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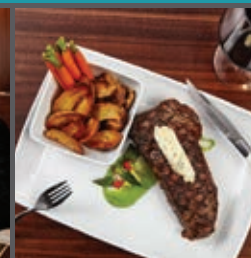


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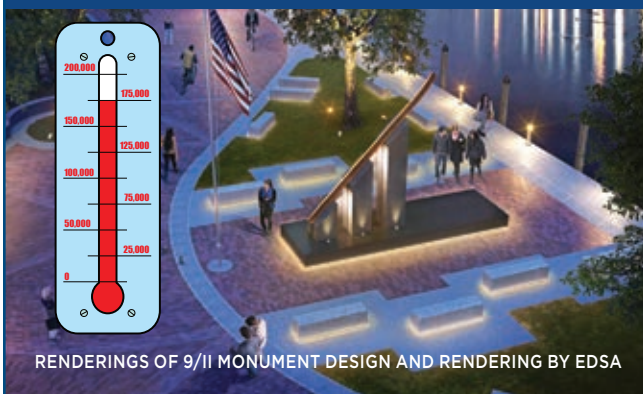
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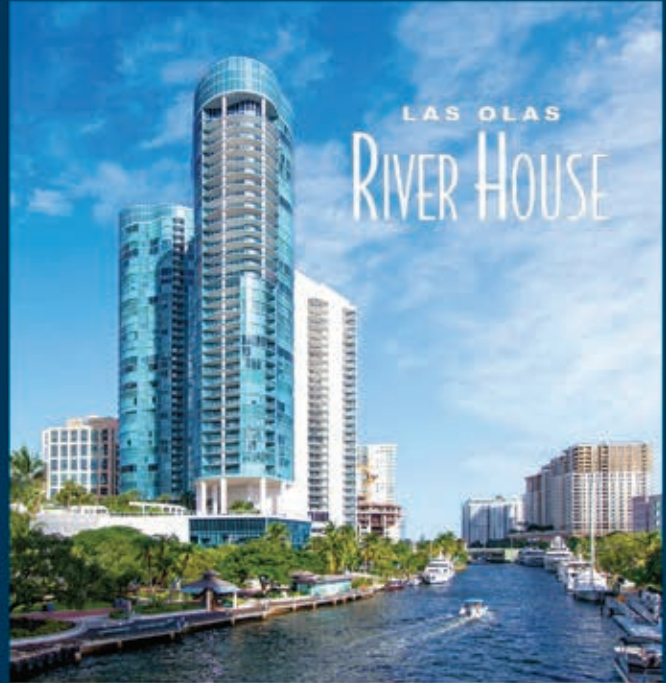
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LAS OLAS
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JUST SOLD

MADISON
3 BEDROOM 3.5 BATH

Rise above it all in this luxury high floor Madison model! This stunning unit offers \$500k in custom upgrades throughout. Expansive river, city, pool & park views from floor to ceiling glass windows surrounding every room. Private foyer entry, open floor plan, & much more.

JUST SOLD

MADISON
3 BEDROOM 3.5 BATH

High floor Madison "tower suite" with magnificent views of the ocean, river & downtown. Expansive wrap around terrace & open floor plan. Custom finishes throughout: \$30,000 upgraded velum ceilings, theatre/entertainment room with controlled lighting & sound responsive action through tv light controller/blue tooth, designer walls and much more.

COLUMBUS | \$1,150,000
3 BEDROOM 3 BATH

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LEXINGTON | \$849,000
2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH

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JUST SOLD

LEXINGTON
2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH

Outstanding river views, private double door foyer entry, floor to ceiling impact glass, gourmet kitchen, split floor plan, custom lighting, & much more.

JUST LISTED

SOHO | \$529,000
2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

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UNDER CONTRACT 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

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JUST LISTED 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$310,000

Best priced 2 bedroom unit in the building. Split bedroom floor plan, gourmet kitchen with stainless steel appliances and granite tops.

JUST SOLD 1 BEDROOM + DEN 1 BATH

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JUST SOLD RIVIERA
2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

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SAN MARCO | \$529,000
2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

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JUST LISTED MOONGLOW | \$649,000

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STARDUST | \$599,000

Open & bright! East facing 29th floor with outstanding river, ocean and city views from this 2 bedroom 2 bath split bedroom plan with extended balcony, floor to ceiling windows, wood flooring & built in closets.

STARDUST | \$460,000

East facing 2 bedroom 2 bath split bedroom plan w/ elevated 10ft ceilings, floor to ceiling windows in every room, wood & tile floors, upgraded kitchen w/ stainless appliances & granite counter tops.

UNDER CONTRACT SKYVIEW

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2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH | \$369,000

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JUST LISTED 1 BEDROOM | 1 BATH | \$329,000

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JUST LISTED 1 BEDROOM | 1 BATH | \$317,500

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The Riverwalk Commemorative Brick Program allows us to see the evidence of community and their life events etched in brick. This program has permanently commemorated the life events of our neighbors for the last 30 years. It is really moving to think that we can engrave our family members' birth, death, graduation, anniversary or their contributions permanently along the Riverwalk to be viewed for all eternity.

While strolling along the Riverwalk, take a moment to notice these bricks and remember the lives of

our family members, community leaders, friends and pets. Many of the names you will recognize as significant contributors to our great city. Local industry and civic leaders, all who have lived, died or celebrated their lives here.

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We have great sponsors and supporters for this annual event. The public has spoken and American Social was the Fan Favorite Winner. We had great fun posting pictures from burger fans as they tried to sample all 16 burgers! It is surprising how many made a concerted effort to fairly test and report.

Events as we know them are changing and the future will tell us what is acceptable. While the State has not permitted public events to proceed at this writing, we know that safe distancing, hand washing stations and the like are the new normal.

As we move into fall, we hope to be able to host Riverwalk Fall Festival, a long-standing favorite family event, as well as several others for a variety of demographics.

For the month of July — get ready for the next virtual battle — ice cream! Watch for the social media side for the kickoff — 31 days of delight! This is a chance for you to try out of some of the local options and vote for your favorite. The summer is warm, and this is a great way to pick your fan favorite.

The City, County and State continue to allow the public to regain some opportunities to be more social — always with safeguards in place that continue to fight the spread of this dreaded virus. Testing is readily available, and efforts continue as we seek the appropriate treatment and vaccine to protect us.



Hurricane season started on June 1 and already there were some tropical storms that made land and left lots of rain and flooding. This is the time of the year to be prepared: have food in place and lots of water on hand, check generators so they are ready to run, store fuel properly, have shutters ready to be installed and draw up a plan for how you will manage if one finds its way to us. Preparation is key and we know that with the many hurricane websites available, early detection is a most valuable tool to keep us safe.

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale is moving into construction of the 911 Monument on Riverwalk and we are most excited to see this beautiful piece of art be available for the public. The actions on that fateful day changed the world. We are very proud to provide this teaching moment to all who visit.


As in all things, we continue to raise funds for the completion and are hopeful of an official unveiling on September 11, 2020. Our community is made up of locals — raised here or in the surround area and those transplanted from other parts of the United States and other countries. This is meaningful to all. 



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TRUSTEE MEMBER
PAULO ANDALAF
FIT FACTOR TRAINING

• My background in the fitness industry as a sports/fitness specialist and business owner spans almost 30 years.

I have a bachelor's degree in sports science with many other certifications including Sports Injuries, Nutrition, Exercise Physiology and Functional Training for the Older Adult. My experience began in Brazil, where I was born and raised, but now includes Argentina and the United States.

I started Fit Factor Personal Training in 2002 at our existing location in Victoria Park. Since that time, my team and I have been helping our community stay fit and healthy. We offer one-on-one and small group personal training for the active older adult. Our mission is to educate our clients about the importance of exercise in our daily lives while motivating them to be the best they can be through fitness and a healthy lifestyle.

In my recently published book, "Stay Strong, Live Long," I talk about the importance of exercise to support the things we need, love and want to do for the rest of our lives.

My passions and hobbies outside of my work include tennis, great food, a good bottle of wine and a "proper" Old Fashioned.

We are excited about our recent enrollment in Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale. It is our goal to expand our footprint in the community while advocating the benefits fitness and an active lifestyle can bring to us all as we age. We are confident our association with Riverwalk will help us promote our message.



TRUSTEE MEMBER
ALLEN LEVIN
SMARTY PANTZ MARKETING

• A native of South Florida, I have a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Central Florida where I was able to indulge my inner sports fan as a writer for the

school newspaper and for Bleacher Report. I expected to have a career as a sports writer, but I quickly found that I had a knack for digital marketing when I managed to land an internship with the Miami Dolphins, working in their youth programs and media relations department.

Having been successful in growing the Dolphins' media relations footprint, I moved on to become the social media specialist at Comcast where I had similar success. I took the next step of my career at Breakthru Beverage as the social and digital media specialist for the state of Florida, where I enjoyed working on campaigns for large liquor brands. However, fate had other plans for me when the company restructured and I found myself at a crossroads.

So, in 2018, I founded Smarty Pantz Marketing — an affordable and effective digital marketing company that takes a holistic approach to marketing. With new clients, we always begin with a 90-minute strategy session to make sure their objectives and expectations are met at every point along the way. This strategy also gives me the freedom to help people how I think is best and not simply take a cookie-cutter approach to their campaigns.

As a business owner, I feel that it is important to support organizations that make our community a better place and Riverwalk is definitely one of those organizations.

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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AND THE WINNER OF THE 11TH ANNUAL RIVERWALK BURGER BATTLE™ IS ...

The 11th Annual Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Burger Battle delivered its final vote on May 31. This virtual event challenged local residents to try out the tasty creations from the 16 competing restaurants and vote for their favorite burger.

The winner of this year's competition is ... (drum roll) ... American Social!

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale wants to thank all of our restaurant partners, sponsors and all of the burger connoisseurs for making this event a huge success.



Facebook winner Lexi Arenal



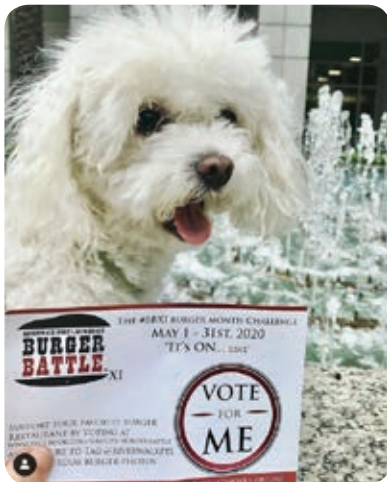
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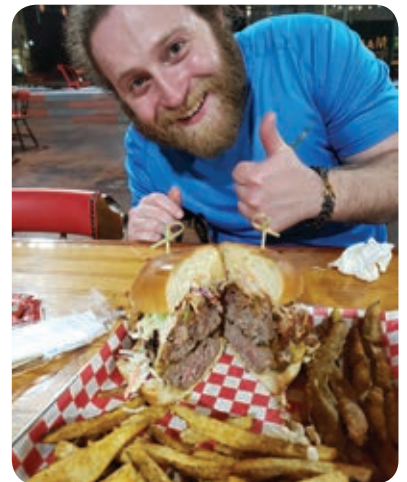
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While the last few months have been very difficult for our entire community, it has been my pleasure serving you during these trying times.

Working together with the Governor's office and the Department of Emergency Management, Broward County Commissioner Lamar Fisher, State Representative Chip LaMarca, Mayor Dean Trantalis and my fellow City of Fort Lauderdale Commissioners, we have focused on responsible action to keep you safe while understanding the economic impacts of our decisions.

From the beginning, the City of Fort Lauderdale acted proactively to reduce significant risk our residents faced, and looking at the data both then and now, it was the right thing to do. As a hotspot for tourism and industry, we were on the cutting-edge of fighting this virus and our efforts made a real difference.

Together, we flattened the curve and allowed medical infrastructure to be built, manufactured and distributed. We are not out of the woods yet, but with your vigilance, we will beat this virus.

I have continually pushed for more testing, both in the form of active testing as well as antibody testing and we are building out a strong testing infrastructure with the help of the State and in partnership with Nova Southeastern University. This is critical for mitigating the risk and intensity of a second wave and affords us the opportunity to revive our economy.

I was one of the first to call to reopen Fort Lauderdale — in a smart and measured way — because I believe we need to save our local economy, as many families are hurting. This cannot be done solely through top-down, government-funded stimulus. It must come from the support of our community, by patronizing our favorite restaurants and retail stores, so they can keep their doors open and workers employed.

It's times like these that matter most how local government functions and we've had the distinct privilege of working with many organizations to get our city back up and running. We have tremendous partnerships with the Broward League of Cities, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Our community is working together to engage businesses, chambers of commerce, nonprofit organizations, educators, cities, the arts, and many other organizations in order to revive our economy after

COVID-19. In addition, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau has launched **LauderDeals**, a destination-wide special savings program for visitors and residents. The campaign features special discounts on hotels, dining, activities, amenities and more.

Also, another fun, economic driver which just wrapped up was the Riverwalk Burger Battle XI. I tried many burgers over the month of May and can say we have some amazing eats around town. Even though the competition is over, you can still do your own taste test by takeout or dining in.

With that being said, I ask that you help us create a new normal by safely and smartly venturing out when appropriate. Continue to follow guidelines, knowing your actions help flatten the curve and revitalize our city. And as always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or my staff if we can serve you through this trying time.


Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you again soon! 



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HAPPILY EVER AFTER ON THE NEW RIVER

SAYING 'I DO' ON THE RIVERWALK

Greater Fort Lauderdale is full of picture-perfect settings to celebrate life's special occasions. While traditional weddings and birthday parties may have been put on hold these past few months, as we celebrate amazing stories captured in the bricks of Riverwalk in this month's magazine, I felt it was only appropriate to share a special day I enjoyed 16 years ago.

After dutifully visiting several standout locations for our June 2004 wedding, my husband and I settled on the banks of the New River. The team at History Fort Lauderdale helped us envision a tropical, elegant ceremony under the branches of Live Oaks with a spirited reception flowing from the porch and balconies of the New River Inn to the brick-lined pathway of the Riverwalk linear park.

With vibrant, golden orange tablecloths, bursts of hot pink roses and requisite crystal glasses to toast, tables were spread around the east lawn of Fort Lauderdale's first ever hotel, built in 1905, awaiting an intimate crowd of 100. On the west lawn, where Nugent Avenue meets the River, white folding chairs were arranged row by row to kick off the sunset ceremony.


Following a short but emotional sharing of our vows, which included a magical moment linking all in this world who chose love, we danced down the aisle high-fiving our guests as James Brown played in the



background, because after all, we felt pretty darn good.

Then the party started. And a party it was. Cocktail conversations on the second-floor balcony introduced family members to friends we've met along the way. Young cousins and nieces and nephews snuck sips of champagne next to the railroad tracks. Three generations of Cubans and Americans, and all cultures, ages and relationships in between, celebrated in the hot, sticky-sweet air of a June night in Fort Lauderdale.

As we danced to rhythms that bounced off the waters of the New River, boats passed by with a few horn blares congratulating the party. Runners, walkers, couples out for strolls and party crowds from nearby Second Street and the then-active Riverfront would pass by, dance for a song or two, join the crowd in a toast, and keep walking. Our wedding day ended in pure bliss just as the clock on Riverwalk was close to hitting midnight.

I'd like to think that many couples in the early 20th century celebrated special milestones at the New River Inn during its 50 years as a hotel, when it served as a pleasant stop for those traveling by train. Downtown Fort Lauderdale has sure changed around it, even if history has a way of preserving itself. I look forward to sometime in the future when my husband and I, our kids and our family and closest friends return to the brick lined pathway along the River to celebrate another chapter in our life. 



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GROWING UP TOGETHER

THE FORT LAUDERDALE OF 1995 WAS MUCH DIFFERENT

I have a confession to make. When I first moved to South Florida, I didn't like it. Not one bit. I moved here from rural Louisiana by way of Houston, Texas, and it was such a different feel. The culture was different from what I was used to, and the seasons never changed, and I missed my friends and family.

But then something happened. I moved to Fort Lauderdale about one year after getting here. Up to this point I was in West Palm Beach and heading down to Miami to have some fun, completely passing Fort Lauderdale by.

Once I moved to the City, I started making friends, some of the best I've ever had, and I started having

fun, some of the best I've ever had (that's all you get on that topic). The City was much different in 1995 than it is today and that's my point.

I've had the privilege of not only living here and seeing the changes going on, but to be part of them through my work with the City. The Riverwalk was still in its infancy then, but it was coming along and would celebrate the river; not ignore it.

Does anyone remember the Hyde Park Market? I do. I remember going there once and standing in the parking lot realizing, for the first time, there is a river behind this place and right through Downtown. And here was this store that turned its back to the water. Clearly the City ignored this amazing feature that other cities would kill to have.

The store closed and the property sat vacant until a development, one that has its own past, put an amazing building on the site. By the time Icon was constructed, other high rises had already been built and the Riverwalk was well established, but the Icon completed the Riverwalk connection to the east and put active ground floor uses on Las Olas and the water. It further cemented Fort Lauderdale a cosmopolitan city with all the amenities of other major cities.

It just impresses me that when I moved here there was really very little to do in Downtown Fort Lauderdale and today, some 26 years later, the City has grown to be a vibrant and fun place to be. Don't get me wrong ... Fort Lauderdale was always fun. But now that I'm pushing 50, I don't have as good of a time with the old kind of Fort Lauderdale fun and welcome the new kind of Fort Lauderdale fun.

I feel like the City and I grew up together. I feel like we are better now than we once were. We're both bigger than we were in 1995, and I hope a little smarter.


Finally, I want to say something about what is going on in our country. These times are difficult, and I hope that everyone is staying safe and working toward a resolution. There is a quote, often attributed to Winston Churchill, that seems appropriate these days. "Americans will always do the right thing after exhausting all the alternatives." Let's all do the right thing. 



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GET OUT AND PLAY

SUMMER CAMP AND BEACHES OPEN, AND THERE WILL BE FIREWORKS

Register for Summer Camp in Fort Lauderdale

The City of Fort Lauderdale's summer camps are action-packed with playtime, creative expression and friendly competition. Arts and crafts, sports and fitness are just a few of our many camp activities! To ensure children and staff remain safe, the City's Parks and Recreation Department has adopted guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to safeguard public health, and summer camp capacities have been lowered. Registration for summer camps is under way. For complete details about registration times, dates and locations, visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/summer.

Beaches Open for Sunbathing, Picnicking and More

Fort Lauderdale beaches are open from sunrise to sunset. Visitors are allowed to partake in ocean activities including swimming, surfing, kayaking, paddleboarding and body surfing and land-based activities including walking, running, biking and surf fishing (in permitted areas). In addition, picnicking, sunbathing, sitting or lying on the beach is permitted, as well as the use of umbrellas, canopies, chairs, loungers and coolers. Group gatherings are limited to 10 people and facial coverings must be worn when social distancing of 6 feet between persons (other than members of the same household or group) cannot be maintained. Group and organized sports remain prohibited including, but not limited to, volleyball, soccer and football.

Fort Lauderdale's July 4th Celebration to Feature Fireworks Around the City

The Fort Lauderdale City Commission approved moving forward with the coordination of four fireworks shows as part of Fort Lauderdale's Independence Day Celebration. Locations being explored for the shows currently


include Carter Park, City Hall, the Galt area and Holiday Park. The shows will not be open to spectators; however, neighbors will be encouraged to enjoy the fireworks from their backyards and front porches as we celebrate the 4th of July together by staying apart. As more information becomes available, updates will be shared on the City's website at www.fortlauderdale.gov.

Virtual Recreation Center Expands With Art, Cooking & Fitness Classes

The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department understands the power of parks more than anyone. During this time of social distancing, the Parks and Recreation Department is providing virtual recreation opportunities for you and your families. Our Virtual Recreation Center offers free, fun and educational activities and resources for all ages. In addition, our weekly schedule includes several live virtual wellness classes held by our very own instructors. For adults, enjoy acrylic painting, cooking, fitness, line dancing, yoga, Zumba and more! For children, enjoy sketching and drawing with more classes to come! For details, visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/recreation.

City Parks Now Open With Limited Amenities

The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department has reopened certain parks to help promote physical and mental health in the community. To help neighbors navigate which parks and amenities are open, the City has created a new, easy-to-use map that can be accessed online at www.fortlauderdale.gov/cityparks. The clickable, interactive map shows the name, address and location of each park along with a list of available activities. Permissible activities include basketball courts, batting cages, bicycling, boating, Canine Beach, disc golf, dog parks, dog swim at Snyder Park, lap swim, running and walking (paths will be marked as one-way), singles or doubles-only pickleball and tennis games, launching of canoes, kayaks and paddleboards. As a reminder, water fountains at the parks are closed so please remember to bring your own water bottles. Park users are required to follow CDC guidelines for social distancing and personal hygiene.

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





SPACE TO BIKE AND ROAM

CHANGING HOW WE THINK ABOUT OUR STREETS


Over the past several months the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our lives significantly in a variety of ways we never thought possible. Things we took for granted were suddenly no longer possible. We were isolated in our homes without errands to run, after-school activities or trips to make, opening endless opportunities to think about what is important and get back to the things we enjoyed when we had spare time. Enjoying physical activity in our neighborhoods is one of those things.

I, for one, have been enjoying the lack of a car commute to allow me more time to walk and bike before and after working remote or even during lunch. I had taken a break from being a bike rider for a while but took this opportunity to support one of our great local bike shops and rediscovered my love of biking. When we decided to make this purchase, it was apparent that this was a common theme because it was extremely difficult to find a bicycle to purchase. During our conversations with the business owners, they shared that they pre-selling the entire shipments because of the high demand.

The roadways were much more inviting to walk and bike with the lack of cars, making it easier to share the road. But with the increased exploring, I have also had a chance to really look at the infrastructure around me and the issues that exist. The choices we make to not walk and bike is often because it is an unpleasant experience because of the way that infrastructure was designed, often times not being built with those modes in mind.

This was evident when so many more of us were walking and biking and clearly there was not enough space for us to do so. The City understood that challenge and worked with the Florida Department of Transportation for our first lane closure to help people get outside and still be able to feel comfortable meeting social distance rules on SR A1A between Las Olas Boulevard and Sunrise Boulevard while the beaches were still closed. Additionally, once restaurants were able to be opened but only at 50 percent capacity again, lanes were closed on Las Olas Boulevard between the US 1 Tunnel and Southeast 11th Avenue to allow extra space for restaurants to have outside seating while providing a wide space for people to walk and bike.

But as activities begin to move back to normal, my request to everyone is to take note of all of the challenges, what changes would make it safer and more convenient to walk and bike, and what will keep you being active in your neighborhoods because you want to not because you have nothing else to do.

The Transportation & Mobility team will be partnering with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's City Services Team to kick off a Citywide Transportation Master Plan later this summer. We will be reaching out to gather input to put together a new vision for what our transportation system will look like in the future. Please stay tuned and participate to help influence how transportation in your neighborhood and the city overall looks in the future. 





MASTERING THE PIVOT

ARTS AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUE TO FIND NEW WAYS TO EXPAND ACCESSIBILITY


As we move through various phases of reopening of our county, arts and cultural organizations are figuring out how to rebuild their organizations and infrastructure. Seasons have been cancelled, projects rescheduled or nixed, and artists have lost months of work. However, despite these losses, there have been many great strides made in the virtual space that have added new and innovative opportunities for public engagement as organizations work to rebuild.

One of the things we had to do was find a way to effectively transform the Artist as Entrepreneur Institute (AEI), a mainstay of the Cultural Division for nearly

15 years, and catapult this unique and much-needed program into the digital sphere. Founded by Arts Cleveland, AEI taught artists of all disciplines how to understand and master the business side of their work, and it has been quite successful at doing so, with more than 1,000 alumni of the program creating and selling their work in South Florida.

As a product of formal music study, I can attest to the fact that music school is great at teaching the craft but does not adequately address the development of the business acumen needed to be an artist. Creativity and craft are important, but if you are not able to market your product, navigate copyright law, or know your way around a contract, being successful in business will be much more challenging.

As of June 13, the AEI program has moved online and been renamed Business Skills for the Modern Creator. While the goals of the program remain largely the same, the online space offers greater flexibility in the timing of sessions and guest speakers. For example, what used to be four all-day sessions in June will now be six three-hour morning sessions every other Saturday through summer. This online flexibility also enables nationally recognized presenters to be featured alongside local business leaders. In addition, creatives everywhere will be able to access the recorded classes at any time on YouTube.

While we do not plan to keep this program exclusively virtual, the pandemic has given us and many other organizations a reason to push further into the digital realm. As things gradually return to a semblance of normal, we'll continue to explore this new knowledge and opportunity and how it can be combined with traditional and in-person programming. In all, I think the outcome will be positive. 

ONGOING EDUCATION

Business Skills for the Modern Creator will take place through August.

Visit Broward.org/Arts to register for these free sessions.



ADULT AQUATIC PROGRAMS

The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department offers Adult Aquatics programs at five convenient locations throughout the City. It's a great way to cool off and stay in shape during the summer! For more information or to register, visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/register or call (954) 828-7275.

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Sunday – Friday

10:15-11:15 AM

Croissant Park

Monday – Friday

6:00-7:00 AM

7:15-8:15 AM

8:30-9:30 AM

Saturday – Sunday

7:30-8:30 AM

8:45-9:45 AM

Riverland Park

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

8:00-9:00 AM

9:15-10:15 AM

10:30-11:30 AM

Water Aerobics

Bass Park

Monday – Friday

6:00-7:00 AM

7:15-8:15 AM

Croissant Park

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

9:45-10:45 AM

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Saturday

10:00-11:00 AM

Lauderdale Manors Park

Tuesday/Thursday

8:45-9:45 AM

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HAPPY 244TH BIRTHDAY

NOW'S THE TIME TO REACH AMERICA'S IDEALS

America is celebrating its 244th birthday. On July 4, 1776, the founding fathers stood up to a perceived wrong, issued the Declaration of Independence and broke ties with Great Britain. Our hopes, of course, are for another 244 years of this unique experiment of democracy that has made our nation the envy of the world.

Yet, that experiment has been put to the test as the nation continues to struggle with the novel coronavirus and in recent weeks the tragic death of George Floyd at the hands of four Minneapolis police officers. What can be politely described as an “atrocious,” Floyd’s death has put policing and race relations under a harsh spotlight.

Even as we celebrate another Independence Day, our society is hurting. The business community remains a vital part of society, and its members here in the Fort Lauderdale community are prepared to stand with those whose grief, outrage and hope that the underlying conditions of police brutality and racial bias will finally be addressed.

It is the proper position to take. Many of the peaceful protesters angry, saddened and shocked over how some in law enforcement have fallen so short of the ideals of equality, fairness and protect and serve are our clients, customers employees and suppliers. The conversations on how to come together and honestly address the problems that typically separate us by age, ethnicity and political persuasion have already started. South Florida’s business community recognizes the need to be an active

participant in hopes of making a difference this time.

Business owners and those protesting the unaccountable and excessive use of force by law enforcement have more in common than meets the eye. Good policing provides security that benefits both business and overall society. We, like other members of our community, rely on police protection of lives and personal property, but it goes much deeper than that. The relationship between the community and law enforcement rests on trust — trust between those designated to protect and those in need of protection. Without that trust, there is no relationship.

The breakdown of that relationship can be seen in the images of National Guard troops sitting in armored vehicles parked near boarded up boutiques, restaurants and shops along Las Olas Boulevard. They are not the pictures that typically attract tourists and visitors to an iconic part of Fort Lauderdale. They are not the footage that helps generate employment, especially in what remains our region’s biggest industry — tourism and hospitality. Yes, violent protests are bad for business, but it’s certainly not good for society.

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

It’s the next part of the Declaration of Independence that should resonate as we enter our 245th year: “... — *That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.*” ⁶⁰





PRESERVING LEGACY

ONE THING WE'VE LEARNED: HOW TO DISCOVER THE HEROES IN US

Commemorative bricks can often be found within the architecture of picturesque boulevards, winding walkways, downtown courtyards and even parking lots like the one at MIA SF's building near the New River, and they usually offer a poignant feeling of nostalgia along with their intended fundraising purpose.

Similar inscribed bricks can be found in communities across America as dedications of new buildings, parks, theaters and museums. The concise messages carved into the bricks often recognize patrons, thank sponsors, mark a milestone anniversary or birthday, sometimes honor a loved one, or celebrate an achievement.

Collectively, these short stories scattered at our feet tell the tale of people in a community, each a brief entry in the shared diary of society. The messages remind us of the powerful impact a few strategically combined words can make, reminiscent of the famous six-word story credited to Ernest Hemingway, "Baby shoes for sale. Never used." So much can be conveyed in just a few words but imagine if we gathered the messages into a narrative. What powerful message would our community convey if the bricks along the Riverwalk could talk?


I think they would chronicle the days, years, decades and century of the City's growth, not just in more, bigger and fancier buildings, cars and boats, but in the bond that connects us to one another as neighbors.

On the river where the bricks now lay, Native Americans and pioneers eked out a life of trade and trust a hundred years ago. On that same ground in the decades since, personal and professional risks resulted in rewards and prosperity that leveraged opportunity and spurred entrepreneurialism. Those are the foundational bricks that have attracted a diversity of people to call Fort Lauderdale home, adding to its collective story of perseverance in the face of obstacles and determination against all odds.

Strung together, the personal messages commemorating births, marriages, anniversaries, celebrations and memorials illustrate the importance of our shared traditions and ceremonies and reflect both the joys and sorrows that life brings at any given time.

While many are moving, some of those messages can make people laugh out loud. Some expose sophomoric humor that many can't resist chuckling over, and some offer clever wit or subtle sarcasm that suggest a sort of sanctioned graffiti. If those bricks could talk, they would say the people of this community are living life to the fullest, walking along the river to patronize restaurants, enjoy the theater, explore the museum, acknowledge the histories, and delight in the stories found along the way, mentally clicking on a thumbs up, a full heart, or a sad face as they read each one.

Is it human nature to want to be heard and remembered? Are the messages a variation of scratching "I was here" in a classroom desk, or is it that people have a thirst to know more about each other and these small glimpses into other peoples' experiences make us feel like we belong? Each brick bears a message that resonates with someone else, someone who was born on the same day, someone whose mother had the same name, someone who served in the same branch of the military, or someone who also cheers for whichever team is playing against the New England Patriots.

By and large the brick messages memorialize a point in time that someone deems worth remembering and sharing, and the rest of us can't help wanting to know about it, searching out the messages with the oldest dates and revering them as relics of another time. Yet, even though they seem permanent, they are like a tapestry of tattoos in that they can be removed, but not without some effort and a little pain. 





WITHMYDOC SHINES A LIGHT ON THE FUTURE OF TELEMEDICINE

AT-HOME HEALTH MONITORING WHEN WE NEED IT MOST

When you think of the biggest advancements made in technology, household names like Apple, Google, Adobe, and more recently, Zoom, come to mind.

All are located in California's Silicon Valley. However, Silicon Valley isn't the only place making waves in the tech industry.

WITHmyDOC, a Fort Lauderdale-based tech company, is looking to add their name to the list of Florida tech companies making a significant impact in the industry.

WITHmyDOC, which stands for Web-based Intelligence Transforming Healthcare, is a remote patient monitoring platform that is a much-needed addition to the healthcare industry. Founder Richard Rodriguez, who is also the CEO of the information technology company Centuric, launched the WITHmyDOC remote patient monitoring program as a way to fill a gap in the healthcare industry.

"We started developing the WITHmyDOC platform two years ago because we saw a real lack in current telemedicine solutions at that time. They lack any real time data thus it's a big hindrance for the patient to get quality care and for the physician to get the best possible information to treat the patient," said Rodriguez.


The way it works is patients are given an RPM@home kit which stands for "remote patient monitoring." The base kit includes all of the necessary devices for at-home monitoring like a blood pressure cuff, weight scale and pulse oximeter. Additional devices can also be added to the kit, depending on the patient's condition, such as monitoring sensors for ECG, temperature, and a glucometer to detect any significant health changes throughout the day. Each kit also has a tablet with the monitoring software connected wirelessly to all of the devices. After the data is produced from each device, the tablet collects that data and shares it directly with your physician.

The digital software is also programmed with ease of use in mind for both doctor and patient. The platform

can be viewed on a desktop, laptop, tablet or phone, and even data from health devices like fitness bracelets, smart scales and more and can be used in conjunction with the RPM kit.

"We really focus on getting our program in the hands of patients that have chronic illnesses like congestive heart failure, diabetes, and COPD — conditions that require frequent monitoring and today, this has become even more prevalent," said Rodriguez.

Prevalent it has become indeed with the current Covid-19 pandemic still yet to be contained. Prior to the outbreak of Covid, WITHmyDOC was already making an impact on the way patients with chronic illnesses could now easily monitor their vitals remotely.

Now, however, it seems it has set a precedent for where the future of medicine is headed and how the healthcare industry can continue to adapt. "Covid-19 has changed the healthcare industry forever and has really brought telemedicine to the forefront. For us, the pandemic has put our company into hyperdrive. We're working harder, hiring more developers, and are on a growth trajectory," Rodriguez said. 



Small Business Stats WITHmyDOC

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Understandably, many residents have concerns about sharing personal information online or over the phone. To help ease these concerns, our Mobile Exemption and Information Team (MEIT) is now able to meet with residents virtually and answer any questions or help with exemption filing. While we do not know when our office will be able to safely resume in-person meetings, this new platform allows face-to-face virtual conversations between property owners and our staff. To schedule an appointment for a virtual meeting, please email us at ExemptionsExpress@bcpa.net or call us at (954) 357.5579.

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While the Property Appraiser's Office does not set or collect taxes, our office receives many calls from residents inquiring about installment tax bills and their recent exemptions. Broward County's

Records, Taxes and Treasury Division is responsible for the billing and collecting of property taxes.

For property owners on their quarterly installment plan, the first two installment payments (June and September) are based on the previous (2019) tax year. This means residents who have been approved for 2020 Homestead Exemption or other exemptions will not see these showing on either the June or September installment bills. The final two installment bills will be based on the current tax year. The December and March installment bill amounts will be adjusted to include any 2020 exemptions or changes to the property's taxable value. The deadline for Broward County's Installment Payment Plan was May 1, 2020. Should you have any questions regarding the payment of property taxes, their office can be reached at (954) 831.4000 or by email to revenue@broward.org.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (954) 357.6904 or by email at martykiar@bcpa.net. 



CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY, BRICK BY BRICK

YOU NEVER KNOW WHO YOU WILL RUN INTO ALONG THE RIVERWALK

WRITER LYNN STOCK



Stroll along the Riverwalk and you may run across famous actors, musicians, neighbors, romantic residents and a beloved puppet or two.

The names of these folks and tens of thousands of others have been immortalized along the Riverwalk with engraved bricks.

Without a doubt, these bricks are the most recognizable fundraising component of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, which started offering them in 1989.

While memorials of loved ones, anniversaries, birthdays and graduations are the most popular commemorations, patrons have placed bricks that list recipes and poems as well. The Water Taxi, the Las Olas Company, the Tower Club and civic associations have sections of bricks.

Former Riverwalk board chair Jim Ellis even has a 20-brick puzzle that forms a scavenger hunt, scattered along the walk.

HOW TO GET YOUR OWN

Prices range from \$100 for a brick in the pet section, to \$150 or \$225 each, depending on location.

www.goriverwalk.com/bricks-banners/buy-a-brick

TIMELINE

Engraved brick installations take about four to six weeks from order date.

CELEBRITIES ALONG THE RIVERWALK

In addition to the Winterfest Boat Parade grand marshals who receive a brick each year, several celebrities have been bestowed their very own piece of the Riverwalk.

Here is a partial list:

Stephen Spielberg
Tom Hanks
Michael Caine
Tony Curtis
David Copperfield

Roger Moore
Tito Puente
Kathy Rigby
Stephen Baldwin
Burt & Ernie

Director Stephen Spielberg received a Riverwalk brick in front of the Broward Center on November 11, 1999. Spielberg and Tom Hanks were in town to receive the Distinguished Public Service Award aboard the USS Normandy, docked at Port Everglades, in recognition for "Saving Private Ryan." Spielberg's and Hanks' bricks are in the Riverwalk of Fame section, by the Broward Center, along the Riverwalk.





BRICKS AT A GLANCE

1989

The year the brick fundraiser started

34,000

Approximate number of engraved bricks along the Riverwalk

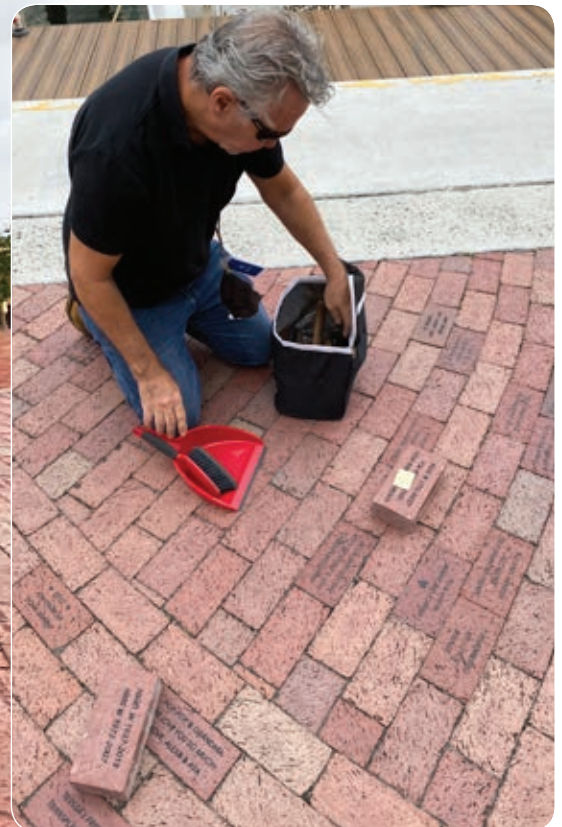
FIND YOUR BRICK

If a patron cannot find his or her brick along the walk, Riverwalk Vice President and COO Patrick Harris will be happy to help out.

“We physically go out and look for the brick,” said Harris, Riverwalk’s designated brick wrangler. “I tend to walk backwards when I search.”

BANNERS

In addition to bricks, Riverwalk supporters may buy a banner that hangs along the walk for one year. This year, the new banners will be displayed beginning in October, and orders may be placed by July 31.



Terry Frost, Installer

PHOTOS BY JASON LEIDY



THE GO-TO GIFT

Local real estate agent Anita Fried has bought dozens of bricks over the years ... so many that she has lost count.

Anita and her husband Arnie live in the Symphony and specialize in residential real estate for D'Angelo Realty Group. Often a real estate agent will send a new homeowner flowers or a bottle of wine. Anita buys a brick. "When we started working in this building and along the river, I thought, 'Wow, what a great gift. If I give them a brick, they get to choose what they want it to say.'"

"The brick's there forever," she said. "It's a fabulous gift. When they have company (visit), they bring them along the Riverwalk and show them their brick."

"One of the main reasons we decided to start buying bricks for our

buyers was that we could support the Riverwalk Trust while making our buyers very happy," Anita said. "Living on the river and having your own little piece of it means a lot. Some of the bricks were purchased by a group of us for special occasions like a neighbor's special birthday."



LOVE STORIES

Jonathan and Jennifer Schwartz have built a special connection on what they consider "their spot" on the Riverwalk.

"While we were dating, the first time that I said 'I love you' was on the Riverwalk, looking out on the river," said Jonathan, who is an assistant vice president real estate and business development at BBX Capital in Fort Lauderdale.

"Whenever we would ride our bikes down the Riverwalk or we would go running in that same spot, I would always tell her that I loved her."

So when he decided to ask Jennifer to marry him, he planned a surprise proposal — with the help of an engraved brick.

"When I decided to propose, I had ordered a brick that said, 'I love you with my whole heart, will you marry me?'"


"I told her that we had an event at the Broward Center to attend. So we took an Uber from our townhouse out to the river. And then we walked along that path, just up to the stairs, to the steps going up toward the Broward Center."

Jennifer continues their story: "You said, 'Have you ever looked down at the bricks here before?' And I said, 'No, not really.' And he was standing right next to our brick. I looked down and started reading it, obviously. Then he got down on one knee. That's when he asked me to marry him. I obviously was all choked up, and of course said, yes."

"At the same moment, he had me look up and he had secured the upstairs of the restaurant. Our whole family was there — my family, his family, my nieces. And as I said yes, they were throwing rose pedals over the balcony onto the area where we were. I already was emotional, but then I just lost it. Because of course, my family's the most important people to me."

Jennifer continues: "That place was always special to us because that was where he proposed. Whenever we would ride our bikes or take a run, we would always take a pause and go by our brick and just hug or kiss, or just look at it and be reminded of it."

The couple bought a second brick when they had their daughter, Zoe, in 2019.

"We knew when we had our little girl that we wanted to have a brick right near where the engagement brick is so that when we visit, we can now bring her there and explain the story of how we got engaged. And then also celebrate her name on the ground as well," Jennifer said. 



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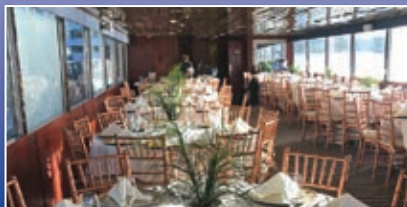
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LET'S EAT

RESTAURANTS ARE CHANGING THEIR WAYS TO KEEP DINERS AND STAFF SAFE

WRITERS PENNY SANFILIPPO & JONNY ALTOBELL — THE UGLY SISTERS

Who is that masked man (or person in 2020)?
Probably your server.

“Who was that masked man?” was a line from the old radio and then TV series featuring “The Lone Ranger.” At least once per episode, some character — good or bad — would wonder aloud who the masked good guy on a horse was. WE knew of course.

Like it or not, masks, albeit very different ones, are back. As diners under Phases 1 and 2, we don’t have to wear a mask, duh. But the owners and managers of local restaurants must take every precaution possible. As former restaurant owners ourselves, we were used to multiple inspections from the state and county health departments to assure cleanliness in the back (and front) of the house and are still compulsive hand washers.

Still, there are new distancing and sanitation regulations. We reached out to a number of local restaurants — large and small — to see if their ideas for compliance are as creative as their menus.

RESERVATIONS

These are pretty strongly requested these days to assure that no one has to congregate at the door while waiting for their tables. The Riverside Hotel even offers to call you when your table is ready if there is a wait.

SOCIAL DISTANCING (INDOORS AND OUT)

Phase 2 will allow for 50 percent occupancy when it arrives but most establishments have still moved tables to be sure there is proper 6- to 8-foot distance. Many, like Foxy Brown, have added extra outdoor tables. A few have actually erected partitions between dining tables — but that is a pricey decision that is not a financial option for all. We understand that The Mustard Seed in Plantation has taken yet another approach — separate days for larger parties only (six or more) with the rest of the days for two- or four-top tables. Makes sense; why move tables more than you have to?





MENUS

Ooh it's all about the digital format. Fancy printed menus — laminated or not — are an expense that should have gone away years ago. However, for the technophobes like me (not Jonny) who still have flip phones, everyone we spoke to has one-time use paper menus. American Social also offers disposable cups and flatware for the truly concerned.

SANITATION

We've all watched the creepy dirty dining segments on the news BUT the reason it is news is that it is NOT the norm. New guidelines, however, take sanitation to a different level. Besides frequent hand washing and the use of hand sanitizer, thorough and frequent wiping of door handles and other commonly touched surfaces add extra duties to your server's duties. Whole building sanitation has been done by some of the bigger firms, but it's not practical on an ongoing basis (you DON'T want to eat that

stuff!). Your servers will probably be wearing gloves — a practice that used to be limited to kitchen staff. Robots have been introduced at some restaurants in the Netherlands to do both clean up and some service. Uh, I don't think we're there yet, nor do I look forward to that day.

In gathering material for this article, the Internet was valuable as we could see at a glance if any new policies were posted for an individual location. We discovered that “restaurant groups” — multiple establishments with one corporate owner — were more likely to have full statements about their policies regarding the coronavirus and Covid-19 than the stand-alone establishments. So, before you make that reservation, check to see what you might expect. If it's not posted, don't be afraid to call and ask — they'll be delighted to hear from you.

Bon Appetit!. [GO](#)



SUMMER OF RUM SERIES: MEET BOOTLEG GREG

CREATING GOOSEBUMPS WITH EVERY COCKTAIL EXPERIENCE

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

Gregory Genias, better known as Bootleg Greg, was born in the hills off Cockpit Country Trelawny, Jamaica. His transformation into Bootleg Greg began at an early age with the help of his father, a self-proclaimed bushman and moonshiner, who exposed a young Gregory to the inner workings of plants and herbs and their benefits to the human body.

Today, he is the co-owner of Bootleg Greg Cocktail Company, a South Florida concept cocktail and health conscious beverage company. He also serves as the cocktail beverage consultant for the Dean James Max Restaurant Group. He manages and streamlines the beverage programs at various restaurants and bars across the country.



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GREGORY GENIAS

Years in the business: 22

Known for:

Using fresh ingredients in cocktails

Your go-to drink:

When in doubt, Wray & Nephew

Favorite cocktail to make at home:

Daiquiri

Must-have garnish:

Fresh citrus

Essential home bar accessories:

A sharp paring knife, spring water and clear ice

Best tip for novices:

Don't be afraid to try spirits straight

Best three-ingredient cocktail:

Daiquiri



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