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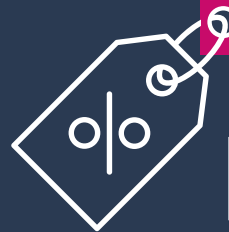
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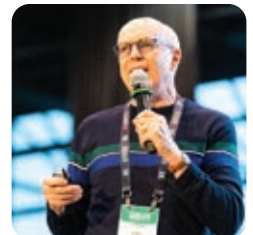
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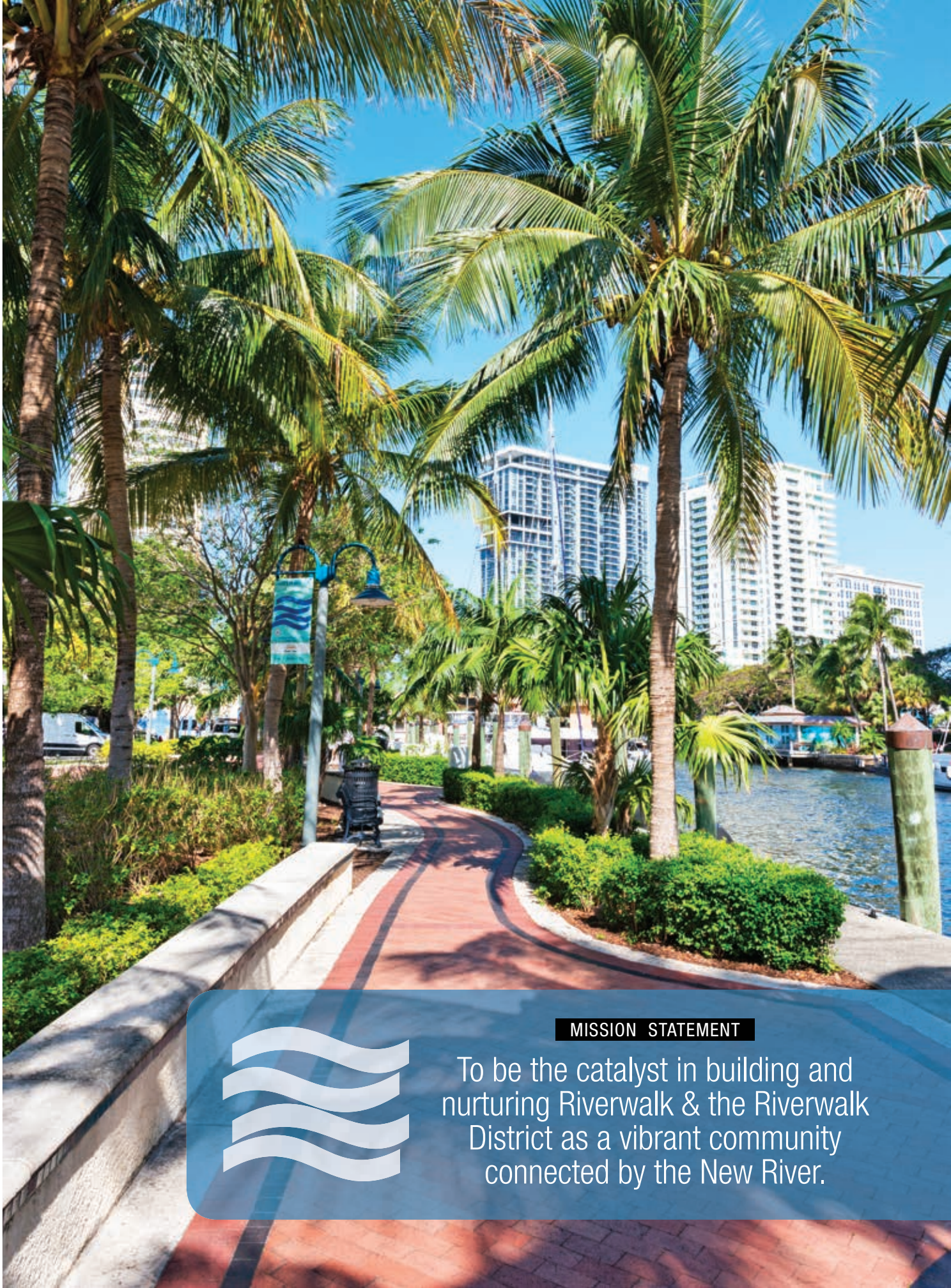
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## ASHLEY | \$1,495,000

3 BEDROOM + DEN 3.5 BATH

Largest Ashley unit in the building! Remarkable direct river views! Upgraded finishes including 18x36 polished marble floors, crown moldings & custom window treatments. Living room leads to a riverfront terrace floor to ceiling glass sliders. Gourmet poggenpohl kitchen is fitted with granite countertops, Thermadore double ovens, Sub-Zero refrigerator, Meile dishwasher.

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## PENTHOUSE | \$6,500,000

5 BEDROOM 6.5 BATH

Largest Penthouse on the Market in Fort Lauderdale! Over 8,300 sq. ft. of modern design, soaring 3 levels up a spiral staircase, & offering Panoramic views of the entire city, ocean & cruise ships. Dramatic floor to ceiling glass reaching heights of over 20 feet surround the living spaces, gallery like walls for artwork, areas for entertainment & several terraces providing functional flow to outdoor spaces. Private gym, office, formal dining, formal living, family room with built in bar, spacious kitchen with dining & sitting areas. This is true home in the sky that can't be missed.

**JUST SOLD!**

## COLUMBUS

2 BEDROOM + DEN 3 BATH

High floor Columbus floor plan offers river & ocean views. Beautifully finished with 24x24 travertine floors, floor to ceiling glass throughout, two terraces, gourmet kitchen with Snaidero cabinetry, custom granite countertops, wine fridge, high end appliances, custom walk in closets & more.

## LEXINGTON | \$975,000

2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH

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**UNDER CONTRACT 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH**

*Breathtaking river views from this spectacular split floor plan unit, featuring a large covered balcony, gourmet kitchen and resort style amenities including a rooftop pool with the best views of Fort Lauderdale.*

**2 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$455,000**

*Sparkling city views from every window & a north west corner terrace overlooking the ocean, cruise ships, & city. Immaculate furnished unit featuring wood floors, upgraded bathrooms, closets, lighting, & more to appreciate.*

**JUST SOLD! 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH**

*Ocean views from this 20th floor condo offering a functional split bedroom floor plan w/ bright open living spaces, custom closets & laminate floors.*



**GRAND PENTHOUSE | 3BD/3BA | \$2,495,000**

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

*High floor residence with stunning views, bamboo & tile floors, custom built-ins, new refrigerator & washer/dryer. Storage locker included.*



**JUST LISTED SEAVIEW | \$789,000**

*Spectacular 3 bedroom 2 bathroom high floor residence with expansive city views, two large balconies with glass railings, gourmet kitchen & 5 star amenities.*

**JUST LISTED SUNGARDEN | \$449,000**

*Beautifully remodeled 1 bedroom 1 bathroom offering "floor to ceiling" impact windows & a large balcony that allows you to enjoy incredible New River and sunset views! Bamboo wood flooring throughout.*

**UNDER CONTRACT SUNGARDEN**

*High floor 1 bedroom with floor to ceiling glass overlooking downtown and the river. Upgraded tile floors, stainless appliances and granite countertops.*

**UNDER CONTRACT SUNGARDEN**

*Gorgeous sunsets & direct river views! Upgraded features include spacious gourmet kitchen, beautiful neutral color wide plank tile flooring throughout.*

**JUST SOLD! SUNGARDEN**

*1 bedroom 1 bathroom condo featuring gorgeous sunset views, wood look like tile throughout, updated kitchen and large balcony.*

**UNDER CONTRACT SUNGARDEN**

*Gorgeous sunsets & river views from this upgraded 1 bedroom 1 bathroom! Spacious gourmet kitchen with granite countertops & stainless appliances.*



**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.*



## FUN IN FORT LAUDERDALE

VISITORS ENJOY LOCAL EVENTS AND ATTRACTIONS

It seems like everything is bustling in Fort Lauderdale and on the Riverwalk. Visitors and would-be residents alike are flooding Fort Lauderdale, Broward, and South Florida in general, being drawn by sun, fun, a great economy, and less taxes.

2021 saw a nice increase for South Florida real estate – sales, rentals, and new development, with a strong surge of people from the Northeast and California looking to reside here. According to predictions by many real estate experts, the market is expected to level off as more inventory opens up in 2022, but we'll believe it when we see it. Since the international borders opened up at the end of 2021, Canadians have been flooding South Florida as usual, and many of those who don't have vacation homes already are looking to buy them.

While everyone is keeping an eye on the pandemic and its many fluctuations, Fort Lauderdale is taking the necessary precautions, remaining open for business and maintaining a healthy local economy. AAA has listed Fort Lauderdale as one of the top 10 destinations for visitors in the United States, and for good reason! From beautiful Fort Lauderdale Beach ranked No. 11 in the nation by TripAdvisor, the understated luxury

**Some great scheduled events are happening along the Riverwalk in February, pandemic permitting! Here are some of our favorites.**

### SUNDAY JAZZ BRUNCH

The first Sunday of every month, the Sunday Jazz Brunch is held at Esplanade Park on the Riverwalk from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### NEW RIVER OPEN AIR MARKET

Every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. visit the New River Inn for the New River Open Air Market. You can find locally grown fruits and vegetables, crafts, and other locally made goods.

### 2022 RIVERWALK CHILI COOKOFF

The Chili Cookoff is back and scheduled for Feb. 19 from noon to 4 p.m. This event will be held at Esplanade Park.

of Las Olas Boulevard, also called the Rodeo Drive of Fort Lauderdale, to the many amenities, attractions, and events along the Riverwalk, visitors are drawn to our great city by the thousands.

There are many attractions available throughout the year, such as, the Broward Center of the Performing Arts, the Museum of Discovery and Science, the NSU Art Museum, and the Stranahan House Museum.

See you on the Riverwalk! [GO](#)



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## A UNIQUE DESTINATION

TOURISM: THE HEART OF FORT LAUDERDALE ECONOMICS

**A**s residents, we are the ambassadors for our city. What could be a better job than to spread the good word about Fort Lauderdale?

As our city grows, it offers more things to do. From cultural opportunities to gourmet foods and craft beverages, we also lay claim to being the Venice of America with fantastic waterways and boating options. You can charter, rent or ride on any number of vessels and enjoy the endless canals and Intracoastal Waterway as well as going off shore.

Our beaches are beautiful and easily accessible. Our hotels are first class with a large variety of amenities and we welcome all to come and share in our great place to live, work and play.

**TOURISM** is travel for pleasure or business. In Fort Lauderdale, it is an industry with hospitality making up a large part of our local economics. Visit Lauderdale, our county leader in tourism, constantly works to encourage visitation to our community. One of their roles is to attract businesses for conferences, meetings and leisure travel.

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Broward County Convention Center expansion is nearing completion that nearly doubles its size. It hosts shows, conferences, part of the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show and other events annually. The \$1 billion convention center expansion will have 1.2 billion square feet of space.

Because of the continuous great weather, our beaches are a major attraction but coupled with that are the large

number of special events, festivals, parades and more that make visiting our city unique.

With an abundance of parks, museums, arts and entertainment, sports and recreation along with tours and more, **DESTINATION** has quickly become one of the most spoken descriptions of our community. We are host to the Florida Panthers hockey team, Inter Miami CF soccer, home to Rugby America as well as the redefined Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex and the many others that are eyeing the use of our DRV PNK Stadium. Music abounds in this community with many top-named artists performing locally, drawing crowds from all over. The Parker (formerly known as Parker Playhouse), Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Backyard, Revolution Live as well as a large number of local bars/restaurants offer live music and performance.

While there are an enormous number of things to do and places to go, rest assured, there are also an equal number of places to rest, relax, restore and reinvigorate. Quiet parks and greenspaces offer a respite from the hustle of a city; waterway rides are quiet and refreshing. Nature is everywhere along with unique flora and fauna that dazzle.

We believe that you will find that this **DESTINATION** is a tourism must and please share the word with your family and friends to come and enjoy our home! We equate tourism to destination and that is Fort Lauderdale. 🌴



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## FUR THE LOVE



The Second Annual **Fur the Love Pet Fest** returns to Fort Lauderdale Beach on Sunday, Feb. 20, at its new location, Las Olas Oceanside Park, *aka The LOOP*. Celebrating Fort Lauderdale's love for their furry companions with a day of four-legged fun, the event is once again hosted by the dynamic mom and pup duo behind the award-winning Instagram @TourwithTeddy and blog "Living A Fairytail."

Coinciding with National Love Your Pet Day, flower crowns and fur will fill the air during this ulti-mutt Sunday Funday experience. New this year is the VIP Bark Brunch picnic featuring indie-acoustic tunes courtesy of JJ and the Florida Oranges band.

Welcoming locals and visitors, attendees will delight in capturing Instagramable moments through a variety of activities, including the Pawz-itive Dog Training Agility Course and Road-Tripping Rover VW Bus photobooth, sponsored by Good Times Roll. Those seeking a fun way to bond with their pup can get down with their dog at the Red Cheetah DOGA (dog yoga) session. A people and pets' marketplace will feature three dozen new and returning vendors, ranging from pet services to a plethora of pet and people clothing, food and accessories.



Fur the Love Pet Fest's 2022 theme, Pupchella, is a nod to the music festival Coachella. Guests are encouraged to don flower crowns, tie-dye and boho accessories. With a \$40 donation, pets may enter the fashion show for a chance to win a variety of prizes, which include a one-night stay with your pet at The Kimpton Goodland Hotel Fort Lauderdale, a professional pet photo session with FTLPetFest official photographer, Lorena Cora Photography, and a \$100 Ruff House Gift Card.

100% of event profits and chinese auction will benefit 100+ Abandoned Dogs of Everglades Florida, a nonprofit organization established as a community effort to end the neglect and abuse of animals.

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In addition to an extended version of the Saturday market, a morning yoga class, lawn games and live music, will provide a relaxed setting for all ages to enjoy.



Friday Night Sound Waves returns for its 7th season on **March 18** with some familiar favorites and new discoveries gracing the open air stage. Follow @soundwavesflb on Facebook and Instagram for the latest announcements.

On Feb. 2, 2022, The LOOP is launching our "**Look What We Can Do In '22!**" sponsorship campaign in an effort to raise funds to bring active and passive programming related to public health classes, arts and cultural experiences and additional services. The community is encouraged to support the efforts through a recurring sponsorships in increments of \$22, either once a year, month, week or day, in addition to a one-time annual sponsorship of \$2,022.

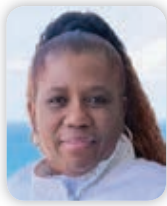


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female clerk in the history of the office. In August of 2020, I was reelected to a second term and was sworn in on Jan. 5, 2021.

Prior to being elected clerk, I studied at Broward College and Union Institute University. My work experience includes the Broward County Clerk of Courts Office, the State Attorney's Office and CEO and founder of B Dixon Mortgage Company. I have also been a licensed real estate agent for 17 years.

An advocate against domestic violence and human trafficking, I am also actively involved in a number of community organizations such as the Broward County Bar Association, Caribbean Bar Association, Hispanic Bar Association, Broward County Police Chiefs Association, BCCPA Domestic Violence Committee, South Florida Noble-Black Law Enforcement, Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and the Florida League of Cities, to name a few.

Riverwalk is an important community asset and one I am proud to support

In my spare time, I enjoy being with my family and friends. I also love to dance, travel, going to the theater and some might say I'm pretty good at bowling.

As clerk, I am honored to serve as the official record-keeper for the Broward County court system and protect the public trust by performing my statutory and ministerial duties of ensuring that all records are timely and accurately maintained.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

**BETH SHAW**

YOGAFIT

➊ It's hard to believe that YogaFit has been around since 1994, almost 28 years! I still remember like it was yesterday being out on a bike ride from Hermosa Beach, California, to Marina Del

Rey when the name YogaFit came to me. So much has changed, but a few things have stayed the same. I still love yoga, and it continues to change my life.

YogaFit started in the trunk of my car from where I sold logoed clothing. I attracted the attention of one of my students, a stock market investor who helped me incorporate and invested \$100,000 in seed money. I started writing for fitness industry trades on "yoga as a profit center" for health clubs in exchange for some ad space, and our training division was born.

YogaFit has grown worldwide. We have trained more than 250,000 people and touched the lives of millions. As a company, we have given over one million hours of free yoga to those in need through our community service outreach programs, and I am most proud of this.

In January 2020, I visited Fort Lauderdale, and I fell in love with a boutique apartment. When Covid hit, I contacted my Realtor and immediately put an offer on it. My goal has always been to have a conservative effort to merge myself in the community. Joining Riverwalk seems like the natural and right thing to do. I like the focus on keeping our Downtown vibrant and active, and I love everything the organization stands for.

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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# PARKS BOND UPDATE



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**Following the Public Engagement period, the proposed park improvements were prioritized using the feedback obtained from the Virtual Open House comments.**

**The prioritization efforts resulted in the identification of 34 parks to be included in Phase 1 and 16 parks to be included in Phase 2 of the Parks Bond program.**

**Site plans and improvement diagrams can be viewed for each of these parks online.**

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## RIVERWALK'S 12TH ANNUAL STONE CRAB AND SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

On Jan. 8, a classic Fort Lauderdale tradition returned: Riverwalk's 12th Annual Stone Crab and Seafood Festival, presented by Rivertail Fort Lauderdale. Between delectable seafood dishes provided by local food sources, hermit crab races hosted by Finster Murphy's Fresh Seafood, and the annual beer garden, the event had entertainment for all in attendance. People from all around South Florida converged on Esplanade Park for good times and good food.

BY EMMA RELYEA Riverwalk Intern



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Britt Lanier pours in the Riverwalk Beer Tent



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## RIVERWALK HOLIDAY CRUISE

On Dec. 15, Riverwalk members and guests were treated to a cruise on the Water Taxi to see homes decorated for the holidays. The tour included the New River and the Intracoastal Waterway where participants viewed hundreds of beautifully adorned homes and unique balcony displays at many of the apartment and condo buildings.



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## BOUNCING BACK

NEW HOTELS, PARKS AND A RENOVATED PLAYHOUSE BRING ENERGY TO TOWN

**T**ourism has long been the lifeblood of the South Florida economy, and I'm pleased to say that business has rebounded well following the convulsions at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Just look around the beach and Downtown this winter. The streets are filled with visitors from around the world, and our hotels are not only full but pulling in solid room rates for the stays. The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show saw a banner year last fall, with more than 100,000 attendees and total sales topping \$715 million.

### We have many exciting things happening in the hospitality industry.

We will soon open a new gem on Fort Lauderdale beach – the Four Seasons Hotel and Residences. The 22-story building is home to 189 accommodations, including 42 private residences. Downtown, construction will soon begin on a new luxury hotel along the historic Las Olas Boulevard. And, Broward County government is moving forward with construction of the long-sought hotel at the convention center on 17th Street, which will help attract major convention business to our community.

All of that is on top of other recent great additions to the area – the Hyatt Centric Las Olas, Tru by Hilton and Hotel Maren Fort Lauderdale. We've also had some incredible additions to our restaurant selection – a reimagined YOLO has opened and Eve on the Water, Sushi Maki and Eddie V's have joined the long list of options along Las Olas.

### Fort Lauderdale is truly amid a renaissance.

On the beach, we have the amazing new Oceanside Park that has quickly become the center of our wide array of activities and festivals on the barrier island.

Work continues on updating the aquatic center, with the topping-off of the iconic new 27-meter dive tower occurring last summer. We are rebuilding the pools and expanding work to include improved locker rooms. When completed, the aquatic center will again be home to major swimming and diving competitions as well as a place for locals to enjoy recreational aquatics.

We also will soon start a renovation of D.C. Alexander Park. At the same time, Broward County is in the midst of a project to replenish sand along parts of the beach that have suffered erosion recently.

Downtown, we've completed the renovation of the landmark Parker Playhouse – now rebranded as The Parker. Theater-goers now enjoy new lounges and a vibrant new lobby as well as a state-of-the-art sound system. The original façade and seating configuration remains.

Next door in Holiday Park, we have begun a major renovation to the War Memorial complex. When completed this summer, War Memorial will feature ice rinks for public use as well as a training facility for the professional Florida Panthers hockey team. The Panthers will also take over operation of the auditorium, continuing its focus on family-friendly shows and events while relieving the city of the annual operating costs.

We also are building a new park at the center of Las Olas by expanding the top of the Kinney Tunnel. And, we are in discussions regarding a public-private partnership to build a major arts park on the site of the old One Stop Shop across from City Hall.

Stay tuned. There is a lot happening in Fort Lauderdale.

For more information on the City of Fort Lauderdale, please visit our new website at [www.fortlauderdale.gov](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov).



Four Seasons Hotel and Residences Fort Lauderdale are scheduled to open in March. Located at 525 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd., the hotel features 189 accommodations, including suites, rooms and residences, and a third floor pool terrace overlooking the ocean, a spa, and ocean-front dining. The top floors of the 22-story tower house its 42 private residences.



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## A TOURISM RECOVERY

NUMBERS SIGNAL TOURISTS' RETURN

**T**ourism is the lifeblood of Florida. People from all over the world want a taste of what we experience every day. Unfortunately, at the beginning of the pandemic in early 2020, Florida's economy was one of the most impacted due to the lack of travel and tourism. Specifically, our hospitality industry was the hardest hit in South Florida. I am happy to say, we are finally starting to see these industries turn around.

As a very pro-business state, we want people to feel safe coming back to visit. We are a tourism lead economy, and we missed seeing people enjoy everything we have to offer. With international borders being closed so long, Florida relied heavily on marketing. Agencies like Visit Florida, and locally Visit Lauderdale, have strived to make sure people knew that Florida was open, especially our vibrant Greater Fort Lauderdale area. No matter what you are comfortable with during the pandemic, there are plenty of outdoor options for everyone to take advantage of here. Sadly, in many other states, tourism efforts are still at a standstill. Florida was the only state marketing outside our borders for seven months, and now we are seeing the tourism recovery we worked hard to promote.

As of November 2021, domestic travel is up 7 percent compared to the previous year, with 31.2 million people coming to visit Florida. More than 50 new hotels are expected to open throughout the state by

March, with Miami being one of the top searches for travel destinations. Orlando is always a top tourist destination, especially during the holidays. Advanced booking for Christmas and New Year's this year was up 95 percent when compared to the 2019 holiday season. Bookings for January and February are up 300 percent of the volume as well. During the holidays, Fort Lauderdale International Airport saw approximately 1.4 million passengers from Dec. 22 through Jan. 4. The traveling average was 51 percent more than the previous year.

Out of the 12 biggest metropolitan areas in the nation, the Miami/Greater Fort Lauderdale Metro Area is the top place that people are choosing to live and work. In first place, Miami/Fort Lauderdale had a growth of 16.8 percent due to people relocating. Specifically, the Fort Lauderdale area added 34,100 new private sector jobs over the year, with a 4.8 percent increase. Fort Lauderdale's unemployment rate dropped to 3.8 percent in November 2021. This rate is similar to pre-pandemic numbers. The industry gaining the most jobs in our area over the year were leisure and hospitality, which increased by 8,900 jobs. This signals our return!

I look forward to seeing many visitors, near and far, come to our great state!

As always, it is an honor to represent you as your state representative in Tallahassee. [GO](#)



A jogger and biker enjoy the outdoors along Dixie Highway in Middle River Terrace.

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## FEBRUARY FESTIVITIES

PARADE AND FESTIVALS CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**T**his month we are honoring African-American culture as we celebrate February as Black History Month with several exciting community events! February has been recognized as Black History Month since 1976 as an annual celebration of African-Americans' important achievements and significant role in our history.

Kijiji Moja means "one village" in Swahili. Join your friends and neighbors as we celebrate Kijiji Moja at Lincoln Park on Saturday, Feb. 19, from 1 to 5 p.m. This event has been a staple in the community for more than 16 years. Kijiji Moja will celebrate African-American culture through live entertainment, drumming circles, ethnic crafts, tribal storytelling, and other inner-attainment. Lincoln Park is located at 600 N.W. 19th Ave.

Finally, the Sistrunk Parade and Festival returns along Fort Lauderdale's historic Sistrunk Boulevard on

Saturday, Feb. 26. The event kicks off with the Sistrunk 5K at 7 a.m. The Sistrunk 5K is an exciting race near Downtown Fort Lauderdale on Sistrunk Boulevard. Have a great time walking or running through history with your family and friends!

The Sistrunk Parade departs Lincoln Park at 10 a.m. and travels east down Sistrunk Boulevard to Northwest Ninth Avenue. The parade is full of marching bands, step teams, classic cars, decorative floats, and more.

The Sistrunk Festival picks up where the parade ends. Enjoy a kids zone, family activities, merchandise, food vendors and more until 7 p.m. The festival takes place on Sistrunk Boulevard from Northwest Ninth Avenue to Northwest 12th Avenue.

For complete details, visit [www.sistrunkfestival.org](http://www.sistrunkfestival.org). 



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## TACTICAL URBANISM

ADDING COLOR TO EMPHASIZE SPACE

I have written about examples of some large and small projects that the City's Transportation and Mobility Department is working on separately over time, but sometimes there is an opportunity to do both as a phased approach to a project. Significant transportation projects are costly and take time to implement, but often there is an interest to do something immediately. Transportation professionals struggle to find ways to implement these short-term projects to make important safety improvements now while we wait for the longer-term funding.

Over the past decade, Tactical Urbanism has gained traction in cities across the globe as a way to test concepts being requested by the community prior to the final construction. Mike London is credited with the term which is grounded in the same values as the Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper approach.

Tactical Urbanism acts as a bridge between conceptualization and implementation of projects by testing solutions on the ground through low-cost materials such as paint, delineators, and planters. These projects not only help cities validate large-scale investments for permanent implementation but also build awareness about the outcomes with the community.

They have become a powerful tool in transportation planning and implementation to drive lasting improvements in cities. These interventions are often highly visible and are defined by the following characteristics:


- Based on existing master plans, community visions, action focused.
- Expedite delivery of public benefits at a low cost.
- Temporary nature allows for evaluation and adjusting of the design focused on improved multimodal streets and traffic calming.
- People-centered that serves to strengthen partner relationships between public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

This approach is an important addition to the menu of practices that planners can use when conducting planning projects. Planners traditionally utilize a standard set of visual materials to help

people envision alternatives in public spaces, e.g., photos, maps, renderings and plans, and computer-generated visualizations. Tactical urbanism promotes a more creative and engaging approach to visioning the potential for change with short term results that the community participated in putting on the ground.

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) began a new initiative to support local municipalities in their efforts toward multimodal safety called BTactical. The City was successful in receiving the MPO's BTactical grant award for 2022 to leverage a city funded project on Northeast 15th Avenue.

This redesign project has been a priority for the Lake Ridge neighborhood for more than 10 years and most recently reaffirmed as a priority in its Neighborhood Mobility Master Plan in 2015. The city-funded portion will include a change in the striping of the outside lane to provide more space for pedestrians and a bicycle lane between Northeast 11th Street and Northeast 13th Street.

The BTactical grant will provide the much-needed color, delineators, and landscaped planters to create safer separation of space for pedestrians and bicyclists and vehicles like the type of project completed in 2021 in Deerfield Beach featured in the photo below. This will all be temporary until such time as the long-term project funding becomes available that will add more permanent features. 



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More and more travelers regularly include arts and culture activities on their itineraries, and cultural and heritage tourism is one of the fastest growing segments in today's travel industry. In fact, of the more than 100 million visitors per year to the state of Florida, 65 percent take part in at least one cultural activity. This doesn't just apply to vacationers. Researchers have found that business travelers often arrive early or extend their stays to explore an area's arts and culture offerings. While our beaches often get the spotlight, our cultural heritage offerings provide an array of unique experiences that connect travelers with the soul of our community.

For the past few years, the Cultural Division and Visit Lauderdale have been working in the Sistrunk

corridor on a cultural heritage initiative called Destination Sistrunk with a goal of developing a cultural asset within Fort Lauderdale's historically black and culturally significant neighborhood. This work resulted in the creation of the Destination Sistrunk Cultural Center, located in the Midtown Commerce Center building at 1033 N.W. Sixth St. The Cultural Center currently comprises artist studios and creative workspaces, the Albert A. Tucker Black Art Gallery, and The Circuit Arts and Events space.

As the initiative expands, it will become a central point where visitors can be connected with other cultural heritage sites in Broward County, including places such as the African American Research Library & Cultural Center, Blanche Ely House Museum, Bowles-Strachan House, and many others.

Cultural heritage sites provide visitors with opportunities to authentically experience the mosaic of places, traditions, art forms, celebrations and experiences that reflect the diversity and character of a location. They are one of the many ways we can enhance our awareness and understanding of diverse communities and cultures. [GO](#)



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DOWNTOWN COMPUTER SERVICES OFFERS IT SUPPORT

Technology has become so ingrained with the way we live, from the way we socialize and interact with others to the way we learn and work, it's almost impossible to imagine a time without it. So, with the amount of tech that has become so intertwined with our daily lives it's also necessary to have someone knowledgeable to turn to if and when our gadgets fail.

That's where Downtown Computer Services comes in. Since 1995, Downtown Computers has been providing IT support and services for individuals and businesses throughout Fort Lauderdale. However, for founder and CEO, Kosta Derkach, owning his own IT support business was never originally the plan.

"I was attending university to get my degree in computer science and my dad's friend started this company and they needed help. So, I started working there to help out while I was in school but then I just never left," said Derkach.

Now, 27 years later, what was once simply a computer repair shop has evolved into a full-scale IT support business catering to small businesses throughout Fort Lauderdale.

"We have become the official IT department for a lot of small businesses in the area. Anything they need, from setting up computer security and cable configuration to computer repair and internet services, they just go to us," he said.

Today, the IT business continues to offer their legacy computer repair services but has certainly expanded its roster when it comes to being an IT support company.

Downtown Computers currently offers managed network services as well as support in setting up and managing cloud storage, cybersecurity, and even structured cabling


which includes data transfers, web browsing, telephony, electronic mail, and Wi-Fi access points.

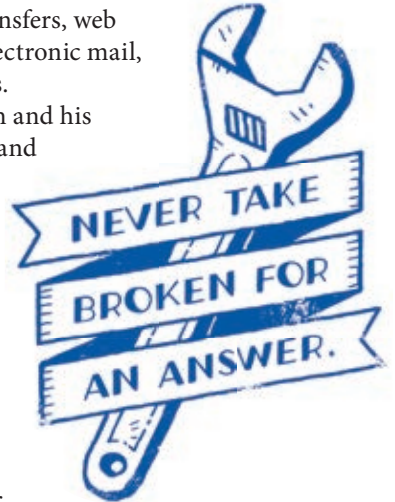
However, for Derkach and his team of IT consultants and technicians, their job is not to give you more tech solutions than you need but only what you are comfortable with maintaining and your business requires.

"In today's technology, it's almost impossible not to rely on computers. However, some of our customers are hesitant to completely expand their setup and that's OK. We have figured out that everybody needs a tailored solution to their business. So, we have to customize our services for every particular customer and it just all depends on what they're comfortable with," said Derkach.

Yet, regardless of the size or scale of your business, there is one thing above all else that Derkach hopes each of his customers take into consideration and that is – data backup. When disaster strikes, it's always important have a backup in place to ensure your data is safe but also that your business can continue to operate smoothly.

That's why Downtown Computers implores their customers to use comprehensive business continuity and disaster recovery plans.

"We have customers who always believe it's not necessary to have a plan in place to save data if disaster strikes. However, then their hard drive crashes with all of their data due to a fire, hurricane, or flooding and sometimes it's impossible to recover that data. So, if my customers can only learn one thing from working with us, it's to always have a data backup in place well before something can go wrong," he said. 



### DOWNTOWN COMPUTER SERVICES

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## A SUNNY HAVEN

THE RETURN OF TOURISM AS BUSINESSES PIVOT DURING THE PANDEMIC

As most of the country looks to escape the bleak mid-winter months, Fort Lauderdale is thrilled to be a sunny haven once again for tourists both domestically and from around the globe.

It has been a roller coaster for local tourism, but as we reach the end of a tumultuous two-year period, the industry finally appears to be stabilizing. Statistically, 2021 percentages were comparable to pre-pandemic 2019 levels and, according to one industry expert, were "off the charts" compared to 2020.

Still, our partners in tourism and hospitality have found it valuable to reflect on how the business community adapted and grew despite the hardships of the past two years. The lessons learned can perhaps serve as a strong example of resilience for other industries looking to ride the wave of this pandemic rebound.

Soon after local tourism started its initial post-pandemic comeback, the Delta variant in late summer/early fall 2021 created a "sucking sound" within the industry. Initially, hotels and venues faced an onslaught of cancellations, postponements and consumer hesitancy due to the variant until October and November 2021, when the outbreak subsided and business gradually resumed.

The return of local fall festivals and events gave the area a tremendous boost. The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, Rock the Ocean's Tortuga Music Festival, Audacy Music Festival, and the Winterfest Boat Parade drew thousands of people to our area and generated billions of

dollars in revenue. Fort Lauderdale Water Taxi reported transporting more than 90,000 people within five days during the International Boat Show alone.


Now that the United States has reopened for international travel, tourism numbers are predicted to rise. In addition, the resumption of cruising is anticipated to increase hotel occupancy with pre-and post-cruise stays.

After initial layoffs, the tourism and hospitality industry is implementing new strategies to hire and retain employees. Local business leaders are increasing employee pay, offering sign-on bonuses, and implementing flexible schedules. Some business owners in the marine industry have positioned their openings as "lifestyle jobs," recruiting talent from out of state and emphasizing the attractiveness of working on the water.

In retail, some retail storefronts are open fewer hours to save on operational costs and give their employees more work-life balance. During the holidays, many large and small retailers altered their Black Friday promotion structure to give their employees the Thanksgiving holiday off, a reversal of a pre-pandemic trend in which stores were competing to see who could open the earliest on Thanksgiving Day.

At the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, we have been supporting our business community by holding networking events, breakfasts and mixers at local venues. We recently hosted both our GLBX Business Community Ally Awards and our Annual Holiday Social in December at the Galleria Fort Lauderdale. Our Women's Council held a mixer and fundraiser for PACE

Center Broward at Graciela Valdes Fine Art Photography in Oakland Park, and our Downtown Council recently had a Breakfast at the Tower Club for Chamber investors. We anticipate our Councils will start to hold more meetings and events at local businesses. We invite Chamber investors to keep an eye out for events that might be of interest to you. There is something for everyone!

Although the industry is experiencing some lingering issues (supply chain, inflation, labor shortage, etc.), we applaud our local tourism and hospitality industry for their resilience and adaptability during this time. There are still challenges, and, as we've all learned, the future is unpredictable, but the industry has gone from the worst downturn ever to now, mostly trending strong and looking even better, heading into the rest of 2022. 







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OUR MARINE INDUSTRIES LITERALLY HELP KEEP WATER-BASED TOURISM AFLOAT

When President Warren G. Harding discovered the beauty and vastness of south Florida's waterways a century ago, he no doubt saw the area's potential as a vacation destination. However, what he likely didn't envision was just how much of a tourism powerhouse Fort Lauderdale and surrounding areas would become.

Today we are the sixth largest metropolitan region in the United States, fueled in large part by our most abundant natural resource – our streams, rivers, lakes and coastlines. Boaters come from all corners of the world to spend time here, enjoy our natural resources, and contribute greatly to our economy.

But it's not just what is visible to the naked eye that draws visitors to south Florida.

Hidden beneath our aquatic wonderland lies the third largest barrier reef in the world, and the only such reef in the continental U.S. This world-class natural wonder draws millions of visitors annually. From the St. Lucie Inlet to the Dry Tortugas, Florida's coral reef is truly a national treasure – and we are blessed to have it in our own backyard.

Whether topside or at depth, water is the common denominator that has helped south Florida thrive. Simply put, water is our industry.

It is why we have been able to watch with pride as the South Florida marine industry evolved to work in tandem with water-based tourism and become a critical piece of the region's overall economic foundation. Today, the marine industry contributes more than \$24 billion to the statewide economic output. Locally in Broward County 121,000 marine workers are employed generating an economic impact of \$9.7 billion.

You will find many of the world's best marinas, boat yards, skilled laborers and marine service businesses here. The marine industry literally does its part to keep water-based tourism afloat. It also indirectly helps local entrepreneurs all along our coast open restaurants, hotels, and tour operations to cater to the steady influx of visiting tourists, whether they arrive by boat, airplane or car.

You can find evidence of the marine industry everywhere you look. Up and down State Road 84 — aka Marina Mile and the US 1 corridor — you'll find marinas, boatyards and service businesses that keep all those vessels in first-class shape. These essential businesses are critical to maintaining the lifestyle that draws people to our region both to visit and live.

With nearly 365 days of boating weather each year, people can enjoy an al fresco meal at one of our countless waterfront venues, bar hop by water taxi, dive on the third

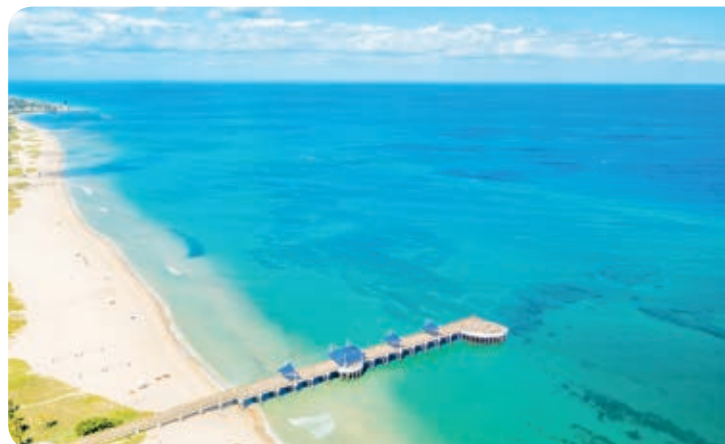
largest barrier reef in the world, participate in a fishing tournament, rent a kayak for a moonlit paddle, the opportunities are endless.

Visitors have nearly equal access to enjoy our waterways. Each year, more than 1.1 million people are moved by water taxi throughout the area. Popular cruises, like the *Jungle Queen*, introduce visitors to the best of our region in a fun and educationally engaging way. The licensed boat captains and highly trained crews on cruise boats and water taxis serve double duty as entertaining and informative tour guides, too.

Even our region's traditional off season is enhanced by the marine industry. The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show draws tens of thousands of boating enthusiasts to the area every fall representing more than 72,000 hotel room nights and a financial impact of \$1.3 billion. Although final numbers are still being tallied, the 2021 show is expected to exceed 100,000 visitors through the gate, a record for the show.

Of course, all this doesn't happen by accident. Florida's "open for business" philosophy, led by our local, county, and state leaders, is a huge contributor to keeping our area's economic tourism engine humming. Without such ongoing support, water tourism would likely suffer the same downturn experienced by so many other industries in the past two years.

But it hasn't. Instead, it has thrived. And there's no sign of slowing down in 2022. 🌊





## NEW THIS YEAR

DETAILS ON THE AUTOMATIC SENIOR EXEMPTION RENEWALS FOR 2022

**B**eginning this year (2022), after the initial application approval, the Senior Exemption automatically renews each year unless the senior notifies our office that they no longer meet the income requirement for this exemption. People who received the Senior Exemption in 2021 and are still living at the same address do not need to send in a signed renewal card to continue receiving this exemption.

Our office will mail the Senior Exemption renewal information later this month with the annual income limitation set by the state of Florida.

- If your 2021 adjusted household gross income does not exceed the amount set by the state for the 2022 tax year, you do not need to do anything to continue receiving this valuable exemption for 2022. Your exemption will automatically be renewed provided you are still living at the same address and receiving Homestead Exemption.
- If your 2021 adjusted household gross income did exceed the income limitation, you must

notify our office that you no longer qualify for this tax year when you receive the annual income notification from our office. We understand the adjusted household gross income for some individuals may change from year to year so an applicant may qualify one year and then not the next.

If you did not receive the Senior Exemption for 2021 and you believe you may qualify, please visit our website at [web.bcpa.net](http://web.bcpa.net) and click on the “Senior Exemption” icon to view this exemption and all the other exemptions available to qualified applicants. You can also apply online at <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/SeniorsAppForm>. The deadline to apply for any 2022 exemption is Sept. 19, 2022.


If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please call us at (954) 357-6830 or email me directly at [martykiar@bcpa.net](mailto:martykiar@bcpa.net). 



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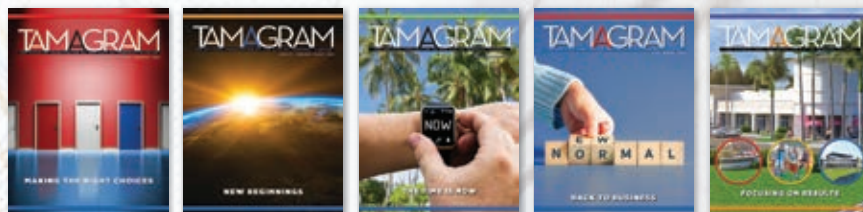
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# TOURISM IS BACK

THE CITY WELCOMES TOURISTS BACK  
FOLLOWING COVID SHUTDOWNS

FEATURE

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

With travel coming to a standstill in 2020, Fort Lauderdale's tourism suffered during the height of the pandemic. "No one was coming here for obvious and good reasons," said Stacy Ritter, president and CEO of Visit Lauderdale. "People weren't traveling anywhere but when your economy is based on tourism, and 10 percent of your top county population is either directly or indirectly employed because of tourism, it was devastating to see how many people were affected."

With that, Visit Lauderdale jumped into action to do a major rebranding and launch a nationwide campaign that was designed to have tourists flocking back to the Sunshine State – and it worked.

"We did a luxury campaign for summer of 2021 which was edgier and more provocative than we'd ever done before. The idea was to show who we really are, that we're diverse, we're progressive, and we're cosmopolitan," said Ritter.

The campaign, which featured two men and one woman (below), with the Fort Lauderdale cityscape in the background, was a huge success and led to a boom in tourism later that year.





“When people finally did come back, they came back with a vengeance,” said Ritter. For several months in 2021, the tourist visitation rate even exceeded that of their 2019 numbers, pre-pandemic. With the increase in visitors, the city of Fort Lauderdale has even seen a new influx of tourists from states who had not typically visited in previous years.

“Ohio has become a big market for us. Traditionally, they went to the west coast of Florida but now they’ve started to come here because we have some nonstop flights from some of the bigger cities in Ohio. The Northeast has always been a really strong part of our tourism and will continue to be but now we can add Ohio to the list,” she said.

Along with the increase in travel from the Midwest, there have also been 11 new routes planned for incoming flights into Fort Lauderdale International Airport in 2022, including a few pending international routes as well.

## BY THE NUMBERS

While the pandemic and accompanying isolations and travel downturn certainly slowed the trickle of visitors to our area, there are encouraging signs. Here’s a snapshot of the state of Fort Lauderdale and South Florida tourism early in 2022.

### Visitors

**16.9 million**

Number of annual visitors to Fort Lauderdale in 2019 (pre-pandemic; data from 2020 and 2021 not yet available)



Sources: Visit Lauderdale

### Visitor demographics

#### Where visitors come from

1. Canada: A little more than half of all international visitors
2. Brazil
3. United Kingdom/Ireland
4. Colombia

#### Top origin U.S. states outside of Florida

1. New York, New York
  2. Philadelphia
  3. Chicago
- Floridians make up just under one-third of all domestic visitors

Source: Visit Lauderdale

#### Tourism development tax revenue

**\$80.5 million**

Total tourism tax collected in 2021 in Broward County

**\$51.5 million**

Total tourism tax collected in 2020

**\$89 million**

Total tourism tax collected in 2019

Source: Visit Lauderdale



### AIR TRAVEL

**25.5 million**

Number of all passengers through Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport January to November 2021, up 54.5 percent over 2020 in Broward County

**21.6 million**

Domestic passengers, up 62 percent over 2020

**3.8 million**

International passengers, up 22.6 percent over 2020

Source: Broward County Aviation Department

**-23 percent**

Currently, passenger traffic is down about 23 percent over the same period in 2019.

Source: Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport

### TOP 3 AIR CARRIERS AT FLL

NAME	2019	2021	%Change
<b>SPRIT</b>	7.6M	8.5M	12.4%
<b>JETBLUE</b>	7.9M	5.3M	-33.2%
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>	6.5M	3.3M	-49.7%

in millions



### NEW ROUTES IN 2022

Frontier Airlines will fly from FLL to these cities beginning in February:

- ◆ Albany
- ◆ Atlanta
- ◆ Buffalo
- ◆ Green Bay
- ◆ Islip, New York
- ◆ Orlando
- ◆ Philadelphia
- ◆ Portland, Maine
- ◆ Rochester
- ◆ Stewart
- ◆ Trenton

### LODGING

#### Hotel occupancy

**70 percent** — Occupancy in Broward County hotels in 2021, down 68.2 percent from 2019

**\$145.68** — Average daily rate in 2021, up 1.5 percent from 2019

Source: Visit Lauderdale

**7,584** — Number of hotel rooms in Broward County

**46** — Number of hotel properties in Broward County

## MARINE INDUSTRIES

**121,000** — Number of marine workers employed in Broward County

**\$9.7 billion** — Amount Broward County marine workers generate in economic impact

**1.1 million** — Number of people moved by water taxi in Fort Lauderdale

Source: Marine Industries of South Florida



### Cruising

**302,600** — Total cruise passengers in January to November 2021, down 94 percent over 2020

**1.2 million** — Total cruise passengers in 2020

**4 million** — Total cruise passengers in 2019

Source: Broward County Port Everglades Department



**39** — Number of cruise ships sailing in and out of Port Everglades

**7** — Number of cruise lines at Port Everglades

Celebrity: 6 ships

Royal Caribbean: 6 ships

Cunard Line: 2 ships

Silversea Cruises: 7 ships

Holland America Line: 7 ships

Viking Ocean Cruises: 4 ships

Princess Cruises: 7 ships

### Cruise lines coming in 2023

Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection — February 2023, ship *Evrima*

Disney Cruise Line — Fall 2023, ship or ships to be announced

Azamara Cruises — Fall 2023, ship *Onward*

Source: Visit Lauderdale

## CARGO

**4,849 containers**

This is the highest number of cargo containers from a single ship unloaded at Port Everglades. In early January, Mediterranean Shipping Company's *MSC Rachele* arrived in port and it took 72 hours to complete the off-load and loading process. The previous record was set in August 2021, with nearly 3,000 containers at Port Everglades.

Source: Visit Lauderdale



## SLOT MACHINES

**\$1.2 billion**

Record-breaking amount for 20,000 jackpots in 2021 from Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino's slot machines — one jackpot nearly every minute. The highest slot jackpot paid in 2021 was \$900,000, with an average jackpot of nearly \$3,000.

Source: Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino



However, one tourism industry slow to make its full return this year is the cruise industry. After a 15-month hiatus, cruising officially returned with the sailing of the Celebrity Edge cruise ship and many more cruise lines sailing a few weeks later.

With eight different cruise lines planning to set sail out of Port Everglades in 2022 and more the following year, however, there is now renewed hesitation to the safety of cruises, putting more pressure on the industry.

"Cruises as an industry are being held to standards that, to me, seem a little oppressive," said Phil Purcell, president and CEO of Marine Industries Association of South Florida, "So, I sympathize with the cruise industry. Everyone wants whoever's experiencing their industry to be safe and for that reason, I think cruises will be able to get through this like other industries have."

Yet, even with the uncertain future of the cruise industry, there is no doubt that Fort Lauderdale tourism is coming out on the other side after these last few difficult years.

"We would encourage everyone to get vaccinated for the good of your community so we can all get back to normal and we encourage everyone to come visit when they feel ready," said Ritter. [GO](#)





# WINTERFEST

THE SEMINOLE HARD ROCK WINTERFEST BOAT PARADE RETURNED TO THE WATERS ON DEC. 11. MANY SPECTATORS WATCHED THE EVENT FROM THE PARADE VIEWING AREA AT LAS OLAS INTRACOASTAL PARK. 2022'S PARADE DATE IS SET FOR DEC. 10.



50th anniversary of the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade



Mark Swenson, Lisa Scott-Found, Ryan Cabrera, Joey Fatone, Mario Lopez, DJ Mack and Paul Castronovo



Broward County Mayor Michael Udine and City of Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis

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# MATCHMAKING ON VALENTINE'S DAY

OUR FOOD WRITERS RECOMMEND A DIFFERENT KIND OF PAIRING

WRITERS PENNY SANFILIPPO AND JONNY ALTOBELL

**T**his month in which we celebrate St. Valentine's Day with sweets, we suggest a pairing. Whisky (or whiskey, depending on your choice) and chocolate. Both have fascinating origins and were once unknown and rare to ordinary people.

## Chocolate

Despite its exotic origins, chocolate has become readily available in any grocery, gas station or vending machine. Filled, mixed with nuts or fruit, with sugar – or without — chocolate confections are as different from the cocoa served to Spanish explorers of the Americas as a wheelbarrow is to a Ferrari.

Chocolate was originally a term for a beverage made from the seeds of *Theobroma cacao*, which are fermented, then dried, cured and roasted before grinding. The beverage was very unlike what WE think of a cocoa as it had no sugar and was likely seasoned with chilis, ambergris or musk. Try passing that off as a gift to someone.

It has been speculated that the first nuns in Central America attempted to “convert” the pagan cocoa to Christianity by the addition of sugar, vanilla and ultimately, cream. By the late 1500s, the fame of this brew had spread through Europe and the first cargos of cocoa were snapped up despite outrageous prices.

By the end of the 17th century, cocoa was becoming available to anyone who could afford it and within 60 years the first industrial manufacturers were setting up business in Paris, Amsterdam and Switzerland although experts say that the first “true” factory to make chocolate as we know it was around Paris in the 1820s.

This thumbnail sketch brings us to today – in Fort Lauderdale – where some truly wonderful examples of chocolatiers art are available.

For specialty chocolate, try Hoffman's and Kilwin's on Las Olas, Schakcolad on Cordova (west of the 17th Street bridge).

Truthfully, some of the upscale chocolate bars at your local markets are very good too. But when picking one at

the supermarket look for the words “fair trade,” “organic” or “single origin.” Much of the commercial chocolate is grown and harvested in countries that have deplorable human rights – it doesn't cost much more to support good.

## Whiskey

Whisky (or whiskey) – like our January topic, gin – is made from fermented grain as opposed to wine or brandy, which are based on grapes.


The grains used were dependent on the climates from where they were produced: Barley, wheat or rye in the colder, damper climates and after Columbus' voyage corn or maize became available.

And then there's the “e” in whiskey (or not). In Scotland, the “e” is not used while Ireland and the U.S. both include it. Products from Canada mostly leave it out and Japanese offerings go either way.

The familiar color of any of the offerings comes from storage in barrels after distillation. Sherry casks were available in the British Isles long before the American oak barrels now favored by many Scotch whisky distillers. Unblended whisky is made from barley only – blended whisky may contain other grain alcohols. Whew ... and can we serve these two gustatory delights together?

## Yes!

Jonny and I offered ourselves and our palates to edify you. Please note that we are Scotch whisky fans, apologies to all the wonderful other whiskeys and their fans, but these tastings can work with them, too.

This is a fun tasting for a group of friends – you don't need a lot of any one Scotch. A couple of minis of each will work well and give you variety. Pour into a small glass. Allow the whisky to breathe about 5 minutes. Take a sip, swirl it around in your mouth, swallow THEN take a small bite of chocolate and let it begin to melt on your tongue. A match made in heaven. 



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## Slainte (Health!)

*Pairings to try*

Try this ...	With this
Whisky (mild to strong) .....	Chocolate
Glenmorangie (original) .....	Maple and or pecans
Glenfiddich 12.....	Almonds, dried fruits (raisins apricots)
Dalmore 12.....	Dark, dark chocolate, hazelnuts
Lagavulin 16 (heavily peated) .....	Rich buttery caramel and chocolate
Laphroaig (smoky, medicinal) .....	Mint – particularly peppermint

*And one we found fascinating (even though not Scotch)*

Woodford Reserve ..... **Orange chocolate** (you know the one, shaped like an orange, wrapped)



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**Vintage American Glass & Pottery Show & Sale***National and local dealers with additions for your collections*

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**Alton Brown Live — Beyond The Eats***The hit chef's culinary variety show*

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**Wild Talks at the Park***Learn about local wildlife and how they survive in their urban environment*

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FEBRUARY 17

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**Sangria Fest***February 19 & 20**Attempting to break the Guinness World Record for largest Sangria Party*

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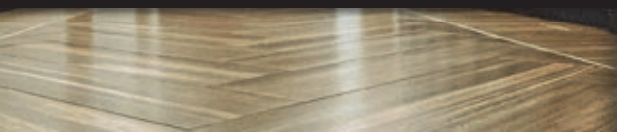
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# 6 Deadly Heart Conditions

*Knowing the Signs of Heart Disease Can Save Your Life*

By Mammen P. Zachariah, M.D.



Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. With the heart, immediate treatment can lessen the damage and having access to a specialized cardiac team is crucial.

See a doctor if you have these symptoms:

- **Feelings of indigestion or heartburn, any discomfort, pressure, aching, burning, or squeezing or chest pain**
- **Shortness of breath**
- **Palpitations – irregular heartbeats or a “lip-lop” feeling in your chest**
- **An elevated heartbeat**
- **Weakness or dizziness, nausea or sweating**
- **Pain in the shoulders, arms, neck, throat, jaw or back**

If any of the above symptoms last five minutes or longer call 911 immediately.

## 5 Other Heart Conditions to Watch:

**Heart Failure:** occurs when the heart isn't pumping as strongly as it should. Symptoms include shortness of breath and swelling.

**Arrhythmia:** occurs when the heart beats out of rhythm. If untreated, arrhythmia can lead to stroke, heart failure or cardiac arrest.

**Coronary Artery Disease:** occurs when not enough oxygen rich blood is delivered to the heart. Symptoms can vary and many experience no symptoms.

**Cardiomyopathy:** reduces the heart muscle's ability to pump blood. Symptoms include irregular heartbeat, shortness of breath, exhaustion, ankle and legs swelling or fainting.

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