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# FRIDAY, AUGUST 19 - 7-11 PM

Mills Pond Park - 2201 NW 9th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale







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#### MORE AT THE MARKET



What comes to mind when you think of "farmers markets?" Ripe seasonal produce, colorful flowers, fresh baked bread, and music?

While local farmers markets can have a direct positive impact on your weekend morning, they also make a significant impact in connecting our community, and play an important role in supporting small businesses and the local exonomy.

The Oceanside Park Farmers, Antiques and Artisan Market opened in January 2020 to much fanfare, before it's closing just 9-weeks later due to the global pandemic. Since it's reopening in November 2020, the market has gained popularity amongst locals and visitors for the eclectic array of traditional market fare and rotation of engaging More at the Market activities, ranging from morning yoga to art and cooking classes, to holiday happenings, live music and more.





On August 6th, the Las Olas Oceanside Park Market, joins markets across the nation in celebrating National Farmers Market Week, in coordinated with the Farmers Market Coalition. The day will offer a variety of activities for all ages, including live music, contests, and giveaways from partnering vendors.

"Farmers markets are abundant sources of food, connection and resilience in our communities across the country, but they don't just happen on their own." said Ben Feldman, Farmers Market Coalition Executive Director. "Behind the scenes of every successful farmers market is a dedicated team working to make it thrive."

For details on the National Farmer's Week Celebration and ways you or your business can support the Saturday Market at Las Olas Oceanside Park, visit <a href="https://www.theloopflb.com">www.theloopflb.com</a>

#### NATIONAL DOG DAY



Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and favorite movie date to the second installment of Movies by Moonlight on Fri. August 26 at Las Olas Oceanside Park for the "*Dog Days of Summer*" showing of the pseudo-docu-comedy, **Best in Show**.

Festivities begin at 5pm with a people and pet marketplace, open play Hydration + Play Station sponsored by *PetWell Clinic* and SUPPUP Selfie Station, sponsored by *Blue Moon Outdoor Adventures*. As at each event, *YumPup!* will serve complimentary Doggie Dinners, and children under 12 will be treated to complimentary bags of popcorn, from evening's sponsor, *New York Life*.

Coinciding with National Dog Day, fashion boutique *The Pretty Nomad* will host a back to school fashion show, while *W Fort Lauderdale* gives our four-legged friends a proper celebration, by hosting a Dög Pawrignon Champagne Bar.

Free to the public, each month, 50 guests will be given the opportunity to purchase a \$10 "Golden Ticket". August's lucky winner will receive a Yappy Hour VIP Bottle Service credit of \$100 towards bites and sips at W Fort Lauderdale's new fur-friendly event which takes place on the first Friday on the hotel's Living Room terrace.

At each event, Yum Pup is offering guests the opportunity to win a box of four 1lb bags of dog food of various flavors when they share a photo from the event on Instagram and tag #theloopflb and @yumpup.

Presented by the City of Fort Lauderdale's Beach BID, the event is sponsored by PetWell Clinic Pembroke Pines/Fort Lauderdale, Blue Moon Adventures, New York Life, Yum Pup and WE Florida Financial Credit Union.

To view information on places to dine, stay and play to extend your weekend, visit MyFortLauderdaleBeach.com For complete details on Movies by Moonlight, register and purchase Golden Tickets in advance, visit *theloopflb.com*.

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#### ASHLEY \$1,495,000

3 BEDROOM + DEN 3.5 BATH

Direct river views in the heart of Las Olas! Over 3100 sq. ft. recently upgraded, marble floors throughout, motorized window treatments, new contemporary fixtures, new quartz countertops & backsplash, double ovens & wine cooler. Master suite adjoins to the river facing terrace & features large custom walk in closet, marble bath with new fixtures & dual sinks. Second & third bedrooms have ensuite baths & garden view terraces with floor to ceiling glass sliders.

#### **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.

#### JUST SOLD!

#### **BRADFORD**

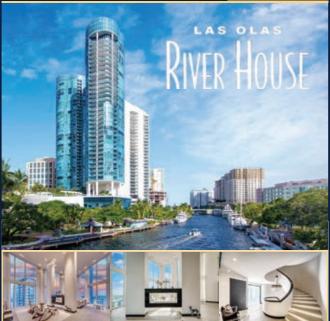
2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

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.



#### UNDER CONTRACT 2 BD+DEN 3 BA ANNUAL LEASE

Luxurious unit with 14 ft. ceilings! Over 1,800 sq. ft. of wrap around terrace overlooking the river, park, pool & city. Porcelain flooring throughout.



#### NEWLY PRICED | PENTHOUSE | \$5,995,000

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.

#### 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.

#### JUST SOLD!

#### 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! 3 BEDROOM 2 BATH

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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

23rd floor studio with outstanding river & city views. Amenities include rooftop pool, fitness center, library, meditation garden, spa, 24 hr security & valet.



#### JUST SOLD! GRAND PENTHOUSE | 3BD/3BA

A rare haven of custom designed space & glorious light, enjoy stunning views at any hour; morning sunrises over the ocean & dramatic sunsets over the sparkling skyline of Fort Lauderdale. Over 3,100 sq. ft. of luxury finishes.



#### JUST SOLD!

#### RIVERSIDE

2 bedroom 2 bath with over \$200,000 in upgrades & 3 parking spaces included! Most desirable "Riverside model" with river & ocean views. Upgrades include italian porcelain throughout, motorized window treatments, built in bar & more!

#### UNDER CONTRACT STARDUST

Gorgeous 2 bedroom 2 bath renovated sub-penthouse with fabulous east-facing direct river, ocean & city views! Features include volume ceilings, marble floors, crown molding, recently upgraded kitchen & bathrooms.

#### JUST LISTED STARDUST | \$795,000

2 bedroom 2 bath east facing upgraded Stardust model with 10 ft ceilings, direct views of the New River with beautiful palms from all rooms & parking on same level. Updated kitchen & baths, floor to ceiling windows, porcelain tile floors throughout, custom window treatments.

#### JUST SOLD!

#### MOONGLOW

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 SOLD! 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

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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THINGS TO ENJOY WITH OUR FURRY FAMILY MEMBERS

ur furry friends fulfill our lives in so many special ways. They help us decompress after a long day at work, they listen without talking back (mostly), and they get us up off the couch to walk and play with them. Whether your favorite furball is a dog, a cat, or my favorite - a horse — they all have their special qualities and quirks.

At home in Fort Lauderdale, I have Sheila, my dog who keeps me on my feet by making me walk her for three hours every evening (OK, I exaggerate - two hours). At my farm in Ocala, I have Salamaca, my horse, who keeps me balanced, focused and at peace during our rides through the woods. They both keep me active, help me relieve stress, and help me remember that it's the little things in life that matter (and the not-so-little things like Salamaca!).

Along the Riverwalk and throughout Fort Lauderdale, I love seeing so many outdoor venues becoming more dog friendly. Not many horsefriendly places in Fort Lauderdale, but maybe that will change in the future. I suppose they could advertise being cat friendly too, but the cats wouldn't care anyway so why bother.

Here are some places in Fort Lauderdale and along The Riverwalk that cater to serving people and their pets.

#### BarkYard and Brews Dog Park and Beer Garden

817 S.W. First Street, Fort Lauderdale

Bring your dog to get some exercise and socialize while enjoying a brew or two with other pet owners at this dog park and beer garden. What a great way to socialize and have fun, while your dog socializes and has fun.

#### Fort Lauderdale Dog Beach

1269 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd.

This 100-yard stretch of sandy beach offers scenic views near Birch State Park and allows paws in the sand.

#### The Historic Downtowner

10 South New River Drive East

Great food, live music, and a dog friendly patio with a great happy hour, right on the New River (south side).

#### **Jazz Brunch**

Esplanade Park

First Sunday of every month

Bring your chairs, cooler, and pups and enjoy free jazz on three stages along the Riverwalk in Esplanade Park.

See you on the Riverwalk!



John Ropes with Sheila







BY GENIA DUNCAN ELLIS

President/CEO
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale



## A WALK IN THE PARK

FORT LAUDERDALE ABOUNDS WITH PLACES TO TAKE YOUR DOGS TO PLAY

iving in an urban environment, the care of pets becomes a little more challenging as the amount of greenspace sometimes lacks based upon the density in the area. While we have a number of dog parks Downtown and near Downtown, the need for more continues as more residential units are being constructed and new residents move in.

We are most fortunate that Riverwalk is pet friendly and welcomes residents and guests to walk our beautiful pathways and share our park areas.

There are other greenspaces around town that also offer these amenities. Our beach has an area that is available for bringing your dogs to swim. Canine Beach is open seven days a week from 6 to 9 a.m. and again from 5 to 7 p.m. All dogs must be leashed and fecal matter collected and disposed of properly. Visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/parks/dog-friendly-places for more details. It is important to note that dogs may not be walked on the east side of A1A along the beach but are permitted on the west side.

Holiday Park and Snyder Park each have dog parks. Snyder Park even has a dog swim area open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. most days. Snyder Park has two fenced areas known as Bark Park where dogs may run off leash. All parks require that pets be vaccinated and are up to date of all health requirements. They also have specific rules for use of the fenced areas and

it is great place to socialize your pet and meet others.

While this relates mostly to dogs, other pets are even seen being walked on leash in Fort Lauderdale – cats and bobcats are seen from time to time.

We continue to find more and more restaurants open to bringing your well-behaved pet to share in your day and evening plans. Pets are family members and are integral to our daily life. We love them, spoil them, have great expectations that they are superstars, and in the end, they love us unconditionally, are always happy to see us and clearly just want to be with us. In our office alone, our staff members have a combination of dogs, cats, guinea pigs, guinea fowl, fish and, sometimes, rodents that are not welcome. We are a pet-friendly office and welcome a visitor for the day occasionally. Some of our neighbors and board members swing by with their pets to share, and it only brightens our day.

Within the city, there are a number of great trainers and we are happy to share the list we have accumulated. Finding a local vet that you are comfortable with is key to the health of your pet.

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I am a graduate of Stanford University where I earned my bachelor's degree in economics. I later completed my law degree at Cambridge University, England, and went on to earn my master's in business administration from the Anderson Graduate School of Management at the University of California, Los Angeles.

In addition to my career, I currently serve on the board of directors of the Stanford Alumni of South Florida and am active with the Advisory Planned Giving Committee for the Memorial Healthcare System, where I help the foundation secure major gifts that arise from structured financial and estate planning techniques.

In my spare time, I like to spend time preparing Mediterranean-inspired dishes, which are usually paired with a specially selected vintage wine. I am also an orchid enthusiast, both growing and appreciating exotic varieties. In addition, I also love traveling with my partner Troy whether it's driving the roadways of the American South, backpacking in Costa Rica or venturing to the Caribbean on a passenger cruise line.

I joined Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale because I wanted to be an invested participant in the growth of Fort Lauderdale and the Riverwalk District in Downtown. This beautiful area is home to many parks that enhance the downtown core where I work and near where I live, with many cultural, social and food events.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

MICKI SCAVONE

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• I am the general manager of Carr Workplaces, a vibrant business environment where like-minded professionals come together to connect and build relationships. For the past 12 years I have been

providing my clients with turnkey executive office space and million-dollar views of Fort Lauderdale. Located on the 14th floor of the Bank of America Building, Carr Workplaces integrates executive offices, meeting rooms, and a café lounge, with business services, creating workspace available by the hour, week, month, or year.

I am a recent transplant to Fort Lauderdale, having lived in the Coral Springs/ Parkland area for more than 20 years. I am enjoying the many amenities and opportunities our city provides to network and make new relationships. It's great to be able to walk out my front door and be on Las Olas in just a few minutes. I've been able to visit many of the new restaurants and retail shops without the stress of knowing I had a long drive home. Living in the urban core definitely has its advantages.

As a member of the downtown business community, it is my firm belief that every business should give back to the community. I proudly serve on the Riverwalk Trust Board and remain impressed with the valuable community events designed and supported by the organization. "If you're wondering what our overall purpose is – take a walk on the Riverwalk and enjoy the many new amenities our efforts have provided."

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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## **POWER MIXER**

Riverwalk Trustee members and corporate partners gathered at the Tower Club on June 21 for a member Power Mixer. In addition to spectacular views, guests enjoyed an evening of networking while being treated to some great food and drink from the club's new chef. The event was sponsored by Payrolls Plus and Hotwire Communications.



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## **FURRY FAMILY MEMBERS**

FORT LAUDERALE HOSTS PET-FRIENDLY AMENITIES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SPOTS

reetings Fort Lauderdale!.

As most of you know, my time as City
Commissioner for District I is winding down and I
wanted to take this opportunity to thank my neighbors for
all your support. My dedication to the community will not
end as I return to the vocation that is near and dear to my
heart, educating our youth.

Fort Lauderdale is known for our beautiful beaches, arts, culture, and world-class events. It is also a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family. This, by all means, includes our furry family members. The City of Fort Lauderdale has approximately 1,000 acres of urban, community and neighborhood parks and if you're an animal lover like I am, our municipal parks have an extensive selection of pet-friendly activities and amenities.

Florida summers are particularly hot and what better





way to beat the heat than to take them for a dip at Synder Park. Within the 93-acre park is the two-acre Bark Park that has dog and human-level water fountains, benches, picnic tables, leash stations, hose stations, scooper supply depots, and garbage bins.

Dog Swim, which is also located in Synder Park, is open all week in the East Lake. Dogs must be social and well-behaved.

If surf and sand are more to your dog's liking, Canine Beach is the ideal place for them frolic and have fun on Fort Lauderdale Beach. Just make sure you bring plenty of water and towels for everyone!

The City is also home to some privately-owned pet friendly establishes with numerous themes. One such location is Barkyard and Brews, a leash-free dog park and beer garden. This hidden gem offers a fun and safe environment for your pups to play and interact with their friends, while you and yours enjoy a refreshing craft beer, a glass of wine, or an Italian specialty coffee.

#### **Looking ahead**

During last month's City Commission meeting the Commission voted to give Miami Beckham United LLC an additional year to build a community park next to DRV PNK stadium. The features for the proposed park include multipurpose playing fields with artificial turf, open green space, pathways, pedestrian crosswalks, a paved parking lot, a dog park with artificial turf, a playground, and a maintenance shed. The park is scheduled to be completed in July 2023.

The Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority (DDA) provided an update on the reimagining of Huizenga Park, which spans 4.4 acres near Las Olas Boulevard and Andrews Avenue. The proposed design calls for revisions to the way people move around the park and the inclusion of concessions, a restaurant, and public restrooms. The site plan also includes improvements to the iconic Spirit of Fort Lauderdale fountain, shaded areas, and a series of spaces for leisure activities. The DDA's proposed funding plan for the \$15 million project includes major contributions from the DDA, the City of Fort Lauderdale, and private donations. The City Commission is reviewing the DDA's request for a contribution of \$5 million over a seven-year period and may provide further direction when they return to the dais in August following the summer recess.

It has truly been my honor to serve the residents of District I and the entire City of Fort Lauderdale. <sup>(1)</sup>

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## FROM 93RD DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHIP LAMARCA
District 93



## A FURRY KIND OF LOYALTY

PETS BECOME MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY

ets are a perfect addition to any size family and I strongly believe they are not just "pets" but rather family members that bring so much joy and love into our lives. As a long-time pet owner (actually human owned by their pet), the loyalty and companionship that I have received from my pets is well worth experiencing.

My wife Eileen and I have a French Bulldog named Rocco and he much more than just a pet. He is often seen visiting us at the office as we are always hard at work in District 100. We had adopted several dogs before Rocco. Bella and Gibby (Gibson) were both Basenji rescues and they were an integral part of our family.

If you are considering adding an addition to your family, there are great organizations right here in Broward County and throughout Florida that make pet adoption easy and stress free. These organizations also provide resources that help educate families on how to best care for your new animal, and provide health services for animals. I would encourage everyone to look into volunteering at the Humane Society and Broward County Animal Care and Adoption if you love animals.

If you are thinking of adopting, there are so many loving animals out there looking for a home.

The Humane Society of Broward County was founded in 1944 as an independent, non-profit charitable organization that relies on our community and local businesses to fund their day-to-day operations and programs. These donations assist animals in our area for needs like shelter for animals, veterinary services, low cost vaccination and spay/neuter procedures, as well as programs to assistance with food and supplies to keep animals with their families and protecting against surrender or abandonment.

The Humane Society of Broward County is located at 2070 Griffin Road, Fort Lauderdale. The Humane Society truly cares about the well-being of animals. I have worked alongside the organization when I served as your County Commissioner, and I thank them for everything they do to care for animals who desperately need a home. Please check them out! They also take donations of toys and food if you would like to give back. More information here: humanebroward.com/

Broward County Animal Care and Adoption center

provides shelter for homeless animals and assist lost animals reunite with families. They offer our community the ability to volunteer as well as foster opportunities. The BCACA along with the Pet Project Florida (a nonprofit organization) have come up with the Senior Paws initiative which aim to place older animals in homes by offering free food and supplies for the life of the pet once adopted. The Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Center is located at 2400 S.W. 42nd St. in Fort Lauderdale. The Center is open for adoption Tuesday to Sunday: 11AM to 6PM. More information here: www.broward.org/Animal

My pup Rocco brings so much happiness into our lives and I guarantee if you consider adopting a pet of your own, the places mentioned above will make the experience a great time for your new family member. There is nothing more loyal than a pet!

As always, it is an honor to represent you as your State Representative in Tallahassee. ①





## TIME TO TREAT YOURSELF

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## **A SNEAK PEEK**

INAUGURAL DIVE CELEBRATION LAUNCHES UNVEILING OF RENOVATED DIVE TOWER



#### wenty-Seven Meter Dive Tower Project

The City of Fort Lauderdale continues its tradition of excellence with the reimagined Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center (FLAC), its largest renovation project to date. The project includes updates to the facility for competitive standards and recreational fitness to relaunch the venue as the center of swimming.

The inspiration for the newly renovated 27-meter tower's design reflects the City's history as the Venice of America and the Bahia Mar Yacht Basin with its flared platforms that bear a resemblance to a ship's hull.

The installation of a 27-meter dive tower combines springboard, platform, and high diving categories and includes nine platform levels. The height board ranges include:

- High diving platforms: 15 meters, 20 meters, 24 meters, and 27 meters
- Diving platforms: 1 meter, 3 meters, 5 meters, 7.5 meters, and 10 meters
- Springboard platform: 1 meter and 3 meters

The City hosted a Sneak Peek Media Day, which included an Inaugural Dive Celebration of the brand new dive tower on June 6. The first dives featured the Fort Lauderdale Dive Team, USA Diving National and High-Performance teams, and Red Bull Champion cliff divers. The event highlighted the sport of diving and the future of the sport both nationally and internationally.

#### South Building Project

The design and construction of the South Building Project will include new locker rooms, a family restroom, weight room, lifeguard and first aid station, administrative support offices, meeting rooms, timing and scoring rooms, and other associated amenities. The final completion is projected for December 2022.

For more details on the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center, please visit parks.fortlauderdale.gov. ①







BY KAREN WARFEL
City of Fort Lauderdale, Transportation Planning Program Manager
Writer Nina Versosa



## A FREE AND ECO-FRIENDLY WAY TO GET AROUND

CITY PARTNERS WITH CIRCUIT TO LAUNCH THE LAUDERGO! MICRO MOVER PILOT

he City of Fort Lauderdale in partnership with Circuit (formerly known as The Free Ride) is excited to introduce the Micro Mover — a free, convenient, and sustainable mobility option for residents and visitors to get around Downtown, Las Olas and the Beach. Here is a quick guide to the City's sweet new electric rideshare!

#### **Pilot Period**

The Micro Mover service will be trialed for a sixmonth period to evaluate its viability and overall mobility impact. The service will start on Aug. 15, 2022, and end in Jan. 31, 2023.

#### On-Demand Service for the Downtown Urban Core

The on-demand service is similar to riding an Uber or Lyft. Riders can use the Ride Circuit app to request for a ride anywhere within a geo-fenced service area. The Downtown Urban Core service area covers Downtown, Las Olas and the Beach with access to cultural and entertainment hubs such as the MASS District, The Parker Playhouse, and Broward Center for Performing Arts. It also connects to existing fixed-route services such as Brightline, Broward County Transit, as well as LauderGO! Community Shuttle and Water Trolley. The on-demand service is funded through the City's General Fund

Service hours: Sunday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

#### Fixed Loop Service Connecting Beach Parking Facilities

Unlike the on-demand service, the fixed-loop service has designated stops where the passengers can board and

alight. Riders can park their cars at any of the City-owned beach parking garages and surface lots listed below, then ride the Micro Mover to the Las Olas Oceanside Park, Beach Place, or another parking facility:

- Fort Lauderdale Beach Park: 646 S. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd., Fort Lauderdale 33316
- Las Olas Garage: 200 Las Olas Circle, Fort Lauderdale
- Las Olas Oceanside Park: 3000 E Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale 33316
- North Beach Village Parking Lot: 700 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd., Fort Lauderdale 33304) Riders can use the Ride Circuit app to alert the driver that you are waiting and ready to be picked up at any of these designated stops. The fixed loop service is funded by the City's Transportation and Mobility Department – Parking Division.

The LauderGO! Seabreeze Tram route will be suspended during the pilot to avoid service overlap and to better evaluate the Micro Mover's impact on ridership and utilization.

Service hours: Daily, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

#### The Ride Circuit App

The free Ride Circuit app is available for download from Google Play and the App Store.

#### **Vehicle Information**

The Micro Mover Pilot powered by Circuit uses electric vehicles that can seat up to five passengers. Ridesharing also implies that a vehicle trip may be shared by riders from different parties. Unlike

traditional rideshare services, the drivers will be W2 employees who know the area, the vehicles will be 100% electric, and the service will be totally free to ride!

#### Bringing pets for the ride

Pets are welcome for the ride at the discretion of each individual driver and other riders in the vehicle. Pets are allowed to stay on the lap of the rider or the floor and must always remain inside the vehicle.

For more information, please visit ridercircuit.com. For feedback and questions about the City of Fort Lauderdale's LauderGO! mobility services, please e-mail transportation@ fortlauderdale.gov





## AS THE AIRPORT GROWS, SO DOES ITS ART

PERMANENT SCULPTURE AND TEMPORARY EXHIBITION WELCOME PASSENGERS

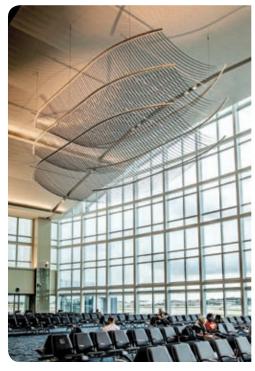
ublic art continues to grow at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL), and with the completion of Terminal 2 renovations, there are now two new places you can see it.

The airport's newest public art includes a breathtaking suspended sculpture, and a gallery that features rotating exhibitions of South Florida artists. Together, these additions contribute to the nearly 50-year-old tradition of public art in Broward County, and complement the 67 pieces now on display at the airport.

As you walk through Terminal 2, be sure to look up to see Patrick Marold's gravity-defying artwork titled *Cirri*, which is suspended 40-feet overhead from the terminal's expansive vaulted ceilings. The noted Colorado-based artist worked with our Public Art & Design Program, in partnership with FLL, to create this exciting multi-layered installation that is composed of more than 5,000 feet of black steel strap and structural aluminum. Referencing cirrus clouds, the artwork's layered lines and sweeping shapes nest within each other, producing a moiré effect that enhances the viewers' movement and visual experience as they gaze from below.

In contrast, the Terminal 2 Art Gallery, which displays temporary exhibitions in a more traditional setting on its large gallery-style walls, is a great place to discover the work of local artists. Through December 2022, the terminal gallery is featuring the photography of Fort Lauderdale resident Russell Satterthwaite, an internationally recognized, award-winning wildlife photographer. His large-scale images depict the ever-changing landscapes and underwater beauty of Florida's natural environment. The Terminal 2 Art Gallery is located on the departures level post-security, and encompasses the north and south passenger rooms, which serve seven of the airport's passenger gates.

The growing collection of public art at FLL is representative of the County's continued commitment to establishing Broward County as an art destination and a community that values arts and culture. As County Commissioner Steve Geller often says, "If you want to know about the soul of a community, just look at its arts and cultural offerings." With these additions to the public art on display at FLL and the other great artworks around the County, we continue to work to enrich our community for the benefit of all.







## LOCALITY BANK PUTS LOCAL BACK IN BANKING

LENDING WITH A COMMUNITY FOCUS IS AT THE HEART OF WHAT THEY DO

hether you're looking to start your own small business or you're just trying to expand the scope of your reach, having your financials in order is a must. For Fort Lauderdale business owners, however, you are in luck because banking can be hard but Locality Bank makes it easy. Founded by business partners Keith Costello, Corey LeBlanc, and Drew Saito, Locality Bank was formed to bring back the hands-on and more personalized experience of a local bank to the Fort Lauderdale area but also to cater specifically to the needs of local businesses.

Yet, for co-founder Keith Costello in particular, his passion for this project came from his observation of the major gap in local banking that was negatively affecting Fort Lauderdale's small business owners during Covid.

"When Covid hit, there was the PPP program that came out to try to help local companies and businesses but I was getting a lot of calls from people that I have done business with in the past, who were having difficulty accessing the program and getting any help from larger banks. So, I started thinking there has to be a better way to help these smaller businesses that are getting ignored by larger banks," he said.

With that, Costello joined forces with his business partners to open Locality Bank to fill the gaps in Fort Lauderdale banking.

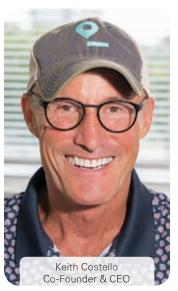


"We had a really good response from a lot of the local business leaders who were willing to back us not just with their verbal support, but they were willing to invest monetarily as well," he said.

Following the overwhelming support from community leaders and businesses, Locality Bank officially opened to the public on Jan. 12. Since then, they have been hard at work offering a range of services to local businesses,

including not only small business loans but also sophisticated and hands on online banking tools to monitor their business transactions and managing cash flow.

On the lending side specifically, Locality empowers local businesses to maximize their potential through services that include SBA financing, commercial lines of credit, commercial term loans and more. However, one thing that truly sets them apart from national banks is their



commitment to guiding their clients on what to do if they cannot receive a loan.

"We try to give them a little bit of extra love and guidance that they might not be able to get otherwise. In some cases, they're typically just going to get to a cold no and not know where to go next. We will instead encourage them to open a deposit account with us and continue to work with us so we can help them get to a point where we can make a loan to them."

The true testament of Locality Bank's dedication to keeping their service local is their guarantee that your money will be funneled back into the Fort Lauderdale community.

"If you put money into our bank, your money is going directly back into bettering the economy here. You're helping local companies in Broward County because we are recycling that money back into the companies you recognize here in South Florida," Costello said.

Locality Bank is operating out a temporary location in a coworking location but their permanent location is set to open later this year. ①

#### LOCALITY BANK

Founders: Keith Costello, Corey LeBlanc, and Drew Saito

Number of employees: 18 Phone: (888) 238-5053

**Address:** 300 S.W. 1st Ave is the temporary location. The permanent location will be at 1400 S. Andrews Ave. and is expected to be ready in

the third quarter of 2022. **Website:** www.localitybank.com

BY DAN LINDBLADE President/CEO, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce



## **LOOKING AHEAD**

GETTING AROUND, VOTING AND HONORING DOWNTOWNER OF THE YEAR

hree important items to discuss in this column — commuter rail, elections and our Downtowner of the Year.

We have discussed the need for inter-city mobility and reducing auto trips, especially single riders. Broward Commuter Rail/Coastal Link phase one has tentatively been approved by the Broward County Commission. The southern phase will allow for stops up to Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to reach agreement on a New River crossing. Once we agree on a solution the second phase can begin with service to Downtown Fort Lauderdale, Oakland Park, Pompano Beach and Deerfield Beach.

Once the county gives final approval in August, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization and other partners will seek funding for the first phase. This will be part of our work for Washington Summit 2022 where 65 delegates will travel to our nation's capital to work on a variety of issues fueling our economy.

This new system will create opportunities for workforce housing and create new business opportunities for a variety of entrepreneurs. New jobs will be created and it will reduce our carbon footprint.

As we enter the second half of the year we also have the opportunity to shape our future in elections. If you have not registered to vote, now is a good time to do it



so you can vote in primaries in August and the general election in November.

There will be a multitude of races from congress to school board and judges. Most of us don't look forward to all the ads in the media but our democratic process is critical to our economy. I have seen firsthand what bad public policy can do to business. Please educate yourself on those who are running. Learn about their positions. Ask questions and vote.

Lastly, please join me in congratulating Charlie Ladd, president of Barron Real Estate, as our 2022 Downtowner of the Year. I've known Charlie since I first started at the Chamber 15 years ago. No one I have met has a more sincere interest in the City of Fort Lauderdale prospering.

Ladd began his career as a commercial real estate investor and developer 40 years ago. His involvement in Downtown began in 1994 with the acquisition and development of the CVS anchored shopping center at Broward and Federal Highway.

A succession of new developments followed along Federal including Kinko's, Winn Dixie center, Paradise Bank, Fresh Market Complex, and a new large mixeduse project at Federal and Northeast Sixth Streets now under development. His impact can be felt along Las Olas in a variety of ways. The ultra-luxury five star The Whitfield Hotel and Spa, which broke ground earlier this year, is expected to open summer 2024.

He has volunteered his time to several Downtown initiatives over the past two decades to include development of the Downtown Masterplan and streetscape design guidelines, the City's Vision, the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Vision Plan, the Wave Streetcar, and public realm improvement projects including Southeast/Southwest Second St streetscapes, Southwest Second Avenue streetscapes, and the recent reimagining of Huizenga Park.

He is the past chair of the DDA Board and currently serves as treasurer after serving from 2002 to 2009. He has been and is also on numerous other boards and committees concerned with the Downtown, including the Las Olas Street Design Task Force, the Downtown Coalition, the Las Olas Association, the City's Infrastructure Taskforce, and a past member of the Chamber's Downtown Council and Riverwalk Trust.

We hope you join us and honor Charlie Ladd at our Saluting Business and Beyond on Friday, Oct. 7. <sup>(1)</sup>

BY PHIL PURCELL CEO/President, Marine Industries Association of South Florida Writer Patience Cohn



## **MEET THE FAMILY PETS**

OUR FURRY FRIENDS ENRICH OUR LIVES

oating is synonymous with pet ownership. Both require our attention and care all while bringing us joy and improving the quality of our lives. Both have responsibilities by their owners; in boating it is knowing the safety and maintenance rules; and with pets, it is maintaining their health and proper training. Neither should ever be neglected.

Let's look at a few pets in the Marine Industry family. Briar, a chocolate lab, is the family pet of Noah Dermody, MIASF's director of membership and events. "She likes me best out of everyone in the family except my father," Noah says proudly. "I am the only one that lets her sleep on my bed when I'm home, but my dad always takes her fishing and hunting." Noah and Briar have been known to get in trouble with Mom for roughhousing in the house.

Hank is another Labrador in the MIASF family belonging to our President, Phil Purcell. With all the true lab traits, he likes to chase squirrels, swim at any opportunity, and ride in a golf cart. But the trick which Hank has mastered to perfection is at multiple times during the day he strolls to the front door to activate the Ring camera so Phil will receive a notice on his phone that Hank is thinking about him.

Nelly was a natural fit when he came to live with Emily Burchwell, senior marketing manager for Safe Harbor Marinas. Nelly perfectly resembles a Schipperke, which originated in Belgium and was the breed best known for guarding the boats that plied the canals — the original boat dog. Always Emily's faithful paddleboard companion, his 2021 highlight was at the Marine Industry Holiday Pajama Party when he claimed first prize for best pet costume and went on to cheer Emily to victory in the Best Group Pajamas category.

Roxy, a Chihuahua/Boston Terrier, belongs to Lori Wheeler, the MIASF vice president. Roxy has been known to visit the office on occasion, but you would hardly know she was there. Once she has done the rounds to say hello to everyone, she takes her position in the chair next to Lori and supervises the operation of the association with a quiet but firm paw.

The newest pet in the MIASF family is Kevin, a ginger tabby kitten, that recently came to live with Megan Piggott, director of marketing and workforce development. Taking after Megan whose college career included playing basketball for Nova Southeastern University, Kevin has excelled at the high jump. True to his now nautical lifestyle, his favorite toys include a fish on a pole and a flopping fish. While he has not yet been introduced to boating, he does enjoy car rides and is happy to go wherever his human is going.

Long-time rescue volunteer and MIASF Industry Liaison Patience Cohn currently shares her home with Sky, a blue-eyed boxer/terrier mix that was recovered from the Everglades and now enjoys the comforts of regular meals and soft beds. To earn her keep she bosses her 150-pound Mastiff Watson around and barks at the boats navigating her canal.

No review of marine industry dogs would be complete without mention of Watson's brother Sherlock who crossed rainbow bridge earlier this year. Sherlock spent his formative years at the MIASF serving as the social media model promoting FLIBS, Waterway Cleanup, Plywood Regatta or dressing up like a lion because we thought it would be funny. He particularly liked joining in on staff meetings.

Big or small, short, or tall, cat or dog, pets make our life better, the entire team at the Marine Industries Association of South Florida unanimously agree. ©







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## **2022 TRIM NOTICES**

CHECK YOUR MAIL BOX IN AUGUST FOR PROPOSED TAX NOTICES

he Broward County Property Appraiser's Office mails the TRIM (proposed tax) Notices in August of each year. This is NOT a tax bill but a notice showing your property's 2022 just value, exemptions and proposed taxes as set by the various taxing authorities. The TRIM Notice is your opportunity to review your 2022 just value and ensure you are receiving all the taxsaving exemptions you are eligible for.

Florida Statutes require our office use Jan. 1 as the date of assessment each year. The 2022 just values are based on the market data from 2021. Our office must consider changes in market conditions – up or down – when developing the just/market values each year. The 2022 just values will reflect the significant changes in the 2021 market data. As the real estate market trends upward, most property owners will see increases in their just/market values.

Our office does not set nor collect property taxes. If you have questions about the proposed tax rates, the contact information and public hearing dates for the individual taxing authorities are listed to the right of each agency name on the TRIM Notice.

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

Florida Statutes require our office use Jan. 1 as the date of assessment and to determine exemption eligibility each year. If you purchased your home after Jan. 1, 2022, you are eligible for 2023 Homestead Exemption. The 2023 exemptions will show online in December and be included for the 2023 tax year.

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

If you purchased your home in 2021, you may have "inherited" the previous owner's exemptions last year. These 2021 exemptions would have been removed at the end of last year, so they are no longer showing on your TRIM Notice for tax year 2022. Fortunately, you can still late file for 2022 Homestead and any other exemptions you may qualify for until Sept. 19, 2022. To apply online, please visit our website at https://web.bcpa.net/

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

The Senior Exemption is both an age and income-based exemption that is not automatically applied to a property because of the income requirement. To be eligible for this exemption, an applicant must be age 65 or older as of Jan. 1, 2022 and have an adjusted household gross income for 2021 not exceeding \$32,561. If you believe you qualify for this additional exemption, you can still late file until Sept. 19, 2022. To review the exemption requirements and to apply for this exemption, please go to our website at https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/SeniorExemption

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at martykiar@bcpa.net. <sup>(1)</sup>



PHOTO BY JASON LEIDY

## ABANDONED PET RESCUE

THE NO-KILL SHELTER HELPS HUNDREDS OF LOCAL ANIMALS ANNUALLY

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

iving back to those less fortunate than ourselves is always a worthy endeavor especially when it comes to members of the community who sometimes need it most – our pets. The unfortunate reality is there are hundreds of dogs and cats in shelters that need our support. In a perfect world, each of these pets would have a place to call home with a family who loves them but in the meantime one organization working to make a positive impact on these animals, is Fort Lauderdale shelter and clinic, Abandoned Pet Rescue.

APR was founded in 1996 by Susie Hansen, who is a still a current board member, and a team of women who took it upon themselves to trap and neuter feral cats in the area. After some time, however, they realized there was more they could do to help even more animals in need. So, the women founded the non-profit organization to shelter, provide comprehensive care, and change the lives of hundreds of animals.

Over the past decade, the rescue has helped 6,800 dogs and cats and, in the last year alone, rescued 365 pets, adopted 350 pets out to loving homes, and provided 20 medical adoptions, which helps pets with special needs find homes by continuing to provide medical care.

"We have a small staff but we have a huge pool of volunteers. Everybody wants to be here and it's a really nice environment to be a part of," said Kara Starzyk, co manager at APR.

The rescue can house up to 200 cats and 30 dogs and has six free-roaming cat rooms for the cats to socialize including their outside "catio" along with individual, airconditioned kennels for large to small dog breeds plus an outside play yard to exercise.

In fact, for those considering adoption but are looking for a certain breed, rest assured that there's no harm in asking the shelter to keep an eye out for you.

"We see every type of breed come through here. So, continue to check in because you never know when we'll have what you're looking for," said Starzyk.

However, for the pets who aren't able to find a forever home, they will always have a home at the rescue.

"We are a true no-kill shelter so if we aren't able to find a home for a pet they will be loved and cared for here for the rest of their lives. Our longest dog resident, Samson, who is a German Shepherd has here for over three years. He's a wonderful dog but he needs to be placed with an experienced dog owner. He's made a lot of friends with our staff and volunteers. It just takes him some time to warm up to new people," said Starzyk. One volunteer in particular, Jacki Lazzaro, has seen the amazing care these animals receive firsthand over her years of volunteering.



"The people who work here are wonderful and they take such great care of the animals. They work really hard to find great homes for all of them which is why I've adopted three dogs from Abandoned Pet Rescue over the years. It's so rewarding to adopt and give these pets a loving home," Lazzaro said.

When it comes down to it though, if you are not in a place to adopt or even foster, Abandoned Pet Rescue and many other shelters are always in need of volunteers or donations of any kind. "Focusing on care for the whole community is really important and we would like people to join us in that effort," said Emily Wood, director of the Broward Animal Care Division.

#### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS PET CHECKLIST

Provided by Emily Wood, Director of the Broward Animal Care Division

"The best thing to do is to start preparing at the start of the season so that way when a hurricane hits you're already prepared."

- Emily Wood

- Enough pet food and bottled water to last at least a few days or up to a week
- Refills on any medications your pet may need
- If you have a pet that spends time outdoors, bring them inside ahead of time to acclimate
- Consider getting your pet microchipped if they are not already
- Research pet friendly evacuation shelters ahead of time in case you need to evacuate
- Prepare an evacuation kit with the following items:
  - Dry or wet food and bottled water
  - Up to date medical records with current vaccines including rabies vaccination required by most shelters
  - Pet collar with your contact information, address, and rabies tag
  - A current photo of your pets in case you get separated
  - A litter box, litter, and/or pet waste bags
  - Pet beds, pet carriers, harnesses and leases to bring in your car or to a shelter
- When in doubt, to answer any other questions you may have or find other resources, be sure to check the Broward Animal Care Division website www.broward.org/animal





## PIZZA AND CRAFT COCKTAILS

AN INTERVIEW WITH LOUIE LOU

**WRITER** RENÉE K. QUINN

eet Luis Narvaez Ochoa (Louie Lou), beverage director and co-owner of Blue Steel Pizza Co., a seasoned hospitality professional with more than 15 years in the bar, nightlife, and restaurant industry.

## What are a few highlights of your many years of working in the hospitality industry?

I'm behind numerous openings of some of North Jersey's elite restaurants, and at 30 years old, I developed a signature program that both executes and delivers proficiency, quality, and a unique modern flair to all my programs and concepts. With years of training and apprenticeships from New York/New Jersey top bartenders and owners, I quickly fell into the operating side of the business, which lead me to start my own consulting company and opened a world of opportunity as the cocktail industry became such a desirable feature for new restaurants.

My reputation has also gained recognition from numerous brands, magazines, and restauranteurs all over New Jersey, New York, and South Florida.

## How did you create your concept? Share a bit of background about how your concept came into existence and the story behind the name.

The concept and the name was created by Executive Chef Lawrence Talis and owner Brian Costello back in July of 2020. I came into the picture shortly after the concept was created and I added the missing piece to the culinary masterpiece Chef Lawrence was creating. The beverage and the cocktails completed the concept we wanted to introduce in North Jersey. Later down the road, after opening Blue Steel in Bloomfield, New Jersey, I took on another role as creative designer for our Alice in Wonderland-themed speakeasy, The Rabbit Hole, and other areas in the restaurant with a modern look to match our style of kitchen and bar.

The Detroit-style pizza restaurant with a full scratch kitchen and elevated cocktail program already sent people for a loop when the first thing you think of when you read our name is a pizza joint. Fast forward to 2022 we are now on our second location here in the beautiful state of Florida where I felt it would be a great addition to the fast growing culinary influence.

#### **BLUE STEEL PIZZA CO.**

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#### WHAT IS DETROIT-STYLE PIZZA?

The name Blue Steel comes from the square blue steel pan we use to make the pizza in.

Detroit-style pizza is a rectangular pizza with a thick crust that is crispy and chewy. It is traditionally topped with tomato sauce and Wisconsin brick cheese that goes all the way to the edges. The most notable quality of Detroit-style pizza when comparing it to other pan pizzas is its cheese. A Detroit-style pie has cheese spread everywhere on top, which gives it a distinct crispy layer of burnt cheese around its edges.

#### TIKI TACO TUESDAY

Features classic tiki cocktails with Asian tacos. Vinyl DJ plays reggae oldies and yacht rock.

#### PIZZA AND WINE DOWN WEDNESDAY

\$7 classic pizzas all day

\$8 glass of wine until close

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#### EVENTS CONNECTION

#### GENERAL EVENTS

#### AUGUST 4



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#### **AUGUST 5**

#### A.R. Rahman

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#### **AUGUST 6**



#### PAW Patrol Live! The Great Pirate Adventure!

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#### Dellenbach Foundation Fishing Classic

A day of family fun with categories and prizes for all ages Dellenbach Foundation Harbor Towne Marina 954-384-6424 www.dellenbachfoundation.org

#### **Creating a Tropical Food Forest**

Part of the Food Forest Summer Series Museum of Discovery & Science 954-467-6637 www.mods.org

#### An Evening with Jordan Rudess of Dream Theater

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#### Marvin Dixon presents 50 shades of comedy

With guests Big Talle, Donte Ray and Shaun Jones The Casino at Dania Beach 954-920-1511 www.casinodaniabeach.com

#### **AUGUST 6&7**

#### Monster Jam

Heated rivalries, high-flying stunts, and fierce head-to-head battles FLA Live Arena 954-835-7469 www.flalivearena.com

#### AUGUST 7 XXVII International Ballet Festival

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Orchid Care Basics

Orchid Care 101 with Bonnet House orchid curator Jose Esposito Bonnet House Museum & Gardens 954-463-5393

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#### **AUGUST 11**

#### Sofar Sounds Fort Lauderdale

Live music in unique spaces Sofar Sounds Fort Lauderdale 954-773-6130

www.sofarsounds.com AUGUST 12 Michael Bublé

The "Higher" tour FLA Live Arena 954-835-7469 www.flalivearena.com

AUGUST 13

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Back to School Weekend

Featuring the Free Our Seas' Floatsam Fauna exhibit and conservation activities Flamingo Gardens 954-473-2955

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## AUGUST 16 Orchid Care — Repotting and Mounting

Class on transplanting and mounting on trees Bonnet House Museum & Gardens 954-463-5393 www.bonnethouse.org

#### **AUGUST 17**



#### Christopher Cross

With new album Secret Ladder Broward Center for the Performing Arts 954-462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

Summer Jamz

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#### **AUGUST 26**



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#### SEPTEMBER 13

Inter Miami vs. Columbus Crew

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#### SEPTEMBER 15

Flowers: The Artist Talk

Discussing the work of artist Stas Ginzburg Broward College South Campus Art Gallery 954-201-8987 www.broward.edu

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August 11-August 13 Support arts programming and continued free admission Coral Springs Museum of Art 954-350-5000 www.coralspringsmuseum.org

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Through September 5
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Through September 5 An art exhibit based on marine debris Flamingo Gardens 954-473-2955 www.flamingogardens.org

Dinosaurs in Motion

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Through October 2 A pioneer of the CoBrA movement NSU Art Musuem 954-525-5500 www.nsuartmuseum.org

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Through October 5 Featuring South Florida artist Cangshu Gran's oil glaze paintings Pompano Beach Cultural Center 954-786-4111 www.pompanobeacharts.org

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Sistrunk Marketplace 954-357-2616 www.sistrunkmarketplace.com

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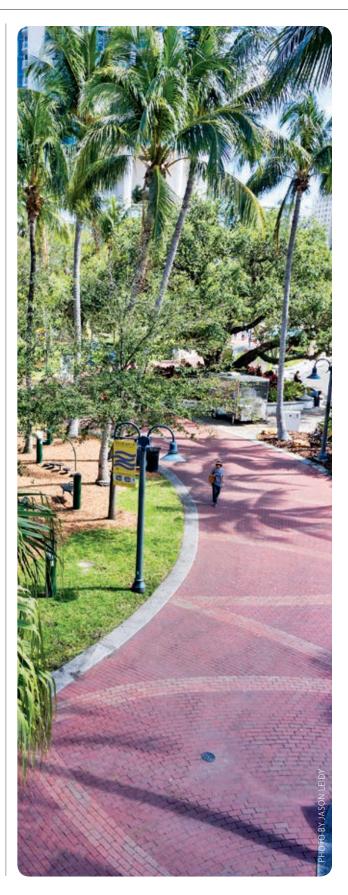
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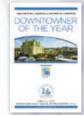


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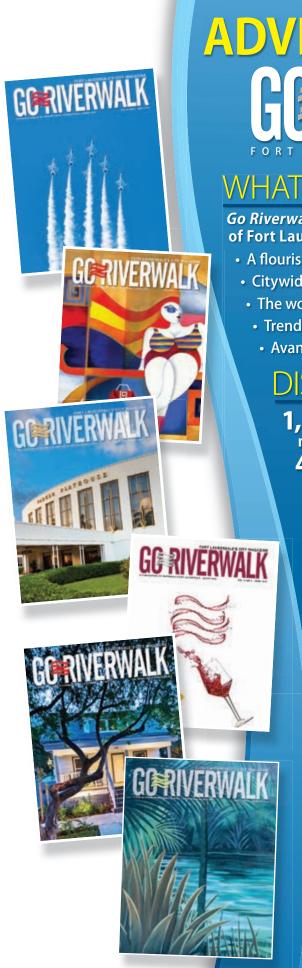
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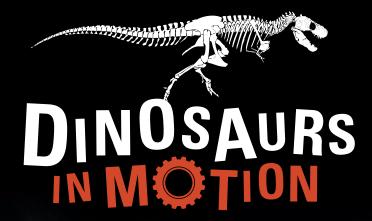


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