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The City's 2020 Water Quality Report is now available at <u>www.fortlauderdale.gov/wqr</u>. This annual report is generated from approximately 100,000 tests performed on the City's drinking water between January 1 and December 31, 2020 and includes important information about the:

- City's water source and supply.
- Water treatment process.
- Contents of Fort Lauderdale's drinking water, including a table of test results.
- Overall quality of the drinking water delivered to Fort Lauderdale taps every day.

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CHAMPAGNE 2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH

Direct views of the river, intracoastal & ocean. Built-in office, gourmet granite kitchen, top of the line appliances and two large terraces.

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3 BEDROOM 2 BATH \$499,000 City & ocean views, 11 foot ceilings, open floor plan, tile floors in the living areas and carpet in the bedrooms, gourmet kitchen, walk in closets.

JUST LISTED 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH \$498,000

Spectacular direct river views, 11 foot ceilings, split bedroom plan, gourmet kitchen, walk in closets. Fully renovated bathrooms & storage included.

2 BEDROOM 2 BATH JUST SOLD! Corner unit with ocean & city views on the 20th floor. Tile floor throughout.

JUST SOLD! 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH City views from this split bedroom floor plan with open corner balcony.

UST SOLD! 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

Split bedroom floor plan, italian kitchen cabinets with stainless appliances.

JUST SOLD!

STUDIO Outstanding river & ocean views from this studio residence.



JUST LISTED 2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH \$619,000

Spectacular corner unit with panoramic views of the river. Wrap around balcony, open gourmet kitchen, porcelain and carpet floors.

JUST LISTED 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH \$599,000

Outstanding views of the New River & Downtown from this rarely available unit, ideally located at the very popular NE corner of the South Tower.

UNDER CONTRACT 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

River & pool views from this concerto 5, split bedroom floor plan.

UNDER CONTRACT 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

18th floor unit with views of the river, large balcony and tile floors.

2 BEDROOM 2 BATH \$329,000

River Views, split bedroom floor plan, tile floors throughout, gourmet kitchen, finished closets, dual balconies and spacious walk in closet.

1 BEDROOM | 1 BATH JUST SOLD!

17th floor unit with unobstructed southern exposure.

UNDER CONTRACT 1 BEDROOM 1 BATH

Corner unit! Large bright living room and bamboo flooring.



SEAVIEW UNDER CONTRACT

3 bedroom 2 bath "penthouse" w/ panoramic views of the ocean, intracoastal & river! 10 FT ceilings & "wrap around" balconies.

JUST LISTED SEAVIEW | \$819,000

3 bedroom 2 bath completely renovated, spectacular views, gourmet kitchen, tile floors throughout. New everything!

JUST LISTED MODIFIED MOONGLOW | \$549,000 2 bedroom 2 bathroom east facing. 10 foot ceilings, totally remodeled, tile floors throughout, spacious glass balcony.

JUST SOLD! STARDUST

Exquisitely upgraded 2 bedroom 2 bathroom + den. High quality built-in office with desk and cabinets; murphy bed in guest bedroom.

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Beautiful 2 bedroom 2 bath with unobstructed direct river, city & sunset views from the spacious glass balcony. White high gloss porcelain tile floors.

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1 bedroom 1 bathroom with unobstructed direct river, city & sunset views from the spacious glass balcony. Wide plank neutral flooring with tall baseboards.

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UNDER CONTRACT SUNGARDEN

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BY JOHN ROPES Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

INNOVATIVE CHANGES AT WORK, PLAY AND REAL ESTATE

Since March of last year, life has felt like we made a wrong turn, with our GPS constantly yelling at us, *"recalculating."* So many tweaks, shifts and major changes had to be made to accommodate the *new safe* in our society. Here are some of the ways our world has changed as we knew it pre-Covid-19.

The first things affected by the Covid-19 pandemic were business and home life. Home became the place for work and schooling — office buildings and schools were emptied. Although office and school buildings are refilling, many changes have remained, such as, online meetings, online doctor assessments, and even online traffic or court hearings. In my opinion, this is a change that I hope doesn't go away. Productivity is at its peak with these modifications to our workday, and costs have been cut with money saved in travel, fuel, and of course, time. Who can argue with that?

We in South Florida are fortunate, as we have also seen many changes in the real estate market due to this pandemic. Why is South Florida such a hot market? Low taxes, open for business, and great weather. People are relocating in droves from New York, California and Washington state. This is getting the commercial real estate market back online filling offices again with business relocations. This demand has driven a new office innovation that is gaining more popularity called "shared office space" with companies like WeWork, Regus and Circle Hub redesigning offices for collaborative and shared office suites. You can move into a one person furnished space, or design a space for your whole company, move-in ready with office furniture and everything in place.

Our residential market is also booming with multifamily developments for rent and purchase filling as fast as they are being built, causing rents and values to rise. The resale home market is bustling as well with homes being snapped up very shortly after being listed. All good changes for our economy here in Broward County and Fort Lauderdale.

Our restaurants are also open for business with safety protocols in place, and many of them changing to more outdoor seating than indoor. Fine by me until summertime.

Things are still a struggle with this pandemic; however, here in Fort Lauderdale, things are just a bit sunnier. See you on the Riverwalk!





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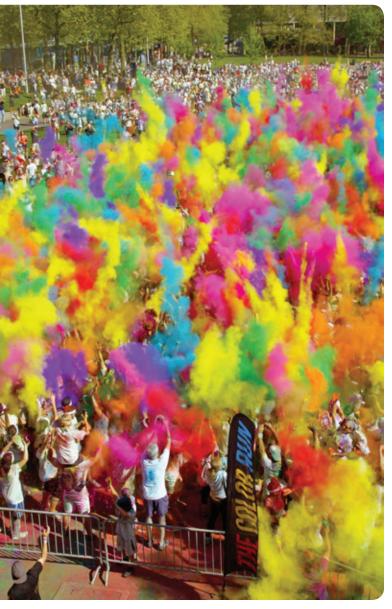


MAY SPRINGS FORTH WITH EVENTS

JET PLANES, COLORFUL RUNNERS, MUSIC AND MARKETS ... OH, MY!

Spring to summer is rushing our way. With the increased number of doses of the Covid-19 vaccine available, there continues to be more people able to return to public life safely. We are always encouraged when we hear the larger numbers of people who have taken advantage of this opportunity.

With that being said, we also are seeing a large increase in request for outdoor events to entertain the public both locals and guest. Among some of the more



well-known events, we look forward to in May are the Fort Lauderdale Air Show on May 8 and 9, Beach Soccer, Friday Night Sound Wave, History Center Open Air Market each Sunday, Morning Yoga in the Park, the Color Run on May 22, and Great American Beach Party and others.

We encourage you to sign up as a volunteer or to compete in the upcoming Color Run, May 22. Starting at Huizenga Plaza, this is the most colorful fun you'll

> ever have! https://www.goriverwalk.com/greaterfort-lauderdale-events/the-color-run-5k-hostedby-riverwalk-fort-lauderdale-4

> Calendars are filling up with all available dates and we are pleased to see the appetite of the public to once again engage in outdoor activities with groups. Safe-distancing and sanitary needs will prevail for some time to come but returning to the new normal is a great step forward.

> Riverwalk has recently hosted the Battle of the Bands, with Steelhouse named the winner. We also hosted the final round of the Riverwalk Voice with Chloe Gardner being the winner. This was a great beginning of music returning to the public and clearly demonstrated the great local talent we have in our City.

Special thanks go to the judging panel, Susan Renneisen of Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino; David Lovitt, the king of concerts; Kitty McGowan, competitor on "American's Got Talent;" David "The Beast" Spitz of Black Sabbath; and Burny Pelsmajer of School of Rock. These guys earned our thanks for supporting the project "Levitt Loves Lauderdale" in bringing local music back to the public.

In April, we also partnered with Twilight Features to bring you two movies in the park to encourage residents to enjoy the great weather, enjoy our parks and to have some fun — all while remaining safe.

In June, we will be hosting the 21st Annual Riverwalk Tribute honoring Beverly Raphael Altman of RCC Associates. The event will be June 3 at the Riverside Hotel and will be a wonderful evening of great food, drinks and the chance to honor an individual that continues to mold our community. Read more about Beverly in this edition of the magazine.





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• As the co-owner and chief operating officer at Danto Builders, I am responsible for the business development and operations, which includes developing and maintaining standard operating

procedures to ensure documentation, safety and quality control. I have a bachelor's of science degree in business administration from Ohio State University and an MBA from Cleveland State University. I have more than 25 years of experience in developing and operating businesses, and over 15 in the construction industry. My career started with Pizza Hut and Arby's, which then led into working in the manufacturing, engineering and construction industries.

Danto Builders offers development, design, engineering, construction and 179D energy tax certification services for commercial, hospitality (especially restaurants), healthcare, industrial, multi-family, retail and government projects, and has been completing projects in the South Florida area for over 40 years. Our ideal is to help clients with turnkey design build solutions.

I believe in being very active in the community and with industry associations. Currently, I am a board member with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, the Florida Design & Construction Professionals and Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association, and a member of AIA Fort Lauderdale and Riverwalk.

When not working and networking, I enjoy spending time with my husband Craig of 15 years and our four rescue dogs as well as and traveling around the world. I also enjoy running and have won numerous 5K races in my age group and qualified for the Boston Marathon this coming October. We look forward to seeing you at future Riverwalk events!



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TOWER CLUB FORT LAUDERDALE

• As a native of Fort Lauderdale, I have been raised playing on our sunny beaches, boating on our river and enjoying all the wonders of Fort Lauderdale.

I left South Florida to attend Florida State University to pursue my bachelor's of science degree in interior design. My original career path combined my love of interior design with an interest in real estate. I worked for several new home builders assisting buyers with their interior selections for their new homes.

Even though I worked primarily in the western suburbs, I continued to maintain my connection to the Downtown community by volunteering. I was involved with the Friends of Museum of Discovery and Science, Pinion/Special Olympics, Stranahan House and Winterfest.

While I loved working in interior design, my true passion was in hospitality and events. When an opening became available for an event manager position at Timpano Chophouse, I took a leap of faith and never looked back! However, five years later Covid-19 closed my beloved restaurant down.

The relationships that I had created throughout the years helped to guide me to my next great adventure. Now as I stand on the 28th floor, I get to see my past and our future through the windows of the Tower Club. Every day I get to interact with members who I have known all my life.

As a Downtown resident and worker, I enjoy spending my down time on the Riverwalk. It is both my pleasure, as is the team at the Tower Club, to participate and support the Riverwalk in their efforts.

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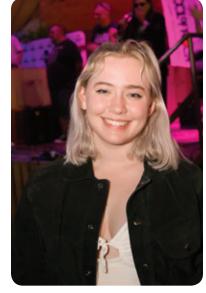
As a part of the continuing Levitt Loves Lauderdale Music Series, Riverwalk hosted the final round of The Voice with the judging panel selecting Chloe Gardner as the Riverwalk Voice.

Riverwalk Battle of the Bands included five contenders, each showing their chops, to earn the cash prize and bragging rights. Performing were Silver Storm, The Groove Street Band, State of Flux, Steelhouse, and Bango Bango's — each demonstrating a variety of music types that thrilled the audience. Backyard hosted the competition on a beautiful spring evening.



Judging Panel: Burny Pelsmajer, David Lovitt, Susan Renneisen, David "The Beast" Spitz and Kitty McGowan





Chloe Gardner: Winner of the Riverwalk Voice



Trenton Roach: Runnerup of the Riverwalk Voice



Safely distanced crowds



Steelhouse: Winner of Riverwalk Battle of the Bands





Groove Street Band



Silver Storm



State of Flux



Bango Bango's



REELS ON THE RIVERWALK

On a beautiful Friday evening and again on Sunday evening, Riverwalk, with some great partners, hosted Riverwalk Reels — free movies — at Huizenga Plaza. With more than 75 attendees at each of the movies, all safely distanced, we danced and sang through the evenings with "Mamma Mia" on April 16 and "Dirty Dancing" on April 18. Thanks go to our partners that helped make this free event happen in our Downtown.



Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale presented movies at Huizenga Plaza



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TRASH TO TREASURE ART



As part of the *More at the Market* series, we welcome Ocean Conservation artist, Lisa Miceli-Capano, on Saturday, May 15. Best known for her one-of-a-kind murals, created by using debris from our local beach, Lisa will lead a collaborative art art project at the Las Olas Oceanside Park Market from 10 am until 2pm. Hosted in partnership with the Fort Lauderdale Beach Sweep and ArtServe, Lisa's goal with her art is to bring awareness to the trash being discarded on the shoreline which can destroy marine life and living coral reefs. Join us this, and every 3rd Saturday of the month, for a different reduce, reuse and recycle community art project. For dates and details, and



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VICE MAYOR HEATHER MORAITIS City of Fort Lauderdale



BACK TO LIFE

THE CITY'S PLANS FOR REOPENING

neetings Fort Lauderdale.

One of the highest priorities of the Mayor and City Commission is the safety and well-being of our neighbors. The unexpected arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic last year was challenging for everyone and it took a toll on our economy. As we begin to emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic, you will see our beautiful city beginning to come alive again. Restaurants are reopening and events are returning with regulations in place to safeguard our community.

Fort Lauderdale is a thriving city full of life, highlighted by beautiful weather, an array of culture, sports, dining, entertainment and educational opportunities. It is time for us to start enjoying what our city has to offer. I want to share how we are working with our partners throughout the City toward reopening.

The City of Fort Lauderdale and Inter Miami CF partnered with Broward Health to offer Covid-19 vaccinations at Lockhart Park, and the Florida Department of Health continues to offer Covid-19 vaccines at Snyder Park. For more information on testing and vaccinations, visit:www.fortlauderdale.gov/coronavirus

On April 18, Inter Miami opened the 2021 MLS Season at the Inter Miami CF Stadium against the LA Galaxy for the first-ever encounter between the two teams. Inter Miami is taking all the necessary precautions to ensure the safety of all ticket holders by reducing the number of attendees per game. For more information on Inter Miami CF, visit www.intermiamicf.com.

The Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport's (FXE) Industrial Airpark is now home to an Amazon last-mile delivery center. The Fort Lauderdale City Commission



approved a long-term lease with First Industrial Realty Trust to develop three vacant sites encompassing 25.3 acres in the Airport Industrial Park, which is located in the heart of the City's Uptown Business District north of Cypress Creek Road, and west of Powerline Road. Executive Airport's 200-acre Airpark offers more than 1.5 million square feet of prime office, warehouse and manufacturing space.

The City Commission approved \$500,000 in CARES Act funding for Public Service Educational Enrichment Services. This funding will strengthen the City's summer enrichment programs and camps to support learning for students whose academic performance was affected by Covid-19. Register early to secure your spot. For more details, please visit www.fortlauderdale. gov/recreation.

The 2021 Fort Lauderdale Air Show is set for May 8-9 and the U.S. Navy Blue Angels will headline our biggest attraction this spring. Even more exciting is that the Blue Angels will debut the F-18 Super Hornets, which are larger and have 40 percent more power than the legacy Hornets. Joining the Blue Angels is the F-16 Viper Demo Team. The Demo Team showcases the full capabilities of the jet including high-speed maneuvers at over 600 mph. For more information, please visit fortlauderdaleairshow.com

The Great American Beach Party returns on Saturday, May 29, featuring American country music group Lonestar! Join us from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Las Olas Oceanside Park, 3000 E. Las Olas Boulevard as we kick off summer with a full day of free activities! Highlights include live bands, a kids zone, classic car show, a sand

sculpting demonstration, art show, a military tribute, and a parachute jump by the SOCOM Para-Commandos! For complete details, visit fortlauderdale.gov/gabp

In closing, I would like to thank Mayor Trantalis and my fellow commissioners for designating me as Vice Mayor for the City of Fort Lauderdale. It is an honor to have the opportunity to work with our neighbors on important issues as the District 1 Commissioner, and I am looking forward to fulfilling the Vice Mayor role throughout the coming year.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me by calling my office at (954) 828-5033 or send me an email at HMoraitis@fortlauderdale.gov. Stay safe and be well. ⁽¹⁾ THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE PRESENTS THE

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BY REPRESENTATIVE CHIP LAMARCA



WALL STREET SOUTH

ONE THING FROM THE PANDEMIC THAT COULD BE HERE TO STAY

Business relocating to Fort Lauderdale

uring the pandemic, more people have relocated to Florida than ever before. 2.5 million people moved to the sunshine state in the last decade alone, and those numbers are only increasing since Covid-19 struck.

Remote working for both education and employment has allowed more opportunities for people to move outside of their regular atmospheres. South Florida has been the hotspot for businesses looking to relocate thanks to both great physical and business climates. Florida has warmer weather with at least 250 days of sun and no state income tax, allowing our residents to keep more of their hard-earned money. We also have easy accessibility to travel when needed. With more than 350 average daily flights, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport offers non-stop service to more than 85 U.S. cities and global connectivity to more than 62 international destinations in 33 countries.

South Florida, specifically Fort Lauderdale and Miami, have both had an increase in residents since the pandemic began last year. The cost to live in Florida compared to New York is much lower, along with more industrial space available to build, compared to the New York City high rises. New York currently has one of the highest tax rates, and they will only continue to increase. You will not get those rates here in Fort Lauderdale.

Wall Street has been in talks to open up shop

down in South Florida, even before the pandemic. Florida has the opportunity to be the new financial capital for companies like Goldman Sachs and Virtu Financial In an effort to draw more businesses to Fort Lauderdale, we want to remind those up north what they are missing out on. Florida encompasses a business-friendly and more relaxing lifestyle.

One of our hardest hit industries during the pandemic was the cruise industry. Since Fort Lauderdale has always been the home of the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, thousands of those working in the marine industry rely on South Florida to be a boating hub. When the pandemic struck, thousands of those workers were furloughed. Now, as more than 5 million people in Florida have been at least partially vaccinated against Covid-19 (as of March 24), Gov. DeSantis has called on the CDC to rescind its no-sail order which will remain in place until Nov. 1. The Covid-19 pandemic's effects on the cruise industry are part of a larger struggle facing the entire travel industry, which ended 2020 with \$1.1 trillion in losses. Our cruise industry is essential to Florida's economy, and with the Covid vaccine available to all adults, it is time we encourage the opportunity to get them back to work.

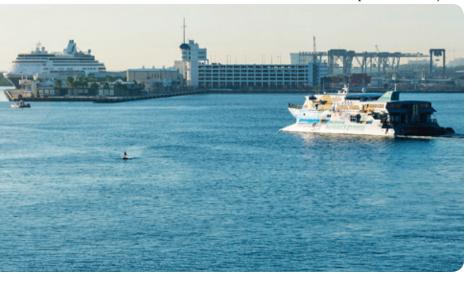
Unemployment

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity announced that Florida experienced nine consecutive months of job growth! Florida has gained 1,700 private sector jobs since the beginning of the New

> Year. In January 2021, Florida's overall unemployment rate has dropped to 4.8 percent. In Fort Lauderdale, our unemployment rate was 17.2 percent at the beginning of March 2020. Today, Fort Lauderdale's unemployment rate has dropped to 5.3 percent. I am happy to see our economy is starting to bounce a year after the pandemic first struck.

If you have any questions, please be sure to visit www.SBA. gov for further information.

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



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ART IN THE PARK

THE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES ART WITH TWO EVENTS

MPRESTES ART EXHIBITION

The South Side Cultural Arts Center presents the MPrestes Art Exhibition through May 28.

Milton Prestes-MPrestes is from Curitiba, Brazil, and has resided in Fort Lauderdale since 1991. MPrestes's work consists of mixed media such as painting, photography, silk screening and stencils. In his pieces, you will see the precision of an industrial designer and the whimsical, eclectic style of modern street style fashion and pop culture.

He holds a degree in industrial design from the University of Catolica of Parana, Brazil.

The art exhibit is free and open to the public Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., through May 28 at the South Side Cultural Arts Center located at 701 S. Andrews Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. Face masks and social distancing are required.

LAUDERDALE MANORS PARK ART MURAL

On Saturday, March 27, Lauderdale Manors Park hosted an Art Unveiling and Musical Showcase.

Local artist DJ Chery motivated a group of Fort Lauderdale youth to paint a mural of actor and playwright Chadwick Boseman. Chadwick Boseman achieved international fame for playing Marvel's superhero Black Panther. This mural was created as a tribute to a young man whose life was cut short after a battle with colon cancer.

The event featured a variety of musical performances from the Parks and Recreation Department's teen program and culminated with the unveiling of the basketball court mural.

For more information on all of our programs, follow @playlauderdale on social media or visit www. fortlauderdale.gov/parks. ⁽¹⁾



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LOOKING AT STREETS IN A NEW WAY

CHANGING HOW WE USE STREETS

The definition of innovation is a process that involves multiple activities to uncover new ways to do things. Looking back on the challenges the past year has presented us as Fort Lauderdale, the concept of innovation has become synonymous with improvisation. The ability to be completely flexible and fluid through this past year's turbulence has become a talent, in some respects. Our Transportation and Mobility department has been no exception to the new normal of *going with the flow* and thinking far outside of the box.

We have continued to think of new ways of encouraging mobility during a time where neighbors were frightened to even step foot outside, embracing innovation by creating safe spaces of recreation, and accommodating local businesses through positive, pandemic pivots that will shape the future of mobility within the City for many years to come.

The most innovative, nationally recognized effort that the Transportation and Mobility spearheaded was the mobility efforts that allowed extended space



for recreation on State Route A1A between Las Olas Blvd and Sunrise Blvd. The idea stemmed from an inquiry from neighbors to our City Commission and quickly blossomed into an opportunity for the City to identify innovative ways to achieve recreational activities at the beach, while not utilizing the actual beach.

A combined effort between the City's First Responders, Transportation and Mobility, City Manager's office and the Florida Department of Transportation, we were able to collaborate and provide comfortable access for recreation while respecting the new executive orders in place. One of the key takeaways from the activities to connect our neighbors back to recreational opportunities were the partnerships that were strengthened along the way. Florida Department of Transportation, Fort Lauderdale Police Department and Fort Lauderdale Fire Department were instrumental in making this innovative idea come to fruition. Collaborative brainstorming sessions, Parking and Police enforcement coordination, and traffic advisory communications via the City's Public Information Department were key elements to ensure the safety and functionality of our pandemic pivot. All handson-deck allowed these practices to be a success!

The effort created a domino effect in Fort Lauderdale, and soon after our launch of the Beach lane closure, our Temporary Outdoor Business Expansion Program was rolled out. This program allowed local businesses in select areas to apply for a permit that granted the business access to utilize the city's right-of-way by converting certain areas of sidewalk into outdoor dining areas. Once the program was launched, businesses were able to thrive further through outdoor, socially distanced dining options which still exist today.

The new way in which Fort Lauderdale neighbors step out of their homes to socialize has been consciously reversed from a daunting, cautious event, to now a more positive, socially responsible effort due to innovative leaps such as the ones mentioned. The Transportation and Mobility department intends to continue promoting and enhancing innovative ways to connect the streets and neighbors of Fort Lauderdale as we continue to move forward through the pandemic and beyond.



BY PHILLIP DUNLAP Director, Broward Cultural Division



NEW PUBLIC ART IN SISTRUNK

RICH WITH CULTURE AND HISTORY

Band our local community to create a sense of place within our cities and neighborhoods for more than 40 years. Public art enhances our surroundings through sculptures, murals or functionally integrated artwork and can be an important tool in amplifying the stories of our communities.

Recently, we commissioned artist Claudia Fitch to design, fabricate and install a site-specific artwork to transform a high-traffic area located in the right-of-way of Northwest 27th Avenue near the African American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC). This artistic intervention includes freestanding sculptures with artistic elements that reflect the rich historical and cultural heritage of the surrounding community, commonly referred to as Sistrunk.

This striking new work is visible for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, and creates a vivid gateway into the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) near significant landmarks in the community. The installation consists of five sculptures, referencing West To contribute concepts for the design, the artist worked with local community members to source stories from the neighborhood, including students in the Advanced Art Program at Dillard High School. These various community activities facilitated by the artist provided the underlying themes for the artwork concept and imagery and connects the work to this very important neighborhood.

So, next time you are out exploring our wonderful community, don't forget to take a trip to the corner of Sixth Street and Northwest 27th Avenue to see this new piece of public art. And, if you haven't already, the exhibition *The Porch is the Tree is the Watering Hole* about the Black experience in Sistrunk is on view through the end of May at AARLCC. View the sculptures and the exhibition at the same time for a culturally and historically significant outing the whole family can appreciate; reserve your free passes at ArtsCalendar.com.

You might just learn something new! 🚳

African traditions it evokes cultural significance by visually incorporating linguist staffs, an ornamental hairpin, Adinkra symbols and Kente cloth colors through the sculptures' various forms, shapes, colors and patterns.



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"Walking Sticks with Stories to Tell" by Claudia Fitch, commissioned for Northwest 27th Avenue Safe Streets improvement project, a multi-modal street design to encourage public transport, bicycling and walking.





ARE WE THERE YET?

THE LONG-AWAITED RETURN OF IN-PERSON EVENTS

Picture this: It's Tortuga Music Festival time. Strangers who share a like-minded love of music gather on the beaches of Fort Lauderdale. A rush of energy radiates through the crowd as the headlining act takes the stage while singing, laughter and an atmosphere of carefree enjoyment echo along the sandy shores.

Such euphoric scenes have become just a dream since the start of the pandemic in March 2020, and we've collectively craved in-person gatherings ever since.

Scientists and experts are cautiously optimistic that with tens of millions of Americans now vaccinated, safer gatherings, large and small, can happen again in the coming months.

Luckily, plans are already on the books for some of our area's favorite events.

The Fort Lauderdale Air Show will take place on May 8 and 9. Social distancing and mask-wearing guidelines will be in place for this second stop of the "AirDotShow" Live Tour. The Air Show typically generates millions in economic impact and will also bring a much-needed aura of patriotic inspiration to our community.

The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, the largest in-water boat show globally, is slated for Oct. 27 through 31. In addition to helping the local hotel and restaurant scene, the event is a mammoth sales generator for the local marine industry. According to a 2019 event press release, sales of everything from paddleboards to mega yachts contributed to more than \$508 million in direct sales that year.

The **Tortuga Music Festival** is scheduled to take place from Nov. 12 to 14. The festival typically brings a significant increase in revenue for downtown and A1A businesses,



including increased hotel bookings on the beach.

Many will cheer the return of the seasonal favorite, **Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade**, which is slated for Dec. 11. This event generates approximately \$50 million annually for Broward County.

In 2019, these events collectively generated an economic impact of more than \$1 billion across Greater Fort Lauderdale businesses by attracting hundreds of thousands of tourists to our region. The return of these events in late 2021 could mark a turning point for financials and jobs.

A return to large-scale gatherings would not only provide an essential economic boost but would also deliver a muchneeded emotional lift. People are instinctually drawn to gather with others, especially to enjoy entertainment, unite for a common purpose, or celebrate a joyous occasion. Our collective emotional psyche has undoubtedly suffered since this need has been mostly neglected for the past year. The Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce can't wait to come together, once again, to enjoy the sense of personal fulfillment and community that comes along with gathering for large-scale events.

With that in mind, the Chamber intends to hold several of its signature events in-person this fall as well. We recognize there is no real substitution for in-person networking and business exposure, so we want to offer our investors the opportunity to see each other in-person as soon as it is safe.

The Chamber is eyeing in-person events starting this fall with the following: **Saluting Excellence in Business & Beyond** on Sept. 30, **Perspectives on Florida's Healthcare & Excellence in Healthcare Awards** on Nov. 18, and **Community Heroes Awards** in early December. We remain hopeful that we will be able to gather (with any/all necessary precautions in place) with our friends, colleagues and fellow members of the business community as we celebrate local business leaders' accomplishments.

In addition, our Chamber's **Washington Summit presented by FPL**, a lobbying trip to Washington, D.C., where Fort Lauderdale business leaders advocate for issues related to the Broward County business community, is planned for Oct. 18 through 21.

Our next event, **Small Business Awards**, will be held virtually on June 14. Here we will honor the small business leaders in our community who have persevered through unprecedented circumstances.

Hang in there, Fort Lauderdale. We miss your faces, but we'll see you soon!



AFFINITY FRANCHISE PARTNERS

BUSINESS WORKS TO PAIR FRANCHISEES WITH A FITTING FRANCHISE OPPORTUNITY

wning your own business can be a lucrative and rewarding financial decision. Starting a new business, however, can be a daunting and difficult endeavor to take on especially if you don't have a lot of experience.

That's why for many entrepreneurial hopefuls, buying a franchise from an already successful enterprise can be a much safer way to go about it. Yet, instead of taking on this new venture alone, why not work with an expert in the franchising field like dedicated franchise broker, Karen Unger.

Owner of Affinity Franchise Partners, Unger started her business after she happened to be looking to start a franchise herself.

"I had just sold my technology company of 25 years and I was talking with my own franchise broker and he said, 'Have you ever thought about doing what I do? I think you would be really good at it," said Unger. Following her franchise broker's advice and using her many years of experience working with people, she started her company and has been helping pair soon to be franchisees with the franchise that best fits them ever since.

As a franchise broker, Unger works as a liaison between the owner of a franchise business you would like to buy into and yourself. As she puts it, "What I do is similar to that of a recruiter but I work with people who are looking to buy a business instead of looking for a new job."

With more than 4,000 franchise opportunities available it can be difficult for one person to find the franchise that is right for them. However, one of the benefits in working with a franchise broker like Unger is that she works to take most of the guess work out of finding the right franchise.

At Affinity Franchise Partners, through an initial assessment given to potential franchisees, Unger looks to assess what your goals are, what kind of franchise you are interested in purchasing, and what you hope to get out of this business opportunity.

"Each client is different and some may be more comfortable working with a well-established brand as opposed to an emerging one. So, my job is understanding what industry my clients are looking to buy a franchise in and setting them up with one that best fits their needs and interests," she said.

Another benefit of working with a franchise broker is having the opportunity for them to present you with a variety of franchise opportunities and categories you



might not have previously considered that could be a good fit considering each client's specific talents and skills. Affinity Franchise Brokers will also perform a market study of the area clients are looking in to assess the competition and demographics to ensure a specific franchise will succeed in that area.

"For instance, for someone looking to open a childcare facility that is probably not going to work in an area where there is predominantly elderly people living," said Unger.

However, whether you are looking to purchase the franchise of a restaurant chain or want to open a yoga studio, working with a franchise broker certainly offers many more benefits than going it alone.

"I've seen the good, the bad and the ugly of owning a business first-hand. So, I know what it takes to own and operate a business successfully. However, it's important to take a step back and look at buying a franchise from all angles because it is a big decision both financially and personally.

"The best advice I always give my clients is to make sure that the franchise you end up choosing is something you love doing but are also comfortable with turning it into a job," Unger said. (1)

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FREEDOM THROUGH INNOVATION

COMPANIES AND ORGANIZATIONS RAPIDLY ADAPT TO FIND SUCCESS

he past 12 months have delivered myriad changes to the way we live our lives. From how we grocery shop to the way we work, no aspect of daily living has escaped the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. While it is easy to lament things lost, it is not as easy to appreciate the things unintentionally gained.

Freedom is one thing of those things. While it may seem counterintuitive to claim we have more freedom in the recent era of social distancing requirements, shelter-inplace orders, and masking mandates, hear me out. Many of the things we had to change during the last year have given us something unexpected — the freedom of time.

Even mundane tasks like stocking our refrigerators have evolved. While once considered an occasional indulgence by many, online grocery shopping and home delivery became a necessity in this past year. Many of us quickly discovered how much time could be saved by embracing this technology. Time was freed up to pursue other activities often ignored in our previously over-scheduled and hyperbusy lives. Even now that we can again return to our favorite shops, many of us will continue to embrace these shopping apps, because they give us the freedom of time.

Remote working was another such epiphany. Many of us gave up our lengthy commutes in favor of home offices and Zoom meetings, either temporarily or permanently. The makeshift coffee table desks and occasional toddler Zoom call bombs that came along with working from home were readily accepted as the trade-off for the time we gained by eliminating travel time. Technology like Zoom and Microsoft Teams was and remains an integral part of making these new work lives work.

PIVOTS, BIG AND SMALL

It isn't just innovation on an individual level that continues to impress me. Companies and organizations rapidly adapted to the new reality and successfully continued doing business despite all obstacles.

The Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF) didn't miss a beat in ensuring the continuity of two long-standing annual activities in 2021 — the 44th Annual Broward County Waterway Cleanup and the Plywood Regatta. While both events look quite different from years past, we leveraged creativity and technology to successfully execute these popular events.

Innovation occurred on a larger scale, too. Many of the live, in-person events that are critical to south Florida's economy were able to be continued thanks to creative thinking and teamwork. Together with local government officials and MIASF, Informa Markets created a safety plan that allowed the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show to be held as a live, in-person event. This was the first large-scale, outdoor event held since the lockdown started. Incorporating numerous safety and security protocols, Informa's strategy and execution presented a seamless and familiar experience for attendees.



Members of the Key Club at Sheridan Technical High School volunteered during the 44th Annual Broward County Waterway Cleanup on March 6.

The live boat show also led to a partnership between NBC and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau. This partnership resulted in expansion to a one-hour nationally televised special highlighting the show and the greater Fort Lauderdale area. Other benefits that flowed from the live show included the highest area hotel occupancy rates since March 2020, the hiring of additional food and beverage staff throughout the area, and boat sales that exceeded all expectations.

Ocean Exchange is another example of larger innovative success. Through partnership with the Marine Research Hub, the ninth annual Ocean Exchange: Solutions Inspiring Action competition will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Oct. 24 through 26. Eight teams of students compete for the Broward College Innovation Award, and twelve entrepreneurs from five countries compete for two annual \$100,000 innovation prizes.

The global attention that these live events bring to the region provides incalculable benefits. One notable example is Elon Musk. First attracted to the area by the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show, Musk then developed an interest in the area's infrastructure through a twitter engagement, particularly the future plans to replace the aging railroad bridge. Whether Musk's idea of tunnel boring takes off or not, his interest in the region does not go unnoticed by his peers.

The support of local government officials is key to continuing this growth momentum. Whether it is working to find creative solutions to offer live events, securing high-profile competitions, or helping procure funding for initiatives like the Marine Research Hub, involvement of local leaders, including Broward County Mayor Steve Geller, remains key to the region's continued economic growth.

It will take the entire community – business leaders, innovators, elected officials, and everyday citizens – working together to respond to the ever-changing landscape presented in these uncertain times. By embracing innovation and enjoying the freedom that comes with it, together we will be the solid foundation upon which south Florida continues to flourish. (1)



BY MARTY KIAR Property Appraiser Broward County



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Community Outreach Events

Our office has resumed visiting the Governmental Center West in Plantation on Wednesdays from noon to 2 p.m. BCPA staff is available to assist residents with exemption filing and answer any questions. To schedule an appointment, please email ExemptionExpress@bcpa. net or contact us at (954) 357-5579. ^(G)



TRIBUTE HONOREE BEVERLY RAPHAEL ALTMAN

RIVERWALK CELEBRATES CEO OF LEADING GENERAL CONTRACTOR

WRITER GO RIVERWALK STAFF



he date has been officially set and Riverwalk's Tribute honoree, Beverly Raphael Altman, CEO & Chairwoman of RCC Associates Inc., will be honored Thursday, June 3, at the Riverside Hotel.

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale chooses a community member to celebrate most years (2020's pandemic pushed back the Tribute until this year).

Raphael Altman leads RCC Associates, one of South Florida's largest general contractors. Through the years, the company has built many of our favorite eateries from high-end local choices to national chain locations.

"Beverly is truly a South Florida institution," says Genia Duncan Ellis, president/CEO of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale. "While many people may not know her name, she has been there every step of the way as our community has grown and prospered."

The 21st annual Riverwalk Tribute will be held at the Riverside Hotel on Thursday, June 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be an exclusive VIP reception with the honoree from 5 to 6 p.m. Honored guests, sponsors and industry partners will enjoy an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment and a silent auction.

A presentation during the evening will officially recognize Beverly Raphael Altman as the 21st annual Riverwalk Tribute honoree.

Raphael Altman is pictured here at two of RCC's latest projects: Cuba Libre, top photo, and Salt 7, middle and bottom photos. At Cuba Libre, RCC has renovated this iconic space on Las Olas Boulevard for the new 250-seat dining destination. The 9,200-square-foot restaurant opened in early April. Salt 7, a 7,000-square-foot restaurant located on the Riverwalk with outdoor seating and a waterfront bar, has become a hot spot since opening in February.

RCC Associates and joint venture partner Gulf Construction are the general contractor of the \$30 million renovation of Parker Playhouse.

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MEAT AND GREET

WE WELCOME THE APPEARANCE OF HIGH-END MEAT SHOPS IN FORT LAUDERDALE

WRITERS PENNY SANFILIPPO AND JONNY ALTOBELL, THE UGLY SISTERS

n this issue and in June, we explore the welcome appearance of high-end meat shops in Fort Lauderdale, available both in fresh and frozen forms.

Yes, this is yet another article that deals with the pandemic and its effect on how, and what, we eat now. Many of us are eating at home, some order in, some are trying their hands at advanced cooking because of a reluctance to go out.

What's often been missing though, from duplication at home of a restaurant favorite, is a lack of ultra-high quality ingredients. Certainly, the Internet has solved some of those issues, but for an impulse buy we here in extreme South Florida, had little or no options.

Enter Mark Small and his crew at A Cut Above Butcher and Provisions. Located at 1541Cordova Road (in the spot where the Quarterdeck used to be), this bright, clean shop has some absolutely beautiful meat and fish.

We were treated to a tour by Executive Chef Jeff Sternshein. It's hard to miss the meat counters — the term butcher should give that away — but the display commands attention for its size alone. Behind the counter are three electric cabinets used to dry age American Prime beef for 10, 20 and 30 days. Their Wagyu* beef is from Australia and they have certified

Kobe* Beef as well. The pork selection is from Berkshire or Cheshire animals. Poultry is not neglected, and having experienced meat cutters means you can get exactly what you want. At the end of the line is their display of sustainable seafood – as much local as they can obtain. I was impressed with not one, but three kinds of house cured salmon: hot cured, cold cured and Gravlax.

For the provisions portion: shelves were well stocked with gourmet goodies from California cheeses to artesian olive oils, sauces and dressings, plus many locally produced condiments (honey, jams). There was a well-stocked freezer case with Lauderhill-produced Gelato Fino Desserts. The fresh vegetable selection, although small, had enough variety for



you to pick up something to round off a menu.

Jeff stressed that they "are not your weekly grocery store" but more a "nightly dinner store."

Ahh, as to the meat prices — his "nightly dinner" comment gives you an idea. There is a reason that a steak is expensive when you go out to a fine steakhouse and this is high-end restaurant quality meat. For those who don't want to cook every meal, their prepared foods selection was impressive with soups and imaginative pre-made entrees at reasonable prices (easily would feed two to three). Dessert, whipped up by their in-house pastry chef, looked appealingly decadent and fresh. There is a hot case







near the entrance where you can grab one of their daily selections of sandwiches for lunch — and there is an upcoming press coffee system due to open which uses their proprietary Colombian coffee (which they must buy in 100-pound increments).

This store is a visual delight and worth the trip for inspiration alone. We wish them all the best! Part 2 next month.

*Wagyu and Kobe beef are both from the same type of cow, but only beef from Kobe, Japan can be called Kobe.

> WANT TO GO?: A CUT ABOVE BUTCHER AND PROVISION SHOP 1541 Cordova Road | Fort Lauderdale (954) 500-BEEF www: www.acutabovebutcher.com





SPRING SIPS

USE THIS SEASON'S FLAVORS FOR TASTY INSPIRATIONS

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

Spring flowers and citrus set the stage for a delicious adventure. This month I sipped my favorite margarita, a flowery tea, fruit juice with seltzer and a sinful cocktail dessert. Take on your environment and create your own tasty sensation. Cheers!

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A Hibiscus Spiced Margarita is an exotically tropical tequila cocktail made with a blend of fresh lemon and lime juices, a house-made hibiscus syrup and fresno pepper infused agave nectar. Chill a glass and fill with pebble ice. Shake the cocktail then top with crushed ice and an edible flower. This cool refreshing sip is balanced with a delightful peppery finish from the juicy red fresno pepper. The perfect cocktail for a South Florida summery day or night.

Created by Ervin Machado

HIBISCUS ICED TEA

Tropical floral notes steeped with tea create a bold iced cooler perfect for spring afternoon.

Created by Magnolia Caffee and Green Light Gallery

SPARKLING HIBISCUS SPRITZER

Add your favorite sparkling water to fruit juices for a refreshing spring sipper.

Created by Bootleg Greg Cocktail Company.

KEY LIME GIN MARTINI

Spirited ice cream is the perfect size for a cool treat. Sweet and tangy key lime ice cream made with gin is accented with graham cracker crust.

Created by Aubi and Ramsa.













Check out www.goriverwalk.com for more spirited **#BITES+SIPS** and recipes. Join Renée's **#conSPIRITors** by following her on Twitter and Instagram (**@spiritedsfi**) and her Facebook page, Spirited South Florida. Remember to **#DrinkResponsibly #GetSpiritedSouthFlorida**



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Nicole Henry

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

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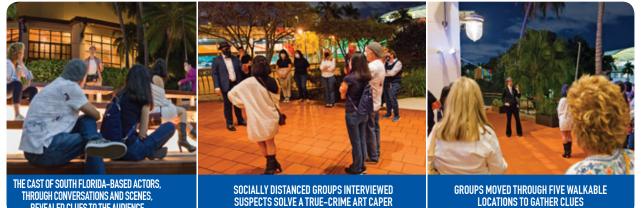


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ART HEIST EXPERIENCE

The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Broward Center for the Performing Arts and Right Angle Entertainment presented an interactive, socially-distanced theater experience on March 17.



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