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JUST SOLD! ASHLEY
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JUST SOLD! BRADFORD
2 BEDROOM + 2 BATH

High floor Bradford south model! Marble & wood floors throughout, custom Built-in Office. Poggenpohl kitchen, floor to ceiling glass throughout.



JUST LISTED! 3 BEDROOM 2.5 BATHS | \$850,000

North East Corner Unit with Direct River Views! Open Modern Kitchen Glossy Cabinets, Waterfall Porcelain Countertops, Large Island and More!

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

Beautiful Porcelain Floors Throughout! Right on the Tropical Pool Deck with an Extended Private Terrace perfect for your Garden! Must See!



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

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JUST SOLD! LEXINGTON | 2 BD 2.5 BA

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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! 2 BEDROOM 2 BATHS | \$539,000

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JUST LISTED! MOONGLOW | \$959,000

South East Corner Moonglow Floor Plan! Offered Fully Furnished with Two Parking Spaces! Open Floor Plan with Floor to Ceiling Glass Throughout. Beautiful Italian Furnishings. Move in Ready. Pristine!

JUST LISTED! MOONGLOW | \$880,000

Right on the River! This highly Desirable Model Features an Open Split Bedroom Floor Plan with Large Kitchen and Living Areas, Floor To Ceiling Glass Throughout, Natural Light fills Every Room with Views of the River! Upgraded and in Mint Condition! Ready to Move in!

JUST LISTED! MOONGLOW | \$749,000

Two Bedroom Two Bath Split Bedroom Floor Plan with Expansive Terrace, River and Garden Views, 10 Ft Ceilings, Floor to Ceiling Glass, Upgraded Kitchen and Baths, Two Parking Spaces and Storage

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 | \$575,000

True Chef's Kitchen in this Completely Redesigned Split Bedroom Floor Plan. River Views from the Terrace, 10 Ft Ceilings, Custom Closets, Newer AC, Bosch Appliances, White High Gloss Cabinetry

JUST LISTED! SKYVIEW | \$558,000

Modernized Renovation! Bright White Kitchen with Black Granite Waterfall Countertops, Luxury Vinyl Throughout, Floor To Ceiling Glass Sliders, Open Living Areas, New Appliances, New HVAC, Move in Ready! Mint Condition. Offered Furnished.

JUST LISTED! SUNGARDEN | \$485,000

High Floor, Updated Favorable "07" Stack, With Sunset and City Views! Quartz Countertops, New Stainless Appliances, Tile Floors Throughout, Motorized Window Treatments, Large Primary Suite with Two Closets, Large Glass Railed Balcony Overlooking Pool.



JUST LISTED! GRAND PENTHOUSE

3 BEDROOM 3 BATH | \$2,950,000

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JUST LISTED! 3 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$999,000

High in the Sky, this 3Bedroom 2 Bath Corner Unit Shows like a Model! Renovated Kitchen with White Quartz Countertops, High Gloss Cabinetry, Marble Floors Throughout, Motorized Window Treatments in Every Room, New Appliances, New AC, Custom Closets and More!

JUST SOLD! 1 BEDROOM 1 BATH

Modern and bright! Newer AC and appliances, wood floors with carpet in the bedroom, additional storage cabinets built-in, bathroom has both tub & walk in shower, furniture, fixtures & equipment (turn-key) package available* fantastic building includes rooftop amenities: pool, jacuzzi, gym, sauna, theatre, club room and grille.



LAS OLAS BY THE RIVER

JUST LISTED! 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$439,000

Total Renovation in this Two Bedroom Two bath/ Split Bedroom Floor Plan with Tranquil views over Smoker Park. Fully Furnished, Turn Key-Ready to Move in! Glossy White Floors in Living Areas, Wood Floors in Bedrooms, Modern White Cabinetry and Quartz Countertops in Kitchen, New Doors, Motorized Window Treatments, Glass Enclosed Showers & Baths, Open Concept Floor Plan for Modern Living! Pristine Condition!



BY HOWARD ELFMAN
Chair
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale



ROOTS OF FLAVOR

FAMILY-RUN RESTAURANTS BEGIN SHAPING FORT LAUDERDALE'S CULINARY IDENTITY

I often reflect on what truly gives our city its character. Our beautiful waterfront, vibrant parks and cultural institutions all play a role — but just as important are the restaurants where people gather to share meals and moments.

In many cities, the culinary scene is defined by long-standing dining dynasties — families who have operated restaurants for generations. Fort Lauderdale, however, is still in many ways a young city. While we have wonderful independent restaurants, we are only beginning to see the emergence of those multi-generational establishments that become true institutions.


That's what makes the idea of dining dynasties so exciting for our future.

Family-run restaurants offer something special. They are more than places to eat; they are legacies in the making. Often the next generation grows up in the restaurant,

learning the rhythms of hospitality from an early age. Over time, those traditions evolve as sons and daughters bring fresh ideas while preserving what made the restaurant beloved in the first place.

These are the kinds of businesses that anchor communities. They create gathering places where birthdays are celebrated, friendships deepen and visitors experience the authentic spirit of a city.

Along Riverwalk and throughout Fort Lauderdale, we have the opportunity to support and nurture the kinds of restaurants that can grow into those dynasties over time. When we support local, family-driven establishments, we help create the foundation for traditions that may last decades.

Perhaps the dining dynasties of Fort Lauderdale are not all fully formed yet — but with the talent, passion and entrepreneurial spirit in our community, they are certainly beginning to take shape. 



The interior of Rooftop @1WLO Bar on Las Olas Boulevard

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HONORING RICHARD RODRIGUEZ'S LASTING LEGACY

RIVERWALK MOURNS A DEDICATED LEADER AND FRIEND



Richard Rodriguez helps with The Color Run in 2016



Richard Rodriguez with Emma and Cora in 2019


It is with great sadness that we recognize the passing of Richard Rodriguez, a board member of Riverwalk since 2012. He served in a variety of executive committee roles, including as treasurer and then as board chair. His commitment to our mission and the time he shared made an impact on the continued success of this organization. He volunteered his time to countless events and sponsors as well. We are thankful for the time we had him with us and ask that you join us in celebrating this exceptionally fine man. We are all better for having known him.

Grants, upgrades and events energize Riverwalk community

With great pleasure we share that the City of Fort Lauderdale has achieved a FIND grant for repair/replacement of crumbling seawalls and walkways from Andrews Bridge to the Railroad Bridge, a project that has been in process for more than seven years. This project will again restore critical infrastructure to the wonderful Riverwalk.

Additionally, the city in partnership with Riverwalk is completing the shade structure and lighting on Tunnel Top Plaza, making it a usable place for lunch, events and rest during a hot sunny day. It is expected to be complete by end of February.

Huizenga Park is busy with activations and community events to draw the public to this wonderful amenity. From yoga to dog friendly walks to much more, this location is a hub for all.

We are in the heart of “season” with many great events happening on the beach, Downtown and in the northeast. A look at the city calendar or the GoRiverwalk calendar gives you a list of opportunities to be entertained. Be sure to stay up to speed on the many offerings city-wide. 



Richard Rodriguez, right, with Jack Seiler

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SEASONAL SENSATIONS

SEASIDE SHOPPING & SO MUCH MORE



April is one of the most beautiful times of year to explore The MKT at Las Olas Oceanside Park, where ocean breezes, swaying palms, and a welcoming atmosphere come together every Saturday (9-5) and Sunday (10-5).

Set just steps from the sand, the open-air market invites visitors to stroll through a thoughtfully curated collection of artisan foods, handmade goods, boutique finds, and fresh flavors. From local makers and specialty food vendors to creative artisans and small businesses, The MKT offers a relaxed way to spend a day by the ocean discovering something new with every visit.

More than a place to shop, the market has become a gathering place where residents, beachgoers, and visitors alike come to connect with the local community. Friends meet over coffee, families wander through the booths, and visitors discover unique items they won't find anywhere else.

Beyond the vendor booths, the park itself adds to the experience.

Live music often drifts through the space, beach breezes carry the scent of fresh food, lounging and game play take place on the expansive lawn, and the rhythm of the Atlantic provides a beautiful backdrop for a weekend outing.

Community wellness continues to play an important role as well.

Free yoga sessions led by local instructors offer a peaceful way to begin the day, inviting guests to stretch, breathe, and take in the natural beauty of the park before exploring the market.

Whether you're searching for a unique gift, enjoying a bite from one of the food vendors, or simply taking a leisurely walk through the park, The MKT offers an authentic slice of Fort Lauderdale Beach - where the experience is as enjoyable as the discoveries you bring home.

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FUR THE LOVE OF PETS



The LOOP has long been a welcoming place for well-behaved, leashed dogs and their humans. Spring is a wonderful time to bring your four-legged companions along for a stroll through Las Olas Oceanside Park and The MKT, where ocean breezes and open green space make for a relaxed outing, sans the sand. It also offers a few fun reasons to celebrate our best furriends.

National Pet Day (April 11) and **Pet Parents Day** (April 26) both recognize the special bond between pets and their people, while **May's National Pet Month**, provides pet lovers time to 'paws' and appreciate their loyal companions.

Visitors bringing their dogs to the weekend market, will also find small giveaways for their furry friends - including toys and treats while supplies last. For pet guidelines, pet events and park pet policies, please visit theloopflb.com/pets.

SAVE THE DATES

STAY IN THE LOOP: APRIL & MAY

- APRIL 4, 18, 25** **Yoga on the Lawn with Lisa**
By donation class for all 9:45 am
- APRIL 5** **Easter Sunday Market**
Fill your basket with fresh Market finds. Easter Eggs, Crafts and Candy giveaway while supplies last.
- APRIL 11, 12** **Gone Country: Tortuga Music Festival**
Steps from Tortuga Music Festival gates TheMKT is the perfect pre-and midday escape to stock up on festival wears and fuel up fare.
- MAY 23** **City of Fort Lauderdale Memorial Day Great American Beach Party**
The annual unofficial start of summer celebration. 11am - 6 pm. FREE!
- MAY 25** **Special Monday Memorial Day Market**
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The banks of the New River were once a prized possession of Mary Brickell, who owned four square miles along the river by 1890. In 1926, planner John Schermerhorn envisioned a linear park in the city's first master plan. Yet those early dreams did not become reality until the Riverwalk Trust was established in 1990. Supporting Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale honors the vision of forward-thinking planners and civic leaders while helping preserve this natural waterfront space for future generations.

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On Feb. 21, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale hosted the 10th Annual Riverwalk Chili Cook-Off at Esplanade Park. Nine teams competed for the award for Best Chili in Fort Lauderdale, with Company 29 of the Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue reclaiming the trophy after two years in second place. Team Salty Monkeys, last year's first place winner, came in second place.

The Best Decorated Tent was awarded to Team Theatrical Spice Brigade representing the South Florida Theatre League. Entertainment was provided by the South Florida Cloggers, who performed a number of dances for an enthusiastic crowd. In keeping with event tradition, most teams partnered with local non-profit organizations to help them raise money and awareness for their causes. A list of those organizations can be found at GoRiverwalk.com/chili.

Riverwalk was able to keep admission to the event free thanks to the generous support of sponsors Milagro Tequila, Morningstar Storage Fat Village, GoRiverwalk Magazine and S.MARK Graphics.



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Riverwalk Chili Cook-Off first place winners:
Team Company 29



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A true cornerstone of the district is **Anthony’s Clam House & Grill**. For years, this family-owned Italian restaurant has welcomed guests with the comforting aromas of seafood, pasta, and classic red-sauce favorites. It is the kind of place where birthdays are celebrated, regulars are greeted by name, and recipes feel like they have been passed down through generations. That consistency and warmth are the hallmarks of a true dining dynasty.

Nearby, **Zuckerello’s** carries forward that same old-world Italian spirit. Known for its inviting atmosphere and traditional dishes, it has remained a neighborhood staple for decades. Families return time and again for the familiar flavors and attentive hospitality that make every visit feel like coming home. Its longevity speaks to the power of quality and community connection.

District 1’s global influence is perhaps most vibrantly felt at **Cafe Seville**. This beloved Spanish restaurant brings the energy and romance of Spain to Fort Lauderdale through authentic cuisine and live flamenco performances. An evening there is more than dinner. It is an immersive experience filled with music, celebration, and shared plates. Generations of residents have marked special occasions within its walls, making it a cultural institution in its own right.

Adding a modern twist to the district’s dining landscape is **American Tapas Bar**. With its creative small plates and lively atmosphere, it offers a contemporary take on shared dining. While newer in concept, it embraces the same locally driven spirit that defines District 1, proving that dining dynasties can evolve while still remaining rooted in hospitality and heart.

For those seeking European elegance, **The Ambry** has long been a destination for authentic German cuisine. Its cozy, Old World setting and traditional fare offer a reminder of the diverse cultural influences that have shaped our community. It stands as a testament to the staying power of family-run establishments committed to preserving tradition.

Completing this rich tapestry is **Rainbow Palace**, an award-winning Chinese restaurant that has elevated fine dining in District 1 for years. With its refined ambiance and expertly prepared dishes, it has become synonymous with celebrations, anniversaries, and milestone events. Its reputation for excellence has made it a cornerstone not only locally, but regionally.

What connects these establishments is more than their menus. It is their investment in community. These locally owned restaurants create jobs, support neighboring businesses, and provide spaces where memories are made. They reflect the entrepreneurial spirit and neighborhood pride that keep District 1 vibrant.

As Fort Lauderdale continues to grow, it is important to celebrate the homegrown businesses that give our district its flavor, literally and figuratively. Dining dynasties are not built on longevity alone. They are built on consistency, heart, and connection.

In District 1, every table tells a story, and these local favorites continue to shape ours. [GO](#)



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A GRATEFUL FAREWELL ...

... AND A CONFIDENT FUTURE FOR GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE

Nearly 20 years ago, I had the privilege of becoming president and CEO of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. At the time, I could not have fully imagined the remarkable journey that lay ahead. What I did know then — and what I believe even more strongly today — is that our community thrives when business leaders, elected officials and civic organizations work together toward a shared vision.

As I prepare to retire on June 1, I find myself reflecting not on any single accomplishment, but on the collective progress we have made as a region. Fort Lauderdale and Broward County have evolved into one of the most dynamic economic centers in Florida, and the Chamber has had the honor of playing a role in that transformation.

Over these two decades, we have faced challenges that tested our resilience. Economic downturns, hurricanes, and most recently a global pandemic required the business community to adapt quickly and work collaboratively. Time and again, our members stepped forward — not only to sustain their own organizations, but to support the broader community. That spirit of partnership is what makes Greater Fort Lauderdale so special.

During my tenure, the Chamber focused on three core priorities: advocacy, economic growth, and building relationships.

Advocacy has always been at the heart of the Chamber's work. Through initiatives such as the Washington Summit and our ongoing engagement with local, state, and federal leaders, we have helped advance policies that strengthen infrastructure, support global trade through Port Everglades and Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, and create an environment where businesses can grow and invest.

Equally important has been fostering economic development and opportunity. Programs like BusinessFirst, the Council of Economic Advisors, and partnerships with organizations across Broward County have helped ensure that our region remains competitive, innovative, and forward-looking.

But if there is one lesson I have learned above all others, it is that strong communities are built on relationships. The Chamber's mission — "to develop and connect partners for economic growth" — has guided our work in connecting entrepreneurs, major employers, nonprofits, and civic leaders. Those relationships have sparked new ideas, new companies, and new solutions to the challenges facing our region.

None of this would have been possible without the extraordinary leadership of our volunteer board chairs, our dedicated staff, and the thousands of members who invest their time, talent and resources in the Chamber. I am especially grateful to the many community partners who

have collaborated with us over the years to make Greater Fort Lauderdale stronger and more vibrant.

While this column marks the end of my tenure, it is not the end of the Chamber's momentum. The organization is well positioned for the future, with strong leadership, engaged members, and a clear vision for continued impact.

Our region's opportunities are significant — from innovation and talent to climate resilience and infrastructure investment. By continuing to work together with purpose and optimism, I am confident that Greater Fort Lauderdale's best days are still ahead.

Serving this community has been one of the greatest honors of my professional life. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this extraordinary journey.

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SUNNY SIDE UP MARKET FOSTERS COMMUNITY CONNECTION



The origin story behind Fort Lauderdale’s Sunny Side Up Market is a bit of an unusual one. It was founded in 2019 by Nicole Winter, Genesis Pedrera and Bettina Benizri, and at the time, Winter had ambitions to start an online brand.

Unfortunately, she didn’t find much success with the endeavor. But instead of a fleeting career on social media, she walked away with two new friends and an idea for a small business that had genuine potential.

“I always say that I wish we had a better story, but the idea for Sunny Side started when people were just starting to develop careers as influencers on social media,” Winter said. “I was one of those people trying to give it a shot, which is how I met Genesis.


“We had been messaging for a while, and then she invited me to a free lunch she had been gifted at a restaurant in Miami. We became fast friends, and she mentioned her idea of starting a farmers’ market. Bettina happened to be sitting nearby, overheard our conversation, and mentioned she was interested in partnering with us if we were serious about starting a market.”

Unbeknownst to the new friends and soon-to-be business partners, Benizri was an accomplished entrepreneur with part-ownership in The Hub Fort Lauderdale co-working space and founder of her event planning firm, Busy Bee’s Events.

Together, the three women collaborated to create Sunny Side Up Market, which has become a community-focused marketplace that offers visitors an opportunity to shop for handmade goods such as jewelry, art, clothing and more from a curated mix of local artists, artisans and fabricators. Marketgoers can also snack on tasty treats from neighborhood food vendors, purchase fresh produce from South Florida farmers, and listen to live music performed by up-and-coming musicians.

Today, Winter is the sole proprietor of Sunny Side Up, but it continues to be a place where the community can come together to connect, socialize and support local small businesses. To that end, she is thoughtful and careful in her selection of which local small businesses to showcase.

“I try to look for variety with the businesses we offer vendor spaces to at Sunny Side Up because I want to connect people in the area with several different kinds of local artisans and vendors. By allowing a wide selection of businesses to showcase the hard work and dedication they’ve put into their products, we can show visitors how important it is to give back to our local community,” she said.

As for where to find Sunny Side Up Market, you can find them at their new year-round location in downtown Fort Lauderdale, the newly reimagined Huizenga Park. The market is open to the public on Sundays, bi-weekly, from noon to 4 p.m. However, if you’re not able to make it to the park on one of those days, they also have several pop-up events throughout the year at spots like Flow Fort Lauderdale and the Historic Stranahan House Museum. 

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HOW LEGACY DINING IS CREATED

THE HISTORY OF 15TH STREET FISHERIES

When it comes to legacy dining in Fort Lauderdale, few places can compete with 15th Street Fisheries. The restaurant has been an integral part of Lauderdale Marina since 15th Street opened its doors nearly 50 years ago.

We have several prominent families to thank for this wonderful dining option in the city.

The first is the Cox family. Patriarch Bob Cox, the former mayor of Fort Lauderdale, founded Lauderdale Marina in 1948 on the site of what was once a secretive World War II submarine torpedo research station. He originally leased the property from Gulf Oil.

Nearly 30 years later, in partnership with his daughter, Carol, and her husband Ted Drum, the trio formally purchased the four acre marina property. They saw the promise of the location and were ready to position Lauderdale Marina as the premier, full-service marina and dining destination along the Intracoastal Waterway.

Today, Lauderdale Marina offers 25 marina slips and can accommodate boats and yachts up to 170 feet in length. The fuel dock can handle yachts up to 250 feet. The marina's most eye-catching feature is its iconic landmark building, erected in 1978.

The distinctive building, still standing today, was designed by architect Bill Bigoney, a Harvard-educated designer who specialized in rustic, tropical designs. The first iteration of today's restaurant was the 15th Street Fisheries & Boathouse which formally opened to guests in 1979.

Michael Hurst, past president of the National Association of Restaurants, was the person who brought that first restaurant to life. He leased the space, and his expertise in hospitality and restaurant management ensured the new restaurant was a success. After Michael's untimely death in

2001, his son Andy Hurst took over restaurant operations.

Andy successfully ran the operation until his own sudden death in 2006, at which point Michael's widow and daughter stepped in to run the restaurant. In 2007, the Hurst family sold all rights to the name and operations to the current owners of Lauderdale Marina, the Drum and Clark families. Both families are descendants of Bob Cox who passed away in 2013.

From 2007 to 2015, 15th Street Fisheries was managed by Carlos Rives, a prominent local restaurateur. He led the addition of Fisheries Docksider, now one of South Florida's most popular casual waterfront eateries. Another well-known and respected local restaurateur, Kevin Burke, took the helm after Rives' unfortunate death in 2016. Burke, famous for making Chuck's Steakhouse a legacy dining destination, has led 15th Street Fisheries growth and success ever since.

Today, 15th Street Fisheries welcomes more than 300,000 guests each year, who can take their pick of two unique dining experiences in the two story space.

Upstairs, diners are greeted by an authentic Florida boathouse atmosphere reimagined in an upscale way. Diners are treated to panoramic views through large windows and can enjoy an ever-changing backdrop of yachts moving up and down the waterway while dining on some of the best seafood dishes created by the award-winning chef and his team.

Downstairs, diners find a more laid-back vibe with a choice of indoor or outdoor seating at Fisheries Docksider. Every table has a view of the water, and live music on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday on the outdoor terrace adds to the energy.

Guests to both restaurants can also feed the friendly tarpon that gather daily under the dock. 15th Street Fisheries is an hourly stop along the water taxi route, making it easy to arrive by sea.


Fisheries Docksider is open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. 15th Street Fisheries' upstairs restaurant serves dinner nightly from 5 to 9:30 p.m. 



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DINING DYNASTIES

THE GROUPS BEHIND FORT LAUDERDALE'S MOST POPULAR RESTAURANTS

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

Over the years, Fort Lauderdale has cemented itself as a locale known for its diverse and eclectic dining scene that now has a competitive edge against other standout dining destinations in South Florida. Whether you're craving something casual, looking to indulge at an elegant fine dining establishment, or simply taking in the stunning views of downtown from one of several rooftop bars, there

are more than enough options to choose from. This thriving culinary hub would not have been possible without the restaurant and hospitality groups that have brought these visions to life.

These three groups could now be considered dining dynasties, with the sheer scope of Fort Lauderdale's sought-after restaurant concepts they have curated.



Society 8 Hospitality Group

Years in Business: 16

Founder: Steven D'Apuzzo

Restaurants: Sistrunk Marketplace & Brewery, The Atlantic Hotel and Spa, Wild Thyme, Oceanside Eatery, The House on the River, Chop Shoppe Meat Provisions, Shady Distillery, and Block 40

Steven D'Apuzzo, founder of Society 8 Hospitality Group, has had a long history of business development here in Fort Lauderdale. But it wasn't until he founded Society 8 in 2010 that he made a mark on the Fort Lauderdale restaurant scene.

The Naked Farmer offers its guests full transparency about the locally sourced fruits, vegetables, meat and dairy that comprise its dishes by listing on its website the farms that they source their ingredients from. The group sees each project through from concept creation to operational management and strives to keep up with the ever-changing landscape of the hospitality industry in South Florida. Since its founding, it has developed several popular restaurants. Most notably, it transformed the 1903 Bryan Homes into The House on the River with the aim of preserving a key part of Florida's history while offering residents a modern culinary experience in a historic locale.

The Restaurant People

Years in Business: 29

Founders: Tim Petrillo, Peter Boulukos, and Alan Hooper

Restaurants: Boatyard, Casablanca Café, YOLO, Giselle, Java & Jam, O Lounge Las Olas, Rooftop @1WLO, Rosa Sky, Tarpon River, Sun Surf Sand, TRP Taste, Nube Rooftop, and Township

Another restaurant group behind some of the Fort Lauderdale dining destinations that have become household names is The Restaurant People. Founded in 1997, the group has developed, managed and operated more than 70 restaurants since it first opened its doors.

Today, it continues to make good on their promise of delivering ground-breaking culinary and hospitality experiences that engage and exceed the expectations of their diners. With a presence in the Fort Lauderdale dining scene for over two decades, it sets the standard for a flourishing restaurant and nightlife venue in the market known for its difficulty to break into. Looking to relax in a serene coastal setting or immerse yourself in the vibrant energy of their rooftop bars and lounges, The Restaurant People have certainly established a location that offers the distinct dining experience you're seeking.



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PDKN Restaurant Group


Years in Business: 18

Founders: Kim Bokamper, P.J. Kavanagh, Damon DeSantis and Noel Cullen

Restaurants: Five Bokamper's Sports Bar & Grills

Even with an already booming restaurant scene in South Florida, former Miami Dolphins player Kim Bokamper wanted to take a stab at starting his own restaurant after he was approached by his current partner, P.J. Kavanagh, about expanding his brand. Along with two other partners, Damon DeSantis and Noel Cullen, the team launched

PDKN Restaurant Group in 2008, which made its mark on the local culinary industry with its first restaurant, Bokamper's Sports Bar & Grill.

What started with only one restaurant in Plantation has since become a major restaurant group. PDKN Restaurant Group has built a diverse mix of restaurant concepts, including five Bokamper's Sports Bar & Grill locations as well as branching off to create two more restaurants, all of which are dedicated to providing exceptional service, great food and a vibrant atmosphere. 



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RIVERWALK FORT LAUDERDALE RECOGNIZES FOUR NOTABLE INDIVIDUALS

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

With another new year comes another round of outstanding individuals within the Fort Lauderdale community who have been selected as the 26th Annual Tribute honorees. This year's group being recognized for their dedication to and impact on the Riverwalk and the City of Fort Lauderdale includes:

Andrew Britton, private wealth financial advisor and managing director of investments of Wells Fargo Advisors

Susan Renneisen, vice president of community affairs and special events for Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood

Walter B. Duke III, president and CEO of Walter Duke + Partners

Stephanie Toothaker, president of Toothaker.org

Andrew Britton

Private wealth financial advisor, managing director of investments, Wells Fargo Advisors

Years lived in Fort Lauderdale:

Downtown Fort Lauderdale for nine years, Broward County for 32 years

Britton has nearly three decades of experience in assisting high-net-worth individuals, families and corporate clients achieve their financial goals. His specialties in investment management consulting and delivering tailored wealth and investment management strategies for each of his clients have earned him several accolades in his field. He was named one of the Best-In-State Wealth Advisors in Florida by Forbes Magazine in 2023 and 2024 and has been recognized as a Wells Fargo Platinum Council Advisor from 1997 to 2025. As for his work within the community, he serves on several boards, including the Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Board of Directors and the Planned Giving Advisory Board for NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale.

What makes Fort Lauderdale special to you?

Having grown up in Miami in the '70s and '80s, I am now proud to call Fort Lauderdale my hometown. So, this city holds a special place in my heart because it's perfectly situated

Stephanie J. Toothaker

Chairwoman and chief strategist, Toothaker.org

Years lived in Fort Lauderdale:

I was born in Fort Lauderdale and except for college and law school as well as eight years working on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C., I have lived here my entire life.

What makes Fort Lauderdale special to you?

I love Fort Lauderdale and am so proud to not only be from our amazing city but to raise my son here.

Why is Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale important to you?

Our city's relationship to the New River is physical, cultural, economic and even emotional, because in so many ways Fort Lauderdale is defined and fueled by the water that surrounds us. The Riverwalk energizes that relationship in the heart of our downtown by creating access

between Miami-Dade County and Palm Beach County, with the Brightline station offering quick and convenient access, making travel a breeze.

However, the city's growth over the past nine years has been remarkable.

I live at 100 Las Olas and work at 350

E. Las Olas, so everything I need is within walking distance. With the growing popularity of Flagler Village and our world-class beaches, Fort Lauderdale offers an unparalleled living experience.

Why is Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale important to you?

Riverwalk and the surrounding parks are vital to the downtown Fort Lauderdale community and offer residents and visitors alike a place to enjoy a leisurely stroll along the New River. I spend most of my free time walking to and from work, going to shows at the Broward Center, and stopping nearby for dinner before or after a show. I also enjoy walking east towards the shops and restaurants on Las Olas, where I can watch the yachts coming in for service or heading back out to sea. The events at Esplanade Park, the new Tunnel Top Plaza, and Huizenga Parks are also easily accessible along the Riverwalk, making it an integral part of our community experience.



and interaction for residents and visitors alike. While the north bank has

been a focus of some of my work in Himmarshee Village, with New River Trading Post and now as chair of the Downtown Development Authority — Huizenga Park, I am also so honored to

be part the south bank evolution. With my representation of not only Raintree Riverwalk Residences (R3) and Nautica which are part of the Nautico District, but also Rivr Lofts, and with skin in the game as a partner in the Art Haus project that are all part of the Tarpon River Entertainment & Design District (TREDD), these projects all bring sustainability and a unique character to the Riverwalk district. I hope it's clear how much the Riverwalk is a part of this Fort Lauderdale native's heart and soul.



Susan Renneisen

Vice president of community affairs and special events
Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood

Years lived in Fort Lauderdale: Almost 25 years.

With more than two decades at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood, Renneisen has been instrumental in shaping the resort's growth into a globally recognized entertainment destination. At Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood, she oversees the production of high-profile events, including red carpet premieres, large-scale festivals, casino openings and large corporate events. She also leads the charge for the resort's charitable sponsorships and community partnerships, which have played an integral part in her ability to sustain lasting relationships with nonprofit organizations throughout South Florida. It's this dedication to philanthropy that has led her to actively support the advancement of future female leaders and mentor Seminole tribal members through the Tribal Career Development Program. She was named a 2025 Women Trailblazer by History Fort Lauderdale to honor her influence on and contributions to the community.

What makes Fort Lauderdale special to you?

On a spring break vacation many years ago, Fort

Lauderdale struck me as an idyllic place to live. When I was given the opportunity to move here and join the Seminole Hard Rock nearly 25 years ago, it more than lived up to that first impression. What makes Fort Lauderdale truly special to me is the strong sense of community and the people who work so passionately to make our city thrive. Over the years, I've been fortunate to become part of the fabric of that community, working alongside remarkable organizations and individuals who are committed to strengthening and celebrating all that makes Fort Lauderdale such a vibrant place to call home.



Why is Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale important to you?

It brings our community together while celebrating the culture, history and vibrancy of our city. It creates a welcoming place where residents, businesses and visitors can connect, collaborate and experience the true spirit of Fort Lauderdale. Its impact helps strengthen our community and ensures downtown remains a place where lasting memories are made.

Walter B. Duke III

President and CEO, Walter Duke + Partners

Years lived in Fort Lauderdale: 10 years, but my business has been here for 51 years

Having spent more than five decades leading Walter Duke + Partners, Duke has more than shaped Fort Lauderdale and the greater Broward County. Through his role as president of Walter Duke + Partners, he has built a practice recognized for its strategic planning and insight that has advanced Fort Lauderdale's skyline, economy and ever-expanding downtown. Not only that, but during his time as Dania Beach mayor, he spearheaded many regional projects, as well as founded and continues to oversee Broward County's 10-Year Affordable Housing Master Plan initiative. Since its founding, he has secured \$154 million in public funding for this plan that seeks to address and provide a solution for Broward's affordable current housing needs. Duke has also been honored with the Broward Workshop's Chairman's Award and the Golden Anchor Award from the Marine Industries Association of South Florida.

What makes Fort Lauderdale special to you?

My grandparents moved here in the 1950s, so I spent a lot of time here as a kid before my dad returned from Vietnam. Even then, it always felt like home. Our family business has also been based here since 1975, and that kind of longevity says a lot about the strength of the community.

My wife, Lisa, and I moved back here about 10 years ago to live in Rio Vista. We love the neighborhood, the tree canopies, the walkability, the kids at Halloween, and being so close to the energy of downtown. One of my favorite things is watching the ships coming in and out of Port Everglades and the planes flying overhead. It's a reminder that Fort Lauderdale is both a relaxed coastal community and a city that's very connected to the world, but what I love most is that it still manages to keep a small-town feel even as it keeps growing.



Why is Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale important to you?

The New River is really the heart of downtown Fort Lauderdale. As the city's first highway, it played a significant role in Fort Lauderdale's development. While the Riverwalk offers people a convenient way to experience the river and the city's history. Lisa and I walk the entire Riverwalk almost every day and enjoy seeing all the activity with the run clubs, retirees, young couples, families, boaters, and plenty of dogs. It's one of the few places where you can really see the whole community come together. The addition of Huizenga Park has also been a great improvement, making the Riverwalk even more vibrant and welcoming. 📍

STEPPIN' UP

PINK-POWERED HIGH-HEEL HIKE STRUTS BACK TO DOWNTOWN FORT LAUDERDALE

WRITER LYNN PEITHMAN STOCK

The rambunctious explosion of pink known as the High Heel Hike returns this May, with rosy parade participants marching through downtown's Riverwalk District.

Over the years, Glam-A-Thon has hosted a variety of events to raise awareness for breast cancer and to provide support for breast cancer patients. Glam-A-Thon has donated \$600,000 over the past several years with all proceeds helping "Kiss Breast Cancer Goodbye" by raising funds to benefit under-served breast cancer patients engaged in treatment or seeking services.

The nonprofit has become known in Fort Lauderdale for organizing a series of fun, high-energy events that celebrate life and raise money to fight cancer. Now, the gals behind Glam-A-Thon have regrouped and their first event this year is the High Heel Hike on May 2.

"We have come full circle," said Tammy Gail, a breast cancer survivor herself, who created Glam-A-Thon two decades ago. "We decided in our 20th year that it would be pretty amazing if we could bring all the band back together and get all the teams and all the crazy back downtown and have Fort Lauderdale's biggest dance party."

How to Participate in the High Heel Hike

1. Start or Join a Team — Anyone Can Participate

Glam-A-Thon encourages participants to form teams of any size, from "yourself and your dog" to large office groups. "The team can be yourself alone, or it can be you and everybody you know," Gail said. Each team has a "queen" who sets up a page, picks a name, and rallies supporters.

2. Register for the High Heel Hike

The High Heel Hike — returning for its 20th anniversary — is the main way to get involved. Registration is \$65 per person, and after event costs, "everything else gets donated back to the charity," Gail said. Visit glam-a-thon.com to register.

3. The Charity: Gilda's Club South Florida

All funds support Gilda's Club South Florida's free mental-health and lifestyle counseling for cancer patients and families. Gilda's Club provides free mental-health support, art therapy for children, telecounseling, and community meals. "We're no longer donating to the hospitals," Gail said. "We felt we could do more with a smaller organization that touches more people directly." For more information, visit gildasclubsouthflorida.org

4. What to Expect at the Hike ... and How to Prepare

Teams often come up with matching costumes to wear as they parade down the avenue. Both two-legged and four-legged participants dress up, many in all shades of pink, donning high heels (although that's optional). "It's kind of like a pageant, but you don't have to be beautiful," Gail said. "You just have to have fun and enjoy yourself."

5. There Will Be Judgment

"We have a panel of celebrity judges," Gail said, "and we're the only award crown that can be bought." Some teams even bring cocktails for the judges. "They'll pour a little shot of something while they're up on the judging dais, and then they do a chant or a cheer or a dance. Everybody comes up with a skit, even if it's a single person, and might have music and entertain the judges. And it also entertains everybody who's watching."

Winners in eight categories receive crowns and sashes, and top fundraisers are honored at the annual check presentation. Categories even include best pet costume, and best baby carriage décor. "Because we have all ages that come out and lots of young moms and pet owners," she said. 📷

WANT TO GO?

HIGH HEEL HIKE

DATE: Saturday, May 2.

TIME: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine

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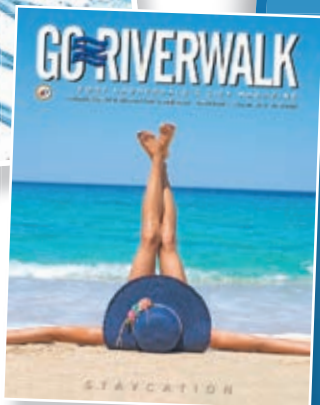
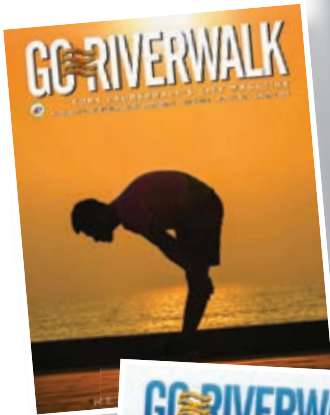
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FARM TO TABLE FOOD MADE FAST

NAKED FARMER SERVES REAL FOOD WITH REAL FLAVOR

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

Naked Farmer's vision for the food they serve is just that – nude. Well, maybe not exactly. The stripped-down concept behind Naked Farmer comes from the idea that food should be seasonal, locally sourced and devoid of all the unnecessary additives we've resigned ourselves to believing are normal. Where the Naked Farmer differs is that most of the ingredients used to make their dishes are grown by small and medium-sized family farms, transported to each restaurant location shortly after harvest, and cooked on site.

The Naked Farmer offers its guests full transparency about the locally sourced fruits, vegetables, meat and dairy that comprise its dishes by listing on its website the farms that they source their ingredients from. The health-conscious fast casual restaurant offers a variety of plates and salads. For those looking to create their own fully customizable dish, however, the harvest plates are the way to go.

Each plate comes with a main such as grass-fed steak, Faroe Island salmon, or rosemary roasted chicken, one grain or green, and two of their mouthwatering sides, which are arguably the stars of each plate. From green beans with crispy shallots to smashed potatoes and mac and cheese, there are endless possibilities to create the perfect pairing for your specific cravings during each visit. Even vegetarians and vegans will leave satisfied with one of their farmer's baskets, which replaces the main with another vegetable of your choice.

Just don't forget to pair your dish with one of their five (un)dressings made in-house, all of which are vegan. You can't go wrong with one of their original classics like the garlic aioli, basil pesto, or white balsamic vinaigrette. But if you're feeling a little saucy, then be sure to sample one of their new dressings guaranteed to bring the heat, the spicy miso aioli and hot maple sriracha.

The Naked Farmer also has a range of options for those plagued by indecision. Seasonal highlights feature chef-curated pairings to create plates meant to showcase their favorite seasonal ingredients in rotation. Currently, with their winter menu, there are 11 different options to choose from, but there are certainly some standouts worth checking out.

For something a bit indulgent, the surf and turf plate pairs the steak and salmon mains with maple-glazed carrots and charred broccoli with lemon and garlic for a steakhouse-style meal without the price tag. Or to experience the wide breadth of their winter ingredients, the harvest chop salad layers winter citrus farro, sweet potatoes, candied pecans, crispy shallots, goat cheese and golden raisins on a bed of kale for a filling yet delicate seasonal dish packed with flavor.

Although the nutritious and fresh ingredient-forward plates are the main attraction at the Naked Farmer, that doesn't mean there aren't at least a couple of desserts to satiate that sweet tooth. So, treat yourself to one of their chocolate chunk cookies or, better yet, sink a spoon into the ooey, gooey sticky toffee date cake delicately topped with crème fraîche. 🍪



WANT TO GO?

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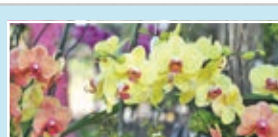
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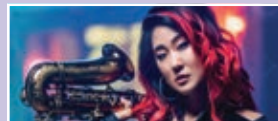
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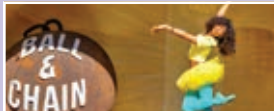
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Waterway and Shoreline Cleanup
Delevoe Park

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

Edible Food Forest
Fourth Saturday
Volunteer to tend an edible urban farm
Snyder Park

Fort Lauderdale Segway Tours
Daily | Reservation required
Take a one or two-hour Segway tour on the Riverwalk. Training Provided.
954-304-5746
www.segwayfortlauderdale.com

Guided Museum Tours
Monday-Friday | Times vary
Tours of Fort Lauderdale's oldest surviving structure
Historic Stranahan House Museum
954-524-4736
www.stranahanhouse.org

huizenga park

Programming for all ages:
Times and availability varies

- Food truck
- Yoga and Zumba
- Yappy hour...and many more

Huizenga Park
www.huizengapark.org

FTL WAR MEMORIAL

Programming for all ages:
Times and availability varies

- Florida Panthers Open Practice
- Public skating
- Adult, Youth & Girls Hockey
- Camps & Clinics

FTL War Memorial
954-835-7080
www.ftlwar memorial.com

Interpretive Walks and Tours
Friday & Saturday
Interpretive ranger-guided programs
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park
954-564-4521
www.floridastateparks.org

The MKT at The LOOP
Saturdays & Sundays
Featuring small and local vendors with live music and more!
Las Olas OceanSide Park
www.theloopflb.com

Jazz Brunch
First Sunday
Free, outdoor concert series featuring local musicians on 3 stages
City of Fort Lauderdale
Esplanade Park & Riverwalk
954-828-5365
www.parks.fortlauderdale.gov



NSU ART MUSEUM
FORT LAUDERDALE

Sunny Days/Starry Nights
First Thursday
Free admission and 2-4-1 Happy Hour

Bank of America: Museums on Us
First full weekend
Free admission for BOA customers

Free Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Day
Last Sunday
Free admission for FTL residents
954-525-5500
www.nsuartmuseum.org

Storytime in the Garden
First Sunday
Mrs. Barbara reads a story related to nature
Flamingo Gardens
954-473-2955
www.flamingogardens.org

Sensory Friendly Sunday
Fourth Sunday
Film screenings for those with autism spectrum disorder



Bank of America: Museums on Us
First full weekend
Free admission for BOA customers

Sprouting Stem
Varies
Introducing little scientists (aged 0-6) to STEM-related topics
Museum of Discovery & Science
954-467-6637
www.mods.org

RIVERWALK RECREATION

Shippy House
220 S.W. 3rd Ave. | Fort Lauderdale
954-526-5159

Cycle Party Tours
Daily | Reservation required
Jump aboard a 15-person quadricycle and experience Fort Lauderdale in an entirely new way.
www.cycleparty.com

Paddle Pub Tours
Daily | Reservation required
Jump aboard a 26-passenger boat and experience the Yachting Capital of the World.
www.paddlepub.com/fort-lauderdale

Bike Tours
Daily | Reservation required
Tours of Fort Lauderdale and Riverwalk for all abilities.
www.RiverwalkActivities.com



Bike Rentals
Daily | Reservation required
Rent bikes to explore Fort Lauderdale. Delivery available. Minimum 24 hour rental.
www.RiverwalkActivities.com

Mind Arena Games
Daily | Reservation required
Immersive and engaging escape room-style team building games for 10-150 people.
www.mindarenausa.com



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IGNITE BROWARD

IGNITE Broward returned to South Florida Feb. 13 through 22 for its fifth year. The 10-day event featured more than 25 displays of lights, art and technology created by local, national and international artists



"GROVE" BY ARTIST PNEUHAUS AT REVEREND SAMUEL DELEVOE MEMORIAL PARK



"MYCELIA" BY ARTIST DANIEL POPPER AT REVEREND SAMUEL DELEVOE MEMORIAL PARK



"UP-NEXT" BY ARTIST OLIVER LEWIS AT REVEREND SAMUEL DELEVOE MEMORIAL PARK

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LITLUNCH! CELEBRATES LITERATURE

The Broward Public Library Foundation's 16th Annual LitLUNCH! brought together 250 literature lovers for an afternoon featuring bestselling author Zibby Owens



AUTHOR ZIBBY OWENS



JAMIE FINIZIO-BASCOMBE, ANN BURRIS AND LISA KITEI



PENELOPE BLAIR, GREGG GOLDSTEIN AND KIM SARNI

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BROWARD HEALTH DOC & DINE

Broward Health Foundation's annual Doc & Dine on Feb. 5 raised more than \$50,000 to enhance patient care and expand services across the Broward Health system



DON EACHUS, STEVE TRAVERS AND AVA TRAVERS



JOEL RUSH, PATRICIA ROWE-KING, BIBIANA AVENDANO AND TATIANA GARCIA



EILEEN LAMARCA, SHANE STRUM, BECKY HUGHES, CHERYL KAMARUSKAS AND KATHY SALERNO

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VOLTA MUSIC FOUNDATION'S VIBRANT STRINGS

Volta Music Foundation held its Vibrant Strings fundraiser concert on Feb. 21, including a performance by Latin Grammy Award winner Nestor Torres

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STUDENT PERFORMER KERISSA WYNTER



VOLTA MUSIC FOUNDATION STUDENT PERFORMERS



FEATURED GUEST PERFORMER NESTOR TORRES

16TH ANNUAL HOLY CROSS GOLF CLASSIC

The 16th Annual Holy Cross Health Golf Classic, hosted at Coral Ridge Country Club, raised more than \$280,000 for new mammography equipment the Dorothy Mangurian Comprehensive Women's Center

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DAYNA PAYNE, MICHELE BALL, MARY ANN UZNIS AND SANDY HARRINGTON



ERIC GIFFORD, CHRIS FRANCOEUR, LUKE GIFFORD AND DAVID VILLARI



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29TH ANNUAL INNOVATIVE TEACHER IDEA EXPO

Broward Education Foundation hosted the Broward Teachers Union 29th Annual Innovative Teacher IDEA EXPO on Jan. 31 at Fort Lauderdale High School

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DIANA HANESKI, MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL, PARKLAND – READ WITH SORA: THE POWER OF DIGITAL PAGES



DIONE MILA, INDIAN TRACE ELEMENTARY, WESTON – BOOK BATTLE FEVER: IGNITING SCHOOLWIDE READING REVOLUTION



LATARA BEST, TROPICAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PLANTATION – LEMONADE WAR: THE FINAL SQUEEZE

ARTIST

KRISTINA TOKAR

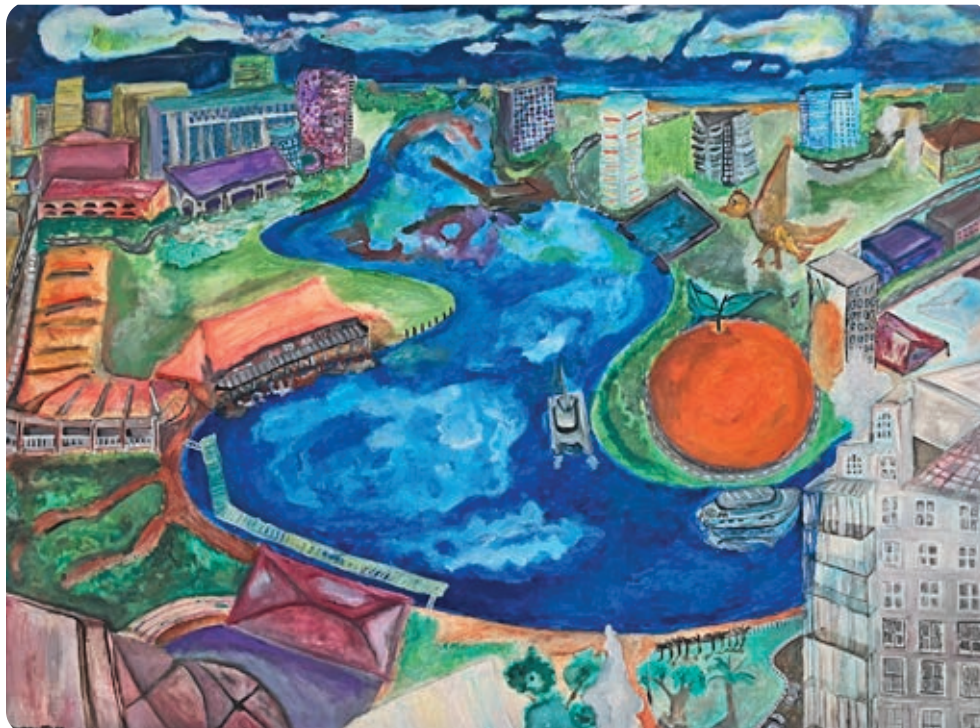
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RIVERWALK DREAMS

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

Riverwalk Daydreams was created for Go Riverwalk Magazine's Open Call, inspired by Downtown Fort Lauderdale's Esplanade Park, located directly across from the Museum of Discovery where I went to camp as a child, and to the left of the Broward Center for Performing Arts where I worked briefly as a young adult. I incorporated iconic placemarkers from the fountain to the Symphony to the river. With no formal background in painting but plenty of attempts, mixing together gouache and acrylic, I challenged myself to create at a scale larger than my life. Deviating from my typical style of free drawing, I blocked out large sections starting with the river and buildings. Painted from the perspective of a bird's eye view, I blended reality with imagination, and mixing colors in ways that only the imagination can see in dreams. My goal was to simultaneously emphasize the sculptural beauty of the buildings as well as to capture the magic of downtown from my childhood.



Tell us a bit about your creative journey

I am a first generation working class Russian American artist, born and raised in South Florida. In 2025, I participated in multiple open calls across South Florida, including "My Lens Our City" for Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library to "Belly of the Bird" with O Miami Poetry to BitBasel to Ignite Broward to Go Riverwalk Magazine.

From an early age, my mom encouraged finding my passions. She worked at Pearl Art and Craft Supply in Oakland Park until they closed in the 2010s. I attended North Andrew's Gardens Elementary School in Oakland Park where I was further exposed to various art through their magnet program.

By the time I graduated from high school, I had completed an internship with the Palm Beaches Commission as their youngest intern. Four years later, I received my bachelor of fine arts from School of the Art Institute in Chicago for film, video, new media and animation.

Just as Joann Fabric was closing its doors permanently in March 2025, I bought, on heavy discount, the largest canvas I have ever carried, with no idea what I would do with it or what to paint. Life has a plan for everyone. It's no mystery that this same canvas holds the artwork Riverwalk Daydreams. It currently hangs inside the Zimmerman building, available for sale. If you'd like to meet the artist behind the painting, I currently have a studio at Gasper Arts in Dania. [GO](#)



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