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Las Olas Grand | 2 BED 2.5 BATH | \$1,295,000

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JUST SOLD

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 | \$449,000

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

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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.



JUST LISTED

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FORT LAUDERDALE'S NEIGHBORHOODS CREATE CONNECTION, CHARACTER, PRIDE AND LASTING COMMUNITY

When people think about Fort Lauderdale, they often picture our beaches, waterways and skyline. While those are certainly defining features of our city, I believe the true character of Fort Lauderdale is found in its neighborhoods.

Neighborhoods are where our city comes to life. They are where families gather, friendships are formed, businesses are supported and traditions are passed from one generation to the next. Each neighborhood tells its own story, contributing to the rich tapestry that makes Fort Lauderdale such a remarkable place to live, work and visit.

One of the greatest strengths of our city is its diversity. From the historic charm of Victoria Park and Rio Vista to the vibrant energy of Flagler Village, from the waterfront communities that define our boating lifestyle to the emerging neighborhoods shaping our future, every area offers a unique sense of place and identity. Together, they create a city that is dynamic, welcoming and constantly evolving.

I've had the privilege of seeing firsthand how connected our neighborhoods truly are. Riverwalk serves as a gathering place where residents from every corner of the city come together to celebrate, learn, volunteer and enjoy the cultural experiences that make Fort Lauderdale special. It is a reminder that while our neighborhoods may each have their

own personality; we are all part of one larger community.

Strong neighborhoods don't happen by accident. They are built through civic engagement, community pride and people who care enough to invest their time and energy into making a difference. Whether it's supporting local businesses, volunteering for community organizations, attending neighborhood meetings, or simply getting to know your neighbors, every action helps strengthen the fabric of our city.

As Fort Lauderdale continues to grow, it is important that we preserve the qualities that make our neighborhoods unique while embracing thoughtful progress that benefits future generations. Growth and preservation can coexist when guided by a shared vision and a commitment to community.

Riverwalk's mission has always been about connecting people to the heart of Fort Lauderdale. This month, as we celebrate the neighborhoods that define our city, I encourage everyone to explore a neighborhood they may not know, attend a local event, support a neighborhood business and engage with the people who make each community special.

After all, cities are not defined by buildings or boundaries—they are defined by people. And it is within our neighborhoods that the true spirit of Fort Lauderdale shines brightest.

See you on the Riverwalk. 



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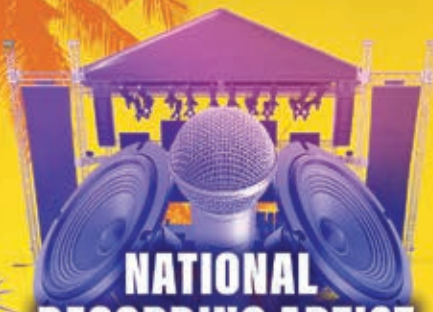


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While Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is the birthplace of American Independence, Fort Lauderdale will step up its appreciation with a massive event on Fort Lauderdale Beach.

Las Olas Oceanside Park and Fort Lauderdale Beach will be alive with live bands, kid's zones, beach games, contests and family activities. The day's events start at noon with a DJ, games, arts and crafts and more. DJ EchoSlim and Host Tre will be on stage at 1 p.m. and

again at 4 p.m. The afternoon will continue with Sistas of the '70s, a popular South Florida tribute act from 2 to 4 p.m. Featured performer Walker Hayes will play some of his well-known hits from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. The evening will continue with a drone show around 8:45 p.m. and close with a dazzling fireworks display around 9 p.m. Join your friends, neighbors, guest and visitors to celebrate this monumental point in history.

July 18 will bring you the annual Tacos & Tequila Festival to meet up with the dog days of summer from 2 to 6 p.m. at Esplanade Park. It is a fun, flavorful fiesta for the family with delicious food and great cocktails.


Summer is an ideal time to take an evening stroll on Riverwalk, in your neighborhood and with family and friends. It is the chance to get to know your neighbors with a cookout, or late afternoon glass of tea or sharing plans for entertainment. Those that live around us are important to our quality of life, safety and enjoyment of the place we choose to live. Take this time to enjoy your neighborhood, find those hidden gems you might have missed and embrace our wonderful city. 



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PROGRAM SPECIALIST,
NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

📍 Dale Engels has been a Cancer Prevention Program Specialist with the National Cancer Institute since 2009. His career has been dedicated to supporting the evaluation and funding of research focused exclusively on cancer prevention.

In this capacity, he is a public health and medical data contributor who has collaborated within the National Institutes of Health and other federal agencies including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration.

Engels has served as an expert contributor for national health initiatives, including the CDC Archive's Healthy People 2020 Midcourse Review. In this capacity, he has collaborated closely alongside designated topic area representatives from the National Institutes of Health and other federal health agencies to evaluate and track national health objectives.

In March 2020, Dale and his mini golden doodle named EJ relocated to Fort Lauderdale to enjoy coastal life. He is a strong supporter of Riverwalk and their positive impact on downtown Fort Lauderdale.



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OWNER AND OPERATOR,
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📍 Michael J. Millett is a seasoned entrepreneur and business operator with a proven track record of founding, scaling and successfully exiting ventures across multiple industries. He started his entrepreneurial career at the age of 17, launching a car dealership that he later grew and sold by the age of 24, demonstrating early leadership and business acumen.

In 2009, Millett relocated to Las Vegas to study advanced signage, laying the foundation for his future success in branding, visual communications and business development. He has since founded and exited several companies, including a marine business in upstate New York; GraphicWorx, a New York-based sign and apparel company; and ADAS Plus.

He is the founder of Automotive Calibration Solutions, where he leads a specialized operation focused on advanced vehicle diagnostics and advanced driver assistance systems calibration.

Now based in Fort Lauderdale, Millett is a resident of Las Olas and an active boater with more than 15 years of experience on the water. He currently owns a vessel on the New River, reflecting his strong connection to the local waterfront and lifestyle. His personal and professional interests align closely with the mission of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and its commitment to enhancing the city's waterfront and community experience.

He brings a strategic, results-driven perspective to the board, grounded in hands-on operational leadership and a commitment to innovation, growth and long-term value creation. Having benefited from the guidance of strong mentors throughout his career, he is equally committed to mentoring and supporting the next generation of entrepreneurs and leaders.

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On May 28, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale hosted the 26th Annual Riverwalk Tribute at the Riverside Hotel. Riverwalk members joined business, civic and community leaders as we celebrated another group of exceptional honorees:

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- Stephanie J. Toothaker Esq., Chairwoman and Chief Strategist, Toothaker.org

On the eighth floor of the Riverside Hotel overlooking our award-winning Riverwalk and downtown Fort Lauderdale, an evening reception welcomed our honorees as attendees enjoyed the Riverside's signature hospitality and participated in a silent auction, and Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis and District 2 Commissioner Steven Glassman presented proclamations from the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Thank you to all who attended, to our hosts and sponsors, the Las Olas Company and Riverside Hotel, to our silent auction partners who presented many enticing items, and of course to our sponsors, who ensured a highly successful event. All funds raised through the Riverwalk Tribute benefit Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale.



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PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND LEADERS STRENGTHEN NEIGHBORHOODS AND COASTAL RESILIENCE

While transformative initiatives often take center stage, the true catalyst for progress is often found behind the scenes. Neighborhood advocates, civic leaders and engaged residents help shape the vision, priorities and outcomes of our city's initiatives. Their voices ensure that innovation is not simply imposed upon communities but developed with them. As our city continues to invest in its future, the partnership between residents and local government remains one of its greatest strengths.

The City Commission's recent approval of a resolution establishing a 100 percent discount on permitting fees to encourage the installation of living seawalls reflects the impact of dedicated civic advocates who have rallied innovative approaches to protect our waterways. Living seawalls are designed to mimic natural infrastructures. They incorporate features that are

compatible with marine organisms and encourage them to grow. By increasing marine biodiversity in our waterways, we improve water quality and strengthen ecosystem health.

The Church-by-the-Sea is working with Kind Designs to create its living seawall; Kind Designs uses 3D-printed concrete designed to mimic coral reef structures. The project is expected to be completed in spring 2027. By encouraging the installation of living seawalls, these community leaders and environmental advocates have helped advance a solution that provides both environmental and economic benefits.

The fee assistance program creates a meaningful financial incentive for property owners to invest in living seawalls, which offer coastal protection while also improving water quality and supporting marine habitat. Their efforts demonstrate how civic engagement can help shape policies that make sustainable choices more accessible and create lasting benefits for the community.

Another example of this can be seen in the City's expanding efforts to protect and improve local waterways. Building on the engagement and leadership demonstrated by advocates, the City has expanded water quality monitoring and launched microbial source tracking at five monitoring locations over the past few months. This advanced testing helps identify the sources of bacteria in our waterways, whether human, bird, canine or other sources, allowing for more targeted and effective solutions.

Community input has played an important role in elevating water quality concerns and shaping environmental priorities. These efforts reflect a continued commitment to turning neighborhood voice into action, ensuring that science-based decision-making is informed by those who know these waterways best. City staff are also exploring opportunities to expand testing to additional locations as part of the ongoing effort to protect the waterways that are vital to our community.


Our city's neighborhoods are more than lines on a map, they are collections of stories, traditions, aspirations and people who care deeply about the places they call home. Together, they form a vibrant mosaic that gives the city its character and strength. This diversity of lived experience fuels civic engagement, from environmental stewardship to neighborhood advocacy and continues to shape how the City prioritizes and delivers its work. As these connections deepen, they reinforce a simple truth: when residents and City leaders work together, neighborhoods do not just reflect the city's future, they help define it. 



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BY JANNA LHOTA

Chair of the Board
Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce



A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

DAN LINDBLADE STRENGTHENED BUSINESS, PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY WHILE SHAPING GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE

On June 1, Greater Fort Lauderdale marked the close of an extraordinary chapter with the retirement of Dan Lindblade, President and CEO of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. After 19 years of leadership, Lindblade leaves behind a legacy that is deeply woven into the fabric of our community — and one that will continue to shape our city for generations to come.

Lindblade’s impact on Fort Lauderdale is both broad and profound. He led with a clear and unwavering vision: to make our community the best place to live, work and play. Under his leadership, the Chamber became not only a powerful advocate for business, but also a unifying force for collaboration across industries, neighborhoods and civic institutions.

From strengthening small businesses to championing regional economic development, Lindblade elevated the Chamber into a respected, credible voice at every level — local, state and national. His leadership in organizing Washington, D.C., advocacy trips ensured that Fort Lauderdale’s priorities were heard where it matters most, while his work in Tallahassee reinforced our position as a proactive and solutions-driven community.

Lindblade also understood that a thriving economy must be paired with a strong and inclusive community. He

was instrumental in advancing initiatives that supported workforce development, housing stability and economic mobility — ensuring that opportunity in Fort Lauderdale is accessible to all. His leadership helped expand programs that cultivate future leaders, including Leadership Fort Lauderdale and Rising Leaders, reinforcing a pipeline of talent that will guide our city forward.


Perhaps most importantly, Lindblade fostered a spirit of connection. He championed inclusivity, helping the Chamber become the first in Florida to formally embrace LGBTQ+ businesses and supporting initiatives that advanced racial equity. His work extended well beyond the Chamber through service on boards and organizations that define our region, ensuring that Fort Lauderdale remains both vibrant and welcoming.

Lindblade’s tenure also coincided with some of our most challenging moments, including the Covid-19 pandemic. During that time, he was a steady, trusted voice for the business community, providing guidance, clarity and reassurance when it was needed most.

As chair of the board, I have had the privilege of working alongside Lindblade and witnessing firsthand his dedication, professionalism and genuine care for this community. His leadership style — collaborative, thoughtful and forward-

looking — has positioned the Chamber and Fort Lauderdale, for continued success.

While we celebrate his retirement, we also celebrate the legacy he leaves behind: a stronger business community, a more connected city and a shared commitment to progress.

Dan Lindblade didn’t just lead the Chamber — he helped define what Greater Fort Lauderdale can be at its very best. 

The Downtown Council of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce honored Dan Lindblade as Downtowner of the Year on May 15



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PIXEL PRINTS MAKES FANTASY A REALITY

Over the last few years, collectible figurines have become all the rage. From designs featuring pop culture icons, characters from popular movies and TV shows and more, it's no surprise that more and more people have decided to try their hand at designing and creating their own figurines.

For college student Lior Zeitoun, who recently graduated with a degree in biology from Nova Southeastern University, a hobby soon bloomed into a full-fledged business.

"My dad had a 3D printer that he used for work, printing out computer parts and accessories," Zeitoun said.

"But then my brother's friend had an axolotl-themed birthday party and I decided to play around with the printer to make her an axolotl figurine as a present. We even made a time-lapse showing the process that we showed everyone at the party and they all ended up wanting one of their own," she said.

After some time spent making more animal-themed figurines for friends and family, Zeitoun not only enjoyed the process of creating them but also realized there was an opportunity to turn her hobby into something more. She invested in several more printers and also started hand-painting her creations to add more dimension to the single-color printed designs using non-toxic, water-based acrylic paints.

"The printer we started with was a single-color printer, so it only prints with one solid color or a gradient. So, I told myself, if we're starting a business, I cannot have them look like this because they kind of looked unfinished," said Zeitoun.

With a lot of practice and investing in herself and her business, she started Pixel Prints in 2024. Today, the business currently uses 50 printers to print their designs and she estimates that she has hand-painted thousands of the figurines.


It's not just Zeitoun's attention to detail and distinctive creativity that has put Pixel Prints on the map – it's her dedication to creating and selling high-quality products. This includes printing each design with a minimum of

three walls and a more complex internal lattice structure to ensure durability, as well as using a biodegradable material called polylactic acid, which is a natural thermoplastic made from cornstarch and sugar cane. That way, each Pixel Print figurine is meant to be long-lasting while also being safe for the customer and the planet.

Pixel Prints' commitment to creating a product with integrity doesn't end there. They have partnered with several 3D print artists to collaborate on many of their designs, including MatMire Makes, Cinderwing3D, Printverse, Flexi Factory, Zou3D, Steven Wolf Studio and Layers In Green, just to name a few. Pixel Prints also offers custom 3D-printed designs.

"We are known for our colorful dragons, lizards, geckos and marine animals, but we always have people coming to us asking for different colors. So, a few months ago, we started our puppies and kitties series where people can send us a picture of their dog or cat to be made into a custom figurine," she said.

The figures vary in size and price, from a five-inch Doberman for \$25 to a 27-inch dragon for \$55. Contact Pixel Prints for pricing on custom-made figures.

As for where you can find Pixel Prints to get your hands on your own figurine, you can order an original or custom design directly from this family-owned business on their website or meet them in person at one of the many local community markets, with their upcoming dates and locations also available on their website. 



The Pixel Prints family, from left, Noam Zeitoun, Smadar Zeitoun, Lior Zeitoun, Eran Zeitoun; in front, Noam Zeitoun; in front, Aviah Zeitoun

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BUILT ON WATER

THE NEIGHBORHOODS BEHIND FORT LAUDERDALE'S MARINE LEGACY

Fort Lauderdale has long been recognized as the Yachting Capital of the World. It's a moniker that is only possible thanks to our community's intricate network of more than 300 miles of manmade and natural waterways. About 165 of those run directly through the city. It's easy to understand how and why our region became home to a booming marine industry, one that drives \$18.5 billion in annual economic output.

But Fort Lauderdale's rivers, canals and adjacent Intracoastal Waterway are also responsible for the city's other nickname, Venice of America. That epithet took root more than 100 years ago, when developers saw the potential of our generous navigable waterways coupled with warm year-round sunshine. Those visionaries bet on Fort Lauderdale early and built the waterfront neighborhoods we recognize today. It was a winning bet.

Some neighborhoods were carved from the land, others claimed from the water itself. The result is a network of unique neighborhoods where residents enjoy the luxury of waterfront access directly from their property.

Five neighborhoods tell the story best.

Sailboat Bend

- Established: Early 1900s
- Location: Southwest of downtown, bounded by FEC Railway (east), Broward Boulevard (north) and the New River (south and west)

Sailboat Bend is the largest of Fort Lauderdale's three historic districts. It's also the oldest neighborhood in the city. It was built on a natural bend in the New River where sailors moored their boats. Today, waterfront homes offer private dockage with direct ocean access. The neighborhood is also home to the working 1925 swing bridge at 11th Avenue, one of the last still operating in Florida.

Rio Vista & Rio Vista Isles

- Established: 1916
- Location: Southeast Fort Lauderdale, bounded by the New River (north), US-1 (west) and the Intracoastal Waterway (east)

The early advertising for Rio Vista wasn't hype. "You can anchor your launch at your curb in beautiful Rio Vista Isles" was a literal selling point. The dredged finger islands were engineered to give most lots at least 100 feet of deep-water dockage, with some corner lots offering up to 300 feet of prime waterfront real estate. With water depths of 4 to 12 feet plus no fixed bridges, residents enjoy Atlantic Ocean access directly from their backyards.

Shady Banks

- Established: 1920s
- Location: Central Fort Lauderdale, bounded by the South Fork of the New River (east/south), I-95 (west) and Davie Blvd. (north)

This is the original boater's address and has been since Commodore Charles Cory bought 40 acres on the South Fork in 1896, built a bungalow and dug a channel to berth his \$100,000 Mississippi River houseboat. Most of the homes in Shady Banks were built between 1946 and 1970 and offer direct ocean access with up to 172 feet of dockage. The neighborhood retains the accessible, unpretentious character of a working waterfront community.


Tarpon River

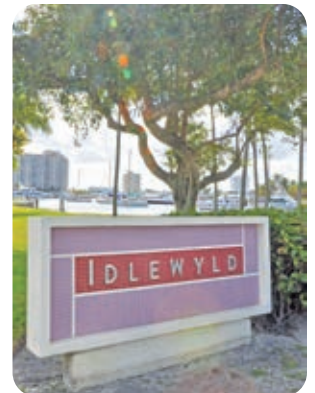
- Established: 1911
- Location: Central Fort Lauderdale, bounded by the South Fork of the New River (west), the New River (north), South Andrews Avenue (east) and Davie Boulevard (south)

Named for the thousands of tarpon that have called the river home, Tarpon River is an island oasis in the heart of the city. Waterfront lots with private dockage give residents direct access to the ocean, with no fixed bridges in the way. Residents also enjoy immediate access to Fort Lauderdale's thriving downtown scene, with the shops, bars and restaurants along Las Olas just minutes from their doorstep.

Idlewyld

- Established: 1920
- Location: East Fort Lauderdale, bounded by the Intracoastal Waterway (east), New River Inlet (south), Las Olas Isles (west) and Las Olas Boulevard (north)

Unique on this list, Idlewyld was the product of developer inspiration and engineering ingenuity. The neighborhood didn't exist until 400 acres of mangrove swamps were dredged, then filled with sediment from the nearby bay bottom. At the time, Idlewyld was the most ambitious private undertaking in South Florida history. Today, it is an exclusive enclave of about 60 waterfront homes with dockage on the Intracoastal Waterway and the Atlantic a quick boat ride away. 





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FORT LAUDERDALE'S DISTINCT NEIGHBORHOODS

WHY THE CITY HAS ALMOST 90 COMMUNITIES

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

Fort Lauderdale might not be the oldest city in Florida, but one quality certainly makes it unique – its numerous distinct neighborhoods. From constantly shifting property lines to land ownership changing hands several times throughout the years, Fort Lauderdale now has almost 90 distinct communities. While the city only formally recognizes 57 neighborhoods, each with its own neighborhood association, there are also about 32 unofficially recognized neighborhoods.

Which begs the question, how did this come to be? We interviewed two local experts on the area's historical and modern trends who offered their insights into this unusual circumstance.

Patricia Zeiler

Executive director of History Fort Lauderdale

Why does Fort Lauderdale have so many distinct neighborhoods?

It's a bit complicated. But early developers bought land outside city limits, which was considered sort of the boondocks and built each area based on what was in demand economically.

There was no master city plan at that time. So, for example, Frank Croissant came in 1924 and bought all the land from the Tarpon River down to the airport from Federal Highway all the way to where Interstate 95 is today. But then he went bankrupt during the 1926 hurricane, so the original plans for Croissant Park had to be downsized.

Similar circumstances happened to what became many of the neighborhoods we have today, where pieces of land were bought several times over by different developers and changed to fit the needs of the time. So, that's kind of how these little distinctive places came to be.

What shaped these neighborhood identities more: water, history, economics or people?

Each one shaped the neighborhoods in its own way. Las Olas didn't originally go all the way to the beach and the road wasn't completed until 1917. So, the river being the highway was the dividing line for how the streets were eventually designated, which didn't change until 1928 when Richard Schermerhorn Jr. designed the first city master plan.

Even before that, new neighborhoods were created when Mary Brickell, who owned four square miles of the New River, made a deal with Henry Flagler in 1896 to bring railroads to Fort Lauderdale.

So it really was the people who owned the plots of land, what was economically lucrative and working with and around the waterways

that were the original means of commerce and travel that shaped these neighborhoods.

What neighborhood still feels most like the city's original personality?

I'm torn on that one, but I would say Sailboat Bend because it is the oldest and the only historically designated neighborhood with an interesting history. Today it's become one of the more expensive neighborhoods to live in, but in the early days it would have been the working man's neighborhood because it was right near what used to be farmland.



Howard Elfman
 Managing Partner and Broker at
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What are the top three neighborhoods you're seeing people want to move into now?

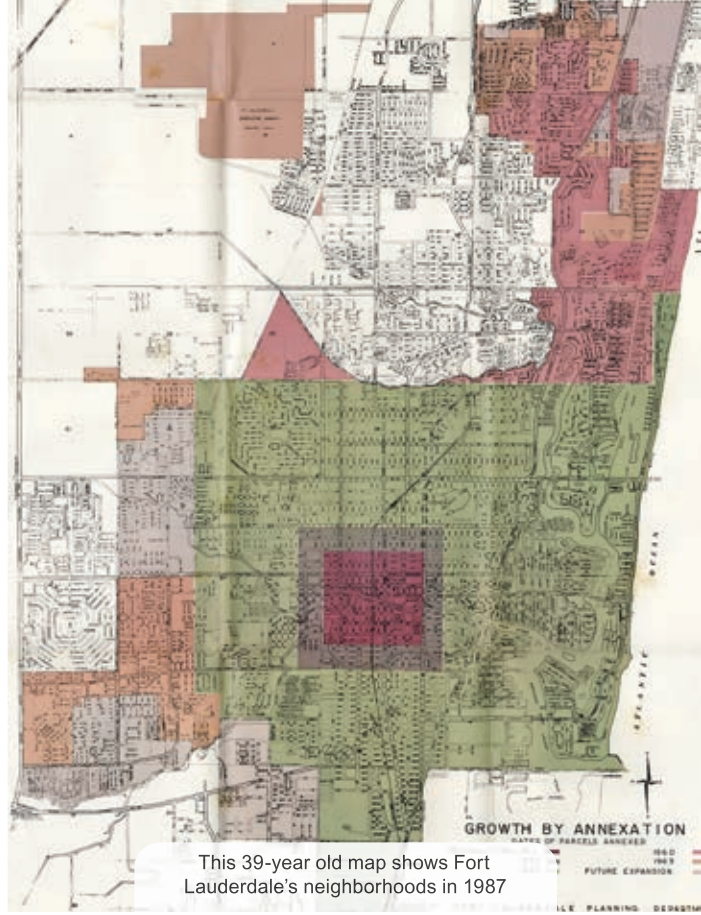
It's interesting because we actually have been seeing a stronger interest in the high-end neighborhoods like Las Olas Isles, Coral Ridge and Victoria Park. But while these are considered some of the more high-end areas, they are also some of the older and more unique neighborhoods, which I think adds to their appeal for a lot of people moving here.

In your opinion, what are the city's most distinct neighborhoods?

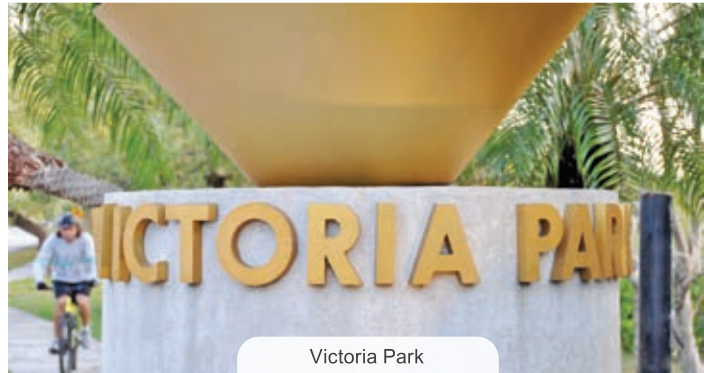
Sailboat Bend for a few reasons. For one, it's a historic neighborhood and one of the oldest of the original communities still around. So, that makes it very unique, but you also have the combination of waterfront and non-waterfront living that is very desirable. However, Flagler Village has recently become a more distinct area because it has had a huge influx of building loft apartments, which I would say is probably the only part of Fort Lauderdale where they're building lofts.

What is your favorite neighborhood and why?

It's tough because each neighborhood offers something totally different and they're all conveniently located near all the modern conveniences. I might be biased because I currently live there, but Victoria Park is one of my favorite neighborhoods. It's another one of the oldest neighborhoods in the city, but what's pretty unique about it is that there has been a lot of new development in the neighborhood while still maintaining its original character.



This 39-year old map shows Fort Lauderdale's neighborhoods in 1987



Victoria Park



Las Olas Riverfront

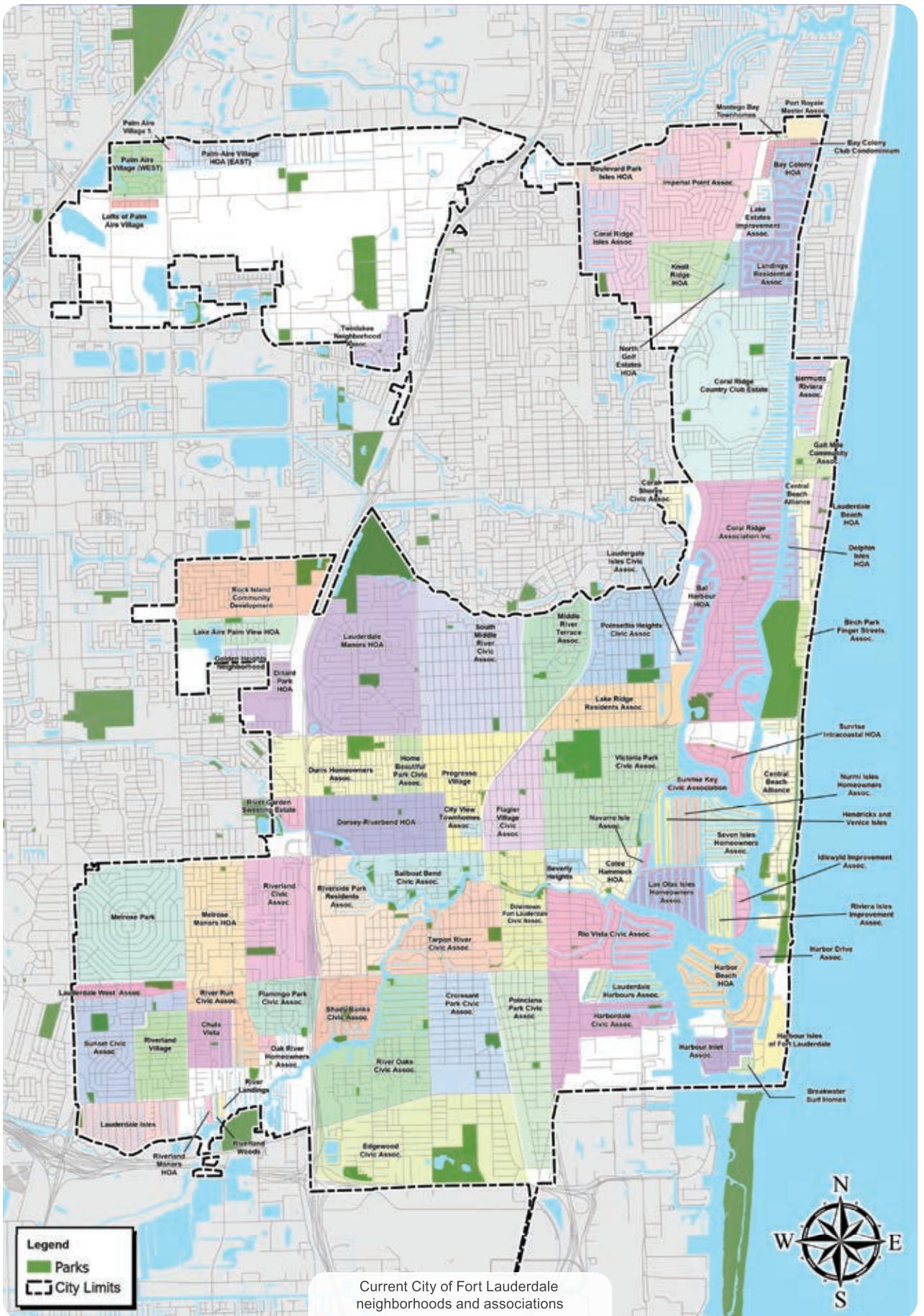


Flagler Village



Tarpon River

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Fort Lauderdale's Unique Neighborhoods

Colee Hammock | District 4

As one of the oldest neighborhoods, Colee Hammock was formerly owned by Mary Brickell before being designated as an official neighborhood in 1916. Now, it is a highly desirable neighborhood because of its unique combination of historic charm and walkability to both Las Olas Boulevard and Fort Lauderdale Beach.

Coral Ridge | District 1

Founded in 1946, Coral Ridge is an upscale, historic and waterfront neighborhood, making it an ideal community for luxury boat owners. It has quickly become known as one of the more yacht-friendly neighborhoods, with many homes sitting directly on deep-water canals with easy access to the Intracoastal Waterway and Atlantic Ocean.

Dorsey-Riverbend | District 3

Established in the late 19th century, Dorsey-Riverbend was originally designated as a settlement for the workers who built the original railroad tracks in Fort Lauderdale. Today, the area is part of the historic Sistrunk area and still features many of the original 1940s bungalows and ranch homes alongside newer developments.

Flagler Village | District 2

Named in honor of Henry Flagler, this neighborhood originally drew entrepreneurs, workers and families looking for new opportunities brought in by the railroad. In the 1990s, artists were enticed by the abundance of affordable warehouse spaces, which made this area into the walkable arts district it is today.

Harbor Beach | District 4

Harbor Beach happens to be yet another prestigious waterfront neighborhood, but where this one differs is its highly sought-after private beach access. Along with that, this neighborhood's proximity to many of Fort Lauderdale's marinas and yacht clubs makes it a great choice for boating enthusiasts.

Imperial Point | District 1

Known for its copious amount of original mid-century modern homes dating back to the 60s and 70s, many of the homes are situated on canals, offering waterfront living without the price tag in other neighborhoods. But what stands out is its close-knit community vibe, making it a desirable location for families.

Lauderdale Manors | District 3

Lauderdale Manors was touted as being one of the newest neighborhoods to be designated during the area's second real estate boom in the 1950s, with many midwesterners flocking to Fort Lauderdale. Today, this rapidly evolving residential neighborhood has become much more diverse and is now known for its rich Caribbean community.

Melrose Park | District 3

Although it was developed during the 1950s and 1960s, Melrose Park is one of the newer recognized neighborhoods with it only having been officially designated in 2002. One of its most unique features is its distinct "spoke-and-wheel" street layout that makes up the intimate, quiet and non-commercialized area that residents have come to love.

Poinsettia Heights | District 1

Originally intended to be named North Ridge, Poinsettia Heights was built after World War II as middle-income housing for military veterans and their families due to a housing shortage across the country. Today, it has kept up its unique character by preserving its zoning for single-family homes and prohibiting high-rise condos.


Rio Vista | District 4

What was once Mary Brickell's pride and joy, which is also where she planned on selling homes to the rich and famous in the early 1900s, continues to be one of Fort Lauderdale's most prestigious neighborhoods. It is even touted as one of the neighborhoods that transformed the city from an agricultural community into a resort town.

Sailboat Bend | District 2

Previously a niche neighborhood for local farmers, Sailboat Bend boasts the title of the oldest neighborhood in Fort Lauderdale and is now one of the area's most sought-after and affluent neighborhoods. Tucked along the New River, this quaint community with its lush canopy-lined streets has that old Florida feel and even features one of the few remaining 1920s-era swing bridges.

Victoria Park | District 2

Victoria Park is an area in Fort Lauderdale that continues to blend historic charm with a modern allure. With a rich history dating back to the early 20th century, this neighborhood draws residents seeking a quiet community with unique character, known for its proximity to downtown Fort Lauderdale. 



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BEHIND THE BIG BANG

CITY CREWS SPEND MONTHS ORCHESTRATING ONE UNFORGETTABLE FOURTH OF JULY

WRITER LYNN PEITHMAN STOCK

Long before the first fireworks burst over the Atlantic or the first country song echoes across Fort Lauderdale Beach, an army of planners, engineers, police officers, firefighters and event specialists has already spent months making sure the city's biggest summer celebration looks effortless.

For most visitors, Independence Day arrives with a beach chair, sunscreen and perhaps a strategic plan to claim the perfect patch of sand. But behind the scenes, Fort Lauderdale's annual Fourth of July Spectacular is more like a carefully choreographed production than a holiday party.

Planning for this year's event actually began in August 2025, nearly a full year before the first stage was assembled. Representatives from City of Fort Lauderdale Departments including Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Police, Fire Rescue and Strategic Communications have been meeting regularly to coordinate everything from crowd movement and traffic patterns to emergency response plans and weather contingencies, said Todd Stilphen, community program manager/recreation for the City's Parks and Recreation Department.

While the planning stretches across an entire year, the physical transformation of Fort Lauderdale Beach begins three days before the celebration. Crews erect stages, install fencing, establish family activity areas and coordinate the technical infrastructure needed for live entertainment, drones and fireworks.

This year's entertainment lineup has added another layer of complexity. Grammy-nominated country singer and songwriter Walker Hayes will headline the festivities, performing from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. on the main stage. The popular artist, known for hits like "Fancy Like," is expected to draw even larger crowds than usual.


Officials estimate attendance could reach between 50,000 and 75,000 people, a significant jump from the typical 25,000 to 50,000 visitors who attend the city's Independence Day festivities each year.

City staff members are certified Crowd Control Managers, trained to monitor pedestrian flow and respond quickly to

changing conditions. They work alongside police officers, firefighters and communications teams to ensure visitors receive timely updates about weather, parking and public safety.

Families arriving early will find plenty to enjoy before the evening's grand finale. Live music will fill Las Olas Oceanside Park throughout the day, while a Kids Zone inside the park and on the beach offers activities for younger visitors.

As sunset approaches, the celebration shifts into high gear. Following Walker Hayes' performance, a choreographed drone show will illuminate the sky over the Atlantic Ocean at 8:45 p.m. Moments later, at 9 p.m., the traditional fireworks display will take center stage, filling the coastline's sky with color for 15 minutes.

For spectators, the show lasts only an evening. For the people behind the event, it represents nearly 18 months of planning, coordination and preparation, all designed to create a few unforgettable moments celebrating America's semiquincentennial anniversary. 

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DATE: Saturday, July 4

TIME: Noon to 9:15 p.m.

LOCATION: Fort Lauderdale Beach

PRICE: Free

Noon to 5 p.m.

- DJ, games, water slides and other activities on the beach south of Las Olas

- Arts and crafts and face painting, Las Olas Oceanside Park

Noon to 1 p.m.: Tribute to the Troops, Las Olas Oceanside Park
1 to 2 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m.: DJ EchoSlim and Host Tree, Las Olas Oceanside Park

2 to 4 p.m.: Sistas of the '70s ('70s music), Las Olas Oceanside Park

5 to 7:30 p.m.: DJ EchoSlim and Host Tree, Fort Lauderdale Beach Stage

7:30 to 8:30 p.m.: Country music singer Walker Hayes, Fort Lauderdale Beach Stage

8:45 p.m.: Drone show, Fort Lauderdale Beach

9 p.m.: Fireworks, Fort Lauderdale Beach



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FINE DINING WITH OCEAN VIEWS

TRULUCK'S TAKES FRESH SEAFOOD TO A NEW LEVEL

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER



Since opening its doors in 1992, Truluck's has made its mark on the dining industry on a national scale with its exceptional service and some of the freshest seafood served from trap to table. Today, the restaurant has expanded to 12 locations across the country, but its Fort Lauderdale location offers locals and visitors something especially memorable – a polished fine-dining experience just steps away from the ocean. From the moment you're seated, you are greeted by an unbeatable view of the ocean through floor-to-ceiling windows accented by glistening chandeliers overhead.

Then, before you know it, you'll be swept away on a wave of craft cocktails like their limited-time Fútbol Pasión in honor of the World Cup, which features Don Julio 1942, Grand Marnier, passion fruit juice, fresh lemon, orange

bitters and a dragon fruit "soccer ball." If you're more of a martini lover, Truluck's also offers four stirred selections designed to set the tone for any meal.

But moving past the bar, it's what's happening behind the scenes in the kitchen that is truly remarkable.

Led by Executive Chef Raul Restrepo, the menu reflects why Fort Lauderdale is regarded for having some of the freshest seafood in the area. With a focus on partnering with local and conscientious fishermen, Truluck's prides itself on offering a curated selection of responsibly sourced seafood treasures. To start, you can't go wrong with a classic jumbo shrimp cocktail, served with horseradish cocktail sauce or an indulgent rich lobster bisque finished with aged sherry and succulent lobster morsels.

And it's the show-stopping cracked crab dish that you're




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not likely to soon forget. Each selection is served over crushed ice with a side of house specialty mustard sauce and TL Louie sauce and guests can order each variety in half-pound increments or sample all three with the crab flight. However, the entrees offer just as much decadence as their appetizers, like their jalapeño salmon Béarnaise dish that is served with parmesan mashed potatoes and topped with blue crab and sautéed shrimp.

Even though Truluck's has made a name for itself with its unmatched selection of fresh seafood, it has ensured that there is just as great a selection for meat lovers. With an array of hand-selected USDA Prime beef, guests can choose from a tender filet mignon, marbled New York strip and more. If you're looking for a real treat, be sure to make a special trip to take advantage of their Sunday night feature

– slow-roasted prime rib finished with an aromatic shallot and rosemary au jus. As for the end of any of the best meals, there's always room for dessert.

Although Truluck's has several mouthwatering dessert options, it is best known for its aptly named world-class carrot cake, which has been on the menu since the restaurant's inception. With its sinfully scrumptious and moist sponge cake topped with scratch-made cream cheese icing and a side of spicy pecans and warm butterscotch sauce, this indulgent finish to your meal will win over even those usually indifferent to this dessert. 

WANT TO GO?

Truluck's

LOCATION: 701 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd.

PHONE: (954) 908-2255

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PARKING: Valet and street parking

COST: \$100-plus

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JULY 4

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JULY 5

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JULY 12

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BARBORA KASSDIKIAN, DAN LINDBLADE AND JAMIE ZAPPIER



FORT LAUDERDALE MAYOR DEAN TRANTALIS WITH DAN LINDBLADE, DISTRICT 2 COMMISSIONER STEVEN GLASSMAN, DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER PAMELA BEASLEY-PITTMAN AND VICE MAYOR AND DISTRICT 4 COMMISSIONER BEN SORENSEN



DAN LINDBLADE, DOWNTOWNER OF THE YEAR

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MISS ARC BROWARD PAGEANT

Family, friends and community members filled the audience recently to cheer on South Florida teens and girls with disabilities as they took the stage for the 13th annual Miss Arc Broward Pageant



MISS ARC BROWARD PAGEANT 2026 WINNERS SAMANTHA BELLOT AND KATIE LORENZO



MISS ARC BROWARD PAGEANT 2026 WINNERS AND JUDGES



JORDYN'S PERFORMANCE AT THE MISS ARC BROWARD PAGEANT

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CHILDNET RIPPLE EFFECT GALA

On May 9, ChildNet raised more than \$415,000 during its inaugural Ripple Effect Gala held at the iconic Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood



NESTOR TORRES AND LARRY REIN



LARRY REIN AND MELIDA AND JOHN AKITI



JOSEFA BENJAMIN AND LOIS MARINO

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GREAT AMERICAN BEACH PARTY

The City of Fort Lauderdale kicked off Memorial Day weekend with its annual Great American Beach Party on the beach with live bands, water slides, a kids zone, a classic car show, an art show, a sand sculpting contest, a SOCOM Para-Commandos parachute jump, a military tribute, the Walk of Fame ceremony, vendors and exhibitors



EIGHTY CARS MAKE AN APPEARANCE IN THE CLASSIC CAR SHOW PORTION OF THE WEEKEND



WALK OF FAME HONOREE DR. BILL KENT, CENTER, WITH DISTRICT 2 COMMISSIONER STEVEN GLASSMAN AND VICE MAYOR AND DISTRICT 4 COMMISSIONER BEN SORENSEN



A MEMBER OF THE U.S. SOCOM PARA-COMMANDOS PARACHUTES INTO THE EVENT

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF BROWARD SPRING ARTS SHOWCASE

The Community Foundation of Broward hosted its Spring 2026 Arts Showcase: A Season in Full Bloom in April, highlighting its Broward County nonprofit grant recipients



EDDY MOON AND KEVIN ONDARZA OF WEG FILMS



ZAYLIN YATES, FAR RIGHT, CEO OF BREVO THEATRE AND THE CAST OF 'THE COLOR PURPLE'



PHIL DUNLAP, BROWARD CULTURAL DIVISION; TIM DAVIS, NEW CITY PLAYERS; AND GLENN KAUFHOLD, CULTURAL FOUNDATION OF BROWARD

POPPY PROJECT UNVEILING

Henderson Behavioral Health unveiled oversized colorful fiberglass poppy sculptures in May as part of its new public art initiative supporting veterans and military families, The poppies will next appear at Galleria Fort Lauderdale from Sept. 10 to Nov. 10



DAVID COOLEY, KATHY KOCH AND DR. STEVEN RONIK



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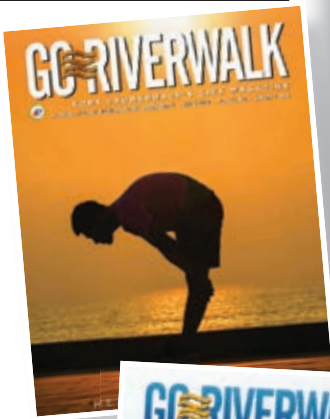
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GEL PENS WITH GLITTER




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

This artwork was inspired by the historic Stranahan House and its place within the ever-evolving landscape of Fort Lauderdale. I was fascinated by the contrast between one of the city's oldest landmarks and the modern skyline that surrounds it. To me, it represents the balance between preserving our history and embracing growth. Through thousands of individual ink strokes, I wanted to capture the energy, beauty and character that make the Riverwalk such a meaningful part of our community.

Tell us a bit about your creative journey

I am a contemporary artist based in Fort Lauderdale. My work is created using gel ink and a highly detailed drawing process that I have developed over years of experimentation. Each piece is composed of thousands of individual lines, creating imagery that reveals new details the closer you look.

My artwork often explores themes of transformation, identity, mythology and human experience. While I am best known for large-scale portraits, I draw inspiration from many sources, including the people, places and culture of South Florida. My goal is always to create artwork that invites viewers to pause, explore, and connect with the story within each piece. 





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