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### 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$475,000

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### UNDER CONTRACT 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

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### JUST SOLD! 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

Furnished, split floor plan, upgraded kitchen with granite & full backsplash.

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### SUNGARDEN

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### JUST SOLD!

### SUNGARDEN

1 bedroom 1 bathroom with gorgeous sunset views, spacious gourmet kitchen, large master bedroom, 2 built in closets and dual access bathroom.

### JUST SOLD!

### SUNGARDEN

1 bedroom 1 bathroom with unobstructed river & sunset views from glass balcony. Spacious kitchen with granite countertops & new full size washer/dryer.



### JUST SOLD! 3 BEDROOM | 2.5 BATH

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### JUST SOLD! 2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH

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

Corner apartment with a wrap around balcony to watch the luxury boats going by and the gorgeous sunsets.

### JUST SOLD! 2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH

Spectacular river and pool views, gourmet kitchen with stainless steel appliances, large balcony and carpet floors in the bedrooms.





BY JOHN ROPES  
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair



## GOOD RIDDANCE 2021!

CELEBRATING SOCIAL RECONNECTION AND FEELING GRATEFUL FOR OUR HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND COMMUNITY

**W**e Florida residents may still complain about the change of “seasons” here in Fort Lauderdale (when the colors of all of the license plates change with out-of-towners) to red (Illinois), gold, (New York), and yellow (Pennsylvania), but it is also seen as a welcome sign of things coming back to new-normal for our economy and tourist season.

After about a year of working and schooling from home, businesses trying to stay afloat, not as many tourists, and everything being “distanced” and disconnected, it feels good to get back to family gatherings, business networking events, and social activities in our community. And even the changing of the plates are a positive sign, as it means we are back in business, and as busy and crowded as ever. Let’s appreciate how it feels to have things back in action.

We’ve seen some interesting changes in how we do business, some of them I have come to prefer. Zoom meetings please! This is a change that I prefer over traveling across the globe many times throughout the year. Also, for many committee meetings, this has been a real time saver.

As I talk to friends from around the world, I see everyone is now traveling, getting back to networking and civics activities in person, having social gatherings and vacations again. I have high hopes for the coming year and feel more grateful for time spent with family, friends, and colleagues and am more than ready to leave the challenges of the last two years in the past.

I say 2022 will be all about social “reconnecting.” Get out there and enjoy the community events, make new memories, and enjoy life as if you just made it through two years of a pandemic.

A good event to start with is the 50th Annual Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade on Dec. 11! Watch anywhere along the New River on the Riverwalk from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Check for bridge closure times before heading out.

The event happenings planned this holiday season by Riverwalk are many and varied, so check out the magazine or the website for updates.

See you on the Riverwalk! 



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REDISCOVER RIVERWALK AND ITS PARKS TO TAKE A BREAK

**B**alance is a word that can be applied to many things. As a noun, it is “an even distribution of weight” or “a condition in which different elements are equal or in the correct proportions.” As a verb, it is to “keep or put in a steady position” or “offset or compare the value of with another.”

The application of the word is meaningful to us at Riverwalk. Busy lives need to find balance.

Recreation, entertainment, relaxation and change of pace are a few of the things that the Riverwalk District offers to residents, businesses and visitors. With more than 10 parks in our district that vary from strong event locations to quiet passive greenspaces, Riverwalk Downtown provides that balance. Through the holiday season, take the time to find your balance and take

advantage of the great offerings of our Downtown.

As we enter the New Year, we are planning some great things to engage the community. On Jan. 8, we will host the 12th Annual Riverwalk Stone Crab & Seafood Festival at Esplanade Park, sponsored by Rivertail Restaurant. This is a favorite event with great food starting at \$5. We will have lots of music, libations, hermit crab races and more.

Feb. 19 will bring the annual Riverwalk Chili Cook-off – a chance for local groups and charities to show off their culinary skills and win the public over to their concoctions! It is a truly fun event with lots of people talking smack and having to bring their “A” game! If you are interested in joining in the fun, call our office and bring your team!

During February, we plan to also bring back Noon Tunes on Wednesdays for eight weeks for a very cool way to spend your lunch hour, hear some great tunes and support local businesses and artist.

Jazz Brunch is always a popular way to spend a lazy day on the first Sunday of each month – again with great music and food. Our surrounding partners of Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Museum of Discovery and Science, History Fort Lauderdale, Museum of Art, Historic Stranahan House and the Historic Fort Lauderdale Woman’s Club give you some stellar choices for how to spend some time, enjoy a show, learn a lesson, discover some history, enjoy art and more.

We have an outstanding public library in our Downtown for great research and reads and great waterway transportation with the free Riverwalk Water Trolley and Fort Lauderdale Water Taxi. A number of cruises are located Downtown that offer a great way to see our city from the waterside. We have recreation groups that offer paddleboarding, kayaking, bicycling and other options. We are a great city with great things to offer. Restaurants, shopping and art give us more choices than you can imagine and they are amazing.

Looking toward the New Year, we remain optimistic that life will be easier and settle into a more manageable routine. The challenges over the last couple years have been difficult for all and priorities have been adjusted. We are most grateful our organization has survived and is able to move ahead with the new way of doing business in the community. We appreciate your continued support. Have happy holidays from Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale. 🍷



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# DISPOSE OF COOKING OILS/GREASE PROPERLY



**Pouring cooking oil down the drain can lead to clogged sewer lines and overflows.**

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Someone once told me, “Life is a dance that paints on a different type of canvas.” That statement nearly encapsulates my life to this point. Born in Trinidad, I moved to the U.S. when I was only 17 and pursued a career in art. During this time, I became a professional ballroom dancer and competed at numerous competitions. It was during one of these competitions when I suffered a severe injury and spent months in rehabilitation.

Part of my physical therapy included medical massage and other all natural treatments. I immediately fell in love with this practice and enrolled in massage school while completing my therapy. Once certified, I worked in a number of high-end resorts, but my interest in the medical side of the practice always intrigued me more so I began working at businesses that focused on this area.

Now after more than 22 years, I took a leap of faith and opened my own therapy center, All Natural Wellness Center — a local healing space where you can leave your troubles behind and come out renewed. If I’ve only learned one thing in all my years of practice it is that healing takes place in the quiet. What do you do when you get sick? You rest. Our center provides a place where you can leave the sensory overload of the world behind.

Now that the business is up and running, I can continue my love of painting and surfing. I also love spending time on the Riverwalk which is one reason I became a member.



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I started my career in education (master of education degree in student development) and as a collegiate basketball coach in Maine. But for the last 20 years I primarily operated in the business world. Work included stints as an author, entrepreneur, marketing agency owner, and consultant.

We (with spouse Martina and daughter Divya) were in Europe at the start of Covid and forced to relocate. But as pandemic “refugees,” there certainly are much worse places to end up than in South Florida. We fell in love with Fort Lauderdale’s greenspaces and the walkable urban core of the Riverwalk District.

The decision to move to Fort Lauderdale and open an Acton Academy is both a family adventure, and for me, personally, it feels like coming around full circle because it ties together all my training and interests.

Our vision for Acton Academy is to open a second “sister school” in Prague in 2023, making trips between Fort Lauderdale and Prague a regular transit both for ourselves and for our student families alike.

As a family, we frequent the beach, and walk miles each day in the local neighborhoods. My favorite activity is paddleboarding on the New River, which I do every chance I get.

Because we are new to the area, we felt that joining Riverwalk would be a great way to participate in many of the great local events. This vibrant space along the New River, with its museums, parks, and historical buildings is truly a gem to rival any other Riverwalk in the nation.

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## 'TIS THE SEA-SUN

Las Olas Oceanside Park will transform into a holiday wonderland filled with exciting experiences, Nov. 23 – Dec. 31, and it's rumored Santa may be stopping by!

During "WONDERLAND," locals and visitors of all ages will make lasting memories (*and capture Instagramable moments!*) through a variety of themed sights, sounds, activities and performances. Larger-than-life holiday vignettes will unfold weekly themes, which include *The Grinch Who Rocked Christmas* (Dec. 2 – 5), *Nutcrackers & Sweets* (Dec. 9 – 12) and *Let's Jingle & Flamingo* (Dec. 16 – 19).

The six-week series features holiday markets, strolling characters, children's activities, live music and dance performances, contests and games, selfie stations, holiday movies and more. On Dec. 19, a Toy Drive will take place, where new, unwrapped toys will be accepted for Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, in partnership with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Food & Wine Festival.

To kick off "WONDERLAND," Fort Lauderdale's beachfront will illuminate with more than 50,000 holiday lights to welcome "Olas," the wildly popular 20-foot beach snowman at "*Light Up the Beach*" on Nov. 23. Following, on Nov. 28, the Downtown Jewish Center Chabad presents the *Greatest Annual Chanukah Fair*. The free event takes over Las Olas Oceanside Park and adjacent Festival Street, with over a dozen amusement rides and activities.

Throughout the month, Santa will stop by the LOOP every Friday during *Friday Night Sound Waves* as well as during the expanded *Saturday & Sunday special holiday markets*. Christmas weekend, brings two free holiday concerts, starting with *A Night of Sinatra* featuring Jeff Grainger and The Hoboken 11 Big Band, presented by the City of Fort Lauderdale's Beach Business Improvement District (BID) on Dec. 24. On *Christmas Day*, singer, songwriter and three-decades long lead guitarist for Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer band, Peter Mayer, and his world-class band, present their acclaimed Christmas tour, "*Stars and Promises*" in partnership with the Broward County Cultural Division. A VIP reception and meet and greet following the performance will benefit the Dillard Center for the Arts. The series concludes with The Goodnicks, and Orlando-based DJ Spin Hype, for the *Rockin' New Year's Eve* from 6:30 pm -1:00 am, featuring atmospheric entertainment, a midnight ball drop and laser light show, sponsored by Elbo Room.

"Our beach business community is honored to be the presenting sponsor of the new WONDERLAND holiday series and other events throughout the year, for our neighbors and visitors to enjoy," said BID Chair, Anna MacDiarmid, General Manager of W Fort Lauderdale. "Events like welcome everyone under the sun to our destination, not only during the holidays, but year-round."

For the complete calendar of events, visit [theLOOPFLB.com](http://theLOOPFLB.com)



Santa and friends, will make appearances at The LOOP, every Friday at Friday Night Sound Waves, and during the re-imagined Saturday Farmers Market and special Sunday Holiday Bazaar.



The Bobby Rodriguez 18 pc Orchestra (above) and Meg Segreto's Dance Center, (below l) are two of dozen-plus live performances taking place at the LOOP throughout the WONDERLAND series.



The sounds of the season fill the air Christmas Eve with Sinatra crooner, Jeff Granger & the Hoboken 11 (top R) and the acclaimed Peter Mayer's Stars & Promises show on Christmas Day (below).







## CRAFTOBERFEST

It was a crafty afternoon on Oct. 16 as 14 breweries, three distilleries and a Prosecco truck all came together to allow attendees to sample their wide variety of offerings. Tarpon River Brewing, Holy Mackerel, Veza Sur and Mutiny Vodka were just a few of the participants. Also on hand was great food from several food trucks and entertainment by Nigh Horizons.

The event was sponsored by The Historic Downtowner, Victor George Vodka, Rock N Roll Tequila, S.MARK Graphics, Las Olas Capital Arts, Stephens Distributing, South Florida Commuter Services and Two Men and a Truck.



Event goers enjoy the selections



Joseph Gilio and Larry Dadis



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## MUTTS & MARTINIS

It was a paw-tastic day on Nov. 6 when dogs of all shapes and sizes brought out their humans for a fun day in the park. Several dog-themed vendors were on hand along with several rescue organizations and some great food was served up as well. Doggos competed in a fashion show and a peanut butter eating contest while their two-legged companions enjoyed a variety of martini samplings and live music from School of Rock.

The event was sponsored by The Couzens Group, The Historic Downtowner, S.MARK Graphics, Las Olas Capital Arts, Ginsberg Shulman PL and HR Law Pro.



Riverwalk peanut butter eating contest



Fort Lauderdale Police Officer John Shefferman & Ace



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# GET LIT ON THE RIVERWALK

On Nov. 11, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale in conjunction with the City of Fort Lauderdale, Parks and Recreation Department, hosted the 12th annual Get Lit, kicking off the holiday season – the first of multiple lightings through the City.

With a welcome from Mayor Dean Trantalis supported by Commissioner Steve Glassman and Commissioner Robert McKinzie, the switch was flipped to ignite the holiday lights for the season. The Symphonic Winds performed for the public with lots of other entertainment on site. Santa was on hand to hear wish lists, and entertainment included giant slides, a bounce house, a petting zoo and pony rides along with some great treats to eat.



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## DISTRICT 3 UPDATE

FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS, FITNESS, AND A REBATE

### District 3 is not an option for Broward County Forensic Science Center

As the Broward Sheriff's Office and Broward County plan to develop the new Broward County Forensic Science Center near Dillard High School, I will continue to represent the interests of our neighbors in the Lake Aire Palm View, Golden Heights, and Dillard Park neighborhoods who want only the best for their communities. This project is not a good fit for the proposed area and instead it belongs in an industrial or commercial area where it is permissible. Together, we can voice what we feel is right for District 3 and attract developments that enhance the lives of all our neighbors.

To learn more about the County's plans for the site at 1625 N.W. 23rd Ave., visit [www.broward.org/ForensicScienceCenter](http://www.broward.org/ForensicScienceCenter).

### Update on Melrose Parks and Melrose Manors Stormwater Improvements

Earlier this year, the drainage ditch in the Melrose Park neighborhood was rehabilitated and the entire stormwater management system was thoroughly cleaned. Storm drains throughout the neighborhood were recently inspected and crews will soon perform regular maintenance on the culverts that connect segments of the ditch under the neighborhood's streets. Following these improvements, the system is expected to hold water as designed and prevent severe flooding conditions like those experienced in October and November 2020 due to extreme rain and Tropical Storm Eta.


Melrose Manors also experienced significant flooding last fall and plans are underway to add an estimated \$30 million in stormwater management infrastructure to the neighborhood with a target start date in 2025. Over the next few years, the project will be in the design and permitting phase that includes public outreach activities as the project advances to construction.

Remember, while some water is expected on streets after heavy rain, if stormwater ponds for over 48 hours or roads are impassable, call the City's 24/7 Customer Service Center at (954) 828-8000.

### Diamond Core Fitness on Sistrunk Boulevard

Diamond Core Fitness, located at 930 Sistrunk Blvd., is a one-of-a-kind space committed to cutting-edge fitness trends that promote a safe place for everyone to feel welcome and just BE. Owners Carles Brown and Dey Gonzales opened in the middle of the pandemic. But now, they're expanding and helping revitalize the community. They welcome individuals of all levels of fitness, from enthusiasts to the novice, to experience the most cutting-edge trends in health and wellness in one space. Visit [diamondcorefit.com](http://diamondcorefit.com) or call (954) 260-7269.

### Get a \$100 Rebate on a High-Efficiency Toilet

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## HOLIDAY PLAY

CITY LINES UP FESTIVAL FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS

**T**he City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department wishes all of your families a wonderful holiday season! To help you celebrate, we have several popular events taking place in December. From Santa to Kwanzaa to New Year's Eve, we have the perfect, family-friendly occasion for you to enjoy! As always, the best part is they are free.

### Santa on the Beach

Don't miss Santa Claus' traditional candy giveaway along Fort Lauderdale Beach! Santa is coming to town on Tuesday, Dec. 21! The motorcade with Santa will depart from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department at noon heading east along Broward Boulevard, south on Northwest 7th Avenue, east on Southwest 2nd Street, south on Andrews Avenue, east on Las Olas Boulevard, and south on Seabreeze Boulevard, finally arriving at Fort Lauderdale Beach Park around 12:45 p.m. With twinkling eyes and smiling faces, Santa and his elves will begin spreading holiday cheer along Fort Lauderdale Beach Park heading north, distributing candy canes with glee. Make sure to wave if you see Santa along his route!

### Kwanzaa Celebration

For our residents that celebrate Kwanzaa, Bass Park will host Kwanzaa Ujamaa, an event full of cultural, family fun, on Wednesday, Dec. 29 from 2 to 6 p.m.



Kwanzaa Ujamaa is the fourth principle of Kwanzaa and it means cooperative economics to build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together. The Kwanzaa Ujamaa Marketplace

is a great opportunity to build connections and community and participate in group economics while learning about Kwanzaa. This event will include African traditions, performers, cultural learning opportunities, guest speakers, music, bounce houses, and much more. Bass Park is located at 2750 Northwest 19th Street.

### Downtown Countdown

Touted as one of the largest New Year's Eve celebrations in Florida, our Orange Bowl Downtown Countdown is Fort Lauderdale's premier New Year's Eve celebration. This year's free street festival is full of fun and excitement for both children and adults. Revelers will crowd downtown Fort Lauderdale on Friday, Dec. 31 from 4:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. along Southwest 2nd Street between Southwest 2nd and Southwest 5th avenues to wait with anticipation for the midnight countdown.

The midnight countdown will feature Fort Lauderdale's larger-than-life illuminated anchor. The anchor, which debuted in 2015, will descend down from 100 feet in the air above the event's main stage as the final seconds of 2021 tick down and we usher in the New Year.

The anchor measures 20 feet high and 17 feet wide. It weighs more than 700 pounds and features close to 12,000 LED lights. It is made of a steel framework with a grey mesh covering and is illuminated with lights positioned inside the frame. The anchor's color-changing LED lights have a wide range of features and effects which will create a spectacular visual display for event-goers.

Downtown Countdown will feature a variety of activities for the whole family from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. including bounce houses, slides, face painting, games, contests, line dancing with DJ William Pennhouse, and free caricatures drawn by a team of talented sketch artists! Make sure to have your cameras ready to snap a selfie with special guest OBIE, the Orange Bowl Mascot, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Kids Countdown takes place at 7 p.m. and will feature the lighting of the anchor. Once the anchor is illuminated, it will remain on, showcasing a variety of colors and effects until the countdown at midnight.

At 7:45 p.m., live music kicks off on the main stage (Southwest 2nd Street and Southwest 5th Avenue) until 1 a.m.

For more information on our upcoming events, follow @playlauderdale on social media or visit parks.fortlauderdale.gov. 





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## SAY HELLO TO *LauderGO!*

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**Y**ou may have spotted freshly wrapped shuttle and tram vehicles around the city as well as Water Trolley signage along the Riverwalk with the *LauderGO!* branding. You may have wondered, what is *LauderGO!*? Is it really free? Where does it go? How do I hop on board? This article will be one of the many public-facing correspondence in the upcoming months that will provide an overview of the City of Fort Lauderdale's *LauderGO!* mobility services, which consist of the Community Shuttle, Seabreeze Tram, and Riverwalk Water Trolley.

### Origins of the name and look

The *LauderGO!* name and logo were created in alignment with the City's branding identity. The name has been coined from the term "Lauder," which has been used to represent various City programs (i.e., *LauderBuild*, *LauderStreet*, *LauderTrac*, etc.), and "GO!" to describe mobility services. For a unified look, the logo has been designed using City's graphic standards and color scheme.

### Funding

The City funds the *LauderGO!* Water Trolley and the Tram operations and maintenance, while Broward County sponsors the Community Shuttle service through the Penny for Transportation Surtax. The Florida Department of Transportation also provides supplementary grants to support costs not covered by the Surtax such as marketing, shuttle stop installation, etc. These partnerships are crucial to the City's ability to continuously improve its mobility services that fulfill community need.

### Service improvements

The *LauderGO!* brand does not only represent a new name or look, but also reflects the City's commitment to provide an equitable, safe, and quality passenger experience.

### New Vehicles

The City has transitioned to new vehicles leased from the County. The vehicles are equipped with ionizers that kill airborne pathogens in the air and on surface, a much needed feature especially amid the Covid-19 pandemic. The County also plans to convert these vehicles to environmentally-friendly propane fuel to reduce carbon footprint.

### Wraps and stop signage


All the trams and shuttles are wrapped with the *LauderGO!* branding. The Riverwalk Water Trolley uses the Water Taxi branding but features a *LauderGO!* banner and flag to distinguish it from the rest of the Water Taxi fleet. Additionally, *LauderGO!* signage will be installed in eight Water Trolley stop locations along the Riverwalk and Seabreeze Tram stops in Fort Lauderdale Beach. Solar-powered lighting will also be installed later this year in selected stops to increase ease and safety of passengers using the services at night.

### Webpage, fleet tracker and trip planner

A *LauderGO!* page along with a mobile app that passengers can use to plan trips and track fleet in real-time are being finalized. These public tools are being designed to clearly and quickly convey frequently searched information by passengers (i.e., routes, schedule, how to ride, etc.).

### ADA-Compliant Shuttle Stops and Shelters

The City is also working on a project to design and install stops and shelters compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 in areas along the Community Shuttle routes where they are deficient. These will improve passengers' safe access to the larger transit network.

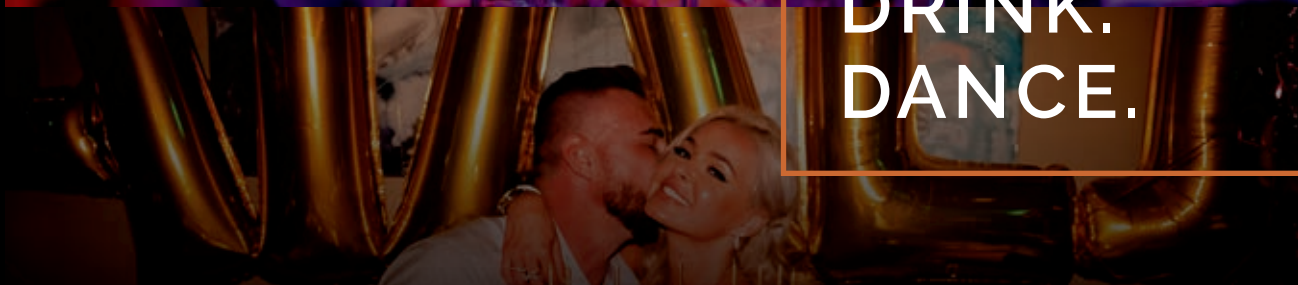
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## COUNTY'S INVESTMENT IN THE ARTS

ARTS GRANTS PROCESS GETS STREAMLINED

The Broward County Cultural Division has been working for the past two years on a complete overhaul of our grantmaking programs to create a better and more streamlined process for the allocation of funding. Government can occasionally get a bad rap for implementing laborious processes designed to ensure accountability and these measures can sometimes have the unintended consequences of creating even more barriers to access.

The Cultural Division's new grantmaking system is aimed at eliminating barriers and creating a means for more equitable distribution of funding. By consolidating 11 separate grant programs into four targeted programs, we now have a more streamlined means of providing general operations and program support for non-profit organizations and municipalities, and project-based support for individual artists. In 2023, we'll roll out a new program to provide capital funds for cultural facilities.

Earlier this fall, the County Commission approved the Cultural Division's annual budget with an increase to its grantmaking capacity, continuing a positive trend of growing investment in the arts. For fiscal year 2022, the Commission approved more than \$5 million

for cultural grants, representing a \$200,000 increase over fiscal year 2021.

The allocation for grants will provide \$4.4 million in operating grants to 35 cultural institutions, \$367,000 in program support to fund the cultural programming of nearly 50 non-profit organizations and municipalities, and \$233,000 to support the projects of Broward-based, individual artists.

In total, the overall investment demonstrates the County's continued support of Broward's arts and culture sector and underscores the importance of the sector on the local economy. A recent study conducted by Americans for the Arts calculated the economic impact of the non-profit arts and cultural industry in Broward at more than \$400 million dollars each year, supporting more than 11,000 jobs and generating more than \$40 million in revenue for local and state government.

In the first 10 months of 2021, ArtsCalendar.com received 1,276 event listing submissions – that's hundreds of events taking place in our community every month! We have a lively and diverse arts community here in Broward and it's clear that continued investment in the arts has a tremendous benefit for us all. [60](#)



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Hotwire Communications was co-founded by entrepreneurs and husband-and-wife team, Michael Karp and Kristin Johnson Karp. At the time, Michael was looking to build an affordable telecommunications provider for his student housing projects in Pennsylvania and looked to his wife to determine the best way to set up the wiring for their new company.

“She was really intrigued about the forward thinking, future possibilities of what the internet was going to be able to connect us to, and how reliant we as a world, were going to be upon connectivity,” said Karla Thatcher, vice president of corporate communications.

“She didn’t want to have a company for just a few thousand people, so she did her research and engrained herself into the emerging technologies and discovered that fiber optics were going to be the foreseeable future.”

With Kristin’s forward thinking and foresight, the couple launched Hotwire Communications outside of Philadelphia in 2002 before eventually relocating their headquarters to Fort Lauderdale in 2016.

Today, the company has continued to cement itself as a

highly sought-after telecommunication service company with regional offices in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, California, and Nevada with more coming in 2022. As the company continues to expand, Hotwire offers customers in 15 states high-tech services including digital HD TV, high-speed fiber optic internet, telephone, home security, and smart home technology services.


The company has a customer renewal rate of more than 85%. “Kristin really built her company where customer service, a kind of high touch, concierge, white glove level of customer service, was really going to inform her entire business model.”

This “white glove” level of customer service was especially evident during Covid, when their customers were home more than ever and needed it most.

“We looked at the pandemic and realized our connection to news, information, family, and anything important in our lives, was going to be dependent on whatever technology services you had inside your home. So, the continuity of our services as well as staying connected with our customers became almost imperative to the way we run our company,” she said.

Hotwire quickly pivoted to expand what their services looked like for their customers by offering them reliable access to their loved ones as well as at home schooling through equally fast download and upload speeds, on-demand online instructional classes on each of their products and services, as well as implementing a new

way of providing in home tech support using augmented reality. Their technicians would simply sit in their truck outside the customer’s home and with any smart device with a camera, walk them through the entire process step by step via augmented reality.

“This past year has shown us how dependent we are on these services working and our lives are not just eight to five anymore. Our lives are complicated and we have to be able to be flexible to serve that,” said Thatcher. 



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**T**his holiday season, we want the businesses in our community to emerge as the year-end's shining stars.

Fort Lauderdale and its neighboring communities are rich with locally-operated shopping malls, boutiques, specialty shops, cafes, and cultural attractions that offer a wide variety of products and services perfect for the holidays. With the Covid-19 positivity rate below 5 percent and nearly 70 percent of Broward County vaccinated, area businesses hope for a bustling local scene with folks eager to hit the town.

In addition to boosting our local economy, shopping locally has other perks. There's no need to worry about on-time delivery when you opt for in-store purchasing. Businesses in our community can also offer a personalized touch that online-only retailers can't. Need to call ahead with a question? Forget waiting on hold or pressing "0" for an agent; many local businesses have knowledgeable owners and support staff on-site and are readily available to answer your questions and accommodate your requests.

For those still taking pandemic precautions, local businesses have ongoing accommodations to ensure the health and safety of their guests. For example, the Galleria Fort Lauderdale, one of South Florida's premier shopping destinations with more than 100 fashion retailers, is still offering curbside delivery, with its restaurants and retailers glad to deliver products to designated pickup areas upon request.

Greater Fort Lauderdale is part of a diverse collection of communities, each with its own personal styles, unique offerings, and bustling business districts. We're giving you a *Local Gift Guide* to provide some

inspiration for shopping local this holiday season.

No matter where you shop, you can support the local economy in your community!


Downtown Fort Lauderdale, including historic Las Olas Boulevard, offers fine dining, museums, cultural attractions, clothing boutiques, and more. Better yet, many of the shops, restaurants and cultural organizations are within walking distance of each other, so you can check off multiple items from your holiday shopping list without driving to different locations.

Greater Fort Lauderdale is synonymous with the beach. And beach businesses offer great options for locals and out-of-towners alike. Consider a weekend getaway or staycation at a local hotel, a novelty item from a beach gift shop, or a gift card for a waterfront dining experience. All make perfect gifts for the beach lover in your life.

A few minutes from downtown, you'll find the Oakland Park, Wilton Manors, Uptown area, where you can spread your wings and experience dining, nightlife, and specialty shops. Are you and your friends already thinking ahead to new year's resolutions? A gift card or membership to one of the Oakland Park/Wilton Manors area's spas, gyms, or specialty medical centers can be the perfect present for you or that special someone looking to embrace health and wellness in 2022.

A short drive north takes you to one of Broward County's bustling and historic cities, Deerfield Beach. An array of eateries, small shops, and parks call Deerfield Beach home. Have an outdoor lover in your life? Deerfield Beach offers a variety of fishing, boating, and watersports experiences for those on your gift list who are itching to get out on the water.

Finally, with the recent expansion of I-595, east and west Broward are closer than ever. For 'downtowners' who venture west, there awaits a treasure trove of locally-owned shops, restaurants, and cultural outings. Need a gift for the family that already has everything? Instead of more toys, consider purchasing tickets or a membership to one of the many family-friendly play places and cultural organizations that call West Broward their home.

Now is the time to shop local, Broward County! Let's get out and support our neighbors, friends, and family right in our own communities. Local businesses, big and small, are counting on us to rebound and prosper. 





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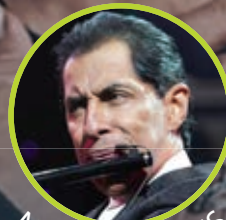
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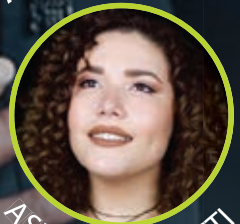
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## THE FLOATING LIVING SPACE

THE UNIQUE CHALLENGES WHEN DESIGNING FOR A YACHT

Great interior design elevates a living space into a functional work of art. South Florida is replete with examples of skilled designers transforming interior spaces into havens of beauty and style. From high-rise condos to waterfront villas, our home lives are enriched thanks to the creativity and vision of these interior artists.

But what happens when that living space floats? And there are numerous outdoor living areas to consider, all of which will be exposed to extreme conditions? While general design principles still apply, an interior designer is faced with unique challenges when creating the living spaces on a yacht. Things you never think about on land, like securing a lamp on a side table or where safety equipment is stored, suddenly require great consideration when you're designing for life at sea.

Nobody knows this or does it better than Amy Halfman, who has been creating unforgettable interiors for yachts and superyachts for more than 20 years. With more than 100 new build yachts under her belt so far, Halfman has seen and done it all when it comes to yacht interior design. Which is why she is one of the most sought-after designers in the marine market today.

Halfman honed her design skills at the helm of Westport Yacht's interior design department. There she worked closely with yacht owners to design interior and exterior living spaces that captured the essence of the owners' personality. Whether it was her team managing the entire design process or she was working with an owner's personal designer, Halfman turned out unforgettable living spaces throughout her 12-year tenure at Westport.

Since 2016, Halfman has been leading her own interior

design business – Halfman Designs, focusing on marine, residential, and aviation interiors. Based in Seattle, she works on projects around the world for clients with yachts of all sizes. Not surprisingly, she spends a lot of time in Fort Lauderdale.


But you won't hear her self-promoting her exceptional skills. Instead, she adopts a low-key approach to what she does, choosing instead to let her work speak for itself. And speak it does. Superyacht owners seek out her services to create their personalized living spaces, often for every boat they commission.

One of her most high-profile projects to date is M/Y Boardwalk, the 252-foot Feadship that hit the water earlier this year and made an appearance at the 2021 Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. Boardwalk represents the fifth yacht Halfman has worked on for the superyacht's owner, billionaire hospitality and casino mogul, owner of the NBA Houston Rockets, Tilman Fertitta.

Designing the interiors for a superyacht is challenging under the best of circumstances. But when you throw in a global pandemic and a significant health situation (Halfman was diagnosed with breast cancer in January 2020), delivering a finished project on time is an even greater achievement.

"Even though the build for Boardwalk began well before 2020, finishing the interior components really ramped up toward the end of 2019. It was a challenging situation being in the thick of things while facing both unexpected healthcare demands and the global issues caused by Covid-19," Halfman said when asked about working to complete Boardwalk's interior.

"Before Covid, I was traveling back and forth to the Netherlands regularly, but that stopped early in 2020 when travel ground to a halt," she noted. "We had to get creative to keep the momentum going. Thankfully, I have a great team to lean on and an exceptional owner who I've worked with for years. Despite the bumps in the road, we carried on without a hitch, and delivered Boardwalk by the deadline."

The result is understated elegance and an excellent example of Halfman's attention to detail and thoughtful design. It is also a perfect reflection of Boardwalk's owner. 



Amy Halfman

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## 2022 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

### UPDATES ABOUT YOUR PROPERTY

All qualified Florida residents are eligible to receive a Homestead Exemption on their homes, condominiums, co-op apartments, and certain mobile home lots.

To qualify for Homestead Exemption, you must own and make the property your permanent residence on Jan. 1 of the year for which you are applying for this valuable exemption. Pursuant to Florida law, all assessments and exemptions are based upon the status of the property on Jan. 1.

If you purchased and/or made the property your permanent residence in 2021 and have not applied for Homestead Exemption, you can apply for 2022 exemptions at any time – there is no need to wait until 2022 to file your exemption application with the property appraiser's office. You can easily apply online at <https://web.bcpa.net>

**The timely deadline to file for all 2022 exemptions is March 1, 2022.**

You must make the property your permanent residence by

Jan. 1, 2022, in order qualify; however, you have until March 1 to timely file your application with the property appraiser's office. The late filing deadline for all 2022 exemptions is Sept. 19, 2022. For information about all the other exemptions available to qualified applicants, please visit the "Exemptions & Classifications" page on our website <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/Homestead>

Once approved, your Homestead Exemption automatically renews each year provided there is no change in the ownership or use of the property. If you have already applied and been approved for Homestead Exemption at your current property, you do not need to reapply for this exemption. You will receive a Homestead Exemption renewal card next month to keep for your records.

If you have any questions about Homestead Exemption or any other exemptions, please call (954) 357-6830 or email me at [martykiar@bcpa.net](mailto:martykiar@bcpa.net).





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# FOND FAMILY MEMORIES

THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE SEMINOLE HARD ROCK WINTERFEST BOAT PARADE REMINISCES

**L**ike many people, Lisa Scott-Founds holds fond memories of the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade.

Now the president and CEO of Winterfest, Scott-Founds grew up watching the parade with her family.

"I was the youngest with an older brother and two sisters. The difference in our ages kept us from doing a lot of activities together. Winterfest was a tradition we all enjoyed. I remember picnic baskets, blankets, lawn chairs, Frisbees, lots of laughter, and overall smiles on the shore waiting and watching Winterfest.

"I reflect on these memories when I talk about Winterfest. Watching the lights of the parade in a child's eyes tells you why I have the best career. I am surrounded by community leaders committed to continuing the magic."

Scott-Founds has a long history with the event. She joined the parade as a volunteer on the ball committee in 1987. Later, she was hired as the community relations manager for Winterfest in 1994. "I was with Winterfest for approximately a year when the position opened to be event director. A few members of the board encouraged me to take the position. Talk about old school," she said.

"I faxed my resumé minutes before the deadline. I didn't realize exactly what I was walking into, with this role. A few years earlier, the organization was in financial ruin. In 1990, partners such as the Sun Sentinel and WSVN Channel 7 along with community leader Wayne Huizenga saved the parade from bankruptcy. I remember not taking a paycheck to ensure other employees were paid." Scott-Founds spent her early years rebuilding the parade

to its former glory while ensuring the organization's funding was healthy.

As Lisa's job title changed from community relations manager to executive director to president and CEO, she picked her employees and volunteers very close to the vest.

"I surrounded myself with people that have the same passion for the parade," she said.

She brought back Dawn Diehl who had taken a few years off after maternity leave as event director and logistics for the showboats. Another Florida native, Amy Tate, was already an employee when Lisa was hired. This team of three reached out personally to family, friends, and locals to expand the volunteer base to more than 300 parade-loving fans. In 2001, Amy moved to Georgia.

"As fate would have it, I received a phone call by the director of the Pompano Parade. We talked about me losing a staff member and she responded, 'why don't you hire me?' Kathy Keleher was added a month later."

Today, Winterfest continues as a family-affair with Lisa's husband, brother, sisters, nieces, nephews; Dawn and Kathy's children; children of board members and the return of past interns as volunteers for events, dock walkers, and viewing area volunteers.

"My love of Winterfest is still the driving force in me today. Under my leadership with chair Mark Swenson, our board of directors and advisers have created subcommittees such as Parade Enhancement to bring new ideas for Wow Entries while encouraging our local boaters to join the parade and create their traditions with family and friends.

"We may be internationally recognized as 'The World's Most Watched Boat Parade,' but its heart are the family entries such as Mr. Bobb, Bimini Twist, Mooncusser, 26 Sailfish, Jenny II, 4 SeaSuns, Felicity, Millie and so many more.

"This year, Winterfest's celebrates 50 years, and we want the entire community to celebrate with us. Boaters are part of our family. Spectators, our close friends. This year, we have something for everyone including our new viewing area at Las Olas and the Intracoastal.


For more information, visit us online at [winterfestparade.com](http://winterfestparade.com), call 954-767-0686 or follow us: Facebook: [winterfestparade](https://www.facebook.com/winterfestparade), Instagram: [WinterfestInc](https://www.instagram.com/WinterfestInc). Join the conversation: #WF50 #WinterfestFL. 



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## MARIO LOPEZ 2021 GRAND MARSHAL SEMINOLE HARD ROCK WINTERFEST BOAT PARADE

Access Hollywood host Mario Lopez will serve as grand marshal for the 50th annual Winterfest Boat Parade on Dec. 11.

Lopez will appear onboard the Fifth Third Bank Grand Marshal Showboat, waving and greeting spectators along the 12-mile parade route as it sails along the New River, Intracoastal, the Parade Public Viewing Area presented by Baptist Health toward Pompano Beach.

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# WHITE HOT LAUNCH PARTY

Winterfest festivities continued on Oct. 23 with its annual White Hot Launch Party. Party goers were asked to wear white with gold accents, in celebration of Winterfest's 50th anniversary. The Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade will be at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 11. [GO](#)



Mayor Dean Trantalis and Ann Marie Fox Mancuso



South Florida firefighter calendar models with Lisa Scott-Founds



Micki Scavone, Genia Duncan Ellis and Lacey Brisson



Fatin Habib and Barbora Kassdikian



Mona Fields and John Moorman



Santa gives roses to Sixth Star performer



Performers



Angela Hylor, Harry Harrell and Kathy Keleher



Barbra Stern, Abbey Seigel and Lisa Seigel



Mark Swenson, Nick Scalzo and Lisa Scott-Founds





## GET IN THE SPIRIT

HOLIDAY COCKTAILS TO MAKE THE SEASON MERRY AND BRIGHT

WRITER RENÉE KORBEL QUINN

To add a little pizzazz to your holidays, we have curated some festival cocktail recommendations. Recipes available at [SpiritedSouthFlorida.com](http://SpiritedSouthFlorida.com).



### Yuletide-tini

A frothy vodka and elderflower martini, shaken not stirred



### Santa's Margarita

Cranberry and smoked rosemary tequila cocktail



### Minted Candy Cane

A spicy rye whiskey and mint cocktail



### Merry Crisma

Delectable rum cocktail with coconut



### 11 Pipers Piping

A sophisticated gin and Champagne cocktail



### Winter Wonderland

A chocolate infused Negroni



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## GENERAL EVENTS

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#### Handel's Messiah

A holiday classic  
South Florida Symphony Orchestra  
The Parker  
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### DECEMBER 2

#### Men of Style

12 men compete to raise money for charity  
The Galleria at Fort Lauderdale  
954-564-1036  
www.galleriamall-fl.com

### DECEMBER 2 & 3

#### Stomp

The international percussion sensation  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
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www.browardcenter.org

### DECEMBER 3

#### Kevin James

Comedian and "The King of Queens" star  
Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino  
866-502-7529  
www.seminolehardrockhollywood.com

#### The Outlaws

Legends of the Southern Rock era  
The Parker  
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www.browardcenter.org

#### Light Up Sistrunk

Free holiday kickoff for Sistrunk Neighborhood  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
Sistrunk Blvd.  
954-828-5365  
www.parks.fortlauderdale.gov



#### Holiday Magic Soirée

Opening night of the Holiday Magic five-day celebration  
Bonnet House Museum & Gardens  
954-463-5393  
www.bonnethouse.org

#### The Black Rose

An original Salon Concert  
Historic Stranahan House Museum  
954-524-4736  
www.stranahanhouse.org

### DECEMBER 3 & 4



#### Symphony of the Americas: Holidays of the Americas

A world tour celebrating the sounds of the season  
Symphony of the Americas  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
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#### Dark Star Orchestra

Experience the sound of *The Grateful Dead*, and more!  
Revolution Live  
954-449-1025  
www.jointherevolution.net

### DECEMBER 4

#### Winterfest Black Tie Ball

Journey to a Winter Wonderland!  
Broward Health  
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www.winterfestparade.com



#### Champions Of Magic

A global magical sensation!  
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www.browardcenter.org

#### 13th Street Craft Beer, Wine & Car Festival

Street festival with DJ and live entertainment  
Central City Alliance  
NE 13th St, Fort Lauderdale  
www.bit.ly/13thstreetbeerfest

#### Lonnie Holley: Musical Performance and Q&A

Works on view in exhibition *The Art of Assemblage*  
NSU Art Museum  
954-525-5500  
www.nsuartmuseum.org

#### Friends! The Musical Parody

The hilarious new musical that lovingly lampoons TV's *Friends*  
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#### Holiday Magic Whimsical Wonderland

An evening for families!  
Bonnet House Museum & Gardens  
954-463-5393  
www.bonnethouse.org

### DECEMBER 4 & 5

#### Audacy Beach Festival

18+ bands with top names like Weezer & Swedish House Mafia  
Fort Lauderdale Beach Park  
www.audacybeachfestival.com

### DECEMBER 5

#### Whose Live Anyway?

From the cast of *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
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#### Give Them Lala ... With Randall Live

High energy wit, humor and brutal honesty  
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www.browardcenter.org

#### Jingle All The Way

A festive mix of traditional holiday favorites and contemporary carols  
Fort Lauderdale Gay Men's Chorus  
United Church of Christ  
954-832-0060  
www.fortlauderdalegaymenschorus.org

### DECEMBER 6

#### The Temptations And The Four Tops

Two Motown hit-makers in one night!  
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### DECEMBER 7

#### An Intimate Evening With David Foster

Grammy award-winning writer/producer  
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### DECEMBER 8

#### Bria Skonberg

One of today's top women in jazz  
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#### Pablo Cano: Marionette Performance

A troupe of extraordinary marionettes and a fantastical performance  
NSU Art Museum  
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www.nsuartmuseum.org

#### Home For The Holidays

An evening of holiday cheer with cocktails, cookies and a grazing station  
Historic Stranahan House Museum  
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### DECEMBER 8 - 10

#### Holiday Magic Evening Experiences

See Bonnet House lit up and sparkling  
Bonnet House Museum & Gardens  
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### DECEMBER 9

#### Paula Poundstone

Legendary comedian and panelist from NPR's *Wait, Wait ... Don't Tell Me*  
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### DECEMBER 10

#### Lewis Black: It Gets Better Every Day

The King of the Rant displays his acerbic wit  
The Parker  
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### DECEMBER 10 & 11

#### Elf The Musical

The modern-day holiday classic  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
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### DECEMBER 10 - 12



#### George Balanchine's Nutcracker

A unique take on this holiday tradition  
Miami City Ballet  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
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### DECEMBER 11

#### 30th Annual Day of Caring

Drive-through style event to impact our neighbors in need  
United Way of Broward County  
954-453-3752  
www.unitedwaybroward.org

#### 50th Anniversary Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade

The world's longest boat parade and a Fort Lauderdale holiday tradition  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
954-767-0686  
www.winterfestparade.com



#### Light Up Carter Park

Free holiday kickoff for Sistrunk Neighborhood  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
Carter Park  
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#### Strangelove

The Depeche Mode Experience  
Revolution Live  
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#### Village People

The Kings of Disco with hit Y.M.C.A.  
The Parker  
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### DECEMBER 11 - 18

#### North Pole Pajama Party

Holiday festivities including showing of *The Polar Express*  
Museum of Discovery & Science  
954-467-6637  
www.mods.org

### DECEMBER 12

#### Joe Bonamassa

Guitar virtuoso and recording legend  
Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino  
866-502-7529  
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#### Darlene Love: Love For The Holidays

Grammy award winner and Rock & Roll Hall of Famer  
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### DECEMBER 12 - 17

#### A Seraphic Fire Christmas

Florida's Grammy-nominated vocal ensemble  
All Saints Episcopal Church  
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www.seraphicfire.org

### DECEMBER 14 - 19



#### The Prom

Musical comedy about Broadway stars on a mission to change the world  
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### DECEMBER 15 - 19

#### The Nutcracker

The classic ballet returns  
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### DECEMBER 18

#### Jingle Bell Jog

5k in your festive holiday wear  
Las Olas OceanSide Park  
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## Ron White

Blue Collar Comedy Tour Comedian  
Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino  
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[www.seminolehardrockhollywood.com](http://www.seminolehardrockhollywood.com)

## DECEMBER 18 - 23

### Victorian Christmas Tours

See Stranahan House in its holiday glory  
Historic Stranahan House Museum  
954-524-4736  
[www.stranahanhouse.org](http://www.stranahanhouse.org)

## DECEMBER 19

### 15th Annual 13.1 Fort Lauderdale

Half-marathon on Fort Lauderdale Beach  
LIFE TIME  
Las Olas Oceanside Park  
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## DECEMBER 20

### Santa in the City

Santa Claus gives away candy  
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### Jonathan Antoine's ChristmasLand Live!

Where the Magic of Christmas Comes Alive  
The Parker  
954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

## DECEMBER 22

### Bee Gees Christmas

Bee Gees classics and holiday hits  
The Parker  
954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)



### Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer

The beloved holiday classic comes to life  
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[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

## DECEMBER 26

### Christmas with the Countess

Real Housewives of New York star  
Countess Luann  
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## DECEMBER 26 & 27

### Cirque Dreams Holiday

A Broadway-style holiday musical  
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## DECEMBER 28

### A Drag Queen Christmas - The Naughty Tour

With stars from Ru Paul's Drag Race  
The Parker  
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## DECEMBER 28 - 30

### Shen Yun

Travel back to Ancient China  
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[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

## DECEMBER 31

### Noon Year's Eve

A New Years celebration for the whole family  
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[www.mods.org](http://www.mods.org)

### Downtown Countdown

Live music, kids zone, DJ and Countdown!  
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## JANUARY 5 & 6

### Ronald K. Brown: Evidence, A Dance Company

A sophisticated amalgam of Afrocentric movement and modern dance  
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## JANUARY 7

### Stephanie J. Block with Seth Rudetsky

An intimate evening of music and hilarious conversation  
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[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

## JANUARY 8

### 12th Annual Riverwalk Stone Crab & Seafood Festival

One of Riverwalk's signature events with tons of seafood, crab races and more  
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale  
Esplanade Park  
954-468-1541  
[www.goriverwalk.com](http://www.goriverwalk.com)



### Tyler Henry - Hollywood Medium

Communicate with the other side  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

### Elvis' Birthday Bash

Starring noted Elvis Tribute artist Chris MacDonald  
The Parker  
954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

## JANUARY 8 & 9

### 34th Annual Las Olas Art Fair

A Las Olas tradition, with longtime favorites and contemporary additions  
The Las Olas Association  
E. Las Olas Boulevard  
[www.lasolasboulevard.com](http://www.lasolasboulevard.com)

### Greater FTL Food and Wine Festival

Showcasing our local hospitality industry  
Various  
[www.gffoodwine.com/](http://www.gffoodwine.com/)

## JANUARY 11

### Symphony of the Americas: Salzburg in Florida

A tribute to the legacy of Mozart  
Symphony of the Americas  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

## JANUARY 12

### Shelly Berg Trio

A Tribute to George Gershwin  
Gold Coast Jazz Society  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

## Gus Johnson - Here I come

Comedian, filmmaker & YouTube star  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

## JANUARY 13

### The Mavericks

Tejano-infused Rock & Roll Band  
The Parker  
954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

## JANUARY 14



### Judy Collins

The musical legend returns  
The Parker  
954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

## JANUARY 15

### Menopause the Musical

A celebration of women, their journey, and the bonds of sisterhood  
Coral Springs Center for the Arts  
954-344-5990  
[www.theatercentercs.com](http://www.theatercentercs.com)

### Frankie Negron and Charlie Cruz

A Night of Salsa  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)



### The Righteous Brothers

Featuring a string of their #1 hits!  
The Parker  
954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

## JANUARY 17

### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and Festival

Celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. King  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
Sistrunk Boulevard & Dillard High School  
954-828-7275  
[www.parks.fortlauderdale.gov](http://www.parks.fortlauderdale.gov)



## LIMITED ENGAGEMENT

### Thomas Bils: Still Cheaper Than Paying

Through Dec. 12  
Miami-based Thomas Bils artistry on his bills  
NSU Art Museum  
954-525-5500  
[www.nsuartmuseum.org](http://www.nsuartmuseum.org)

### New Bonnet House Coloring Book

Through Dec. 13  
Experience drawings from new book  
Bonnet House Museum & Gardens  
954-463-5393  
[www.bonnethouse.org](http://www.bonnethouse.org)

### Permaculture Workshops

Third Saturday Through December  
How to grow food in our tropical urban environment  
Heal the Planet  
Snyder Park  
954-565-2950  
[www.healtheplanet.com](http://www.healtheplanet.com)

## Into America's Wild

Through Dec. 31  
Explore the great American wilderness  
AutoNation IMAX Theater



## The Arctic: Our Last Great Wilderness

Through Dec. 31  
Experience a world worth protecting  
AutoNation IMAX Theater

## Antarctica

Through Dec. 31  
What happens here affects us all  
AutoNation IMAX Theater

## Dino Dana the Movie

Through Dec. 31  
10-year-old Dana's dinosaur journey  
AutoNation IMAX Theater

## Dora & Diego: Let's Explore

Through Jan. 17  
Go on an adventure in the enchanting world of Dora the Explorer  
Museum of Discovery & Science  
954-467-6637  
[www.mods.org](http://www.mods.org)

## Kinky Boots

Dec. 17-Jan. 2  
A huge-hearted, high-heeled hit  
Slow Burn Theater Company  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

## A Return to Self: The Art of Healing

Through Jan. 9  
Highlighting work by Seminole artists throughout the pandemic  
History Fort Lauderdale  
954-463-4431  
[www.historyfortlauderdale.org](http://www.historyfortlauderdale.org)



## Tootsie

Jan. 11-23  
Sensational new musical comedy  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

## The Carter Project

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

## Aquarelle: From Natural to Abstract

Through Jan. 2022  
Water-based painting exhibit by 12 South Florida female artists  
ArtServe  
Holy Cross HealthPlex  
954-462-8190  
[www.artserve.org](http://www.artserve.org)

## The New Woman

Through April 2022  
Featuring images of 19th century middle and upper-class women  
NSU Art Museum  
954-525-5500  
[www.nsuartmuseum.org](http://www.nsuartmuseum.org)



## EVENTS CONNECTION

### ONGOING

#### PARKS & RECREATION City of Fort Lauderdale

##### Programming for all ages:

Tennis, Aquatics & Athletics; After-school & Camps; Classes & Programs; Cultural Arts & Club 55+  
954-828-7275

##### Sips, Sounds & Splats

Third Sundays  
Art and wine social with live music  
South Side Cultural Arts Center  
954-828-6250  
www.parks.fortlauderdale.gov



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



##### Recreation for all ages:

After-school and Camps; Camping, hiking and nature; Swimming and water recreation; Court games and sports fields; Running, biking and fitness  
954-357-8100  
www.broward.org/Parks

#### .ArtServe

##### Classes and Workshops:

Adult Acting & Modeling; Painting & Drawing; Fitness & Tai Chi  
954-462-8190  
www.artserve.org

##### Guided Museum Tours

Daily at 1, 2 & 3 PM  
Tours of Fort Lauderdale's oldest surviving structure  
Historic Stranahan House Museum  
954-524-4736  
www.stranahanhouse.org

##### 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

##### 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

##### Yoga at Tarpon River Brewing

Mondays  
All ages and abilities yoga at the brewery  
Ales & Asanas  
www.alesandasanas.com/classes

##### Friday Night Sound Waves

Fridays  
Featuring local artists  
Las Olas Oceanside Park  
www.theloopflb.com



##### Book Sale

First Fridays  
Monthly fundraiser with eclectic offerings  
Friends of the Fort Lauderdale Libraries  
Broward County Main Library  
954-357-6555  
www.broward.org/Library

##### Jazz Jams

First Friday  
Monthly Jazz from students and professionals  
Gold Coast Jazz Society  
ArtServe  
954-462-8190  
www.artserve.org

##### Interpretive Walks and Tours

Friday & Saturday  
Interpretive ranger-guided programs  
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park  
954-564-4521  
www.floridastateparks.org

##### Las Olas Oceanside Park Market

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



##### Paddle With A Purpose

Third Saturday | Reservation required  
Waterway and Shoreline Cleanup  
Delevoe Park

##### Fort Lauderdale Beach Sweep

Fourth Saturday  
Help keep Fort Lauderdale Beach clean!  
HUB at Fort Lauderdale Beach

##### Edible Food Forest at Snyder Park

Fourth Saturday  
Volunteer to tend an edible urban farm  
Snyder Park  
Fort Lauderdale Parks & Rec  
954-828-5568  
www.parks.fortlauderdale.gov

##### FTL Art Walk

Last Saturday  
Live music, original art & more  
MASS District  
954-866-3890 | www.massdistrict.com



##### FATVillage Art Walk

Last Saturday  
Open galleries, local artists, vendors and live entertainment  
954-866-3890 | www.fatvillage.com



##### ArtWalk at Sistrunk Marketplace

Last Saturday  
Local artists and featured cocktails  
Sistrunk Marketplace  
954-357-2616  
www.sistrunkmarketplace.com



##### New River Open Air Market

Sundays  
Local vendors offer their goods  
History Fort Lauderdale  
954-463-4431  
www.historyfortlauderdale.org

##### Jazz Brunch

First Sunday  
Free, outdoor concert series featuring local musicians on 3 stages  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
Esplanade Park & Riverwalk  
954-828-5365  
www.fortlauderdale.gov



##### Forest Bathing

Fourth Sundays  
Relax, tune out the world for two hours in nature  
Bonnet House Museum & Gardens  
954-463-5393  
www.bonnethouse.org

#### 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 for BOA customers

##### Free Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Day

Last Sunday  
Free admission for FTL residents  
954-525-5500  
www.nsuartmuseum.org

##### Bank of America: Museums on Us

First full weekend  
Free admission for BOA customers  
954-467-6637  
www.mods.org



##### Sprouting Stem

Varies  
Introducing little scientists (aged 0-6) to STEM-related topics  
954-467-6637  
www.mods.org/sprouting-stem

##### Urban Jungle Artisan Market

Varies  
Monthly eclectic market  
JAM Hospitality Group  
NE 13th Street  
www.urbanjunglemarketftl.com

##### Architecture Walking Tours

Varies  
Weekly walking tours of historical neighborhoods  
New River Architecture Project  
754-213-1806  
www.newriverarchitecture.com

### RIVERWALK RECREATION

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

##### Cycle Party Tours

Daily | Reservation required  
Jump aboard a 15-person quadricycle and experience Fort Lauderdale in an entirely new way.  
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

##### Bike Tours

Daily | Reservation required  
Tours of Fort Lauderdale and Riverwalk for all abilities.  
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



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