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Don't miss the opportunity to get in a round before Pixar Putt rolls out of town. For tickets, group reservations and more information visit theloopflb.com

SAVE THE DATES #STAYINTHELOOP - MARCH



3.4 VCA WALK FOR THE ANIMALS

The 33rd annual VCA Walk for the Animals, which benefits The Humane Society of Broward County, takes attendees on a beachside stroll this year with the move to Las Olas Intracoastal Promenade Park. Registration is FREE!

3.5 LAS OLAS TRIATHLON

3.10 STREET STRIPING

Get ready to paint the town green at the pre-parade Street Striping event, sponsored by The LOOP.



3.11 ST. PATRICKS PARADE & FESTIVAL

Join us as the Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Parade & Festival marches along scenic Fort Lauderdale Beach, bringing fun, excitement and the famed Clydesdale horses in a day for the entire family. FREE.

3.19 MS WALK, FORT LAUDERDALE

3.23 SUNSET SALUTATIONS

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3.25 MARCH FOR CANCER WALK



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

High floor Ashley model with over 2600 square feet of living space & stunning views of the ocean, river & downtown Fort Lauderdale on oversized terraces. This sun-lit condo features an open gourmet kitchen with Sub Zero & Thermador appliances, granite countertops, a separate dining room & living room.

JUST LISTED **BRADFORD** | \$1,395,000
2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

Custom designed Residence with sophisticated luxury in mind, one of the best views in Fort Lauderdale. Boasting polished marble floors, custom lighting, doors and hardware motorized window treatments, Poggenpohl kitchen cabinetry, quartz wrap around countertops and backsplash, premium stainless-steel appliances, illuminated bookcases, fireplace feature, custom built ins & soffit lighting.

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

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.

UNDER CONTRACT **CHAMPAGNE**
2 BEDROOM + DEN 2.5 BATH

Direct River Views from this remodeled Champagne South designer unit that offers a flow through floor plan with east & west exposures. Top tier quality finishes & craftsmanship. Jerusalem stone throughout, modern grey & white quartzite kitchen, beautifully designed baths, custom lighting, solid doors & hardware, custom wall units, stone accent walls, crown moldings & tiled terraces.

UNDER CONTRACT **BRADFORD**
2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

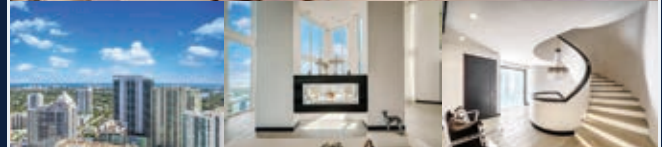
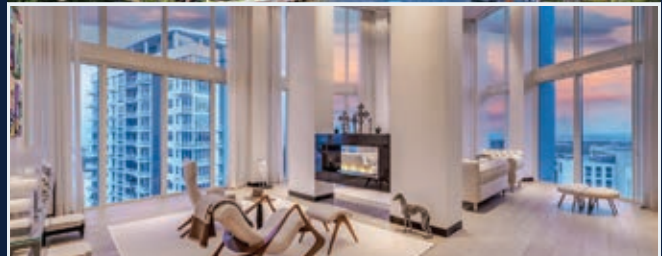
Shows like a model! This High floor Bradford floor plan delivers the highly desired water views & the expanded open kitchen! Upgraded with marble floors, crown moldings & custom window treatments. The renovations are done for you! Beautifully designed Poggenpohl kitchen features upgraded waterfall granite countertops, an array of high end appliances & ample cabinetry. The master & guest suite both feature rich wood floors, modernized baths with built in cabinets, walk in closets & access to the expansive terrace.

JUST SOLD! **BRADFORD**
2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

Highly sought-after 36th floor Bradford South with unobstructed views of the ocean & river. High end finishes featured throughout this split bedroom floor plan include marble floors & baseboards, an array of high-end appliances, river facing oversized terrace accessible from every room & floor to ceiling glass.

JUST SOLD! **BRADFORD**
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 kitchen with extended breakfast bar, full mosaic glass back splash, top of the line appliances & custom bar!



PENTHOUSE | \$5,995,000
5 BEDROOM 6.5 BATH

The crown atop the landmark luxury glass tower of Las Olas. Over 8,300 sq. ft. of pristine interior space, 5 bedrooms, 5.5 baths, office, private gym, & media lounge, all spread over 3 floors, with endless amounts of linear feet of glass offering 270 degree views over all of Fort Lauderdale. This Penthouse is the epitome of ultra urban luxury featuring a collection of high-end fixtures & finishes, ceiling heights soaring over 25ft, climate controlled wine wall, & a well designed floor plan separating entertaining space from private living areas. A private pool side cabana with full bath is included in the sale. This phenomenal home, like any great work of architecture, must be seen to be fully appreciated.

JUST SOLD! **PARK**
3 BEDROOM 3 BATH

Pristine Park model with custom interiors by Steven G. River & ocean views from this luxury residence spread over 3200 sq. ft. of highly upgraded interiors featuring marble floors with custom inlays, customized ceilings & 4 terraces.

UNDER CONTRACT **LEXINGTON**
2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH

Live lavishly in this Lexington floor plan. Over 1850 sq. ft. of open living space with marble & hardwood floors, a private elevator entry with custom moldings, doors & fixtures. Modernized baths with book matched porcelain, illuminated vanities, & European fixtures. Floor to ceiling glass surrounds the unit, leading out to 2 terraces with river & pool views.

NEWLY PRICED! **LEXINGTON** | \$1,049,900
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 SOLD! **1 BEDROOM 1 BATH**

Beautifully furnished 1 bedroom 1 bath with marble floors. Gourmet kitchen, large living area with floor to ceiling sliders leading out to the terrace. Master leads out onto the terrace, perfect for enjoying the vibrant city views.



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JUST SOLD! SEAVIEW

Gorgeous 3 bedroom 2 bath completely remodel SE corner, most desirable "04" stack with direct river & ocean views, designer finishes include 24x48 Italian porcelain tile, large eat in kitchen, quartz countertops, new stainless appliances, full tile back splash and custom lighting.

NEWLY PRICED! SEAVIEW | \$859,000

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, custom lighting throughout, fully renovated bathrooms with double sinks, frameless shower doors, built in closets, full size washer/dryer & multiple glass balconies. Full service building with 5 star lifestyle amenities including concierge, tropical pool deck/hot tub, clubroom, business center, 2 story gym & 24 hour valet/security.

JUST SOLD! SKYVIEW

High floor 2 bedroom 2 bathroom Sky View model with beautiful upgrades & sparkling city views! This split bedroom floor plan features polished marble floors, modern grey & white quartz kitchen with waterfall edge countertops & full backsplash, stainless appliances & brushed nickel hardware.

JUST SOLD! SUNGARDEN

High floor 1 bedroom 1 bath with amazing city & sunset views! Open living/dining area, gourmet kitchen with counter seating, granite countertops, beautiful tile flooring, floor to ceiling impact windows, new a/c unit & washer/dryer.

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.



NURIVER
LANDING

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, washer and dryer and tile floors throughout. Storage unit included.

JUST SOLD! 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.

UNDER CONTRACT DOWNTOWN STUDIO

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LAS OLAS PLACE

JUST LISTED 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$629,900

This immaculate 2 bed 2 bath is the largest 2 bedroom floorplan in the entire building at 1,346 sq. ft. 11th floor unit with eastern and sunrise views. 350 Las Olas Place is a boutique condo consisting of 163 units and is centrally located in the heart of Downtown Fort Lauderdale.



BY RICHARD RODRIGUEZ
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair



WELCOME TO PARADISE

THE FOUR PILLARS OF HOSPITALITY

Industries in our City are varied and create a tremendous economic engine. When looking at those engines in Fort Lauderdale and Broward County, some of the most established ones are hospitality, retail, tech, education marine, financial services and health care.

Merriam Webster Dictionary defines hospitality as “generous and friendly treatment of visitors and guest or hospitable treatment.” The hospitality industry is a multibillion-dollar industry that depends on the availability of leisure time, disposable income and complete customer satisfaction. It is divided into four segments: food and beverage, travel and tourism, lodging, and recreation.

Food and beverage or F&B as it is commonly referred to, is one of the largest segments of hospitality. The diversity and quality of food and drink define a restaurant and, delivered with first-class customer service, is what most establishments strive to achieve. When tied to a hotel, it enhances the guest experience further.

Travel and tourism means moving people from place to place via buses, cabs, planes, ships, trains and other means of transportation. Leisure travel is when individuals spend money on lodging, food and recreation

while taking a vacation or as a part of business travel. The function of tourism is to encourage people to travel and we think Fort Lauderdale is the perfect destination.

Lodging is defined as the accommodations for the period of your stay and where you will be sleeping. From fancy hotels to campgrounds, Fort Lauderdale offers all levels of lodging including budget stays, boat stays and in some cases, long stays for travelers. Fort Lauderdale has something for everyone, short-term or long-term hotel stays, short-term rentals, Airbnb, campgrounds, boat slips for those traveling by water, and more.

Recreation is sometimes the reason for travel and for others it is part of the enjoyment of doing something different. We know that some prefer to recreate by reading a book and others look for extreme sports. There are great museums, spectator and participant sports locally, as well as great sport fishing and boating.

All of these segments provide some description of what is part of “hospitality.” The most important part of hospitality is how those services are delivered. Fort Lauderdale and Broward County excel in each of the four segments. This is the primary reason we have become a preferred destination for visitor and residents as well.

People are currently enjoying the ability to travel and our City offers easy access to planes, trains, ships and more as a means of transportation — a city filled with awesome restaurants and hotels, and destinations that have great spectator or participant sports, festivals, art, music and passive places to enjoy. In the end, it is easy to say we live in paradise. 🌴



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MILESTONES FOR RIVERWALK FORT LAUDERDALE

Another milestone for Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale: we celebrate 20 years of producing Go Riverwalk Magazine. With the help of some great publishers and fantastic executive editors, we have continuously published a quality magazine for the residents and visitors to Fort Lauderdale. The ability to share information, feature local people and businesses, and showcase our city keeps us relevant in today's world. Specialty sections like the event calendar, Snapped At and Bites and Sips cover a wide spectrum of news that continue to be very well received.

We have had some award-winning covers, done by our photographer and our graphic specialists and have been included in the Library of Congress since 2015.

With many great partners and sponsors, along with our much valued advertisers, we are able to provide a quality printed magazine mailed to our members and dropped at contracted locations throughout Fort Lauderdale and Broward County. Copies are mailed to members and sponsors out of state, as well as making for an incredibly diverse distribution.

Just as the magazine is celebrating a milestone, we are reminded that Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Inc. also celebrates 35 years of service to the city and community. Riverwalk and its dedicated board are the watchdogs of the pedestrian walkway on the north and south side of the New River along with 10

parks and green spaces within the Riverwalk District. We continuously work to activate those spaces and Downtown, bringing a wide variety of passive and active events to engage our residents and visitors. We review and report on infrastructure and needs along with park upgrades that are required.

We have more than 60,000 etched bricks within the pedestrian walkways as well as over 260 signature banners. The etched bricks celebrate all things in life and recognize and remember events and individuals in perpetuity. They tell us stories. We have installed fixed exercise equipment and specialty water fountains on both sides of the river, public art throughout Riverwalk and downtown, recycle bins, dedicated public planters, and funded numerous tree installations, gardens and aesthetic enhancements. We participated in rescuing the Shippey House and putting it in to active service in the Historic District. We have built playgrounds in areas with none. Through our grant process we have been able to bring many amenities to Downtown.

We pride our success on our members, partnership and sponsors who help us give back to public land. Through their continued support, Downtown Fort Lauderdale is a place to be and is a draw for visitors alike. Join us in 2023 as we celebrate 20 years of magazine publishing and 35 years of public service to Fort Lauderdale. 🌳



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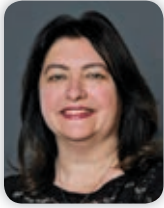
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COVAR GLOBAL MARKETING AND ENTERTAINMENT

My entire working career has been in advertising and marketing. I initially found the love for it while in high school in Miami working on the school's yearbook. While I liked the journalism aspect of the yearbook, the advertising angle appealed to me much more than writing. With this newfound love, I attended the University of Florida where I obtained a bachelor's degree in advertising. My internship at Y100 turned into a full-time job and over the course of many years, I worked about every position imaginable eventually rising to become the vice president of marketing and event production. I can honestly say I loved my job and looked forward to going into work each and every day.

Then Covid hit. Like many, I was laid off and with the lockdown had plenty of time to do some soul searching. I decided to take my nearly 30 years of experience and put them to work with me being my own boss. At Covar Global Marketing and Entertainment, I offer marketing, media, event project management and party planning services to a variety of clients including several nonprofit organizations. The nice thing is that my job is very similar to what I was doing pre-pandemic and I even get to work with several of my old clients.

Throughout the years, I have always admired everything Riverwalk does for our community. I joined to support their mission and to meet like-minded individuals while enjoying my new found freedom as an entrepreneur.



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HARDCORE ADVERTISING

A graduate of FIU with both a bachelor's degree in business and an MBA, I have always been drawn to all aspects of media including advertising, branding, analytics and even general operations. My first job out of college was working for a large publisher of Latin American magazines where I started in accounting and ultimately worked my way up to branding manager.

This experience led me to the Sun Sentinel and ultimately to their parent company, Tribune Publishing. I started out in the digital media division where I helped to design digital advertising packages as well as help to drive the growth of the Sun Sentinel's web services program. I ultimately transitioned to the Tribune where I was a senior account executive handling national accounts including their top 200 advertisers which saw me traveling a great deal.

While travel and working with large national corporations was exciting, the entrepreneurial spirit in me took over and I, along with Corey Levin, a former Sun Sentinel co-worker, formed Hardcore Advertising in 2016. Our main focus areas are branding and lead generation which includes actively monitoring all the analytics so our clients' campaigns are successful. Furthermore, we never take on competing businesses and pride ourselves on complete transparency.

Outside of the office, I spend lots of time with my wife and two children and I'm also known to be a huge Miami Dolphins and Heat fan. Soccer is also another love of mine. In addition, I'm also always looking to expand my network which is just one reason I joined Riverwalk.

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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RHYTHM AND BREWS

Cold brews and great music returned to Esplanade Park on Jan. 21 with Riverwalk’s Rhythm and Brews Battle of the Bands presented by Funky Buddha. Congratulations to the winners, The Piro Band, and special thanks to our sponsor Las Olas Capital Arts and judges, David Lovitt and David “The Beast” Spitz for an amazing afternoon along the New River.



Rhythm and Brews at Esplanade Park



Ed Thatcher tries some cheery Kona Ice



Rhythm and Brews at Esplanade Park



Nala Verano, Jodi Tanner and Heather Renee with Las Olas Capital Arts



Jacob Vazquez and Billie Laguerre



Rhythm and Brews at Esplanade Park



Jacob Meredith from Funky Buddha with Marcus Borges



Suki Finnerty, Alice Darley, Sid Pike, Julie Levin and Pia Dahlquist



Volunteers Jim Miller and Tom Jennings



Ed Murphy just after his volunteer shift pouring beer



Some of the Funky Buddha crew: Rafael Gullón, Erika Viña and Evelis Valdes



Anusha Chowdury and Fabio Fiss



Manuel Gonzales and Morgan Derouen



Judges David Spitz and David Lovitt



The winning band: The Piro Band



David "The Beast" Spitz shreds with The Piro Band

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POWER MIXER

On Feb. 6, Riverwalk Trustee members and corporate partners gathered at Yacht Sales International for a delightful evening of networking, food and beverages. Guests were able to tour three brand new hybrid yachts and learn more about this new technology. The event was sponsored by J.P. Morgan Private Bank.



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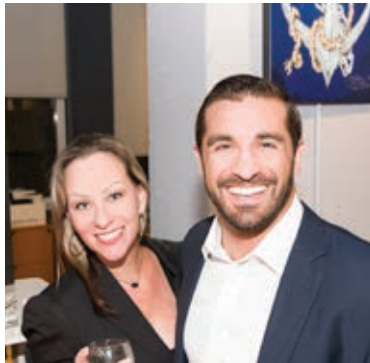
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IGNITE BROWARD ART AND LIGHT

The award-winning Ignite Broward art and light festival returned with more immersive light-based art installations and sculptures created by top national and international artists Jan. 25 through 29. Presented by Broward County Cultural Division in partnership with Mad Arts, the free experience was sponsored by Visit Lauderdale and the City of Fort Lauderdale, with support from Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and the Museum of Discovery & Science.

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"Mother Tree and Friends" at Esplanade Park



Visitors experience the art in front of the Museum of Discovery & Science



All ages interacted with "Control NoControl" in the center of Esplanade Park along the Riverwalk

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Interacting with "Control No Control" by Iregular Studios



Holly Browder, Meredith Clements and Maddie Dozier



Cultural Division Director Phillip Dunlap kicks off Ignite Broward with County Mayor Lamar Fisher



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Scott Thompson, Jimmy Diaz and Gage Wheary

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"Talking Heads" by Limelight Projection Mapping



IGNITE attendees inside "Circle of Life" by Limelight Projection Mapping inside Esplanade Park's gazebo

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Artist Akiko Yamashita with her installation, "Mother Tree and Friends"



WORKING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

UPDATE ON SEVERAL CITY PROJECTS

As your new District 4 Commissioner and Vice Mayor for 2023, I'm looking forward to representing your interests in City affairs. Along with the two other new Fort Lauderdale City Commissioners seated in December 2022, Dr. Pamela Beasley-Pittman in District 3 and John Herbst in District 1, and current members Steven Glassman and Mayor Dean Trantalis, we are already working together on behalf of our community.

In conference in December, we instructed staff to no longer consider the proposal to raise the height of the PDD up to 500 feet. Your Commission passed the P3 (Public Private Partnership) to build our new water treatment plant to replace Fiveash.

This coming year promises to be an exciting one for Fort Lauderdale. We have seen the proposal to revitalize Huizenga Park, located Downtown by the Riverwalk and have entered into an agreement with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) that guarantees that space will remain a park in perpetuity, providing for a much-needed green space in the heart of our Downtown for all to enjoy. Commuter rail service on the east side of town is no longer a dream but a reality: in addition to Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach, two more stations have recently opened in Aventura and Boca Raton, with more

planned for Hollywood, the airport, Broward General, Oakland Park and Pompano Beach. Brightline service to Orlando should be running by mid-2023. And we will be considering building a tunnel under the New River to expedite this rail service.

We are working with our Broward County partners on regional projects. Discussions have begun on innovative ideas regarding homelessness, affordable housing, and traffic. And city staff continues to report on the progress we are making on the monumental task of fortifying our infrastructure.

I want to thank all my friends and neighbors for your trust in electing me to represent you on our Fort Lauderdale City Commission. I have enjoyed serving this community as Chief of our City's CERT Team, leader of our Medical Reserve Corps, and as President of Rio Vista Civic Association for 14 years. And I am honored to represent you in District 4 and serve the entire City of Fort Lauderdale. 🇺🇸



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City of Fort Lauderdale
Transportation Planning Program Manager

RIDE ALONG

BIKE TO WORK DAY IS ALMOST HERE!

For commuters tired of sitting in traffic, Friday, March 8, may be the day to try something different. The City’s Transportation and Mobility Department (TAM) has been working with its partners to hold a Bike to Work Day. Bike to Work Day FTL (#B2WDFTL) is part of a series of events celebrating March as Bike Month in the State of Florida.

Under our Vision Zero commitment and implementing our neighbors' vision of being a connected community where we can get around by whatever mode we choose, this event will celebrate biking in Fort Lauderdale. It will focus on celebrating the bicycle as a fun and healthy transportation mode and is an opportunity for novice cyclists to try two-wheeled commuting in a group and a chance for veteran riders to share fellowship.

The event is organized by the City in partnership with many local and regional partners to make it a fun and exciting day. We have created a website for the event (<http://bit.ly/b2wdftl>) that includes helpful resources, like finding a buddy to ride with, finding your nearest pit stop, information about joining a commuter convoy, and a full list of partners. Bike to Work Day is meant to promote bicycling as a healthy alternative to driving to work.

So, here’s what you should do in the next few days before March 8:

- **Register.** It is VERY important that you register so you can be counted as a person who bikes in the region.

These numbers help show growth in ridership and will help further the city’s commitment to improvement its transportation network. You can register by visiting <http://bit.ly/b2wdftl>.

- **Get your bike ready.** If you haven’t ridden your bike in a while, there’s still time to take it out of the garage and dust it off, give your ride some TLC (lube that chain and tighten those brakes), or take your best buddy to a local bike shop for a quick tuneup. If you don’t have a bike, borrow one from a friend. You can also try AvMed Bikes or rent one from one of our great bike rental places!
- **Invite a friend or coworker to ride along.** Riding your bike is always more fun with a friend. So send out some texts, G-chat your office mates, or make a few phone calls. And make sure they register too! Then make plans to meet up that morning and ride to your pit stop together.

On March 8, remember to turn the worst part of your day into the best part of your day! You get to wake up a little earlier (maybe even catch a beautiful sunrise), get on a bicycle, and smile. Stop by any of our pit stops on your way to work, enjoy a free breakfast, grab some other giveaways, and then ride your bike to work. Also, if you’re a regular bike commuter and you are as excited as we are about making sure all the folks trying it out for the first time have a great experience, consider volunteering!

See you all on March 8! 🚲



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ARTS AND CULTURE'S ROLE IN OUR TOURISM INDUSTRY



Ignite Broward attendees interacting with "Control No Control" by Iregular Studios in Esplanade Park



"Talking Heads" by Limelight Projection Mapping was a popular photo background for visitors



Visitors lined up at Ignite Broward in Esplanade Park to view artwork inside the gazebo

As we move further into 2023, positive developments are on the horizon as audiences return to arts and cultural experiences. While the arts are often viewed as being presented for our community, the local arts industry is also a lucrative market for cultural tourism. Even though not all of our arts organizations have fully regained their ground lost during the pandemic, we are optimistic in our outlook for the months ahead. What's clear is that strides are being made and audiences are eager to engage – as seen in the overwhelming response to our recent Ignite Broward Art and Light Festival.

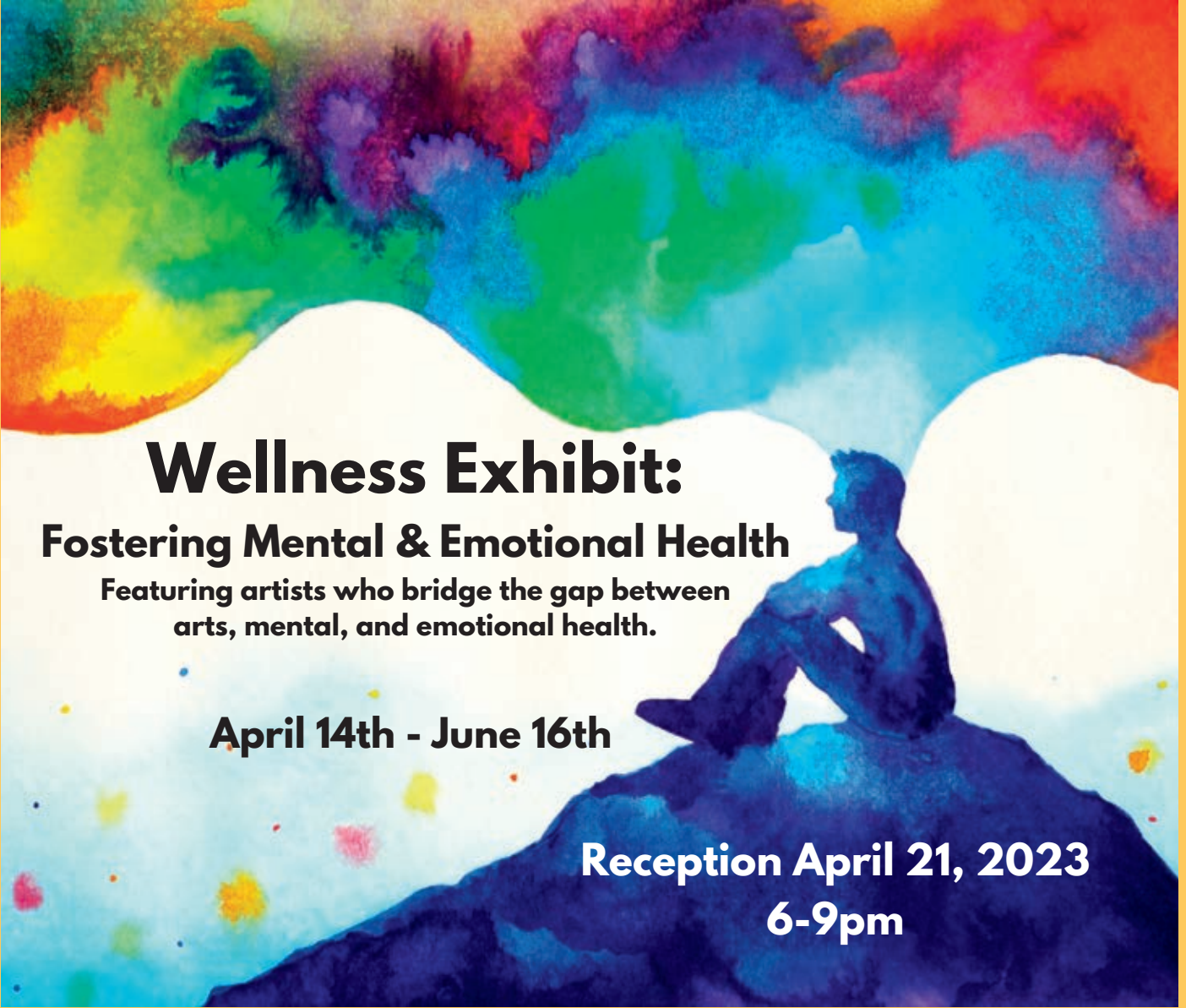
Attendance figures for the free event, which took place over five days and nights between Dania Beach and Downtown Fort Lauderdale (including Riverwalk's own Esplanade Park), indicate more than 30,000 people visited the cutting-edge art installations. This demonstrates a couple of things. First, the desire by the public for artistic experiences, and second, as the event grows, the ability for Ignite to become a powerful generator of economic activity for our community. Plans are already in the making for the 2024 iteration of Ignite and we look forward to making this event an annual favorite.

Hopefully, this is a bellwether for things to come. We're grateful for the opportunity to ignite our community's interest in experiencing the arts.

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PIXAR PUTT POP-UP BRINGS OUT YOUR INNER KID

The satisfying thud of a putter connecting with a golf ball coupled with the playful laughter of kids and adults alike can be heard on any given day at the Las Olas Oceanside Park, aka the Loop, where a unique pop-up event is drawing in visitors daily — the Pixar Putt Pop-Up.

The touring pop-up event combines the fun of mini golf with the well-known animated characters and stories from Pixar. The course, which boasts 18 fun and interactive holes inspired by some of Pixar's most beloved films like *Toy Story*, *The Incredibles*, *Monsters Inc.*, *Finding Nemo* and more has been touring nationally and made its most recent stop right here in Fort Lauderdale.



“Fort Lauderdale seemed like an ideal location for Pixar Putt because there is tremendous excitement in South Florida for Disney and Pixar, not to mention a picturesque setting at The Loop,” said Chad Larabee, producer of sports and events for Rockefeller Productions, presenter of the experience. “We hope that Pixar Putt will be part of everyone’s day on Fort Lauderdale Beach or night out for Pixar Putt After Dark.”

The pop-up offers something for every Pixar

fan with each hole designed after a different film from the animation studio.

From the eighth hole designed after *Inside Out*, which has players drop their ball into colored holes based on their current mood, to the *Up*-themed 18th hole, which has an interactive balloon suspended house that “floats” through the sky, each hole showcases recognizable details from a Pixar movie.

The pop-up encourages guests to connect with their inner child and is open seven days a week through March 26, with after dark sessions available for adults on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays after 7 p.m.

“We’re excited that guests get to immerse themselves in their favorite Pixar films. Pixar films celebrate human connections which makes Pixar Putt the perfect experience for family and friends,” said Larabee.


However, this pop-up has not only been a great offering for residents and tourists, but it has also been a wonderful opportunity for the Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation department to receive more recognition and much deserved funding for future events at The Loop.

“When we received the inquiry, we saw it as a great opportunity to offer something unique for our visitors but also create a mutually beneficial partnership,” said Arianne Glassman, the Fort Lauderdale Beach and open spaces coordinator for Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation.

“We essentially hired them as an activation partner so that way we would receive a portion of the profits which will go back into our annual budget so that we’re able to create more experiences for people to enjoy.”

The events that the funds from partnerships like this will help support include free concerts and movie series, an Easter event, and their entire month of holiday events.

“All of these free events cost money to put on,” Glassman said. “So, this is a nice opportunity to raise funds to support these events and keep them free for our visitors.”

The pop-up has been such a success and has received an overwhelmingly positive reception from guests that there are plans to extend its stay into April and Rockefeller Productions even plans on bringing the pop-up back to the city again in the future as they are adding new cities and future dates to their tour. 

PIXAR PUTT POP-UP

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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One of the most important but underutilized services our government provides for business is run by a company called CareerSource Broward (CSBD).

Now I know some of you will say, “I know about CareerSource.” But do you really? When I ask business men and women about CareerSource, 80 percent have never used it but may have heard about it.

“CareerSource Broward is the federally funded and locally executed workforce development incubator for employers,” said Heiko Dobrikow, chairman of the CSBD Workforce Development Board. “We are the direct link to the unemployed and underemployed, and a resource for financial assistance and training.”

Right now, for example, CSBD is running its summer youth employment program. It provides veteran consulting-based training. How about helping pay for school? Yep. They do that, too, and so much more.

Its website is data rich, showing December unemployment figures at 2.2 percent. While that sounds good, what it really means is we don’t have enough people looking for work to fill the open positions we have. And that’s assuming those looking are adequately trained to for open positions.

One solid program you can plug into right now is

the Summer Employment Program (SYEP), which encourages Broward County employers to participate as a worksite for our youth. Businesses can hire a young adult at no cost — a savings of nearly \$3,000 per youth hired thanks to the Children’s Services Council and additional supporters funding the program.

“The SYEP Program offers multiple advantages to youth, including gaining real-world experience and income, developing employable skills, and receiving mentorship from professionals across various industries and occupations,” said Carol Hylton, president and CEO of CSBD.

Youth between the ages of 16 and 18 will earn a wage of \$14 per hour and can work up to 30 hours per week between June and August. It’s important to know that employers will need to provide oversight and meaningful work that translates into workforce skills. In other words, more than making coffee and making copies.

Perhaps the most underutilized service CSBD provides relates to training programs and financial assistance through their On The Job Training program (OJT). Available training grants can cover a matching portion of training expenses and, in some cases, related equipment and partial wage reimbursement, too.

Imagine, you get your candidates trained and CSBD pays the up to 75 percent of the candidate’s wages during the training period while they are productive for your business. One caveat is the candidate cannot begin employment prior to the approval of OJT.

Take time to realize what a gem we have as a resource for both employers and employees. ⁶⁰

The screenshot shows the CareerSource Broward website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Career Seekers, Employers, Youth Services, About Us, Contact Us, and Login/Signup. The main headline reads "Training, Employment. Business Solutions." Below this is a featured section for "Workforce Wednesdays" with a sub-headline: "Learn about all the exclusive tools and resources that Broward business owners can use to grow their businesses, including opportunities to receive funding to train your workforce." A yellow button says "Click Here To Register". Below the main section are three columns: "For Career Seekers" with a "Find a Job" button, "Getting Started" with a "Visit Employ Florida" button, and "For Employers" with a "Post a Job" button. At the bottom, there are links for "Hot Jobs in Broward County" and "Financial Assistance For Employee Training".

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FORT LAUDERDALE'S HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY STRETCHES ALONG ITS WATERWAYS

What do you think of when someone mentions the “hospitality industry”? Usually what comes to mind are people who work in restaurants, hotels, theme parks and bars. But think about our waterfront and all the myriad personalities who call our waterways their office. Together they make up the face of the watery paradise we call home. Let’s meet a couple.

Dave Donovan, *Carrie B*

The *Carrie B* is a sightseeing paddlewheel tour boat that has been providing three daily narrated cruises from the New River Docks in Downtown since 1991. In fact, more than 600,000 passengers have been served so far. At the helm, you’ll find Captain Dave Donovan who has been in command of various vessels since 1977 but calls this boat home. “The *Carrie B* is special,” says Donovan. “She’s been cruising the Venice of America for over 30 years was named for the original owner’s grandmother.”

Donovan shares his skippering duties with his brother Jack and often does the narration on the 90-minute cruises. “I love telling people the stories and tales of the historic New River, the Intracoastal and Port Everglades,” adds Donovan. He says he’s worked with all kinds of charter companies throughout the years but believes that the *Carrie B* is the best-run by “owners who are the absolute nicest people on earth.”

Donovan’s boss and company president, David Jordan, repays the compliment. “Dave is a very accomplished captain and is knowledgeable about the Fort Lauderdale harbor,” he says. “He also has a good sense of what it takes to ensure that people have a good time. Maybe that’s because he was in the entertainment industry for years as DJ Tony Q. Foxx!”

Heather Milton, *Jungle Queen*

Captain Heather Milton has been at the helm of the *Jungle Queen* since 2014 and to date, is the only female captain in the company’s history. In 2018, she was named marine operations manager and head captain of the riverboat that has been sailing Lauderdale’s waterways since 1935. “I’ve worked many different jobs but this one comes with the best scenery hands down,” says Milton. “Heading inbound on the New River while the sun is setting on the skyline is a sight to behold.”

Captain Milton has been operating the waterways for a little over 10 years and feels that Fort Lauderdale is ever-changing and it’s exciting to see what may pop up next. “Although our cruises may run along the same route every day, no two days out here are the same,” she adds. “My days at the helm of the *Jungle Queen* are by far my favorite part of the job and it keeps me on my toes.”

Greg Farley, Fort Lauderdale Water Taxi

The Fort Lauderdale Water Taxi is a hop-on, hop-off service that visits 11 stops along its route. Passengers can choose where to disembark and spend time, whether at restaurants, shops, parks or other points of interest. Specialty cruises include sunset and holiday lights outings and you can even charter a water taxi for a special event like a corporate gathering or birthday party.

General Manager Greg Farley has been with the company for four years and believes “the best part of having a career on the waterfront is being involved in the community.” He appreciates his work and his lifestyle. “Working on the waterfront means you have a front row seat to all the amenities and events that make Fort Lauderdale so special,” says Farley. “It means getting to interact every day with diverse people from many walks of life.

Friendly Faces


The next time you take a water taxi or a cruise on the waterways of Fort Lauderdale, give thanks for all the welcoming faces who make Fort Lauderdale so friendly. They define much of what our unique city is about and they bring a little joy to all our days. 



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SAVE OUR HOMES CAP SET BY THE STATE

The Florida Department of Revenue has set the 2023 Save Our Homes (SOH) cap at 3 percent. This SOH assessment cap limits increases to the Assessed/SOH Value for properties receiving Homestead Exemption to no more than 3 percent per year or the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) regardless of increases to the just value of the property. This cap results in considerable property tax savings over time for properties with Homestead Exemption. It is important to remember this is not a cap on the actual taxes, but rather a cap on the amount the Assessed/SOH Value of the property may increase annually.

Important: The Save Our Homes cap begins the year after you receive Homestead Exemption. This cap does not cover new construction or construction that was not taxed before the "Save Our Homes" limit applied to a particular property. When buying/acquiring real estate, do not assume the property taxes will remain the same as the current owner's taxes. Under Florida law, a change in ownership will reset the assessed value of the property to full market value, which could result in higher property taxes. To help property owners better prepare, our office offers a New Homebuyer's Tax Estimator on our website at <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/Tax-Estimator>.

Late Filing Exemption Deadline | Sept. 18, 2023

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

Homestead Exemption automatically renews each year provided there is no change in the ownership or use of the property. If you are already receiving Homestead Exemption on your current home, you do not need to reapply. If you have not yet applied for your 2023 Homestead Exemption, Low-Income Senior Exemption, or any other exemption, you can still late file until Sept. 18, 2023. To apply for any of these exemptions, please visit <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/Homestead>. Once the September statutory "late-filing" deadline has closed, we cannot accept any more 2023 exemption applications regardless of any good cause reason for missing the late filing deadline. Property owners who moved to a new home in 2023 can pre-file for tax year 2024 at https://bcpa.net/homesteadonline_with_portability/web/index.aspx.


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



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FORT LAUDERDALE TOURISM

A NEW INFLUX OF TOURISM BROKE RECORDS OF YEARS PAST

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

There is no denying that the tourism and hospitality industries make up a large part of Fort Lauderdale's economy and this became even more evident with these industries screeching to a halt during Covid.

"I think it became more glaring how tourism dependent this destination really is," said Stacy Ritter, president and CEO of Visit Lauderdale.

However, with 2022 having recently come to a close, we now have a much clearer picture of the monumental comeback the city has made since 2020 with its overall boom in both tourism and hospitality. "Tourism is thriving on multiple levels," explains Ina Lee, owner of Travel Host Magazine. "When we came out of 2022, we had certainly one of our best years ever."



In 2022, Fort Lauderdale saw an incredible increase in tourism in multiple different areas of the industry from hotel stays to airline travelers and more. In fact, according to the Visit Lauderdale Hospitality Report, the total tourism development tax collected this past year broke \$100 million for the first time ever. By the end of 2022, it actually reached \$115 million which was 30 percent higher than the same time in 2021 according to that same statistic.

"We have never, ever, ever done this much in tax collection," said Heiko Dobrikow, general manager for The Riverside Hotel. "Everyone in the industry was blown away

BY THE NUMBERS

A tourism snapshot

Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport

31.7 million - Total passengers in 2022

+12.9%

Increase over 2021

25.1 million - Domestic passengers

+5.4%

Increase over 2021

6.6 million - International passengers

+53.8%

Increase over 2021

Source: Visit Lauderdale

https://lookerstudio.google.com/u/0/reporting/1KJBdnTUYA_BPhm0aRBfy2R2jIC2eAhDX/page/sn4Y

Port Everglades Cruises

2.3 million - Total passengers in 2022

+330.9%

Increase over 2021

2.2 million - Multi-day cruise passengers in 2022

+371%

Increase over 2021

Source: Visit Lauderdale

Hotels in the Pipeline

6,719 - The number of hotel rooms in Broward County in the pipeline through 2030, according to Visit Lauderdale.

44 - Number of properties

2,244 - Hotel rooms planned to open in Broward County in 2023 and 2024.

Source: Visit Lauderdale

FORT LAUDERDALE HOTELS IN PIPELINE

More than 2,500 hotel rooms are slated to be open in Fort Lauderdale over the next two years.

Opens 4/2023

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Fort Lauderdale

2731 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale
Final planning
110 Rooms

Opens 5/2023

Microtel Inn and Suites by Wyndham Fort Lauderdale

2005 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale
Planning
150 Rooms

Opens 10/2023

aloft Hotel Fort Lauderdale

501 S.E. 24th St., Fort Lauderdale
In construction
140 Rooms

Opens 1/2024

Pier Sixty-Six

2301 S.E. 17th St., Fort Lauderdale
Renovation
252 Rooms

Opens 6/2024

Holiday Inn Fort Lauderdale Airport-Cruise

2100 S. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale
Final planning
140 Rooms

Ocean Park Hotel and Residences

2884 E. Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale
Planning
100 Rooms

Whitfield Las Olas Hotel and Spa

1007 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale
In construction
140 Rooms

Opens 7/2024

Homewood Suites by Hilton Fort Lauderdale Beach North

3001 N. Ocean Blvd., Fort Lauderdale
Final planning
106 Rooms

Source: Visit Lauderdale

Opens 12/2024

Staybridge Suites Fort Lauderdale Airport-Cruise

1531 S.W. 26th St., Fort Lauderdale
Planning
124 Rooms

Opens 1/2025

Fairfield Inn and Suites Fort Lauderdale Airport North

1100 W. State Road 84, Fort Lauderdale
Final planning
84 Rooms

TownePlace Suites by Marriott Fort Lauderdale Airport North

1000 W. State Road 84, Fort Lauderdale
Final planning
88 Rooms

Opens 2/2025

Hampton Inn by Hilton Fort Lauderdale Airport North

1851 S. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale
Planning
105 Rooms

Opens 5/2025

Residence Inn Fort Lauderdale Beach

425 Seabreeze Blvd., Fort Lauderdale
Final planning
150 Rooms

Opens 10/2025

Omni Fort Lauderdale

Southeast 17th Street
Fort Lauderdale
In construction
800 Rooms

Opens 12/2025

Bayshore Drive Hotel

3016 Bayshore Drive
Fort Lauderdale
Planning
168 Rooms

2,657 Total Rooms

and I know we were all thinking look how we knocked it out of the ballpark.”

With this boom in tourism and revenue, the City is also able to reinvest that directly back into expanding what the Fort Lauderdale has to offer. In the next few years, residents and tourists can look forward to the opening of several new hotels with Pier Sixty-Six currently being renovated as well as a new 800-room hotel being added to the convention

center which is also currently being expanded to add an additional 525,000 plus square feet of venue space.

“When it opens in 2025, it will be a game changer and it’s going to make a big difference in the marketplace to attract major city-wide conventions,” said Lee. However, for Fort Lauderdale, it’s not only the promise of more places to stay or exciting prospects for future events that draw in more visitors – it’s their dedication to safety.



Many industry professionals learned a lot of lessons from Covid but one in particular is the push for cleaner facilities and an even higher attention to detail for our visitors.

“I think from a business standpoint in the hotel industry, we learned quickly that the safety our guests and employees are what matters most,” said Dobrikow, “So, if I have a sick employee, I would rather have them stay home for a few days to get well. You have to be on your game in order to really provide your customers with the cleanest and friendliest hotels in town, so people want to continue to come back.”

With that, it’s clear that for leaders in these industries, they have certainly used what they’ve learned to grow our already booming city and provide for a prosperous future. “We are a better-known destination than we were three years ago. People discovered us, fell in love with us, and are coming back,” said Ritter. ⁶⁰

COMING TO TOWN

While the Greater Fort Lauderdale Broward County Convention Center is undergoing an expansion that is slated to be completed in 2025, the facility is still busy. Here’s a look at the largest events planned this year, ranked by the number of anticipated attendees.

Clash of Champions (Volleyball)

11,000 attendees | May 18-21 | Sporting event

Seatrade Cruise Global

10,000 attendees | March 22-April 1 | Convention

Spring Bash (Volleyball)

7,200 attendees | April 21-April 23 | Sporting event

Win the Storm (Storm Ventures Conference and Trade show)

7,000 attendees | March 13-18 | Trade show

XCEL Regional Championship 2023 (Gymnastics)

6,700 attendees | May 4-7 | Sporting event

Publix Health and Fitness Expo (Marathon)

6,500 attendees | Feb. 16-18 | Sporting event

Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show

6,000 attendees | Oct. 18-Nov. 1 | Consumer show

Tom Joyner Rivals Festival

5,000 attendees | June 8-11 | Consumer show

Florida Trucking Show

4,000 attendees | Feb. 2-6 | Trade show

Pri-Med South/Primary Care CME/CE Conference and Expo

4,000 attendees | Feb. 6-12 | Convention

AAU Karate National Championships 2023 (Karate)

4,000 attendees | July 4-9 | Sporting event

Cloverleaf (Volleyball)

3,623 attendees | March 10-12 | Sporting event

Fort Lauderdale International Auto Show

3,500 attendees | April 3-10 | Consumer show

Fort Lauderdale Fall Home Design and Remodeling Show

3,000 attendees | Aug. 28-Sept. 5 | Consumer show

AAU Taekwondo National Championships 2023 (Taekwondo)

2,500 attendees | June 30-July 9 | Sporting event

Alternative Products Expo

2,000 attendees | Feb. 28-March 6 | Consumer show

Yoga Expo

2,000 attendees | 03/18/2023 | Consumer show

Cruise360

2,000 attendees | April 17-23 | Trade show

Floriexpo International

2,000 attendees | May 27 | Trade show

Gordon Food Service

2,000 attendees | Nov. 5-9 | Trade show

Florida Bridal & Wedding Expo

1,500 attendees | June 4 | Consumer show

Source: Visit Lauderdale

Welcome

CULINARY EXPLORERS



Craving one-of-a-kind dining experiences? Get ready to savor every moment in Greater Fort Lauderdale. From dockside dining with enchanting views and the lively cafés along Las Olas Boulevard to award-winning chefs serving up every cuisine imaginable, a world-class culinary scene awaits.



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JA WORLD UNCORKED

Delicious culinary creations were served at the 2023 JA World Uncorked, hosted by the Circle of Wise Women, on Jan. 28 at JA World in Coconut Creek



Chefs of Distinction – Chef Paula DaSilva, Burlock Coast, Chef Alexis Morgan, Eddie V's Prime Seafood, and Chef Kelly O'Hara, YOT/Canyon



Entertainment and décor thanks to amplified sponsor Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino



Christine Speedy, ESG, with friends



JA World Uncorked Co-Chairs Ruchel Coetzee, Pamela Dalton and Kim Sarni



Deana Koenig and friends from City Furniture



Michael and Margaret Meldeau, Austin and Christine Forman, Bonnie Barnette and Dr. Bob Kagen, Gary and Liz Brown



Photo experiences courtesy of EY and Centuric



Laurie Sallarulo, President and CEO with Patrick Daoud, Daoud's Fine Jewelry, and Lisa Bennett



Elizabeth Roque, Carmen Hotchkiss, Sharon Gustafson-Florescue and Connie Chaney

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In Commemoration of Women's History Month, The Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club Presents



Mardi Gras Women and Blues



And the Allstar Band

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DOWNTOWN VIBES

TAKING A BITE OUT OF TWO CULINARY DESTINATIONS

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

Patio Bar and Pizza

Craft Bar Meets Artisan Pizza

Patio Bar and Pizza offers woodfired brick oven pizzas with tasty sourdough crust. Whether you want your pizza cheesy, spicy, or crispy, they serve up your specialty crafted artisan pizza, your way.

Dynamic Duo: My favorite is the Soppresata and Peppers Pizza that starts with freshly grated mozzarella and parmesan cheeses, spoonfuls of organic tomato sauce, slices of Italian dry salami with pepper drops and shallots. This paired perfectly with the Firecracker Margarita handcrafted with Blanco Tequila, fresh lime juice, muddled jalapenos and strawberries.



Soppresata and Peppers Pizza with Woodfired Brick Oven



Nitro Cold Brew Espressotini (check out the mini cannoli)



Firecracker Margarita



Duo: Soppresata and Peppers and Signature Cheese



Death by Coconut Rum Cocktail

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RENÉE K. QUINN

Timpano Las Olas

Brunch Al Fresco

A staple since 1999, the reimagined Timpano creates an art deco-meets-the-tropics vibe. We enjoyed a preview of their brunch al fresco in their breathtaking Il Giardino (outdoor patio). This delicious brunch showcased Timpano's famous Parm-to-Table experience, which stars their Uni Alfredo, items from their brunch piatti and cocktails. Delizioso!



Cured Salmon and Avocado Crostini



Molten Tiramisu French Toast with espresso brioche, coffee cannoli cream and cocoa nibs



Parm-to-Table Experience: Uni Alfredo prepared tableside by Chef



Thick Cut Nueske's Bacon with dolcelatte blue cheese and citrus marmalade



Baked Lemon Ricotta Cakes with strawberry compote and orange mascarpone



Champagne with fresh squeezed juices



Bomboloni: Cannoli and pistachio cream-filled Italian doughnuts

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GENERAL EVENTS

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MARCH 2

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MARCH 3&4

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MARCH 8

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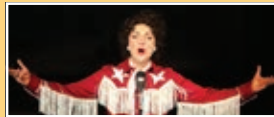
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APRIL 15

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Katt Williams

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LIMITED ENGAGEMENT

Intermediate Calligraphy

Feb 7 - March 14
Learning of the art of calligraphy
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March 6 - April 22
Exploration of human emotions in
relation to inclusion and what it takes to
achieve it
Coral Springs Museum of Art
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coralspringsmuseum.org



Silent Narrator/Curious Spectator

Through March
This exhibition observes the passing of time
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www.thefrankgallery.org/

Noon Tunes

Through March 22
Great live music during your Wednesday lunch break
City of Fort Lauderdale
Stranahan Park
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By the Sea, By the Sea

Through Fall 2023
Waterscapes and Beach Scenes by William J. Glackens

Animation Generation

Through April 23 2023
Collection that uses elements of animation and illustration

William Kentridge: Ursonate

Through April 16 2023
Combines drawing, writing, film, performance, music, theater, and collaborative practices to create works of art

Malcolm Morley: Shipwreck

Through April 16 2023
This exhibition focuses on the recurring ship motif

Kathia St. Hilaire: Immaterial Being

Through April 23 2023
Addresses the artist's personal transcultural experience and material experimentation

Scott Covert: I Had a Wonderful Life

Through April 23 2023
Collage of names come together to form a legendary dinner party of the dead

The Eye of CoBrA

April 12 through Spring 2023
Artwork created by members and affiliates of the European post-war artist group known as CoBrA

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Lunch with Art

First Thursday
Take a break from your day and unleash your creativity
Pompano Beach Cultural Center
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www.pompanobeacharts.org

Upstairs/Downstairs Tour

Second, Third & Fourth Wednesdays
See part of the house normally off-limits to visitors.
Bonnet House Museum & Gardens
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www.bonnethouse.org

Friday Night Sound Waves

Fridays
Featuring local artists
Las Olas Oceanside Park
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Friends of the Fort Lauderdale Libraries
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Old Town Untapped

First Friday
Monthly street fair with local music, food trucks, vendors and more!
Bailey Contemporary Arts
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Food in Motion

Second Friday
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Atlantic Studios
Peter Feldman Park
954-785-7475
www.facebook.com/FlaglerFoodInMotion

Interpretive Walks and Tours

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Interpretive ranger-guided programs
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Las Olas Oceanside Park Market

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

FTL Art Walk

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Self-guided tours that highlight our local natural environment
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Fort Lauderdale Beach Sweep

Second Saturday
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Wild Talks at the Park

Second Sunday, Fourth Saturday
Learn about local wildlife
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Fort Lauderdale Parks & Rec
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Jazz Brunch

First Sunday
Free, outdoor concert series featuring local musicians on 3 stages
City of Fort Lauderdale
Esplanade Park & Riverwalk
954-828-5365
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New River Open Air Market

First Sunday
Local vendors offer their goods
History Fort Lauderdale
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First Sunday
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www.flamingogardens.org

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Last Sunday
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Forest Bathing

Fourth Sundays
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Save Our Seas Distinguished Speaker Series

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Sensory Friendly Sunday

Fourth Sunday
Film screenings for those with autism spectrum disorder

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Sprouting Stem

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Tours of Fort Lauderdale and Riverwalk for all abilities.
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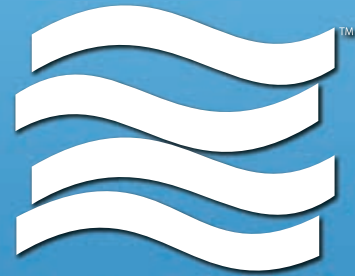


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The City of Fort Lauderdale's free Noon Tunes concerts continue through March 23 at noon on Wednesdays at Stranahan Park.



JEFF FALKANGER AND DENNIS ULMER



THE BAND FRIDAY AT FIVE KICKED OFF THIS SEASON'S NOON TUNES AT STRANAHAN PARK ON FEB. 1



LINA HANKERSON AND CAROLYN COBBIN

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AQUATIC CENTER OPENING

The City of Fort Lauderdale was joined by Olympians Greg Louganis, Dara Torres and Sam Dorman on Jan. 28 to celebrate the newly renovated Aquatic Center following a multimillion-dollar revitalization project.



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OLYMPIC DIVER GREG LOUGANIS



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THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FORT LAUDERDALE AQUATIC CENTER

ARTSERVE SUSTAINABLE ART EXHIBIT

ArtServe's opening reception of Art Interventions was held on Jan. 27 with a ribbon cutting for the new landmark "The Wave at ArtServe" mural on the building's northern and western façade by celebrity artist Pipe Yanguas.



JEFF LOWE, JENNIFER GETTINGER, JOANNE SAXON AND GAIL NICOLAUS



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The Museum of Discovery and Science hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its newest traveling exhibit: Wild Kratts: Creature Power!, presented by Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, on Jan. 20.



WILD KRATTS: CREATURE POWER! EXHIBIT



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CHILDREN PLAYING AT THE NEW EXHIBIT

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INES ROSS, NICKY TESSER AND BRENT UPCHURCH



THE BIGS OF THE YEAR AND THEIR LITTLES POSE WITH WILLY GOMEZ (LEFT), LIZ TONKIN AND CEO MALENA MENDEZ



GABRIEL DE LAS SALAS, TERRY FRANK, INES ROSS, NICKY TESSER, RANDY HAAS, BRENT UPCHURCH, CHERYL SEINFELD AND LORNA WALKER

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BUSINESS FOR THE ARTS

Business for the Arts raised \$70,000 for their endowed art fund at their Annual Art + Somm wine tasting and jazz event.



BRIAN KOPELOWITZ AND LORI PRATICO



JENNIFER O'FLANNERY ANDERSON, CATHY DONNELLY, JAMES DONNELLY AND NANCY THIES



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MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE



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THE EXHIBIT

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