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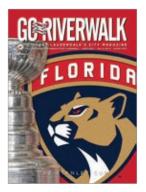
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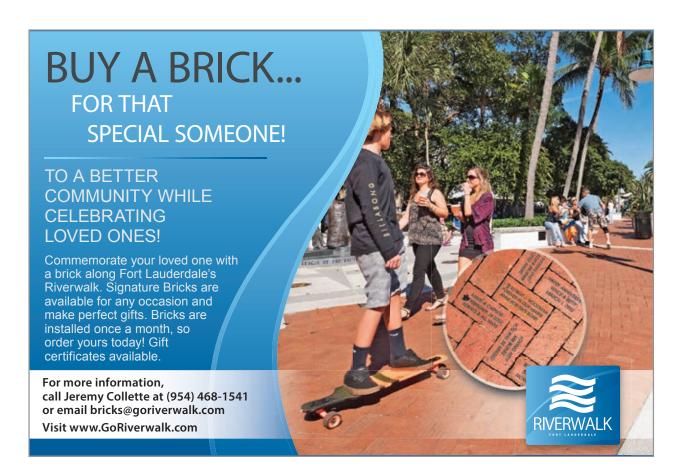
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Why Are We Happy? Earning Five Awards in the 2024 FTL Magazine Readers Poll

AUGUST IS NATIONAL DOG MONTH



It's no suprise that National Dog Day & Dog Month both take place during National Happiness Happens Month. Afterall, who makes us happier than our four-legged friends? To celebrate, join us for our final **Movies by Moonlight** "Dog Days of Summer" movie, **Paw Patrol** on Friday, August 9, co-sponsored by the City of Fort Lauderdale Beach Improvement District (BID).



In addition to the free movie screening the evening will feature a meet and greet and book signing with former NFL player, Brandin Bryant, who will showcase his new chidren's book "Can I Pet That Dog?" as well as the first in his ongoing series, "So, You Want to be an Athlete?"

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AUG 4 - 10: NAT. FARMERS MARKET WEEK

While visiting a farmers market can have a positive impact on your weekend morning, they also make an impact in providing a gathering place for our community, and play an important role in supporting small business and the local economy. This plus the fact everyone knows "happiness is homemade" is just one more reason to #shopsmall and #supportlocal, not just during Farmers Market Week, but every week, yearround. Join us and experience the #TheMKT, every Saturday from 9am - 4pm and Sunday from 10am - 4pm. Closed, Sunday, August 18 & 25.



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3 BEDROOM + 3.5 BATH

Right on the water! Direct eye level river views from the oversized terrace,

bringing the boating activity right to your balcony. Unique to this

residence, parking space & storage are on the same level as the unit.

2 BEDROOM + 2.5 BATH + OFFICE

Panoramic Views of the Ocean, Intracoastal & River! Located in the

heart of Las Olas. Marble floors, custom wood work & built ins, Quartz Coutertops, Poggenphol kitchen, 2 covered terraces with 2 exposures.

2 BEDROOM + 2.5 BATH + OFFICE 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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JUST LISTED! **ASHLEY** | \$1,795,000

JUST SOLD! ASHLEY 3 BEDROOM + 3.5 BATH Outstanding river views from this flow through residence with 2 sprawling terraces. Gourmet kitchen w/Poggenphol cabinetry & high-end appliances.



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.



UST 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 \$1,125,000

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.

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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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Ocean & Pool Views! Spacious split bedroom floor plan with floor to ceiling windows & a large covered terrace. Located directly on the sand, this luxury oceanfront residence features resort-style amenities.

JUST SOLD! 2 BD 2 BA + OFFICE

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

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STARDUST | \$849,000

Outstanding 2 bedroom 2 bath with Ocean, Intracoastal & River views! Tile floors throughout, crown molding, floor to ceiling glass in every room! Upgraded appliances, bathrooms & custom closets.

NEWLY PRICED STARDUST \$819,000

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

NEWLY PRICED SKYVIEW \$619,000

Skyview Light & Bright modernized 2 bedroom 2 bath with river & city views. White glossy cabinets, tile & wood floors, custom closets, floor to ceiling glass sliders & a sunset terrace overlooking the river.

JUST LISTED! SUNGARDEN | \$495,000

Gorgeous Sunset Views from this fabulous 1 bedroom 1 bath unit overlooking the pool & city. Induction cooktop, upgraded granite, ledgestone wall in the bedroom, tile & montecito wood floors floors.

NEWLY PRICED SUNGARDEN | \$419,000

1 bedroom 1 bath unit, nice sized terrace with glass railings! Five-star Building, Resort Style Amenities in the Luxurious Las Olas neighborhood.

JUST SOLD! RIVERSIDE

Panoramic views from this high floor Riverside Model 2 bedroom 2 bath + den. Double Door entry, split bedroom floor plan, floor to ceiling glass.



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!

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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

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 2.5 BATHS | \$795,000

Modern Redesign! Corner Unit with Wrap Around Terrace overlooking the River, Pool and City! Amazing Interiors featuring porcelain tiles throughout, motorized window treatments, custom kitchen with glossy white cabinetry, full backsplash, quartz countertops, center island with waterfall edge quartz. Open floor plan perfect for entertaining with large living space. Custom redesigned baths with free standing deep soaking tub, glass enclosed shower and dual vanities. This unit is a must see!



BY RICHARD RODRIGUEZ Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair



RIVERWALK'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT

THE SECRET INGREDIENT FOR OUR SUCCESS

the Fort Lauderdale Riverwalk began with a vision from the community nearly 40 years ago, and today it is still a work in progress, but the needs it fulfills are different for each individual and community that utilize this unique space.

In some ways this vision is similar to a family recipe that's adapted and passed down from generation to generation, each person adding a different flavor or insight. There are plenty of well-known names and faces involved in this ever-evolving project we call the Riverwalk, such as the City's elected officials and staff, property owners, developers and lawyers, and Riverwalk staff and our many partners in building and nurturing Fort Lauderdale's Downtown. But the "unseen chefs" in this success story are the many people who love the Riverwalk and what it means to our community.

For many, Riverwalk is a daily recreational venue, or an avenue to traverse to work, home or one of those regular after-hours socializing or dining destinations. For others it is an irregular occurrence tacked onto a night out on the town, or perhaps the closing act to a special evening or day.

Today, as always, there are a number of projects in

various states of planning that will enhance the Riverwalk and add value to our downtown Riverwalk community, with the reimagined Huizenga Park being key among them. But a big thank you for the success story that is Riverwalk is due not just to the many community leaders and elected officials who have nurtured the Riverwalk project over the past decades and continue to do so, but to everyone who supports Riverwalk by buying a brick, sponsoring a banner, joining as a member, reading Go Riverwalk magazine and by coming out to our events year after year.

Every dollar and hour spent on our Riverwalk is another vote in favor of our downtown Riverwalk Park and District, which is growing not just in population, but also in the depth of its offerings.

Thank you to all our supporters, and please enjoy the remaining quiet of summer with a trip to the Riverwalk and a show at the Broward Center, or a visit to History Fort Lauderdale, MODS, NSU Art Museum or Stranahan House. Riverwalk's Fall event season will start on Friday, Aug. 23, with Riverwalk Rhythm & Brews at Esplanade Park. We hope to see you there!







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Summer is a grand time to try out new restaurants, new recipes and backyard barbecues. Food is a catalyst for gatherings and the offerings in Fort Lauderdale are wide and varied. We sometimes forget to recognize those in the kitchen making the magic happen along with the hospitality team that welcomes us, serves us and cleans up after we enjoy a great feast.

Often named chefs get praise but let us not forget the sous chefs and food lines that produce copious amounts of food to serve. They add a flair to the presentation which only enhances the experience.

Also unrecognized are our fast-food cooks that produce vast amounts of food on short notice and are people we rarely see.

Culinary options in our city are diverse and fun and since we are in the summer season, expect to see lots of burgers, hot dogs, ribs, corn and watermelon! For



Diane McIntyre prepares and serves food at the concessions station at the Baptist Health Iceplex, the location of practice rinks for the Florida Panthers.

a different kind of taste, there are a large number of specialty salads that pop up during the summer featuring fruits and vegetables that are in season and plentiful.

Take the time to enjoy the summer, the food options and the slower pace. In your home, there is usually a primary cook who shops and prepares for you and your family – these unsung heroes deserve to be recognized for that nurturing they provide.

We would love to hear about your favorite meal, cook, chef and experience. Be sure to email and share your fun with us so we can further spread the word.



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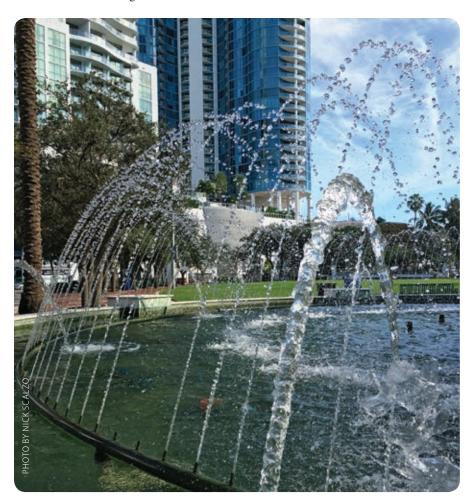
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• Everything I do is with laughter. There are so many things I am grateful and joyful for, like my family and the meaningful work I do.

Originally from Ohio, I went to high school in Boca Raton and did both undergrad and law school at University of Miami. I was a summer associate at Holland & Knight in Fort Lauderdale, the firm where I still practice, and decided that this was the right city for me.

After I had my son, I would push him in his stroller along the Riverwalk every day, and it became one of my favorite daily habits. I wanted to become a member because of the Riverwalk's meaning to me.

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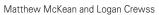
Riverwalk Sofio @ MASA & Comedy Club MASA & MORE



RIVERWALK POWER MIXER AT HERE & NOW

The second Riverwalk Power Mixer of 2024 was held at Here & Now in Flagler Village on June 24. Riverwalk Trustee members and Corporate Partners gathered for conversation and were treated to an exquisite spread of hors d'oeuvres in this pocket of Flagler, nestled up against the up and coming FATVillage neighborhood.







Danielle Rice, Ann Marie Fox, Joe Arenal, Carol Tracz and Tricia and Jason Edelmann





Lou Doherty and Natasha Cozart



Jodi Jeffreys-Tanner and Phillip Dunlap



Tricia Edelmann, Carol Tracz and Ann Marie Fox



Michael Johnston and David Griffin



Debbie Danto, Lori Janicki and Michael Angulo



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GO CATS!

A deluge of rain on June 30 did not stop Florida Panthers fans from celebrating the team's Stanley Cup win at Fort Lauderdale Beach.



Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis and Vice Mayor and District 2 Commissioner Steven Glassman



Sunrise Mayor Michael Ryan and Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis



Vice Mayor and District 2 Commissioner Steven Glassman and Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis and Fort Lauderdale District 4 Commissioner Warren Sturman









Florida Panthers center No. 23 Carter Verhaeghe proudly hoists the Stanley Cup during the community celebration. This is Verhaeghe's second Stanley Cup win.



Acting City Manager Susan Grant with Fort Lauderdale District 4 Commissioner Warren Sturman, Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis and Vice Mayor and District 2 Commissioner Steven Glassman

RIVERWALK BOARD SOCIAL

On July 1, Riverwalk Board of Directors and Advisory Board members gathered at Boathouse at the Riverside Hotel to mingle and discuss Riverwalk's upcoming events and programs.





Candice Ericks and Michael Johnston



Micki Scavone and Ed Murphy



Alexa Lanier and Jim Farrick



Richard Rodriguez, Michael Weymouth and Howard Elfman





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JULY 4 CELEBRATION

The City of Fort Lauderdale presented a grand July 4th celebration on the beach, complete with live music, amazing animals, children's activities and of course, fireworks.







Fort Lauderdale District 4 Commissioner Warren Sturman, Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis and Vice Mayor and District 2 Commissioner Steven Glassman

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DISTRICT 1 COMMISSIONER JOHN C. HERBST City of Fort Lauderdale



FORT LAUDERDALE'S HIDDEN GEMS

EXPLORING DISTRICT 1'S CULINARY DELIGHTS

ello residents and visitors of Fort Lauderdale! Food has a magical way of bringing us together, transcending boundaries and uniting communities. As the Commissioner of District 1, I'm excited to introduce you to some incredible dining spots that lie beyond the vibrant energy of Las Olas, specifically in the northern reaches of my District.

Cafe Vico at Galt Ocean Mile

Let's start our journey at Cafe Vico, situated along the serene Galt Ocean Mile. Chef Marco Vico invites you to savor authentic Italian flavors with a distinct ocean flair with dishes like Spaghetti Seafood — lobster meat, shrimp and crab meat in a brandy lobster cream sauce. You can find them at 3496 N. Ocean Blvd., Fort Lauderdale 33308.

American Tapas on Commercial

If you're craving creativity, head over to American Tapas on Commercial Boulevard. Owner Chris Jacques elevates traditional tapas with innovative American twists, from Pot Roast to Chicken and Waffles that delight the palate. Swing by 2724 E. Commercial Blvd., Fort Lauderdale 33308, to experience their culinary ingenuity.

Cafe Seville on Oakland Park Blvd.

For a taste of Spain in the heart of Fort Lauderdale, visit Cafe Seville on Oakland Park Boulevard. Owner Joseph Esposito offers unmatched hospitality. Café Seville is known for authentic Spanish atmosphere and cuisine, including the irresistible paella — the national dish of Spain, teeming with seafood, chicken, chorizo and pork in savory saffron rice. Explore their offerings at 2768 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Fort Lauderdale 33306.

Jet Runway Cafe at FXE

For a unique dining adventure, don't miss Jet Runway



Cafe at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE). Owned by Mike Linder, this aviation-themed cafe offers not only a fascinating backdrop of private jets but also classic breakfast and brunch bites from Eggs Benedict to the delicious Banyan Burger — a charbroiled burger with bacon, fried egg and American cheese on a toasted brioche bun. Stop by 5540 N.W. 21st Terrace, Fort Lauderdale 33309 and indulge in a meal with a view.

The Ambry on Commercial

Discover another hidden gem at The Ambry, nestled on Commercial Boulevard. This family-owned German restaurant and steakhouse brings a delightful fusion of flavors with dishes such as Bavarian Schnitzel and Black Forest Cake, as well as seven different imported German drafts. Experience.

Patrizia's on N.E. 32nd St.

Patrizia's offers a taste of traditional Italian cuisine in a cozy setting. Brothers Giacomo and Gennaro Alio came to the United States via Naples, Italy. As both founders and chefs, their menu features authentic Italian food using only the finest and freshest ingredients. Menu delights include homemade money bags and tiramisu that transport you to Italy with each bite. Visit them at 3300 N.E. 32nd St., Fort Lauderdale 33308.

Greek Islands Taverna on North Ocean

Indulge in the flavors of Greece at Greek Islands Taverna on North Ocean Boulevard. This family-owned restaurant serves up an extensive Greek menu utilizing the fresh, local ingredients of South Florida. House specialties include delights such as Moussaka and Filet Mignon Shish-Ke-Bob, showcasing the richness of Mediterranean cuisine. Enjoy a taste of Greece at 3300 N. North Ocean Blvd., Fort Lauderdale 33308.

These eateries represent just a glimpse into the vibrant culinary landscape of District 1. With more than 150 restaurants spread throughout our district, each contributing its own unique flavors and ambiance, there's something here for everyone. Whether you're a local exploring new tastes or a visitor discovering the delights of Fort Lauderdale, I encourage you to support these local treasures that make District 1 a thriving community.

So, as you embark on your culinary journey through Fort Lauderdale's District 1, I hope you discover new favorites and relish the diverse flavors that define our dining scene. Enjoy every bite!

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BY KAREN WARFEL City of Fort Lauderdale Transportation Planning Division Manager



BACK TO SCHOOL

SAFETY TIPS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

t seems like summer just started, but it is already August and school is just around the corner. As we all prepare for fall, no matter if you have children or not, one important thing to remember is that the activity on our streets is going to increase significantly with school being back in session.

This especially includes during the morning and afternoons when children are getting to and from school. We all need to pay special attention on our morning commutes and remember some key safety practices to make sure we are all safe.

Last year, there were 43 traffic-related fatalities and 17 serious injury crashes in Fort Lauderdale – fatalities that could have been prevented. There are a variety of contributing factors to these crashes, but speed and distractions are often included. And most vulnerable are those who do not have steel around them, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists, making up 84 percent of fatalities.

Reducing vehicle speeds is a critical factor in safety on our streets. If a pedestrian is hit by a driver of a vehicle traveling at 50 mph, his or her likelihood of dying from the injuries is 75 percent. These odds greatly improve through the simple act of slowing down. By reducing vehicle speed to 20 mph, the likelihood of a pedestrian dying of injuries from being hit by a driver of a vehicle reduces to just 8 percent.

Here are a few helpful reminders to make sure we are all safe as the school year starts again and throughout the year:

- Be aware of school zone signage, during designated times the speed limit is 15 mph. Not all school zones have flashing signs but drivers are still required to follow the school zone speed limits during designated times.
- Don't pass a stopped school bus.
- Pay attention and put your phone down.
- Keep crosswalks clear, stop at the stop bar before the crosswalk.
- Obey school crossing guards, they are working hard every day to ensure our children are safe.
- Drive the designated speed limit in your neighborhood and en route to your destinations.
- It may take a few minutes longer to get where you are going so plan ahead and enjoy the journey and be patient.
- Yield to pedestrians when making turns at signalized intersections and in crosswalks.
- When crossing the street, make eye contact with the driver to make sure they see you before crossing.
- Wear light colored or reflective clothing when walking or biking at night and use front and back lights on your bicycle.









THE STATE'S BUDGET CUTS

A CALL TO ACTION FOR BROWARD COUNTY'S ARTS AND CULTURE COMMUNITY

Vou've likely seen the news about Gov. Ron DeSantis' signing of Florida's Fiscal Year 2025 budget, which resulted in a significant setback for our arts and culture sector. The governor vetoed \$32 million in grants that would have supported 663 arts and culture organizations throughout Florida, including 54 right here in Broward County.

Just a decade ago, Florida ranked third in the nation for arts funding. This recent budget decision, however, positions Florida at the bottom, with Broward County losing out on \$3.3 million in expected arts funding. The economic impact of this loss is substantial – over \$30 million – considering the \$9:1 return on investment in our arts and culture sector (for every \$1 spent on things like parking, dining, transportation, etc., returns \$9 to our local economy). This funding is crucial as it supports jobs, programming, and tourism, contributing to Broward County's \$386 million arts and culture economy.

So, what can we do next? Our collective voice still has power. I urge you to engage with the Florida Cultural

Alliance, the state-wide arts advocacy organization working to secure state funding for arts and culture. Advocate for our sector's needs and values to state elected officials. Locally, maintain consistent engagement with city and county commissioners to emphasize the importance of arts and culture funding.

Despite this setback, Broward County's commitment to our cultural sector remains unwavering. The state's decision does not impact the grant funding from the Broward County Cultural Division.

The Broward County Commission, Cultural Council and Cultural Division staff are dedicated to ensuring the success and growth of our cultural sector. View the 54 local entities affected by this veto on ArtsCalendar.com/blog and stay tuned for more updates.

Here are some immediate steps you can take:

- Support the Florida Council on Arts and Culture
- Engage with the Broward Legislative Delegation
- Contact Gov. DeSantis directly

Together, we can make a difference. @



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Local 10 News interviews Phillip Dunlap about the state's slashing of arts budget.



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aintaining a good credit score is extremely important especially when it affects so many parts of our lives. From buying a car or a house to applying for a loan, the health of your credit score impacts all of those things and more. However, for something that everyone needs to have, it certainly is confusing and difficult to maintain. That's why business owners like Tim Moffitt wanted to make safeguarding and building your credit score that much easier.

"My background is banking, and I did that for 25 years in Ohio. Eventually, I moved away from retail banking to mortgage banking which is also where I got involved with credit service where I became the Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee," Moffitt said.

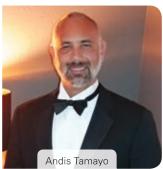
It was during his time heading the Affordable Housing Committee of Columbus that Moffitt taught first-time home buyers how to build their credit scores to qualify for a down payment which is when he found his love for helping others with their credit.

"I kept thinking I would love to do this as a business, and I would constantly have people telling me the same thing. They would say I should start a business to help people build their credit because there was nothing like that at the time," he said.

After contemplating this idea of starting his own business for some time, his dreams finally became a reality when he moved to Florida. "I had left corporate America and I wanted to be in a warmer climate. So, when I moved here seven years ago, I started my own business working







with old clients I had and just slowly kept building and building," he said.

In 2020, Moffitt brought on his business partner, Andis Tamayo, and since then the business has continued to grow and offers an expanding list of credit support services to its clients.

Today, Umbrella Credit Services not only helps its clients build up their credit but also repairs and protects their credit once it has reached a stable score. "We help individuals and businesses build, restore, and protect their credit. Whether you are brand new to building your credit or repairing your credit after a major life event we can help with any and all types of credit situations," said Moffitt.

The biggest takeaway Moffitt hopes his clients receive when working with him and his team is that no matter what their credit score is, it's always fixable.

"People associate their self-worth with their credit score. I've had people come to me who are so ashamed of their credit scores. But I'm here to tell people, that there is no situation so desperate that you cannot overcome it and better your situation. It can and will get better," he said.

Moffitt and his team are dedicated to not only helping safeguard their client's credit health but also educating them on their credit. In fact, they even offer free credit consultations to their first-time clients to take away some of the stress surrounding discussing your credit scores. "We aim to make building and protecting your credit as easy and stress-free as possible," he said. ⁽¹⁾

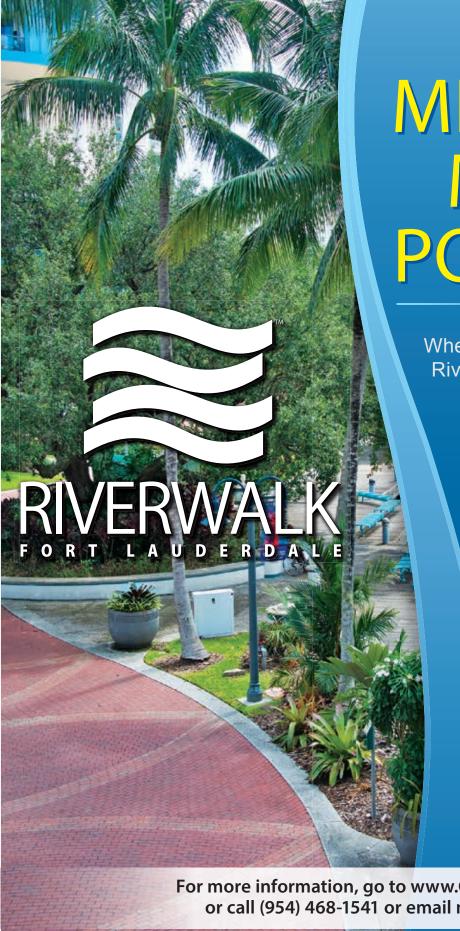
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BY DAN LINDBLADE
President/CEO,
Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce



AUGUST 20TH PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN BROWARD COUNTY

WEIGHING IN ON THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY

ocal and county races have a profound impact on our local economy, governance, and the vitality of our region. The leadership we choose influences policies and decisions that directly impact everything from small business regulations to infrastructure projects and public services.

Our elected officials impact our lives on a personal level, too. When you have a streetlight that goes out, a stop sign that's hidden behind a new tree branch, or a dangerous intersection you cross daily, who do you turn to for help? Rather than sift through volumes of unfriendly municipal websites, you contact your local county or city official.

On Aug. 20, Broward County citizens will have the opportunity to make our voices heard on who the next leaders of our community will be. Historically, voter turnout for primaries tends to be lower than for general elections — only 21 percent of Floridians voted in our presidential primaries last spring — so for those who do vote, their vote has a significant impact.

The Broward County Supervisor of Elections website (www.browardsoe.org) provides an easy way to check your registration status, register to vote, or request a mail-in ballot (you must do so before Aug. 8).

All voters, regardless of their party affiliation, will be able to cast their ballots in nonpartisan races. The majority of this month's local races are in this nonpartisan category — circuit judges, school board members, county

commissioners, community development district board members and more. We have a closed primary system so Democrats and Republicans can only vote for their party in partisan races. Independents can't vote at all in the primary partisan races, except when all the candidates running for a position are from the same party.

To learn about the candidates running in this month's primaries, I recommend looking to Broward County Supervisor of Elections' "announced candidates" section of their website for information (www.browardvotes.gov). Community forums and candidate debates are also excellent opportunities to hear directly from those running for office. Organizations like our Chamber and the League of Women Voters of Broward County have hosted such events and provide unbiased information about the candidates and their positions on key issues.

The Chamber will be holding another forum in September for candidates running for City of Fort Lauderdale positions.

Some of the most closely watched races will be for the Broward County School Board, the Broward County Sheriff and the City Commission for Fort Lauderdale. These elected positions play a pivotal role in governance, impacting everything from zoning laws to public safety to training of our future workforce. Their decisions can be the difference between spurring economic development or hindering progress, so it's crucial to elect candidates with a clear vision for Broward County's future.

I am particularly interested in school board races. It's no secret that we have opportunities within the board and administration. With a new administrator and potential new board members, the stakes are high. Improving learning outcomes and retaining great educators are paramount. Employers and businesses looking to move to Broward County rely on public education as an asset.

There should be no exceptions—the buck stops with you and I as voters. By staying informed and engaged, we can ensure that our community continues to thrive and prosper. Together, let's make a difference on Aug. 20. ⁽¹⁾





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Writer Liz Wegerer



PORT EVERGLADES

HOME OF FORT LAUDERDALE'S HOTTEST DINING SPOT

here's a new restaurant in town, and it's one of Fort Lauderdale's best-kept secrets. Tucked away in the bustling Port Everglades complex, Seafarers' House Café is a lively daytime dining spot that opened its doors in March.

This new restaurant is a collaborative effort between the Seafarers' House organization and Big Chef Catering. Part of Seafarers' recently opened 15,000 square-foot facility, the café is a focal point and gathering spot for ship workers who arrive and spend time in the busy port.

Featuring an international menu that emphasizes fresh flavors and favorite dishes from around the world, the café is also open to the public for breakfast and lunch. Diners can enjoy a meal in the spacious, air-conditioned dining room or grab a seat on the breezy outdoor terrace.

Seafarers' House Café is Big Chef's first foray into running a restaurant of its own. For decades, the company has been a driving force in the South Florida catering scene, serving individuals and businesses of all sizes. If you've attended an event in Fort Lauderdale, you've probably enjoyed Big Chef's delicious fare.

Established in 1999, Big Chef was acquired in 2003 by the husband-and-wife team of Rosana and Mano Calambichis. Mano built a successful restaurateur career in New York City before relocating to South Florida. Rosana, a foodie at heart, was an attorney in Brazil before relocating to the area and becoming a business broker.

The couple combined their skills to build Big Chef into one of the area's most popular and renowned catering companies. When the opportunity to open a bricksand-mortar restaurant arose during Seafarers' new construction, the Calambichis jumped at it.

According to Rosana, CEO of Big Chef, "This is our chance to step into the spotlight and showcase our team's expertise and talent, not only in preparing delicious food but in creating a welcoming ambiance and memorable experience for every diner."

Today, the café is open for breakfast and lunch and features a diverse menu of regular fare plus daily specials. Longer-term goals include expanding service to offer happy hours and becoming a destination location close to the 17th Street Causeway.

Dropping in for a meal at Seafarers' House Café is easy. Head to Port Everglades and present a driver's license or other government-issued identification at the security checkpoint. Tell them you're going to Seafarers' House, and they'll issue a sticker for you to wear. One thing to remember is that the Port is a weapon-free zone, so leave such things at home.

Seafarers' mission is to provide ship workers, who are often away from their families for months or years at a time, a comfortable and welcoming space to relax and unwind. It debuted its new multi-million-dollar facility in November 2023.

In addition to the new café, Seafarers' new building offers free Wi-Fi, quiet rooms, multi-faith pastoral care and services, a convenience and electronics store, and recreation areas with pool, foosball, and ping-pong tables.

There is also professional meeting and event space available for rent in its education center. The café provides catering services for all events. ①







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2024 TRIM NOTICES

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the TRIM (proposed tax) Notices in August of each year. This is NOT a tax bill but shows your property's 2024 Just/Market Value, exemptions, and proposed taxes as set by the various taxing authorities. The TRIM Notice is your opportunity to review your 2024 Just/Market Value and ensure you are receiving all the tax-saving exemptions you are eligible for. Please note: the deadline to apply for all 2024 exemptions is Sept. 18, 2024.

Florida Statutes require our office to use Jan. 1 as the date of assessment each year. The 2024 Just/Market Values are based on the market data from 2023. Our office must consider changes in market conditions – up or down – when developing the Just/Market Values each year.

The Property Appraiser's Office does not set or collect property taxes. If you have questions about the proposed tax rates, the contact information and public hearing dates for the individual taxing authorities are listed to the right of each agency name on your TRIM Notice.

I recently applied for homestead exemption – why is it not showing?

Florida Statutes require our office to use Jan. 1 as the date of assessment and to determine exemption eligibility each year. If you purchased your home after Jan. 1, 2024, you are eligible for 2025 Homestead Exemption. The 2025 exemptions will show online in December and be included for the 2025 tax year.

I had homestead exemption last year – where did my exemptions go?

If you purchased your home in 2023, you may have "inherited" the previous owner's exemptions last year. These 2023 exemptions were removed at the end of 2023, so are no longer showing on your TRIM Notice for tax year

2024. Fortunately, you can still late file for 2024 Homestead and any other exemptions you may qualify for until Sept. 18, 2024. To apply online, please visit our website at https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/Homestead or scan the QR code.



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If my office can be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact me at martykiar@bcpa.net. ①



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FORT LAUDERDALE'S UNSEEN CHEFS

LOCAL CHEFS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

ort Lauderdale is home to some incredible and even award-winning restaurants featuring a diverse range of cuisines. Yet, it's because of these many restaurants run by talented renowned chefs that many unseen chefs are often overlooked for their dedication to the craft of cooking for the community.

Whether they are firefighters at Fire Station 49 keeping their station well-fed to protect and serve Fort Lauderdale residents or organizations like Arc Culinary and Children's Harbor making healthy well-rounded meals for those in need, these chefs are culinary heroes working hard to feed numerous people in our community.

Fire Station 49

Fire stations are known for having some of the best chefs and Fire Station 49 is no different. For this station, multiple crews operate out of this one location with many people pitching in to cook.

However, one of the fan-favorite chefs is senior firefighter Todd Doerfler. Doerfler, who has been a firefighter for 28 years, has always found a lot of joy in cooking.

"Every Sunday growing up, my grandparents and my parents would make family dinners, so I grew up seeing the joy in feeding others," he said.

That's why when it came to cooking for his crew at Station 49, Doerfler jumped at the chance. On his shifts, Doerfler makes two meals a day, lunch and dinner, but also makes a batch of breakfast items and snacks available for the crew.

Even though he's the one typically in charge of cooking for his crew that doesn't mean the rest of the men don't also chip in. "We have what we call chow money which is what I use to buy groceries every week and each guy will chip in \$25 leaving me with a \$200 budget," said Doerfler. When it comes to planning meals, his crew often leaves it up to Doerfler to decide because

Fire Station 49 firehouse cooks Todd Doerfler, left, and Cosmin Ilona

they've come to love everything he cooks even when the crew went vegan for a bit.

"The whole station went vegan for two years when the documentary Forks Over Knives had come out talking about the health benefits of cutting back on meat and I thought we'd give it a shot," he said. With that, Doerfler focused on making dishes like pita pizzas with cauliflower, roasted red pepper and garlic which were a huge hit.

"I try my best to see what everyone enjoys most, see what things are on sale and make hearty filling meals for everyone," he said.

'When Harry Met Sally' Sandwich Senior firefighter and firehouse chef Todd Doerfler

Ingredients:

Chicken cutlets

Emeril's Essence blackening seasoning

6-inch sub rolls

Olive oil

Red onions

Balsamic glaze

Mango chutney

Brie cheese

Directions:

Slice onions and add to heated skillet with some olive oil and caramelize. Add balsamic glaze at the end and set aside.

Dust the chicken cutlets with the essence and blacken in a skillet with olive oil and set aside.

Slit the sub rolls and brush the inside with olive oil. Lightly toast the rolls.

Once the rolls are ready, spread mango chutney on both sides.

To build the sandwich, place the chicken on the rolls top with the onions next then the brie. Place in a 350-degree oven until the brie starts to melt.

Arc Culinary

Arc Culinary, which is a branch of the nonprofit Arc Broward, is involved in many different aspects of the culinary world including cooking for experience dinners, private events and catering. The revenue generated from these services and experiences goes toward supporting job training, placement and student scholarships for aspiring chefs with disabilities or those experiencing various employment barriers. Aside from these culinary experiences, one of the most noteworthy services Arc Culinary offers is supporting people in the community through its food service management program overseen by chef and director of culinary enterprises, Craig Zeleznik.

"We go into these organizations we're partnered with like House of Hope, Broward Partnership and Covenant House and we staff their kitchens, write up their menus and serve three square meals a day and a couple of snacks.

"We also take care of everything on the back end of things like ordering the food and stocking inventory," Zeleznik said. "Our goal is not only to provide meals for the people supported by these organizations but to make sure they are nutritionally complete."

Through this meal service, Arc Culinary provides 89,000 to 100,000 meals per month to those in need.

Before working with Arc Culinary Zeleznik worked with renowned chefs like Michelle Bernstein and Daniel Boulud but after some time felt it was time to give back in some way.

"I have enjoyed this labor of love and this passion we call cooking for many years now. I have honed my craft in some incredible kitchens but there comes a time for every chef when you realize maybe it's time to do something that helps positively impact others," he said.



Chantilly Filo Fruit Cups Craig Zeleznik, Head chef and culinary director at Arc Culinary

Ingredients:

½ vanilla bean 1 cup heavy whipping cream 2 tablespoons superfine sugar ½ teaspoon vanilla extract 5 sheets phyllo pastry 1/4 cup unsalted butter melted, more as needed

Directions:

Split vanilla bean lengthwise with the tip of a sharp knife. Holding the pod open, scrape seeds from each half using the flat side of the knife. Transfer seeds to a large bowl; discard pod.

Pour cream over vanilla seeds; add sugar and vanilla extract.

Whip cream with an electric mixer until soft peaks form, 3 to 5 minutes; cover with plastic wrap and chill until ready to serve.

Preheat the oven to 375°F.

If phyllo dough is frozen, completely thaw it according to package directions.

Lay one sheet of dough out and brush with a light coating of butter.

Top with a second sheet and brush with butter.

Repeat with remaining dough until you have 5 layers.

Cut into 3.5" x 3.5" squares. Gently press into a mini muffin tin.

Poke the bottom of the dough with a fork to allow steam to escape.

Bake 7 minutes. Remove from the oven and gently press the center using a small spoon. Return the cups to the oven and continue baking 4-6 minutes or until golden and crisp.

Remove from the oven and immediately remove from the muffin pan.

Fill phyllo cups with chopped fruit and Chantilly, serve with sorbet or a nice fruit sauce.

Children's Harbor

Founded in 1996, Children's Harbor is a child welfare organization whose mission is to provide support and safe spaces for at-risk children and teenagers in foster care. As a part of this mission, family group homes were created to provide multifaceted support to teenagers and their siblings who could no longer live with their families due to abuse or neglect.

Today, the organization has four homes with each home caring for six foster children which are overseen by house parents like Angel Washington.

"I have a passion for working with kids who have been through trauma and I wanted to be a part of making a change in their lives and give them the love and support they need," said Washington, who is known as Ms. Angel.

"I love being a house parent and seeing our impact on their lives by creating a positive space that feels like home," she said.

One of her many responsibilities is planning and preparing meals. When it comes to meal planning, she enjoys including the children in the process by sitting down with them weekly to plan their meals.

"I strongly believe that cooking helps create a more 'home-like

atmosphere' for the kids because cooking brings everyone together as a family. Some of my very favorite conversations with the kids have happened while we were cooking together," she said. Of all the dishes she makes for the kids, however, they certainly have their favorites like her jerk chicken or shrimp rasta pasta, macaroni and cheese with baked chicken and green beans and her award-winning Harbor Light chili.

Through her work with foster children, Washington hopes to encourage others to do the same. "For people interested in doing something similar, make sure you are doing it for a cause you believe in and ensure your energy matches your capability," she said.



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Jerk Chicken/Shrimp Rasta Pasta House Parent Angel Washington (Family size meal)

Ingredients:

2 pounds penne pasta 1 ½ pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts

1 ½ pounds shrimp (deveined, peeled)

1 cup milk

1 cup heavy cream

2 large onions (1 sliced, 1 diced)

3 bell peppers (red and green)

sliced

2 tablespoons olive oil

3 tablespoons of Jamaican Jerk seasoning (Grace brand)

3 tablespoons Tony's seasoning 3 cloves of fresh garlic (minced)

21/2 cups Parmesan cheese

(grated)

1 cup mozzarella cheese (shredded)

1 cup cheddar cheese (shred-

½ cup flour

1 stick of Kerrygold butter

Directions:

Marinate the chicken/shrimp separately in jerk seasoning, ¼ tablespoon of Tony's seasoning, and black pepper overnight.

Use a skillet to cook the shrimp over medium heat temperature for 3 minutes each side. Remove and set aside.

Next prepare your chicken breast in a clean skillet add 2 tablespoons of olive oil cook for 4 minutes while chicken is cooking add in your bell peppers, sliced onions and cook for an additional 3 minutes, remove and set aside.

Boil penne pasta noodles for 9-12 minutes. Take one penne noodle and test to ensure it is cooked to your liking.

Sauce time: Melt 1 stick of Kerrygold butter in a sauce pan medium heat.

Add diced onions; cook for 2 minutes. Add minced garlic cook for 1 minute. Season with 2 pinches of salt, pepper, smoked paprika and crushed peppers or the seasoning "slap yo mama" — the spicy level all depends on how spicy you would want your rasta pasta.

Add flour to the pan. Add heavy whipping cream; at this moment lower your temperature "low." Add your milk long with the Jerk seasoning to the sauce. Mix well. Use your judgment — if it's too thick add more milk to stretch the sauce out. Add Parmesan cheese to the sauce pan and mix well.

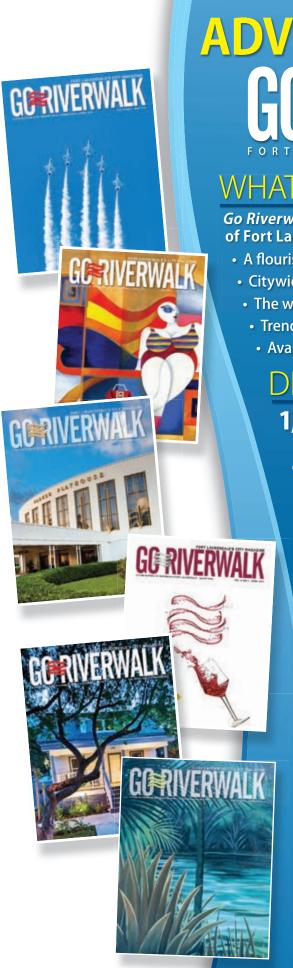
Combine everything together in a pot chicken/shrimp, add the sauce and put more shredded mozzarella and cheddar cheese together. Mix again. Sprinkle parsley on top.

This dish can go well with a side salad and garlic bread as a side.



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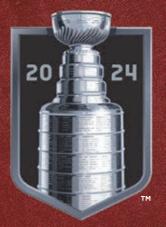
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