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## 9/11 MONUMENT

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The monument prominently displays a section of PATH rail that was retrieved from the wreckage of the subway station located below the World Trade Center. It serves as a reminder and honors the nearly 3,000 lives lost on September 11th, 2001.

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## SAVE THE DATE. SAVE OUR OCEAN.



SOS Ocean Conservation Day is a free, one day, outdoor event that is not only fun, but also an educational experience for the entire family. Throughout the day, organizers and vendors aim to bring awareness to our ocean and how to preserve and protect our living coral reef ecosystems.

"Many people are not aware of the ocean's influence on us and our influence on the ocean," stated SOS Ocean Conservation Day founder, Lisa Miceli-Capano. "I wanted to do something that was inspiring for a younger generation because they're the ones in line to inherit all these issues."



Lisa Miceli-Capano, founder of SOS Ocean Conservation Day

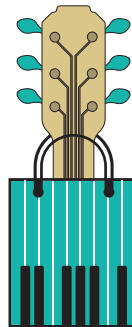
Now in its 4th year, the event will take place in partnership with the Las Olas Oceanside Park Farmers Market from 9am to 4pm on Saturday, July 24.

Starting at 8am the public is invited to join the monthly 2nd Saturday Beach Sweep, where participating volunteers will be entered for the chance to win two weekend passes to attend the 2021 Tortuga Music Festival in November.

Continuing throughout the day, a variety of conservation groups will host educational demonstrations, hands-on art projects using ocean debris to emphasize this year's theme PROTECT THE ECOSYSTEM.

Other activities include Yoga on the Lawn, Cooking Demo's with GFL Food & Wine Festival sponsored by the City of Fort Lauderdale BID and Publix Greenwise Market at The Main Las Olas, Live Music, Photo Op's at pop-up art walls, strolling characters and more.

For complete details and activities, visit [theLOOPflb.com](http://theLOOPflb.com)



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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.*

**JUST LISTED BRADFORD | \$939,000**

2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

*High floor residence with outstanding river & city views from every room, large covered terrace, gourmet kitchen with top of the line appliances, porcelain tile floors in the living areas and carpet in the bedrooms.*



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**CHELSEA | \$859,000**

2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH

*High floor unit with river & vibrant city views! Light & bright split bedroom floor plan, polished marble floors, opened kitchen. Spa inspired bath the rainfall shower, deep soaking jacuzzi tub & dual vanities.*

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**CHELSEA**

2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH

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**LEXINGTON | \$829,000**

2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH

*Stunning city & river views. Gourmet kitchen, breakfast nook, marble floors, 2 glass balconies & floor to ceiling windows.*

**UNDER CONTRACT**

**LEXINGTON**

2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH

*Marble & hardwood floors, split bedroom plan with flow-through design & two balconies offering fabulous north and south river views.*

**JUST LISTED**

**SOHO | \$619,000**

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 LISTED 2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH | \$699,000**

Outstanding views of the river, the pool and your OWN 40' boat dock, wrap around balcony, limestone floors and 2 parking spaces.

**JUST SOLD! 2 BEDROOM | 2.5 BATH**

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

**UNDER CONTRACT 2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH**

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

**JUST SOLD! 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.

**UNDER CONTRACT 2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH**

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



**UNDER CONTRACT SEAVIEW**

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

**JUST LISTED SEAVIEW | \$849,000**

Complete remodel! Just like new construction! River, ocean & city views from this 19th floor 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom residence. Over \$200k in custom upgrades.

**JUST SOLD! RIVERSIDE**

Stunning direct river & ocean views from this high floor unit. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, + den, split floor plan. 2 parking spaces & storage included.

**JUST LISTED MOONGLOW | 749,000**

Views views views! 2 bedroom 2 bathroom sub penthouse corner unit with extended wrap around balcony, featuring dramatic panoramic ocean, city & river views from every room. 10' ceilings & floor to ceiling windows.

**JUST SOLD! SKYVIEW**

Exquisitely upgraded 2 bedroom 2 bathroom featuring unobstructed direct river, city and sunset views.

**JUST LISTED SUNGARDEN | 385,000**

1 bedroom 1 bathroom w/ unobstructed direct river, city & sunset views from the spacious glass balcony. New full size washer/dryer & tile floors throughout.

**JUST SOLD! SUNGARDEN**

Upgraded 1 bedroom 1 bathroom with unobstructed direct river, city and sunset views from the spacious glass balcony.



**JUST SOLD! 1 BEDROOM | 1 BATH**

High floor 1/1 with big views! Wood floors throughout, granite countertops, lots of storage, separate tub & shower combo and full size washer/dryer.





BY JOHN ROPES  
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair



## ENJOYING THE RIVERWALK

REJOINING COMMUNITY AND ENJOYING SOCIAL GATHERINGS ONCE MORE IN FORT LAUDERDALE

**E**vents are back! Over the last month or so, Fort Lauderdale has been enjoying a return to more public social activities, and that includes local area events. The 21st Annual Riverwalk Tribute honoring Beverly Raphael Altman was held June 3 at the Riverside Hotel and was a huge success.

More than 300 business executives and community leaders attended to pay tribute to the honoree who has contributed so much to the growth and development of the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Riverwalk District.

Here are some popular events that are happening in Fort Lauderdale and along the Riverwalk.

Friday Night Sound Waves

Free concerts have been happening every Friday in June, with the season finale on July 2.

Friday, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Las Olas Oceanside Park  
[www.theloopflb.com/events/categories/friday-night-sound-waves/](http://www.theloopflb.com/events/categories/friday-night-sound-waves/)

Las Olas Oceanside Park Market

Enjoy 40-plus local and artisan vendors displaying

organic produce, international cheese, baked goods, plants, clothing, jewelry, art and more.

Every Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Las Olas Oceanside Park

[www.theloopflb.com/events/categories/farmers-market/](http://www.theloopflb.com/events/categories/farmers-market/)

New River Open Air Market

Along the Riverwalk, stroll and peruse locally made, locally grown, and locally baked goods.

Every Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., New River Inn

[www.goriverwalk.com/greater-fort-lauderdale-events/new-river-open-air-market-2021-04-11](http://www.goriverwalk.com/greater-fort-lauderdale-events/new-river-open-air-market-2021-04-11)

Yoga in the Park by Riverwalk

Join yoga instructor and local real estate agent Derek Stout for Yoga in the Park

Mondays, 8 to 9 a.m., Esplanade Park

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Hopefully, we will see more events planned for the fall of this year and enjoy things getting back to normal within our beloved community.

See you on the Riverwalk!  



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## CELEBRATIONS

PLANNING STARTS UP FOR FORT LAUDERDALE EVENTS

**A**s we continue to move back to a normal existence, we are seeing cruise ships pull into Port Everglades, Gay Pride Flotilla on the New River, upcoming events and celebrations in the planning process.

The Fort Lauderdale 4th of July Celebration featuring the Beach Boys is the second major city event to return, following the Great American Beach Party hosted over the Memorial Day Holiday. Planning is in process by the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade to celebrate

the 50th anniversary of the boat parade, planning for New Year's Eve is in the works along with the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Riverwalk Stone Crab and Seafood Festival and a large number of others.


Moving back to a more normal existence, Riverwalk recently hosted the 21st Annual Tribute, honoring Beverly Raphael Altman of RCC Associates at the Riverside Hotel. On June 3, with more than 250 family, friends, business partners and members of the public there to celebrate, it was the pleasure of Riverwalk to talk about the many accomplishments and services that Beverly and RCC have accomplished in our community.

While nearly everyone in our community has been to a project that was a product of RCC, likely you did not know they were the contractor behind the scene! Many unsung heroes work in our community giving back and seldom are called out for all that they do.

Following a warm and touching introduction by Barbra Stern, a proclamation from the City of Fort Lauderdale was delivered by Commissioner Steven Glassman and Commissioner Robert McKinzie, a gift of a replica to the brick placed in the Tribute Hall of Fame section on Riverwalk, Beverly told her history, the company history, and the confidence she has in her staff to deliver the best.

Partners with Riverwalk were Riverside Hotel, Florida Craft Distributors and Spirited South Florida. Sponsors of the event included Ropes Associates, UrHealth Benefits, Castle Residential, Bank of America, Tower Club, Kipany, Total Power Electric, Inc., American Marketing & Management, Ellis Diversified, Ellis Connects, Altman Companies, Salty Group Las Olas, RCC Associations, Truist, Starmark, Nova Southeastern University, Air South Mechanical, Sigfried-Rivera, Chris and Sonali Garvin and Jack Seiler.

Since 1776 to today, July 4 has been celebrated as the birth of American independence with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to family gatherings. Be thankful for the privileges that we have, respectful of others and careful with fireworks! Do not forget they frighten pets and small children.

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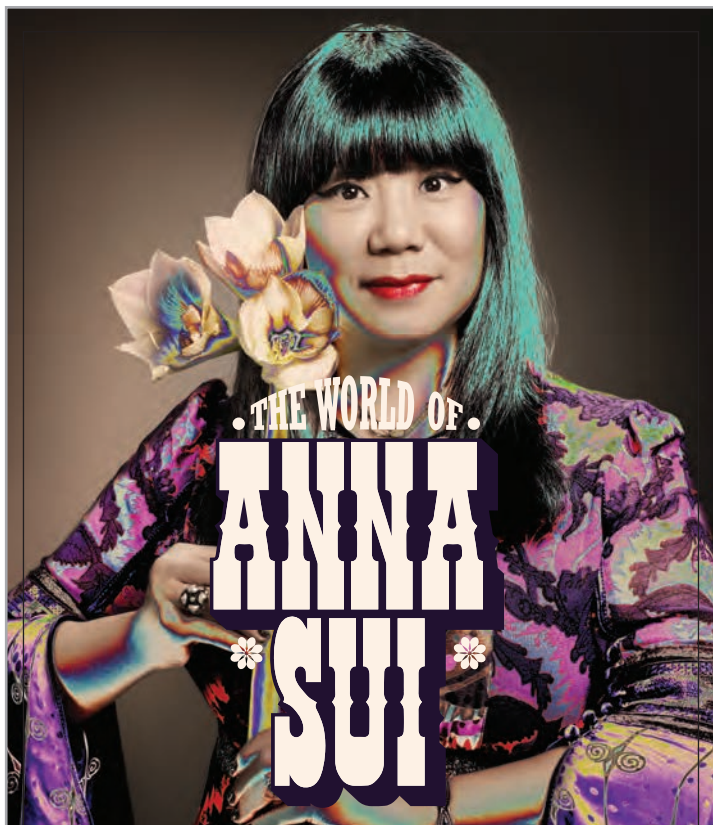


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## COLOR RUN

The Color Run, also known as the Happiest 5K on the Planet, returned to Fort Lauderdale on May 22, starting from Huizenga Plaza. Mark your calendars for 2022's Color Run, which will be on April 30.



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## RIVERWALK TRIBUTE

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale honored Beverly Raphael Altman, CEO and Chairwoman of RCC Associates Inc., on, June 3, at the Riverside Hotel.



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Our summer camps are action-packed with playtime, creative expression and friendly competition. Arts and crafts, sports and fitness, swimming and field trips are just a few of our many camp activities. Register early to secure your spot! For more details, please visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov/recreation](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/recreation).

### RESIDENT PARKING RATE PROGRAM OFFERS SAVINGS

In July 2020, the City of Fort Lauderdale Transportation and Mobility Department established standard parking rates for City parking lots, garages and on-street spaces based on their location

within one of three zones throughout the city. Fort Lauderdale residents are eligible for a special rate while parking at designated locations using the PayByPhone mobile app. Below are a few things you should know about the program:

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For details, please visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov/parking](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/parking) or contact Parking Services Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at (954) 828-3700 or [parkingservices@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:parkingservices@fortlauderdale.gov).

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Residents may also visit the Parking Services Office, located at 290 N.E. Third Ave., to apply for the Residential Beach Parking Permit in person. All residents must reapply and submit proof of residency every year from the date of their initial application to receive the special beach parking rate.


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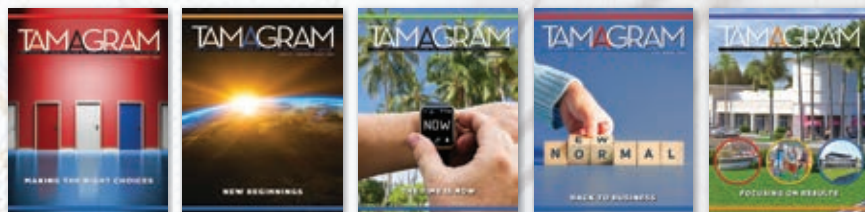
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## SOUTH FLORIDA'S HOCKEY TEAM

THE FLORIDA PANTHERS INVEST IN FORT LAUDERDALE

The Florida Panther's Hockey team was owned and founded by none other than South Florida's Wayne Huizenga in 1993. They originally played in the Miami area, but later moved to the arena in Sunrise through a deal between the Broward County Commission and the team.

The arena was originally called the National Car Rental Center (1998-2002), then the Office Depot Center (2002-2005), followed by the Bank Atlantic Center (2005-2012) and now the BB&T Center since 2013.

Huizenga chose the team name of "Panthers" because he wanted to draw attention to the endangered species. They coined the name Panthers, also for recognizing that panthers are the quickest striking cats. They hoped the name would bring luck and allow the team have the same force on the ice. After their first season, the team was immediately seen as a competitive and strong team in the Eastern Conference.

The Panthers had a very recognizable event called the rat trick during their earlier seasons as a team. The "rat trick" was performed by the fans in the stadium, where the fans threw plastic rats onto the ice to celebrate any goal the Panthers scored. Later in 1996, so many plastic rats were thrown onto the ice after a goal the NHL eventually changed the rules to penalize any team if fans disrupted the game by throwing objects onto the ice.

The Florida Panthers have plans to move into a new practice facility in summer 2022. The War Memorial in Fort Lauderdale will be the team's new practice facility, and will include a new entertainment center in the coming months. The plan includes the restoration of the

memorial and the arena, which will feature two indoor ice rinks available for public use, a practice facility and a ballroom-style concert area that can accommodate 3,800 people.

The new facility will also be home to the Panthers Foundation's Youth Hockey Scholarship program through the Boys & Girls Club of Broward County.

I look forward to seeing everyone there soon and go Panthers!

### NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS LEGISLATION

As we talk about sports, I would like to highlight one of my top priorities that passed out of the Legislature, the Intercollegiate Athlete Compensation and Rights Bill.


This new law will allow college athletes, of any sport, to enter participate in the free market, by earning money from endorsements beginning July 1, 2021. I wanted to create an equal opportunity for all students participating in college athletics, just as any other college student has the right to do in our economy.

Before this legislation passed in Florida, college athletes were prohibited from accepting any sort of compensation according to NCAA rules. For far too long, the collegiate athletic system professionalized everyone associated with athletics, except for the young women and men who put in all of the hard work. We changed that.

For many reasons, over many years, the NCAA has not acted in this area. However, NCAA president Mark Emmert recently told the New York Times that he is pushing for NIL guidance approval "before, or as close to, July 1."

Until then, as the NCAA works to catch up to Florida, we will continue to lead the way for our college athletes. Although we were not the first state to pass the Name, Image, and Likeness Bill, we are the first state to have the effective day in 2021.

NIL laws in many other states will begin in 2022 or 2023, but the states of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana and New Mexico have joined Florida on July 1, 2021. I look forward to watching the success of our athletes on the field and in the market.

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## GGWP (GOOD GAME WELL PLAYED)

ESPORTS OFFICIALLY A PART OF CITY'S PARKS AND RECREATION OFFERINGS

**V**ideo games and esports have come a long way in 50 years. Today's version of gaming has gone through a metamorphosis from the days of Pong and Pac-Man and the typical solitary experience of a child playing alone in their basement, to a dynamic, social entertainment and educational movement that kids are immersed in and parents are still learning how to navigate.

With an estimated 2.7 billion gamers around the world and the recent explosion of organized, competitive gaming also known as esports, the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department is making a strategic move into the industry. Esports has opened a brand-new world of college scholarship and career opportunities. Activision Blizzard recently donated \$4 million to the University of Michigan esports program. TSM just inked a naming rights deal with Hong Kong-based FTX for \$210 million.

As part of the esports initiative, the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department will be operating recreational and competitive esports leagues and tournaments while also hosting educational seminars and online conferences, led by industry experts, to keep the community informed about all things past, present and future around this emerging, explosive space.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Esports Club will organize a back-to-school season beginning in mid-August. The inaugural league will start with a very popular game called Rocket League, rated E (Everyone) which means the content is suitable for all ages. In short, the game is soccer played with cars and the publisher (EPIC/Psyonix) has recently signed some huge partnerships with the likes of NASCAR, the NFL, and Lamborghini.

The plan for the first season is to host the games



online through a partnership with a company called Mission Control. Mission Control has one of the top video game tournament platforms available and

a statewide championship that gamers will have an opportunity to qualify for at various times throughout the year. As a culmination to the eight-week season, the


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Department is currently working with a local professional esports organization and a well-known local venue to hold playoffs and a live, in-person event to celebrate this new, innovative community initiative.

In the near future, the City of Fort Lauderdale Esports Club plans to host additional leagues, tournaments and events for individuals and teams across many different game titles such as Fortnite, Madden, Super Smash Bros., NBA2K, FIFA, Overwatch, League of Legends, Valorant, and many more.

Similar to the City of Fort Lauderdale's longstanding and very successful traditional youth sports programs, the Esports Club will incorporate coaching and mentorship from leaders in gaming that will include professional organizations, collegiate gamers and content creators, popular tournament organizers, local publishers, and more. Pillars of the program will always encourage and promote healthy kids, families and communities by placing a priority on involvement, healthy competition, the value of participation, team building and individual development as well as teamwork, sportsmanship, a positive self-image and mutual respect for others.

For more information about the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation's Esports Club, please visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov/recreation](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/recreation). 

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## WE ARE CONNECTED

### TRAFFIC CALMING AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS

The Transportation & Mobility Department has gone through a series of changes over the last several years. As a relatively new department, and one that not many cities have, we have experienced many transitions over the past several years.

The Transportation & Mobility Department was created in response to the 2035 Fast Forward Vision Plan that identified a vision of “*In 2035, WE ARE CONNECTED. We move seamlessly and easily through a safe transportation system where the pedestrian is first.*”

Since that time, our department has been charged with implementing policies, plans and projects to work toward that vision. We have particularly worked on things that create new capacity for multimodal transportation including walking, bicycling and transit.

As a young department, we started with a very small department and grew to meet the needs before us as

we our scope grew. It happened organically to include a multidisciplinary staff of planners, engineers and project managers working together to make change.


A few years ago, the department was restructured, and this year, we began a new chapter in our series of transitions in the Planning Section of the department by hiring a new staff of planners that are each dedicated to a Commission District.

These District-based planners are beginning to reach out to work with each of the neighborhood associations to better understand their needs and work to assist with addressing the challenges that can be addressed in the short term and documenting the longer-term challenges to put it on the list of needs for when funding is identified.

One of the recent new initiatives of the Transportation Department is working with neighborhoods to identify pavement markings and signage that are in need of refurbishing. This involves the team of planners, engineers and project managers within the department and is being supported in partnership with the City’s Road Services Team in the Public Works Department, and Broward County Traffic Engineering Division for implementation.

The City’s Road Services Team is small but mighty and accomplishes an incredible amount of work repairing items in our roadways every day making our City a better place. Although it will take time to work our way through the city, it has already begun to make a significant difference. Making sure stop bars and center yellow lines are fresh and vibrant helps improve safety by ensuring that traffic controls are visible.

One of the other main neighborhood level initiatives is working with neighborhoods on needed traffic calming elements to improve the quality of life for residents on neighborhood streets. These elements include studying the traffic traveling through the neighborhood to determine the challenges and identifying the appropriate solutions to help address those issues. Examples of solutions have included improved signage, new pavement markings, speed humps and speed radar signs to name a few.

Each of these small initiatives, combined with the larger projects will help to take steps closer to realizing the vision of “*In 2035, WE ARE CONNECTED. We move seamlessly and easily through a safe transportation system where the pedestrian is first.*” 





## SATURDAY SUMMER SCHOOL

BUSINESS SKILLS FOR CREATIVES STARTS IN JULY

**A**s we make our way into summer, we welcome a new iteration of Business Skills for Creatives. Launched by the Cultural Division in the summer of 2020, this award-winning series — yes, we already received an Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo) — of virtual workshops offers creatives some great opportunities to build their business acumen in this ever-changing economy.

This innovative program was born out of the pandemic as an adaptation of our venerable Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute (AEI), which had been a staple of in-person, summer programming for nearly 15 years. It is expected to return in summer 2022.

This summer's Business Skills sessions take place from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, beginning July 10. It features industry professionals sharing their expertise on a wide range of timely topics, including finding and applying for grant funding, creative placemaking, diversifying income, the art of negotiation, and coping with the aftermath of the pandemic. One new addition to the offerings is a workshop conducted entirely in Spanish, which will take place Aug. 21.

Creatives of all fields are encouraged to attend and can sign up at [ArtsCalendar.com/BizSkills](https://ArtsCalendar.com/BizSkills).

### 2021 Business Skills 2.0 Program Schedule

#### July 10: Applying for Grant Funding as an Artist

Featuring Angela Richardson of the Grantsmanship Center, this unique training session will assist individual artists, working in all disciplines, with preparing effective proposals for “project-based” grant funding.

#### July 17: Financial Strategies Post-Pandemic

Elaine Grogan Luttrull of Minerva Financial Arts will provide an overview of the financial implications of the Covid-19 outbreak and discuss tangible strategies for coping with the ongoing uncertainty.

#### July 24: Creative Placemaking for Stronger Communities


Conducted by Jason Schupbach and Maria Rosario Jackson, Ph.D., of Drexel University and Arizona State University respectively, this seminar will consider the future of creative placemaking, as a practice and as a sector, with reflections on the climate emergency, Covid-19, and intersectional racial, social, and economic justice.

#### July 31: The Art of Negotiation

Jessica Lee of Loeb & Loeb LLP will discuss skills such as listening, communication, and persuasion; how to determine bargaining power; ethics; and the role of culture, gender, and race in negotiation. The emerging area of digital product protection for the artist community will also be covered.

#### Aug. 21: Emprendimiento Creativo

Featuring Javier J. Hernández Acosta, Ph.D., Profesor of Economía Creativa, Universidad del Sagrado Corazón, (Puerto Rico), the session will cover the entrepreneur's journey offering the skills one needs to venture as a creative agent with projects and services that can have impact on the local environment (the lecture will be delivered in Spanish — la conferencia se impartirá en español).

Whatever point you're at in your career, Business Skills for Creatives can help you build the confidence and knowledge you need to progress on your creative journey and take your career to the next level. Register for the free sessions to attend live or receive the recordings at [ArtsCalendar.com/BizSkills](https://ArtsCalendar.com/BizSkills). 







## RED, WHITE AND ROSÉ

THE SMALL WINE SHOP HAS IT ALL



Small Wine Shop owners Timothy Graham and Tracy Pell.



**T**he world of wine can feel like a place where only the elite belong and if you don't know the difference between an oaky cabernet and a fruity zinfandel you'll be kicked out of the club.

Wine lovers and entrepreneurs Timothy Graham and Tracy Pell felt the wine world should offer a place where everyone feels like they belong. Whether you buy \$100 bottles of wine for your extravagant dinner parties or you just want to pick up a \$20 bottle to drink with your friends while watching rom coms, you will feel more than welcome walking into the Small Wine Shop.

Co-owners Graham and Pell wanted to open their own wine store when they realized there were a lot of missed opportunities for growth in the wine industry.

"Tim would always come home from his job at the time and say things like, 'I just wish they would do this differently or I wish we could sell this kind of wine,' so I finally said why don't we?" said Pell.

Combining Graham's 20-plus years of experience and knowledge of wine and Pell's years of experience in marketing, the couple opened the Small Wine Shop in 2020 for all kinds of wine lovers to have a place to try and buy wines from all over the world without judgment.

"If you like red or white, or dry wine or sweet wine, you shouldn't have to apologize for your preferences," she said.

At the Small Wine Shop, customers can choose from the traditional reds, whites and rosés. But, as the name implies, it also offers unique wines such as the increasingly popular orange wine. What sets them apart though is their dedication to offering their customers wines they feel good about selling.

"When choosing the wine producers whose products we sell, it's important to us to work with people who put in the extra time and care to make a quality product which usually means working with smaller farmers who hand pick the grapes as opposed to using machines and who avoid adding things like unnecessary preservatives to the finished product," said Graham.

Many of the wines offered by the Small Wine Shop are produced using natural, organic, biodynamic or low intervention methods and usually fall into the \$20 to \$30 price range.

For wine connoisseurs looking to try something new





though, the Small Wine Shop offers a way to sample a variety of new wines from all across the country and the world through their monthly wine club. Customers can choose between the Daytrippin' Wine Club membership, which costs between \$50 to \$150 a month, and gives wine lovers a deeper understanding of wines from areas they are familiar with.

The Wanderlust Wine Club Membership costs between \$75 to \$225 a month (depending on the number of bottles) and is for the more adventurous wine lover. The Wanderlust focuses on more unique wine styles and wines from regions most people have never had before, such as recently featured wines from the country of Georgia.

Yet, for customers looking for a more hands' on experience, the Small Wine Shop also offers a monthly wine tasting class which features a different style of wine every time.

"We love to host these classes as a way for both longtime wine lovers and those new to wine to experience different wines from around the world while having fun and hopefully learning something new," Pell said. <sup>60</sup>

#### **SMALL WINE SHOP**

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Augie, the shop dog, is often quoted on the sign in front of the shop.







## WELCOME TO THE NEXT NORMAL

THE CHAMBER'S COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS WEIGHS IN

**A**s we continue to emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic, the world has been abuzz with talk of our new normal, but what comes next? Enter: The Next Normal.

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.

At a recent meeting of the Chamber's Council of Economic Advisors, local industry experts discussed both the successes and challenges that this subsequent phase of post-pandemic business life has brought locally.

One major issue that resonated across almost every industry is labor shortage challenges. Local leaders cited increased unemployment benefits, cross-industry "poaching," competitive wages, expensive housing, and increased flexibility needs as potential factoring driving labor troubles. Additional topics discussed included the rising cost of commodities, handling an influx of formerly cooped-up customers and travelers, adjusting to the inflated price of goods, and more.

The Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce continues to focus on re-energizing the post-pandemic economy. The Chamber has safely and successfully held several in-person networking events that have provided a long-overdue opportunity for Chamber stakeholders to meet face-to-face and have served to support local businesses that spent part of 2020 shuttered or downsized.

Specifically, this quarter, efforts are underway to set the cruise industry sailing again. Anticipating a solution from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) that will allow Celebrity and Royal Caribbean to sail to and from Port Everglades safely, the Chamber is confident this industry will thrive once again.

In addition, efforts to create a streamlined transportation system have recently made strides. For example, discussions are underway to create a line from Brightline station to the Las Olas-A1A hub, making it easier to traverse downtown. Progress was also recently made to advance the Coastal Link project. This system will eventually bring commuter rail service to the heart of South Florida's historic downtowns, but

with more localized stops than Brightline (think Tri-Rail, only farther and east.)

Across the local economy, recovery has been more robust than expected. Before the pandemic, the unemployment rate was about 3.6 percent to 3.7 percent, and we are trending toward that now.

Murmurs of post-pandemic inflation and its potential effect on consumers have started to circulate. "Inflation is kind of like the measles; you don't know you've got it until you wake up with it," said one industry expert. Current inflation rates of up to 250 percent are present in some industries, but it seems to be weighted to certain areas, like hotels and lodging, while the main basket of goods and services has not seen an overall increase.

Those in the healthcare industry finally feel like they are emerging from the pandemic. With the availability of the vaccine, the U.S. recently achieved a milestone of vaccinating 50 percent of adults. In addition, immunization got approval for children ages 12 to 17, and health experts predict it will be available to a younger age range later this year. Unfortunately, despite the positive trends, the healthcare industry is plagued with new issues. They're seeing a 300 percent increase in behavioral health issues among children and a profound shortage of healthcare workers who are either burnt-out and traumatized from having endured the pandemic or have taken higher-paying traveling nurse jobs.

It's not all about the money. "Healthcare is not as attractive as it used to be," said one industry expert. Managing a burnt-out workforce who just endured the worst health crisis of their lifetimes is a genuine concern. Hospitals are now providing mental health support for their employees suffering from post-traumatic stress brought on by the pandemic.

In hospitality and tourism, formerly cooped-up individuals and families are again on the move, as travel and tourism have finally increased. According to one industry expert, up to 78 percent of Fort Lauderdale's hotels are reportedly sold out every weekend through July.

Plaguing the industry is a multi-faceted labor shortage issue. On the flip side, guests' higher-than-ever expectations are further widening the post-pandemic paradox. Travelers who have been homebound for more than a year expect a flawless

first travel experience. One industry expert says that it is unrealistic for travelers to think that their stays will be completely free of hiccups, especially since establishments are short-staffed and still adjusting to post-pandemic changes. Industry leaders reminded potential travelers to remain patient and empathetic as everyone is still adjusting to new norms.

Like the healthcare industry, leaders are also searching for ways to make the travel, tourism, and hospitality industry “attractive” again to potential new employees.

Business in the marine industry is robust. According to one industry expert, 2021 figures anticipate exceeding pre-pandemic numbers from 2019. The demand would have allowed for around a 25 percent growth rate in 2021, but both supply, labor, and time constraints have made it challenging to meet the demand fully. Accordingly, industry leaders are paying close attention to changes within the supply chain, the stock market, mergers and acquisitions of local marinas, and post-pandemic travel patterns of yachters and boaters to determine where the industry may go from here.

The next normal has brought a plethora of turbulence to the manufacturing industry. According

to one industry expert, “you can’t name a commodity that isn’t short.” Materials such as wood, chlorine, aluminum, steel, plastic, oil, and copper are all in short supply yet in high demand. As a result, prices have skyrocketed to double or even triple their typical rates in some cases. Gaining national recognition is the shortage of microchips commonly used in vehicles. It’s estimated that supply chain issues will continue into 2023 since it takes time for shortages and disruptions to correct.

The next normal has created a unique paradox in the business community. Overall, business is excellent, hotels are full, restaurants have more customers, real estate is booming, and new construction is going up, thus creating a solid recovery. Yet, many behind-the-scenes aspects, such as labor shortages, supply chain increases, and pandemic fatigue from burnt-out employees, still require on-the-spot adaptations from our business community to survive and thrive.

Now is the time to get out and support the local economy, but please exercise patience and keep expectations realistic, and stay on top of the latest changes and developments as we all adjust to this next phase of post-pandemic life together. [GO](#)







BY PHIL PURCELL

CEO/President, Marine Industries Association of South Florida

Writer Liz Wegerer



## SAILING AWAY

MEET THE WOMEN WITH OLYMPIC GOALS AND HOMETOWN ROOTS

It's 5 a.m. The alarm goes off with a shrill beep, signaling an unusually early start, even by competitive sailing standards. With sunrise still a good hour away, Erika Reineke and Lucy Wilmot hit the ground running, on their way to the Miami Yacht Club from their home base in Fort Lauderdale. Fueled by caffeine and dreams of Olympic gold, Team Wilmot Reineke FX claims its first silver medal at the West Marine U.S. Open Sailing Regatta by 9:30 a.m. A promising start in a four-year campaign towards the 2024 Paris summer games.

Those not familiar with the South Florida sailing community may not know that Fort Lauderdale is home to this dynamic duo with the Olympics in their sights. But for those involved in the region's marine industry, both Lucy and Erika have been familiar faces since they were young girls sailing Optimists in local regattas. I've had the pleasure of watching their sailing careers develop over the years.

Erika was born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, developing her sailing skills on the local waterways. Lucy, who grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area, also has strong, long-term ties to our community. Both women have been competing since childhood in popular South Florida sailing competitions like the annual Orange Bowl Regatta. Lucy grew up competing against Erika's younger sister, Sophie, also an accomplished competitive sailor. To make it easier for her to participate in local sailing events, Lucy spent most winters living at the Reineke home in Fort Lauderdale.

Competitive sailors throughout their college years at Boston College (Erika) and Harvard (Lucy), the women were on different competitive sailing paths after graduation — at least until an unexpected meet up at the Lauderdale Yacht Club. When the women reconnected unexpectedly one day last year, Lucy extended an invitation to Erika for a day on the water. Nothing competitive, just two old friends sailing and catching up. Once underway, both women quickly realized their sailing synergy was perfect, and an Olympic dream began to take shape.

The 49erFX was new to women's sailing in the Olympics just five short years ago. Since the 2016 Rio games, the competitive fleet has doubled, and the techniques for sailing these sleek foil boats has continuously evolved. Both Erika and Lucy were fans of the new discipline and have studied how the class has matured over the years. Today, they are honing their skills and teamwork on their own 49erFX, the Ricky Bobby. Their winter base is the Lauderdale Yacht Club, which is where you'll find them training Monday through Friday, from October through May.

But it isn't just about the pursuit of Olympic medal glory

for these inspirational women. Lucy and Erika also care deeply about nurturing the next generation of competitive sailors, and this is an integral part of their four-year push for Olympic gold.


Despite a busy training schedule, both women make time to coach youth sailors during their winters in Fort Lauderdale.

Erika coaches a team of 14- to 18-year-olds in the Laser Class, with many of her students flying in each weekend from as far away as Chicago. Lucy works with 420 sailors, ranging in age from 8 to 15. Her diminutive size means she can still sail with her students, giving them the hands-on training essential during their formative sailing years. Both women are committed to continuing this mentoring and coaching, even as their own training intensifies in the lead-up to the 2024 games.

Although the team spends their summer months training and competing elsewhere, they both look forward to returning to Fort Lauderdale each winter. "The entire Fort Lauderdale marine community has been exceptionally supportive of us in so many ways," notes Erika. "From keeping our coaching motorboat running smoothly, with fast service and parts available on a moment's notice, to helping us troubleshoot anything that comes up on or off the water, the local marine shops and technicians are amazing. We are so appreciative of the support and encouragement we receive."

"Fort Lauderdale is also an excellent place to train, because of the diverse conditions," Lucy adds. "In San Francisco, it is pretty consistent chop and wind direction, so your sailing routine falls into fairly set habits. But here, out on the open ocean, the wind is hard and the direction variable. Coupled with complicated wave patterns, it really replicates the conditions we find in competitive locations around the world. This makes us a stronger, more versatile team and better competitors."

Erika and Lucy will return to Fort Lauderdale later this year. According to them, the timing is perfect, because the 2021 49erFX World Championships are scheduled for November 16-21 in Oman. With sailing conditions there identical to what the team finds off the Fort Lauderdale coast, they look forward to some intense training before heading to Asia.

The South Florida marine industry is extremely proud of these two outstanding sailors. We will be cheering them on as they pursue their Olympic goals. You can follow the women's Olympic campaign progress on their website, Facebook and Instagram. 





## CHANGE IN LAW

SOME VETERANS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A REFUND

### Veterans Receiving the Full Exemption for Service-Connected Total and Permanent Disability May Be Eligible for a Refund

A recent change in Florida law allows for certain disabled veterans to receive a property tax refund. While the refund requirements are very specific, some property owners receiving the Full Veteran's Exemption for Total and Permanent Service-Connected Disability may be eligible for a refund on their new homesteaded property's taxes. Effective tax year 2021, homesteaded property owners receiving the Full Veteran's Exemption for Total and Permanent Service Connected Disability on a newly acquired Florida property — who also received the Full Exemption for Total and Permanent Service Connected Disability on another Florida property in the immediately preceding tax year — may be eligible to receive a partial refund of the ad valorem taxes paid for the newly acquired property in the year the property is acquired, prorated as of the date of transfer of ownership.

If you believe you are eligible to receive this prorated refund, please contact our office at (954) 357-6035 or email us at [CSEmgmt@bcpa.net](mailto:CSEmgmt@bcpa.net).

### BCPA Outreach Returning to Governmental Center West

Our Mobile Exemption & Information Team has returned to the Governmental Center West located at 1 N. University Drive in Plantation on Wednesdays from noon to 2 p.m. Our staff is available to assist residents with filing for any exemption and is available to answer any property questions you may have. To view all our upcoming events, please visit <https://web.bcpa.net/ExemptionsExpress/calendar>

To schedule a virtual visit from the safety of your home, please visit our website at <https://web.bcpa.net/virtualvisits>

The absolute deadline for applying for any 2021 exemption is Sept. 20, 2021.


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



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# EXCITEMENT BUILDS IN HOLIDAY PARK

AN UPDATE ON RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

BY COMMISSIONER STEVEN GLASSMAN, CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

In 2019, the residents of Fort Lauderdale voted overwhelmingly to improve our park system by passing the Parks Bond. Four signature parks were designated- one for each Commission District, and Holiday Park was selected for District 2.

This made sense as Holiday Park is frequented not only by nearby neighborhoods, but by folks from

all over the City and County. During this past year, when the pandemic curtailed normal park activities, this open space served as a staging area for our sewer infrastructure project and also provided our citizens with Covid-19 testing and vaccinations. Now that we are returning to normal, exciting changes are currently happening and slated for the future in this glorious 93-acre park.

My expectations were exceeded beyond belief when I had the opportunity to tour the progress on the renovated historic Parker Playhouse, located within Holiday Park, back in March — wow! Set to open in September, The Parker, following a stunning renovation, will provide the ultimate live entertainment experience. The Parker Playhouse is an iconic treasure in Fort Lauderdale with a theater history that is unmatched in our City. Thankfully,








BY COMMISSIONER STEVEN GLASSMAN  
City of Fort Lauderdale

the reimagining will keep many of the original architectural features that make Parker Playhouse such a beautiful and unique facility.

On May 25, the Florida Panthers broke ground on the \$65 million War Memorial Auditorium renovation which will preserve the historic 1950 structure and add two new ice rinks. It is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2022. The Panthers will have an official practice rink with stadium seating for 1,000 in which practices and training camps will be free and open to the public for viewing. In addition to the practice rink for the team, there will be a second rink for the entire community as well as a ballroom-style music venue with a capacity of nearly 4,000 and a restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating. This historic revitalization will make War Memorial Auditorium a community hub for sports and entertainment.

Also on tap for the Park is a new YMCA near the entrance on Federal

Highway and a new garage to accommodate all of the activity and free up valuable land. Lastly, within the Parks Bond, we are allocating \$20 million-plus for enhancements and amenities for this signature park.

As these improvements all move forward, we know that the input and patience of the surrounding neighborhoods will pay off in spades, and the entire Holiday Park campus will have amenities for all of Fort Lauderdale and beyond to enjoy. 

PHOTOS AND RENDERINGS PROVIDED BY CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE







# ETHOS LIVES UP TO ITS NAME

TRANSPORT YOURSELF TO GREECE AT THIS SOUTH FLORIDA BISTRO

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

**T**he definition of the word “ethos” in part is: “the fundamental character or spirit of a culture.”

This is one well named eatery. Jonny and I are from Detroit. What, you say, does that have to do with a restaurant in South Florida? One word: Greektown. This multi-block area near the Detroit River is a “must-see (or eat)” place while in the Motor City. Because we were so spoiled with great Greek food and dining, it is hard to impress us.

OK — we admit it — we were more than impressed with Ethos. We were transported!

There are two locations: one in Coconut Creek and one much closer to us in Wilton Manors. The food is the reason we all eat out. Both locations have great food, but the physical setups are quite distinct. Both have outdoor dining but the space outside in Coral Springs is very large and has

room to expand (weather permitting) up to 16 tables.

The Wilton Manors location is limited to part of the sidewalk on Wilton Drive but the “inside” option has window/walls that are open as well as a nearly 360-degree inside/outside bar. Neither place takes reservations; if there is a wait when you arrive they take your information and notify you by text when your table is ready. Shopping anyone?

So much for those details, now on to the important stuff — the food. Owner George Pappas was raised in Crete and says that even as a child he wanted to come to Florida. In bringing his restaurant vision here in 2012, he was determined to be as authentic as possible (those “ethics” again). The olive oil is imported from Greece, the feta barrel aged, and all the vegetables are fresh — even the grape leaves! Any fried item will never taste “off” as the fryer oil is changed daily. All managers are required to actually





BITES & SIPS TEAM  
RENÉE K. QUINN, PENNY SANFILIPPO and JONNY ALTABELL



work in the back of the house (that means cooking) so that they are familiar with how the menu is prepared. The kitchen staff is also trained to be not only efficient, but very detailed in whatever they prepare. It shows in the quality and presentation of the food. The house made fresh tomato sauce is in a few dishes — we tried the gluten free Kefte and the Shrimp Saganaki, which were made even more yummy with a light topping of feta.

And being the ardent fans of calamari that we are, we tried it both fried and grilled. Heaven! Ethos uses only domestic calamari – no imports, which we found very impressive. The salads are all about as fresh as possible to be without picking it yourself. Most have options for add-ons, so you can make a meal of them. We did not try any of the entrees – just the small plates, but we have no doubt as to the quality of the offerings – and it's a reason to go back. Ask for the cheesecake if you dare – it is probably the best we have ever had, including our own!

So you probably get the idea that we like the food, but we need to mention that they have a tremendous bar as well. Happy hour is available daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Coconut Creek, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Wilton Manors (but please note that here, lunch is served only Friday, Saturday and Sunday). Jonny had a Blood Orange Cosmo that wouldn't quit and I eyed the X-Rated Margarita but took an excellent Aperol Spritz instead. Mondays and Tuesdays they offer select bottles of wine for less money than two single glasses you could get anywhere else.

So next time you're looking for a great food experience, save the money that a trip to the Mediterranean would cost and go to Ethos instead. [60](#)

#### WANT TO GO?:

**ETHOS – WILTON MANORS**  
2055 Wilton Drive  
(754) 999-0034

**ETHOS – COCONUT CREEK**  
4437 Lyons Road  
(754) 999-0050  
[www.ethosbistro.com](http://www.ethosbistro.com)





## GENERAL EVENTS

### 4th of July Spectacular

July 4  
Live bands, family fun and fireworks  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
Fort Lauderdale Beach  
954-828-5363  
[www.fortlauderdale.gov](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov)

### Story Time in the Children's Garden

July 4  
Reading of "Otters Love to Play"  
Flamingo Gardens  
954-473-2955  
[www.flamingogardens.org](http://www.flamingogardens.org)

### Writer and Historian Ben Miller

July 8  
"Bad Gays" podcast co-host  
Stonewall Museum & National Archives  
Virtual  
954-763-8565  
[www.stonewall-museum.org](http://www.stonewall-museum.org)



### FLO'pocalypse

July 10  
An exciting Spoken Word journey  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)



### FlockFest

July 10  
LGBT beach party with flamingo floats  
FlockFest  
Fort Lauderdale Beach  
[www.flockfestevents.org](http://www.flockfestevents.org)

### A Million Dreams

July 11  
Concert of Broadway hits by Broadway stars and students  
Lauderhill Performing Arts Center  
954-777-2055  
[www.lpacfl.com](http://www.lpacfl.com)

### Subzero Summer Weekend

July 17-18  
Subzero science activities and Antarctica 3D movie  
Museum of Discovery & Science  
954-467-6637  
[www.mods.org](http://www.mods.org)



### Allen Harris

July 17  
American jazz artist performs new release  
Pompano Beach Arts  
Virtual  
954-545-7800  
[www.pompanobeacharts.org/cc](http://www.pompanobeacharts.org/cc)

### Summer Program III

July 18  
Zwlich & Saint-Saëns  
South Florida Symphony Orchestra  
Center for Spiritual Living  
954-522-8445  
[www.southfloridasymphony.org](http://www.southfloridasymphony.org)

### Artist and Writer Carmen M. Lane

July 22  
"The Savvy Ally" author on how to be an LGBTQ+ ally  
Stonewall Museum & National Archives  
Virtual  
954-763-8565  
[www.stonewall-museum.org](http://www.stonewall-museum.org)

### 4th Annual Kettle Krush Walk, Run & Roll

July 24  
Christmas in July family event to krusk poverty and homelessness  
Salvation Army of Broward County  
Quiet Waters Park  
954-524-6991  
[facebook.com/Browardsalvationarmy](https://facebook.com/Browardsalvationarmy)



### Dave Chappelle

Aug. 6  
Award-winning comedian and actor  
Hard Rock Live  
866-502-7529  
[www.seminolehardrockhollywood.com](http://www.seminolehardrockhollywood.com)

## LIMITED ENGAGEMENT



### Sea Turtle Walks

Through July 13  
Guided walks of sea turtle nests  
Museum of Discovery & Science  
Fort Lauderdale Beach  
954-467-6637  
[www.mods.org](http://www.mods.org)

### Summer Special

Through Sept. 5  
\$20 adult admission; 17 and under free  
Bonnet House Museum & Gardens  
954-563-5393  
[www.bonnethouse.org](http://www.bonnethouse.org)



### Here Be Dragons

Through Sept. 6  
Fire-breathing beasts of legend  
Museum of Discovery & Science  
954-467-6637  
[www.mods.org](http://www.mods.org)

### Big Bugs Exhibit

Through Sept. 6  
10 giant insect sculptures and South Florida insects, with live specimens  
Flamingo Gardens  
954-473-2955  
[www.flamingogardens.org](http://www.flamingogardens.org)

### The Art of Tim Forman: Florida Everglades

Through Sept. 26  
Impressionist Tim Forman's Florida Everglades landscapes  
History Fort Lauderdale  
954-463-4431  
[www.historyfortlauderdale.org](http://www.historyfortlauderdale.org)

### Earth, Air, Fire and Water

Through Sept. 30  
Celebrating beauty in the four classical elements of nature  
Weiner Museum of Decorative Arts  
954-376-6690  
[www.wmoda.com/earth-air-fire-water](http://www.wmoda.com/earth-air-fire-water)

### Thomas Bils: Still Cheaper Than Paying

Through Fall 2021  
Miami-based Thomas Bils artistry on his bills  
NSU Art Museum  
954-525-5500  
[www.nsuartmuseum.org](http://www.nsuartmuseum.org)

### The World of Anna Sui

Through Oct. 3  
Exhibit of famed New York fashion designer  
NSU Art Museum  
954-525-5500  
[www.nsuartmuseum.org](http://www.nsuartmuseum.org)

### Save Our Seas Distinguished Speaker Series

First Thursday through Oct. 7  
Scientists, conservationists and researchers  
Museum of Discovery & Science  
Virtual  
954-467-6637  
[www.mods.org](http://www.mods.org)

### Carter Park Jamz

Third Friday through Oct. 15  
Monthly evening concerts and food trucks  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
Carter Park  
954-828-5365  
[www.fortlauderdale.gov/jamz](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/jamz)

### Into America's Wild

Through Dec. 31  
Explore the great American wilderness  
AutoNation IMAX Theater  
Museum of Discovery & Science  
954-467-6637  
[www.mods.org](http://www.mods.org)

### Dino Dana the Movie

Through Dec. 31  
10 year-old Dana's dinosaur journey  
AutoNation IMAX Theater  
Museum of Discovery & Science  
954-467-6637  
[www.mods.org](http://www.mods.org)

### The Carter Project

Through January 2022  
Miami-based architect Christopher Carter's home/studio project  
NSU Art Museum  
954-525-5500  
[www.nsuartmuseum.org](http://www.nsuartmuseum.org)

## ONGOING



### Fort Lauderdale Parks & Recreation

Various locations  
Mix of live and virtual classes  
954-828-7275  
[www.fortlauderdale.gov](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov)

### Broward County Public Library

- Arts and crafts
- Book club and storytime
- Education, literacy and writing
- Finances and career
- Technology and science
- Yoga
- Tai Chi

954-357-6555  
[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)

## NSU ART MUSEUM

### FORT LAUDERDALE

#### Free First Thursday Sunny Days

First Thursday  
Free admission and 2-4-1 beer and wine

#### Bank of America: Museums on Us

First full weekend  
Free admission to NSU Art Museum for BOA customers

#### Free Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Day

Last Sunday  
Fort Lauderdale residents receive free admission  
954-525-5500  
[www.nsuartmuseum.org](http://www.nsuartmuseum.org)



### Kayak Tours

Daily  
Explore our unique local ecosystem  
Park & Ocean  
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park  
954-563-2900  
[www.parkandocean.com](http://www.parkandocean.com)

### EcoBoat Rentals

Daily | Reservation required  
Cruise the Intracoastal Waterway in eco-friendly, electric boats  
2525 Marina Bay Dr. W.  
954-5000-ECO  
[www.ecoboatsfl.com](http://www.ecoboatsfl.com)

### Fort Lauderdale Segway Tours

Daily | Reservation required  
Take a one- or two-hour Segway tour on the Riverwalk. Training provided.  
954-304-5746  
[www.segwayfortlauderdale.com](http://www.segwayfortlauderdale.com)

### A Dog's Best Friend Group Classes

Thursdays | Reservation required  
7 p.m. | Intermediate Dog Obedience Class  
8:15 p.m. | Masters Dog Obedience Class  
Esplanade Park  
954-791-2717  
[www.adogsbestfriend.com](http://www.adogsbestfriend.com)

### Friday Night Sound Waves

Friday Night  
Free, live series of  
local musicians  
Las Olas  
Oceanside Park  
[www.theloopflb.com](http://www.theloopflb.com)



Fridays, 7 to 10 p.m. through Aug. 13

### Smooth STB

July 2  
Santana Tribute band

### Mikey's Hotswing Latin Band

July 9

### Valerie Tyson Band

July 16  
R&B music

### Andrew Morris Band

July 23  
Country music

### Miami Sound-Byte Band

July 30  
Rock, pop, funk and motown sounds

### Shane Duncan Band

Aug. 6  
Ultimate party band

### Southern Blood

Aug. 13  
Southern rock music

City of Fort Lauderdale  
Holiday Park  
954-828-5365  
[www.fortlauderdale.gov/starlight](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/starlight)

### Las Olas Oceanside Park Market

Saturdays  
Farmers, antique & artisan market  
The Market Company  
Las Olas Oceanside Park  
305-531-0038  
[www.facebook.com/oceansideparkmarket](http://www.facebook.com/oceansideparkmarket)

### Art Walk Wilton Manors

Third Saturday  
Local vendors, food and live music  
Wilton Drive  
754-200-2979  
[www.awwm.org](http://www.awwm.org)

### FTL Art Walk

Last Saturday  
Live music, original art & more  
MASS District  
954-866-3890  
[www.massdistrict.com](http://www.massdistrict.com)

### FATVillage Art Walk

Last Saturday  
Open galleries, local artists, vendors and live entertainment  
954-866-3890 | [www.fatvillage.com](http://www.fatvillage.com)

### DeMurs Farmers Table

Saturdays Beginning July 17  
Local vendors and organic produce  
St. Ambrose Episcopal Church  
954-908-9944  
[www.facebook.com/demursfarmerstable](http://www.facebook.com/demursfarmerstable)

### New River Open Air Market

Sundays  
Local vendors offer their goods  
History Fort Lauderdale  
954-463-4431  
[www.historyfortlauderdale.org](http://www.historyfortlauderdale.org)

### Sprouting Stem

Varies  
Introducing little scientists (aged 0-6) to STEM-related topics  
Museum of Discovery and Science  
954-467-6637  
[www.mods.org/sprouting-stem](http://www.mods.org/sprouting-stem)

### Urban Jungle Artisan Market

Varies  
Monthly eclectic market  
JAM Hospitality Group  
Northeast 13th Street  
[www.urbanjunglemarketftl.com](http://www.urbanjunglemarketftl.com)

## RIVERWALK ACTIVITIES

Shippey House | 220 S.W. 3rd Ave., Fort Lauderdale | 954-526-5159



### Cycle Party Tours

Daily | Reservation required  
Jump aboard a 15-person quadracycle and experience Fort Lauderdale in an entirely new way.  
[www.cycleparty.com](http://www.cycleparty.com)

### Paddle Pub Tours

Daily | Reservation required  
Jump aboard a 20-person Paddle Pub and experience Fort Lauderdale and the waterway in a new way.  
[www.paddlepub.com/fort-lauderdale](http://www.paddlepub.com/fort-lauderdale)

### Bike Tours

Daily | Reservation required  
Tours of Fort Lauderdale and Riverwalk for all abilities.  
[www.RiverwalkActivities.com](http://www.RiverwalkActivities.com)



### Kayak & Paddleboard Rentals

Daily | 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Explore the Yachting Capital of the World along the scenic New River, launching from the Riverwalk.  
[www.RiverwalkActivities.com](http://www.RiverwalkActivities.com)



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## ESCAPE TO TROPICAL PARADISE

BrightStar Credit Union event benefits Broward Education Foundation.



DRUMS OF POLYNESIA DANCER  
AND DUSTIN JACOBS



ROBERT KUYPERS, RUTH LYNCH AND DONNA KORN



KATRINA LINDSEY ACCEPTS HEART OF BROWARD  
AWARD FROM B.E.F. BOARD CHAIR TIM CURTIN  
AND B.E.F. CEO SHEA CIRIAGO

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## OUR FUND FOUNDATION

Our Fund Foundation's LGBTQ Arts & Culture Fund Awards \$226,500 to 18 South Florida non-profits .



JASON HUGHES AND REQUEL LOPEZ



SOUTH FLORIDA PRIDE WIND ENSEMBLE. FRONT  
ROW: ROZ RICHMOND AND BLAKE VELDE; BACK ROW:  
ALLEN BOUCHER AND DAVID SUCIK



MEGHANA SAOJI AND JAIME CRISTANCHO

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## COOKING FOR HOPE

House of Hope and Chef Louie Bossi held a virtual cooking class and benefit for House of Hope.



CHEF LOUIE BOSSI TEACHES HOW TO  
HANDLE DOUGH FOR MAKING HOMEMADE  
PASTA OR PIZZA CRUST



SUE GLASSCOCK, CHEF LOUIE BOSSI AND NEKI MOHAN



CHEF LOUIE BOSSI PICKS THREE  
RAFFLE WINNERS

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