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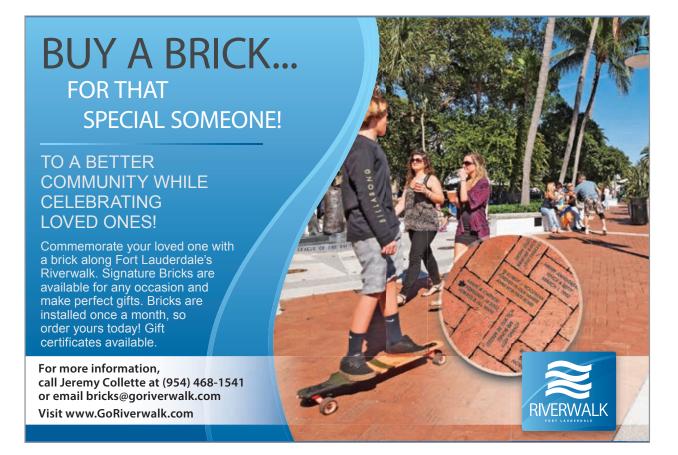
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#### **DOG DAYS OF SUMMER**



Las Olas Oceanside Park provides locals and visitors the opportunity to bond with their four-legged friends this summer, with the return of the popular Movies by Moonlight series. The monthly "Dog Days of Summer" lineup continues in July with classic dance-a-long musicals Grease (July 12) and Dirty Dancing (July 26). Come August, in honor of National Dog Month, the family-friendly cartoon film, Paw Patrol will be both on the screen and on the ground, as the LOOP will host a fundraiser for Humane Society of Broward County's PAWS group, with the chance to attend Paw Patrol Live at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, August 17 & 18. BCPA will also have giveaways and other special activities for the little ones.



The August 9 screening of Paw Patrol, hosted in partnership with Broward Center for the Performing Arts and Paw Patrol Live will benefit PAWS for the Humane Society of Broward County.

With activities beginning at 5pm, those heading to Fort Lauderdale Beach will have numerous options to while away the hours before the movies start at sunset, including a marketplace and food vendors for a dinner and movie experience.

Free to the public, Movies by Moonlight is co-sponsored by the City of Fort Lauderdale Beach Business Improvement District.
For full schedule and movie details, visit theloopflb.com

# Save the Dates!



Celebrate Independence Day at the annual **4th of July Spectacular**, hosted by the City of Fort Lauderdale from Noon - 9:15 pm.



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Direct River Views from this upgraded residence with custom office. Marble floors throughout, motorized window treatments, Poggenphol kitchen cabinetry & California custom closets. This flow through unit features 2 exposures & 2 terraces, river views & city skyline!

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Outstanding river views from this flow through residence with 2 sprawling terraces. Gourmet kitchen w/ Poggenphol cabinetry & high-end appliances.



#### **NEWLY PRICED 2 BD 2 BA + OFFICE** \$1,295,000

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.

#### **NEWLY PRICED CHELSEA 2BD 2.5BA** \$1,170,000

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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

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#### JUST LISTED! 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$795,000

Every day is a boat parade from this 2 bedroom 2 bath unit right on the Intracoastal! Located in the Trendy Central Beach neighborhood. This residence features wood floors, open kitchen & outstanding water views!

#### JUST LISTED! 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$789,000

Spectacular Intracoastal Views & sparkling city skyline at night! Blocks to the Beach! Split bedroom plan with walk in closets, open living area & covered terrace with outstanding views. Covered garage parking & storage.



#### JUST SOLD! 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

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#### 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

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#### **JUST LISTED!** 2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATHS | \$795,000

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BY RICHARD RODRIGUEZ Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair



# **HUIZENGA PARK REIMAGINED**

**NEXT STEPS** 

ver the last several months you may have noticed some changes at Huizenga Park, including the demolition of the amphitheater in February. On May 22, the reimagining of Huizenga Park took a big step forward with the groundbreaking ceremony and community celebration, with beverages and bites provided by Sweetwaters, the new restaurant that will be located at the park.

As preparation for construction continues on the main portion of the park work will commence on the area fronting the New River, with underground work and updates to sea walls and the riverfront scheduled in phase 1.

Phase 2 is anticipated to focus on the Riverwalk portion of the project to the current park boundaries and will include a temporary relocation of pedestrian access through the construction site. The DDA and construction team, along with the City and Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, will work to ensure that disruption of traffic along the Riverwalk is kept to a minimum, while ensuring the safety of neighbors and visitors with temporary lighting and other safety measures when deemed appropriate.

Phases 1 and 2 are tentatively planned to be completed before the 53rd Annual Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade on Dec. 14. Riverwalk and the DDA will continue to update the community about any impacts to the Riverwalk throughout the project. As always, feel free to bring any of your concerns to our team by emailing info@goriverwalk.com, and we will work see them addressed as quickly as possible.

The DDA and Huizenga Park Foundation have worked carefully to preserve and reuse as much as possible from the current park including:

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One of the local favorites is Savor Theatre, located in Downtown Fort Lauderdale with a great schedule and showtimes for all. With a rich history, this building, once a church, functions as a destination for first run and indie films. It is operated by the Broward County Film Society and features the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival. Another great option is Gateway Theatre located on East Sunrise Boulevard that again offers first-run and indie movies for your pleasure. Don't forget about AMC Dine-In at Coral Ridge Mall for a fun evening adventure complete with food and drinks at your seat. The indoor viewing provides comfort from the summer weather.

During the summer, there are other options including drive-ins and walk-ups that are many times offered for free on a summer's evening. Epic Outdoor Cinemas offer a variety of screens for rent or sale from patio or pro to host your own event. Twilight Features Inc. also has screens and events to suit your needs or buy-your-own system and enjoy any time. Check out Thunderbird Drive-In Movies at the Swap Shop Flea Market. Kids love the chance to do something unique like this.

Another great pastime in the summer is star gazing and there are lots of places nearby that offer a grand view — Buehler Planetarium and Observatory, Fort Lauderdale Beach, Markham Park, Victoria Park, C.B. Smith Park, Dania Beach Park, T.Y. Park and Pompano Beach.

Turtle nesting season runs from March through October and is busy during this time of the year. Reach out to the Museum of Discovery and Science and take one of their evening trips to the nest and see science at its best.

An evening boat ride is always fun and relaxing – try the Riverfront Gondola Tours or the Water Taxi evening soft sound cruises.

A family nighttime adventure is strolling Las Olas Boulevard to window shopping, for ice cream or a latenight snack. Xtreme Action Park offers go-karting, bowling alley, ropes courses and more. A trip on the Carrie B or Jungle Queen offers a great nighttime cruise as well.

As always, Broward Center for Performing Arts along with The Parker offer concerts, performances and shows to delight.





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• I have a long work/life history centered on Fort Lauderdale. My parents are natives of South Florida and I have lived in and around

Fort Lauderdale my entire life. In high school, I worked at the grocery store next to the Stranahan House along the Riverwalk where the Icon highrise sits today. I am grateful to see and be a part of what Fort Lauderdale has evolved into today.

Personally, I have been married for 25 years and we have two sons. We spent much time at the Museum of Discovery and Science and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts when they were younger. We still spend a lot of time around the Riverwalk today.

Professionally, I specialize in site redevelopment and land entitlement permit application processing, collaborating closely with property owners and diverse professionals, including land use attorneys, architects, landscape architects, engineers, traffic consultants, surveyors and City representatives. I have been involved in projects Downtown, the beach and surrounding areas. A few of my favorite projects include the new Baptist Health Iceplex at Holiday Park, the Inter Miami CF Stadium and many of the projects that make up Flagler Village.

I enjoy meeting new people, which is why I joined Riverwalk. Many of my business referrals come from people seeing our banner on the Riverwalk outside The Downtowner and Stranahan House, coincidentally next to where my high school job used to be and steps away from our office on Las Olas Boulevard. I'm proud to be part of this community.



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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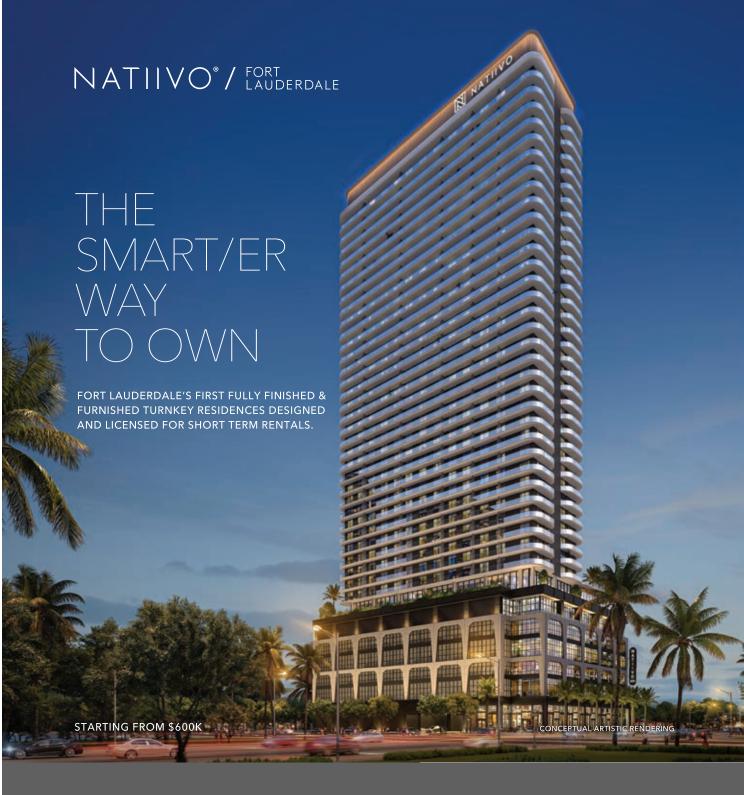
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# FIZZ FEST: BUBBLES ON THE RIVER

On May 11, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale partnered with House on the River for the first Fizz Fest: Bubbles on the River event. Guests enjoyed an interactive afternoon featuring bubbly drinks, seltzers and live music.



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# RIVERWALK RHYTHM AND BREWS

On June 1, Riverwalk Rhythm and Brews returned to Esplanade Park. The afternoon featured live music from The Catebella Music Band and showcased amazing food trucks and cold brews from South Beach Brewing and M.I.A. Beer Company. Thank you to our sponsors: Edward Jones — Cheryl Balaban, financial adviser; Stephens Distributing; Morningstar Storage of Fat Village; and Water Taxi.









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# RIVERWALK TACOS AND TEQUILA FEAST

The Second Annual Riverwalk Tacos and Tequila Feast was on May 18. Attendees braved the record heat to enjoy some of South Florida's mouthwatering tacos and tequilas, with VIP attendees sampling a selection of premium and ultra-premium tequilas, mezcals and other beverages curated by Con Murphy's Ocean Bar and Grill, and Stephens Distributing and tacos by Velvet Taco. Thank you to our amazing sponsors Morningstar Storage, Water Taxi and S.MARK Graphics.





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# **HUIZENGA PARK REIMAGINED**

Fort Lauderdale's signature gathering place is getting a makeover, and ground was officially broken on May 22 for this reimagining of Huizenga Park. The \$15 million project will have a central lawn, a fountain surrounded by shade and seating, a terrace, a dog run, a "moundscape" with small hills to climb, a raised wooden deck next to the Riverwalk, and a river overlook.



Huizenga Reimagined groundbreaking



Vice Mayor and District 2 Commissioner Steven Glassman



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# **WALK OF FAME AND GREAT AMERICAN BEACH PARTY**

The City of Fort Lauderdale kicked off summer with its annual Great American Beach Party on May 25. Event goers enjoyed live bands, water slides, a kids zone, a classic car show, an art show, a sand sculpting contest, a parachute jump, a military tribute, the Walk of Fame ceremony, vendors and exhibitors.

The Walk of Fame honorees this year are: Guy Harvey, marine artist and conservationist; the late Carlton B. Moore, civil rights trailblazer and city commissioner; and Bruce G. Roberts, lifelong public servant, chief of police and city commissioner.



Former Mayor Jack Seiler, Vice Mayor and District 2 Commissioner Steven Glassman, Police Chief William Schultz, Walk of Fame honoree former Police Chief and Commissioner Bruce G. Roberts, Mayor Dean Trantalis and District 3 Commissioner Pamela Beasley-Pittman



Family and friends of honoree the late Carlton B. Moore with Commissioner Pam Beasley-Pittman



From left, honoree Bruce G. Roberts, Commissioner Pamela Beasley-Pittman, Mayor Trantalis, Greg Jacoski on behalf of honoree Guy Harvey, Vice Mayor Steve Glassman and Forrest Moore, son of the late Carlton B. Moore, honoree



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BY MAYOR DEAN TRANTALIS

City of Fort Lauderdale



# PLACES, EVERYONE

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP LAUNCHES TO ATTRACT ARTISTIC PRODUCTION



ort Lauderdale has had a long history as a favorite destination for filmmakers as well as production companies working on TV series, commercials and music videos – from Where the Boys Are in 1960 to Bad Boys 4 earlier this year.

A major economic development project is now underway to create an even closer relationship between the movie industry and our community – the construction of a movie studio. The developers who pursued this public-private partnership recently announced their primary tenant – Infinite Reality – and that the company would be creating more than 1,000 high-paying jobs.

The studio initiative is a bold testament to our belief in Fort Lauderdale's potential and our dedication to building a future where innovation, artistic opportunity and economic growth thrive hand-in-hand. This state-of-the-art content creation complex with its sound stages and film sets will attract major film, television and streaming productions.

The studio owners say they have financing in place and expect to proceed through the city's development approval process in the coming months.

It's great to be able to create so many jobs and help expand the film industry in South Florida. But this project is more than that.

It also transforms the old Wingate landfill and incinerator site, breathing new life into an underutilized area of the city. Wingate is a former Superfund site that the city cleaned up the parcel two decades ago only to see no interest until now in its redevelopment.

This studio will be a beacon of innovation, education and opportunity. It includes a very special education component with an on-site film school.

An agreement with Florida Atlantic University is in place, and agreements with more schools, like Nova Southeastern University and others, are in the works. The team also is working with Broward County Schools to create an internship program with Dillard High School.

By training a new generation in the trades and skills essential to high-tech content creation and movie production, we are providing pathways to success for our own residents.

I hope the movie studio complex will be a magnet for investment, drawing talent, businesses and film productions from far and wide. That would create a ripple effect throughout our economy, generating jobs in diverse sectors ranging from construction to hospitality. It's a truly exciting prospect.

#### **Hurricane** season

Switching subjects, summer – and hurricane season – is at hand. Weather forecasters are expecting a very busy storm season so I urge everyone to heed the call for preparedness to safeguard ourselves and our loved ones from potential threats.

Let's take proactive steps now to ensure our resilience in the face of any storms that may come our way. Here are three fundamental actions to kick-start your hurricane preparedness:

- Make a plan: Develop a comprehensive evacuation strategy outlining what steps to take before, during, and after a hurricane. Share this plan with your family and friends, ensuring everyone knows their roles and responsibilities.
- Build a kit: Assemble an emergency kit stocked with essential supplies to sustain you and your family for three to five days. Remember to include ample water, non-perishable food items, batteries, a phone charger, a flashlight, medications, and cash. Preparation is key, and having these supplies readily available can make all the difference in an emergency.
- Stay informed: Stay abreast of weather forecasts and alerts, keeping a keen eye on both rain and wind hazards associated with hurricanes. Sign up for emergency alerts from the City of Fort Lauderdale at fortlauderdale.gov/ alertftl to receive timely updates and crucial information.

Additionally, to mitigate potential risks, consider fortifying your home with impact-resistant windows and doors, documenting your belongings, and reviewing your insurance coverage.

Our city's Quick Tips Guide is a valuable resource for preparing. Remember, being prepared isn't just a precaution — it's a lifeline during times of crisis, safeguarding both lives and property. 

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CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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BY KAREN WARFEL City of Fort Lauderdale Transportation Planning Division Manager



# **BUILDING CITIES**

HOW WE SUPPORT THE LIFEBLOOD OF OUR COMMUNITY

few months ago, South Florida was the host of a national professional transportation conference of the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO).

NACTO is an association of 100 major North American cities and transit agencies formed to exchange transportation ideas, insights and practices and cooperatively approach national transportation issues. NACTO's mission is to build cities as places for people, with safe, sustainable, accessible, and equitable transportation choices that support a strong economy and vibrant quality of life.

The City of Fort Lauderdale was accepted as a member in 2014 and continues to be actively involved in the association. It is an exciting organization to be a part of to be able to collaborate with cities large and small across North America working on the same types of issues that we are here in Fort Lauderdale.

This was the first time that NACTO held its conference in the Southeast, with the main conference being held in Miami. The conference includes both workshops at the conference site and mobile workshops out in the communities to highlight projects that stretched as far north as West Palm Beach.

I was lucky enough to be asked to participate on panels in several workshops to highlight the great accomplishments we have made in the City of Fort Lauderdale. It was an honor to be able to share our story that has included our strong leadership from the City Commission to make our city a place where a person can get around no matter

what mode of transportation they choose, and our many partners doing hard work including our remarkable neighbors and many partner agencies.

We also hosted an amazing mobile workshop with our many great partners to highlight, in person, Downtown Fort Lauderdale and all the multimodal successes we have been able to accomplish together. It was great to be able to show off to the participants from across the country the reasons why we are so proud to call Fort Lauderdale home.

• The amazing history of the city and the importance of transportation in that history provided by Patricia Zeller, executive director of History Fort Lauderdale,

Together, we were able to share with the participants:

- The story of the Riverwalk and the difference that it has made in how we can get around Downtown by Jeremy Collette, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Inc.
- The importance of water transportation and the marine industry in our city provided by Bill Walker, CEO/ president of Water Taxi,
- A ride on Circuit micro transit vehicles to learn how easy it is to make short trips around town,
- Both the successes and struggles of mobility in Flagler Village as our downtown transforms into a mixed-use urban core by Phillip Dunlap, president of Broward Cultural Division,
- And the many city transportation projects either recently completed or in the process by City Transportation and Mobility Staff.











# **ARTISTS, CAMERA, ACTION**

HOW OUR FILM INDUSTRY FUELS A VIBRANT CULTURAL ECONOMY

he film sector is a significant economic driver and vibrant component of our arts and culture scene, reflecting the diversity and creativity that define Broward County.

Cultivating and supporting the local film industry has far-reaching impacts on our creative economy. This sector fuels job creation, supports ancillary businesses and attracts substantial investment. It stimulates economic growth by drawing film productions to our region, which in turn boosts local businesses such as hospitality and transportation. This ripple effect enhances the overall economic vitality of Broward County.

By providing opportunities for local filmmakers, we nurture a pool of creative professionals who contribute to a dynamic cultural landscape. Filmmakers share unique stories and perspectives that enrich our community's cultural tapestry, promoting cultural diversity and social cohesion.

Our local film industry also plays a pivotal role in attracting tourists, who come to explore the filming locations and engage with the local arts scene. This tourism boost further supports local businesses and cultural institutions, creating a symbiotic relationship between the film industry and the broader arts and culture sector.

At the Cultural Division, we are continually increasing our investment in local artists. Over the past two years alone, we've increased funding more than 60 per-

cent through individual grants ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000. Several of our grantees have used the funding to supplement the creation of films. And, our colleagues with Film Lauderdale offer an Emerging Filmmakers grant that provides \$10,000 in matching funds.

Grants aside, Film Lauderdale has been instrumental in positioning Broward County as a premier destination for filmmakers. By offering competitive incentives, streamlined permitting processes and appealing locations, Broward is attracting high-profile productions that enhance our region's reputation on a national and international scale.

A key figure championing these efforts is Commissioner Steve Geller, Broward County Commission's representative on our Cultural Council, whose unwavering support and advocacy have been crucial in securing investments aimed at creating a more diverse and sustainable film industry. With a commitment to fostering inclusivity within the industry, he is ensuring that opportunities are accessible to all. This forward-thinking approach not only enriches the local film scene but also promotes broader social equity and cultural diversity.

By continuing to support innovative initiatives and investing in talent development, we're working to strengthen Broward County's standing as a destination for creativity and artistic excellence.

Find local films and more at ArtsCalendar.com. @



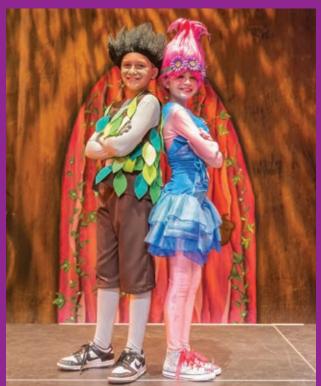
Broward County Commissioner Steve Geller and Film Commissioner Sandy Lighterman present an incentive check to Sunshine Films Florida.



Behind-the-scenes filming in Broward County.

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# PRIVATE SECURITY MADE PERSONAL

SIG 9 MAKES SECURITY A PRIORITY

afeguarding yourself, your home or your business should always be a top priority, and private security companies like Sig 9 Global are in the business of doing just that.

What originally started as a private investigation office quickly morphed into a complete security organization that could have a wider reach in the community.

"Before starting Sig 9, I was a police officer at the Broward Sheriff's Office for 30 years," said Jim Fondo, owner and co-founder. "After I retired, I connected with a friend of mine, Steve Cady, who also had retired from the Broward Sheriff's Office, and we started Sig 9 in 2015.

"At the time, we were more focused on the private investigation side of things, but we quickly kept getting requests to offer personal security services as well."

After those initial requests, they added 15 to 20 security guards to the team and began slowly offering some new private security services. Before they knew it, the company grew exponentially and expanded into what it is today which is a comprehensive personal security and private investigation company.

Sig 9 continues to offer a two-pronged approach to its services, the first being its private investigations which include asset searches, missing persons searches, background investigations, surveillance, tenant screening and more.

As for their private security branch, they use a multi-faceted and analytical approach to designing their client-specific

security services which include residential and commercial property surveillance, personal



bodyguard protection, gatehouse security, community patrols and event security.

It's not just their wide range of services that sets them apart, it's their dedication to hiring highly trained professionals who have an extensive background in law enforcement and even the military.

"We do hire a lot of retired police officers and military officers because this is the type of industry where you can either provide a very poor service or a very good service. So, by hiring people who have years of experience in this industry we're able to offer our clients a network of people who execute our range of services exceptionally," he said. Outside of their current services, Fondo and his team are already thinking ahead in terms of the future of Sig 9 and how they can offer even more requested services in this field.

"We are currently looking at a new service that we'd like to add to our current business model which is Baker Act transportation. It's definitely a new idea we're looking to implement in Broward County and we're working with a doctor

locally who specializes in performing Baker Acts.

"Through this service, we're hoping to make it more of a personalized, safe and comfortable experience for the person being Baker Acted and their loved ones," Fondo said. Through this new service, they plan to work alongside the contracted doctor who will go to the family of the person in need's home, interview them, perform an evaluation, and from there will set up a day and time for Sig 9 to come and transport the patient.

"Much like all of our other services, we hope to make this a service that not only helps those in need but makes the entire process easier for everyone involved," he said. (1)





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



# A FOGGY CRYSTAL BALL

WHAT THE ECONOMIC NUMBERS TELL US

t is difficult at best to predict where our mixed-bag economy is headed and how a business owner should prepare. When I pull out my crystal ball it's not clear. I tell most executives: stay the course with the basics of executing your business plan and you should be fine.

That's easy for me to say when stubborn inflation, the target is two percent, and interest rates coupled with job growth and higher unemployment continues to stymie the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee (FOMC) and other economists. In May, inflation cooled to 3.3 percent from 3.4 percent. Good news but one month's datapoint is not a trend.

As of this writing, here are the numbers: unemployment nationally 4%, locally 3.1%; inflation 3.3%; consumer price

index 3.6%, 4.5% locally; 30-year fixed-rate mortgage 7.773%; jobs created 272,000; average hourly earnings rose to 4.1% year-over-year. Comparatively, these numbers may indicate it is time for a rate cut, but others disagree. At its June 12 meeting, members of the FOMC held the line on rates.

When I asked Fed Bank of Atlanta President Rafael Bostick where he thought rates will be this year, he was emblematic of that position. "I still need to see more signs" that a rate cut is warranted, he said. Bostick, a voting member of the FOMC, predicted only one rate cut, if any, in 2024.

How all this plays out locally takes many paths. It could be a contributing factor as to why we have had closures of restaurants in the region. Tim Petrillo, CEO and founder of The Restaurant People, disagrees.

"Some closures are due to bad locations while others have new restaurants ready to move in when leases are up," he said. Petrillo is a serial entrepreneur who owns a dozen restaurants and bars locally.

There was uncertainty at our Council of Economic Advisors session in May which meets with the Fed on a quarterly basis. Several sectors were off — hospitality, construction and manufacturing, to name three.

Construction fueled us through the pandemic, but experts continue to report pencils down as high rates and land costs block developments. What we see coming out of the

ground was in the pipeline for some time. There will be a gap to future significant construction projects, according to industry sources.

In general businesses reported a slowdown in wage growth yet increase in job creation. Consumer demand is constant. Input costs and prices have stabilized in several sectors while others continue to rise without the ability to pass increases to customers. Over 60 percent of CEA members are continuing capital investments and revenues are lower to no change with only four sectors reporting growth. The top two pressing business concerns remain labor and sales demand/revenues.

All this is to say, my crystal ball continues to be foggy so stay the course. 

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



#### **SALTY JOBS**

PUTTING MARINE INDUSTRY CAREERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

he recreational marine and boating industry is a key component of South Florida's economy. The industry has experienced historic growth in recent years, contributing \$18.5 billion in economic output to the local economy and creating more than 142,000 jobs in our region.

This growth shows no signs of stopping, which makes it imperative to have a continuous flow of skilled trade professionals entering the industry. Successful programs like the Yacht Service Technician Apprenticeship Program and marine-focused learning tracks in area middle and high schools are some of the strategies currently in place.

The Marine Industries Association of South Florida has been integral to these programs, but our organization wanted to do more. We wanted another way to promote high-wage career opportunities in the marine industry. Leveraging the power of social media was a great way to reach our target demographic — young adults in the early stages of their careers.

But what was the best approach? We landed on video since it's a proven, powerful tool for engaging audiences online. The MIASF set out to create a fun and educational video series that showcases different marine industry jobs in each episode.

Salty Jobs debuted on Oct. 25, 2016. The inaugural video showed MIASF's then-Director of Development, Sean Smith, learning how to replace head gaskets on an MTU12 V4000 engine and the importance of maintaining oil pressure on a marine generator.

Salty Jobs has since covered the gamut of marine industry careers, from manufacturing marine exhaust systems and installing/testing navigational systems to becoming a boat captain and crewing on private and commercial yachts. Now in its fifth season, Salty Jobs' 47th episode is currently in production.

Salty Jobs' success is due to our dedicated MIASF team members who have stepped up over the years to host the series and learn hands-on from marine professionals. Salty Jobs' success is also due in no small part to the ongoing support from our video production partner, The Media Lab.

The Media Lab has been involved in the Salty Jobs project since day one. Jimmy Floyd, director of video operations at The Media Lab, has been a hands-on member of the Salty Jobs team since we started the project eight years ago.

Working in tandem with the show's executive producer and host, Floyd and his team are responsible for all video shooting and production editing for each episode. This typically includes one-half day of shooting footage, plus seven to 11 hours of post-shoot editing. This includes voiceovers in Media Lab's state-of-the-art studio. There's a lot that goes on behind the scenes to produce each five-minute episode.

With more than 85 percent of internet users consuming video content each month, partnering with The Media Lab to produce short, educational videos that we share on our YouTube channel is one of the most effective ways to promote the variety of well-paying career options available in the marine industry.







Salty Jobs is a video series produced by the Marine Industries Association of South Florida. Each episode features a career and business in the marine industry, such as Advanced Waterjet Solutions in a recent episode.



#### FROM YOUR PROPERTY APPRAISER



#### **NEWS FOR HOMEOWNERS**

INVESTIGATE A HOME'S PROPERTY TAXES WHEN BUYING A HOUSE

hen buying/acquiring real estate, do not assume the property taxes will remain the same as the current owner's taxes. Under Florida law, a change in ownership requires the property to be reassessed at current full market value the year following the change of ownership OR if a Homestead Exemption is added/removed from the property. This reassessment could result in higher property taxes for the new owner than what the seller was paying. Please use the Tax Estimator on our website at web.bcpa.net and click on "Online Tools" to approximate your new property taxes based on the reassessed value.

The Property Appraiser does not set or collect taxes. Tax rates/fees are set by individual taxing authorities each year based on their budgetary needs. All property tax billing and collecting is

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Homestead Exemption and Portability save eligible property owners thousands of dollars each year. For more information on tax saving exemptions such as Homestead, Senior and all other available exemptions, please visit our website at web.bcpa.net. The deadline to apply for any 2024 exemption is Sept. 18, 2024.

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



PHOTO BY JASON LEIDY

# **BEHIND THE SCENES**

WHAT IT TAKES TO FILM IN FORT LAUDERDALE

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER









hen the idea of the film industry comes to mind, most people think of the glitz and glamor that is Hollywood. Yet, a lot of well-known movies and TV shows have been shot right here in Fort Lauderdale.

In fact, according to Visit Lauderdale, the on-location film industry has brought in an economic impact of more than \$800 million to Greater Fort Lauderdale since 2009.

What exactly does it take to film here? To film any kind of production in Fort Lauderdale or Broward County, a studio or production team must first go through Film Lauderdale which is a full-service concierge film commission.

Aside from issuing film permits for 26 municipalities, the film commission also provides locations and logistics assistance, coordinates with state and federal entities, offers referral resources and works directly with studios and production teams on their projects.

"Typically a location manager, producer, director or studio will get in touch with us and let us know they're looking to shoot here," said Film Commissioner Sandy Lighterman.

"From there, we can break down the script with them to create a shot list with the best corresponding locations.

"Once they decide to shoot here, we work with the location manager to approve each location with their team and then they can start applying for permits which we also handle," Lighterman said.

Not only has Film Lauderdale streamlined the process for filmmakers through these services, but they also offer many incentives to film here. To attract more film and television productions to film locally, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2021-518 which established film, television and entertainment production incentive programs to provide funding to production companies to bring their projects to Broward County.

These include multiple performance-based rebate programs as well as an emerging filmmaker program among others.

"These incentives are a big driving force in attracting a lot of projects to be filmed here and now studios are even tapping into our TV commercial incentive as well," Lighterman said. "So, thankfully the county administration and the county commission all understood the importance of having a robust incentive program as it will encourage more people to film here."

That is not the only way Fort Lauderdale and Broward County are looking to entice more filmmakers to choose South Florida over other locations.

This past year, the City Commission approved the construction and development of a \$164 million state-of-the-art movie studio complex to be built on a 61-acre site that has been vacant for some time.

"There have been a lot of ideas tossed around over the years of what to build on this site but ultimately, we decided to build something that would invest in and create new opportunities for the people within our community," said Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner John C. Herbst. Those opportunities include a variety of not only new jobs focused on running and operating this new facility once open but constructing and developing it as well.

Ironically, the site was previously in talks to be used as a site for a studio back in 1990 but was never approved, according to Lighterman. However, it looks like Fort Lauderdale will finally have its own studio complex complete with full-service movie, television and streaming production studios as well as multiple large sound stages and outdoor film sets.

Along with the production facility, the complex will also feature an educational component to train participants in motion picture production trades.

"The more we can build up our film industry down here, the better off our entire region will be," said Commissioner Herbst.

#### Fort Lauderdale Studio Initiative

The Fort Lauderdale City Commission approved plans to go forward with this movie and arts studio complex in September 2022. Developed by Fort Lauderdale Studio Initiative LLC, the City says the state-of-theart movie studio complex will be an educational and cultural facility and will include:

- training for participants on trades involved in motion picture production
- full-service production studios for movies, television, and streaming
- multiple large sound stages
- outdoor film sets

Location: 1400 N.W. 31st Ave., near Sunrise Boulevard

Number of acres: 61 Number of sound stages: 8 Building square footage: 350,000

Cost: \$164 million

Funding: Funded privately by Infinite Reality Inc. @



### Notable Titles Filmed in Fort Lauderdale

Over the years, hundreds of movies, TV shows, commercials and music videos have been filmed in Fort Lauderdale. From box office hits to household names, these are a few recognizable films and series shot here.

#### MOVIE: WHERE THE BOYS ARE

Released: 1960

Starred: Connie Francis and George

Hamilton

**Fun fact:** Most of the exterior shots were filmed in Fort Lauderdale with key locations being Fort Lauderdale Beach and The Elbo Room.

#### **MOVIE: CADDYSHACK**

Released: 1980

**Starred:** Bill Murray and Chevy Chase **Fun fact:** Even though the film took place at a country club in Nebraska it was actually filmed at a private golf club outside downtown Fort Lauderdale.

#### **MOVIE: MARLEY & ME**

Released: 2008

Starred: Owen Wilson and Jennifer

Aniston

**Fun fact:** All the office scenes were filmed in the downtown offices of The Sun Sentinel.

#### **MOVIE: ROCK OF AGES**

Released: 2012 Starred: Tom Cruise

**Fun fact:** All of the on-stage performances and club scenes were shot at Revolution Live.

#### TV SHOW: THE GLADES

Aired: 2010-2013 Starred: Matt Passmore

**Fun fact:** The series was filmed in Fort Lauderdale and Broward County, making it one of the three TV series at the time to be filmed exclusively in Florida.

#### TV SHOW: GRACELAND

Aired: 2013-2015

Starred: Daniel Sunjata, Aaron Tveit, and

Pedro Pascal

**Fun fact:** Although set in Southern California, Graceland was primarily filmed in Fort Lauderdale and other parts of South Florida.

Tressa Azarel Smallwood and her company, MegaMind Media, filmed the movie "Married to a Baller" in Fort Lauderdale. The movie stars Dominique Madison, Emanuel Alexander and Darian J. Barnes.

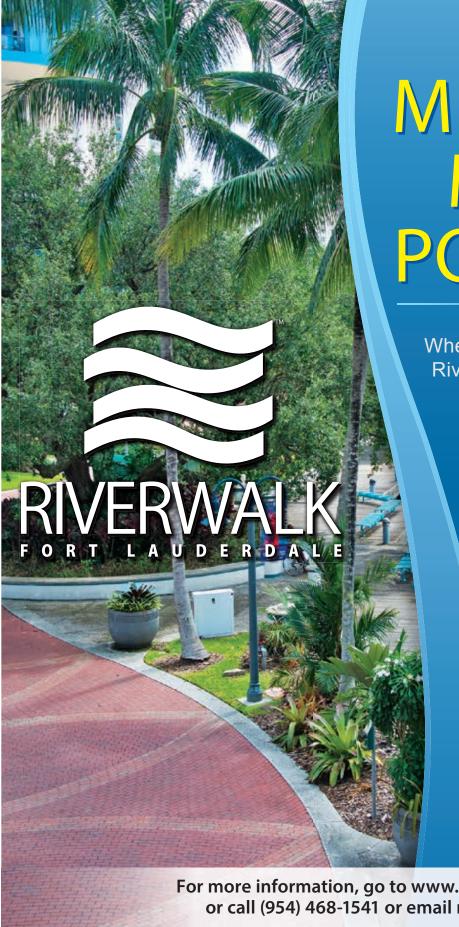


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## **DEEP DISH, CHICAGO STYLE**

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. THE CHEESE IS UNDER THE SAUCE

**WRITER** MARK BUDWIG AND NICK SCALZO

Go Riverwalk publisher Mark Budwig and creative director Nick Scalzo have been together 42 years and have spent much of that time in the kitchen, which is where this deep-dish pizza recipe has evolved.

eing born and raised in Chicago, deep dish was always readily available as a choice in the pizza world. Living in South Florida over the past 25 years created a void in our world that needed to be filled.

This recipe, initially inspired by Chicago's own Uno Pizzeria along with basic recipe of Emeril Lagasse's, which serves as a framework. It has developed over the past 20-some years and has become our own creation that occurs at least once a month at our house.

The recipe calls for a pre-made pizza dough, but if you feel really industrious, go for it and make your own crust from scratch. One key factor to a great crust, pre-made or otherwise, is when assembling the dish, place the cheese as the bottom layer. This creates a seal between the crust and the other ingredients, keeping excess moisture from making a soggy bottom, thus maintaining the integrity for a crispier crust.

A few words about the cheese. Typically, mozzarella is called for, but if you like a little more character, provolone can be used as a substitute or in addition, to add that extra something.

As for the other ingredients included in the recipe, such as sausage, pepperoni, bell pepper, mushroom, black olive and onion, you can pick and choose to your personal taste. Each combination of these will create their own flavor profile.

Finally, to top things off, with a nice, sharp, grated parmesan cheese. This rounds out the other flavors and gives it that salty bite.

The recipe itself is not included here due to space restrictions, but can be downloaded from https://shorturl.at/6iQqD.

This deep dish does not require an expert chef to create and always gets rave reviews at dinner parties. Hopefully you give it a test run and let us know if you enjoy it as much as everyone else who has tried it. Buon appetito!









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Pippin

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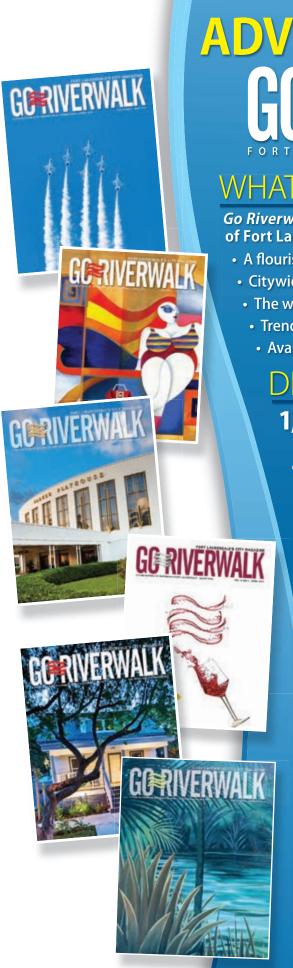
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