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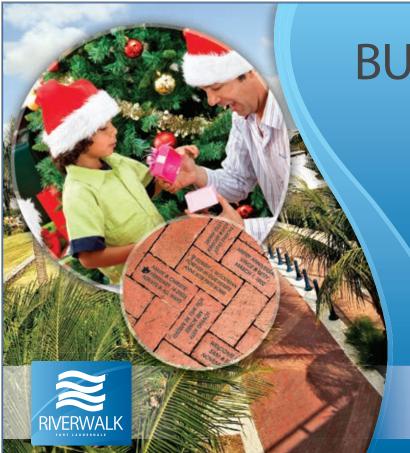
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2 BEDROOM + DEN 2.5 BATH

Outstanding Champagne South model with all the views! Panoramic ocean, city & river views from every room in this high floor residence. This is a flow through unit with east & west exposures offering the best of both worlds, sunrise over the water & sunsets over the city. Gourmet kitchen with an array of high-end appliances. The master suite features 2 walk-in closets, marble master baths with deep soaking jacuzzi tub, separate glass enclosed shower & dual vanities. Guest suite features a west facing terrace & ensuite bath.

# JUST LISTED CHAMPAGNE | \$1,395,000

2 BEDROOM + DEN 2.5 BATH

Direct River Views from this completely remodeled Champagne South designer unit that offers a flow through floor plan with east & west exposures. Top tier quality finishes & craftmanship, Jerusalem stone throughout, modern grey & white quartzite kitchen, beautifully designed baths, custom lighting, motorized window treatments, solid doors & hardware, custom wall units, stone accent walls, crown moldings & retiled terraces. This pristine residence is perfect on the inside & out! 2 parking spaces & storage are included.

### UNDER CONTRACT

# CHAMPAGNE

2 BEDROOM + DEN 2.5 BATH

Remarkable views encompassing the waterways of Fort Lauderdale. 33rd floor Champagne model positioned in the center of the building, looking right down the river. Open living areas with marble floors, over 2,100 sq ft. The gourmet Poggenpohl kitchen & separate breakfast nook overlooking the river & ocean.

## BRADFORD | \$1,295,000

2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

Highly sought-after 36th floor Bradford South floor plan with unobstructed views of the ocean, intracoastal & river. High end finishes featured throughout this split bedroom floor plan include marble floors & baseboards, Poggenphol cabinetry, an array of high-end appliances, river facing oversized terrace accessible from every room & floor to ceiling glass. The master bedroom features a spa inspired bath with deep soaking tub & separate glass enclosed shower.

# JUST LISTED BRADFORD | \$1,295,000

2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

Unobstructed views from this high floor Bradford model, redesigned to maximize the use of living space! Light & bright with water views from every room, this custom floor plan features new porcelain tile floors, glossy doors & moldings, modernized poggenphol & quartz kitchen with extended breakfast bar, full mosaic glass back splash, top of the line appliances & custom bar! The master suite features large walk-in closet, floor to ceiling glass sliders leading to the river facing balcony, ensuite marble baths with separate deep soaking jacuzzi tub & glass enclosed shower. Storage included.





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# LEXINGTON | \$1,295,000

2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH

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## JUST LISTED LEXINGTON | \$1,175,000

2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH

This stunning high floor Lexington model with sunrise & sunset river views in the landmark Las Olas River House. Private elevator, beautiful marble floors throughout with 9 ft ceilings, custom gourmet kitchen, open floor plan with top-of-the-line finishes, walk in closets 2 large marble terraces.

## JUST LISTED 1 BEDROOM 1 BATH | \$550,000

Beautifully furnished 1 bedroom 1 bath with marble floors. Gourmet kitchen with snaidero cabinetry, large living area with floor to ceiling sliders leading out to the terrace. Spacious master suite with walk in closet & ensuite bath with deep soaking tub & separate glass enclosed rain shower.



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### JUST LISTED SEAVIEW | \$975,000

Impeccable 3 bedroom 2 bath custom remodel with ocean & river views! Designer finishes include: wood flooring, large eat in kitchen with quartz countertops, custom soft close cabinets/drawers with lazy susan corner & pantry pull outs, full tile backsplash, custom lighting throughout, fully renovated bathrooms with double sinks, frameless shower doors, built in closets, full size washer/dryer & multiple glass balconies.

## STARDUST | \$749,900

Renovated 2 bedroom 2 bath with 10ft ceilings, direct views of the new river with beautiful palms from all rooms & parking on same level. Updated kitchen & baths with granite countertops, stainless appliances, glass kitchen cabinet fronts & modern lighting, floor to ceiling windows, porcelain tile floors throughout, custom window treatments, seamless glass shower/tub enclosures, designer paint, trim & baseboard molding.

### JUST SOLD! SKYVIEW

Stunning sunsets & river views from this 2 bedroom 2 bathroom. Enjoy views of the river & vibrant Las Olas from all rooms of this split bedroom floor plan. Tile flooring throughout, bright kitchen with new appliances and cabinets, floor to ceiling windows opening to a glass balcony.

## JUST LISTED SUNGARDEN | \$530,000

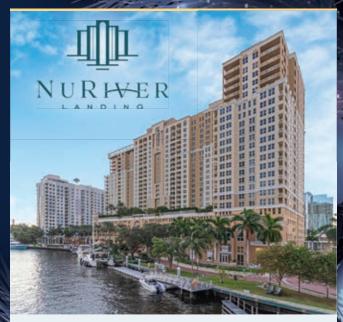
Live the Las Olas lifestyle in this high-floor, beautifully upgraded, 1br/1bth condo with spectacular river, city & sunset views. Features include a spacious open floor plan, gourmet kitchen with quartz countertops/subway tile back-splash, porcelain floors, custom window treatments/lighting & oversized glass balcony. The bedroom can accommodate a king bed & has 2 closets, including a walk-in.

# UNDER CONTRACT SUNGARDEN

High floor 1 bedroom 1 bath with amazing city and sunset views! Open living/dining area, gourmet kitchen with counter seating, granite countertops, beautiful tile flooring throughout, floor to ceiling impact windows with glass balcony, new a/c unit & washer/dryer. The spacious bedroom has 2 closets including a walk-in and can accommodate a king-size bed.

## JUST SOLD! SUNGARDEN

Rarely available 1 bedroom 1 bathroom 30th floor sub-penthouse. Amazing city & sunset views with 10 ft volume ceilings. Open living/dining area, gourmet kitchen with counter seating, tile flooring throughout, floor to ceiling impact windows, washer and dryer in unit and large glass balcony.



# JUST LISTED 1 BEDROOM 1 BATH | \$435,000

Rarely on the market river facing 1 bedroom 1 bathroom with a terrace providing river & ocean views from every room! Open living areas, granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances and tile floors throughout. Storage unit included.

## **UNDER CONTRACT** 1 BEDROOM 1 BATH

River facing 1 bedroom 1 bathroom with a terrace providing river & ocean views from every room! Open living areas, granite counter tops, stainless appliances, new hunter Douglas window treatments, newer A/C and water heater, walk to famous Las Olas with all new restaurants, art galleries, and new Greenwise market.

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## JUST LISTED 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$695,000

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BY RICHARD RODRIGUEZ Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair



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# **TIS THE SEASON**

WINTERTIME ALONG THE RIVERWALK

ecember is busy and bustling in Fort Lauderdale. Visitors from all over the nation will flood the streets again as they do each year. They come to experience what we take for granted – cooler, but rarely frigid weather, consistently sunny days, and a multitude of events to enjoy along the Riverwalk, Las Olas, and beyond.

# **Dec. 10 The 51st Annual Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade**(Visit www.winterfestparade.com for more information)

The "Best Show on H20" floats along the New River and the Riverwalk starting just west of the Stranahan House. More than 100 boats shine with festive decorations, ranging in size from 20 feet long to megayachts more than 200 feet long. The Winterfest Boat Parade attracts over 1 million spectators along the 12-mile route between the Riverwalk/New River and north to Lake Santa Barbara in Pompano Beach. This one-night event brings an economic impact for Broward County of over \$50 million.

# Dec. 17 SantaCon Fort Lauderdale

SantaCon is coming to Fort Lauderdale, starting at YOLO and continuing the party to Rooftop lounge and many other stops (to be announced) along Las Olas Boulevard. Come in your dressiest holiday attire, or best Santa suit and bring in the holiday cheer with hundreds of your closest friends during this Santa rally on Las Olas. This a 21+ event.

# Dec. 24 Fort Lauderdale Jingle Bell Jog Las Olas Oceanside Park

Thousands of Santas will sprint along A1A on Fort Lauderdale Beach on Dec. 24 for the Fort Lauderdale Jingle Bell Jog. This annual 5K running event will feature jingle bells, Santa, mistletoe, egg nog, reindeer and elves. If you're not up for the 5K, you can sign up for the Elf Dash!

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# SPARKLING RIVERWALK

LIGHTS SHINE ALONG THE NEW RIVER AND THROUGHOUT THE CITY

he holiday season is upon us and a time to gather with family and friends to celebrate. Gifts are usually at the top of everyone's list, but we implore you to support local small businesses to assure that we have many options. Many have learned or mastered DIY and craft projects and handmade becomes more cherished by the recipient. Homemade foods and desserts are always something that everyone enjoys, and it gives you the chance to show off your culinary skills. Remember to also support your local restaurants during the holiday season and bring your family and friends along for some great food and beverages and good time.

The city has provided light up ceremonies all over the city during the holiday season and unfortunately the Riverwalk Light Up Lauderdale was cancelled due to Tropical Storm Nicole. While we were disappointed to miss this year's flipping of the switch, the lights and decorations are up and will be into the New Year. In lieu of that celebration, Riverwalk will be hosting other small holiday events for the public.

We welcome the newly elected Commissioners from District 1, District 3 and District 4 who will be joining District 2 Commissioners Steve Glassman and Mayor Dean Trantalis. We have great hopes for the vision and plans for the group for the next two years and that they will work together well to achieve those goals. We are most fortunate

to have our City Manager Greg Chavarria, Assistant City Manager Anthony Fajardo and Assistant City Manager Susan Grant. They bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our growing community.

We continue to advocate for the repair of the seawalls and walkways of Riverwalk and are hopeful that Public Works will award a contract shortly to start that progress.

We also look forward to the re-imagined Huizenga Plaza as they complete their design and plans for use in the future.

We continue to encourage our residents and visitors to let us know what new and innovative initiatives that they would like to see along Riverwalk and in the Riverwalk District. We currently interface with Districts 2, 3 and 4 to provide diverse events and activities to surrounding residents and visitors.

Be sure to put Riverwalk Stone Crab & Seafood Festival, Jan. 7, along with Rhythm & Brews "Battle of the Bands" with Funky Buddha, Jan. 21, to your plans and calendar. These are annual events that are great fun. The 7th Annual Riverwalk Chili Cook-off, Feb. 18, and Riverwalk International Food Festival (RIFF), March 25, are also planned and should be happenings to not miss. The new year will bring a host of returning and new events so be sure to get on the Riverwalk e-blast or go to the Greater Fort Lauderdale Events Calendar at https://www.goriverwalk.com/events/greater-fort-lauderdale-event-calendar.







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○ For most of us, our parents provided a foundation for us to grow and become productive, caring adults. Who knew that one of the building blocks of that foundation — those dreaded chores

— would eventually lead me down the road to a lifelong career?

After discovering I was very good at household tasks and enjoyed doing them, I formed my own cleaning company at the age of 18. In a short amount of time and marketing myself door to door, I had nearly a dozen clients and was quite successful. However, friends and the warmer climate convinced me to move to Fort Lauderdale where my cleaning services evolved into more of a concierge service. Soon I had added a variety of offerings including shopping, home organization, moving and relocation assistance, transportation services and more. It was at this time I knew I needed to up my game and receive formal training.

I attended Charles MacPherson Associates butler training program in Toronto, Canada, where I learned a variety of hard and soft skills. These courses included everything from wine parings to security and household management. Gone are the days of what you see on "Downton Abbey." Today's clients expect much more from their household staff. In short, it is my job to anticipate the needs of my clientele before they even know they require said services.

As you might expect, I enjoy meeting new people which is one reason I joined Riverwalk. I look forward to making new connections and professionally assisting those individuals in any way I possibly can at The Butler's Boutique.



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• As a corporate and employment attorney representing clients in South Florida and Silicon Valley, I have represented everything from family owned retail businesses to Fortune 100 companies. No matter

the size of the client or the industry they are in, I am all about building relationships with them so I can help my clients flourish.

I received my bachelor's degree in political science and government from Florida Gulf Coast University and my law degree from Nova Southeastern University. I clerked for the Attorney General's office working on racketeering cases which provided me with a great foundation for building my career. Since obtaining my license, I have negotiated contracts for Google, defended automobile manufacturers in warranty actions, and helped numerous businesses successfully navigate transitions and challenges.

With the onset of the pandemic, I moved back to Fort Lauderdale and formed The Walsh Law Firm. I am the corporate counsel for small businesses working on everything from contracts to compliance and even developing and implementing a sound HR infrastructure for my clients. Being a sole practitioner allows me the flexibility to be there whenever my client is in need.

When not assisting my clients, I enjoy playing tennis at the Lauderdale Tennis Club and pickleball at Holiday Park. I also volunteer my time serving on the boards of governors for both the South Florida Symphony Orchestra and the Tower Club. Travel is another passion of mine as is meeting new people which is one reason I joined Riverwalk. You can often find me working at the Tower Club, so stop by and say hello!

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# **RHYTHM AND BREWS**

The third installment of Riverwalk Rhythm & Brews presented by Funky Buddha was a battle of the bands on Oct. 22 in Esplanade Park. Five local bands competed for a cash prize with SteelHouse coming out on top. In addition to some great music, attendees enjoyed tasty food and sweets from some of South Florida's best food trucks and, of course, refreshing brews from Funky Buddha. Stay tuned for the January event which will also feature a band battle!



Ryan Akers, Mary Adams and Ray Glover



Christie McRay and Alison Keenan



The judges: David "The Beast" Spitz and David Lovitt



Carolyn Huerkamp, Susan Relicke and Courtney Relicke



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# DAY OF THE DEAD

Fort Lauderdale's annual Day of the Dead celebration returned in early November, with throngs of people filling Huizenga Plaza and the Riverwalk. The South Florida tradition that honors and celebrates the departed was filled with Jim Hammond's signature puppets, ofrendas, mariachi bands, face painting and the skeleton processional.



Jim Hammond, Eddie Garza and Mayor Dean Trantalis





Rain, Christy Robbins and Tudcin Reyes



Leticia Montero, Gabriella Batista and Linsdany Alfonso



Children making masks





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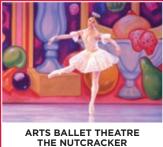
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# **BE PREPARED**

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO GATHER SUPPLIES FOR HURRICANE SEASON

he 2022 hurricane season brought a lot of devastation to Florida and should serve as a lesson of the importance to be prepared each year for tropical storms as well as the need to harden our infrastructure to be as resilient as possible.

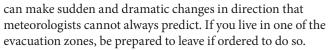
All of us have been horrified by the damage and death caused by Hurricane Ian. It will take months – if not years – before many communities fully recover from the damage to homes, businesses and infrastructure.

Then, there was Nicole – one of the latest hurricanes on record to hit the state's east coast. In Fort Lauderdale, we suffered from some severe flooding and shore erosion.

Because such a long time has passed since hurricanes Wilma and Irma struck our area, many residents have forgotten how powerful and devastating a storm can be with high winds and heavy rain. And many new residents have never experienced a storm and its potential for disaster.

I urge everyone to be well-prepared each hurricane season. Learn from this year's experiences and don't wait for a storm to develop before undertaking preparations to protect your home, your family and yourself.

Follow the weather forecasts and realize that a storm



Create an emergency plan and assemble a hurricane supply kit at the start of each season, so you're ready if a storm heads our direction.

Remember to have a three- to five-day supply of food and water, including at least one gallon of water per person per day. You also should have non-perishable food that is ready to eat, a battery-powered flashlight, a battery-powered radio, a first-aid kit and a reserve of prescription medicine.

The decisions you make can save your life and the lives of your loved ones. The City offers a Quick Tips Guide for preparing for an emergency on its website. You can stay informed and receive emergency alerts from the City by signing up on the City website.

Meanwhile, this year's hurricanes make many of our ongoing infrastructure initiatives even more important to complete.

As I recently mentioned in my State of the City remarks, the City is in the process of making its largest investment ever in stormwater and flood control. We launched a five-year, \$200 million plan to alleviate vulnerabilities, focusing

on our most flood-prone areas.

In conclusion, voters recently went to the polls to elect three new members of the City Commission. I thank the outgoing members – Heather Moraitis, Robert McKinzie and Ben Sorensen – for their years of dedicated service.

Together, we accomplished great things for the city and made Fort Lauderdale a better place to live.

We made major upgrades to our infrastructure and took steps to improve resiliency in light of climate change and sea-level rise. We also created private partnerships so Inter Miami would build its soccer facilities here, the Florida Panthers would upgrade War Memorial Auditorium and add ice rinks for public use, and an arts and culture park could be built downtown. We renovated the aquatic center into a world-class facility, built a new L.A. Lee YMCA/ Mizell Community Center and launched a major bond issue to improve our parks.

Please join me in welcoming our new commissioners. I hope that, together, we can continue to do great things for Fort Lauderdale. I also wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a great New Year!





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# **WATCH ON TV:**

Watch the Winterfest® Television Special on WSVN 7. Airing dates and times will be noted on Winterfestparade.com.

Watch it live on Fort Lauderdale's city station Comcast Channel 78. Check our website for details and video highlights of events throughout the season.

Winterfest will also have a Live Storytime with Santa on December 15.



See CAPTAIN LEE In the WSVN television Special

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BY REPRESENTATIVE CHIP LAMARCA
District 93



# WINTER WONDERLAND

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES ARRIVE, FORT LAUDERDALE STYLE



We may not have the change of leaves here in South Florida, but the cooler breeze is starting to make its way down to us, signifying the start of the holiday season! Anyone who lives in our beautiful district knows that there is nothing quite like spending the holidays right here in South Florida.

We have so many unique things to offer that you simply cannot find anywhere else than right here in District 100. Whatever you celebrate, the holidays on Las Olas are the most wonderful time of the year. This year, we will be celebrating 60 years of holiday celebrations on Las Olas. Beginning on Nov. 29, Las Olas Boulevard will transform into a winter wonderland and celebrate its annual holiday magic, right here in Fort Lauderdale. Christmas on Las Olas is a wonderful kickoff to the holiday season that continues to be enjoyed by all ages. You also must take the time to see the iconic Fort Lauderdale Sand "Snowman" on the beach, and the anchor drop for New Years on Las Olas. As always, these events are free and open to the public, and I look forward to seeing everyone there!

No community puts on a holiday show quite like the Winterfest Boat Parade. The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino sponsors this holiday boat show, which dates back to photos of decked out boats on the water as early as 1955! This year the parade will take place on Dec. 10. The Winterfest Boat Show features personal, commercial, and government vessels decorated with lights and music. The parade runs about 12 miles down the New River on Las Olas through the intracoastal north to Pompano Beach. The event brings in an estimate \$50 million per year to Greater Fort Lauderdale, and continues to draw tens of thousands of spectators. The event is also steamed online to those who would rather watch from home, or are away for the holidays. I highly recommend seeing for yourself it is called the "Best Show on H20."

As we begin to approach the end of the year, I would like to personally express how thankful I am for the continued support that I have received from so many friends, family and amazing constituents. We have so much more to do, and I look forward to working together to see what this year may bring all of us.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season spent with family and friends!

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

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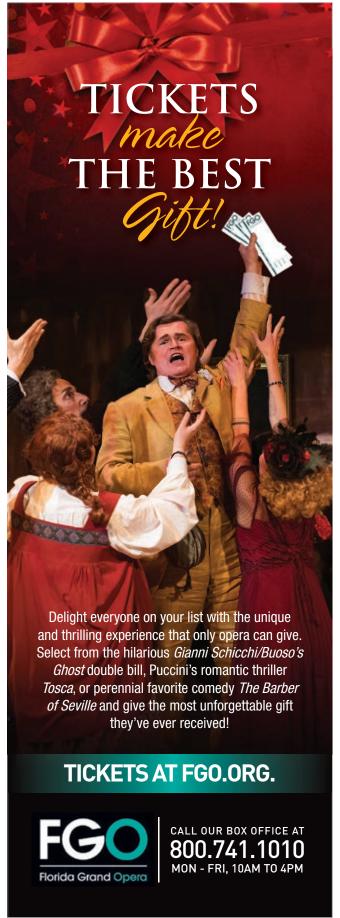
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BY KAREN WARFEL
City of Fort Lauderdale
Transportation Planning Program Manager



# **TUNNEL TOP**

UPDATE ON THE HENRY E. KINNEY TUNNEL PROJECT

he Henry E. Kinney Tunnel Project construction has recently passed the halfway point and noticeable changes will be happening with the transition to the next major phase this month.

Just over a year ago, the Florida Department of Transportation started construction on the project to upgrade the tunnel as well as implement the City's vision to create an enhanced open space on Las Olas Boulevard over the tunnel top.

To date, the majority of the work that has been completed has been focused on internal mechanisms and laying the foundations for the future Tunnel Top Plaza. But over the next few months the finishes on the Tunnel Top will begin to be completed to start bringing the vision to fruition while the work within the tunnels continues through next year with the overall project anticipated to be completed at the end of 2023.

The overall project is rehabilitating the structural, mechanical, electrical, architectural, and safety components of the Henry E. Kinney Tunnel; mill and resurface State Road 5/U.S. 1 from Rio Vista Boulevard to south of the Tunnel; install Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) along State Road 5/U.S. 1; extend the tunnel top to accommodate a pedestrian plaza which will include new fountains, seating facilities, patterned pavement, artificial turf and landscape installation, and reconstruct the intersection of Las Olas Boulevard at Southeast Sixth Avenue.

Work has completed with respect to the erection of the median wall, placement of the beams and pouring of the deck at the tunnel extension. Additionally, the installation of the new yellow tile within the southbound tunnel chamber, underground utility work installation, and the demolition of the former ventilation building and fan

system is finalized as well. Multiple concrete elements within the plaza are coming to life with the construction of the water fountain, concrete planters, and seating walls which are primed for their decorative finishing touches.

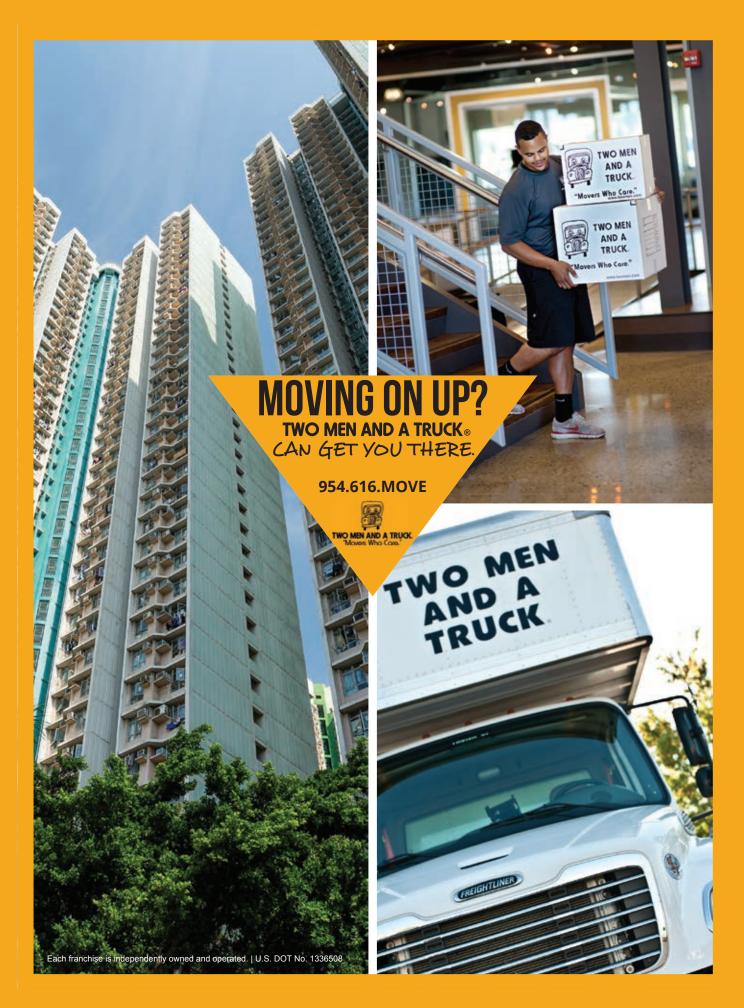
The next phase of construction will include the completion of the Tunnel Top Plaza and a shift in the vehicle detours through the tunnel and on Las Olas Boulevard.

What to expect this month: the construction activity will focus on pouring the colored pavement from the New River and Laura Ward Park to the south side of Las Olas Boulevard to create the decorative plaza elements. Also during December, the vehicle traffic on Las Olas Boulevard will be shifted from the westbound lanes between Southeast Sixth Avenue and Southeast Eighth Avenue to the eastbound lanes.

What to expect in January: the colored concrete will be poured for the remainder of the plaza from Las Olas Boulevard onto the new tunnel top area. Also during January, the vehicle traffic will be shifted from the northbound chamber of the Tunnel to the southbound chamber to allow for work on the northbound chamber.







BY PHILLIP DUNLAP
Director,
Broward Cultural Division

# **IGNITE BROWARD FESTIVAL**

FLORIDA'S MOST EXCITING ART, LIGHT AND PROJECTION MAPPING FESTIVAL RETURNS WITH MORE IMMERSIVE ART EXPERIENCES

is the season for celebrations with friends, and although December's festivities may be ending soon, we have good news! The celebrating will continue into the New Year with the award-winning IGNITE Broward festival, which is coming back for its second year bigger and better with more immersive and interactive art experiences showcasing today's most innovative technology.

IGNITE Broward features five days and nights of immersive light and sound-based art created by top national and international artists and designers. The free festival takes place January 25-29, 2023, during Fort Lauderdale Art & Design Week.

The large-scale 3D projection mapping and interactive light sculptures and installations will be presented at two locations in Fort Lauderdale and Dania Beach.

We've also launched an all-new website – IGNITEBroward.com – where you can watch videos and learn about the artworks and artists who created them.

Join us for the official countdown and celebrate the beginning of IGNITE Broward at our kick-off event on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. in the Museum of Discovery & Science Atrium, 401 S.W. Second St., Fort Lauderdale.

# IGNITE Broward | Jan. 25-29

Daily, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., six interactive light sculptures and installations will be activated at Mad Arts in Dania Beach (481 S. Federal Highway), with extended viewing until 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Artworks by MASARY Studios, NONOTAK, Daniel Iregui / Iregular, Seeper, and MF Dynamics will be featured.

Nightly, from 6 - 10 p.m., Downtown Fort Lauderdale will feature five spectacular outdoor digital, light-based art and 3D projection mapping installations at the Museum of Discovery & Science (401 S.W. Second St.) and Esplanade Park (400 S.W. Second St.). Artworks by Limelight Projection Mapping, Akiko Yamashita, Daniel Iregui / Iregular, and Seeper will be featured.

Presented by Broward Cultural Division, IGNITE Broward is produced by our talented partners, the creative solutions firm Mad and is sponsored by Visit Lauderdale, the City of Fort Lauderdale, with additional support from Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and Museum of Discovery and Science.

This year's festival will also include an NFT gallery, musical performances and poetry readings. For more information, visit IGNITEBroward.com. ©











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# SATISFY YOUR SWEET TOOTH

LOVELEE BAKESHOP BOASTS A VARIETY OF COOKIES, CAKES, PIES AND MORE

or many, the idea of leaving their unfulfilling job behind to chase their dreams is just that — a dream. However, Lee Mazor is one of the few who actually took a leap of faith and made her dreams a reality.

Mazor, who has always had a passion for baking, put that aside to instead get a stable career in business. Yet, it wasn't until her job started to become stagnant that she actually considered making a big change.

"Every morning, I didn't want to get out of bed. Then when I would finally get to work, I would just sit there watching the clock and waiting for the day to end," she said.

With that, she took her life into her own hands and went from taking a cake decorating class at Michael's to graduating from culinary school with honors to finally owning her own bakery here in Fort Lauderdale.

Opening in 2017, LoveLee Bakeshop offers a variety of delectable baked goods like cookies, cake pops, pies, specialty cakes for birthdays and weddings, and glutenfree and vegan options as well. Yet, the best seller is without a doubt their famous cinnamon buns that sell out before end of day every Saturday.

"We open at 9 on Saturdays and we usually tell people to come before 11 because they're usually sold out by then," said Mazor. Aside from their typical offerings at the bakery, customers can also order customized treat boxes and platters of assorted cookies, cake pops, and bite sized desserts for parties or special occasions.

What truly makes them special is Mazor's ability to keep customers coming back for more of her classic desserts made with a modern twist.

"Compared to a lot of more old fashioned bakeries, I try to take some of the classic flavors and make new items with a twist. We still offer the classics, of course, but I enjoy keeping up with the trends and offering people something different," she said. Throughout the year, LoveLee Bakeshop continues to keep offerings fresh and fun but the holiday season is where Mazor's creativity can shine. In particular, she is known for her



Lee Mazor, owner of Lovelee Bakeshop

French macarons offered year round but that change with the seasons as many new seasonal flavors become available as well.

"For Thanksgiving we'll have pumpkin, apple, and pecan flavors. Then, for Christmas we do hot chocolate, peppermint, and more. But if you're looking for a specific flavor and color combination, the macarons are customizable for special orders as well," she said.

Whether you're looking to order dessert platters for your next holiday party, be sure to get those orders in sooner rather than later.

"We have something for every holiday, whether that's Halloween, Thanksgiving, Hanukah, or Christmas but we do encourage our customers to put any holiday orders in at least two to three weeks before you need it so your order will be guaranteed," she said. 

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# **LOVELEE BAKESHOP**

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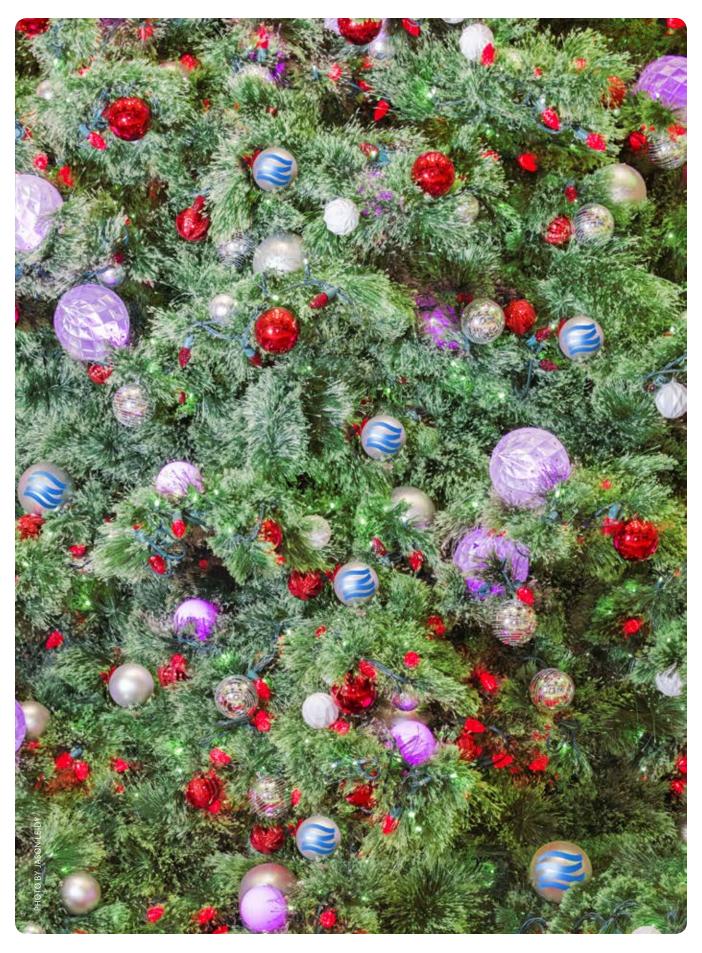








HOTOS BY JASON LEIDY





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



# **PARADE SEASON**

WINTERFEST EVENTS BOOST LOCAL ECONOMY

love a good parade. I can't think of one Thanksgiving when I didn't have the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade on as I was preparing for a day of cooking with family and friends and the Hard Rock Winterfest Board Parade follows this month on Dec. 10 and shouldn't be missed.

After 15 years back in Fort Lauderdale, I haven't missed one Winterfest Boat Parade. I'm not alone. Winterfest attracts an estimated one million viewers along the parade's route which begins on the New River in downtown Fort Lauderdale. It is the largest one-day spectator event in the country.

Winterfest is so much more than a boat parade. The 51-year-old parade boasts an economic impact to the community of \$51.5 million on an annual budget of \$1.5 million. It attracts 1.5 million viewers on WSVN Channel 7 and 7.1 million households on Bally Sports Sun.



Throughout its history, Winterfest has grown from a single event to multiple opportunities in which the public can engage. The Launch Party gets things started in October and then it is a series of events ranging from Family Fun Day to the Black Tie Ball to the Grand Marshal Reception to the Parade. Other events include: Shoreline Decorating, the Volunteer Party, the Captain's Cup, a Student Art Contest through Broward Public Schools, and Savor The Winterfest Season Party.

What amazes me is how a staff of three, led capably by Lisa Scott-Founds, can produce consistent, quality events. Dawn Read Diehl, Kathy Keleher and Scott-Founds make a triumvirate to be envied. They use a combination of leadership, grit, interns, volunteers, sponsors and sheer determination to produce a gem of an organization.

"Little did I know when I volunteered in 1987 that I would end up at the helm of a blockbuster event run by a dedicated team that I consider family," said the vivacious Scott-Founds.

Grand Marshals for the parade have ranged from Shaquille O'Neal to Pitbull to Kim Kardashian and everyone in between. This year we have blockbuster stars — Taylor Dane, and from NSYNC, Joey Fatone and Chris Kirkpatrick.

Our Grand Marshals will lead the parade past a judges positioned at the beginning stationed near the Riverside Hotel. A Coast Guard helicopter flies up the route followed by a volley of fireworks announcing the beginning of the evening's festivities.

There will be 100 decorated boats of all sizes decorated with lights and producing imaginative sounds. My favorites have been the 12 dingeys of Christmas and the Santa Claus boat with the Galleria reindeer.

There are plenty of opportunities for you to participate in Winterfest. Viewing options run from Downtown along the Riverwalk east to the Intracoastal then north past Birch State Park. Our newest viewing area is just north of Bahia Mar and the Aquatic Center. Tickets for the Baptist Health Viewing Area are \$25/20 for adults and children respectively and can be secured at www. winterfestparade.com.

If you love a parade as much as I do you owe it to yourself and your family to be part of the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Board Parade. ©

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RY PHIL PURCELL CEO/President, Marine Industries Association of South Florida Writer Zuzana Prochazka



# READY, SET, GO

HARDWORKING YACHT CREWS RAMP UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

ome for the holidays" is just an expression when you work as crew aboard a superyacht. As the hurricane season wraps up, the Caribbean comes calling and with it, crews get busy. Owners (and charterers) make plans to spend time aboard yachts throughout the holidays from Thanksgiving to New Year's and that's just the beginning of the winter yachting season in El Caribe. It's a hectic (but rewarding) time for the people who make it all happen and it redefines what the holidays mean to many.

# **Economic impact on South Florida**

The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (FLIBS) is the unofficial kickoff to holiday yachting and our region is a hub of 24/7 activity in the fall when these beautiful boats are activated. FLIBS is owned by the Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF) and the show is an important destination for owners and captains who come to outfit their yachts or maybe even purchase a new one. Land-based experts are tapped for their time as well including mechanics, electricians, fabricators and decorators, who refit vessels and/or add newly purchased equipment and onboard systems.

Of course, the boats are just the beginning. Because each yacht functions as its own city or an autonomous microcosm, much effort goes into preparing and managing the boat's necessities including food, fuel, décor and all the rest of the needs for the comfort and safety of those aboard. Literal truckloads of provisions arrive at the docks each day during this time as the boats are readied for their hardest and most concentrated stretch of work of the year. Have you ever thought of how much asparagus, chocolate or champagne it takes to get through six weeks of festivities?

Let's not forget other local businesses that support these yachts. Florists, wine shops and party supply stores deliver weeks of stores and goods. Think of the holiday decor that must be purchased, transported and stored aboard. Slip fees and fuel taxes also bring a windfall to South Florida and crew agencies scramble to fill the positions with trained and qualified personnel both from the local talent pool as well as from all over the world.

These are a few examples of the yachts' direct expenses but there's also the indirect revenue that's generated from activities that owners and their guests enjoy prior to embarking. There's much for them to do here including enjoying restaurants, galleries, and boutique shops and all this activity makes our South Florida economy hum.

# Work hard, play hard

None of the yachting magic happens without organization and dedication and that takes serious overtime by crews who must be high energy and flexible as they work and smile through long and sometimes frustrating days. However, the perks of the job can be priceless. Crews may work late into the night supporting their guests on New Year's Eve, but on the other hand, they also ring in a new year in whatever exotic location the yacht is visiting. A cool swim in St. Barts, a hike in the British Virgin Islands, a scuba dive in Bequia, or breakfast in Antigua are among the many benefits that crews enjoy in their downtime.

Once the charter is over or the owner flies home. there's still work to be done to manage the yacht and get it ready for the next guests, but the pace eases, if only momentarily. This is when crews may find themselves on a white sand beach with swaying palm trees next to a plastic Santa and reindeer.

The holidays represent a lucrative time for people in the yachting industry and that's why so many are willing to work through this season that's often seen as ideal family time. The captains, deck hands, stewards, chefs and engineers may not be with their own families for the holidays, but oftentimes, yachts foster a congenial culture aboard and the crew family becomes a second family when lifetime friendships are made.

So, as you prepare for your own holidays, take a moment to ponder the 24/7 effort that goes into the many marine jobs that boost our local economy. Then enjoy the season in good health and with plenty of gratitude, both of which are the best gifts anyone can wish for. @





## **2023 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION**

DETAILS ON HOW TO QUALIFY

Il qualified Florida residents are eligible to receive a Homestead Exemption on their homes, condominiums, co-op apartments, and certain mobile home lots. To qualify for Homestead Exemption, you must own and make the property your permanent residence on Jan. 1 of the year for which you are applying for this valuable exemption. Pursuant to Florida law, all assessments and exemptions are based upon the status of the property on Jan. 1. If you purchased and/or made the property your permanent residence in 2022 and have not applied for Homestead Exemption, you can apply for 2023 exemptions at any time – there is no need to wait until 2023 to file your exemption application with the property appraiser's office. You can easily apply online at https://web.bcpa.net.

The timely deadline to file for all 2023 exemptions is March 1, 2023. You must make the property your permanent residence by Jan. 1, 2023, in order qualify;

however, you have until March 1 to timely file your application with the property appraiser's office. The late filing deadline for all 2023 exemptions is Sept. 18, 2023. For information about all the other exemptions available to qualified applicants, please visit the "Exemptions & Classifications" page on our website https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/Homestead.

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

If you have any questions about Homestead Exemption or any other exemptions, please call (954) 357-6830 or email me at martykiar@bcpa.net. <sup>(1)</sup>



# MEET FORT LAUDERDALE'S ASSISTANT CITY MANAGERS

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF FORT LAUDERDALE

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

Editor's note: The City of Fort Lauderdale has recently welcomed three new city managers, Greg Chavarria, and assistant city managers Anthony Fajardo and Susan Grant. This month, Go Riverwalk staff writer Madelaine Boyer talks with Fajardo and Grant. In our November issue, she talked with Chavarria. These interviews have been edited for length and clarity.

#### Susan Grant, Assistant City Manager/ Director of Finance

Hometown: Hialeah

**Residence:** Fort Lauderdale

**Education:** Bachelor's of science in accounting,

University of Florida

Q: You come with a strong financial background not only including planning and budgets but working to achieve the goals provided by the City Commission. What do you see as a great challenge over the next few years?

A: With inflation and how it impacts our residents and the things they buy, the same is true for us. For instance, the cost of electric, gas, or construction, all of those things put additional stress on a budget that's pretty tight already. So, we have to sharpen our pencils, so to speak, and work on the way we're projecting our revenues and expenses while also making sure there is enough set aside in reserves, for a rainy day. It's a puzzle that you have put together but I think that's one of the biggest hurdles that we're going to be facing. The other is the increases in interest rates. The city often borrows money for things like our parks bond that we're issuing over the next few months but the interest rates have gone up significantly over the past year, compared to what they were three years ago. All of that makes it more interesting to figure out but it also makes it fun.

Q: Finance and administration are fairly straightforward based on the approved City Budget and proposed CIP each year. Do you have any changes that you believe would be effective in furthering the fiscal process?

A: Finance and administration are fairly straightforward based on the approved City Budget and proposed CIP each year. Do you have any changes that you believe would be effective in furthering the fiscal process.

Q: Personnel and corporate recall are valuable assets to city operations – how do you see those assets

## being improved over the next few years to retain some of the expertise that is in place today?

A: Our workforce isn't any different than most other places in that the workforce is aging. People will be retiring so recruitment is a challenge for us, just like it is a challenge for every employer out there. Also, cities historically have had salaries that maybe weren't the best but they were known for good benefit packages with pensions or comprehensive healthcare.

However, with the younger workforce, Millennials and Gen Z, some of those things might not be as important to them. Instead, things like alternate work schedules or even working hybrid or totally remote is more of a priority. We're not necessarily there yet but those are things that we as an organization are looking at to make sure that our employment practices are in tune with what workers are looking for today. <sup>(6)</sup>

#### **Anthony Fajardo, Assistant City Manager**

Hometown: Westlake, Louisiana
Residence: Fort Lauderdale

Education: Master's degree in geography

Q: You come from a very strong background in planning, zoning, and the establishment of ordinances and guidelines that lead our city. What changes do you see making in the future to make this a better place to live, work and play?

A: One of the biggest things that I'm focused on and have been for a while now is workforce housing. We refer to it as the missing middle and we would like to have people like teachers, police officers, and firefighters who are starting out their careers to move to Fort Lauderdale and use that to really strengthen our master plan which talks about creating that live, work, play mixture.

However, having housing at a price point where people can't really gain access to it isn't very helpful. So, we just got something adopted by the City Commission for affordable housing and it allows us to establish and incentivize a great housing program as well as develop a stream of available units within the county.

Q: Housing is a critical item on the needs list for the city, both workforce and affordable. Additional housing/flex units need to be increased by the county to achieve some of those goals. What do you think is the appropriate approach and means of parsing out those available units?

A: It'll be a mandatory process now where it wasn't before. If you have a development coming in, of the units they're building, 15 percent of those need to be affordable rate units. In order to provide those units, they can either build them or pay in lieu to our affordable housing trust fund that we split with the county. Then we can leverage that money for gap financing or to construct units on our own to try and help individuals get into housing. A developer can also do a combination of those two where they can build some units and pay for others. The only option the development community has for new development in the city of Fort Lauderdale is to utilize these streams of market rate units as a ratio of affordable housing units.

Q: Noise continues to be a discussion within the city as the residential density increases both in Downtown and on the beach. Proximity to business districts by residential units seems to be a catalyst for the discussion. Can you give us a guideline for a plan to achieve a balance between the need to remain the vibrant with we worked so hard to achieve and meet the needs of the nearby residents?

A: We have an ordinance in place now that stipulates what the noise limitations are in various parts of the city. Depending on if you're in a special entertainment district, a residential area, or commercial areas, the noise limitations are different for each area with different times a day when a maximum level of noise can be reached. That ordinance is somewhat cumbersome because it hasn't been updated since around 2008.

However, in an effort to help change with the times and the everchanging landscape of Fort Lauderdale, we did establish a noise control advisory committee in 2021.

We have promoted our former division manager of community enhancement of compliance, Portia Williams, to deputy director over in Development Services. Since she has taken over, she has procured some equipment that can be placed in different areas to monitor noise. With this new equipment that's mounted to one of our trucks, we can bring it to any location where it can be for extended periods of time taking measurements. In the long term, this should be more effective than having a conversations with whoever the proprietor is of the business. ©



## WINTERFEST: BEHIND THE SCENES

A PEEK AT WHAT'S INVOLVED TO ORCHESTRATE THE "BEST SHOW ON H20"

**WRITER** RENÉE K. QUINN

Editor's note: Renée K. Quinn has been a Winterfest board member circa 2007 and volunteer since 1997. She was the 50th Anniversary Belle of the Ball.

or the past 50 years, Fort Lauderdale locals have celebrated the holiday season by land and on the Intracoastal Waterway with the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade helmed by Lisa Scott-Founds, her staff - Parade Director Kathy Keleher and Event Director Dawn Diehl along with their board. This years' parade splashes in town on Saturday, Dec. 10, featuring Neon Nightlife under the Sea.

Let's take a look behind the scenes, specifically at a key group of volunteers that power the parade: dock walkers, ham operators and the control room, among others.

#### **MEET MARK SWENSON**

Senior vice president/wealth adviser at UBS Financial Services Dock walker for six years, and then was parade chairman for five years. Current chairman of the board for Winterfest Inc. in his second/final year of term.

## What part of your involvement with Winterfest do you feel people do not understand?

The number of volunteers behind the scenes that make the parade what it is. We have a village of people helping in all facets of the organization, and the night of the parade is a full-on team effort that is coordinated between Winterfest staff, volunteers, board members, marine patrol, Broward Sheriff's Office, Fort Lauderdale Police Department, U.S. Coast Guard, ham operators and parade participants. We go over the game plan and contingency planning to make sure we are all in sync and everyone understands their role on parade day.

## What is the best part of being involved with the Winterfest organization?

The people involved and the parade participants! If it wasn't for them, we would have nothing to volunteer for! To see the families involved and all the laughing, smiling faces brings joy to helping make it the most memorable night we can.

#### **MEET BRITT LANIER**

Multi-unit franchisee, TWO MEN AND A TRUCK Volunteer for eight years at boat parade logistics meetings and a participant in the parade since 2001. As boat parade chairman, his responsibilities are year-round chairing the committee that focuses on parade logistics.

## What part of your involvement with Winterfest do you feel people do not understand?

Most people think that boats just show up. This could not be further from the truth. Parade planning literally starts at the conclusion of the previous year's

parade. The days leading up to the parade are a combination of staging logistics and meeting with sub-committees and law enforcement to ensure a clear understanding of responsibilities before, during and after the parade.

Once the parade is laid out on paper, it is my responsibility to "script" the parade. The "script" is a document that lays out exactly how the parade should flow. It is shared between our control room, dock walkers, police assets and the U.S. Coast Guard. It is a both a timeline for the release of boats into the parade and guidelines to keep them safe throughout the parade route.

#### **MEET CAROL SJURSEN**

Program manager for the Deerfield Beach Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program; past president for the Florida CERT. Winterfest volunteer since 2007 and current parade communications co-chair.

## What is the best part of being involved with the Winterfest organization?

The **best** volunteer position is the communications cochair for the Boat Parade. As a part of the unified command staff, my team provides communications through amateur radio throughout the 12-mile parade route. We also provide communications to the parade boats, the control boats, the dock walkers and other positions involved with the parade. We are also the liaison between the volunteers and Fort Lauderdale Police and Fire Rescue and U.S. Coast Guard to relay a need for their services, which was reported by one of our volunteers, whether that need is on or off the water. <sup>(1)</sup>



Britt Lanier, boat parade chairman, is one of hundreds of volunteers who make sure the Winterfest Boat Parade runs smoothly each year.



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Bhakta Brandy Jacquin's Green Crème de Menthe Jacquin's White Crème de Cacao Heavy cream

Combine, shake and our into glass. Garnish with chopped up Andes mint candies.



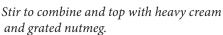
Michter's Sour Mash or bourbon Faretti Biscotti Liqueur Bitter Truth chocolate bitters

Combine, stir and serve over large ice and garnish with biscotti and orange peel.





Small pat of dark sugar and cinnamon butter\* Hot coffee



\*To make sweet butter, combined softened bitter with dark brown sugar and cinnamon, wrap in plastic wrap and keep chilled.



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#### **Ginger Fig Whiskey Sour**

Woodford Reserve Bourbon Bar spoon of fig jam Ginger syrup Fresh lemon juice Egg white

Combine and shake vigorously with ice, pour into coupe glass.



#### **Winter Spiced Mule**

Stoli Vodka Winter syrup\* (cinnamon, nutmeg and clove simple syrup) Fresh lime Top with ginger beer

\*To make winter syrup, combine, brown sugar, grated cinnamon and nutmeg with cloves, and steep into warm water. Stir to dissolve.



#### A DESSERT TO SPLURGE ON — GINGER CHOCOLATE AMARETTO TART

The Ginger Chocolate Amaretto Tart was created by the winner of Sugar Rush Christmas on Netflix in 2019 (Season 1, Episode 1 – "Christmas Spirit"), Sabrina Courtemanche, Chef de Partie at the Riverside Hotel and soon to be the executive pastry chef and general manager at the New River Cafe and Bakery.

#### **MEET SABRINA**

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF: I grew up in Ontario, Canada, and loved baking with my mom and sister, which brought me to my first Pastry Arts course in 2000. I graduated and worked several bakeries and resorts throughout Ontario and made my way to Florida (as it's been a dream of mine since the beginning to work somewhere with palm trees and the ocean — true story.) I started in the Florida Keys at Cheeca Lodge and came to Fort Lauderdale in 2014, landing a job with my new family, the Riverside Hotel as their pastry chef. I fell in love with the atmosphere and values of the company and will forever be grateful for this amazing opportunity! Our pastry team is ready to show them that we are here to share our passion with our community. We will be transitioning from the "pastry kitchen" inside the Riverside Hotel to the new go-to bakery in Broward.





Sabrina Courtemanche



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DECEMBER 3 Holiday Magic Whimsical Wonderland Featuring fantastical characters and loads of family fun Bonnet House Museum & Gardens 954-463-5393 www.bonnethouse.org



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The highlight of Fort Lauderdale's social season Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino 954-767-0686 www.winterfestparade.com

#### Handel's Messiah

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#### Peace on Earth

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#### DECEMBER 17-JANUARY 1



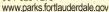
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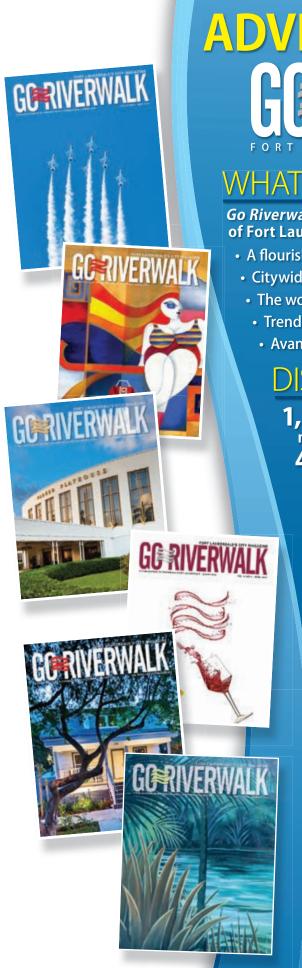
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STANDING: BRIAN CLAY, SHANNON CLAY AND Robert Lochrie; Seated, Oriana Mullai, Kathryn Roberts and Brooke Lochrie

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## 16TH ANNUAL RIBBONS FOR THE CHILDREN

The event raised more than \$45,000 for Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center, a not-for-profit subsidiary of Broward Health.



MARIA PIERSON, CHUCK WILLIAMS AND ROBYN VEGAS



SCOTT FORD, HIS WIFE BECKY, DR. ANA CALDERON RANDAZZO AND AMY MILLER



RYAN SPRING, KATHY CARROLL AND JASON HUGHES

## MISSION UNITED

United Way of Broward County's Mission United celebrated the opening of a second location, enabling it to serve more veterans and their families.



CONRAD OGLETREE AND JOHN BOWMAN



BEN SORENSEN, STEPHEN FERRANTE, JAMES HEATON, KATHLEEN CANNON, STEPHEN MOSS AND DEBBIE Wasserman Schultz



JANINE RIBEIRO CHOW-QUAN, MELANIE GEDDES AND MARIA HERNANDEZ

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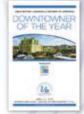


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## CELEBRATING 36

## ARTSERVE CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE

ArtServe's opening reception for "Narratives in Latin-American Art," curated by the Latin American Art Pavilion, will be on display through Dec. 30.



MARIA RAGO, SHERRY TOUBIN AND KRIS POTTER



GUILLERMO GAMBINI, ANETTE LEMMEL AND JASON HUGHES



HADI SALLOUM, ANABAIS YERO, PIPE YANGUAS AND GABRIELLA DE FERRARI

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## HANDY/H.O.M.E.S. INC.

HANDY/H.O.M.E.S. Inc.'s reception for its inaugural Moonrise Event on Oct. 27 at the Lauderdale Yacht Club helped raise almost \$100,000, which will support mental health and youth development programs.



SARA SHAKE, JAMIE SHOCK AND MARIA HUNT



CHAD MOSS, PHIL DEBIASI, MICHAEL WILD AND KIRK BROWN



ANDREW CREIGHTON, KATHLEEN THOMSEN
AND MALCOLM MACINNES

## **CHILDREN'S HARBOR SAFE HARBOR SOCIETY**

Children's Harbor hosted a mixer in November at the Easton Rooftop to raise awareness and funds to support the non-profit's mission.



MARTY APPLEBAUM, MARLEEN APPLEBAUM AND STEPHANIE PARKER



SHANNON JESSEN, KAREN JUSTICE, MICHAEL SCHUNK, EDWINA AUGUSTE AND DAVID RIDOS



MARTIN ALEXANDER AND SANDY ALEXANDER

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# New Exhibit Blooming Soon



**Presented by JM Family Enterprises** 

The Discovery Center exhibit is closing on January 2, and reopening as the Discovery Spot in summer 2023. Our youngest visitors can continue to enjoy our many other Museum experiences.

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