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JUST LISTED! 3 BEDROOM 2 BATHS | \$849,000

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JUST SOLD! | SKYVIEW

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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.

JUST SOLD! | SEAVIEW

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

JUST SOLD! | SEAVIEW

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

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HOWARD ELFMAN HELMS RIVERWALK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Editor's note: Go Riverwalk Magazine introduces Howard Elfman, now serving as chair of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale's executive board. He has been involved with Riverwalk since 2002. In his day job, he is managing partner and broker of The Agency Florida. He shares his history with Fort Lauderdale and Riverwalk here.

I relocated from Philadelphia to Fort Lauderdale in 1989, as did many seeking to escape the colder climate of the North.

Back then Fort Lauderdale was a much smaller city with few tall buildings and a downtown area that was subdued and quiet, so most of my leisure activities centered around the beach or driving to Miami.

At that time, I was unfamiliar with Riverwalk's initiatives until a friend introduced me to the concept of purchasing a commemorative brick, which would feature my name along the pathway. As I became more acquainted with Riverwalk's mission, I acquired additional bricks and soon realized my desire to contribute to the organization's development and to take part in the enhancement of our community.

My active involvement began in 2002 when I was invited to join the board. From the outset, I joined one of the committees, and my appreciation for the

organization's impactful work and the commitment displayed by the board and volunteers kept me engaged with the organization and what we can accomplish.

Nowadays, I enjoy occasional leisurely walks along the Riverwalk during the afternoon or early evenings, taking in the view of passing boats and reflecting on how fortunate I am to reside in such an exceptional city and to benefit from the presence of the Riverwalk.

Riverwalk constantly offers great community events such as the annual Riverwalk Fall Festival, Downtown Day of the Dead, Light up Lauderdale, Riverwalk International Food Festival and Riverwalk Holiday Lights Cruise.


As I assume my new role as chairman, I remain committed to supporting this organization and to introducing the Riverwalk to a broader audience so that others may come to appreciate this world-class asset in downtown Fort Lauderdale. 



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LIGHT UP LAUDERDALE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025 ❄️ 6-8:30 PM

Esplanade Park ❄️ 400 SW 2nd Street
and along the downtown Riverwalk

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THE NEW RIVER

WATERWAY ACCESS POWERS THE CITY'S ECONOMIC ENGINE

Riverwalk continues to advocate for seawall repairs and improvement along the linear walkway, and we are hopeful in this current fiscal year and budget cycle that some of that work will begin.

The New River is an economic engine to the city of Fort Lauderdale leading to the boatyards up river as well as residences that enjoy waterway access. It serves a waterway from the glades to the ocean as a tidal estuary and serves thousands of boats, kayakers, canoes, paddleboards and more as they utilize the waterway and enjoy the beauty of the area. It serves a part of our dynamic transportation system and in partnership with Fort Lauderdale Water Taxi provides services that connect to the Intracoastal waterway, numerous hotels, restaurants and other social pleasures in the city. City dockage offers the opportunity to store your boat downtown either at Cooley's Landing or docks lining Riverwalk.

Additionally, there are other marinas in the downtown vicinity. The Intracoastal Waterway is lined with marinas and waterfront restaurants and night spots and is home to the largest in-water boat show in the world. Our waterways are lined with beautiful homes, gorgeous parks and tons of

restaurants and entertainment opportunities. Do not forget some of the best fishing around heads out through Port Everglades to go offshore.

The city operates four pump-out locations, which are two self-service and complimentary and two that offer assisted service. Cox's Landing Boat Ramp at S.E. 15th St. and Smoker Park at 501 S. New River Drive are self-service, and Marshall Point at 401 S.W. Fourth Ave. and Cooley's Landing offer assisted service on a fixed schedule basis.

From Oct. 29 to Nov. 2, the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show comes to town bringing more than 100,000 show attendees, exhibiting more than 1,330 boats and many brand and supply exhibits. This show has been tracked to have a \$1.8 billion economic impact. Also offered during the show are seminars and include a superyacht village, gourmet experience, and more experiences at the convention center.


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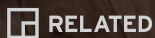


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UPDATE FROM THE MAYOR

FORT LAUDERDALE INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW COMES TO TOWN; CITY BUDGET UPDATES

As we head from summer toward fall, the city is approaching an annual event that is incredibly important to our local economy – the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show

The show is the world's largest in-water boat show and results annually in an estimated \$1.79 billion economic impact. That's not just the sale of yachts and marine equipment and goods, but the money that visitors plow into hotels, restaurants, entertainment and other shopping while in town.

We are again expecting some 100,000 people to attend the Boat Show over its five-day run between Oct. 29 and Nov. 2. The event really showcases Fort Lauderdale as the yachting capital of the world.

City budget

The City Commission has been working on our budget plans for next year.

I'm pleased to say that we will once again keep our millage rate the same. This marks 19 years in a row that we have not raised rates – something no other city in the area has accomplished. The average tax rate across Broward County's cities have gone up 37 percent in the same period.

The proposed budget also includes a major reorganization of city agencies. Overall, we expect better accountability to result from the reorganization.

One major aspect of the restructuring improves how the city delivers large-scale capital investments. We have a lot of work underway in the city from park improvements to better water, sewer and stormwater systems. The new Capital Improvements Department will exclusively be in charge of these initiatives – focusing on engineering, design and construction.

Some significant new aspects of the proposed budget include:

- A new marine facilities fund that will ensure public boat ramps and marinas are clean and well-maintained.
- An expansion of the testing program we use to monitor the quality of water in our canals and rivers.
- The build-out of space for the city's workforce training program for those

seeking careers in aviation.


- A new program to assist financially burdened households with paying city utility bills.
- The funding to complete the construction of Fire Station 13, EMS Substation 88 and the Heron Garage substation.
- The earmarking of \$6.8 million to repair and enhance roads and sidewalks, including Breakers Avenue and Birch Road.
- More money for seawall restoration and replacement and improvements to street lighting.
- The procurement of more closed-circuit television cameras and vehicle stop barriers to improve public safety.
- Training to help police officers in crisis intervention tactics.
- Funding for a shelter bed access program to better ensure temporary housing for those living on our streets.
- The launch of a pilot program to provide a safe place for people who have a car but nowhere to live a safe place to park and sleep overnight.
- Continuation of the city's work to upgrade our stormwater system to better handle flooding and heavy rain.
- The hiring of additional personnel to operate our new water treatment plant once its construction is completed late next year. 



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BY EKAETE EKWERE

City of Fort Lauderdale
Deputy Director, Transportation & Mobility



FLOATING INTO DOWNTOWN

THE LAUDERGO! WATER TROLLEY EXPERIENCE

Imagine floating down the picturesque New River, greeted by a gentle breeze and swaying palm trees all without spending a dime. That's precisely the ambiance the LauderGO! Water Trolley delivers, offering the City's residents and visitors a scenic way to explore Fort Lauderdale's riverfront. This service is provided by the City of Fort Lauderdale and operated in partnership with Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale and Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale.

The LauderGO! Water Trolley operates daily and whether you are heading out for brunch or taking a stroll along the Riverwalk, you can access the trolley at any of these eight designated stops along the New River:

- Stop 1: Riverwalk Laura Ward Plaza
- Stop 2: Huizenga Plaza / Bubier Park (temporarily closed due to construction)
- Stop 3: Riverfront Plaza
- Stop 4: Esplanade Park
- Stop 5: Tarpon River
- Stop 6: New River Yacht Club
- Stop 7: Downtowner
- Stop 8: Smoker Park


The service allows passengers to hop on or off and explore iconic Fort Lauderdale destinations at their own pace. Stop 1, Laura Ward Park is closest to Las Olas Boulevard, providing residents and visitors with direct access to its wide array of boutiques, restaurants, and galleries. At Stop 4, Esplanade Park, you can disembark to access the Broward Center for Performing Arts or the Museum of Discovery and Science.

Plan Your Ride

The LauderGO! Water Trolley operates every day from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The vessel is easily recognizable by its yellow wrap and LauderGO! flag. The trolley seats 20 passengers total and typically arrives every 30 minutes. Occasional delays may occur due to the New River bridge operations, so check out our website for real-time updates related to bridge activity. During the ride, the captains are known to share local insight and point out historic spots along the river.

As an added bonus, passengers can track the trolley's arrival times using the LauderGO! app or web tracker, both of which update in real-time. Please keep in mind the following:

- Passengers can only hop on and hop off at designated stops.
- If a passenger is waving the Water Trolley down or requesting to hop off at a non-designated stop, the captain may advise them to head to or wait until the closest stop to ensure that they can be picked up or dropped off safely.
- On busy days, the captain may ask passengers to disembark the vessel if the passengers have completed a full loop around the river passing all eight stops.

The LauderGO! Water Trolley is more than just free transit; it is an invitation to slow down and enjoy Fort Lauderdale's riverside charm. Just plan ahead, stay flexible and let the gentle current of the New River do the rest. For more information head over to www.fortlauderdale.gov/watertrolley. 



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HAPPY FALL, Y'ALL

Pumpkins, Palm Trees & Carnival Fun



Celebrate fall with a tropical twist at the **5th Annual Pumpkins & Palm Trees Fall Festival** on Fort Lauderdale Beach. This free, family-friendly tradition blends autumn fun with an oceanfront backdrop, featuring pumpkin photo ops, seasonal treats, festive music, and hands-on crafts.

New for 2025, the festival adds a colorful lineup of inflatable carnival games, complete with prizes for kids of all ages. From the toddler maze to balloon blaster races, there's endless fun for families to enjoy. Fest favorites return too, including the **Trick or Treat Trail** with the Broward Center Spotlights, and the FRLA-sponsored **Student Pie Baking Competition** - where local ProStart students take part in the sweetest showdown of the season.

For complete details and ticket packages, visit theloopflb.com/events

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The closing weeks of the 2025 season delivers an eclectic lineup of iconic sounds, ranging from Coldplay's soaring anthems to Elton John's glittering hits, and the sing-along style of Taylor Swift through Bon Jovi's hair rock era. View the full line up of performers at fridaynightsoundwaves.com

SAVE THE DATES

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MAKE TIME FOR TEA

AUNT JENN'S TEA AND SPICE SHOP PRIORITIZES QUALITY



No matter where you go in Fort Lauderdale, there is almost always a coffee shop on every corner. But for non-coffee drinkers, there aren't often as many options. That was until Jennifer Malone opened her shop, Aunt Jenn's Tea and Spice Shop, in 2011. For Malone, who grew up in an English and Irish household where tea was a household staple, she noticed how hard it was to find quality tea at an affordable price locally. That's why she took matters into her own hands.

"I had gotten my degree in business administration with a minor in marketing, and I really wanted to start my own business, but I wasn't sure how to make it happen," she said.

"Instead, I decided to work at a farmer's market on the weekends, dreaming of opening my own shop. I started selling teas and spices, and luckily, it took off. Then, in 2011, I was able to open my tea shop while still selling at Yellow Green Farmer's Market in Hollywood. It's the best of both worlds."

Regardless you visit Aunt Jenn's Tea and Spice Shop at the farmer's market or her Wilton Manors location, you'll find she offers a variety of high-quality loose-leaf teas, tea accessories and spice blends from around the world.

But as to why she focuses on loose leaf versus tea bags, there are several reasons.

"I wanted to offer teas that include the whole natural leaf because it's not only a lot more potent, but it's also a lot healthier than commercial teas that are heavily processed. But I know loose-leaf can be intimidating, so that's why I offer unbleached biodegradable tea bags that you can fill yourself, as well as tea ball infusers," said Malone.

If you'd like to try before you buy, Aunt Jenn's Tea and Spice Shop also features a tea bar open daily and afternoon tea events throughout the year.

"When I moved to this location two years ago, I was finally able to offer English afternoon tea parties, and it has really taken off. But what's fun about my tea parties is that I incorporate the spices I have for sale in the shop and use them in the dishes served with the tea. Then, when you're done, you can buy the tea and spices you just enjoyed," she said.

For the future, Malone definitely has ideas in mind, some of which she's already implementing, like offering her own prepackaged tea bags using safer and more eco-friendly materials.

Her long-term goals involve getting her products onto the shelves of big-box grocery stores.

"I already do small batch wholesale for some bakeries and coffee shops like On the Run Coffee Bar. But I would love to increase my online sales this year, as well as get my products sold in gourmet grocery stores someday. As of right now, though, I can't complain. I'm living the dream of being a tea shop owner and doing what I've always wanted to do," she said. ☕

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SETTING THE TABLE

LOCAL DELEGATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS TO VISIT WASHINGTON

The business community understands the importance of government. That is why we appear at city council and county commission meetings when it is in our best interest to be at the table.

We were front and center when we created Friends of the Airport, an organization with one mission — expansion of Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, creating a new runway.

We were a driving force behind eliminating spring break as we knew it and removing the chaos and opting for a vision of what you see now. More recently, we helped create an important hospitality centric opportunity in allowing food and beverage sales on the beach so guests could get more than just a chair and umbrella.

Every two years, between 55 to 70 business leaders, elected officials and staff take four days to bring our issues to Washington, D.C. On Oct. 20, our delegation will be led by Mayor Dean Trantalis, Representative Chip LaMarca, County Commissioner Michael Udine, our Chair of the Board Debbie Danto, Danto Builders, and more than 55 others. Our collective message will be received by both houses of Congress, the administration, and other regulatory bodies.

Here is our lineup for 2025:

- Deepening and widening of Port Everglades (PENIP).
- Preserving clean energy tax credits.
- Passage of the bipartisan Charitable Giving Act.


- Appropriation for the Central and South Florida Flood Control System's Broward Basins.
- Funding for an engagement center for individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Funding for pediatric education.
- Passage of a series of issues related to housing and the sale of real estate.
- Funding for wharf renewal and seagrass mitigation at the NSU Oceanography Institute.

I call this “setting the table” so we can educate our elected officials and others about our community needs. There are plenty of lobbyists in D.C., but it makes a difference to decision makers when we take time to bring the message to them.

I recount one year we were not getting any traction on getting into the Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA) for funding for the port project. Competition for placement in the Act left us out. Our team met with the chairman of the decision-making committee, a representative from Pennsylvania. We proposed language for legislative inclusion, contingent on prepaying front-end work and later receiving the federal funding share in a subsequent WRDA iteration. It worked and we were on our way to the next challenge.

Working in the legislative arena requires patience and perseverance. We are on the 28th year of our journey on Port Everglades. There are always setbacks and wins. After Miami did its tunnel project at its port the outcome was such that we were then set to a new standard. That required more money, study and time.

On the Central and Southern Florida Flood Resiliency restudy, we were fortunate enough to have a connection to someone in the administration at the time. That gave us a foothold in the budget that was strong enough to survive the process.

Being involved and part of the legislative process requires a team of subject matter experts and dedicated leaders who are passionate about the greater Fort Lauderdale area. We are fortunate to have them and ask you to become part of our solutions. 



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His interest in submarines began decades earlier in his first professional role as a commercial diver. Lahey worked for André Galerne, a Frenchman who was part of Jacques Cousteau's early diving team before founding International Underwater Contractors. It was under Galerne's direction that Lahey experienced his first submarine dive. He was 21 years old and immediately recognized the exploration possibilities submarines offered.

In a sub, there was a freedom that couldn't be replicated with traditional scuba or commercial diving gear. Submersible diving offered no depth limitations and no post-dive risks like decompression sickness. On that first sub dive, Lahey descended to 1,400 feet to inspect an oil rig off the coast of Point Conception in California. Long before he surfaced, Lahey knew he would devote his life to sub exploration.

Since then, Lahey has been part of the design, manufacture and testing of more than 60 human-occupied submersibles. He's been a leader in the submersible industry's evolution, taking full advantage of technological innovations at every stage. Together with L. Bruce Jones, Lahey co-founded Triton Submarines in 2007. He took over as CEO in 2022 upon Jones' retirement.

Triton offers multiple lines of submersibles suitable for diverse applications. There are leisure models designed for private yachts, professional versions relied on by filmmakers, scientists and researchers, and commercial vessels ready to take cruise and resort guests on underwater adventures. In addition, Triton offers ultra-deep submersibles that can descend to the deepest points of the world's oceans.

As Triton continues to grow and innovate, it's the personal


submersible market where Lahey sees the most growth potential. It wasn't always this way. When Triton first floated the idea of personal submersibles at events like the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, prospective customers saw it as a far-fetched concept. It took 12 years to sway public opinion.

The tide turned in Triton's favor when Chris Cline, a business executive and philanthropist, added a personal Triton submersible to his 50 meter motoryacht, *Mine Games*. The yacht and its highly visible submersible, perched on the yacht's swim platform, garnered much attention at international ports of call. Interest from other yacht owners quickly followed.

Today, Triton works with private yacht owners to, as Lahey puts it, "help turn their audacious ideas into reality." The old days of yacht ownership focusing exclusively on see-and-be-seen has yielded to a new breed of owners who prioritize adventure and experiences. Triton submersibles deliver on both. No matter what a yacht owner dreams up, Triton is well-positioned to make it happen.

Submersibles can be retrofitted onto existing superyachts, incorporated into new yacht designs and added to the inventory of dedicated support vessels. In every application, Triton works closely with owners, designers and manufacturers to bring the owner's desires to life. Triton spares no expense, ensuring that comfort and uninterrupted views are delivered in every submersible.

Most importantly, Triton does this with an unwavering commitment to safety. Lahey emphasizes the company's perfect safety record and notes that every submersible the company has ever manufactured is still in active service today. Every Triton submersible is also fully certified by accredited global agencies and has maintained original depth certifications throughout each sub's lifetime.

When a guest enjoys a Triton submersible experience on a private yacht, at a resort or on a cruise ship, they can be confident they are doing so in a safe and comfortable environment. All that's left to do is relax and enjoy the views. 



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Did You Acquire or Take Ownership of Your Property in 2025?

If you acquired your home in 2025, the TRIM (proposed tax) Notice you received in August reflected the previous owner's exemption status which will be removed at the end of this year. If this property is your permanent residence and you believe you qualify for a 2026 Homestead Exemption, you must complete an application in your name. To be eligible for 2026 Homestead Exemption, an applicant must both own and make the property their permanent residence as of Jan. 1, 2026.

Please note: "permanent residency" does not require physical occupancy of the property. If you are building

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Homestead Exemption does not automatically transfer from one property to another. You can easily apply for Homestead Exemption and any other tax-saving exemptions online at <https://web.bcpa.net> under the "Exemptions & Classifications" tab. If you previously owned another Homesteaded property within the past three tax years, you will also be applying for portability. The portability application is part of the online Homestead Exemption application.

The timely deadline to apply for all 2026 exemptions is March 2, 2026. For additional information on Homestead and other exemption filing, please visit our website at <https://web.bcpa.net> or call (954) 357-6830.


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ALL ABOARD

BUSINESSES MAKING THEIR LIVING ON AND OFF THE WATER

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

The marine industry in Fort Lauderdale is made up of a diverse network of businesses involved in all things on or in the water. But aside from the obvious careers like fishermen and boat captains, there are still many unique maritime businesses that are crucial to this industry. From yacht brokerage and marine vessel insurance to even hull cleaners, these are just a few businesses in the marine world that each serve an important purpose to anyone who owns or operates a boat.

THE YACHT BROKERS

On any given day, numerous multi-million-dollar yachts and megayachts can be seen sailing along the Fort Lauderdale waterways. Professionals like David Huffman, owner of The Yacht Brokers, are in the business of helping clients buy and sell yachts at all price points.

Before getting into the yacht brokerage business, Huffman spent more than 20 years as a real estate broker. But it wasn't until a trip to the British Virgin Islands that his interest in large-scale boats was piqued.

"My wife and I would go to the British Virgin Islands and we would rent a power catamaran and it got me kind of intrigued about learning more about them. Fast forward a few years and I wanted to change careers. So, I looked in the boating world and I noticed how similar it was to old school real estate. I was instantly hooked," he said.

Huffman has spent the last 10 years growing his business in the U.S. on a clear principle – that yacht transactions should be efficient, transparent and hassle-free. With that, he has made his name as a yacht broker with a focus on buying and selling power catamarans and expediting sales, typically within 30 days.

But they really set themselves apart by offering their clients a responsive, expert service. One of the ways they achieve this is by meeting their clients wherever they are.

"A lot of these boats aren't in the same area as the buyer. So, we do virtual tours of each boat with potential buyers, which affords us the ability to show them the boat and its amenities no matter where they are," he said.

The Yacht Brokers

David Huffman | www.theyachtbrokers.com



David Huffman



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THE BARNACLE KING

For anyone familiar with boats and yachts, you'll know that no matter how often you take it out on the water, there is a high likelihood that it will come back covered in marine organisms like barnacles, algae and weeds attached to the hull.

That's where The Barnacle King comes in. Owner and founder Richard Bassett launched his marine cleaning service in 2019, following his graduation from the University of Miami with a degree in underwater photography. However, marine photography didn't offer a stable career at the time, so he began looking at other opportunities.

"I wanted to make a living from diving, and this is one of the things to do. So, I started about seven years ago, and now we have a whole team of about 10 divers," he said. Today, they serve clients throughout South Florida and offer cleaning services for yachts, small boats, city vessels, and waterfront properties, all done on a recurring monthly basis.

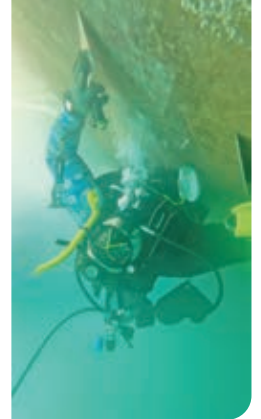
Their services are not only about aesthetics; regular cleaning is also crucial to improving fuel efficiency and preventing corrosion for marine vessels. Since starting the business, they have quickly become South Florida's go-to diving service, trusted by yachting enthusiasts, the U.S. Coast Guard, local municipalities, captains and condominium associations across Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Many of the divers are PADI certified.

Bassett and his team find a lot of pride in their work.

"It's definitely not easy," Bassett said. "It's super labor-intensive. I always joke that it could be on the show 'Dirty Jobs.' But every one of us loves diving, so getting to dive for a living makes it worth the hard work."

The Barnacle King

Richard Bassett | www.barnacleking.com



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ATLASS INSURANCE

When it comes to owning any kind of marine vessel, whether for personal or professional use, it's important to acquire insurance just like any other kind of vehicle. Scott Stamper, owner of the Atlass Insurance Group, is dedicated to providing a world-class selection of marine insurance products designed to safeguard a variety of vessels, yachts and maritime operations for a range of clients here in Fort Lauderdale.

"People often compare marine insurance to car insurance, but it's a lot more complicated than that. All automobile insurance is regulated by the state, but boat and yacht policies are not," Stamper said.

"So, very comprehensive policies are necessary for boats, especially when you have boats that have a paid crew on board or charter guests. As the owner of the vessel, you are exposed to significant liabilities. So, that's where an insurance broker comes in. We know all the ingredients that you absolutely must have."

As a marine insurance broker, Stamper and his team work as the middleman between owners and insurance companies, working to get their clients the best coverage for their needs.

When it comes to types of vessels, however, Atlass Insurance helps broker insurance policies for boats ranging from \$250,000 to \$500 million. So, regardless of whether you own a mega yacht, sportfishing boat or racing sailing boat, Atlass Insurance can help procure the tailored insurance coverage for all your marine needs.

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PICKLEBALL WORLD STAGE

THE PICKLEBALL WORLD CUP MAKES ITS LOCAL DEBUT

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

With pickleball becoming all the rage in the last few years, the sport has been an international sensation with multiple world cups and tournaments taking place for years. This October, the 2025 International Pickleball Tournament — Pickleball World Cup Edition will debut at the new pickleball facility at The Fort.

This is not the first major pickleball tournament to be held in Fort Lauderdale, with the 2025 APP Fort Lauderdale Open taking place at The Fort earlier this year in April. What sets this tournament apart from its predecessor is that it will be showcasing some of the best international pickleball players from around the world at the six-day event.

Founded by brother and sister Hercilio and Miranda Cabieses, this tournament is a culmination of their years dedicated to championing pickleball.

“We are from Lima, Peru, and our main sport was tennis,” said Hercilio Cabieses.

“But during the pandemic, I got stuck here in the States, and I realized nobody was playing tennis anymore. So, I got into pickleball as a hobby. Eventually, I met a player who had won the U.S. Pickleball Open, and I decided to try playing in some tournaments myself because I had previously played tennis professionally.

“At that same time, the International Pickleball Federation reached out to me because they wanted to establish a pickleball presence in South America and eventually make it into an Olympic sport. That conversation culminated in my sister and me founding Pickleball Peru in 2021.”

From there, the non-profit organization led to pickleball becoming an officially sanctioned sport in Peru and paved the way for the siblings to start the Cabieses Foundation, which works to give children, underprivileged youth and individuals with disabilities throughout Peru the opportunity to find purpose, health and well-being through pickleball.

After realizing the impact of their foundation, they saw an opportunity for further growth in the pickleball community internationally.

“We were always interested in expanding the sport globally. That’s where we came up with the idea to do a tournament and decided to host the first Pickleball World Cup in Peru in 2023. What we didn’t realize at the time was that we would be setting the standard,” he said.

What started as a small tournament in Peru with 14

countries participating has now led to this year’s 2025 tournament being held at The Fort in Fort Lauderdale, which will be hosting 64 countries and more than 2,000 players, and tickets available for spectators.

Ultimately, though, the goal of this tournament is not only to highlight how unique and inclusive pickleball is as a sport, but also its potential to be included as a category in the Olympics.

“One of our main goals is to showcase that this is a beloved sport being played worldwide. But we also hope to get pickleball in the Olympics. We just closed the deal with Telemundo for this tournament, so the appetite is there. It feels like it’s only a matter of time, and I have my team and the International Federation working towards that goal as well,” he said.

WANT TO GO?

2025 INTERNATIONAL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

WHEN: Oct. 28 to Nov. 2

LOCATION: The Fort, 891 SW 34th St., Fort Lauderdale

TICKETS: Day pass, \$11.78 to \$16.91; weekday pass, \$27.19; weekend pass, \$42.60; full week pass, \$73.43

WEBSITE: www.copamundialdepickleball.com



Scenes from the 2024 Pickleball World Cup

WHAT IS THE FORT?

Fort Lauderdale is now home to a new state-of-the-art sports facility. The Fort, which opened earlier this year on January 20, 2025, is the go-to pickleball complex for all levels of players to test out their skills. The project, which was spearheaded by co-founders Brad Tuckman and Rich Campillo, culminated after the business partners noticed the lack of pickleball courts in the Fort Lauderdale area and decided to remedy that. So, with that, the pair partnered with the city to build the \$30 million facility.

At 10 acres, The Fort features 43 professional pickleball courts, with 14 covered for weather protection, a 2,000-seat stadium, fitness and recovery center, 4,000-square-foot event space, pro shop, as well as a lakeside restaurant and bar. In fact, The Fort already serves



PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE FORT

as the headquarters for the Association of Pickleball Players (APP) and has hosted major tournaments like the APP Fort Lauderdale Open. As for who can play at The Fort if they're not a professional, that's where their memberships play a major role.

For longtime pickleball players looking for a place to play frequently, single membership tiers are available from \$69 to \$139

per month. Couples and families, however, can sign up for respective membership packages as well. Couple memberships range in price from \$173 to \$243 per month, and families of up to five members of the same household can opt for memberships starting at \$223 to \$312 a month.

But you don't necessarily have to be a member to play pickleball at The Fort. For those looking to check out the facility before signing up for a membership or are interested in giving pickleball a try, non-members can book court time for a slightly higher fee than members. But if you'd like to spend more time at The Fort, day passes are available for \$20, which include unlimited outdoor open play from open to close.

When you're not playing a rousing game of pickleball, however, The Fort co-founders put a lot of thought into the social aspects of the facility with the intention of making it a modern-day recreation center. Lakeside serves as the facility's full-service restaurant, where guests indulge and unwind in between games or grab a bite to go watch a professional pickleball match from the attached stadium. But that's not all. Guests can also have some fun in the sun playing beach volleyball, playing a round of table tennis, or playing a game of cornhole. The Fort isn't just a pickleball facility – it's a social destination. [GO](#)



Hercilio and Miranda Cabieses



DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION

A FESTIVAL HONORING THE DEAD, CELEBRATING THE LIVING

WRITER LYNN PEITHMAN STOCK

Step into a world where memory meets magic — Fort Lauderdale's annual Day of the Dead Celebration is back, transforming downtown into a tapestry of tradition, art and community. Inspired by the ancient Aztec belief that the veil between worlds lifts once a year, this spirited festival invites thousands to honor loved ones with music, dance and creativity.

The Downtown Day of the Dead celebration returns with many of the same activities and attractions. You'll be able to enjoy a vibrant fiesta of culture, face-painting, crafts, food and more. Activities include mask-making and sugar skull face painting for children.

In Esplanade Park, the doors open at 1 p.m. for the Day of the Dead celebration with face painting and crafts. The main event commences at 3 p.m. with welcoming messages along with music and performances. Vendors and food will be available on site. The Day of the Dead Stroll to Revolution Live! will begin at 6 p.m. with participants joining in the parade demonstrating face painting and outfits to honor the celebration.

As in past years, ofrendas (altars), floral mats, luminarias and musicians will pop up downtown town for mini performances.

The event is sponsored by Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Revolution Live!, the City of Fort Lauderdale and Las Olas Capital Arts.

Anchored at Riverwalk and Revolution Live!, the event showcases skull-inspired art, mariachi melodies, and skeleton-clad performers in a tribute to Mexican and Latin American heritage. 



WANT TO GO?

DOWNTOWN DAY OF THE DEAD

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 1 | 3 to 8 p.m.

LOCATION: Esplanade Park,
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Followed by the annual Day of the Dead Street
Festival at Revolution Live!

The 2024 Day of the Dead Celebration in downtown Fort Lauderdale



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Saturday, November 1, 2025

Festival

ESPLANADE PARK
400 SW 2ND STREET

3:00 pm-8:00 pm

Face Painting available 2:00 pm

Stroll

SW 2ND STREET AND
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Block Party

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REVOLUTION LIVE

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27 YEARS OF SUCCESS

CASA D'ANGELO MASTERS CLASSIC ITALIAN FOOD

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

Fort Lauderdale boasts more than one Italian restaurant that has a decades-long legacy here in South Florida. One recently celebrating its 27th year in business is Casa D'Angelo. Spearheaded by Executive Chef Angelo Elia, this restaurant is a culmination of a lifetime of hard work and dedication to the craft of serving authentic Italian reminiscent of what he grew up eating in Salerno, Italy.

"From a very young age, I really wanted to be a chef," Elia said. "I wanted to be in the kitchen making people happy and learning how to make traditional Italian food from my mom to share with others. Then at 14, I moved to New York to live with my uncle, and I stayed there for 10 years working towards my dream of becoming a chef."

Chef Elia started training in restaurants that same year, and by the time he was 16, he had a leadership position in the La Cisterna kitchen, which was a renowned restaurant in New York at that time. In 1998, Chef Elia moved to South Florida, where he used his decades of expertise to open Casa D'Angelo.


Now, 27 years later, Casa D'Angelo continues to offer an unparalleled level of excellence from the crisp white tablecloth-lined tables and dedicated floor-to-ceiling wine room housing up to 10,000 bottles, to the inviting welcome you receive from the moment you step inside. But it's the exceptional food that has kept patrons coming back for over 20 years.

"I wanted to offer real, traditional Italian food using simple but fresh ingredients to make something my mother would have made," he said.

From fresh oysters topped with caviar flown in from Martha's Vineyard to the flakiest branzino flown in from Portugal that pairs beautifully with a white wine saffron sauce, Chef Elia's philosophy of freshness is ever-present in all his dishes.

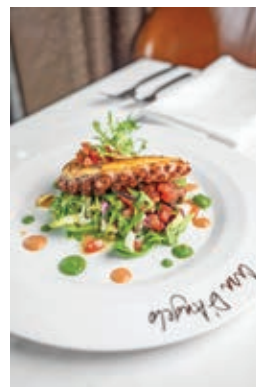
The most extraordinary aspect of many of the dishes is the homemade elements and nods to his own mother's cooking. For instance, the delightfully sweet and tart limoncello drop cocktail, made using house-made limoncello liquor, complements the rich and herbaceous homemade meatball and sausage appetizer that comes with roasted eggplant, peppers and marinara.

As for entrees, the fresh fish and seafood dishes are a highlight, but the homemade pasta dishes are not to be missed. The standout, however, is Chef Elia's fusilli pasta dish, made using his mother's recipe. Served with a delicate tomato and basil sauce, the dish is warm and comforting. But it's the surprise pockets of gooey mozzarella dotted throughout the layers of pasta and dusting of Parmigiano Reggiano that make it a must-have.

At the end of such a hearty and filling meal, it seems almost impossible to indulge in dessert. But Casa D'Angelo offers some great classic Italian desserts, such as a cannoli and tiramisu. Their lighter desserts also are outstanding. From their homemade sorbets to their luscious Italian custard zabaglione topped with berries, you'll finish your meal feeling like you've had an authentic taste of Italy. 



Executive Chef Angelo Elia



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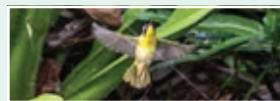
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Peter Frampton
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Fine Artists Opening Reception
A rotating collection of works by talented regional artists
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NOVEMBER 6

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The holiday season officially kicks off
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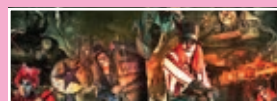


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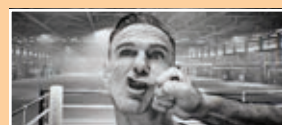
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NOVEMBER 15

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Saturdays & Sundays
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Las Olas Oceanside Park
www.theloopflb.com

**Circle of Life Experience**

Self-guided tours that highlight our local natural environment
Snyder Park

Paddle With A Purpose

Third Saturday | Reservation required
Waterway and Shoreline Cleanup
Delevoe Park

Fort Lauderdale Beach Sweep

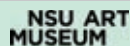
Fourth Saturday
Help keep Fort Lauderdale Beach clean!
HUB at Fort Lauderdale Beach

Edible Food Forest

Fourth Saturday
Volunteer to tend an edible urban farm
Snyder Park

Jazz Brunch

First Sunday
Free, outdoor concert series featuring local musicians on 3 stages
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Esplanade Park & Riverwalk
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First Thursday
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Free Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Day

Last Sunday
Free admission for FTL residents
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www.nsuartmuseum.org

Storytime in the Garden

First Sunday
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www.flamingogardens.org

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Fourth Sunday
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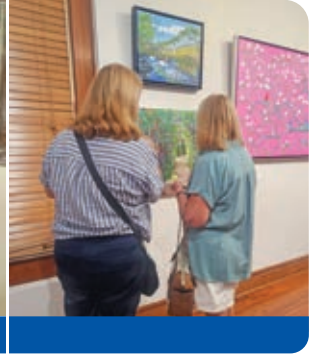
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PARADISE UNDER PALMETTOS

History Fort Lauderdale's "Paradise Under Palmettos," a free summer fine art exhibit highlighting Florida's wildlife and untamed beauty, ran through Sept. 7. The exhibit featured works by award-winning artist Tim Forman plus local artists Tammy Seymour, Hitomi Saito, Stephanie Leyden, Marene Downs, Heather Neiman, Sara Schesser Bartra and Danielle Perry.



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WOMEN OF VISION

The Alan B. Levan | NSU Broward Center of Innovation recently hosted Beyond the Role: A Deep Dive into Transformational Leadership, an inspiring morning of programming that explored personality-driven leadership styles and the power of collaboration to achieve meaningful results.



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CANGINEERING

Bank of America's third annual CANGineering event at the Museum of Discovery and Science in August brought together volunteers to turn 10,000 cans of food into art.



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ARTIST

SUZANNE BARTON

ARTWORK

IMMERSED IN THE BEAUTY OF RIVERWALK

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 one of our honorable mention artists, Suzanne Barton and her artwork Immersed in the Beauty of Riverwalk.



Inspiration for this piece of art

Fort Lauderdale's waterways are more than just a scenic backdrop; they are the heart of the city's past, present and future, playing a crucial role in its economy, identity and the overall quality of life for its residents and visitors.

In *Immersed in the Beauty of Riverwalk*, I capture a dreamlike moment where elegance meets the heartbeat of the city. My underwater subject gazes upward toward to the iconic Riverwalk area with the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in the distance, blurring the line between reality and fantasy, while immersing the viewer in a surreal celebration of art, culture and the timeless allure of the river.



Tell us a bit about your creative journey

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, I made South Florida my home in 1972. My professional photography career began in 1985. Although self-taught, I was fortunate to catch the attention of Willie Hill Jr., a leading South Florida portrait photographer, who mentored me and remains a close friend and supportive critic.

My affinity for water and childhood passion for photography spawned my Underwater Fine Art Series in 2015. There is a new emotional resonance in every movement I capture under the surface. My work highlights the beauty of our waters and our vast array of cultural arts from an underwater perspective. In 2015, I was commissioned by Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines to create pieces for their ship *Harmony of the Seas*.

As an artist, I am drawn to the ethereal, elegant beauty of the underwater world. Through my photography, I seek to capture the whimsical grace and life-giving essence of water. Water is the source of all life on our planet, a powerful healing force that soothes the mind and soul. My artistic mission is to induce the rejuvenating "blue mind" effect by transporting viewers into the tranquil depths through my images. I believe immersing oneself in these serene aquatic visions can be transformative.

My art invites the viewer to get lost in the hypnotic dance between human and water. While my underwater imagery holds undeniable artistic merit, I also strive to leverage my work as a catalyst for positive change. Ultimately, the combination of fine art and underwater photography serves as both a creative outlet and a platform for environmental advocacy, inviting viewers to engage with the fragility of our waters and recognize their responsibility in safeguarding them for future generations. With an increasing global appreciation for ocean conservation, I believe my art will resonate in coastal communities, hospitality spaces like hotels and airports and throughout the marine industry. These tranquil yet powerful scenes have the power to inspire awe, spark conversations, and forge a deeper connection to our planet's vital aquatic ecosystems.

Social media

Web: www.SuzanneBartonFineArt.com

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