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May marks both National Small Business and National Photo Month - two great reasons to shine a light on our market vendors and community partners who help shape our market experience. This May, we invite you to take part in our **Small Business Photo Contest**, where a simple snapshot can support the makers behind the market.

Snap and share a photo of your favorite market moment — whether it's something you picked up, someone you met, or an experience that made you smile. Tag us on Facebook or Instagram [@oceansideparkmarket](#) and you'll be entered to win a gift card to The MKT. The vendor you spotlight will receive a complimentary market space in June.

The MKT is more than a place to shop. It's a place to connect — with wellness instructors like Lisa and Nzingah leading free community yoga, or partners like Dog Training Elite, who bring Leash Up at The LOOP to life. Through our More @theMKT programming, we're proud to support those who make our community stronger — even beyond the booths.



SAVE THE DATE Stay In the LOOP: May

- 2 - 4 BEACHFRONT GRAND PRIX FESTIVAL**
Three days of activities, live music and more for race fans of all ages. *Free*
- 10 DOG MOM DAY**
LEASH UP @ THELOOP
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- 10, 17 SATURDAY YOGA WITH LISA.** *Free*
- 18 THE WORST PARTY EVER.** *Free*
Community Yoga Session with Jeff Benet.
- 24 GREAT AMERICAN BEACH PARTY**
Kick off summer at the City of Fort Lauderdale's annual Memorial Day event. *Free*
- 25 YOGA WITH NZINGAH.** *Free*
- 30 MOVIES BY MOONLIGHT**
Celebrate the end of the school year with a screening of *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, complete with kids activities, summer break giveaways, food and games, for a night of nostalgic fun.



Coming in June



- 4 GLOBAL RUNNING DAY**
In partnership with Lululemon™. *Free*
- 14 LEASH UP @ THELOOP**
- 14, 28 SATURDAY YOGA WITH LISA.** *Free*
- 21 INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY.** *Free*
- 28-30 CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION WEEKEND**
June 28: Movie Night - VIVO!
June 29 & 30: Live Music, Art, Food, Dance and Entertainment.

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buildings, residences and a thriving culinary and after-hours scene, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale allows its urban dwelling residents, businesses and visitors alike to enjoy a peaceful abode in the center of a growing downtown metropolis.

Check out the other nine Best Riverwalks at this link: <https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/best-riverwalk>

So many of us in Fort Lauderdale already know this, but USA Today readers have officially voted: our very own Riverwalk is one of the best Riverwalks in the United States.

Our favorite Riverwalk came in at No. 7 on the “Best Riverwalk” category in the 2025 USA Today 10 Best Readers’ Choice Awards.

“Cities across the United States have transformed their riverfront areas into multi-use spaces for recreational purposes, cultural activities, dining, and nightlife. And strolling along any of these 10 riverwalks — nominated by an expert panel and voted by readers as the best in the country — offers an experience that combines the serenity of nature with the liveliness of city life,” according to the USA Today 10 Best 2025 website.

Supporters voted in the public space competition March 10 through April 7 and results were announced on April 16.

The nomination reflects the long dedication of the citizens of Fort Lauderdale to building the Riverwalk throughout downtown Fort Lauderdale, and how it reflects the unique character and quality of life Fort Lauderdale embodies. Home to theaters, museums, shops, commercial

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3 BEDROOM + 3.5 BATH

Luxury Living at its finest! Perched on the 31st floor with over 2600sqft of redesigned space & panoramic views of the ocean, intracoastal, river & city. Top of the line upgrades! Porcelain tile floors, redesigned ceilings & more.

NEWLY PRICED ASHLEY | \$1,695,000
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.

ASHLEY | \$1,695,000
3 BEDROOM + 3 BATH
South East Corner Right on the River! This modified split floor plan features custom built-ins, Poggenpohl cabinetry, 2 terraces & unobstructed river views! 3 assigned parking spaces & storage cage.

JUST SOLD! CHAMPAGNE
2 BEDROOM + 2.5 BATH + OFFICE
Stunning Sleek Design! Newly renovated residence offers the best River views in Fort Lauderdale Spanning over the Ocean! Upgrades have been completed for you! Completely move in Ready!

NEWLY PRICED BRADFORD | \$1,275,000
2 BEDROOM + 2 BATH
Direct River Views from Every room! Beautifully appointed Bradford floor plan with an expanded 49-foot glass balcony overlooking the water. Polished marble floors, neutral pallet kitchen with Poggenpohl cabinetry.



JUST LISTED! 3 BEDROOM 2 BATHS | \$849,000
Total remodel! New marble bathrooms with new showers & bathtub, custom cabinets including upgraded plumbing & fixtures. New kitchen cabinets with marble backsplash, 36x36 porcelain tile flooring, electric window treatments, new balcony tiles & acoustic ceiling design in living area.

JUST LISTED! 2 BEDROOM 2 BATHS | \$615,000
Direct River Views! Every Day is a boat Parade. Unique floor plan with 2 Bedrooms & 2 Baths PLUS a flexible Den/Office space. Every Room has floor to ceiling glass sliders leading to the river facing terrace. Tile & Wood Floors, split bedroom floor plan, massive walk-in closets. Move-in Ready!

NEWLY PRICED 2 BEDROOM 2 BATHS | \$545,000
Largest 2 Bedroom 2 Bath Floorplan in the building. Enjoy the sunsets over the New River from your waterfront Terrace. Light & Bright Corner Unit Spacious in size with 1379 sqft of interior space & tile flooring.



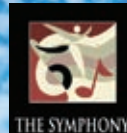
JUST LISTED! 1BD 1BA | \$608,000

The perfect pied-à-terre, right on the river, located in the heart of Las Olas & in downtown Fort Lauderdale's premier luxury highrise. Open living spaces, saturnia floors, floor to ceiling glass windows in every room & large covered terrace with unobstructed river views.



JUST LISTED! 2 BD 2.5 BA | \$2,395,000

2 Bedroom/ 2.5 Bath Ocean Views from Every Room! Just Breathtaking! Huge Terrace overlooking the Ocean, all the way down to Miami with Sunset views over the City Skyline. Recently Refreshed, this Premier oceanfront property is a MUST SEE! Private Elevator Entry, floor-to-ceiling Glass Throughout, Modern Kitchen with open concept, Spacious Sleek Design, Split Bedroom Floor Plan, Custom Ceilings, Lighting, Closets, Window Treatments! Every Detail Complete! Full-Service Building!



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

Modern Redesign! Corner Unit with Wrap Around Terrace overlooking the River, Pool & City! Porcelain tile floors, motorized window treatments, glossy white cabinetry, full backsplash & quartz countertops.



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JUST LISTED! RIVERSIDE | \$1,275,000

2 Bedroom 2 Bathroom Plus Den on a High Floor with Amazing Ocean, Intracoastal & River Views. Beautiful New White Porcelain Flooring. Expansive Terrace, Floor to Ceiling Glass. Open Split Floor Plan.

JUST LISTED! RIVERSIDE | \$1,275,000

Complete Renovation, Beautiful Modern Upgrades, Italian Porcelain Floors, Quartz Countertops, Calcutta Marble, Bosch Appliances, Built-In Bar and Custom Closets. Two Bedrooms & Two Baths

JUST LISTED! RIVERSIDE | \$1,150,000

2 Bedroom 2 Bathroom Plus Den Perched on the 24th floor with Captivating Water Views! Open Split Floor Plan with a Spacious Terrace overlooking it all! Over 1600sqft with Floor to Ceiling Glass.

JUST LISTED! SEAVIEW | \$955,000

Impeccable custom remodel with ocean, river and city views. 3 Bedroom 2 Bath with Designer finishes, large eat in kitchen with waterfall quartz countertops, custom cabinets, electric window treatments, fully renovated bathrooms, built in closets and more!

NEWLY PRICED SEAVIEW | \$899,000

Right on the River! This 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Residence features Direct River Views and 2 Waterfront Terraces. A South East Exposure captures Sunrises and Sunsets. Tandem Parking for 2 cars & Storage

JUST LISTED! SEAVIEW | \$869,000

3 Bedroom 2 Bath South East Corner! Sought After Views of the Ocean, Intracoastal and River! Two Terraces overlooking the River with Sunrises and Sunsets! Amazing opportunity! Walk In Closets, Floor to Ceiling Glass, Tile Floors, Spacious Floor Plan!

JUST LISTED! SEAVIEW | \$869,000

South East Corner with Direct River Views! 3 Bedroom 2 Bath with Two Exposures and Two Terraces for Sunrise and Sunsets. Floor to Ceiling glass sliders, Walk In Closets, Dual Vanities, Walk in Shower and an open floor plan perfect for entertaining.

NEWLY PRICED SEAVIEW | \$795,000

Spacious High Floor 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Residence with Spectacular Views of the River, Ocean, City & Port Everglades. Upgraded Kitchen with Stainless Appliances, 2 Terraces with East & West Exposure.

NEWLY PRICED MOONGLOW | \$799,000

Direct River Views from this Moonglow Floor Plan. 2 Bedrooms & 2 Baths, Open Living Spaces, Split bedroom floor plan, expansive wrap around glass terrace overlooking the Ocean, Intracoastal & River.

NEWLY PRICED STARDUST | \$749,000

Fabulous Ocean & River Views! 2 Bedroom 2 Bath featuring wood floors, motorized window treatments & tandem parking for 2 cars!

UNDER CONTRACT STARDUST

Total Remodel! 2 Bedroom 2 Bath Split floor plan with 10ft ceilings. River & Gardens views. Birch Wood Floors & motorized shades.

UNDER CONTRACT SEAVIEW

Direct River Views! 2 Exposures & 2 Terraces for Sunrise & Sunsets. 3 Bedroom 2 bath featuring Floor to Ceiling glass sliders.

UNDER CONTRACT SEAVIEW

South East Corner! Sought After Views of the Ocean, Intracoastal & River! 2 Terraces overlooking the River with Sunrises & Sunsets!



JUST LISTED! GRAND PENTHOUSE

3 BEDROOM 3 BATH | \$3,595,000

Ultimate Luxury! Fabulous GRAND PENTHOUSE in the center of Las Olas. Totally Remodeled with No Expense Spared. Everything is Designer! South East Exposure with Soaring Ceilings, Walls of Windows, Expansive Ocean & City Views from Multiple Terraces. Over 3100 sqft of Premium Finishes, Custom Tray Ceilings & Moldings, Exotic Hardwood floors, Custom Built-Ins & Window Treatments.

JUST LISTED! GRAND PENTHOUSE

3 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$1,800,000

Opportunity Awaits! High in the Sky, this Grand Penthouse Residence is over 2,000 sqft of Outstanding Ocean & City Views! Marble Floors, Open Kitchen, Marble Baths, Custom Lighting & Floor to Ceiling Glass Sliders leading out to an Expansive Terrace. 2 Parking Spaces Included!



VICTORIA PARK TOWNHOUSES



NEWLY PRICED 3 BEDROOM 3 BATH | \$1,399,999

Outstanding Victoria Park location on a Corner Lot! This Tri-Level TH features modern sleek finishes. Completely upgraded, interior elevator, high gloss porcelain tiles, 2 car garage & parking for 3 cars on brick paved drive, impact windows & doors. Two terraces & outdoor lanai.

JUST LISTED! 3 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH | \$1,195,000

This Corner Townhouse in Victoria Park Features a Private Pool, Wood and Tile Floors, Vaulted Ceilings, Living Areas on the First Floor, Open Kitchen Concept, Walk In Closets, Brick Paved Walkway Private Fenced Yard.



ABUNDANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PLAY

MANY GREAT OPTIONS AROUND TOWN FOR RECREATION

Downtown Fort Lauderdale is most fortunate to have a great variety of opportunities for sporting, games and recreation, the most prominent of those being our scenic Riverwalk! The Riverwalk is a fantastic place for a quick walk, a delightful run or a relaxed workout at the outdoor exercise stations at Smoker Park and Sistrunk Park.

With our miles and miles of canals and rivers, kayaking and paddle boarding are a magnificent way to exercise and enjoy the beauty of our community. Organized running happens throughout downtown, with Lauderdale Run Club's Two-Mile-Tuesday Run Club at Tarpon River Brewing, Fort Lauderdale Run Club's weekly Wednesday run and Front Runners & Walkers Fort Lauderdale taking to the streets of Victoria Park and Holiday Park each week.

There are significant opportunities for small team play, with tennis courts at Hardy Park and the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center undergoing an upgrade to its facility and expected to be back online near the end of 2025. Pickleball

courts at Holiday Park are very busy, with more on the way and a little further afield, the new Pickleball stadium, The Fort, at Snyder Park.

Holiday Park not only features the new Baptist Health IcePlex with opportunities to join in organized sports on the ice, but also the outdoor roller rink to enjoy recreation under the sun!

While all of these options and many others available, Fort Lauderdale truly is the best place to live, work and play! 🏡

Tunes On Top Weekly Music Series

Riverwalk is hosting a weekly series of local artists at Tunnel Top Plaza on Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 1:30 p.m. through the end of May. Sponsored by Andare Residences and in partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale, Las Olas Association and Las Olas Capital Arts, these performances will brighten your afternoons with lively performances by local talent.

Thank you to Andare Residences and our partners for making this possible! More information is available at GoRiverwalk.com/TunesOnTop.



PHOTO BY JASON LEIDY

The Baptist Health IcePlex at the Fort Lauderdale War Memorial offers curling.



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

MEMORIAL DAY

Ceremonies

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

Join us as we honor all of our servicemen and women who gave their lives to protect our liberty and preserve our freedom.

A DAY FOR REMEMBERING



9:00 AM

Lauderdale Memorial
Park Cemetery
2001 SW 4th Avenue



11:00 AM

At the Sandy Nininger
Statue along the Riverwalk
*Adjacent to the Broward Center
Huizenga Pavilion*





A WIDE-RANGING PLAYGROUND

YEAR-ROUND SPORTS AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

As a mom of many boys and ones who love to compete and all athletics, I have spent many early mornings waiting for ice time for hockey practice, getting ready for runs, track events or bicycle races. Snow skiing and any wintry weather sport were a household favorite. Day events included tennis, football, and basketball – all of which were weather driven for us, based on raising boys’ Northeast style.

Imagine as a mom having the benefit of great weather all year round and an expanded list of opportunities for your kids. Fort Lauderdale and the surrounding area offers tons of different sports and things to do. Parents may find themselves driving to or watching some sort of sport 365 days a year.

Looking around locally, my friends, family and visitors are offered the chance to engage in many different sports or exercises that make life fun and healthy. When thinking through the preferences of people, they may be motivated by many different things including competition, fun and health. No matter which is the catalyst, here are some interesting facts that are a product of those adventures. The numbers are provided by reference for an average person of 150-160-plus pounds doing a moderate attempt.

Fort Lauderdale and Broward County offer other options like sailing, scuba diving, boating and more water sports. We have generous parks and play fields that are available and a large number of leagues to join as team members. Do not forget War Memorial offers curling for the adventurous south Florida residents!

South Florida is a mecca for outdoor activities and we encourage our residents to find something that you fancy and enjoy the 12 months of opportunity 🌞

Calorie Burn Chart *as a point of reference*

Walking: 200-250 for 60 minutes

Swimming: 225-335 for 30 minutes

Skater: 300-500 for 30 minutes

Biking: 240-336 for 30 minutes

Pickleball: 350-500 for 60 minutes

Tennis: 400-600 for 60 minutes

Diving: 350-600 for 30 minutes

Recreational hockey: 300-500 for 60 minutes

Field hockey: 240-336 for 30 minutes

Kayaking: 283-476 for 60 minutes

Football: 450-580 for 60 minutes

Basketball: 240-336 for 30 minutes

Baseball: 240-336 for 30 minutes

Row: 255-369 for 30 minutes

Running: 500-1,000 for 60 minutes

Water skiing: 120-240 for 30 minutes

Bowling: 150-300 for 60 minutes

Soccer: 500-600 for 60 minutes

Rugby: 400-600 for 60 minutes



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Hockey is one of the many ways to get out and play in Fort Lauderdale. Here, members of a 12-and-under recreational hockey league practice at Baptist Health IcePlex at Fort Lauderdale’s War Memorial on a recent Sunday morning.

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CLAUDIA CASTILLO

ARTIST AND FOUNDER, CLAUDIA CASTILLO ART STUDIO

• I am an artist and business owner of Claudia Castillo ART Studio, an art gallery in Fort Lauderdale. I founded Color Designers in 2001, a design services company. Originally from Bogota, Colombia, I moved to Broward County in 1999 to study at the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale and transition into art and design. I am proud to call Fort Lauderdale my home, with its vibrant blend of diverse cultures and beautiful vistas that inspire my art every day.

Claudia Castillo ART Studio provides quality original artwork, sculptures, gifts, accessories, jewelry and collectibles. The gallery exhibits my artwork and gives opportunities to other emerging artists to showcase their work. I am blessed to have exhibited my work nationally and internationally in Italy, Netherlands, Switzerland, Greece, Spain, Korea and Japan. I am very passionate about helping my community by serving on various boards and non-profit organizations to expand culture, art and diversity.

I am grateful to be recognized as the 2025 Artist of Impact by ArtServe. This honor, along with previous awards, including the South Florida Business and Wealth Magazine Cultural Diversity Award and the 2023 Humanity Art Prize, fuels my dedication to diversity, inclusion and innovation. It's been humbling to have April 23 declared Claudia Castillo ART Studio Day by Wilton Manors.

Joining Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale is an opportunity for me to connect more with the dynamic Downtown arts and entertainment business community. Visit Claudia Castillo Art Studio and let's discuss ways to support Downtown Fort Lauderdale's growth and vision.

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On March 22, the Fourth Annual Riverwalk International Food Festival brought the global flavors of South Florida to the Riverwalk. Participants 21 and older could choose to participate in a VIP Tasting Experience, presented by Alluvion Las Olas, sampling from San Matias Tequila, Gulf Stream Distillery, Captiva Spirits, Cigar City Brewing and PRP Wine International. Thank you to our passionate team of supporters who volunteer at many of our events, and our great sponsors at Alluvion Las Olas, San Matias Tequila, CORE Construction, Big City Tavern, Morningstar Storage and S. MARK Graphics.



Christian Perez from Pummarola and Emily's Garden



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RIVERWALK BOARD OF DIRECTORS SOCIAL AT BOATHOUSE

The Riverwalk Board of Directors held its monthly meeting at Boathouse at the Riverside Hotel on April 2. Board members and staff enjoyed great food and drink courtesy of the Boathouse and caught up on Riverwalk's agenda while enjoying an evening along the New River.



Melissa Milroy and Melissa Fitzgerald



Blaise McGinley and Alice Harry



Tom Jennings and Richard Rodriguez



Ed Murphy, Bill Walker and Walter Duke



Cheryl Balaban, Margarethe Sorensen and Howard Elfman

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TUNES ON TOP

Tunes on Top launched on April 9 at Tunnel Top Plaza on Las Olas. Presented by Andare Residences, this twice-a-week live music series features local artists from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays through the end of May. Riverwalk is hosting this series in partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale, the Las Olas Association and Las Olas Capital Art. More information is available at GoRiverwalk.com/TunesOnTop.



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SPRING GET DOWNTOWN – ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP EVENT

On April 7, Riverwalk members and corporate partners decamped to YOLO on Las Olas for Get Downtown, Riverwalk's twice-a-year general membership reception. Attendees and future members enjoyed YOLO's signature ambiance, great food and libations while engaging with Riverwalk staff and board members. Thank you to all of our members and corporate partners for your continued support, and to our partners at YOLO for hosting another great event.



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Claudia Castillo, Jill Masur, Darla Stanton
and Brittney Farwell





EIGHTH ANNUAL SMOKE ON THE WATER BBQ FEAST

Smoke and the scent of freshly charred meat was in the air on April 12 for the Eighth Annual Smoke on the Water BBQ Feast. Attendees enjoyed freshly grilled meat, spectacular macaroni and cheese and coleslaw, and other delightful mains and sides. Thank you all who joined us for this annual celebration of South Florida's great barbecue scene, and to our great vendors, volunteers and sponsors, Morningstar Storage and S. MARK Graphics.



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WHERE WE PLAY

FROM DIVING TO PICKLEBALL, THE CITY OFFERS PLACES TO GET OUR GAME ON

This year has started off as an amazing one for progress across Fort Lauderdale as we continue to improve the city's quality of life and make our city infrastructure ever more resilient.

Go Riverwalk this month is focusing on sport, and our city has moved to the forefront of communities in providing great venues to watch sports, play sports and undertake other forms of recreation.

Look at what's occurred over the last couple years. We have built a stadium to host the Inter Miami soccer team alongside facilities for the team's youth academy. We remodeled and expanded War Memorial Auditorium to include the new Baptist Health Iceplex – a place for the Florida Panthers hockey team to practice and local residents to ice skate or participate in team sports. And we rebuilt the aquatic center into a world-class facility with the highest dive tower in the western hemisphere.

And there is more to come.

At Huizenga Park, the new Riverwalk is taking shape, particularly with the construction of the planned Riverwalk Overlook and the installation of a new seawall cap. We expect construction to be completed by the end of the year.

Huizenga Park will truly become Downtown Fort Lauderdale's signature gathering place — beautifully designed, activated, safe and comfortable.

Park work is progressing across the city. We are committed to keeping the promises made to voters when

they approved a bond issue for major park improvements.

In March, we approved the construction of new restrooms for Mills Pond Park, an item that has long been sought by the sports teams that use the park.

We also approved the construction of improvements in Bass Park. This \$7 million project will include a new recreation center with pool access, restrooms, fitness stations, landscaping as well as an interactive water feature. The updates should be completed by November 2026.

Construction is underway in Hardy Park. This includes better lighting, a paved pathway, a new playground, an improved exercise station and better security. This work should be completed this summer.

Work should start this summer on a second phase of upgrades at Holiday Park. Improvements will be made to the playground, dog park, restrooms and walkways.


In January, the City Commission took a major step on another front of improving recreation options at Holiday Park. We approved a 10-year agreement with the United States Tennis Association involving upgrades to the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center.

The agreement was facilitated by a \$1.5 million legacy gift from Orange Bowl Tennis. The money is designated to upgrade the facility to meet international standards, suitable for high-caliber tournaments and to once again attract top-tier tennis events to the city.

Over in Snyder Park, we are already seeing the success of The Fort pickleball facility.

It hosted its first major tournament, the Humana APP Fort Lauderdale Open, where pickleball pros and amateurs from all over the country gathered for five days of competition.

The Fort is the result of a public-private partnership with My Park Initiative. The complex boasts over 36 courts and seating for nearly 2,000 spectators.

Yes, great things are happening all over Fort Lauderdale. Stay tuned as 2025 will be an exciting year for the continued enhancement of our wonderful city. 

More than 120 pickleball players joined a free event in January at The Fort, Fort Lauderdale's new pickleball facility.



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NORTHEAST 15TH AVENUE MOBILITY PROJECT

CREATING A SAFER AND MORE CONNECTED FORT LAUDERDALE

Northeast 15th Avenue serves as a critical connection for neighbors, businesses and commuters between Sunrise Boulevard north into Wilton Manors. Recognizing the need for safety improvements, the Lake Ridge Civic Association played a vital role in advocating for changes to better protect pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. Their vision includes adding crosswalks, landscaped medians, bike lanes and raised intersections to slow traffic and enhance overall safety. This vision has been strongly supported by Commissioner Steven Glassman and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis throughout the process to get to implementation funding.

Michael Albetta, president of the Lake Ridge Civic Association, expressed pride in the community's role in shaping the project, saying "[We are] proud to have had the opportunity to collaborate with transportation and mobility experts to implement solutions that made sense for our residents and positively impacted our neighborhood. We look forward to the continued relationship and permanent solutions."

What started as a neighborhood-driven initiative in Lake Ridge has expanded into a broader mobility project spanning from Sunrise Boulevard to the South Fork of the Middle River, including Poinsettia Heights. The Transportation and Mobility Department has worked closely with residents to develop a comprehensive vision for improving safety and efficiency along Northeast 15th Avenue together.

Additional features were incorporated within the Poinsettia Heights neighborhood such as raised intersections at Northeast 14th Street and Northeast 17th Court, as well as raising crosswalks at the roundabout at

Northeast 18th Street. The Poinsettia Heights Board shared that "the 15th Avenue Project will significantly improve the quality of life and the safety of the residents of Poinsettia Heights, as well as the children who attend the Bennett Elementary School and the Sunrise Middle School, which are both located in our neighborhood."

Before finalizing designs, the City implemented a pilot project using temporary materials to test proposed changes between Sunrise Boulevard and Northeast 13th Street. The results were clear: the introduction of median islands, bike lanes and crosswalks made a difference. Before installation, 60 percent of drivers exceeded the speed limit. After the changes, that number dropped dramatically to just 1 percent of drivers exceeding the speed limit.

But not all features worked successfully. The removal of the northbound right-turn lane from Northeast 15th Avenue to Northeast 13th Street generated concerns from residents, leading the City to create a project to restore the turn lane later this year. This highlights the value of the pilot program, allowing visions to be tested and adjustments before permanent construction begins.

The success of the pilot project helped secure a grant through the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Program for the permanent installation.

As the next phase in advancing the vision, a meeting was held with the residents along the corridor in March to review the vision and provide input on preferred solutions and existing challenges to further define the high-level

vision to be better prepared for design.

As Fort Lauderdale continues to invest in smarter, safer streets, the Northeast 15th Avenue Mobility Project stands as a model for thoughtful, data-driven transportation planning



District 2 Commissioner Steven Glassman addresses a community meeting about the Northeast 15th Avenue Mobility Project on March 26.



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Fort Lauderdale is one of the best destinations for sun and surfing and no one knows this better than long-time entrepreneur and Broward resident, Bruce Cromartie.

Cromartie's roots in South Florida can be traced back long before he ever founded his own business to one of his ancestors who was an integral part of the founding of Fort Lauderdale.

"My great aunt was the first schoolteacher of Broward County, Ivy Cromartie, and most people know of her husband, Frank Stranahan, who was the area's first postmaster and together they also ran the first trading post on New River with the Seminoles," he said.

Now, Cromartie has kept his family's entrepreneurial legacy alive with his business BC Surf and Sport, which he started back in 1977. It all started with Cromartie's passion for surfing.

"I started surfing when I was probably about 14 and surf movies were very popular at the time, but you wouldn't often find them in theaters. So, instead, they were on printed 16-millimeter films that would be shipped to different towns and people would rent a hotel or a high school auditorium to show these movies. My friend happened to be the one showing the movies in Fort Lauderdale," he said.

Once his friend got a job as a teacher, Cromartie offered to take over for him showing surf movies in Fort Lauderdale following his graduation from high school. From there, he quickly expanded the business by going directly to the film distributors and struck a deal to have them work with him solely on the East Coast market. But it wasn't until Cromartie partnered with a friend who owned a surf shop in Pompano Beach that he realized there was an untapped market.


"He and I put together a secondary mail order business mailing these movies all over the country. Eventually, that evolved into opening a store here in Fort Lauderdale which quickly expanded into selling actual surfing and skateboarding merchandise because if you know surfers, surfing and skateboarding go hand and hand," he said.

BC Surf and Sport grew into a beloved franchise with three stores in Florida, three stores in Colorado, and one store in Utah, and now offers surfing, skateboarding and snowboarding items as well as clothing.

Today, BC Surf and Sport is committed to offering the same kind of friendly and welcoming atmosphere they started with as well as prioritizing maintaining it as a family business.

In fact, Cromartie's three sons, Cameron, Connor and Christian, all work in the business.

One shift for BC Surf and Sport will be its location sometime in August or September.

"The biggest change we're planning for the business is that we'll be moving the Fort Lauderdale store to a new location at the corner of Oakland Park Boulevard and Bayview Drive. We've been in four different locations along Federal Highway here in Fort Lauderdale, so this location will be one that I think we will be in permanently," he said. 



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Bruce Cromartie, second from left, and his sons Connor, Cameron and Christian



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TOURING BEANTOWN

BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS STUDY BOSTON

I had the privilege to join more than 100 business leaders, elected officials and staff to visit Boston in April to study that city in a variety of strategic areas related to our economy. It was coordinated by the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance.

Art, culture and entertainment, technology, affordable housing, resilience, commercial real estate, education, talent, workforce, health care, small business, sports and recreation, and transportation were studied by teams of the delegation to bring best practices, ideas, and to share our story with Boston leaders.

This was an important trip to compare and contrast our work in greater Fort Lauderdale with the rich history and traditions of Boston. I served on the resilience team. In many respects we are closely aligned with Boston's resilience planning; however, both areas must figure out how to pay for it.

In plenary sessions we heard from Mayor Michelle Wu; Sam Kennedy, president and CEO of the Boston Red Sox; Glen Thornborough, president of TD Garden and COO of the Boston Bruins, and Jack Fleming, president and CEO of the Boston Athletic Association and Boston Marathon.

A theme of community pride permeated throughout the trip from my perspective. Bostonians are proud of their sports – the Red Sox, Bruins, and Celtics, and of course, the Boston Marathon. You could feel how much the speakers wanted to share their stories, successes and challenges.

We had a profitable meeting with their Green Ribbon Commission — a body appointed to accelerate the implementation of the Boston's Climate Action Plan by convening, organizing and enabling leaders from key sectors. Now that we have finished our roadmap, this could be a structure we might implement.


A focus on net zero building construction appears to be

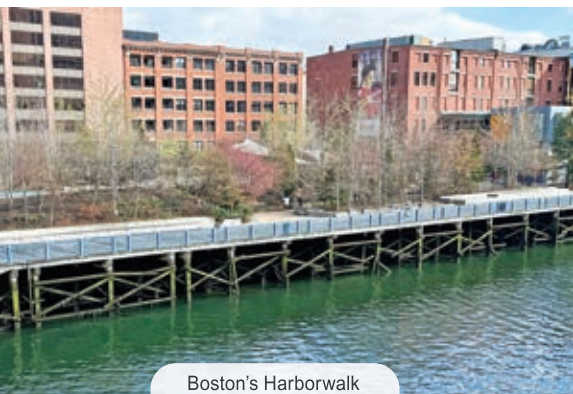
good conceptually, but may have unintended consequences in driving up development costs. There are examples of how existing buildings can be retrofitted to reach the end result with new HVAC, windows, solar panels and more. I was unable to grasp the cost recovery time period as this is a new process for them.

They have done a good job in cleaning up their polluted harbor to the point that a whale used it as its summer home last year. Their water traffic system is well suited for commuters to reduce automobile traffic. Parking is at a premium and housing is as unattainable for first time homebuyers as it is here.

We were brought to the “model room” at the government center to review a 1:40 scale replica model of the city which is used by the planning department. Looking at this replica and the water adjacent to it with a 9.5-foot normal tidal range made me think we have so much in common when it comes to adaptation and mitigation.

When my team visited and toured Greentown Labs, a climate incubator, it gave us a chance to see a business focused on innovation for a resilient future. Startups in energy, manufacturing, agriculture, buildings, transportation and adaptation are all housed within multiple locations in Boston and Houston. Their buzz phrase is “we are a community of climate tech pioneers working to design a more sustainable world.” After reviewing the startups in Sommerville, you could see first-hand the collaborative innovation. Startups apply to become a member and are giving all the tools to succeed until they leave the nest.

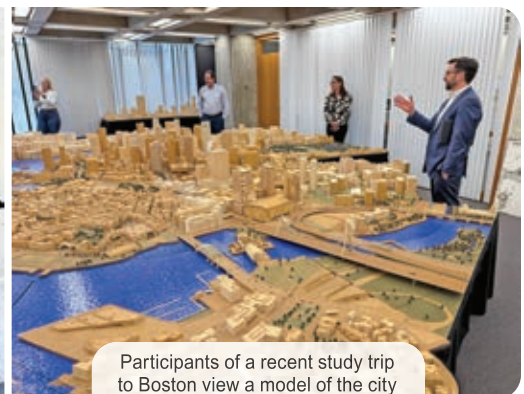
We have a lot for which to be thankful in South Florida and much to do to improve our way of life. Those of us who spent the time to go to Boston are committed to being part of the solutions. Please join us. 



Boston's Harborwalk



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu



Participants of a recent study trip to Boston view a model of the city



PLYWOOD REGATTA

PLAYING WITH PURPOSE

For nearly three decades, the Plywood Regatta has helped build boating's future in a fun and educational way.

Established in 1996 by the Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF), the weekend-long competition held each year in April is a keystone event for the organization.

The Plywood Regatta provides enthusiastic middle school, high school and marine technical school students with an opportunity to design, build and test seaworthy vessels. Each team has a mentor assigned to help guide the building process, provide motivation and ensure safety throughout the two-day event.

Teams, armed only with plywood, 3M 5200 Fast Cure caulk, zip ties, simple hand tools and their own creativity, spend day one of the event weekend bringing their design ideas to life. Day two sees teams hitting the water with their painted and decorated vessels, competing in exciting heats to determine winners in three divisions — beginner, intermediate and advanced.

The goal of the event is to build skills, foster teamwork and have fun. In addition to division awards, six Spirit Awards are given out that recognize leadership, innovation, creativity and perseverance. The Plywood Regatta Scholarship Fund also makes awards available to high school seniors to advance their post-secondary education.


One such recipient is the MIASF's own Anthony Santiago, host of the Salty Jobs video series and a representative of the organization at career fairs throughout South Florida. Santiago participated in the Plywood Regatta during middle school and applied his scholarship award to coursework at Broward College, where he currently attends.

Events like Plywood Regatta would not be possible without the ongoing support from volunteers, mentors and sponsors. One mentor who has dedicated over a decade of service to the Regatta is Ben Stanley of Stanley Yacht Services. Each year you will find Stanley working closely with a team from New River Middle School to guide them in the building process, offer motivation and keep progress on track.

Stanley notes that giving back to the community and showcasing marine industry jobs are two big factors that keep him coming back year after year. He also proudly participates in the Mentor's Race each year. This race, a weekend favorite, sees two-person teams of mentor and student compete for bragging rights. It is a popular way to close out the weekend event and celebrate the hard work put in by every team.

Financial sponsorship is also a key component that makes the Plywood Regatta a success each year and MIASF is grateful for the continued support from sponsors both within and beyond the marine industry.

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MIASF congratulates this year's Plywood Regatta winners and thanks the countless volunteers, sponsors and mentors for their donations of financial support and time to make this year's event a success 





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MELISSA FITZGERALD SPEARHEADS CREATION OF ICEPLEX

A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT FTL WAR MEMORIAL'S ADDITION

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

In the last few years, Fort Lauderdale's War Memorial has received an exciting addition – the new state-of-the-art Baptist Health IcePlex made possible by a partnership between the Florida Panthers, Baptist Health and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

A project of this magnitude required the right kind of leadership from someone with years of experience in operating an arena and practice facility like this one. That's where Melissa Fitzgerald comes in.

Fitzgerald got her start in this industry over on the West Coast, where she spent 15 years with the San Jose Sharks as their general manager. During that time, she also developed youth hockey programs in California, established one of the first NHL Diversity Task Force member programs, and helped to facilitate the first girls' hockey program in Northern California. So it's no surprise that she ended up going into this line of work as this East Coast native got her first pair of ice skates at only 2 years old.

It took an unexpected opportunity to oversee a large-scale project designing a new ice complex in Fort Lauderdale to make her consider making another cross-country move.

"I really wasn't looking to make a change. However, during my time with the San Jose Sharks, I was attending an annual NHL practice facilities conference where I was talking to Keith Fine, the vice president of programming and development for the Panthers. He told me about two different positions that they were looking to fill, and one was for this new complex that they were building in Fort Lauderdale," said Fitzgerald.

Her interest was piqued, but it wasn't just the idea of running a new arena in a diverse area that drew her in. It was that this job opportunity offered the chance to introduce ice sports to a wider audience.

"I was intrigued by the fact that it was an arena in the middle of a very diverse urban center and one of my

ABOUT MELISSA FITZGERALD

TITLE: General manager, Fort Lauderdale War Memorial and Baptist Health IcePlex

JOINED: July 2022

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: Fitzgerald worked for 15 years with the San Jose Sharks, operating an arena and practice facility. Before that, she developed youth hockey programs in California. She also worked as a hockey director for the Zamboni family for more than 10 years creating and managing youth hockey programs at three Bay Area rinks.

Source: Florida Panthers



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passions with what I've done in this industry has been trying to reach out and introduce ice sports to a more diverse community. Then, looking at the rest of the project, I was impressed with how they were doubling the size of the recreational and practice facilities," she said.

Fitzgerald joined the Florida Panthers organization in July 2022 as the general manager of Fort Lauderdale War Memorial and Baptist Health IcePlex, which officially opened to the public in March 2024. Along with the opening of the new complex, the center's range of recreational activities also expanded to

include public ice skating seven days a week, curling, a skating school, and hockey lessons that are run with the support of the NHL, both of which are available for children and adults.

As for diehard Panthers hockey fans, the IcePlex also has something special for them.

"The Florida Panthers have been using the IcePlex as their practice facility for some time now. So, we also have a schedule of open practices that people can come sit in on for free and watch the Panthers practicing, which is super exciting," she said. [GO](#)





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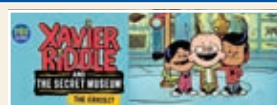
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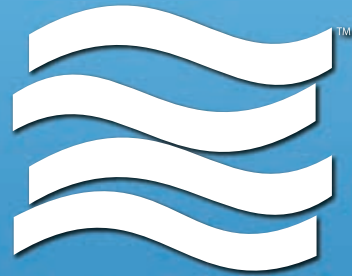
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A NIGHT OF LITERARY FEASTS

The Broward Public Library Foundation's Literary Feast weekend featured 12 authors at its Night of Literary Feasts gala. More than 300 guests gathered at a reception at Bahia Mar Fort Lauderdale Beach followed by dinners with individual authors at homes, clubs and restaurants.



LITERARY FEAST CO-CHAIR ALEXA LANIER
AND DOROTHY KLEIN



ANN BURRIS AND LITERARY FEAST AUTHOR
JEFFERY DEAVER



ROBYN VINES, DIANA VERITY AND SUZANNE MIGDALL

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ROBERT B. LOCHRIE JR. FOUNDERS' CLUB

Broward Performing Arts Foundation celebrated the members of the Robert B. Lochrie Jr. Founders' Club aboard The Shorely in Marina Village at Bahia Mar in March. The Founders' Club comprises a group of more than 150 benefactors who have made cumulative gifts of \$100,000 or more and who maintain their giving annually.



ROBERT WAGNER AND STEPHANIE AOUN



RAY LEIGHTMAN, LISA KITEI AND ROBERT LOCHRIE



ROBIN LOOF, ANN BURRIS, JOHN HINES, PER-OLOF LOOF
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ARTSERVE CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

ArtServe recently hosted the Broward County Commission on the Status of Women Women's History Month Reception, celebrating 18 women who have made significant contributions in education, mentorship and leadership.



ARTSERVE CEO JASON HUGHES AND
GIRL SCOUTS OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA CEO
LISA JOHNSON



COMMISSIONER IDELMA QUINTANA AND
BROWARD SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
REBECCA THOMPSON



BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF
WOMEN AND AWARD WINNERS

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SOUTH FLORIDA LGBTQ PHILANTHROPY AWARDS

The Our Fund Foundation and Presenting Sponsor Bank of America Private Bank hosted the Sixth Annual South Florida LGBTQ Philanthropy Awards, celebrating philanthropy, volunteerism and emerging leadership, on Feb. 8 at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.



GINO CAMPOSINO AND JOSEPH QUIÑONES



DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND



DAVID JOBIN, SCOTT BENNETT, JEFF DELMAY, RANDALL
JAMES, CLIFFORD CIDEKO, JOHN HAND, MELBA DELEON
AND MARK BLAYLOCK

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VISIT LAUDERDALE SCIENCE FESTIVAL AT MODS

Visitors of all ages attended the Visit Lauderdale Science Festival at the Museum of Discovery and Science on March 8.



THE FESTIVAL INCLUDED HANDS-ON STEM
ACTIVITIES.



VISITORS ENJOYED SCIENCE SHOWS AND
MAKERSPACE EXPERIENCES.



THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES WERE DESIGNED TO HIGHLIGHT THE ROLE
OF STEM IN EDUCATION AND IGNITE CURIOSITY AND ENTHUSIASM
IN YOUNG MINDS.

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BROWARD PARTNERSHIPS SALUTE TO LEADERSHIP

Broward Partnership hosted its annual Salute to Leadership: Gala in the Glades on March 29 at the Bergeron Green Glades Ranch in Weston. The event raised \$183,000 to advance the mission of Broward Partnership, the largest comprehensive homeless services provider in Broward County.



ALAN HICKS AND HEIKO DOBRIKOW



KATHLEEN CANNON AND FRANCES M. ESPOSITO



GERALD GLASS, MARY GLASS, ELLIOT BORKSON
AND TOM RUTHARDT

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF BROWARD

The Community Foundation of Broward held its by-invitation-only 2025 Legacy Society Luncheon at Bahia Mar Fort Lauderdale Beach in February. The annual event honors the Community Foundation of Broward's Legacy Society members.



GALE BUTLER AND BURNADETTE
NORRIS-WEEKS



GREG MEDALIE AND JOANN MEDALIE



MIMI BAUER, AURELIO AND PATRICIA FERNANDEZ
AND CAITLIN STELLA

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SOUTH FLORIDA PRIDE YOUTH BAND

The South Florida Pride Youth Band performed its 14th annual concert at The Parker on, Feb. 23.



SCOTT SCHRAMM AND RODERICK MACKENZIE
PRESENT THE FLOATARAMA LGBTQ YOUTH
FUND \$7,500 SCHOLARSHIP TO BRODY SANTOS



BRUCE A. KRAEMER, ASHLEY TORRES,
KAISELYS CHEVALIER AND AYELEN ORDENES



THE SOUTH FLORIDA PRIDE YOUTH BAND PERFORMS UNDER THE
DIRECTION OF GUEST CONDUCTOR DR. CHELTON WILLIAMS

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MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE



XAVIER RIDDLE AND THE SECRET MUSEUM THE EXHIBIT



PRESENTED BY



Now – May 11

Exhibit included with Museum admission.

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


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