If Jonny loses me in a grocery store, she can usually find me by going down the aisle with dried beans. The shapes, colors and potential yumminess are irresistible. Christmas Limas are a particular treat. They are shaped like a lima bean but nearly the size of a nickel. Add abstract red swirls of color on a beige bean (or maybe it's the other way around) and it has to come home. As with most dried beans they need a soak in water for six to eight hours before cooking in salted water. After they are tender, but not falling apart, I make a mustardy vinaigrette and put it on the still warm beans, then add some diced red onion or shallot. It's a tasty room temperature salad on its own or atop greens (Arugula is great).

CORN BREAD (MUFFIN) MIX

You know the ubiquitous boxes that go on sale all the time, so you buy a couple, use one and the other languishes on your shelf? Well, this handy mix is a blank canvas to add all kinds of things that take a muffin and make it a snack. Follow the package directions then add canned corn (yes, we all have that too) and some crumbled bacon or sausage and it's a hot breakfast. Shredded or crumbled cheese (you know that odd piece at the back of the drawer in the fridge) with minced onion and sunflower seeds, if you have them, makes it work with a glass of wine in the afternoon. And if you have the muffin pans for them — they can be cupcake sized or delightful minis.

THE INGREDIENTS YOU BOUGHT FOR A STIR FRY (AND CHICKENED OUT)

Hoisin sauce, soy sauce, Pad Thai (rice) noodles, water chestnuts and well, you get the point. Chop and sauté some onion, garlic and bell pepper if you have one and/or any mystery vegetable that you purchased (and not used yet). You can then brown whatever meat you have — if it is ground already, good — if not, you can chop it in small pieces. Add some hoisin over all and you have an Asian-inspired meat sauce that you can put atop the rice noodles. Be sure to check directions on the noodles, however, as they are NOT cooked the same as pasta made from wheat.

Well, you all know where our focus is. Food. But we're trying to stay out of the stores, and besides, I liked seeing a nice clean cupboard for a change. I just don't want to tent the house to see it again. To all our readers: Be safe and well!



BITES & SIPS TEAM
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STIR CRAZY

TIPS TO CREATE YOUR OWN QUARANTINE COCKTAILS

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We have an amazing community that has stepped up to support our hospitality industry. With creative cocktail kits and virtual happy hours, we can now show off our home bartending skills. I've asked my favorite local bartenders to give me their cocktail recipes that our readers can stir up at home.

We partnered with Cocktail Kingdom and Mixology Ice for our home bar set up. Interviews and recipes via the new Bartender Chronicles at SpiritedSouthFlorida.com. #Tag us on your spirited home creations!

COCKTAIL KINGDOM ESSENTIAL COCKTAIL SET

- Seamless Yaraí mixing glass
- Hoffman barspoon, 33.5cm, stainless steel
- Japanese style jigger 1 ounce/2 ounce (30ml/60ml), stainless steel
- Set of Koriko weighted shaking tins, stainless steel
- Koriko Hawthorne strainer, stainless steel



Bluecoat Gin Martini made by Breakthru Beverage Florida's Alex Alfonso. Want to know the secret to a great G&T? It's not just the gin but lots of ice (which melts slower than a few cubes) to stop it diluting too quickly.



CLASSIC MARTINI

Ingredients

- 3 ounces gin
- 1/2 ounce dry vermouth
- 1 lemon twist or 3 olives skewered on a cocktail pick for garnish

How to make it

Pour gin and vermouth into a shaker filled with lots of ice. Stir and strain into a martini glass. Garnish with lemon twist or olives.



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



BROWARD PERFORMING ARTS FOUNDATION

The Broward Performing Arts Foundation recently hosted its Annual Celebration which netted \$350,000 for the educational and enrichment programs at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.



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KELLEY SHANLEY, LISA KITEI, ROBERT LOCHRIE AND RICHARD WELCH

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MEALS TO CAREGIVERS

On April 8, Westfield Broward partnered with Buffalo Wild Wings to donate meals to the caregivers who are treating patients with COVID-19 at Westside Regional Medical Center. Westfield Broward provided meals to 150 people on the hospital's emergency team, which included, doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists, environmental services and nutritionists.



THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TEAM AT WESTSIDE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER: GILBERT FRANCIS, LASHONDA WARD, BIBI ALI AND BLUERONE JOSEPH



LIZ GASEW, A MEMBER OF BUFFALO WILD WINGS STAFF, PAUL WORKMAN AND HELENA CERQUERA



THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TEAM AT WESTSIDE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER: TANEY DAVIS, ASHLEY KING AND NOELZINE FRANCOIS

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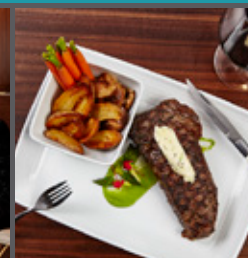
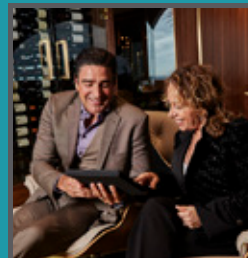


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