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- Lori Adelson

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JUST LISTED ASHLEY | \$1,495,000

3 BEDROOM 3.5 BATH

Perched above it all! This high floor Ashley South model is beautifully upgraded with marble stone floors throughout, custom moldings, stone accent walls, coffered ceilings, gourmet kitchen, built in executive office, expansive terraces w/ 270 degree views encompassing the ocean, intracoastal, river & downtown skyline.

JUST SOLD! ASHLEY

3 BEDROOM 3.5 BATH

Offered exquisitely furnished & decorated, featuring upgraded marble flooring, chandeliers, gourmet kitchen with high end appliances. Beautifully appointed master with custom closet, marble baths, jacuzzi tub & dual vanities. Turn key!

ASHLEY | \$1,075,000

3 BEDROOM 3.5 BATH

Magnificent views of the New River. Expansive open floor plan. Foyer entry, powder room, stone floors throughout, 2 large terraces, top of the line appliances. Floor/ceiling impact windows and motorized sun shades.

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BRADFORD | \$875,000

2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

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2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

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3 BEDROOM 3.5 BATH

Prestine Park Model with stunning views of the river & custom interiors by Steven G. featuring marble floors with inlays, customized lighting, motorized window treatments, built-wet bar, 4 terraces off bedrooms & living areas.

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GRAMERCY

2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH

Exquisitely decorated Gramercy model with elegant finishes & amazing river & city views. Renovated kitchen & bathrooms, beautiful light fixtures, motorized shades, two terraces & so much more.

COLUMBUS | \$865,000

2 BEDROOM + DEN 3 BATH

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

LEXINGTON | \$829,000

2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH

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

LEXINGTON | \$824,000

2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH

Marble & hardwood floors, split bedroom plan w/ flow through design & 2 balconies w/ fabulous river/pool/ocean views. Private elevator entry.



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2 BEDROOM+DEN | 3 BATH | \$1,599,000

Brand new luxurious unit with 14 ft. ceilings! Over 1800 sq. ft. of wrap around terrace overlooking the river, park, pool & city. Porcelain flooring throughout. The master suite features 2 walk-in closets & a luxuriously appointed bathroom.

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3 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$659,000

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JUST SOLD! 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

Bright & spacious unit with fantastic views of the cruise port & airport. Stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, washer & dryer, built-in closet.

2 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$305,000

Split bedroom floor plan, italian kitchen cabinets with stainless steel appliances, granite countertops & full sized washer/dryer.

2 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$299,000

Best priced 2/2 unit in the building. Corner Unit, split bedroom floor plan, beautiful kitchen with stainless steel appliances & full sized washer/dryer.



2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH | \$399,500

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

2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH | \$365,000

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

2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH | \$365,000

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

JUST 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.

1 BEDROOM | 1 BATH | \$325,000

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

1 BEDROOM | 1 BATH | \$299,000

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



RIVERSIDE | \$869,000

Unobstructed views of the ocean, intracoastal & river. Beautifully renovated customized open floor plan, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms plus den w/ large living areas.

RIVERSIDE | \$759,000

Largest 2 bedroom + den floor plan in the building! This stylish & contemporary residence features over 1600 sq. ft. Of living space plus large glass balcony offering direct river views. Floor to ceiling windows & dual master suites.

JUST SOLD!

SEAVIEW

High floor 3 bedroom - 2 bathroom end unit with panoramic views of the new river, ocean, city & sunsets. 2 balconies with east/west exposure.

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STARDUST

Totally renovated & impeccably maintained 2 bedroom 2 bathroom Stardust model offering fabulous direct river, ocean & city views from every room.

STARDUST | \$459,000

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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 | \$429,000

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SKYVIEW

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.



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

Rarely available Ocean Front Opportunity! This luxury 28th floor residence in Point of Americas II is a flow through unit with outstanding direct ocean views stretching along the wide coast line from the Hillsboro Beach Light house to Glistening South Beach & Miami. Redesigned & modernized w/ fine fixtures.



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LOCAL ICONIC BUSINESSES WITHSTANDING THE TEST OF TIME FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS

We have seen many local businesses come and go over the last 25-plus+ years, but there are a few that remained steadfast and continue to improve with age.

The Riverside Hotel

I first think of the “crown jewel” of Fort Lauderdale – built on what was created as Las Olas Boulevard in 1935. This building was constructed by the founders of The Las Olas Company, Preston and John Wells. They were assisted by Champ Carr, a local resident who became the hotel’s namesake; Hotel Champ Carr. In 1945, Champ Carr stepped down as the general manager and the hotel was renamed The Riverside Hotel. The Riverside Hotel is located in the center of the now bustling Las Olas Boulevard.

Anthony’s Runway 84

If you haven’t visited yet, Anthony’s Runway 84 should be added to your list. Established in 1982, this landmark restaurant was opened by Anthony Bruno (Andy) and his son, Anthony Bruno. The father and son duo brought authentic New York Italian fare to Fort Lauderdale. In 2002, son Anthony Bruno unveiled the first Anthony’s Coal Fired Pizza in Fort Lauderdale. The New York coal-oven pizza concept has now grown to over 60 restaurants across the United States.

Lago Mar Beach Resort & Club

Another landmark family owned business that is renowned as one of the best Luxury Beachfront Resorts in Fort Lauderdale is Lago Mar Beach Resort & Club. Founded by Sidney Banks, an accomplished hotelier in 1960, Lago Mar expanded and updated the resort considerably since and has achieved many awards, such as, the Condé Nast Gold List Edition of World’s Best Places to Stay and has been awarded the AAA Four Diamond Award every year since 2001.

Walter Banks, his daughter Debbie, and son Lee now make up the second and third generation of the Banks family who are still personally involved in resort operations.

Mai Kai Restaurant and Polynesian Show

The most expensive restaurant built 1956, the Mai Kai Restaurant and Polynesian Show was the creation of Bob and Jack Thornton. Inspired by Don the Beachcomber’s in Chicago in the 1930s, the brothers said they wanted to create a similar entertainment venue with a tiki and beachfront concept. The restaurant is temporarily closed due to structural renovations needed from a recent flood which caused extensive water damage. We look forward to their re-opening! 🍹

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The Riverside Hotel



Anthony’s Runway 84



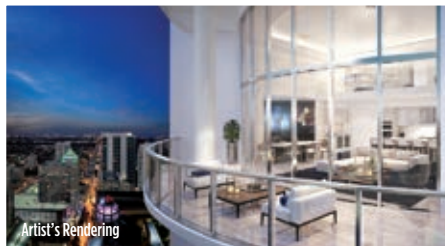
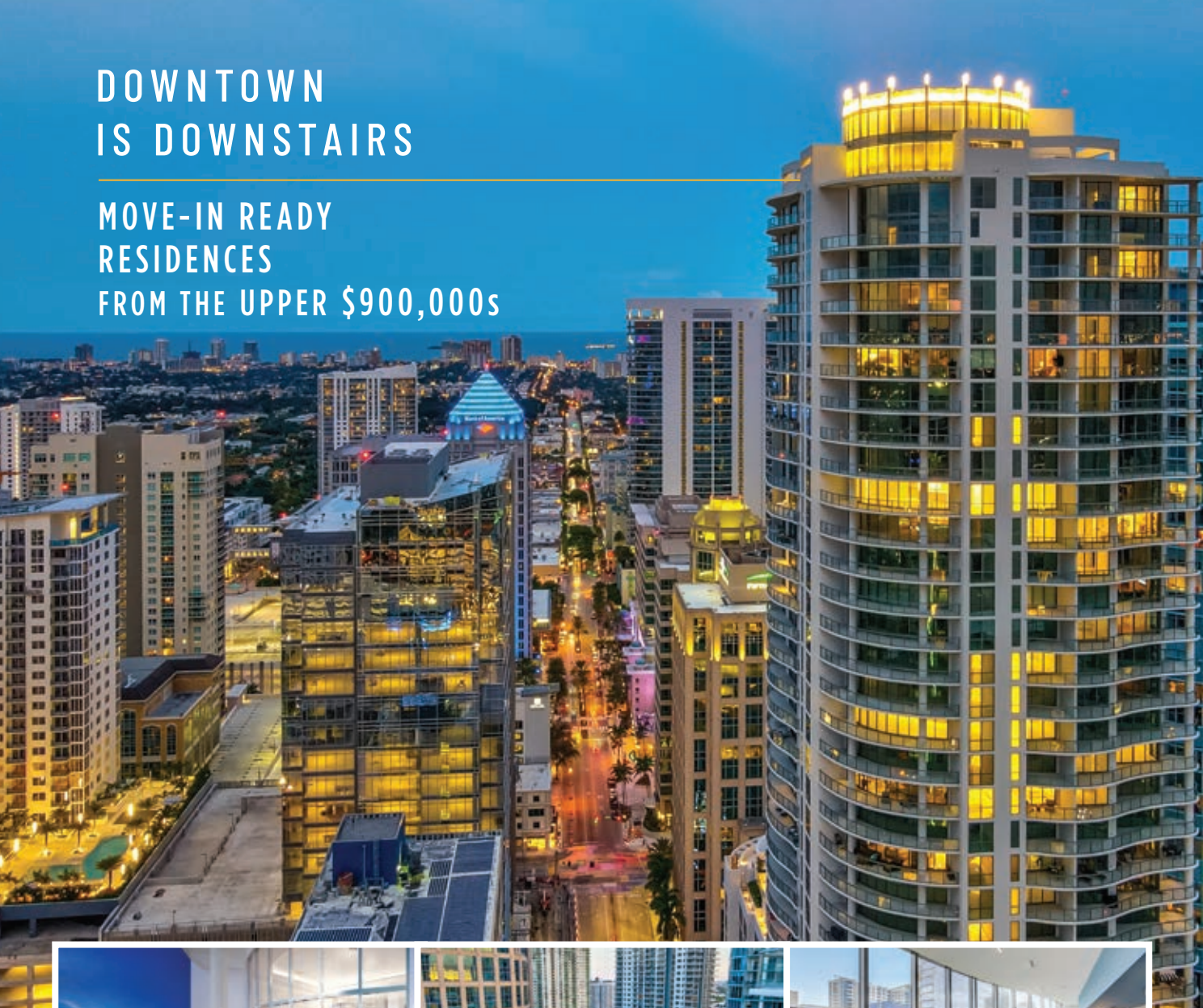
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RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR

Happy New Year!

As we enter the new year, and clearly glad to have 2020 behind us, there are still many challenges that we, as a community, will have to accept. Covid-19 has changed how we move through life. Elections from local up to national levels have changed our leadership. And overall, our lifestyles and priorities have changed. However, these challenges and changes do not define us.

We are told that people have reconnected with family and friends and are treasuring the opportunity to share that experience. The holidays have been very different from years past and in many cases, quieter and with fewer family and friends gathering. Be assured that the connections to our tribes remain and are strong but it takes considerably more effort to be connected. Communication through the various online ways, by phone and by mail have reminded us that it is important to initiate and make those connections. The art of letter writing and great stationery have created new kinds of memories and keepsakes.

Having said that, many things remain the same.

For those who have daily jobs,

- Work continues in a variety of forms either from home or in office.
- Meetings continue, either through an on-line approach or in-person.
- Gatherings occur, mostly preferred to be outside and clearly safe distanced.

For those who are not employed or are retired, the

change of pace and the outside connections have slowed down in the need to be safe. However, many are relishing their personal time and time with family.

Personal entertainment has taken on a new perspective through binge watching TV shows and movies to online competitions of games with others. Exercise has assumed a more popular role as it encourages you to get outside to walk, bike or run. We interact at a distance and speak through masks but the connections remain. I would bet that some pets are being walked twice the usual number of times and are thrilled to have their humans home or nearby.

Public events have been curtailed since last March and each time we believe that the numbers are down and there is opportunity to go back to some of the smaller events, there is yet another spike in positive cases. One day, those things will return, but for now, safety is the first order of business.

For charities like Riverwalk, and the other nearly 300 in Broward County, that augment their operating budget through major events and fundraising opportunities, this has been an extremely difficult and humbling time. We have all tried to pivot and find other options to stay afloat and still deliver the mission of the organization. We have all learned how to do virtual events to engage our members and the public and to help drive business to our other partners. We continue to look for new and different ways to assist the public and oversee the roles we have.

Participation is appreciated along with donations to assure that these charities are still functioning when this crisis has passed. Take a minute and give suggestions for unique ways to fund raise, host an event and to continue the mission of the organization. Creativity is the key for all!

Riverwalk, hosted by Tarpon River Brewing, will be presenting, Riverwalk Voice – the second in a series of Levitt Loves Lauderdale — as we look for local talent to compete for the title. We are hopeful that we will host two additional events in this music series to help keep the public engaged, give local talent the opportunity to be showcased in a safe environment and to provide a little fun and entertainment!


If you are a willing vocalist, send us your audition tape or call our office and interview for a spot for the challenge. Included in the magazine is a flyer giving the details of the event scheduled for Jan. 9, 2021. Get your ticket, join us for some fun, and pick the winner of this series! 



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Originally from Philadelphia, I came to Fort Lauderdale at a very young age after my father retired from the police force and joined the Broward County Sheriff's Office. Growing up I was driven by a desire to help others around me and this compassion led me to the love of language (fluent in Spanish, Italian, English with proficiency in French and Portuguese), world-wide travel, and what would become a lifelong passionate pursuit of active involvement in local and national organizations dear to my heart.

My desire to help others transcended into my professional aspirations and led me to obtaining a Juris Doctor degree of law from our very own Nova Southeastern University School of Law.

I have had a successful career practicing in all areas of law for more than 30 years. Currently I am the founding partner of The Finizio Law Group, a family firm established in 1988 with the focus of helping families on a wide array of civil matters with a concentration in catastrophic injuries and accidents. Located in Downtown Fort Lauderdale and together with my partners Elizabeth Finizio and Santino Finizio, we have a combined experience of 50 years of practice in civil litigations worldwide. We represent the interests of our clients in the courtroom, the boardroom and in mediations and arbitrations throughout the United States, Europe, Latin America and South America.

I joined Riverwalk because I believe in the mission of the Riverwalk organization, the importance of participation in the community and the development of downtown Fort Lauderdale.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

STEPHANIE TOOTHAKER

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I am a native of Fort Lauderdale, so I take great pleasure in focusing on making my hometown the best it can be. I am proud to have been a partner in some of the most prestigious law firms around, but in July of 2019 I launched my own boutique firm — Toothaker.org. We strive to lead the way on innovation for development, startups and lifestyle here in South Florida.

I am a Martindale Hubbell AV rated attorney, SuperLawyer and a Florida Trend Legal Elite. While I have been blessed that my practice has earned a national reputation, I always save my best work for Fort Lauderdale. I like to think there is always a solution and I strive to find a way to bring people together, embracing the diversity of our community.

Recently, I have been focused on laying the groundwork for landmark development in and around the city's center and the Riverwalk corridor. I have participated in the re-write of the City's development code and Downtown masterplan and encouraged streamlining and transparency, while allowing new latitude for exceptional design. I am honored to represent David Beckham's Inter Miami, the Kushner Companies, Kolter, and Tavistock, to name a few and the exciting new vision of Jeff John and Gene Pressman (of Barney's New York fame).

I am proud to support the Riverwalk because a vibrant downtown is vital for a sustainable 21st Century Fort Lauderdale. Walkability, diversity and excitement are hallmarks of the Riverwalk vision and experience, and I love being a part of it all.

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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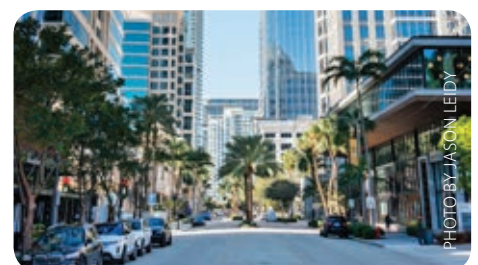
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Taking steps to control and eradicate the virus in 2021 creates opportunities to move our City forward and build back a stronger economy than ever. As we plan to kick start local businesses and return to normalcy, we need to continue to diligently wear masks, wash hands often, maintain social distancing, and follow health and safety guidelines until the medical professionals let us know we are in the clear. Vigilance and proper planning will ensure that every neighborhood in the City can find a path forward towards a greater prosperity.

Covid Assistance Roundup

Without question, every resident and business across our City was impacted by Covid this past year. City staff and our partners acted swiftly to set up testing centers, provide food distributions, and housing and business assistance across Fort Lauderdale and our County. Thank you to our staff, partners and volunteers who have worked to help our neighbors

and businesses. I would be remiss not to offer a special thanks to the first responders, doctors, nurses and technicians who have sacrificed so much this year, coming face-to-face with the virus on a day-to-day basis.

The efforts of the last year include*:

- **114,000+ Covid-19 tests** administered at Holiday and Mills Pond Parks
- **33-plus weeks of Thursday Food Distributions** at Mills Pond Park totaling more than **28,500 grocery kits**
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- **\$13 million-plus in Cares Act Funding** was allocated to Fort Lauderdale as a subrecipient from Broward County

*Numbers as of November/December 2020

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Planning for the Future – Commission Goals and Priorities

With the commencement of the new year, the Commission convenes for our annual Goal Setting and Prioritization Workshop on Friday, Jan. 29. The workshop allows for discussion regarding critical issues and outcome-based objectives that help facilitate the Commission's goals and priorities for fiscal year 2021. I will continue to advocate for funding and policies that will build on last year's progress, keep everyone healthy, and help relaunch Fort Lauderdale. Please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/LauderTrac to view our progress on the 2020 Commission Priorities and email me your suggestions for our priorities workshop — sglassman@fortlauderdale.gov.

I congratulate my colleagues on our recent swearing-in for another term in office and look forward to working together in moving our City forward. 🇺🇸





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Director, Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department
Writer Angela Sabina



REVISITING CITY PARKS



FORT LAUDERDALE PARKS BOND WEBSITE NOW LIVE

The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks General Obligation Bond is the result of years of planning. In 2016, the City commissioned a comprehensive parks and recreation system master plan. The master plan was developed with extensive public input and identified a list of park improvements based on the community's expressed needs and priorities. In 2018, City residents voted to approve the issuance of bonds to fund these much-needed improvements. In 2020, the City hired a consultant team to plan, design and implement those park improvements.

Today, the City recognizes that the needs and priorities of the community may have changed since the original project began in 2016. We are asking all of you to help us review the list of proposed improvements and provide your input on the conceptual designs for each park.

The Fort Lauderdale Parks Bond website provides City residents with the ability to stay updated and track the progress of the bond program. Beginning in early 2021, residents will also have the opportunity to participate in the decision-making process by visiting each park's virtual room. In these virtual rooms, residents can review a list

of proposed improvements for each park and be able to provide their feedback and ideas on improvements.

The City is committed to implementing the parks bond projects through a process that is open, transparent and inclusive. Make sure to check the website often for important news at www.ftlparksprojects.com or follow us on social media @playlauderdale.  



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ROLLING INTO THE NEW YEAR

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE WHILE CHECKING ON PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

As we roll into the new year, it's a good time to pause and reflect on progress made and to take a glance at what's on the horizon to make Fort Lauderdale a city where you can move around safely and efficiently no matter what mode you choose.

From a transportation perspective, this means both providing safe paths to walk and bike as well as moving vehicles more efficiently so that there is a more balanced network of comfortable and convenient alternatives.

Through this magazine over the past year, we have shared many specific projects the Transportation and Mobility Department have been working on. All of those projects, along with many other smaller initiatives, continue to improve our transportation network by connecting the blocks, segment by segment. This is a slow and often frustrating process, but the City continues to work with our partners in the Florida Department of Transportation, Broward County and the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization to leverage the significant amount of funding needed to implement the changes identified by the community through planning efforts like the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision and various neighborhood and corridor level Master Plans.


Many of the solutions are heavy lifts and take significant time and resources to put into place, such as the future vision for Las Olas Boulevard. Others are simple solutions like fixing broken signal timing or a pedestrian push button. And then there are the seemingly simple solutions like crosswalks or stop signs that are not that simple at all. These traffic control devices need to be designed safely and meet all engineering requirements, including ADA, if there needs to be a signal device, where the sign needs to be placed, what signs need to be placed, and that it meets requirements to be warranted.

And, all these projects take money to implement. They compete with the many other critical needs of our community and the region. But the City has been successful advocating for our needs at a regional and national level with our partners to complete some incredible multimodal projects over the past years with many more to come. Without those partners we would not be successful, and we look forward to continuing this success in the new year.

The following are some accomplishments from this year:

- Downtown Mobility Hub in construction
- Twenty-five transportation projects underway in design as we ended the year
- Nine projects funded through the Broward County Surtax Program
- Several neighborhood traffic calming and mobility connections completed
- Worked with FDOT and Broward County on moving vehicles more efficiently through smart technology
- Adapted to the needs during Covid Closures to support businesses and recreation

The following is a glance at what's on the horizon for next year:

- Advance Commission Annual Action Plan priority to develop the LauderTrail through a feasibility study and master plan
- Implement signal improvements in coordination with Broward County and FDOT
- Implement priority items from Neighborhood Mobility Master Plans
- Begin construction of the Tunnel Top Plaza and ten (10) other projects currently in design
- Rebranding and re-envisioning the City's Community Bus system under new City management 



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ART + TECHNOLOGY BRING LIGHT TO DOWNTOWN

BROWARD CULTURAL DIVISION TO 'LIGHT THE NIGHT' IN THE NEW YEAR

Unprecedented times present opportunities for creativity and innovation. Often, these opportunities are born out of the need to survive as when companies or organizations must pivot in order to provide their services during a public health crisis. Arts organizations face similar challenges to innovate and be creative in the ways they deliver their “products” — performances, lectures, art exhibitions, classes and other programming.

For the Cultural Division, the pandemic provided an opportunity to think about how we could offer a unique arts experience to the Broward community, while keeping the health and safety of our residents' front and center. To achieve this, our Public Art & Design team partnered with the creative solutions firm MAD and curator Sofia Bastidas Vivar to launch Light the Night.

This exciting video mapping project will display artwork by South Florida artists onto three buildings in the Riverwalk area. The artists commissioned for this opportunity, Agustina Woodgate, Jen Clay, Edison Peñañiel and Monica Lopez de Victoria, will

have their innovative projection mapping designs projected at night in Downtown Fort Lauderdale from Jan. 15 to 17 and 22 to 24 during Fort Lauderdale Art & Design Week. Video art from the NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale and Girls' Club collections will also be displayed, providing a great way for residents to experience world-class art in an outdoor, low-density and safe environment.

The technology required to produce these types of projections is generally expensive and artists do not often get the chance to work in this medium. Partnering with MAD provided an opportunity for local artists to learn how to use this technology and work with a creative team to adapt their art to specific buildings in downtown Fort Lauderdale. The process is not as simple as projecting a square picture onto a square wall.

Projection mapping, also known as video mapping, uses a physical space or object as a surface for the projection, rather than a conventional screen. The pieces produced are adapted to each space, then mapped to those surfaces, giving the projection dimensionality unique to the space.

The pandemic has forced many arts organizations to rethink the ways in which they present art and for audiences, the pandemic has changed the way art is experienced. As we close the door on 2020, we are excited to partner with MAD by launching #LighttheNight as a way for our community to experience art while staying healthy and safe.


For more information, including specific locations, visit Broward.org/Arts. 



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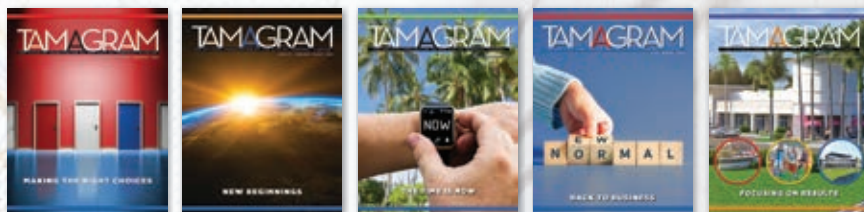
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STRONG CHAMBER LEADERSHIP FUELS THE PROMISE OF A BETTER 2021

As president and CEO of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, I get to work with individuals like Bill Feinberg and Steve Tilbrook, two men whose personal and professional reputations are simply outstanding. The chamber is fortunate to have both as members who worked hard to become leaders within the South Florida community.

I can't say enough about these two. Both men joined the chamber looking beyond their own self-interests and working with others to make a difference. They served on various councils, meeting and encouraging chamber colleagues while working with community leaders and elected officials to address important business and community concerns. The one-year term as board chair is the culmination of a remarkable body of work.

Steve, our new board chair, is corporate attorney and a partner with the global law firm, Akerman LLP. Bill, whose term ended last month, is small business owner and president of Allied Kitchen & Bath. The two may have different backgrounds and distinctive perspectives, but they both possess the leadership qualities to make the business community proud and move our organization forward through these trying times.

There's no doubt Bill led our chamber through a very difficult period, and due to Covid-19, he didn't get the attention or acclaim he deserved. "I originally went into this thinking that we could make a big impact with


collaborating with business owners," he said. "For me it was all going to be about engagement, trying to get everyone engaged. Unfortunately, it became just the opposite. There was no engagement, just what we could do on Zoom and virtual events." Still, Bill can tick off a notable list of accomplishments.

Under Bill's watch, the chamber launched the Racial Equity Initiative to help Black-owned businesses, expanded by incorporating the operations of the Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce into a major council and through the South Florida Business Council increase collaboration with chambers of commerce in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties. "We made good with what we were dealt with," he said. "We didn't go 'Woe is me!' We looked at it and said what can we do to make this better."

For Steve, the challenge is to build upon those accomplishments, and he's excited about getting started. "The primary benefit for business in general is that the chamber is the primary advocate for business interests in the Greater Fort Lauderdale area," he said. "It's the only true advocate for business interests in the Greater Fort Lauderdale area."

Steve wants to build on the chamber's track record of working with government officials to establish clear and sensible regulations to help businesses work their way through the pandemic. He also wants to revitalize the chamber's council structure to provide better

opportunities for individual members. With just under 30 councils, ranging from construction and real estate to government affairs, members should be able to find their specific interests and connect with other business leaders, while developing chamber programs and shaping public policies. "I believe we have reached the worst and are on a path of recovery," he said. "Assuming we get there with a vaccine that is started to be implemented and conditions improve, my focus is on how do we help the business sector recover from this terrible downturn we endured last year."

2021 is a year of promise for our chamber, and thanks to the leadership of our two chairmen, we believe the business sector and the larger community will be the better for it. 





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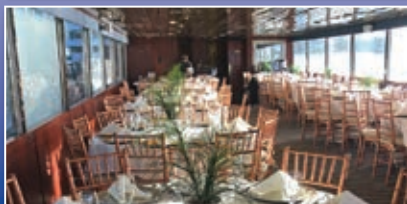
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By 1946, Congress transferred the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation from the Commerce Department to the USCG, adding merchant marine licensing and merchant vessel safety to its control. Twenty-one years later, the USCG itself was moved to the Department of Transportation, and ultimately in 2003, it was transferred to the Department of Homeland Security, where it has remained. As one of the five U. S. Armed Services, the USCG is the only military branch within the Department of Homeland Security.

In addition to its role as an armed service, the USCG provides humanitarian service and aid to people in distress

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'GRACE, HUMILITY, KINDNESS AND ELEGANCE'

TRIBUTE HONOREE'S DAUGHTERS SHARE WHY THEIR MOM IS A ROLE MODEL

WRITER LYNN PEITHMAN STOCK



Beverly Raphael Altman (left) with her daughters Robyn Raphael (middle) and Lindsay Raphael (right)

While the Riverwalk Tribute honoring Beverly Raphael Altman has been moved to later in the spring, Go Riverwalk Magazine continues to share more about our honoree. We asked her two daughters to talk about what makes their mom so special from their perspective.

Robyn works with her mother, as vice president of operations at RCC Associates. Lindsay is the attorney at Raphael Law in Boca Raton, specializing in community association law, real estate, contract law and corporate transactions.

Robyn Raphael

What do you admire most about Beverly?

My mom's strength is something I have always admired. She has been faced with so many challenges in her life yet she has always found a way to turn any negative into a positive experience and life lesson for everyone around her. My mom has such grace, humility, kindness and elegance with everything she does.

How has Beverly inspired you?

I'm so fortunate to be able to be inspired by my mom every single day. Working together the last 17 years has been one of the greatest gifts of my life. My mom inspires me to lead with compassion in our company. She was able to bring a softer side to an industry notable for being harsh. It has created a company culture that is such an enjoyable environment to work in. She inspires me to always put my family first. She taught me that sometimes it's better to just listen than to talk and I think about that in every aspect of my life from my kids and husband to sitting in a meeting. And lastly, her zest for life, her work ethic, and her way of dealing with difficult situations are also inspirational.

What impact have you seen Beverly and RCC have in South Florida and in your industry?

The impact that my mom has had on our community stretches so far and in so many ways.

She has become a role model to women who perhaps thought they couldn't be successful in a male dominated industry such as construction.

She has also brought a different sensibility to the construction industry, and an awareness that working with a woman-owned GC firm is a very positive experience.

She is incredibly philanthropic both personally and on behalf of RCC, which has an impact within the community and sets a precedent in the industry.

She has overcome adversity numerous times and come out stronger, as previously mentioned, which makes her story – and that of RCC – a source of hope and motivation for newer firms starting up the industry.

Lindsay E. Raphael, Esq.

What do you admire most about Beverly?

Everything! My mom is the most unusual person in that she is so strong, smart, a true survivor yet so even keeled, kind, loving, beautiful, classy and appropriate.

“Appropriate” is one of my favorite words to describe my mom because she seems to always know the right thing to do in all situations and handles herself so appropriately. Something I say to my mom all the time is that she is the only person I know who is actually always right. She gives the best advice and makes great decisions for herself and for those she loves, especially her family.

I admire that my mom comes out of tough situations stronger and is always willing to learn and grow. I admire how her life is taking care of Robyn and me (and her grandchildren). I admire everything about my mom!

How has Beverly inspired you?

My mom has taught me how important it is, especially as a woman, to work hard and be able to stand on your own two feet and provide for yourself and your family. My family went through the most sad time in our lives when my dad passed away August 25, 1998. Some people would have just laid in bed and never got out and it would have been understandable. But not my mom.


My mom got out of bed and figured out what she needed to do help keep RCC running (with the great team that was in place) and how to be strong for Robyn and me. She taught me that when times are tough, you have to be tougher and work harder and persevere and all of this was taught in such an admirable, gentle, loving way just by watching how my mom survived and fought through the most tragic time in her life so successfully.

We kid around that nothing can hold the Raphael Ladies back.

What impact have you seen Beverly and RCC have in South Florida and in your industry?

Being that I’m not in the construction industry as I am an attorney, I don’t have a specific answer for this but what I will say is being a woman in a male dominated industry isn’t easy.

My mom has gained the respect of RCC’s clients, colleagues, competitors and the RCC team. My mom’s reputation precedes her and I’m so proud that she stepped into RCC knowing practically nothing about construction and grew my father’s dream.

For me, what I’ve always loved about RCC, is that no matter where I go there is always a piece of my mom, my dad and my sister because they have built so much locally that there is a little piece of us everywhere. 



LONGTIMERS ... AND A NEWCOMER

WRITER GO RIVERWALK STAFF

As other writers have mentioned in this issue of Go Riverwalk Magazine, Fort Lauderdale has a multitude of longtime businesses. The city boasts a rich history of longevity, from buildings to civic groups to family businesses. This issue, we highlight three such longtimers and learn more about the city's newest – and perhaps largest – sculpture.

THE FORT LAUDERDALE WOMAN'S CLUB

With a deep connection to the community, the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club is more than 100 years ago — in 1911, to be exact. The 18 women who founded the organization first called themselves the Woman's Civic Improvement Association and the Woman's Club is actually older than the city of Fort Lauderdale itself (by two months).

The Woman's Club first supported a volunteer fire department, donating \$100 in 1912. Today, local causes include Jack and Jill Day Care Center and the annual Broward County Pioneer Days.

The 1916 Mediterranean Revival Style building on South Andrews Avenue still serves as the clubhouse and has been the site of many events, meetings and weddings. It was renovated in 2011 as part of the Woman's Club's 100th anniversary celebration, and renovations continue.

PHOTO BY JASON LEIDY





ROGERS MORRIS ZEIGLER

We asked Romney Rogers to share a bit of history about his family's law firm, which has been a staple of Fort Lauderdale's legal scene since 1925.

"The firm was founded in 1925 by my grandfather, Dwight L. Rogers and his Mercer Law School classmate, John E. Morris. It is the longest standing law firm in Broward County. I am the third generation Rogers in the firm and my son, Romney C. "Cam" Rogers Jr. Is the fourth generation Rogers lawyer to practice in the firm.

"After their 1910 graduation from law school, my grandfather and Mr. Morris went back to their small Georgia towns to practice law until they both decided to venture to Fort Lauderdale where the economy was booming during the 1920s. Mr. Morris had just rented some office space on the second floor of a two-story building along the north side of the New River, just west of the Andrews Avenue bridge.

The story goes that my grandfather ran into Mr. Morris on the street and asked him to show him the new office space Mr. Morris had just rented. John gladly showed off the new space and my grandfather turned to him and said, "John, I think this will do just fine."

"They then flipped a coin to see whose name would go first on the door and that's how the practice got started. Later my grandfather got into politics and was both a Florida State Representative where he authored the first Homestead Exemption Act and then the first U.S. Congressman from Fort Lauderdale. My father joined the firm after serving in World War II in the Navy as did John E. Morris Jr., after his service in the Army. Robert E Ziegler joined the firm in the early 1950s.

"The firm has always prided itself on offering personalized professional services for a fair fee. However, in order to do that we have to make sure that both lawyers and staff put the client first in everything we do. Through the years there have been many great lawyers (some who later became Judges) and wonderful hard-working staff, all of which continues today. Also we have been blessed with wonderful clients who have been loyal and supportive throughout the firm's existence. RMZ has always been active in our Community in that we strongly believe it is our privilege to serve and give back to the Community that has supported us throughout these 95 years.



THE WORLD FAMOUS PARROT LOUNGE CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

DECADES LATER THE BEACHFRONT RESTAURANT CONTINUES TO DRAW CROWDS

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

The moment you step inside The Parrot Lounge, snapshots from its 50 years of business can be seen covering almost every inch of its walls. From posed photos of longtime customers and candids of employees to the ever present nod to the owners' shared pride for the Philadelphia Eagles, this well-known establishment truly embodies what life has been like in Fort Lauderdale over the last five decades.

Each picture and newspaper clipping act as a timestamp for what was happening at each moment in time throughout their long history on the Fort Lauderdale beachfront. Now, 50 years later, the "World Famous" restaurant and bar continues to draw crowds from all over to check out what makes it Fort Lauderdale beach's go-to place.

The Parrot Lounge was first opened back in 1970 by its original owner William Boyd after he moved to the beach town from Philadelphia to pursue the oceanside lifestyle. Three years later after opening the beachside business, he hired then 22-year-old Tim Schiavone as a bartender.

"I remember coming to Fort Lauderdale with a friend

of mine and it was unlike any place I had ever seen. When you're 22 years old and you get to drink beer every day, meet girls and get in fist fights, you're having the time of your life," said Schiavone.

In 1979, Boyd also hired fellow Philadelphia native and then 21-year-old Joe O'Donnell as a barback.

"The Parrot Lounge was the first place I walked into when I moved down here," O'Donnell said. "My friends and I would come here seven nights a week and this was the 70s so it was so much fun. Eventually I got a job here as a barback and I've been here ever since."

Years after the pair starting working at the beachside restaurant, they eventually became partners with Boyd who then decided to retire and handed over ownership of the restaurant to the two who had been working in the Parrot Lounge since the very beginning. As Schiavone puts it, "We basically grew up with the town as it grew."

Today, 50 years after they first opened their doors, things have certainly changed, including the Fort Lauderdale area tripling in size and adding hundreds of new businesses. Yet, the Parrot has continued to thrive by changing with the times and adding modern touches to the restaurant like flat screen TVs, Wi-Fi and craft beers.

Some things will always stay the same, however, like how many of their original employees still work at the Parrot to this day.

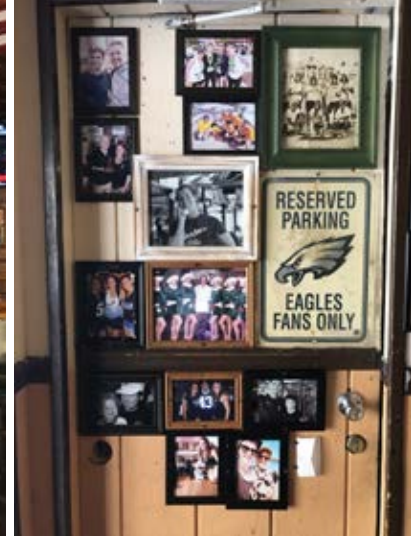
"When we have someone who says they've worked here for seven years they look at that like it's a long time, but we look at them like they're still newbies," jokes O'Donnell. "But in all seriousness we would be nowhere without our staff. They are the reason we are still here today."

Another thing that has remained the same ever since the owners first started working here as young and spry 20-somethings are their values.

"You adapt and that's why we've stayed open all these years. However, our core values are still the same all these years later. We respect our customers and we hope we'll get



In this photo hanging on the wall at The Parrot Lounge, Tim Schiavone is at front left and Joe O'Donnell is behind him.



that same respect back in return,” said O’Donnell.

“We just want to give you a great time for a fair price and everyone goes home happy,” Schiavone added.

Aside from catering to their longtime customers as well as newcomers, however, the men behind the long-standing restaurant and bar also care deeply about the environment and giving back.

“We’re the first oceanfront restaurant that has been working since 2017 on beach and ocean cleanup,” O’Donnell said. Working with groups like Oceana, the owners of The Parrot Lounge work hard to keep the beach

and ocean pristine as well as providing helpful tools to beachgoers like reef safe sunscreen stands.

“Taking care of our customers has always been our number one priority but making sure the ocean and beach we spend time on each and every day stays beautiful and clean for years to come is incredibly important to us as well,” said O’Donnell.

THE PARROT LOUNGE

Owners: Tim Schiavone and Joe O’Donnell

Phone: (954) 563-1493

Address: 911 Sunrise Lane, Fort Lauderdale

NEWCOMER

MULTIDISCIPLINARY ARTIST DANIEL POPPER UNVEILS HIS LATEST WORK

Multidisciplinary artist Daniel Popper unveiled his latest work, Thrive, at Society Las Olas in downtown Fort Lauderdale on Nov. 20. The 27-foot tall, 14-ton sculpture is a public art piece that will be a permanent installation on the ground level of Society Las Olas, developed by PMG. The sculpture was shipped from South Africa to Fort Lauderdale and is made of Glass Fiber Reinforced Concrete.

Popper is a multidisciplinary artist known for his larger-than-life sculptures and public art installations.

From Cape Town, South Africa, Popper specializes in interactive art, public art, stage design, installation art and interior design. He has an interest in making a statement with his artworks, and creating never-seen-before innovations.

Many of his projects blur the lines between art, sculpture and brand activation.

THRIVE

Artist: Daniel Popper

Phone: (954) 563-1493

Location: Society Las Olas, 301 S.W. First Ave., Fort Lauderdale





A DEEP BLUE GOODBYE (OR HELLO)

LONGTIMER RESTAURANTS STILL INVITING

WRITERS PENNY SANFILIPPO AND JONNY ALTOBELL, THE UGLY SISTERS

Many years ago, before moving to south Florida, Jonny and I became fans of author John D. McDonald's series about Travis McGee. It wasn't until moving here that the locations became real. We could imagine the Busted Flush moored in slip F18 at Bahia Mar Marina and discovered many Fort Lauderdale spots because of the novels. It didn't take much to conjure up a list of "longtimer" eateries to give to Travis McGee's great niece for her visit to Fort Lauderdale in 2021. We're not sure how many he actually did visit, but many have been here since his heyday in the 1960s, 70s and 80s. Here's our list for Ms. McGee.

Did someone say they like diners? There is a plethora here. Many have been "re-invented" with new ownership over time (often former employees) but what has stayed the same is great food in a casual atmosphere that can't happen in a fine dining locale.

- **Andrews Diner** – Technically in Wilton Manors, this 30-year-old local favorite recently reopened with new ownership after a brief closure because of the pandemic.
- **Peter Pan Diner** – In Oakland Park, it is still run by members of the original family who started in 1979.
- **The Floridian** – The granddaddy of them all on toney Las Olas, this casual restaurant has been serving locals for nearly 70 years. We're positive Travis would have eaten here more than once.
- **Lester's** – Now with multiple locations, the one on SR 84 probably hosted Mr. McGee sometime in its 40-plus year history.

Do you like seafood? From casual to old time Fort Lauderdale, here are a few you might want to try.

Near the 17th Street Causeway, not far from the Bahia Mar docks, are two out-of-sight spots worth looking for.





- **Kelly's Landing** – This spot has been delighting diners with fresh catch since 1987. Not stuffy at all, the food never disappoints.
- **Southport Raw Bar** – With its nod to the Northeast U.S. seafood scene since the 1970s, their seafood has been and continues to be impeccably fresh.

South of Fort Lauderdale:

- **Rustic Inn** – If you don't mind working for your dinner, this is the place for you. Hammer in hand, you can bonk crab legs to your heart's content. For 60 years people have loved this spot on the New River. Don't wear your finest clothes though – you might wear part of dinner.

North of Downtown:

- **Catfish Dewey's** – In Oakland Park, this restaurant started in the mid 1980s serving farm-raised catfish. Lots of it. There are other Florida favorites on the menu as well.
- **Cap's Place** — This national landmark in Lighthouse Point has survived storms and other natural disasters over its 85-year history yet still remains a "must-see"

for a look at what Fort Lauderdale was — and still is — a very special place on the water serving abundant local catch. Inside or out, the ambiance and food are a taste of the past.

If you want to travel south a bit,– take US 1 south to try these:

- BBQ is spoken at **Tom Jenkins'**. First begun by a teacher who made great sauce, it moved to a trailer in 1990, then into a brick and mortar restaurant in the mid 1990s.
- **Jaxson's Ice Cream** – The perfect place to finish with something sweet. They have been "churning" out (sorry for the pun) yumminess in Dania since the 1950s.

Fort Lauderdale, while building its skyline up and into the next century at an incredible pace, thankfully, does retain some of the past. The photos of even 50 years ago look so far away that they might as well be Impressionist paintings. We can, however, get a taste what people ate from these icons in the restaurant business, and why people continue to visit our city – besides the weather, of course. 🍷

PHOTOS BY JASON LEIDY





EXTREME HAPPINESS AWAITS

SOUTH FLORIDA'S KOREAN AND JAPANESE FUSION EXPERIENCE

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

One of my favorite excursions in 2020 was dining at the Conrad Hotel's newest restaurant Takato (Japanese for "in a state of extreme happiness"). Executive Chef Taek "Taka" Lee, one of South Florida's most accomplished chefs, has a career spanning more than 20 years at some of the nation's leading restaurants.

Chef Taka has helmed the kitchen as executive sushi chef at ZUMA and Makoto and executive chef at Monkitaail. Keeping true to his roots, Chef Taka has a deep admiration for Korean and Japanese techniques while adding his own variations to his menus at Takato. Born in Korea, Chef Taka spent five years in Japan learning the intricate techniques of Japanese cuisine.



A CONVERSATION WITH EXECUTIVE CHEF TAKA

What's the most unique culinary dish you've tasted this year?

This year has been a little complicated due to the pandemic. A unique dish that I actually created was a Braised Pork Belly Maki.

Trio of "must-have" ingredients in your kitchen:

Garlic, kimchi, and soy sauce

What's the biggest risk you've taken?

Honestly, the biggest risk that I have taken is creating a menu for Takato and introducing South Florida to Korean dishes.

Who are your role models/mentors?

Hiroshi Shintaku, executive sushi chef of Takato

Favorite culinary memory:

When I was 28, I lived in Japan and worked at an Italian restaurant. I learned how to make pasta from scratch and created different types of pizza. The twist is even though it was an Italian dish it was with Japanese ingredients.

What is your ultimate kitchen utensil?

Moribashi — long chopstick. The tip is made out of stainless steel. Used to perfect and detail all dishes.

Favorite pastry and cocktail pairing:

My favorite dish that I miss is Bingsu. It's my childhood favorite in Korea. Shaved ice with fresh mango and strawberry with red beans, condensed milk and a surprise in the middle of vanilla ice cream. What I would drink with this dessert is a sake called Dassai 50. Half nigori and half Junmai daiginjo. With tropical notes, clean and nice balance. Maybe I might bring my childhood memories to Takato.

Craziest ingredient you have eaten?

Well, the craziest thing that I ate was a sea cucumber in Japan and Korea

— the texture of the leathery skin, the chewiness and the taste of the delicate sea. Some people either love it or hate. To me it was something I was not used to, but now I love it!

What music compliments your cooking style?

All music because with the angry chicken you can have rock and roll. From the sea bass you can have jazz. Kimchi fried rice you can have K-pop. All dishes are so diverse and fun it can pair with everything.

What does success look like for you during this pandemic?

This pandemic it has taught me a lot. The success is actually finding a great team that we created and building an amazing family. From the host that greets you when you walk in, to the server that creates an experience, when the manager touches your table, and from the kitchen creating your dishes. Number one thing is that we built a family during this pandemic. Who would have thought we would be busy during this hardship of time.

What's the culinary trend that's going to move us forward in 2021?

I'm aiming more for traditional Korean dishes in 2021.

This time next year you'll be ...

Hopefully creating Takato worldwide.



Executive Chef
Taek "Taka" Lee

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A CONVERSATION WITH MIXOLOGIST LOU ALVARADO

Known for: Classic cocktails

Your go-to drink: A 50/50 martini using Japanese vermouth and Sipsmith Gin with a lemon twist

Favorite cocktail to make at home during quarantine:

Gin and tonic using Tanqueray 10 and grapefruit

Must-have garnish: Grapefruit twist

Essential home bar accessory: Japanese knife

Best three-ingredient cocktail: The Clover Club



FEATURED DISH: Chef's Choice Sashimi

My favorite dish was the Chef's Choice Sashimi, simply the freshest I've tasted. The attention to detail is stunning.

FEATURED COCKTAIL: Korean Zombie

I'm definitely a tiki girl, and this version of a Zombie is my new favorite. I sat with mixologist Lou Alvarado to walk through how this cocktail is unique to Takato. A Zombie is a traditional tiki cocktail. As the bar menu is around the Shikoku island we wanted to give our version of the Zombie with Korean influences using Korean products such as Soju and Kochukaru.

RECIPE

2 ounces white rum
1 ounce soju
1 ounce grapefruit
¾ Korean plum extract
½ lime
3 dashes of angostura bitters

Method: Shaker cubed ice and crushed ice on top. Add the kochukaru.

Cup: Bamboo Glass

Garnish: Pernod and vanilla extract perfume with Kochukaru (Korean red chili pepper flakes powder)



Chef's Choice Sashimi



Korean Zombie



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WINTERFEST CELEBRATES 50 YEARS IN 2021

FEATURE

WRITER KATHY KELEHER

For almost 50 years, the Winterfest Celebration has been known as a community holiday event with international recognition. The parade has been a way for the community to come together and enjoy unique events as well as attract positive national attention to the Greater Fort Lauderdale area as a tourist destination and as a great place to live and work.

The scope of the festival has expanded over the years to include the Winterfest Black Tie Ball, the Intracoastal Decorating Extravaganza, the Grand Marshal Reception, Winterfest Launch Party and Family Fun Days. Winterfest culminates with the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade, a free to the public event, which encourages and promotes diversity and is proud to have representation from a variety of races and religions.

The International Festival and Events Association has named Winterfest to its top 20 Parade in the World list. With more than 50,000 parades in the United States alone, this is a huge international honor which places Winterfest in the prestigious company of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Mardi Gras, the Rose Bowl Parade and Disney's parades. In addition, Winterfest was named by Readers Digest as 100 Best in America, which lists the top events in the United States.

As we move into 2021, here are a few photographic memories and bulleted landmarks of the organization, past parades and events.

Each year, an artist is chosen to create Winterfest's poster. Here are a few of the artists who have shared their creativity for the poster:

- Guy Harvey
- Carey Chen
- Charles Fazzino
- Jules Burt
- Pat Anderson
- Nadine Floyd
- Nick Scalzo to name a few

Through the years, parade entries have hosted live entertainment, including:

- Miami City Ballet
- Broward Center for the Performing Arts
- Polynesian fire dancers
- Native Americans
- Chinese dragon boats
- Floating circus (featuring an elephant)
- Cirque performances
- Flying Wallendas
- Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre

Winterfest has hosted celebrities and entertainers – too many to list. Please visit winterfestparade.com to find a list of the Parade's Grand Marshals and celebrities.





WINTERFEST 2020 LAUNCH

2020 Winterfest launched the season with the announcement of the Winterfest Foundation Junior Captain, the unveiling of the 2020 poster, and a preview of the Water Taxi Holiday Lights Cruise on Nov. 23.



NICK SCALZO, 2020
WINTERFEST POSTER ARTIST



WATER TAXI HOLIDAY LIGHTS CRUISE



KATHY KELEHER, NICK SCALZO, DANTONIO FRAZIER JR.,
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