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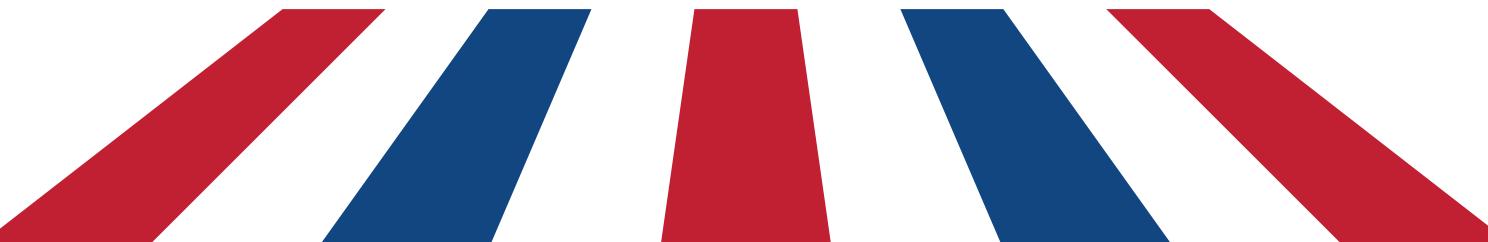
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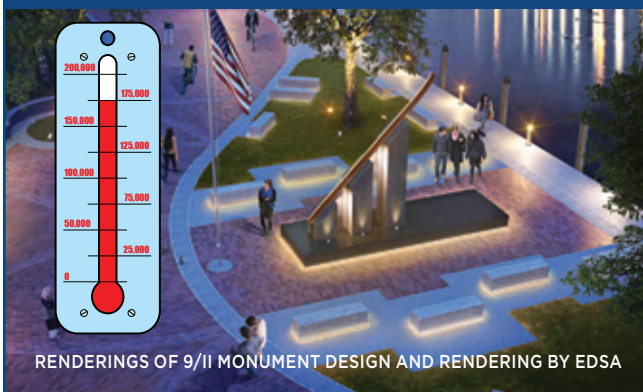
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2 BEDROOM + DEN 3 BATH

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PRICE REDUCED LEXINGTON | \$829,000

2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH

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PRICE REDUCED LEXINGTON | \$829,000

2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH

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1 BEDROOM | 1 BATH | \$329,000

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PRICE REDUCED 1 BEDROOM | 1 BATH | \$299,000

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JUST LISTED RIVERSIDE | \$759,000

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PENDING SALE SEAVIEW

High floor 3 bedroom - 2 bathroom end unit with panoramic views of the new river, ocean, city & sunsets. Spacious gourmet kitchen with European cabinetry. Impact glass, walk in closets, 2 balconies with east/west exposure.

STARDUST | \$649,000

Totally renovated & impeccably maintained 2 bedroom 2 bathroom Stardust model offering fabulous direct river, ocean & city views from every room. Split bedroom plan, custom built-in office/desk & breakfast bar with seating for 4.

SKYVIEW | \$469,000

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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!

SKYVIEW | \$445,000

Lowest priced 2 bedroom in the building! beautiful sunsets from this high floor 2 bedroom 2 bathroom. Enjoy views of the river & vibrant Las Olas from all rooms of this split bedroom floor plan.



SAN MARCO | \$529,000

2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

Split bedroom floor plan with wood floors throughout, large master with walk-in closet, gourmet kitchen & extended terrace with city views.



BY JOHN ROPES
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, AMENITIES AND LIFESTYLE



No other city in America rivals the unique advantages bestowed upon us in Fort Lauderdale. We have a vibrant Downtown, centrally located and just minutes by bike, foot or car to Fort Lauderdale Beach. Fort Lauderdale Beach was rated by Trip Advisor #9 out of the 25 Best Beaches in the U.S. in 2019.

The Riverwalk is an integral part of our Downtown lifestyle and prior to the coronavirus pandemic this year, Riverwalk held many events bringing our community together to enjoy art, music, food and fun. We anticipate this to be the case again very soon!

Here are the many amenities and activities that we are still lucky to enjoy as Fort Lauderdale residents:

Walkability and bikeability

The Walkability Score for Riverwalk/Downtown Fort Lauderdale is 93 and the Bikeability Score is 88, according to Walk Score. Residents can walk or bike to their favorite park, outdoor event, restaurant or the beach.

Parks

Riverwalk Linear Park is one of the many lush manicured parks available for a stroll. With its beautiful brick winding walkway and greenway that hugs the New River and transports pedestrians and bike riders alike, this is just one of the many outdoor amenities to enjoy. Esplanade Park is well known for bringing community together with its many events held there. Events are anticipated to begin again very soon!

Boating, scuba diving and water sports

Private boating is a favorite activity in Fort Lauderdale, due to its hundreds of miles of waterways and beaches. While out on the ocean, why not enjoy scuba diving, jet skiing, or parasailing!

Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show

The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show is being held Oct. 28 through Nov. 1. Boat show organizers are taking many precautions for attendees including several exits and entrances, traffic direction to avoid crowding, six feet distance markings, a multitude of hand-sanitizing stations, and everyone will be required to wear masks.

Art

The Annual Las Olas Art Fair is expected to be held Jan. 2 and 3, 2021, and March 6 and 7, 2021. The Las Olas Art Fair is ranked among the top 100 art festivals in the nation.

Music

The Tortuga Music Festival is back on schedule for April 12 through 14, 2021, on Fort Lauderdale Beach. In 2019 this event attracted more than 100,000 people from the United States and 22 other countries.

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FALL EVENTS TAKE ON DIFFERENT SHAPE

The seasons are changing to Florida Fall and with that change some of our normal major events have scaled back but are still occurring. October's Las Olas Art Fair and Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show both followed new plans for safety.

Understanding the numbers of those infected with this virus has clearly defined how we move forward with bringing groups together and we will step forward carefully as we plan for next year.

Day of the Dead is scheduled for Nov. 2; however, there is no parade this year or the usual festival activities on that day that surround it. There were workshops and presentations during October and early November at various locations. You will have the opportunity on Nov. 2 to see musical performances on a flat-bed truck between 6 and 9 p.m. as it roams downtown and the beach celebrating Día De Los Muertos. Tickets will be available for sale for a performance and food at Backyard for Nov. 2 as well.

Light Up Lauderdale is scheduled for Nov. 12 at Esplanade Park for the annual lighting of Riverwalk. The holiday lights remain up until after the New Year, celebrating the season of family and thanks. Exotics on Las Olas is scheduled for Nov. 15 and there will be several other Light Up celebrations around the city. Be sure to check our event page at www.goriverwalk.com and to sign up for our weekly eblast to learn what is coming and how to participate.

Winterfest Boat Parade is another of those major events that is adjusting to the times. The organization has lots of stories to tell and will be including the public in the festivities of this year in a variety of ways. Go to www.winterfestparade.com to get the latest information on the wide range of things planned for this year. Next year, Winterfest will celebrate its 50th anniversary and I am sure that it will be a spectacular year of amazing things.

Outdoor exercise has become a major activity for our residents and visitors. Walking along the beautiful New River allows you to visit some historic locations, gives you stories from our brick messages and allows you to enjoy the ebb and flow of the waterway and its activities. During this trying time, we have all learned patience, more attention to detail and how to navigate the challenges brought on by this virus. How we work, socialize and plan has taken on a new direction.

Following a stormwater break which took out part of the Riverwalk walkway in the history district, we are very proud of our city in addressing that happening and correcting it quickly. Commitment by our elected officials to make infrastructure a high priority assures that these long outstanding needs are being addressed.

As we head toward the Thanksgiving season, remember to be thankful for your family, friends, health and community.

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RCC ASSOCIATES' BEVERLY RAPHAEL ALTMAN TO BE HONORED IN THE SPRING

WRITER LYNN STOCK

You may not have heard of Beverly Raphael Altman, but you've certainly celebrated a birthday at a local Cheesecake Factory, presided over a business lunch at the Capital Grille or gathered with friends for drinks at Rocco's Tacos.

The common thread here? Beverly is president and CEO of RCC Associates Inc., the South Florida general contractor that specializes in building out restaurant and retail interiors such as those mentioned above.

And for 22 years, Beverly has helmed RCC Associates, stepping in to lead the company after her husband's death in 1998.

She will be Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale's Tribute honoree in March 2021; more details to come soon.

Beverly's story, in her own words

RCC Associates specializes in building high-end restaurants, retail stores, luxury movie theaters, gourmet markets, spas, boutique hotels — everything that is connected to the hospitality industry. But our main focus became the restaurant industry, right after 2003. We were still doing a lot of retail, but we had opportunities within restaurants. Our reputation for building complicated restaurants on a large-scale like Cheesecake Factory, which is a great example of that, really opened up doors for us in the restaurant industry.

We've been building for them for over 28 years. So we've built just over 80 restaurants nationwide. One of the other things that we did with the company is get licensed in other states, allowing us to grow the company outside of Florida.

I use Cheesecake Factory as an example, but as the company grew and we developed the restaurant sector, it also allowed us to get into luxury movie theaters.

That's how diverse the company is, but in the field of construction, that's just one small sector. We always felt that if we stay focused on what we do best, instead of trying to build high-rises and other types of construction, then we would build our reputation in that area and we would be known as one of the premier builders in that sector.

The first large-scale restaurant we built was a Cheesecake Factory. There were so many different design elements to it, and the sqcocoare footage was the most unusual at the time because most restaurants really didn't have the seating capacity that the Cheesecake Factory did. Not only was it very large, but many of those restaurants were going into parts of national malls. We had to not only work within what the needs of the client were to build their restaurants, but we also had to build in open shopping centers and not disturb the customer experience. Otherwise we would've never been able to do all the work that we've done over the years in malls.

Our first Cheesecake Factory was in CocoWalk in Coconut Grove (it has since been torn down). The one we did in Fort Lauderdale was years after we started building for them.

The one on Glades Road still exists. We did the one in Fort Lauderdale, all of them in Miami, Sawgrass, Palm Beach Gardens, throughout the entire state, and then of course, in multiple states. We've worked all over Texas and Atlanta and the Carolinas.



BEVERLY RAPHAEL ALTMAN

Title: President & CEO

Company Name: RCC Associates Inc.

Hometown: Chicago

Residence: Boca Raton

Family: Joel Altman, president and CEO of the Altman Companies; Robyn Raphael Dynan, vice president of operations of RCC Associates; Lindsey Raphael, principal at Raphael Law P.A.; Bob Altman, president of Mountain Vision Properties; and Laura Altman; as well as six grandchildren

Education: Southern Illinois University; honorary doctorate degree, Huizenga College of Business at Nova Southeastern University

Career path: With roots in the wholesale/retail industry, prior to her unanticipated career in construction, she owned an apparel sales representation company with showrooms in the Miami and Atlanta Merchandise Marts

Company description: A premier South Florida-based general contracting firm founded in 1971 by Beverly's late husband, Richard Raphael

Company history: Despite numerous opportunities to sell the firm following Richard's death in 1998, Beverly assumed the helm, growing the business from \$19 million in revenue to \$100 million in just 19 years.

Employees: 93

Licensed: In 33 states

Rankings: RCC was the No. 1 Woman-Owned Business ranked by revenue for 5 consecutive years, according to the South Florida Business Journal

Projects: More than 2,500 projects from Hawaii to Puerto Rico

Keeping the company

At the point that my husband passed away, I had to make a lot of very important serious decisions in regards to our lives, our children and the business. I had a business background prior to coming into RCC. I had owned my own sales-repping firm in the fashion industry, and I had a showroom in the Miami Merchandise Mart as well as in the Atlanta Mart, for 15 years. I sold to retail stores, boutiques and a number of large chain stores.

I had just sold that business a few months before my late husband, Richard, became ill. In a way, it cleared my plate for me to consider keeping the company. I realized it was very important to have a hands-on owner, and the staff felt the same way. That's when I made the decision to keep the company and leap into the role of president and CEO.


I had no construction background other than conversations and observing my husband as he was building the company up, and it had its challenges as a woman in the construction industry.

I never let those challenges distract me from what I needed to do and how quickly I needed to learn as many of the details of the company. At the time, I think we had maybe 15 employees, and the company had a strong year in

which they had done about \$20 million in revenue. This was back in 1998, but unfortunately, during that transition period after Richard passed away, the company was losing money. There was no one focusing on sales, bringing in new projects, and the jobs were not as profitable as we needed them to be.

There was a gentleman that worked for my late husband for about 12 to 13 years at the time. Rick Rhodes (now executive vice president) supervised the field operations. I had known him for many years, and I offered him a partnership in the company. We have been partners for 23 years.

That was an enormous boost in my confidence level that we might actually really be able to keep the company going. That was very important to me because I had a family to take care of, and I wanted to also to make sure that I was able to fulfill my late husband's vision of what he had always wanted for the company.

It was easy for me to not be distracted by the naysayers or the competitors who thought, "We could probably buy that company for nothing." Or who thought that eventually, I would run it into the ground. Those kinds of things actually help you to be more determined than ever, and in my case, it most certainly did. 

RCC ASSOCIATES PROJECTS

Under Construction

Cuba Libre
Parker Playhouse
SALT7

Completed Projects: Restaurants

Beehive Kitchen (multiple locations)
Benihana
Ben & Jerry's
Big Pink
BurgerFi (multiple locations)
Capital Grille
Casa D'Angelo
Cheesecake Factory
Del Frisco's Grille
Doc B's Restaurant + Bar
Etaru
401 Grille
La Salsa
Kaluz Restaurant
Louie Bossi
Mezzanote
Morton's Steakhouse
00 Saloon
Panera Bread
Pei Wei Asian Diner
Pizza Fusion
Red Coral
Red Lobster
Riviera Restaurant by Fabio Viviani
Rocco's Tacos
Sci Fi Cafe
Shake Shack
Skipper's
Spring Chicken
The Grape
The Grille II
Timpano's
Valentino's
Zucca

Completed Projects: Retail and Other

American Soul
Cache
Ciro
Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa
Havana Republic
IDDI Corporate Offices
Indigo Palms
Jaeger-LeCoultre
Las Olas Corporate Offices
L'Occitane
Liberties Fine Books
Lisa Todd
Mayor's Jewelers
Moda Capelli (multiple locations)
Neiman Marcus (specialty store in stores)
Nine West (multiple locations)
Origins
Stonewall Library Interior and Exterior
Taylor's Closet
The Forum
The Island Company
The Leiser Room – Broward Center for the Performing Arts
The Tunnel Building
Underwraps
Victoria's Secret (multiple locations)
Yellow Strawberry Hair Salon





RIVERWALK MEMBERSHIP



TRUSTEE MEMBER

NATACHA ABREU

SCREEN GRAPHICS

➤ A younger version of me started my corporate career with Xerox Corporation in the Dominican Republic where I was born and raised, and where most of my family still live. Growing through the ranks, I was very blessed and to be invited to join a headquarters staff position, based in Stanford Connecticut, and that is how my life in North America started.

After several positions and “ups and some downs,” I was promoted to a position that required me to relocate from New York to Miami. Then in 2009, I went to work for HP where I was responsible for multiple assignments in both North America and Latin America.

However, all this traveling had my life partner Denise and Charlie, our giant 8-pound Shih Tzu, wanting to see more of me. Additionally, I wanted to be more involved with my community, which is one reason I joined Riverwalk.

In 2018 I joined Screen Graphics as the vice president of sales and marketing. We are a large format and label printing company that specializes in managing graphic programs for national brands, helping companies communicate better with their customers by providing printed signs, labels and experiential displays.

Currently I serve as board member for the Women’s Council of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and as president of the board of Unity Church of Fort Lauderdale

I wish I were a better golfer and do play every weekend without much success.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

CHRISTOPHER O’NEAL

KIPANY

➤ As a native of St. Louis, Missouri, it’s probably fitting that my first career was in the hospitality industry. In fact, I even owned the oldest blues bar in town for eight years! The knowledge I learned owning that club and working for Ritz-Carlton allowed me to co-found Me Chef You Chef where I provided next level coaching for caterers and restaurateurs.

After earning my MBA in finance from Webster University, I started my second career in public accounting. This change saw my first move to Florida, where I worked as a tax accountant and auditor in the Naples area. Later, after I got married, I moved to Bucharest, Romania, to be with my wife and stepson. When we found out we were having a baby, my wife sold her law practice and we moved to Boca Raton.

Today, I am the CFO for Kipany. We produce marketing campaigns for some of the largest companies in the country, including The New York Times, Disney and Comcast. Kipany has been around for 41 years and is still owned by the original owners who are two of the smartest and nicest people I’ve ever met. These owners understand that they must be part of the community, so shortly after relocating our offices from Manhattan, we joined Riverwalk.

Outside of work, I am an active volunteer with O.U.R. (Operation Underground Railroad). O.U.R. assists governments around the world in the rescue of human trafficking and sex trafficking victims.

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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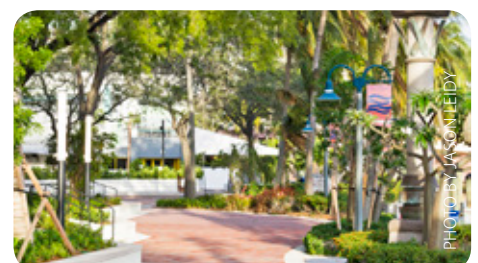
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**Kit includes beer sampling from local breweries, beer-friendly bites and making supplies for hands-on activities.*

For more information on these offerings, please contact Hillary Wallace at hillary.wallace@mods.net or 954.713.0918.



TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE VISIT [MODS.ORG/SCIENCEOFBEER](https://mods.org/scienceofbeer)



WHATEVER THE QUESTION IS, PIZZA IS THE ANSWER!

Another one bites the crust! In honor of National Pizza Month, Riverwalk launched its fourth virtual challenge. Even with businesses reopening, many are still struggling to attract customers.

We have taken these last six months as an opportunity to create our Riverwalk Challenges and highlight local restaurants in the hopes to drive customers to them while they have some fun of their own. In honor of National Pizza Month in October, we brought the battle for the best pizza in town back to Fort Lauderdale.



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For membership information, contact Alice Harry, Membership Director
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STATE OF THE CITY

Normally, we would have gathered in person by now so I could deliver a State of the City address and tell you about all the great things that the city accomplished over the past year.

Unfortunately, world events intervened. The Covid-19 pandemic struck and our lives have been indelibly changed.

Addressing this deadly and contagious virus has been our top priority. We put the health of our residents first and led the way with responsible and reasonable measures to control the spread while allowing businesses and services to reopen.

Covid-19 has had a devastating effect on our economy. Fort Lauderdale has been leading on how to address this as well. We've distributed food to those in need, redoubled our efforts to help the homeless, and started a relief program to assist with mortgages, rent and utility bills.

Economic growth is more important than ever now. This past year, we promoted increased international investment, started a high-tech incubator and helped spearhead new business development and diversification.

This truly has been a can-do commission.

City infrastructure

Particular progress has been made regarding our city infrastructure. Under a very aggressive schedule set by this commission, there are more than 150 projects underway to bring our water and sewer systems up to date.

Plans are underway to build a bigger and better water treatment plant. To ensure a sufficient water supply

well into the future, we've purchased options to tap a reservoir being built in Palm Beach County.

City finances

I'm also pleased to report that the state of the city finances is healthy.

Despite the challenges presented by Covid-19, we've maintained the same low property tax rate for 14 consecutive years.

Our credit rating is very strong. Wall Street recently boosted it to the highest possible, AAA.

We ended the long-standing practice of raiding utility reserves to balance the budget. That money now is being spent on improving our infrastructure.

The environment

This city is taking its commitment to the environment seriously.

We have fast-tracked work to clean up George English Lake and the Tarpon River and address the sewage spills caused by recent pipe breaks. We are talking to experts about other steps to clean our waterways including an innovative approach of skimming pollutants from water surfaces. We plan to start weekly testing of waterway cleanliness this fiscal year.

As a coastal community, Fort Lauderdale has felt the impact of climate change. Addressing the frequent flooding is a key priority.

Construction is commencing to better protect low-lying neighborhoods. And, we are building new seawalls.

Public safety

Public safety is always the paramount responsibility of local government.

Our crime rate per capita is the lowest it's been since 1972. We're taking steps to ensure this trend continues. We've employed new technology so we can respond faster when a gun is fired in our community and to be able to locate its source.

We will soon start construction of the new police station that voters approved. Planning is moving forward for an EMS





substation south of Downtown and a new fire station on Sunrise Boulevard.

Difficult issues

The death of George Floyd in Minneapolis shocked the world.

We must address the difficult issues surrounding race and law enforcement. This City Commission takes the matter seriously. We are proud of the men and women who work hard each day to keep our community safe, but that doesn't mean we cannot do better.

The city manager is bringing new leadership to the Police Department. The Citizen Police Review Board is spearheading a discussion of reform to ensure everyone is treated fairly and equally and with full transparency.

Our body camera program became fully operational this past year. Critical policies are now being updated, such as a duty for an officer to intervene if they see a colleague behaving badly.

Quality of life

We have other priorities as well. This past year has brought major strides in improving the quality of life in Fort Lauderdale.

Our arrangement with David Beckham's Major League Soccer team has reshaped the Lockhart site. A magnificent sports stadium was constructed in record time. It will be part of a larger redevelopment of athletics fields and a regional park that the team is also paying for.

We've opened the new Oceanside Park, and construction has started on the rehabilitation of the aquatics center.

The renovation of the historic Parker Playhouse will be completed soon, and work on the Tunnel Top Park on Las Olas is set to begin. That was a key component of the \$200 million bond initiative that voters passed to improve our public parks.

The city's arrangement with the Florida Panthers hockey team is moving forward to renovate War Memorial Auditorium. The Panthers are making a multimillion-dollar investment to add rinks for ice skating and hockey and to restore the existing interior for concerts and family-friendly programming.

Fort Lauderdale has also been tackling the issues of affordable housing and homelessness.

Major new affordable housing developments have opened or nearing completion.

The city has started a food-sharing program with groups interested in feeding the homeless. We stepped up to find temporary housing for homeless during the Covid-19 pandemic. Our community court program marked a successful first year in diverting homeless charged with minor offenses away from jail and to needed assistance.

Traffic and congestion

The city also has made strides in addressing traffic and congestion.

Planning is underway for a rapid-transit loop downtown. The county has agreed to build a bypass road through the port to relieve traffic on S.E. 17th Street.

We are working with Broward County on a project to install an adaptive traffic signal control system on Broward Boulevard. And, we've been working with the state on finding ways to ease congestion on Sunrise Boulevard.

City on the Move

Despite the setbacks dealt by Covid, Fort Lauderdale is a city on the move. We have so much to be proud of — great neighborhoods, the distinction as a world renowned tourist destination, our beautiful beaches and waterways, our thriving marine industry and our incredible nightlife. We accomplished a lot over the past year, and more progress lies ahead. ⁶⁰



GIVE THIS UP-AND-COMING OUTDOOR SPORT A TRY

CHECK OUT ONE OF THE CITY'S EIGHT COURTS FOR PICKLEBALL

What exactly is pickleball? Pickleball is a popular, up-and-coming sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping pong. The sport, which originated in 1965 on Bainbridge Island, Washington, was growing in popularity before the pandemic and has become even more prominent during quarantine. According to the Sports and Fitness Industry Association, more than 3.3 million Americans play pickleball annually, a 9.7 percent increase than the previous three years.

The sport is played on a smaller-sized court with a slightly modified tennis net. Players use a paddle and a plastic ball with holes. The game can be played as singles or doubles. One of the main reasons that pickleball is so well-liked is that it can be enjoyed by as both a competitive and a social game for all ages and all skill levels.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation has eight pickleball sites available for daily play around the city.

Free locations

Open daily, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Bass Park

2750 N.W. 19th St., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Benneson Park

1330 S.W. 33rd Terr., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

Carter Park

1450 W. Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Hardy Park

25 S.W. 9th St., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315

Holiday Park

1150 G. Harold Martin Dr., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

Riverside Park

555 S.W. 11th Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

Fee-based locations

Beach Community Center

3351 N.E. 33rd Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

September-May

Monday and Friday, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon

Fee: \$10

George English Park

1101 Bayview Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

Daily, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Reservations available, \$3 fee)

Fee: Residents \$3; non-residents \$4.50 (before 5 p.m.); residents \$4, non-residents \$6 (after 5 p.m.)


For more information about the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation's pickleball locations, please visit bit.ly/ftlpickleball. 



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CITY'S COMMUNITY SHUTTLE PROGRAM DURING COVID-19 AND BEYOND

As we gradually ease COVID-19 restrictions, many of us yearn for the opportunity to bask in the sun again, to breathe fresh air and to interact responsibly with others while wearing face masks and social distancing in the open spaces that make up the urban outdoors. In doing so, we hope to reduce the effects on our health and well-being created by the isolation and anxiety brought about by the pandemic shutdowns.

This pandemic illustrates the importance of readily available access to our urban outdoors, including parks, beaches, walking and jogging paths. The City's Community Shuttle Program, the Sun Trolley, addresses this need by providing connections to destinations along five routes: Las Olas Link, Beach Link, Downtown Link, Northwest Community Link, and Neighborhood Link. The fare-free service is funded by Broward County's Penny for Transportation Surtax and promotes mobility and accessibility for all City residents and visitors. The City's shuttle service provides riders the opportunity to enjoy the amenities of our urban spaces which facilitate much needed physical activity and socially distant interactions during these challenging times.

The following are a few popular urban outdoor spaces that can be reached through the City's shuttle service routes (within a 5-minute walk from a designated stop).

- Bubier Park (Stop #0911)
- Fort Lauderdale Beach (You can reach this destination by taking the Las Olas Link and Beach Link routes. There are several stops along the beach, but main stops are at Stop #0921 and #3506)
- Hugh Taylor Birch State Park (Stop #3896)
- Merle Fogg Park (Stop #0919)
- Peter Feldman Park (Stop #1905)

- Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park (Stop #1882)
- Sistrunk Park (Stop #4176)

We have implemented several safety precautions to provide a safer ride. Staggered seating has been implemented aboard all Community Shuttle vehicles. Both drivers and passengers are also required to wear facial coverings. And as an additional precaution, drivers' temperatures are checked daily before the start of their shifts, and riders are encouraged to board through the rear door when possible to minimize interaction with drivers.

The Sun Trolley is about to go through a transition. In July 2020, the Fort Lauderdale City Commission supported leasing new vehicles from Broward County. They will be new shuttles featuring the latest in air filtration technology to mitigate the spread of Covid-19. They are anticipated to commence service in spring 2021. The launch of these vehicles will mark a new era in the City's Community Shuttle Program, phasing out the bright red and yellow trolleys. The design of the new vehicles and the name of the service will be established based on input from City residents, providing an opportunity to take ownership of their Community Shuttle experience.


Service changes are also being considered to improve the operational efficiency of the service's routes. In the coming months, City residents will be invited to engage in the public feedback process — both for the branding of the new vehicles and the route modifications. For more information about the City's Community Shuttle Program, including announcements regarding the upcoming changes and route details, please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/suntrolley. 



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

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

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NEW ART SOUTH FLORIDA

2020 SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM AWARDS HONORS THREE BROWARD COUNTY ARTISTS

Each year, South Florida artists eagerly await the announcement of the South Florida Cultural Consortium awards. Since 1988, these prestigious annual fellowships have been given to talented visual and media artists from Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach counties. The awards – of \$7,500 and \$15,000 per artist – are the largest regional, government-sponsored artists' grants in the United States. To date, more than \$4 million has been awarded to more than 300 artists by the five-county consortium of South Florida arts councils.

Recognizing and supporting the immense talent of our local artists is a priority of the Broward Cultural Division. We are thrilled that this year's exhibition of the 2020 Consortium award winners takes place here in Broward at NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale.

The exhibition *New Art South Florida* will feature works by 13 prominent and emerging South Florida artists. Representing Broward County are winning artists Nathalie Alfonso, Shane Eason and Andriana Mereuta, who each received awards of \$15,000. Curator of the exhibition is NSU Art Museum's Director and Chief Curator Bonnie Clearwater, one of our local arts leaders who has championed the work of South Florida's artists throughout her career. It's on view from Nov. 21 through Feb. 21, 2021, and by all accounts, it's something you will not want to miss!

To give you an idea of the rigor of the selection process, recipients were chosen through a two-tier panel process, which included regional and national arts



A portrait by photographer Andriana Mereuta, which is part of her project titled "Moldova — An Iconography of the Land and its People." The project focuses on Moldova's national identity and its different facets reflected in culture, folklore, diversity, landscape and daily life.

experts. The submissions selected by the regional panel were sent to the national panel for final adjudication. The national selection panel was comprised of curators from Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art (Bentonville, Arkansas), Mondriaan Foundation (New York, New York) and Dallas Museum of Art.


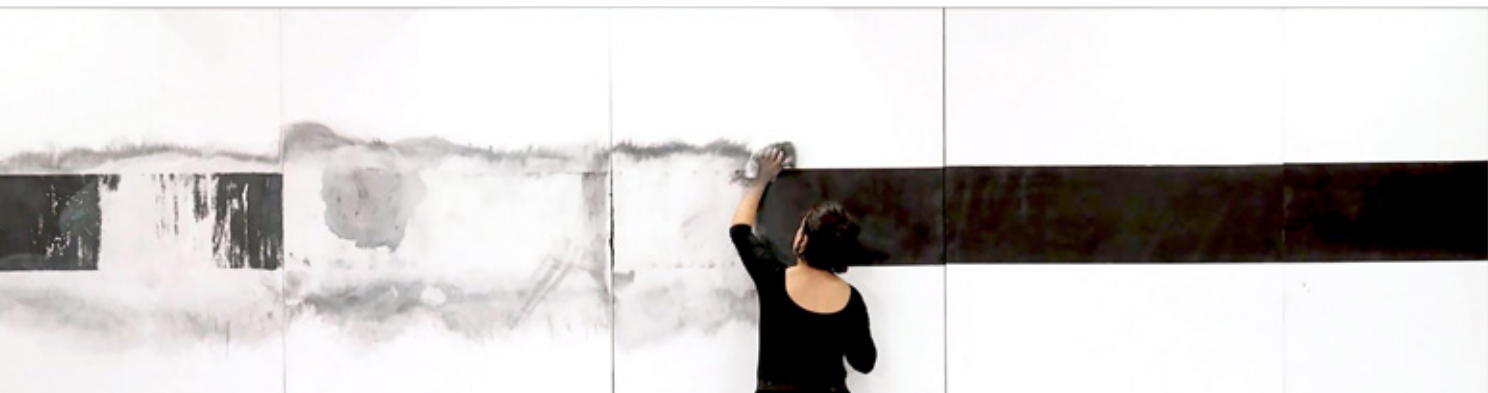
Providing significant support to our artist community is one of the many ways we invest in the arts on a grassroots level. Funding the arts and artists is the foundation that makes our community strong and vibrant. For more information on the exhibition and the arts in Broward, visit Broward.org/Arts. 

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Artist Nathalie Alfonso installs one of her art pieces for a group exhibition, *To Love Like A Woman*, at The Annex Miami in 2016.



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TAKING THE TIME TO HONOR HEALTHCARE

SUNSHINE HEALTH PERSPECTIVES ON FLORIDA HEALTHCARE AND EXCELLENCE IN HEALTHCARE AWARDS

There may not be a more important sector of the Greater Fort Lauderdale economy than healthcare, particularly in these trying times of Covid-19.

Since the outbreak began, the brave men and women who work in our region's hospitals are the true heroes who have stayed on the frontlines to protect our communities against a devastating pandemic.

On Nov. 12, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce will honor outstanding leaders in the healthcare profession during the annual Sunshine Health Perspectives on Florida Healthcare and Excellence in Healthcare Awards. This virtual event will not only recognize the best and brightest individuals and organizations our area's healthcare profession but also examine ongoing efforts to fight and treat the virus, including updates on several Covid-19 vaccines now under development.


Event attendees will have an opportunity to engage with distinguished healthcare leaders and with one another through video chat, hear from our keynote speaker and participate in our CEO Speed Dating Session, a method of digital engagement borrowed from the new millennium matchmaking process in which conference participants get to meet leaders of Broward County's major hospitals and health districts. This event couldn't be more timely.

In early October, there were 78,614 cases of novel coronavirus in Broward County and 1,443 reported, according to the latest statistics from The New York Times Covid-19 database. So far, our region's hospitals have managed to cope, but the anticipated rise in coronavirus and flu cases as we move into the fall and winter seasons should concern us all. The University

of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, which correctly predicted the current number of Covid-19 deaths, has a new estimate that puts the number of Americans dying from the virus at the start of 2021 at 415,000. If there was ever a time to follow the science, wash your hands, wear your masks and maintain your social distance, this is it.

Fortunately for the Greater Fort Lauderdale community, our region is blessed with a number of outstanding public and private hospitals, a quality children's hospital, several primary care centers and other medical services that provide home health and specialty care services that serve the many needs of our county's diverse and growing population.

As an industry, healthcare is also an economic driver that provides top-notch jobs. Since 2016, when the Florida Chamber of Commerce calculated there were 810,381 jobs in healthcare, the sector is expected to see a 9 percent net job growth by 2021. In Broward County, our two public hospital districts — Broward Health and Memorial Healthcare Systems — have more than 21,000 employees. It's a field full of opportunity in both the state and locally, particularly for clinical lab technologists, health information technicians, licensed practical and vocational nurses and medical assistants.

Our hospitals and healthcare facilities offer high-quality care. They certainly have been tried and tested as the pandemic continues to impact our economy and way of life. Amid the new normal of Covid-19, our annual healthcare celebration is a needed time out to honor those who have redoubled their efforts to address our community's health and medical needs. 

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THE BRAND BOASTS CLOTHING FOR ALL OCCASIONS ON OR NEAR THE WATER

Well-known and successful clothing brands that have outlasted all others have one thing in common. The key to their success is understanding who will be wearing their clothes and the lifestyle they hope to embody.

Fashion aficionados who are active but looking for a classic, stylish fit are often pulled toward a brand like Lacoste, whereas buyers who enjoy a more relaxed coastal lifestyle by the beach might gravitate more toward Tommy Bahama.

Regardless of your preference, the best brands know their consumers and cater to their personal style, much like the preppy Southern brand Southern Tide, which recently opened its first store on the bustling Las Olas Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale.

Founded by Allen Stephenson in 2006, Southern Tide had humble beginnings and, much like Apple's Steve Jobs, the business started in his garage.

"He was a young man who was just a junior in college and he had decided to drop out of school to pursue his dreams and passion for starting a casual apparel line," said Southern Tide CEO Christopher Heyn. "The first three or four years, it really started being built out of his garage. His goal was to be the first to construct the best cotton knit with stretch in a comfortable stylish apparel which brought us to where we are now with a wide range of clothing options."

Now, 14 years later what was primarily a Southern brand at the start has become a national brand with roughly 850 store locations stretching all the way up and down the East Coast, and more recently, on the West Coast with new stores in California, Arizona and Washington.

The brand offers a variety of stylish fits for men, women and kids including but not limited to polos and tees, shorts, pants, dresses, swimwear and much more. As evidenced by the brand's skipjack tuna logo, styles from the coastal company are meant to be worn for all occasions in, on or by the water.


"We love being around or by the water so we want to build comfortable and stylish clothes for everyone to wear for the fun and best times of their lives," Heyn said.

Buyers of Southern Tide apparel can also rest assured that they are purchasing from a brand with integrity as the team behind the apparel brand made it a priority to give back to those in need during the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"We've done everything we can to give back to the people who help take care of us like our healthcare workers and those in the trucking industry who often times people forget about. So, we gave a portion of our proceeds to the

South Carolina Healthcare Association and the South Carolina Truckers Association to give back to the workers in these industries because they are working tirelessly to make our lives as normal as possible during these difficult times," Heyn said.

Luckily for locals, they can experience the Southern Tide lifestyle for themselves at the brand's newest location, now open in the heart of Fort Lauderdale on Las Olas Boulevard.

So, whether you're heading to soak up some sun by the ocean, fishing with friends, or dressing up for a special occasion, Southern Tide has something for everyone and every occasion on or by the water. 



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THE PERFECT BALM

WATER RECREATION PROVIDES A WELCOME RESPITE — AND CONTRIBUTES TO THE ECONOMY

In South Florida, many outdoor activity options require water – and not just for hydration in the heat and humidity. Between the lakes, rivers, Intracoastal Waterway, The Everglades and the Atlantic Ocean, the possibilities are vast.

As reported in 2018, 2.2 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) is delivered by outdoor recreation, and it's no wonder 50 percent of that is from boating and fishing. That means if someone is 20 miles offshore deep-sea fishing from a 40-foot center console or sitting on a seawall in Fort Lauderdale with a line dangling in the water, they are contributing to the GDP through outdoor recreation. The exciting thing about water-related activities in the great outdoors is that, here, they are accessible to every age and every income all year long. And in 2020, being outdoors has become more important than ever!

From the perfect solitude of pushing off a sandy beach at sunrise and rowing a kayak soundlessly through still water, to spending a carefree family fun day of water skiing or boating to a local sandbar to play and cook out, to returning home sun kissed, salty and sleepy after swimming, snorkeling and diving at the third largest barrier reef in the world, the sea offers the perfect balm to a hectic schedule or pensive mind.

With its 8,400 miles of coastline and its popularity as a pier to the Bahamas and Caribbean, Florida holds the


distinction of having the highest number of U.S. registered recreational boats. Statewide, 930,016 boats are registered, not including vessels that are foreign-flagged and those not requiring registration, and Broward County alone has 45,069. Based on record boat sales that have been reported during some months of the pandemic, that number is likely to have increased this year.

Safety is always an issue when boating and even the most experienced captains can suddenly find themselves in unpredictable and dangerous situations. Inclement weather, challenging inlets and rough ocean seas will keep each boater on their toes, and with more people on the water, literally “knowing the ropes” is critical. Boating safety classes and refresher courses are helpful tools to learning and staying prepared.

For those who are committed to the boating lifestyle, nothing beats a day on the water in the Sunshine State. Luckily, that does not necessarily require owning a motorboat. Fort Lauderdale is ideal for canoeing and kayaking through canals, water trails and the famous New River Loop, a 25-mile interlocking system of “blueways” that meanders in a circle through Fort Lauderdale to the Dania Beach Cut-Off Canal.

Other options include: chartering a boat with a captain for a day or half day of fishing on the Atlantic, cruising and dining along the Intracoastal Waterway, or anchoring

in a secluded location and enjoying the surf and sun; taking an airboat ride through Everglades National Park to explore the incredible vistas and abundant varieties of flora and fauna; packing up the chairs and umbrellas for a day at the beach shelling, sunbathing and surfing; and taking advantage of a parasailing adventure offshore, high above a powerboat with an amazing vantage point and bird's eye view of the coastline.

Outdoor experiences make all the difference to so many who have been staying home, working or learning remotely, and not socializing with friends and family members as much as usual. People in Fort Lauderdale have an advantage in access to outdoor fun and contemplative environments to breathe deep, take a long walk or run, and, in the Venice of America, participate in water activities of every variety. 



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PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE UPDATES

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS, ESCROW ADJUSTMENTS, AND QUARTERLY INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS

Our office receives numerous calls every year asking us to confirm property tax exemptions on the recent tax bills. The Property Appraiser's Office does not set your tax rates or collect property taxes. Florida law requires our office to assess all property based on the market data on Jan. 1 of each year. We are also able to grant tax exemptions to qualified applicants. Our office does not determine the tax rates or determine how the tax revenue is allocated by local government. The property tax bills are mailed by the Broward County's Records, Taxes & Treasury Division. If you have questions regarding the payment of your tax bill, please contact their office at (954) 831-4000 or visit their website at www.broward.org/RecordsTaxesTreasury.

Where is my 2021 Homestead Exemption?

The tax bill you received this November from the Broward County Tax Collector is for the 2020 tax year. If you purchased your home in 2020 and the previous owners of your new home were entitled to and received Homestead Exemption or any other exemption on Jan. 1, 2020, you may have inherited their exemptions on your 2020 property tax bill. Florida Statutes require these 2020 exemptions be removed for 2021 and the property be reassessed at the 2021 just value. This will often result in an increase in your 2021 property taxes so it is important you apply for 2021 Homestead Exemption and any other exemptions for which you may qualify. Your

new 2021 Homestead Exemption will be reflected next year on all 2021 property records, notices and tax bills. Any exemptions applied to the tax bill are totaled and shown in the third column "Exemptions" on the individual tax bill.

If you have any questions regarding your Homestead Exemption or other tax-saving exemptions, please contact our Customer Service Department at (954) 357-6830.

Escrow adjustments for 2020 tax bills

The Property Appraiser's Office does not handle anything related to the financing of property. If you make monthly escrow payments for your property taxes, your mortgage or escrow company typically does an escrow analysis after paying your annual tax bill. Any changes to your monthly payment will be determined and they will notify you. Should you have any questions about this, you should contact your mortgage company directly for assistance.

Quarterly installment payments

If you pay your property taxes through Broward County's quarterly installment plan, any newly approved 2020 exemptions will be applied on the third and fourth installment payment amounts. Any adjustments for 2020 are made on the final two quarterly 2020 installment payments.


If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (954) 357-6904 or by email at martykiar@bcpa.net. 



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VEGE-NOMICS 101

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The first of two articles showcasing how the vegetarian movement has become mainstream both in the number of dedicated vegetarian spots and as honored items rather than second thoughts on menus of many local restaurants.



“Vegitarian” simply means that someone doesn’t eat animals. As with so many other “group” descriptions, there are seeming endless variations or limitations of the term. Some vegetarians can and do eat dairy products and eggs. Pescatarians will add fish but no other meats. Vegans eat no animal products at all (eggs or dairy) and those who follow a macrobiotic diet are restricted even further – in my stint eating macrobiotic, tropical fruits were not included – even though we lived in the tropics.

Enter a unique, new vegan dining spot in downtown Fort Lauderdale. The Old River House has always been a dream site. Located on a beautiful spot on the New River, the building provides a glimpse into Fort Lauderdale’s past. It has been an eatery a few times before this, but this “village” concept is charming and sooo right.

Inside are multiple rooms — each of which could be a destination — from a coffee spot to a tea room, private eating areas, a room with hand-made soaps and an artist studio. The eclectic furnishings in each area could have come from your grandparents’ house (or mine). Seating in non-pandemic times is 250 both indoors and outside, and most evenings (and weekends) there is usually some form of music to be heard, whether live or via a DJ.

We sat down with Chef Jonny “Nobones” to talk and taste the food on a Taco Tuesday. From the first it was obvious this isn’t a tofu and greens kind of place. This is fine dining with a thoroughly tongue-in-cheek menu featuring riffs from mainstream venues. Or as Chef puts it, “This is vegan food for non-vegans.”

For those of us who have tried to accommodate guests who have different dietary styles, we can so appreciate a place that can satisfy anyone.

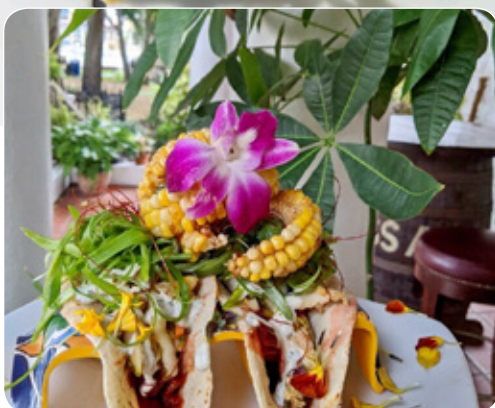
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BITES & SIPS TEAM
RENÉE K. QUINN, PENNY SANFILIPPO and JONNY ALTABELL




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Because we all eat with our eyes as well as our palates, I am happy to state that my eyes were completely sated by the time we left. Remember, this was Taco Tuesday and if a kitchen can turn out something as ubiquitous as a taco that has you ooohing and ahing over presentation (not to mention taste), they are doing something right. We tried the Cheeseburglar bacon cheeseburger tacos and the cleverly named Don't Touch My Duck Char Soui Tacos with Kimchee slaw. These tacos had it all in the flavor category as well. The corn tortillas are made in-house and what a delicate taste treat they were, whether holding taco fillings or as a base for a towering tostada (like the Shrimp Aguachile Tostada we sampled).

As mentioned earlier — this isn't an alternate lifestyle joint. It's a well-deserved treat. Entrée prices range from \$15 to \$28. And the appetizer and dessert menus are not to be missed with prices (mostly) from \$10. 



SPIRITED SOUTH FLORIDA GETS CRAFTED

FOUR CREATIVE BREWS FOR FALL

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

I sat with some of my brewery friends to chat and rounded up my picks for favorite fall beers. These four creative brews are available locally. I selected my favorites based on the type of beer and ingredients.

Tarpon River Brewing | Secret Woods

Aged in Buffalo Trace Barrels, Secret Woods is an Imperial Porter with vanilla, cacao and coffee added. I'm definitely a bourbon girl, so this beer caught my eye. Rich and delicious, just the way I want my porter.

Funky Buddha Brewery | Coquito

Inspired by the classic Puerto Rican holiday drink, this imperial cream ale is made with coconut, cinnamon, vanilla and aged inside Caribbean rum barrels. The winter release in their Mixology series is strong and perfect for the holiday season.

South Beach Brewery | Strawberry Orange Mimosa Sparkling Ale

Treat your taste buds to a liquid vacation with this sparkling blonde ale, brewed with 100 percent Florida orange juice, natural strawberry and champagne flavors. Paradise is just one taste away!

Hollywood Brewery | Brew Hefner

This American wheat beer is creamy yet tart, and tastes like spiced bananas. It's light, dry and smooth. Check out their Las Olas location, which serves an amazing lineup. Love the name too!



CEO Bob Drinon and owner, Fred Forsley with Ann Burris and myself.

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