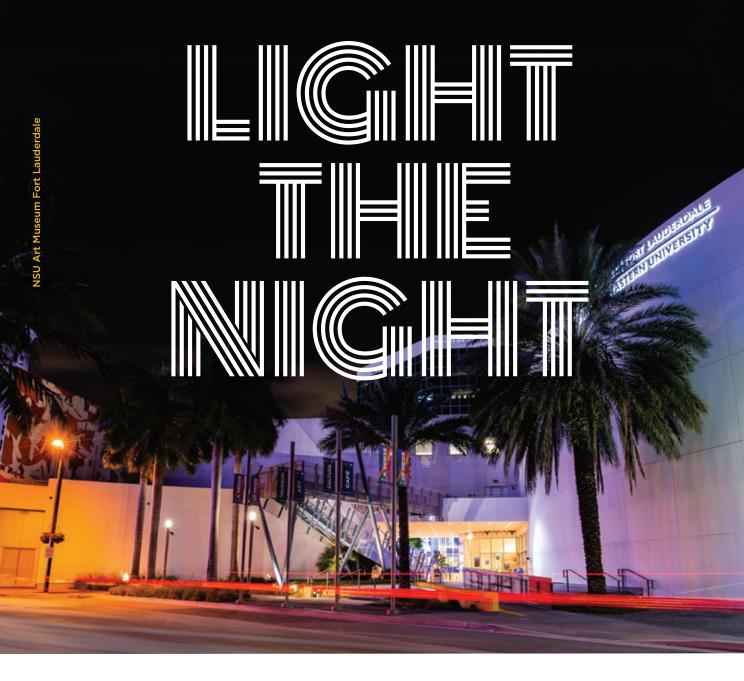


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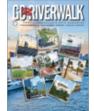
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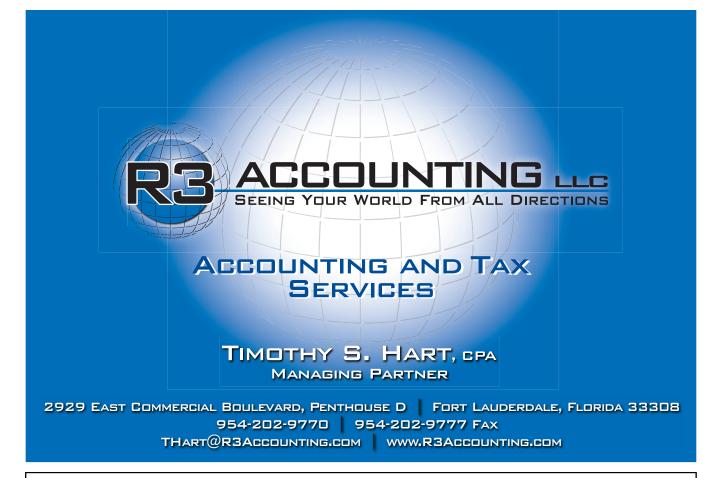
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IUST LISTED ASHLEY | \$1,195,000

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ASHLEY | \$1,075,000

3 BEDROOM 3.5 BATH

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UNDER CONTRACT 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH Bright & spacious unit with fantastic views of the cruise port & airport.

> 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH \$299,000 Corner Unit, split bedroom floor plan, beautiful kitchen with stainless steel appliances & full sized washer/dryer.

2 BEDROOM 2 BATH \$298,000 Split bedroom floor plan, italian kitchen cabinets with stainless steel appliances, granite countertops & full sized washer/dryer.



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2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH | \$339,000

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1 BEDROOM | 1 BATH | \$300,000

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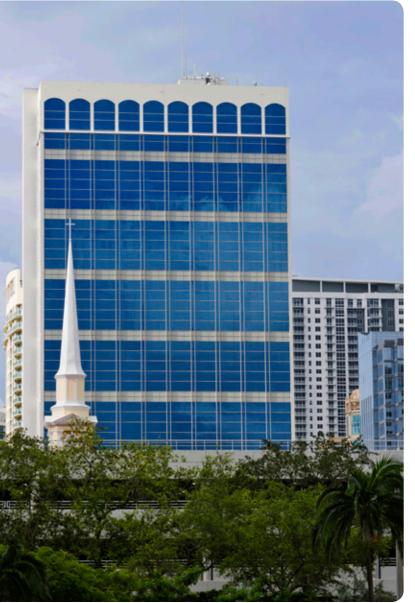
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LOOKING UP

ICONIC AND HISTORICAL SITES THAT HAVE SHAPED FORT LAUDERDALE

The first iconic building that comes to mind in terms of Fort Lauderdale's image and skyline is the Landmark Bank Building on 100 S.E. Third Ave., now named One Financial Plaza. In 1972, it was the first high-rise built in Fort Lauderdale at 28 stories high and held the title of the tallest building in Broward County until 1988. Then that year, the AutoNation Tower, now named 110 Tower, was constructed at 30 floors high.



But long before the first high-rise of Fort Lauderdale was even a conception, Preston and John Wells, brothers back in the 1930s, saw a rough dirt path aligning what is now known as the New River and thought it would make a nice place for a hotel. They founded The Las Olas Company in 1935 and moved the first patch of dirt on what would become Las Olas Boulevard, the "Rodeo Drive" of Fort Lauderdale. The first hotel was named Hotel Champ Carr, until it

> was renamed Riverside Hotel in 1945. The Riverside Hotel has had many upgrades and remains the "crown jewel" of Fort Lauderdale.

Another historic area of Fort Lauderdale is the Henry E. Kinney Tunnel, also referred to as the New River Tunnel. This tunnel was the only one of its kind in Florida when constructed in 1958. The tunnel continued U.S. 1 underneath Las Olas Boulevard and the New River in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. It was the only underwater tunnel in Florida until 2014 when the Port of Miami Tunnel was completed.

And if you are a local or even a frequent visitor, you're probably familiar with The Historic Downtowner. This local landmark is nestled along the New River and used to be Maxwell Arcade which opened in 1925. The Downtowner is located at the site of the old arcade and hosts live music, great food and various events on different nights of the week. They also have the Maxwell Room next door which hosts weddings and corporate events.

And where do local Floridians go when there is a hurricane warning? The Elbo Room on Fort Lauderdale Beach! The world famous Elbo Room has hosted spring breakers for 50 years and helped put Fort Lauderdale on the map by being filmed in the movie "Where the Boys Are" in 1960. The iconic bar is still a favorite among locals and tourists alike.

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The word conjures memories and pictures flash through your head as you recall some of the things you have seen or done in our community. Images are one of the things that define the faces we provide to others outside of our community.

Once known as the Spring Break capital, we have grown to be a cultured and diverse community. Tourism caters to all kinds of visitors with a plethora of offerings that both stimulate and relax. But those same things are here for our residents daily. Fort Lauderdale is so much more than a beach — albeit this is a fantastic destination.

In our expanding city, we have unique and stately architecture next to historic and cutting-edge buildings. Our skyline today is significantly different than even 10 years ago. We have set goals and plans for the City and continue to achieve those expectations. We are uniquely a big/little town.

We have expanded our artistic footprint with murals, art pieces and art walks — many feature local and national artists of great acclaim. We have first-run performances that select our Broward Center for the Performing Arts and we are able to learn incredible things in our Museum of Discovery and Science. Treasured local history landmarks help tell our story. Another twist that has raised our recognition factor is the gourmet restaurants with five-star chefs. Locally you can try foods from every imaginable country as well as some local Southern comfort food. From neighborhood restaurants to ghost kitchens, you can dine out or dine at home depending on your pleasure, but the quality of the food is the same. We also remind you — we are fast becoming a well-known destination for craft beer production as well as craft liquors and distilleries. Our taste buds are tweaked for all kinds of goodness!

Our public spaces offer fresh markets, music, crafts and more on a weekly basis and we continue to have great walks, runs and festivals to celebrate the sunny south Florida weather.

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• I am a South Florida native with a 30-year career in real estate and I have enjoyed watching and participating in the growth of our area. My first home here was in Victoria

Park in the early 1990s, and now myself and my family live off Las Olas, conveniently located to our office downtown. Those of us who live, work and play in east Fort Lauderdale are privileged to be in such a special area. We have beautiful sights all around, including excellent shopping, dining and entertainment as well as great proximity to the beaches, airport, and everything our area has to offer.

My wife and I founded our residential brokerage firm Freebird to share our love of east Fort Lauderdale with others that seek to live in our area. Freebird is different from other firms because we focus on our client's lifestyle first to determine how they like to live. We then pair them with that special home that matches their lifestyle and we do it in a fun and low-pressure manner.

It is my honor to give back to our community through philanthropy and personal involvement. That is why I have been a member of Riverwalk for several years and why I chose to upgrade my membership to a Trustee Executive level. I look forward to interacting professionally and socially with all Riverwalk members so that we may continue to be a catalyst for the Riverwalk district and our vibrant community.



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• I moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1998 from Philadelphia. I was born in Washington, D.C., and moved to northeast Pennsylvania where I attended grade school and high

school. I attended Penn State and graduated in 1992 with a bachelor of science degree in earth sciences and I also earned a master of science degree in engineering geology from Drexel University in Philadelphia. I've been practicing environmental consulting as a professional geologist in Florida, Pennsylvania, New York and Nevada for nearly 30 years.

When I relocated to Fort Lauderdale, I immediately fell in love with Las Olas Isles, Las Olas Boulevard and the Victoria Park neighborhood in which I lived. It was a very different vibe from Philadelphia, had a small town feel and I felt at home. Since I have been in South Florida, I have witnessed tremendous growth, particularly in redevelopment of the urban cores in Fort Lauderdale and Miami. As a professional geologist working for a national civil engineering company, Langan Engineering & Environmental Services, I have played a part in assisting our developer clients navigate through many environmental cleanups. I feel like I have helped make a difference as many of these properties were either unused or had some level of environmental impairment which made them unsafe for the general public. Now these properties are used and help increase the quality of life for our residences.

I joined to Riverwalk to support a group that I feel makes a difference in increasing the quality of life for our residences and visitors by assisting in creating a true "work, live, play" environment.

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

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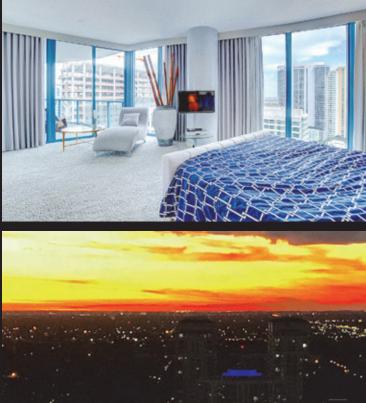




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RIVERWALK VOICE, ROUND 2

The Riverwalk Voice Round 2 was held on Saturday, Feb. 13, in the Maxwell Room at the Historic Downtowner.

Twelve contestants stepped up to show their musical chops, and believe me, they were awesome. The group was narrowed down to seven contestants by our judges Susan Renneisen, David Lovitt, Kitty McGowan and the winners were selected by the boisterous crowd of guests picking their favorite.

Riverwalk Voice Round IIWinner:Trenton RoachIst Runner Up:Chloe Gardner2nd Runner Up:Lori McQuestion



Kitty McGowan, David Lovitt and Susan Renneisen

Many thanks go out to our great host Historic Downtowner and our awesome sponsors for helping us make Round 2 a success.

You can see a full live video on the Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Facebook page.

Under the Levitt Loves Lauderdale and Riverwalk Music Series, we anticipate a final round soon along with some other musical adventures. Stay tuned!



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BY COMMISSIONER BEN SORENSEN City of Fort Lauderdale



LOOKING AHEAD

FORT LAUDERDALE MOVES IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

ort Lauderdale continues striving for excellence. As our health indicators continue to move in the right direction, we are proud to continue helping our community gradually return to a degree of normalcy. Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing and vaccinations are at the forefront of combating the global pandemic locally and around the world. We are very appreciative of partners like Broward Health, the Florida Department of Health Broward County, and Inter Miami CF for helping our local community stay safe by offering vaccinations at two sites within our City.

Progress continues

Although we faced various challenges last year, our City continued to deliver critical projects related to infrastructure, sustainability, and resiliency. The City's Public Works staff is paving the way to a new era that will generate opportunities for current and future neighbors and businesses. Our infrastructure portfolio reflects significant progress, such as completing 7.5 miles of new sanitary sewer infrastructure. We are delighted with our progress and look forward to additional infrastructure upgrades and enhancements, including a new water treatment plant for improved efficiencies in the future.

Climate change and resiliency are real factors that we must all continue to support. As a member of the City Commission, I remain steadfast to serve as a voice of support for continued rehabilitation of seawalls in the downtown area and near the banks of the New River. Frequent monitoring of the City's waterways is just as important. We now rely on an innovative program that helps inform everyone about the conditions of our recreational waterways via Swim Guide, a new mobile app. To get the app or learn more about it, visit www.theswimguide.org.

As the City moves forward and improves our quality

of life, we aim to foster smart growth by developing sustainable agreements with developers. Choosing the right projects and working with developers for sound solutions that invest in our infrastructure are key to meeting present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. Ultimately, mixed-use development, partnered with inclusive workforce housing, will help Fort Lauderdale continue beaming in the region and across the nation.

Innovation at our core

I am very proud of our Mayor and City Commission for supporting innovation and futurism within our community. Although traffic continues to be a challenge across South Florida, we are happy to report that our City is open to introducing alternative modes of transportation and new paths for transit. Potential ideas may become a reality, and I am supportive of the forward-thinking goals our City Commission is pursuing.

Fort Lauderdale is centrally located within South Florida and hosts many amenities unique to our region. Attracting industries like technology and biomedicine are prospects that will spur a whole new world of opportunities. And, with Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and our very own Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport serving as the gateways to our city, we have an interconnected network that can host endless possibilities for all.

Stay connected

I invite you to follow us and stay engaged in our journey. We look forward to serving you better and bringing improvements soon. Be part of our frequent City Commission meetings or participate in any of our wonderful advisory boards. Visit www.fortlauderdale.gov for more information on how you can make a difference.







BY REPRESENTATIVE CHIP LAMARCA District 93



OPEN FOR BUSINESS

FORT LAUDERDALE'S ENVIRONMENT OFFERS A SAFE PLACE TO WORK AND LIVE

By the ideal environment that allows businesses to succeed. Our area has access to business-friendly markets and immense educational opportunities. The City of Fort Lauderdale is diverse and well-established, which allows our businesses, consumers and families a safe place to work and live. Florida has continued to rank among the top three states in workforce, and South Florida is the eighth largest metropolitan statistical area in the United States.

We have some of the most successful businesses right here in our backyard. We have AutoNation, JM Family Enterprises, jetBlue Vacations, Spirit Airlines, and many more right here in Broward County. These industry leaders choose to work here because of the success rate and quality of life that they get to experience every day. They located here to have access to our beautiful beaches, great education institutions, and have access

to international waters and companies. Broward will continue to be the place to live, work and play.

Our district is committed to the safety and well-being of our residents and visitors alike. During the pandemic, many local businesses have taken the Safe & Clean Pledge to promise follow the CDC guidelines in order to keep their patrons safe. This pledge ensures their customers that their health and safety during the pandemic is a top priority in their restaurants, hotels and retail establishments.

I would like to give a special shout out to the proprietors of our great restaurant and hospitality industry who have continued to find ways to thrive under these unprecedented challenges due to the pandemic. As I continue to advocate within the government to keep our businesses open safely, I want to commend each one of them for continuing to serve the residents of Greater Fort Lauderdale with the best food in town!

Covid-19 Business Update

In preparation for the 2021 Legislative Session, state lawmakers met to discuss important issues facing our state. At these meetings, an important bill called "Civil Liability for Damages Relating to Covid-19" passed the first stop. This bill will provide Covid-19 liability protection for Florida businesses, schools, nonprofits and religious institutions. Businesses that do the right thing should not fear being drowned by massive litigation costs. HB 7 protects responsible businesses and organizations from frivolous lawsuits. Florida businesses, schools, nonprofits and religious institutions risked their own health to stay open, to stay safe and to serve us.

As always, it is an honor to serve as your State Representative in Tallahassee. ⁽¹⁾







GET FIT FOR FREE WITH LO/OP FIT & FLIPANY



Starting in March, American Express will provide 100 Free Class Passes per month for the public to try out a new fitness routine, including the popular Yoga on the Lawn at the Saturday Market.

With our near 250 average days of sunshine a year, coupled with Mother Natures' refreshing ocean breezes and widely recognized beneficial boost of Vitamin D, getting in a work out outdoors has long been a favorite local activity.

Come March the opportunities expand, with the introduction of the new LO/OP FIT program thanks to a partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks & Recreation Department, local health and wellness nonprofit, FLIPANY, and sponsors, American Express[®], Target[®] and Ocean Spray[®].

"Creating new healthy habits is what FLIPANY does, and not just physical, but mental health as well," stated Lynne Kunins, President and CEO of the Fort Lauderdale-based nonprofit. "By partnering with LO/OP FIT, and engaging our sponsors, we can provide free and low-cost access to a variety of programs where the public can meet, engage, feel safe and find new ways to get out and get moving."

The free to the public classes and programs include:

IN M-OCEAN 12-week, 45-minute PLYO class Monday at 6:00 pm, from Mar. 8 – May 24 sponsored by Ocean Spray

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LET THE MUSIC PLAY

Friday Night Sound Waves, the free-to-the-public live music series on Fort Lauderdale Beach, looks to resume its weekly schedule. Slated to open is the 6th season on Friday, March 19 is local favorite, feel good reggae band, The Big Harvest.

"We have no doubt that with the public's support we will be able to create a safe environment for everyone," noted the event's producer, Arianne Glassman. "We have been hosting our weekly markets since November and would not have even considered bringing Sound Waves back if we we were not prepared."

Fans are encouraged to visit FridayNightSoundWaves.com for updates on County and safety protocols and the new reservation/seating chart which will be in place.

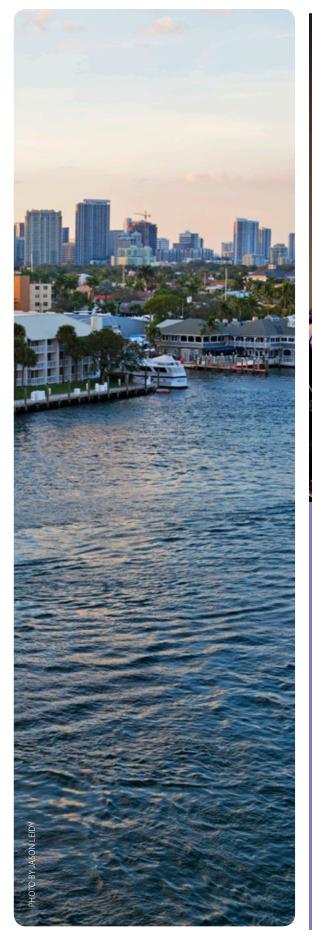
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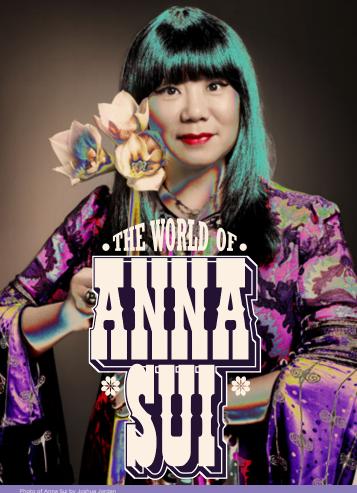
- **1 Tai-Chi & Qigong** Birch State Park, 9a every Mon.
- **5 Ranger Walks** Birch State Park, 10:30a, every Fri.
- 5 Sunset Kayak Tour Park & Ocean, every Fri.
- **11** Sunset Salutation Sunset Terrace, LOOP Garage
- 13/27 FTL Beach Sweep The Hub A1A & Las Olas 7-11 a
- **13 ON TARGET** *with FLIPANY* LOOP Market 12-2p
- 20 Trash to Treasure Art LOOP Market 10-2pm
- 27 At The Market with GFL LOOP Market 11a-1p

View a complete calendar of events, activities and ongoing weekly experiences, at MyFTLB.com



Our Community is Committed to Creating a Safe & Clean Destination. All experiences listed have been County approved and adhere to local policies and CDC Guidelines.





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Exhibition Organized by Film The Fashion and Textile Museum, London Fashion

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The World of Anna Sui is generously sponsored by The Douglas A. Hirsch and Holly S. Andersen Family Foundation in honor of Jane B. Holzer. Additional support provided by The David and Francie Horvitz Family Foundation.

Exhibitions and programs at NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale are made possible in part by a challenge grant from the David and Francie Horvitz Family Foundation. Funding is also provided by the City of Fort Lauderdale, AutoNation, Community Foundation of Broward, Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau, the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale is accredited by the American Association of Museums.

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BY PHIL THORNBURG Director, Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department Writer Angela Sabina



A PLAYFUL PARTNERSHIP

FORT LAUDERDALE PARKS OPENS JOINT-USE SITE AT BENNETT ELEMENTARY

he City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County Public Schools hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony on Feb. 5 at Bennett Elementary School to celebrate the new playground and play courts. This joint-use park was made possible through a partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward Public Schools.

The space has now been transformed into a muchneeded recreational area with a top-notch playground and a full-size basketball court. The playground and play courts are now open for school and community use. Make sure to visit the park after school hours to enjoy this beautiful, new recreational area.

With children spending an average of six to nine hours online before the pandemic, having access to green space and parks is more important than ever. Being outdoors sparks imaginative play, a sense of adventure in children, and the discovery of our natural environment. The City of Fort Lauderdale is committed to doing our part to reduce this statistic.

This joint-use initiative also supports our 10-minute walk campaign. The City of Fort Lauderdale has a goal making sure recreational opportunities are accessible to everyone within a 10-minute walk from their home to ensure the community's health and well-being.

Fort Lauderdale is fortunate to have an awardwinning Parks and Recreation Department that not only offers outstanding programs, activities and special events, but is also committed to preserving and expanding our City's green space and enhancing our facilities to provide for the needs of our children. Follow us on social media @playlauderdale to stay updated as we continue our commitment of working with Broward County Public Schools for the possibility of more upcoming joint-use sites.



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City of Fort Lauderdale residents can conveniently and safely dispose of home electronics curbside on the same day as their scheduled blue cart recycling.

The City of Fort Lauderdale aims to protect the environment from potentially dangerous electronic components, also known as e-waste. Hazardous materials, such as lead, cadmium and mercury are found in electronic products and can pose a serious risk to human health and the environment if they are disposed in normal waste streams.

Residents can schedule a pick-up by 4 p.m. on the day before their regularly scheduled recycling day (blue cart) by completing an online form at www.fortlauderdale.gov/epickup or by calling the City of Fort Lauderdale's 24-Hour Neighbor Call Center at 954-828-8000.





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 & Copier Machines
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- Monitors
- Routers
- Speakers & Stereos
- ✓ Satellite & Cable Boxes
- Televisions



WHAT'S IN A STREET?

TRANSFORMING ROADWAYS SO THEY ARE PLACES YOU WANT TO BE

an a street have an image? Normally we don't even think about the street we are traveling on, but if you take moment and think about it, a street can play an important role in creating a sense of place. It can be instantly recognizable in a photograph because of its design and location.

In Fort Lauderdale, State Road A1A and Las Olas Boulevard have been those placemaking streets, but over the last several years other streets have also been transformed changing their images and there are more on the way. There are so many examples to share, but I will highlight just a few.

One of the most significant image change projects that the Transportation and Mobility Department worked on was Northeast 13th Street between Northeast 4th Avenue and Northeast 9th Avenue. The street previously had the image of a cut-through for vehicles, traveling at high speeds in the two lanes in each direction. It was not as a street that supported the businesses in this district. The Central City Community Redevelopment Agency received a Broward Redevelopment Grant in 2014 to make the improvements, being the first roadway project that had received this grant dedicated to economic development.

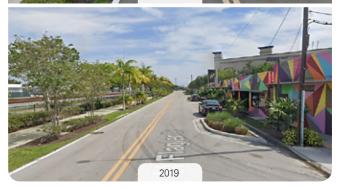
Since it was completed in 2017, the image has transformed to a place to stop and visit, a place you want to be, a place that is pleasant to walk or bike around. This transformation happened by reducing the number of travel lanes and using that space to support the district through adding on-street parking, crosswalks, landscaping, bike lanes and pedestrian lighting. This project showed how the image of the street can be important to the economic health of a district.

Other streets have an evolving image that changes over time. Flagler Drive between Andrews Avenue and Sunrise Boulevard was once four vehicle lanes with a small sidewalk on the east side and ran between the railroad and industrial uses as seen in the 2008 image. This has transformed through the repurposing of the road to add the Flagler Greenway, landscaping, bulbouts and on-street parking by eliminating two lanes by 2014. This transformation in roadway design helped to provide the needed infrastructure to support the changes of use of the buildings to a thriving commercial district creating its own unique sense of place of the MASS District (Music and Arts South of Sunrise).

This street now has a unique image as seen in the 2019







image; you can tell you are in a creative place that is unlike any other within the City. The MASS District has successfully included art in its image with the surrounding murals and will continue to grow this image by adding asphalt art on Flagler Drive at two intersections.

The project is funded through a Made to Move Grant that will add traffic calming of raised intersections at Northeast Second and Northeast Fourth avenues and Flagler Drive, crosswalks between the greenway and the business areas, bicycle parking and asphalt art to build on their image.

Stay tuned for the latest MASS District art installations that will continue to grow their image.





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BY PHILLIP DUNLAP Director, Broward Cultural Division



BROWARD CARES ABOUT ARTS AND CULTURE

CULTURAL DIVISION INVESTS AN ADDITIONAL \$3 MILLION DURING PANDEMIC



The Broward Cultural Division's mission is to enhance the community through the development of the arts – which is no easy task during a pandemic when our strategy must pivot to sustaining the arts so there is a cultural environment to develop when the dust settles.

So, in addition to working to ensure our core funding was maintained, we also spent much of last year securing additional support to ensure the sustainability of the infrastructure we've invested in for so many years.

At the beginning of the year, we worked to ensure existing grants were retained and used funds from State of Florida arts license plate sales to provide an initial injection of \$428,000 to organizations reeling from the impact of the pandemic. Later in the year, a group of local arts leaders led a push to ask the County Commission to allocate some Federal CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) funds to help with additional support.

The effort, led by Bonnie Clearwater (director and chief curator, NSU Art Museum), Kelley Shanley (president and CEO, Broward Center for the Performing Arts), and Joseph Cox (president/CEO, Museum of Discovery and Science) resulted in more than \$2.5 million in additional support to 50 Broward-based arts and cultural organizations. The funding helped preserve jobs and support organizations forced to limit operations due to the pandemic. Grants were distributed to existing Cultural Division grantees by December 30 and reimbursed prior expenses.

On the County Commission side, the issue was championed by Broward County Mayor Steve Geller, who is also a member of the Broward Cultural Council, the volunteer advisory council for the Cultural Division. Mayor Geller has been one of the most prominent supporters of the arts and cultural sector in Broward and counts the arts as one of his areas of focus during his tenure. His support, and that of the entire County Commission in allocating the use of these funds, speaks volumes to the County's support of arts and culture in our community.

While funding is important, the strength of this story lies in the fact that community leaders came together to advocate in support of the sector. This demonstrates that together, we can — and will — achieve great things.

And until the dust fully settles, visit www.ArtsCalendar. com/Reopening to view some of the jobs and institutions that are thriving thanks to this critical funding. ⁽¹⁾



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A CONVERSATION WITH JACKY WRIGHT

IT'S TIME TO TRANSFORM THE DEMOGRAPHICS IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

t's been a journey from her early interest in computers at a New York bank to the Fort Lauderdale corporate office of Microsoft, where Jacky Wright is the U.S. Chief Digital Officer and Corporate Vice President.

She is no stranger to South Florida. As a prominent member of our business community, Ms. Wright graciously sat down and shared her thoughts about our ever-changing region, which she detailed on Feb. 23 at the 111th Annual Meeting of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. The interview has been edited for space.

DL: This isn't your first stint in South Florida. How has this region changed over the years?

JW: One thing that has not changed: we continue to expand I-95. But, the little airport (in Fort Lauderdale) that I flew in and out of while working here has been transformed into an international one because of the boom that has occurred in South Florida. I think it's



very exciting, and I am hopeful that what I see today is an economy that can continue to thrive. However, I am somewhat concerned that not everyone can participate in the economic recovery that will ensue. I am somewhat dismayed by the disparity between the haves and the havenots because that gap seems to have widened. We have a community that for all intents and purposes would be a great place to live, if we have equity. We have the ocean, the beaches and the industries that are thriving, but there are many people being left behind, and that is something I have the passion and desire to change.

DL: How? Have you seen initiatives that can bring about that change?

JW: Yes. For example, (Broward College President) Dr. Greg Haile and his Broward Up initiative is helping young people broaden their horizons by learning what is possible with different types of careers and being exposed to technology, and what (Robert Runcie) the superintendent of schools is doing to help kids in communities that normally would not have the exposure to technology is amazing. These people who are now trying to do the right thing to bring the communities along, these are the things that give me hope.

DL: Where do we find the talent to bolster industries and address South Florida's needs?

JW: How do we transform people working in traditional service roles, like restaurant or fast food, to take digital and technology jobs in healthcare, manufacturing and retail that are becoming the new jobs and careers? If we can understand the demographics, the emerging and growing industries, and the barriers for these communities, we can tailor our efforts in collaboration and partnership with corporations who need talent to make sure people have the right skills and are hired in the right roles.

DL: If you had the opportunity to leave this region a better place, what would you do?

JW: What I would like to leave is an agenda, a roadmap and some wins that demonstrate everyone can be a part of society and achieve their dreams. That would be putting something in place that becomes systemic and enduring in the fabric of South Florida. I would like to see the demographics in those underserved communities transformed relative to graduation rates, hiring and overall economic mobility. Whether we actually complete it all, we can at least start, have some metrics and a plan to make progress. We want everyone to be able to achieve.



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t's often said that a picture is worth a thousand words. But what about the frame? The right frame is almost as important as the picture itself. It not only acts as the home for a picture but also should complement the art it holds.

When it comes to choosing the right frame for your artwork, no one knows the importance of that better than Jason and Joanne Bucci, seasoned framers and owners of Fort Lauderdale's Moonlight Framing.

The business was first established in 1965 by its first owner, Roy Maristany, after immigrating to the United States from Cuba. Then about 20 years ago, Jason began working alongside Roy before becoming a partner in the business in 2010. Today, Jason runs Moonlight Framing with his wife Joanne, who came on three years ago, and together they handle everything from creating custom frames for artwork to consulting with clients to bring their visions to life.

"We offer a wide variety of framing for everything from posters to high-end art but what makes us different is that we both do everything. We both build the frames and consult with clients which is unique for a frame shop because the person up front is also the person who will be building your frame," said Jason.

Walking into Moonlight Framing, clients will see the thousands of molding samples and mat boards along with as many as 20 different glass options to choose from lining the walls. However, before making any decisions, clients can first discuss their options and budget with Jason and Joanne.

"It all starts with a consultation with our clients to figure out what they're style is, what they're looking for, and what would best match in their home," said Jason. Once your consultation is complete, then the building process begins. When it comes to building a custom frame, Jason and Joanne use only high-end materials for their frames which also include making their own paste to be used during assembly.

"We treat the \$10 poster as well as we do the million-dollar painting. Each piece gets the same amount of love and care. We put our heart and soul into every frame," said Jason.

Aside from framing, the Buccis are also art dealers and work with several local and international artists. Inside their shop, a large selection of art is available for sale including collectible sculptures, prints and originals works.

As a part of their dedication to showcasing art from the local community, they will soon expand to open their own gallery separate from the framing store.

Yet, at the end of the day, for the Buccis the best part of what they do is working with people in their community to create something unique.

"My favorite thing in the world is sitting down with someone and getting to be creative with them," said Jason. 0



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BY PHIL PURCELL CEO/President, Marine Industries Association of South Florida



PIER 66

THE STORY BEHIND THIS ICONIC BUILDING - AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF '66'

he Pier 66 tower has long been an iconic and integral part of Fort Laudecrdale's waterfront skyline. For more than 55 years, this masterpiece of midcentury modern design, along with its marina and other amenities, has welcomed visitors from around the world to Florida's yachting capital.

The tower is an architecturally significant building that principal designer, Richard F. Humble, infused with details that paid homage to his employer — and the tower's original owner — Phillips Petroleum. The number 66 features prominently throughout, including the 66 spires on the building's crown, the 66 windows in each of the tower's walls, the 66-second glass elevator ride to the top, and the 66 minutes it takes the circular floor of the Pier Top to make a full rotation as guests are treated to panoramic views of the city and beyond.



After Phillips relinquished the property during a bankruptcy liquidation in 1985, Pier 66 was bought and sold by a number of investors, including a New York private equity firm in 2004. Renovations and improvements were made along the way, but overall, not much changed in the Pier 66 complex over the decades. In 2016, the property was finally sold to owners with a passion for the landmark — Orlando-based Tavistock Development Company. Life was once again breathed into Pier 66.

In 2019, much to the delight of the city, business professionals and boat owners, Tavistock embarked on an ambitious, two-year plan to fully renovate and expand this iconic part of Fort Lauderdale's history. Plans for the mixed-use development include expansion to the south side of 17th Street, nearly 400 rooms and suites, 100-plus residential units, new pedestrian-friendly commercial spaces and a dramatically expanded marina designed to attract superyachts from around the world.

Tavistock, led by British businessman, investor and boat owner Joe Lewis, has pledged to pursue the expansion with a deep respect of the property's history while employing forward-thinking strategies aligned with Fort Lauderdale's and South Florida's continued growth. Lewis is personally invested in the redevelopment project and is viewed as a trusted steward who will shepherd Pier 66 to success in the coming decades.

There is no doubt that expanding the facilities to encompass both sides of the 17th Street Causeway and enlarging marina capabilities to attract bigger yachts is a solid step toward cementing Fort Lauderdale's reputation as a world-class boating destination. Beyond reputational considerations, the influx of yachts from around the world will bring financial benefits to the city and beyond.

From additional marine industry jobs to more money flowing into the local economy to greater demand at regional airports, the positive economic impact of this long-overdue development cannot be overstated. Considering Broward's already impressive economic numbers — 121,000 marine industry jobs and \$9.7 billion economic impact, adding to these statistics will only strengthen the region.

With new Pier 66 leadership in place and a completion date rapidly approaching, we are excited to see the additional positive economic impact the finished project will have on Broward's overall economy.



BY MARTY KIAR Property Appraiser Broward County



HOMESTEADED PROPERTY

FILE NOW FOR THE 2021 SENIOR EXEMPTION

Property owners who are 65 years or older may qualify for an additional exemption on their Homesteaded property. This additional exemption – which applies only to the county's portion of the taxes and city taxes for residents of cities that have adopted this exemption – saves the average Broward senior nearly \$300 each year in taxes. To qualify for this valuable tax-saving exemption, an applicant must be 65 or older as of Jan.y 1, 2021, AND have a combined HOUSEHOLD adjusted gross income for 2020 not exceeding \$31,100. If you believe you qualify for the exemption, you can apply online at https://web.bcpa.net/ bcpaclient/#/SeniorsAppForm.

2021 Homestead Exemption/Save Our Homes Cap Set by the State

The Florida Department of Revenue has set the 2021 Save Our Homes cap at 1.4 percent. This Save Our Homes assessment cap limits increases to the Assessed/ Save Our Homes Value for properties receiving Homestead Exemption to no more than 3 percent per year or the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) regardless of increases to the just value of the property. This cap results in considerable savings over time for properties with Homestead Exemption. It is important to remember this is not a cap on the actual taxes, but rather a cap on the assessed value of the property.

Important: The Save Our Homes cap begins the year after you receive Homestead Exemption and automatically renews each year. This cap does not cover new construction or construction that was not taxed before the "Save Our Homes" limit applied to a particular property. Many owners will face a significant increase in property taxes when they purchase a property as the previous owners' exemptions will be removed and the Save Our Homes (SOH) value reset. Florida law requires the SOH value be brought up to the just value of the property when Homestead Exemption is added or removed from the property. For this reason, our office offers a New Homebuyer's Tax Estimator on our website at web.bcpa.net. This estimator allows prospective buyers the ability to plan ahead when purchasing a new home.

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.



FORT LAUDERDALE'S IMAGE MAKERS

WHICH CITY LANDMARKS SAY 'FORT LAUDERDALE' TO YOU?

WRITER LYNN STOCK

all them kitschy or mid-century modern or just plain recognizable, many of Fort Lauderdale's buildings stand out as iconic images. Here's a look at the landmarks that grace this month's Go Riverwalk Magazine cover.

17TH STREET CAUSEWAY BRIDGE

This iconic bridge was finished in 2001 and won an architectural award for "movable span" from the National Steel Bridge Alliance. The bridge, with a 55-foot vertical clearance, is 908 feet long.





SHIPPEY HOUSE

This historic building, built in 1914, was renovated in 2016. It was the home of Judge Frederick Bleecker Shippey.

WAVE WALL

Perhaps Fort Lauderdale's most iconic structures, the two-mile wave wall along A1A serves as an introduction to Fort Lauderdale Beach. Constructed in the 1980s, it was part of a streetscape improvement project designed by EDSA.



PHOTOS BY JASON LEIDY



9/11 MONUMENT

Riverwalk's newest monument, dedicated in 2020, displays a rail segment from the tracks from the World Trade Center wreckage, in an uplifted position held by granite support pillars, which refers to the solid bedrock of Manhattan that supports its massive buildings.

LAS OLAS OCEANSIDE PARK

The city's newest park is a two-acre green space, also known as LOOP, occupies the corner of Las Olas Boulevard and A1A. The project cost \$51 million and brought two waterfront parks to Fort Lauderdale Beach along with gathering spaces, a tree-lined promenade, pedestrian connections and a state-of-the-art parking facility.





DOWNTOWN

Looking west on Las Olas Boulevard, the city's skyline has changed within the past few years.

PIER 66

Originally the site of a fuel dock and gas station, the iconic Pier 66 spire-topped building was built in the 1960s. Before the tower was badly damaged by Hurricane Irma in 2017, Pier 66 served as a hotel for decades, and is currently under renovation. The project's residential offerings will include lowrise waterfront villa buildings and two 11-story condominium buildings.





SISTRUNK MARKETPLACE

The 24,000-square-foot Sistrunk Marketplace and Brewery is the first food hall in this Fort Lauderdale arts district. The property is home to a brewery, retail boutique, private and shared event places and food vendors. The concept was brought to life by Steven Dapuzzo of Society 8 Hospitality Group, a full-service restaurant and events company.

DOWNTOWN SOUNDS

A PRIMER ON THE TOOTS, BLASTS AND SIGNALS OF OUR WATERWAYS

n an urban downtown, we have a cacophony of sounds that both please and surprise. We have slow moving freight trains, fast moving passenger trains, vehicle horns and vessels horns. Along with those sounds are traffic sounds, people sounds and public safety sounds (police and fire) that fill any community.

We were recently asked to explain the horns that are used by large private yachts as they travel the New River and Intracoastal as well the pleasure craft and commercial vessels that are a daily part of the river.

In 1972, the Coast Guard issued International Navigation Rules (COLREGS) for all vessel operators. In 1983, the 72 COLREGS were reviewed and updated and incorporated into a new document that provided safety information for all waterways. Commercial vessels and operators are trained and tested to a high standard for boat operation, handling and public safety and are required to these regulations and standards.

Both commercial and recreational watercraft use horns and sound signals to indicate their intentions to other boaters. Sound signals are used in place of other methods. Commercial captains are trained to use the signals as a part of their licensing process and are required for use by the Coast Guard as a universal method of communication and safety. The vessels are routinely inspected for compliance to assure safety is the priority.

Many people ask what each of the boat horns mean and why they happen

- One short blast means I intend to pass you on my left (port) side
- Two short blasts mean I intent to pass you on my right (starboard) side
- Three short blasts mean I am backing up
- Five short blasts means– Danger

RESTRICTED VISIBILITY

A vessel nearing a bend or an area of a channel or fairway where other vessels may be obscured by an intervening obstruction shall sound one prolonged blast. This signal shall be answered with a prolonged blast by any approaching vessel that may be within hearing around the bend or behind the intervening obstruction.

EMERGENCY

Seven short horn blast followed by one long blast signals emergency. This is for internal notice for passengers to muster to whatever emergency has arisen.

As one of the many sounds in the Downtown and along our waterways, listen to the blast(s), understand their meaning and be thankful of the trained operators that follow the rules!







EVENTS CONNECTION

GENERAL EVENTS

Art Historian Nikki Greene March 3, 2021 Discussion of the exhibit Boston's Apollo Stonewall National Museum & Archives Virtual 954-763-8565 www.stonewall-museum.org



Jen Kober's Big Gay Comedy Show March 6, 2021 Gay comedian known for improvised rock-n-roll Savor Cinema 954-525-3456 www.filf.com/savorcinema

VCA Walk for the Animals

March 6, 2021 Virtual fundraiser for Humane Society of Broward County Humane Society of Broward County Virtual www.humanebroward.com/events

Naomi Wolf

March 9, 2021 Conversation with writer/activist on her new book Stonewall National Museum & Archives Virtual 954-763-8565 www.stonewall-museum.org

Watercolor Botanical Illustration March 10, 2021 Watercolor workshop Coral Springs Museum of Art 954-340-5000 www.coralspringsmuseum.org

Virtual St. Patrick's Day Mixer March 11, 2021 Virtual networking and cooking demonstration Flite Center Virtual 954-540-7825 www.flitecenter.org Girls Rule

March 16, 2021 Virtual event for resilient and forwardthinking women to connect Junior Achievement of South Florida Virtual 954-979-7124 www.jasouthflorida.org/girlsrule

Masterwarks V March 27, 2021 Music by Ravel, Mozart & Ginastera South Florida Symphony Orchestra Virtual 954-522-8445 www.southfloridasymphony.org



Dan Tepfer March 27, 2021 Bach to the Future South Florida Jazz Virtual 954-424-4440

www.southfloridajazz.org



Dinner on the Square April 14, 2021 Discusion on response to Covid-19 Broward College — The Village Square Virtual 954-201-7048 www.broward.villagesquare.us

LIMITED ENGAGEMENT

Changing Landscapes Through April 22 Annual environmental exhibit ArtServe 954-462-8190 www.artserve.org



Women Trailblazers: Champions of Change — Broward County March 4-31 Women of today and yesterday who impact Broward History Fort Lauderdale The Galleria at Fort Lauderdale 954-463-4431 www.historyfortlauderdale.org

Greater Fort Lauderdale Food & Wine Festival March 15-21

Celebration of local food and beverage Greater Fort Lauderdale Food & Wine Festival Various locations www.gflfoodwine.com

Art Heist

March 16-April 4 Based on a true story, a crime-solving experience Broward Center for the Performing Arts 954-462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

Beyond the Shimmering Waters

Through May 28 Everglades and Immokalee Photography History Fort Lauderdale 954-463-4431 www.historyfortlauderdale.org

Necessary Trouble

Through May 28 Civil Rights Era Photography and Contemporary Art Girls Club 954-828-9151 www.girlsclubcollection.org

The Warld of Anna Sui Through October 3, 2021 Exhibit of famed New York fashion designer NSU Art Museum 954-525-5500 www.nsuartmuseum.org

ONGOING

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Free First Thursday Sunny Days

First Thursday Free admision and 2-4-1 beer and wine AutoNation NSU Art Museum 954-525-5500 www.nsuartmuseum.org

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First full weekend Free admission to NSU Art Museum for BOA customers NSU Art Museum 954-525-5500 www.nsuartmuseum.org

Free Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Day

Last Sunday Fort Lauderdale residents receive free admission City of Fort Lauderdale NSU Art Museum 954-525-5500 www.nsuartmuseum.org

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FOOD AS A VERB?

WRITERS PENNY SANFILIPPO AND JONNY ALTOBELL, THE UGLY SISTERS

any people in business live a lifetime and not experience as much as Memphis Garrett has done in less than 38 years.

This Florida State alumnus, although born in Kentucky and not a native to our state, is making his mark all over South Florida in his own ventures while continuing his success opening dining venues for huge hotels and chains.

The beginnings of his success were in Los Angeles, where he opened 130 different venues, many featuring top -named and respected chefs. Then it was on to Las Vegas, where he tackled another 27 properties. He ultimately teamed with two Miami hoteliers to open eateries in projects in Miami and Fort Lauderdale (Sparrow at The Dalmar is one).

He admits to enjoying things that send most restauranteurs screaming from the kitchen such as working with pre-opening budgets, staffing (with all the personalities that entails) and openings. He feels he often makes better decisions for others than for himself and is still actively consulting.

The Poke House was the first of his own here, and in less than five years, his focus on opening small locally owned food stops now include JB&C in Flagler Village, Subs and Suds and the upcoming Blue Wave Sushi (a ghost kitchen) where bento boxes (disposable) will be available for take out or delivery. There are also future plans for a Greek-themed shop. The concepts are his genius, because as he readily admits, food is his passion but HE doesn't cook it. Franchises of any or all may/will be upcoming.



HOTOS BY JASON LEIDY

The Poke House has all the vibes of a small beachside hangout. His attention to detail even includes making sure the colors behind the slats on the wall are "right." Surfboards are present and the hooks for parcels or purses on the tables are rope ties (used on boats). Beer, sake and







good wine in single serve or half bottles are available and the poke bowls themselves are ultra-fresh and made while you watch. They have a menu selection of favorite worldwide tropical combinations developed with Chef Jeremy Powell with prices from \$12.95 to \$15.95 but you can also select ingredients and build your own.

The idea that great food doesn't have to break your budget is also part of Memphis's model. His vision of the culinary future includes embracing changes in dining and food styles. He feels that younger people would far rather spend their dining money on an experience rather than a \$350 ultra meal with costly and rare ingredients and the status that conveys.

Oh yeah, he is THAT Memphis Garrett, one of the past finalists on the reality show "Big Brother" and just recently returned from a reunion filming of that show. Say what you want about that particular TV genre, my respect went up 1,000 points when he related that he had to spend 100 days with NO CONTACT with the "outside" world. For a man as involved as he is with business to give up phone and computer use, plus any contact with family, speaks of his dedication to whatever he undertakes. Keep watching. ^(f)





BY THE SEA

TWO BEACHSIDE EATERIES THAT WILL MAKE YOU SEE FOOD IN A DELICIOUS WAY

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

EVEN KEEL FISH SHACK

My favorite laidback beachside bites and sips are from the team at Even Keel, highlighting exceptional seasonal ingredients from local farms and fisheries. Chef-owners Dave MacLennan and Brad Phillips have a 20-year creative and culinary partnership rooted in excellent food, drink, and service.

The restaurant's name is a nod to the crew's overall approach – constant, steady and smooth sailing – with their kitchen journeys spanning across California and the Caribbean, before finding safe harbor here in South Florida. The menu reflects



Nashville Hot Chicken



The Lobster Roll

their modern approach to coastal Floridian cuisine – with fish, shellfish, and a raw bar taking center stage, alongside classic comfort dishes.

The seasonally driven beverage program is a hands-on collaboration with BootlegGreg Cocktail Co. featuring wellcrafted cocktails, boozy frozen drinks and a selection of house-made syrups and mixers. Cheers!



Papa Loves Blondes: Blonde rum, fresh mint, fresh lime and bubbles



Margarita: Tequila, fresh lime, agave and sea salt and Rum Punch: Two rums, cherry, pineapple, orange and allspice



Strawberry Basil Margarita: Tequila, fresh lime, seasonal flavors, agave and sea salt

VISIT: EVEN KEEL FISH SHACK 112 E. Commercial Blvd., Lauderdale by the Sea www.evenkeelfish.com

RIVIERA BY CHEF FABIO VIVIANI

MOTTO: DO IT RIGHT OR DO IT TWICE

Chef Fabio has opened the beachside Riviera Fort Lauderdale and I enjoyed a conversation with him on the terrace. Being a good host, he made a few dishes for me paired with spirited sips. His delicious take on Italian seafood sits perfectly in a beautiful setting south of Las Olas. Ciao bello!

Fabio started in the kitchen at age 11 in Italy. By the time he was 19, he had opened his first restaurant in Florence, a Tuscan-style traditional trattoria. From ages 19 to 27, he opened and owned five restaurants, three small hotel bed and breakfasts, a day spot and a farm house in Italy. In 2009, he travelled to the United States to open his first restaurant in Los Angeles — Café Firenze. He now owns more than 30 restaurants and hotels in the United States. **What sets your cooking apart from others?**

Consistency and continuity. Great food and hospitality. I am a customer-centric operator. I will always go above and beyond for our customers. Our food is meant to be eaten and it also makes for a pretty picture.

What is your favorite kitchen utensil?

A wooden spoon. I always have one with me. In the United States, you use it to stir, taste, scrape, grab and move. In Italy, it is so much more. It is a real mood adjustment device.



What's the biggest risk you've ever taken? Selling everything I owned in Italy to venture to the United States. And I did not know a word of English. What would readers be surprised to know about you? I love combat sports and have been doing it for 20 years. I can box, do karate and participate in heavy physical activity. I am an avid shooter — discs, targets, etc. I can hit anything from 100 yards out.

Read my full interviews at spirited southflorida.com







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