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Midnight

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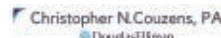
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This 25th floor river facing Columbus flow thru floorplan in the Las Olas Riverhouse is over 2,400 sqft. Features include a private elevator foyer entry, floor to ceiling glass and 2 terraces.

**SOHO | \$925,000**  
2 BEDROOM + 2 BATH

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1 BEDROOM + 1 BATH

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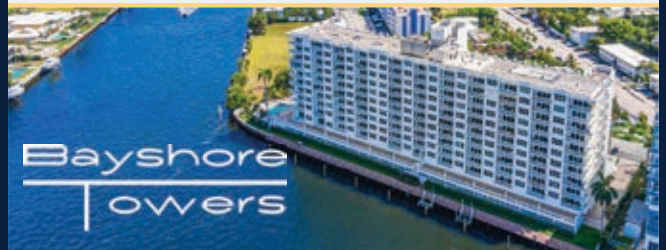
2 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$520,000

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BY RICHARD RODRIGUEZ  
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

THE TRADITIONS THAT ARE A PART OF OUR HERITAGE




**C**ruising through the city this time of year allows you to enjoy the spectacular decorations on houses, condo buildings and businesses. We put our best face forward to tell the public we are celebrating holidays and love our **traditions** — the “transmission of customs or beliefs from generation to another generation.” We form those as individuals, families, businesses and groups to share in the season. Holidays are the opportunity to set aside time for the festivities that accompany each holiday. It is the chance to create a tradition or carry an old one forward. It is a time to teach others and invite them to celebrate with us.

There are many things happening in the City, but this is the month of celebrations and holiday get-togethers that are treasured by us all. Fort Lauderdale hosts Light Up ceremonies all over the City for a variety of faiths and the beauty of it is that we share in each of those ceremonies. When walking around the City, people are cordial and more pleasant than any other time. We welcome visitors, tourists and family from afar to enjoy our beautiful weather, South Florida traditions and the joy of the season. We include Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and don't forget Festivus rounded out by New Year's! Sometimes we struggle with how to greet the season ... but joyful is likely the best and most descriptive.

Traditions are a part of our heritage and lighting up Riverwalk is one we love. Hosting the first Light Up ceremony for the City of Fort Lauderdale has been our honor and this year is no exception.

No matter your faith, the holidays revolve around family, friends and time spent enjoying each other's company. It is a time to be grateful.

It is our greatest wish at Riverwalk that your holidays are merry, bright and full of adventure and love. 

# Holiday Lights

## CRUISES



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# A YEAR OF MILESTONES

FORT LAUDERDALE WELCOMES A MULTITUDE OF CHANGES

As we reach the end of 2023, many things stand out as milestones for the year. As the Year of the Rabbit, culture says this is the year of longevity, peace and prosperity – it is the year of hope.

We know that it has been a year fraught with strange things like the Chinese spy balloon to finding the oldest black hole in the universe using two space telescopes. It is a pre-election year and with it comes all campaign shenanigans, promises and constant campaigning. We believe it to be a year of transition ... a time of great change.

In our local community, we know of many milestones and one is the completion of Tunnel Top Park off Las Olas, the commencement of Huizenga Park, the changes in local government and an overall growth in our population in Fort Lauderdale. We are seeing a much larger number of affordable housing opportunities. We have observed some iconic events grow and morph and be nationally recognized. Our local firefighters led by Aaron Caja competed at the national level by representing Fort Lauderdale and Riverwalk at the International Chili Cookoff. We have observed the opening of a tremendous number of new businesses and

restaurants, the completion and opening of parks, the planning of a new City Hall, the appointment of a new police chief and parks director, among some of the many new changes in process.

We have plans in place and fast-tracked for infrastructure improvements and continue to observe construction of the new police department. We welcomed the International Swimming Hall of Fame pools and dive towers and the opportunity to bring back the major events associated with these unique facilities. We continue to work at Lockhart Stadium to fulfill the community need for a park and community center. We are hard at work on improving our water treatment centers and continue to seek unique methods to achieve our goals. We are proactive in putting our city in the best light possible.

As we end 2023, take a minute to be thankful for all the things we have and the opportunities ahead. Take a walk on Riverwalk, enjoy the holiday lights and decorations, enjoy the banners and most of all, take the time to go slowly enough to enjoy a little of life. Enjoy your holiday season and we look forward to a prosperous New Year. On behalf of the Riverwalk staff, we wish you a very happy holiday season. 🇺🇸

A ribbon cutting for the renovated International Swimming Hall of Fame was held in January.



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**LISA DUKE**

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• I am a Fort Lauderdale resident and business owner and a native of Florida. My husband and I are the sole partners of Walter Duke + Partners. I oversee the daily business affairs of the legacy commercial real estate valuation advisory firm based in Fort Lauderdale, which was founded in 1975.

I serve on the board of the Heart Gallery of Broward. The organization has placed more than 700 hard-to-place kids in their forever homes. I also serve on the executive board of Winterfest, the world's largest boat parade and am the reigning Belle of the Ball of Winterfest. Additionally, I am a board member of Riverwalk and a member of the Circle of Wise Woman in support of Junior Achievement of South Florida.

Along with my husband Walter, the former mayor of Dania Beach, we were honored as a couple of Style and Substance by the Symphony of Americas and were named a Power Couple by Gold Coast Magazine Fort Lauderdale. In 2017, I was honored by the South Florida Business Journal as an Influential Businesswoman. I also participated in a South Florida Business Journal CFO Roundtable and freely give my time and advice to aspiring business women.

My husband and I live in the Rio Vista neighborhood. We have three grown children and are expecting our first grandchild. We also have a partially blind and deaf rescue dog named Kaze. I joined Riverwalk to have a positive impact on my community.



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**ALISON AVAYU**

REALTOR, LAMACCHIA REALTY

• With a background in luxury condominium interior design, being in the real estate industry had always been on my radar. It wasn't until I got inspired by a friend in the industry last year that I finally jumped in, head first! As an east Fort Lauderdale resident for over a decade who has watched the city grow, I am thrilled to share my love for this area with others and to help them claim their own little slice of paradise!

Prior to diving into real estate, I spent 10-plus years in management positions in the hospitality industry. Needless to say, I love working with people! I have always been a multi-passionate person who has hands on different types of projects/businesses. My journey into motherhood more than six years ago ignited my lifelong passion for wellness, so I also became an avid health and wealth coach. I love being able to help others THRIVE in all areas of their life, especially new moms.

Regardless of the business or role I have ever worked in, I am driven by a passion for listening to and connecting with others to help them accomplish their goals.

Spending time along the Riverwalk is one of my family's favorite pastimes and I am eager to be a part of the expansion and growth of this area of our community. I look forward to connecting more with those involved in the heart of our community.

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Riverwalk Fall Festival, which offered an afternoon delight of family fun activities including pumpkin painting and pumpkin bowling, took place on Oct. 21. Thank you to our amazing sponsors: Original Fat Cats for Oktoberfest treats in the Beer Garden, Manor Lanes for Pumpkin Bowling, City Furniture for Pink Pumpkin Baskets, Water Taxi, Christopher N. Couzens PA at Douglas Elliman, Morningstar Storage at Fat Village, and S.MARK Graphics.



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# FLORIDA DAY OF THE DEAD FESTIVAL & STROLL

On Nov. 4, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale hosted the 14th Annual Florida Day of the Dead Festival and processional. The event showcased folklorico traditional dancing, sugar skull painting and authentic Mexican food. Faces were painted and attendees dress to join the celebration. Thanks go to City of Fort Lauderdale, The Puppet Network, AT&T, Casa Lumbre Spirits, Best Rental Services, Fort Lauderdale Water Taxi, Two Men and A Truck and Museum of Discovery and Science for joining in to make the event a nationally recognized happening.



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# LIGHT UP LAUDERDALE

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, in partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale, kicked off the holiday season with the first lighting in the City – Get Lit, an honor which is greatly appreciated. Riverwalk lights were decorated and turned on to celebrate. Thanks go to Fort Lauderdale Symphonic Winds, a special toast courtesy of Primo’s Liquor and a guest appearance from Santa!



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Fort Lauderdale Symphonic Winds

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# 17TH ANNUAL MUTTS AND MARTINIS™

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale hosted the 17th Annual Mutts and Martinis™ on Nov. 11 in Esplanade Park. What a great afternoon celebrating the love and devotion of our furry friends in the park. Endless tail wags to our amazing sponsors: Tito's Handmade Vodka, Christopher N. Couzens PA at Douglas Elliman, Morningstar Storage at Fat Village, Water Taxi, Pet Junction Magazine, Riverland Apartments, and S.MARK Graphics.



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# ILLUMINATING FORT LAUDERDALE'S FUTURE

THE PHILANTHROPIC LEGACY OF SYLVIA ALDRIDGE AND DANA A. DORSEY

In the heart of Fort Lauderdale, two exceptional philanthropists, Sylvia Aldridge and Dana A. Dorsey, have left a remarkable impact on the community; their legacy echoes through the city's health, educational and cultural fabric. Their profound dedication to uplifting the lives of Fort Lauderdale's residents has changed the city's trajectory, creating a culture of empowerment and opportunity for all. Their commitment to philanthropy has set an example for generations to come.

Sylvia Aldridge, a visionary community leader and pioneer of Fort Lauderdale, began her remarkable journey in the city as a maid. Recognizing the lack of employment agencies catering to the needs of the Black community, she took the bold step of establishing Sylvia's Employment Agency. It became the first and, for a considerable period, the sole employment agency specifically serving the Black population in Fort Lauderdale. Sylvia was not content with merely providing job opportunities; she extended her efforts to address the transportation challenges faced by her clients. This led to the creation of Sylvia's Victories Cabs, a service that catered to the transportation needs of those she assisted.

Sylvia's compassion knew no bounds, as she continually extended her support wherever needed. When faced with the injustice of local hospitals refusing to admit African American patients, she fearlessly took charge of spearheading fundraising initiatives for what later became Provident Hospital. This 15-bed facility was located on Northwest Sixth Street, situated in what is now referred to as the Sistrunk Corridor. Despite living in a world that wasn't designed for her, Sylvia's accomplishments testify to her unwavering dedication and commitment to providing equal opportunities for Fort Lauderdale's Black community.


Complementing Aldridge's trailblazing efforts, Dana A. Dorsey was an instrumental figure in Miami and Fort Lauderdale, leaving behind a philanthropic legacy that aimed to enrich and secure the long-term prosperity of Fort Lauderdale. Dorsey, a prominent African American entrepreneur and benefactor, held the distinction of being South Florida's First Black millionaire. His influence extended beyond his financial success, as he assumed roles as a civic leader and philanthropist.

Dorsey's achievements were not solely personal; he recognized the significance of fostering an inclusive society, emphasizing the importance of supporting cultural diversity. Using his wealth and status as a prominent businessman and property owner, he made substantial contributions to the community, demonstrating a profound

commitment to its well-being. Notably, his contributions included donations to the Dade County Public Schools, as well as his instrumental involvement in the establishment of Miami's first Black bank and a Black-owned hotel.

Dorsey was a prominent landowner during the early years of Fort Lauderdale and Miami, with a notable investment in the development of the region. He commissioned Francis Abreu with the construction of a significant commercial building situated in downtown Black Fort Lauderdale's Northwest Fifth Avenue. The name "Dorsey Riverbend" pays homage to the enterprising spirit of this influential Black entrepreneur and philanthropist. Dorsey's achievements and impact will forever serve as a reminder of just how far Fort Lauderdale has come.

Together, Aldridge and Dorsey's philanthropic efforts transcended traditional boundaries, touching the lives of individuals from all walks of life. Their shared vision of a more equitable and culturally vibrant Fort Lauderdale inspires a new generation of philanthropists and community leaders. Their charitable contributions have enriched the lives of Fort Lauderdale's residents and fostered a sense of unity and resilience within the communities around South Florida. As the city continues to evolve, the spirit of Sylvia Aldridge and Dana A. Dorsey remains ingrained in the collective consciousness of Fort Lauderdale.

In honoring their enduring legacy, Fort Lauderdale celebrates their remarkable contributions and embraces the values of compassion, education and cultural enrichment that continue to define the city's heart. As their philanthropic endeavors continue to bear fruit, the city of Fort Lauderdale stands as a testament to their legacy and unwavering commitment to building a brighter, more inclusive future for all. 



Dana A. Dorsey



Sylvia Aldridge



Dana A. Dorsey's building





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## HUIZENGA PARK REIMAGINED

A NEW MODEL FOR PUBLIC SPACE TRANSFORMATIONS



The upcoming \$15 million transformation of Huizenga Park is an example of a new approach for creating world-class public spaces in Fort Lauderdale. With an anticipated groundbreaking early next year, the DDA is excited for how Huizenga Park Reimagined is inspiring our community to reinvest in our signature spaces.

This project has been years in the making, beginning in 2019 when the DDA hosted national experts from the Urban Land Institute to give us guidance on reinvesting in the public realm. We then studied the most successful downtown public spaces across the country. Park leaders from Dallas to Detroit, Tampa to Sarasota, Houston to Minneapolis and beyond shared best practices on what it takes to create and run a highly activated downtown park.

Inspired by the success of legendary parks throughout the country, we decided to create a public-private-philanthropic partnership (P4). Under this approach, one-third of the funding would come from the public sector, one-third from the private sector, and one-third from philanthropic donors.

A key ingredient for the success of this P4 is the Huizenga Park Foundation. This nonprofit was formed to raise the philanthropic dollars needed to reimagine Huizenga Park. Following the footsteps of beloved public spaces from across the country, the Foundation will transition into the organization that will operate, maintain and program the park to ensure it is forever managed as a world-class destination.

The DDA and Huizenga Park Foundation are building Downtown Fort Lauderdale's signature gathering space in honor of the entrepreneurs and community leaders who paved the way for our city's success. Both Wayne and Marti Huizenga were dreamers and doers who inspired leaders across multiple generations to give back.


"We're so proud that this project has inspired established community leaders and a new generation of philanthropists to invest in this special park," said Huizenga Park Foundation Chairman Steve Hudson.

The new park design features a series of outdoor rooms that will transform the site into our city's outdoor living room, dining room and backyard – all in one. We're thankful for the leaders who have committed to a legacy naming opportunity in the park and believe in the importance of creating a world-class space for generations of Fort Lauderdale residents.

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- Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital
- Community Foundation of Broward
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Each of these dedicated outdoor rooms will provide unique ways to experience Huizenga Park every day of the week, all year long. Whether you are relaxing underneath the cityscape, hanging out with friends, grabbing a quick bite to eat, enjoying a movie under the stars, taking your dog out to play or spending time with family along the river's edge, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

The DDA is excited for how Huizenga Park Reimagined is inspiring our community to give back. It's so rewarding to see established Fort Lauderdale community builders and new philanthropists reinvest in Huizenga Park in a meaningful way. As this project becomes a reality, it's our hope that this P4 approach becomes a model for future investments into Downtown Fort Lauderdale's public realm.

For more information about the transformation of Huizenga Park and ways you can support this project, please visit [www.huizengapark.org](http://www.huizengapark.org). 



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## MOVING ALONG

ADVOCATING FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

As we close out one year and look to start the new, transportation staff are already starting to plan for our next budget cycle. Developing a plan for transportation projects in the City to implement the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2045 vision is a very multifaceted process that looks well beyond just the City budget.

Funding is also pursued through state, federal, county and private grant funding which all have their own rules and restrictions. The leading contributing factors to the need to explore multiple funding sources are roadway jurisdictions and the high cost of roadway projects. Many are unaware that all of the main roads in our city are not under the jurisdiction of the City, but instead owned by either the state or county.

The Transportation and Mobility Department works closely with our county and state partners to advocate for projects that align with the city's Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2045 Plan to be included in their budgets and that existing projects in their plans incorporate elements that improve safety and mobility for all users within our city. These partnerships have greatly widened the possibility of moving toward our vision together.

One of the most recent processes was participation in the Florida Department of Transportation budget process, which follows a similar process to the city budget where a draft budget is presented, comments are received and then a final budget is approved for their budget year which starts on July 1.

Their budget is structured the same as the City's CIP, programming out five years, with the new fifth year added each year. This year, there are 43 projects programmed

within the City of Fort Lauderdale in the next five years, which include types of projects such as resurfacing, bridge rehab, interchange redesigns, street lighting improvements, signal technology upgrades and intersection improvements.

Each of these projects are reviewed by city transportation staff who advocate for the best interest of the city from the very beginning during scope development all the way through construction. Although these projects are not city-run projects, they provide incredible opportunities for multi-modal improvements within the City. The City could not have made the incredible accomplishments of installation of more than 47 miles of bike lanes since the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2045 Vision was created without the state and county partnerships.

Examples of some recent success stories of community requests incorporated into projects within the FDOT budget include:

- Design of two new signals on SRA1A, at Northeast 27th Street to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety and Northeast 14th Court to add a pedestrian crosswalk are both in design this year;
- Installation of a new traffic signal at Imperial Point Hospital entrance completed this year at a location where there had been significant safety concerns;
- Shady Banks and Tarpon River Mobility Master Plan grant funded improvements programmed for design this fiscal year to implement priorities from their plans through the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization CSLIP Grant program;
- Northwest 19th Street median island project programmed for installation to help improve safety



The intersection at the Imperial Point Hospital entrance got a new traffic signal this year.



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# BROWARD COUNTY'S THRIVING NONPROFIT ARTS AND CULTURE

ARTS BOLSTERS LOCAL ECONOMY WITH \$386 MILLION IMPACT

For more than a year, Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale have been collecting data as a part of the sixth Arts and Economic Prosperity Study (AEP6), an effort of the national arts advocacy organization, Americans for the Arts. The goal of this effort is to quantify the economic impact of the nonprofit arts and culture industry, both locally and nationally.

Unlike many other industries, the nonprofit arts and culture sector stimulates large amounts of event-related spending by audiences. More than 3,000 audience-intercept surveys collected by Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale attest to this fact. These surveys reveal the spending habits of our local event attendees, how dollars are spent in conjunction with events and the economic activity generated. The financial data of more than 100 Broward-based arts and culture nonprofit organizations was also compiled. The results of our efforts provide valuable insights locally and also contribute to the study's conclusions on the national-level.

In FY22, Broward County arts and culture nonprofit organizations spent \$138,773,054, which leveraged an additional \$247,830,621 spending by audiences, generating a total of \$386,603,675 in economic activity. These numbers are impressive by themselves and are a testament to the strength of our arts and culture sector. When you dig a little deeper into some of the study's

audience data, you see that in FY22 nearly six-million people attended arts and culture events and spent an average of \$41.74 per person, per event. This spend is on top of the price of a ticket, on items such as parking, dinner and lodging.

AEP6 study results also demonstrate the importance of the arts in our community, with more than 80 percent of survey respondents indicating that they view cultural venues as "important pillars" that "instill a sense of pride" in their neighborhoods and communities.

Most people understand the important role of artists and arts and culture organizations in our communities. Participating in studies like AEP6 help us to advocate for continued and increasing support of arts and cultural opportunities. There is no doubt that the state of our arts is strong and although there is still much work to be done, we can be proud of our accomplishments and celebrate the fact our community values arts and culture.

For the full AEP6 report for Broward County, visit [Broward.org/Arts](http://Broward.org/Arts).

To see the arts in action in our community, be sure to visit our annual IGNITE Broward festival in Fort Lauderdale and Dania Beach from January 24-28, 2024. Get all the details at [IGNITEBroward.com](http://IGNITEBroward.com).

Wishing you all the best for the holiday season.



Phil Dunlap unveiled the Arts and Economic Prosperity results at the Cultural Division's inaugural State of the Arts Address. The graphic shows national nonprofit arts economic impact.

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Located in the heart of Fort Lauderdale, Grand Central Stationery has called Las Olas Boulevard home for more than 30 years. Its true potential wasn't fully realized until owner Rodney Andreychuk made the store his own in 2011.

"I always used to get party invitations, Christmas cards and all that from Grand Central Stationery," Andreychuk said. "Then at some point, I noticed the previous owner was struggling to keep up with business. Eventually, I approached her and said, 'Are you interested in selling?' to which she said, 'Yes. Please take it off my hands.' So, that's what I did and in fact the previous owner, Barbara, stayed on with me for four years," said Andreychuk.

With that, Andreychuk has made Grand Central Stationery what it is today by offering a curated selection of fine greeting cards that he has hand selected from around the world.

"Our customers are very well-traveled. So, I just try to find the best and most unique items that I can possibly find, get those in the shop and make these items more accessible for my customers," he said. In particular, one of their more curious but hilarious note card offerings are their Dempsey & Carroll "Regrets His Behavior At" note cards for that guest who may have made a few social faux pas at a recent party.


Aside from greeting and note cards, they also offer a selection of unique gifts and other items such as desk accessories, pens, boxed stationery sets and cocktail

napkins, as well as calligraphy classes which are offered four times a year.

Where they truly shine is their bespoke wedding and party invitations that can be made with any level of customization and budget in mind. "We have multiple books with a huge selection of options for customers to pick from including everything from the quality of paper used to the different fonts and ink colors," said Stacy Scott, manager at Grand Central Stationery.

"That's why we invite customers to sit down with us, feel the paper, see how everything looks in person and with Rod's extensive knowledge, we can really bring any vision to life, no matter how simple or grand."

For Andreychuk, though, as much as he loves helping his customers design their dream invitations and pick out personalized stationery, the most rewarding part of running his business are the customers themselves.

"We have the nicest people coming in and it's so enjoyable to just have a conversation with them, hear about their weddings, baby showers and everything going on in their lives. It feels so special to be a part of the biggest moments in their lives so getting to know them better is my favorite part of what I do," he said. 

## GRAND CENTRAL STATIONERY

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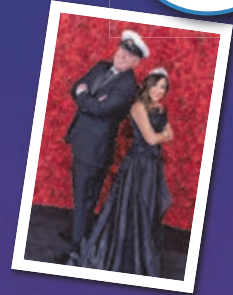


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## A HISTORY LESSON

A LOOK AT A FEW EUROPEAN CITIES' INFRASTRUCTURES

**W**hile on a recent trip in Europe (it was my first time) I was captivated by infrastructure and history.

I heard fascinating stories dating back to the Roman Empire and heard perspectives of enduring conflicts. For thousands of years Europeans in several cities I visited have withstood sieges and floods, disease and famine.

Two areas stood out — Passau, Germany and Budapest, Hungary. Passau is a city in Lower Bavaria on the Danube River. The river rises in the Black Forest mountains of Western Germany and flows some 1,770 miles to the mouth of the Black Sea. In Passau, the Danube meets with two other rivers — the Inn from the south and the Ilz from the north.

As we arrived by water, I sensed this city has dealt with floods. Concrete walls rose as a barrier to a cresting river. Think of our New River and walls on either side to 20 feet or more. Even with these barriers, the Danube

can and does shut the city down.

As recently as 2013, the river rose to a level of 42 feet which left most of the city under water. In 1954, the river crested just under that.

This flood left 50,000 without water and electricity. Several thousand residents were forced from their homes. Throughout the lower portion of the city you could see water lines on buildings. In fact, there are line markers displayed on city hall, indicating high water marks over the years.

Few cities went unscathed by the 2013 flood. Budapest was also hit hard. It has flood fences that reach 30.5 feet. The river was expected to peak at 29.4 feet. Forceful currents broke dams adding to devastation. Thankfully, those river defenses protected the city. There were other, more horrific disasters in this capital city currently with a metro population of 3.3 million.

Hungarians arrived in the late 9th century but the area was pillaged by Mongols in 1241. There were to be eight sieges; the most recent in 1946. As I toured both the Buda and the Pest sides, I was awestruck by the current state of the city and tried to imagine the devastation of the sieges.

The beautiful bridges of Budapest were bombed along with many strategic buildings of significance during World War II. Multiple fixed bridges connect the region. I stayed close to the Szechenyi Chain Bridge, the first permanent bridge across the Danube which opened in 1849. It has beautiful stone carved lions at each of the abutments which were saved after German troops bombed the bridge in 1946.

While bridges span the Danube, light rail was abundantly available for hop-on, hop-off connectivity. I loved how seamless it was with times easily displayed for each arrival.

Rail systems were evident throughout my journey easing the carbon footprint. Clearly a massive investment has been made. I was reminded of Brightline as I rode the high-speed train from Rome to Florence, Italy. The Direttissima rail line reaches speeds of up to 155 mph.

The cities I visited have had time to build and rebuild. We can learn from their experiences, but we appear to be on the right track. [60](#)

The Szechenyi Chain Bridge in Budapest



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## CULINARY EXPLORERS



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## QUIET GIVERS

IT TAKES ALL KINDS OF HEROES

**F**ort Lauderdale has a rich history of philanthropy. It is part of the fabric of our community.

Just like the diversity found in our city's population, philanthropic acts in Fort Lauderdale come in many shapes and sizes. Sometimes generosity is reflected in the name on a building. Sometimes it is the labor that goes into building a structure itself. Sometimes it is as simple as a hand lent to lift and support another.

While monetary donations usually capture the headlines, our community enjoys immense support from givers in more discreet and hands-on ways. These quiet acts, usually that receive little or no fanfare, are just as essential.

Quiet givers are like the board members of the Broward Workshop, Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Marine Research Hub and host of other organizations who commit not only

financial support but their time and their business expertise to projects for the betterment of the areas' economic development. What people may not realize is many high-profile individuals commit to initiatives without acknowledgment to assure a quality of life is available for everyone in the community.

Bill Walker, CEO and president of Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale LLC, is a well-recognized local who is active on many boards. He also co-chairs the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce's Marine Advisory Council for the Chamber and leads fundraising efforts

for maritime education. But what many don't know about is his donation of water taxis for education and outreach throughout the year. No fanfare, no media coverage, just quiet support for local causes.

Quiet giving extends to the business community at large, too. Local businesses like High Seas Yacht Service, Frank and Jimmie's Propeller, Ward's Marine Electric, Advanced Mechanical Enterprises, and Maritime Professional Training all regularly organize team building days with their staff. Through these efforts, they donate their collective time and manpower to Habitat for Humanity. Numerous local families in need reap the benefits of these efforts in the form of a solid roof over their heads and a fresh start.

Some of the business teams putting forth this effort have even been known to move on to second and third construction projects once they complete their assigned building tasks. Lending extra support to less-experienced crews, while working long hours under the hot Florida sun, is a testament to the commitment of these people to our local community.

And, of course, it would be remiss not to note the charitable efforts made at the individual level of everyday citizens across our city and county.

Organizations like Save the Sea Turtles, 1,000 Mermaids Reef Project, Junior Achievement, and the Humane Society, to name just a few, could not exist without the countless volunteer hours donated by residents.

Local support-focused events equally benefit from the volunteers in our community, too. Fort Lauderdale Beach Sweep has resulted in thousands of beach lovers collecting more than 80,000 cigarette butts, thousands of plastic straws and several tons of trash. Without this army of volunteers, this would not be possible. You can lend your time every second Saturday of the month, too. Contact Barry Levy at [blevy@levypension.com](mailto:blevy@levypension.com) for more information.

MIASF's own annual Waterway Cleanup and Plywood Regatta would not be possible, either. Both events rely on the commitment of countless individuals to organize, manage, and take part. This giving at the individual level is what keeps our community organizations going and makes these fundraising and support possible.

Fort Lauderdale is truly blessed with a community of givers. Some are high profile. Most fly under the radar. But no matter how they do it, together their efforts are what makes Fort Lauderdale thrive. 🇺🇸



Volunteers from Marine Industries Association of South Florida help build a Habitat for Humanity house.



The Water Taxi team volunteers for waterway clean up.

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### The timely deadline to file for all 2024 exemptions is March 1, 2024.

You must make the property your permanent residence by Jan. 1, 2024, in order to qualify; however, you have until March 1 to timely file your application with the property appraiser's office. The late filing deadline for all 2024 exemptions is Sept. 18, 2024. For

information about all the other exemptions available, please visit the "Exemptions & Classifications" page on our website <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/Homestead>.

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### BCPA Gives Back

In the spirit of giving, our office recently participated in a turkey giveaway and held a food drive to benefit the Pantry of Broward County. The Pantry of Broward County is a "one-stop shop" for seniors (age 60+) struggling to live on low-fixed incomes and to help grandparents raising their grandchildren.


If you have any questions about Homestead Exemption or any other exemptions, please call (954) 357-6830 or email me at [martykiar@bcpa.net](mailto:martykiar@bcpa.net). 



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# HELP FOR HAWAII

WITH THE ISLAND PARADISE OF MAUI IN NEED, FORT LAUDERDALE SHARES SUPPORT

WRITER JOANNA KENTOLALL

South Florida is no stranger to natural disasters and no stranger to helping those in need. That's why when one of the worst fires in U.S. history hit the Hawaiian Island of Maui, local fundraisers were organized, donations were made and a Fort Lauderdale firefighter made his way across the Pacific to lend a hand.

Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Captain Kevin Galt was deployed in the days following the August fires to assist in recovery efforts through a coordinated disaster response.

"Teams come in and don't know the terrain, get to work and will work till they drop. Local departments worked so well together to bring the most positive outcome among the devastation," he said.

The wildfires killed nearly 100 people and burned thousands of acres, destroying homes and businesses in West Maui. Hundreds of residents were displaced and many had to make harrowing escapes. The race to find survivors began quickly as crews went digging through the ashes. Captain Galt worked to bring in heavy equipment that removed dangerous debris to make it safer for teams to enter.

"It's rewarding to help the men, women and canines get what they need to complete a difficult mission and bring closure to families," he said. "Bringing comfort to people in a time of tragedy."

With more than 25 years with Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue and over 15 years as part of the FEMA Florida Task Force Urban Search and Rescue Team, Captain Galt has been deployed around the country. He said he was


inspired by the residents on Maui, "In the face of incredible devastation I was impressed by the resilience of the locals from start to finish."

And the resilience of the people is still being tested today as many residents continue to struggle emotionally, and now financially, in the wake of a reduction in tourism.

"The island is grieving together for all that's been lost," said Aloha Jeep Rental owner Asha Hall. "Now we're also feeling the economic impact from a lack of tourists."

Rentals have dropped significantly, as Jeeps sit waiting for customers. A long-time resident of Maui, her business, like many other small local companies, is hurting without the influx of outside dollars. The efforts from Fort Lauderdale and various agencies, along with donations to organizations like Maui Strong, are making a difference. But there's another way to help if you can — plan a trip to Hawaii.

Mindful travel is what is needed now. What does that mean? Here's my advice as someone from Hawaii who visited family on Maui shortly after the fires: Be respectful, particularly in the western areas where most of the devastation occurred. Show reverence for the people and for the land by bringing a generous spirit to the island as it continues to mourn and recover.

Fort Lauderdale is blessed with a tropical lifestyle similar to Maui, and your visit there will let you deliver some love from the Sunshine State and also experience the Aloha Spirit when it's needed more than ever. 



Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue  
Captain Kevin Galt

PHOTO PROVIDED BY FORT LAUDERDALE FIRE RESCUE



PHOTO BY JOANNA KENTOLALL



# CALL TO ARTISTS WINNER JACK MCQUEEN

MCQUEEN USED HIS DELIVERY ROUTE AS INSPIRATION FOR *NIGHT LIFE*

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER



It's often said that there is an artist inside all of us. However, not everyone can take a chance to pursue their creative passions as a career or even as a hobby. That's why Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale has given artists of all backgrounds the chance to showcase their skills and submit a piece for consideration at this year's Call to Artists competition. Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale celebrated its 35th anniversary this year and to mark the occasion, invited artists to share their take on the Riverwalk in their submissions.

The 2023 Call to Artists competition saw 11 artists submit their interpretations of the Riverwalk in a variety of mediums. However, out of the many equally talented artists up for consideration, the judges panel chose Fort Lauderdale based UPS driver, Jack McQueen, as this year's winner. Although McQueen is not an artist by trade, he found his passion for art back in high school where he also met his wife who is a fellow artist.

"My wife, Crystal, and I are high school sweethearts and connected over our love of art. She actually turned her passion into a career and paints hyper realistic anime characters and scenes on purses, whereas I do art as more of a hobby now," he said.

For McQueen, who now only paints in his spare time, his interest was certainly piqued when he learned about the Call to Artists competition while out on his delivery route.

"I'm a UPS driver so I deliver right there on the Riverwalk every day. That's how I met Genia (Duncan Ellis) because I deliver to her suite," he said. "I initially asked her if they ever do art festivals that my wife could submit something to. That's when she told me about the Call to Artists competition."

Upon learning about the competition, McQueen saw it as an opportunity to submit something of his own.

Inspired by his Las Olas delivery route and the numerous larger than life buildings he delivers to every day, McQueen painted his piece entitled *Night Life*. Yet, what truly secured his spot as this year's winner was his focus on depicting the beauty of the Riverwalk at night.

"People always submit something in the daytime, so I wanted to do something different and pick a nighttime scene. I also decided to include a section of buildings I deliver to as a sort of nod to my profession outside of painting," he said. However, seeing as McQueen does have a full-time job, he sought out help from his wife to complete the time consuming painting by the deadline.

"I could never have completed this in time without the help of my wife. It was such a large thing to tackle by myself, so this piece was really a joint effort," he said. As for the possibility of submitting something next year, McQueen has already started planning for his next submission and hopes to see his wife submit her own piece as well.

"I absolutely want to submit something again next year and my wife has already said she wants to submit something as well. We want to turn it into our own competition between the two of us and I can't wait to see how we both do next year," he said. [GO](#)

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Several of this year's Call to Artists submissions will be included in *Go Riverwalk Magazine* in 2024.



# JA CIRCLE OF WISE WOMEN

\$5 MILLION RAISED SINCE ITS INCEPTION

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

Since its founding in 2009 at the home of Janet Davis, the Circle of Wise Women has become one of the most prominent supporters of Junior Achievement of South Florida. What began as 10 passionate women coming together to champion on the non-profit's mission of empowering young people has since grown exponentially.

Today, the Circle of Wise Women has 168 members and has raised more than \$5 million for Junior Achievement of South Florida through fundraising events such the Rosé Soirée and JA World Uncorked as well as created the Lorraine Thomas Girls Scholarship Fund.

Thanks to these fundraising events, Junior Achievement can continue to fund its 20 different educational programs and initiatives. With that, we take a deeper look into how the Circle of Wise Women directly supports children taking part in Junior Achievement programs.

## JA World Uncorked


As far as fundraising for Junior Achievement goes, JA World Uncorked is by far its largest fundraising event of the year. An average of 700 guests sample the best cuisine, spirits and wine South Florida has to offer while also enjoying live

music, dancing, raffles, a silent auction and more. All of this takes place in Junior Achievement's 60,000 square foot facility aptly named JA World. This year's event that took place this past January raised \$345,000, which according to their website, is the highest amount raised in the history of the event. Proceeds raised from JA World Uncorked goes toward supporting JA educational programs.

## Rosé Soirée

The Rosé Soirée fundraiser celebrates the power of women coming together to support the growth and development of young people in the community. Guests are invited to mingle while enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and learn more about the Circle of Wise Women and all that these women do in support of the youth taking part in JA's programs. The annual event also includes the Circle Pinning Ceremony for new members as well as the awarding of two well deserving female students with the Lorraine Thomas Girls Scholarship Fund. The 2023 Rosé Soirée raised \$220,000 and these proceeds will go toward JA programs including JA Career Bound and JA Fellows programs as well as the Lorraine Thomas Girls Scholarship Fund.

## Lorraine Thomas Girls Scholarship Fund

Along with Junior Achievement's two annual fundraising events started by the Circle of Wise Women, the group found a way to directly impact two deserving students every year by awarding them with the Lorraine Thomas Girls Scholarship. Named in honor of the late founding member Lorraine Thomas, the scholarship provides financial assistance for female high school seniors who complete JA high school programs such as Career Bound and JA Fellows. The scholarship is presented at the Rosé Soirée fundraiser and this year's recipients were South Plantation High School student Alexandra Fernandez and Dillard High School student Taylor Simpson. With these scholarships, Alexandra plans to attend St. Thomas University to pursue a degree in criminal justice and Taylor will be attending University of Central Florida to study aerospace engineering. 

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Sheila Valenti, Rhonda Liesenfelt and Christine Speedy

# WINTERFEST LEGACY VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED THEIR WHOLE LIVES

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

The Winterfest boat parade is without a doubt one of the most highly anticipated events of the year in Fort Lauderdale. A lot of the planning and organizing for the event itself begins months before Winterfest is even on people's radars. However, what might come as a surprise to most parade goers is that the event has also become a family affair for many volunteers and organizers. In fact, two of Winterfest's longtime volunteers have been involved with annual parade for a majority of their lives, Michael Keleher, 30 and Austen Read, 29.

For these two, they have been volunteering with Winterfest since they were children which is more than understandable seeing as both their mothers, Kathy Keleher and Dawn Read Diehl, are also longtime organizers and event directors for Winterfest.

"Both of our moms have been involved with Winterfest for us as long as I can remember. Michael and I always joke every year that we don't even want to count the hours that we're helping them," said Read, who has been volunteering with Winterfest for 16 years.

In that time, he has done everything from setting up for vendors and coordinating other volunteers to administrative work such as filing, answering phones and managing ticket sales before going digital.

Today, he oversees parade viewing among many other tasks like setting up deliveries for tower lights and golf carts, meeting with vendors and lots of measuring.

"I take a week off of work just to help out for the week between the ball and the parade. You could basically say I work as my mom's event assistant and do whatever she needs me to," he said.


As for Keleher, he is truly a legacy volunteer with him taking on his first job at age 8.

"I remember one of my first jobs was to dress up as Peter Pan and pose with one of the board member's children who dressed up as Cinderella for the posters that year. Since then, my jobs have only gotten better," said Keleher. Over his 22 years of volunteering, Keleher has gone on to do everything from being the Winterfest mascot to a runner for his mom to ensure everything and everyone are where they need to be.

Today, Keleher is the head of the dock walkers and works with his team as the liaison for the boats, law enforcement and parade control.

"We are the eyes of parade control. We let out all the boats, tell them when to leave and we do boat staging which involves mapping out the order of the boats in the parade," Keleher said.

Even with the long hours spent volunteering to make each Winterfest a success, this event will always hold a special place in their lives.

"I think Winterfest will always be a part of my family and the way that we do things. I don't see it ever not being a part of my life and I plan to keep it a family tradition for years to come," Keleher said. 



Dawn Read Diehl and Austen Read



Michael with his mother Kathy at the 2015 Spinathon for Winterfest.





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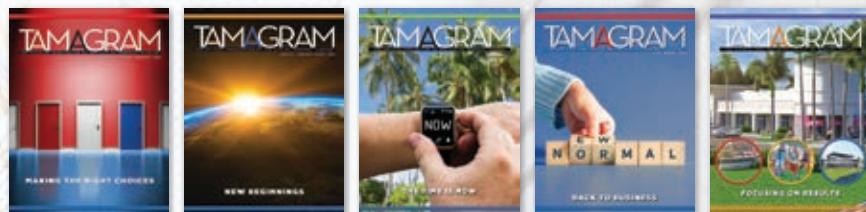
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**Riverwalk Stone Crab & Seafood Festival Presented by Rivertail**  
*An afternoon of celebrating South Florida's amazing seafood*  
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale  
Esplanade Park  
954-468-1541  
[www.goriverwalk.com](http://www.goriverwalk.com)

**An evening(ish) with Gary Janetti**

*Television writer, producer and actor of Family Guy and Will & Grace*  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

**JANUARY 7**

**The Commodores & The Spinners**  
*Combining Philadelphia soul and Motown/R&B/funk*  
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954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

**JANUARY 9**

**Symphony of the Americas: Trailblazers**  
*Clara Schumann, Florence Price and Jennifer Higdon*  
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954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

**JANUARY 8-14**

**Visit Lauderdale Food & Wine Festival**  
*An epic festival offering culinary events for everyone under the sun*  
Visit Lauderdale  
Various  
[www.vfoodwine.com](http://www.vfoodwine.com)

**JANUARY 10**

**Tierney Sutton & Shelly Berg Trio**  
*A great evening of jazz*  
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954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

**Vicki Lawrence & Mama**

*Featuring comedy skits perfected on the Carol Burnett Show*  
The Parker  
954-462-0222  
[www.parkerplayhouse.com](http://www.parkerplayhouse.com)

**JANUARY 11**

**Dave Nihill: Shelf Help Tour**  
*A night of real Irish comedy. Accent included.*  
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954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

**JANUARY 12**

**R&B Legends**  
*Russell Thompkins Jr. and The New Stylistics & Harold Melvin's Blue Notes*  
The Parker  
954-462-0222  
[www.parkerplayhouse.com](http://www.parkerplayhouse.com)

**JANUARY 13**

**The Frog Prince**  
*A fairy tale with a beautiful lesson*  
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**A Flock of Seagulls**

*With Strangelove - The Depeche Mode Experience*  
The Parker  
954-462-0222  
[www.parkerplayhouse.com](http://www.parkerplayhouse.com)



**Karla Bonoff**  
*Karla has toured with Bonnie Raitt, John Prine, J.D. Souther and others*  
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[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

**JANUARY 13 & 14**

**Miami Comedy Festival**  
*Miami Comedy Festival is coming to Hard Rock Live*  
Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino  
954-797-5531  
[www.seminolehardrockhollywood.com](http://www.seminolehardrockhollywood.com)

**JANUARY 14**

**Jesse Cook**  
*An accomplished guitarist, producer and equally prolific filmmaker*  
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[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

**JANUARY 15**

**King Holiday Celebration**  
*Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a parade and multicultural festival*  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee  
Sistrunk Blvd. & Carter Park  
954-828-5568  
[www.parks.fortlauderdale.gov](http://www.parks.fortlauderdale.gov)

**LIMITED ENGAGEMENT**

**Holiday Lights Cruise**

December 1-31  
*Get a front-row seat for a spectacular seasonal show of lights and decorations*  
Water Taxi Stop 1  
954-467-6677  
[www.watertaxi.com](http://www.watertaxi.com)

**The Book of Mormon**

December 12-17  
*The nine-time Tony Award-winning best musical*  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)



**Disney's The Little Mermaid**

December 16-31  
*Based on the story and animated film, a hauntingly beautiful love story*  
Slow Burn Theatre Co.  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

**First Friday Jazz Jams**

First Friday, January-June  
*Featuring local professionals and students*  
Gold Coast Jazz  
ArtServe  
954-462-8190  
[www.goldcoastjazz.org](http://www.goldcoastjazz.org)

**Chehantamo: How Are You?**

Through January 6, 2024  
*Seminole fine art exhibit in collaboration with the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum*  
History Fort Lauderdale  
954-463-4431  
[www.historyfortlauderdale.org](http://www.historyfortlauderdale.org)

**Hadestown**

January 9-21  
*Hadestown invites you on a hell-raising journey to the underworld and back*  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
954-462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

**Thomas the Train: Explore the Rails**

Through January 15, 2024  
*Climb aboard and celebrate as the world's most beloved #1 blue engine rolls into MODS.*  
Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital  
Museum of Discovery & Science  
954-467-6637  
[www.mods.org](http://www.mods.org)

**Cosmic Mirrors**

Through February 4, 2024  
*Haitian Art Highlights from the Collection*  
NSU Art Museum  
954-525-5500  
[www.nsuartmuseum.org](http://www.nsuartmuseum.org)

**By the Sea, By the Sea**

Through Spring 2024  
*Waterscapes and beach scenes by William J. Glackens*  
NSU Art Museum  
954-525-5500  
[www.nsuartmuseum.org](http://www.nsuartmuseum.org)

**ONGOING**



**Programming for all ages:**

- Arts and crafts
  - Book club and storytime
  - Education, literacy and writing
  - Finances and career
  - Technology and science
  - Yoga, Tai Chi
- 954-357-6555  
[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)



**Recreation for all ages:**

- After-school and Camps
  - Camping, hiking and nature
  - Swimming and water recreation
  - Court games and sports fields
  - Running, biking and fitness
- 954-357-8100  
[www.broward.org/parks](http://www.broward.org/parks)



**Programming for all ages:**

- Tennis, Aquatics & Athletics
  - After-school & Camps
  - Classes & Programs
  - Cultural Arts & Club 55+
- 954-828-7275  
[www.parks.fortlauderdale.gov](http://www.parks.fortlauderdale.gov)

**.ArtServe**

**Classes and Workshops:**

- Adult Acting & Modeling
  - Painting & Drawing
  - Fitness & Tai Chi
- 954-462-8190  
[www.artserve.org](http://www.artserve.org)



### EcoBoat Rentals

Daily | Reservation required  
Cruise the Intracoastal Waterway in eco-friendly, electric boats  
2525 Marina Bay Dr. W.  
954-5000-ECO  
www.ecoboatsfl.com

### Fort Lauderdale Segway Tours

Daily | Reservation required  
Take a one or two-hour Segway tour on the Riverwalk. Training Provided.  
954-304-5746  
www.segwayfortlauderdale.com

### Guided Museum Tours

Daily at 1, 2 & 3 PM  
Tours of Fort Lauderdale's oldest surviving structure  
Historic Stranahan House Museum  
954-524-4736  
www.stranahanhouse.org

### Yoga at Tarpon River Brewing

Mondays  
All ages and abilities yoga at the brewery  
Ales and Asanas  
www.alesandasanas.com/classes

### Book Sale

First Friday  
Monthly fundraiser with eclectic offerings  
Friends of the Fort Lauderdale Libraries  
Broward County Main Library  
954-357-6555  
www.broward.org/library

### Old Town Untapped

First Friday  
Monthly street fair with local music, food trucks, vendors and more!  
Bailey Contemporary Arts  
954-786-7879  
www.pompanoarts.org

### Food in Motion

First and Third Fridays  
Monthly fair featuring food trucks, shopping, drinks, and picnicking under the stars  
Atlantic Studios  
Esplanade Park  
954-785-7475  
www.facebook.com/FlaglerFoodInMotion

### Interpretive Walks and Tours

Friday & Saturday  
Interpretive ranger-guided programs  
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park  
954-564-4521  
www.floridastateparks.org

### Las Olas Oceanside Park Market

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

**PARKS & RECREATION**  
City of Fort Lauderdale

**Circle of Life Experience**  
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Snyder Park

**Fort Lauderdale Beach Sweep**  
Second Saturday  
Help keep Fort Lauderdale Beach clean!  
HUB at Fort Lauderdale Beach

**Wild Talks at the Park**  
Second Sunday, Fourth Saturday  
Learn about local wildlife  
Snyder Park

**FTL Art Walk**  
Last Saturday  
Live music, original art & more  
MASS District  
954-866-3890 | www.massdistrict.com



**Jazz Brunch**  
First Sunday  
Free, outdoor concert series featuring local musicians on 3 stages  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
Esplanade Park & Riverwalk  
954-828-5365  
www.parks.fortlauderdale.gov



**New River Open Air Market**  
First Sunday  
Local vendors offer their goods  
History Fort Lauderdale  
954-463-4431  
www.historyfortlauderdale.org

**Storytime in the Garden**  
First Sunday  
Mrs. Barbara reads a story related to nature  
Flamingo Gardens  
954-473-2955  
www.flamingogardens.org

### Forest Bathing

Fourth Sundays  
Relax, tune out the world for two hours in nature  
Bonnet House Museum & Gardens  
954-463-5393  
www.bonnethouse.org


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FORT LAUDERDALE

**Free First Thursday Sunny Days**  
First Thursday  
Free admission and 2-4-1 beer and wine

**Bank of America: Museums on Us**  
First full weekend  
Free admission for BOA customers

**Free Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Day**  
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Free admission for FTL residents  
954-525-5500  
www.nsuartmuseum.org

**Save Our Seas Distinguished Speaker Series**  
First Thursday  
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**Sensory Friendly Sunday**  
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**Sprouting Stem**  
Varies  
Introducing little scientists (aged 0-6) to STEM-related topics  
Museum of Discovery & Science  
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www.mods.org

## RIVERWALK RECREATION

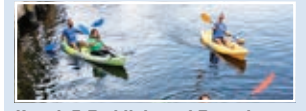
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220 S.W. 3rd Ave. | Fort Lauderdale  
954-526-5159



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Jump aboard a 15-person quadricycle and experience Fort Lauderdale in an entirely new way.  
www.cycleparty.com

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Daily | Reservation required  
Jump aboard a 20-person Paddle Pub and experience Fort Lauderdale and the waterway in a new way.  
www.paddlepub.com/fort-lauderdale

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Tours of Fort Lauderdale and Riverwalk for all abilities.  
www.RiverwalkActivities.com



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