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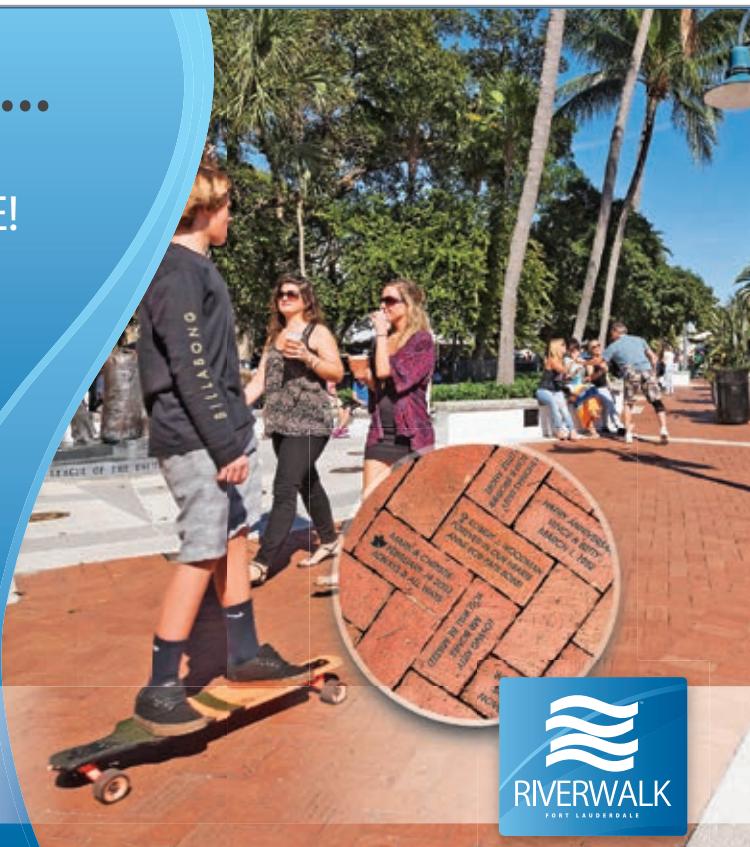


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Friday Night Sound Waves, presented by the City of Fort Lauderdale Beach Business Improvement District (BBID) continues to mark a full decade of live music, sunsets, and shared moments through April 3, 2026

Since its launch in March 2016, the series has hosted nearly **130 different bands, representing over 700 musicians**, and 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.”

The 2026 season features a mix of Sound Waves alum, including

- Feb 6 Sabor Latino
- Feb 13 Valerie Tyson
- Feb 20 The Goodnicks
- Feb 27 Shane Duncan Band
- Mar 6 Private Stock
- Mar 13 Shauna Sweeney & Friends
- Mar 20 Joel DaSilva All Star Blues Jam
- Mar 27 Spred the Dub
- Apr 3 Mr. Nice Guy

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** to be part of the story

Friday Night Sound Waves takes place every Friday through April 3, from 7:00 to 9:30 PM, at Las Olas Oceanside Park - 3000 E. Las Olas Blvd. Visit theloopflb.com for performer details and special announcements.

SAVE THE DATES



Feb 14 • 12 pm Valentine's Day Vow Renewal Ceremony

Join us for a deeply meaningful, group vow renewal, honoring love in all its forms. Registration is free at theloopflb.com



Feb 22 • Roll the dice and join the fun at **DOG-O-POLY** - the **6th annual Fur the Love Pet Fest!** Fort Lauderdale's most anticipated, pet-friendly celebration brings games, joy, and community together to celebrate National Love Your Pet day. Registration is free at theloopflb.com



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JUST LISTED!

2 BEDROOM 2 BATHS | \$615,000

Extended Gated Terrace right on the Pool Deck! This modernized Two Bedroom Two Bath Residence features a Tropical Terrace perfect for a Garden! Porcelain Tiles Throughout, Upgraded Kitchen, Move in Ready!

JUST SOLD!

2 BEDROOM 2 BATHS

Upgraded unit features tile floors throughout, New HVAC, Treelined Terrace, Split bedroom Floor Plan & Parking on the same level!



JUST LISTED! **2 BEDROOM 2 BATHS** | \$835,000

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JUST LISTED!

SOHO | 2 BD 2 BA | \$829,000

High Floor Soho model with custom renovations! Beautiful marble floors throughout, walls of glass in every room, bringing the sparkling city views right to you! Renovated baths with new vanities, freshly painted, Italian chandeliers, custom window treatments and more!

JUST LISTED!

SOHO | 2 BD 2 BA | \$815,000

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! MOONGLOW | \$769,000

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JUST LISTED! SKYVIEW | \$635,000

Complete Renovation! Redesigned Floor Plan includes Larger Living Area, Custom Built in Closets, French Doors, Reconfigured Kitchen, Upgraded Bathrooms, All with a Direct River View!

JUST LISTED! SKYVIEW | \$615,000

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JUST LISTED! SKYVIEW | \$575,000

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LAS OLAS BY THE RIVER



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

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WHERE FORT LAUDERDALE'S STORY UNFOLDS

Fort Lauderdale's Riverwalk has always been more than a scenic promenade along the New River — it is the connective thread of our city. It brings together neighborhoods, businesses, arts, culture and history, while showcasing Fort Lauderdale as both a vibrant community and a world-class destination. As stewards of this iconic waterfront, the Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale board remains focused on advancing projects that strengthen continuity, resilience, and opportunity along the river.

A top priority is advocating for the completion of the seawall project from Andrews Avenue to the Railroad Bridge. This critical infrastructure investment is essential to protecting our riverfront from erosion and flooding while creating the foundation for enhanced walkability, landscaping, and public access. A completed seawall ensures that the Riverwalk remains safe, resilient, and welcoming — now and for generations to come.

Equally important is the completion of the Riverwalk along the south side of the New River. While significant progress has been made, gaps remain that interrupt connectivity and limit the full experience of our waterfront. A continuous Riverwalk on both sides of the river will transform how residents and visitors move through Downtown — creating seamless access for walking, jogging, dining and exploration. Closing these

gaps is about more than convenience; it's about unlocking the Riverwalk's full cultural and economic potential.

That potential has long been recognized beyond our city limits. Fort Lauderdale's Riverwalk and waterways have served as the backdrop for countless television shows, films, commercials and documentaries. From classic Hollywood productions to modern streaming content, our riverfront continues to capture national and international attention. The Riverwalk is not just part of Fort Lauderdale's identity — it is part of its story as seen on screens around the world.

This visibility fuels tourism, drives foot traffic and supports local businesses. Go Riverwalk Magazine plays a vital role in telling that story — highlighting the people, places and projects that make our waterfront unique. The magazine is both a celebration of the Riverwalk and a platform for businesses and organizations that benefit from its success.

Advertising in Go Riverwalk Magazine is more than promotion; it is an investment in the Riverwalk itself. Advertising support helps fund advocacy, programming and initiatives that advance projects like the seawall and Riverwalk completion, while giving businesses meaningful exposure to a highly engaged audience of residents, visitors and community leaders.

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale remains committed to working collaboratively with the City, private stakeholders, and the community to complete these transformative projects. By strengthening our infrastructure, finishing the Riverwalk on both sides of the river, and supporting Go Riverwalk Magazine, we continue to elevate Fort Lauderdale as a place to live, work, visit — and film.

We invite you to experience the Riverwalk, support its future and be part of the story that continues to unfold along the New River. 



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2026

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

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Entertainment is the pleasure we give ourselves during our personal time. It encompasses a wide range of experiences and content.

Within the city there are an incredible number of diverse options from axe-throwing to passive reading in quiet spots. The city offers a plethora of festivals, art shows, concerts and more. These events are not limited to just season but continue year-round. Broward Center for Performing Arts, The Parker, FTL War Memorial, Savor Cinema and Slow Burn Theatre offer a wide range of shows, music and more. The Museum of Discovery and Science offers all kinds of exploratory experiences for inquiring minds. History is offered through Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Historic Stranahan House Museum, Bonnet House Museum and Gardens, and the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club.

Fort Lauderdale offers a large number of movie theaters showing the latest films as well as timeless favorites. Movies are often shown throughout the parks and on the beach for public entertainment.

Art, dance, cooking, golf, skating classes and other options are available along with ceramics, swimming and more.

Concerts within the city are presented by many venues like Revolution Live at the Backyard, FTL War Memorial, and a number of local bars.

Scenic rides along the waterways include options like Carrie B, Jungle Queen, Water Taxi and Tiki Bar. A visit to the Wreck Bar offers mermaid shows and underwater ballet. A visit to Mai-Kai Restaurant and Polynesian Show offers a culture feast for the tasting palate and for the eyes.

Another adventure that is available in the city is an escape room, where players are gathered inside a themed room and must complete their mission before time runs out. These adventures are filled with hidden clues such as codes and puzzles to solve to make an escape.

Xtreme Action Park is a large indoor entertainment venue that offers go-karts, bowling, ropes courses, trampolines, roller skating, laser tag, mini golf and much more.

Pickleball has recently become a favorite with courts popping up all over town. Tennis remains a staple and bocce ball courts are around as well.

From lessons to activities, Fort Lauderdale is filled with opportunities for unique and fun entertainment. ☺



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John Reinking – known to many in South Florida as DJ Sweettooth – has always believed that community isn't just where you live; it's what you invest in. A Fort Lauderdale native, Reinking grew up surrounded by the energy, diversity and creativity that define the Riverwalk district today. In 2025, he took a meaningful step toward giving back by joining the Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale as a trustee member, combining his local roots with a deep commitment to community impact.

By profession, Reinking is a DJ and creative entrepreneur, roles that have allowed him to connect with people across backgrounds, generations and neighborhoods. But beyond the music and events, his passion lies in using his platform to create tangible change. "Being part of Riverwalk is personal," Reinking said. "This city helped shape who I am, and I feel a responsibility to contribute in a way that truly matters."

That commitment is perhaps best reflected in Baked with Brooksy, a charity event Reinking co-founded with his partner, Justin Brooks. What began as a creative concept quickly evolved into a mission-driven initiative, with 100 percent of proceeds benefiting Broward Voices for Children – an organization dedicated to advocating for abused, neglected and abandoned children in the local foster care system. Through music, community engagement and philanthropy, Baked with Brooksy has become a meaningful outlet for awareness and support.

For Reinking, impact isn't abstract – it's local, direct and personal. Whether through his role as a Riverwalk trustee member or his charitable efforts, he remains focused on strengthening the community that raised him. His story is one of purpose meeting opportunity and of giving back not for recognition, but for results – helping ensure Fort Lauderdale continues to thrive for generations to come.

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RIVERWALK EXCLUSIVES

16TH ANNUAL RIVERWALK STONE CRAB & SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale kicked off its calendar year of events on Jan. 3 with its 16th Annual Riverwalk Stone Crab & Seafood Festival at Esplanade Park in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Festival goers had a chance to try local seafood from more than 20 vendors, including Vinny's Stone Crabs & Seafood, Catch & Cut, Mr. Lobster by Chef Alex, and many others.

Hermit crab races were available again this year thanks to Finster Murphy's Fresh Seafood. Thirty craft and information vendors offered handmade crafts, beachwear, jewelry, candles, 3D printed toys, and many more unique offerings. Guests 21 and over were able to purchase admission to the Grove Lounge and enjoyed small bites from Casa Playa/Chimney House, Red Door Asian Bistro & Hibachi, and Sushi-One, and drinks provided by Papa's Grappa, Tierra de Ensueño Tequila, P1 Vodka, J Street Imports, and Bella Principessa Prosecco.

Riverwalk was able to keep the general admission free to the public thanks to the generous support of sponsors Toothaker.org, Bloom Sparkling Energy, Original Fat Cats, Vinny's Stone Crabs & Seafood, Finster Murphy's Fresh Seafood, Catch & Cut, Swiggle, Tito's Handmade Vodka, Morningstar Storage – FAT Village, GoRiverwalk Magazine and S.MARK Graphics.



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RIVERWALK EXCLUSIVES

RIVERWALK BOARD AND STAFF START NEW YEAR AT BOATHOUSE AT THE RIVERSIDE

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale's board and staff welcomed in the New Year at Boathouse at the Riverside Hotel, with discussions of goals for the year and upcoming events. Learn more about Riverwalk's Board at GoRiverwalk.com/Leadership.



Howard Elfman, Genia Duncan Ellis, Rich Corbett, Safeea Ali from the City of Fort Lauderdale and Timothy Solberg



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FROM THE CITY

BY COMMISSIONER BEN SORENSEN

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FORT LAUDERDALE MOVES FORWARD

CITY INVESTMENTS EXPAND PARKS, EASE TRAFFIC AND STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY GROWTH INITIATIVES

Fort Lauderdale is at a pivotal time of growth and progression for our residential and business communities. It is imperative to the Fort Lauderdale City Commission to persevere on initiatives that will improve and elevate the living experience for our residents and businesses. As we settle into the new year, I have made the commitment to make this year as actionable as the last. I would love to take this opportunity to share the positive changes joining us in 2026.

After years of collaboration with the Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority, Huizenga Park had its grand re-opening in January. Downtown finally has a premier meeting space for community markets, fitness classes and cultural events. Huizenga Park will also offer a brand-new waterfront restaurant, Sweetwaters, which will open later this year.

In December, we also broke ground on the new Holiday Park YMCA. This facility will expand our fitness and recreation spaces in the city. In collaboration with Broward Health, a new Freestanding Emergency Department will deliver emergency care to our community.

For years, residents who lived and traveled through

the barrier island have endured traffic congestion during peak hours. The traffic was largely due to the 17th Street Bridge opening every 30 minutes. As soon as I was elected, I began working to reduce the number of openings of the bridge. In May, the City submitted a request to the United States Coast Guard (USCG) to consider permanently changing the schedule for the bridge. The following month, a temporary deviation for the bridge was granted to reduce bridge openings during rush hours so that the USCG could evaluate whether a permanent change would be appropriate. This has been a major traffic improvement for the 17th Street corridor and has helped reduce delays and congestion.

Last year also marked a major milestone with the completion of the Broward County Convention Center expansion and the addition of the new Omni Fort Lauderdale Hotel set along the Intracoastal Waterway. The Convention Center is now 1,200,000 square feet, which includes a waterfront plaza, an exhibition hall and several meeting spaces. The Omni Hotel has 29 stories and offers 801 guest rooms. The hotel has 120,000 square feet of meeting and event space and also includes the Mokara Spa and several must-try dining locations. The expansion and the new hotel offer world-class experiences for locals and visitors and are expected to generate \$450 million annually for the local economy. To improve access to the Convention Center and ease local traffic, the Convention Center Connector road was built through Port Everglades, eliminating the need to pass through port security for non-port destinations. This road provides direct route to US 1, State Road 84, and Southeast 17th Street.

Fort Lauderdale has had many accomplishments this year, and we have a great future to look forward to in the months and years ahead. I welcome your ideas and the opportunity to connect. My email is bsorenson@fortlauderdale.gov, and my office is (954) 828-5028.





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We enter 2026 in a very different posture than the post-pandemic rebound years. Growth has cooled from its earlier pace, but fundamentals remain strong: population inflow continues, investment is active and our region's core economic engines – aviation, marine industries, hospitality, logistics, health care, construction and professional services – are still producing jobs and opportunity.

Employment: Steady, with Normalizing Growth

Broward County remains essentially at "full employment" by historical standards. The unemployment rate in Broward was 4.6% in November 2025, slightly higher than a year earlier, reflecting national labor market softening – but still a healthy level for a large metro economy.

Regionally, Broward continues to add jobs year-over-year. For example, September 2025 reports showed Broward adding 6,800 nonagricultural jobs compared to the prior year. The takeaway: hiring is not "booming," but it is ongoing, particularly in industries that require a physical presence – health care, hospitality, trade/transportation and construction.

Inflation: Easing, but Still Felt

Inflation is not dominating headlines the way it did in 2022-2023, but it remains a real household pressure – especially in housing and insurance.

The good news: price growth has cooled. In December 2025, the Consumer Price Index for the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach region showed prices were up 2.6 percent over the year. This is consistent with a broader pattern of moderating inflation, even as essentials like food and shelter remain stubbornly expensive.



Business Moves: More "Win the Next" than "Lose the Old"

South Florida continues to attract capital and corporate attention. While Miami tends to grab the relocation headlines, Greater Fort Lauderdale is quietly doing what it does best: landing expansions, investments and targeted wins.

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance announced that Broward secured \$139 million in capital investment and more than 700 job commitments during the 2024–2025 fiscal year – spanning sectors from advanced manufacturing to life sciences.

Are companies leaving? Some inevitably do – markets shift, office footprints change and consolidation continues nationwide. But what we are seeing more often is this: companies are becoming more selective and strategic. The winners will be metros that offer talent, infrastructure and quality of life, not just sunshine.

Growth Sectors: Where the Momentum Is

Several sectors are clearly driving Greater Fort Lauderdale forward:

- Health care and life sciences (and the entire supplier ecosystem around them)
- Marine industries and global trade anchored by Port Everglades
- Aviation and logistics linked to Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport
- Construction and infrastructure, fueled by population growth and major public projects
- Hospitality and tourism, still a pillar of our regional economy
- Port Everglades alone represents nearly \$28.1 billion in annual business activity and supports more than 204,000 jobs statewide, underscoring how critical global connectivity is to Broward's future.

The Bottom Line

Greater Fort Lauderdale is not standing still. This is a period of disciplined growth – where smart policy, strong workforce development, and strategic investment will matter more than ever. Our job as a region is clear: protect what makes us special, and continue building the economy that attracts talent, capital, and opportunity to our riverwalk community.

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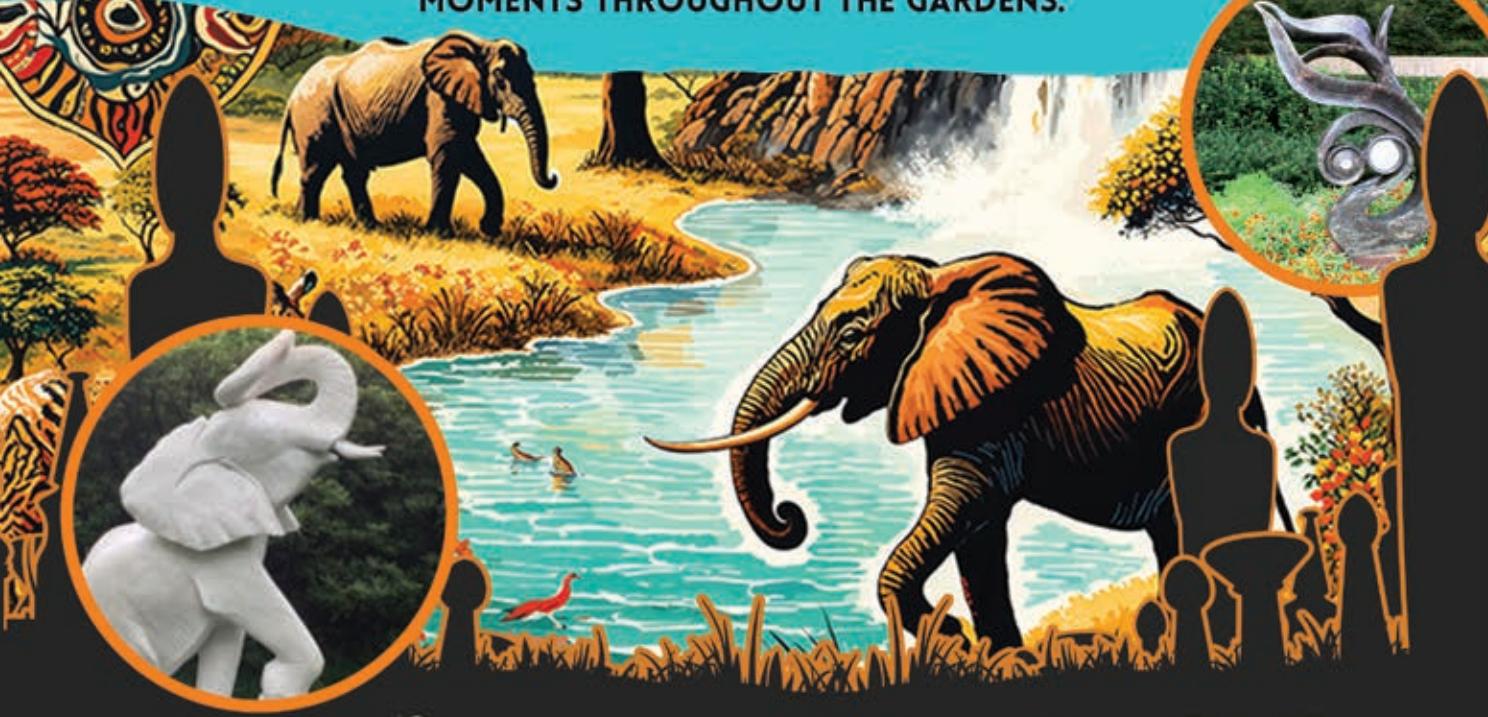


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With Valentine's Day around the corner, it's never too early to start shopping for gifts and sweet treats to show your loved ones how much you care. For those looking for something unique to gift a beloved partner, friend or family member this year, these chocolate shops and confectioneries in Fort Lauderdale offer numerous special kinds of indulgent chocolate delights for Valentine's Day and every other occasion.

Läderach

Founded by Rudolf Läderach Jr. in 1962, the Swiss chocolatier has made a name for itself over its three generations in business for its focus on handcrafting artisanal Swiss chocolates, which are to this day still made and distributed from its factories in Switzerland. Today, Läderach has more than 220 chocolate shops in over 25 countries, with one at the Galleria Fort Lauderdale. But what makes their handcrafted chocolate confections so special is their emphasis on quality control and overseeing every step of the process. Sourcing cocoa beans from countries like Costa Rica and Madagascar to crafting the final chocolate makes them one of the few chocolate manufacturers that handle production from bean to bar. Even after expanding globally, the chocolatier still puts a focus on keeping the business within the family, with the founder's grandchildren leading the charge today.

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Schakolad Chocolate Factory

Schakolad, which gets its unique name from a combination of the owner's name, "Schaked" and "chocolate," is another chocolatier known for its three generations of chocolate making. Co-founder Baruch Schaked began his career as a chocolatier in Argentina while working for his father-in-law, Gustavo Bar, who was the owner of one of South America's largest chocolate factories at the time. He then went on to travel throughout Europe to learn how to master the art of chocolate making before opening his first chocolate store in Miami. When he decided to retire, his son, Edgar, abandoned his career in engineering to continue the family legacy. With that, the first Schakolad Chocolate Factory opened in Winter Park, and today they have seven locations in three states, including one here in Fort Lauderdale. But what sets them apart is their dedication to keeping nostalgia and excellence in chocolate making alive by still making their chocolates fresh, on premises, at each location.

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Jan's Homemade Candies

Jan's Homemade Candies is one of the few chocolate and candy shops of its kind left, known for its mom and pop atmosphere. Before moving to South Florida, Jan Lendi grew up learning how to pipe roses and make wedding bells from sugar from her mother, who made a living baking and

decorating cakes. But it wasn't until Lendi met her husband Bob and they bonded over their shared love of chocolate that they decided to start their own handcrafted chocolate business out of their basement in Chicago. In 2001, they opened their first brick-and-mortar chocolate shop in the Fort Lauderdale area. They still offer the same kind of homemade chocolates, fudge and confectionery made fresh daily based on the recipes Lendi learned from her mother. The couple retired in 2023 but left their shop in good hands with its new owner and long-time customer, John O'Shaughnessy, and pastry chef Nestor Rodriguez.

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inside a Kilwins. Each store, including its Fort Lauderdale location, features an open kitchen where customers can not only watch treats like fudge being paddled on marble tables and caramel cooking in copper kettles, but it also fills the entire store with its signature warm and inviting aroma.

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Hoffman's Chocolates

What started as a small business where its founder could make a living working together with his family while making delicious chocolate has become a treasured staple that now has five locations throughout South Florida. Founded by Paul Hoffman in 1975, he originally bought a small chocolate shop in Lake Worth using \$1,400 that he borrowed from a friend. Since then, Hoffman's produces nearly four million pieces of chocolate each year using the finest and freshest ingredients from around the world and local sources when readily available. What makes this longstanding business so special is its commitment to keeping Hoffman's legacy of quality and tradition alive. In fact, after the company was acquired by BBX Capital in 2013, they have continued to use the founder's original handwritten recipes to craft their more than 70 varieties of confections and kept their headquarters here in South Florida, where it all started.

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So when our leadership team sat down ten years ago to brainstorm new ways to promote marine careers, we had a long list of ideas. But one stood out.

We understood that video was the most effective medium to reach our target audience of young adults in the early stages of their careers. A video series promoting diverse marine industry jobs would be an engaging and fun way to introduce potential career opportunities to viewers.

Our *Salty Jobs* video series debuted on Oct. 25, 2016. Now in its seventh season, the show has met with resounding success. We've delivered 58 unique episodes and profiled more than 100 different marine industry jobs. Our most recent season saw YouTube viewership top 10,000.

But all this would not be possible without Executive Producer Amy Winer and her exceptional team of hosts, video production experts and sponsors. Together, they are the foundation of the show's success.

Hosts

Anthony Santiago, MIASF workforce development specialist, is the current host of *Salty Jobs*. Together with guest co-hosts, including Emily Burchwell, Felix Collazo and Kevin Ricks, the team rolls up their sleeves and gets to work.

Each episode features co-hosts learning about and doing various marine jobs. Some highlights from season six include SEABOB sea scooter repair and in-water testing, dive team cleaning with Barnacle King, and Loggerhead Marine Life Center sorting marine debris to collect data on pollution harming sea life.

This hands-on experience helps viewers better understand the job.

Video Production

Salty Jobs would not exist without the professional expertise and guidance of The Media Lab. Jimmy Floyd, president and director of video operations at The Media Lab, has been involved with *Salty Jobs* since its very first episode. His team has helped guide the evolution of *Salty Jobs* for nearly a decade.

Floyd and his team are responsible for video shooting and

production editing. Each *Salty Jobs* shoot usually takes one-half day, then another seven to 11 hours of post-production editing to generate the final four-to-eight-minute episode.

Sponsors

Salty Jobs would not be possible without the financial support from sponsors. For season six, Captain Sandy's Charities stepped up to sponsor the entire season. Many recognize Captain Sandy Yawn from the popular *Below Deck Mediterranean* television series. She is an accomplished and well-regarded superyacht captain with more than 30 years industry experience.

She channeled her on- and off-screen success into Captain Sandy's Charities. The organization's mission is to inspire the next generation of maritime leaders through promoting inclusive opportunities. One way to accomplish this is by sponsoring career-focused programs like *Salty Jobs*.

Captain Sandy's Charities is also responsible for the development of the Boating Capital of the World license plates. Purchases of these special edition plates help support the organization's philanthropic efforts and promote Florida's marine industry as a whole. 



Amy Winer, Valerie Tovar and Emily Burchwell of MIASF's video series 'Salty Jobs'



Zac Leudders and Anthony Santiago of MIASF's video series 'Salty Jobs'

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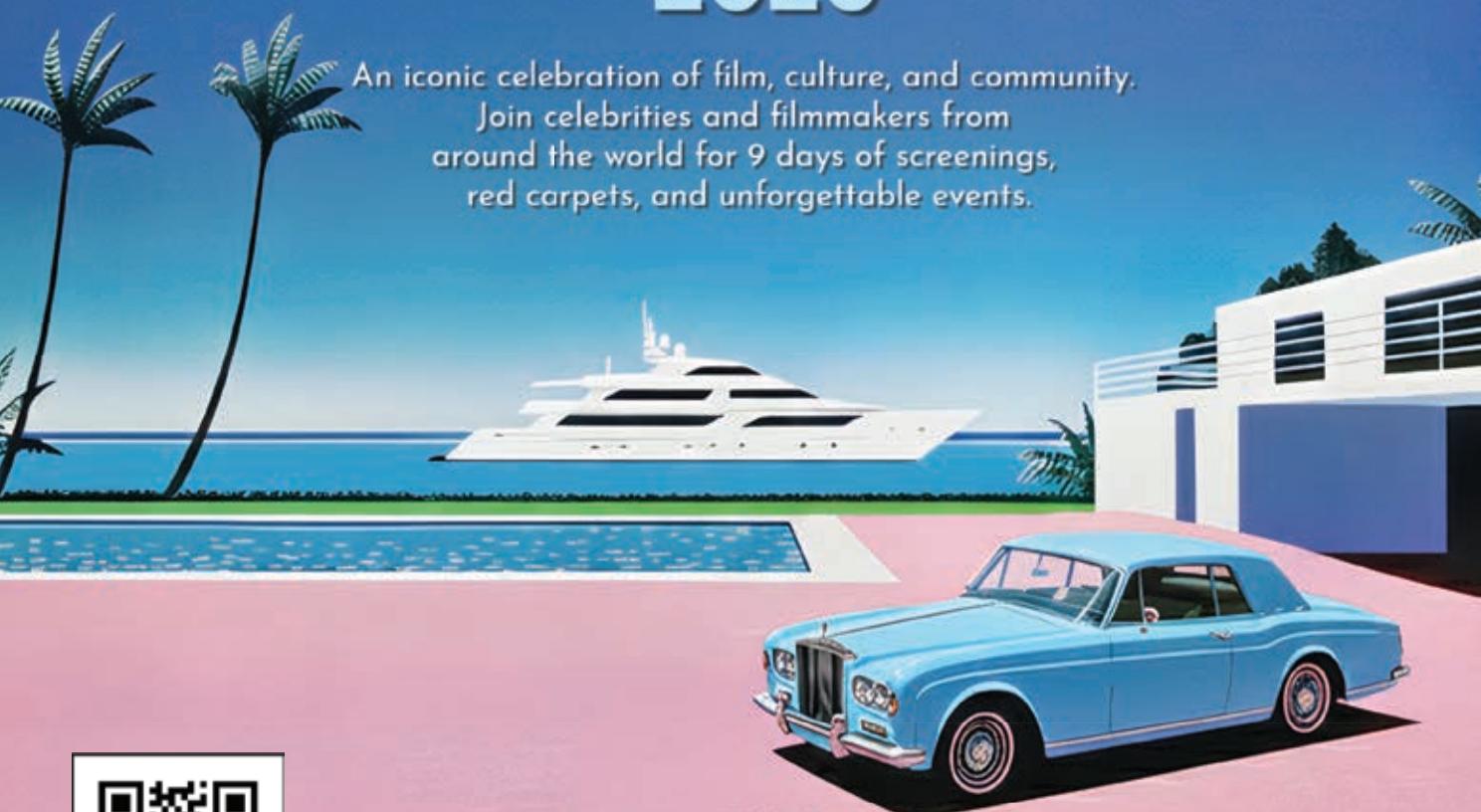
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Fort Lauderdale isn't just home to beautiful beaches, nightlife and shopping. It's also one of the premier destinations for recognizing and celebrating the importance of the film industry, thanks in part to the Broward County Film Society. Founded in 1986, the non-profit organization was established to bring more independent films to South Florida and make them more accessible to a broader audience. But what ultimately made that dream a reality was the creation of its annual Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival (FLIFF), which will be celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

"The film festival, along with the film society, has been through some changes throughout the years," said Hal Axler, managing director of the Broward County Film Society.

"But we're very excited to be back again this year and to be celebrating our 40th anniversary of the festival. So, to celebrate four decades of showcasing the finest in cinematic arts, we will be hosting a spectacular countywide celebration featuring films, parties, and unforgettable events."

This year's festival will take place from Feb. 20 to 28 throughout Broward County, which differs from previous years in that this will be the first year the festival doesn't take place in the fall. As for why they decided to change the dates for the film festival after so many years, that decision

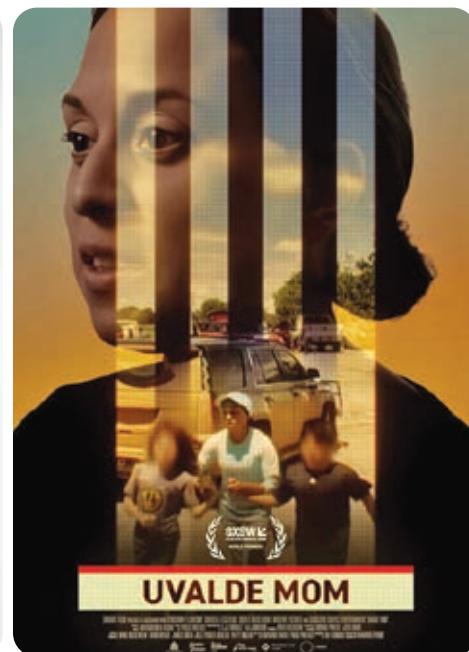
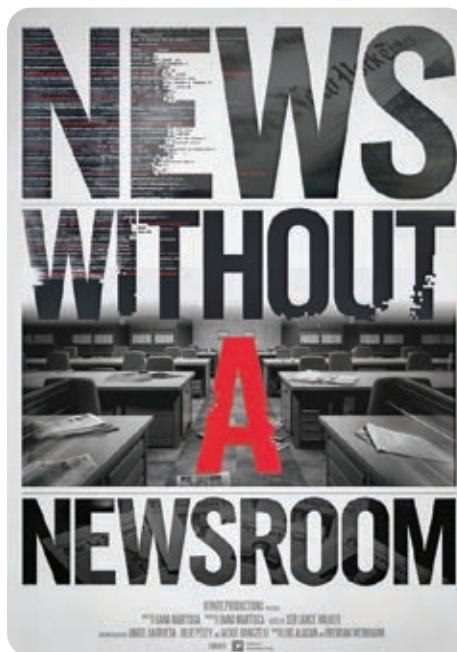
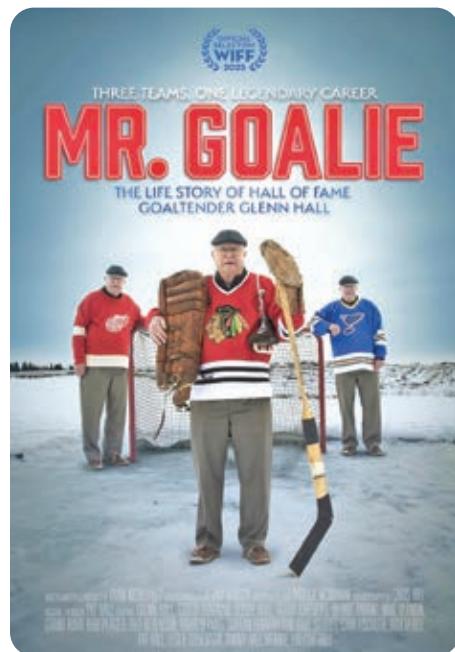
was made after much consideration of an already busy event season and unpredictable South Florida weather.

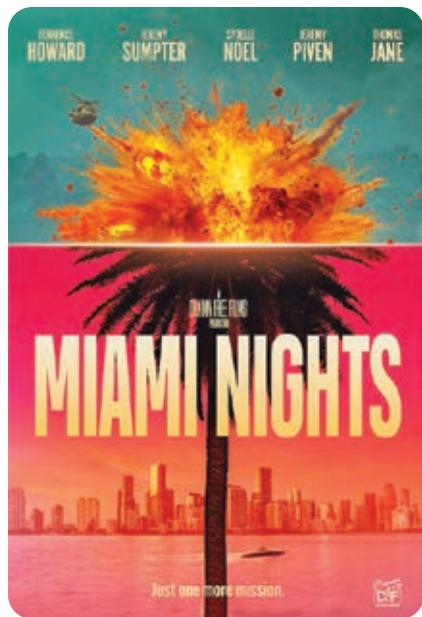
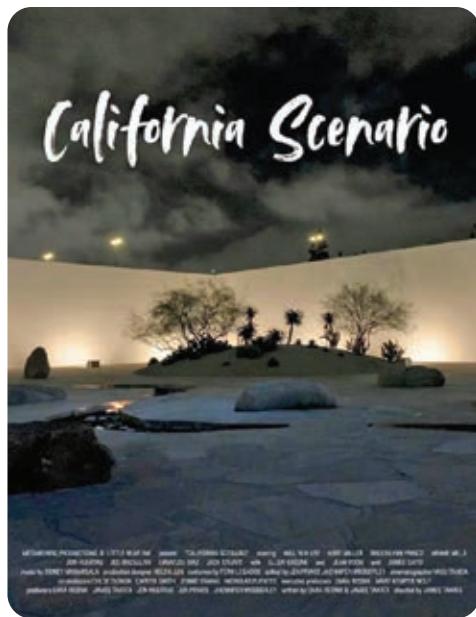
"Before this year, FLIFF was held typically around October, which worked well for a long time," said Lisa Grigorian, president and CEO of FLIFF.

"But over the last few years, we started to feel like it was during a time of the year when there are a lot of other events going on that made it hard to stand out. The weather was also another deciding factor. We had three years in a row where we had to cancel events because of hurricanes. So, it felt like one of those decisions that was a long time coming."

While that is one major change for the film festival this year, many other aspects that guests and film enthusiasts have come to love will stay the same. FLIFF 40 will host film screenings of numerous features, documentaries, shorts and world premieres at several venues, including Fort Lauderdale's historic art-house theater, Savor Cinema, and Cinema Paradiso in Hollywood.

"The mission of the festival is to introduce and present to Broward County a diverse offering of films from all over the world. So, this year we have many films produced by American and South Florida filmmakers, but we also have filmmakers coming in from Morocco, China, Italy and Switzerland, just to name a few," Axler said.





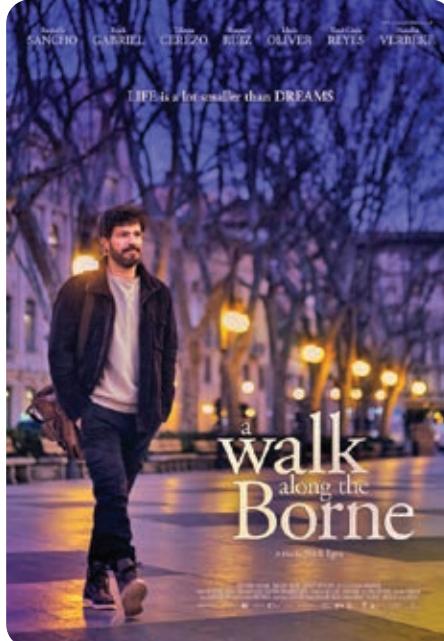
A few of the films will also feature short question-and-answer discussions following the screening, when audience members will have the chance to ask questions and interact with the filmmakers.

Beyond the theaters, FLIFF is also set to host multiple red-carpet galas, parties and filmmaker networking events that both FLIFF members and non-members can attend. For the Broward County Film Society, none of this would be possible without the generous support of the local community.

"We are a nonprofit, so we rely on donations and

sponsorships to be able to continue bringing the level of excellence our attendees have come to expect year after year. So, because of them, this year's film festival will be incredible and will have something for every part of the film lover community," said Grigorian. More details, including films, venues, and schedules, will be announced soon.

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RIVERWALK'S 2026 SEASON OF SIGNATURE EVENTS

FEATURING THE EPIC RETURN OF THE RIVERWALK BURGER BATTLE

WRITER JEREMY COLLETTE



As the heart of Fort Lauderdale continues to pulse with energy, one of the ways Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale continues to deliver its mission is through hosting unique public events, most featuring free admission. The 2026 calendar of signature events is designed to bring neighbors together, showcase local talent and celebrate the unique spirit of Fort Lauderdale, the "City You Never Want To Leave."

The Grand Return: Riverwalk Burger Battle

Perhaps the most anticipated announcement of the year is the official return of the Riverwalk Burger Battle after a multi-year pandemic hiatus. Known for years as the ultimate showdown between South Florida's top chefs, this epic event will once again pit the region's best burger creations against each other in the second half of 2026.

Fans can expect an evening of gourmet creations, great beverages and the chance to cast their vote for the "Fan Favorite" with the iconic wooden burger chips. More than just a meal, the return of Burger Battle revives a Fort Lauderdale tradition that celebrates our local culinary excellence.



Legacy Signature Events

Beyond the grill, Riverwalk's 2026 lineup offers something for many palates and passions. After a quick start to the year with the iconic 16th Annual Riverwalk Stone Crab and Seafood Festival, the season heats up with the 10th Annual Riverwalk Chili Cook-off on Feb. 21. In advance of National Chili Day on Feb. 26, this beloved competition brings together amateur and professional chefs at Esplanade Park, with attendees purchasing sample cups and voting for the "Best Chili in Fort Lauderdale."

As spring arrives, we trade chili for "paw-tinis" at the 19th Annual Riverwalk Mutts and Martinis (March 21), the city's premier pet-friendly social. While Riverwalk's four-legged residents take center stage with an afternoon of furocious competitions and pet-friendly vendors, the event also brings attention to non-profits focused on animals and pets who are less fortunate.

In May, the air fills with the aroma of the Smoke on the Water BBQ Feast (May 16) celebrating National Barbecue



Month. Attendees will be able to sample from some of South Florida's pit-masters and grill icons, featuring different cooking techniques, sauces and traditional side dishes and beverages.

After the "Smoke" comes the summer heat of the Fourth

Annual Riverwalk Tacos and Tequila Festival on July 18 leading up to National Tequila Day on July 24. This summer celebration draws out locals to enjoy some of the famed local Mexican eateries calling South Florida home and wash it all down with a thirst-quenching cocktail featuring some of Mexico and Latin America's signature liquors.

As the leaves "change," we welcome the 10th Annual Riverwalk Fall Festival (Oct. 17), which sets the scene for the colorful tradition of the Second Annual Downtown Day of the Dead, Fort Lauderdale's Dia de los Muertos celebration, to return on Nov. 7. This celebration of Mexican culture brings the Riverwalk comes alive with the colorful costumes, painted faces, sounds and flavors from South of the Border. The annual Skeleton Stroll through downtown Fort Lauderdale features traditional papier-mâché puppets and offers the opportunity for all those who arrive in costume to join the processional.

The Riverwalk transforms into a winter wonderland starting in November with Light Up Lauderdale, eight weeks of holiday lights and decorations and a kick-off celebration that signals the start of the holiday season in Fort Lauderdale. Finally, we celebrate the global flavors that are found right here in South Florida at the Sixth Annual Riverwalk International Food Festival on Nov. 14.

Unique and Innovative Events

Riverwalk is constantly looking for new and unique events to host. On the roster to return in 2026 pending sponsor confirmation and park improvements at Tunnel Top Plaza are the popular Tunes on Top and Riverwalk Rhythm and Brews series later this year. Featuring talented South Florida musicians, these live music events are a great way to get out and enjoy South Florida's year-round outdoor entertainment with friends or co-workers!

Riverwalk continues to work on new and improved events to activate the downtown Riverwalk District and will announce additional events for the 2026 season. Do you have an idea for a great and unique event? Email the Riverwalk Events team at events@GoRiverwalk.com!

The Power of Partnership Delivers Exciting, Free Admission Events

Riverwalk works diligently to keep the majority of its events free and open to the public. This is possible only with the support of event sponsors and annual partners, including the City of Fort Lauderdale.

For Riverwalk as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, hosting events serves the dual purpose of activating the downtown parks for residents and future residents alike, while also raising funds to support its work advocating for a more vibrant, downtown Riverwalk District for everyone and to communicating about the events and programs scheduled. Riverwalk relies on the generosity of local businesses and individuals who believe in the value of an activated, vibrant downtown. By partnering with Riverwalk, sponsors help to produce free admission events and programs, ensuring that the beauty of the Riverwalk and the New River is accessible to everyone in the community.

For more information on the 2026 event schedule or to explore sponsor and partner opportunities, visit www.goriverwalk.com or email events@goriverwalk.com. 



A SEASON MADE FOR LIVING

IGNITE BROWARD CREATES OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY OUTDOOR SPACES

WRITER VISIT LAUDERDALE

Winter in Greater Fort Lauderdale doesn't slow things down, it opens things up. With warm days, easy evenings and water at the center of it all, this is the season when families can do more together. One of the highlights is the annual Ignite Broward, a celebration that brings art, light and energy into public spaces across the destination.

Ignite Broward is designed to be experienced, not rushed through. Families move at their own pace, taking in illuminated installations, performances and interactive moments that invite curiosity for all ages. It's lively without being overwhelming and creative without feeling exclusive — an easy evening out that becomes a shared memory.

Around the festival, Greater Fort Lauderdale offers plenty of ways to amplify the experience. Time on the Intracoastal Waterway, whether by a water taxi or sightseeing cruise, pairs easily with museum visits, cultural attractions and unhurried afternoons at waterfront parks and promenades. It's a mix that allows for both exploration and downtime.

Being near the water keeps everything feeling connected, with easy access to dining, art, and evening activities. Sunset views over the docks and morning sunrises just steps from the water create a calming energy for everyone who lives by or visits our shores.

As Greater Fort Lauderdale looks ahead, moments like Ignite Broward reflect what defines the destination right now: movement, creativity and the joy of being together in a place that feels open and alive. ☺

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WINTERFEST: BEST SHOW ON H2O

The 2025 Winterfest season delivered another unforgettable celebration, uniting the community, visitors and partners through signature events within Greater Fort Lauderdale. The season officially set sail at the Launch Party presented by GrayRobinson P.A. on Oct. 25. Families enjoyed the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Family Fun Day in association with Publix on Nov. 23 and enjoyed a variety of activities including free rides on the Water Taxi and admission into the Museum of Discovery and Science. The festivities continued with an elegant evening at the Seminole Hard Rock Black Tie Ball presented by Broward Health in association with Republic National Distributing Company, on Dec. 6, with the Professor D 16-piece band by the Jordan Kahn Music Company keeping the dance floor alive all night.

The momentum carried through to the Grand Marshal Reception with Geico and Visit Lauderdale on Dec. 12, honoring those who help make Winterfest a world-class event. The season culminated with the iconic Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade on Dec. 13, featuring VIP Viewing Area presented by Holy Cross Health, Riverside Hotel and expansive public viewing areas supported by Nicklaus Children's Health System, the Florida Panthers and the Beach Business Improvement District. From family-friendly fun to marquee celebrations and a parade watched by millions, Winterfest 2025 once again demonstrated its powerful economic impact while showcasing the beauty of our area. 

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Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Black Tie Ball had a Studio 54 theme

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2025 Judges: Jonathan Lickstein, Mayor Dean Trantalis, Paul Castronovo, Debbie Danto, Stacy Ritter and Rear Admiral Adam Chamie



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WORTHWYLD MASTERS HEALTH CONSCIOUS CUISINE
WITHOUT SACRIFICING TASTE

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

With countless new and innovative restaurants popping up across downtown Fort Lauderdale, it's almost impossible to cultivate a unique restaurant concept that hasn't been done before. But Worthwyld may have just cracked the code that so many other restaurants have struggled to achieve – serving up health-conscious dishes while still maintaining an impressive depth of flavor. Situated in a stunning open concept space with marble accents and sleek architectural lines from the bar to the tables and beyond, Worthwyld's design strikes a clean and minimalistic but warm, enticing balance that playfully parallels the food they serve.

The concept behind Worthwyld's menu, which features dishes crafted with clean and thoughtfully sourced ingredients, is certainly not a new one. But the chefs at this Las Olas-centric restaurant have found a way to maximize flavor in every menu item, even though none of the dishes use cream, butter or seed oils. For instance, one of their standout appetizers is their bison keftedes, which shows off Worthwyld's philosophy of food without compromise. Their take on traditional Greek meatballs uses lean pan-roasted bison that is seasoned to perfection and pairs beautifully with the light lemon garlic sauce and tzatziki it's served on. It's light yet bursting with flavor.

The same goes for their entrees, with each dish being made to order in their genuine scratch kitchen, where everything is prepared entirely in-house. So, no matter what dish you're looking to indulge in, you'll leave feeling satisfied but not stuffed.

For seafood lovers, dishes like their "wyld" fish sandwich offer something oh so savory, delightful, and with a hint of spice. The catch of the day is topped with cabbage slaw, pickled onion, chimichurri and cashew aioli, all of which is sandwiched between a grilled ciabatta bun. Or, if you're more of a carnivore, look no further than the steak pesto plate. The star of this dish is a succulent grilled marinated steak that pairs deliciously with an arugula-walnut pesto that is served alongside a farro caprese pilaf as well as a fresh arugula, kale, and radicchio balsamic salad.

It's not just the food where Worthwyld puts an emphasis on clean, thoughtful ingredients. Their bar menu offers its own wonderful world of inviting options for both craft cocktail lovers and patrons looking for non-alcoholic beverages that still make them feel like the life of the party. For those looking to imbibe, there are a lot of great options. But the Stranahan, playfully named after the famous Fort Lauderdale founding family, is a refreshingly sweet and tart vodka-based cocktail that somehow strikes a perfect balance with its flavors of aloe, lemon, cucumber, fennel and mint highlighted in each sip.

As for those preferring something non-alcoholic, there are just as many options to choose from. Their strawberry-thyme mocktail is so sublime that you won't even miss the alcohol with its blend of strawberries, blackberries and cranberries, all of which are finished off with lemonade and an accent of thyme. For those who would like to transform their mocktails into a cocktail, each one has a suggested spirit that would best pair with it.

Whether you're venturing into Worthwyld for a full meal or just a drink or two, make sure you don't miss out on a scoop of their creamy gelato and fresh sorbets to finish off your outing with something sweet. ☺



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Worthwyld

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MARCH 12-13

Jason Robert Brown
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Lotus X
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Michael Carbonaro: Wonderboy
Star and executive producer of The Carbonaro Effect
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MARCH 16

Wayne Newton
Mr. Las Vegas: Memories and Melodies
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The exhibition is presented in partnership with Broward Cultural Division
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Back to the Future

February 3-15
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February 11-22

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February 14-March 1

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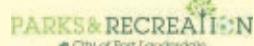
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Third Saturday | Reservation required
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Delevoe Park

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Fourth Saturday
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Fourth Saturday
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Last Sunday
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Fourth Sunday
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ALLISON CAGNETTA AND TRACI MILLER

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The 17th Annual Guy Harvey Foundation's Love the Blue Gala in December celebrated leaders and recent advances in marine science research, education and ocean conservation while raising funds for the foundation.



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ENJOYING 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 our one of our honorees.



Inspiration for this piece of art

I have lived in Ft. Lauderdale since about 1957. It was a wonderful place to grow up. Children were safe to fish, boat, explore the city, etc. Downtown near the Riverwalk was completely different than it is today.

I used to accompany my grandfather on his boat. Sometimes we'd cruise up the New River where Riverwalk is today. I also cruised with my teenage friends along the same areas. There were no big buildings, only small boats moored by the sea walls.

My painting is inspired by the Riverwalk as it was initially being developed — a beautiful area to walk alongside the New River. I bought one of the Riverwalk bricks when they were being sold to help finance the Riverwalk, as I've always believed in the importance of developing this concept.

Tell us a bit about your creative journey

I used to oil paint when I was about 7 to 9 years old. A neighbor was an artist who took me and a friend under her wing. Unfortunately I stopped painting to focus on school and my career until I was fully retired. I resumed oil painting then. This piece is one of many I hope to paint in the future.

I studied under Peter Olsen when I resumed oil painting. He always inspired me to paint from my heart. Olsen is the one who told me about the Riverwalk Art contest. He is an inspirational instructor. 



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