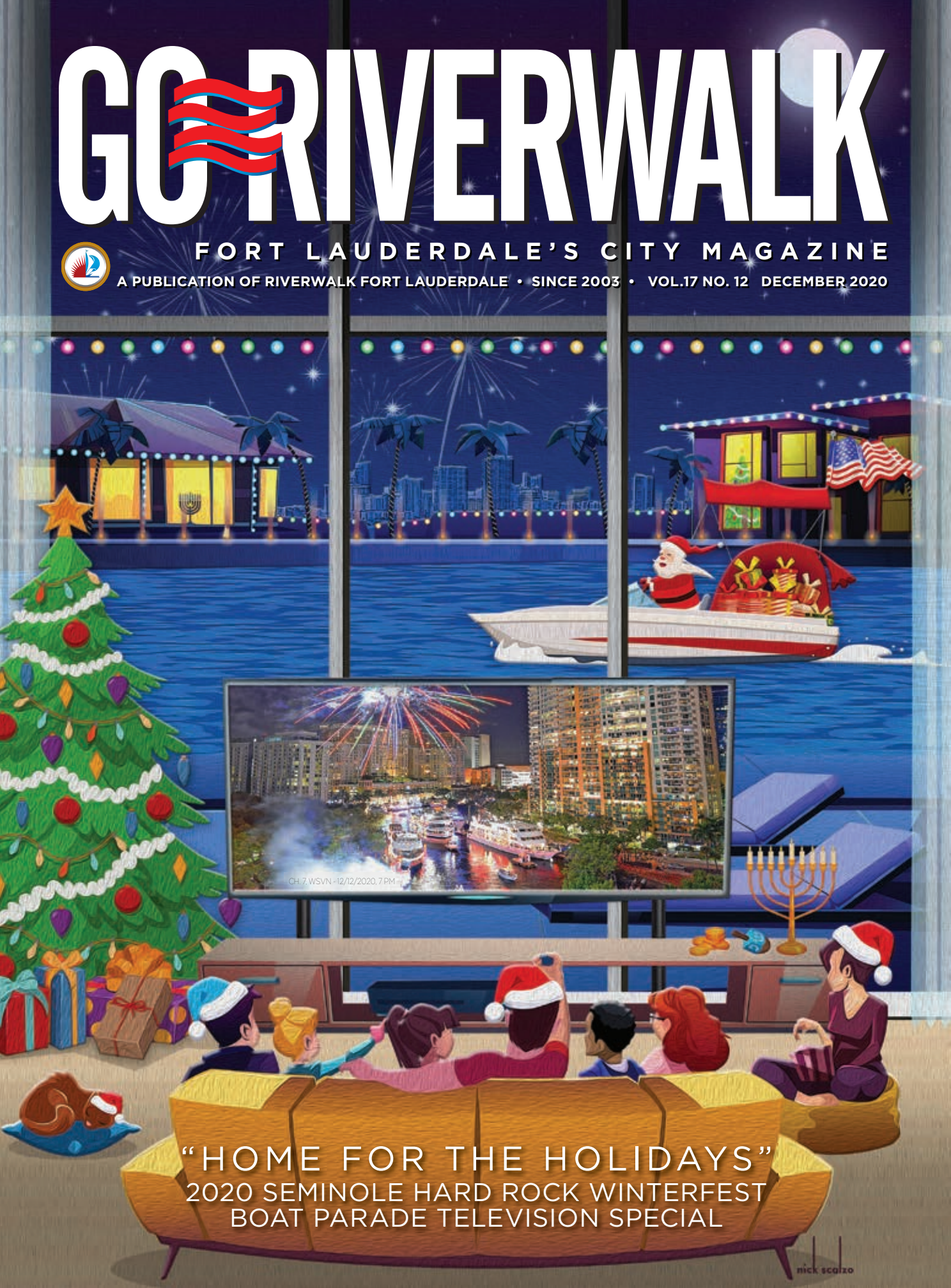


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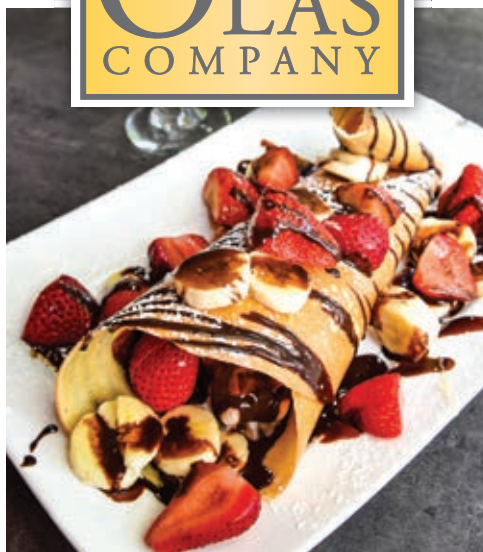
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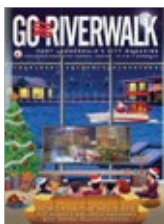
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**UNDER CONTRACT 3 BEDROOM 2 BATH**

Bright & spacious unit with direct river views & approximately 1,700 square feet of interior space. Tile & wood floors, gourmet kitchen & built-in closets.

**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 | \$305,000**

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**RIVERSIDE | \$869,000**

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**STARDUST | \$459,000**

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**SKYVIEW | \$449,000**

High floor 2 Bedroom 2 Bathroom split bedroom floor plan, tile and wood floors throughout. Bright open kitchen with granite countertops leads to the living areas, with floor to ceiling windows opening to a glass balcony.

**SKYVIEW | \$435,000**

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**SKYVIEW | \$429,000**

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.



**JUST LISTED 2 BEDROOM | 2.5 BATH | \$439,000**

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**2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH | \$399,500**

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**JUST LISTED 2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH | \$349,000**

Split floor plan features tile floors throughout, gourmet kitchen with granite counter tops, spacious walk in closet and dual balconies.

**UNDER CONTRACT 2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH**

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

South exposure with cherry hardwood floors & sleek Italian kitchen cabinetry, unobstructed water views from the balcony.

**1 BEDROOM | 1 BATH | \$299,000**

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## POINT OF AMERICAS II



**JUST LISTED 2 BEDROOM | 2.5 BATH | \$1,295,000**

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## SECRET TREASURES OF FORT LAUDERDALE

FAVORITE PLACES TO EXPLORE OFF THE BEATEN PATH



**W**hen you think of Fort Lauderdale, you may think of the beach, Las Olas and Riverwalk, or the many food and entertainment venues along the way that are advertised in tourist pamphlets. There are, however, places off the beaten path that may be lesser known but are secret favorites among locals. Here are just a few of these treasured local businesses — from newly established eateries, breweries, and distilleries, to landmark mom and pop burger and deli joints.

### Sistrunk Marketplace and Brewery

Fort Lauderdale's first food hall set up shop in the historic Sistrunk area, which is enjoying a great renewal in business, development, community centers, restaurants and entertainment venues. Khoffner Brewery is the brewery within Sistrunk Marketplace offering excellent craft beers and great service.

### Shady Distillery

Connected to Sistrunk Marketplace and Brewery are the makers of Shady Vodka, released in October of this year and Recount 2020, a limited edition 81 proof vodka, which was brilliantly released in November, just in time for the election. This small batch distillery also has designs on rum and bourbon variations.

### My Market Deli


Hidden in the back of a neighborhood convenience store, you may have trouble finding this deli at all if you don't know where to look. Established in 1991 by Todd and Sherry Schofield, it was primarily a convenience store with a small deli counter in the back. They quickly became famous for their fresh, plentiful subs and flavorful sauces and have added tables for seating and many more great menu items.

### Jack's Old-Fashioned Hamburger House

Jack's Old-Fashioned Hamburger House has been a South Florida landmark since 1972, established by the late Jack Berry. Many local reviews claim Jack's to be the best burger around and some even travel from other counties just to experience their fresh tasting burgers and famous shakes.

### Regina's Farm

A backyard pop-up restaurant located in the owner, Regina's, backyard in Fort Lauderdale. Regina's is a not-for-profit restaurant open on Saturdays by reservation only. Regina's wish is for people to experience authentic Brazilian fare, and to raise funds to help her local community and churches, such as Las Olas Worship Center. Before the pandemic, people would wait for up to one year for reservations. Things have certainly changed, but we hope to see such a great, unique, and community driven business flourish again very soon.

Come out and support these Fort Lauderdale treasures ... you may discover a new local favorite! 

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Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Inc., Friends of Levitt Pavilion Fort Lauderdale and other partners have come together to reunite the community with great music. This year more than at any other time we have been working to provide a safe outdoor music gathering that will let us enjoy tunes again.

Riverwalk Music Series commenced in November and will continue into the first quarter of 2021. As the public desires a return of live music and in conjunction with the City of Fort Lauderdale, Riverwalk is providing a music series offering local talent. Over the next 90 to 120 days, we hope to host a wide variety of concerts featuring local talent and providing an opportunity to be on stage again and to showcase their abilities. Be sure to watch the GoRiverwalk sites for more information about upcoming events.

The Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation is dedicated to reinvigorating America's public spaces through creative placemaking and creating opportunities for everyone to experience the performing arts. The goal is to reflect the best of American city life by creating community and social interaction among people of all ages and backgrounds, empowering cities across American to reclaim green spaces and reinvigorate public spaces, and ensure the performing arts are accessible to all through high quality, free concerts. We are grateful for their support and guidance in developing Levitt Pavilion Fort Lauderdale.


Friends of Levitt on behalf of Levitt Pavilion Fort Lauderdale have entered the fundraising phase and we look to that group to design a creative and unique venue and present an amphitheater that makes great and varied use of Esplanade Park. The selection of Fort Lauderdale as a Levitt Pavilion location confirms that the world views us as a very desirable destination that continues to grow and offer a wide variety of options and opportunities.



### Riverwalk 'Voice'

Another great opportunity is coming! Are you a local with a great voice? Send us your demo or call our office for more information — Riverwalk "Voice" is coming soon! We will feature local talent in a public competition, judged by local performers and those in the music business, to find our next star! Don't be shy – we will select six competitors to showcase and we will need your votes and support to find that talent! Fort Lauderdale is ready for a good competition and we have plenty of talent to choose from. Watch for the announcement of the date and location and a listing of the competitors.

Through the next few months, many food/beverage events previously planned by Riverwalk will be delayed as we await a time that we feel more secure in hosting events of that type. Your safety and that of our employees is very important. While others may choose to move forward with large events that require mask management and dining destinations within, we feel that waiting a little longer is in the best interest of the public. Please accept our apologies for delays but we promise that your favorite events will be back soon. We continue to look for different and unique ways to engage with the public and would love any ideas or suggestions that you might send our way. Email to [info@goriverwalk.com](mailto:info@goriverwalk.com).

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# RIVERWALK MEMBERSHIP



TRUSTEE MEMBER

**LORI ADELSON**

HR LAS PRO & HR LAS ADR

Fort Lauderdale is where I live, work and play. You will often find me dining on Las Olas and strolling Riverwalk enjoying all that Fort Lauderdale has to offer.

I became a Trustee member of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale to give back to the community that has embraced me since I moved from New York in 2006 and to be part of and ensure Riverwalk's growth and vitality. I am proud to be a part of the history of the Riverwalk's 9/11 Monument having dedicated a granite block in memoriam.

Celebrating 20 years, I founded the HR Law PRO & HR Law ADR in downtown Fort Lauderdale, a workplace law and dispute resolution solutions firm to provide practical, cost-effective workplace law solutions, for the legal community and companies, with a focus on South Florida's hospitality and service industries. I am also a certified state and federal mediator, and state qualified arbitrator. I am a graduate of Hofstra University School of Law and University of Michigan.

I am a published authority on workplace law matters, with articles in publications, such as HR Executive Online Magazine, Fox Business Insider, and The Miami Herald, and have been a commentator on WIOD Radio, Miami, and FoxNews.com.

Being committed to my civic duty, I serve on the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Downtown Council, Jewish Women's Foundation and Board of Directors, Jewish Federation of Broward County.

I am excited and look forward to continuing to be an active part of Riverwalk, Fort Lauderdale.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

**JAMES FERRIERO**

URHEALTH BENEFITS

During college I began working for a reinsurance company in the World Trade Center and just before the tragedy that happened on 9/11, I stopped working there to finish school against others' recommendations and suggestions. Having followed my instinct, I feel blessed and grateful to have made that decision. After finishing college, I moved to South Florida in 2003 for a career opportunity. I have been living down here ever since.

Having been raised into an entrepreneurial family by nature, I founded my first business in 2014, Life First Financial & Insurance, which specialized in health, life and financial protection for my clients. In 2020, I re-branded the business to UrHealth Benefits to place emphasis and a focus on "your health." Having experienced the complexities of our healthcare system from both a personal and professional standpoint, I set out to understand the disparities and made it my mission to educate others on how to navigate the healthcare system and promote health and wellness to create healthier communities.

Being grateful for life after the tragedy of 9/11, I made it a lifelong goal to help others in as many ways as possible. Having volunteered for many organizations such as Riverwalk, Habitat for Humanity, YMCA Young Professionals, Covenant House Florida, and many youth sports teams, I find joy in being able to give back to my community.

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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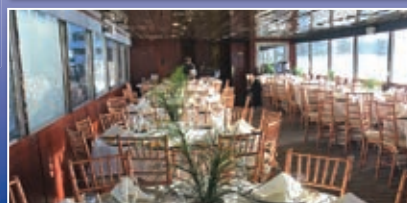


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## CITY UPDATE

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE AND ACHIEVING GOALS

**2**020 has been a year of change, but one thing that remains the same is my commitment to Fort Lauderdale. I would like to congratulate my colleagues on their re-election to office and look forward to serving with all of you for another four years. We have accomplished many great things during our last term and will continue our efforts to achieve our commission goals.

### JOINT GOVERNMENT CENTER

As we look ahead, the City Commission met with the Broward County Commission in October to review the design criteria package developed for the Joint Government Center Campus. The proposed project, located at 101 N.W. First Ave., will include City and County offices, commission chambers for each, an emergency operation center for the City, multi-level parking garage, County transportation offices, and a new transit terminal. After review, we collectively accepted the proposal submitted by Zsychovich Inc.

### WATER QUALITY

Efforts to improve the water quality in our canals and waterways continue to move forward. Plans are underway to address areas impacted by recent breaks including the Tarpon River, George English Lake and the Himmarshee Canal. And, before the end of the year, we will initiate weekly water quality testing in popular recreational areas.

### STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS

Recent rain events demonstrate the need to have a strong stormwater system. The City is making progress in strengthening our stormwater infrastructure throughout the

community. The City plans to invest \$200 million over the next five years into critical stormwater master plan projects in our most vulnerable areas. Planned improvements to reduce flooding and make these areas more resilient include eight new pump stations, new drainage pipes, exfiltration trenches, catch basins, permeable pavement and swales. In an effort to meet service demands and provide efficient response times, the commission granted the Public Works Department the ability to make as-needed purchases for necessary equipment, material and supplies up to \$6.4 million in FY 2021.

### WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS

Great strides have been made to replace our aging wastewater system. The City activated a section of its new redundant sewer force main line in downtown Fort Lauderdale bringing a 1.5-mile section of transmission line into service. This was a significant step in the renovation of the sewer system. The new transmission line represents a \$65 million investment in our infrastructure and is being constructed from the G.T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant on S.E. 17 Street, seven miles north, to the Lift Station at the Coral Ridge Country Club on N.E. 37th St. We have installed more than 23,000 linear feet of new pipe underground. The project is more than 60 percent complete and on track to be finished ahead of schedule.

### AVIATION AND AEROSPACE PROGRAM

The next phase in developing the Aviation and Aerospace Training Program is to continue our collaboration with our working groups to find a consultant to design the next phase of the program and explore the possibility of establishing a dedicated aviation and aerospace training center in Fort Lauderdale.

### OTHER NEWS

In other District news, the City of Fort Lauderdale and the School Board of Broward County hosted a coin toss ceremony to commemorate the season opener at the newly revitalized Lockhart Park. The inaugural football game between Dillard and Fort Lauderdale High School signifies the return of high school football to our community.


As we inch closer toward the holiday season, Olas returns, making his annual debut on Fort Lauderdale Beach. In addition, City staff are working to coordinate smaller “light-up” events that take place simultaneously in each Commission District to ensure the safety of our neighbors. Please visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov) to stay updated on the City’s plans to celebrate the holidays. 



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## GIVE CLUB 55+ A TRY

CLUB 55+ OFFERS FREE TRIAL MEMBERSHIP THROUGH FEBRUARY 9

Just in time for your New Year's resolutions, Club 55+ is offering a free trial membership through February 9, 2021.

Club 55+ is our active adults program that allows you to enjoy endless recreational opportunities for a discounted annual membership rate of only \$55 for residents and non-residents. City of Fort Lauderdale residents may also qualify for a fee reduction.

Traditionally, Club 55+ programs are offered in-person at 12 locations throughout the City. Typical programs

include art, chair yoga, golf, keenagers, line dance, mahjongg, monthly events, outings, pickleball, tennis instruction, yoga, zumba and much more.

Currently, Club 55+ offers several, live virtual programs including art, chair yoga, chess, coffee and conversation, line dance, and Zumba. If in-person classes resume during the trial period, you will have the option to attend those classes as well.

For more information about Club 55+ including how to join, visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov/club55](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/club55). 

### Locations

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Fort Lauderdale  
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#### Beach Community Center

3351 N.E. 33rd Ave.  
Fort Lauderdale, 33308  
(954) 828-4610

#### Carter Park

1450 W. Sunrise Blvd.  
Fort Lauderdale, 33311  
(954) 828-5411

#### Croissant Park

245 W. Park Drive  
Fort Lauderdale, 33315  
(954) 828-6154

#### George English

1101 Bayview Drive  
Fort Lauderdale, 33304  
(954) 828-4620

#### Holiday Park

1150 G. Harold Martin Drive  
Fort Lauderdale, 33304  
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#### Hortt Park

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## A NORTH BEACH HIDDEN TREASURE

ICONIC AREA GETS A FACELIFT

**T**here are many fabulous places to visit in Fort Lauderdale, but one that some may not think about is the North Beach Restaurants and Shoppes located north of Oakland Park Boulevard between the Intracoastal Waterway and A1A.

This hidden treasure has so much to offer whether you are looking for a bite to eat, to grab a drink with friends, listen to some music, get your haircut or do some shopping, the North Beach Restaurants and Shoppes has something for you. Now this iconic area is getting a facelift with new parking lot and streetscape improvements.

Starting this summer, the Parking Division of City's Transportation & Mobility Department began making safety and beautification improvements along Northeast 32nd Street and Northeast 33rd Street between Northeast 33rd Avenue and A1A that will enhance the area and improve walkability.

Some of the improvements that will be completed include:

- Improving the sidewalks on both sides of the street to create a more walkable environment,
- Adding new street markings and signage to create better wayfinding and traffic control,
- Adding Infrastructure to support outdoor events such as electrical outlets,
- Upgrading the lighting in the area with LED fixtures to be more sustainable and adding new decorative pedestrian lights to match the character of the area, and
- Improving the parking areas through repaving and updates.

Landscaping is an important part of this project to enhance this hidden treasure of a district. Significant native hardwood canopy trees will be installed which will provide ample shade once established. In addition, innovative use of soil suspension systems (Silva Cells) are being installed in order to avoid damage to new infrastructure and curbs from the replacement canopy trees.

This \$1.5 million project is expected to be mostly complete by the end of December in time to ring in the New Year with a new look. Although construction has been in full force since this summer, businesses are open and accessible for our all Fort Lauderdale neighbors and guests to enjoy. If you haven't checked out this hidden treasure, or just not recently, be sure to visit now and once the improvements are completed.

And you can get these by whichever travel mode you prefer since the many recent and in-the-works projects will provide safer connections for walking and biking to the district.

The A1A Greenway project north of Oakland Park Blvd added a great space on the east side of A1A to walk along with bike lanes. Additionally, there are several projects that will create multimodal facilities that will link to Oakland Park Boulevard to create safer paths in the works including along NE 32nd Street providing a parallel bike route to Oakland Park Blvd which will then connect to the bike lanes on Bayview Drive north to Commercial Boulevard and south to Sunrise Boulevard.


The City continues to work with partners to fill the gaps to create a multimodal network that allows residents and visitors to choose whichever mode they would like to get to the great hidden treasures across the city. 



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## OVERHAULING A DECADES-OLD PROCESS

PROVIDING DIVERSE ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS



The Broward County Cultural Division is the largest investor in the arts and culture sector in Broward County, focusing on the investment of public funds to support and grow local cultural infrastructure. The Division itself dates back to 1976 when the County Commission formed the Cultural Affairs Council (now the Broward Cultural Council), even writing its existence into an amended County Charter. Since then, a lot has changed, and the Division has grown in size and scope, providing nearly \$5 million each year in grants to cultural organizations to support arts programming, general operations, and capital infrastructure improvements.

The Division and Council work hand in hand to advance the County Commission's goal to "provide diverse artistic, cultural, educational, and historical amenities and programs that contribute to a vibrant, multi-cultural, and economically viable community." While overall arts funding in Broward remains at 40 percent of pre-2009 recession levels, the Commission's investment remains significant, having approved the allocation of nearly \$54 million dollars in grants to organizations in the last 15 years alone. And with County Mayor Steve Geller's leadership, we have been able to increase

the Division's overall grants budget by more than 20 percent in the last two years.

While this investment has been a significant and intentional effort by the County, the process through which these funds are awarded has, in recent years, become outdated and cumbersome, and has not kept pace with the trends in our field and the current needs of our arts community. Since I arrived in Broward, I have been focused on an effort to overhaul this decades-old process, with the goal of creating greater access, equity, and transparency within our grants' programs.


This initiative has been quite complex and included a significant amount of data analysis, multiple focus groups, numerous phone interviews, public meetings, workshops, lawyers and auditors over the last 16 months, and we are on track to announce a completely new grant program later in December. In addition to the previously mentioned goals, this new process will be simpler, more targeted, and involve less paperwork for both applicants and Division staff. We are confident that these new revisions will allow the Division to continue to invest public funds in support of the arts and cultural sector in a way that provides a path for growth and increased investment for years to come. 

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Examples of organizations the Broward County Cultural Division invests in.





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## THE RACIAL EQUITY AGENDA

BLACK LIVES AND THEIR BUSINESSES MATTER

**R**acial diversity may be good for business, but too often it rings hollow within the business community, which has largely abdicated its responsibilities to help develop marginalized sectors of commerce, particularly Black businesses. In light of the police murder of George Floyd, and the nation's massive and visceral reaction to it, it is time for business leaders to stop bemoaning the problems within the Black community and become part of the solution.

The Black community and its many viable businesses need help, are looking for a business environment that is fair and equitable, and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce is doing its part to help transform a deserving principle into an ongoing practice by initiating its Racial Equity Agenda. We want to create and collaborate with other community leaders and organizations' initiatives to assist Black-owned businesses become and remain viable, while equipping our chamber members and other business owners with the tools to deliver racial bias training programs and mentoring opportunities to foster overall improvements in the workplace for all employees.


The task may sound daunting, and some might wonder why the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce is taking on this role? The answer is simple. South Florida is an exciting place for Black businesses. It was named the nation's 10th best place for Black business owners, according to a study from Nerd/Wallet, a personal finance

company. Our region fared well because it has a higher percentage of Black-owned businesses than many of the other metro areas involved in the study. Black businesses in the region have also benefited from support of local chambers of commerce. Given our community's rich cultural and racial diversity and the potential of minority owned businesses, the benefits are obvious.

Moving forward, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with several prominent organizations like Broward College, the Community Foundation of Broward County, the Urban League of Broward County and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, will identify Black business and community leaders and invite them to join our board members in focus groups designed to develop better pathways to success for Black-owned businesses through mentorship and initiatives to encourage their participation in government procurement programs. We will also work to discourage any legislation that hurts business by hindering diverse talent from relocating into our region.

The chamber also wants to step outside of the normal business lane to advocate and increase support for implicit racial bias training for law enforcement and assist in rebuilding trust between law enforcement and local communities. We also will push for partnerships between chamber members and local business owners to foster job opportunities for former incarcerated individuals and to continue to remove barriers to affordable, workforce housing, an impediment to those employers put off by high housing prices for their employees.

In an increasingly competitive economy, the business community can no longer abdicate its role to other individuals and organizations. As a chamber, we must protect and support Black businesses if we are indeed serious about the overall health of our local business sector. Fortunately, the Greater Fort Lauderdale community has the resources to do just that.

Diversity remains a concept that makes our region, the nation's 12th largest economy, not just unique but powerful. Through this new initiative, the chamber will help build a more dynamic relationship with Black businesses to benefit our community and expand our economy. 







## SMILING FROM EAR TO EAR

MEET THE DENTIST WHO COMBINES DENTISTRY WITH SPA RELAXATION

For many, going to the dentist can be a nerve wracking and sometimes even terrifying experience. It's estimated that as many as 60 percent of adults have some level of fear surrounding going to the dentist. Between all the whirring and drilling metal tools and the often cold and clinical office environment, it's no wonder so many adults put off their annual dental visit as long as possible.

So, for dental practitioners like Dr. April Patterson, it was important to her to create an environment where everyone could feel not only safe but comfortable while taking care of their oral health.

Dr. Patterson, best known by her patients as Dr. Patty, opened her Fort Lauderdale dental practice in 2012 with the mission to create the ultimate pampering experience based on the principles of "relaxation" dentistry. This resulted in the chic, client-focused, comfort-conscious Dr. Patty's Dental Boutique, which offers its patients all the traditional dental and oral cosmetic procedures such as teeth cleanings, fillings, teeth whitening, crowns, veneers and more in a relaxing environment that can calm even the biggest dentophobe.

"Most people who come in have a lot of fear about going to the dentist, so for us it's all about changing that experience for those people. It's always our top priority to make everyone as comfortable as possible," said Dr. Patty.


The comfort conscious dental boutique, which more closely resembles a five-star spa than a dental practice, aims to help patients feel anxiety-free throughout their entire visit. With multiple types of sedation services offered during procedures as well as amenities such as a complimentary hot towel service, temple massage therapy, a wine and coffee bar, and even music and movie selections, you will experience ultimate relaxation and comfort at Dr. Patty's Dental Boutique.

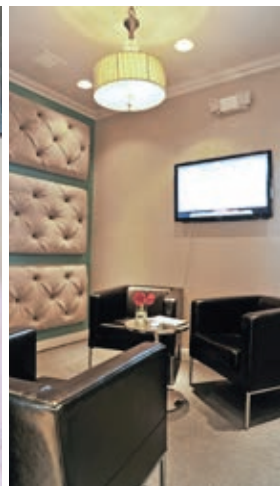
However, you can not only improve your smile at this unique practice, but also freshen up your face with aesthetic services such as Botox, fillers, facials, eyelash extensions, and eyebrow tinting.

"Being able to give my patients a newfound confidence in themselves is the reason I do what I do. So, I wanted to be able to offer them multiple services that they can get done under one roof," she said.

However, as a Black business owner, Dr. Patty has found that in recent months during the ongoing Black Lives Matter movement is when she has been able to do some of her most rewarding work for her patients.

Dr. Patty and her staff have seen an influx of new African American patients coming to her practice looking to revitalize their smiles. One patient in particular, Deshawn, decided to visit the practice after the movement started because it finally made him feel like he was worthy of a beautiful smile.

"I think it's extremely important for patients and people coming to a business to be able to see people who look like them. So, it makes me feel so good to see more people feeling comfortable to come to my practice to treat themselves to something they are more than deserving of," Dr. Patty said. 



### Small Business Stats DR. PATTY'S DENTAL BOUTIQUE

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**Number of employees:** 11

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Writer Kelly Skidmore



## NOOKS TO LOOK FOR

EXPLORE THESE SPOTS ALONG OUR WATERWAYS AND BEACHES

In a city as rich in history as Fort Lauderdale, secret treasures can certainly be found in a variety of places, including hard to find nooks and in plain sight. As expected, many of these gems are found along, in, and around our waterways.

Florida Stories, a program of the Florida Humanities Council, offers unique walking tours of Fort Lauderdale, as well as more than 30 other sites around the state. By downloading a GPS enabled app that includes audio narration and photos, visitors can delve into the history, culture and architecture of this favorite city. The tour begins at the banks of the New River and includes 12 stops, including the historic New River Inn and King/Cromartie House.

Secret Woods is a 57-acre Urban Wilderness Area nestled among the boatyards on Marina Mile. Broward County's first nature center comprises an inland freshwater cypress/maple wetland, a pond apple and mangrove community along the river, and a laurel oak hammock farther inland, with a hidden boardwalk trail through the mangrove forest to the New River observation deck.

Lauderdale Marina, which in 1948 was the site of a closed, highly secret research station for submarine torpedoes of World War II, now houses the 15th Street Fisheries legendary waterfront restaurant, offers impressive

Intracoastal waterway views, and includes a top attraction - feeding giant tarpon from the marina's docks.

Tucked inside Fort Lauderdale's Hugh Taylor Birch State Park, Park & Ocean is a restaurant and garden that sits amid a shady grove on the southeast side of the park along famous A1A, featuring oceanfront seating and views. In addition to Caribbean and southern influenced "farm-to-table" menu items, visitors can also choose to jet ski, kayak, rent bicycles, paddleboards, pedal boats, and participate in full moon and sunset kayak tours.

The Hillsboro Lighthouse is open for tours one day each month. On tour days, guests can reach the lighthouse by boat after a brief sail along the Intracoastal Waterway. On non-tour days, the best place to view the lighthouse is at Hillsboro Inlet Park on A1A. The Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society preserves and maintains the lighthouse and its grounds for the safety of mariners and for the public and future generations to enjoy.

Located approximately one mile southeast of Hillsboro Inlet at Ship Wreck Park in nearby Pompano Beach, in approximately 126 feet of water, sits the Lady Luck, a 324-foot long, 50-foot wide tanker that rises to nearly 60 feet from the surface at her mast. The Lady Luck logo is visible on each side of her stack, welcoming divers to the world's

first underwater casino. Artist Dennis McDonald created a larger than life size casino on the deck with octopi dealers, slot machines, and card sharks. Bring an underwater camera to capture the moment.

A little farther north, Spinner the Sea Cam is the Deerfield Beach Pier underwater camera located at the bottom of the ocean. Tune in to catch a glimpse of everything from parrotfish to sharks or even playful sea turtles. During the winter months, you might even see jellyfish bouncing around the neighborhood. DFB Blue asks viewers delighting in the sea life images to remember to keep the ocean and its creatures free of plastics and other harmful materials.


Whether it's a lighthouse 135 feet above sea level or video views from the ocean floor, these spectacular secret treasures are all worth sharing. 



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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](mailto:martykiar@bcpa.net). 



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# FORT LAUDERDALE TREASURES

TAKE TIME TO GET OUT AND EXPLORE OUR BIG BACK YARD

**WRITER** GO RIVERWALK STAFF

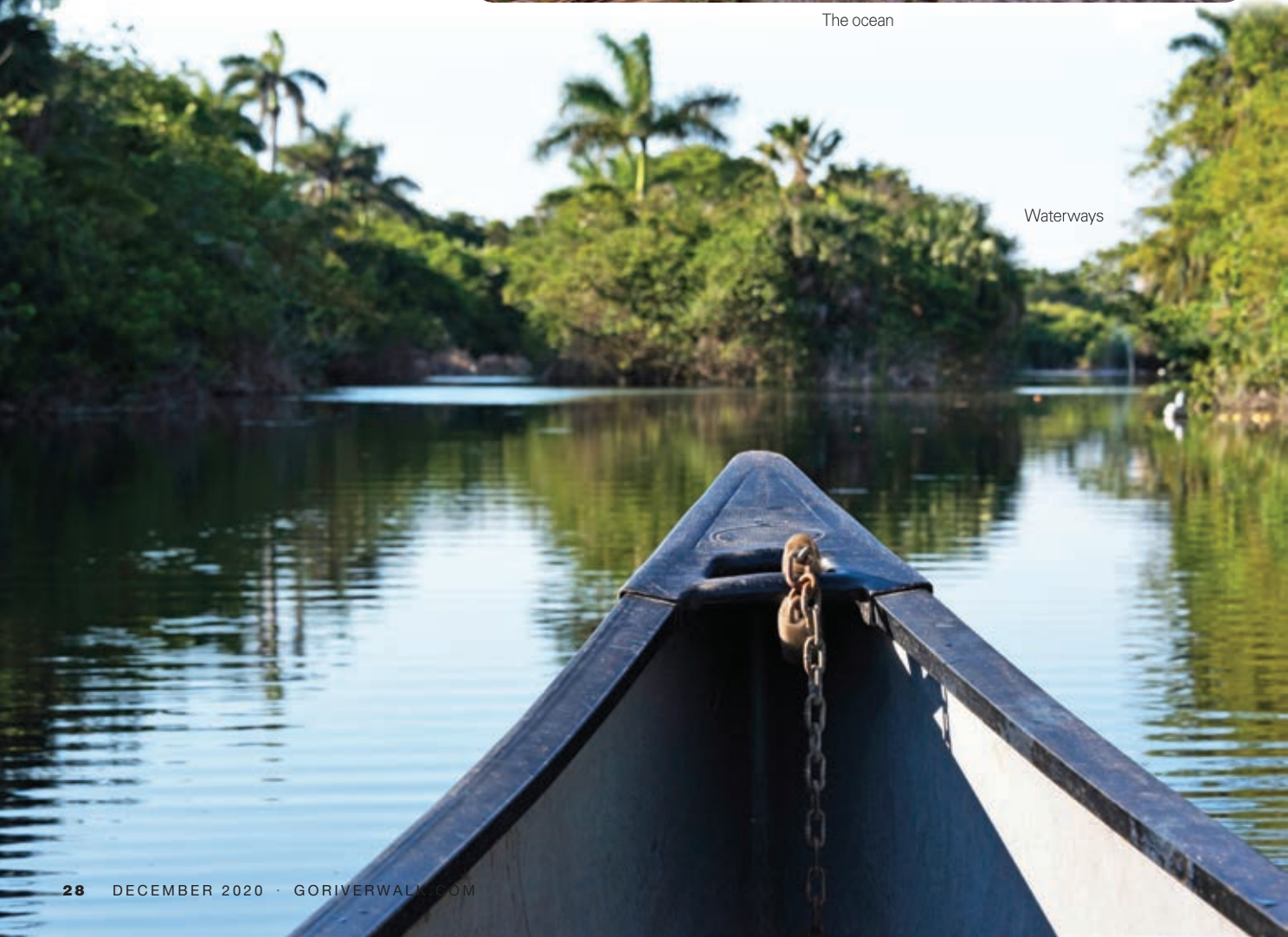
It's been a strange year — no one can deny that. So take some time for yourself to decompress as we head into 2021. Get out and explore some treasured spots in Fort Lauderdale.

Even though Thanksgiving has passed, take a moment to reflect on what you have to be thankful for. Gaze at the lights bouncing off the New River from the holiday displays or walk down a nature path. Bonus: It's safer outside.

Here are a few of our favorite Fort Lauderdale treasures. [GO](#)



The ocean



Waterways





The Bonnet House



Nature path





The beach



The Riverwalk



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# WINTERFEST 2020

LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE THIS YEAR, WINTERFEST PLANS AND SIGNATURE POSTER WENT THROUGH CHANGES

WRITER LYNN STOCK



## WINTERFEST EVENTS

Mark your calendar for the first airing

**WINTERFEST'S HOLIDAY TELEVISION SPECIAL**

10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 19 | WSVN Channel 7

**SANTA SIGHTINGS and SPREAD THE CHEER WATER TAXI**

*For more details on Winterfest events, go to  
WinterfestParade.com*

For the first time in 49 years, the holiday decorated boats will not parade on the New River — but Winterfest has found a way to reinvent itself.

“Obviously, we’re not doing the parade, but we are doing a retrospective television show and it is a culmination of all the highlights in the past 49 year,” said Lisa Scott-Found, president and CEO of Winterfest Inc.

Another highlight this year is a virtual holiday decorating contest. Winterfest invites Florida residents to submit photos of their decorated home, balcony, condo, dock, boats or room — and even pets. Voting will be held daily until Jan. 5. On social media, use #winterfestdecor. Go to [www.winterfestparade.com](http://www.winterfestparade.com) for more details.

“Really, Winterfest is here to bring holiday happiness and cheer, and our theme this year is Home for the Holidays,” Scott-Found said.

The change in tack has given the Winterfest organization a chance to spend more plans on its 50th anniversary in 2021. Stay tuned!

## Nick Scalzo, the artist

Go Riverwalk’s very own designer, Nick Scalzo, created this year’s Winterfest poster.

An adaptable artist, Scalzo had already designed two other posters based on themes bandied about for 2020. But then Covid hit, and Winterfest, the organization, like everyone else, had to adjust their sails.

In September, Winterfest set the new theme, “Home for the Holidays,” and Scalzo knocked out a new poster, the cover you see on this issue of Go Riverwalk, in one weekend.

He has been designing Go Riverwalk magazine since 2016, and is partner in S.MARK Graphics with his husband, Mark Budwig, publisher of Go Riverwalk magazine.

We chatted with Scalzo a bit about his background:

**I don't know much about you as an artist. Tell me your story.**

Actually, I have a degree in theater. And I've always been doing art. My campus job was in the publicity office of the theater department. I would do the posters for the shows and any ads or outgoing material that went to the public regarding any given production that went up. After I graduated, in 1981 in Chicago, I was working at a theater but I was also freelancing as a graphic artist and doing posters for many of the shows being produced around the city. After I met Mark, we went into business together and branched out into many industries, while still doing a lot of posters for the theater. Then we relocated to Fort Lauderdale and moved the business with us. So, I guess that brings us to where we are now.

**Do you ever draw or paint just for fun?**


What I do is fun. It's my life. I guess I'm very lucky to be able to do something I enjoy for a living. 



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# WINTERFEST BOAT PARADE

# Home for the Holidays 2020



## CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH WINTERFEST

### SANTA SIGHTINGS

**NOVEMBER 27 – DECEMBER 12:** Be a Part of all the excitement as Winterfest captures Santa on a vacation in Greater Fort Lauderdale. Santa at the Beach, on the Water and throughout the community.

**DECEMBER 5:** Storytime with Santa "Twas the Night Before Christmas"

Enjoy a virtual Santa Storytime Experience presented by Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. Santa will be reading to families all over the world via Zoom and Social Media Platforms from Stranahan House in Fort Lauderdale. The first 100 families that register will receive the book compliments of UBS Financial Services – The Garvin Financial Team

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**DECEMBER:** Enjoy the holiday lights on board the decorated Water Taxi to spread cheer.

Special Santa Sailing on **DECEMBER 12**

### WINTERFEST FLASHBACKS

**NOW – DECEMBER 12:** Follow Winterfest on Social Media and enjoy Friday Flashbacks brought to you by UKG (Ultimate Kronos Group)

### CONTESTS

**NOW – JANUARY:** Let's start decorating! Share the holiday cheer by uploading photos of your decorated homes, docks, balconies, rooms, boats, trees, pets, etc. Winners will receive gift cards and other great prizes. Special "Griswold" Award from the Broward, Palm Beaches & St. Lucie Realtors®

### HOLIDAY SHOPPING

**NOW – DECEMBER 5:** Enjoy Shopping from the comfort of your cozy couch with the Winterfest Online Auction presented by Fidelity Investments– Over 250 deals. Register Today: [winterfest.home.qtego.net](http://winterfest.home.qtego.net)

### THE WINTERFEST FOUNDATION

To learn more about The Winterfest Foundation events Jr. Captain Contest powered by FPL and Student Art Contest, visit [winterfestfoundation.org](http://winterfestfoundation.org)

### WINTERFEST TELEVISION SPECIAL STARTING DECEMBER 19

Take a trip down Memory Lane as WSVN CHANNEL 7 airs a retrospective of 49 years.

### SANTA TRACKING APP and MAILBOXES

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# THE ACCIDENTAL VEGETARIAN

CHOICES ABOUND IF YOU WANT TO VEG OUT WHILE GOING MEATLESS

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

As the pandemic continues to challenge the restaurant world, lots of “new to the kitchen” home cooks are learning the art of cooking – and perhaps having a much fuller appreciation for those whose profession is food service. In the early days of 2020 when toilet paper, soap and eggs were eagerly snapped up by consumers, there was an increasing interest in meatless meals as fears of shortages led many to re-examine the American “dinner.”

Of course, it’s not new. Most of the ex-hippies I know dabbled in vegetarianism. Tofu was spoken of jokingly in popular culture, maybe eaten in an Oriental restaurant but not as available in the mainstream as it is now – where even non-specialty grocery stores carry soft, firm and extra firm tofu, both in water and vacuum packed, tofu dogs, and soy cheeses plus the latest “meats” that look, feel and cook like the real thing.

With the holidays, the pricy “tofurky” (yep, it really is what it sounds like) reappears in the specialty markets. The giant British food chain Tesco recently partnered with the World Wildlife Federation and has made a corporate commitment to increase their non-meat sales by 300 percent.

So, forward to Fort Lauderdale. The question of meatless dining isn’t so much who can provide it, as to what you like. The culture of many countries has always included tasty items with no meat, doubtless developed over centuries when the common folk had no regular (or any) access to meat.

Most good Italian restaurants can provide a meatless pasta dish without any instructions about leaving out a meat item. And the relatively short stretch of Las Olas Boulevard — during any given season — has many very fine examples of ethnic themes. One, Louie Bossie (Italian), has a patio for dining worth the trip alone. But the selection of meatless pasta, risotto, pizza and imported cheese will make you wonder why you thought you needed anything else anyway.

Asian cuisine is as vast as the continent itself. Bombay Darbar (also on Las Olas) takes you to the Indian subcontinent where large swaths of the population do not eat meat, many for religious purposes. But I defy anyone to notice it’s missing in the fully flavored curries served there. Almost any neighborhood Chinese takeout can give you a bewildering array of stir-fried veggies, noodles and rice without a speck of meat.







On the far end of Las Olas, near the Broward Center, is The Chimney House – a Latin fusion restaurant that has actually has grilled tempeh on the menu year-round. And any taco place in town can easily accommodate someone avoiding meat.

Even the fast food chains have entered the fray. Burger King features an Impossible Whopper, while White Castle has Veggie Sliders. The only problem of course with a grilled “burger” is whether they have a separate grill for meat vs. non-meat. While this would not upset a carnivore who dabbles in vegetarianism, it would cause a problem for the truly committed.

But as you can see, it’s easier than ever to dine out with your friends who have dietary preferences, and have no worries or forethought about the destination – except who’s going to pick up the check! 🍷





# COCKTAILING HERE AND NOW IN TODAY'S WORLD

INTRIGUINGLY CRAFTED COCKTAILS TO GET YOU IN THE SPIRIT

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

I'm back to carefully visiting some of my favorite bars and bartenders. On one of my neighborhood walks, I ventured into a new space aptly named Here & Now. From my first visit, I felt connected. When I found out that one of my favorite industry friends created the bar program, I was intrigued. Here & Now can best be described as a tapas restaurant and cocktail bar. Their dishes are an innovative fusion of flavors from around the world with a rotating cocktail list to match.



Quinn Moore



Owner Noel Rodríguez in the back, Quinn Moore beverage director and executive chef Sergio Velázquez

## THE INTERVIEW

### MEET QUINN MOORE

Known for her endless creativity and ability to think outside the box, Quinn has created an intriguing new cocktail menu for those of us who love the art of craft. With 11 years of experience, her knowledge of spirits and the industry make Here & Now one place you will not want to miss.

**Your Motto:** My motto in life is to leave the world a better place than you found it. As unrelated as it may seem, I think that's part of what made me fall in love with hospitality — the ability to create these small perfect moments in people's lives. I've always believed that there's nothing that bonds people quite like a great meal, I've always said I wanted to be a part of their good and bad days, celebrations, pick me ups, you name it.

**Your go-to drink:** This is really tough because it is completely based on my mood on that particular day! My all-time favorite drink is an Old Fashioned but I'm also really into G&T's lately.

**Share a bit of background about how this new concept came into existence:** I can't take credit for any of the amazing conceptualizing of Here & Now, only for the current beverage program, which I am very proud of. I will say, the very first day I came to pitch for their business when I was in sales I was struck by the feeling, the energy of the business and the vibe they

were looking to create. The owner Noel created the concept built on wanting to be the elevated neighborhood "spot" — somewhere you could have a great meal and delicious drinks and really feel like you're family. That is my favorite thing about the hospitality industry so it felt like the perfect fit and my dream work family.

**What's the best cocktail you've tasted this year?** This is a tough one. Every time I go somewhere new I like to try a really funky cocktail. I love to experiment and test flavors you wouldn't normally expect. This is so simple but the first thing that comes to mind is something I enjoyed while visiting Chicago for my birthday in January. I went to renowned chef Grant Achatz's speakeasy, The Office. There I had a drink that was poured out of something from an old school apothecary and was so simple, equal parts yellow and green chartreuse. It was a revelation.

**Must have Ingredients:** I love to cook and build drinks as seasonally as possible. Honeydew is a fun fruit that I think is way underutilized. I love guava, so that's a big favorite. Spirit-wise, Mezcal is one that I'm really excited to see take off, and a great bourbon or Reposado tequila is definitely the way to my heart.

**What's the biggest risk you've ever taken?** To walk away from sales, which is stressful but generally more cushy, to go back into



the bar/ restaurant side and to start my business as a restaurant consultant and caterer.

**Who are your role models or mentors?** In business I am inspired by Danny Meyer. He is my ultimate hospitality role model. If you read this and you're looking for a mentee, give ya girl a call, Danny! In truth, his belief in always putting your staff first, in business and in hospitality as a whole, it's inspiring.

**You are inspired by:** Creatively, I am most inspired by Grant Achatz, the way he thinks of food with no bounds inspires me everyday; if you ever need a creative boost, no matter your field, watch his episode of Chef's table and thank me later.

**What's the best book you've read this year?** Setting the Table by Danny Meyer is one I go back to again and again, Cocktail codex was a really solid book that brings you back to basics but in the way that only the Death & co crew can do, really want to get my hands on the Aviary cocktail book next, it's really a stunning piece of literature.

**What does success look like for you?** Success for me is not about the dollar amount that I take home every day, although to live comfortably is of course always the goal; it's deeper than that. Success for me is rooted in the feeling I have when I wake up every day, am I fulfilled professionally and creatively, am I challenging myself every day and I have surrounded myself with people who will challenge me to always improve. Happiness, that's success to me.

**What is your essential bar accessory?** It has to be my pineapple bar spoon from Cocktail Kingdom; love that little guy.

**What music complements your drinking style?** Oh, this is a tough one! My happiest bar moments are always when some late 90's, early 2000's hip hop comes on, so I'm going to have to go with that!

**This time next year you'll be drinking ...** Bourbon, definitely. I personally find it to be a year-round beverage but especially during the Fall season which is my favorite time of year by far.

**What's the cocktail trend that's going to move us forward in 2021?** Tequila is booming and isn't showing any signs of slowing down any time soon, I think that trend will continue and we will see people being willing to try other Agave spirits because of it, it's a beautiful plant that makes so many great and funky spirits, I'm excited to watch it get its time in the sun.

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## THE COCKTAILS

### "Is Butter a Carb?"

For this cocktail, I roast butternut squash and then infuse it in 1792 Small Batch bourbon for five days. After that, I brown butter fat and wash the bourbon. The sweetening aspect is Giffard Vanilla de Madagascar, which is a beautifully made liqueur. It then gets Angostura Bitters and Orange bitters and an expressed orange twist.



### Let's Get Gin-ny Wit It

This is an elevated Spanish-style G&T which I'm super into right now. I make this with the unique Whitley Neill Rhubarb Ginger Gin (which is amazing), Giffard Orgeat, a little lemon juice and Fever Tree aromatic tonic. We smoke the glass with rosemary and then garnish the cocktail with torched rosemary. It seriously tastes like candy.



### What The F\*\*\* Is Cachaca

This drink is one of my favorites on the menu and utilizes a great spirit that doesn't get nearly enough play, Cachaca. We make this drink using Plantation three-year blonde rum, Avua Amburana Cachaca, which is an aged Cachaca, guava nectar, lime juice and simple syrup. So refreshing and aesthetically pleasing if I do say so myself.



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### Breakfast in Bed: 2020 Breakfast for Champions of the Homeless

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### Holiday Cooking Party

December 8  
Virtual holiday cooking demonstration by  
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### Winterfest Viewing Party

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