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3 BEDROOM 4.5 BATH
\$2,150,000

Water views and open space. This residence features east and west exposures, three terraces, marble & wood flooring, a large chef's kitchen, expansive master suite with his & her baths and closets. Beautifully appointed with fine finishes.



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This 25th floor river facing Columbus flow thru floorplan in the Las Olas Riverhouse is over 2,400 sqft. Features include a private elevator foyer entry, floor to ceiling glass and 2 terraces.

SOHO | \$925,000
2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

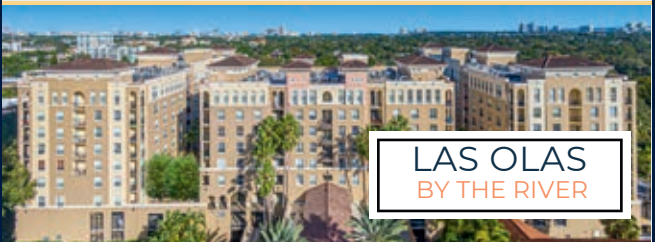
Direct river views from this split bedroom floorplan. Enjoy the floor-to-ceiling glass, tile and bamboo floors, custom closets, and a Master Suite featuring a jacuzzi tub & rainfall shower.

1 BEDROOM | \$699,000
1 BEDROOM 1 BATH

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RIVERSIDE

2 bedroom 2 bathroom plus den! A split bedroom floor plan, featuring 10-foot ceilings, a large terrace with access from both bedrooms, floor-to-ceiling impact windows, and washer & dryer in the unit. Spacious kitchen with granite countertops, SS appliances,

JUST SOLD!

SEAVIEW

3 bedroom, 2 bath condo with ocean and river views, wood flooring, large eat-in kitchen with quartz countertops and stainless appliances. Full-service building with 5-star amenities, including concierge, clubroom, business center, theater, gym, and 24-hour valet & security.



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2 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$559,000

This fully renovated 2 bedroom 2 bathroom has beautiful southern views of the City & partial ocean views. Wood-look tile flooring throughout, stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, and fully renovated bathrooms.

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2 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$520,000

This upgraded, south-facing, and furnished Condo in downtown Fort Lauderdale is pet-friendly and includes garage parking. Resort-style amenities, rooftop pool with panoramic views, a sky lounge, and more. Tenant occupied until Apr 2024.



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Towers

1 BEDROOM 1 BATH | \$629,000

Stunning wide water views of the Intracoastal and the ocean. Bright and breezy during the day with sunset views over the city skyline in the evening. This beautifully upgraded one bedroom one bathroom condo features marble floors, redesigned bath and custom closet an open kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances.



BY RICHARD RODRIGUEZ
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair



A PRODUCTIVE YEAR

DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR URBAN DOWNTOWN

We have observed the commission priorities set in place in January 2023 and continue to track the success of those items. From economic development to transportation and traffic and including resilience, infrastructure, housing needs and public safety, this has been a productive year of change.

During the State of the City provided by Mayor Trantalis in October, we were able to hear about many of the successes for the current year and the definitive plans that are in the works as we move ahead.

One new initiative identified is **Fortify Lauderdale**, which will expedite stormwater infrastructure for 17 neighborhoods and includes raising sea walls and other resiliency projects. The initiative is forecast at \$500 million to fight rising seas and tides and address management of rainstorms.

Housing is key to our economic growth along with education and these are some additional priorities identified by the current Commission as important steps to take. Fort Lauderdale continues to offer incentive programs for business and a business assistance coordinator to assist with the building permit process.

For the 17th year in a row, the City has had no increase in the millage rate and continues to identify alternate

means to assure projects are funded and that burden is not always on the taxpayer. Enhanced transportation and alternate traffic services are offered to provide other means of getting around. We continue to be a city on the move and perhaps how we get where we are going is changing.

We are pleased to tell you that partnership with Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue again has brought us international recognition of another kind. Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale hosts an annual Chili Cook-Off with local partners competing. This past year, Riverwalk was able to be certified to send our winning team to the International Chili Competition in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. As expected, they did the City proud and were named the Fan Favorite in their first time out! Aaron Caja and his mighty team represented us and we are proud to share their success.

Through our many partnerships and events, Riverwalk continues to prosper as we oversee the Riverwalk District and provide events, services and planning to the City. Greenspace and parks are our primary role and we are always hopeful of finding additional land to add to our urban downtown.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. 🇺🇸



The Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue chili cooking team won the Fan Favorite award at the International Chili Competition in Myrtle Beach competed in September. Here are a few of the team's members at Riverwalk's Chili Cookoff on Feb. 18.

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We are also amazed as our city rises around us. Affordable housing has been a targeted need to assure

safe housing for our working community at an affordable price point. We have become a gourmet capital with many starred chefs and a wide variety of cultural foods. We are no longer the spring break party city. We are a sophisticated, diverse, welcoming community and cater to the needs of our residents and guests.

Parks and greenspace are key to a city and especially to an urban downtown. Through a commitment by the community, a parks bond was approved and acquisition, upgrade and maintenance of those areas are getting the attention needed. We have a new police station underway and will have a safe, secure hurricane-ready location for our first responders. Fire stations are also in the building and upgrade process to provide the appropriate response time to the community.

Upgrades to sanitation and water systems are planned and in process along with stormwater improvements through the City. With master plans in place, Fort Lauderdale is moving forward in an expeditious way to address the needs and to expedite the process. With sea level rise and the recent King Tides we are again facing flooding through the City and public works are working hard to address those needs.

Transportation is a major initiative of the current City Commission and they continue to work with the County and state to move traffic in an orderly and safe manner. Studies are being done on alternate means of transportation, changes in drive patterns like two-way pairings and alternate methods to route train traffic through the city. Moving people is a priority. We are most fortunate to be geographically placed such that both the airport and seaport are close and easily accessible. We watch with great expectation what transportation additions are coming our way.

This is the month of Thanksgiving. We hope that you will all take the time to be grateful to family and friends and enjoy the holiday season. 🍂

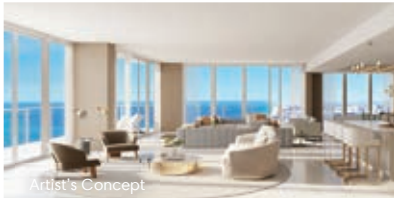


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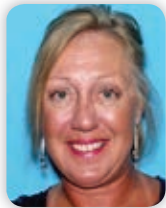
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¡Saludos! I'm an entrepreneur who believes in the power of people. My husband and I recently launched our second holistic health and wellness business supporting individuals who are dealing with medical diagnoses or injury rehabilitation. Our goal is to help people rebuild physical strength and flexibility, improve nutritional choices and integrate mind-emotional health. Fundamentally, we help people live their best lives.

I was born and raised in Puerto Rico, so water sports like sailing and kayaking are always on my list of things to do. Broward County is a great place for water lovers. My personality is built on island spirit, so I spend a lot of time at social events and meeting new friends. My travels for both business and pleasure have taken me around the world. I've lived in and visited a long list of places, including living in Milan, Italy. I'm fluent in Italian, Spanish and English. My husband and I live in Broward County and enjoy spending this stage of our lives having fun in the sun.

I joined Riverwalk because ecological sustainability is important to me. My heart aligns with the mission of preserving the beautiful waterways and parks that make Fort Lauderdale an amazing place to live, work and play.

I am a member of several business, social and charity organizations with the idea that if one person thrives, then we can all thrive. I'd love to meet you and learn more about your "why." Feel free to reach out at any time.



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I have always been passionate about managing real estate and working in the customer service industry. I moved to South Florida 33 years ago from Colorado and have been a licensed property manager for 29 years, beginning my career managing residential properties. I am someone who loves to solve problems and am proud to be managing this storage facility.

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Morningstar strongly believes in giving back to the community, as do I. Every Morningstar location is encouraged to support local nonprofits and community organizations. I chose to support Riverwalk because it builds community through events and festivals in the park and gives people reasons to enjoy our beautiful Downtown.

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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LIBATIONS BY THE RIVER

On Sept. 23, Riverwalk hosted the second Annual Libations by the River sponsored by ABC Wine and Spirits, Fort Lauderdale Water Taxi, Morningstar Storage and S. Mark Graphics. Participants enjoyed an afternoon of sipping craft cocktails curated by Con Murphy's Ocean Bar and Grill, tasty treats from local food trucks and fun beats from DJ John.



Gabbie Ramirez and Laurence Cambria from sponsor Water Taxi



The team from Cooper's Hawk at Galleria Mall: Janel Livingston, Kai Custodio, Ernesto Martinot, Jesus Yzarra and Colin Lichtfuss



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Paul Quaglino and Gary Tatum from sponsor ABC Wine and Spirits

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GET DOWNTOWN MEMBER MIXER

On Oct. 2, Riverwalk members gathered at YOLO to enjoy a member mixer with good food and drinks. This semi-annual event is an opportunity for the entire Riverwalk membership to reconnect and show their support for the organization. Become a member now to join this great group of people. The event was sponsored by Rick and Flo Celender.



Nicole Covar and Todd Stone



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Paulo Andalaft, Lori Janicki, Sharon Johnston and Michael Johnston



David Beckey and Renee Johnson

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RIVERWALK BOARD WELCOME SOCIAL

On Oct. 4, Riverwalk welcomed the Board of Directors for the upcoming year hosting a social at Boathouse at the Riverside Hotel.



Ann Fox and Coleman Prewitt



Howard Elfman, Richard Rodriguez, Michael Weymouth



Tom Jennings, James Ferriero, Ed Murphy



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Bill Walker and Micki Scavone



Lisa Siegel and Courtney Crush



Andrew Britton and Jacqui Hartnett



Nick Scalzo and Mark Budwig

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POSITIVELY PINK

The third annual Positively Pink was held Oct. 5 with a vineyard reception and luncheon at Piazza Italia. The event raised awareness and funds for breast cancer initiatives.



Susan Renneisen and Bill Beckman



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Laura Rabin-Miller, Memorial Healthcare System commissioner; Milin Espino, Memorial Healthcare System; and Babette Ferre-Kosar



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Jeremy Collette and Karla Nelson-Thatcher



Peggy Tomasso, Jennifer Finn, Patty Miranda, Renée K. Quinn, Suzanna Sexton, Amy Shortz and Charlotte Rand



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Kristene Lundblad, Terra Buckley, Amy Carpenter, Victoria Martoccia, Lis Castella, Dolores Molina and Casie Idle



Tasteful Arrangement's door prize

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'TIS THE SEA-SUN



The Christmas Mermaid helps make the season bright as she joins Santa and friends at the 3rd annual Wonderland Experience at Las Olas Oceanside Park.

A winter wonderland awaits as Fort Lauderdale Beach transforms into a hub of holiday activities steps from the shoreline during the Third Annual WONDERLAND, Nov. 10, 2023–Jan. 1, 2024. Throughout the seven-week experience, locals and visitors of all ages will make lasting memories through an array of sights, sounds, activities and performances, including an expanded Holiday Market, Live Musical Performances, visits by Santa and Friends, Movie Nights and so much more.



To kick off WONDERLAND, the City of Fort Lauderdale's annual **Light Up the Beach** ceremony on Friday, November 10, welcomes everyone to witness the illumination of more than 50,000 lights along its picturesque beachfront and the return of "Olas," the wildly popular, larger-than-life 20-foot beach snowman. Highlights of the free event, which takes place from 5:30-8:30pm, include a special performance by the Fort Lauderdale Symphonic Winds plus a Kids Zone with inflatables, slides, arts and crafts and special visit from Santa himself.

WONDERLAND is presented by the City of Fort Lauderdale's Beach Business Improvement District (BID) in partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks & Recreation Department, and sponsors Florida Power & Light (FPL) and Visit Lauderdale. View complete details on these and all of the holiday experiences, November 10 -January 1 at: theloopflb.com

SAVE THE DATES

NOV 3 - DIWALI CELEBRATION

Celebrate the Festival of Lights at the 2nd annual **Diwali Celebration** on Fri, November 3 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. This joyous Hindu holiday symbolizes victory of light over darkness and good over evil, as families come together to light lamps, exchange gifts, and partake in delicious feasts, creating a vibrant and heartwarming atmosphere. **FREE**



NOV 4, 5 - FESTIVAL OF CLASSICS

Presented by Grace Arts and the Community Foundation of Broward, **Festival of Classics** weekend brings two late afternoon, free to the public performances with theater, music and dance interludes featuring 40 regional artists and group interpretations of Shakespeare's works. **FREE**



NOV 17 - MUSIC ON THE MAIN

Closing out the 2023 Friday Night concert season, **Music On the Main** bring a new name, an exciting twist, and the return of the **FPL Dance Party** during the band break. Taking place every Friday from 6:30-9:30 pm, the family-friendly and free concerts are a great way to kick start the weekend. Performers include ReaXion Band (11/17), Old Skool Gang (11/24), Southbound 75 (12/1); Latin-Pop Diva, Laura Goodstone (12/8) and an 80's Flashback Party with Private Stock (12/15). Back by popular demand, the series ends Sun, December 24 with the 3rd annual **Christmas Eve with Sinatra** featuring classic Sinatra tunes, holiday hits, and Rat Pack buddies Sammy and Dean. Free to the public, a limited number of VIP tables are available to add to the Supper Club vibe of this special night. Visit theloopflb.com for complete details and tickets.



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GRAND OPENINGS

NEW BUSINESSES SET UP SHOP IN DISTRICT 2

Downtown Fort Lauderdale is now a powerhouse, rivaling the economic impact of the airport and seaport, so it is always a pleasure to cut the ribbon on another new business — especially when it is located in District 2. Businesses that originate from New York and Australia are just some of the newest transplants that will undoubtedly add to the amazing family of Fort Lauderdale businesses.

Hatch

On Aug. 29, I helped officiate the ribbon cutting at Hatch, located in the new Quantum Flagler Village development at 715 N. Federal Highway. Originating on Long Island in 2018, Hatch is bringing its signature breakfast and brunch dishes to Fort Lauderdale.

Hatch changes the perception of a typical brunch with a playful design that captures the South Florida sunshine and highlights innovative takes on brunch classics while using fresh, high-quality ingredients. They are owned and operated by Lessing’s Hospitality Group, a six-generation, family-owned company steeped in more than 130 years of hospitality industry experience. Hatch reflects Lessing’s Hospitality Group’s passion to create a community space for neighbors and visitors to connect to the thriving City of Fort Lauderdale.

Grain and Berry

Grain and Berry, located at 701 N. Federal Highway, celebrated its grand opening on Sept. 20. The Fort Lauderdale Grain & Berry is a collaboration between Jeremy Dover and Victor Demesmin Jr. from the Demesmin & Dover Law Firm. Demesmin and Dover have an impressive 21 Grain and Berry’s set to open in Florida and Tennessee in the coming year.

Grain & Berry’s menu features superfood bowls with organic granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, Nutella, peanut butter, and coconut shavings. You can also create your own bowl with a variety of ingredients like acai, spirulina,

granola, peanut butter and much more. Also on the menu is a variety of flatbreads for a light fare lunch. We are so happy to welcome this superfood powerhouse to Flagler Village!



City Cave Float and Wellness Center

On Oct. 5, I attended the grand opening and ribbon cutting for the ultra-unique new business, City Cave Float and Wellness Center Flagler Village located at 625 E. Sunrise Blvd. City Cave is the world’s largest and fastest growing Float and Wellness Brand, winning the International Franchising Award in 2019 and Fort Lauderdale is the very first U.S. flagship location. Each center offers a range of float therapy, infrared sauna and massage services to assist in your health journey by providing natural mental health remedies and supporting physical recovery.

City Cave is owned by Steve Feeney, an Australian native who relocated to South Florida in 2018. Feeney knew Flagler Village was the perfect fit to launch the brand here in the United States and not only wants to build relations with the Fort Lauderdale residents but also support the LGBTQ+ community. I know we can expect great things from this amazing health and wellness brand!

Uncommon Path Brewing

On Sept. 23, Uncommon Path Brewing owners Marcos Cabrera and Josh Breault celebrated their grand opening located at 710 N.W. 5th Ave. in Progresso Village. With wood-fired pizzas and beers made on site, this is sure to be a crowd pleaser.

Cabrera, a native from the Dominican Republic and Breault originally from Massachusetts, chose a rezoned, industrial building that needed work starting from the ground up. They committed themselves to the tedious process of building their future restaurant piece by piece.

Uncommon menu items include the Hot Honey with a ricotta and a hot honey drizzle and the Fig with fresh mozzarella, gorgonzola and homemade fig spread. What a fantastic addition to our growing Progresso Village area.

I am beyond thrilled at the new businesses that have chosen District 2 as their home. No doubt our neighbors will welcome them with open arms and continue to help our community thrive in the years to come.



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STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPDATE

TAX HOLIDAYS FOR APPLIANCES, TOLL RELIEF, PRESCRIPTION DRUG REFORM AND INFRASTRUCTURE

We are back in Tallahassee for our fall legislative committee weeks and the end of the year is just around the corner. As the year draws to a close, we look back at a successful 2023, where we were able to distribute all of our appropriations. Tax holidays for Energy Star appliances and gas range cooktops are still in effect and available until June 30, 2024. As this year's hurricane season comes to an end, please continue to stay vigilant and to heed the guidance provided by local officials.

Gov. Ron DeSantis, along with the Florida Department of Transportation, announced that Floridians have saved more than \$300 million through the toll relief program since January. The toll relief program was introduced by the governor and enacted by the Florida Legislature. In the month of July alone, more than 1.1 million customers saved over \$38 million, and in August, 1.2 million customers saved \$39.6 million. The year-long program automatically gives frequent users with at least 35 monthly toll transactions a 50 percent toll credit on their account.

DeSantis and members of the Florida Cabinet approved rules to implement several provisions of the Prescription Drug Reform Act (SB 1550). The newly approved rules increase accountability among pharmaceutical middlemen known as Pharmacy Benefit Managers to report a 15 percent increase in drug prices in a 12-month period or a 30 percent increase in a three-year period. I will provide more information as it

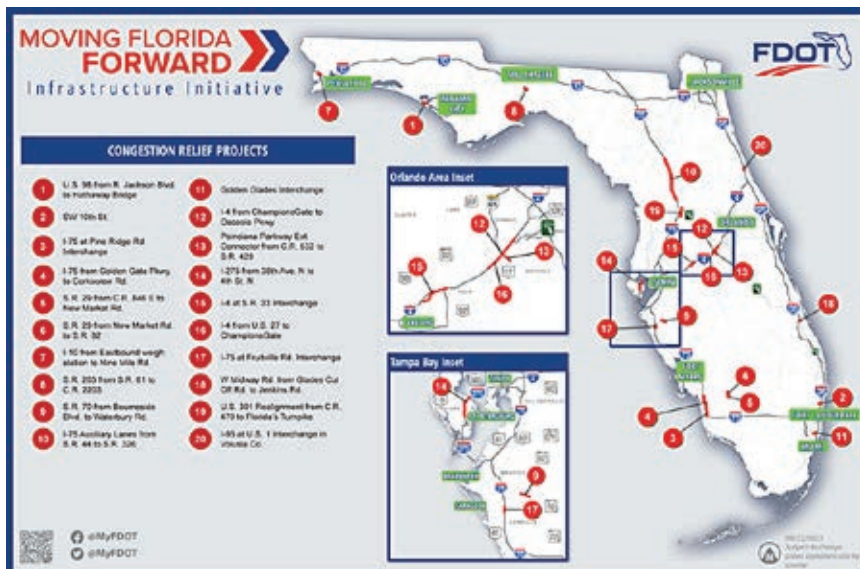
becomes available. If you have any questions, you can always reach out to our office.

The Florida Department of Education announced that nearly 430,000 applications have been received from students for scholarship consideration under the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship and the Family Empowerment Scholarship. There has been a historic number of applications this year, with over 407,000 students already awarded a scholarship. Governor DeSantis also signed HBI which expanded school choice for Florida students and families, allowing more families to choose what is best for their child. Today's participation numbers represent a significant increase over last year's enrollment of nearly 250,000 students in scholarship programs. You can find more information on the scholarship program on the Department of Education's website.

Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nuñez announced that the Florida Department of Transportation recently announced timelines for the Moving Florida Forward projects, which were proposed in the governor's legislature-funded Freedom First Budget. The Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure Initiative will accelerate priority infrastructure projects across the state through an allocation of \$4 billion starting this fiscal year. The projects, including the Sawgrass Connector Project, look to improve safety, ensure a resilient transportation system, and solve the problems of congestion. These projects will also enhance Florida's supply chain and

economic growth, while at the same time addressing future needs as the state experiences rapid growth.

As always, it is an honor to represent you as your state representative in Tallahassee.





BY KAREN WARFEL
City of Fort Lauderdale
Transportation Planning Division Manager



PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY CITY

THE CITY'S PLANS TO FILL SIDEWALK GAPS

Improving mobility for all users of our streets has been a priority for the City since the creation of the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan. The Transportation and Mobility Department has been working toward this goal in a variety of ways and one of the most recent is to develop a Sidewalk Master Plan that will identify missing sidewalk gaps and create a prioritized implementation strategy.

During the development of the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision creation, a long-range goal was established to create a connected community “where people can move seamlessly and easily through a safe transportation system where the pedestrian is first.” The City has since then created the Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan to identify shorter term goals in reaching that long-term vision. A goal within that plan is to “Build a multimodal and pedestrian friendly community” which includes improving roads, sidewalks and trails to prioritize a safer, more walkable and bikeable community.

A critical step in the path forward to be able to make meaningful change in pedestrian mobility is to understand the full magnitude of the missing gaps in the sidewalk network to then create a purposeful implementation plan of how best to move forward in filling those gaps.

The first phase of the project has kicked off with

data collection. The Transportation Department has partnered with our Public Works and Geographic Information Systems teams to develop a comprehensive data layer of the existing sidewalks in the city.

The next steps will include the collection of public input on sidewalks use, what is important to connect with sidewalks, as well as collecting locations where residents would like to see gaps filled. Please visit ftlcity.info/sidewalks to participate in the survey and share your thoughts on locations.

Following the collection of this data, we will be developing the prioritization methodology with the community on where to start to create a phased implementation strategy. This prioritization will include looking at proximity to parks, schools, transit, volume and speed of vehicles, etc. This Master Plan will be used to apply for various funding opportunities to begin to connect the blocks.

Stay tuned to the process over the next six months as we work together to create the Sidewalk Master Plan that will help us move forward in implementing the vision of a community that is connected where people can move seamlessly and easily through a safe transportation system where the pedestrian is first.

Visit ftlcity.info/sidewalks for more information 



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BY PHILLIP DUNLAP
Director,
Broward Cultural Division



IGNITE BROWARD 2024

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IGNITE Broward features immersive, large-scale and interactive indoor and outdoor installations created with mesmerizing light, 3D projection mapping and sound. For 2024, the five-day and night family-friendly fest is bigger and better than ever, with 30 extraordinary, multi-sensory experiences by the world's leading creatives working at forefront of art and technology.

Attracting thousands of visitors and locals – last year's event drew more than 30,000 people – IGNITE Broward is a shining example of the quality and vibrancy of Broward's cultural programming for the community, bringing people of all ages and backgrounds together to experience in the arts in its many forms.

IGNITE Broward 2024 is free and open to the public, with two locations: In the heart of Fort Lauderdale, where our dynamic Downtown and Riverwalk serve as the canvas for larger-than-life LED sculptures and 3D projection mapping installations; and in Dania Beach, where the intersection of art and tech entices visitors to explore more than 30,000 square feet indoors and nearly half an acre of a new outdoor digital sculpture garden at the Mad Arts complex.

Expect mesmerizing art installations, interactive digital exhibits, plus workshops, performances and opportunities to engage with some of the brightest minds in the fields of arts and technology. Whatever your interest, IGNITE Broward has something exceptional in store for you.

So, mark your calendars for Jan. 24 to 28 and get ready to embark on a journey of inspiration, imagination, and innovation at IGNITE Broward. For more information and updates, follow @BrowardArts on social media and visit IGNITEBroward.com.

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"When Robert moved to Florida, they were next-door neighbors and just hit it off. They had the same goals in mind about a practice, the way their cases should be handled, and how their clients should be treated," said Merrill Thomas, Thomas & Pearl office administrator.

The duo partnered to create the law offices of Thomas & Pearl and at one point had three locations in South Florida. Today, only the Fort Lauderdale office remains.



The firm's original founders, Robert Thomas and Brian S. Pearl

According to the practice, they have proudly recovered hundreds of millions of dollars in compensation for their clients. The team at Thomas & Pearl specializes in personal injury claims including motor vehicle accident injury, workers' compensation, nursing home abuse, Social Security disability, homeowner claims, cruise ship accidents and more.

"We work hard to provide our clients with the best legal representation that they deserve. We leave no stone unturned and aggressively pursue claims against the insurance companies and have absolutely no qualms about taking the case to trial," said Thomas.

"If you are not successful in your claim, then you owe no attorney fees," she said.

The firm recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, making it one of the oldest law firms in the area. Although both founders have since died, the team at Thomas & Pearl continue to uphold their legacy.

"I believe the reason we have continued to do so well is because we really care about our clients, and we really make an effort to do the best job we can for them," Thomas said.

"Our staff is also like family and some of them are actual family. We have two sisters, a mother and a daughter, and one of the founders, Brian Pearl's son Jason works for the firm to this day," she said.



Administrator Merrill Thomas and Attorney Jason B. Pearl

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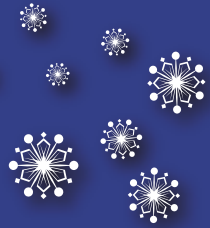
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BY DAN LINDBLADE
President/CEO,
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STRIVING FOR CONSENSUS

ISSUES THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO ADDRESS

Transportation, workforce housing, resilience and talent rank as my top opportunities for our economy. If we really want to be “the place you never want to leave,” we need to do a better job addressing these.

Take the New River tunnel or bridge as a solution. Without consensus we do not have northern connectivity for inter-city service. Stops we dream about in Oakland Park, Pompano Beach and Deerfield Beach are figments.

As of this writing, Broward County commissioners are ready to build a bridge. The City of Fort Lauderdale is not on board with that and wants a tunnel.

Those favoring a bridge believe it is the most cost-effective alternative. Those opposed believe it divides community. What is clear — all must reach consensus to move people effectively and efficiently.

We have been working on attainable housing since before I moved to South Florida in 1991. It’s not getting any better. Land is at a premium. Single-family home prices have skyrocketed. Wages have not kept up. Inflation and interest rates are just piling on consumers, suffocating moderate to low-income earners. Some are leaving the area.

In testimony last month before the Broward County Commission, I spoke in opposition to using Tourist Development Tax revenues for affordable housing financing. It was a bitter pill to swallow. But robbing Peter to pay Paul is a shell game at best. We need a collective solution to funding and land acquisition. Everyone must have skin in the game for it to work.

Cities and the county must pony up with land. The School Board needs to reassign unused property for housing. Our housing authorities should consider partnering more effectively with the private sector. Commercial developers must create a portfolio that supports this sector with incentives from government. Perhaps we need a housing czar for lack of a better title. What’s clear is we are failing to address the need.

There is so much need when it comes to sea level rise and global warming. We continue to study this to death. Here is what we know. Without adaptation and mitigation, by 2050 residential values drop 13 percent and ad valorem revenues ebb 18 percent. Add to that flood-related damages and loss of productivity and, well, you might as well cancel Christmas.


Yet with all this we have a youthful workforce that is yearning to build a better tomorrow. The idealism and optimism I see in young entrepreneurs excites me. It makes me want to work even harder on leaving a legacy of solutions. At least I can lay the groundwork for generations to come. Please join me. 



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BY PHIL PURCELL
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Writer Liz Wegerer



A DREAM BORN IN 1959

FORT LAUDERDALE'S BOAT SHOW ROOTS RUN DEEP

Every successful brand begins with a dream. From tech giants that started in someone's garage to renowned sports brands whose founders sold tennis shoes from the trunk of a car, humble beginnings are something all internationally recognized brands have in common.

The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show is no different.

In 1959, a small group of business people, including former Fort Lauderdale Mayor Robert O. Cox, gathered at the city's War Memorial Auditorium with a vision. They were looking for a way to sell more boats and a boat show seemed like a good solution. That first year's show, held in the summer with a total of 13 exhibitors, was the seed of what would eventually become today's internationally recognized Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (FLIBS).

That first year also marked the revival of the Marine Advisory Association. Just like the boat show itself, the Marine Advisory Association went through its own iterations, from the addition of Broward County to its name in 1967 to renaming itself the Marine Industries Association of South Florida in 1978. Despite the name changes, one thing remained constant — the Association has been the owner of the boat show since its inception in 1959.

The show itself demonstrated consistent year-over-year growth. In its second year, the show moved to Pier 66 and boasted 20 exhibitors on both land and water. It was also that year the show was dubbed the Fort Lauderdale Marine Association Boat Show and earned its nickname "Marine Wonderland."

For the next decade, the show grew leaps and bounds. It moved to Port Everglades in 1970 to accommodate the numerous exhibitors and attendees that were taking notice of the show and clamoring to be part of the action. That same year marked the first time the show charged admission for attendees, a strong indicator of the show's popularity.

1976 was pivotal. It marked the first time Kaye Pearson's Show Management company took over production. The show was renamed the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, the dates moved to later in the fall to accommodate new boat model release timing and the event relocated to Bahia Mar. There were more than 100 exhibitors that year.

Throughout the 1980s, the show continued to grow at an unprecedented pace. It welcomed more than 900 exhibitors and Guy Harvey was recruited to design the show brochure cover art for the first time. By the 1990s, the show was expanded to two additional locations to accommodate its growth, adding the Fort Lauderdale Convention Center in '91 and Pier 66 in '93.

Like any successful brand, FLIBS faced its share of challenges, too. From oil embargos, luxury taxes, recessions, 9/11 and even a major hurricane, the list of hurdles is long. Yet the show rebounds and always goes on. Today, FLIBS is held across seven unique sites and attracts an international roster of exhibitors and attendees. It enjoys global media coverage, has its own television special and even sells more beer than the Super Bowl.

Most importantly, while it is an international success, the FLIBS brand is deeply rooted in Fort Lauderdale and has been since its inception 64 years ago. It is a local brand through and through and one that contributes to the economic success of the Florida marine industry's \$18.5 billion in annual revenue. Broward County's own \$9.9 billion portion of this total is directly boosted by FLIBS each year.

Local programs like the MIA's Yacht Service Technician Apprenticeship Program are also bolstered by the success of FLIBS. The attention the boat show brings to the marine industry each year is a big factor that draws in the next generation of skilled industry workers.


It all started with a dream and dreams are what keeps the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show brand powerful, growth-focused and an undeniable success. 



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2024 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER UPDATES

The Property Appraiser's Office does not set your tax rates, collect property taxes or determine how the tax revenue is allocated by local government. Florida law requires our office to assess all property based on the market data on Jan. 1 of each year. We are also able to grant tax-saving exemptions to qualified applicants. The property tax bills are mailed by the Broward County's Records, Taxes & Treasury Division. If you have questions regarding the payment of your tax bill, please contact their office at (954) 357-4829 or visit their website at <https://www.broward.org/RecordsTaxesTreasury>

Where Is My 2024 Homestead Exemption?

The tax bill you received this month from the Broward County Tax Collector is for the 2023 tax year. If you acquired your home in 2023 and the previous owners of your new home were entitled to and received Homestead Exemption or any other exemption on Jan. 1, 2023, you may have inherited their exemptions on your 2023 property tax bill.

Florida Statutes require these 2023 exemptions be removed for 2024 and the property be reassessed at the full 2024 Just/Market value which may result in an increase in your 2024 property taxes. It is important that you apply for your own 2024 Homestead Exemption in your name if you believe you are eligible.

Your new 2024 Homestead Exemption will be reflected next year on all 2024 property records, notices

and tax bills. Any new 2024 Homestead Exemptions will show online in late December. You can apply for Homestead Exemption and any other exemptions you may qualify for online at <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/HomesteadExemption>

If you have any questions regarding your Homestead Exemption or other tax-saving exemptions, please contact our Customer Service Department at (954) 357-6830.

Escrow Adjustments for 2023 Tax Bills

The Property Appraiser's Office does not handle anything related to the financing of property. If you make monthly escrow payments for your property taxes, your mortgage or escrow company typically does an escrow analysis after paying your annual tax bill. After this analysis, your mortgage company will contact you directly if there is any change to your monthly payment. Should you have any questions about this, you should contact your mortgage company for assistance.

Quarterly Installment Payments

If you pay your property taxes through Broward County's quarterly installment plan, any newly approved 2023 exemptions will be applied to the third and fourth installment payment amounts. Any adjustments for 2023 are made on the final two quarterly 2023 installment tax bills.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at martykiar@bcpa.net.



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WELL-KNOWN COMPANIES FOUNDED IN FORT LAUDERDALE

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

Fort Lauderdale is home to hundreds of businesses offering all kinds of products and services. From small family-owned shops to large scale brands that have become household names, business is always booming here.

A number of companies with a national impact started right here in Fort Lauderdale and continue to have ties to the area to this day. Here are just a few of the most well-known brands founded in Fort Lauderdale that continue to operate here.

Epic Outdoor Cinema



Fort Lauderdale is home to one of the biggest companies in outdoor cinema-based experiences. Epic Outdoor Cinema has been bringing movies to life on the big screen in outdoor settings for many years now. Started in 2007 in Fort Lauderdale, Epic looked to provide moviegoers with a unique cinema experience that would get them out of theaters and instead bring them outside. Today, their complete cinema systems do just that by providing the ultimate viewing solutions for any size audience, anywhere.

With three different high-tech screen options, Epic Outdoor Cinema can screen movies at epic proportions. Today, the company is still headquartered in Fort Lauderdale but has expanded their reach by bringing the outdoor cinema experience to more than 3,000 locations with their outdoor screens being used in every continent except Antarctica.



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National Beverage Corp.



It's almost impossible to go to a grocery store today without seeing any number of La Croix flavors for sale. Yet, many would be amazed to learn that this well-known brand of flavored seltzer water is headquartered right here in Fort Lauderdale by National Beverage Corp. Founded back in 1985, National Beverage got its name after acquiring its first beverage brand, Faygo, from Tree Sweet Products Corp. Now, 38 years later, the brand produces even more beverages including sparkling waters, juices, energy drinks and carbonated soft drinks that are distributed and sold throughout the United States and Canada.



With a focus on beverages geared towards an active and health-conscious consumer, their most recognized product is, of course, La Croix, but some of the other products produced by National Beverage also include Rip It energy drinks, Clear Fruit, Everfresh and Mr. Pure 100% juice and juice-based products, as well as soft drinks like Shasta and, their first brand, Faygo.

National Beverage Corp. happens to be the fourth largest branded soft-drink company in the U.S., according to the company's LinkedIn page.

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AutoNation

Fort Lauderdale is home to one of the biggest American automotive retailers in the United States, AutoNation. The Fortune 200 company was founded locally in 1996 by H. Wayne Huizenga after he became the chairman of the board of directors for Republic Industries and sought to expand the business into used auto sales throughout the United States.

Today, the company has exceeded those original plans by offering a range of automotive products and services including new and used vehicles, parts and automotive services and automotive finance and insurance products. Of the new and used vehicles that AutoNation sells, they are manufactured by domestic, import and premium luxury automotive franchises from more than 30 brands.

AutoNation's core brands include Ford, Toyota, Nissan, General Motors, Honda, Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Chrysler. Although their headquarters are based here in Fort Lauderdale, AutoNation operates over 300 locations throughout the United States.

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AutoNation

Swimland

Fort Lauderdale is also home to one of the longest running swimwear brands, Swimland. Founded in 1963, the family owned-and-operated company has been committed to making every customer's swimsuit shopping experience a successful and pleasant one for more than 60 years. Since its inception, Swimland has offered a selection of designer and brand name swimwear that can found in many different styles, colors and sizes.



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Swimland

Among their brands offered, there is something for every price range with affordable styles like Anne Cole to more high-end designs from Ralph Lauren and more.

Since opening, Swimland has four South Florida retail stores in Fort Lauderdale, Boca Raton, Aventura and Hallandale. However, if you're not local, customers can purchase any kind of swimwear from Swimland online as well.

R.L. Schreiber

Chefs, restaurateurs and culinary professionals go to R.L. Schreiber for all their spices and seasoning fulfillment needs. R.L. Schreiber began in 1968 as a one-man operation in a small Fort Lauderdale facility.

At first, the company focused on formulating, manufacturing and distributing flavor bases such as stocks, broths and more to be sold to food service industry professionals. Yet after some time, they outgrew their original facility and with that growth saw an opportunity to expand their offerings to also include spices and seasoning blends.

R.L. Schreiber officially moved its manufacturing operations to a new and state-of-the-art USDA manufacturing facility in Lebanon, Kentucky, in 2011. However, the multigenerational family business maintains its roots in South Florida with their company headquarters remaining in Fort Lauderdale. ©



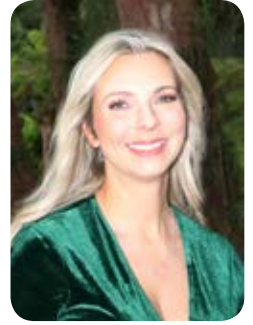
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THE ARTIST BEHIND THE WINTERFEST POSTER

LAURA BRILL ELMORE SHINES AS THIS YEAR'S WINTERFEST ARTIST

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER



With the holidays right around the corner that means the eagerly anticipated Winterfest Boat Parade is also on the horizon. Every year, locals flock to the Riverwalk to watch numerous boats decked out in holiday décor make their way down the river.

Aside from the anticipation of the event itself, however, one detail of this annual affair that is always a welcome surprise is the reveal of the Winterfest poster. The poster's theme and design are often kept under strict lock and key until right before the big event so being chosen as the artist tasked with bringing the poster to life each year is a great honor.

Local, longtime artist and designer Laura Brill Elmore has been selected for the honor this year. For Elmore, her passion for art was never questioned seeing as she grew up in an artistically inclined family.

"I was introduced to art at a very early age. My mother was a retired art teacher and my father's mother was creative in almost every form of art," she said.

For the budding artist, most weekends were spent with her grandmother where she was given the opportunity to explore her creativity and was first introduced to her favorite art medium, watercolor.

Eventually, her talents were not only recognized by her peers and teachers but also fostered by those around her especially during her formative years.

"I was lucky while I was in school to have been given the opportunity to hone my artistic abilities and find my confidence through art. As early as elementary school, I was given special permission to work on art projects and by the age of 11, I was being showcased in the Miami Herald art shows and Plantation's Promenade in the Park," she said.

For Elmore, having a successful career as an artist always seemed somewhat out of reach. "I never wanted to be the starving artist," she explains.


After graduating in 2000, however, her dreams were realized as she secured a job as designer for Stiles Corporation in Fort Lauderdale which gave her the much needed experience and connections in the community that she needed to go on to start her own company, 954Design, in May of 2003.

Today, her art and designs can be seen all throughout Fort Lauderdale which certainly played a part in the Winterfest team's decision to choose her as this year's artist.

"Winterfest chose Laura Elmore as this year's poster artist because of her exceptional talent, and a deep understanding of the spirit of the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade," said Lisa Scott-Founds, president and CEO of Winterfest Inc.

"Her creativity captured the whimsical and festive vibes this event brings to South Florida. We believe her artwork will inspire everyone to join in this joyful celebration where floats really float."

Elmore shared that her inspiration for the design of the 2023 poster came from looking back at past Winterfest themes while incorporating her signature color scheme that can be seen in her Las Olas series of paintings.

"This year's theme is reflections and so going in they knew they wanted to have flashbacks to previous year's themes. With that in mind, I had a lot of fun incorporating details from the past years while also putting my spin on it. Overall, the entire experience was so much fun, and it was such an honor to be chosen especially as someone who has been going to the boat parade since I was a little girl," said Elmore. 



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RENÉE K. QUINN

BREAKFAST BITES + SIPS

AN INTERVIEW WITH LAWRENCE LESSING, FOUNDER OF HATCH

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

I recently sat down for a conversation with Hatch’s owner, Lawrence Lessing. The new eatery’s brunch menu features a unique take on breakfast classics. A full-service bar is available.

MOTTO: The harder I work, the luckier I get.

Tell us about your new breakfast eatery in Flagler Village. What's the story behind the name?

Hatch changes your perception of a typical brunch by creating unique and fun takes on breakfast classics. We focus on making innovative dishes using fresh, high-quality ingredients. We initially struggled coming up with a name for the concept until my cousin suggested The Hatchery. Then another cousin took that name and said, “How about just Hatch?”

Why did you choose trendy Flagler Village to open your new South Florida location?

We knew we wanted to be in Fort Lauderdale. When we started looking at the city, Flagler Village seemed to match our brand — up-and-coming, edgy and fun. The area also had a strong art culture, which was perfect because we planned to have street artists paint several murals inside the restaurant.

What are your favorite breakfast options at Hatch?

If I’m not ordering pancakes, I love the Hashtag Tots and Eggs, the Tijuana Breakfast Tacos or the Holy Moly French Toast.

Tell us about the pancakes. What are your favorites and how did you/chef come up with the flavors? What’s special about them?

My favorite pancakes are the Cinnamon Roll Pancakes. It’s outrageous how good they are! Our Flight of the Pancakes is perfect when you’re with a group, as you can sample our different flavors and use them as an appetizer. It took us more than three months of trial and error to figure out the perfect recipe for our pancakes.

Chef William Muzio’s inspiration for the pancake flavors came from everyday breakfast items. For example, cinnamon buns became the Cinnamon Roll Pancake and blueberry Danish muffins became our Blueberry Danish Pancakes.

The special thing about our pancakes is that you’re getting two oversized pancakes that are topped with extraordinary flavors and stuffed with a delicious filling that perfectly ties the dish together. We wanted to have fun creating our menu!

THE CHEF

Behind the menu is critically acclaimed Chef William Muzio, bringing more than 20 years of culinary experience. Muzio is the executive chef for Lessing’s Hospitality Group, overseeing all things culinary throughout their restaurants in New York and Florida.

Muzio has also worked at the Michelin star restaurant Le Bernardin in New York City under world-renowned chef Eric Ripert and was named Best Chef on Long Island by the American Culinary Federation while working as the executive chef at the former Babylon Carriage House in Babylon, N.Y.



Owner Lawrence Lessing



Chef William Muzio

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THE BITES



Flight of The Pancakes



The New York Classic



Southwest Benedict



Mimosarita



Latte

THE SIPS

Hatch's full-service bar offers crafted cocktails and caffeine, serving everything from a cup of coffee to espressos, macchiatos and lattes to coffee cocktails.



THE VENUE

Hatch's modern and vibrant restaurant design includes street art, neon lights, round booths and selfie walls. Hues of bright yellow and orange surround the dining room to create a fun and warm brunch ambiance.



Hatch exterior



Hatch street art mural



Hatch interior

HATCH

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GENERAL MANAGER: Jessica Lynn Delgado

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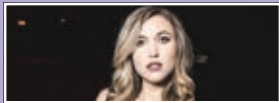
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DECEMBER 1

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Namaste! 2023

A grand Indian art and food festival
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DECEMBER 2&3

Riptide Music Festival

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Audacy
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DECEMBER 3



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DECEMBER 7

Menorah Lighting Celebration

Menorah Lighting Celebration on the first night of Hanukkah
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DECEMBER 7&8

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DECEMBER 8-10

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DECEMBER 9

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DECEMBER 11

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December 1-31
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Through December 30
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Snyder Park

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Second Saturday
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HUB at Fort Lauderdale Beach

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Learn about local wildlife
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Live music, original art & more
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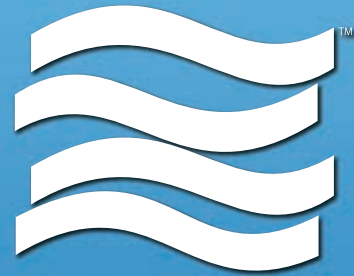
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MODS OPENS THOMAS & FRIENDS EXHIBIT

The Museum of Discovery & Science hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for its newest traveling exhibit, Thomas & Friends: Explore the Rails on Sept. 15.



ANN BRIGGLE FONTS, MEREDITH FEDER, DAVID DECH AND CAITLIN STELLA



CHILDREN ENJOY THE NEW THOMAS & FRIENDS EXPLORE THE RAILS EXPERIENCE AT MODS.



THE STEM-FOCUSED EXHIBIT SEEKS TO ENGAGE CHILDREN AGES 2 THROUGH 7.

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END OF SUMMER HARBOR SOCIETY MIXER

Children's Harbor celebrated the end of summer during Safe Harbor Society Mixer at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club in Fort Lauderdale on Aug. 23.



GISELLE CROMBIE, ALEXA ZARAGOZA AND JAMIE HAGAR



HALEY WEIGLE, TIFFANI DHOOGHE, KAREN ROSS AND ARTY PALERMO



LISA MOONEY, LAWRENCE FRANZONI, EDWINA AUGUSTE, PETER MESSINA AND ERIC CHAFIN

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AUTONATION AND DOLPHINS CHALLENGE CANCER

At the Sept. 24 Miami Dolphins home opener against the Denver Broncos, AutoNation Inc. and Dolphins Challenge Cancer representatives were recognized for their new commitment of \$1 million to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.



NIPUN MERCHANT, ELIZABETH JENKINS, SUSAN MILLER, MIKE MANLEY, DORRAYA EL-ASHRY, NEHA GOEL, LISA DE LUCA AND JAVIER SANCHEZ

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BROWARD CENTER LONGTIME USHERS

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts honored a group of ushers who have volunteered for more than 30 years.



TOP: JIM ROSA AND BROWARD CENTER PRESIDENT AND CEO KELLEY SHANLEY; MIDDLE: ESTELLE BITKOWER, PHOEBE SATLIN AND JOAN THORNTON; BOTTOM: BRUCE VOELKEL, LAUREL GRIEFER, DORIS KALISHMAN AND NANCY BRASS

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Exhibit included with admission.

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