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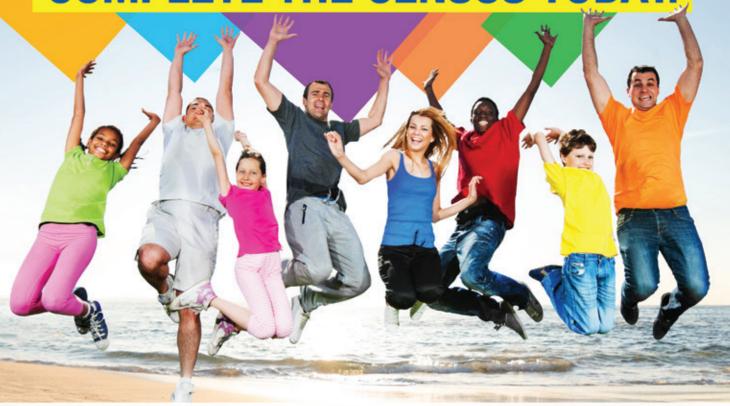
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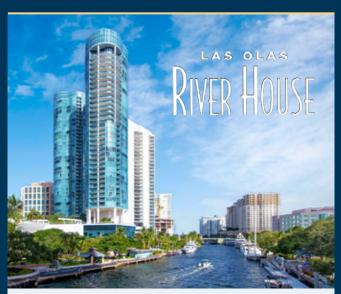
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Best priced 2 bedroom unit in the building. Split bedroom floor plan, gourmet kitchen with stainless steel appliances and granite tops.



JUST LISTED 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH \$399,000

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JUST LISTED 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$365,000

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2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH | \$350,000

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1 BEDROOM | 1 BATH | \$329,000

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PENDING SALE STARDUST

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SKYVIEW | \$469,000

High floor 2 Bedroom 2 Bathroom split bedroom floor plan, open kitchen, tile and wood floors throughout. Covered garage parking.

PENDING SALE SKYVIEW

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SAN MARCO | \$529,000

2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

High floor split bedroom floor plan with wood floors throughout, large master with walk-in closet, private guest suite, gourmet kitchen, and extended terrace with city views.



BY JOHN ROPES Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair



THE DEMOGRAPHICS

OUR NEIGHBORS IN DOWNTOWN FORT LAUDERDALE

he city of Fort Lauderdale has a population of approximately 184,000 people and the Downtown houses around 4,200 of those residents. The racial diversity of our Downtown is listed at 65 percent White, 17 percent Hispanic, 14 percent African-American and 2 percent Asian.

Many of the Downtown Fort Lauderdale inhabitants are millennials (ages 24 to 39), tallying around 33 percent of the downtown population, according to statisticalatlas.com. This younger demographic has partially driven the large boom in multifamily urban development in the area. Many new developments have been constructed or are in the works that cater to the younger demographic with social-centered apartments starting in the 500 square foot range, making downtown living more affordable. A few examples are Society Las Olas, Laureat, and 4 West Las Olas.

There are also a large number of baby boomers and retirees looking to escape the cold weather and high taxes of their residing Northeast states, such as New York.

There are many other positives that are drawing all ages of demographics to the Fort Lauderdale/ Downtown/Riverwalk area:

Growing Tech Hub

Technology professionals are in high demand in Fort Lauderdale, which is consistently attracting leading technology businesses.

Global Business Hub

Many companies doing business with Latin America and the Caribbean are choosing Fort Lauderdale as their headquarters, due to its proximity to these countries.

Transportation

Fort Lauderdale's Downtown is centrally located and minutes to one of the largest and best rated international airports in the country. The Fort Lauderdale / Hollywood International Airport (rated No. 3 Best in the U.S. by Wall Street Journal) is conveniently located in the middle of the south Florida tri-county area, which is also being serviced by Brightline – Virgin Trains USA, connecting the downtowns of Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach (soon to add connections to Boca Raton and Orlando), and minutes from Port Everglades, the third busiest cruise port in the world.

Weather, Lifestyle and the Riverwalk

The average temperature in Fort Lauderdale in the winter is 77 degrees, with 89 as the average in summer, allowing residents an active outdoor lifestyle with activities including fishing, boating, bicycling and scuba diving.



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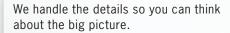
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BY GENIA DUNCAN ELLIS
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ike all our partners in the not-for-profit world, we continue to strive to deliver our mission and remain open.

Certainly, events are some of the obvious ways that most charities raise funds to cover their costs and move their mission forward. Currently, hosting events is not an option and does impact budgets and bottom lines for many of us. We remain hopeful that the community will continue to support charities as they want to be viable when the solution to this challenge arrives.

Take a moment to enjoy the virtual options that are being provided by these groups to learn about history, see modern art, participate in science, see a play, design a project, or support local businesses through online challenges and virtual events. Virtual concerts, wine tastings, listen-and-learn programs abound and offer a social side to the current confinement. Zoom, Teams, Skype and webinars have become the new platforms for meetings and communication, but they also have become a part of a system that includes YouTube and others to listen and learn and participate.

Businesses continue to remain open and look for opportunities to provide services and sales. Restaurants look for innovative ways to comply with the everchanging guidelines and deliver quality food while retaining employees and meeting their standing obligations.

How do we as the public help move the needle in the right direction? We comply.

In these changing times, we are inundated with facts – coming from many sources – all trying to encourage us to be safe. Statistics don't lie but how they are presented can sometimes tell a different story. We encourage you to always do your research, gather all the facts and then make an informed decision. We know that businesses are struggling and reinventing themselves to remain alive.

Being nimble in this time is one of the keys to survival. Property owners, landlords, business owners and residents are looking for ways to retain a semblance of order, remain open, support their employees and provide a quality product.

The public has an equal obligation to follow the rules, respect the challenges of the business and remain safe. The spread of this virus continues with frightening numbers and the medical community continues to learn as it wages its battle to find solutions. Follow the County and City directives. Be a part of the solution – not a part of the problem.

Lastly, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale has offered drive-in movies with FLIFF, a Burger Battle online and as well as an Ice Cream Challenge. Watch for what is yet to come ... we are creating ways to support our local businesses as they have supported us helps is all survive!





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• I am the president of Public Affairs Consultants Inc. The firm was founded in Fort Lauderdale in the early 1970s by my husband and business partner, Jack Cory, and moved to

Tallahassee in the mid-1980s in order to be closer to the state capital. Although we are based in Tallahassee, we still have clients in South Florida. Under normal times we are in South Florida every month vising clients, members of the legislature, local government officials and friends.

With more than 30 years of legislative experience, I am known in the capital as a consensus and coalition builder. My considerable expertise in business issues as well as environmental, transportation, telecommunications, agriculture, water, and representing local government have allowed my career and client base to expand.

As a member of the Florida Society of Association Executives, I was the Associate Member of the Year in 2001 and am the past chair of the Florida Society of Association Executives Foundation. My experience in governmental affairs representation for associations is extremely unique as I am one of Florida's only consultants who designs and implements legislative programs for many associations, both small and large.

Florida may have one or more special legislative sessions this year, so it is important that business, local governments and not-for-profits have representation before the Florida Legislature and state agencies.

We believe the Riverwalk in Fort Lauderdale is an important part of the community and that is why we joined.



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• As the chief executive officer of Broward Health Medical Center, I strive to be a passionate and respected leader. As CEO, I oversee the overall administration and management of the 716-

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I am a registered nurse in the State of Florida with a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Florida International University and a master of science in nursing administration from Indiana State University. I am a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and a certified pediatric oncology nurse. My professional affiliations include the Association of Healthcare Executives and I serve on the boards of the South Florida American Heart Association and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. Being involved in our community is important to me, and has been since childhood, which is one reason I joined Riverwalk.

Outside of work and my other professional obligations, I enjoy spending time with my husband Scott and two beautiful children Owen and Norah. Exercising and staying physically healthy are important and I start every day off early at 5:15 a.m., with an F45 training session.

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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RIVERWALK ICE CREAM CHALLENGE

In recognition of National Ice Cream Month, the Riverwalk team held the virtual Ice Cream Challenge during July. Fort Lauderdale's top restaurants and ice cream parlors went all out in a tub-to-tub fight for the title of Fan Favorite with their dairy and non-dairy delights. Ice cream aficionados voted for their favorite dairy creations in an online poll and at the end of the month, the restaurant or parlor with the most votes gets eternal bragging rights of having the best ice cream in Fort Lauderdale for 2020. Even as businesses begin reopening

during the COVID-19 pandemic, many are still struggling to attract customers. The Riverwalk Ice Cream Challenge strives to drive customers to local restaurants and ice cream parlors while having a little fun in the process.

After ordering their tasty treat, aficionados were encouraged to say "sweet" and take a selfie with their creamy craving before it melted. When they posted these photos to the Riverwalk Ice Cream Challenge Facebook group, they could have been selected for the weekly "Sweet Selection" and receive a prize.



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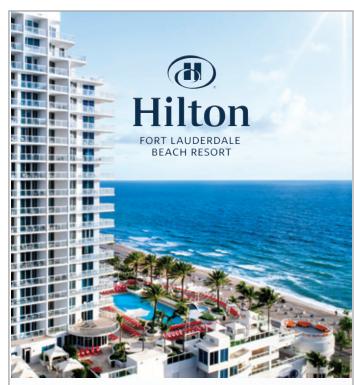












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AQUATIC CENTER AND LAS OLAS MARINA MOVING FULL STEAM AHEAD

he COVID-19 pandemic has not slowed down work on major capital improvement projects throughout our City. Two initiatives continuing to make progress are the Aquatic Center renovation and the Las Olas Marina project on Fort Lauderdale Beach.

Originally constructed in 1965, the Aquatic Center boasts over half a century of swimming history, including being the site of 10 world records. The current renovation project is designed to restore its former glory, by enabling the complex to once again attract national and international championship events and recapture its standing as one of world's top facilities for swimming, diving, and training.

To help achieve this goal, the City Commission recently approved funding for enhancements to the project that include constructing the world's first 27-meter permanent dive tower, featuring a full complement of springboards and nine platform levels (1M, 3M, 5M, 7.5M, 10M, 15M, 20M, 24M and 27M). We also agreed to move forward with the design and construction of a new, two-story south building that will include locker rooms, restrooms, a weight room, administrative support space, meeting rooms, first aid stations, timing rooms and other associated amenities. Additionally, the Commission gave the go-ahead to add a north observation deck to the project that will

include 2,800 square feet of public viewing space, an elevator and stair tower, decorative lighting, exterior architectural cladding, and decorative railings.

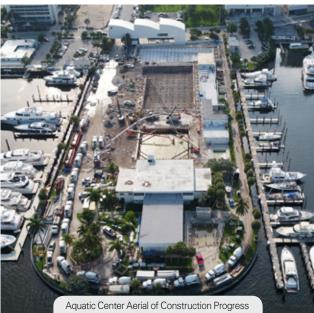
Significant progress is being made on this landmark project. Crews have successfully completed the Aquatic Center's deep foundation system, which included installing a series of concrete cylinders (called augercast piles) that are drilled 60 feet into the ground to support the pools, pool deck, dive well and buildings. The floor and walls of the competition pool have been poured, and a waterproof seal has been installed in the dive pool. Commercial divers worked 20 feet underwater to construct the seal, which required 1,200 cubic yards of concrete, 136 cement trucks, and two boom lifts to track and monitor the placement of the concrete.

The next phase of the project will focus on coordinating concrete pours for the floor and walls of the dive well and for a large surge tank to regulate water levels in the competition pool. In the coming weeks, work will also begin on the Aquatic Center's new grandstand, bleachers, and concession areas.

Upon completion, this game-changing project will redefine the beach for generations and restore our rightful position atop the world of swimming and diving.

A second major initiative moving forward on the beach is the new Las Olas Marina. Earlier this summer,





Mayor Trantalis and I welcomed U.S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt to town and provided him with an overview of the project.

Plans for the new Las Olas Marina include 7,000 linear feet of dockage, a three-story 24,000 square-foot marine services building with a casual restaurant, ship store and office space, along with a gym, swimming pool and outdoor patio. The marina will also feature a two-story 11,000 square foot upscale waterfront restaurant with outdoor dining areas offering spectacular views of the Intracoastal Waterway.

The \$70 million project, which will be built, paid for and operated by Suntex Marinas through a public/ private partnership agreement with the City, recently received approval for a \$1.1 million matching federal grant through the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIGP). Funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the BIGP is a nationally competitive grant program that provides federal dollars to construct, renovate and maintain boating infrastructure facilities for transient recreational vessels 26 feet or longer.

During his visit, Secretary Bernhardt talked about the importance of providing federal support for projects like the Las Olas Marina that strive to achieve a balance to meet the needs of outdoor marine recreation, prosperity of the local economy, and protection of the natural environment. He also mentioned the possibility of federal funding to assist local communities with efforts to clean and protect local waterways.

The Las Olas Marina is projected to create more than 650 jobs during construction and 1,110 full-time equivalent jobs. The project is expected to generate \$221 million in annual economic impact, \$6 million in annual state and local tax revenue, and \$446,000 in annual real estate property tax revenue.

Since obtaining site plan approval from the City Commission, developers of the Las Olas Marina have been working closely with staff and regulatory agencies including the Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to secure the necessary permits to begin construction. As part of the permitting process, an extensive environmental assessment has been completed on the upland and submerged portions of the property, riparian boundaries have been established and additional analysis and data collection have been conducted and submitted to the appropriate agencies. Permit applications are now being reviewed at the local and state level, with final approval expected this fall.

Pending permit approvals, construction of the Las Olas Marina is expected to begin during the fourth quarter, and is estimated to take 18 months to complete.

We look forward to breaking ground on this signature project that will enhance Fort Lauderdale's position as the "Yachting Capital of the World."









DOWNTOWN FTL'S NEXT NORMAL

WHAT WILL WE WANT IN A POST-COVID CITY?

fter 9/11, news reports quoted many who said they would never work or live in an office building above 10 stories in New York City. Yet, 35 out of the tallest 50 buildings in Manhattan were built after that tragic day in our nation's history, and all are over 750 feet tall. We remember, we learn, we improve, but we don't stop.

During this once-in-a-lifetime pandemic, we are bound to think that cities, business and life as we know it are permanently changed; and it very well may be. So, if that's the case, how do we improve our communities, the buildings we build, the spaces we design, the ways we live?

Will COVID mean the end of the open office floor plan in tall office buildings accessible only by elevator? Will working and teaching from home mean people need more space and sprawling suburban campuses and cul-de-sac gated communities become popular again? Will we go back to shopping in malls, eating in food halls, and enjoying live concerts and shows?

Most likely yes, but the answers are not clear just yet. As history shows, we are a resilient and creative human race, constantly being pushed to evolve crisis after crisis. Think of how Florida building codes improved after Hurricane Andrew destroyed more than 25,000 homes.

Reprioritizing investments may be the most beneficial and important outcome of our current

situation. Perhaps new office buildings have outdoor meeting rooms, balconies that allow tower occupants some fresh air, and elegant, open stairs for easy — and healthy — movement between floors.

Technology will surely continue to lead the way for innovation, with smart building monitoring systems constantly checking people's temperatures while measuring the amount of allergens and pollutants in the air.

Our streets and sidewalks will need to be designed for maximum flow of pedestrians, shoppers and diners. No longer will the menial five- or seven-foot walkway width be acceptable. In areas where adding more sidewalk width comes at the expense of limiting or removing vehicular access, drivers will just have to take new routes. Cities all over the globe are trading travel lanes for spaces to bike, eat, exercise and socialize with distance.

We've long talked about focusing on the triple bottom line: profit, people and planet. As we continue to build a great city and Downtown considering what we've learned through COVID, let's evolve that mantra into a renewed focus on the mental, physical and social well-being of our communities and our people. Let's build this place even better than before.



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VIRTUAL RECREATION CENTER

LEARN TO DRAW, WHIP UP A NEW DISH OR DANCE AWAY

he month of March changed the world as we knew it. The pandemic had the power to shut down businesses, close schools and force all of us to commit to an isolated lifestyle. We had to find ways to connect through "social distancing" and "virtual reality." Zoom and Cisco WebEx soon became household names. Suddenly, children could no longer partake in art classes at the local community center. The ability to have dinner at a restaurant was replaced with having to cook from home.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department understands the power of parks more than anyone. Many studies have shown that access to parks and green spaces boosts mental health, promotes physical activity and active play and fosters a sense of togetherness and community. During this time of social distancing, the Parks and Recreation Department is







providing virtual recreation opportunities for you and your families. The Virtual Recreation Center offers free, fun and educational activities and resources for all ages. Our weekly schedule includes several live virtual wellness classes held by our very own instructors.

Drawing and Painting

Missing out on your art and culture fix? Each Wednesday we host Sketching and Drawing for Kids from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. DJ Chery teaches a group of excited school-aged children how to draw birds, trees and oceans. On Fridays, Chery also instructs Acrylic Painting for adults from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Cooking with Chef Stephen

If you'd like to learn how to make the best Greek salad or restaurant-style steak, then join our group on Tuesday nights for Cooking with Chef Stephen. Chef Stephen will give you a behind-the-scenes look into how to prepare dinner like a pro. For this class, you can sit back and watch professional chef Dario Stephen and ask questions along the way, or you can choose to receive the recipe card a few days before class so you can shop for the ingredients and virtually cook alongside Chef Stephen.

Yoga

Exercise has suffered a hardship. When gyms and other fitness facilities had to close, we worked quickly to add virtual classes. Yvonne Colon, a certified yoga instructor, guides participants through yoga techniques like downward dog and ends each class with a heartfelt, "Namaste." These yoga classes are offered at various times on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Dance

Prefer to dance your calories away? Kathy Clarke teaches Urban Line Dancing on Thursday and Saturday while Kathy Fointane expertly shows participants Zumba moves that will have you sweating to salsa, merengue, and reggae beats.

Our Virtual Recreation Center offers you the opportunity to participate in a live class for free, ask the instructors questions directly, and get answers in real-time. You can also try new classes and learn something new without feeling judged or self-conscious since you are in the comfort of your own home. All of these things help us foster community in our new virtual world!

If you're interested in signing up for a class, please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/recreation.

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YOUR PENNY AT WORK

MOVING PEOPLE INTO THE FUTURE

reating significant change in a transportation system is very costly and finding the necessary funding to make transformative change, or even any change, is a challenge. There is a constant struggle competing for funds that have limits and restrictions, with most funds being dedicated to highways. But in the transportation world, we do see regions that have transformed successfully and many of those examples are because of an extra penny added to their sales tax.

In 2018, voters of Broward County joined this movement and approved the Penny For Transportation initiative that added a penny to the sales tax that is dedicated to transportation improvements. Goals of the initiative include alleviating traffic congestion and improving multimodal connectivity and options. Over the past two years, the public facing side has been quiet, but in the background, staff of municipalities, Broward County and Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization have been working hard to get to where we are at today ... ready to start work transforming our transportation system.

In June, the Broward County Commission approved funding for the very first cycle of municipal-requested projects. The action funds 97 municipal capital projects equaling \$65.7 million and 40 municipal rehabilitation and maintenance (R&M) projects equaling \$55.5 million for a total of \$121.2 million to municipalities, in addition to \$19.2 million for funding of 18 municipal Community Shuttles. These surtax-funded projects will also help stimulate our local economy during these challenging times.

Fort Lauderdale was approved for nine projects in the first year of Surtax implementation, totaling nearly \$9.5 million. The first major construction project is Northwest 15th Avenue from Sunrise Boulevard to Mills Pond Park. This project was identified as a priority in the City's Connecting the Blocks Transportation Plan, will improve safety for all users, and includes creating a wide shared use path on the west side of the street for bicyclists and pedestrians, landscaping to shade the path, pedestrian lighting and upgraded roadway lighting, traffic calming and crosswalks.

A one-way pairs feasibility study is also being funded to look at Andrews Avenue and Third Avenue in downtown Fort Lauderdale in a different way to improve vehicle flow as well as provide space for transit and multimodal accommodations. There is also a program to focus on sidewalks to fill gaps in connectivity as well as repair damage. In the first year, the focus will be on the areas of most significant concentrations of damage, and outstanding neighbor requests for sidewalks.

The funding of R&M projects is an important element of the Penny for Transportation program, especially in this year of difficult financial times. The City was awarded funding for four R&M projects, including bridge repairs and roadway resurfacing that will allow projects that were scheduled for construction to move forward while removing the financial burden from the City.

Our county is about to embark on very exciting and innovative times for transportation. Join us on our journey, dream big, be bold and together we can make it a reality. Without a vision, we will go nowhere. But with a vision, we can continue to make progress no matter how long it may take. I often think what it took to create some of the transportation systems we have, building railroads and highways. They were hard and transformative. Let's make that type of change again. Join us in creating our next Transportation Master Plan kicking off in August.



Brought to you by the Penny for Transportation







MAINTAINING A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR ARTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

REPORTS SHOW \$21 MILLION IMPACT TO BROWARD'S ARTS AND CULTURE SECTOR

the Cultural Division has been working to quantify the impact of COVID-19 on Broward County's arts and culture community. As we collect and analyze vast amounts of data, we are sharing our findings with our various stakeholders, and using this new knowledge to inform our strategy as we move forward. We began tracking the economic impact of COVID-19 on cultural organizations in March, and the numbers, as one would expect, are troubling.

At the time of print, our arts and culture organizations reported more than \$21 million in lost income and additional expenses related to the pandemic in the months March through May. Making up that total are losses related to venue closures (more than \$14 million), revenue loss from cancellations (more than \$5 million) and additional expenses as a result of the pandemic (more than \$1 million.) Also, in these two and half months, Broward organizations have reported a loss of more than 600,000 visitors.

The impact also trickles down to the people who make these institutions what they are. As entire seasons are cancelled, artists, musicians, stagehands, ticket takers and many others have lost their jobs, or have been furloughed. From March through May, arts and culture organizations reported more than 800 furloughed jobs and nearly 200 jobs that have been eliminated. What remains at many institutions are core staff to keep the organizations functioning as they try and retain their donor bases and keep audiences engaged in an environment when traditional programming options are mostly unavailable.

Just as vital during a healthy economic climate is the critical need for arts advocacy. Thanks to unanimous support from the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, the Cultural Division was able to award nearly \$500,000 to 38 local arts and culture organizations through an emergency, supplemental grant program using funds from sales of the Florida State Arts license plates. An additional \$6 million of federal stimulus dollars has also been distributed to Broward-based cultural organizations through the CARES Act, as reported by the institutions.

As the situation continues to evolve, it is increasingly evident that we must work together to strategize our response. Getting through this pandemic will take involvement from the philanthropic, government and business sectors to strengthen Broward's diverse arts community and ensure that it thrives into the future. ⁽¹⁾



Broward Cultural Division commissioned local artists to create unique social distancing signage to be used throughout county parks and other public locations.



We understand the power of parks and recreation more than anyone. During this time of social distancing, we will be providing virtual recreation opportunities for you and your families.

We encourage you to visit our Virtual Recreation Center at www.fortlauderdale.gov/recreation. There you will find free, fun, and educational activities and resources for all ages. Visit as often as you like or follow us on our social media channels for a variety of free instructor-led classes, at-home activities, updates, and ideas to keep you and your loved ones healthy, entertained, and informed.



BY DAN LINDBLADE
President/CEO,
Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce



LESSONS TO PONDER

IN THE ERA OF COVID-19. SCHOOL STILL MATTERS

t seems like yesterday when few of us gave much thought about the start of school. A new school year marked the end of summer and the opportunity for students aged 5 on up to learn new subjects and make new friends. All parents had to do was to make sure their youngsters were ready for another academic year.

That was then; this is now.

As COVID-19 continues to run unabated in our state, Florida Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran ordered public schools to reopen in August and offer "the full panoply of services," which will be far different than the ones students and families enjoyed before the virus. The reopening will provide families with a choice: send their kids to schools five days a week, let them learn from home remotely, or allow them to attend schools on a part-time basis while practicing distance learning from home. College students attending Broward College, Florida Atlantic University and Nova Southeastern University will face similar choices as administrators in higher education, like their K-12 counterparts, convert existing classrooms, laboratories, libraries and office space to safely accommodate students, faculty and support staff.

The mix of in-school and remote learning presents new challenges in scheduling and use of school resources. For the business community, non-profit organizations and state and local governments, the new normal of educating future generations initially may be problematic but shouldn't be insurmountable. Schools are the starting point of active and informed citizens knowledgeable enough to work, create and lead our society. They produce the workforce that fuels our economy and more importantly our way of life.

Unfortunately, thanks to the virus, parents and students are growing anxious as classes are about to restart. A recent National Parents Union poll found that 67 percent of parents support keeping schools closed until officials are certain that re-opening won't cause a health risk. At the other end of the spectrum, a recent Gallup poll found a slight majority of parents prefer their children return to full-time in-person schooling.

With the number of confirmed cases exceeding 20,000 in Broward County, no one is sure what to expect. Is distance learning a reliable alternative to daily school attendance? What will social distancing in schools look like? How will athletics and extracurricular activities occur during the pandemic? Will new sanitation procedures and social distancing policies instill confidence that school classrooms are indeed safe?

It's not like we're getting much help from the virus. Florida remains one of the nation's COVID-19 hotspots, and medical experts see little slowdown in the outbreak, particularly in heavy-populated South Florida where efforts to reopen have been followed by a jump in confirmed novel coronavirus cases. The recent increase isn't sitting well with teachers, either. Some have

expressed reservations about returning to the classroom during the pandemic. At the moment, school officials are stressing "flexibility," preparing to pivot to distance learning if the pandemic takes an even greater turn for the worse.

The hope here is that our schools somehow prevail. Education matters. After weeks of sheltering in place, it didn't take long for parents stuck at home to realize the importance of teachers and the daily challenges they face in educating our children. If there is ever a time for our community to reevaluate and reconsider what resources are needed to make our public schools and higher education work better, now is that time ①





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



WHO IS MOVING TO FORT LAUDERDALE?

HERE'S THE SCUTTLEBUTT ON THE CITY'S TOP ECONOMIC DRIVER

he population demographic of Fort Lauderdale has certainly evolved over the years and it is likely to continue to do so, but one thing we know we can count on is that about 5 percent of the people who do move here will be boaters.

In 2018, the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis estimated that outdoor recreation equates to 2.2 percent of the gross domestic product, with boating and fishing as the largest percentage. Not surprisingly, those numbers are led by the State of Florida, which also happens to boast the highest number of registered boats in the country. Knowing that approximately 1,000 people a day move to Florida, and 500 of those move south of Orlando, we can extrapolate out that Fort Lauderdale will continue to get its fair share of newcomers, and based on the conversion rate, a chunk of them will want a boat.

Fort Lauderdale is fortunate to have cultivated and protected the marine industry and earned its reputation as the yachting, as well as refit and repair, capitol of the world. Home to a cluster of talented and soughtafter marine professionals, boatyards and shipyards, Fort Lauderdale has recently attracted a respectable amount of private equity investment and reinvestment to the benefit of the boating community. Facilities like Lauderdale Marine Center, Bradford Marine and Pier 66 Marina continue to invest in and enhance the customer

experience, which is good news for boaters and the economy.

Boating has always been a way for families to connect and spend time together, and the popularity of boating in South Florida has increased noticeably in just the past six months with unexpectedly housebound families finding the activity allows for outdoor recreation and physical distancing while also enjoying the beautiful

local waterways and the natural wonders of the Atlantic Ocean. With demand for waterfront real estate at a premium, increased boat ownership means Fort Lauderdale is probably going to need more boat slips and storage to accommodate the continued growth.

In 2007, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission approved Broward County's plan to ensure the long-term protection of manatees and their habitat, despite having initial reservations about the slip pool allocation approach, which divided the county's distribution of boat slip allowances. Now, with increased law enforcement, research projects and educational efforts resulting in the manatee no longer on the endangered species list, the slip pool allocation has the potential to be updated.

There is no shortage of reasons why someone chooses to move to the vibrant city of Fort Lauderdale, but after touring the area, checking out the job situation, looking at potential neighborhoods, evaluating local schools and sizing up the available arts, entertainment and other amenities, just about everyone wants to end the day somewhere on the water, whether that's dining along the Intracoastal Waterway, cruising the New River in a Water Taxi, picnicking on the beach, or kayaking at sunset. It is the driving force behind the lifestyle that that we continually support and protect, and it is the economic driver of our community. 60



DRIVE-IN MOVIES ARE MAKING A COMEBACK

EPIC OUTDOOR CINEMA INTRODUCES NEW DRIVE-IN MOVIE EXPERIENCES

here's nothing quite like the experience of going to the movies and seeing the newest blockbuster. The smell of freshly popped popcorn that greets you as soon as you walk through the door. Then as the lights dim in the theater and you settle into your seat, you know you're in for a treat. Unfortunately, with the Covid-19 pandemic, for many this experience has since become a distant memory with no return in sight.

Luckily though, the nostalgic drive-in moviegoing experience of years past is having its modern-day

renaissance with companies like Epic Outdoor Cinema.

Located right here in Fort Lauderdale, Epic Outdoor Cinema has been providing moviegoers with a variety of outdoor viewing experiences for a number of years all across the world. Prior to acquiring the cinema screen production company, however, owner Nick Toutoungi had a long history of working in the film industry.

"Back in 1999, I got my start working with the Fort Lauderdale Film Festival after graduating college. Then after some time there, I eventually started my own company, Twilight Features in 2005, which is our outdoor movie event service. Years later, through a friend, I became a part owner of what is now called Epic Outdoor Cinema which has led us to where we are today," he said.

Through the combined resources of these two companies, Toutoungi and his team have become a leader in outdoor cinema events and screen production across the world. With three different high-tech screen options produced by Epic Outdoor Cinema, they can bring movies to life in any kind of outdoor location.

From screens inflated to float on pools to watching movies in the park, the Epic Outdoor Cinema team has put on more than 3,000 outdoor screening events and they currently have cinema screens in every continent except for Antarctica.

Now, with so much previous experience under their belt, the team at Epic Outdoor Cinema even has taken on the challenge of keeping the moviegoing experience alive during the Covid-19 pandemic.

"We wanted to do something to bring the community together while also helping people get out of their houses



to still enjoy the moviegoing experience in a safe and updated way," Toutoungi said. With that idea in mind, Epic Outdoor Cinema has begun putting on drive-in movie events throughout South Florida. While drive-in movies are not a new concept, Toutoungi and his team have made sure that these experiences go above and beyond your parents' or even your grandparents' drive-in theaters.

"One idea we came up with to make the experience that much more fun for moviergoers is VIP packages. So, depending on where the event is taking place, we will rent out the first two rows to be purchased as VIP spaces and with that guests can enjoy services like unlimited popcorn, a valet waiter service, and maybe even for date nights a bottle of wine could be included," he said.

Guests can enjoy these new outdoor movie events at upcoming drive-in events during the coming months like the recurring "Popcorn Frights Drive-In Horrorshow" at Mass District and outdoor movie showings at the Pier 66 Hotel & Marina.

For more information on future drive-in events, visit their events website twilightfeatures.com/event-calendar. ①

Small Business Stats EPIC OUTDOOR CINEMA

Owner: Nick Toutoungi

Fun fact: Epic Outdoor Cinema was the first outdoor cinema company in the state of Florida.

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his year is unprecedented for our community as we continue to manage the COVD-19 crisis. Florida law requires our office to value property based on the status of the real estate market on January 1, 2020. Any impact to real estate market conditions caused by the crisis will be reflected in the 2021 assessments.

2020 TRIM Notices

The Broward County Property Appraiser's Office mails the TRIM (proposed tax) Notices in mid-August each year. The proposed property tax notice will show your 2020 property assessment, exemptions and the proposed taxes along with dates and times for the various taxing authorities' public budget hearings. The TRIM Notice is your opportunity to review your property assessment and ensure you are receiving all the tax-saving exemptions you are entitled to. Our office's contact information will be listed on the newsletter enclosed with the TRIM Notice giving you the opportunity to contact us directly should you have any questions. The absolute deadline to apply for any 2020 exemption or to appeal your property assessment is September 18, 2020.

The Property Appraiser determines the market value and assessed/Save Our Homes value of your property. Your tax rates and non-ad valorem fees are set by the various taxing authorities (school board, county commission, city commission, hospital district board, water management district, and so on) listed on your TRIM Notice. If you want to question your proposed tax rates, non-ad valorem fees, special assessments or services, you should contact the

elected officials who serve on these taxing authorities and attend the public hearings in September 2020.

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

Why Are My Property Taxes Higher than the Prior Owner's Last Year?

Florida law requires property be reassessed at market value as of January 1 the year following a change in ownership and/or the year the property receives/loses the Homestead Exemption. After this reset in value occurs, the property will be protected by an assessment cap starting the following year. For Homesteaded property, the Assessed/Save Our Homes (SOH) Value can increase by no more than 3 percent above last year's Assessed/SOH Value (or the consumer price index, whichever is less), regardless of the increase in just value. For tax year 2020, the assessment increase is capped at 2.3 percent for all Homesteaded properties. For non-Homesteaded property, the assessed value can increase by no more than 10% above last year's assessed value. The 10 percent cap does not apply to the school board taxes.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 954.357.6904 or by email at martykiar@bcpa.net. ①



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DOWNTOWN'S NEW RENAISSANCE

WELCOME TO FORT LAUDERDALE'S TALLEST BUILDING AND LAS OLAS' NEWEST HOTEL

WRITER LYNN STOCK

hile downtown Fort Lauderdale's skyline has vastly changed the past few years, it now boasts its tallest building. 100 Las Olas opened this spring.

With more than 100 residences and over 200 hotel rooms, the mixed-use skyscraper is a welcome addition to the tony boulevard.

"I think where people are going to value it most is in what we have to offer, and that is a new product that is built for a user buyer," said Peggy Olin, president and CEO of OneWorld Properties, a Floridabased real estate brokerage firm that is selling and marketing 100 Las Olas.

Residents are close to the walkable Las Olas Boulevard and Riverwalk, and their guests may stay downstairs in the hotel. More than a dozen families now call 100 Las Olas home, and the residences are about 60 percent sold, Olin said.

The building also hosts a ground-floor restaurant, with more dining and retail to come, and views of the beach and sunsets.

Las Olas' second hotel

Along Las Olas, you can shop for avant-garde artwork, order tacos for takeout and buy the newest beachwear. But since 1936, only one hotel offered a place to lay your head on Las Olas ... until this spring, when Fort Lauderdale's newest hotel opened.

"It's been really exciting to bring in the hotel element onto Las Olas because it's the first hotel in 70 years to be built on Las Olas other than the Riverside," said Katherine Beja-McLennan, director of sales and marketing for the Hyatt Centric Hotel within 100 Las Olas.

The 238-room hotel also has 14 suites and two two-bedroom suites. A pool restaurant called Elevate currently offers food and beverage service during the day for hotel guests. In the future, that space will be open to the public as well.

The restaurant, Harborwood Urban Kitchen and Bar, serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, and is open to the public. "It's a great space. It doesn't really feel like a hotel restaurant because it's on the lobby level, overlooking Las Olas. It has these beautiful doors that open up onto the street and you just feel part of a community," Beja-McLennan said.

The condo and hotel share reception space in the lobby. The hotel occupies floors one through eight and offers 6,000 square feet of indoor event space, with another 7,000 square feet of terraces and outdoor space. Hotel rooms and suites continue on floors up to the 15th.

"The condo owners love it because when they have family and friends staying with us, they have a resource right downstairs," she said. "They don't have to displace their guests somewhere far. It's a one-stop shop."

100 LAS OLAS

Fort Lauderdale's tallest building opened in April.

499 feet

Height

46

Number of stories

113

Number of residences

8,500 square feet

Retail and restaurant space

238

Number of rooms in the Hyatt Centric Las Olas Fort Lauderdale hotel

Dining

Lobby-level restaurant Harborwood Urban Kitchen and Bar



The hotel offers more than a place for guests to stay. Beja-McLennan said the Hyatt Centric can put together private dinners for residents and guests alike. The hotel chefs will customize a menu, create a signature cocktail and curate a playlist just for you, said Sydney Feldman, senior account manager at Diamond Public Relations.

The hotel will create "private experiences that are socially-distance friendly, but with a little bit of oomph," she said.

Of course, the building has had to address the everchanging regulations brought about by the pandemic.

"The hotel opened on April 2," Beja-McLennan said. "We've been open throughout the COVID situation with essential travelers, and according to the city guidelines and ordinances.

"Now we have a very historic hotel and we have a new hotel that's part of the new renaissance of the downtown area," Beja-McLennan said.

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5	110 Tower	30	410 feet	1988
MIAMI 1 Panorama Tower 82 826 feet 2018				
1	Tunoruma Tower	02	020 1001	2010
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SOCIALLY DISTANCED EXPERIENCES

A LOOK AT HOW LOBSTER BAR SEA GRILLE HANDLES THE CURRENT SITUATION

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

ne of Las Olas's mainstay restaurants has stepped up to the challenge and offers socially-distanced dining with a focus on safety. Already known for creating fresh seafood and prime steaks paired with wine and craft cocktails, Lobster Bar Sea Grille is honoring all of the necessary national, state and local safety guidelines along with some additional measures to ensure the safety of their staff and their guests:

- The restaurant thoroughly detailed, cleaned and sanitized its entire facilities prior to resuming dine-in services and will continue to do so regularly.
- It offers spacious seating with safe distancing between tables.
- A designated manager checks each employee's temperature prior to their entering the restaurant.
- Patrons are not allowed to congregate in waiting areas or bar areas.
- Sanitizing stations and sanitizing wipes throughout the restaurant are available for both guests and employees.
- All restaurant staff wear masks and use hand sanitizer at every opportunity.











- All Heart of the House staff wear latex gloves.
- The menus are "single-use only" paper and are thrown away after each guest dines.

The interior is modern-contemporary, with nautical touches that give guests a luxury yacht feel. Beautifully tiled archways and custom lighting give the dining room an intimate feel, while the lounge's vibrant bar and to relax and dine with friends and colleagues. The fully covered patio with cushioned furniture perfect for cocktails and social distanced dining.

Lobster Bar Sea Grille, located at 450 E. Las Olas Blvd., is open for dinner Sunday through Thursday from 5:30 to 9 p.m., and on Friday and Saturday from 5:30 to 10 p.m. at press time.

At press time, reservations are recommended and can be made through OpenTable, or by calling the restaurant at (954) 772-2675. The restaurant also provides online ordering for curbside pickup, as well as delivery through DoorDash from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m., daily.







MEET

BOBBY ASARE GENERAL MANAGER, LOBSTER BAR SEA GRILLE

Asare is a part of the new generation of Buckhead "Lifers" and is excited to return to lead Lobster Bar Sea Grille Fort Lauderdale as its general manager. Also a sommelier, Asare previously installed the beverage programs at two other highly successful Buckhead Life Restaurants in Atlanta and began the beverage program at Lobster Bar in Fort Lauderdale, continuing his long love affair of marrying food and wine.

Joining the Buckhead Life Restaurant Group in 2011, Asare says his initial decision to move to Fort Lauderdale in 2014 without any family was difficult for him, but he had a strong belief in founder and CEO Pano Karratassos's dream and passion for the dining experience.

Asare's earliest culinary memories are from his childhood in Ethiopia. His mother owned a café and bakery, instilling the sense of work ethic that he carries with him to this day. He and his siblings used to sneak into the restaurant to watch her work. He loved the scents wafting from the kitchen, the chatter of happy guests, and the chaotic joy of a restaurant. His family relocated to the United States and just after college, he moved to Las Vegas to work at Mario Batali's hot spot Enoteca San Marco. In 2011, Asare moved to Atlanta to help his mother open a restaurant next door to a Buckhead Life Restaurant. It only took one look at the restaurant's expansive wine list for Asare to apply for a position. We welcome Bobby back to Downtown Fort Lauderdale!







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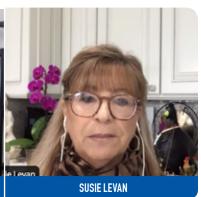


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