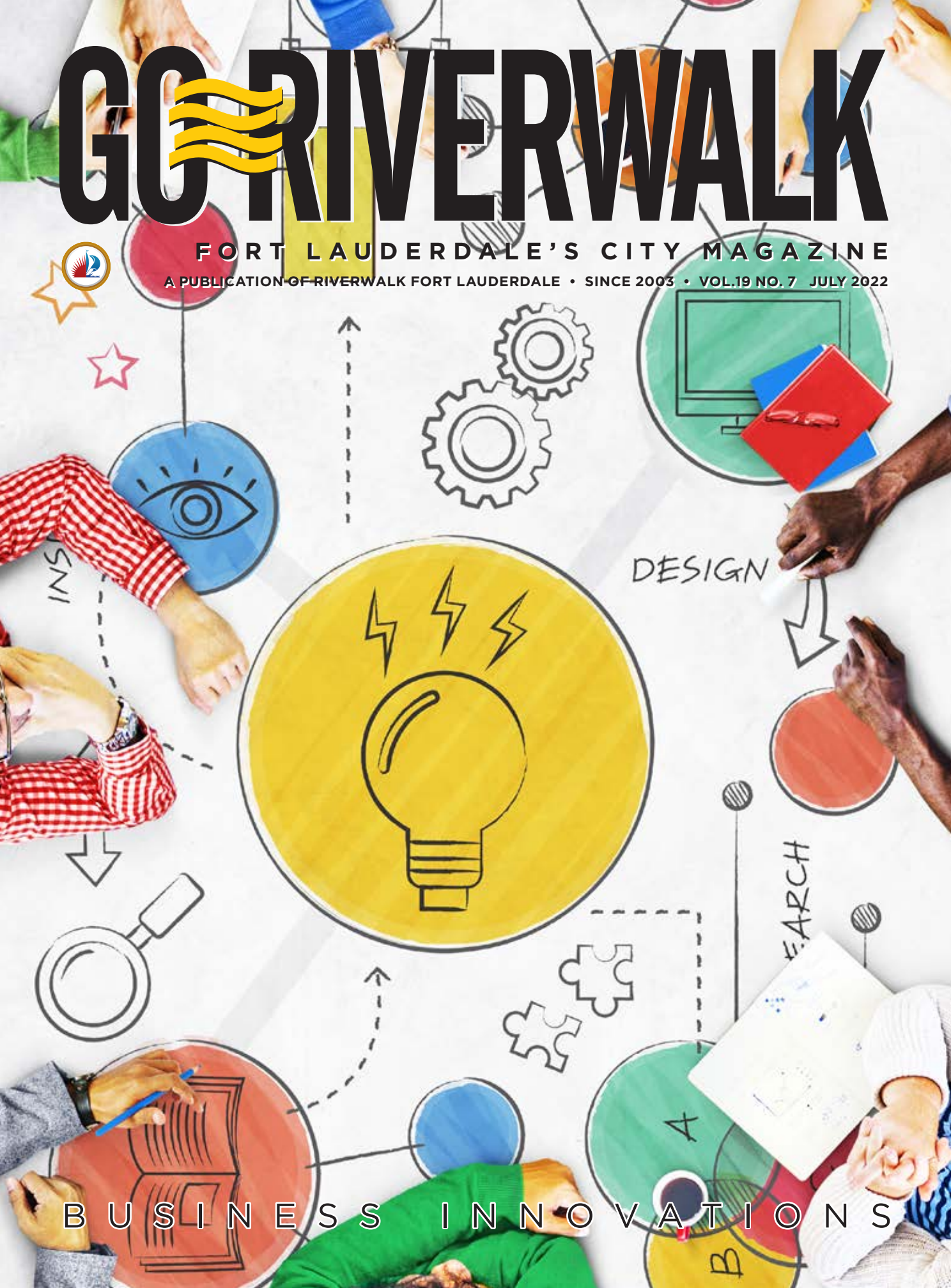


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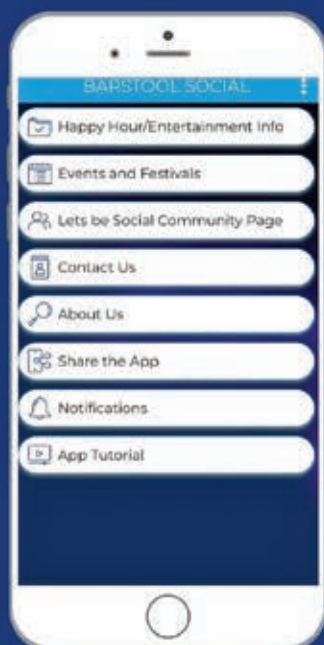
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With activities beginning at 5pm, those heading to Fort Lauderdale Beach will have numerous options to fill the hours before the movies start at sunset, including specialty vendors, pet-friendly activities and sponsored activations.



Pack a picnic, or take out from area restaurants, for a dinner and a movie night.

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JUST SOLD! **ASHLEY**
3 BEDROOM + DEN 3.5 BATH

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.

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

Panoramic views of river, intracoastal, ocean and port. Located in one of the most sought after addresses in downtown Fort Lauderdale. This unit features tile floors throughout, gourmet kitchen, designer light fixtures and two terraces.

UNDER CONTRACT **BRADFORD**
2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

Exceeding your expectations from this 16th floor Bradford model with ocean, intracoastal & river views! Light & bright, this split bedroom floor plan offers over 1600 sq. ft. of spacious living areas & an expansive terrace with the views you have been waiting for. Marble floors throughout; a thoughtful design connects every room to the terrace through floor to ceiling glass sliders.



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5 BEDROOM 6.5 BATH

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, areas for entertainment & several terraces providing functional flow to outdoor spaces.

JUST SOLD! **MADISON**
3 BEDROOM 3.5 BATH

38th Floor Madison with panoramic views of the ocean, river & city. Expansive wrap around terrace & open floor plan, perfect for entertaining.

JUST LISTED **LEXINGTON** | **\$1,295,000**
2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH

Live lavishly in this Lexington floor plan at Las Olas River House. Two bedroom 2.5 Baths spread across over 1850 sq. ft. of open living space with marble and hardwood floors, a private elevator entry with custom moldings, doors & fixtures. Appreciate the upgrades throughout! Modernized baths with book matched porcelain, mosaic & glass tiles, illuminated vanities, & European fixtures. Entertain from this gourmet kitchen with granite counter-tops, double ovens, wine cooler, & breakfast nook. Floor to ceiling glass surrounds the unit, leading out to two terraces with river & pool views.

UNDER CONTRACT **SOHO**
2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

Totally renovated unit with sparkling city views. Over 200k in upgrades throughout, floor to ceiling windows, large balcony, semi private elevator foyer, split bedroom floor plan. Gourmet kitchen with top of the line appliances, expanded breakfast bar, redesigned baths, motorized window treatments, built out closets & much more to appreciate in this pristine residence.

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JUST SOLD! 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

Spectacular 25th floor unit with beautiful southern views of the ocean & city. Features include 11 foot ceilings & gourmet kitchen with granite countertops.

JUST LISTED DOWNTOWN STUDIO | \$369,000

Sparkling river views, covered balcony. Gourmet kitchen with stainless steel appliances, washer/dryer in the unit, short walk to Las Olas and 5 star amenities.

JUST SOLD! DOWNTOWN STUDIO

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JUST LISTED STARDUST | \$875,000

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JUST SOLD!

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Rarely available 2 bedroom 2 bathroom fabulous corner unit with expansive wrap-around glass terrace, gourmet kitchen with counter seating, floor-to-ceiling glass doors. Enjoy spectacular views of the new river, ocean & city.

JUST LISTED SKYVIEW | \$639,000

Beautiful 2 bedroom 2 bathroom offering views of the river & vibrant Las Olas from all Rooms. New flooring, bright kitchen with granite countertops, floor to ceiling windows opening to a glass balcony.



2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH | \$699,000

River Views from every room! This bright & spacious split bedroom floor plan offers 2 private balconies overlooking the river & city skyline. This pristine residence is upgraded throughout and thoughtfully designed with wide plank tile floors, new interior doors & hardware, motorized window treatments & two assigned parking spaces.

JUST SOLD! 2 BEDROOM | 2 BATH

Split floor plan offers breathtaking views of the city skyline and new river. Hardwood floors in the living area, large covered terrace, gourmet kitchen with Italian cabinetry, granite countertops, and stainless steel appliances.



BY JOHN ROPES
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair



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Fort Lauderdale has experienced a significant amount of growth in every sector, mostly due to the many business relocations to our area. Businesses are flocking to Fort Lauderdale in droves and have benefitted from an attractive talent pool. Our city offers many attractors for top talent from around the country to relocate. Greater Fort Lauderdale ranked #16 in the nation for talent attraction among counties with a population of 100,000 or more.

Why Fort Lauderdale? The cost of living here has increased but is still cost attractive compared to many of the other big cities, such as, New York, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. And the word is out, indicated by all the out-of-town license plates which used to be seasonal, but now consist of many permanent residents as well.

Doing business internationally is extremely convenient from Downtown Fort Lauderdale, especially business

with Caribbean and South and Central American countries. In 2021, Fort Lauderdale International Airport expanded from a large airport to a mega airport and is one of Florida's busiest airports carrying more than 36 million passengers in 2019. Port Everglades, which is located less than 5 miles from downtown Fort Lauderdale is the #1 seaport in Florida by revenue and is the 12th biggest container port in the nation.

But what is the quality of living in Fort Lauderdale? Are there things to do? Good weather?

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Riverwalk works diligently all year to make improvements to the Arts and Entertainment District and find new ways to beautify this area and to bring the community together by hosting many events throughout the year.

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The theme of our current issue is innovations in business and one area that is constantly changing is communication. Riverwalk works hard at finding new and different ways to provide information and engage with our members, residents and visitors to Fort Lauderdale. Banners along Riverwalk are one of the methods we use and have found to be a well-received and unique way to keep your name out front. With 200-plus banner opportunities, we have offered the chance to have your name, product and/or logo proudly displayed for 12 months. The Riverwalk pedestrian walkway hosts more than 1.5 million residents and visitors per year and lets you be identified by your banner. We are in the

process of offering those banners for the upcoming year and hope that you reach out and get yours today.

GoRiverwalk Magazine, now in its 19th-plus year, is a great platform to share local information from the City, local businesses, restaurants and individuals that are making a difference in our community. It provides a robust calendar of upcoming events and photos of some major recent happenings. Our writers research and report to provide insight into businesses, individuals, events, restaurants and major changes within the community.

Additionally, Riverwalk hosts nine social media sites, a web page and provides a weekly email blast to opt-in individuals to provide upcoming happenings, connections and links. Communication innovations that Riverwalk also uses are LinkedIn, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, Facebook, FB Messenger, Snapchat, and YouTube. While we are a destination in terms of land and parks, we are also a community builder and share our resources with others. We collaborate with other groups, agencies and media to spread the word yet further.

The Innovation Wheel maintains three sections of the hub — Configuration, Offering and Experience. The levels that follow the three sections of the hub are those things that make your individual business and approach innovative. It could be process, design, service, or productivity or it could follow the lines of network, profit model, customer engagement, or brand. Creativity is the key to success and we find that solution needs sometimes drive the product, process and information.

There are a number of options to find those innovative solutions including Alan B. Levan – NSU Broward Center of Innovation and Broward Library Innovation Laboratory – Creation Station. Many local courses for maritime, construction, real estate and more offer unique training and information to allow you to create your own unique approach.


The introduction of new ideas, products, approaches and results are all about innovation and we think Fort Lauderdale is the best place to show off that creativity. 



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CAPTAIN'S CHAIR COACHING

• I'm a huge proponent of the Riverwalk mainly because it's one of the reasons why I settled here. Like many, I'm a transplant and I knew that South Florida was my destination, but I didn't know where. I scouted everywhere from West Palm Beach down to Miami, but fell in love the Greater Fort Lauderdale area, and the Riverwalk had lots to do with it.

Professionally, I am an innovator in personal transformation and empowerment of visionary entrepreneurs and their teams. Almost 10 years ago, I founded Captain's Chair Coaching where I am the head executive coach and trainer. Most of my clients are founders of companies and their fast-growing teammates. I work with my clients to clearly define their goals and what's needed to reach them. Then I create a bespoke coaching and training program for them and their employees. I mostly work in the industries of auto racing, real estate, technology, sports, entertainment, fashion, health, and hospitality.

When not working, you can find me on the beach, traveling to a motorsports event, Mets, Marlins or Dolphins games, enjoying the area bars and restaurants, and/or likely giving someone a tour! You'll also see me around, as I'm super interested in becoming more involved in the area.



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• Fort Lauderdale has been a part of my personal journey for many years, first as a very young tourist in the late '70s and through my college and early professional years. Over the last 30 years I've been drawn to other areas in South Florida for work or personal reasons, but I've always found my way back to Fort Lauderdale. Once again, I'm proud to be here in Fort Lauderdale and supporting such a great organization with a vital mission.

Professionally, I have the honor and privilege of supporting the children and families of South Florida as senior director of Planned Giving with the Nicklaus Children's Hospital Foundation. In this capacity, my mission is to help families and individuals tell their personal stories through philanthropy — primarily leveraging gifts of securities, real estate, retirement accounts, cryptocurrency, and other estate gifts.

Nicklaus Children's Hospital has locations throughout Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Martin counties including our Dan Marino Outpatient Center in Weston. With a 72-year history of caring for the children of South Florida, we are renowned as a national leader in pediatric care and take pride in building strong partnerships with other leading healthcare institutions, community foundations, businesses, and nonprofits.

To support our mission, I am a proud member of the Estate Planning Councils of Broward, Palm Beach, and Miami-Dade counties, the National Association of Charitable Gift Planners and am pursuing my credentialing as a Chartered Advisor of Philanthropy from the American College of Financial Services. I joined Riverwalk to not only support the wonderful and vital physical space that comprises our downtown, but also the people and businesses that make it thrive.

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On May 22, the Florida Panthers partnered with Riverwalk and Funky Buddha Brewery for a watch party in Esplanade Park. Hundreds of people came out to cheer on the Cats and dined on great food from some of South Florida's best food trucks and, of course, quenched their thirst with amazing craft beers while enjoying pre-game entertainment and fun giveaways.





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FORT LAUDERDALE BOOMS WITH NEW BUSINESS

There has been more than a little buzz both locally and in the national press about South Florida cities urging corporate executives to relocate. It's because we have an amazing business story to tell them.

Our city has been among those making significant strides in recruiting new businesses across the board from the tech industry to financial services.

The Covid-19 pandemic didn't slow us down. Rather, it provided further illustration to business executives across the country about the benefits of choosing our city as their home.

This spring, West Marine announced it would move its corporate headquarters to Fort Lauderdale from California. West Marine's store south of downtown is their busiest operation, and their corporate presence symbolizes Fort Lauderdale's place as the Yachting Capital of the World. They are moving into the 1 E. Broward building with some 200 personnel.

Future Tech – an IT partner-of-choice for Fortune 500 companies, leading universities and hospitals – located its executive headquarters in the heart of the city. Memic Innovative Surgery, an Israeli-based medical device company dedicated to transforming robot-assisted surgery, opened a center here for its global commercialization, professional education and customer support.

Another new arrival is BelHealth Investment Partners, a private equity fund focusing on health care. It opened a new headquarters in our city for its investment team. Benefit Technologies, a health insurance technology company, moved into offices in our uptown area, and Sincerus Pharmaceuticals is expanding in Fort Lauderdale with a new facility for manufacturing and research as it aims to meet a significant demand for its custom medicines.

PJ Solomon, a leading financial advisory firm based in Manhattan, chose downtown for its next satellite office.

Amazon built a last-mile facility in Fort Lauderdale to increase efficiency with customer delivery in the region. KeySource Pharma, a supplier of generic pharmaceuticals, has located a sales and logistics office here.

More and more companies are realizing what longtime Fort Lauderdale institutions like AutoNation, Citrix Systems and Microsoft already knew – we have a lot to offer business.

We have a workforce that is diverse and well-educated, a low-tax environment, outstanding connections through our airport to the rest of the world, and an extremely busy commercial seaport. That's on top of our desirable lifestyle of year-round sunny weather, miles of beachfront, great shopping and dining options, incredible entertainment and nightlife, and burgeoning arts and sports scenes.

I think the wave of success is just beginning.

There are some recent local developments that will help with business recruitment.

Hines and Urban Street Development is planning a 180,000-square-foot creative office building in the FAT Village project along Andrews Avenue. Branded as T3 FAT Village, it is being designed to serve technology, media/information and biotechnology/life sciences tenants.

There also is the new Alan B. Levan Broward Center of Innovation at Nova Southeastern University. This innovative space will focus on areas including cybersecurity, aviation/aerospace and spatial computing. Part of the center is LEVL5: SPACE DOCK, an initiative connecting our region to the Space Coast as well as national and international space networks.


We are letting the world know that Fort Lauderdale is a gamechanger in business recruitment and retention. Our city – with all it has to offer – is a great place to do business. 



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TAKING OFF

AN IDEAL PLACE FOR A NEW BUSINESS, INNOVATION AND COMPANY GROWTH

Greater Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) is an area with a large population and highly sought travel destination, with so many well-known businesses relocating to our area. Many companies right here in Broward have been listed on Fortune's 100 "Best Companies to Work For." We continue to be the ideal place for a new business, innovation and company growth. Companies like Publix Supermarkets, JM Family Enterprises, and fast-growing airline companies are just the beginning of what we see going down our streets.

Publix Supermarkets first opened its doors in 1930 in Winter Haven by founder George Jenkins. Through the years, he expanded his small business into a multi-state empire. The company provided clean stores, friendly service and quality products to their consumers from the very beginning. Today, Publix has more than 1,200 stores that now span across seven states, maintaining its Florida roots. Publix receives many accolades from "Best Companies to Work For" (1998-2022) to 2021 "Best in Customer Service" by News Week Magazine. Their company culture plays a tremendous roll in their success, by giving employees shares in the company (employees make up the largest stakeholders) by treating them as family. They also give back by volunteering their time in the local community as well as foundations such as March of Dimes and United Way.

JM Family Enterprises was founded by Jim Moran. As the story goes, at 46 years old Mr. Moran was in Chicago and was informed that he had just six months to live, so he "retired" to Florida and fought the battle for his health. Beating the 10 percent chance he was given to survive, he returned to his passion of selling cars. Moran became a Toyota Motor Company

distributor in 1968, starting Southeast Toyota, which serves five States; Florida, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina and South Carolina. JM Family's Corporate Headquarters is located in Deerfield Beach, right here in District 100. As a matter of fact, they recently reinvested nearly \$200 million in their all new resilient campus. JM Family has continued to be a leader in the automotive industry here in South Florida but, they also thrive in business innovation. They have brought a passion for giving back to community, partnering with Habitat for Humanity Broward on multiple affordable housing builds throughout the years. The company focuses on growth and building career paths for their employees, with special benefits like on-site healthcare, a fitness center, day care and dining options available while on premises. JM Family is truly a power-house and business leader in our community and I applaud them on their continued success.

El Al Israel Airlines was first established in 1948. In 1961 the airline operated its first non-stop flight from Tel Aviv to New York, setting a world record as the longest commercial non-stop flight, lasting 9 hours and 33 minutes for 5,760 miles. The airline company was recently looking for a change in their business location and found it here in Broward County. They have joined Spirit Airlines by making Broward County their home base. The Israeli airlines currently has over 5,000 employees globally, and operates 42 aircrafts at 37 different destinations. Their relocation is set to bring more jobs and business to South Florida with growth in tourism to and from Israel with new flight options.

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JOINT USE PARK SPACE SPOTLIGHT

15 PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION

The City of Fort Lauderdale is continuing to make significant progress toward expanding the availability of park space for the mutual benefit of school students and residents within the community. The City Commission adopted two resolutions presented by the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board recommending 15 Park Improvement Projects in cooperation with the School Board of Broward County.

This initiative is a collective effort that continues to be extensively driven by community feedback, including insights from the Education Advisory Board, the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board, a designated Joint Use Working Group comprised of staff from the City of Fort Lauderdale and School Board of Broward County, and numerous public outreach meetings for public input which defined the initiatives and shaped overarching scope and objectives. Improvements in walkability, expansion of recreational opportunities,

bridging skill gaps, and investing in educational outcomes are all shared strategic planning goals of the City of Fort Lauderdale, the School Board of Broward County, and Broward County. Pooling resources creates a win-win for all partners and community members.

Internal collaboration between the City's Parks and Recreation Department and the Education Office were also instrumental in advancing this project and expanding the City's partnership with the School Board of Broward County to benefit the community. Multiple site visits and school meetings, facilitated and supported by the School Board of Broward County administration, were completed by the Joint Use Working Group, in conjunction with other primary stakeholders, to empirically review and evaluate locations against preestablished criteria. This partnership is an innovative way to expand and enhance the City's recreational offerings, particularly in areas lacking park space, while also improving our schools. 



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BY KAREN WARFEL

City of Fort Lauderdale
Transportation Planning Program Manager

MADE TO MOVE ALONG

PROMOTING WALKABLE, BIKEABLE, TRANSIT-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENTS

Over the past few years, the upcoming project on Flagler Drive has been mentioned in several columns and now I am excited that this project has begun construction and is coming to fruition.

Fort Lauderdale was one of only five cities across the country that received a Made To Move grant from Degree deodorant and Blue Zones.

The ultimate goal of the grant program is to promote more walkable, bikeable, transit-friendly environments for all ages, incomes and abilities. The grant program was developed to assist communities in advancing active transportation through local project development, implementation and supporting policies.

The Transportation and Mobility Department identified a project to connect the existing Flagler Greenway to the businesses in the Music and Arts South of Sunrise (MASS) District. The project scope includes changes at the intersections of Flagler Drive and Northeast Second Avenue and Northeast Fourth Avenue. The key elements of the project include the addition of crosswalks between the Flagler Greenway and the east side of the street, realignment of the skewed intersections, painting of the intersections, and the addition of bike racks in several locations to support bicycle transportation options.


During the public outreach for this project many concerns were raised about the speed of vehicles cutting through Flagler Drive and it was requested that something be done to address this issue.

The project team was able to leverage additional

funding to further enhance the project to add a raised intersection at Flagler Drive and Northeast Second Avenue. This location was found to have higher rates of vehicle speeds during the speed study completed so was prioritized with the limited funding available.

An important element of our project is to paint the intersections to add to the creative placemaking to a traditional transportation project so that it best fits the neighborhood and the intent of the grant program.

A competitive solicitation was previously released to select an artist to paint the intersections. Daniel Marosi was selected by the creative placemaking committee that included representatives of the neighborhood, business owners, and the grantor. Of the many submissions received, committee members noted that Marosi's design best embodies the intent of the Degree deodorant and Blue Zones LLC, Made to Move grant program and Flagler Village through the inclusion of representation of art and active transportation and its connection to health as well as it connecting to the existing placemaking of the MASS District.

On March 16, the Art Breaking event was held to kick off the construction of the project with the ceremonial painting of the pavement. Since that date, the Northeast Second Avenue intersection construction was completed and is now in the curing stage prior to being able to be painted. The Northeast Fourth Avenue intersection will start construction soon and both intersections will be painted over this summer with a ribbon cutting to follow. Stay tuned for more information this summer. 

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BY PHILLIP DUNLAP
Director,
Broward Cultural Division



INNOVATION IN THE ARTS

HOW THE COUNTY SUPPORTS THE COMMUNITY'S INNOVATION

Innovation is a core tenet of arts and culture organizations. Many times, it is necessity, driven by a lack of resources, that fuels the desire to innovative. Lack of financial resources can lead to environments where organizations that laudably “do a lot with a little,” increasingly find themselves caught in cycles of financial starvation and burnout. To mitigate this, the County, through the Cultural Division, is providing a sustainable source of funding for Broward’s arts and culture organizations through its comprehensive grantmaking programs, which in FY2022 are providing more than \$5 million in financial support. These important funds support the operations and programs of 80 organizations and 51 artists throughout Broward County communities, and continue the rich tradition of public art Broward County began nearly 45 years ago.

Creating space for true innovation in the arts and culture realm requires organizations to have financial stability because innovation takes risk, and this sector is historically undercapitalized. Our approach to providing financial support has been to focus on core support for artists and organizations, meaning financially supporting programs, projects and general operations

In addition to this core sustaining support, the Division created the Cultural and Artistic Facilities grant program to provide opportunities for arts and culture organizations and municipalities to receive County support for the acquisition, development, construction, renovation, expansion, or improvement of new or existing cultural or artistic facilities in Broward County. This program will launch in fiscal year 2023 with application workshops and the application deadline this summer (see below for these important dates).

Eligible organizations can apply for amounts between \$25,000 and \$500,000 for projects that fit the eligibility criteria. Potential applicants should consider how their proposed project will advance their organization’s goals and also enhance and benefit the cultural infrastructure in Broward County.

Cultural and Artistic Facilities Grant

Application deadline: Aug. 26

Free virtual application workshops for Broward-based cultural organizations and municipalities:

- July 13 at 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- July 22 at 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Register to attend at [ArtsCalendar.com](https://www.ArtsCalendar.com). 

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STAYING POWER

TWO FORT LAUDERDALE STAPLES DEFY THE ODDS OF FORT LAUDERDALE'S FICKLE RESTAURANT SCENE

With a city like Fort Lauderdale where new restaurants come and go quickly, starting your own restaurant is no easy feat. However, for restaurateurs Van and John Janho, they found resounding success in the hustle and bustle of Fort Lauderdale with not only one restaurant – but two.

For the couple, they first got their start in the restaurant business when John decided to open his first restaurant in Fort Lauderdale following a long career in the industry.

“John actually comes from a culinary background and got his culinary and business management degrees from Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island. Then after being the executive chef at a Marriott in downtown Boston, he realized his dream was to own his own restaurant and didn't care to stay in the Massachusetts region,” said Van.

Following a move to Fort Lauderdale 20 years ago to follow his dream of owning a restaurant, John signed a lease at the newly built Waverly at Las Olas building before then buying the space six months later. With that, his first restaurant, Posh Lounge, was born as a wine bar serving Mediterranean tapas. However, not long after it opened, he realized that his customers were looking for something more which led to where Posh is today.

Offering an intimate late-night lounge scene, guests can enjoy an enormous range of sushi options for even the pickiest to the most adventurous eater with seafood-based rolls, cooked roles, and even vegetarian options. For those looking for something out of this world, however, be sure to order the Flaming Posh Roll which is lit on fire table side and also comes as a vegetarian option. Yet, for the couple, even with the success of Posh, they decided it was time to branch out and expand.


“We've always wanted to expand and we were kind of looking around for another space and then the opportunity came up to purchase the space where Eve on the Water currently is located. It was previously Asia Bay and they were looking to sell the entire business,” she said.

It was exactly what they were looking for and had always hoped to have a restaurant on Las Olas so it felt like the perfect outcome. However, something unexpected happened that they never accounted for.

“We opened five days before the pandemic started,” Van said. Luckily, though, the silver lining in it all was that their time off offered them the chance to renovate both restaurants and come back better than before. Today, the Janho's continue to draw in crowds at their hip Posh Lounge serving out of this world sushi, hookah, and late-night music on the weekends.

As for Eve on the Water, guests can enjoy a more intimate dining experience on the water and an eclectic menu

featuring food from various continents and cultures as well as an extensive cocktail menu. However, even with the success of their two restaurants, it might be sooner than you think that we'll see yet another restaurant coming to the Fort Lauderdale area spearheaded by the Janho's.

“I think we're coming to a point where we're finally able to settle Eve into an establishment where it might be able to run on its own just like how we have sustained and set up Posh to be where we don't have to be there every hour or every minute of the day. The plan is in the coming future to be able to expand into a third restaurant. We don't know what the concept will be but another location might be coming soon,” she said. 



EVE ON THE WATER

Owners: Van and John Janho

Number of employees: 22

Phone: (954) 848-9900

Address: 1111 E. Las Olas Blvd,
Fort Lauderdale

Website: www.evelasolas.com

POSH LOUNGE

Owners: Van and John Janho

Number of employees: 10

Phone: (954) 763-3553

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BY DAN LINDBLADE

President/CEO,
Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce



SOLID FOUNDATIONS

INFRASTRUCTURE CRITICAL TO OUR GROWTH

Bridges, roads, ports, water treatment plants, tunnels ... these projects and more are front and center as communities line up for federal dollars and court private partnerships. As I talk to Chamber executives throughout the country there is a recurring theme of improving infrastructure innovation.

We have any number of projects we are working on in South Florida. Deepening and widening of Port Everglades, Coastal Link commuter rail and the New River crossing, water and wastewater systems, a joint city/county government center, FLL expansion, \$15.6 billion for projects through our Penny for Transportation surtax, and much more.

Currently, the Chamber is collaborating on all of these issues with the exception of the joint government center as it no longer politically viable. We know great economies are built on a solid foundation of free enterprise coupled with a can-do public sector. At any given time, some strategies require more attention than others. Currently, two come to mind.

We have been working on a solution for the New River crossing with either a bridge or a tunnel for some time. I've written about this previously. New

information suggests a tunnel is financially feasible. We believe county and city elected leaders and staff need to review this information and support a tunnel as the locally preferred alternative.

Timing is critical to this decision as there is currently funding available for projects throughout the country. Funding is competitive with other states, counties and cities. We can't let politics, misinformation, fear, uncertainty, distrust and faulty research stymie innovation.

Funding models have also changed. The traditional transportation formula of federal, state and local cost sharing is only one option. This is what the Florida Department of Transportation has proffered in its study. Look at the expansion of 595, for example. Public Private Partnerships (P3s) are viable options along with others. The private sector can finish projects faster and less expensive in most instances.

The Fort Lauderdale Commission has given the nod to an economic feasibility study for a tunnel to be constructed from the Brightline station to the beach hub at Las Olas and A1A at its meeting on June 9. I see this as the first spoke in the wheel of a larger interconnected

tunnel system. The \$375,000 commitment is public sector skin in the game to allow Elon Musk's The Boring Group to determine the best alignment.

This would also be a good opportunity for the city and county to work together on the New River crossing. Research should be shared for a better decision process.


The bottom line is we must have the fortitude to persevere on projects of this magnitude and not let politics interfere with innovation. 



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REGIONAL OCEANOGRAPHY PROGRAMS TACKLE THE CHALLENGE

What do you do when you have a ground-breaking concept that could improve the earth's marine ecosystem for generations to come but don't have the funding to turn your concept into a scalable reality?

Enter the Marine Research Hub, a solution to the struggle faced by researchers, particularly those focused on creating solutions to vexing marine environment issues, to monetize and scale their proven concepts. The Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF) together with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance came up with the Hub idea with the goal of bringing together diverse entities that have a vested interest in protecting waterways and help them commercialize and monetize the research being done in the universities while also growing South Florida's Blue Economy.

Four local universities, including Florida Atlantic University, Nova Southeastern University, Florida International University, and the University of Miami, accepted the challenge. All have oceanography programs, making them an excellent fit to help guide the Hub's mission. The balance of leadership partners with government organizations and businesses, including the Miami-Dade Beacon Council and the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County, have also been assets for this collaborative initiative.

The MIASF is also an active partner and provides the Hub a high-visibility platform each year at the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. It's an arrangement that makes sense given the volume of philanthropic boat owners and entrepreneurs that attend the show each year. What better way to get viable business ideas in front of the people most interested in marine preservation and most likely to invest?

Yet the Hub's impact goes beyond matching researchers with investors. It was also responsible for bringing Ocean Exchange to its new permanent home from Savannah, Georgia, to Fort Lauderdale in 2021. This brings even more visibility to marine solutions than ever before, making South Florida the undeniable epicenter of marine environmental innovation. This is a huge boost to our Blue Economy.

The Hub celebrated its fifth year at the show this past October. And at the annual MRH Summit, the projects presented were among the most innovative we've seen to date.

SEAHIVE

Led by scientists at the University of Miami, SEAHIVE is a marine and estuarine shoreline protection system designed to dissipate wave energy before it hits land. The usual lines of defense for coastal communities are natural barriers like coral reefs and mangrove systems. Both help absorb surge

impact and reduce flooding caused by the types of tropical weather threats south Floridians are all too familiar with.

Unfortunately, as climate change causes deterioration of these natural barriers, the threat to coastal areas increases. Storms are also getting stronger each year as global temperatures rise, adding additional risk to people and properties along the coast.

SEAHIVE employs artificial structures, comprised of "hollow prisms with side perforations that help mitigate the impact of waves," according to Dr. Landolf Rhode-Barbarigos, the SEAHIVE engineering lead. "Think of them as aquatic speed bumps that slow down the waves."

Protein Skimming

Waterway quality is a topic that is front of mind for all residents of South Florida, including our city commissioners. And one of the most high-profile waterways is the Himmarshee Canal, which fell victim to a major sewage spill just a few years back.


The canal was the recent location for a pilot program led by Clean Waterways LLC, which saw machinery known as protein skimmers deployed on the waterway. The system utilizes a series of pumps, located on barges, that inject non-toxic microbubbles into the water. These microbubbles bind to organic compounds like blue-green algae, Cyanobacteria, and fecal matter then remove them from the water.

The multi-week project, a first of its kind, was deployed in June 2021 on the Himmarshee, and removed about 4,000 gallons of concentrated pollutants from the water. Scaling this project offers the ability to clean waterways not just across South Florida but around the world.

Harnessing the Gulfstream

South Florida is uniquely positioned as the testing ground for a project that leverages the power of the gulf stream to generate power for the mainland – and that's exactly what the Southeast National Marine Renewal Energy Center (SNMREC) is trying to do.

Florida is the closest populated location on the planet that has both direct proximity to a major ocean current and a landmass that needs power. South Florida's growing population and lack of space to build additional power plants means the region will benefit greatly from alternative means of power generation, especially methods that use the ocean as a resource.

The researchers at SNMREC are focusing on two power generating opportunities. One is using ocean currents to generate marine hydrokinetic energy and the other on ocean thermal energy conversion. Both are renewable energy sources that eventually could replace existing nuclear and fossil-fuel generating stations with clean energy. 



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THOUGHTS ON INNOVATION

WHAT'S NEW AND EXCITING IN FORT LAUDERDALE

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

Fort Lauderdale is always in a constant state of flux with more people and businesses coming to the city every year. With new talent in innovation flocking here now more than ever, it's important to recognize the people working behind the scenes to bring only the best to the ever-changing landscape of this diverse and dynamic city. From staying up to date with what's new in innovation to how to utilize these trends to better improve the lives of those who live and visit here, these are just a few people who keep an eye on innovation in Fort Lauderdale.

JENNI MOREJON

President & CEO, Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority

Q: What have been the most interesting innovation trends coming out of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County that you've seen in the past two years?

A: The past two years have created a unique scenario for Fort Lauderdale with an influx of new residents and companies pouring into Downtown, and this growth has propelled us to rethink the future of our public spaces.

All over the country, cities on the rise like Fort Lauderdale are reinvesting in existing public areas or creating ones where none previously existed. Projects like the reimagining of Huizenga Park, the creation of Tunnel Top Plaza, and the revitalization of the War Memorial Auditorium are examples of how Downtown Fort Lauderdale is investing in public spaces.

Q: How has the pandemic affected this innovation?

A: People are choosing to live in places that enhance their quality of life and create a world-class public realm. Now more than ever, location matters. The pandemic created a sense of urgency for cities all over the country to invest in their shared spaces.

Q: Have there been any innovative changes you've seen in Fort Lauderdale that positively impact the way locals live and/or work within the city?

A: Our growth has created an opportunity for the city to rethink the future of our transportation infrastructure.

Fort Lauderdale is taking the lead by exploring bold transportation and mobility solutions such as tunneling, with an underground tunnel for passenger rail to connect Downtown to the beach. Innovative tunneling technologies will be key to the future of cities. Emerging cities like Fort Lauderdale must embrace innovative mobility solutions to help reduce commute time.

This transformative moment allows us to discuss strategies to improve the future of living within urban areas. Increasing density will create a more walkable and more livable downtown.

Q: What is a recent startup you have your eye on?

A: The Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority has recently partnered with Endeavor Miami to host a panel on UrbanTech in South Florida. The focus was on local companies enhancing the quality of life in urban cities. One of the companies on the panel was Voi, an automated violation management solution that simplifies the process of finding and resolving parking and toll violations. This company makes it easier for rideshare services to avoid costly fines, making it easier to operate in major cities.



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Q: What have been the most interesting innovation trends coming out of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County that you've seen in the past two years?

A: I'd say there are three things that I've noticed. One is technology companies are continuing to look at South Florida and I really think that is still a result of when Amazon did their second headquarters search, and they picked 20 communities in the country they felt could be home to a second headquarters for Amazon. South Florida was the only area that was selected as a part of that. After we made the top 20, we had a lot of technology companies and a lot of media contacting us wanting to know more about Greater Fort Lauderdale and South Florida in general.

The second we've seen more of is financial services and headquarters, which both have very similar types of roles within them. Whether it's a regional headquarters, like Emerson who has their Latin American headquarters in Sunrise, they work with their executives from their home office in the United States but they also bring up a lot of executives from Central and South America to their Sunrise office. So, it's a secure way to bridge between middle America and working with the executives in Central and South America and Broward has been a good location for them for that.

The third is a little bit different and that's advanced manufacturing. So, it's companies that use 3D printers, but instead of the product being made of plastic, they're actually component parts for aviation and aerospace that use a combination of different alloys. They use powdered metals to actually start the manufacturing process but they make component parts for the jet rocket systems for launching satellites and rockets that carry passengers and astronauts. Those component parts are being manufactured now here in Greater Fort Lauderdale. So, those are some of the trends that we've seen in the last two years.

Q: How has the pandemic affected this innovation?

A: One thing we noticed was the influx of people relocating here from their primary homes elsewhere while their offices were closed. I met a lot of people who had part-time homes in South Florida and then due to the pandemic they decided if they were going to be cooped up in the house and be really restricted in what they could do, why not go somewhere they could spend their time outdoors and especially keep their kids engaged and occupied.

So, they were spending a lot more time in their Fort Lauderdale and Broward County residences and because of that people quickly realized they wanted to be able to have a better balance between their work and home environment which is why I believe South Florida really became appealing.

During the past two years, Florida worked hard to balance the economy and people's health without shutting down everything entirely. Florida really tried to navigate that as

carefully as possible and I think that's also what attracted people to Florida because they felt that there was a little bit more freedom here.

Q: Have there been any innovative changes you've seen in Fort Lauderdale that positively impact the way locals live and/or work within the city?

A: Part of what you need to attract and retain innovative talent are those amenities that really add to quality of life.

When we look at Fort Lauderdale, specifically in 2018, the voters in Fort Lauderdale agreed to do a \$200 million parks bond. That not only included acquiring new park properties but also adding equipment and adding to the existing parks in Fort Lauderdale. Those are amenities that people are looking for, especially when it comes to our options as a city for spending time outside.

If someone's looking for a new career in technology, aviation, or some of the things we've talked about, the Greater Fort Lauderdale area comes up on the radar as a place they'd want to be able to live and work in.

Q: What is a recent startup you have your eye on?

A: One of the things that people don't think of in South Florida is medical device manufacturing, which is one of our target industries. There are a lot of companies that develop medical devices and build products like robotic assisted surgical devices. MAKO Surgical is one that's been here for a long time and were acquired by Stryker about five or six years ago, but they manufacture a robotic arm that does primarily knee replacement surgery but also does some hip replacement surgeries.

There's also a new startup here called Mimic, which is a pioneer in robotic assisted surgery as well, starting off small with 35 new jobs here in Fort Lauderdale. Part of what they cited for choosing Fort Lauderdale was that tradition of companies like MAKO Surgical being here, which helps in a couple ways. You've got some existing talent who you can recruit but you also have people on the funding side who are familiar with medical device startups and are more amenable to investing in a medical device startup versus something else. So, medical devices is one area that is really strong for Broward County.



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Executive Director and Chief Innovation Officer
Alan B. Levan | NSU Broward Center of Innovation

Q: What have been the most interesting innovation trends coming out of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County that you've seen in the past two years?

A: South Florida is on fire and is the hottest region in the nation in terms of the number of startup companies that are launching, relocating, and scaling. Additionally, the volume of investment dollars reached record levels in 2021 and 2022 should be on par.

The innovation ecosystem is growing at an accelerated pace and for the very first time, there is massive collaboration occurring between Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties meaning geographic and political boundaries are disappearing.

The themes of innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship are the root of South Florida's recent success because the ecosystem is better linked than ever.

New resources like the Alan B. Levan | NSU Broward Center of Innovation act as the glue linking opportunities through a collision station model where entrepreneurs, academia, industry, government, funders, professional networks, and wraparound service providers are forced to collide resulting in breakthrough ideation, new technologies, talent skills pipeline, company formation, job creation, and scaling of early stage and young startup companies.

Technology is the center piece of innovation and there are numerous opportunities to support targeted industries, otherwise known as new economies, in South Florida. Many of the success stories over the last two years have focused on fintech, cryptocurrency, blockchain, NFT, AI and machine learning, AR/VR/MR, big data analytics, IT automation, software development, connected technologies, cloud technologies, cybersecurity, medtech, healthtech, and sportstech as examples.

Q: How has the pandemic affected this innovation?

A: The Covid-19 global pandemic shocked the world forcing humans to survive, adapt, recover, and rethink. Now that we are in the middle of 2022, South Florida is in the recover and rethink phases.

One of the more positive notes related to the pandemic is that the innovation mindset has been sparked hopefully preparing society to better be prepared when the next global crisis hits. It is not a case of "if" but "when" and industry must be prepared with a strategic action plan along with contingency plans so that the economy continues to grow and be self-sustaining no matter what challenge is presented.

Prior to the pandemic, there was a trend of disinvestment occurring in multiple sectors and today, there is evidence of increased public/private partnerships forming around the subject of innovation.

We, as humans, have become much more innovative in nature because we have been forced to address challenges with immediate solutions and this is truly what the definition of innovation is. Identify a challenge. Develop and implement a solution. Analyze the outcomes. Innovation has led to new workplace environments, a need for new types of talent skills pipelines producing credentials that go beyond traditional academic degrees with an increased emphasis on accelerated industry certifications, and many no longer drive their life around work schedules. Instead, work now fits into "our" schedules. The pace at which technology continues to evolve has been accelerated as a result of the pandemic.

Q: Have there been any innovative changes you've seen in Fort Lauderdale that positively impact the way locals live and/or work within the city?

A: Fort Lauderdale is a spread-out city and South Florida as a region is faces many challenges providing opportunities for solutions. The South Florida Regional Planning Council is a large group of appointed leaders addressing solutions around community prosperity, healthier environment, and vibrant economies. This group, including those representing Broward County, are thinking differently and more strategically to create positive impact.

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance's initiative, the Prosperity Partnership, is a call-to-action group consisting of key leaders in Broward County volunteering their time, treasure, and talent to create impact. As a result of the pandemic, this key group of influencers has learned to rethink strategies addressing key areas of change including target industries, education, talent skills, community branding, racial equity, economic mobility, entrepreneurship, transportation, resilience, affordable housing, and homelessness. Have there been innovative changes positively impacting the way locals live and work within the city?

Transportation and affordable housing are two major challenges that continue to rise and the daily increase in new residents moving to South Florida does not help. In




normal times, approximately 1,000 new residents cross the Florida state line daily and during the pandemic, this number increased upward of 1,500 putting more stress on our systems.

Perhaps the most positive note of interest is the changing working environment in which many employers have implemented new strategies related to remote work, flexible office hours, and opportunities to hire new staff nationally and internationally. In some ways, the changing work environment has improved transportation and housing challenges resulting in new methods to address things like walkability and commer.

Q: What is a recent startup you have your eye on?

A: Given the volume of startup activity in South Florida, I have my eyes on a number of early and mid-stage companies. One of the early-stage companies is CERA (Critical Event Response Applications). CERA has developed an agile, real-time visual response platform to manage information and personnel for a variety of environments including schools, hospitals, airports,

and public venues as examples. CERA's technology is an amazing tool for first responders that replaces the traditional tools of 911 and two-way radios used for mass casualty, critical events. This technology accelerates how first responders react by containing the scene, neutralizing threats, and treating/evacuating injuries at an accelerated pace ultimately saving lives.

In short, CERA provides first responders with actionable intelligence from the scene via an innovative active threat response platform. The market size for growth is incredible including ticketed events, public institutions, large businesses, public and private schools, religious organizations, malls, stadiums, and more. Given the record number of mass shootings in the U.S., CERA's technology could not be more needed during this critical time. 

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COMMISSIONING OF THE USS FORT LAUDERDALE

LOCAL COMMITTEE BRINGS NAVY SHIP TO LIFE

WRITER LYNN PEITHMAN STOCK

Fort Lauderdale officially gets its very own Navy ship namesake the end of July when the USS Fort Lauderdale will be commissioned at Port Everglades. Here's a quick primer on the Navy's 12th San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship

Commissioning: This event formally places the ship into service with the U.S. Navy and adds "USS" to its name.

Commissioning ceremony: The invitation-only event will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 30, at Port Everglades.

In addition to organizing the formal ceremony, the Commissioning Committee is working with local organizations and businesses to set up watch parties for live streamed coverage of the ceremony. All nine branches of the YMCA in Broward County are expected to take part.

Back story: The ship's naming was in large part the brainchild of the late retired Senior Chief Petty Officer Charles "Chuck" Black, who led a years-long effort to get the U.S. Navy to name a ship "USS Fort Lauderdale."

Black, who passed away at age 63 in 2016, served 20 years in the U.S. Navy and was involved in several of the annual Broward Navy Days Fleet Week activities at Port Everglades.

"This Commissioning Ceremony is not about what it would have meant to Chuck, nor what it means to me," said Lynn Elsesser, Chuck Black's widow. "The ceremony is about the ship's crew 'bringing their ship to life' and the USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28) joining the Atlantic Fleet. And, it's about what it means to Fort Lauderdale and the entire South Florida community. We want the sailors serving aboard the Fort Lauderdale to know our entire community is deeply moved and honored to have a namesake ship."

"The Commissioning is just the beginning of Fort Lauderdale's relationship with this namesake ship and crew. Our goal is to build a bond and long lasting relationship with the crew and ship leadership throughout the ship's lifetime. I know that is what our Honorary Chair would want."

First: The new ship is the first U.S. Navy ship to carry the "Fort Lauderdale" name.

The captain: Capt. James Quaresimo, a 1997 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Jacksonville University, is the commanding officer.

Sponsor: Known as the "godmother" of a ship, the Hon. Meredith Berger, a South Florida native, is acting under secretary and current assistant secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations, and Environment.



The ship: The USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28) is a San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship. The ship, with a motto of “Together We Fight,” is designed as a warship to embark, transport and land elements of a landing force for a variety of expeditionary warfare missions, according to a press release from the commissioning committee.

LPDs are used to transport and land Marines, their equipment, and supplies by embarked Landing Craft Air Cushion or conventional landing craft and amphibious assault vehicles augmented by helicopters or vertical take-off and landing aircraft. The ships support amphibious assault, special operations, or expeditionary warfare missions and serve as secondary aviation platforms for amphibious operations.

Ship cost: \$1.793 billion, according to the Congressional Research Service.

Community involvement: The commissioning committee is striving to reach 1,028 donors to help sustain its efforts to support the crew of the USS Fort Lauderdale. “We’re building a scholarship fund for the crew and their families. We’re funding some crew comforts on the ship, and supporting their morale and welfare fund,” Elsesser said.

“We would absolutely love it if individuals would donate a dollar, \$20, \$25, any amount. We want everyone to be involved. The USS Fort Lauderdale is LPD 28. In looking for support behind this ship and her crew, we are trying to reach at least 1,028 donors to support the Fort Lauderdale.”

To donate: Visit www.USSFortLauderdale.org 





CHARCUTERIE ELEVATED

A FEW EASY, BREEZY MUNCHIES AND SIPS FOR THE SUMMER

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN



Brunch Board

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT:

Meet Boardgasm's Maura Hoban

I was inspired by Maura's passion and creativity when I was on the hunt for charcuterie boards to pair with my cocktail adventures. Every board is custom created by Maura.

My favorite is the Brunch Board that includes a combination of artisanal cheeses, cured meats, bagels, croissants, pastries, seasonal fruits, assorted cream cheese, local honey, Nutella, and fruit jams created on a biodegradable palm leaf board (there are several options).

Also check out the Date Night and the Happy Hour Boards with their locally sourced ingredients and gorgeous design. Perfect for your next pool party or cocktail soirée.

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Brunch Board



Custom Create a Board



Date Night



THE SPIRITED INTERVIEW

Motto: Never get so busy making a living that you forget to make life.

What's the biggest risk you've ever taken?

Opening my own business. I grew up in a small town in Indiana, and after college I packed everything to my name & drove south and honestly I haven't looked back. I tended bar and worked in corporate America for a short stint before I realized I was meant to be my own boss — now here I am working a 9 — what time is it again? (ha ha) but I love it and it truly is the most rewarding role I've ever had. Thankful and grateful for the road blocks that redirected me to where I am right now. That's an understatement!

What's the best book you've read this year?

"Who Moved My Cheese" by Spencer Johnson, M.D. (a personal favorite) But in all honesty, who am I kidding? I opened a new business within the last year, what is spare time? But let's stay on topic since we're talking about cheese. I have read this book, and it is a great read about finding your personal strengths, and pivoting in life. I have found the lessons learned from this book to be very instrumental in the past year since I opened my own Charcuterie biz. Life is all about pivoting - and utilizing your strengths to be the best possible version of yourself.

What does success look like for you?

Success to me is living a fulfilling life which I feel I have achieved through doing what I love. What started out as

just a hobby and creative outlet, has become my dream job — combining creativity, my love for gathering people together, and throwing a great party! I was raised in the kitchen — my mother cooked on TV, and food has always been a means of bringing people together - serving as a backdrop for some of the most connected times in our lives.

So many of my boards and graze tables have done just that. I feel honored to have played a small part in some of the tastiest moments at birthday parties, engagements, and weddings.

On the other hand, charcuterie boards can light up someone's day or be a form of selfcare during tough times — when a cheese and meat pick me up can be just what the doctor ordered. Knowing that I played even a small part in that, plays a big part in my personal fulfillment.

What's in your home bar?

A little bit of everything! We do a lot of hosting in our home, and I absolutely love entertaining! There is something about having a big group of people gathered around a kitchen island, a beautiful display of charcuterie, cocktails flowing and memories in the making.

What music complements your style?

Yacht Rock Radio — it's definitely a vibe.

What's the best cocktail you've tasted this year?

Even Keel's Strawberry Basil Margarita with the spicy salt on the rim, that's the trick! 🍹

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Livin on the Veg



Even Keel's Strawberry Basil Margarita



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



GENERAL EVENTS

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JULY 3

Steve Miller Band

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JULY 10

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JULY 12

Professor, author and editor**Janine Utell**

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JULY 13

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A riff-heavy blend of Southern rock and gritty country
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JULY 21

Summer Soiree: Culture & Cocktails After Hours

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JULY 23

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AUGUST 11

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 - Classes & Programs
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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
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FTL Art Walk

Last Saturday
Live music, original art & more
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Local artists and featured cocktails
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New River Open Air Market

Sundays
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History Fort Lauderdale
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First Sunday
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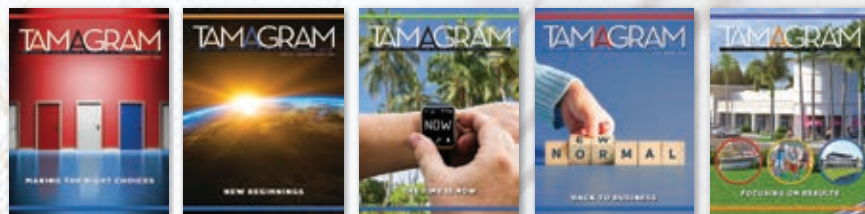
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SIP, SEE AND SOAR

FLITE Center, a Broward County facility for dependent youth to learn the skills needed for independent living, hosted Sip, See and Soar on May 17.



KIRK BROWN, CINDY ARENBERG SELTZER
AND RON MOFFETT



CHRISTINE FREDERICK, DENISE BARTLEY,
FIORELLA SMYTH AND BLAISE AMENDOLACE



LOIS MARINO, WANDA PEREZ
AND KATHLEEN CANNON

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LEADERSHIP BROWARD FUN LUNCH

Six business, community and civic leaders were recently honored during the annual Fun Lunch hosted by Leadership Broward Foundation on April 22.



KELLY LANE, DEANN HAZEY
AND DANIELLA BRAAF



TIM CRONIN, SHEVRIN JONES, JEN KLAASSENS,
DOROTHY KLEIN, ELLICE MARTINEZ AND JEFF FAUER



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JEAN MCINTYRE AND SHEA CIRIAGO PRESENT MERDOCHEY LAFRANCE WITH THE BEF'S THIRD ANNUAL HEART OF BROWARD AWARD



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HANDY SCHOLARS BREAKFAST

The HANDY (Helping Abused Neglected Disadvantaged Youth) 16th Annual Scholars Breakfast on May 20 raised more than \$250,000 to support HANDY's initiatives and youth programs.



CHRISTINA SPUDEAS AND KEVIN LOVE

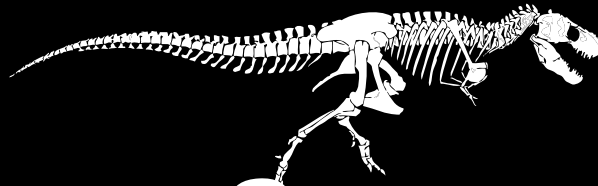


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