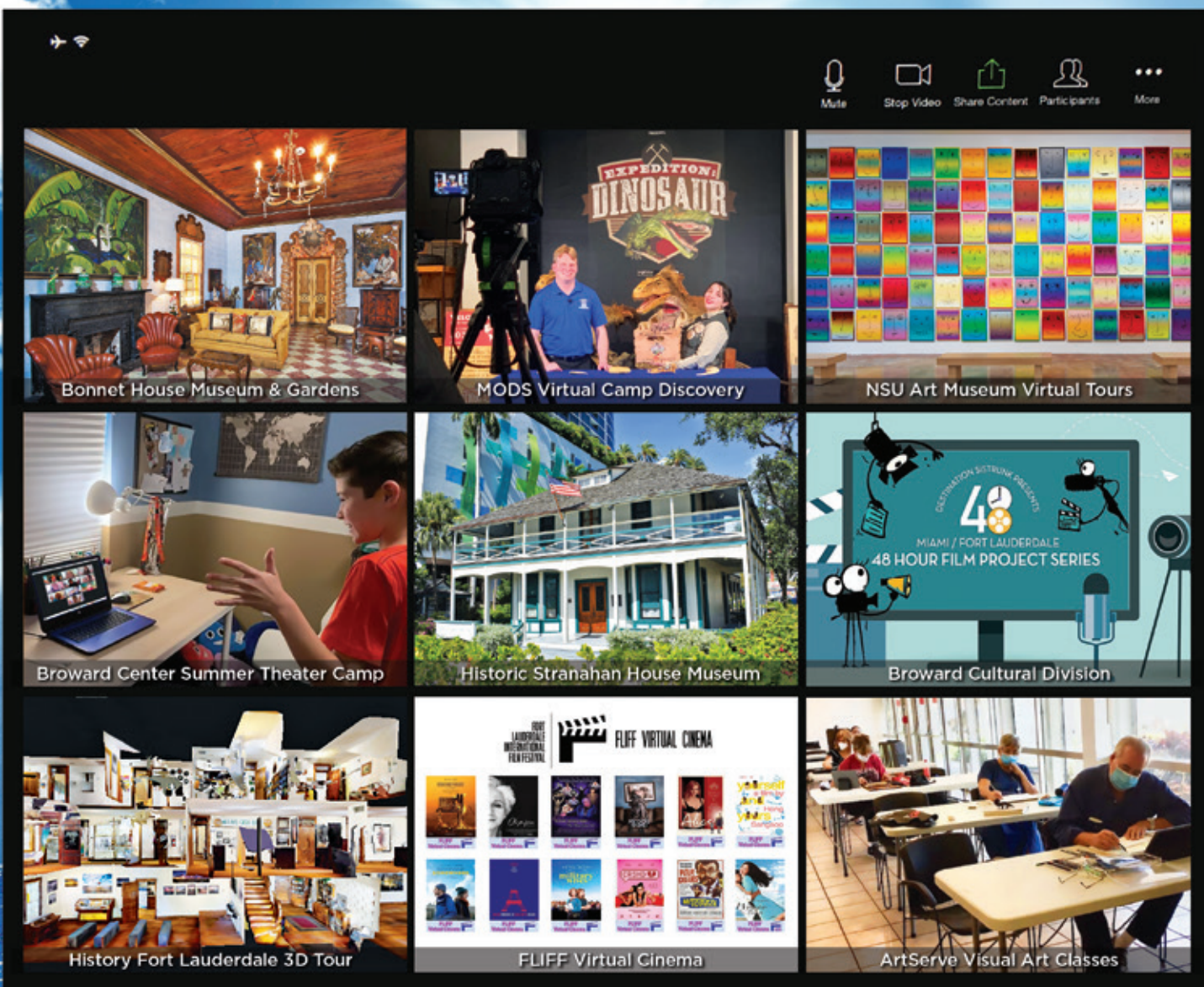


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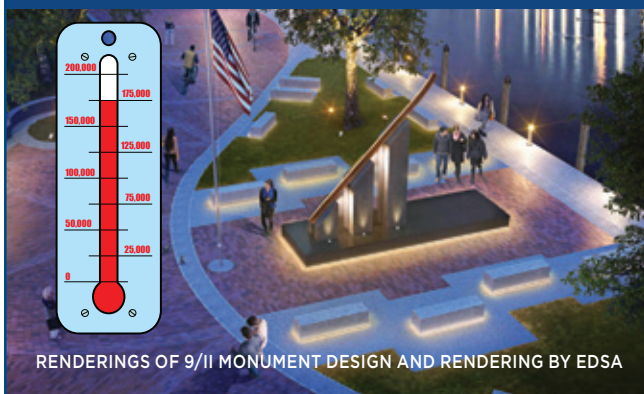
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### 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$310,000

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#### **JUST LISTED** 2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH | \$409,000

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### 2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH | \$399,000

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### 2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH | \$379,000

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### 2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH | \$369,000

Breathtaking views of the river, beautiful porcelain tile throughout. Kitchen features granite countertops, stainless steel appliances & Italian cabinets

### 2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH | \$365,000

Views, views, views from both balconies, full south facing apartment with tile in living areas, granite counter tops, Italian cabinetry.

### 2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH | \$329,500

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### 1 BEDROOM | 1 BATH | \$329,000

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### 1 BEDROOM | 1 BATH | \$309,000

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#### **JUST SOLD** 1 BEDROOM | 1 BATH

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#### **PENDING SALE**

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#### **PENDING SALE**

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#### **JUST SOLD**

### STARDUST

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### SKYVIEW | \$469,000

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#### **JUST SOLD**

### SKYVIEW

Best priced 2 bedroom, 2 bath in the building. Pool, river & city views from the balcony. Open kitchen, stainless steel appliances and more.

#### **PENDING SALE**

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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



## FORT LAUDERDALE FAVORITES

OUR CITY'S ATTRACTIONS HAVE WIDE APPEAL

**T**he Downtown area of Fort Lauderdale is about as central as you can get in South Florida. Nestled in the center of the tri-county area of Dade, Broward and Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale holds its own among the ranks of South Beach and Palm Beach luxury and draws visitors worldwide.



### The Yachting Capital of the World

Fort Lauderdale has been continuously dubbed The Yachting Capital of the World and is home to the largest in-water boat show in the world. The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show attracted up to 110,000 people from 52 different countries in October 2018. Fort Lauderdale is popular with yachting and boating enthusiasts because of its 300-plus miles of waterfront beaches and canal systems.

### The Rodeo Drive of Fort Lauderdale

Another favorite spot in Fort Lauderdale is Las Olas Boulevard in the Riverwalk district, dubbed The Rodeo Drive of Fort Lauderdale, due to its exclusive shops, restaurants, and art galleries. Stretching a mile from First Avenue downtown to Las Olas Beach, the walkability score of Las Olas Boulevard and the connecting Riverwalk is a highly rated 83-plus, making it a great place to live, work and play.

### Museum of Discovery and Science

MODS is one of the largest museums of its kind in Florida. It houses an IMAX theater that is more than six stories tall and they have over 200 hands-on exhibits. MODS draws the most visitors of any museum in Florida.

### Broward Center for the Performing Arts

Located along the Riverwalk on the New River, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts is rated among the top ten most visited theaters in the world. Opened in 1991, the Broward Center holds major state-of-the-art productions presenting more than 700 performances per year and hosting over 700,000 visitors.

Getting to Fort Lauderdale makes it a popular spot, as it is centrally located and minutes from 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) and minutes from Port Everglades, the third busiest cruise port in the world. It can also be reached by the Brightline train which connects Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach.

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BY GENIA DUNCAN ELLIS  
President/CEO  
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## GET ACTIVE

YOU CAN JOIN THE RIVERWALK RACE FROM ANYWHERE



**T**he gauntlet was thrown down for the July challenge to tell us your favorite ice cream and we are pleased to report that our residents found lots sweet treats to beat the heat of summer! Congratulations to Yo Mama for being the Fan Favorite.

Following a Burger Battle Challenge and then an Ice Cream Challenge, we felt we needed to take a more responsible approach to the next challenge. We invite our community to join the Riverwalk Race that pits you against your own count to log in your distance in one several ways — walk, run, treadmill, elliptical, bike, Peloton, kayak or paddleboard.

Record your times, find a sponsor and go for the gold. The beauty of this kind of virtual challenge is that you can do it from anywhere — your living room, a gym, or even Riverwalk. We want to encourage you to continue to get healthy — fight back against those burgers and ice cream and show us your power.

The virtual race will be held through Monday, Sept. 7. Visit <https://raceroster.com/events/2020/33411/> riverwalk-race for details.

Who knows what next month will bring? If you have some suggestions, call our office and tell us about them.

Riverwalk is completing our fiscal year on Sept. 30 and look forward to our 2020-2021 year. In the next issue, we will welcome our board members and tell you about things to come. We will have lots of announcements, so stay in touch with us through the magazine, our webpage and through our social media. Reach out to our partners and sponsors and be sure to stay local when purchasing, dining out or hiring services. It is the time that we must rally to our community and join in with our locals by being an SOB — Supporter of Broward.


Construction of our 9-11 Monument is well on the way and we couldn't be more excited to see it coming to life. Riverwalk is very proud to obtain this piece of history and be able to give it back to the City in a setting that is restful, respectful and readily accessible to the public. Watch for photos and updates in the upcoming weeks about our ribbon cutting and dedication. You are still able to contribute to this capital campaign by calling the Riverwalk office at (954) 468-1541 to make arrangements. Thank you to our many partners in making this a reality. 

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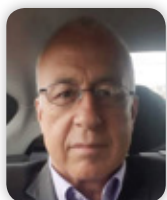
As a native Philadelphian, and CEO of a bathing suit and sportswear company in New York City, I moved my first company to South Florida since I was supplying many South Florida retailers.

The company's success landed me a feature in People Magazine at the age of 23.

After selling the company, I became CEO of Allstate Paper Products and later sold it to a chemical company. After selling the two companies, I accepted a position with then Smith Barney in Fort Lauderdale as senior vice president/wealth management and started getting involved with the local Las Olas professional community. Then in 2008, my team was offered a fantastic opportunity at UBS Financial Services, also on Las Olas.

From an entrepreneur to senior vice president of wealth management at UBS, I have been active in the Downtown Las Olas/Fort Lauderdale business community for more than 25 years. I have great passion for my practice, which has gone hand-in-hand with my passion for the many incredible organizations that help our Fort Lauderdale residents. I enjoy being on the board for Pace Center for Girls. In addition, I am the second vice chair of the Broward Cultural Council and hope to continue to help expose the county's younger generations to the arts. Joining the South Florida Manufacturing Association and the Women In Manufacturing division has been fantastic.

Aside from my professional and community work, living in East Fort Lauderdale allows me to indulge in my love for boating, paddle surfing, socializing and traveling. Riverwalk is a jewel of our community and I am proud to support it.



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There's an old saying in Florida that once you get sand in your shoes, you'll never leave. That old adage could not be truer with me as what was an initial one-week trip turned into a month-long

stay, then a permanent move a week later. It was the best decision I could have made.

As founder of IP SecureTech, I initially started to protect corporate assets from Intellectual property theft and quickly moved into white collar investigations in compliance and policy issues. We represent a wide array of companies including Walt Disney, the National Association of Realtors, Canadian National Rail and even the University of Chicago.

Since opening the Fort Lauderdale office, we have been involved in structuring complex business development relationships from initial concept and design through turnkey operations. These include joint venture real estate partnerships and securing investment and capital sourcing with access to investment bank capital for development as well as established ventures up to \$1 billion. We have also developed partnerships in commercial transportation, bioengineering, data center and technology related joint-ventures in addition to providing corporate regulatory and governance guidance as to public-private and governmental partnerships.

Even though Fort Lauderdale is now my home, I am still a diehard Cubs fan. I naturally enjoy spending time with my fiancé and company president Kimberly Brown and making the most out of Fort Lauderdale, Las Olas and the New River. We chose to join Riverwalk based on the awareness of community involvement and the strength of the work observed since moving to the area.

Members of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale express their support and join us in our mission of building a vibrant community. Riverwalk supports Downtown's diverse, mixed-use community of arts and entertainment establishments along with business, residential, judicial, educational, and marine interests.

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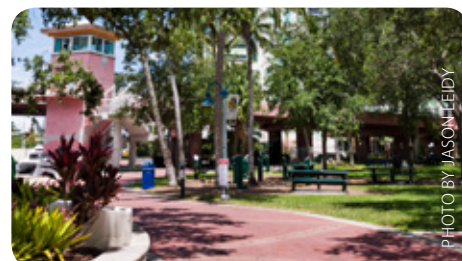
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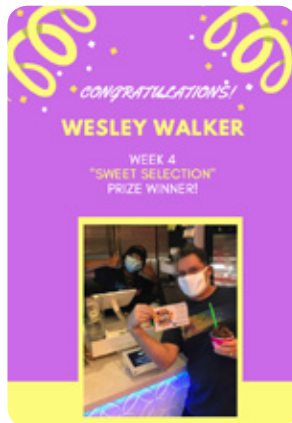
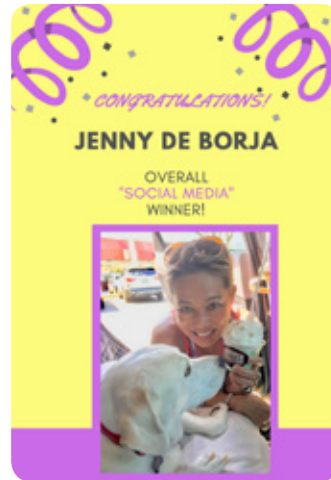
## RIVERWALK ICE CREAM CHALLENGE WINNERS

The end of July brought the Riverwalk Ice Cream Challenge to a close. The fan favorite is Yo Mama's Ice Cream.

Ice cream aficionados voted for their favorite dairy creations in an online poll and at the end of July, the restaurant or parlor with the most votes received eternal bragging rights of having the best ice cream in Fort Lauderdale for 2020. The Riverwalk Ice Cream Challenge

was designed 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.



Christy Christine and Stephanie Zeverino



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## RIVERWALK RACE

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale has launched the Riverwalk Race, a virtual competition to raise funds for Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale. The race runs through Sept. 7.

Participants register at the official Riverwalk Race website and choose to compete in four categories: run/walk, bicycle/exercise bike, paddleboard/kayak and treadmill/elliptical.

The person who raises the most money during the two-week competition will receive a trophy and gift basket courtesy of Fit Factor Training. In addition, the first 100 participants will also receive a one-of-a-kind medal courtesy

of URHealthBenefits.

Throughout the two-week challenge, the participants will be cheered on by a race mascot in each of the categories. These mascots are Tyler Smillie for run/walk; Rene Cantu for bicycle/exercise bike; Chris Haerting for paddleboard/kayak; and Mary Adams for treadmill/elliptical. All participants are encouraged to challenge one another to see who can go the farthest or raise the most money.

To register, go to <https://raceroster.com/events/2020/33411/riverwalk-race>.



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## SISTRUNK BOULEVARD RESURGENCE

HOMEOWNERSHIP AND BUSINESS INVESTMENT FUELING REVITALIZATION

**T**he COVID-19 pandemic has not slowed down construction activity in Fort Lauderdale's northwest community. Fueled by new homeownership opportunities, significant private investment, and business assistance and incentive programs, the Historic Sistrunk Boulevard area continues to undergo an economic resurgence. Following is a brief update on some of the many residential and commercial projects highlighting the revitalization:

### New Single-Family Homes

First-time homeowners are moving into the River Garden/Sweeting Estates neighborhood to occupy 11 new single-family homes being built by WWA Development in partnership with the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). The three- and four-bedroom properties feature tile roofs, stamped driveways, granite countertops, wood cabinetry and stainless steel appliances. The CRA offered qualified purchasers up to \$45,000 to help cover down payment and closing costs in order to make the dream of homeownership possible.



### New Townhomes Coming

Pre-construction sales are underway for the River Garden Townhomes, a project that will bring 25 newly constructed town houses to the west end of Sistrunk Boulevard. The affordably priced units, which will provide homeownership opportunities for young families and professionals in this up-and-coming area, will range in size from 1,443 to 1,757 square feet and feature three bedrooms, two-and-a-half baths and a garage. The \$6.8 million project includes a \$1.5 million incentive from the Fort Lauderdale CRA.



### The SIX13

The newest mixed-use project on Sistrunk Boulevard is now open. The SIX13, located at Sistrunk Boulevard and N.W. 3 Avenue, offers 8,300 square feet of retail space and over 140 units of upscale workforce housing. The contemporary, light-filled one- and two-



bedroom rental apartments feature energy-efficient stainless steel appliances, quartz counter tops, floor-to-ceiling windows, private terraces with skyline views, and numerous upscale amenities. The \$42 million project received \$7 million in funding from the CRA. It is the first major mixed-use development to open on the Sistrunk corridor west of Andrews Avenue and will serve as a catalyst for further investment in the area.

### American Legion Renovation

The Robert Bethel American Legion Post 220, located at 1455 Sistrunk Blvd., will undergo a substantial renovation and expansion. Funded in part by the CRA, the project will include a contemporary design featuring high ceilings, large windows, meeting and special event space, along with a new kitchen, restrooms, office space and outdoor gathering area.



### YMCA Progressing

Major progress is being made on construction of the new \$15 million L.A. Lee YMCA Mizell Community Center. The 65,000 square-foot facility, which is rising out of the ground at Sistrunk and Northwest 14th Avenue, will feature a health and wellness center, gymnasium, pool, preschool care, after-school programs, a black box theater, business incubator and coworking space, community conference space, rooftop patios and ground floor retail.



### Smitty's Nears Completion

Construction is nearly complete on Smitty's Wings, a locally-owned family-friendly restaurant at Sistrunk and Northwest 12th Avenue. Specializing in signature chicken wings and flavorful sauces, Smitty's will provide the corridor with a vibrant, spirited, and engaging dining destination.



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## TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

DOWNTOWNFTL STREET ASSESSMENT AND WALK AUDIT

Safe, comfortable and interesting streets and sidewalks are key elements of all great downtowns. The Fort Lauderdale DDA has long prioritized investments in our street network, first improving South Second Street from Avenue of the Arts to Federal Highway in the early 2000s. Today, we are wrapping up final touches to our Southwest Second Avenue complete street project, while excitedly awaiting notice on a federal grant we've applied for in partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale to improve two major streets in Flagler Village.

Taking it to the next level, over the past several months our fabulous summer interns, Taylor Bogdan and Olivia Marcus, developed a Streets Assessment and Walk Audit program to inventory the existing conditions of Downtown's streets and sidewalks to identify areas that need improvement.

The Walk Audit was conducted within the Greater DowntownFTL area, which spans from Sunrise Boulevard to the north and Southeast 17th Street to the south, between US 1 to the east and Avenue of the Arts to the west. The boundary also includes a small additional area east of US 1 where the iconic Las Olas corridor is located. To make the audit more manageable, the full study area was broken up into nine smaller districts, which make up

approximately 50 percent of the overall area.


After coordinating with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) City Services Team to ensure the best possible audit methods

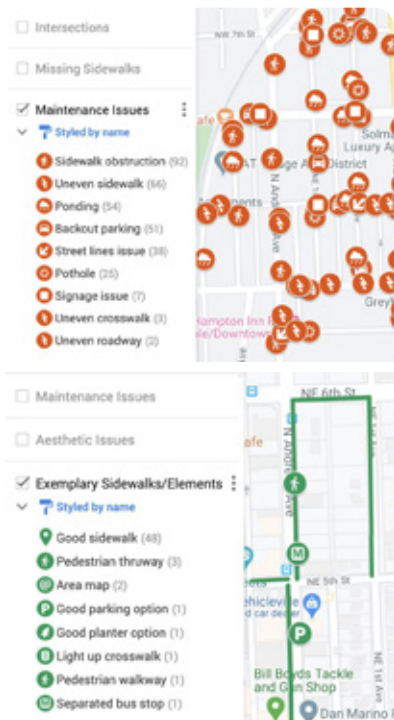
were being used, Taylor and Olivia developed a database of existing conditions and created a photographic inventory of each street and intersection. They spent most days in the field, documenting the condition of more than 223 street segments or blocks, and 132 intersections, then linked all the information into Google maps for easy visual reference.

Highlights of their findings include:

- More than half of the streets audited are in good or great condition and need only minor improvements to increase safety and comfort.
- About 10 percent of streets need a major overhaul to be considered safe or comfortable.
- One in every three street segments has some form of maintenance issue.
- There are about 7 miles of missing sidewalk in the area audited.

After completing the audit, Taylor and Olivia then identified the ten street segments most in need of improvement based on a preliminary ranking system that addresses overall safety and walkability. They also outlined strategies to be considered when prioritizing any future improvements on Downtown streets, taking in additional criteria such as adjacent and nearby land uses, planned private development and public capital improvement projects, as well as modal priority.

The final report was presented to the DDA Board in August and already the information developed during this project is being used as a reference point in the planning process for future projects and workplans. You can check out the final report and videos of their presentations at [www.ddafl.org/projects](http://www.ddafl.org/projects). 



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Our Virtual Recreation Center is booming with additional classes being added weekly! 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.

### Fit Fort Lauderdale

Have you been thinking about starting a fitness program but want to try out a variety of classes? Fit Fort Lauderdale is the program for you. Classes are held virtually on Sundays from 1 to 2 p.m. Fit Fort Lauderdale's current offerings include Cardio Boxing with Atinu (Sept. 6), Gogo Cardio Drum Fitness (Sept. 13), Zumba with Kathy of JK Fitness (Sept. 20), Yoga with Yvonne (September 27), and Line Dance with Tommy and Kathy (October 4).

### Art Classes


When artist Djerlens Chery isn't busy painting inspiring murals around FAT Village, he is teaching the

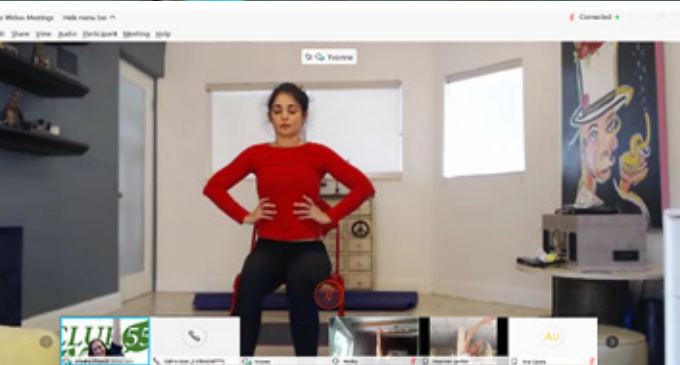
most compelling virtual art classes. Are you interested in digital illustration? On Tuesdays, learn the basics of using Procreate, an exclusive Apple app made by artists that is arguably the most powerful and intuitive digital illustration app available. If you prefer the old pencil and pad, Wednesday's Sketching and Drawing class is perfect for you. If painting is more your style, let your imagination run free with Acrylic Painting on Thursdays and Watercolor Painting on Fridays. Classes are open to all ages and levels.

### Club 55+

Club 55+ is our program that encourages active adults to enjoy endless opportunities at various city parks for a discounted annual membership rate of only \$55 for residents and non-residents. Although the program isn't free, most residents will qualify for a fee reduction and pay only \$5 for the annual membership. Current virtual classes include art, balance and strengthening, body sculpting, chair yoga, chess, coffee and conversation, line dance, mat yoga, meditative yoga, Zumba and more.

For registration information, please call (954) 828-7275 or email [affrench@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:affrench@fortlauderdale.gov).

To register, visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov/recreation](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/recreation). We hope these classes help keep you active, connected, and healthy until we can serve you again in person! 



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## MOBILITY FAVORITES

THE KEY TO WORKING THROUGH THE CHALLENGES AND SATISFACTION OF TRANSFORMING A VISION

**T**here are many amazing things about living in Fort Lauderdale, but how do you pick which ones are favorites?

When I was brainstorming about my topic this month and trying to narrow down a favorite, what came to me as my true Fort Lauderdale favorite was the people. But this column is supposed to be about transportation, so working with the people of this city, through my job, to make improvements to our transportation system is my favorite thing. Through the conversations, coming up with solutions, working through any challenges, struggling through the agonizing amount of time it takes to implement transportation projects, and in the end, creating great projects as a community together that we can be proud of for years to come. It is never easy, but it is always rewarding, no matter if it is getting a sign fixed or a major reconstruction project.

Back in 2013, the City completed its community vision entitled Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035, that created the overall goal for the transportation network to allow residents to choose how they want to get around and to be able to be safe no matter what mode they choose. There was so much to do to transform a city that was built in the era of the automobile to one that

allowed people to walk, bike and take transit in a way that is convenient and safe. And that is why most of the members of the team came to work here, often from far away, to help make that change. There was a shared passion to help make things better and help fix the challenges with our streets.

The Transportation Division of the Transportation & Mobility Department was developed specifically to work on that vision with transportation planners, engineers and project managers working together. Being in the planning section, I work with many of you to listen to what your challenges are, help document those challenges and work with an engineer to come up with solutions, then work hard to fight for funding to implement your visions. It is very lengthy and competitive for transportation funding; however, without a plan and a vision for what is wanted, nothing will ever happen. Having a dream and vision makes it possible and allows projects to be ready when the funding happens.

We have been able to accomplish so many things together as a community with our partners including the Florida Department of Transportation, Broward County and Broward Metropolitan Planning

Organization. Since the Division was created, more than 28 miles of bike facilities have been completed, 11 miles of new sidewalks were implemented, and many new or enhanced crosswalks were installed across the City. There is much more to do and more to come, but so often we are not good at celebrating the successes.


We should take a moment to celebrate our successes, some of which were difficult struggles, especially in the early days but still to this day. Creating a paradigm shift is hard work, but we have shown that we can do it together through my favorite part of Fort Lauderdale ... the incredible people. 



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## EXPERIENCING ART IN UNEXPECTED PLACES

HOW ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE CAN BE VISUALLY TRANSFORMED

One of my favorite things to do is travel, and while my spring and summer plans were somewhat limited due to the pandemic, I nevertheless look forward to planning future trips to visit friends, family and explore new destinations.

Since moving to Fort Lauderdale, I've enjoyed the benefit of living in close proximity to Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, which in addition to serving as one of country's most popular airports, also has the distinction of containing Broward County's largest collection of public art. Whenever I'm there, I always make sure to keep an eye out for these wonderful pieces that were created by local and internationally recognized artists and have been integrated throughout the airport's terminals, parking garages, connectors and other locations to provide enjoyable and often unexpected enhancements to the travel experience. FLL currently houses 65 of pieces of public

art, commissioned over the more than 40-year history of Broward County's public art program.


Amid the hustle and bustle of the typical airport trip, you may forget to take time to look around at the amazing artworks that can be found there. Some of these are stand-alone pieces, like *Wavelength*, a dramatic aerial sculpture by Emily White suspended overhead in the A Concourse of Terminal 1, which was nationally recognized as the Best in Public Art Project by Public Art Network.

Others are functionally integrated into the design of the terminal as is the case with the airport's newest piece of public art, *Mosaic*, a lighting installation by Los Angeles-based artist Cameron McNall. This impressive, 240-foot LED light display transforms the Terminal 4 walkway into an immersive experience of color and luminosity in which colored cells continually change

and slowly morph from one chromatic range to another.

And talking about unexpected, a 445-foot long mural by artist Peter Agardy that depicts scenes from Florida's natural habitats and images of modern flight travel, was creatively painted on the North Runway's corrugated metal jet blast deflector — a brilliant example of how essential infrastructure can be visually transformed.

Experiencing amazing public art in unexpected places is one of the things that I enjoy most about living in Broward County, so be sure to take some time when you're out and about to look around and see what you might find.

For more information about Broward's Public Art & Design Program, which is administered by the Broward Cultural Division, visit [Broward.org/Arts](https://www.broward.org/Arts). 







## BUSINESS DIVERSITY A SOUTH FLORIDA ANTIDOTE TO COVID-19

LOCAL BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT CONTINUE TO DIVERSIFY LOCAL ECONOMY

**F**ort Lauderdale is known for its leisure and hospitality industry. Blessed with balmy semi-tropical weather, seven miles of oceanfront beaches and the Intracoastal Waterway, a bustling downtown of boutiques, restaurants and marinas, there's no doubt that our city is a world-class tourist destination.

Unfortunately, this key sector of our economy has been devastated by Covid-19. Hotels, restaurants, shopping malls and other entertainment venues have been hit hard, pushing South Florida's unemployment rates into double digits. Many tourist-dependent businesses have re-opened only to find they were not able to re-hire their employees due to lagging sales. Some well-known establishments have closed for good.

But, take a closer look, and you'll find that tourism isn't our only economic driver. The Greater Fort Lauderdale community is also home to a vibrant marine industry, a growing innovative technology hub, a cohesive mix of corporate and international regional headquarters and a burgeoning life sciences and medical research sector. It is our business diversity that has helped us escape the depths of the pandemic's economic collapse, and it remains a crucial strength for our community in these trying times.

There are more than 500 hotels and 4,000 restaurants in Broward County. However, only one of the county's top 10 employers — JAE Restaurants, which operates Wendy's restaurants across the country — is tied to the hospitality industry. Auto sales, education, insurance, real estate, software, staffing and telecommunications round out the rest, according to the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance.


The global pandemic hasn't slowed local business and government efforts to diversify the Greater Fort Lauderdale economy. In 2018, downtown Fort Lauderdale welcomed Kemet Corp., the maker of capacitors for the automotive, aerospace and other industries, which moved its headquarters here from South Carolina. More recently the California-based private charter jet company Xojet moved its headquarters to a site near Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, a relocation that will bring 400 new jobs to the area.

Construction, financial services, legal, manufacturing and the marine industry have endured the worst of the pandemic and remain vibrant, according to the most

recent analysis by the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce's Council of Economic Advisors, a group of CEOs and senior executives representing our region's key industries. The council remains optimistic as a majority of the members believe those sectors will see "higher" or "much higher" growth over the next two to three years.

"Leisure and hospitality obviously took the biggest hit with more than one of in five of those jobs still have not come back," said Dr. Jerry Parrish, chief economist and director of research for the Florida Chamber of Commerce who made a recent presentation before the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. "

Yet, Parrish pointed out several industry categories, primarily finance, law, medicine, real estate, retail and wholesale trade and technical services in Broward County that exceed the state and nation in jobs and wages. "I wanted you to be able to see this because as all of us talk about building the future economy and recover from what's happened, these are important," he said. Parrish also pushed back against diversifying away from leisure and hospitality, an industry that provides that essential "first" job to new employees and provides the necessary "soft skills" helpful for advanced jobs in and outside of the tourism industry.

"I think the big opportunity here is to take those who want to change industries while they're not working and help them get some training," he said. "I think there's an opportunity and now is our time to do it." 





## IN MEMORIAM OF TWO OF FORT LAUDERDALE'S FAVORITES

BOB ROSCIOLI AND JOE RUBANO

The marine industry has a storied legacy of individuals who have contributed to its strong foundation and long-lasting success — people of passion and vision who found their niche and forged their future along the waterways of Fort Lauderdale. Two of our favorite such entrepreneurs were Bob Roscioli and Joe Rubano. We celebrate their collective contributions to Fort Lauderdale and pay homage to them here.

### Robert “Bob” Roscioli

Robert “Bob” Roscioli (1942 to 2020) was just 12 years old when his family relocated from Philadelphia to South Florida. One of his first after school jobs was hauling ice at Bahia Mar to trucks being loaded at Port Everglades, and it seems as though he never left the docks from that point on.

Known later in life for exclaiming every morning “Today’s the day!” Bob saw opportunity in every situation. He caught his first big break when he was 20 years old and was fired from a boatyard on the New River after asking his boss for a 10-cent raise. It seems he had started out at as an apprentice sanding boats and then moved onto painting, where he began developing a skill with the paint brush and a reputation he wanted to grow.

After being let go, he walked the docks and sought out jobs where he painstakingly painted entire vessels with a brush, eventually developing a novel spray-painting technique.

Within a few years he became known as the best brush painter and sprayer in yachting, rented some space, and founded Roscioli Yachting Center, now one of the most well-known shipyards in South Florida. He also started Roscioli Donzi Yachts, which personified his ideal for perfection in craftsmanship.

Bob was a kind and generous person, who believed in second chances for everyone and in giving back to his community. We are forever grateful for his countless

contributions to our community, and we look forward to witnessing the determination and talent of the next generation of professionals he so dutifully trained.

### Joseph “Joe” Rubano

Joseph “Joe” Rubano (1930 to 2020) was an active advocate for the marine industry for 60 years.

In 1961, he became the owner of RPM Diesel Engine Co., which his brother-in-law started in 1956, and, in 1981, Joe established Diesel Service of America. Under his guidance, the two companies earned a reputation as the complete source for marine engine sales, service and maintenance and for treating customers and employees like family — known as The Rubano Way.

Joe was an industry icon and a highly regarded leader with a big heart. His involvement in the marine industry was far reaching. He was instrumental in creating the Marina Mile Association and was the original founder of renaming State Road 84 to Marina Mile Boulevard.

He was a generous sponsor of the Fort Lauderdale Billfish Tournament and belonged to many marine associations including, Port Everglades Association, U.S. Superyacht Association, Seafarers House and the Marine Industries Association (of South Florida), which he joined in 1967.

Joe helped develop the next generation of leadership in the marine industry by encouraging his employees to get involved and become advocates, reinforcing his resolve to help guide the industry into the future. He continually committed his time, talent, and resources to insure the industry’s continued strength.


Bob and Joe were two stalwart pioneers and mentors who left an indelible mark on a thriving industry and on the hearts of those who honor their memory by continuing their mission. 



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Joe and Dolores Rubano

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CUTTING EDGE ENGRAVING PROVIDES A GOOD SIGN FOR BOATS AND BRICKS

Signs play an important role in the way we live and function in a community. From storefront signs to highway and road safety signs to even signs for boats and other personal property — they're everywhere.

With all the signs we run into on a daily basis, it's not often one stops to think, "Who makes these signs?"

That question and more can be answered by talking to sign production shop owners like Jeremy Moening, owner and operator of Fort Lauderdale's Cutting Edge Engraving.

Moening opened his shop, Cutting Edge Engraving, in 2010, after growing up around the engraving industry with his family.

"My parents had their own engraving business that they ran while I was growing up. Then at the age of 22, I decided I wanted to start my own engraving company," he said. "So, with the help of my dad and some of his older generation engraving equipment that's how Cutting Edge got started."

Cutting Edge now operates in Fort Lauderdale as a hybrid custom sign and engraving shop. At their facility, they offer a wide variety of products and services including but not limited to sign fabrication, laser engraving, sandblast etching, printed and cut vinyl, gold leafing, graphic design, and much more.

Their "bread and butter," however, is boat signage.

"Living in South Florida, a lot of people own boats and yachts and want to have something that sets theirs apart. So, we do a lot of decorative pieces for yachts like engraved boat bells, custom step plates with the boat's name, and even illuminated signs," he said.


Aside from their time spent creating custom designs for boats and other personal items as well as signage for storefronts and businesses, Cutting Edge Engraving also just recently became the engravers for the Riverwalk bricks lining the New River in the Downtown Riverwalk District.

Through the Riverwalk Signature Brick Program, which began in 1989, members of the community can purchase a brick with a commemorative message on it to be placed along the riverfront.

"We've known Rick at Edco, who was the previous engraver, for many years. So, when Rick decided to step down, he reached out to me with the opportunity to take over the job," Moening said.

"We've already completed some of the bricks and it's been great for my business."

As for how Covid-19 has affected the way Moening runs his business and how he's had to adapt, he's found that it has been a blessing in disguise.

"Prior to the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, I actually decided to downsize my company quite a bit. So, for me I've actually been able to work less hours, focus on more profitable jobs, spend more time with my family, and still make a decent living," said Moening. 



### Small Business Stats CUTTING EDGE ENGRAVING

**Owners:** Jeremy and Maggie Moening

**Number of employees:** 2

**Fun fact:** One of most interesting projects Cutting Edge Engraving worked on was a custom yacht sign with the name "Spears and Beer."

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If you have questions or concerns about any of the tax rates or non-ad valorem fees including fire assessments, please contact the taxing authority listed

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# VIRTUAL CONNECTIONS

FORT LAUDERDALE NONPROFITS QUICKLY LEARN HOW TO ENGAGE WITH THEIR AUDIENCES IN A WHOLE NEW WAY

WRITER LYNN STOCK

**W**hen MODS, the Bonnet House, the Broward Center and other Fort Lauderdale attractions had to abruptly close their doors to visitors in March, they still had to find ways to bring people in.

*Thank heavens for technology.*

Zoom and YouTube allowed Fort Lauderdale nonprofits to engage their patrons and fans. Some groups, like the Museum of Discovery and Science, already had invested in personnel and software to quickly pull together online videos and curriculum. Others, like ArtServe, had a steeper learning curve.

*But in the end, grappling with new software and learning new skills has been worth it, and not just for those viewing at home.*

*"The summer of Covid at ArtServe can be likened to a mini-MBA in online broadcast and content management," said Ed King, cooperative marketing program manager. "Where many of our institutional peers were doing once a week or once a month shows, we were operating at three to five — even sometimes six — shows a week since April 2.*

*"It's helped us grow as a team — and that is priceless."*

*Here's a behind-the-scenes look at a few nonprofits regrouped to bring unique experiences to their visitors.*

## Museum of Discovery and Science

The museum quickly jumped in to start creating video virtual experiences, said Joe Cox, president and CEO of MODS.

"On March 18, a donor gave us some funding to get started, and over two days, our incredible staff filmed 45 different hands-on science videos," he said. Topics included kitchen chemistry, slime making, paper rocket launchers, and coming face-to-face with a dinosaur.

"It was our first foray into 'How does this work?' Here's an experiment, someone's filming it, and broadcasting it out on YouTube and social media," he said. "We reached out to Broward County Public Schools and said, 'Here's this content.'"

**Challenges:** "Back in March, everyone was very much finding their way on how best to engage students in distance learning. We had made some content and said (to Broward Schools), 'Here you go, you can use this content.' They came back and said, 'This is great. But what we really would love to see is eight week's worth of curriculum for

pre-K to 2, 3 to 5, 6 to 8, and 9 to 12th grade, project-based learning, aligned to standards and a different theme each week. And could we have the first one by Monday?'

"We worked really closely with the incredible team at Broward County Public Schools applied learning," Cox said. "It came together in an eight-week curriculum that we put on the Broward County Public Schools Canvas website for use by Broward County Public Schools."

The MODS team revisited the curriculum to have it ready by Aug. 19 when school started up again — complete with almost 100 different videos on YouTube and activity guides, aligned with Florida education standards.

The museum also quickly came up with a plan to offer virtual birthday parties, virtual field trips and virtual animal encounters for members and visitors alike.

**Platforms and software:** Zoom, YouTube.

**What's next:** Monthly Save Our Seas distinguished speaker series; Creature Feature yearly subscription for members

**Examples online:** [www.mods.org](http://www.mods.org)



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## Bonnet House

“We had to design the self-guided house and grounds tours from home during the quarantine using the OnCell platform,” said Monica Estevez, director of marketing, Bonnet House.

“Fortunately, we were already offering self-guided grounds tours through the OnCell program, which I created two years ago.”

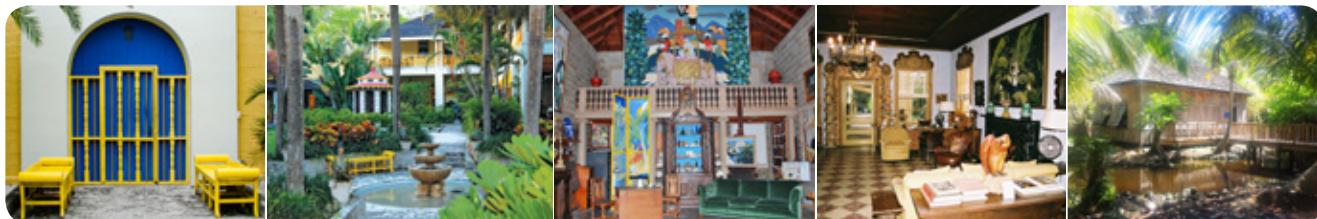
**Challenges:** “I took the reins of this challenge by updating the previous grounds tour and creating a new house tour. I coordinated with our CEO, Patrick Shavloske; director of education, Linda Schaller; and curator, Denyse Cunningham, in the writing of the scripts and collection

of photos for both tours along with assistance from the tour coordinators in adjusting the tours as needed based on visitor feedback. Patrick took on the grounds tour audio recordings and I the house tour audio recordings.”

**Software used:** OnCell platform for video of self-guided house and grounds tours.

**What’s next:** Additional virtual video visits to each room featuring some of the house’s volunteer docents and tour coordinators. They also plan to add a virtual scavenger hunt for children on the current mobile program along with videos for distance learning through BECON TV.

**Examples online:** <https://bonnethouse.ocell.com/>



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## Broward Center for the Performing Arts

In March, the center’s education department started offering virtual classes for Broward County School students through its decades-long partnership with the school district. “We also made these ‘Classes to Go’ available free of charge to families with restless children stuck at home through a new portal we created called Education@Home,” said Jan Goodheart, vice president of external affairs for the Broward Center.

**Challenges:** “Our team was able to pivot immediately so our audiences could experience art at some level each day and it is lifting us all. Seeing families come together to sing

with us and share on social media, seeing our students in a Zoom rehearsal and seeing performers offering concerts live from their living rooms is uniting us from — and in — living rooms around the world.”

**Platforms and software:** Zoom, StreamYard.

**What’s next:** The Family Fun and Smart Stage shows will all be virtual, including *Curious George: Search for the Golden Meatball* in October; *Main Street Kids Club — Numbers Don’t Lie* in November; and *David Gonzalez Aesop Bops!* in December.

**Examples online:** [www.browardcenter.org/education/educationathome](http://www.browardcenter.org/education/educationathome)



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## History Fort Lauderdale

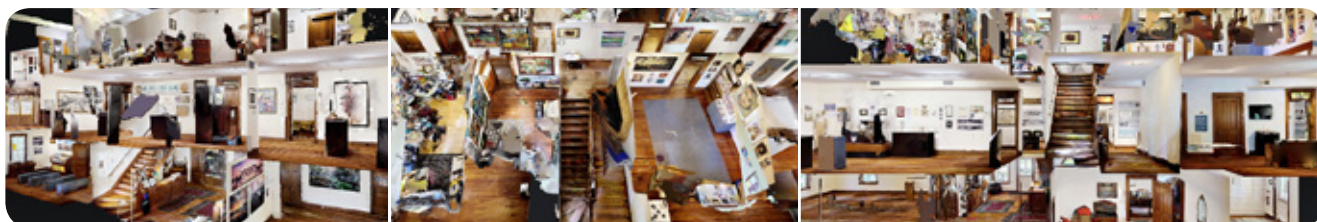
History Fort Lauderdale launched a new Storytelling from the Museum feature, as well as a virtual visit using interactive VR experience, said Christopher Hooper, president and CEO of Blueraven Studios in Fort Lauderdale.

**Challenges:** “Learning how to apply CDC restrictions, regulations and recommendations to our regular production

workflow was a little new for us,” Hooper said. “It took us a little bit, but we quickly mastered the art of this.”

**What’s next:** New 360 VR video content and a new historical artifact feature.

**Example online:** <https://historyfortlauderdale.org/museum/visit/3d-tour-video>



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## ArtServe

Like many nonprofits, ArtServe quickly pivoted to online programming to celebrate the arts.

**Challenges:** “Like every other arts institution we know of, ArtServe was faced with closing our doors in March — posing a tremendous challenge in our ability to touch the community through art classes, workshops, facility rentals, exhibitions, artist talk backs, and more,” said Ed King, cooperative marketing program manager.

“Pivoting to an online format required the staff to immediately adapt to being ‘on-air producers’ and show content creators.

“This, coupled with the challenges of actually scripting and delivering real time — on air — live shows multiple times a week. Every member of the staff was involved from scheduling, booking talent, conducting pre-interviews, practice sessions, and coming up with multi-tiered show concepts to fill the end of spring and the entirety of the summer months.

“For broadcast, we went live on Facebook Live via Zoom, which in of itself was rife with a steep learning curve, mistakes, and a lot of ‘on-air’ trial and error.

“In the nearly 70 shows we’ve executed since April 2, we’ve really honed our craft, our behind-the-scenes workflow —

and best of all — cultivated a loyal and dedicated group of individuals who show up for whatever content we throw at them.”

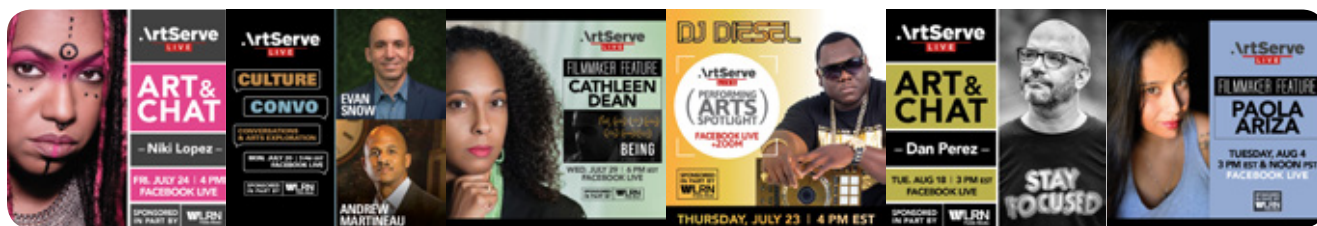
“One of the challenges in making the show look legit is creating the format for the show — the intro music (composed by Mark Rossmore of Escape the Clouds) and the intro and outro motion graphics. Once the show is complete, we download each episode, edit the beginning and ends, and then render a new file for YouTube. This way, it’s like watching a show rather than a live event. The challenge goes beyond the technical know-how to do all this — it’s the labor. The entire show comes with a huge commitment of staff time and dedication — and it would be nothing without the teamwork.”

Organizational software used: Basecamp, Google Docs, Dropbox, Outlook’s calendar.

**Platforms and software:** Zoom, Facebook Live.

**What’s next:** Tiny Design Tutorials, which will be a 30-minute show with guest designers. This show will tackle cool and simple design challenges across multiple programs covering graphic design, video editing and motion graphics

**Examples online:** “Covid vs. The Arts” — [https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=768362263693332&ref=watch\\_permalink](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=768362263693332&ref=watch_permalink)



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## NSU Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale

The museum has offered virtual tours of its exhibitions, and virtual art activities based on artists and their work in our exhibitions, said Jessica Graves, communications and marketing manager, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale.

“We’ve launched a brand-new web series titled ‘In the Artist’s Studio,’ which features short conversations and tours of featured artists’ studios and a sneak peek at their latest works,” she said.

The museum also offered virtual live lectures, streamed on its YouTube channel. The museum’s education outreach program, Museum on the Move, is partnering with the Broward Parks and Recreation to offer live and pre-recorded art education and activities to school aged children enrolled in the parks supervised learning programs.

“In the next few weeks, our director and chief curator, Bonnie Clearwater, will be offering private virtual tours for our upper level members,” Graves said.

**Challenges:** “How to transition in-person programming

into engaging virtual experiences and getting the word out to people who were not already members,” Graves said.

**Platforms and software:** Zoom.

**What’s next:** The museum’s art education and Museum on the Move offerings will be made even more robust to bring the arts to the kids.

**Examples online:** <https://nsuartmuseum.org/#virtual>.

## Stranahan House

The Stranahan House “launched its first Live From Fort Lauderdale daily livestream program on March 18 with a storytime and provided a new live program almost every weekday through June 10 when we went weekly and reopened the museum for in-person tours on the weekends,” said April Kirk, executive director.

**What’s next:** Its first Virtual History Happy Hour on Aug. 26 and virtual tours for schools and homeschool groups.

**Examples online:** [www.stranahanhouse.org](http://www.stranahanhouse.org)

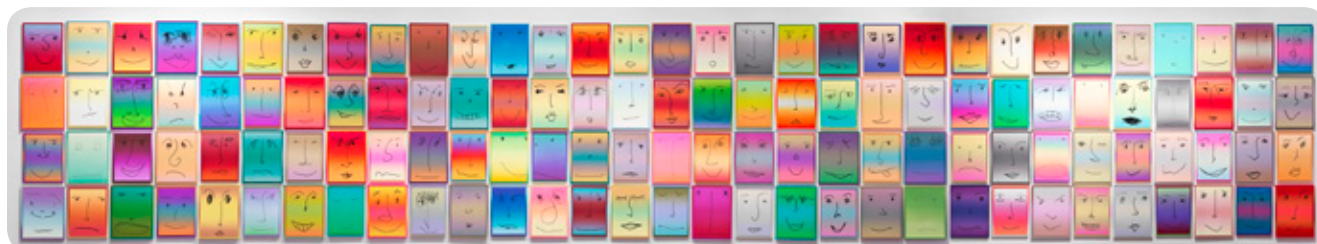


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# A SHOWSTOPPER EXPERIENCE

## BROWARD CENTER TEEN AMBASSADORS SAVOR THE ARTS

WRITER LYNN STOCK

Carmela Cinnante, 18, has grown up singing, recently in the Girl Choir of South Florida and through vocal training, specializing in classical and musical theater repertoire.

So she's no stranger to being on stage and to performing.

But thanks to the Teen Ambassador program at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, she has an entirely new perspective on musical and theatrical performances.

Cinnante is one of the 25 graduating members of the 10th class of teen ambassadors who finished the program this past spring.

"When I sit in an audience, I just feel something come over me where it's magical. There's really no other way for me to describe it," Cinnante said. "I feel myself light up in a different way.

"When I step on a stage myself now, I'm reminded of that so vividly and in a way that I never would have been, if I had not gotten these experiences to watch these shows on stage, to watch every single art form and genre.

"I don't think that was something I ever felt before when I was performing," Cinnante has had to defer her admission to the Institute for American Musical Theatre in New York City until next year, and is now taking online classes from the school.

Ten years ago, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts first developed the experience, said Jennifer Sierra-Grobbelaar, director of marketing for the center.

"The program was created and conceptualized by a committee of people here at Broward Center who recognized that there was an opportunity to engage the youth in our community in a more deep and meaningful way than just offering student ticket discounts to different shows to experience the arts here," she said.

Thanks to Covid, this year's program had to finish virtually, but the ambassadors still managed to gather together on Zoom to watch performances streaming and to discuss what they saw.

Each season, the teen ambassadors watch and then review a variety of genres including Broadway/theater, classical, dance, opera, jazz and family shows, Sierra-Grobbelaar said.

Some of the shows experienced this past season include *Les Miserables*, *Aladdin*, *Mean Girls*, *Shrek*, and *A Christmas Story*, as well as

performances by Miami City Ballet, Gold Coast Jazz, Florida Grand Opera, and Symphony of the Americas.

The teen ambassadors also meet with professionals from the performing arts world, from theater critics to stage managers, creative team members, cast members and musicians, Sierra-Grobbelaar said.

For Alan Halaly, who graduated from the International Baccalaureate program at Deerfield High School last spring, the program offered a chance to enjoy familiar genres, such as ballet and theater, and to see new genres, such as flamenco dancing by the Vivancos Brothers.

"When I walked through the door that evening, I had no idea what was in store for me," he wrote in an online review of the performance. "One notable performance was a gorgeously performed ballet solo, infused with modernized elements of traditional flamenco by Cristian Vicancos," Halaly wrote in an online review. "This certainly exhibits the wide range of moods that the performances perpetuated throughout the evening ... I was mesmerized at how skilled they were at switching between the different acts and how seamless it felt."

Halaly will attend the University of Florida as a John V. Lombardi Scholar at the UF Honors Program to study journalism and political science.


For more information about the Teen Ambassadors, go to [www.browardcenter.org/teen-ambassador-application](http://www.browardcenter.org/teen-ambassador-application). 

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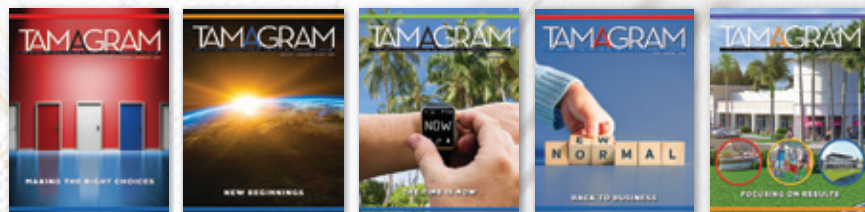
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# A SUMMER SEASON LIKE NO OTHER, PART 1

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**WRITERS** PENNY SANFILIPPO AND JONNY ALTOBELL, THE UGLY SISTERS

**Editor's note:** This is part one of a two-part series on cooking during these odd times. Part 2 will appear in our October issue.

**Y**es, we made up the words.

As one of my favorite TV heroes famously said, "... to boldly go where no one has gone before."

That pretty much sums up this summer. Being indoors in Florida during June, July, and September doesn't seem like a hardship (it's hot out there), but not seeing friends for casual get togethers is. So, for the next two issues, we are going to deal with entertaining — both safely and creatively — and hurricane hints. (Oh yeah, we get to worry about those too).

The only GOOD thing I can say about this quarantine is that at least we still have power. Since most of us probably have more food stocked up than ever before, let's talk new and easy ideas for entertaining as well as cooking.

Can I host a function with some of my friends

safely? Absolutely, but not as many people as the old days. Barbecue grills can make a great center of entertainment. First, they are outdoors, which is where you want to be.

As you consider your guest list (ideally under 10, including you), pick your spot and measure 6 to 10 feet between family units. Place folding tray tables — TV tables to those of us who remember that term — near (or between) chairs. Here in South Florida midday would be a hot mess, but early evening will work. You can pick up a box fan (or two) for less than the price of a decent bottle of whisky and the breeze created will serve both to cool and keep the mosquitoes away. If you have mosquitophobes — request they bring their favorite repellent.

Because the virus has been shown to survive on surfaces up to 72 hours (it DOES, however, lose







virulence with each passing hour), make parcels of plates, flatware, glassware and napkins on a tray placed inside a plastic bag for each table. Consider, too, a small bottle of hand sanitizer for each group. This can be done days in advance which makes the party easier and safer.

Individual drinks (cans) can be placed slightly apart in an iced filled cooler — seltzer, soda, beer and wine. Yes, there are some fun summer wines in cans! If you want mixed cocktails, stick to easy ones — gin, or vodka and tonic; rum and Coke — with mini bottles of the liquor.

Fancy hors d'oeuvres will have to wait for another time, but there are lots of items available in individual bags (chips, nuts, crackers). These can be placed on each table. Even some cheeses are available in individual sizes that can be placed in small bowls or baskets days in advance in your fridge. Remember, these are friends, not critics.

As to the best part — the food \* — stick with

individual items that guests can remove from the grill themselves. Fancy sausages or hot dogs, burgers (meat or meatless) and boneless chicken thighs don't need to be carved and can be removed by each guest as they are finished.

Be sure to have paper towels and some serving pieces for each group (a dollar store is great for this). Veggies should be whole, and wrapped individually. Potatoes (Idaho or sweet), seasoned corn on the cob, grilled half onion.

Think carefully about condiment selection — either small jars for each group or individual ramekins would be best. Some fancy, wrapped ice cream on a stick (or in a cone) is perfect for the sweet at the end.

Not hugging our friends is hard for us, but raising a glass together, in person, is hard to beat. 🍷

*\*Recipe ideas on [www.GoRiverwalk.com](http://www.GoRiverwalk.com)*





# JUST THREE INGREDIENTS

QUARANTINES OFFER SOMETHING GOOD — MASTERING A NEW SKILL

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

**S**pirited South Florida got to put their lessons to good use during the quarantine. From mastering three-ingredient cocktails (margaritas and daiquiris) to being adventurous, we stocked our home bar and mastered our domains. Here are eight cocktails that were my inspiration. I'm looking forward to safely visiting my favorite bartenders soon.



Quarantine Sips from our favorite restaurant bars that made us try to replicate at home.

**The Perfect Storm** from the Old Riverhouse Fort Lauderdale Vegan Village, Downtown Himmarshee

**Coconut Rum Swizzle**, crafted by Bootleg Greg Genias for the Winterfest Lounge & Learn Series

**Mai Tai & Margarita Dup** from Tommy Bahama's, Las Olas

**Vegan Amaretto Sour** from Louie Bossi, Las Olas



**Blood Orange Margarita** from Terra Mare at the Conrad Hotel, Fort Lauderdale Beach

**Dano's Dangerous Pineapple Margarita** from Kaluz, Fort Lauderdale

**Hang in' Over Bloody Mary**, crafted by Bootleg Greg Genias for Papa's Raw Bar, Lighthouse Point

**Taru Rum Punch**, crafted by Matthew Swig for Sundry House, Delray Beach



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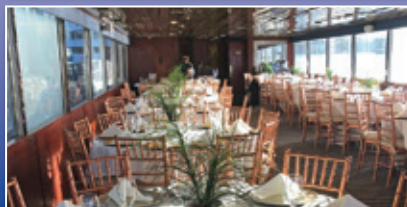
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# "No Pain, No Problem!"

- Antoinette, robotic surgery patient

## ADVANCED ROBOTIC ASSISTED SURGERY CLOSE TO HOME

Severe pain from uterine fibroids left Antoinette unable to play with her grandchildren or do many of the physical activities she enjoyed. After Broward Health's experienced surgical team performed a robotic assisted supracervical hysterectomy, she is pain free and enjoying her life and family again.

Robotic surgery allows specially trained surgeons to perform minimally invasive procedures with advanced technology designed to offer surgeons greater precision, flexibility and control. Even the most complex and delicate procedures can be done through small incisions, offering many benefits such as:

- *Less pain and blood loss*
- *Less scarring and a shorter recovery time*
- *Quicker return to normal daily activities*

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