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- **APR 12 – THE RESOLVERS** defines “Big Band Reggae,” combining classic Jamaican roots and lively New Orleans stylings.
- **APR 19 – ROGUE THEORY** delivers a tapestry of various musical genres, fusing Indie Funk & Rock for a truly original soulful experience.
- **APR 26 – PRIVATE STOCK** will have you dancing all night long with a musical range of Top 40, Rock & Roll, 70's Disco and Classic Rock
- **MAY 3 – SONLOKOS** is a party starter, fusing Son, Afro-Cuban, Timba with Hip-Hop, Electronic Music, Reggae and Rap.
- **MAY 10 – VAM BAND** is a funk tribute dance band performing Pop, Top 40, Soul, R&B, Motown, Latin, Reggae
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Earth Month Spotlight on Sustainable Vendors

Explore the sustainable side of #theMKT this April as we shine a spotlight on our market vendors, who champion eco-friendly practices all year round. From fashions and accessories to home decor crafted from repurposed and recycled materials, these vendors are redefining creativity while helping protect our planet.



L to R: [Coco Sun Shell Art](#); [Shell It Driftwood Decor](#); [The Denim RAQ Upcycled Fashions](#); [Palma Amor Sustainable Fashions](#)

Meet them in person at the MKT, and learn more about the sustainable magic in our [#MeetTheMakerMonday](#) profiles at [instagram.com/oceansideparkmarket](https://www.instagram.com/oceansideparkmarket)

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| EVERY SAT | Yoga Flow with Lisa 9:30 am |
| EVERY SUN | Live Music Noon-3 pm |
| THU, APR 4 | Rooftop Sunset Salutations 6-9 pm \$ |
| SAT, APR 13 | Fort Lauderdale Beach Sweep 8-11 am |

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JUST LISTED! **ASHLEY** | \$1,595,000
3 BEDROOM + 3.5 BATH

Outstanding river views from this flow through residence. The gourmet kitchen is fitted w/ Poggenphol cabinetry, Subzero, Thermador, & Miele appliances. Master suite features a deep soaking jacuzzi tub, dual vanities, private lavatory, & marble shower. Two sprawling terraces.

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

High Floor 2 bedroom 2.5 bath plus home office with enamoring views of the ocean, Intracoastal & river. Key features from this meticulously maintained residence includes hardwood floors with stone inlays, custom home office, motorized window treatments, two terraces with East and West exposure and two assigned parking spaces and storage.

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NEWLY PRICED **3 BEDROOM 4.5 BATH**
\$1,799,000

Living on the Isles off of Las Olas doesn't get any better than this! This spacious condo has spectacular views from every room! 3 Bedrooms and 4.5baths of open living spread out over 3200sqft of this well built and pristine residence.

LAS OLAS RIVER HOUSE



JUST LISTED! **CHELSEA** | \$1,225,000
2 BEDROOM + 2.5 BATH

Remarkable River Views from this Pristine Chelsea Model featuring a split bedroom floor plan of 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, marble & wood floors, crown molding, granite kitchen with stainless appliances, breakfast nook, floor to ceiling glass windows throughout & more!

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.

UNDER CONTRACT **COLUMBUS**
2 BEDROOM 3 BATH + DEN

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

RENAISSANCE ON THE OCEAN



NEWLY PRICED **2 BD 2 BA + OFFICE** | \$1,099,000

Directly on the sand with sweeping ocean views from every room! Floor-to-ceiling glass throughout. Modern kitchen.

2 BD 2.5 BA | \$1,075,000

Expansive Intracoastal & ocean views from every room of this bright open residence! Marble floors, updated kitchen, & wraparound terrace.

UNDER CONTRACT **2 BD 2.5 BA + DEN**

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NEWLY PRICED SEAVIEW | \$979,000

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JUST LISTED! STARDUST | \$949,000

Elevated Living at the Watergarden Las Olas. This sub penthouse residence is a show stopper with its volume ceilings of 10 feet in height, breathtaking views overlooking the ocean, intracoastal and river, expanded terrace and upgraded finishes.

JUST LISTED! SUNGARDEN | \$449,000

This one bedroom one bath features a gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, floor to ceiling windows, large walk in closet, spacious terrace, & much more! The Water Garden is a full-service building w/ 5 star resort styled amenities - 24hr valet, front desk, security, concierge, heated pool & spa, fitness center, sauna, bbq area, theater and clubroom.

UNDER CONTRACT RIVERSIDE

Very desirable 2BR+DEN/2BA floorplan offering direct river views, spacious kitchen w/ granite countertops, laundry room, & large balcony.

UNDER CONTRACT SUNGARDEN

Meticulously maintained 1BR/1BA unit offering tropical pool views from the floor to ceiling windows, an open living space, & tile floors.



UNDER CONTRACT 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

Rarely available river-facing unit at Nuriver Landing with a dedicated storage space. Furnished and move-in ready. Upgrades include bedroom flooring, lighting fixtures/fans, select appliances and more. Master bedroom has walk-in closet. Both bathrooms have combo tub/shower.

JUST SOLD! 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

This fully renovated 2bed 2bath is a 1,246 sqft split bedroom with beautiful southern views of the city & partial ocean views. This unit has wood-look tile flooring throughout, stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, & fully renovated bathrooms.

JUST SOLD! 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

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.



JUST LISTED! 2 BEDROOM + DEN 3 BATHS | \$1,749,000

One of a kind residence featuring 14 foot ceilings & 1800 square foot wrap around balcony. This flow through residence features 3 exposures & offers a direct river view. Porcelain flooring throughout, a gourmet kitchen with European cabinets, quartz counter tops, top of the line Jenn Air appliances, wine cooler, & Grohe fixtures. This residence is an urban oasis of luxury. The master suite features 2 walk-in closets & a luxuriously appointed bathroom. Additional features include a laundry room with side by side whirlpool washer & dryer & an abundance of additional storage. 2 assigned garage parking spaces & large storage included.



BY RICHARD RODRIGUEZ
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair



CELEBRATING THE ARTS

GO RIVERWALK MAGAZINE HONORED WITH ARTSERVE IMPACT AWARD

Go Riverwalk Magazine has a long tradition of sharing news of importance about the city and county, Downtown Fort Lauderdale, Riverwalk events and local businesses.

The Riverwalk board started the monthly publication in 2003 to help fulfill the organization’s mission: to be the catalyst in building and nurturing Riverwalk and the Riverwalk District as a vibrant community connected by the New River.

Last year, we asked artists to help us celebrated Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale’s 35th anniversary and the magazine’s 20th anniversary by visually sharing their view of the Riverwalk. Our December 2023 edition featured the painting Night Life by our Call to Artists competition winner Jack McQueen. McQueen, who by day is a Fort Lauderdale-based UPS driver and paints in his spare time, drew inspiration from his daily

downtown route for the artwork.

This is just one example of how throughout the magazine’s history, the editorial staff has placed a priority on showcasing the art and artists who live, work and play in Fort Lauderdale.

This month, Riverwalk will be honored with ArtServe’s **Media Advocate of Impact Award**. Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale President and CEO Genia Duncan Ellis and Go Riverwalk Magazine Publisher Mark Budwig will be recognized.

ArtServe created its “Impact Awards last year to formally recognize people and organizations making a difference in the South Florida community through arts and culture,” according to an ArtServe media release. “The program was purposely designed to reach out beyond the ArtServe universe to identify unsung heroes most deserving of the honor.”

The other 2024 Impact Award winners are:

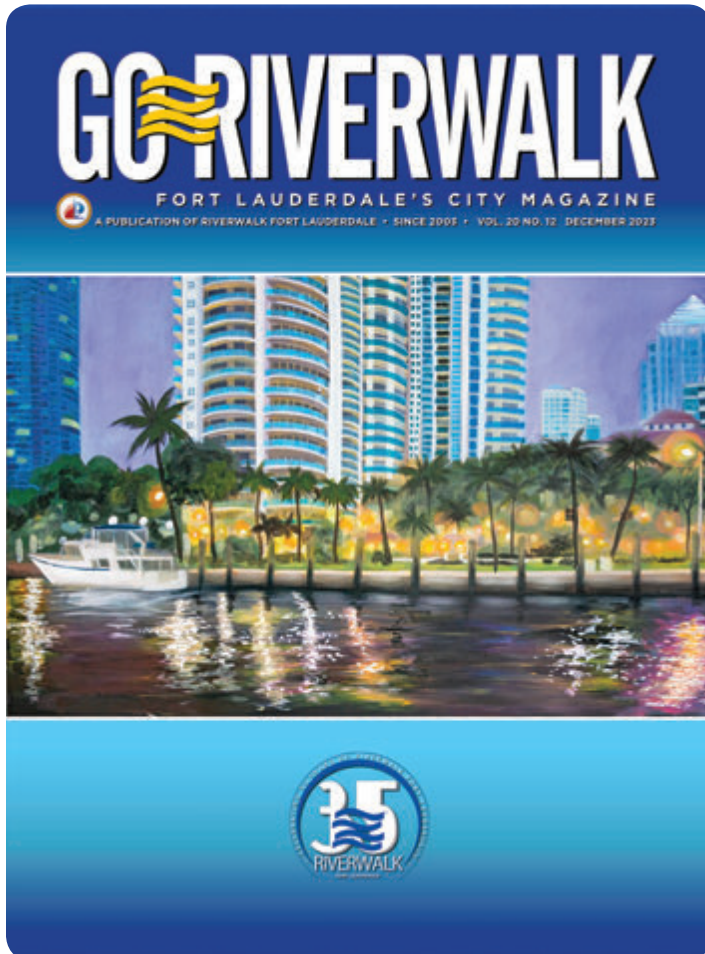
Artist of Impact: Puppet Network Founder and Civic Leader Jim Hammond, best known for creating the beloved Florida Day of the Dead Celebration

Community Partner of Impact: Leadership Broward Foundation Executive Director Andrew Zullo

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Educator of Impact: Jessica Swanson, Master Teacher and Technology Magnet Program Coordinator; Dillard School for the Arts

“Especially at this juncture in time, it’s more important than ever to clearly show how artists make an immense contribution to the economy that’s often overlooked,” ArtServe CEO Jason Hughes explained. “In fact, artists are everywhere we look, enriching our lives in valuable and unexpected ways.”



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WHEN: Friday, April 19 | 6 to 9 p.m

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ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE

MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF BALANCING THE ELEMENTS IN OUR WORLD

Resilience is a watchword of the world. While the word has many meanings, it is “the capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.” What we know today is that environmental resilience can be defined as the capacity of an ecosystem to absorb shocks and disturbances while retaining its structure, function and adaptability.

There are levels of importance for environmental resilience, and they are:

1. Climate change adaptation
2. Biodiversity conservation
3. Sustainable resource management

In this rapidly changing world, environmental resilience is the fundamental need of today to assure a thriving future.

Fort Lauderdale and Broward County is water-bound and dealing with a rising sea level which is a fundamental challenge daily. Climate change is a fact of life and through our city, county, state and federal governments we continue to find means to address the challenges and modify our building requirements, elevations, distances and the like to assure safe construction, viability of potable water sources and the safety of the ecosystems that balance our world. Weather

patterns are shifting and with it comes lifestyle changes that are dictated by these occurrences.

Broward County, as directed by the County Commission, adopted the 2020 Broward County Climate Change Action Plan with the goals of 125 strategic actions to achieve 80 percent greenhouse gas emission reduction by 2050 and increase resiliency of Broward County’s communities to the effect of climate change.

Riverwalk continues to partner with the City of Fort Lauderdale for seawall adaptation, including replacement, renewal and new, along the New River as well as addressing flooding, outfall needs and water retention to assure the safety and viability of the iconic pedestrian walkway in downtown. Parks and parkland are key for water dispersion and greenspace assists in climatic resilience as well as the reduction in greenhouse gases.

The City is a great partner in designing and implementing plans to achieve the goals set out for Broward County as well as for Fort Lauderdale. We have recently experienced a catastrophic event locally with flooding and can only applaud the City for their quick response to the challenge and the current

implementation of infrastructural needs to address the need.

As we move forward, climate resilience is about successfully coping with and managing the impacts of climate change while preventing those impacts from growing worse. Through this magazine issue, you will read about a number of different approaches that are in places and plans for the future. 



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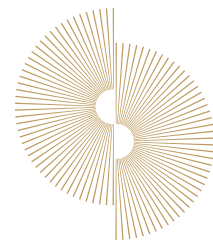


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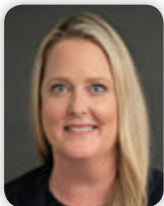
VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADVANCEMENT AND CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, BROWARD COLLEGE FOUNDATION

As a dedicated lifelong learner and fervent advocate for societal transformation through education, I'm privileged to be the executive leader of Broward College Foundation, where I spearhead fundraising endeavors designed to enhance the college's academic offerings and expand scholarship opportunities — a cause about which I am truly passionate. Additionally, I am entrusted with the stewardship of the foundation's substantial \$130 million endowment, a responsibility that underscores our unwavering dedication to sustainability and our enduring commitment to supporting Broward College for generations.

With over two decades of experience leading successful fundraising campaigns and nonprofit management, my commitment to driving mission and broadening impact remains unwavering. Before the Broward College Foundation, I held leadership positions with Baptist Health South Florida, Alabama Ballet and Alabama Symphony Orchestra, among others. I have a bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama and a master's in public administration and nonprofit management from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Central to my ethos is the belief in effecting positive change through visionary leadership and active community involvement. I am enthusiastic about participating in initiatives like Riverwalk and relish opportunities to foster meaningful relationships with fellow changemakers. Additionally, I am honored to serve with other impactful community organizations, including Leadership Broward Class XL, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, and Pace Center for Girls.

In my leisure time, I'm an avid traveler, having explored 58 countries, and a nature enthusiast who frequently enjoys outdoor activities including beach outings, biking, and water sports alongside friends, family, and my beloved dog Harper.



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Born and raised in Broward County, I have a vested interest in maintaining Fort Lauderdale's unique charm, which includes supporting local businesses in an ever-changing media landscape. After years of partnering and volunteering with community events, I am honored to join Riverwalk to help contribute to enriching our city. I look forward to collaborating to enhance the local business scene and preserve Fort Lauderdale's distinct character for future generations.

Members of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale express their support and join us in our mission of building a vibrant community. Riverwalk supports Downtown's diverse, mixed-use community of arts and entertainment establishments along with business, residential, judicial, educational, and marine interests.

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POWER MIXER

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Fort Lauderdale has always been defined by its water and its weather. As the “Venice of America,” our beautiful City offers 337 miles of coastline, and our breezy semi-tropical climate produces sunny skies nearly 250 days per year. The sun and sea were the impetus for Fort Lauderdale’s early development, and they remain major drivers of our economy and key factors in our quality of life. For many decades, people have visited and moved here to enjoy our beaches, fishing and water sports. From spring break tourism to Port Everglades cruise and cargo, from the Swimming Hall of Fame to yacht provisioning — it is all possible because of our climate.

Yet as much as climate benefits our City, it now presents one of our greatest challenges. Today, the City of Fort Lauderdale and the entire South Florida region are considered, when it comes to climate change, among the most vulnerable areas in the world. Climate change is no longer just a global scientific topic of discussion. It is real, local and personal for all of us.

We are proud to be among the nation’s most progressive populations when it comes to climate resiliency. In our region, City leadership is at the forefront of mitigation and adaptation activity. Private residents, businesses, organizations, students and teachers are all getting involved.

Over the last 10 years, Fort Lauderdale created a Sustainability Division, formed a Sustainability Advisory Board and also incorporated a Green Your Routine program. Green Your Routine helps to educate and

assist the neighbors on what could be done in their neighborhoods regarding topics such as recycling, energy efficiency in and outside the home and much more.


Another noteworthy commitment to climate change was the creation of the 2035 Vision for the City of Fort Lauderdale. One of the six parts of our vision statement is: “We are ready. We are a resilient and safe coastal community.” In addition, every year since 2020, the City Commission has selected resilience as one of its top priorities.

The more resilient we make our beaches, utilities, drainage systems, seawalls, bridges, roads and homes, the less damage inclement weather and high tides will inflict on our City. We will reduce our risks and avoid debilitating costs from disaster response and infrastructure rebuilding.

As we make wise, calculated decisions about our infrastructure, we will be able to effectively manage increased water supply demands by reducing our per capita use and reuse. In addition, improved drainage of water and wastewater will ensure a cleaner water supply for our neighbors and visitors. Our investments in foundational infrastructure will continue to pay dividends by enhancing quality of life now and for future generations.

What this means is that we have begun to factor climate change impacts related to extreme rainfall, a rising groundwater table and sea level rise, into all our master plans. We are implementing programs and projects to respond to those anticipated impacts and update our infrastructure accordingly. Innovations such as tidal control

valves, green infrastructure and comprehensive utility asset management are all things happening in our community along with other sustainable public works and projects.

The bottom line: We all want our city to be a great place to live, work and play — now, next year, and in a hundred years. I am very proud to say the City of Fort Lauderdale has and will continue to take steps to make that vision a reality. 



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BY KAREN WARFEL

City of Fort Lauderdale
Transportation Planning Division Manager



CONNECTING THE BLOCKS

SOUTHEAST 17TH STREET MOBILITY HUB PROJECT

The City’s Transportation and Mobility Department is leading an effort in partnership with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO), the county’s transportation planning agency, to implement mobility improvements on Southeast/Southwest 17th Street between Southwest Ninth Avenue and U.S. 1/ Federal Highway. Like most transportation projects, this one has been a long time coming but because of the strong basis in planning and community input it was ready for funding when it became available and is now moving forward quickly.

The Southeast/Southwest 17th Street corridor was identified in the City’s Connecting the Blocks Master Plan in 2013 as needing complete streets mobility improvements and also included as a priority corridor for regional mobility through the BMPO’s Complete Streets Master Plan in 2019 which was supported by the work previously done by the City.

Complete Streets projects focus on creating a transportation system that addresses the needs of all users of the road, including people who drive, walk, bike and utilize transit in a more balanced manner.

Since 2019, city staff worked on the desired project scope with the community, which included technical analysis of existing conditions and feasibility of alternatives. This information was then shared with the neighborhood associations to receive feedback on their preference. Staff was then able to develop a preferred alternative that was endorsed by the City Commission in May 2023.

This process allowed the project to be what is called “program ready” so that when funding became available the City was ready to present this project. This happened



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soon after in June when the BMPO selected the project for funding.

This project is on a very fast cycle where the design is anticipated to start this fall with construction to possibly start two years from now versus the normal five-year programming cycle.

Since notification of the funding, Commissioner Warren Sturman has hosted two public meetings and several stakeholder focus groups to finalize the desired concept design for the future. The main goal is to make improvements for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles connecting to the future Broward Commuter Rail station as well as improve mobility for all users of Southeast/Southwest 17th Street.

The preferred concept that was developed and will move into design includes a raised, separated bike lane between Southwest Fourth Avenue and U.S. 1, the addition of several raised intersections with crosswalks, retention of the existing trees, lengthening the turn lane westbound at Andrews Avenue and infill of the missing sidewalks west of Southwest Fourth Avenue.

These improvements will allow all users to move around in a more connected transportation system that allows people to get to where they are going more safely no matter what mode they choose.

The City is very excited to have this opportunity to move an important mobility project forward that will improve safety and mobility accommodations in partnership with the BMPO. This project will have a significant positive impact for users of Southeast/Southwest 17th Street.

More information can be found at <https://www.browardmpo.org/project-development/17th-street>.



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BY PHILLIP DUNLAP
Director,
Broward Cultural Division



RESILIENCE FOR OUR CLIMATE

THE POWER OF ART SPARKS CONVERSATIONS

As we highlight climate resilience in our community this month, I'm excited to share news of a groundbreaking collaboration aimed at fostering resilience and awareness regarding climate change. The Cultural Division is joining forces with our Resilient Environment Department and the Xavier Cortada Foundation to launch the Underwater: Broward campaign.

This initiative harnesses the power of art to spark conversations, drive action and inspire engagement around climate issues.

Through a series of events, workshops and installations, residents will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of local climate challenges and explore avenues for meaningful involvement.

One highlight of this collaboration is the upcoming Central County Community Climate Conversation on April 27, a gathering designed to empower individuals to become climate ambassadors in their communities. Led by acclaimed eco-artist Xavier Cortada, attendees will learn about climate vulnerabilities while also actively participate in the creation of personalized elevation markers — a tangible symbol of our collective

commitment to resilience. (Scan the QR code on this page to RSVP for this free workshop at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center.)

Part of the Underwater: Broward project will include the creation of artworks that will be prominently displayed across the county, from murals adorning public buildings to sea-level rise-inspired bus wraps. These visual representations serve as poignant reminders of the urgent need for action and solidarity in the face of climate change.

The significance of this endeavor extends beyond artistic expression; it underscores Broward County's dedication to building a more inclusive and resilient community. By engaging residents across diverse backgrounds and neighborhoods, we can foster a shared sense of responsibility and drive sustainable solutions — from sawgrass to seagrass.

I hope you'll join us on April 27 or share the event with friends who are interested in participating in this vital conversation. Together and through the arts, we can turn the tide on climate change and create a brighter, more resilient future for generations to come.

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Wine has always been a shared love for owners Michael and Holly Winter and brought them together.

“It’s just one of those things and a passion that we both had that I think connected us when we met almost 25 years ago,” Michael said. But it wasn’t until the pandemic that the Winters realized how much they missed the personal connection of visiting a neighborhood wine shop, which led them to start considering opening a wine shop of their own.

“We’ve lived here for 12 years but before that, we lived in Chicago, and it was such an everyday occurrence to pop into a local bottle shop and find some interesting new wines to try,” Holly said. “But there just wasn’t anything like that here in the area. So, we had this idea that if there isn’t a place like that for us to go to currently, let’s create it because there have to be other people who are looking for something similar in the neighborhood.”

That was almost a year ago and since then Forum Wine Shop has quickly become the neighborhood’s go-to shop for wine connoisseurs and newbies alike.

Upon entry to the small shop, visitors will see a vast quantity of wines available for purchase with each one being hand-selected from international destinations that Michael and Holly have personally visited.

“We offer a global selection of wines, but we do have an emphasis on old-world wines that you can’t find anywhere else, especially ones from Italy,” Michael said. “Because of that, we try to take at least one big trip to Europe annually to

do research and source new wines to offer in the store.”

Aside from offering an international selection of wines with a focus on lesser-known and high-quality bottles, Forum Wine also offers wine tastings throughout the year.

“We try to offer wine tastings as frequently as possible based on the availabilities of winemakers and wine ambassadors who we like to have host the tastings because we want to make these tastings special,” Michael said.

Aside from wine tastings, the Winters plan to expand into the new building going up kitty-corner to their store. “We’ll be opening a retail space at the bottom of the building early next year where we’ll be able to sell wine by the glass which we’re excited about. We’ve wanted to expand in a way that felt organic and add value to the community, so this felt like a natural way to do that,” he said. 



Holly and Michael Winter

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National and local data reveal a nuanced economic landscape for the remainder of the year, with growth opportunities tied to interest rates and inflation.

Raphael Bostic, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, has a vote this year in setting the federal funds rate. He recently outlined three key economic realities that are shaping his monetary policy stance: slowing inflation, pervasive uncertainty and balancing risks.

Inflation slowed faster than expected last year, dropping from its high of over 5 percent to 2.6 percent by the end of 2023. However, inflation readings for January 2024 were higher than the Fed's target of two percent (3.1 percent), underscoring the complexity of achieving stable prices.

The Chamber's Council of Economic Advisors (CEA), a cohort of Fort Lauderdale CEOs across industries that meets with the Fed on a quarterly basis, largely reported that inflation continues to negatively affect their businesses. Of those who responded to Q1 CEA poll, approximately 43.75 percent reported having less or significantly less ability to pass through cost increases to their customers.


Bostic also cited expectant optimism from national business decision-makers which our own region is echoing. The Q1 CEA poll indicated that 31.25 percent of respondents experienced increased demand for their products or services compared to a year ago, while 43.75 percent reported stable demand.

Increased demand is considered an upside risk because it can strain supply and lead to price hikes. Most of 2024's downside risks stem from geopolitical concerns like conflicts, cyberattacks, and energy security issues, which can disrupt markets and escalate prices. Economic uncertainty comes from varying upside and downside risks.

The risks to achieving price stability are currently balanced out, meaning that market and labor conditions seem relatively good but could go awry due to risks. The federal unemployment rate has remained consistent since 2023 at around 3.7 percent, with job gains averaging 239,000 per month since June. Labor demand has eased but continues to exceed supply of available workers. Labor supply has increased, driven by robust immigration and rising labor force participation rates, especially among prime-age workers.

The Q1 CEA poll responses mirrored the national data showing healthy job creation. 37.5 percent of respondents said their 2024 expected annual growth in employment was higher than growth rates prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, and 50 percent said that there was little or no change.

The Broward County Scorecard also shows positive job growth trends, with a 3.6 percent increase in jobs from 2022 to 2023. We have "full employment" with 35 thousand open jobs and 31 thousand unemployed persons. However, to meet 2030 job goals, 70,293 net new jobs are required in the next six years.

We in Broward County and across the country are hoping that the Fed can maintain the delicate balance of keeping the economy thriving without allowing high inflation to persist. The labor market and economy are prospering, and we have seen meaningful progress in reducing inflation. Yet we should continue paying attention to events that could put our prosperity at risk. I am confident that our resilient business community will stay steadfast and collaborative navigating challenges and successes alike. 





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Resilience to these evolving impacts requires innovative approaches and concerted efforts to preserve our waterways. One organization at the forefront of this endeavor is the Marine Research Hub (MRH), led by executive director, Katherine O'Fallon. The MRH focuses on identifying and promoting investable companies developing cutting-edge solutions that positively impact both the environment and the economy. Building the blue economy creates new jobs and builds infrastructure while using our resources sustainably. At the same, these solutions when implemented can mitigate rising costs like insurance and rebuilding lost habitats and future-proof our waterway communities.

Atlantic Sapphire

Championing sustainable aquaculture is Homestead, Florida-based Atlantic Sapphire, which exemplifies this commitment through its land-based salmon aquaculture facility. Utilizing natural aquifers without pollutants, like plastic, and previously unusable farmland, their "bluehouses" employ recirculation systems to maintain water quality, creating an optimal habitat for salmon while minimizing adverse impacts on natural resources. This approach not only ensures the well-being of the salmon population but also mitigates pressures on the world's oceans.

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The power of collaboration for resiliency is essential and the collective efforts of these South Florida-based companies, under the umbrella of the Marine Research Hub, exemplify the importance of tackling these complex environmental challenges while creating a vibrant blue economy for all sectors to benefit.

As O'Fallon emphasizes, "There is no single solution that can address all facets of resiliency; it requires synergy among diverse stakeholders. By fostering innovation and collaboration, these initiatives safeguard Florida's waterways and create economic growth with potential for global impact."

As we look toward resiliency opportunities for our region, the technological innovations emerging as part of the Marine Research Hub, offer not only hope but huge opportunities to invest in solutions that will benefit our economy. By supporting these endeavors, Floridians can lead the way in mitigating environmental risks and costs, create jobs and preserve the natural treasures that define our state.

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WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

Climate change affects us all and Fort Lauderdale is no different. With a subtropical climate, flat landscape and more than 300 miles of coastal waterways, it's especially vulnerable to environmental risks like rising sea levels and increased amounts of rain.

City officials at the Public Works Department are working diligently to put initiatives in place to safeguard the city against these drastic environmental changes we are facing.

"It's well recognized that South Florida's climate is changing, and we must adapt our infrastructure and neighborhoods for the future," said Alan Dodd, director of Public Works for the City of Fort Lauderdale.

"So, implementing climate resilience in Fort Lauderdale requires considering all aspects of how climate change impacts our residents."

Through a variety of resiliency efforts, the City is striving to increase its capacity to withstand these challenges and recover more quickly.

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The City has three initiatives that will implement new measures and plans to ensure a safer environmental future for Fort Lauderdale. The first is the Adaptation Action Areas plan which plans to prioritize funding for infrastructure and adaptation planning in areas vulnerable to the impacts of rising sea levels and prone to flooding. Secondly, the Stormwater Master Plan was created to assess drainage improvements to address today's flooding issues and is designed to provide flood protection over the next 50 years as the climate continues to change.


"The program began with a complete revision of all stormwater design standards, including updated requirements for new infrastructure to be able to manage 7.5 inches of rainfall in a 24-hour period," Dodd said.

"More significantly, we also initiated a \$200 million bond program to invest in and reduce flooding impacts in eight of our most vulnerable neighborhoods."

Last, the City's Seawall Master Plan was developed to review the condition of the City-owned seawalls and determine their top elevations relative to current and future sea level rise.

The plan prioritizes construction upgrades to seawalls in poor condition and most at risk of overtopping during King Tide events.

"In the past five years, Fort Lauderdale established new minimum elevation standards for seawalls to ensure they will not be overtopped as future sea level conditions occur," Dodd said. Aside from these well-researched plans designed with the city and its residents in mind, there is room for improvement.

"While we adapt our infrastructure for the future, we also are doing our part to mitigate further climate change. We have set ambitious goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, aiming for an 80% reduction below 2010 levels by the year 2050. We are also part of the ICLEI150 Race to Zero, affirming our commitment to net-zero objectives," he said. 



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CELEBRATING FIVE MORE NOTABLE INDIVIDUALS IN FORT LAUDERDALE

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

It is that time once again for Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale to honor five new individuals for their noteworthy impact on the Riverwalk and the City of Fort Lauderdale. For the 24th Annual Riverwalk Tribute, the community leaders being recognized for their contributions to the community are Alexa Lanier and Britt Lanier of Two Men & A Truck Fort Lauderdale, Jarett S. Levan of BBX Capital and IT'SUGAR, Phil Purcell of Marine Industries Association of South Florida, and Bill Walker of Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale LLC.

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JARETT S. LEVAN, President and CEO of BBX Capital and CEO of IT'SUGAR

Hometown: Miami

Years lived in Fort Lauderdale: 30

Education: Bachelor of business administration in finance, Emory University; law degree, University of Miami

Career path: Worked in the Bank Atlantic mailroom at 11. Worked in various roles at Bank Atlantic including president and CEO from 2007 to 2012 before being sold to BB&T. Since then, Bank Atlantic transitioned to BBX Capital Inc. where he is CEO. Also, CEO of IT'SUGAR, a subsidiary of BBX Sweet Holdings.

Q: Why do you give back to our community?

A: Giving back to the community where we live and our business is headquartered is critically important to me and my wife, Dara. We are fortunate to have resources to help, not only through financial means but also by dedicating our time and energy to many different causes. We also encourage our 130 Fort Lauderdale-based associates to be engaged locally and they understand and appreciate the impact made through their financial means, volunteering, or participating on nonprofit boards.

Q: What is something you hope to achieve in the future that would help the city of Fort Lauderdale continue to grow?

A: As Fort Lauderdale continues to grow, the arts are poised to play an integral role in attracting and retaining top talent and businesses. As the Chairman of Business for the Arts of Broward, which engages businesses to advocate for the importance of Broward County's art and cultural community, one of our initiatives is to bring more murals and public art to the city and downtown corridor while also engaging more local business leaders and companies to invest in the arts.

ALEXA LANIER, Chief Marketing Officer of Two Men and a Truck Greater Fort Lauderdale and South Palm Beach County

Hometown: Miami and Louisiana

Years lived in Fort Lauderdale: 15

Education: Bachelor of arts, Florida International University

Career path: Worked with national touring acts at Gulfstream Park and Calder Race Course, then transitioned to contract work for several national marketing agencies before progressing to touring with musicians and bands representing the products sponsoring the tours.

Q: Why do you give back to our community?

A: When I was in high school, I was passionate about many causes. From ending apartheid to saving the planet, I wanted to make the world a better place. Now I still want to save the planet, but I also want my local community to be a thriving atmosphere where there is something for everyone to enjoy and experience.

Q: What are some of the challenges in leading a small business and how do you retain talent?

A: From a marketing perspective, my primary challenge is to differentiate ourselves from our competitors. However, my 25-year history in South Florida certainly helps make our customers and employees feel secure in our knowledge and reliability. Our participation in local events and work with non-profits is also considered a perk by our staff.

BRITT LANIER, President and CEO of Two Men and A Truck Greater Fort Lauderdale and South Palm Beach County

Hometown: Atlanta and Miami

Years lived in Fort Lauderdale: 25

Education: Bachelor of science, communication for business, Florida State University.

Career path: Enterprise Rent-A-Car managerial training program followed by climbing the ladder through Coca-Cola Enterprises to become a regional sales manager. Partnered with his mother, Susan Lanier, to open their first of four Two Men and A Truck franchises.

Q: What is something you hope to achieve in the future that would help the city of Fort Lauderdale continue to grow?

A: I would love to see our downtown grow further as an arts and event destination. The Boat Show has a greater economic impact than the Super Bowl but doesn't have the same recognition. The Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade is among the top five parades nationally and is the largest one-day event in Florida. Also, any local performances at the Broward Center easily hold up to the many national touring shows that come through. Overall, I would love to see Fort Lauderdale receive the same recognition as Miami for the same things.

Q: What are some of the challenges in leading a small business and how do you retain talent?

A: The moving business tends to be seasonal, but we keep a core group of talented people with some having been with us since the beginning. Our challenge now is housing. The South Florida real estate market boom is great for homeowners but is cost-prohibitive for those who don't hold an executive position or are just starting their careers. This has been impacting our ability to find and keep the individuals that meet our rather rigorous standards.



PHIL PURCELL, President and CEO of Marine Industries Association of South Florida

Years worked in Fort Lauderdale: 34

Education: Southern Illinois University

Career path: Held senior management positions and was a partner at the Washington Westport Shipyard. Then became CEO and President of the Marine Industries Association of South Florida.

Q: Why do you give back to our community?

A: To have a thriving marine industry, we need a strong community. The ingredients that make up a strong community are a well-educated and skilled workforce, affordable housing, opportunities to enjoy a healthy and active lifestyle, and people with a charitable mindset. Whether growing a new concept, like the Marine Research Hub, donating time and resources to various community initiatives, or advocating for important issues, being involved is the way to give back to Fort Lauderdale. The efforts of so many people here help keep our community strong. This, in turn, will support healthy and strong industries across the board, including the marine industry.

Q: Based on your experience working in emerging marine markets globally, how have you taken that expertise and used it to help Fort Lauderdale's marine industry flourish?

A: The biggest observation I have, one I rely on daily, is to think beyond the 33312 ZIP code. Other similar communities have faced the same challenges that Fort Lauderdale and our local marine industry face.

There are also solutions out there we can use here to overcome those challenges. Having been fortunate enough to work around the world and see how other marine industries have solved many of the same issues our local economy faces, I try to incorporate those different perspectives into the suggestions and solutions we incorporate here.



BILL WALKER, President and CEO of Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale LLC

Hometown: Marblehead, Massachusetts

Years lived in Fort Lauderdale: 10


Education: Bachelor of science, marine transportation, Massachusetts Maritime Academy

Career path: Executive and leader in the marine industry

Q: Why do you feel Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale is important to our city?

A: The New River was the epicenter for the development of Fort Lauderdale. The Riverwalk linear park is beautiful and well-used and runs through the middle of our city.

Q: How do you feel your leadership has helped the Fort Lauderdale Water Taxi become the iconic and well-known water-based transportation service that it is today?

A: Yellow boats and WaterTaxi.com are great assets. My team is what makes it happen and instilling them to be great leaders and mentors in Fort Lauderdale is the backbone of Water Taxi. 

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A STUDENT'S GUIDE TO SAT PREPARATION

WRITER ZACHARY CAJA

“You reap what you sow.”

It's an age-old saying that contains value in a lot of aspects in life, and as a current high school student, I can confidently say that this holds true for the two main achievement tests offered — the SAT and the ACT. During middle school and high school, I took the PSAT three years in a row, only improving by 70 points each time I took it (1080-1150-1220). I understood that getting where I wanted to be would take some work. So many students believe that these tests are different from normal school tests in that studying provides no value, but this couldn't be further from the truth.

I enrolled into an SAT prep class at my high school led by my math teacher, Dr. Gary Moss, and the results showed themselves immediately. In this class, he taught important concepts exclusive to the SAT that directly prepared me for its unique types of questions. Following the completion of this class, I took the 11th grade PSAT and scored a 1370, 150 points above my previous score. Two weeks later I took the SAT for the first time and scored a 1440. To jump from small increments of 70 every year to a jump in over 200 points in six months highlights the importance of my preparation.

A hard-driven point given by Dr. Moss was repetition; I could have stopped after getting a score of 1440, but looking at my individual scores, more work could be done. My math score was nearly maxed out, being 780 out of 800, but my reading score was only at a 660 (also out of 800). Through more work and private tutoring, I was able to slowly drag my score up to a combined 1540, placing my score in the 99th percentile across the nation.

In addition to the SAT is the ACT, which I prepared for in a similar manner. Despite there not being enough students interested to warrant an in-person class, I yet again began taking private tutoring with Dr. Moss. Within only two tests I earned a score of 34 (out of 36), which is comparable to my SAT score.

Investing in your future is important. These classes cost money and require work, but in my eyes, I viewed them as an investment. Without taking these classes, I would not have been offered the same scholarships that I've received as of today. Spending what may seem like too much money for it to be "worth it" at the time has allowed me to save much more on college tuition than what was spent on the preparation.

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A FAMILY FAVORITE

LA BAMBA SERVES UP HEARTY FARE THROUGH THE GENERATIONS

WRITER AMY MAHON

Editor's note: This month, we continue our feature in which Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale employees, board members and friends share a local restaurant they particularly enjoy. Perhaps you'll discover a new favorite as well. Opinions are the writer's own. Amy Mahon is the business development director at Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale.



I don't remember exactly when, but I think it was sometime in middle school when my family started making La Bamba a Friday night tradition. Not every Friday – pizza was also a popular choice – but often when my parents would ask my siblings and I what we wanted, we would vote emphatically for giant, cheese-smothered burritos, enchiladas, or my dad's favorite, the piping hot fajitas that sizzled all the way from the kitchen.

Even now it means something to my family: every time my brother visits from Virginia with his wife and children, he takes them there to not only pass on the tradition, but to get his favorite dish since high school — the Burro Dinner with hearty chunks of beef. For the last 27 years this has been not just a restaurant for my family, but reliable comfort food and good times.

We aren't the only ones who feel this way. For three years in a row (2020, 2021 and 2022) La Bamba was recognized as the best Mexican restaurant on the Best of Fort Lauderdale list. Their menu is inspired by Spanish and Cuban cuisine, with dishes like Masa de Puerco and the Lechon Asado Dinner. No matter what you order, though, you get a large platter of food once your order arrives.

In 27 years, I've tried just about everything on their menu. They make their mouth-watering appetizer nachos with either crab, chicken, beef or just cheese, throw them in the fire and serve with shredded lettuce and jalapeños in the middle, topped with a dollop of sour cream and guacamole. In high school, my favorite meal was the Burro Dinner, but

with its giant chunks of beef along with rice and refried beans, I have always struggled to finish it in one sitting. My mom always liked the Palomilla, a thin sirloin topped with diced onions served with black beans, white rice and plantains. After seeing her enjoy it so much I decided to order it myself, the taste of lime, parsley and onions delightfully lingering. Fried ice cream is a sweet and crunchy way to cleanse the palette of such strong flavors.

As I got older, I could explore their drinks menu. Recently, I opted for their Mexican coffee (Kahlua and House Gold Tequila) instead of my usual salty, tangy margarita, or the Fresh Jalapeño Margarita, made with Espolon Blanco, agave, lime juice, and fresh jalapeños with a Tajín salted rim.

La Bamba has six locations but my two favorites are located at North Federal Highway and Harbor Shops in Fort Lauderdale. Surrounded by vibrant colors and Mexican decor, this casual-dining restaurant is great for families, dinner, inexpensive lunch specials, or whenever you simply don't feel like cooking. 🍴

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WEBSITE: www.labamba123.com

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A Tribute to the Beatles
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Fizz Fest
An afternoon of champagne, prosecco and sparkling beverages
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MAY 14

9th Annual Behavioral Health Conference
The Power of Prevention
United Way of Broward County
Broward County Convention Center
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MAY 15

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MAY 17

Carter Park Jamz
Free concert series; bring your lawn chairs, picnic basket and coolers
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MAY 18

Riverwalk Tacos & Tequila Feast

A fiesta along the New River with mouth-watering tacos and premium tequilas Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale
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Through April 3
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Visions of Women

April 4-30
Fine art exhibition featuring local women artists
History Fort Lauderdale
954-463-4431
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The Prom

Through April 7
Winner of the Drama Desk Award for Best Musical
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Mrs. Doubtfire

April 9-21
Based on the beloved film
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Healing Through Art exhibit

April 12-June 15
Featuring artists who focus on mental wellness and healing
ArtServe
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Voyages to the Deep

Through May 19
An underwater adventure with plenty of sub-stance
Museum of Discovery and Science
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First Friday through June
Featuring local professionals and students
Gold Coast Jazz
ArtServe
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Through August 4
Three concurrent solo exhibitions of South Florida artists
NSU Art Museum
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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
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Old Town Untapped

First Friday
Monthly street fair with local music, food trucks, vendors and more!
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www.pompanobeacharts.org

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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
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Hugh Taylor Birch State Park
954-564-4521
www.floridastateparks.org



Circle of Life Experience

Self-guided tours that highlight our local natural environment
Snyder Park

Paddle With A Purpose

Third Saturday | Reservation required
Waterway and Shoreline Cleanup
Delevoe Park

Fort Lauderdale Beach Sweep

Fourth Saturday
Help keep Fort Lauderdale Beach clean!
HUB at Fort Lauderdale Beach

Edible Food Forest

Fourth Saturday
Volunteer to tend an edible urban farm
Snyder Park

Las Olas Oceanside Park Market

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

FTL Art Walk

Last Saturday
Live music, original art & more
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Jazz Brunch

First Sunday
Free, outdoor concert series featuring local musicians on 3 stages
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Esplanade Park & Riverwalk
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FORT LAUDERDALE

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Free admission and 2-4-1 Happy Hour

Bank of America: Museums on Us

First full weekend
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Last Sunday
Free admission for FTL residents
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www.nsuartmuseum.org

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Sensory Friendly Sunday

Fourth Sunday
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Varies
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Museum of Discovery & Science
954-467-6637
www.mods.org

Forest Bathing

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

RIVERWALK RECREATION

Shippey House
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13TH ANNUAL NON-PROFIT AWARDS

211 Broward hosted the 13th Annual Community Care Plan Non-Profit Awards on March 5 at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino.



LOIS MARINO, MARCIA BARRY-SMITH AND PRISCILLA DIAZ



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SANDRA VESZI EINHORN, MELANIE GEDDES AND JESSICA LERNER

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BROWARD HEALTH FOUNDATION

Broward Health Foundation hosted its inaugural DOC & Dine at the Wharf Fort Lauderdale on Feb. 15.



AURELIO FERNANDEZ, CINDY SESSOMS, EILEEN LAMARCA, LOIS MARINO, DR. JOHNY TRYZMEL, SHANE STRUM



KATHY SALERNO, CHIEF STEPHEN GOLLAN AND DEBBIE AND CRAIG DANTO



BROWARD HEALTH GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS

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47TH ANNUAL BROWARD COUNTY WATERWAY CLEANUP

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