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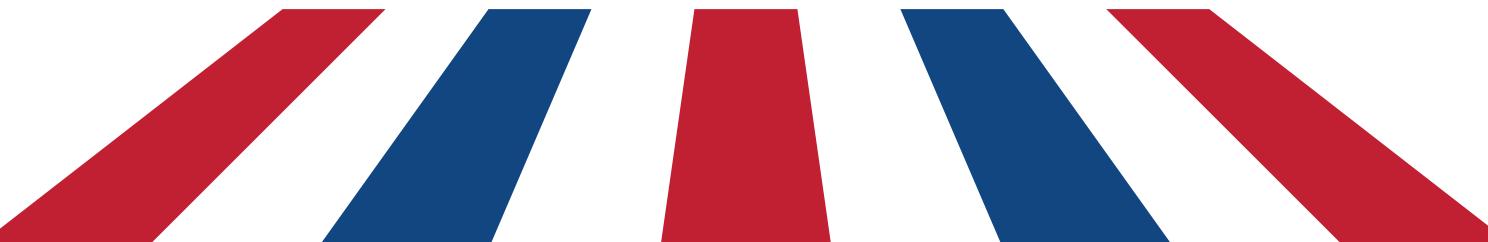
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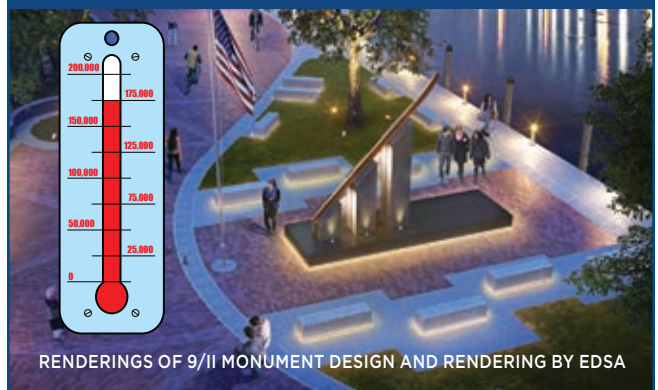
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- No doctor referral needed. Proper photo ID is required.
- To schedule an appointment for an oral self-swab COVID-19 test, visit [florida.curativeinc.com/welcome](http://florida.curativeinc.com/welcome).



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- Testing site is closed Thursdays and Sundays.
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- No age requirements or doctor referral needed.
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#### PRICE REDUCED ASHLEY | \$1,075,000

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2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

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#### PARK | \$1,695,000

3 BEDROOM 3.5 BATH

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#### COLUMBUS | \$889,000

2 BEDROOM + DEN 3 BATH

Outstanding city skyline & ocean views from every room. Private elevator, floor to ceiling glass, 9 foot ceilings, 2 balconies, large gourmet eat in kitchen, custom window treatments, crown molding & sound system.

#### PRICE REDUCED LEXINGTON | \$829,000

2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH

30th floor, den/bonus room, flow through design with 2 balconies, split floor plan, private elevator entry, over 1800 sq. ft. of living space, spacious gourmet kitchen, breakfast room with fabulous views & floor to ceiling windows.

#### JUST LISTED LEXINGTON | \$829,000

2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH

Marble & hardwood floors, split bedroom floor plan with flow through design & 2 balconies with fabulous river/pool/ocean views. Private elevator entry, renovated baths and gourmet kitchen.

#### JUST SOLD

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2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

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**PENDING SALE 3 BEDROOM 2 BATH**

*Recently updated, new kitchen, new stainless steel appliances, beautiful quartz countertops, upgraded showers and much more.*

**JUST LISTED 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$319,000**

*Furnished unit with storage cage included, split bedroom floor plan, gourmet kitchen with stainless steel appliances and granite tops.*

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

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



**2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH | \$409,000**

*Stunning views of the river, laminate & tile floors. Italian cabinetry, stainless steel appliances & granite counter tops. 2 Parking spaces.*

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

*Great water views with downtown skyline. Open floor plan. Gorgeous hardwood floors. Updated stainless steel appliances. Pristine condition.*

**PRICE REDUCED 2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH | \$365,000**

*High floor unit with stunning views of the river, split bedroom floor plan, large balcony and tile floors.*

**JUST SOLD 2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH**

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

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

*Turn key impeccable unit. 2 Balconies with great views, open kitchen, Italian cabinetry, stainless steel appliances, and much more.*

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

*South exposure with cherry hardwood floors, Italian gourmet kitchen, water views from the balcony.*

**PRICE REDUCED 1 BEDROOM | 1 BATH | \$299,500**

*Fully furnished. Everything brand new! Spacious 1 bedroom unit with gourmet kitchen and river views from the terrace, turnkey & ready to move in!*



**JUST LISTED STARDUST | \$649,000**

*Amazing views of the river, intracoastal & ocean! Highly sought after 2 bedroom 2 bathroom split bedroom floor plan offers wood floors, upgraded kitchen with onyx back splash, stainless appliances, built in wine cooler, custom closets, frameless shower doors, floor ceiling glass windows.*

**JUST SOLD MOONGLOW**

*High floor, east facing 2 bedroom 2 bath split bedroom plan with city, river & ocean views. Wood floors throughout, custom closets & doors, open gourmet kitchen, S/S appliances and custom window treatments.*

**JUST SOLD STARDUST**

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

**SKYVIEW | \$469,000**

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

**JUST LISTED SKYVIEW | \$449,000**

*Furnished prestigious unit hardly used w/ modern renovations! New contemporary kitchen w/ quartz countertops, brand new GE profile appliances, wine cooler & front load washer/dryer. Stunning views of downtown & river!*

**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.*



**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 — ‘VENICE OF AMERICA’

THE ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF OUR BEACHES AND WATERWAYS

**L**ocated on the city seal for Fort Lauderdale, you will see the title “Venice of Fort America.” This nickname came about because of the 165 miles of winding canals and waterways that snake through the city, offering ample waterfront real estate, restaurants and shops, and a multitude of watersports. Fort Lauderdale’s beaches and waterways are a critical foundation for many industries that support the city.

### Marine industry

We are not just Venice of America, but also the Yachting Capital of the World, due to the yachting and boating enthusiasts who live or flock here each year. The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show is the largest in-water boat show in the world and attracted up to 110,000 people from 52 different countries in October 2018.

### Travel and tourism

Fort Lauderdale has always been a major travel destination because of our beautiful beaches and warm weather practically year-round. Our travel industry is also central to our success, requiring consistent expansion of the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport to accommodate the growing number of domestic and international visitors. Port Everglades is also important to our economy and was ranked the third busiest cruise port in the world in 2018.

### Real estate

It seems that once people visit Fort Lauderdale, they want to stay, and who can blame them? Waterfront and inland real estate sales are booming with people from all over in increasing numbers. This makes real estate development and sales a thriving industry for Fort Lauderdale as well.

We are fortunate to work and live in a city with such unique amenities and opportunities. It is important to consider, however, without our healthy waterways and beaches, what would happen to the industries that provide us with such a prosperous local economy?

This issue is important, and the City of Fort Lauderdale has several programs and services offered through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Division's Clean Marina Program (CMP), to help keep our beaches and waterways clean. Here are a few:

- Clean Marina Program
- Green your Boating Routine – information for boaters and Boater's Pledge
- Waterway and Beach Cleanup Crews and Events


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**T**he role of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale is diverse and covers many aspects of public space in Downtown. The Riverwalk is more than 30 years old and has continued to grow and change over the years to meet the needs of the community. The Riverwalk District includes 10 parks/greenspace with a variety of options available at each location.


Infrastructure review and reporting is one role performed in assuring that items in disrepair are addressed quickly and long-term needs are cataloged and added to the City's capital improvements plan to fund. Some other roles along this line are associated with the Park Bond in listing needs over the next 30 years, searching and proposing additional greenspace and participating in addressing the sea walls in downtown.

Activation of these 10 spaces is another of the roles of Riverwalk. Riverwalk alone hosts more than 107 events during a normal year. Events can range from dog training classes to major festivals. We partner with many other organizations to bring activity options to Downtown. We constantly look for new and innovative events to bring to our residents and visitors.

Over the years, Riverwalk has worked to augment the city system to provide a way-finding program, to identify and assist in establishing a free Riverwalk Water Trolley, to staff information kiosks in two locations, and to perform as the program manager on behalf of Downtown Development Association to complete the Riverwalk on the north side of the New River.

A few of the items acquired and placed in the district include the playground equipment at Sistrunk Park, five sailboat pieces of artwork on Riverwalk, the catalyst and funding for the statue base for the Lone Sailor Monument, the addition of numerous lights along Riverwalk, the Carillion Clock in the history district, exercise equipment on both sides of the River, art projects on both sides of the river along with many other things like recycle bins, planters on Riverwalk and at Riverwalk Center and many other projects.

On Sept. 11, 2020, we were most pleased to cut the ribbon on the 9-11 Monument and reflection area on Riverwalk near Society Las Olas and The Wharf on Riverwalk. Read the story behind this project on Page 14.

Join us in celebrating this new piece of history that we add to our Riverwalk and to downtown Fort Lauderdale – a City on the Rise. 



The first section of the Riverwalk opened more than 30 years ago. Here's the view of Esplanade then and now in 2020.





## RIVERWALK MEMBERSHIP



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**JILL GINSBERG**

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Like many here, I am a native New Yorker, but South Florida has been my home for more than 30 years and I happily reside here. I am committed to the community with my involvement in several local charities including as incoming board chair of Meal on Wheels of South Florida, Jewish Federation of Broward County, and the Humane Society of Broward County.

I am especially proud of my involvement with Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale as a Riverwalk trustee and advisory board member.

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale is dedicated to keeping the Downtown walkable and beautiful, a mission to which I am most committed.

In addition to my civic and philanthropic pursuits, I am a partner in a small law firm specializing in estate planning, probate, guardianship and elder law. We help guide families through important lifetime choices, including the best way to distribute their assets to their loved ones, and how to obtain the highest level of lifetime care without having to impoverish themselves.

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KING LAW

A native of Queens, New York, I attended the University of Miami, where I earned a bachelor of arts degree in history and anthropology. Never being one to sit still, I then attended Florida International University, where I first earned a bachelor of science degree and then a master of science degree in social studies education. This education path naturally led me back to U.M., where I graduated cum laude with a juris doctorate degree.

My law career started when I had the privilege to clerk for the Honorable Judge Norman Hendry of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. After working for several high-profile law firms, I struck out on my own and specialize in estate planning, probate, trusts and guardianship. Being focused in this area of law has provided me the opportunity to speak to professional organizations in the field. In addition, I have gained a specialty in working with the LGBT community and their specialized needs in planning for their future.

Community involvement is something I strongly believe in. Over the years I have served on a number of boards throughout South Florida and I am currently on the board of directors at the Palm Beach Planned Giving Council and the Town of Palm Beach United Way Allocation Committee. I am also a member of GLLN Fort Lauderdale, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and the Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce.

Being a member of Riverwalk allows me to further my community involvement and learn more about what's going on in Fort Lauderdale.

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 9/11 MONUMENT

On Friday, September 11, 2020 at 9:10 a.m., we were most pleased to cut the ribbon on the 9-11 Monument and reflection area on Riverwalk near Society Las Olas and The Wharf on Riverwalk. The monument was formally dedicated by Mayor Dean Trantalis.

This monument now stands as a unique space on the Riverwalk where people can reflect on the events of that tragic day and remember those who were lost.

Riverwalk was selected to receive a historical segment of the World Trade Center wreckage.

Following a capital campaign based on a design by Bob Dugan of EDSA, engineering drawings from Blaise McGinley, superior construction by John Moriarty Associates, assistance from Property Market Group and a large number of generous donors, we are proud to offer this place to remember and as one of our team frequently says, “a place for a teaching moment from our history.”

It took a strong team of hardworking staff members to get this project to completion and with my great thanks for their tireless efforts in assuring that we did justice to the valuable artifact we were fortunate enough to receive. We invite you to stroll Riverwalk and enjoy this piece of history and remember that we will “never forget.”

On a personal note, the construction team of Richard Schueger, John Daniel and David Del Cristo invested the time to help us bring this project to fruition in time for the Sept. 11, 2020 dedication and guided us through the process to assure that the piece would be secure for the future. It is a beautiful monument and makes us proud to be a part of the team.

A special thank you to:

- Patrick Harris, our NPR listener, who heard about the opportunity and we applied to secure this for Fort Lauderdale.

- Our fire/rescue partners, who drove to New Jersey and picked up the piece on their own time – we can’t thank you enough
- Our FOP Partners – always the first to step up – we thank you for always being a great partner in all things City.

Needless to say, there is a village that helped make this happen and our donors are noted on the monument site in a variety of forms but we will continue to take contributions for some additional items we are looking to fund for the site.

### History

At 9:10 a.m. on September 11, 2001, the last passengers were picked up from a subway station. This happened seven minutes after a second plane hit one of the towers at the World Trade Center in New York. The station was left empty and buried under the rubble of the collapsed towers until a long recovery process resurfaced it. However, the path rail system was a key system that continued operation outside of the Twin Towers, providing an invaluable path to evacuate survivors and transport first responders.

### The Monument

The monument displays a path rail segment from the tracks from the World Trade Center wreckage, in an uplifted position held by granite support pillars, which refer to the solid bedrock of Manhattan that supports its massive buildings. The base of the monument will carry the story line of the monument and will be lighted to assure the monument is respectfully lit. The artifact location is central to Riverwalk and provides visibility from all vantage points.



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Construction team from John Moriarty & Associates: John Daniel, David Del Cristo, Alessandro Braccu and Marco Ramos



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## THE RIVERWALK RACE

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale held its first virtual competition from Aug. 24 to Sept. 7. The race was led by mascots Tyler Smillie for run/walk; Rene Cantu for bicycle/exercise bike; Chris Haerting for paddleboard/kayak; and Mary Adams for treadmill/elliptical.

The person who raised the most money during the two-week competition received a unique trophy and gift basket courtesy of Fit Factor Training. In addition, the first 100 participants received a one-of-a-kind medal courtesy of URHealthBenefits.



Mary Adams, treadmill mascot



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## UPDATES FROM THE CITY'S DISTRICT 4

CITY PROJECTS MOVING FULL STEAM AHEAD

**A**s we enter the fall, I would like to provide an update of projects in District 4 and surrounding neighborhoods. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or are in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to email me at [bsorensen@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:bsorensen@fortlauderdale.gov) or call/text me at (954) 218-3688. Thank you for coming together, working together and staying together during this challenging time!

### Tunnel Top Park

We are working to schedule a virtual public meeting regarding the project during the fall. The project is scheduled for plans to be production complete (100 percent plans with all executed documents) by Jan. 4, 2021. We are anticipating that construction on the project will begin in June 2021. Tunnel Top Park is projected to be 117 feet long and will take approximately two years to complete. Our City staff is working with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on design and engineering, and the City is providing input, direction and funds to ensure that this project is completed in a timely and effective manner. We have a fantastic working relationship with

FDOT and I am so grateful to Secretary Gerry O'Reilly for his outstanding leadership.


### Parks Bond

In addition to the Tunnel Top Park project, I am excited to share that the City of Fort Lauderdale and property owners at S.W. 5th Court and S.W. 12th Avenue in Riverside Park have reached an agreement for the City to acquire the parcel of land. Under the current due diligence period, we are assessing the property for survey, archeological and environmental assessments. It has been a long journey regarding this property, but we are making wonderful progress. I am so pleased that we will (pending further assessment and City Commission approval) have a phenomenal City park located right on the waterfront! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our Parks Bond program possible.

### EMS Station

At the Sept. 1 City Commission meeting, we unanimously approved the purchase and sale agreement for 507 S.E. 11 Court as an EMS Station for \$1.15 million. This is going to be an amazing EMS station serving neighbors, reducing response times and improving the quality of care! Thank you to everyone who has been working on this over the past several years. Thank you to the Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department and Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr for their amazing service to our community.

### Police Station

The City Commission approved the appropriation of bond funds during our recent budget meeting for a new Fort Lauderdale Police Department headquarters. We are in the final stages of completing a contract with the architectural firm selected for the project and look forward to providing an updated facility for our Police Department. Thank you to the Fort Lauderdale Police Department and Interim Chief Karen Dietrich for your dedication and fantastic service to our community. 







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## ACTIVITIES AND ENRICHMENT

REGISTER FOR SUPERVISED E-LEARNING AT CITY PARKS

**R**egistration is open for the City of Fort Lauderdale's Supervised E-Learning program. The program, which is only open to City of Fort Lauderdale residents, offers a safe, remote learning environment for children in grades one through five.

The fall session will run through Dec. 18, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. E-Learning will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. followed by enrichment activities from 2 to 6 p.m. Enrichment activities include fitness, swimming (at Carter Park or Croissant Park only), games, sports instruction, visual and performing arts, and more.


Participating parks include:

- **Carter Park:** 1450 W. Sunrise Blvd., (954) 828-5411
- **Croissant Park:** 245 W. Park Drive, (954) 828-6154
- **Osswald Park:** 2220 N.W. 21st Ave., (954) 828-6455
- **Warfield Park:** 1000 N. Andrews Ave., (954) 828-6120

You may register in person at any of the participating locations, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Registration for the full session is \$500 and includes breakfast, lunch and snack. Along with the enrichment activities mentioned above, registration also includes no school days (Oct. 19, Nov. 3 and Nov. 23 through 25) and early release days (Oct. 16). Sibling discounts and the Youth Enrichment Scholarships (Y.E.S.) are also available.

Space is limited so register early. To ensure children and staff remain safe, we have adopted guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and prevention to safeguard our care.

For more information about the Supervised E-Learning program, our registration process or the daily CDC guidelines, please visit [bit.ly/elearnftl](https://bit.ly/elearnftl). 



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# GREAT THINGS CANNOT HAPPEN WITHOUT A PLAN

LAS OLAS BOULEVARD OF THE FUTURE

Las Olas Boulevard is the most iconic street within our City.

But it is not the best that it can be in terms of the actual street and how people move through it. It has five distinct areas that currently look, feel and function very differently.

From a downtown office district, to the historic restaurant and shops area, to a neighborhood level restaurant and shops area, to residential areas, to the beach — the Boulevard is used in a variety of ways that can compete. It is the address of businesses and residences, and it is a way to get places including to and from home, work and the beach ... by foot, bike, transit and car.

As you travel from downtown to the beach, it does not feel like the same street. For this reason, there was a movement started to create a vision for the future of Las Olas Boulevard from Andrews Avenue to the Beach.

Two years ago, Commissioners Steven Glassman and Ben Sorensen began leading a working group made up of residents, business owners, property owners and other stakeholders to work together on what the future of Las Olas Boulevard could be. One of the first tasks was to create a mission statement to measure success which was that the Las Olas Boulevard of the future will “*connect residents and visitors of Fort Lauderdale through the enhancement of the iconic Las Olas Boulevard representing our history and our future.*”

Since its creation, the group has worked together to identify the challenges and opportunities that have shaped the concept that has been developed. The City hired The Corradino Group to lead the working group to where we are today with a concept of what the future


can be. And last month, a concept was unveiled that will transform Las Olas Boulevard to the world class street that it has to potential to be — to create the infrastructure of a street that supports the land uses surrounding it, and better moves people in all modes. The vision retains the unique character areas; however, it ties them together through various iconic elements, consistent materials and the creation of a sense of place.

Some of the major elements include:

- Improving safety and multimodal connectivity
- Widened sidewalks with landscaping and places to sit
- Create a curbless street in historic shops area
- Redesigned signature landscaping
- Improved and new pedestrian crossings
- New pocket parks to add open spaces to the corridor
- New and improved bicycle facilities
- Fixing bridge sight distance issues on the Isles

More information on the project can be found at [www.fortlauderdale.gov/lasolasproject](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/lasolasproject), including a YouTube video that illustrates the proposed changes.

The next steps for this project will be to finalize the vision for Las Olas Boulevard, then to develop cost estimates and an implementation strategy. This is going to be a transformational project; it will take time and significant amounts of funding. But in the end, significant change can't happen without a vision and a plan.

Since my profession is planning, I am a little partial, but great things can't happen without a plan. The plan will be the pitch book to advocate for the funding needed and move this forward into the future. 



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BY PHILLIP DUNLAP  
Director,  
Broward Cultural Division



## ANNUAL CULTURAL FORUM GOES VIRTUAL

JOIN US FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES ON THE ARTS IN GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE



Broward Cultural Division Director Phil Dunlap



Broward County Vice Mayor and Broward Cultural Council Member Steve Geller



In 1977, the Broward County Charter was amended to create an arts council that would serve the entire region. The purpose of this group was to further the County's commitment to excellence among its artists and cultural organizations, and to foster a strong and vibrant cultural environment for both the residents of and visitors to the County.

Since then, the Cultural Council has supported the work of the Cultural Division and continues to be an advocate for advancing arts and culture in Broward County.

Each fall, the council hosts a public meeting known as the Annual Cultural Forum where the council and division celebrate accomplishments of the past 12 months and outline strategies and plans for the coming year. Last year's forum took place at the Museum of Discovery and Science with 150 community members in attendance.

Like everything else in 2020, this year's event will be a little different. Instead of a large, in-person gathering, I will be hosting the Cultural Forum live on Facebook and YouTube, and you will be able to tune in from home to learn what the Cultural Division has been up to.

For those of you who were with us last year, you'll recall I was eager to reexamine the work we do funding the arts. While this year has in many ways felt like an uphill battle, we nevertheless made tremendous progress as a division. I am excited to be announcing the restructuring of our grants program, which invests \$4.5 million of public funds in the arts and culture sector each year. I will be sharing the next steps for the program, including ways the community can be involved, during the forum.

We hope you will join us on Thursday, Oct. 29 from 4 to 5 p.m., as we share our work and updates with you along with Council Chair Gregory Reed and Vice Mayor Steve Geller.

To register and for more information, please visit [Broward.org/Arts](https://Broward.org/Arts) and follow the Cultural Division on Facebook and other social media channels at [@BrowardArts](https://www.facebook.com/BrowardArts).





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## \$1.3 BILLION IMPACT

THE BOAT SHOW REMAINS A KEY ECONOMIC ENGINE

Economic drivers come in all shapes and sizes along the Intracoastal Waterway and offshore — be they speedy personal watercrafts or luxurious handcrafted power cruisers. Our region is home to a multi-billion-dollar pleasure-boat industry, and the Greater Fort Lauderdale community is all the better because of it.

Which brings me to the 61st Annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, The Greatest Boat Show on the Seven Seas. Every year, the Boat Show brings together dealers, designers and exhibitors hoping to market new boats, yachts, superyachts and other marine products and thousands of boating enthusiasts interested in upgrading or replacing their vessels.

If Fort Lauderdale is “The Yachting Capital of the World,” then the Boat Show qualifies as the industry’s annual opening gavel. Owned and operated by the Marine Industries of South Florida and Informa Markets, the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show is recognized as the world’s largest in-water boat show. The five-day event, from Oct. 28 to Nov. 1, precedes the region’s boat-buying season, which has always been fueled by the year-round warm weather and the return of transient snowbirds to the South Florida area.

The Boat Show itself covers approximately roughly 90 acres of space, housing more than 1,300 boats, pavilions and exhibits. Last year’s Boat Show brought in more than \$715 million in sales and a statewide economic impact of

\$1.3 billion, according to event organizers. For a thriving marine industry that already has a \$12 billion impact on South Florida, The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show has become a major economic engine unto itself.


Which brings me to Covid-19, which already has taken a toll on some of our most popular events. The 2020 Tortuga Music Festival, the 2020 Winterfest Boat Parade, Art Basel in Miami Beach — all cancelled due to the virus. It would be a shame if the Boat Show suffered the same fate, given the work show organizers have put into making the event a safe one.

Using safety guidelines that were put in place to re-open Walt Disney World, show organizers have gone the extra mile to ensure the public’s protection against the pandemic. The Boat Show will follow all federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, along with those issued by Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

All attendees must wear masks and participate in screening measures, such as thermal scan temperature checks to gain entrance to the Boat Show. Exhibitor space will include floor markers and seating in all cafes, concession areas and VIP lounges will comply with established social distancing guidelines. The Boat Show is largely an outdoor event, and many of the docks have been widened to allow more space for attendees. New sanitation procedures include overnight disinfection, electrostatic

sprayers with EPA biodegradable disinfectants and constant cleaning of high-touch areas, like door handles and restrooms.

This year’s Boat Show is expected to attract 20,000 attendees, about half of the number of attendees the event normally attracts. It’s still a good number, and one that will help lift our local economy during the ever-changing conditions of our “new normal.” Boating remains a recreational activity people can do without worrying about the virus and close contact.

Think of every vessel as an economic engine that fuels our economy. Our region needs The Boat Show, and it’s my hope that the county approves plans for it to proceed. 







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## FLORIDA'S BLUE ECONOMY

WHY WE NEED TO PROTECT AND INVEST IN OCEAN RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

**F**lorida has essential, valuable and iconic natural resources and human-built infrastructure along its 8,436 miles of coastline, the second longest coastline among U.S. states and territories, creating a sustainable and profitable economy in the state. An economic analysis undertaken by the Florida Ocean Alliance, using the most recent annual economic data available from 2018, reveals the magnitude and importance of Florida's Blue Economy.

The Blue Economy encompasses a diverse range of established and emerging ocean and coastal industry sectors that include tourism, commercial and recreational fisheries, aquaculture, ports, maritime industries, transportation, communications and energy. Florida's coastal counties generated more than \$797 billion of economic value or 77 percent of the state's more than \$1 trillion economy. Direct and indirect use of ocean and coastal resources contributed \$73.9 billion to the state's economy. More than one million jobs in Florida were created by activities that used ocean and coastal resources.


Understanding the dangers to Florida's Blue Economy is critical to mitigation and effective planning.

Two important types of threats are those generated locally, like pollution, failing and inadequate infrastructure, and poverty, and those arising from global changes or events, such as sea level rise, an increase in extreme storms, and pandemics. Beyond their individual impacts, global challenges exacerbate the effects of local risks. Now, more than ever, strategic planning and actions are needed to address these threats and reduce their impacts on Florida's Blue Economy.

As public and private agencies move from Covid-19 emergency response to recovery, long-term investment and management solutions are needed. Florida has an opportunity to make strategic decisions and investments

in its Blue Economy to restore prosperity, advance resilience, and promote sustainability. To do that, we need to understand, value and expand Florida's Blue Economy and ignite investing in 21st century approaches that restore, protect and improve natural systems, and develop partnerships that leverage resources.

Leveraging resources through partnerships has begun in part through the ongoing efforts of the Marine Research Hub of South Florida, which fosters collaboration among its four university partners — FAU's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, NSU's Halmos College of Natural Sciences and Oceanography, FIU's College of Arts, Sciences, and Education, and UM's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science; along with support from the Miami-Dade Beacon Council, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Business Development Board of Palm Beach County, and Marine Industries Association of South Florida, which collectively aim to advance research commercialization that will contribute to the health of our oceans and improve the human condition. That objective, combined with two \$100,000 competitive award prizes for cutting edge solutions and innovations offered annually through its partnership with Ocean Exchange, allows the Marine Research Hub to build on the Blue Economy ecosystem of academic research, economic development, and start-up funding.

Florida's ocean policy plan focuses on vulnerabilities, threats and, most importantly, opportunities that existed before the pandemic and will persist after it. The supporting economic data provides an essential baseline for the Blue Economy that can be used to evaluate short-term economic impacts and long-term recovery and growth. With a common vision and by working together, we can accomplish these essential goals. 



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# AMENDMENTS ON NOVEMBER'S BALLOT FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

HERE ARE DETAILS ON AMENDMENTS 5 AND 6

If approved by Florida voters, Amendment 5 would extend the timeframe for property owners to use any portability they may have from two tax years to three tax years.

Portability is the difference between a property's just value and the assessed/Save Our Homes (SOH) value. This portability amount may be transferred when a property owner moves from their homesteaded property and established a new Homestead on another property.

Portability allows the owner to transfer or "port" the homestead assessment difference to the new home anywhere in Florida. This portability amount lowers the assessed/SOH value on the new home and helps lower the subsequent property taxes.

Currently, the law requires a homeowner to use this homestead benefit within two tax years which is not always a full two calendar years. Our office must look at the status of the property on Jan. 1 of each year, meaning a property owner may not have a full two calendar years to use this important savings.

If approved, this amendment would extend the time you may use portability to three tax years. For more information about portability, please visit our website at <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/PortabilityExemption>

Another amendment on this November's ballot is Amendment 6. This amendment would provide

a homestead tax discount for the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran who had permanent, combat-related disabilities. There are several exemptions for Florida veterans and all of them transfer to the surviving spouses upon the veteran's death except this one exemption. Amendment 6 would allow the surviving spouse to continue receiving the veteran's exemption.

### Broward County Tax Collector's Office to Mail Tax Bills in November

The Property Appraiser's Office does not set or collect property taxes. We simply assess property and grant exemptions to qualified individuals. The Broward County Tax Collector's Office will mail the 2020 property tax bills by Nov. 1, 2020, along with payment information. If your escrow company requests your tax bill, the Tax Collector will send you a courtesy copy of the bill in mid-November. All property tax bills are posted to their website at <https://broward.county-taxes.com/public> on Nov. 1.

Should you have any questions about the payment of taxes, please contact them at (954) 831-4000.


If my office can ever be of assistance to you with exemption or answer any questions you may have, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (954) 357-6904 or by email at [martykiar@bcpa.net](mailto:martykiar@bcpa.net). 



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# THE GREATEST BOAT SHOW ON THE SEVEN SEAS

WITH NEW HEALTH PROCEDURES IN PLACE, THE BOAT SHOW CARRIES ON

WRITER KELLY SKIDMORE



**M**IASF is pleased that the 61st annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (FLIBS) will take place with support from government officials in both Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

FLIBS is a major economic driver for not only the marine industry, but also the hospitality and tourism industries and the thousands of lateral jobs that are positively impacted through its production. Support for moving forward with the outdoor event this fall has been resounding. FLIBS is an opportunity to jumpstart the local and state economy through direct sales, as well as hotel stays, transportation, dining, and recreation, benefitting land-based businesses just as much as marine businesses.

The show will take place from Oct. 28 to Nov. 1 with Informa U.S. Boat Shows' comprehensive AllSecure health and safety standards designed to prioritize the safety of all attendees, exhibitors, crew members and staff. MIASF and Informa worked diligently with key stakeholders, customers and local government officials to develop a plan so that every person can attend the show with confidence. In its 61-year history, FLIBS

has never been cancelled, despite various threats like hurricanes and economic downturns, thanks to the continued support of the local community. In 2019, the show generated an economic impact of \$1.3 billion to the state of Florida and more than 8,000 full-time jobs were associated with the show.

As the largest in-water boat show in the world, more than 80 percent of FLIBS takes place across nearly 90 acres of multiple outdoor sites. In comparison, Universal Studios (108 acres) and Disney's Magic Kingdom (107 acres) have been open and safely receiving about 20,000 daily guests for many weeks, using temperature screenings, heightened sanitation, rules around consuming food and beverage, and of course, face mask requirements for everyone in the parks.

All attendees of FLIBS can expect a contactless ticketing system, multiple new entrances, widened docks to widths up to 30 feet, thermo imaging systems for temperature checks and high velocity sanitization systems with HEPA filters. With the new AllSecure standards in place, FLIBS will follow the GBAC (Global Biorisk Advisory Council) standards for enhanced cleaning, including undergoing deep cleaning with

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disinfection each hour on all high touch points during show operating hours and after each day's events.

Face coverings will be required by all exhibitors and attendees. CDC signage will be posted throughout the show and in all high traffic areas. All customer lines will be spaced out with visual markers every 6-feet, including at all entrances, restrooms and food and beverage stands, among others. Hygiene stations will also be installed throughout.

For the past two years NBC Sports Network has aired a post-FLIBS one-hour special in December

and worked with MIA SF and Informa to offer a behind the scenes insider's view of the show, highlighting the Best in Show award ceremony, innovative product debuts, and special events like the Yacht Chef Competition and exciting after-hours concerts. This year, the NBCSN team felt broadcasting a one-hour special of the boat show on the final day would thrill audiences around the globe through its viewership of 90 million households.

Having a one-hour special from Fort Lauderdale on NBC Sports Network, which will showcase not just FLIBS, but also feature the Greater Fort Lauderdale lifestyle that includes beautiful beaches, exquisite dining, luxury hotels, both boutique and large retail shopping, and access to world-famous attractions, like Everglades National Park and the third largest coral reef in the world, is an incredible opportunity to attract visitors to our diverse slice of paradise and exactly what viewers will want to see this fall. 📺



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**Website:** [www.flibs.com](http://www.flibs.com)

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# CRUISIN' TIKIS BRINGS THE BAR TO THE BEACH

THE STORY BEHIND THE MOST PHOTOGRAPHED BOAT ON THE WATER

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER



Greg Darby, founder of Cruisin' Tiki's, left, and Captain Carl Smith.



One of the many things Fort Lauderdale is known for, aside from all the amazing shops and restaurants, is its beautiful beaches and waterways. So, it's not uncommon on any given day to see numerous boats cruising along the water.

However, one unusual motorized vessel that can often be seen coasting along the river way beloved by residents and tourists alike are the Cruisin' Tiki's motorized tiki bars. Since their inception, they have become a Fort Lauderdale staple. For all the tiki's seen putt-putting along, not many realize the unique story behind these beloved floating bars.

That's where owner Greg Darby comes in.

Cruisin' Tiki's launched its first motorized tiki bar in 2015 and since then hundreds of guests have embarked on one of the companies' many charter tours along the Fort Lauderdale New River. With charters like their historical Riverwalk tour or their sunset cruise, there's an endless number of options for those looking for a great time out on the water. But, it's hard to believe that the incredibly popular tiki tours all started because of a do-it-yourself project in Darby's backyard.

"My wife had retired and I was starting to slow down," Greg Darby said.

"Then one day, my wife said, 'why don't we build a tiki hut in the backyard for us to relax in?' I'm an engineer so I was able to design an octagonal shaped tiki bar but then I thought, wouldn't it be more fun if I could have it float, kind of like a floating dock?

"Then I thought, why not take it a step further and put a motor on it?" said Darby.

So, with what was once a simple DIY project completed entirely in his backyard with some help from a few friends, Darby had officially made the first ever Cruisin' Tiki.

It wasn't until speaking with a friend, who is a patent attorney, that the pair realized it would be a missed opportunity not to patent this revolutionary invention.

Now, five years later, Cruisin' Tiki's has almost 70 boats located all over the country and are operated by almost 30 franchises. As for the reason Darby chose to franchise his motorized tiki bars as opposed to operating solely in Fort








Lauderdale, he explains, “Upon completion of the first Cruisin’ Tiki, a video taken by a friend, William Demler, went viral on Facebook. We were getting calls from all over wanting our boats, but the buyers wanted to be exclusive in their area. This presented a problem that was resolved with franchising the locations or territories and limiting sales only to licensed franchises.”

As the company has continued to grow and expand over the years, the way they construct the tikis has had to change as well. Today, the company has a 6,000-square-foot shop where they build up to six boats at a time with the help of several employees.

For the materials used, Darby and his team import bamboo and construct the superstructure while also creating their own thatching with a certified manufactured fireproof material. Once completed, the tikis are shipped on their 40-foot flatbed trailer around the country to their desired destinations.

For Darby, though, he never would have expected to be running such a wide scale business in his 70s.

“It’s funny because this all started because I was trying to slow down and I just wanted to build a tiki hut in the backyard to relax in. But I love it,” he said. “It never gets old cruising down the New River.” 



### **CRUISIN’ TIKIS**

**Owners:** Greg Darby

**Number of employees:** 7

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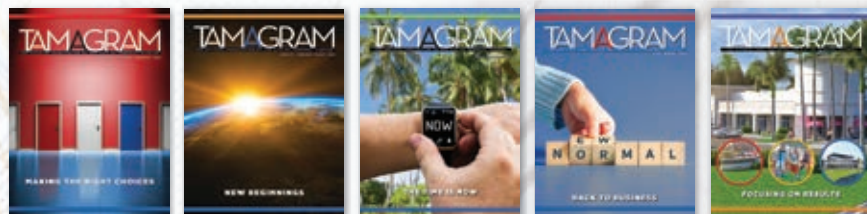
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# A SUMMER SEASON LIKE NO OTHER, PART 2

HURRITINE ... QUARANCANE

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

**Editor's note:** This is part two of a two-part series on cooking during these odd times. Part 1 appeared in our September issue.

## Roughing it during and after a storm

Our business for 20-plus years involved making food for great customers who valued diversity on the plate, which meant that we got to play with lots of ingredients and techniques.

One of our most memorable catering parties (during a Fort Lauderdale boat parade) involved cooking hundreds of lamb chops over a gas grill at night, by the glow of a single camp light after the power grid unexpectedly went out near the location. Our servers used their cell phones as flashlights to navigate from the kitchen to the rooftop guest area to serve hors d'oeuvres.

That was only one evening – we know that often the power is off much longer than that after a storm. If you've not been here post-hurricane, consider yourself lucky, but here is some food for thought.

## Stock up

• **Freezer and refrigerator:** Look through your freezer now – pandemic aside – and ask, how much can you use if the power's out? What about the fridge? Remember: it's going to be hard to hold neighborhood cookouts during this pandemic. Fresh fruit and



veggies in the fridge will last 24 hours (if you don't open it constantly) and food in freezer probably two to three days (depending on the thickness of the frozen item – and how often you open the freezer door).

• **Pantry:** Canned beans, pre-cooked pasta (Barilla) and jarred pasta sauce, or rice noodles that can “cook” when boiling water is poured over them and they soak for about 20 minutes. Don't forget shelf-stable milk (and coffee creamer if you use it). Pre-cooked rice and quinoa are increasingly available from individual servings to packages for two to three people. Pre-cooked bacon works for sandwiches or breakfast.

• **Canned or dried fruits:** Your preference. Instant oatmeal or grits only need hot water (see tip below). Canned tuna or salmon can be a game-changer for dinners; mayo not necessary, but you could buy some small bottles for single use.







- **Breads:** There are wonderful shelf-stable pumpernickel breads, pre-sliced, that work as a base for foods from the grill. Ditto for tortillas and a few storage-friendly baguettes on the market (these can be heated on the grill). Peanut butter and jelly have to go on something!

- **Snacks:** You know your favorites, but an indulgence can make a long day of storms easier.

- **Pet food:** My beastie wants her dinner – and I don't want to travel with NO traffic signals only to find out the pet store is closed, too.

- **Grill:** If you have a barbecue grill, make sure you have charcoal, lighter fluid, etc. If it's gas, check your propane tank and perhaps get an extra. With a butane or camp grill, you can heat water quickly. Don't forget the butane cylinders. For coffee, you need

an old-fashioned stovetop percolator (and ground coffee, unless you have a hand grinder). Coffee is very important to us!

- **Sturdy cooler:** Like the one you used for last month's cookout, but do you have some extra ice packs? Hint: frozen water bottles are great. At first sign of an approaching storm, chuck some of those plastic bottles into the freezer to use as both ice and cold drinking water.

Thank you to all our readers, and the Fort Lauderdale restaurant community for understanding our editorial dilemma during this time. It's hard to review what may, or may not be there at time of publication, but if our best wishes for an end to this uncertainty are helpful, you have them by the gallon. ☺







# THE BACKYARD BECKONS WITH HOT PIZZA, ICE-COLD LIBATIONS AND LIVE MUSIC

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN



A socially distant but vibrant Backyard is back! Damn Good Hospitality stripped away the old and recreated a new outdoor space, destined to be your home away from home. They have a delicious menu with a plethora of homemade pizzas, icy cold beers, spritzes and refreshing handcrafted cocktails.

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Let's talk food! I went straight for pizza and chose from red sauce, white and vegan menu offerings. Traditional standards like margherita or specialty pizzas like the Humble Bumble (pepperoni drizzled with chili-honey) abound. If you can't find what you are looking for, no problem, build your own from a vast array of toppings. I paired mine with a Truly Backyard Lemonade and Bourbon Sweet Tea. 🍷



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# QUARANTINE COCKTAIL ADVENTURES

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

**A**s Spirited South Florida, I put my years of cocktail lessons to good use during the quarantine — from conquering three-ingredient cocktails (margaritas and daiquiris) to being adventurous. We stocked our home bar and mastered our domains.

Here are the final six cocktails that were my inspiration. I'm starting to safely visit my favorite bartenders. Message me and I'll come by to sip and tip. Cheers!

**Clover Club** at The Wilder with Tamara Jovanovich. This is my favorite cocktail.

**Bathtub Glendalough Rose Gin** at a bartender tasting With Alyssa Champion

**Lounge and Learn Margarita** with Bootleg Greg Genias

**Thoughtful Tequila and Brandy** at a bartender tasting With Alyssa Champion

**Taru Old Fashioned** at Sundry House Delray Beach with Matt Swig

**Hibiscus Margarita** at Elisabetta's Delray Beach With Ervin Machado

*Coming soon, my new series will delve into the stories behind cocktails. Send ideas and questions to me and you could be invited to join us on Instagram Live.*



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