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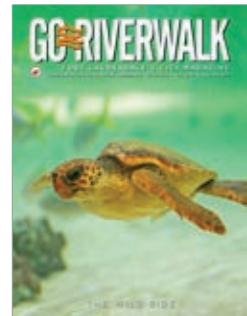
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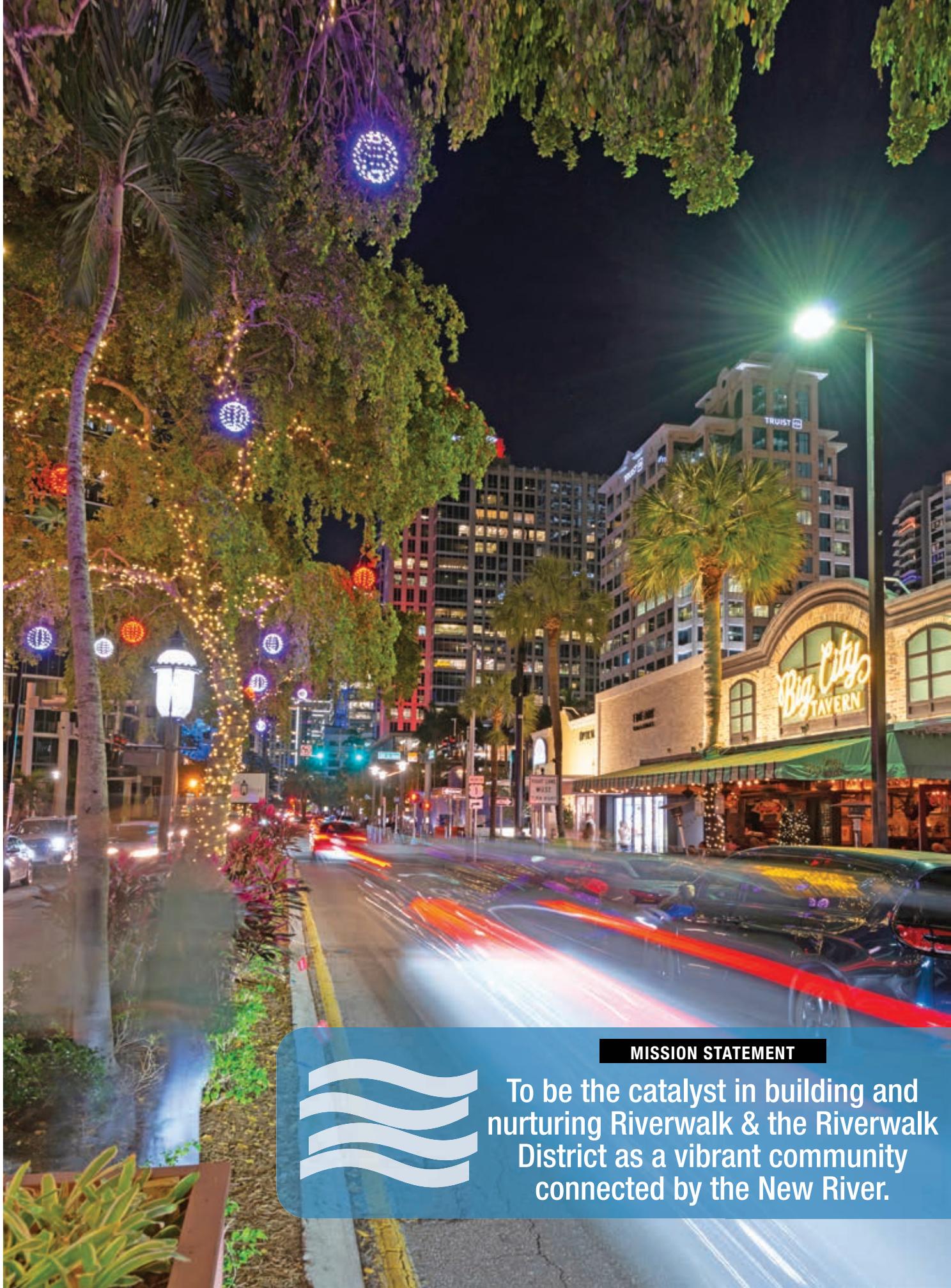
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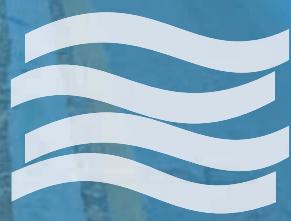


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Sparkling City Views! Marble Floors Throughout, Floor to Ceiling Round Walls of Glass, Eastern Exposure, Split Bedroom Floor Plan, Granite Kitchen with Stainless Appliances, Marble Baths with Glass Enclosed Rainfall Shower and Deep Soaking Jacuzzi Tub! Located in the Center of Las Olas in a Premier Building! Ultra Luxury!



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

Total remodel! New marble bathrooms with new showers & bathtub, custom cabinets including upgraded plumbing & fixtures. New kitchen cabinets with marble backsplash, 36x36 porcelain tile flooring, electric window treatments, new balcony tiles & acoustic ceiling design in living area.

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JUST LISTED! 2 BEDROOM 2 BATHS | \$615,000

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JUST LISTED! SKYVIEW | \$599,000

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JUST SOLD!

SUNGARDEN

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JUST LISTED! 1 BEDROOM 1 BATH | \$439,000

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LAS OLAS BY THE RIVER



JUST LISTED! 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$449,000

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PUT THE WALK TO WORK

THE RIVERWALK IS A PERFECT PLACE TO GET MOVING IN THE NEW YEAR

As we enter the new year and begin evaluating our goals and resolutions, the Riverwalk can play a meaningful and inspiring role in helping us accomplish them. This time of year naturally encourages reflection, and many of us look for ways to improve our overall physical and mental well-being. Whether your aim is to join a gym, adopt healthier habits, or simply find more balance in your day-to-day life, the Riverwalk offers countless opportunities to support those intentions.

One of the most valuable and often overlooked resources along the Riverwalk is the free outdoor exercise equipment in Smoker Park. This community amenity gives everyone access to strength-building and mobility-enhancing tools — no membership required. Surrounded by a beautiful, serene environment, it becomes easier to stay motivated, stay consistent and enjoy the process of getting into shape. Exercising outdoors also adds an extra dose of natural energy that you simply can't get within four walls.

Incorporating regular walks or jogs into your routine is another simple yet powerful way to boost your health. Taking a daily stroll, jog, or even walking your four-legged companions along the Riverwalk allows you to enjoy fresh air while appreciating the scenery that makes living here so special. The peaceful flow of the river, the lush greenery and the activity of fellow residents all contribute to a sense of

community and gratitude. Let each step remind you of the beauty around us and why we choose to call this place home.

And let's not forget meditation. Yes, you can meditate anywhere — but there's something especially grounding about sitting in one of our parks or finding a quiet spot along the water. The calming presence of the river naturally enhances mindfulness and relaxation, making your meditation practice feel more effortless and restorative. If one of your resolutions is to reduce stress or cultivate more peace in your daily life, the Riverwalk is an ideal setting to help you achieve that.

January also brings an exciting influx of energy as visitors escape the cold weather up north and join us here in South Florida. With more people out and about, the Riverwalk becomes even more vibrant. This is the perfect time to immerse yourself in our community events, reconnect with neighbors and enjoy the unique lifestyle our city offers.

Be sure to take part in some of our signature events, such as our beloved Sunday Jazz Brunch and the Annual Riverwalk Stone Crab and Seafood Festival on Jan. 3. These gatherings are not only fun, they're a wonderful reminder of how much our community has to offer, from live music and local cuisine to riverfront activities that bring residents and visitors together.

As you set your goals for the new year, consider making the Riverwalk a central part of your 2026 resolutions. Whether you're working on your fitness, nurturing your mental well-being, or simply looking to enjoy more of what makes our city special, the Riverwalk is here to support you every step of the way. Let it inspire you, motivate you, and remind you daily of the incredible environment we are fortunate to enjoy.



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WILD SOUTH FLORIDA

EXOTIC ANIMALS CALL OUR REGION HOME

January is the beginning of the new year and 2026 holds out hope for a prosperous year. We look at the upcoming event calendars and see that the season is in full swing and visitors and residents have a large variety of things to choose from. Be sure to follow <https://www.goriverwalk.com/events/greater-fort-lauderdale-event-calendar> for updates on local events.



Florida is home to a variety of animal life. From pets like dogs, cats, birds, fish and more, we know that Fort Lauderdale is also home to a large number of unusual and exotic animals. More importantly, there are many services available to deal with the unwanted variety of animals that frequently turn up. These include Broward County Animal Care, Humane Society of Broward County, the South Florida Wildlife Center

(see page 32) and Penny and Wild South Florida (which rescues abandoned rabbits and guinea pigs), along with a large number of dog/cat rescues that are available. Most are no-kill shelters.

Some of the more interesting “wild” animals in the area are a variety of birds including mockingbirds and even the American white pelican. Iguanas are frequently spotted along with snakes, alligators, raccoons and possums. A large variety of fish, including the Atlantic sailfish and dolphins, are seen frequently in the coastal waters. Also seen are the manatee and sea turtles. Additionally, we spot a variety of butterflies, bees and other insects. Florida panthers, black bears and bobcats are in the greater Fort Lauderdale area but have been glimpsed often in the urban core.

Several favorite animals we've often seen are the Bahamian parrots, which are beautifully colorful and extremely loud!

Additionally, the African green monkeys known as vervet monkeys often appear around Port Everglades and surrounding neighborhoods. These little animals scamper along power lines overhead and are cute and clever.

There are a number of places to visit to see these interesting animals like birdwatching at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park. From March to October, loggerhead, green and leatherback sea turtles nest in the area. The Sea Turtle Oversight Protection offers Turtle Treks, and on occasion, the Museum of Discovery and Science offers guided tours to possibly spot sea turtles.

In Coconut Creek, Butterfly World hosts more than 20,000 butterflies from 150 species.

While we love our great weather, beautiful beaches and parks, the ecosystem in Fort Lauderdale continues to thrive.

Please always use caution when coming upon a wild animal or one unknown to you. Stay safe! ☺



10 YEARS. COUNTLESS MEMORIES.



This winter, one of Fort Lauderdale's favorite weekly traditions returns to The LOOP as Friday Night Sound Waves, presented by the City of Fort Lauderdale Beach Business Improvement District (BBID) kicks off its 2026 season from January 30 through April 3, marking a full decade of live music, sunsets, and shared moments.

Since launching in 2016, the popular series has hosted **125 different bands, representing over 700 individual musicians**, creating a soundtrack that has followed the community from its original beachfront stage at *The Hub* to its current venue at Las Olas Oceanside Park. What began as a simple Friday gathering has grown into an easy, feel-good way for locals and visitors to *slide off your shoes, and slip into the weekend*, unwind, reconnect, and enjoy the rhythm and beauty of Fort Lauderdale Beach.

For 10 years, Sound Waves has welcomed locals, visitors, and everyone in between, creating a space where friendships form, memories take root, and the night often unfolds into something unexpected,” says producer Arianne Glassman. “This anniversary season honors the artists who have performed with us and the community that has grown around this tradition.”



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The 2026 season celebrates this milestone with a mix of Sound Waves alumni, and three special jam-style performances created specifically for the anniversary year. The performer lineup will be shared in January, and audiences can expect the same open-air, bring-a-chair atmosphere that has defined the series since day one.

To honor ten years of Sound Waves, attendees are encouraged to revisit their camera rolls and share their favorite concert memories on social media using **#MySoundWavesMoment** - whether it was a perfect sunset, a favorite band, a moment with friends, or a night that was simply unforgettable. Fans will also be able to upload their photos directly to the online gallery at TheLOOPFLB.com/SoundWavesAlbum. Select images will be featured later this season as part of a special digital montage celebrating the people and moments that shaped Sound Waves from 2016 to today.

Friday Night Sound Waves takes place every Friday from January 30 through April 3, 7:00 to 9:30 PM, at Las Olas Oceanside ParkLOOP. Guests are invited to bring a chair, a friend, and help celebrate this milestone season.

The 2026 lineup and the complete Honor Roll of 125 bands will be available in early January at TheLOOPFLB.com



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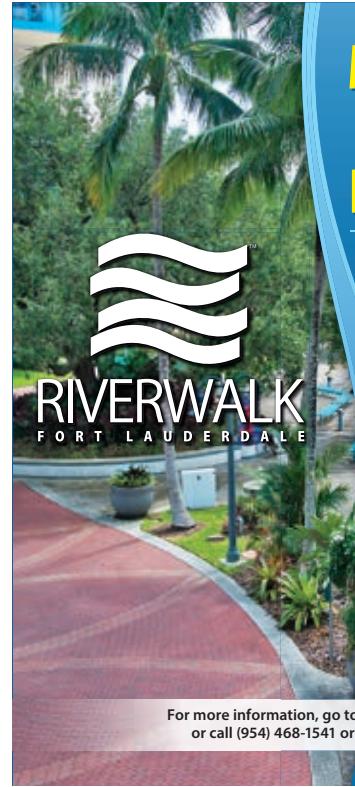
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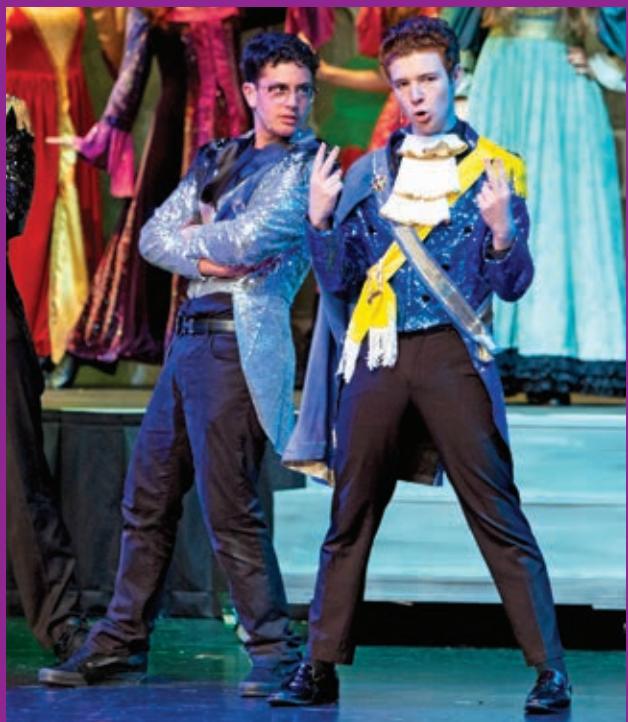


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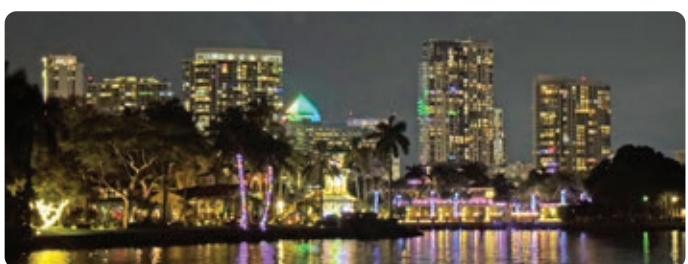
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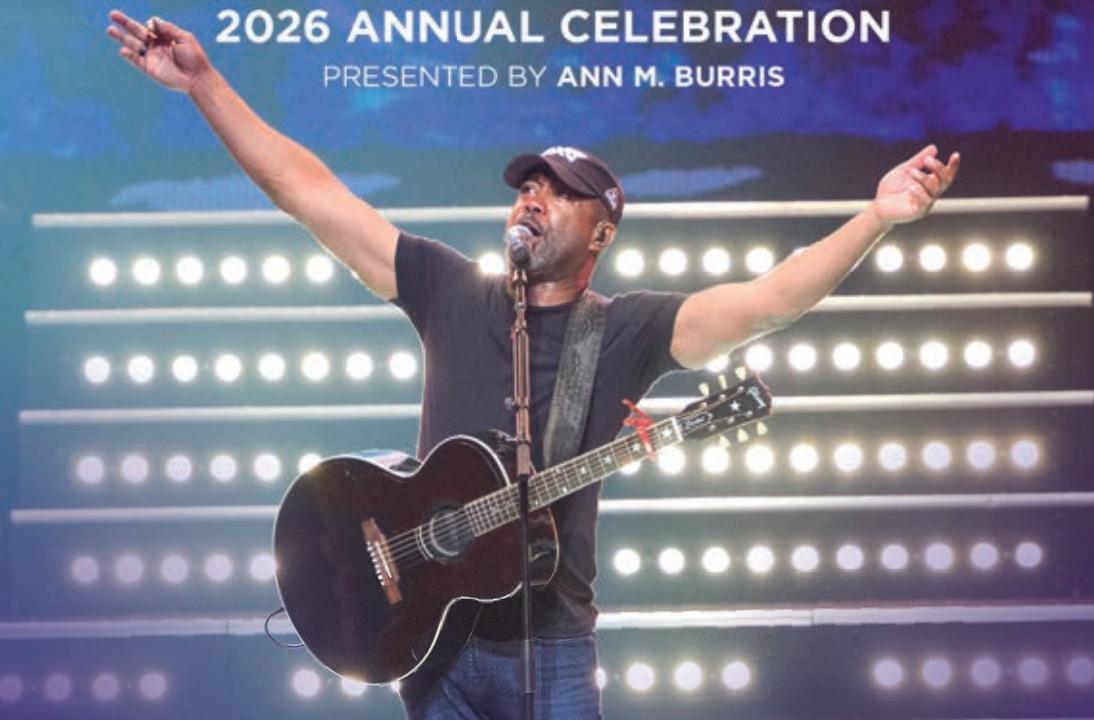


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BY COMMISSIONER PAMELA BEASLEY-PITTMAN

District 3
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WILDLIFE IN FORT LAUDERDALE

MANAGING A GROWING URBAN ECOSYSTEM

Fort Lauderdale's tropical climate and extensive waterways attract more than tourists. The region has become home to a diverse mix of native and nonnative wildlife, and recent sightings are raising concern among residents. As urban development expands, interactions between people and animals are becoming more frequent, leading to both

fascination and conflict.

One of the most talked-about animals in Broward County is the coyote. Once rarely seen in South Florida, coyotes now roam suburban neighborhoods, golf courses and public parks. Residents have reported attacks on pets, and state officials confirm that sightings continue to rise.

Wildlife experts explain that coyotes thrive in cities because they easily adapt to human food sources, such as garbage and outdoor pet feeders. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) urges residents to secure trash cans, never feed wildlife, and keep smaller pets indoors or on a leash.

While coyotes spark concern, another growing issue is the invasive green iguana. Fort Lauderdale hosts one of the largest populations in the state. These lizards can reach up to seven feet in length and damage native habitats, garden vegetation and infrastructure by burrowing into seawalls. They also leave droppings on docks and patios, making them an everyday nuisance in waterfront communities.

Hugh Taylor Birch State Park and the city's canal systems are familiar places to spot them. Because they are not native to Florida, landowners are legally permitted to remove them humanely, and the FWC recommends hiring professional trappers for safe removal.

Fort Lauderdale's wildlife surprises also include flocks of feral peacocks. Introduced decades ago as decorative birds, these striking animals now roam freely in neighborhoods such as South Middle River and Lauderdale Manors. Their vivid appearance attracts admiration, yet their loud calls and aggressive behavior can frustrate residents. Some advocate for their protection, while others call for population control measures.

Together, coyotes, iguanas and peacocks illustrate the unique challenges of living alongside wildlife in an expanding city. As South Florida continues to grow, public education and responsible management remain essential to protecting both residents and the animals that now share their communities.





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THE RIVERWALK EFFECT

HOW DOWNTOWN FORT LAUDERDALE IS POWERING OUR REGIONAL ECONOMY

There is a unique energy that exists along the New River — one you can feel the moment you step onto the Riverwalk. It's the sound of water taxis passing by, the buzz of outdoor dining, the rhythm of festivals and events and the steady hum of business activity happening quietly behind the scenes. What many may not fully realize is this: the Riverwalk is far more than a place to stroll — it is one of the most powerful economic engines in all of Broward County.

Downtown Fort Lauderdale is the front door to our regional economy. Every day, thousands of residents, workers, visitors, entrepreneurs and investors intersect here. Residential towers rise above restaurants and offices.



Arts, culture, marine industries, finance, technology and hospitality all converge along a few vibrant miles of waterfront. This is not accidental — it is intentional, strategic economic development playing out in real time.

The Riverwalk effect reaches far beyond downtown. When a visitor stays at a waterfront hotel, they dine in local restaurants, take water taxis, shop at local stores, book fishing charters and attend cultural events. That single visit supports servers, musicians, dockhands, hotel workers, tour operators and dozens of small businesses. The ripple effect is immediate — and measurable.

Small businesses in particular thrive because of the Riverwalk. From boutique retailers and independent restaurants to professional services and creative firms, entrepreneurs are drawn to the foot traffic, visibility and sense of place the waterfront provides. It is one of the few environments where quality of life and profitability intersect so clearly. And when small businesses grow, so does employment, investment and community stability.

The Riverwalk also plays a critical role in attracting talent and corporate investment. Today's workforce is mobile. Companies follow people — and people follow lifestyle. Walkability, water access, cultural vibrancy and downtown living are no longer luxuries; they are economic necessities. The Riverwalk delivers all of it. That is why we continue to see corporate relocations, office investment and mixed-use development centered around downtown Fort Lauderdale.

Tourism is another powerful driver tied directly to the Riverwalk. Our festivals, boat shows, waterfront concerts, art walks and special events generate millions in direct and indirect economic impact each year. These are not just leisure activities — they are economic development tools that fill hotel rooms, support retailers and pump revenue into city coffers that fund public services.

Perhaps most importantly, the Riverwalk tells our story. It showcases who we are as a community — innovative, resilient, inclusive, global and forward-thinking. It is where residents take pride, businesses invest and visitors fall in love with Fort Lauderdale for the very first time.

As president and CEO of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, I can say with confidence: protecting, enhancing and investing in our Riverwalk is not optional. It is essential to our long-term economic growth, our competitiveness as a global destination and our identity as a world-class waterfront city.

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WELLS COFFEE COMPANY SELLS JAVA WITH CONVICTION

Coffee plays a big part in many people's daily routines, whether that's having your morning brew or visiting your favorite local café for an afternoon pick-me-up. It's this notion of how intertwined coffee is in our lives that inspired Brandon Wells to open a coffee shop catering to all kinds of coffee lovers, especially since coffee played a big role in his own life.

"I was always interested in coffee, going as far back as my early teens, especially with my grandma," Wells said. "When I would visit her, we had this ritual associated with sitting down and drinking coffee. Then I got in some trouble with the law and spent a lot of time at NA meetings, which were often spent at a coffee shop in the evenings. But it showed me how coffee can really provide a sense of community."

The defining moment for Wells, however, was when one of his group members gave him a small coffee roaster to take home and roast his own coffee beans. Impressed by the quality he could achieve by roasting his own beans, Wells decided to take a stab at starting his own business even though, as he puts it, he had "emphatically no business experience."

The business was launched out of his and his wife Nicole's living room with the help of some friends and a Kickstarter campaign to raise funds in 2013.

Between the help from their community and the overwhelming success of the online fundraising campaign, Wells Coffee Company took off and has now been a mainstay with its brick-and-mortar location in Flagler Village since 2014.

Today, the coffee shop sells a variety of coffee blends and specialty single-origin micro lot coffees. Wells also roasts each type of coffee bean in-house.

"We started with a range of handcrafted blends with the idea being that a lot of coffee drinkers are just looking for something familiar, like your typical light, medium and

dark roasts. But as for those coffee drinkers who really know their stuff and are looking for something unique, that's where our single farm coffees come in. These coffees are produced on a single farm, which is specially produced and designed to surprise and delight people with the way coffee can taste," he said.

Wells Coffee has a newer second location in the Tarpon River neighborhood, as well as grab a bag of whole beans or ground coffee at one of 40 Whole Food locations in Florida and numerous other local cafés, bakeries and restaurants like The Katherine.

But it's not just the connection with the community and the love of coffee that keeps this family business going.

It's the opportunity to help their customers slow down and "drink deeply" as their slogan suggests.

"That motto epitomizes the experience we want people to have," Wells said. "It's our belief that the best moments in life are enjoyed when we slow down. So, we wanted to build the brand around this belief that life is moving too fast, connection with ourselves and with each other is super important, and this beverage is one way to get there." ☕

WELLS COFFEE COMPANY

Owner: Brandon and Nicole Wells

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DEMYSTIFYING SHARKS THROUGH DATA

CITIZEN SCIENTISTS JOIN SHARK TAGGING, RESHAPING CONSERVATION PERSPECTIVES

Few ocean creatures are as misunderstood as sharks. Movies like *Jaws* and sensational headlines have shaped the image of sharks as relentless apex predators, ready to attack, but do sharks deserve this reputation? Not according to Dr. Derek Burkholder, a research associate at Nova Southeastern University (NSU), who has spent most of his professional career studying shark behavior and collecting data that supports conservation, management and public education for sharks worldwide.

Burkholder runs a shark-tagging program that started in 2014 with Mahmood Shivji, director of the NSU Guy Harvey Research Institute and Save Our Seas Shark Research Center. The program aims to better understand the local shark community off southeastern Florida by combining scientific sampling with public engagement. Each trip collects biological data — measurements, saliva samples and a small fin clip for genetic analysis — before releasing the animal.

What sets Burkholder's work apart is the citizen scientists. Instead of a boat full of researchers, his trips include members of the public who participate directly in data collection. Groups of up to 30 people join up to four NSU researchers on a 46-foot dive boat operated by a professional captain and crew. After a safety briefing and an overview of shark behavior, participants are divided into teams responsible for managing two catch lines throughout the day. The boat departs and the groups begin preparing and setting their lines.

Each 100-foot catch line is deployed with a 50-pound weight and buoy; along the line is a single hook with bait, checked every two hours, and the sequence repeats itself three times during the day. Throughout the day, Burkholder will share information about shark statistics, behavior and conservation.

When a shark is caught, researchers secure the animal while citizen scientists help with tagging and sampling.



Burkholder personally manages the shark's head and mouth to ensure safety. The data sampling takes about 10 minutes, and the tag used is a small yellow Roto Tag attached to the dorsal fin; it helps identify recaptured sharks and a phone number for public reporting.

Burkholder runs 40 to 50 trips per year, with a minimum age of eight for participants. The program's frequency and public involvement generate a steady stream of data on shark movements, diet and genetics. By involving non-scientists, the program also builds public understanding and support for shark protection.

One long-standing participant is New River Middle School. The school first joined Burkholder's trips more than a decade ago when Katherine O'Fallon — now executive director of the Marine Research Hub — was the school's marine science magnet coordinator. O'Fallon was introduced to Burkholder through the Guy Harvey Foundation and immediately saw a great opportunity to support shark research and align with the school's marine-focused curriculum. Her group of eighth graders joined Burkholder on one of his first trips and are still regular participants, gaining hands-on experience that complements classroom learning.

The hands-on nature of the trips — combined with real data collection — turns abstract conservation concepts into tangible experiences. That shift in perspective is crucial for long-term support of marine conservation and ecosystem protection.

"These trips make shark research and interaction accessible to people who otherwise would not have this kind of opportunity," O'Fallon said. "The information provided throughout the day, together with the hands-on tagging activities, helps dispel the myth of sharks as something to be feared. It gives participants a new perspective on the role sharks play in the ocean's ecosystem and why conservation is so important."



FROM YOUR PROPERTY APPRAISER

BY MARTY KIAR
Property Appraiser
Broward County



2026 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

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WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER



Fort Lauderdale is home to an incredible breadth of wildlife. One organization is doing its part to save and preserve as many animals' lives as possible while also educating the public through numerous interactive programs.

Founded in 1969 by Beatrice Humphreys, the South Florida Wildlife Center is an independently operated nonprofit that has an unwavering dedication to rescuing, rehabilitating and releasing injured and orphaned wildlife in Broward County and beyond. They are one of the highest volume wildlife care facilities in Florida and typically treat between 10,000 and 12,000 animals from nearly 300 different species each year. However, none of this would be possible without the continuous support from the community and local foundations, which have allowed them to operate out of a comprehensive hospital facility.

"We have a small but fully functional hospital, complete with an ICU, surgical suite and rehab," said Carolina Montano, interim executive director at South Florida Wildlife Center.

"We are also fortunate to have two full-time veterinarians, five full-time vet techs and numerous volunteers. This has allowed us to do more for our patients, including performing in-house diagnostics, so we can save as many animals as possible and release them back into the wild."

The center cares for orphaned and infant animals with a dedicated nursery and team that provides neonatal-like care with the same goal of treating and releasing them back into their natural habitats.

For the animals that cannot be released for various reasons, they will live out the rest of their lives comfortably at the wildlife center while also playing a crucial role in their Wildlife Education Ambassador Program.

"We have a few different animal residents that we care for that were non-releasable due to a lot of reasons," Montano said, "with the most common ones being injuries that keep them from surviving in the wild or having been released by pet owners who didn't understand the kind of extensive care needed for the animal they bought. But they are also an important part of what we do here, which is being a key component of our outreach and education programs that aim to teach the public about these animals, the problems and threats they face in the wild and how we can help our local wildlife."

The center has educational programs where guests can interact closely with some of these animal ambassadors, including the "Who Gives a Hoot Owl" and "Gopher Tortoise Conservation" programs. In the first, participants can investigate owl artifacts and dissect owl pellets before getting to meet one of their resident owls – Brie, Olive or Kiwi. As for reptile lovers, they can join in on their newest program where they will learn about gopher tortoises, the threats they face in the wild and interact with their resident red-footed tortoise, Poppy, who is often mistaken for a gopher tortoise.

South Florida Wildlife Center will be releasing its 2026 schedule for these programs and the many others offered at the center soon.

But that doesn't mean there isn't room to add more educational programs this year for animal lovers of all ages.

"We're always trying to figure out how we can improve our programs based on guest feedback and we're actively trying to figure out new ways to reach different parts of the community through our current and new programs we hope to add. So, we have a few different ideas we're excited to explore this year," said Montano. 



BY THE NUMBERS

South Florida Wildlife Center's annual budget: \$2.6 million

Total animal intake for 2024: 7,905

Species treated in 2024: 248

Admitted animals breakdown: 4,293 birds, 3,396 mammals and 212 reptiles

Top 5 species admitted: Opossums, raccoons, gray squirrels, blue jays and mourning doves

Source: South Florida Wildlife Center 2024 annual report

MORE ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Sea Turtle Oversight Protection's Turtle Treks

Join the Sea Turtle Oversight Protection (STOP) for an educational night looking for turtles on a Turtle Trek. During the nighttime walk, staff will explain how and why turtle nests are protected, about their incubation cycle and what commonly happens to the hatchlings on a densely urbanized beach like Fort Lauderdale. Also, each person can assemble their own "Turtle View" card and after a guided beach walk, participate in a photo scavenger hunt where they can earn prizes.

www.sea-turtle-op-7f429.web.app

Rescue Readers with Humane Society of Broward County

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www.humanebroward.com/rescue-readers

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Make a splash with Sea Experience, where you see all sorts of ocean wildlife on one of their glass-bottom boat, snorkel or scuba diving trips. Guests can view sea life through the glass-bottom boats, get up close and personal with the tropical fish while snorkeling, or visit the coral reefs on their Discover Scuba Diving class, where you go scuba diving the same day. An experienced staff member is there to help both beginners and seasoned snorkelers during each tour.

www.seaxp.com

Otters at Play Exhibit at MODS

The Museum of Discovery and Science offers guests the opportunity to observe and learn about the North American river otter through an encounter with their resident rescue otter, Joey. Guests get to see him up close while he plays in his two-story indoor and outdoor exhibit space, complete with a waterfall and pool. You can also learn more about his species, its essential role in Florida's aquatic ecosystems and how he spends his day from one of the otter keepers.

www.mods.org/exhibit/otters-at-play



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A TASTE OF THAI

THAI SPICE BRINGS THE SPICE AND THE VIBES

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

Every community has that one classic Asian restaurant that has this inviting and comforting atmosphere and classic dishes that you rely on to bring the same level of filling flavor every time you visit. For Fort Lauderdale, Thai Spice is the restaurant that has satisfied diners for more than 30 years by not sacrificing on quality, taste or experience.

Tucked away in a small shopping center, Thai Spice surprises and delights you from the moment you walk in. Guests are greeted by moody low lighting, plush black leather booths and numerous glowing fish tanks filled with brightly colored tropical fish and corals.

From there, you are guided through the lively and energetic space filled with diners sharing conversation over decadent plates of food filled to the brim. By the time you're seated, it's almost impossible not to order everything off the lengthy menu. But diners who are looking to indulge in a cocktail or two will be pleasantly surprised to see that they can choose from a variety of tropical-inspired cocktails like a classic mai tai or piña colada, which is most certainly a nod to the owner Michael Tatton's father, who spent 37 years working as a maître d' at Mai-Kai.

As for the food, it's so difficult to decide on what to sample, especially when the restaurant prioritizes getting many of its ingredients locally when possible, including the seafood.

To start, there are a variety of comforting classics to choose from, like pan-fried pork gyoza, crab rangoon with fresh crab and Gruyere cheese, and chicken satay with both a peanut sauce and cucumber relish. But choose the mee krob if you're looking for something special. With light and crispy Thai noodles delicately tossed with chicken and shrimp in a viscous, bright red sauce, all topped with caramelized garlic and shallots, this dish is sweet, savory and addicting.

As for entrees, there are also a number of great choices for all types of diners. If you're looking for a traditional and always satisfying Asian dish, try Thai Spice's take on chicken cashew. Served with onions, peppers, carrots and water chestnuts sautéed in light brown sauce with fresh roasted cashews, the chicken is tender, the veggies still have a nice bite and the sauce has a beautiful depth of flavor.

The daily specials offer some intriguing options, like the fresh Chilean sea bass filet, which also happens to be its house specialty. Diners can choose to either have the locally sourced fish blackened and topped with a light ginger sauce or oven roasted, with a rich and aromatic coconut cream sauce and basil. No matter which you choose, you're certain to be more than satisfied, but there is something special about the oven roast preparation. The aromatics in the coconut cream sauce make for a sauce bursting with flavor that keeps you coming back for more.

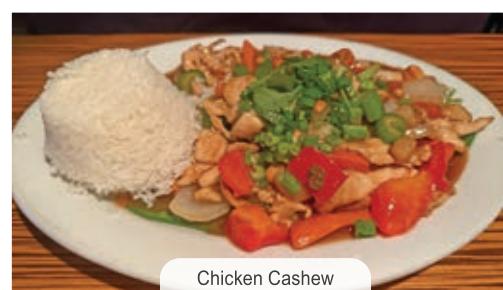
To finish off the meal, Thai Spice has a few different options for dessert, ranging from familiar to daring. Some of those include a flourless chocolate cake and crème brûlée, but for something unusual, the cassava cake is a must-have. The traditional Filipino dessert is made using grated cassava, coconut milk and condensed milk and has a wonderfully surprising soft and chewy texture that makes for a fun way to round out your meal at Thai Spice. ☺



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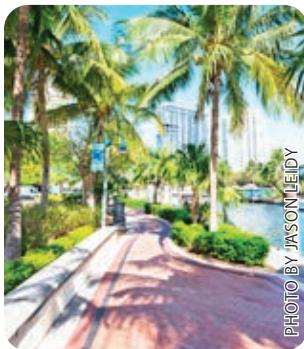


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YMCA OF SOUTH FLORIDA'S 2025 ANNUAL BEACH BALL GALA

More than 500 community leaders, advocates and supporters gathered to raise funds for the YMCA of South Florida's water safety and drowning prevention initiatives during the Beach Ball Gala in November.



YMCA OF SOUTH FLORIDA PRESIDENT AND CEO SHERYL A. WOODS AND 2025 LIFESAVER AWARDEES: CITY OF PALMETTO BAY MAYOR KARYN CUNNINGHAM, CITY OF WESTON FIRE CHIEF TODD DRAIZIN, CITY OF HOLLYWOOD FIRE CHIEF JEFFREY LEVY, CITY OF HOLLYWOOD MAYOR JOSH LEVY, CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH FIRE CHIEF BILL FUCCI, CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH MAYOR JOY COOPER, CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES MAYOR ANGELO CASTILLO, CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES FIRE CHIEF MARCELINO RODRIGUEZ, CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE FIRE CHIEF STEPHEN W. GOLLAN AND CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE MAYOR DEAN TRANTALIS



VERONICA WALKER AND MAJOR RENEA PETERSON



TOP ROW: CHERITA REED AND JAY AND TRELENA ANDERSON; BOTTOM ROW, DEANNE KEYS AND VERONICA ESPINOZA

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BROWARD PERFORMING ARTS FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL RECEPTION AND BRUNCH

The Broward Performing Arts Foundation Annual Reception and Brunch in December kicked off the new season for donors and benefactors with a look back at history and a preview of the programming to come at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.



SONIA GLEIT, MICHAEL GLEIT, SUZANNE SCHARF AND BERNARD SCHARF



DEV MOTWANI, ROBERT WATSON, POLLY SUTTON, TY SUTTON AND LISA KITEI



ANN M. BURRIS AND JON HINES

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JOE DIMAGGIO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL RED GALA

Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation's Red Gala in December more than \$3 million in one night. Funds raised from the sold-out celebration at Pier Sixty-Six will go toward pediatric heart care at the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Heart Institute.



ELIZABETH JUSTEN, DOUGLAS VON ALLMEN AND MELIDA AKITI



KELLEY MORRIS, RITA CASE AND BETH-ANN KRIMSKY



TODD STELLA, CAITLIN STELLA, AND NATALIE AND MARCELL HAYWOOD

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ARTIST

KELLY MONSALVE

ARTWORK

HER

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 one of our honorees.



Inspiration for this piece of art

Her is inspired by the contemporary woman and evokes empowerment while its flowing lines embody the feminine essence present in every detail. With vibrant colors that radiate energy and vitality, Her becomes a visual celebration of the positive force that surrounds us when we embrace our dreams with clarity and conviction.

Tell us a bit about your creative journey

I began painting at a very young age, discovering in art a way to express my sensitivity and vision. Studying fashion design allowed me to fusion the art and design as my creative process.

My work is born from the dialogue between the contemporary woman and the universe of fashion, understood not only as aesthetics but also as identity and expression. I paint women who inhabit their bodies with freedom, who challenge stereotypes and claim a rightful space within today's society.

Through vibrant colors, intuitive strokes, mixed techniques and energetic compositions, I seek to capture the strength, vulnerability and beauty of the feminine. Each portrait is a visual manifesto — a cry of autonomy, resilience and transformation.

My inspiration arises from the diversity of women around me — from their stories, passions and battles. Fashion becomes my visual language, a symbol of identity and a tool of empowerment. My paintings celebrate the essence of being a woman today.

I am currently working on large-scale sculpture, finishing a two-meter-tall sculpture that will be installed in a public space in the City of Coral Gables as part of its 100th anniversary celebration. The Colombian consulate in Miami selected my work, along with that of nine other Colombian artists, to be placed in the city. 



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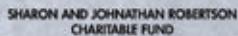
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