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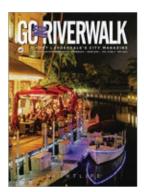
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Need some inspiration to #ShopSmall? Naturally, S.B.M. offers plenty of photo-worthy opportunities, plus there are bonus points if your pics include May's other holidays.

- CINCO DE MAYO MAY 5: Snap a photo with your Saucy Lips Tacos
- EMPANADA DAY MAY 8: Stock up on La Napa empanadas and share photos of your family feast at home.
- CHOCOLATE CHIP DAY MAY 15: Double points if your Kenny's Big Cookies score from the weekend actually make it to Wednesday.
- PIZZA PARTY DAY MAY 17: We'll supply the Friday Night beats and free bites of Pizzeria Solarino, all you have to do is share to the 'gram before you savor.

View more photo inspirations and full contest details theloopflb.com



DON'T MISS A BEAT

Presented by the City of Fort Lauderdale's Beach Business Improvement District, Friday Night Sound Waves invites locals and visitors, the young and young at heart, to experience the best of South Florida's music scene. Taking place every Friday from 6:30 - 9:30 pm, pre-concert games on the main lawn, artisan vendors and a rotating selection of food and drink options to savor during and after the show begin at 5 pm.

For complete details on our final 3 bands of the series, visit theloopflb.com.

- 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
- MAY 17 VALERIE TYSON fronts a soulful and electrifying band performing all your favorites from today's Top 40 to Motown and Jazz

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Save the Dates

EVERY WKND.	The MKT at Las Olas Oceanside Park
	Saturday 9-5; Sunday 10-5
EVERY SAT	New Time! Yoga with Lisa 9 - 10 am
EVERY SUN	Live Music 12 - 3pm
	View Website for Performers



SAT., MAY 4	Star Wars Day @ theMKT
	Photo Ops 11 am - 1 pm
THUR., MAY 9	Rooftop Sunset Salutations 7 - 9 pm \$
	Mystic Flow: Kabalah Yoga Method
SAT., MAY 11	Dog Mom Day @the MKT
	"Pawtery" Castings with YH Pottery
	Happy Pup, Pup Treats
SUN., MAY 12	Mother's Day Brunch @the MKT
	Local Eats. Live Music. Lawn Games.
SAT., MAY 18	Dillard Jazz Ensemble 12 pm - 3pm



SAT., MAY 25

Great American Beach Party Kick off the summer on Memorial Day weekend from 11 - 6:30 pm. Memorial Day MKT 10 am - 5 pm

MON., MAY 27



JUNE 1 - 30

2nd annual Caribbean American Heritage Month and debut of Reggae Sunday's hosted by Tanto Irie



JUNE 14 & 28

4th annual Dog Days of Summer Movies by Moonlight 6.14 - Hairspray, Pride Month 6.28 - Cool Runnings, CAHM View full calendar of summer events at theloopflb.com





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JUST SOLD! CHAMPAGNE 2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH + OFFICE

High Floor with enamoring views of the ocean, Intracoastal & river. Hardwood floors with stone inlays, custom home office, motorized window treatments, 2 terraces & 2 assigned parking spaces & storage.



UST LISTED! 2 BD 2 BA + OFFICE \$1,495,000 Ocean & City Views from this perfectly placed SE facing residence. Nestled on 10 acres directly on the sand, this luxury residence is top tier! Gated Entry, 2 Parking spaces, completely remodeled with top-of-the-line finishes in this split floor plan with custom office.



JUST LISTED! PARK 3BD 3.5BA + OFFICE \$2,795,000 Steven G Designed this Pristine Park Model. Directly on the River, Private Elevator Double Door Entry, 4 Terraces, Floor to Ceiling Glass Throughout, Upgraded Kitchen, and Spa like baths.

CHELSEA | 2BD 2.5BA | \$1,225,000

Remarkable River Views from this Pristine Chelsea Model featuring a split floor plan of 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, marble & wood floors, crown molding, breakfast nook, floor to ceiling glass windows throughout.

JUST LISTED! LEXINGTON | 2BD 2.5BA | \$1,185,000

Stunning Lexington model offers river views & beautiful sunsets. Private elevator double door entry, beautiful wood floors throughout with 9 ft ceilings, open floor plan with top of the line finishes & 2 marble terraces.

SOHO | 2BD 2BA | \$925,000

Spectacular East & West Views spanning close to one mile in length of the north & south banks of Fort Lauderdale's famous River walk. Bamboo floors, floor to ceiling windows that bring in the river views to every room.

JUST LISTED! 1BD 1.5BA \$725,000

Directly on the River! Rarely available, this oversized 1 Bed/1.5 Bath with a large river front terrace is a true gem! Upgraded & in mint condition, key features include white high gloss floors, floor to ceiling glass & custom closets.

JUST SOLD! COLUMBUS 2 BD 3 BA + DEN

This 25th floor river facing Columbus flow thru floorplan is over 2,400 sqft. featuring a private elevator foyer entry, floor to ceiling glass & 2 terraces.

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JUST LISTED! 2 BD 2 BA + DEN | \$1,495,000 Stunning oceanfront residence boasting breathtaking ocean views, luxury finishes and a spacious balcony.

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RIVERSIDE Very desirable 2BD + Den/2 BA floorplan offering direct river views, spacious kitchen w/granite countertops, laundry room and large balcony.

JUST LISTED! SEAVIEW \$1,150,000

3 Bedroom 2 Bath South East Corner Complete Remodel! Two spectacular terraces, East and West Exposure. Enjoy sunrises and sunsets! Modernized Design, a must see!

JUST LISTED! MOONGLOW \$985,000

This 2 bedroom/2 Bath floor plan is in the highly desirable "03" South East Corner Stack. Expanded Terrace right on the River!

MOONGLOW

Beautiful River Views from this upgraded Moonglow floor plan. Two Bedroom Two Bath with porcelain tile throughout, remodeled kitchen and Baths. Floor to Ceiling Glass and views from every room

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JUST LISTED! STARDUST | \$849,000

Stunning 2 bedroom 2 bath with 10 foot Ceilings, Kitchens & Baths totally renovated, wood flooring throughout, Parking located on the same level.

JUST LISTED! SUNGARDEN \$495,000

High floor One bedroom with Pool and Sparkling City Views. Spacious in size and Fabulous Las Olas Location!

JUST LISTED! SUNGARDEN | \$449,000

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Tropical Pool Views. Tile floors throughout, upgraded kitchen, two closets and floor to ceiling glass throughout.

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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.

UST 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.

UST 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.



UNDER CONTRACT **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



ABUNDANT NIGHTLIFE CHOICES

NEW OPTIONS COMING TO FORT LAUDERDALE

owntown Fort Lauderdale's growing population and increasing stature as a tourist destination are driving the growth of entertainment and nightlife venues and opportunities. Whether you are on the hunt for the newest entertainment or a quiet evening downtown, Fort Lauderdale has what you are looking for.

The Water Taxi's Sunset Cruise series, a uniquely Fort Lauderdale way to spend an evening, is scheduled to return this summer. Featuring live music, happy hour drinks and sunset views, there is no better way to appreciate the beauty of Fort Lauderdale and our scenic waterways.

The Broward Center and The Parker have a full run of entertainment in May, with an exciting conclusion to the Broadway season at the Broward Center in June featuring Slow Burn's Theater Company's *The SpongeBob Musical* from June 8-23, and *Clue*, inspired by the Hasbro board game, from June 11-16. For film aficionados, the AutoNation IMAX at the Museum of Discovery and Science, Savor Cinema and Gateway are great options to see the latest flick or something outside the norm.

Starlight Musicals at Holiday Park, a highlight of Downtown's summer schedule, will return on Fridays starting June 7. Bring your blankets and picnic baskets and enjoy a free concert with your neighbors, presented by the City of Fort Lauderdale and featuring different bands each week. Also at Holiday Park, in April the Florida Panthers celebrated the grand opening of the new Baptist Health IcePlex, which will house the Cats' training rinks and also provide Downtown with its first ice rinks for public use. The Federal Bar and Restaurant will soon open at the complex, and the revamped War Memorial Auditorium is scheduled to open this summer for live music and events.

Joining the roster at Inter Miami CF's Chase Stadium in Fort Lauderdale are the Miami Sharks, South Florida's new professional rugby team, followed this summer by Fort Lauderdale United CF, Fort Lauderdale's new women's professional soccer team. These new additions help cement Fort Lauderdale's growing presence in organized sports, and we welcome the new teams to our community.

The reimagined Huizenga Park will take another step forward this month. The groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday, May 22, will mark the implementation of the vision to transform this storied park into Downtown Fort Lauderdale's signature gathering space, with exciting new nightlife opportunities on the horizon.

If your evening entails a quiet stroll along the Riverwalk, partake in one of the many outdoor dining options, including long-standing options like the Downtowner and Rivertail, and newer options such as House on the River and Asbury Ale House, which recently opened at Society Las Olas.



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BY GENIA DUNCAN ELLIS President/CEO Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale



AFTER DARK

FORT LAUDERDALE OFFERS NO SHORTAGE OF NIGHTTIME ADVENTURES

Vening adventures are sometime referred to as nightlife. While the first thought is clubs, bars and dining out there are other things to consider. Some locales host full moon parties!

A great nighttime adventure is to find a suitable location with a beverage of choice and watch the sunset to the west as the day winds down and the shadows of dusk and dark head your way.

Sunset and evening boat cruises are often available from Fort Lauderdale Water Taxi, Carrie B, Jungle Queen and many others.

The Parker and Broward Center for the Performing Arts offer a wide variety of music and plays for your evening enjoyment. The Museum of Discovery and Science hosts events from sleepovers to science projects after dark.

Shopping along the beautiful Las Olas Boulevard provides unique art and great gourmet options and is a place to stop for that favorite beverage as you enjoy the lights along the street.

Live music abounds from bars and clubs to single performers in local coffee shops. There has never been a lack of talent in Fort Lauderdale and evenings will let you find the music of your choice.

The option to stargaze at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park allows for being in a wilderness within the city and maintaining your individuality.

Ghost tours telling eerie tales and folklore about local

places can be found in the city. History Fort Lauderdale and Stranahan House often host historical evening events to educate and spark interest in our local history.

Pickleball and tennis courts are available for evening play. Driving ranges, shooting ranges and more give individuals the opportunity to hone their skillsets in the evening all while enjoying the local nightlife. There are many kickball leagues that play in the evening and host great teams to compete. There are gaming opportunities at Gulf Stream, Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino as well top named performers.

There are arcade rooms for our gaming crowd as well as escape rooms for our brainier groups. Go Kart racing, bowling and a trip to the local movie theater offer yet more options.

Bonnet House Museum & Gardens hosts tours celebrating history.

Dining options are unlimited right down to Dining in the Dark. Fort Lauderdale offers many unique restaurants and chefs creating gourmet food and dining experiences that include from farm to table menus. There are chef driven cooking classes in the evening to let you prepare your own in a structured environment while eating wonderful foods and learning the process at the same time.

Countless bars, clubs, breweries, distilleries and more often appeal to the evening crowd and they will not be disappointed by the wide range of beverages often poured with great music and food.

> To wrap your arms around what happens during the nightlife, use your imagination and I bet there is just the thing for you. We always suggest a walk at dusk along the beautiful Riverwalk is serene and restful and will let you review the other options around you to enjoy a night out.



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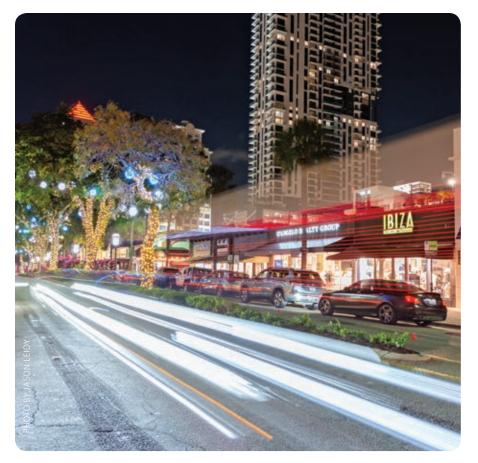
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The Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Parade and Festival drew thousands of spectators to the streets of Downtown on March 16. The parade showcased decorative floats, bagpipers, marching bands and street performers. The festival featured live music, a kids zone, exhibitors, interactive games, cultural activities and Irish food and beverages.



Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis



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Riverwalk members came together for a night of celebration and connection on April 8. Attendees enjoyed delicious food and drinks provided by YOLO. This semi-annual event was sponsored by Walter Duke + Partners.



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BY DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER PAMELA BEASLEY-PITTMAN City of Fort Lauderdale



A DYNAMIC BLEND

EXPERIENCE THE ELECTRIC NIGHTS OF FORT LAUDERDALE'S NIGHTLIFE

s the sun dips below the horizon, Fort Lauderdale transforms into a hub of nightlife, offering diverse experiences to suit every taste and style. From vibrant bars to high-energy clubs and laid-back lounges, the city has something for everyone seeking an unforgettable evening out.

Here's a guide to navigating the electric nights of Fort Lauderdale:

• Embark on a journey along the iconic Las Olas Boulevard, where chic restaurants, trendy bars and upscale lounges line the streets. Start your evening with a cocktail at a rooftop bar, offering views of the city skyline, before indulging in a gourmet dinner at one of the many eateries.



As the night progresses, explore the nightlife scene with live music venues and dance clubs catering to all tastes.

- Head to the beachfront bars dotting the coastline for a more relaxed vibe. Sink your toes in the sand as you sip on refreshing cocktails and listen to the rhythmic sounds of the waves crashing against the shore. Whether you're looking for a casual hangout spot or a lively beach party, Fort Lauderdale's beachfront bars offer an iconic Florida experience.
- Venture to the historic Riverfront area to taste Fort Lauderdale's waterfront nightlife. Cruise along the New River aboard a party boat or hop on a riverfront bar crawl to sample local craft brews and specialty cocktails. With its scenic views and vibrant atmosphere, the Riverfront is the perfect setting for a memorable night out on the town.
- Immerse yourself in Fort Lauderdale's thriving arts and culture scene with a visit to the city's cultural districts. Explore galleries showcasing local talent, catch a live performance at a theater, or dance the night away at a cultural event or festival. With its eclectic mix of artistic offerings, Fort Lauderdale offers an enriching and entertaining nightlife experience.

And when it comes to satisfying your cravings amidst the pulsating energy of Fort Lauderdale's nightlife, look no further than Smitty's Wings. This full-service, family-style wing restaurant boasts a robust menu featuring wings, shrimp, salads, and a variety of appetizers. Smitty's also hosts themed nights such as Wine Down Wednesdays with Hot 105 DJ Sco, karaoke on Friday evenings from 6 to 10, and cigar Sundays on the patio from 4 to 8 every Sunday. Additionally, Smitty's is soon introducing Spades Tournament Tuesdays. Not only is Smitty's a hotspot for locals and visitors alike, but it also occasionally hosts theme parties for various organizations and comedy shows every other month, adding an extra layer of excitement to Fort Lauderdale's vibrant nightlife scene.

Fort Lauderdale's nightlife offers a dynamic blend of experiences, from chic cocktail lounges to beachfront bars and cultural hotspots. Whether you're looking to dance the night away or simply unwind with a drink in hand, the city's vibrant nightlife scene will leave you with unforgettable memories. So, grab your friends and prepare to embark on an epic night out in Fort Lauderdale.

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BY EKAETE EKWERE City of Fort Lauderdale Transportation Services Division Manager



SPECIAL EVENTS TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

IT TAKES COOPERATION, COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION

he special events calendar for Fort Lauderdale is in full swing. With Tortuga Music Festival and Las Olas Wine & Food Festival in the rearview mirror and the Fort Lauderdale Air Show right on our heels, it's shaping up to be a busy summer for the City.

These events are a fantastic economic generator but as we all know "if you host it, they will come." More visitors mean a little more traffic and a lot more pedestrians. So how do we ensure safe and efficient mobility for all road users during special events?

Organizer cooperation

A Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) application is required for any event that involves closing the roadways, sidewalks, shoulder or parking spaces with meters. Event organizers are required to submit a certified MOT Plan that illustrates the requested closure and associated detours, similar to the one shown below.

Prior to application approval, the City provides input on the proposed detour routes and ensures that the safety of pedestrians and motorists navigating the closure is maintained. In advance of the event, organizers are responsible for deploying portable message signs informing drivers of changing traffic patterns.

Agency collaboration

The City's Transportation and Mobility Department works closely with Broward County, who operates and maintains all traffic signals within the City. Modified signal timing plans are then developed for priority corridors that will be impacted by the event. The secret is that these timing plans are not only focused on getting people into and out of the event area efficiently.

These plans must also minimize impacts to other drivers that may not be an event attendee but will be traveling to other destinations and must use these priority corridors.

Signal coordination

Once the timing plans are developed and the event day arrives, the County uses traffic cameras and Intelligent Transportation System devices like Bluetooth devices to monitor travel speeds and roadway conditions, and to make any needed timing adjustments.

Signal timing coordination is all about balance, and we strive to not only maintain traffic progression along a corridor, but maintain a balance between the pedestrian volumes and traffic volumes.

The traffic cameras are used to make real-time decisions to implement creative detours in an attempt to reduce overloading on the corridors that are already the preference.

Bonus tip

With the summer months fast approaching, we will see an increase in street festivals, marathons and beach concerts. However, the City works behind the scenes with our County and State partners to minimize the impact felt by event goers and residents alike.

Before you head out to your next event or even before your daily commute, make sure to check out LauderStreet, a convenient City application that highlights the location of all active road closures occurring on City streets. Know before you go!



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BY PHILLIP DUNLAP Director, Broward Cultural Division



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

BUSINESS SKILLS FOR CREATIVES PROVIDES A ROADMAP TO SUCCESS

major objective of the Broward Cultural Division is helping artists and nonprofit leaders grow professionally. We recognize the importance of having opportunities to help them gain the skills that will enable them to adapt and thrive in our rapidly changing world.

While many are familiar with the County's cultural grants and public art and design programs, some may not be aware of the various training and professional development programs offered by the Cultural Division. These training programs are an integral part of the development strategy that seeks to increase the capacity and learning of our individual artists and nonprofit organizations.

One of the most popular of these programs is award-winning Business Skills for Creatives, which is aimed at strengthening the business acumen of artists and other creative professionals. Known previously as the Artist as Entrepreneur Institute, this program has been presented by the Cultural Division for over a decade and has served hundreds by empowering them with practical business knowledge designed to help elevate their careers.

The program's newest iteration takes place on four Saturdays in June (June 1, 8, 15 and 22) at the Destination Sistrunk Cultural Center, and we expect it will fill up fast.

Participants engage with industry experts and thought leaders during lectures, panels and workshops where they learn the art of writing compelling business plans, creating successful marketing campaigns and mastering the "art of the sale" and other key skills. The series culminates with a business plan clinic and workshop hosted by the Florida Small Business Development Center where attendees can have their business plans reviewed on the spot.

At a cost of only \$100 for the four full-day sessions, Business Skills for Creatives is a great way to build your entrepreneurial tool kit and strengthen your networks by making new connections in Broward's creative community. Space is limited, so get your registration in today. Registration information can be found at Broward.org/Arts and ArtsCalendar.com or contact James Shermer at jshermer@broward.org. ⁽¹⁾



Business Skills for Creatives 2024

SESSION 1: Saturday, June 1-9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- **Understanding Your Current State**
- Exploring Priorities
- Writing the Business and Action Plan
- Defining the Product or Service Building a Mix
- Pricing and Practice
- Choosing a Business Structure

SESSION 2: Saturday, June 8 - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Protecting Your Rights**

- Introduction to Building a Marketing Plan
- Understanding Consumers and Researching Markets
- Building a Communication Strategy
- Raising Capital and Resources

SESSION 3: Saturday, June 15 - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Making the Sale**

- Distribution Outlets
- Civic Engagement
- Operational Accounting and Finance
- Paying Taxes
- Revisiting the Business and Action Plan
- From the Trenches: Stories of Successful Artrepreneurs

SESSION 4: Saturday, June 2 - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Working Effectively with Lenders**

- Developing a Brand
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A NEW TAKE ON TEAM BUILDING

MIND ARENA AIMS TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER

new Fort Lauderdale company, Mind Arena USA, has built a team-building model that helps people learn how to work better together in the collaborative style of an escape room.

"The idea came from a friend of my parents who they reconnected with when they moved back to Germany," said owner Chris Haerting. "He was one of the first people to get involved with escape rooms when they got big in Germany. He loved the concept of it but found that having enough space to hold bigger groups was always a problem. So, he started developing his own concept that could be mobile and didn't require a storefront."

Lauderdale and has already become a hit with not only businesses and corporate teams but groups of all ages.

Upon entering the Mind Arena location, groups are broken up into teams of three to eight players each. Each team is given an interactive tablet through which a virtual moderator guides them through a variety of puzzles like cracking codes and picking locks that earn them points as they race against the clock.

The entire game lasts about two hours and requires teams to practice cooperation, organization, lateral thinking, creativity, logic, intuition and, above all, communication making it a perfect team-building excursion.



From there, Haerting's family friend Meinolf Morczinitz of Freiburg, Germany, developed a mobile platform that combined interactive and immersive games that foster collaboration, ignite creativity and promote problemsolving in a fun and engaging way.

After Haerting got word of the new business venture, he knew he wanted to get involved and bring it overseas to the U.S. "It was something I had never seen before and similar to the spaces I was already working in. So, my partners and I worked with him to bring the concept here," he said.

Mind Arena USA has found its niche here in Fort

working together as a team," Haerting said. The best part is that anyone can participate due to its lack of physical requirements and you can do it anywhere. Mind Arena can travel to locations all throughout Florida and can set up

their activity stations almost anywhere for teams interested in visiting Mind Arena in Downtown Fort Lauderdale or want to participate at a local corporate retreat. Whether you're a team of 10 or 150, Mind Arena invites people to think outside the box and transform the way they work through the power of play. 🕲

> **MIND ARENA USA Owner:** Chris Haerting Number of employees: 5 Phone: (954) 482-4044 Website: www.mindarenausa.com

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



AT THE TABLE, NOT ON THE MENU

BROWARD COUNTY LEADERS JOIN FORCES TO ADVOCATE IN WASHINGTON

his month's FPL Washington Summit presented by Nicklaus Children's Health System provides an opportunity for local delegates to meet with members of Congress, administrative officials and trade partners to discuss critical issues that affect our regional economy and quality of life.

Given the profound impact of Washington's decisions on our community, it's imperative for us to proactively engage policymakers to ensure that our community's needs and interests receive due attention. I like to say that it's better to be at the table than on the menu. The absence of our advocacy would risk relinquishing opportunities, as decisions regarding financial allocations may favor other regions if our voices are unheard.

In the words of Mayor Trantalis, "The DC Summit trip hosted by the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce has been a tremendous boon over the years not just to the business owners and executives who participate but also to our local communities."

Indeed, these trips have played a pivotal role in advancing critical projects ranging from the construction of a new federal courthouse to the dredging of Port Everglades. Our May trip, hosted by Congressman Jared Moskowitz, will be filled with opportunity.

To choose the year's legislative agenda, we task a Legislative Issues Team to identify the most pressing regional concerns by engaging with key stakeholders like higher education institutions, hospital systems and local businesses. They bring back learnings to our Steering Committee, who align concerns to which the business community can engage. The final list is then vetted by our Government Affairs Council and Board. Notable among this year's focus areas are initiatives concerning insurance and climate resilience.

We are encouraging Congress to pass the Natural Disaster Risk Reinsurance Program Act of 2023 which provides a voluntary program to individual states for the federal government to issue post-trigger event bonds to insurance companies thereby reducing or eliminating the "risk of ruin" to private individuals.

On the climate side, we are urging Congress to support investment in energy efficiency and clean energy projects in our low-income communities, benefiting household economics, improving public health and stimulating the expansion of green jobs.

Our engagements extend to international trade relationships, exemplified by this year's meeting with the Chilean ambassador. With a primary focus on South American countries, our longstanding efforts have facilitated dialogues with nations such as Brazil, Colombia, and Japan, aiming to expand trade avenues and forge new alliances.

As we meet with world leaders, our own community leaders will have the opportunity to have their voices heard and make connections. "On a personal level, the trips also allow business participants to build their own relationships with local and national leaders, connections that can prove valuable over a lifetime," reflects Mayor Trantalis. Delegates over the years have included the mayor and his team, representatives from the county's other 30 cities, Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization leaders, FLL Airport leaders, Port Everglades leaders and more.

> We train all delegates on the issues so that they can strategically communicate with decision-makers. For each legislative issue on the agenda, we have a special issue team made up of a subject matter expert lead and two to three other individuals. These teams meet with staffers, elected officials and regulatory bodies to educate them on the issues we face so that we can move our positions forward.

The Washington Summit encapsulates a collective effort from the Chamber, the business community and elected officials to advance our community's prosperity and resilience. Learn more at washingtonsummit.org. (9)



The Summit Delegation from the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce with host Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz at the closing reception at the Library of Congress.

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BY PHIL PURCELL CEO/President, Marine Industries Association of South Florida Writer Liz Wegerer



FORT LAUDERDALE WATERWAYS

AN AFTER DARK ADVENTURE

hen most people consider boating in Fort Lauderdale, they usually think of one of two things. They picture a warm afternoon with the sun shining and a cold drink in hand as they cruise along the New River or Intracoastal Waterway. It's a relaxing time with family and friends. A day on the water that might include a stop at one of the plentiful waterfront restaurants for an al fresco meal.

The more adventurous might conjure up something offshore, where fishing is the order of the day. These hearty souls love the thrill of the hunt, accompanied by salty breezes and sunshine illuminating the water. Reeling in tonight's dinner or a trophy fish caps off a rollicking day on the open ocean.

But not many people think about exploring our city's waterways after dark. But you should. After the sun goes



down, our rivers and coastal waterways come alive to deliver a different kind of on-the-water fun.

For those who prefer a peaceful paddle, an evening on the water in a kayak or atop a standup paddleboard gives you a totally different perspective on our beautiful city. You don't have to go alone or travel far to do it, either. Several local parks have tour operators specializing in exploring our waterways safely after dark.

Head to The Grove at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park and sign up for their monthly Full Moon Kayak Tour. It's a 1.5-hour paddle along Coastal Dune Lake, led by an experienced and knowledgeable guide. Along the way, your guide will point out the various flora and fauna and explain the importance of this area to the overall health of the park's barrier island system.

George English Park, in the heart of the city, is another place for after-dark aquatic adventures. Blue Moon Outdoor Adventures, the official concessionaire for the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation, runs several evening kayak and standup paddleboard trips. Join the weekly Friday Night Lights paddle that gives you a waterside view of Fort Lauderdale after dark. There's also a monthly Full Moon Night Tour. Experienced and knowledgeable guides lead both.

If you prefer your evenings to include bait, tackle, and adrenaline, night fishing can't be beaten. After the sun goes down, prized yellowtail snappers become most active and bite best. Fishing Headquarters will get you on the water for an unforgettable night of angling under the stars.

If you're looking for big game fish, they also offer a nighttime swordfish charter. This eight-hour charter runs from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. and takes you 15 to 20 miles offshore in search of the prized billfish. Like yellowtail snapper, swordfish tend to be more active at night, making it the ideal time to fish for them.

Why fish at night? Andy Roydhouse, general manager at Fishing Headquarters, notes, "Night fishing often delivers more peaceful and calm waters. Plus, you can avoid the harsh mid-day sun for a more relaxing experience. The fish tend to bite better at night, too."

Fishing Headquarters Owner Martin Lucas adds, "Some nights, I join a charter simply to watch the stars, look at the lights along the coastline, and admire the ships gliding silently into and out of the harbor. It's a relaxing way to spend an evening."





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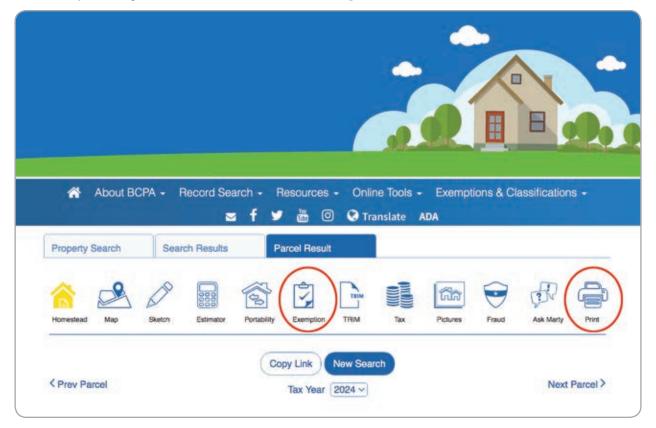
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NIGHT OUT ON THE TOWN

HOW FORT LAUDERDALE LOCALS CAN SPEND THEIR EVENINGS

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

FEATURE

rom sunrise to sunset, there is so much to do in the city of Fort Lauderdale. But what do locals get up to after the sun goes down? That's when the South Florida city really comes to life.

If you're looking for an experience you've never had before, these are just a few unique activities to try right here in Fort Lauderdale.

Glow in the Dark Mini Golf

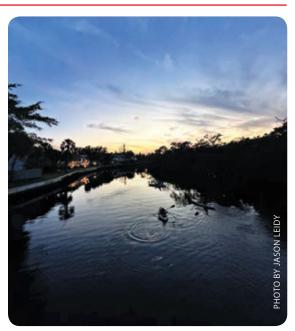
Putting Edge Mini Golf has found a way to put a new twist on traditional mini golf by adding a kaleidoscope of glow-in-the-dark colors to their indoor courses. Upon entering their 18-hole course, each hole has a different and vibrant neon design illuminated using black light. The best part is that the entire course is located inside the Xtreme Action Park amusement center. So, no need to worry about your game getting ruined by an unruly rainstorm. A round of mini golf usually takes about 45 minutes to play and to ensure everyone can play through, only a maximum of four players can play on one hole at a time with larger parties having to play in smaller groups. Reservations can be made online or by calling the Fort Lauderdale location and when

guests aren't sinking a hole-in-one they can also check out their glow-in-the-dark arcade.



Moonlight Kayak Tour

One of the benefits of having numerous naturally occurring waterways throughout Fort Lauderdale is the opportunity to participate in various water-based activities like kayaking. However, outdoor enthusiasts will be thrilled to learn that they can now enjoy a different take on the excursion with a moonlight kayak tour. Once a month during the full moon, Wannado Tours invites kayakers of all ages and skill levels to paddle along the water under the moon's glow on a 2.5- to 3-mile tour. During the two-hour tour, kayakers will be guided down one of the many natural waterways in Fort Lauderdale by a professional tour guide who will teach guests about the local ecosystem as well as the local history and provide fun facts about the indigenous flora and fauna. Departure time is 8 p.m. and all kayak gear will be provided, so guests only need to bring their I.D. to check in and wear clothes you don't mind getting wet.



Wreck Bar Mermaid Shows

Fort Lauderdale is home to some beautiful beaches that go on for miles but there is only one place that takes the locale's nautical background to a whole new level. Located inside the B Ocean Resort, the Wreck Bar is a unique local watering hole built in the 1950s that was designed to resemble the interior of a shipwrecked Spanish Galleon complete with ceiling-to-floor aquariums and briny décor. However, what truly makes this maritime spot unique is its swim show featuring mermaids. Created by MeduSirena, the shows first made a splash when they were introduced to The Wreck Bar back in 2006. Since then, guests can see her and her fellow mermaids swimming past the portholes of The Wreck Bar while they enjoy tropical cocktails and fresh seafood. Yet, it's their nighttime shows that keep guests coming back time and time again. Patrons can dive into an evening of mesmerizing performances beneath the waves with one show every Friday night and two shows every Saturday night. Aside

from the underwater entertainment, guests can also enjoy dinner, drinks, and a live DJ. Seating is limited so be sure to book in advance



Visit Lauderdale Ale Trail

One way to enjoy Fort Lauderdale's brewery scene is Visit Lauderdale's Ale Trail Passport. With the mobile pass, beer aficionados and those looking to experience craft beers for the first time can discover nearly 15 breweries loved by locals. Not only that but by checking in on the app when you're at each location, you can redeem exclusive

discounts and earn prizes. All you need to do is download the pass at www.visitlauderdale. com/ale-trail, save the pass to your phone home screen, and simply check in at a participating location.



MODS Kids Adventures After Dark

The Museum of Discovery and Science hosts the Spend the Night at the Museum event for young science enthusiasts. Kids ages 6 to 12 are invited to join an evening of fun and science at MODS where they can embark on an action-packed themed adventure exploring the museum after dark. Each night has a different theme but always includes a fantastic lineup of activities including pizza feasts, IMAX experiences, exhibit exploration and science shows. The next three overnight adventures coming up include Wild Weather Night on May 10, Superhero Edition on June 14, and Pocket Monsters on Sept.7. For members, tickets cost only \$35 and for non-members, they are \$40. However, for larger families, MODS also offers a \$5 sibling discount for each additional child. Space is limited so



advanced registration is required and is open through Friday the week of the event at 3 p.m.

A PASSION PROJECT

SCOTCH WHISKY FOUNDER FULFILLS A DREAM

WRITER ALEXA LANIER

FEATURE

Editor's note: The Riverwalk Tribute, which honors community leaders each year, also includes a silent auction. This year's auction, on May 2, will include two autographed bottles of SIA Scotch Whisky along with a virtual tasting class for up to 20 with founder Carin Luna-Ostaseski.

arin Luna-Ostaseski is not what most people expect when they imagine an entrepreneur. But when you are told she is the first Hispanic female founder of a Scotch Whisky brand that is breaking into new markets, innovating funding for small business and convincing a new generation of spirit drinkers that scotch whisky isn't just for their grandfathers, you aren't exactly surprised that she comes from South Florida.

Born and raised in Miami, Luna-Ostaseski attended Our Lady of Lourdes Academy before graduating with an associate degree in graphic design and visual communications from the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale. She spent 17 years as a creative director before crowdsourcing almost \$50,000 on Kickstarter to fund her passion project of SIA Scotch Whisky.

Everything about SIA has a Taylor Swift level attention to detail. The bottle was designed by finding out what bartenders most desired, the name is Scottish-Gaelic and pays homage to the blend of six whiskies included in the original run, and the caramel and vanilla notes are to entice those who classify themselves as nonwhisky drinkers to give it a try.

Luna-Ostaseski is losing count of the molds and glass ceilings she has broken. Our conversation has been edited for length and clarity.

Do you feel that your South Florida roots influenced your brand?

Absolutely. The concept of starting anew is deeply rooted in the experience of coming from an immigrant family. Transitioning into entrepreneurship after spending considerable time working for established companies didn't feel as daunting, especially considering the significant sacrifices my family made for me to have opportunities in a land full of promise. Recognizing that their sacrifices were made with the hope of my success drives me to strive for excellence.

How do you select the recipients of your Entrepreneurial Spirit Fund grant program?

Since the inception of the brand eight years ago, I've made it a tradition to allocate a portion of our sales to organizations dedicated to empowering women in entrepreneurship. As a Hispanic business owner myself, I understand the challenges of securing funding and finding a supportive community firsthand. While our brand primarily caters to the Hispanic consumer, we've extended our charitable efforts to encompass all minority entrepreneurs.

To date, the fund has contributed over \$350,000 in grants to aid minority entrepreneurs. Recipients were carefully chosen through committee reviews of applications, assessing factors such as financial need, proposed use of funds, and their commitment to giving back to their communities.









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A JUICY JOURNEY

IN HONOR OF NATIONAL BURGER MONTH, WE LOOK BACK AT THE BURGER BATTLE

WRITER JASON LEIDY

'm a burger guy and it's Burger Month! Some of my favorite burger experiences have been thanks to the Riverwalk Burger Battle. The first competition was June 4, 2010. That year, Georgie's Alibi's The Champ won Best Burger and Fan Favorite went to The Capital Grille. Every year, local chefs would try to top one another's burger expressions during the competition, where clouds of savory smoke wafted through Fort Lauderdale. Ten years later, American Social won the Burger Battle in 2020 with its delicious smash burger.

In memory of that history, here are some of my favorite burgers from the 10 years of the Riverwalk Burger Battle.

This month, which is National Hamburger Month, fans of the meaty sandwich can explore Broward's burger scene via the first ever 954BurgerMonth: www.954burgermonth.com. Chef's kiss!

Georgie's Alibi, voted Best Burger in 2010

American Social, awarded Best Burger

and Burger Nirvana 2014



Pelican Grand, awarded Best Knife and Fork Burger 2017



Charm City Burgers from the 2012 Burger Battle

Big Bear Brewing Co. from the 2015 Burger Battle



Pincho Factory from the 2017 Burger Battle (now rebranded as Pincho)



American Social, awarded Best Burger in 2020



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