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Photo by John Stamos John Stamos joined the Beach Boys performing during Fort Lauderdale's July 4 concert on the beach, and borrowed City Manager Chris Lagerbloom's phone to snap this cover-worthy photo of the crowd.

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

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



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SEAVIEW

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

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

MOONGLOW | \$699,000

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.

SKYVIEW | \$465,000

Exquisitely upgraded high floor 2 bedroom 2 bathroom featuring beautiful river views, gourmet kitchen, walk in closets and spacious extended balcony that extends to the master bedroom with sliding glass doors.

JUST LISTED SUNGARDEN \$389,000

Upgraded, stunning, sleek & modern 1 bedroom 1 bathroom condo featuring spectacular direct river, city & sunset views. Porcelain floors, new lighting fixtures, custom window treatments/lighting and over-sized balcony.

SUNGARDEN

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

UNDER CONTRACT SUNGARDEN

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



IUST LISTED 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH \$495,000 Outstanding sub-penthouse with city views from every room, high floor corner unit! Jerusalem marble stone floors throughout. Seamless glass shower enclosures. Split bedroom plan, gourmet kitchen and marble baths.



FROM THE BOARD

BY JOHN ROPES Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair



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REMEMBERING OUR FAVORITE FESTIVALS AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THEM AGAIN IN 2021

rom October to December, Riverwalk and Fort

Lauderdale Beach are proud to host some of the best festivals, shows, and parades in the country. Many of these events were cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic but are back this year and making up for lost time. Here are some of the best events of the year to look forward to at the end of 2021.

Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show Oct. 27-31

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Fort Lauderdale, the Yachting Capital of the World, will host the 62nd annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (FLIBS) in October. According to FLIBS, it is the largest in-water boat show in the world. With around 1,300 boats on display, they attract more than 100,000 people every year. If you're looking for anything nautical, they've got it, with more than 1,000 exhibitors displaying their products.

Tortuga Music Festival Nov. 12-14

Fort Lauderdale Beach Park 1100 Seabreeze Blvd., Fort Lauderdale

Having cancelled the two prior dates scheduled in 2020, Tortuga is ready to rumble with an amazing

lineup of top music superstars, like Luke Bryan, Tim McGraw, Miranda Lambert and Pitbull. Tortuga has hosted the concert yearly, with the exception of 2020, to raise awareness and funds for ocean conservation.

Tortuga is anticipating a crowd of around 25,000 people each day for the three-day concert.

50th Annual Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade Dec. 11

New River/512 N.E. Third Ave., Fort Lauderdale

The annual Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade has been running for 50 consecutive years with the only exception being the 49th year in 2020, which had to be cancelled. What a great year to bring back this much-anticipated community tradition, to celebrate the big 5-0 for the boat parade. The parade begins at the Stranahan House on the New River and travels to the Intracoastal where the lineup will head north all the way to Lake Santa Barbara in Pompano Beach. The parade floats about 12 miles and takes about two and a half hours from start to finish.

Our community has seen some tough times and it is nice to think about getting back to celebrating some of our most treasured events and traditions. See you on the Riverwalk! ⁽¹⁾

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BACK TO WORK

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Which the return of most businesses moving back to working in the office, we find schedules are becoming a little more flexible and some companies are reviewing hybrid working arrangements. The traditional 8 to 5 in the office is morphing into other options.

With that said, we are most happy to see our downtown again teeming with people working, shopping, dining and enjoying all that our city offers. Services are back up and running including retail, banks, hotels and restaurants. People are moving closer to their offices to avoid commuting, having learned about working from home. Occupancy in our downtown residential as well as offices continues to grow with this blossoming destination.

As we market our city and its many attributes, consistent messaging has become a priority and DDA is leading that charge, collecting data and information about our community to encourage new businesses as well as residents to select downtown Fort Lauderdale. We are most fortunate that construction has continued during the down time, providing a substantial stock of real estate options.

Always remember, South Florida is known to have three periods that are the "wet season" — mid-May through early June, early August through mid-August (which is generally the hottest part of the year), and late August through mid-October, which has the highest rainfall variation due to the tropical systems.

Hurricane and Tropical Storm Reminders

We are in hurricane season and the waves of tropical depressions continue. Hurricane season is typically June 1 to Nov. 30, with activity peaking around Sept. 10; however, experts think the season may be getting longer over time.

Some tips/reminders for that season:

Develop an emergency plan (and share with family/friends who are not local)

- How do I secure my home, car and boat?
- Where am I going to stay and the routes available?
- Where will my pets be safe?
- Review your emergency plan with your family.
- Photograph or videotape your home inside and out for insurance purposes.

• Review your insurance policies and have a copy handy.

Keep non-perishable emergency supplies on hand

- Extra batteries
- Candles or lamps with fuel
- Matches
- · Materials and tools for emergency home repairs
- · Adequate supply of prescription drugs
- A three-day supply of drinking water
- Food that you don't have to refrigerate or cook
- First aid supplies
- Portable weather radio

Address special needs

- Notify officials
- Assure power source for any life-sustaining medical equipment
- Adequate food/water supplies
- Prepare an emergency plan to relocate if needed

Protect your home

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• I moved to Florida when I was three, which is about as close to "Florida native" as you can get for the time period. A lifelong boater, I was waterskiing in Miami canals behind a Jon Boat way

before I could drive a car.

After graduating from Florida State University with a degree in communication for business, I entered the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Management Trainee program. There, I learned to dress for the job you want and how to clean a car while wearing a dress shirt and tie. It was around this time that my mother approached me about the possibility of opening a franchise of a "little moving company" she had become enamored with when relocating her mother in Alabama. But I had been offered what I thought would be my dream job at Coca-Cola Enterprises.

After four or five years, I revisited the idea of opening the moving franchise. I figured it was now or never to own my own business. We opened the doors to the very first South Florida Two Men and a Truck on July 27, 1999. I chose Broward County for its location and growth potential and it has exceeded my wildest hopes and expectations. We now have 22 years, four franchises, a fleet of trucks, an army of movers and 100,000 commercial and residential moves under our belts.

I was raised with the belief that it is important to give back to your community, which is why I serve as a board member for several organizations, including Winterfest and Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale.



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WATER TAXI

• Originally from Marblehead, Massachusetts, I moved to Fort Lauderdale in 2014 after several years of commuting from New England. A graduate of Massachusetts Maritime Academy with

a bachelor's of science degree in marine transportation, I have spent my entire career in the marine industry.

In 2007, I purchased Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale. This multi-stop system of boats helps to alleviate street traffic while providing residents and visitors with a unique perspective of Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood. Since 2007, Water Taxi has grown, boarding 1 million people per year and connecting hundreds of Broward businesses. Water Taxi is the go-to trip, similar to the street cars of San Francisco. You see the city with all its waterfront wonder that locals live and enjoy here. The vessels are also available for private and corporate charters which provide groups a unique way to get around the cities.

As an active member of our community, I am currently involved with the Marine Industries Association, the Marine Advisory Council, City of Fort Lauderdale Marine Advisory Board, Winterfest Boat Parade, the Fort Lauderdale Beach Council, and the Las Olas Association, among others. In my spare time, I enjoy offshore sailboat racing snorkeling, recreational boating and skiing.

Belonging to Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale is a necessity for my company since we bring people to destinations and this allows me to participate in the activation of the parks, connecting land and water access and help shape it for the future. Go Riverwalk! 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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RIVERWALK POWER MIXER

On June 21, Riverwalk Trustee members were treated to a delightful evening at the newly opened All Natural Wellness Center. In addition to great networking, the attendees enjoyed tasty vegan hors d'oeuvres and beverages in addition to learning more about the therapeutic services offered at this new downtown business. To be a part of future events, you can become a Riverwalk member at *www.goriverwalk.com/membership*.



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- Eugenia Duncan Ellis, president and CEO, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale
- Levi Henry Jr., founder, Westside Gazette Newspaper
- Michael E. Hurst, restaurateur, educator and hospitality legend
- John D. MacDonald, author and environmentalist
- The Perry Family, for building a beach legacy
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BY COMMISSIONER BEN SORENSEN City of Fort Lauderdale

COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE

hope you are all doing well. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or are in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at bsorensen@fortlauderdale.gov, or my City cell phone at (954) 218-3688.

Tunnels

Recently, the City Commission had the privilege of meeting with the Boring Company and touring their facilities in Las Vegas to explore the possibility of building an underground tunnel in Fort Lauderdale — connecting our lively downtown to our gorgeous beaches.

We also discussed potential resolutions to mitigating train traffic going from north to south by moving train traffic underground, as we potentially see commuter train traffic increase in the upcoming years. Rethinking traffic mitigation and transportation is going to be a huge undertaking for the next several decades in South Florida, but as the South Florida region grows, it is important that we continue to look to the future and integrate emerging technology with our infrastructure. I look forward to continuing to discuss potential plans with the Boring Company.

Transportation

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization finalized a five-year transportation projects plan for federal, state, and locally funded transportation projects. This includes transit, roadways, bridges, aviation, seaport, rail and commuter rail, bicycle facilities, pedestrian provisions, and landscaping projects. The draft Transportation Improvement Plan was approved in July with lots of exciting projects on the horizon for the City of Fort Lauderdale.

City Commission Approves Rubin Stacy Memorial Boulevard as Secondary Name for Segment of Davie Boulevard

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving Rubin Stacy Memorial Boulevard as a secondary name for Davie Boulevard between I-95 and US-441.

In 1935, Mr. Stacy, a Black man who was about 29 years old, was lynched in Fort Lauderdale. The City of Fort Lauderdale seeks to memorialize this injustice and bring awareness to the negative impacts of systemic racism on our society. City staff and Broward County staff have developed a signage plan that includes modifying or replacing approximately 60 signs. The estimated timeline for installation is 12 to 16 weeks. For details, visit *ftlcity.info/3gCvolx*.

I want to take a final moment to wish you all a wonderful summer. The past year has been challenging, but I do believe that we will come back stronger in the coming year as a City. Please stay safe. ⁽¹⁾



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DINNER & A MOVIE BY MOONLIGHT A Recipe for a Perfect Night

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Presented by the City of Fort Lauderdale's BID and the Parks & Recreation Department, Movies by Moonlight gives this classic night out a unique twist. The timing coincides with the annual Dine Out LauderDEALS program from Aug. 1 through Sept. 30. As such, budget-conscious foodie and film lovers can enjoy a decadent and budget-friendly night on the town with prix-fixe three-course meals ranging from \$35 - \$45., followed by a free movie at Las Olas Oceanside Park.

With activities beginning at 5pm, those heading to the beach for the night or weekend have numerous options to fill the hours before the movie begins.



Adults looking to shake off the workweek can get in a work out at the HIIT class with OutFIT Training at 6pm. At the same time, children can attend FLIPANY's CATCH Club, or activities with local tutoring school, Mathnasium. Market vendors and live music will fill the area starting at 5:30 pm for those who prefer to pack a picnic or order take-out from a nearby restaurant and settle in.

To view movie details and nearby restaurants participating in Dine Out Lauderdale, on-site vendors and restaurants with take-out options, visit **theloopflb.com**.

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BY REPRESENTATIVE CHIP LAMARCA



EVENTS GALORE

BEACHSIDE TO THE RIVERWALK, FORT LAUDERDALE IS HAPPENING NOW

o matter the season, the City of Fort Lauderdale offers a variety of unique events throughout the year that will appeal to both residents and tourists alike. Whether it is a beachside music festival like the Great American Beach Party, Tortuga Music Festival, or the famous New Year's Countdown, Fort Lauderdale has you covered. Our community always has something new to offer from music, sports, or other events.

As always, one of the biggest events is the Fourth of July Spectacular. This event always features a patriotic extravaganza filled with live music and fireworks. The City's 30-minute firework show is a sight to see every year.

Also, the Downtown Countdown is one of the largest New Year's Eve celebrations in the state! The City's Orange Bowl countdown is a free festival created to appeal to children and adults alike with games, contests, music and more. Another big event offered by the City of Fort Lauderdale is its traditional kick off to summer, the Great American Beach Party. This festival transforms the beach into a stage for music, including a military tribute and sand sculpting.

The City is well known for its Light Up The Holidays with several family-friendly events including Light Up Lauderdale, Light Up the Galt, Light Up the Beach, Light Up Sistrunk, and Light Up Carter Park. Both residents and tourists can ring in the holiday season with light displays, holiday concerts, a variety of treats, and so much more.

The St. Patrick's Parade and Festival draws thousands of spectators to the downtown area for a

one-of-a-kind celebration for highlight all things Irish. This event features decorative floats, live music, a kids' zone, exhibitors, games and contests, and Irish food and cold beverages.

Another can't miss event offered the first Sunday of every month, known as the Sunday Jazz Brunch, showcases South Florida's finest local jazz artists. Bring your favorite refreshments and a chair or blanket and enjoy!

However, the biggest festival known to our area is the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (FLIBS) along with the Las Olas Art Fair. FLIBS is known as the largest boat show on the seven seas! We also offer various beach parties including Riptide Musical Festival and the famous Tortuga Music Festival. Tortuga was created to generate awareness, along with raising funds for ocean conservation. Over the years, with the help of fans and volunteers, the Rock the Ocean Foundation has raised more than \$2 million by holding the festival in Fort Lauderdale.

Each year the event is held, more than 30 worldwide conservation leaders help participate in the event to help educate in their field of expertise. This includes sea turtle conservation, shark conservation, marine pollution, coral reef degradation, and overfishing. Along with the music, these educational events are well attended! No matter what you like to enjoy, Fort Lauderdale offers it to you.

As always, it is an honor to represent you as your State Representative in Tallahassee. (9)





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



PASSPORT TO FUN

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM PLANS IN FULL SWING

s our summer days begin to fade away and we make back-to-school plans, our staff is working tirelessly as we prepare to open all of our after-school sites for the upcoming year.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation operates PLAY Fort Lauderdale, a licensed and accredited after-school program, at six community parks. PLAY Fort Lauderdale is your child's passport to fun! Children have the opportunity to exercise, play and build their self-esteem in a safe and nurturing environment. This program offers a balance of organized and recreational activities in a pleasant, comfortable afternoon experience. Activities include free play, games, arts and crafts, fitness, sports, cultural arts, homework help, and so much more!

All of our sites have been awarded accreditation by the Florida Association of Child Care Management and have received the Gold Seal Quality Care designation by the Florida Department of Children and Families Office of Child Care Regulation. Accredited Professional Preschool Learning Environment is the number one childcare accrediting body in the state of Florida. Our sites were the first, and currently only, municipality in South Florida to earn this endorsement.

Registration includes care on early release and noschool days (excluding national holidays, winter break



and spring break). The school year is divided into two, convenient sessions. Session fees are \$400 for residents, \$600 for non-residents, and \$100 for Youth Enrichment Scholarship recipients. Sibling discounts are also available. PLAY Fort Lauderdale sites include Bass Park, Carter Park, Croissant Park, Osswald Park, Riverland Park and Warfield Park.

For more information on PLAY Fort Lauderdale, visit *www.fortlauderdale.gov/afterschool.* ⁽⁶⁾







SEABREEZE TRAM

PROVIDING A FREE, HIP, AND HASSLE-FREE ACCESS TO EVENTS AT THE LAS OLAS OCEANSIDE PARK

ntertainment shouldn't be a hassle — that's why the new Seabreeze Tram is the perfect fit for beachgoers who want convenience and a carefree experience when visiting Las Olas Oceanside Park.

The City of Fort Lauderdale's Seabreeze Tram runs between the Las Olas Parking Garage and the Las Olas Oceanside Park, offering a convenient way to access the beach when carrying gear and other essentials. Load up your items, get onboard, and enjoy the ride! Not only is the tram an easy way to transport residents and visitors for a day of fun to events and festivities at the Las Olas Oceanside Park, but it is also a great way to sightsee along A1A / Fort Lauderdale Beach.

Inspired by Disney

The Seabreeze Tram's one-mile loop route was inspired by Disney World's iconic tram service that provides a direct link between Disney's parking lots and theme park entrances. The futuristic look



of the Seabreeze Tram complements the modern architectural design of both the Las Olas Garage and the Las Olas Oceanside Park. The south sides of these public facilities accommodate tram-only access for pick-up and drop-off and are accentuated with tree-lined sidewalks and built-in seating to keep riders comfortable as they wait the arrival of the next tram.

Connecting Mobility Options on Land and Water

The Seabreeze Tram service connects riders to the many transportation modes in the area — on land and water. In a central area, beachgoers have convenient access to Water Taxi Stop #6 — Beach Place located at the end of Cortez Street along the Intracoastal Waterway, Broward B-Cycle stations adjacent to the Seabreeze Tram stops, the City's Community Shuttle, and Broward County Transit routes along Las Olas Boulevard and A1A.

Behind the Scenes: An Inter-Departmental Effort

It takes a village to run the Seabreeze Tram. The service is a collaborative effort between City of Fort Lauderdale departments and contracted vendors. The Transportation and Mobility Department takes the lead in coordinating the service and managing funding while the Public Works Department-Fleet Services is responsible for managing routine and major upkeep of the trams. Day-to-day operations and maintenance services of trams are contracted out to Limousines of South Florida and First Vehicle Services, respectively.

Upcoming Improvements

Trial runs of the tram service began in November 2019 and the service was suspended shortly thereafter due to Covid-19. This summer, the trams have been back in service since July 9, and additional improvements are in the works, including a tram tracker app and the installation of new stop signage.

Service Information

The Seabreeze Tram operates Wednesdays to Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on weekends from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Hours may be extended and an additional vehicle may be used to accommodate an increased number of passengers during holidays and special events. For more information, please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/seabreezetram.



BY PHILLIP DUNLAP Director, Broward Cultural Division



AN ARTFUL TRANSFORMATION

ART TO PERMANENTLY LIGHT UP THE RIVERFRONT

The Broward County Public Art and Design team continues to produce excellent work in support of the County Commission's commitment to art in public spaces. Building on the momentum of exciting developments in downtown Fort Lauderdale, one of the team's latest initiatives is the artful transformation of the Andrews Avenue bridge with a dynamic new light installation by Los Angeles-based artist and architect Susan Narduli.

The site-specific lighting artwork will activate our riverfront by transforming the drawbridge that spans the New River between Las Olas Boulevard and South Fifth Street.

Narduli was selected for the commission from a field of 55 applicants who applied to the initial call to artists. She and the Narduli Studio will begin installation of the project in spring 2022.

In partnership with Broward County's Highway Bridge and Maintenance Division, the Cultural Division is currently overseeing the public art portion of this renovation project, which includes replacing the bridge's electrical, mechanical and hydraulic systems, upgrading the sidewalk ramps near the bridge, the bridge-tender house, installing noise mitigation components on the bridge deck, and lighting under the bridge deck.

Narduli describes her work as being at the intersection of art, architecture, technology, and public space, and the Andrews Avenue Bridge project is no exception. Her winning concept employs pattern, color and custom programming to express the synergy between the city and the river around which it developed. As a bonus, the artwork enhances public safety in the area by using light under an otherwise dark bridge.

The artist selection process included a public charette with local artists, designers and other key stakeholders from the community to provide their feedback. Stakeholders' insights were also incorporated into the design proposal via an online survey. Those interested in submitting feedback for the art team's consideration can email Meredith Clements at mclements@broward.org to request access to the survey form.

Narduli's work is well-known and has received numerous awards. Her installation on the façade of the Metropolis Towers in downtown Los Angeles features an integrated LED display, nearly 100 feet wide where the artwork is fueled by data. Narduli's work is cutting edge and will be a great addition to downtown Fort Lauderdale.





LIFE BEHIND THE LENS

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS - BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPHER?

t has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words but what about the person working behind the camera? We don't often stop to think about the photographer who captured the shot and what it took to capture that moment.

For photographers like Jason Leidy, it takes a lot of time, dedication, and a willingness to truly understand his subject or location to get the perfect shot.

Leidy first found his love for photography while working alongside his mother during his childhood in Philadelphia.

"Growing up, I had a dark room in the basement where my mom, who was a fine art photographer, would work. The darkroom always felt like such a magical place to me and I loved being a part of the process," said Leidy.

While his mother worked, he did everything from rolling film to setting up the lighting just so he could be involved in the process.

During his time studying at the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan, he would even sit for her at Soho Photo, the co-op gallery where she was a member, which he remembers fondly as "a really fun time in my life." Yet, it wasn't until he left his business development career and moved to Fort Lauderdale that he realized he couldn't ignore his passion for photography any longer.

"I had left corporate America and decided I just wanted to do something for me. That was when I really started looking at photography as an option," he said.

At the time, his friend was working for Go Riverwalk Magazine and offered to set up an interview with the publisher for a position with the magazine to which he wholeheartedly accepted. Now, years after that first interview, Leidy works as the lead photographer for the magazine, capturing breathtaking shots such as the view from the top of the Broward Arts Center, which graced the cover of one of the magazine's past summer issues.

"My career wouldn't be where it is today without everyone at Go Riverwalk. They have truly become like my family and I'm so grateful for every one of them," said Leidy.

Over the course of his career, Leidy has also done event photography, product and food photo shoots, and headshots. Recently, however, he has decided to make the shift away from photographing events, which was previously a large part of his business, to focus more on commercial shoots.



"Before Covid, my calendar was full of events but then those of course quickly went away. So, over this last year I've realized I want to do more commercial work with companies who understand the value of hiring a professional photographer," said Leidy.

Yet, what has kept the seasoned photographer working as long as he has is his dedication to his craft and a willingness to spend time with his clients.

"The most important thing I've found that I think makes me unique is that I'm a really good listener. I love the process of getting someone's story, what are their hopes and dreams, how did they get to where they are today. I think everyone wants to be seen and heard on some level so being able to do that for clients is definitely one of my favorite parts of what I do," he said.

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ON TRACK FOR A COMEBACK

CHAMBER PLANS IN-PERSON SIGNATURE EVENTS

See that up ahead? It's the light at the end of the tunnel. At the start of summer 2021, 64 percent of Broward County residents had received at least one dose of the Covid-19 vaccine, and the number of cases, hospitalizations and deaths had dropped dramatically. This paved the way for our community to get back to what brings us together most: in-person events, festivals and gatherings.

Thanks to our community's diligence to get vaccinated, we are on track for a robust economic and social recovery, which is predicted to continue into the fall months. With that in mind, the Chamber intends to hold several of its signature events in-person this fall. We have already seen an increased comfort level among Chamber stakeholders willing to gather safely for small-scale networking events at local restaurants and venues throughout the summer. We recognize that there is no real substitution for in-person networking and business exposure, so we want to offer our investors the opportunity to safely meet with each other in-person going forward.

The Chamber has a full agenda of in-person events planned for this fall including **Saluting Excellence in Business and Beyond** on Sept. 30, **Perspectives on Florida's Healthcare and Excellence in Healthcare Awards** on Nov. 18, and **Community Heroes Awards** in early December. We look forward to gathering with our friends, colleagues, and fellow members of the business community to celebrate the accomplishments of local business leaders.

Equally, some of our favorite local events, and crucial economic drivers, are also slated to make their triumphant return to full capacity this fall.

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

In addition, the **Tortuga Music Festival** is happening from Nov. 12 to 14. The festival typically brings a significant bump in revenue for downtown and A1A businesses, including increased hotel bookings near the beach.

The seasonal favorite, **Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade**, returns on Dec. 11. This event generates approximately \$50 million annually for Broward County.

In 2019, major events collectively generated an economic impact of more than \$1 billion across Greater Fort Lauderdale businesses by attracting hundreds of thousands of tourists to our region. Their return in late 2021 may mark a turning point for our local economy.



In-person, large-scale gatherings will not only provide an essential economic boost, but also a much-needed emotional lift. People are instinctually drawn to gather with others, especially to enjoy entertainment, unite for a common purpose, or celebrate a joyous occasion. Our collective emotional psyche has undoubtedly suffered since this was mostly neglected for the past year.

The Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce is steadily moving toward the light at the end of the tunnel. We can't wait to come together, once again, to enjoy the sense of personal fulfillment, community camaraderie, and economic prosperity that comes along with gathering in-person.

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



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

LOOKING AHEAD TO THIS YEAR'S FORT LAUDERDALE INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW

ith summer in full swing, it's time to look ahead to the biggest marine event of the year. The annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (FLIBS) will return for its 62nd year this year from Oct. 27 to 31.

There is simply nothing more important to the marine industry — and the greater Fort Lauderdale area — than this annual boat show. In fact, FLIBS and tourism go handin-hand, boosting the local economy with booked hotel rooms, busy restaurants and bustling storefronts. Drawing half its attendees from beyond Florida's borders each year, FLIBS welcomes guests from more than 52 countries to stay, spend and discover the area by land and sea.

It is our city's opportunity to show off our best to an international audience. Nothing will make more of a statement this year than the debut of the renovated Broward County Convention Center. Many of the upgrades to the facility reflect the importance of the marine industry to the region's success. From the 65,000-square-foot ballroom facing the Intracoastal Waterway to the iconic waterfront plaza, Fort Lauderdale's marine lifestyle is front-and-center.

With renovations ongoing, FLIBS will return to the convention center this year. In fact, FLIBS will be the first major event held in the new facility. As the largest and longest user of the convention center, we are excited to return. To mark this extraordinary occasion, we're planning a celebration that reflects the dynamic relationship between Broward County and the marine industry.

A New FLIBS Tradition — Fort Lauderdale Concours

Kicking off the weekend festivities will be something new this year. The Fort Lauderdale Concours, produced by Maxim Sports Management, will bring together an exciting collection of iconic cars with a hip twist. The venue is the Las Olas Marina rooftop parking garage, which is one of seven FLIBS event sites this year. The Friday evening event will renew the concours experience for established car collectors,



while also attracting the next generation of enthusiasts. It pairs vintage vehicles with collectible sneakers, going beyond the expected to satisfy collectors of all ages.

Kicking off the FLIBS weekend with a car show especially one that includes pop culture —may seem unusual. However, there is a direct relationship between classic cars and big boats. If a collector owns a seven-figure car (or a few), chances are they also own a yacht or plane (or two). This inaugural concours event is a sophisticated way to offer FLIBS attendees the chance to satisfy multiple passions in a single weekend, all in a stunning location.

FLIBS as a Brand

With more than six decades representing Fort Lauderdale and the south Florida marine industry, FLIBS has built a sterling reputation. The Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitor's Bureau recognizes this and is parlaying the FLIBS name into a new marketing campaign.

Visit Lauderdale and the Bermuda Tourism Authority have paired their nautical strengths in a new tourism campaign called Go Where the Yachts Go. This multi-year marketing endeavor leverages key events, including FLIBS, to attract visitors to the two yachting destinations.

We are excited to welcome Go Where the Yachts Go to this year's boat show. They'll be hosting the opening night FLIBS party, along with a number of other events for media, yacht owners, brokers, and crews throughout the show.

FLIBS as a Business Incubator

But it isn't just tourism that thrives at FLIBS. Countless small businesses have gotten their start at the show. When you walk the show floors, you'll find the biggest names in the industry right next to small vendors offering their unique services and products.

Any one of these small businesses could become the next big industry name. The direct access you have to all aspects of the boating community at FLIBS is invaluable and impossible to replicate anywhere else. Just ask Guy Harvey. Now a worldrenowned artist, scientist, diver, angler, conservationist and explorer, he got his foot in the marine industry door as an exhibitor at FLIBS many, many years ago.

His is just one success story to flow from the annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. We're excited to see who we'll meet and what happens at this year's show. We hope you'll join us. Tickets for FLIBS are on sale soon at *www.flibs.com*, including access to the inaugural Fort Lauderdale Concours on Friday evening.

We hope to see you there. 🕲



BY MARTY KIAR Property Appraiser Broward County



PROPERTY TAX UPDATES

ANSWERS TO SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

2021 TRIM Notices

he The Broward County Property Appraiser's Office mails the TRIM (proposed tax) Notices in August of each year. This is NOT a tax bill but a notice showing your 2021 just value, exemptions and proposed taxes as set by the various taxing authorities. The TRIM Notice is your opportunity to review your property's 2021 just value and ensure you are receiving all the tax-saving exemptions you are entitled to.

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

I Recently Applied for Homestead Exemption – Why Is It Not Showing on my TRIM?

Florida statutes require our office use Jan. 1 as the date of assessment and to determine exemption eligibility each year. If you purchased your home after Jan. 1, 2021, you are eligible for 2022 Homestead Exemption. The 2022 exemptions will show online in December and be included for the 2022 tax year.

I Had Homestead Exemption Last Year — Where Did My Exemptions Go This Year?

If you purchased your home in 2020, you may have "inherited" the previous owner's exemptions last year. These 2020 exemptions would have been removed at the end of last year, so they are no longer showing on your TRIM Notice for tax year 2021. Fortunately, you can still late file for 2021 Homestead and any other exemptions you may qualify for until Sept. 20, 2021. To apply online, please visit our website at *https://web.bcpa.net/*.

I Am a Senior Citizen Why Isn't the Senior Exemption Showing?

The Senior Exemption is both an age- and incomebased exemption that is not automatically applied to a property because of the income requirement. To be eligible for this exemption, an applicant must be age 65 or older as of Jan. 1, 2021, and have an adjusted household gross income for 2020 not exceeding \$31,100. If you believe you qualify for this additional exemption, you can still late file until Sept. 20, 2021. To review the exemption requirements and to apply for this exemption, please go to our website at *https://web.bcpa. net/bcpaclient/#/SeniorExemption*.

The health and well-being of our community continues to be of great importance. If you would like to schedule virtual conference, our Mobile Exemption and Information Team will gladly assist you. To schedule an appointment, please call (954) 357-5579 or visit our website at *https://web.bcpa.net/ExemptionsExpress/calendar*.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at martykiar@bcpa.net. @



DREAMS BECOME REALITY

FORT LAUDERDALE ORGANIZATIONS ON EVENT PLANS POST-COVID

BY MADELAINE K. BOYER

onfetti and laughter fill the air while visitors admire local art, listen to music, or follow parades carrying colorful costumed entertainers down Las Olas. Last year, however, this same street, once filled with

crowds of smiling people, lay empty and eerily quiet. Instead of attending festivals and parades, visitors were relegated to the isolation of their homes during the outbreak of Covid-19.

Now, for the first time in over a year, groups throughout Fort Lauderdale are welcoming us back to the annual parades, festivals and fairs we so dearly missed. Talking with the resilient people behind the scenes of many of the largest events Fort Lauderdale has to offer, we look at how Covid-19 not only changed the way they organize and host events but how they bounced back after a such an unprecedented year while continuing to keep our community safe.

The City of Fort Lauderdale

The City of Fort Lauderdale is responsible for keeping the bustling South Florida city thriving while simultaneously hosting a number of events throughout the year. However, this past year's pandemic put more added pressure on the city's already busy task force. "I was fortunate to not have experienced the chaos of this past year firsthand, but since joining the team I have seen how everyone at the city has been working hard to follow all of the Covid safety protocols as they continue to change," said Brittany Henry, special events programmer.

Since the state has reopened to allow outdoor events, the city has quickly rebounded, bringing back many of their popular events. The city recently revived its annual 4th of July Spectacular with musical guests, the Beach Boys, and will also continue its Pride celebrations from June with a two-day Pride Festival from Nov. 20 and 21.

Las Olas Art Fair

The Las Olas Art Fair has been held by Howard Alan Events & American Craft Endeavors for the last 33 years. The event draws crowds annually to visit tents filled with art created by the best local artists Fort Lauderdale has to offer. Last year, however, the team behind the popular art fair had to adapt to the ever-changing landscape with Covid-19.

"In March, when the entire country shut down, we immediately started working on a plan to come back. We put together an extensive safety plan and our first event went off without a hitch," said Elizabeth Dashiell, Howard



Alan Events' publicist.

With safety guidelines in place such as mandatory masks, directional traffic, socially distanced tents and visitors, and free reservations to limit the number of guests, there were no Covid outbreaks.

Following that success, the Las Olas Art Fair returns Oct. 16 and 17 for its 34th year.

"We can't wait to welcome people back but we want our guests and artists to know that if they're still uncomfortable, we still encourage wearing masks. We just want everyone to have fun and feel safe," said Dashiell.

Tunnel to Towers Foundation

Since its inception, the Tunnel to Towers 5K Run & Walk has benefitted numerous first responders and catastrophically injured service members. The event symbolizes Stephen Siller's final footsteps from the foot of the Battery Tunnel to the Twin Towers and pays homage to the firefighters, law enforcement officers, and thousands of civilians who lost their lives on 9/11.

Unfortunately, it was impossible to hold the annual 5K last year, which required some smart thinking on the team's part.

"I don't think anyone could have predicted last year but being in the business of events we are familiar with having to pivot quickly," said Liz Curtis, Tunnel to Towers program manager. "One of the things we did was offer virtual options for all of our events which we plan on continuing."

Seeing the 5K return this year is especially monumental for the organization as it will be held on the 20th anniversary of 9/11. "Our goal is to make sure that 9/11 is never forgotten, so we're so thankful to be back after this past year," she said.

Winterfest Boat Parade

HOTOS BY JASON LEIDY

Every winter, locals anxiously anticipate seeing the Winterfest Boat Parade pass by the famed Fort Lauderdale Riverwalk. Crowds gather to watch the parade filled with boats decked out with holiday lights and decorations.

With last year's parade's cancellation, though, the Winterfest team had to find other ways to bring holiday cheer to residents. Instead, they mailed 100 families free "Twas Night Before Christmas" books, had Santa Claus safely visit different communities, and ran a socially distanced Water Taxi tour to see the decorated homes along the waterway.

"We were able to look beyond what is our norm and be creative in bringing holiday cheer during a time when we needed it most," said Lisa Scott-Founds, Winterfest executive producer.

The boat parade returns bigger and better than ever this year on Dec. 11 with a variety of new attractions such as live music, kids' activities, and more, all following local guidelines.

"With this being our 50th, we're ready to wow crowds with this year's Winterfest and it's going to be razzle dazzle all the way," said Scott-Founds.











FUNGUS AMONG US

THE BEAUTY OF LOCALLY GROWN OYSTER MUSHROOMS

WRITERS PENNY SANFILIPPO AND JONNY ALTOBELL, THE UGLY SISTERS

e recently had an opportunity to create a tasting menu for some out-of-town visitors. We decided to prepare a Florida-centric selection featuring foods produced here in Florida, some of which might surprise you. Like many of us who are longtime non-native residents of the Sunshine State, there are also longtime agricultural "residents" who now call Florida home.

One of the dishes prepared included oyster mushrooms that were grown in nearby Okeechobee, and we were lucky enough to meet the owners who took us on a fascinating tour of their facilities.

What? Mushrooms in Florida? Don't they need caves or something?

Enter the Blomberg family. Bill and his wife Laurie moved to Florida from Lake Ariel, Pennsylvania, in 2000 and started growing mushrooms as a side business in 2013. Their son Joel and daughter-in-law Leah moved from Jacksonville to help "grow" the burgeoning business in 2015. Initially, much of the crop went to local high-end restaurants but as they have increased production, their 'shrooms are now available to the public both at farmers markets and some natural foods stores.

We're not sure about all of you, but to us many fruits are, well, beautiful as they ripen in place. Think fat juicy tomatoes (in all colors and sizes), blushing mangoes, impossibly bright pink dragonfruit, shiny peppers of all shapes. You get the idea. But nothing prepared us for the beauty of these fruiting mushrooms poking out of grow bags looking for all intents like painted vases with multiple





colors of paint.

We saw examples of pink, gray/white, snazzy blue hued ones and some with a Florida tan. The Blomberg family was gracious enough to tour us through all the phases that led to the show.

Because they live in an agricultural/livestock area, there are feed stores that can supply them with a byproduct of cotton harvesting called cotton seed hull. Those 50-pound bags are emptied into containers to be sanitized by hot water. That is drained and refrigerated before the mushroom "spore" is added and that mix placed into 2- to 3-foot perforated, grow bag cylinders. "Colonization" takes one to two weeks and then budding starts through the small holes. They are placed in 12-foot-by-20-foot humidity-and temperature-controlled growing rooms. Each cylinder is harvested approximately two to three times, and then the spent bags are placed in full sun, where decomposition begins. We understand there are people waiting for that compost who swear it is better than manure.

Scott Bryan, a local horticultural guru and former Broward County Parks naturalist, is interested in many types of Florida edibles and has regaled numerous local garden clubs with lectures on growing mushrooms here in South Florida (among other topics). Scott reminded me that the part of the mushroom we actually eat is the fruit of the plant and like other fruit is not available in the heat of summer. But the plants themselves remain alive and well below the soil to emerge when cooler weather occurs.



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