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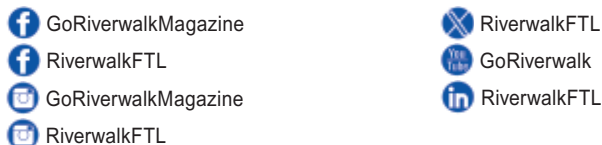
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CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF THE CARIBBEAN



The City of Fort Lauderdale's Beach Business Improvement District and DiscoverFTLBeach.com invite the community to celebrate Caribbean American Heritage Month, June 13-14 at Las Olas Oceanside Park.

Set against a backdrop of swaying palms and ocean breezes, the free and family-friendly weekend is a vibrant mix of cultures, featuring live music, artisan vendors and activities, with Caribbean-inspired flair.

Saturday begins with **morning yoga** on the lawn at 9am, followed at noon by a live music performance by the **Sabor Latino Jazz All-Stars** bringing the energy and move-your-feet beats of Puerto Rico to the beachfront. Those starting the day early are additionally invited to participate in the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks & Recreation Departments **monthly beach clean-up** highlighting the shared waters connecting South Florida and the Caribbean. Sunday continues the celebration with reggae vibes from the incomparable **Green House Band**, plus more shopping, tropical flavors, and island-inspired experiences throughout the park. Throughout the weekend, attendees can add a splash of their own island-inspired creativity to the weekend at the **Tropical Touch Station**, a hands-on decoupage experience while supplies last.

## VENDOR SPOTLIGHT

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SUMMER BY THE SHORELINE



June brings even more reasons to spend the weekends on Fort Lauderdale Beach, especially with the weekly pop-up MKT at Las Olas Oceanside Park. From artisan shopping and tropical flavors to live music, wellness experiences, and family-friendly fun, the summer season is in full swing by the beach.

Throughout the month, guests can enjoy experiences inspired by International Yoga Day, National Fresh Fruit & Vegetables Month, National Seashell Day, and Father's Day weekend celebrations. Families are invited to shop with local vendors, discover handcrafted goods, enjoy fresh seasonal offerings, and relax in the laid-back beachfront atmosphere that makes the LOOP a favorite community gathering place.

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**NEWLY PRICED**

**Las Olas Grand | 2 BED 2.5 BATH | \$1,375,000**

High Floor Champagne Model, Stunning Views of Ocean, Intracoastal & River views from every room. Poggenpohl Kitchen, Marble Baths and Expansive Terrace.



**PENTHOUSE - JUST SOLD**

**Watergarden | 3 BED 2.5 BATH**

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**JUST SOLD**

**350 Las Olas Place | 3 BD 2 BA**

High in the Sky, this 3 bedroom 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 Window, New Appliances, New AC, Custom Closets and Storage!



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**WATERGARDEN | 2 BED 2 BATH**

Las Olas luxury living for under \$600K. This spacious 2/2 residence features a split floor plan, 10-foot ceilings, an updated granite kitchen with new stainless-steel appliances, newer HVAC and W/D, tile flooring throughout, crown molding, & electric window treatments.



**NEWLY PRICED**

**The Symphony | 3 BED 2.5 BATH | \$799,000**

North East Corner Unit with Direct River Views! Beautifully Renovated with Open Modern Kitchen featuring Glossy Cabinets, Waterfall Porcelain Countertops, Large Island, Wrap Around Terrace, Custom Closets and Side by Side Parking Spaces Included



**JUST SOLD**

**Las Olas Grand | 2 BED 2 BATH**

Direct River Views from Every room! Beautifully appointed Bradford floor plan with an expanded 49-foot glass balcony overlooking the water. Pristine condition, polished marble floors throughout, neutral pallet kitchen with Poggenpohl cabinetry.



**NEWLY PRICED**

**WATERGARDEN | 3BD 2 BA | \$1,067,000**

Seaview model completely renovated, new kitchen with quartz counter tops, custom cabinets with pull outs, new stainless appliances, remodeled baths, 2 terraces, sunrises & sunset views! Beautifully furnished, offered turn key!



**NEWLY PRICED**

**WATERGARDEN | 1 BD 1 BA | \$454,000**

High Floor Updated Favorable "07" Stack. Gorgeous Sunset & City Views from this Sungarden Model. Spacious Kitchen with Light & Bright Quartz Countertops, New Appliances, Full Size Washer/Dryer, Large Master Suite with 2 Closets & Dual Access Remodeled Bath.



**JUST SOLD**

**WATERGARDEN | 2 BED 2 BATH**

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**WATERGARDEN | 2 BD 2 BA | \$869,000**

High-floor SE Corner Moonglow Floor Plan! Most sought-after 03 stack offering direct southeast ocean views. Huge wraparound glass balcony with unobstructed panoramic views of the river, intracoastal & ocean from every room. Wood floors, built-in closets & 2 parking spaces.



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**WATERGARDEN | 2 BED + DEN 2 BA | \$1,195,000**

Completely reimagined Riverside Unit with over \$200,000 in high-end upgrades, with over 1600 sq ft this residence offers a seamless blend of modern luxury & effortless living. Sleek glass-railed terrace showcasing breathtaking river & ocean views. 2 parking spaces.



**JUST LISTED**

**WATERGARDEN 2 BD 2 BA \$769,000**

Stardust split floor plan aggressively priced to sell. East-facing residence with direct river views. Brand new stainless steel appliances, built-in closets, wood flooring, New a/c, 2 parking spaces and a private storage unit.



**NEWLY PRICED**

**WATERGARDEN | 2 BED 2 BA | \$709,000**

East facing Moonglow Model With 10ft Ceilings & Contemporary remodel. 2 Parking Spaces & Storage. Waterfall Quartz Countertop with Italian White lacquer Cabinetry, Stainless Appliances, Glass Tile Backsplash & 24x48 Italian Porcelain Tile.



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## RIVERWALK REFLECTS CITY'S EVOLUTION

FORT LAUDERDALE'S GROWING ARTS SCENE TRANSFORMS COMMUNITY SPACES INTO MEANINGFUL SHARED EXPERIENCES

For years, Fort Lauderdale was often defined by its beaches, boating and beautiful weather. While those remain essential threads in our identity, they no longer tell the full story. Today, our city is becoming something more layered, more expressive and more culturally alive. The arts are not just an amenity — they are the soul of a city in motion.

As part of the Riverwalk leadership, I've had a front-row seat to this transformation. What's happening along the Riverwalk is not accidental. It's the result of intentional collaboration between public leaders, private supporters and

a growing community of artists choosing to make this city their canvas.

From world-class performances at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts to the ever-evolving exhibitions at the NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, we are building cultural anchors that rival those in far larger cities. But just as importantly, we are creating space for emerging voices — local musicians, muralists and artists whose work reflects our community's diversity and energy.


Walk the Riverwalk today and you'll see it come to life in unexpected ways. A pop-up art display. A jazz trio playing beneath the skyline. A festival that brings together families, visitors and longtime residents. These aren't just events — they're experiences that connect us.

The arts also play a powerful economic role. They attract visitors, support local businesses and enhance property values. But beyond the numbers, they create something far more meaningful: a sense of place. In a region where growth can sometimes feel transactional, the arts make it personal. They give people a reason to stay, to engage and to feel part of something bigger.

Looking ahead, our responsibility is clear. We must continue to invest in the arts — not just financially, but philosophically. That means supporting public art initiatives, expanding access to cultural programming and ensuring that creativity remains a visible and vital part of our city's identity.

Because great cities don't just build structures — they tell stories.

And here in Fort Lauderdale, those stories are being written every day — on our stages, along our Riverwalk and in the hearts of the people who call this place home.

The future of Fort Lauderdale will be shaped by many forces. But if we get this right, if we continue to embrace and elevate the arts, then we won't just grow. We'll inspire. 



The Thrive sculpture by Daniel Popper stands beneath the residential high-rise Flow Fort Lauderdale

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BY GENIA DUNCAN ELLIS  
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## RIVERWALK EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

LOCALS AND VISITORS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT FORT LAUDERDALE'S EVOLVING DOWNTOWN DESTINATION AND WATERFRONT

The last two years, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale has been selected to compete in USA Today's Top 10 riverwalks in the nation. For the second year in a row, we are incredibly pleased to announce we were again voted into the top 10 with more than 110 contestants. While it is a public poll, it demonstrates that our local residents and visitors recognize this gem and took the time to vote. We thank you for your continued support of this valuable city asset. The Riverwalk in downtown Fort Lauderdale offers a large variety of things to do, places to eat, activations and public festivals. It is a beautiful pedestrian walkway with lovely art, canopy coverage and all along the active New River. It is the connector from the Arts and Entertainment District through the Financial District to the Shopping District.

Summer is in full swing with a slower pace and a time for locals to enjoy our various resources with a little less crowding. It is the time of the year to try out the

restaurants you have been wanting to visit and to support local businesses. Shopping is easier all over. Our retail stores welcome your visits.

The beach is always a draw to residents in the summer with fewer crowds. There are lots of things to see and do there, and more importantly, to take the time to vacation where you live. Staycations are becoming a big industry and word on the street is, this is the place to be. Check out our local hotels for optional staycations coupled with dining and shopping experiences. Easy ground transportation and parking make this a premier destination.

Several cruise lines sail three- to six-day itineraries from Fort Lauderdale to the Bahamas, Key West and other nearby destinations.


Take the time this summer season to remember the paradise where you live, explore some of the places you have not been to for years and look for new ones. 



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Bibeau is also the author of *Back to Bulletproof: A Warrior's Tactical Guide to Success* and host of the #EverydayGSD podcast. Darin and his wife Johnica reside on the Riverwalk/New River and actively support the mission of Riverwalk.

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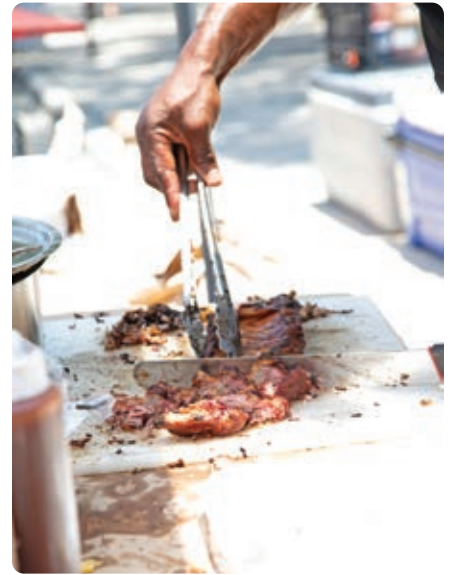


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In addition to the mouthwatering barbecue, guests enjoyed music, refreshing drinks, vendors, a performance by the South Florida Cloggers and the energetic spirit that has made Smoke on the Water a local tradition for the past decade.

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## MURALS TRANSFORM FORT LAUDERDALE

HAITIAN-AMERICAN ARTIST DJ CHERY BRINGS CULTURE, COMMUNITY AND COLOR INTO EVERYDAY SPACES

Fort Lauderdale’s arts scene is often overshadowed by its beaches and nightlife, but that surface-level reputation misses something deeper. The city has been quietly building a vibrant, community-centered art culture, driven not just by institutions but by artists who treat public space as a canvas. One of the most compelling figures in this movement is Djerlens “DJ” Chery, known professionally as @djtheartiste.

Chery represents a shift in how art functions in Fort Lauderdale. Instead of being confined to galleries, his work lives directly in the neighborhoods. His murals are not just decorative. They are intentional, immersive and designed to reflect the identity of the communities around them. His large-scale projects across South Florida include the Honey Bee mural, which stretches across massive walls, turning ordinary spaces into landmarks. At 18 feet by 87 feet, that piece does not just exist. It commands attention and invites people to engage with it.


What makes Chery’s work stand out is its balance of nature and culture. His murals are vibrant, filled with movement and often rooted in organic imagery like animals and plants. But there is always a cultural layer underneath. As a Haitian-American artist raised in Fort Lauderdale, he brings a perspective that reflects both heritage and environment. That combination gives his work emotional weight. It feels personal, but also collective.

His influence extends across the city. From the mural at Mills Pond Park to the large-scale installation at Broward Gardens Apartments, his art reaches people who might

never step into a museum. Even Fort Lauderdale Beach’s lifeguard towers, typically plain and functional, have been transformed through his designs. That kind of integration matters. It shifts the idea of where art belongs. Instead of being something you seek out, it becomes something you encounter in daily life.

Fort Lauderdale’s art scene thrives on diversity. Along with institutions like the Bonnet House Museum & Gardens and the Young at Art Museum, which continue to showcase curated exhibitions, artists like Chery redefine public engagement. His work has appeared in both formal exhibitions and open-air settings, bridging the gap between traditional art spaces and the streets. That dual presence strengthens the city’s cultural identity.

Beyond his visual impact, Chery is also shaping the next generation. As an art instructor with the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks & Recreation Department, he teaches young artists and gives them the tools to express themselves. That role is just as important as his murals. A city’s art scene does not grow from isolated talent. It grows from mentorship, opportunity and consistency. Chery is contributing to all three.

Fort Lauderdale’s arts culture is not about flashy headlines or global recognition, at least not yet. It is about steady, meaningful growth rooted in community. Artists like Chery are proving that public art can inspire, connect and elevate everyday spaces. If you look closely, the city is not just developing artistically. It is redefining what art looks like in a place where culture and community intersect. 



“This mural reminds me of my childhood — growing, learning and staying connected to nature,” artist Djerlens “DJ” Chery posted on Instagram about this mural he painted at Broward Gardens Apartments



A mural by artist Djerlens “DJ” Chery at Broward Gardens Apartments

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For decades, South Florida has faced the realities of living in a coastal environment. We have experienced flooding events that disrupted neighborhoods and businesses. We have seen king tides rise into our streets and parking garages. Harmful algae blooms have threatened marine ecosystems, damaged tourism and endangered species that depend on clean and balanced waterways. These challenges are no longer abstract environmental conversations. They are economic issues, infrastructure issues and community issues.

The good news is that our region has not stood still.

Communities throughout Broward County and across Florida have invested billions of dollars into infrastructure improvements, stormwater systems, resiliency initiatives and water management strategies. The restoration of the Everglades continues to be one of the most significant environmental projects in the world, recognizing that the health of our ecosystem directly impacts our economy, property values, tourism industry and future sustainability.

Clean water matters to business.

It matters to our hospitality industry, which welcomes millions of visitors each year expecting pristine beaches and waterways. It matters to marine industries and yachting, which contribute billions to South Florida's economy. It matters to healthcare facilities, restaurants, condominiums and office buildings that rely on dependable, high-quality water systems every day.

It also matters to residents who increasingly want confidence that the water flowing into their homes and businesses is clean, efficient and sustainable.

That is why innovation in water technology is becoming such an important part of the conversation. Companies like Allini Water Systems of Florida are helping commercial properties, condominiums and marine operators improve water quality while reducing strain on infrastructure and equipment. Their systems are already installed in major South Florida properties and marine environments, helping businesses operate more efficiently while supporting long-term sustainability goals.

What I appreciate most is that solutions like these are not simply about convenience. They represent a broader shift toward smarter water stewardship. Whether through advanced filtration, desalination technology or more efficient water softening systems, the private sector is playing an increasingly important role in protecting resources while helping South Florida remain competitive.

This is especially critical in a region where water and economic development are permanently connected.

As we continue to grow, we must remain focused on resilience, environmental protection and infrastructure investment. Our future depends on balancing development with sustainability. That requires collaboration between government, business leaders, environmental advocates and innovators willing to invest in practical solutions.

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## HANDS-ON CREATIVITY

LEA POTTERY TAKES THE PRESSURE OUT OF POTTERY



There's nothing quite as satisfying as making something from scratch with your hands. But with most creative outlets, like pottery, it can be a bit difficult and intimidating to even get started. That's why artist and self-taught potter Leigh Almeida wanted to start a pottery studio that took all the stress, pressure and guesswork out of crafting with clay while leaving room for joyful creativity to bloom.

It came as no surprise to Almeida, however, that she would one day be her own boss, seeing as both her parents held creative-adjacent careers her whole life.

"Both my parents are self-employed in what I always felt were creative fields, even if they don't agree," Almeida said. "My mom was a hair stylist and my dad did construction before eventually starting his own lawn maintenance company. But it was my grandmother on my mom's side who was the artist. So, the creative foundation was there and seeing both my parents work for themselves, that always appealed to me."

Almeida got bitten by the creative bug early on at the age of 10 during summer camp. Whether it was paint, clay or any other artistic outlet she could get her hands on, as she puts it, she "basically lived in the arts department there."

Although she had the knack for creating early on, she has never been formally trained. That didn't stop her from pursuing her dream of starting her own business, though, one where she could finally explore and share her passion for pottery with others.

That dream finally came to fruition this past summer with LEA Pottery, where she sells her own handmade stoneware pottery. Her business grew in February when she began offering pop-up pottery classes that focus on using low-fire clay that is perfect for beginners who can work the clay with their hands, as opposed to throwing clay on a pottery wheel. It's this approach to pottery that emphasizes creativity over perfection that ensures LEA Pottery keeps having numerous repeat customers, eager to learn more.

"Pottery can be really intimidating for a lot of people. That's why all my classes focus on hand-building techniques, which takes a lot of the pressure off that people have come to expect with pottery. I always tell my students, 'There's no right way to do it,' and a lot of times those happy accidents create something beautiful," she said. And by using low-fire clay, there's no need to attend multiple classes to finish a piece, as is often the case with more complex pottery styles.

All you have to do is come in for a class, make your piece, let Almeida handle all the firing and glazing and pick up your completed piece.

"A lot of traditional pottery classes, where you're working with high-fire clay or ceramics, there are way more steps. Most people don't realize that going in. So, they make a piece and never come back to finish it or pick it up. That's why this is a great option for beginners. You can just have fun without all the pressure," she said.

As for where and when you can book a pottery class with LEA Pottery, her upcoming classes and their locations can be found on her website [www.leapottery.com](http://www.leapottery.com). But if you can't make it to a class, Almeida also offers private classes for events like birthdays, bachelorette parties, mommy-and-me play dates and more.

### LEA POTTERY

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## MAKING HER MARK

YOUNG ARTIST AMELIE CANNON'S INFLUENCE ON MIAASF

For 29 years, the MIAASF Plywood regatta has been honoring the craft of boat building in a fun and interactive way. The two-day event, held each year on the last weekend in April, gives participants the chance to flex their creative muscles in boat construction and style.

To date, more than 5,000 students have participated in the event. One of those students is Amelie Cannon, a junior at the Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts and a member of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Cannon has participated in the regatta as a member of the Sea Cadets team every year since she joined the Navy's youth development program during her freshman year.

Her impressive artistic abilities have earned her the role of team boat artist every year. She explains the demanding nature of regatta participation. "On the first morning of the regatta, we get an early start, meeting up at 5:30 a.m. to drive to the regatta boat construction location," she said. "Once we get there, I have some time to think through my designs while construction begins."

Since regatta rules require all construction to take place on-site, her design ideas remain mostly in her head until the first pieces of plywood are shaped into the future boat.

Construction day of the regatta is a hot ten-hour workday, filled with the cacophony of saws as teams piece together their plywood creations under large shade tents. Once the first plywood pieces are ready, Cannon gets to work. She paints, surrounded by chaos, for hours at a time.

"I paint all day, but the noise and activity don't faze me at all," she said. "The biggest stressor happens on race day, hoping our boat doesn't sink!"

Each year, her designs incorporate both Sea Cadet and sea life themes, and her artistic efforts have been rewarded. In 2025, her team's boat – Salty Dogs – won the regatta's Best Decorated Award. The boat also caught the eye of the MIAASF leadership team, and prompted a commission request for a painting to be displayed in the organization's office.

Cannon met with the MIAASF team in early fall of 2025 to discuss the project. MIAASF wanted artwork that represented the beginnings of the maritime industry in South Florida, including the New River in its earliest days. MIAASF's requirements were that the painting included a canoe, the river and oak trees. The trees, thanks to their strong root system, represent longevity, resilience and permanence. These are the characteristics the South Florida marine industry has demonstrated since MIAASF's founding in 1961.

Cannon's specialty is abstract landscapes. She usually works from an image or memory to ground her paintings, but this project would be different. She'd be working from her own imagination. For inspiration, she and her father, John Cannon, drove around rural areas in southeast Florida snapping photos of oak trees along riverbanks.

"I worked on the painting for months," Cannon said. "I started with acrylic but switched to oil toward the end, because it gave me more time to refine my vision on the canvas." She delivered the finished piece over her winter break. The painting now hangs prominently in the MIAASF offices and offers viewers a glimpse into South Florida's natural past.

With the 2026 Plywood regatta behind her and a second Best Decorated Award for the team's Mahi Mavericks boat, Cannon is busy getting ready for her senior year in high school. She's also busy working on college applications. At the top of her list? "Yale University is my dream school, because of its great art programs," Cannon said. Her goal is to pursue a science major, likely biology, with either a double-major or minor in art. She also plans to participate in the Navy's ROTC program during college.

Everyone at MIAASF thanks Cannon for her permanent contribution to our office and her unwavering commitment to the Plywood regatta. We wish her much success as she heads into her next chapter.



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Our office will mail the 2026 TRIM (proposed tax) Notices to all Broward property owners in mid-August. This notice will show your property's 2026 Just/Market Value, Assessed/Save Our Homes Value, all tax-saving exemptions you are receiving and the proposed tax rates as set by the various taxing authorities listed on the notice.

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# ART ALL AROUND US

FORT LAUDERDALE CREATIVITY IN UNUSUAL PLACES

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

A diverse range of public art serves as the beating heart of any city worth its muster, a sentiment with which Jodi Jefferys-Tanner agrees.

“Public art is really important to the community,” said Tanner, founder of Las Olas Capital Arts and Funding Arts Broward board member.

“It brings people together and gives them a sense of place because we all have ownership of it. But not just that, I’m a big proponent and supporter of public art, because when you put something beautiful in the community, you’re giving everyone a chance to enjoy art in their day-to-day without having to go in and pay to see the same thing in a museum.”

Yet public art isn’t just relegated to the colorful and larger-than-life murals adorning numerous walls on buildings throughout the downtown.

One new public art project is already in the works, commissioned by the City of Fort Lauderdale. A call to artists was put out last year to select an artist to create a permanent sculpture to serve as the centerpiece at the Northeast 13th Street roundabout, but also be a lasting reminder of the bold, inspiring and welcoming community that is Fort Lauderdale. The selected local artist and



## “Community Connections”

Rendering of a new public artwork by local artist and architect, Brooks Scarpa Huber, commissioned by the City of Fort Lauderdale

architect, Brooks Scarpa Huber, is in the process of designing the piece, entitled “Community Connections.”

“This project is a great example of how important public art can be. It shows people who come here that Fort Lauderdale is a cultural arts destination, but also how we have cultivated this really rich cultural fabric now built into the city through community involvement,” Jefferys-Tanner said. Although the project will not be completed for some time, there are currently several public art pieces that can be found in numerous places around the city that have brought a newfound life and artistry to otherwise ordinary objects and infrastructure.

## “Love Is All Around” Utility Boxes by Stephanie McMillan

Fort Lauderdale features several utility boxes around the downtown, which are typically nondescript. But Stephanie McMillan, artist-in-residence at the History Fort Lauderdale Museum, was tasked with bringing some life to these functional but otherwise humdrum electrical hubs. Sixteen of these boxes throughout the city feature joyful utility box wraps which showcase her signature illustrations of plants, flowers and quirky cartoon characters. This collection was meant to bring awareness to our rich local wildlife interpreted through a whimsical lens.



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## “Aqua Vida” Bridge by Ruben Ubiera

The pedestrian bridge at the Westin Fort Lauderdale got an artistic upgrade back in 2020, turning this piece of city infrastructure into a unique public art installation. What was once a typical concrete skywalk that connects the hotel property to the beach was transformed by artist Ruben Ubiera into a functional, high-end piece of art. It also serves as an expression of the vibrancy of the community, while blending the beach vibes of Fort Lauderdale with bold color.



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## “Forces of Nature” Floor by Michele Oka Doner

At Port Everglades in Terminal 18, travelers are greeted by the grand sweeping design of a rich blue and green terrazzo floor meant to mimic the crashing waves of aquamarine waters just outside the seaport’s doors. The floor is also embedded with an eight-foot diameter bronze globe, which is crisscrossed by longitudinal and latitudinal lines. Although the installation was put in place back in 2009, it continues to be a welcome artistic surprise for travelers coming and going at Port Everglades.

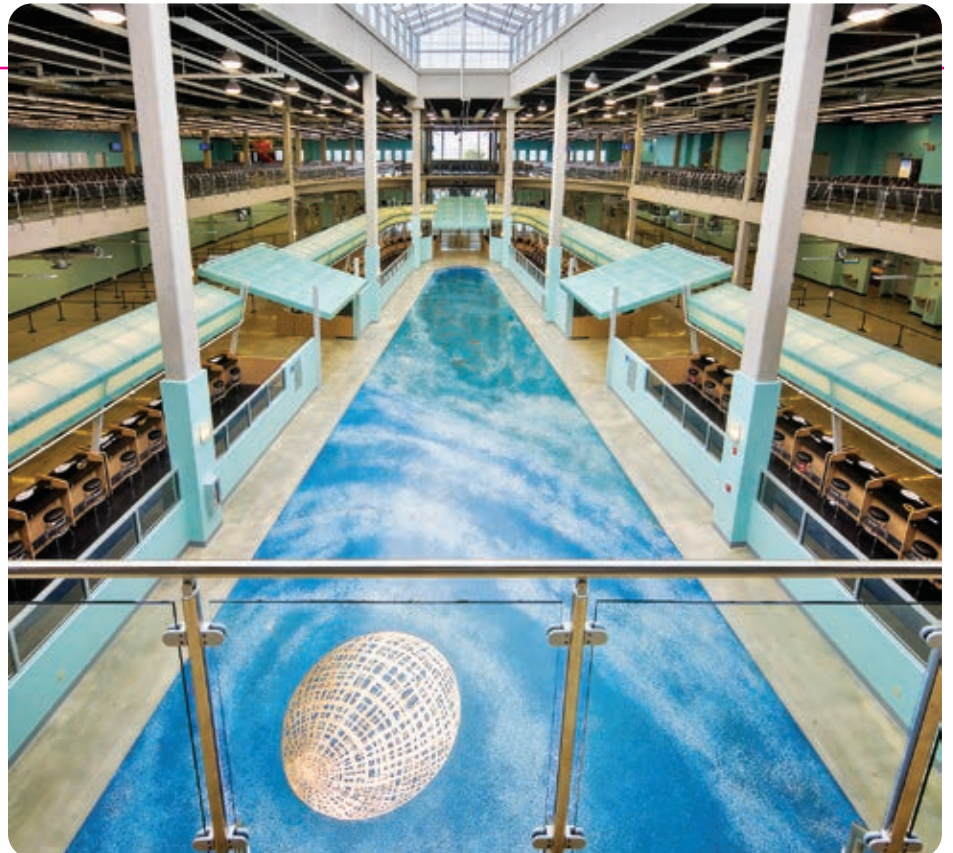


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## “Lifeguard Tower Murals” by Timothy Robert Smith

Fort Lauderdale Beach always features an array of colorful umbrellas, blankets and vibrant bathing suit-clad beachgoers. But last year, the beach was treated to a more permanent pop of color with the new adornment of murals on four of its lifeguard towers. Artist Timothy Robert Smith painted each mural, which can be found on towers five, eight, 10 and 11, depicting different elements of a day spent at the beach and in the ocean.



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## “Cabeza con Mariposas” Sculpture by Manolo Valdés

One of the newest pieces of public art can be found in right next to the Riverwalk — the newly reopened Huizenga Park. The large aluminum sculpture created by artist Manolo Valdés features a woman’s head lovingly cradled by a flock of butterflies. The playful piece, which was donated through the James W. Laird Estate, serves as a reminder of how important it is to connect with nature and that the beauty of art can be found all around us. 🦋



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# 50 YEARS OF INVESTMENT IN ARTS AND CULTURE

BUILDING CULTURAL MOMENTUM IN BROWARD COUNTY

WRITER PHILLIP DUNLAP, DIRECTOR OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CULTURAL DIVISION

Fifty years ago, Broward County made an early commitment to public art with one of the nation's first public art ordinances in 1976. From the start, the county recognized arts and culture not as decorative or secondary, but as essential infrastructure. That early investment continues to deliver long-term cultural, economic and community impact. Today, more than \$8 million a year in grants, sponsorships, programs and partnerships support artists, organizations and municipalities in shaping Broward's cultural identity.


In Broward, arts and culture are not confined to a single space. They are embedded across cities, public spaces and local organizations, shaping everyday life. This investment is visible in communities like Hollywood, Dania Beach and Wilton Manors, where the Broward Cultural Division's Public Art & Design program has supported local planning through public art masterplans that help define community identity. With more than 400 public artworks throughout the county, along with large-scale events like IGNITE Broward, an annual countywide festival of interactive light and sound installations, the impact is both visible and ongoing.

That impact extends beyond the arts. A strong cultural presence brings people together, supports local businesses, activates public spaces and strengthens a shared sense of community. In downtown Fort Lauderdale, Riverwalk connects many of the county's leading cultural destinations. Within a walkable stretch, residents and visitors can attend performances at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, explore exhibitions at NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale and gather in public spaces like the redesigned Huizenga Park. Longstanding traditions such as the Sunday Jazz Brunch at Esplanade Park further reflect the role arts and culture play in shaping the downtown experience.

As the county celebrates the 50th anniversary of Broward Arts, honoring five decades of artistic excellence, innovation and community impact, the focus is as much on the future



as it is on the past. The Cultural Division's "50 and Forward" campaign reflects an ongoing commitment to growing and evolving the cultural landscape. Upcoming efforts include a retrospective public art book featuring archival photography and reflections from civic and cultural leaders, along with a Public Art panel in September that will bring together artists, curators, policymakers and residents to explore how public art continues to shape Broward's sense of place. On Oct. 4, the Cultural Division will host Arts Launch Broward at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, kicking off the cultural season with live performances, artist showcases and interactive experiences for all ages.

What's being built today lays the foundation for the future. It supports innovation, encourages creative expression and strengthens connections across communities. Whether you live here or are visiting, explore the many ways arts and culture are woven into daily life throughout Broward County 



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# POPPIES BLOOM FOR VETERANS

PUBLIC ART INITIATIVE RAISES AWARENESS AND FUNDING FOR VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

WRITER LYNN PEITHMAN STOCK

**G**iant poppies have bloomed at Tunnel Top Plaza in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Not the delicate paper kind pinned to lapels once a year, but towering five- and six-foot fiberglass flowers.


Henderson Behavioral Health has launched The Poppy Project, a yearlong public art initiative honoring veterans while raising awareness and funding for mental health services supporting military families across South Florida.

Inspired by the poppy's enduring connection to military remembrance, rooted in the World War I poem In Flanders Fields, the installation transforms a familiar patriotic symbol into a public art experience. Additional pop-up gardens are planned for parks and venues throughout Fort Lauderdale later this year, timed to coincide with Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.

"The Poppy Project is a powerful way for our community to come together in remembrance of those who have patriotically served our country and to honor them by

supporting vital mental health programs and services," said Dr. Steve Ronik, CEO of Henderson Behavioral Health.

Funds raised through the initiative will benefit Henderson's Victory Program, which provides free mental health counseling and support services for veterans, active-duty military members, National Guard and Reserve personnel, and their families. Services include outreach programs, workshops focused on military-family mental health challenges, and individual and relationship counseling offered both in clinics and throughout the community.

The need continues to grow. Since 2023, Henderson Behavioral Health has served hundreds of veterans, including more than 250 in 2025 alone. Florida is home to more than 1.3 million veterans, one of the largest veteran populations in the country, underscoring the demand for accessible mental health care and support services. 



Suzanne Higgins and Patricia DuMont with some of the oversized poppies to be installed as part of Henderson Behavioral Health's public art program, The Poppy Project

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# CREATING CONNECTION THROUGH FOOD

FLORIDA ROOM REVITALIZES DINNER PARTY DINING

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER



The Florida Room offers a distinct dining experience reminiscent of what is slowly becoming a dying art – the dinner party. Nothing soothes the soul like having friends over for dinner and turning a simple meal into an event that takes you late into the evening.

That’s what husband-and-wife duo and executive chefs Janine Booth and Jeff McInnis had in mind when taking over the kitchen at Florida Room.

A meal at Florida Room is meant to evoke that familiar comfort you experience when inviting friends over for dinner, that sense of belonging only found through the joy of community and connection. From the soft lighting and cozy old-world Florida décor, it’s as if you’re sitting down with lifelong friends in their dining room surrounded by memories. In reality, you’re in a room full of strangers without it feeling as such. The same sentiment is found in the menu carefully curated by the “Top Chef” alums to feature items meant to be “shared, savored and remembered,” as they put it.

The drinks and dishes are playful, delicious and serve as a love letter to the charm of old Florida. With a focus on coastal cuisine, every cocktail and plate strikes that delicate balance between being decadent yet light. For drinks, the menu offers an array of boozy, fruity and refreshing resort-style cocktails. Whether you choose the liquor-forward yet unexpectedly sweet When Doves Cry with rich notes of Ume plum liqueur and pear from the Grey Goose La Poire, or dive into the Golden Hour, which is their take on a piña colada with Bacardi Reserva Ocho Rum, pineapple juice, orgeat and coconut cream, you’ll swear you can feel the salty ocean breeze dance on your skin.

But before you drift away on a sea of coastal cocktails, the food at Florida Room is a perfect example of how the decades-long love affair these chefs have with food can truly transform an ordinary dish into something unforgettable. Everything that passes through their hallowed kitchen doors is savory, soulful and portioned generously to be shared, like the wood-grilled artichokes topped

with a mouthwatering garlic crunch and lemon caper butter to be dipped in a side of preserved lemon aioli.

As for entrees, there’s a smattering of different styles of dishes, like at the best dinner parties. But it’s two of the more straightforward, no-frills dishes that are the breakout stars. For years, wood-plank salmon had garnered a bit of a reputation for being overdone by too many restaurants, but this version remedies that. Coated with a tangy, spiced Moroccan barbecue sauce, the salmon is cooked to a tender perfection with a subtle nutty hint from cedar wood that pairs beautifully with a side of creamy farro risotto.

A similar expectation can be had when eyeing the classic spatchcock chicken, a difficult dish to execute well and has overstayed its welcome in the restaurant scene. Yet, this chicken is something special with its crispy herb-seasoned skin that is complemented by pillowy mashed potatoes with mascarpone cream. But it’s the Dijon honey chicken jus that is both balanced and flavorful, it’ll have you imploring the chefs to fork over the recipe.

Much like any dinner party, however, the night must come to its inevitable conclusion. But that doesn’t mean you can’t end on a high note. Luckily, Florida Room has many tropical-inspired desserts like the Baked Florida, their take on baked Alaska, or the fluffy and fruity passion fruit buttermilk panna cotta if you’d prefer something airy yet sinfully satisfying. 🍷

## WANT TO GO?

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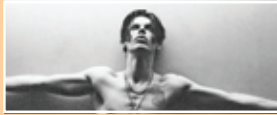
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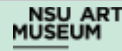
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DENNIS AND PAT SMITH, AND ELLEN CRANE

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CHRISTI LYN RICE AND ELLIOT FLYNN

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Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Southeast Florida hosted its 15th Annual UKG & Salah Foundation Hero's Pride Move with MADD & MADD Dash Fort Lauderdale 5K on April 26

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HEATHER GERONEMUS, JAYDEN CARR AND AMY CARR



HERO'S PRIDE TEAM



GEORGE TAYLOR AND NOREEN SALAH BURPEE

## BROWARD HEALTH BALL

The Amazon 13th Annual Broward Health Ball brought together 1,400 community and philanthropic leaders for an evening of music, dancing and fundraising on April 11 at the Hard Rock

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FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM SCHULTZ, ELANA GOLLAN AND FORT LAUDERDALE FIRE CHIEF STEPHEN GOLLAN



JENNIFER BEAN, ALISA BERT, CFO BROWARD HEALTH, EILEEN LAMARCA, BROWARD HEALTH FOUNDATION AND ASHLEY BOXER



PAM AFRICK, RECIPIENT OF BROWARD HEALTH'S THIRD ANNUAL STELLA AWARD, AND SHANE STRUM, PRESIDENT AND CEO, BROWARD HEALTH

## ARTSERVE IMPACT AWARDS GALA

ArtServe recently honored four leaders whose work continues to shape Broward County's cultural landscape at its fourth annual Impact Awards Gala: William "Willie" Riddle, Joy Strem-pack (DJ Joy Joy), Sara Rogers and Jody Leshinsky

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JASON HUGHES, CEO OF ARTSERVE WITH 2026 HONOREES WILLIAM "WILLIE" RIDDLE, SARA ROGERS, JODY LESHINSKY, JOY STREMPACK (DJ JOY JOY), AND DOUG EVANS, ARTSERVE BOARD CHAIR



RAY BOFILL, ARTIST ANDREW HAYES, DAN CHAPPELL, CHRISTINE WOLL, RENZO SERPONE, MARCY KABOLOWSKY AND ERIS SANDLER



ARTSERVE 2026 IMPACT AWARDS GALA AND AUCTION ITEMS



## YMCA LITTLE BUILDERS FUN FEST

The YMCA of South Florida recently hosted a Little Builders Fun Fest for children and families at the site of the future Holiday Park YMCA Family Center and Broward Health Emergency Room in Fort Lauderdale



FORT LAUDERDALE FIRE RESCUE WITH YMCA CEO SHERYL WOODS AND FORT LAUDERDALE DISTRICT 2 COMMISSIONER STEVE GLASSMAN



JOHN SCHERER, SHERYL WOODS, STEVE GLASSMAN AND HEATHER MCQUILLEN



ALVARO AND CARIDAD ERRAZQUIN

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## 2026 LGBTQ+ SOCIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY FUND

Thirteen grant recipients were honored at a reception hosted at the Community Foundation of Broward on April 27 to celebrate the impact of the 2026 LGBTQ+ Social Justice & Equity Fund



2026 LGBTQ+ SOCIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS AND LEADERS FROM THE OUR FUND FOUNDATION AND THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF BROWARD



G. WRIGHT MUIR, MARK REYES AND CASSANDRA BURRELL



BERTHA HENRY, MALENA MENDEZ, CASSANDRA BURRELL AND JENNIFER O'FLANNERY ANDERSON

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## FUNDING ARTS BROWARD

Funding Arts Broward awards \$387,000 in grants to 37 Broward-based arts and cultural programs at a reception April 28 at the Pompano Beach Cultural Center



RENEE JOHNSON, JAN SAVARICK, DENISE ST. PATRICK BELL AND ANNA SORENSEN



JUDY MURTYN, HAL AXLER, SHEILA BECHERT AND PAM DEARDEN



DARIUS DAUGHTRY, VENEISHA CLARINGTON, JAMARE CLARINGTON AND BENJY LEVYA

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## VOICES FOR CHILDREN OF BROWARD GALA

Voices for Children of Broward raised more than \$200,000 at its annual Soaring for Children Gala in April

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DONNA AND JIM INGLIS



HARRY MIRANDA, LAMMY ASKAR AND ERICA HERMAN



NICOLE LAYOG, CARLOS DEBRITO AND DARIO KNOWLES

## NAIOP SOUTH FLORIDA

NAIOP South Florida recently celebrated the region's leading commercial real estate professionals, projects and transactions during its 2026 Awards of Excellence gala

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DOUGLAS MANDEL, ZACH MANDEL, JULES MORGAN AND GABRIELLE MORGAN



CRISTINA GLARIA AND LAUREN PACE



JACK HENRY KAPP, TIM MARTORELLA AND ANUJ GROVER

## SOUTH FLORIDA PRIDE CONCERT BANDS

The South Florida Pride Concert Band celebrated its milestone 40th anniversary with The XL Concert: 40 Years of Musical Excellence on May 2 at The Parker in Fort Lauderdale

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DR. ADAM DEROSA, EDGAR RUBIO, SARA COWLEY AND DAN BASSETT



BRIAN FRENCH, DR. RON HUGHES, MOUNTAINE JONAS, GARY BRESSLER AND JULIA BRAVO



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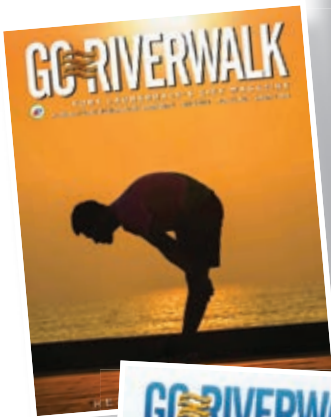
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