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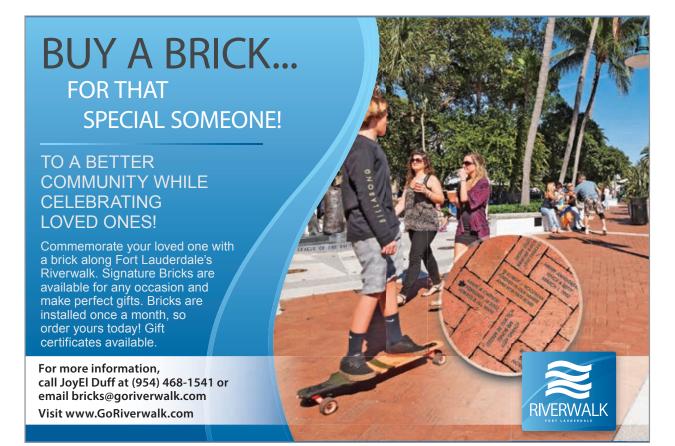
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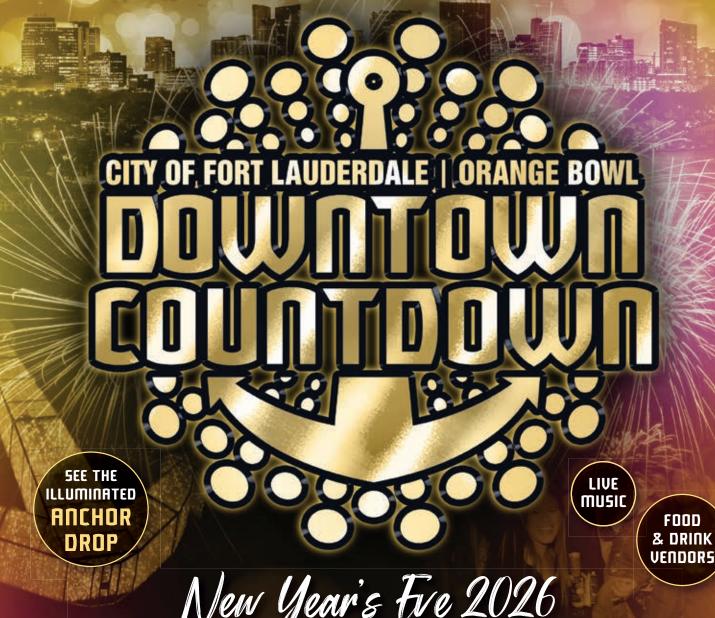
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STARDUST

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JUST SOLD! **SEAVIEW**

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

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A MONTH TO BE THANKFUL

TAKE TIME TO EXPERIENCE NOVEMBER'S DOWNTOWN FORT LAUDERDALE ENERGY

As we head into the season of gratitude, I find myself thankful for the sights, sounds and spirit that make Riverwalk such a vibrant part of Fort Lauderdale. From morning walks along the New River to the weekends filled with laughter, art and music, there's always something to remind us how fortunate we are to live and work in such a remarkable community..

November brings a special kind of energy to Riverwalk. The month begins with the Downtown Day of the Dead celebration, a lively cultural event that fills our parks and streets with color, creativity and connection. Shortly after, Light Up Lauderdale transforms the waterfront into a festive wonderland, illuminating Esplanade Park and signaling the start of the holiday season. Midway through the month, the Riverwalk International Food Festival returns, inviting us to taste our way around the world without leaving Fort Lauderdale. And of course, the monthly Sunday Jazz Brunch continues to offer the perfect backdrop for a relaxing day along the river with family, friends and great music.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I'm reminded not only to be grateful, but to slow down and enjoy the experiences right around us. For those planning to dine out, several Riverwalk and Las Olas favorites are creating special menus for the holiday. Whether you're gathering for a waterfront dinner or a quiet meal at home, it's a time to celebrate community as much as cuisine.

Gratitude also means giving back. This month is an opportunity to support the organizations and people who make Riverwalk such a thriving place. Consider volunteering for a cleanup, donating to a local food drive, or simply attending one of our events to show support for the small businesses and performers who keep our city's heart beating.

As we come together with family and friends this Thanksgiving, I hope we all take a moment to appreciate what we have right here along the Riverwalk — beauty, connection and a shared sense of purpose. Gratitude, after all, grows stronger when it's shared.



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The Riverwalk International Food Festival returns on Nov. 15 from noon to 4 p.m. at Esplanade Park. Las Olas Capital Arts, pictured here with Amanda Sajous, Christiana Prezzemolo and Carolyn Crowley at last May's Riverwalk International Food Festival, will return to the November event.





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Las Olas Oceanside Park continues to set the rhythm for Friday nights with the *Backstage Pass* tribute series, presented by DiscoverFTLBeach.com. The free, oceanside concerts invite the public to gather each week for nationally touring tribute acts celebrating the artists and anthems that have defined generations.

Running through December 19, the series blends high-energy performances with a breezy, beachside backdrop that keeps fans coming back week after week.





November's lineup delivers a wave of timeless hits and nostalgic energy. Planet Duran: a Tribute to Duran Duran (11/7) channels the sleek style and sound that ruled the new wave era. Touch & Go: Tribute to The Cars (11/14) brings the iconic band's signature mix of rock rhythm and synth-pop cool. True Rumours: The Definitive Fleetwood Mac Show (11/21) follows with decade spanning classics and soaring harmonies. Capping off the month, Love Story: The Taylor Swift Experience (11/28) invites fans of every era to sing along to their chart topping favorites; the perfect soundtrack to end a memorable Thanksgiving weekend on the beach.

For the full season lineup and event details, visit fridaynightsoundwaves.com.

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A SEASON OF ILLUMINATIONS

GET OUT YOUR CALENDARS AND PENCIL IN THESE COMMUNITY EVENTS

The holiday season is here, and calendars are filling up quickly. November brings Florida fall, Thanksgiving and preparations for December holidays.

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, in partnership with Damn Good Hospitality and the City of Fort Lauderdale, hosts Day of the Dead Stroll and Fiesta on Nov. 1, a wonderful cultural community event. On Nov. 15, Riverwalk International Food Festival returns with delicious foods from around the world. This free event is open to the public from noon to 4 p.m. Make sure to swing by and have a little fun and sample some tasty fare.

On Nov. 6, the City of Fort Lauderdale and Riverwalk kick off the holiday lighting season with Light Up Lauderdale at Esplanade Park. This is followed by Light up the Galt on Nov. 12 and Light up the Beach on Nov. 19. December hosts Light Up Downtown, and Christmas on Las Olas on

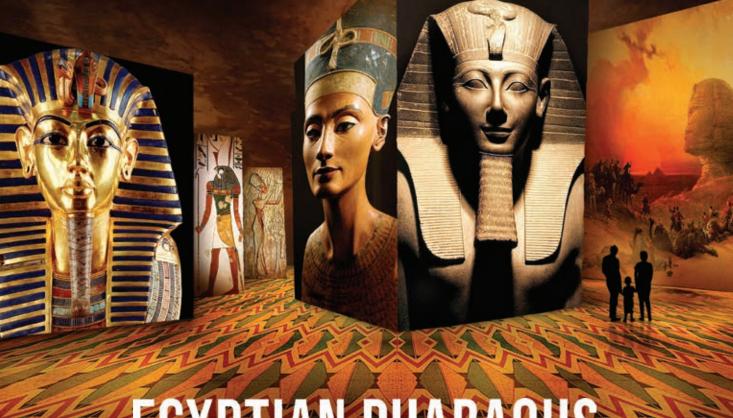
Dec. 2 followed by Light Up Sistrunk on Dec. 5. Then Dec. 15 brings Light Up the Menorah at the Loop and Las Olas Chabad Menorah Lighting is on Dec. 20 at Tunnel Top Park.

Winterfest season is upon us. Winterfest again hosts Family Fun Day at Esplanade Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 23 with all kinds of great fun and adventures for the family. This is a free public event. December delivers the Winterfest Boat Parade on Dec. 13 – a major national event available for viewing along Riverwalk on the New River and along the Intracoastal Waterway. Beautifully decorated boats with unique themes delight the viewers with this spectacular event.

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• When attorney Jarrett Blakeley moved to Fort Lauderdale 15 years ago to begin his personal injury career, his first home was alongside the Riverwalk. The area quickly became a central part

of his life, offering inspiration as he built what would grow into one of Florida's respected personal injury practices. Today, he still spends much of his free time along the Riverwalk with his family, enjoying its local businesses, cultural events and scenic beauty.

Blakeley is the founder of Blakeley Law Firm, which has offices in Fort Lauderdale, Miami, West Palm Beach and Jacksonville. The firm focuses almost exclusively on representing victims of car, motorcycle, truck and rideshare accidents. Known for pairing aggressive advocacy with genuine compassion, the firm has recovered over \$200 million for injured clients across Florida.

For Blakeley, joining and supporting Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale represents both a professional commitment and a personal one. "Fort Lauderdale is not just where we practice law – it's home," he said. "Being part of Riverwalk means giving back to the community that has supported me from the very beginning."

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The fifth annual Positively Pink Luncheon and Fashion Show was held on Sept. 25 at Sway Nightclub. This annual event raises awareness and provides meaningful support to those impacted by cancer, with a special focus on breast cancer. Funds raised benefit the Memorial Breast Cancer Center and the Memorial Healthcare Foundation.

A fashion show featuring breast cancer survivors and advocates headlined the event, with a curated collection of outfits by G. Marie Boutique. This

year Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale President/CEO Genia Duncan Ellis was recognized with the second annual Founder's Legacy Award for her outstanding contributions to the community.

Sponsors included: Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino — Hollywood, Walter Duke + Partners, Florida Panthers/Baptist Health IcePlex, The Stone Law Group, United Way of Broward County, Pla It Forward Foundation, Ivan Rodriguez, Julie Guy, LED Productions Miami/LED Dance Floors Miami, Tito's Handmade Vodka, Casa Calabria, G. Marie Boutique and SWAY Nightclub.



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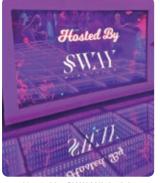
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FALL GET DOWNTOWN AT YOLO

On Oct. 7, Riverwalk members and corporate partners joined staff and Board members at YOLO on Las Olas for the fall Get Downtown, Riverwalk's twice-a-year general membership reception. YOLO is the perfect setting to welcome members back for the start of event season, and the perfect partner to host this long-time event. Thank you to the team at YOLO that always delivers great service and food, and to our members and partners who empower us to deliver great events, year after year.







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NINTH ANNUAL RIVERWALK FALL FESTIVAL

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale hosted its Ninth Annual Riverwalk Fall Festival on Oct. 18 at Esplanade Park in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Event goers enjoyed pumpkin painting, pumpkin bowling, sand art and other games and activities, while attendees 21 and over were able to sip fall-inspired beverages at the Riverwalk Bar tent.

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BY VICE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER JOHN C. HERBST

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BRINGING THE GALT TO LIFE

WHERE YOU CAN GO THE EXTRA MILE

he Galt Ocean Mile is turning the page to an exciting new chapter — and it's all about bringing neighbors and visitors together through music, food and community spirit. Stretching from Oakland Park Boulevard to Northeast 44th Street, this stretch of Fort Lauderdale's coastline is being rebranded as "The Galt," and it's quickly becoming one of the city's most festive and welcoming neighborhoods.

Once known as a hidden gem, the Galt is shining bright again. With its mix of oceanfront towers, cozy cafés, inviting restaurants and one-of-a-kind shops, the area is now doubling down on what makes it special: a neighborhood where live entertainment and community fun take center stage. The motto "Go the Extra Mile" perfectly captures this spirit — a celebration of people coming together to support local businesses, enjoy events and build a strong sense of connection.

The excitement begins Nov. 1 with Extra Mile Day, a celebration of kindness and community pride. It's the perfect excuse to shop local, grab a bite at a neighborhood spot and enjoy the company of friends and neighbors. To make it even more fun, the new Galt Token Program offers rewards and discounts when you dine and shop nearby — a little bonus for exploring everything the district has to offer.

Just a few days later, on Nov. 12, Light Up the Galt kicks

off the holiday season in spectacular style. Picture Northeast 33rd Street transformed into a festive wonderland with twinkling lights, holiday décor and plenty of live music to set the tone. It's a night full of warmth and holiday cheer — the kind of neighborhood tradition that makes the season extra special.

And the fun doesn't stop there. Starting Nov. 7, Blue Jean Blues returns with its beloved Dining in the Streets. Imagine sitting down for dinner outdoors while live bands play just a few feet away — casual, joyful and perfect for a night out with friends. Every weekend, the Sunday Block Parties at Fishtales keep the energy going with dancing, live music and a true neighborhood vibe that's as welcoming as it is fun.

As December rolls in, Galt is ready with a "December to Remember." From pop-up shops and night markets to seasonal celebrations, the neighborhood becomes a lively hub of activity, perfect for gathering with friends and making memories.

Looking ahead, the new year brings Homecoming Weekend (Jan. 23 to 25), a big community celebration with a colorful parade, live performances, games and plenty of neighborhood gatherings. That same weekend marks the debut of the Saturday Morning Market, running through spring and filled with fresh produce, local crafts and friendly faces.

With its lineup of music-filled nights, festive block parties and seasonal celebrations, The Galt is becoming Fort Lauderdale's go-to neighborhood for fun and connection. Whether you've lived here for years or are just discovering it, there's never been a better time to experience the Galt — where every visit feels like a celebration.

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BY KRISTIN THOMPSON

City of Fort Lauderdale
Transportation Division Manager



BREAKERS AVENUE STREETSCAPE

PROJECT SECURES AN ADDITIONAL \$3 MILLION GRANT AND MOVES TOWARD CONSTRUCTION







he City of Fort Lauderdale is thrilled to announce that the longawaited Breakers Avenue Resiliency and Pedestrian Traffic Improvements Project has received a major funding boost and is one step closer to becoming reality.

Breakers Avenue lies at the center of the North Beach District, located one block to the west of A1A between Riomar and Vistamar Streets. This district is thriving through the redevelopment of mid-century properties with a vibrant mix of small businesses including boutique hotels, restaurants, cafes and art galleries.

The streetscape project will support the private development activities occurring by making Breakers Avenue comfortable, connected, safe and a memorable destination experience for locals and tourists alike.

In May 2025, the City Commission approved a grant agreement in the amount of \$3 million with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) through an appropriations project request made to the Florida House of Representatives for Fiscal Year 2025. The City also successfully obtained an additional \$850,000 federal appropriation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), pending final City Commission approval.

These exciting achievements are followed by another one of the City's early and proactive application efforts — Fort Lauderdale was the first municipality to submit to Broward County's Surtax Grant Match Program for the 2026 funding cycle securing the maximum \$3 million award available. This is a new competitive funding source designed to help municipalities secure critical transportation and resiliency project dollars.

These combined investments mark a major step forward in transforming Breakers Avenue into a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly and climate-resilient destination that connects residents and visitors alike to Fort Lauderdale's beachfront neighborhoods.

This has surely been a long time coming. The Breakers Avenue vision first began in 2019, when the City's consultant, Dover, Kohl & Partners, collaborated with the community to develop the *Reimagining Breakers Avenue Concept Design Summary*. The plan emphasized creating a safer, more walkable corridor by reducing excess pavement, narrowing intersections and adding greenery, gathering spaces and event areas.

In 2020, the City Commission approved a design contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, and by 2021, 90 percent of design plans were completed. While earlier funding efforts fell short, City staff never stopped pursuing opportunities to bring the project to life — and those efforts have now paid off.

With design reviews now wrapping up between FDOT and Broward County, City staff anticipate releasing the invitation to bid for construction in early 2026.

Once completed, Breakers Avenue will stand as a showcase of Fort Lauderdale's commitment to resilient design, multimodal connectivity and community-driven placemaking — a true example of how persistence and partnership can turn a shared vision into reality.



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BY DAN LINDBLADE
President/CEO
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wo of my favorite events the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce produces are Excellence in Healthcare on Nov. 5 at Le Meridian and Salute to Business on Nov. 20 at FTL War Memorial.

Health care remains a pivotal sector of Broward County's economy, contributing roughly \$14.5 billion to our local economy, based on one source. Health care includes but is not limited to hospitals (inpatient, outpatient/ambulatory care), home health and hospice, long-term care/nursing facilities, behavioral health, administrative support and other services.

Think also of all the ancillary services like medical device manufacturers, pharma administration and research. As it captures roughly 8 percent to 10 percent of our local economy, it's easy to see why we must nurture this critical sector.

Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center is our title sponsor along with presenting partner Baptist Health South Florida for the Excellence in Healthcare Awards. A panel of top health care executives will kick off the event speaking on a variety of topics from technology to innovation to insurance. Immediately following this discussion will be our Excellence in Healthcare Luncheon. Mary Mayhew, president and CEO of the Florida Hospital Association, will be our keynote speaker. The pinnacle of awards will be

a Lifetime Achievement Award, bestowed upon George L. Hanbury II, former president and CEO of NSU Florida.

Celebration of visionaries shaping our community's future will be front and center at Salute to Business presented by Bank of America. Deerfield Beach and Florida Power and Light Co. are being honored on their centennial.

Deerfield Beach was officially incorporated on June 11, 1925, and it created a year-long celebration of its community. One of the centerpiece legacy projects is the Centennial Garden, to be located on the corner of Southwest Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and Southwest Second Street. The city is also inviting public participation through methods such as a Centennial survey, asking residents to share stories and memories.

Florida Power and Light Co. was incorporated on Dec. 28, 1925, unifying over 60 electric, ice, water, gas, cold storage and related enterprises across Florida. Over the decades, FPL expanded to become Florida's largest electric utility, rising from 76,000 customers in its first year to millions today. FPL's celebration is under "Our past powers our future." To that end, FPL is expanding certain philanthropic and community programs. Its STEM classroom makeover grants will be given to 20 schools throughout Florida, each receiving \$50,000. This kind of leadership deserves recognition.

We will also be recognizing multi-generational legacy awardees - Keith and The Las Olas Company. Our outstanding corporation is Waste Management; community impact leader is Mitch Rosenstein, Green Mills Group; exceptional small business is Diana Lee, The Mavic Agency Brightway Insurance; champion business is Lan Infotech, mid-sized business is Brizaga; and our emerging business is Scheffer, Mote & Ricks.

In my 18 years at the helm of this 115-year-old organization, it never ceases to impress me how the human spirit provides stories worthy of recognition. Please come and celebrate with me.





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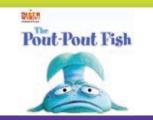
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BY PHIL PURCELL CEO/President, Marine Industries Association of South Florida Writer Liz Wegerer



A WORLD CHAMPION FLYBOARDER

MEET KRISTIN SMOYER

mong the events held at the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (FLIBS), few deliver the wow factor like the flyboarding performances. Featuring multiple time world champion Kristen Smoyer, the shows have a futuristic sci-fi feel as Smoyer soars up to 60 feet above the water, propelled solely by water pressure from her self-guided personal watercraft. Spectators are left in awe as Smoyer effortlessly executes backflips and other tricks while gliding airborne around the performance area.

Smoyer has been flyboarding professionally since 2014. During that time, she's won numerous titles and secured partnerships with global brands such as Royal Caribbean. Her special blend of raw athleticism and showmanship make her a huge draw wherever she performs. It also earned her the nickname The Destroyer in flyboarding circles.

But Smoyer's journey to becoming a world champion didn't follow a traditional sports path. She obtained a degree in sociology, psychology, and criminal justice and a master's degree in applied sociology from the University of Massachusetts in 2005, then pursued a successful social justice career focused on child welfare. It was a serious medical diagnosis for her then three-year old son that unexpectedly steered Smoyer to the world of professional flyboarding.

Smoyer posted a work wanted ad on Craigslist to supplement her income and cover her son's growing medical costs. A local homeowner hired her to repair his dock. On the jobsite, the owner mentioned he had a flyboard and invited Smoyer to try it out. She gave it a go, but it wasn't love at first try. Smoyer has a fear of heights. Flyboarding didn't seem like a great fit.

It took flyboarding pro Ben Merrell to ignite Smoyer's passion for the sport. Merrell needed someone to drive his Jet Ski during a competition and asked Smoyer to step in. She agreed and helped Merrell win the title at the North American National Championship event. It was that experience that hooked Smoyer on flyboarding.

To pursue her dream of competing professionally, she embarked on a grueling schedule that carved out a few hours each morning to practice. This was in between her full-time job as a social worker and her overnight shift delivering newspapers. With her toddler in tow, she practiced daily. It paid off, and Smoyer took third at nationals and worlds in her first year of competition. She eventually made professional flyboarding her full-time career.

Today you'll find Smoyer competing around the world. When she's not at a competition, she shows off her skills



at shows like FLIBS and other venues. She also brings the same energy to private events.

When asked about things that stand out in her flyboarding career, Smoyer recalls a specific experience at FLIBS. She first noticed a large bull shark when she was high above the water during her first performance. The shark's size dwarfed the ten foot safety kayak nearby.

It was breeding season for bull sharks, so it wasn't surprising to see one in the area. What was unusual was the shark's determination to hang around the site three days in a row. Safety divers and kayakers were unsuccessful in encouraging the shark to stay away after Smoyer's initial sighting.

During a subsequent performance, the bull shark returned and bumped Smoyer's propulsion hose, cutting off power to her gear and knocking her into the water. As she swam toward the Jet Ski, the shark bumped Smoyer before eventually swimming away.

Many would choose to stay out of the water after that close call, but not Smoyer. She got back up and finished the show. The ethos that Smoyer lives by is "don't take falling down as an answer." It's a motto she applies throughout her personal and professional life, including encounters with sharks twice her size.



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LET'S GO SHOPPING

HIGHLIGHTS OF LOCAL MUSEUMS' UNIQUE GIFTS

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

ort Lauderdale is home to several museums spanning all kinds of interests. From art and science museums to historical landmarks and houses, there are so many opportunities for residents and tourists alike to expand their cultural horizons. But one of the often-overlooked parts of visiting a museum can be found toward the end of your visit – the gift shop. For the most part, museum gift shops offer a lot of similar items, but these six Fort Lauderdale museums each have a few unique items you can't find anywhere else.

ARTSERVE

As one of Fort Lauderdale's beloved arts centers, ArtServe not only functions as an art gallery showcasing local artists' works but also as a multi-purpose arts facility that supports more than 350 nonprofit cultural organizations and 10,000 artists living and working in Broward County. It also offers numerous arts and music educational programs and workshops.

Its gift shop offers numerous options, including handmade jewelry, miniature paintings and T-shirts. But it's their handsewn doll dresses that draw gift shoppers in with their intricate embroidery and beading details. Each one was handmade by Lindaura "Lula" Nogueira, who is ArtServe's music teacher, Jamile Nogueira's grandmother.





Address: 1350 E. Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale | Website: www.artserve.org

BONNET HOUSE

Built in 1920, the Bonnet House was owned by Chicago-born artist Frederic Clay Bartlett and his second wife, Helen Louise Birch, on the oceanfront land given to them by her father, Hugh Taylor Birch. Today, the house and estate are open to the public and dedicated to historic and environmental preservation. The last stop of a self-guided tour of the property is the gift shop located in what was once the caretaker's house. Inside, there are numerous items for sale, such as art and history books, art from local artists, stationery and more. But their tagua jewelry is certainly their standout item. Each piece features beads made using nuts from the tagua palm tree.

Address: 900 N. Birch Road, Fort Lauderdale **Website:** www.bonnethouse.org











HISTORY FORT LAUDERDALE

History Fort Lauderdale is a unique local museum in that it features three different historical buildings. The complex includes the 1905 New River Inn, a former hotel that now houses the main museum of local history, the 1907 King-Cromartie House and the 1899 Replica School House, all of which are open to the public for tours daily. As for the gift shop, it is in the lobby of the New River Inn building and offers a variety of items like books on Fort Lauderdale's history and the natural environment. But it's what's for sale upstairs that's unique. The museum's third floor hosts multiple resident artists, where they create and sell their artwork to visitors.

Address: 231 S.W. Second Ave., Fort Lauderdale **Website:** www.historyfortlauderdale.org

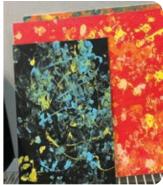


NSU ART MUSEUM

The NSU Art Museum is a well-known destination for numerous and diverse art exhibitions and programs. The museum features 25,000 square feet of exhibition space and is home to more than 7,500 works of art, including pieces done in American realism style, contemporary art and more, with an emphasis on multicultural, women, Latin and Black artists. Before exploring the museum, guests can visit their gift shop located in the lobby. An assortment of art-centric gifts and items for sale includes books on artists featured in the museum, paintings and pottery by local artists, clothing, mugs, postcards and more. But it's their Octaevo Mediterranean paper vases that take the cake as being a unique gift shop item.

Address: 1 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale Website: www.nsuartmuseum.org





MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE

The Museum of Discovery and Science has been a sought-after destination for science lovers of all ages. The interactive science museum features 19 permanent exhibits, a 3-D IMAX theater, a live animal collection and an outdoor science park. Its gift shop offers a great selection of gifts for kids to enjoy the fun of science and discovery at home. Some offerings include educational toys, puzzles, games, stuffed animals and even clothing like child-sized NASA uniforms for those aspiring space explorers. One of the most unique items offered at the museum's gift shop is the one-of-a-kind paintings made by their resident North American river otters.

Address: 401 S.W. Second St., Fort Lauderdale **Website:** www.mods.org





STRANAHAN HOUSE

Stranahan House is undoubtedly one of the most well-known historical landmarks in Fort Lauderdale. The home was built in 1901 by Fort Lauderdale's founding father, Frank Stranahan, and his wife, Ivy Cromartie Stranahan, the area's first schoolteacher. It is open to the public as a museum offering tours daily and offers a variety of unique items for sale at the gift shop. But their most unique items are the decorative tiles featuring local historical landmarks like the Stranahan House, the Annie Beck House and the South Side Fire Station, as well as miniature wooden cars handmade by the museum's caretaker of 35 years, John Della Cerra.

Address: 335 S.E. Sixth Ave., Fort Lauderdale **Website:** www.stranahanhouse.org

HAPPY ART

'ART IS TOO IMPORTANT NOT TO SHARE' - ROMERO BRITTO

WRITER LYNN PEITHMAN STOCK

Vou may not know this artist's name, but you've likely seen his creations on everything including large-scale outdoor sculptures, placemats, suitcases, limited-edition paintings and even the cover of the 2009 Coral Gables Senior High School yearbook.

He's simply known as Britto and now the artwork by one of the world's most recognizable pop artists graces this month's Go Riverwalk Magazine as the poster for the 2025 Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade.

"In addition to his role as Grand Marshal, Romero Britto has also been commissioned as Winterfest 2025 poster artist, further adding to the color, creativity and cultural impact of this year's festivities," according to the Winterfest website. "His artwork will be featured on brochures, newsletters, online materials, shirts and reflected on the decor of the Grand Marshal Showboat sponsored by Fifth Third Bank."

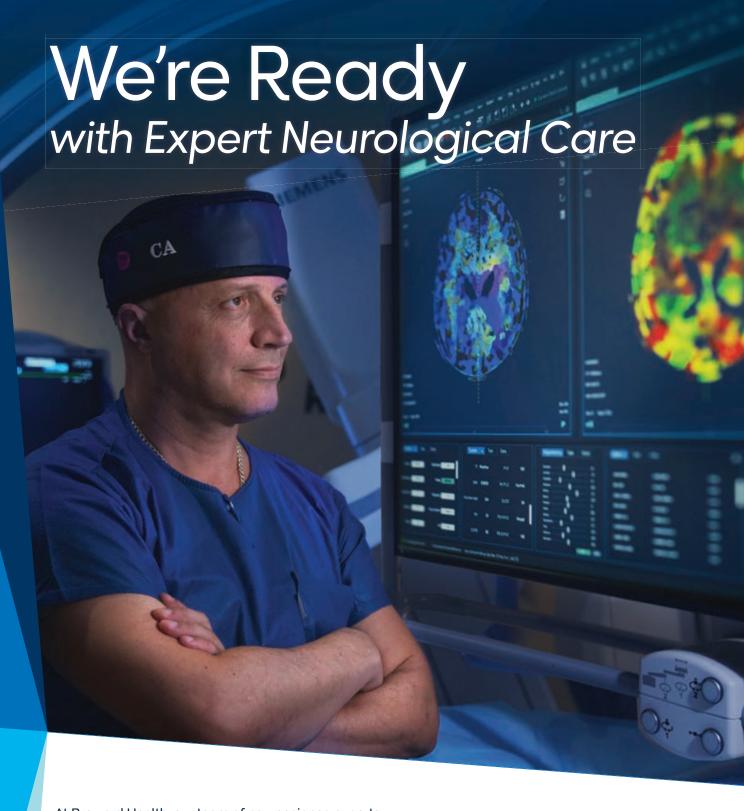
"Brazilian-born and Miami-made" Britto is joined by R&B singer Montell Jordan as co-grand marshal of this year's Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade.

"His vibrant, signature artwork will define the look and feel of Winterfest 2025," according to the Winterfest website. "From brochures and shirts to the showboat décor, Britto's art will be everywhere turning the parade into a living masterpiece."

Celebrities around the world have scooped up Britto's artwork. Famous owners include Emeril Lagasse, King Charles, Elton John, Leonardo DiCaprio, Martin Scorsese, Oprah Winfrey and Lionel Messi.

Locally, products showcasing Britto's "happy art" can also be found at the Britto store, which opened in 2024, at 816 E. Las Olas Boulevard.





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DESTINATION DINING

THE KATHERINE SHINES WITH ITS GLOBAL CUISINE
WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

hen you first walk up to The Katherine, it seems so unassuming, set in a quaint white stucco building on the corner of a busy thoroughfare in downtown Fort Lauderdale. But the moment you step inside, you're transported to a space that has an inviting mix of a bustling retro bar meeting an elegant European bistro. With rich wood accents, soft lighting, pops of dark green on the walls and plush velvet upholstered bar stools tucked along a luxe wraparound bar top, it's eclectic yet intoxicating.

For Chef Timon Balloo, his intention with both the décor and the menu at The Katherine was to serve as a love letter to the international destinations he visited throughout the years with his wife, Marissa Katherine Balloo. The three-time James Beard-nominated chef took inspiration from their global travels, as well as his own Chinese, Indian and Trinidadian heritage, to offer such an enticing and diverse menu of dishes. To start, you can't go wrong with any of their cocktails, but their rosé sangria pairs beautifully with the whipped ricotta and ovenroasted tomatoes topped with aged balsamic appetizer.

The richness of the ricotta is cut through nicely by the bubbly, sweet and crisp taste of the sangria. But, if you're looking for something truly unique, their marinated jerk beets are a must-have to start off your exploratory dining journey. The earthy tang of the beets served on a bed of arugula, radish and a generous serving of curry aioli makes for a dish that is out of this world. Each element offers a delectable balance of acidity, umami and sweetness that has you wanting to clean the plate. Yet, after such an incredible start to the meal, it only gets better once you make your way to the entrees.

With numerous dishes taking inspiration from Korea, Italy, France and Trinidad to name a few, diners can't go wrong with any entree. But two dishes are absolute standouts. First is their award-winning Thai red curry branzino with coconut rice, green papaya slaw, mint and Thai basil. Branzino is typically a delicate white fish, but Chef Balloo's preparation of his red curry branzino is superb. The fish is so light that it melts in your mouth, packs a punch with the spicy and rich curry and is perfectly complemented by the fluffy and sweet coconut rice.

Aside from the branzino, the aji amarillo grilled chicken thighs with caramelized corn and aji crema are a contender as one of their other most popular dishes. The bright yellow Peruvian-inspired aji amarillo sauce may seem intimidating at first, but once you take a bite, its warming spice and savory tenderness of the chicken will convert any spice-averse diner. Even with all these beloved and well-executed takes on classic dishes from around the world, there is one dessert that diners must indulge in at the end of their meal – the vanilla bean "torrejas" French toast.

The dessert, which must be ordered 20 minutes in advance, is a Mexican take on the classic French toast, but uses warming spices like cinnamon and has a richer, more custard-like interior and a crispy fried exterior. The Katherine's version is all that and more but is also topped with a fruit compote and vanilla ice cream. It's rich, creamy and oh so decadent. But it makes for a wonderful end to an adventurous and globe-trotting meal. ⁽¹⁾











WANT TO GO?

The Katherine

LOCATION: 723 E. Broward Blvd., Fort Lauderdale

PHONE: (954) 807-8022

WEBSITE: www.katherinerestaurant.com **PARKING:** Parking lot behind the restaurant

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NOVEMBER 13



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DECEMBER 4



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DECEMBER 5

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Whitney Cummings

Big Baby The Parker 954-462-0222 www.parkerplayhouse.com

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DECEMBER 10

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December 13-January 4 Let it snow Broward Center for the Performing Arts 954-462-0222 www.browardcenter.org



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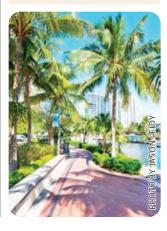
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DAVID WEBB, TOLA OLURINDE, BECKY BOYLE, DAWN BROKSCH AND YIRA WINTER-PEREZ



SHARON GREGORY, MAXINE PARRA AND **VERONICA OLIVEIRA**



2021 NWBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, FROM LEFT, LESLIE Pierre-Nelson, Christopher Ridnour, Ben Reis (Standing), Arnold Barnes, Frankie Johnson, JILLIS VICKERS AND RIYAN VICKERS

STATE OF THE CITY

Fort Lauderdale's State of the City address, presented by Mayor Dean Trantalis, was held on Sept. 29.





FROM LEFT: VICE MAYOR AND DIST. 1 COMMISSIONER JOHN C. HERBST, DIST. 2 COMMISSIONER STEVEN GLASSMAN AND DIST. 4 COMMISSIONER BEN SORENSEN



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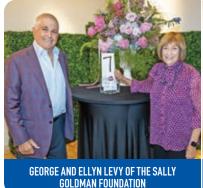
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ERIC YUTZY, CHILD ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR HONOREE Christine Frederick, Mary Kinirons, Robert Taylor and Eleni Varvoutis

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On Sept. 30, PURRR Adoption + Sanctuary and Abandoned Pet Rescue hosted the Thrifty Kitty Pop-Up Boutique where every bag filled and every outfit chosen helped give cats and dogs new homes.







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ARTIST

JEREMIAH JENNER

ARTWORK

SUNSET SERENADE

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, composition, photography, art and tech, and more. Here is a closer look at one of our honorees.

Inspiration for this piece of art

Jenner says: "Time stands still as the vibrant colors of the sunset shimmer along the New River — one of my favorite Riverwalk locations. The glittering city comes alive in the late afternoon golden hues as smoky jazz notes from a local saxophonist drift along the river. This timeless scene captured through the eyes of an artist who sees the world in rhythm and light was the perfect inspiration for the photograph Sunset Serenade.".

Tell us a bit about your creative journey

Jenner says his passion for photography began in his early childhood when he was gifted a Kodak camera at

a multifaceted career encompassing museum level exhibitions, fine art photography and arts education. His formal training includes studies at Florida Institute

five years old from his parents. This has evolved into

of Technology, where he developed a strong technical foundation of photography and benefited from mentorship from like-minded individuals such as photographer Mike Meyer. Further development of his artistic skills came through advanced studies on composition and lighting techniques with fellow photographers and artists Robert McKeown, Ron Constantine, Rick and Jill Trevisani, Jody Leshinsky and David Bazinet.

Jenner became a photography instructor for Broward

County Schools in 2009. He says his photography students appreciate his likable and engaging character, teaching style and his natural calling as an educator. He is particularly proud to have received a letter of recognition for his teaching career as a professional arts educator from the Kennedy Center.

He attributes his successful photography career by being a sponsored artist from Jodi Tanner at Las Olas Capital Arts along with grants from the Broward County Cultural Division, which both have enabled him to expand his teaching and exhibition opportunities.

Known for his sleek, minimalistic style, Jenner's limited-edition works have earned the admiration of both the media and serious art collectors. His photographs are featured in prestigious permanent collections including Starbucks, PBS, Blondie and the Smithsonian







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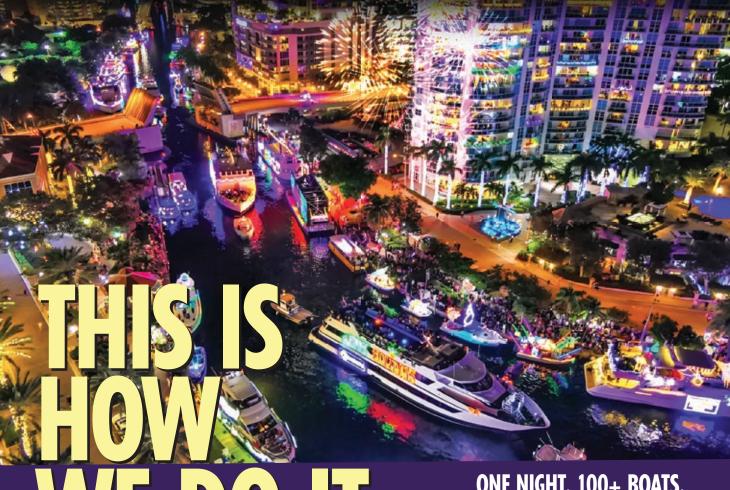
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