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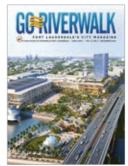
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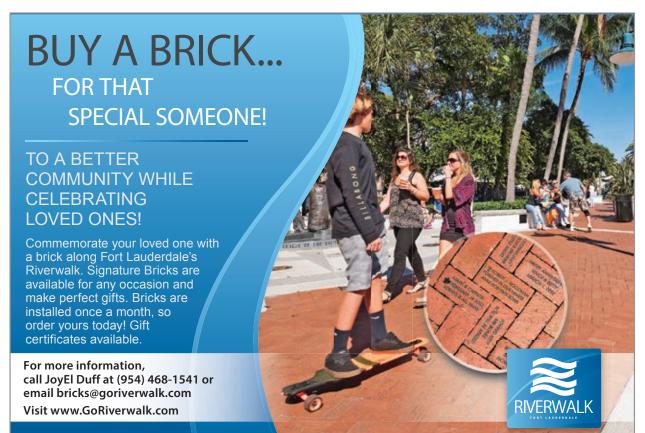
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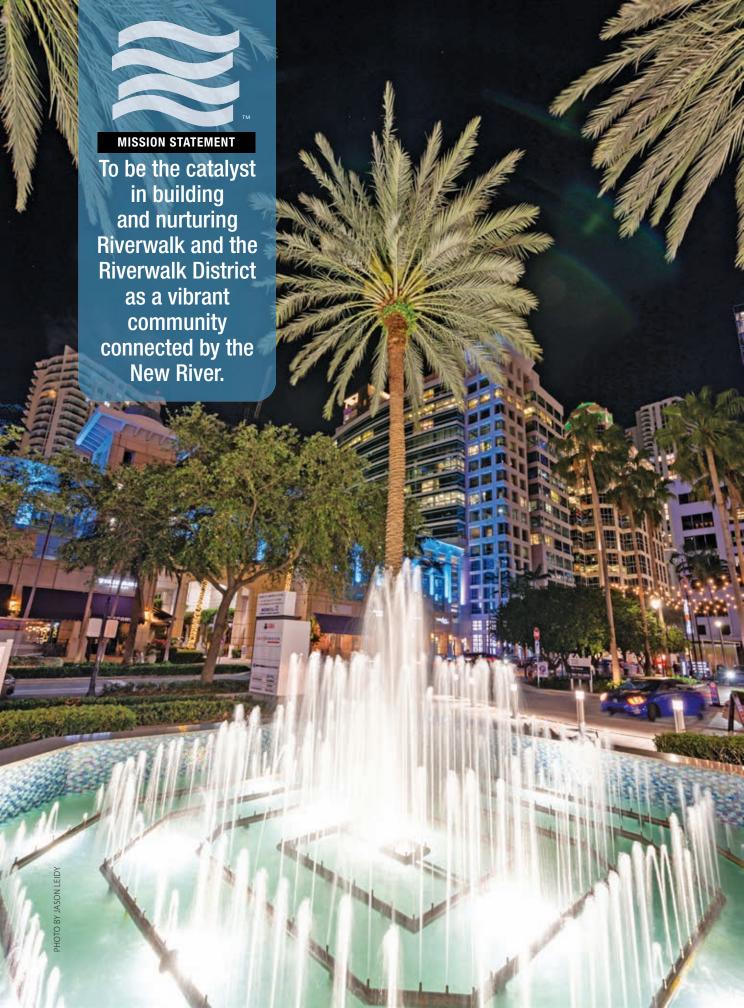












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JUST LISTED! STUDIO 1 BATH \$ 349,000

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NEWLY PRICED SEAVIEW | \$829,000 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! SKYVIEW | \$599,000

Modern Renovated Kitchen Opening the Floorplan for maximum use of space! 10ft elevated ceilings and River Views from the Terrace. Highgloss white cabinetry, Bosch Appliances, Newer AC Unit, Splitbedroom Floor Plan, New Carpet in the Bedrooms & Freshly

SEAVIEW

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.

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JUST SOLD!

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JUST SOLD! **MOONGLOW**

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JUST SOLD! **STARDUST**

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

SEAVIEW

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

JUST SOLD!

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



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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.



BY RICHARD RODRIGUEZ Chair Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale



A REFLECTION ON MY TIME WITH RIVERWALK

OUR VIBRANT COMMUNITY'S CONTINUED PROGRESS AND FUTURE

fter 15 years of service on the Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Board of Directors — first as Master Planning Chair, then Treasurer, and most recently as Board Chair — I'm filled with both pride and gratitude as I reflect on all that's been accomplished along our community's signature waterfront and downtown.

I've had a front row seat to the transformation of our Riverwalk, which was recently recognized as the seventh best Riverwalk in the United States. That national recognition is a testament to the vision, dedication and passion of so many who believe in the importance of the Riverwalk, and what it represents for Fort Lauderdale.

I want to express my deepest thanks to the incredible Riverwalk team — those who show up every day with purpose and heart, working behind the scenes to plan events, maintain the beauty of our surroundings and ensure the Riverwalk continues to be a place where community and culture converge.

Fort Lauderdale continues to grow into a world-class

destination — not only to visit, but to live, work and play. Our Riverwalk is at the heart of that evolution. It's the artery that connects marine commerce, hospitality, recreation and the arts. It's a place where locals walk their dogs at sunrise and visitors catch the Water Taxi at sunset. It's both a reflection of our city's identity, and a blueprint for its future.

As someone born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, it's been an honor to contribute to that growth and help steward a place so central to our community's fabric. I step away from my role with confidence, knowing the Riverwalk will continue to thrive under strong leadership and with community support.

So if you haven't lately — get out and enjoy our gem. Take a stroll, ride the Water Trolley, grab a bite or simply sit and take in the view. The Fort Lauderdale Riverwalk is here for all of us, and its best days are ahead. ⁽¹⁾



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

PREPARE FOR UPCOMING KINGTIDES

King tides have historically caused street flooding in low-lying areas of our community. The City of Fort Lauderdale is investing in long-term strategies like elevating seawalls, installing tidal valves, and making drainage improvements to reduce the frequency, duration, and intensity of tidal flooding.

- We be aware: Since we experience two tidal cycles each day, be aware of the timing of the high tides and how they may affect your travel plans.
- STAY SAFE: Avoid driving on flooded streets. If you experience flooding on your street, make sure storm drains are not blocked.
- MINIMIZE WAKE: Boaters should keep their wake to a minimum to prevent wave overwash on to the Riverwalk.
- PREPARE: Review flood safety tips, evaluate your property's readiness, and check your flood insurance policy.

PREDICTED 2025 KING TIDES

- September 8-12
- October 5-12
- October 19-23
- November 2-10
- December 2-7

For more information and proactive steps you can take, visit fortlauderdale.gov/kingtides.







LOOKING FORWARD TO FALL

COOLER TEMPERATURES BRING MORE ACTIVITIES

In June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law establishing Labor Day as a national holiday. It is celebrated on the first Monday of September in the United States that honors the social and economic achievements of American workers and recognizes the contributions of workers to the strength, prosperity and well-being of the nation.

September notes that school has started, traffic patterns have changed, and the summer is ending. Hurricane season runs from June 1 to Nov. 30, and September signifies the midpoint of that season as we continue to dodge them! Andrea, Barry, Chantal, Dexter and Erin have led the season thus far. While we have been fortunate to date, storms and frequency are likely to increase in the second half of the season. As always – be prepared.

September is the ninth month of year known for marking the transition from summer to autumn – not something that is well defined in south Florida. We have had a long siege of extremely hot and dry weather this season and are hoping to see that pattern change soon.

We are also closing the third quarter of the calendar year and headed to holiday season from October through December. Before the crowds arrive back to enjoy our destination city, take the time to ride the Water Taxi, visit Stranahan House or History Fort Lauderdale. Catch a show at Broward Center, Parker Playhouse or War Memorial. Go skating at IcePlex (you will certainly be cool there) or try pickle ball on one of the many facilities in the area.

The City Commission is back to meeting on a regular basis and moving forward on a number of topics that will enhance our city. Budgeting is underway at the City and County as well as many other entities that do the October-September fiscal year. Planning is key to success and budgeting prepares us to forecast for that success.

We have enjoyed our Call to Artist series and will continue to feature each of them in future issues for both their talent and commitment to community. We continue to feature small businesses, some incredibly unique to the area, and welcome recommendations of those that might be a great fit for Go Riverwalk Magazine.

Looking ahead, be sure to look over the event calendar in the magazine and online at GoRiverwalk.com to see happenings in downtown and the surrounding area.





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• I've always been a passionate supporter of the communities where I've lived. When I moved to Fort Lauderdale, joining the Riverwalk organization felt like the perfect way to continue championing the arts, activities and entertainment that make our city thrive. For the past four years, I've called Las Olas

home — and I can't imagine living anywhere else. The blend of outdoor living and vibrant nightlife keeps every day and night exciting.

Professionally, I provide cybersecurity technology services to Global Fortune 500 companies through Booz Allen Hamilton. While our headquarters are in Virginia, my work takes me across the country, collaborating with security professionals to solve their most pressing cybersecurity challenges. No matter where I travel, returning to Fort Lauderdale — to my flip-flops and a Las Olas happy hour — is always a joy.

I currently lead sales for our commercial energy and software and high-tech markets, driving solutions in areas such as AI, quantum computing, and defense technologies. My career has also included serving as a chief of staff, working as an international arms dealer, and supporting multiple U.S. government agencies. Originally from New Jersey, I moved to Washington, D.C., in 2000 and never looked back. I hold both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree, having studied at Lehigh, American and Georgetown universities.

I'm proud to be part of Riverwalk and look forward to contributing to the vibrancy and success of our community.

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DINE OUT LAUDERDALE

CHECK OUT THE SPECIALS AT 91 RESTAURANTS DURING SEPTEMBER

ort Lauderdale's dining scene is at a peak! Earlier this year, our city achieved a historic milestone with the first-ever Michelin star and Bib Gourmand recognitions awarded to local restaurants, MAASS at the Four Seasons Hotel and Residences on FTL beach, and Heritage in Flagler Village, respectively. Three more of our establishments were also highlighted by the international guide, including Daniel's, A Florida Steakhouse, Evelyn's, and Larb Thai-Isan. We are so proud of all the recipients and their recognition. Without a doubt, with each passing year, the list of featured eateries will continue to grow!

There's an exciting initiative happening right now known as Dine Out Lauderdale. Started by Broward County's tourism bureau, Visit Lauderdale, Dine Out Lauderdale, running until Sept. 30, is styled after the iconic Miami Spice, bringing together restaurants from all over Broward County's sawgrass to seagrass with exclusive specials. These fixed-price, multi-course menus range from \$35 for lunch to \$45 to \$75 for dinner, and of the nearly 150 restaurants participating throughout the whole county, 91 are located in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Dine Out Lauderdale is the perfect opportunity for an affordable date night, family celebration or a lunch with coworkers to try out that new spot that's been on your list forever or seen on Instagram! I recently visited the new

Ethos Greek Bistro, which opened to the



community this summer on 17th Street in my district, and was thrilled to hear about the popularity of the Dine Out Lauderdale specials being offered. I can't recommend their branzino and cheesecake enough! One of my favorite roles of serving as a city commissioner is welcoming new businesses to our city, and this year we've had quite a few ribbon cuttings for brand new restaurants that I hope you get to visit through the phenomenal deals available for a limited time. There are so many classic Fort Lauderdale institutions on the extensive list, too, that I hope you will check them out. The complete list of participating restaurants can be found at visitlauderdale.com/dineout.

The culinary and hospitality industries are an integral part of Fort Lauderdale's economy and workforce. Accolades such as the Michelin Guide, coverage in local outlets like Go Riverwalk, and annual happenings such as Dine Out Lauderdale help these businesses and our community thrive in driving foot traffic, growing necessary revenues, and providing spots for visitors and natives alike to create unforgettable memories.





As fervent local foodies, those of us who call Fort Lauderdale home know that with our diverse demographics and seemingly limitless options, there is no guide or judge necessary for us to see the breadth and depth of Fort Lauderdale's wondrous offerings. I can't wait to hear everyone's experiences and reviews! Don't wait until next year, eat local this month, and spread the word. Save the dates also for the next Visit Lauderdale Food and Wine Festival, returning to the city Jan. 19 to 25, 2026!

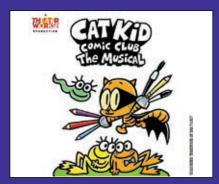




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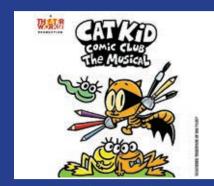
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City of Fort Lauderdale Transportation Planning Division Manager



BACK TO SCHOOL

CREATING SIDEWALK CONNECTIONS



t is that time of year again when we are all back to our regular schedules, traffic is back to its "normal" condition, and children have returned to school. Not only school is back, but after school activities and the hustle and bustle that comes with them is back as well. A factor that can help with those busy schedules is having a connected sidewalk network to be able to access schools and parks within our neighborhoods where those activities are occurring.

The City Commission has committed to improving the sidewalk network within the city. It has dedicated funding for the implementation of filling gaps in the sidewalk network annually as well as the completion of a Sidewalk Master Plan which is in its final stages of development. Staff have already begun moving forward with several projects to start filling gaps, including one with a focus on connecting streets with existing sidewalks that are missing just the necessary corner connections in the vicinity schools.

Design has started on this project which extends across the city and includes corner connections leading to Bayview Elementary School, Stranahan High School, Stephen Foster Elementary, Westwood Heights Elementary School, and Fort Lauderdale High School. Additional locations within the project include Flagler Village missing connections,

Lake Aire Palm View connecting to Bass Park, and Birch Road. As preliminary concepts are developed and feasibility is completed, staff will be reaching out to each neighborhood for input. Design is anticipated to be completed by early 2026 with construction to follow.

The efforts to fill gaps will continue with the final adoption of the Sidewalk Master Plan and the resulting implementation program which includes prioritization factors such as the proximity to schools as well, but also parks, activity centers, neighborhood collector streets and streets that have a history of pedestrian crashes, to name a few.

But having a complete sidewalk network is just one piece of the puzzle to create a safe and complete transportation system. It takes many different elements, including each one of us playing a part with our actions.

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.
- 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.
- 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. 📵



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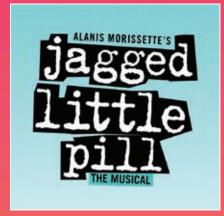
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SWIMWEAR WITH STYLE IN MIND

MONTCE FLATTERS ALL BEACH BODIES

Before launching her clothing brand, Montce, Alexandra Grief studied fashion design at the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale. But unfortunately for this budding designer, she entered the workforce at an inopportune time in 2009 when the economy was still trying to bounce back from the 2008 economic crash. In the meantime, she began building her portfolio. What initially started as a passion project soon blossomed into an international brand.

"I had so many ideas on fit, flattering shapes, and incorporating fun vintage prints," said the South Florida native. "I wanted to make swimsuits to wear for myself and share with everyone who also felt this is what was missing in the market. Then, what started as a small idea in my apartment eventually grew into something much bigger."

In just five years, Grief went from making custom swimwear to order in her apartment to opening her first Montce store in Fort Lauderdale in 2013. Today, the brand has four locations throughout South Florida, including Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Coconut Grove and Delray Beach. Yet, as she continued to expand the business geographically, it wasn't long before she realized there was a growing demand to also build the line to include more than swimwear.

"The expansion happened naturally. Our customers began asking for pieces they could wear beyond the beach, like coverups, sets, athleisure and ready-to-wear items. So, we listened and slowly introduced styles that fit the Montce aesthetic. It's been really exciting to watch our customers embrace those pieces just as much as our swimwear," said Grief. With that, in addition to swimwear, Montce now offers a full range of apparel, including cover-ups, matching sets, dresses, sportswear, and accessories.

Montce also recently launched a children's line, so you can now match with your little ones at the beach or by the



pool. Aside from its fashion-forward yet timeless approach to swimwear, while also prioritizing size inclusivity, Montce also sets itself apart with its approach to sustainability in the design and manufacturing process.

"Sustainability is something we will be continually sourcing and working on. We are just trying to do our part where we can. As a brand that celebrates the natural beauty of places like Fort Lauderdale and beyond, it's important that we do our part to protect them. That's why we've introduced eco-friendlier fabrics, reduced waste in our production process, and use small-batch manufacturing to minimize overproduction and its impact on the environment," she said.

As for the future of the brand, locals can expect to see the clothing brand popping up in many more places around South Florida and get to experience the Montce difference firsthand.

"We just opened a new store in West Palm Beach and are opening one in Sunset Harbour soon. So, we're excited to continue growing, continuing to improve, and keep doing

MONTCE

Owner: Alexandra Grief Number of employees: 40 Phone: (954) 440-2522

Address: 530 N.E. 13th St., Fort Lauderdale

Website: www.montce.com







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ArtServe 2026 SCHEDULE

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ArtServe's 4th
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BY DAN LINDBLADE
President/CEO,
Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce



THE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL

WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

n July 4, 2025, President Donald Trump signed into law what's officially called the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, a sprawling piece of legislation that bundles together tax changes, spending priorities and major policy shifts. Supporters hail it as the biggest tax cut in American history. Critics warn it will strip away vital safety nets and pile trillions onto the national debt.

Here's what you need to know.

Taxes and Your Wallet

At the heart of the bill is a permanent extension of the 2017 Trump tax cuts. For most households, that means continued lower income tax rates and some expanded deductions. Workers in tipped professions and those earning overtime will no longer pay federal taxes on that income. There's also a higher cap on state and local tax deductions for many middle-income earners, a boost to the child tax credit, and even a short-term tax-advantaged "Trump Account" for parents to save for their children's future expenses.

Small businesses and high earners benefit from retained corporate tax cuts and some new depreciation rules, while the bill leaves in place a number of targeted breaks for industries like manufacturing and fossil fuels.

Cuts to Social Programs

To offset some of the lost tax revenue, the bill makes deep cuts to Medicaid — about 12 percent — and tightens eligibility rules. New work requirements apply to both

Medicaid and SNAP (food stamps). The Congressional Budget Office estimates roughly 10 million Americans could lose health coverage as a result. The bill also scales back parts of the Affordable Care Act's subsidies.

Big Spending on Defense and Borders

While social spending shrinks, defense and border security surge. The Pentagon gets \$150 billion more, with another \$150 billion allocated to immigration enforcement, including expanded detention facilities and increased staffing for Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Energy and Environment

The bill phases out many clean energy tax credits created under the Inflation Reduction Act, shifting incentives toward fossil fuel projects and domestic semiconductor manufacturing. This move is celebrated by oil, gas and manufacturing sectors, but criticized by climate advocates.

Debt and Deficit

Despite program cuts, the bill adds an estimated \$3 trillion to the federal deficit over the next decade, in part because of the scale of the tax reductions. The debt ceiling is raised by \$5 trillion to accommodate the higher borrowing.

Local Impacts

Because of shifting federal priorities, some local projects are losing funding. In Austin, Texas, for example, a \$105 million neighborhood improvement grant tied to the I-35 "Cap and Stitch" project was cut entirely.

The Takeaway

The Big Beautiful Bill is as sweeping as its name suggests — affecting your taxes, health care access, national defense and the environment. If you earn wages, own a business or have children, you'll likely see some tax relief. But if you rely on public health coverage or nutrition assistance, the changes could be significant and immediate.

Like most massive bills, its impact will depend on where you stand. For some, it's a windfall; for others, a setback. Either way, it's reshaping the country's fiscal and policy landscape for years to come.





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



SOUTH FLORIDA VENTURES

THE TEAM THAT MAKES THE FORT LAUDERDALE INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW A SUCCESS

he Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (FLIBS) is the longest and largest user of the Broward County Convention Center. FLIBS will once again return to the convention center Oct. 29 through Nov. 2 for the 66th annual boating event. The show will take full advantage of the center's 350,000 square feet of contiguous exhibit space and central location, along with six other event locations spread out across Fort Lauderdale.

FLIBS, owned by the Marine Industries Association of South Florida since the show's inception, is a major economic contributor to the region's economy. The convention center is an important support component of the show's success.

Key economic data points for the world's largest in-water boat show include:

\$1.778 billion

The economic output FLIBS generates throughout the state via purchases and expenditures at the show.

10,000-plus

The number of full-time Florida jobs associated with the economic output generated by the show.

\$694.5 million

The total estimated sales by Florida companies during the show, \$138.9 million daily. \$599.4 million from tri-

county companies. \$228.9 million from Broward County companies.

FLIBS, an Informa produced event, has a local team that plans, manages and executes each year's successful show. That team is led by Robert Correa, senior vice president of operations. Correa has been at the helm of FLIBS' production since 2010.

But Correa doesn't do it alone. He relies on the entire South Florida Ventures team, which has local offices in Fort Lauderdale and Orlando. As part of Informa, one of the world's largest trade show organizers, the FLIBS team has the expertise and logistical know-how to produce the world's largest shows.

Informa works with brands in diverse industries, including pharma, health and nutrition, aviation, beauty, infrastructure and construction, and luxury. In this mix is, of course, boat

shows like FLIBS. In recent years, they have hosted several other large events at the Broward County Convention Center, including Seatrade Cruise Global and Catersource.

Shows like these, along with other live and on-demand events globally, contributed significantly to Informa Markets' annual revenue, representing approximately 45 percent of Informa total revenue.

So what does it take to produce a great show like FLIBS? According to Correa, a full year of planning and an action item list of more than 2,100 tasks. Logistically, it also takes:

- 4 million pounds of exhibitor equipment and freight (69 percent needed on the water)
- 7.5 miles of floating docks
- 450,000 square feet of tent space
- 300,000 square feet of temporary flooring
- 2,500-plus contractors and agency workers plus 100-plus Informa staff
- 1,000-plus exhibitors, vendors and sponsors
- 425 truckloads of equipment
- 125 miles of electrical cable

The public sees a well-executed, five-day extravaganza of all things marine in Fort Lauderdale each fall. Behind the scenes, it's Informa's South Florida Ventures team making the magic happen.



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ur office mailed over 779,000 TRIM (proposed tax)
Notices to Broward County property owners last
month. The 2025 Just/Market Values are based on the
market data from 2024 as Florida Statutes require our office
to use Jan. 1 as the date of assessment each year.

Your TRIM Notice shows your property's 2025 Just/ Market Value, any tax-saving exemptions you are receiving, and the proposed tax amounts as set by the various taxing authorities listed on the notice.

It is important to remember the Property Appraiser's Office does not set or collect taxes.

If you have questions or concerns about any of the proposed tax rates or non-ad valorem fees, including fire assessments, please contact the taxing authority listed on the TRIM Notice.

If you believe you are entitled to a Homestead Exemption or any other exemption not shown on your TRIM Notice, you may still late file for any 2025 exemption until Sept. 17. For a list of all the available tax-saving exemptions and to apply for these exemptions online, please visit our web.bcpa. net or call us at (954) 357-6830.

If you have questions about your 2025 Just/Market Value or Exemptions, please email or call us prior to Sept.17.

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Commercial Property including Duplexes

CommercialTRIM@bcpa.net (954) 357-6835

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pshortsleeve@bcpa.net (954) 357-6162

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The ABSOLUTE deadline to file an application for any 2025 Exemption or to appeal your property's 2025 Just/Market Value with the VAB is Sept. 17, 2025.

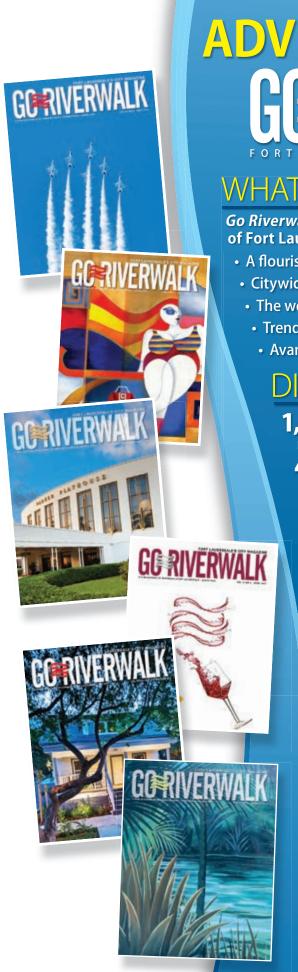
Value Adjustment Board

The Value Adjustment Board is an independent quasi-judicial review board. If you believe your Just/Market Value is not what a buyer would have reasonably paid for your property on Jan. 1, you should first contact our office. If after speaking with one of our appraisers, you still do not agree, you can file an appeal with the Broward County Value Adjustment Board. If you were denied an exemption, you may also file a petition with the Value Adjustment Board to appeal this denial. The deadline for any VAB petition is Sept.

17. To file a VAB petition online, please visit their website at https://bcvab. broward.org/axiaweb2025. Should you have any questions for the Value Adjustment Board, they can be reached at vab@broward. org or (954) 357-7205.

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A NEW HOME FOR CONVENTIONS

CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION TO BE COMPLETED SOON

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

he Broward County Convention Center's long-awaited expansion is just a couple of months away from being completed. The \$1.5 billion expansion began construction in 2019 and was made possible with funding from tourist development tax revenue bonds and general revenue bonds from Broward County. However, this project is something the county has been working toward for years now.

"The county has been trying to get this expansion done since the mid-90s. We've known for decades that we needed to expand," said Stacy Ritter, president and CEO of Visit Lauderdale. The first of numerous improvements made to the convention center was the newly updated convention center with an expanded 350,000 square feet of exhibit hall space. This expansion, which was done to accommodate larger conventions, began in 2019 and was completed in 2022. Following that expansion, the exhibit hall was reopened while construction began on the brand-new convention center hotel, the Omni Hotel.

"Our clients kept telling us they wished there was a more convenient place to stay because the Hilton Marina across the street has been the unofficial headquarters for guests to stay," Ritter said. "But it's a smaller hotel, comparatively speaking, and you have to walk across the street to get to the convention center."

Instead, guests will now be able to stay at the attached Omni Hotel starting in September. The new hotel boasts a whopping 801 rooms, expansive views of the Intracoastal Waterway, and offers direct access to the convention center.

With these new expansions, the Broward Convention

Center can now also reach an untapped market of clients and conventions that it previously could not accommodate. "We've had a lot of conferences pass on us because we didn't have an attached hotel. So, this now gets us where we need to be for the kind of conferences that we're looking to host. We can also then reach out to other industries like pharmaceuticals, tech and medical that we just could never have handled before," she said.

One convention they have previously had to pass on is the U.S. Travel Association's IPW, which is the largest international travel trade show and often has upward of 6,000 attendees per year. It will be coming to the Broward County Convention Center for the first time in May 2026. This is one of the many examples of why, after years of deliberation surrounding this expansion, the project was finally approved because it gives Fort Lauderdale a competitive edge over other convention centers throughout the state, said Ritter.

"The big 'why' for this project is that we needed to be competitive. While we are an overwhelmingly leisure destination, conferences are the bread and butter of our industry because you book them out so far in advance. It also helps the economy significantly because the bottom line is the residents and how something like this impacts the people who live here. An evolving community is a growing community. So, to keep this place moving forward, you have to have these kinds of amenities to show people how great it is here, so they want to keep coming back," she said.







One of the ballrooms at the renovated **Broward County Convention Center**



Rendering of the new Omni Hotel at the **Broward County Convention Center**



EXPANSION HIGHLIGHTS

Cost: \$1.5 billion

Start Date: December 2019 Completion Date: October 2025

Additions: 350,000 square feet of contiguous exhibit hall completed on the existing Convention Center West building, 65,000 square feet waterfront ballroom facing the Intracoastal Waterway, 6-acre outdoor plaza with restaurants and urban green space, and an interconnected 801-room, 29-story Omni Hotel.

LOOKING AHEAD: New Conventions in 2026-2029

2026

TREE CARE INDUSTRY EXPO

Attendees: 5,000 Peak rooms: 725

Total room nights: 2,420

2027

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF MEDICAL **INSTRUMENTATION EXCHANGE**

Attendees: 3,000 Peak rooms: 1,186 Total room nights: 4,483

NATIONAL FUNERAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION AND **EXPO**

Attendees: 4,500 Peak rooms: 1,500 Total room nights: 6,000

2028

SOCIETY OF THORACIC SURGEONS ANNUAL MEETING AND EXHIBITION

Attendees: 4,200 Peak rooms: 1,400 Total room nights: 4,400 COLON AND RECTAL SURGEONS ANNUAL **SCIENTIFIC MEETING** Attendees: 2,800

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF

Peak rooms: 1,220 Total room nights: 5,062

ACADEMY OF OSSEOINTEGRATION'S ANNUAL MEETING

Attendees: 2,200 Peak rooms: 1,100 Total room nights: 3,706 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONSORTIUM OF MULTIPLE **SCLEROSIS CENTERS**

Attendees: 2,100 Peak rooms: 1,550 Total room nights: 4,895

ASIAN AMERICAN HOTEL **OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

Attendees: 7,000 Peak rooms: 2,459 **Total room nights: 9,151** NATIONAL CONFERENCE **OF STATE LEGISLATURES SUMMIT**

Attendees: 5,000 Peak rooms: 2,580

Total room nights: 10,685

2029

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF FOOT AND ANKLE **SURGEONS**

Attendees: 3,000 Peak rooms: 1,830 Total room nights: 7,066

MEET THE NEW CITY MANAGER, RICKELLE WILLIAMS

A GLIMPSE INTO HER PLANS FOR THE CITY

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

he City of Fort Lauderdale recently welcomed its city manager, Rickelle Williams. She now takes on the role of ensuring the daily operations of our local government run smoothly and efficiently, all while balancing the needs of each department and the city's residents.

Williams certainly brings with her a wide breadth of government experience that makes her more than qualified for this position.

Previously, she served in multiple executive roles at the City of Miami Beach, including as economic development director, assistant city manager, and interim city manager where she established the North Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, oversaw the Miami Beach Convention Center, negotiated various public-private partnerships, created the Job Creation Incentive Program, as well as created and implemented three Covid-19 small business recovery grant programs.

In an effort to get to know the city manager better and find out what she feels she will bring to her role, we recently spoke with Rickelle Williams to learn more.

How did you get started working in local government, and why have you continued working with city government?

I was lucky to start my career in local government in my hometown. My mother is a retired public school teacher, and my father is a public transit operator. When I was 18, I started as a summer recreation aide in the City of Miami Gardens Parks and Recreation Department's administrative office. I did that for three summers. Later in my career, I was offered a full-time position as a coordinator in the City's Capital Projects Department. That's where I advanced my public administration skills through major general obligation bond-funded facility and infrastructure projects. It was rewarding to serve my community in a meaningful way by improving the quality of life for my fellow neighbors. That's one of the reasons I'm motivated to continue a career in public service.

You were awarded the 2024 Badass Woman of the Year by the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce. Can you tell me more about that?

Yes, I'm a Badass! I wear that recognition as a badge of honor. For the past five years, the Chamber has recognized the achievements and contributions of women throughout Miami-Dade County who work in various industries dominated by men. In 2024, I was recognized along with several other dynamic and amazing women. I was also

surprised to be awarded as the "Overall Badass of the Year" in the first year the award was created

In your short time here, where do you think the City is falling short? Where do you believe it is excelling?

I have always believed that we can learn so much by simply getting to know each other and connecting oneon-one. That's why I recently hosted a citywide staff meeting where I shared my observations and plans for moving the City forward, as well as areas where I feel offer opportunities: communication, collaboration and conscientiousness. As a City, I want us to consider how we can better communicate with one another and collaborate with each other to get things done with attention to detail. Fort Lauderdale is a beautiful, vibrant city, but we have some real challenges to face. The only way we can accomplish our goals is by working together, efficiently. I am setting the bar high because our neighbors are counting on us to deliver. City staff care deeply about the contributions they are making each day, and the passion and talent on our team are our biggest assets.

What additions or realignments do you foresee?

I am striving to increase our overall productivity and responsiveness when it comes to effectively serving our neighbors. In the City's Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget, I have proposed reorganizing our existing team by creating a few new departments. The Strategic Communications and the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport divisions, which are currently housed within the City Manager's Office and operate independently from my office, will become stand-alone departments. I am also proposing to create a Community Services Department, which will focus on administering some of our homeless outreach initiatives as well as house our newly formed Economic Development Office. In addition, I have proposed to streamline the Public Works Department, which currently has more than 500 employees, to create a Utility Services Department to increase accountability and promote greater focus on our public infrastructure maintenance. Also, I have proposed a stand-alone Procurement Department to promote efficiency and bolster our City's purchasing process. The most critical department proposed for creation is the Capital Projects Department. It would focus on ensuring our current and proposed capital/construction projects are managed and completed efficiently. This will ensure the development of our fire stations, parks facilities, and



Hometown:

Born in Mandeville, Jamaica, and grew up in Miami Gardens

Residence:

"My family and I have been eagerly searching for our new home in the City of Fort Lauderdale, and I look forward to truly experiencing life as a resident to ultimately better serve my new community and neighbors."

Education:

Master of arts in mass communication, University of Florida; master of public administration, Florida International University; graduate certificate in community development, Florida International University.

infrastructure. For several of the proposed departments, we are also tapping into internal talent to build on the collaboration and teamwork already in place.

The role of the city manager is to implement the will and vision of the City Commission set by a majority vote. How does that planning occur, and what tools are needed to be effective?

I have been grateful for the support I've received from the City Commission and know they have the best interests of residents and the City team at heart. I have seen how they support staff as we work to further their goals and objectives. To that end, as the city manager, I have established and maintained consistent communication with our mayor and commissioners, as well as their respective district office staff. Having a collaborative relationship with our elected body is essential to advancing projects and addressing pressing issues that are a priority to the individual districts, but the City as a whole.

What are some of the goals the City has in the next few years?

We're committed to simplifying processes to create a more seamless experience for everyone who lives, works, plays and invests here. With newly secured grants and additional funding, we are expanding our commitment to homelessness initiatives that provide crucial support to our unhoused community members. We are also making

strategic investments in public safety, technology, arts and culture. Additionally, we are excited to move forward with plans for a new City Hall facility as well as our Fortify Lauderdale stormwater initiative and Prospect Lake Clean Water Center infrastructure improvements.

How do you rate staffing within the city?

One of the first things I did when I started in April was meet face-to-face with staff in all 10 of our departments and the Community Redevelopment Agency. I was so pleased to find that the staff are genuinely happy to work for the City of Fort Lauderdale. I'm also encouraged because we have such talented and dedicated employees who are ready and willing to take the City to the next level.

What are some positive qualities you believe you bring to your position as city manager?

I am diligent, analytical, and very competitive. Growing up in a home with three brothers, I had to learn to advocate for myself, be tough, and hold my own. I bring that same drive to the City of Fort Lauderdale. I am allergic to mediocrity and strive daily to deliver excellence in everything I pursue. In addition, I wholeheartedly believe in our City's I-CARE core values - integrity, compassion, accountability, respect, and excellence - and it is my goal as city manager to ensure that all our employees embody these values through every service we deliver. @











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BURLOCK COAST'S DINING SERIES RETURNS

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

here are high expectations when visiting a restaurant nestled within such a luxurious hotel destination as the Ritz-Carlton in Fort Lauderdale, but Burlock Coast does not disappoint. Beyond the expansive marble-accented hotel lobby lies its signature restaurant, which pulls elements from the sweeping views of the beach just outside for its décor. With light wood furniture, iridescent fish scale-like accents inlaid in the flooring, and soft lighting reminiscent of the setting sun along the ocean, the space exudes coastal elegance.

Aside from the nautical décor, the menu at Burlock Coast also focuses on fresh seafood with a lot of Mediterranean influences and tropical rum-focused cocktails, all curated by Executive Chef Adrienne Grenier. To start your meal at Burlock Coast, there are several cocktails worth indulging in, like the refreshing Burlock 75 gin cocktail with a delightful combination of lemon, basil, cucumber and prosecco. Or if you're looking for something beachy, Burlock Coast's take on a classic piña colada, the Coastal Colada, is a must-try.

As for what dishes to sink your teeth into as you sip on your first round of cocktails, there is a little something for everyone, from the adventure seeker to the play-it-safe diners. For the former, the succulent charred octopus with a Chile romesco sauce offers a spicy and smoky treat that will certainly tantalize your taste buds. But for something a little tamer but exceptionally fresh, the herbaceous sun goddess salad is a delight. Featuring heirloom tomatoes grown in the restaurant's own garden, this veggie-forward dish also includes cucumber, radish, pickled onion, Fresno Chile, all tossed with a green goddess dressing.

But the best part of these two dishes is dipping the herbed focaccia rolls in each sauce and dressing, which is a culinary delight in its own right. However, the standout of the entire meal was one of their specialty entrees, only on the menu this past August, the Glazed Black Grouper coated in a rich miso and served with Thai sweet rice, baby eggplant, Bok choy, and a coconut curry sauce. Inspired by restaurateur and chef Dean Max, this dish is part of a four-month dining series, Adrienne's Food Diaries. Originally introduced at Burlock Coast by the restaurant's previous executive chef Paula DiSilva, the series now continues with Chef Grenier, who will be recreating dishes inspired by four culinary titans through November.

In September, guests can look forward to sampling Chef Pushkar Marathe's pachadi salad, which is a reflection of his Indian heritage. October will feature a butterscotch miso pork belly created by five-time James Beard Award semifinalist Chef José Mendín. Finally, in November, the featured dish will be from Food Network's Chopped champion and Chef Giorgio Rapicavoli's muhammara dip, which is a bold red pepper dip commonly found in Syria.

But, saving the best for last, the desserts at Burlock Coast are the perfect way to end such an appetizing meal. There are a variety of options for both chocoholics and those in favor of fruitier flavors, but the tropical pavlova is out of this world. This meringue-based dessert combines the citrusy punch of Japanese yuzu and raspberries with fresh basil, which is blended into a mouse, piped into the center of the meringue nest, and topped with fresh fruit. It's a perfect airy, sweet treat to cleanse your palate after a decadent meal.















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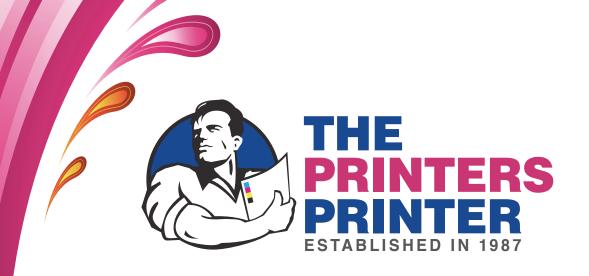
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MJ SOLORIO WITH MARIA BONOMI



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ArtServe recently welcomed guests to the opening reception of its newest exhibition, Walk the Runway. The free public event drew art lovers, fashion enthusiasts and community leaders for an evening celebrating sustainable design, self-expression and the diverse talent of South Florida's fashion-forward creative community. The exhibition remains on view through Sept. 19.



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Editor's note: Once again, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale invited artists to submit their original artwork depicting Fort Lauderdale's Riverwalk. This year, 15 talented local artists submitted 18 different pieces in a variety of categories, including mixed media, composition, photography, art and tech, and more. Here is a closer look at our second-place winner.



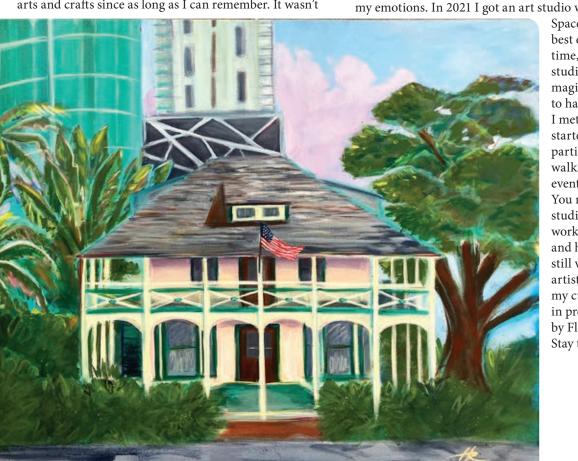
Inspiration for this piece of art

I painted this piece to be donated it to the Stranahan House for auction at the yearly Pineapple Jam fundraiser. I wanted to showcase the house as it stands today, a piece of history surrounded by the newer high-rises. It honors the past while celebrating progress and growth. As an artist and board member for Las Olas Capital Arts, I understand the importance of collaborating with other local nonprofits to help preserve and enrich our arts culture. It was a great event and I was happy to be a part of it.

Tell us a bit about your creative journey

My creative journey started young. I was always making arts and crafts since as long as I can remember. It wasn't

until after I served in the military that I got technically trained at college. With my GI Bill, I earned my bachelor of studio arts degree. I dabbled for many years while raising my two sons but I didn't make any serious work until Covid. I had just moved to South Florida a few months prior to the lockdown and had no friends. I was homesick and nervous about the developments with a global pandemic. It sounds so dramatic to say that now, from the other side of it but back then it was intense. So intense that I had to start making art again! I had a ton of supplies boxed up that I had collected over the years, so I got to work. I painted simple things, objects that evoked memories. I experimented a lot and it became an amazing outlet for my emotions. In 2021 I got an art studio with Zero Empty



Spaces and it was the best decision ever. That time, having my own studio was when the magic really started to happen for me. I met other artists, started attending and participating in art walks, live painting events, juried shows. You name it. In that studio, I stared making work I was so proud of and happy to share. I'm still very much on my artistic journey, and my current collection in progress is inspired by Florida memories. Stay tuned! 10

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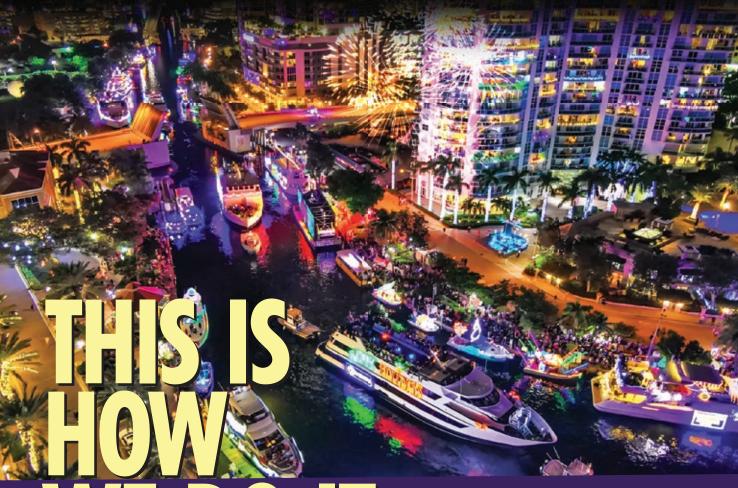
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