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3 BEDROOM 3.5 BATH

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ASHLEY

3 BEDROOM 3.5 BATH

Large corner unit w/ direct river & city views from every room. Designer finishes, custom built-ins, contemporary light fixtures, custom window treatments, poegenpohl kitchen w/ granite counter tops, marble baths & 2 terraces.

ASHLEY | \$1,175,000

3 BEDROOM 3.5 BATH

Magnificent views of the River. Expansive open floor plan. Foyer entry, stone floors throughout, 2 large terraces, top of the line appliances & motorized sun shades.

UNDER CONTRACT

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2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH

High floor with panoramic ocean, city & river views from every room, Custom designer model, marble floors & numerous upgrades.

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CHAMPAGNE

2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH

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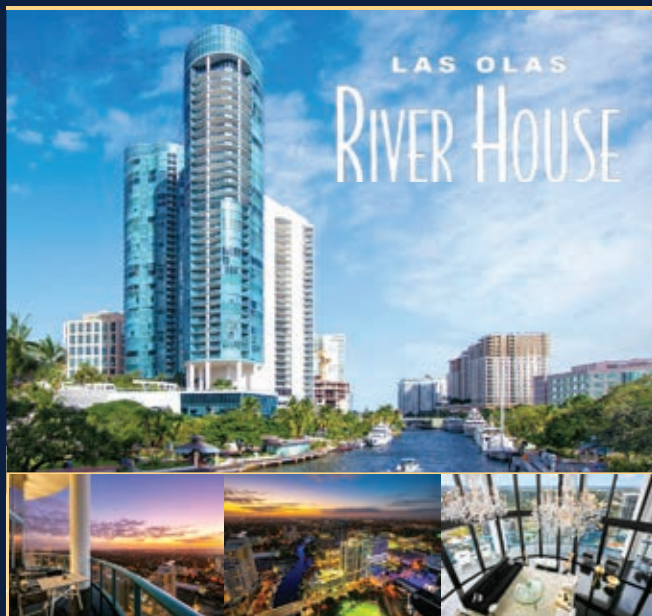
2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

High floor with panoramic ocean, city & river views from every room, Large totally private terrace, marble floors, custom window treatments & lighting.

JUST LISTED | BRADFORD | \$939,000

2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

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UNDER CONTRACT 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

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JUST SOLD! 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

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.

JUST SOLD! 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

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



UNDER CONTRACT 2 BEDROOM | 2.5 BATH

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.

JUST SOLD! 1 BEDROOM | 1 BATH

17th floor unit with unobstructed southern exposure.

UNDER CONTRACT 1 BEDROOM | 1 BATH

Corner unit! Large bright living room and bamboo flooring.



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

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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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SUNGARDEN

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1 BEDROOM | 1 BATH

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BY JOHN ROPES
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair



EXPLORE OUR GREAT OUTDOORS

LOCAL PARKS HAVE A RICH HISTORY

Visiting the multitude of recreational venues and parks dotted throughout our great city of Fort Lauderdale provides us with a rich and colorful history lesson of the area that we live in.

Fort Lauderdale began in 1838 during the Second Seminole War, as a U.S. Army post. Major William Lauderdale and 200 mounted Tennessee volunteers were dispatched and created the first fort, now considered the north bank of the New River near Southwest Eighth Terrace and Southwest Fourth Court.

Fort Lauderdale Beach Park is one of the city's namesakes and is located in the area of the third fort built in 1839, currently considered the south beach parking lot near the Bahia Mar resort. This park offers sport recreation, a playground, grills and picnic tables.

Hugh Taylor Birch State Park began as a plot of land owned by Hugh Taylor Birch, a prominent attorney from Chicago, who gifted the 180 acres of land to the city in 1941. Grateful that he did, this park, considered "Central Park," is one of the most beloved nature areas in Fort Lauderdale. Hugh Taylor Birch also donated almost three miles of beach to be held in preservation and

earned him the title of "The Father of Fort Lauderdale Beach." Hugh Taylor Birch State Park is located on east Sunrise Boulevard between the Intracoastal Waterway and State Road A1A.

Bonnet House Museum and Gardens land was also owned by Hugh Taylor Birch and given to his daughter Helen Louise Birch and her husband Frederic Clay Bartlett, a Chicago-born artist. The Bonnet House was created by Frederic in 1920 and the surrounding gardens created to preserve the natural beauty of the land. The Bonnet House serves as a museum for the architectural beauty of the home, as well as an art museum.


Stranahan House Museum is the oldest surviving structure in Broward County. Built in 1901 the structure served as the personal home of the Stranahan family, as well as a post office, community hall and trading post. With the Seminole Indian wars long over, Frank Stranahan befriended the local Seminoles and began trading with them, creating a successful trading post. Ivy Stranahan was a teacher for all the local children. They have been affectionately referred to as the "Founders of Fort Lauderdale." 



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WHAT'S NEXT

SUMMER EVENTS HEAT UP

“A city on the rise” has been the recent description of Fort Lauderdale. While the phrase “live, work and play” describes what our residents expect, I can tell you the list is longer and growing.

Real estate is booming and residential units in Downtown are filling up nearly as quickly as they are being constructed. With density comes the need to assure that our green space is in top condition and that there is an adequate amount easily available to those residents and business.

The Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department and their staff do a fantastic job of keeping up with the increased usage and are looking for additional areas to expand. We ask you, the public, to always put your litter in the available trash receptacle, clean up after your pets and enjoy these great amenities.

On June 3, Riverwalk has the pleasure of hosting an event to feature Beverly Raphael Altman, CEO and chairwoman of RCC Associates Inc. as the 21st Annual Tribute honoree. Her dedication to the community and continued excellent delivery of quality construction in our Downtown and community has shined a spotlight on this unassuming quiet woman who delivers quality

construction with grace, humility, kindness and elegance.

From the new construction at Parker Playhouse to building more than 30 restaurants and an equal number of retail spaces, Beverly has provided you with Cuba Libre, Louie Bossi, Casa D’Angelo, Morton’s Steakhouse, Rocco’s Tacos, Cheesecake Factory, Mezzanote, Kaluz — just to name a few. She has built the Las Olas Company corporate offices, Nine West, Neiman Marcus, Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa, Stonewall Library Interior and Exterior and many more. Join us as we celebrate and honor this 21st Annual Tribute honoree.

Public events are increasing and the ability to safely distance and enjoy concerts, runs, festivals and more help us return to the new normal. We recently saw the return of the Air Show, Las Olas Art Festival, and a number of runs along with the plans for the Great American Beach Party and the annual Fourth of July Celebration on the beach. The annual Color Run, Walk Like MADD, and more have allowed residents to engage in physical activities and encouraged us to continue to remain healthy.

Riverwalk has hosted a number of movies and

concerts in the park and are hoping to continue those series with sponsors. Starlight Musicals at Holiday Park is on tap to return in the upcoming month and we are advised that Jazz Brunch will be returning in the fall. Summer is here and events are heating up as well. Watch our social media pages and event calendar on line. Always watch the weather and remember to be prepared for hurricane season!

Do not forget the free Riverwalk Water Trolley is back up and in service and offers a great 20-minute headway from Riverwalk Laura Ward Plaza to Broward Center of the Performing arts with four stops on both the north and south sides of the New River.


Roadwork and construction is commencing in the Himmarshee District (Southwest Second Street) at the end of May from the railroad tracks west to Southwest Third/Fourth Avenue as a replacement pump station comes on line. Watch for the detours and check the city webpage for alternate routes to the area. You can always check the city webpage at Lauderstreet.com to find out what roadways are closed for construction. 



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Hotwire is a pioneering leader in fiber-optic technology providing cutting-edge telecommunications services. My role at Hotwire is to expand their presence and increase community impact by developing and overseeing our government and public relations, as well as our multi-media advertising solutions. For the last few years, my mission has been to create strategic alliances to bring Wi-Fi to underserved communities and large event spaces that are international destinations, providing our communities with fiber-based technology solutions to keep them connected and ready for the future. In addition, I'm spearheading the launch of our new advertising solutions vertical to help local businesses expand and reach a highly-desirable audience.

I don't just work in this community; I also invest and live in this community. My husband and I call Riverwalk our home and enjoy the burgeoning downtown district. We love walking to events at the Broward Center for Performing Arts, where I have been a Broadway subscriber and patron for the past 10 years. I have an annual pass for the Water Taxi, which I use weekly, and is my go-to when people are visiting, both personally and professionally. My husband and I support Riverwalk's endeavors to bring cultural significance to the area and to create places and events at which we can come together to celebrate the local culture, landscape and inherent diversity of our ever-evolving community.



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PAYROLLS PLUS

Born in Oklahoma, I grew up outside of Philadelphia until my family moved to Florida in the mid 1970s. After graduating high school in Miami, I attended the University of Notre Dame initially as a math major, but quickly switched to accounting as I saw this field as a great blend of numbers and business. In addition to being a CPA, I also hold a degree in business administration.

My career includes 12 years with PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP, serving as the CFO of Blockbuster Entertainment's Music Retail Division, where I was able to attend the Grammy and MTV Music Awards, and seven years in senior management at Precision Response Corporation. All of this experience allowed me to see other inspiring entrepreneurs grow their companies. This gave me the urge to try it on my (our) own. My wife, Mindy, and I formed Payrolls Plus in 2004 with the idea that we would give it two years and see how it goes. Well, 17 years later, we are still at it with more than 400 clients.

In addition to staying busy with our company and our six children, I am very involved in the Fort Lauderdale Executives Association, as a board member and past president; board member of the Notre Dame Alumni Association; and a member of the Florida Institute of CPAs. After living out west in Davie for 20 years, a few years ago, my wife and I moved our family to the east side. We love it and I joined Riverwalk so I can be more involved in the Downtown and support their efforts to make our community one of the best in South Florida.

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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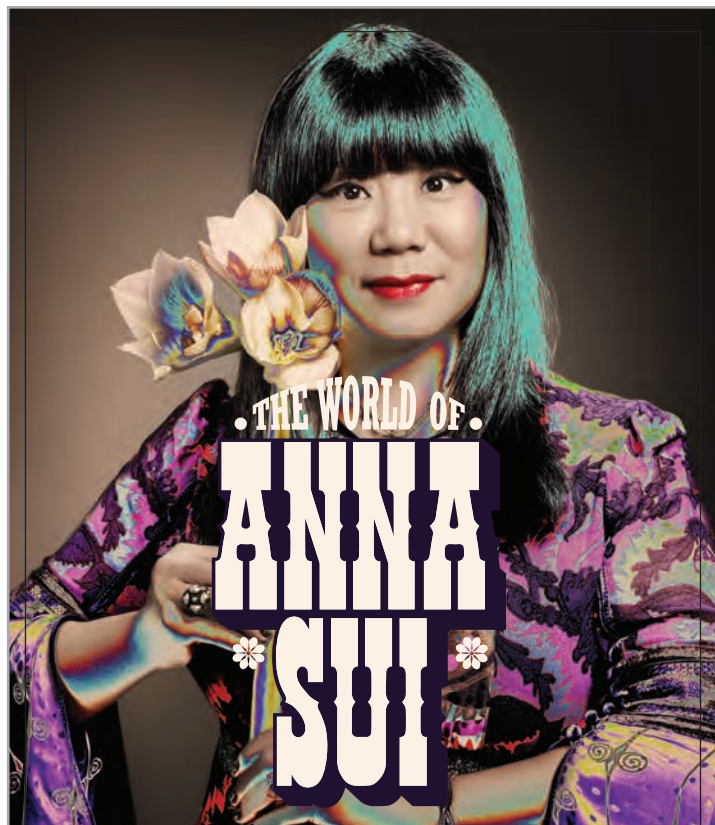
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SCHOOL OF ROCK: LEVITT LOVES LAUDERDALE MUSIC SERIES

On May 8, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and Levitt Pavilion Fort Lauderdale hosted School of Rock Performance Band at Huizenga Plaza. The free concert showcased the performers and let us invite residents and visitors to Huizenga Plaza to enjoy the park. Thanks go to our sponsors Levitt Pavilion Fort Lauderdale, S. MARK Graphics, Ellis Connects, School of Rock, Spirited South Florida and Water Taxi.



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SHANE DUNCAN BAND: LEVITT LOVES LAUDERDALE MUSIC SERIES

There is nothing like great music to bring people to local parks and Riverwalk and the City hosting The Shane Duncan Band at Huizenga Plaza was no exception. Partnered with Broward Health, vaccinations were offered on site to help obtain greater immunity. Thanks to Funky Buddha for proving cards for “a shot for a shot” at their Brewery. Sponsors were Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, City of Fort Lauderdale, Levitt Pavilion, S. MARK Graphics, Ellis Connects, Water Taxi, Fundy Buddha and Spirited South Florida. Teamwork is the answer and great music makes it happen.



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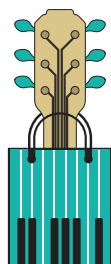
"Our mission with LO/OP Fit is to provide access to a variety of fitness classes in a welcoming environment," stated Arianne Glassman, the City of Fort Lauderdale's Beach Open Spaces Coordinator. "This annual celebration of family health provides us the opportunity to engage families in all forms to spend quality time together, not just for physical health, but mental health as well."

Throughout June, children ages 6-16 are invited to attend the popular Saturday morning yoga class, hosted by Lisa Pumper, free with every paid adult. Likewise, during AHA Community Health & Wellness Week, June 6-12, first-responders can bring a family member to any of the LO/OP FIT scheduled classes at no additional charge. At select classes, participants will also receive one free hour of parking, courtesy of partner FLIPANY and sponsor, American Express.

For complete details, class schedules and specialty classes in recognition of Pride Month, Ocean Month and Father's Day, visit theloopflb.com

NIGHT MOVES

Friday Night's Music & Makers, makes its return to Las Olas Oceanside Park on June 4. Taking advantage of the cooler evening temperatures and ocean breezes, attendees will once again be able to shop a variety of artisanal foods & handmade goods, while enjoying acoustic music performances, fitness classes and pop-up picnics at the park. View vendor info and details at theloopflb.com



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SAILING FORWARD

NEXT STEPS FOR THE LAS OLAS MARINA

Tourism and the marine industry are the two major economic engines of Fort Lauderdale, and we have come a long way in the over two decades of discussion regarding the publicly owned land on the barrier island just north of the Las Olas Boulevard Bridge.

In 2003 and in 2014, as a neighborhood activist, I fought the massive proposals from Palazzo and LOMMXD that were over 1 million square feet and 600,000 square feet. The colossal project scale and lack of open space is why I stood with my neighbors and opposed the giveaways to the developers.

The prior Commission approved a 50-year lease agreement with Suntex Marina in 2017. After being elected in 2018, I picked up the baton and, for 16 months, I worked directly with the developer as well as with immediate and nearby neighbors to address their concerns and find creative solutions and alternatives to mitigate the impact of the project. At our April 20 Commission meeting, we approved multiple items that will allow for Suntex to work with the State for their final approvals, and we anticipate them taking occupancy of the site this summer.

As part of the approved site plan, Suntex is required to relocate pump station D-31, which the city has identified as needing major rehabilitation or replacement and will have Las Olas SMI complete the work as part of their relocation efforts. The City

will fund the cost of the pump station replacement components and Suntex is responsible for the cost associated with relocating the pump station and underground pipe infrastructure.

Additionally, I insisted that Suntex be required to modify the intersection of Las Olas Circle at Birch Road to create a dedicated turning lane. This turn lane will allow people to get out of the garage and head north or south. Also, there will be some road closures as a safety measure for pedestrians and motorists due to the limitations of the site and how close the construction will be to the right-of-way.

To ensure implementation is cohesive and timely, City staff recommended waiving the procurement rules to allow Las Olas SMI to serve as the overall project manager for the Marina, including the pump station and the dedicated turn lane so that these two projects are incorporated into the larger development effort.

As this project gets underway, we look forward to all stakeholders coming together as a team to ensure a smooth process and as few disruptions to our neighbors as possible. We plan on working together with the surrounding neighborhoods in the coming weeks and months to make sure everyone is fully informed and engaged in the process. Additionally, coordinating construction schedules with our special events, such as the Boat Show and the Tortuga Music Festival, is a top

priority so that attendees can still enjoy our events while we continue to move forward on Marina construction. This truly significant project will have a positive impact on not only the beach, but the entire city. 



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THE FATHER OF FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH

A LITTLE HISTORY LESSON ABOUT HUGH TAYLOR BIRCH

Since its opening in 1949, Hugh Taylor Birch State Park has been a well-known place to visit in Fort Lauderdale. The park named after its donor, Hugh Taylor Birch, offers an array of outdoor activities that highlight the importance of protecting our ecosystem.

We all can thank Birch for his contributions to Fort Lauderdale for this beautiful park. During the pandemic, we were still able to enjoy the outdoors. Outdoor activities were encouraged during the pandemic to make sure we were all staying safe, and Birch State Park stayed vigilant to make sure our residents were able to enjoy the park. The contributions made by Birch are enjoyed throughout the year, and especially during events like the Lauderdale Air Show and the Winterfest Boat Parade. It is no surprise Hugh Taylor Birch was inducted into the Fort Lauderdale hall of fame and honored as the “Father of Fort Lauderdale Beach.”

Hugh Taylor Birch retired to Florida from Illinois in 1940 at 90 years old. He purchased 180 acres of land for a dollar per acre, and included 3.5 miles of the oceanfront. He built his home on the land, which he named Terramar or “Land to the Sea.”

Years later, Birch wanted to preserve and protect his land from future development. In an effort to ensure his property would never be built on, he donated his estate and the oceanfront property to be used as a public park, thus ensuring others would enjoy this

land as much as he did. The Florida Board of Forestry and Parks named the donated land as Hugh Taylor Birch State Park, which we now recognize and enjoy as Fort Lauderdale’s own tropical oasis.

When the park was officially open to the public, it was enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. Birch State Park offers various activities from hiking, bike riding, picnicking, and much more. There you can see a variety of different animals while enjoying the park.

In the 1960s, the park offered a railway ride that showcased the beauty the Fort Lauderdale park has to offer. The ride was narrated with fun facts about the protected land. I personally remember taking the train ride through the park and over the breathtaking trestle bridge and I would always ask my mother to let us stay on for another ride! Sadly, the train tour ended in the 1980s, but visitors can participate in a ranger-guided walk on the weekends.

As residents of Greater Fort Lauderdale, we all thank Birch for his contributions to a beautiful place that we call home. I am very proud to represent Birch State Park in the Florida House of Representatives, and I encourage everyone to go and walk the three-mile trail and see the land that Birch generously donated to our city. When he donated the beachfront land, he drove our economy to skyrocket. Birch also purchased 35 acres of land for his daughter Helen and built her a home. This was also donated and is now known as the Bonnet House Museum and Gardens. I

am proud to have worked closely with my friends that serve on the Bonnet House Inc. to finally obtain full ownership of the property here in Fort Lauderdale. This was a fight worth fighting.

The park has announced, once it is safe to do so, that they will restart the live animal program and the ranger-guided trail walks, which have been paused due to the pandemic. The park will also be introducing new living well programs in Marti’s Meditation Garden such as Tai Chi, Qi Gong, meditation and standing yoga.


As always, it is an honor to represent you as your state representative in Tallahassee. 



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BY PHIL THORNBURG

Director, Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department
Writer Angela Sabina



LET THE MUSIC PLAY

FREE CONCERTS RETURN THIS SUMMER IN THE CITY



It has been our privilege and a pleasure to serve you all safely over the past year. However, as things begin opening up, we are bringing back a few of our special events. Residents and visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, picnic baskets, and coolers to enjoy these free concert series.

CARTER PARK JAMZ

With a broad range of musical varieties featuring a different live performer each month, Carter Park Jamz has it all! Carter Park Jamz takes place on the third Friday of each month through Oct. 15 from 7 to 10 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase from food trucks on site. The series takes place at Carter Park, located at 1450 W. Sunrise Blvd.

STARLIGHT MUSICALS

Welcome back to our 42nd year with music under the stars! Starlight Musicals is a 10-week concert series presented each summer. The series features an exciting lineup of bands covering pop, country, rhythm and blues, tropical rock, and more. The show takes place on Fridays through Aug. 13 from 7 to 10 p.m. on the football field at Holiday Park, located at 1150 G. Harold Martin Drive. Food and beverages will also be available for purchase. These free outdoor concerts continue to provide a great way to enjoy the summer with family and friends!

For more information on all of our special events, follow @playlauderdale on social media or visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/parks. 



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CREATIVE ADDITIONS

THE CITYWIDE TRAIL SYSTEM THAT CONNECTS US TO PARKS

As a resident, I frequently enjoy the parks Fort Lauderdale has to offer. When the city's parks shut down temporarily last year, I realized how parks are taken for granted at times. Once reopened, parks became my family's primary outlet of recreation. A daily walk around the local park became my family's bonding moment of the day. City parks have been a source of entertainment, exercise and overall sanity for my family. I am excited to witness the continued work on city parks through upcoming projects that partner with neighbors and internal departments.


The Transportation and Mobility department has worked with Parks and Recreation to brainstorm creative additions to bring neighbors outside spaces that promote walkability, safety and recreation in and around city parks. One notable addition improving access to parks for residents by walking and biking is the LauderTrail effort, a project that is creating

a city-wide trail system, formally created by the City Commission. A working group was appointed to create the vision for the trail; that vision is now being further refined into a master plan that will create the foundation to be able to start design and construction of a trail system that can become not only a connection to parks and destinations but be an attraction itself.

The City has hired the PATH foundation, a non-profit organization that specializes in trail system master planning and implementation, to further develop the routes, objective and goals for the trail system. They have worked on the Atlanta Beltline and Jacksonville Emerald Trail, to name just a few. Our effort will include working together to combine the many other efforts that have already occurred in the city including the Flagler Greenway, Old Dillard Trail and Mockingbird Trail.

The trail will be beyond a standard sidewalk and bicycle lane; it will include linear parks that provide trail segments celebrating artwork, provide space for programming and events, include bike and pedestrian accommodations, and enhance existing ADA and pedestrian access to destinations the City has to offer. One of the goals Transportation and Mobility foresees is to provide dedicated connections from parks to the city's multi-modal options. These connections will provide smoother, safer transitions where accessibility may currently pose a challenge.

The value of parks will continue to be at the forefront of what the City envisions on multiple levels: building a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community, building a sustainable and resilient community, building a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods, and building an attractive global and local economic community marketplace.

When I walk through our City's parks, I believe in every pillar of the goals set forth by our city leadership. Not simply because I am a proud employee, but when I take off the employee hat and I am just a mom walking through the park with my little ones, I see the certainty of what our parks already are, the promise of what enhancements a trail system will contribute to our existing parks, and the potential of what the two coupled together will bring in the future. 





PARKS ARE HOME TO MANY

PUBLIC ART IN PARKS AROUND THE COUNTY

School is out and if you're not at your local park for family-friendly activities then you might be visiting parks this summer for your vaccination shot. No matter the purpose, this summer is a great time to reconnect with friends and family in open air spaces and Broward County alone (not including city parks) has more than 40 parks, many of which feature art commissioned by our Public Art and Design program.

Given this issue's parks theme, it seems fitting we share some of the great public artworks in our County parks. In some instances, the works are stand-alone pieces that provide a focal point for visitors and in others, the works are functionally integrated as walkways, benches, or components of buildings. Regardless, with more than a dozen works of art in various County parks, they are an important feature for the enjoyment of all.



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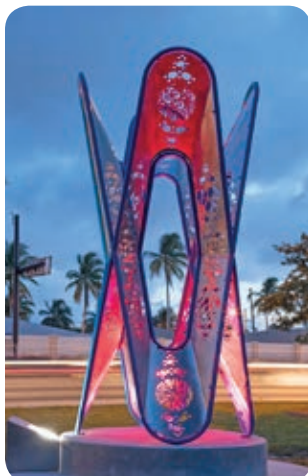
Miramar Regional park
By Alison Sky
Located at the border of a lake behind the Miramar Cultural Center, this piece features a

shallow reflecting pool with multi glass panels depicting cranes in flight. This site-specific artwork celebrates the phenomenon of nature, revealing the life-sustaining aquifer hidden below the surface.

As One

Dillard Greenspace
By Blessing Hancock

Although not technically a park, the Dillard Greenspace can be found at the intersection of Broward Boulevard and 27th Avenue in the Broward Municipal Services District. The work combines two Adinkra symbols — Adwo (the symbol for peace, serenity, and calm) and Fihankra



(the symbol for safety, security, and home) — into one cohesive sculpture, creating a new verbal and visual representation for the community.



Mangrove Root Benches and Plaza

West Lake Park/Anne Kolb Nature Center
By Christine Federighi

The plaza is situated between the park administration building and the auditorium/exhibition hall. Measuring 50 by 66 feet, this

integrated work encompasses paver design for the plaza and four coral rock benches with bronze legs that simulate mangrove root.

Whirls and Swirls and a Vortex on Water

Central Broward Regional Park
By Alice Aycock


This work refers to the dynamic and tumultuous weather patterns in South Florida, resulting in a sculpture of metal, steel, concrete, and acrylic that hovers slightly above a 30-by-21-foot elliptical-shaped pool.



Taking Flight

Everglades Holiday park
By Jeffrey Reed and Jennifer Madden

Slated for installation beginning this summer, the

artwork overlooks the Everglades and features a 12-foot sculpture of a great egret and life-sized stainless-steel silhouette bird sculptures imbedded into a concrete path. Artfully designed stainless steel educational plaques provide a visually compelling teaching tool, honoring the rich bird life of the park. 





THE PANDEMIC PIVOT

MORE THAN EVER, THE BUSINESS OF LOCAL PARKS GOES BEYOND RECREATION

Every industry has been affected by sudden waves of pandemic-era change, but perhaps no places have had to master the “pandemic pivot” more than local parks.

At the start of the pandemic, most parks quickly closed due to safety concerns and uncertainty about virus spread. Shortly after, many were reinvented to serve as Covid-19 testing sites. In contrast, others reopened to provide a welcoming place for cooped-up individuals and families to escape the confines of home and enjoy a safe, outdoor environment. Now, many of our parks are serving as vaccination sites, helping to steer one of the greatest mass vaccination efforts in U.S. history.


Specifically, Snyder Park in Fort Lauderdale has been paramount in the effort to help the community during the entire pandemic. Normally serving as a versatile space for residents to enjoy various activities such as a Bark Park for pets, disc golf course, butterfly gardens, playgrounds, and more, Snyder Park, has recently served as a hub for more than just recreation.

In April, Snyder Park was one of the first local parks to offer both first and second doses of the vaccine to individuals ages 16 and up without needing an appointment, operating in an accessible drive-up format. The ability of our local parks to meet the unique needs during the pandemic has been invaluable in allowing our local economy and local business community to reapproach normalcy.

Much like our local parks, our longstanding goal at the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce has also been to reopen and reinvigorate the economy. The widespread availability of the vaccine, along with the great work of vaccine distribution sites, has already made our community safer. As of early May 2021, nearly 850,000 Broward County residents had received at least one dose of the vaccine, representing about 40 percent of the County’s population. In addition, the number of individuals losing their lives due to Covid-19, especially among individuals ages 65-plus, has significantly decreased.

At the Chamber, we have seen an increased comfort level among Chamber investors and business leaders willing to gather safely for small events, especially since the CDC now says it is safe for vaccinated individuals to gather in small groups outdoors without a mask. We have been holding Chamber events at local restaurants, hotels, and even via the Water Taxi, while keeping CDC recommendations in place. These events have been essential to reigniting connections among economic partners and providing local businesses with much-needed foot traffic.

Gov. Ron DeSantis’ recent executive order has granted our Florida businesses the ability to fully reopen, but we must be aware our economy is far from fully rebounding. Certain businesses, such as large-scale event venues, are relying on all of us to stay on the right track and help keep their doors open. Many business and community leaders, with myself included, are now fully vaccinated and confident we are protected from the virus as we gather in groups at venues of any size.

At many vaccination sites, like Snyder Park, appointments are no longer necessary. Both literally and figuratively, the wait is over! Now that there is an ample supply of vaccines, the long lines have come and gone. Our local parks continue to provide easily attainable shots and as a higher percentage of Broward County residents become vaccinated, we will be able to make sure all sectors of our economy can welcome consumers. 





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Debbie Savage, the woman behind Responsive Home Care, started working in the assisted care and living industry back in 1981 and eventually went on to build multiple assisted living facilities in the late 1990s. But it was after a conversation with her parents who were soon looking to retire, she realized she could be doing more.

“I’ve always loved caring for and helping elderly people. However, after talking with my parents who were touring some assisted living facilities, they told me they just could never see themselves ending up in one of these facilities as nice as many of them are,” she said.

“They just wanted to stay home. After hearing that, I realized there had to be another option for seniors looking to age in place.”

With that, in 1994, Savage switched her focus to providing healthcare for seniors at home by starting Responsive Home Care.

Her company offers a range of healthcare services to seniors living at home but also for seniors living in a nursing home or assisted care facility. Through the healthcare service, caregivers can help seniors with a variety of day-to-day needs such as personal and hygienic care, medication assistance, shopping, doctor’s appointments, meal preparation, routine exercise, activities like reading and playing mind-stimulating games, and much more. These trained caregivers can even provide specialized services such as Alzheimer’s and dementia care, pet care and transition support for patients moving from a hospital stay back to their home.


As for how Responsive Home Care is handling the uptick in elderly patients due to the pandemic, their new partnership with Honor Care Network, the first national caregiver network, ensures their patients will always receive the best care from top quality caregivers.

“The demand for caregivers has started to outstrip the supply with the rise in seniors needing help especially due to Covid,” Savage said. “On top of that, it’s very important to us to continue to employ top quality and thoughtful caregivers who love taking care of the elderly and take pride in their work. So, in partnering with the Honor Care Network, we are able to not only expand our



network of caregivers and aides who we can pair with our seniors but also ensure that our caregivers are supported and well taken care of as well.”

At the end of the day, though, for Savage, being able to make a difference in the lives of seniors is why she went into this business in the first place.

“It’s a great feeling to be able to offer someone alternatives when they’re not prepared to move or simply don’t want to. Our seniors are an important part of our community, so they deserve to feel appreciated and receive the care they deserve,” she said. 

RESPONSIVE HOME CARE

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WATER RECREATION

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The waterways of South Florida are an integral component of Fort Lauderdale's reputation as a global tourism destination. From the expansive Intracoastal Waterway that hugs the coast to the countless inlets, rivers and canals throughout our region, Fort Lauderdale's linked waterway system is an iconic part of our past, present and future. It attracts boaters from around the world and is also what allows our marine industry to thrive.

Of course, beyond being the backbone of our robust marine industry, Fort Lauderdale's waterways also provide endless recreation opportunities for residents and visitors. From standup paddleboard enthusiasts and kayakers to fishermen and pleasure boaters, the area's waterways remain an irresistible attraction.

What makes Fort Lauderdale especially unique, though, is that our waterways are also home to 17 waterfront accessible parks that cater to non-motorized recreational activities like canoes, kayaks and standup paddleboards. These parks are all interconnected, giving water enthusiasts endless opportunities to discover the city's public, land-based resources. Tens of thousands of people enjoy these waterfront accessible parks each month, a true testament to the value of these public spaces to our city, its residents, and visitors.


Many of these visitors might wonder how each park got its name. Some park names will ring a bell with Floridians. Sweeting Park, Sara Horn Greenway, and George English Park are just a few of the waterfront

parks named for influential residents who called Fort Lauderdale home. However, few know the history behind some of our more uniquely named parks. To understand Fort Lauderdale's history and heritage, it is good to know why our waterfront parks are named as they are. Knowing this helps us understand how our area has been shaped since the earliest days.

One of the most uniquely named of our parks is **Coontie Hatchee Park**, located at 1116 S.W. 15th Ave. Bordered by the south fork of the New River, the name derives from the Seminole Indians' original name for the river. The Seminole were some of the earliest settlers in Florida, and the river was an integral part of their history and commerce for centuries, just as it is for us today. The name reflects respect for the Seminole's importance in our region's history.

Cooley's Landing, located at 420 S.W. 7th Ave., is another park that pays homage to an early settler in the area's history. This lovely waterfront green space is named in memory of William Cooley, one of the first Americans to live in the New River Settlement, an area that now encompasses Fort Lauderdale. In 1836, Cooley's family was killed by Seminole Indians in what became known as the New River Massacre, part of the Second Seminole War. Cooley survived the attack and lived and worked throughout South Florida for another 27 years.

Another local park named after prominent settlers in the Fort Lauderdale area is **Lewis Landing Park**, 630 S.W. 9th Ave. In 1792, the Lewis family were some of the first Europeans to permanently settle in the area now encompassed by Broward County. Together with their three sons, Surles and Frankee Lewis made their homestead on the banks of the New River, where they farmed for decades. They eventually received a land grant for 640 acres, which is today Fort Lauderdale's Rio Vista and Colee Hammock neighborhoods. Lewis Landing Park is one of three waterfront parks that offers an ADA accessible ramp.

Understanding the region's history allows all of us – residents and visitors alike – to more fully appreciate the abundant natural resources we enjoy today. Knowing the area's history helps us realize the importance of protecting and preserving these natural resources for future generations. Our waterways and public parks remain one of the most indelible resources that makes up Fort Lauderdale's infinite appeal. 





2021 PROPERTY EXEMPTIONS

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO APPLY

While the timely deadline to apply for any 2021 exemption was March 1, applicants can late file until Sept. 20, 2021.

If you both owned and made the property your permanent residence as of Jan. 1, 2021, you can still apply for 2021 Homestead Exemption and any other exemptions. You can apply for Homestead Exemption online at web.bcpa.net as well as view all the other exemptions available to qualified applicants.

Portability Extended to Three Tax Years

Portability allows eligible Homesteaded property owners to pay less in property taxes on their new home by moving their “Save Our Homes” (SOH) savings (up to \$500,000) from one Florida property to another Florida property when establishing Homestead Exemption on the new property. Beginning with property owners who establish a new Homestead Exemption for tax year 2021, applicants may now transfer portability savings from a Homestead Exemption held in any of the three immediately preceding tax years. To be eligible to move this SOH benefit, the new property must receive Homestead Exemption within three tax years

— not calendar years — of the “abandonment” of the Homestead Exemption at the previous property.

Note: Homestead Exemption and Portability do not automatically transfer. You must apply for Homestead Exemption on the new property and submit a Portability application. Portability does not require you sell your previous home, but merely for you to no longer receive the Homestead Exemption on it.

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Florida statutes provide for several exemptions available to veterans with a service-connected disability, as well as the unremarried surviving spouse of the disabled veteran. These exemptions require a Certificate of Disability from the U.S. Government or U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs be provided to our office. To view the requirements for the service-connected veteran and deployed military exemptions, please visit our website at <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/VeteransExemption>


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



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RIVERWALK'S PARKS AND GREEN SPACES

A LOOK AT THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE PLACES

WRITER LYNN PEITHMAN STOCK

One of the reasons people live in Downtown Fort Lauderdale is the multitude of green spaces and parks that dot the area.

While the brick-lined Riverwalk on both sides of the New River are the most well known, the Riverwalk

District also is home to 10 additional parks. Here's a closer look the stories and people behind these spots.

Thanks to the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department for sharing their research with us.

RIVERWALK LINEAR PARK NORTH



Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale oversees a three-square mile area known as the Riverwalk District which includes the two-and-a-half mile linear walk along the New River on the north and south side

RIVERWALK LINEAR PARK SOUTH



BUBIER PARK AND HUIZENGA PLAZA

32 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale

Bubier Park, nestled behind Huizenga Plaza, is named after Robert H. Bubier, who served as city manager for 12 years. He was working for the city when he died at age 48. Bubier spent the last years of his life as city manager believing "the city exists for the people." Huizenga Plaza owned by the DDA is home to several of the area's runs and events, such as the Color Run, Burger Battle, St. Patrick's Day festivities, and more. The large green space also has an open gazebo, which hosts concerts throughout the year.

ESPLANADE PARK

400 S.W. Second St., Fort Lauderdale

Home to a picnic area, walking trail and pavilion, Riverwalk hosts Yoga in the Park here as well as many cultural, social and food events.



HARDY PARK

25 S.W. Ninth Street, Fort Lauderdale

Named after Florence Hardy, who was hired as Fort Lauderdale's first city clerk – a job she held for 35 years. Hardy is remembered today as a preserver and founder of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society.

PETER FELDMAN PARK

310 N.E. Sixth Street, Fort Lauderdale

Peter Feldman was a friend and citizen to the community who dedicated a large portion of his life toward making the downtown area, and specifically the blighted Flagler Heights, a place that its residents would one day be proud to call home.



SISTRUNK PARK

200 N.W. Sixth St., Fort Lauderdale

Dr. James Franklin Sistrunk helped to establish Fort Lauderdale's first medical facility for African-Americans, Provident Hospital. He is credited with delivering more than 5,000 babies during his 44 years of practice.



SMOKER FAMILY PARK

501 S. New River Drive East, Fort Lauderdale

Stanford Smoker was a longtime resident of the city who was instrumental in saving grand oak trees and historic homes in the city. This park is located on the south side of the New River.



LAURA WARD PLAZA

420 S.E. Sixth Ave., Fort Lauderdale

This plaza hosts many waterside weddings and is a transportation spot on the New River.



OTHER SPACES

COOLEY'S LANDING PARK

William Cooley was the leader of the New River Settlement. He arrived at the New River in 1825 and was a successful farmer, shipwreck salvager and the first magistrate from what is now Broward County. His family was lost in one of the first battles of the Second Seminole War. Cooley's Landing marks the beginning of the Riverwalk.



STRANAHAN PARK

420 S.E. Sixth Ave., Fort Lauderdale

Home to the only botanical garden in Broward County, Stranahan Park hosts many weddings and other events. It is located next to the Woman's Club in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. [GO](#)



RYES UP

HELP CHOOSE A SIGNATURE COCKTAIL IN THIS LOCAL BARTENDER CHALLENGE

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

GIVING BACK

The global pandemic has wreaked havoc on many of our favorite bartenders and industry professionals. #RyesUp Fort Lauderdale is designed to help support and give back to the dedicated people working in hospitality in local communities in conjunction with Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale (501c3) and Florida Craft Distributors.

The campaign, curated by Spirited South Florida, includes a friendly competition among participating restaurants showcased on Facebook and a bartender competition to select the signature cocktail. Follow along and help us reach our goal by raising a glass of Putnam New England Whiskey and spread the good word.

Voting ends Friday, June 18 at midnight. The Bartender Competition will be on Monday, June 21. The winner will be announced Tuesday, June 22.

To vote, visit: www.facebook.com/groups/RWChallenge/

BARTENDER CHALLENGE

As of early May, participants in the Bartender Challenge include:

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Rhonda Kallman, founder and CEO, Boston Harbor Distillery

MEET THIS BOSTON WHISKEY DISTILLER

Last fall I was honored to meet an inspiring and spirited industry leader, Rhonda Kallman, the founder and CEO of Boston Harbor Distillery.

After a decades-long career at the forefront of the U.S. craft beer movement, Kallman founded Boston Harbor Distillery to produce her first love, whiskey, in her beloved city of Boston.

"I love just about everything about whiskey," she said. "I love the complexity, the flavors, the texture of the ingredients, the aromas, the sociability and oh yeah, how it makes you feel!"

"As a young girl, I started tasting my father's rye whiskey and ginger and have been smitten ever since!"

"Ironically, the process for whiskey starts off as beer, so I've now come full circle. Like craft beer, craft whiskey is an ingredient story. Boston Harbor Distillery uses only whole grain rye and malted barley from America's premier

growing region to make Putnam New England Whiskey. No compromises ... all heart!"

Rhonda is considered one of America's craft beverage industry thought leaders. As a pioneering woman in the beer industry, she was able to lead the way for other women to earn the respect and credibility they deserve.

Today, Rhonda and her team have hundreds of barrels of whiskey varieties aging in a bonded barrel storage warehouse, along with small batch gin, rum, decadent liqueurs and even distilled beer from Sam Adams. She invites you to come meet her passionate and knowledgeable team, taste their spirits and join in celebrating the next revolution of handcrafted American spirits.

THE DISTILLERY

After searching for nearly two years, Rhonda found her distillery's home at The Port on Boston Harbor (Boston's southernmost waterfront in the Neponset section of Dorchester). Built in 1859 with Douglas Fir post and beam construction, 40-foot high ceilings and more than 100 windows, it is one of the last remaining mill buildings in the Boston area.

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

"SOME LIKE IT HOT" MANHATTAN

2 ounces Putnam Rye

½ ounce Demon Seed Whiskey

2 dashes orange bitters

Shake and Strain in a coup. Garnish with a cocktail cherry





MEAT AND GREET, PART 2

WE VISIT ANOTHER HIGH-END MEAT SHOP IN FORT LAUDERDALE

WRITERS PENNY SANFILIPPO AND JONNY ALTOBELL, THE UGLY SISTERS

Frozen" was an enormous success for the Disney people. Wild Fork is just as popular with home cooks here in Fort Lauderdale. Based on the idea that fresh meat and seafood remain that way is by blast freezing, the store is a treasure trove of hard-to-find ingredients in portions that are perfect for one, two, or a family. The emphasis is on quality, not quantity.

Located at 1451 N. Federal Highway (just north of the bend at Sunrise), the market is both well stocked and, thankfully, well-marked because the selection is impressive if not overwhelming. And if you find yourself in need of culinary advice, the sales associates all receive a week's training in the company test kitchen so they really know their products. The website has an extensive recipe collection, and there are handy 3-by-5 recipe cards throughout the store.

Don't want to cook? Don't worry — there are plenty of easy pre-made dinners too, including a frozen pizza imported from Naples, ITALY.

Before our visit, we spoke to Chef Jacqueline Kleis, who develops and tests all the recipes. Prior to this job she worked in research and development for Pollo Tropical and has extensive experience in foodservice and catering.


We were able to discuss how this company manages to control costs without sacrificing quality because of

the blast freezing. The concepts of "farm-to-table" as well as "regional" eating become reality (even in South Florida) because the products are packed at the peak of freshness and don't lose that freshness because of extended shipping times. Wild Fork Foods has seven locations in South Florida. Customers in the rest of the nation (and Florida too, if desired) may have Wild Forks Foods' products food delivered (frozen).

In the Fort Lauderdale store, our tour was conducted by customer experience manager Jonathan Zuniga, who walked us through various sections. All beef and pork products are grouped together. This includes aged, prime, grass-fed and organic offerings. He noted that their No. 1 seller is a pre-seasoned chimichurri outside skirt steak, with about 400 pounds sold each week.

They have many cuts found nowhere else including some South American faves like pork rose meat (part of the pork belly) and Argentinian and Brazilian sausages. Tomahawk steak? Waygu beef? No problem — and priced much less than at a restaurant.

I was particularly delighted to see duck, both raw and pre-made (as confit), AND lamb: shanks, chops and roasts, PLUS venison, elk, ostrich, bison, quail and pheasant. The sausage selection includes hot dogs and many other links. So vegetarians are not neglected, there is a case with meatless options and frozen veggies as well. The seafood is mind blowing in variety, and since it's frozen you don't have to wait for stone crab season. Can you tell we were in full foodie mode?

This is definitely a stop worth making. No, they don't have paper goods or cleaning supplies but what they have is an outlet for new and inspired cooking (and eating). So pull out that recipe you've been wanting to try but couldn't find the ingredients and visit Wild Fork Foods. You can't help but be impressed. And delighted. 

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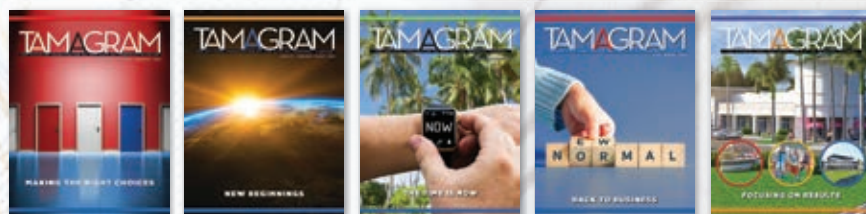
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A BEACHSIDE AFFAIR

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JANE BOLIN AND PAUL MCDERMOTT



JEFF LOWE, LINDA DANOFF, CATHY DANIELLE
AND SKEET JERNIGAN



KENNY RUIZ, NOEMI RUIZ AND RION HELDIBRIDGE

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FIRST ANNUAL CARDBOARD REGATTA

Marine Industries Association of South Florida held the first annual Cardboard Regatta on April 18. Thirty-three individuals or teams competed in the event, which was a modified version of MIASF's annual Plywood Regatta.



FRANCESCA SMITH, A 9TH GRADER AT PALM BEACH
MARITIME ACADEMY, WITH "WATER WOGGLE," WON
2ND PLACE IN THE INTERMEDIATE DIVISION.



VIRANDA WALTERS, 11TH GRADER, SOUTH BROWARD
HIGH SCHOOL, WITH "THE LEVIATHAN," WON 3RD PLACE IN
THE ADVANCED DIVISION AND MOST INNOVATIVE DESIGN.



XAIN LAWRACY, 12TH GRADER AT INLET GROVE
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL, WITH "XAIN'S WORLD,"
WON FIRST PLACE IN THE ADVANCED DIVISION, WAS
OVERALL WINNER AND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT.

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INNOVATIVE TEACHER HOOTENANNY

Broward Education Foundation hosted its Innovative Teacher, a western-themed gathering on April 8, which celebrated innovations and creative accomplishments conceived by award-winning educators in Broward County Public Schools.



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