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On the byline of the From the City column on page 22 of the September 2026 issue, we incorrectly titled District 1 Commissioner John C. Herbst. Fort Lauderdale's current vice mayor is Ben Sorensen, District 4 Commissioner. We regret the error.

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NEWLY PRICED

Nu River Landing | 2 BED 2 BATH | \$472,000

Bright, open, and impeccably maintained residence with city & ocean views. Features tile & wood flooring, newer A/C & water heater, upgraded lighting, walk-in closets, & an oversized LG washer/dryer. Resort-style amenities including a rooftop pool.



JUST SOLD

Las Olas Grand | 2 BED 2.5 BATH

This immaculate Champagne Unit provides views of the river, intracoastal and ocean. There is a home office as well as a separate laundry room. High end finishes throughout such as Poggenpohl Cabinetry, Sub Zero Fridge and Thermador ovens, as well as marble master & guest baths.



JUST LISTED

WATERGARDEN | 2 BED 2 BATH | \$619,000

Beautifully updated residence featuring a desirable split-bedroom floor plan with stunning city & sunset views from large glass balcony. Move-in ready with a refreshed kitchen offering refaced cabinetry, new appliances, updated bathroom cabinets, plus new blinds & curtains.



NEWLY PRICED

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

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JUST LISTED

WATERGARDEN | 2 BED 2 BATH | \$689,000

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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

WATERGARDEN | 2 BED 2 BATH

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NEWLY PRICED

WATERGARDEN 2 BD 2 BA \$749,000

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WATERGARDEN | 3 BED 2 BA | \$829,000

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JUST LISTED

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WHERE CITY MEETS WATER

RIVERWALK KEEPS FORT LAUDERDALE CONNECTED TO ITS WATER AND COMMUNITY

There are certain things about Fort Lauderdale that you never take for granted.

For me, the water is one of them.

After more than 35 years of living, working and building a life in South Florida, I've watched Fort Lauderdale change dramatically. Our skyline has grown, our neighborhoods have evolved and downtown has become a destination in ways that would have been difficult to imagine years ago.

But through all of that change, one thing has remained constant: water is at the heart of our city.

I was reminded of that recently while spending time along the New River. There's a moment — usually early in the morning or around sunset — when the pace of the city seems to slow down. Boats move quietly along the river, people walk and jog along Riverwalk and the buildings of downtown reflect off the water.

You can stand there for just a few minutes and understand what makes Fort Lauderdale so special.

Riverwalk is much more than a path along the New River. It is a gathering place and a front door to our downtown. It connects residents, businesses, visitors, cultural organizations and community partners. It gives us a place to celebrate, exercise, relax, dine, explore and, sometimes, simply enjoy being here.

This month, I encourage you to experience our city from a

different perspective.

Take a walk along Riverwalk without looking at your phone. Sit on a bench and watch the boats go by. Take a water taxi. Explore a part of the river you haven't visited recently.

And take a moment to look around.

Look at the people enjoying the same view. Look at the skyline. Look at the river moving through the center of our city.

Sometimes we get so busy moving through our day that we forget to stop and appreciate what is right in front of us.

That appreciation becomes even more important as Fort Lauderdale continues to grow. Growth brings tremendous opportunity, but it also brings responsibility. We need to make sure our waterfront remains accessible, vibrant and welcoming while protecting the character and beauty that make our city unique.

That's where organizations like Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale play such an important role.

Our mission isn't simply about maintaining a beautiful place. It's about creating experiences that bring people together, connecting our neighborhoods to our downtown and strengthening our relationship with the city we call home.

Fort Lauderdale's future will continue to change. Our skyline will evolve, new neighborhoods and businesses will emerge and our city will continue to attract people from around the world.

But I hope one thing never changes: **our connection to the water and to one another.**

Because when you understand Fort Lauderdale, you realize that the water isn't simply something our city is built around.

It is part of who we are.

I'll see you along the Riverwalk. 





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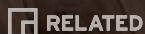


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LIFE ALONG THE WATER

FORT LAUDERDALE'S WATERWAYS CONNECT RECREATION, NATURE, NEIGHBORHOODS AND LOCAL LIFE

Fort Lauderdale is often called the “Venice of America,” a nickname that reflects its extensive network of canals, rivers and waterways. Water touches nearly every part of the city, shaping its history, culture, recreation and economy. From the winding New River downtown to the Intracoastal Waterway along the coast, Fort Lauderdale offers an impressive variety of waterfront environments.

The New River is one of the city's most recognizable waterways. It winds through downtown Fort Lauderdale, passing restaurants, shops, parks and historic sites. Residents and visitors can explore the river by water taxi, sightseeing boat, kayak or paddleboard. The river also offers a glimpse into the city's maritime heritage and continues to serve as an important route for boats.

The Intracoastal Waterway offers another unique perspective. Stretching along the Atlantic Coast, it attracts recreational boaters, fishing enthusiasts and those who simply enjoy watching yachts pass by. Fort Lauderdale's extensive network of canals connects

many residential neighborhoods directly to these larger waterways, giving numerous homes access to the water.

Beyond recreation, Fort Lauderdale's waterways support tourism, marine businesses and local wildlife. Mangroves, beaches and coastal habitats provide homes for fish, birds and other wildlife, while the waterways connect inland areas with the Atlantic Ocean.

Whether enjoyed from a boat, a waterfront restaurant or a quiet park, Fort Lauderdale's waterways remain central to the city's identity. They create opportunities for adventure and relaxation while connecting people to the natural beauty that makes South Florida unique. For visitors and residents alike, exploring these waterways is one of the best ways to experience Fort Lauderdale.

Check local listings for ways to get out on the water, from local charters and water taxis to water trolleys, private boats and boat clubs. Kayaking and paddleboarding offer another way to enjoy our local waters. Take the time to enjoy the amenities of living local. Fort Lauderdale is the best! 



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📍 Since relocating from New Jersey in 2022, Fort Lauderdale has truly become home. I work downtown as a financial adviser with Morgan Stanley's Las Olas Group, and Riverwalk has naturally become a steady part of my routine, whether I'm taking evening walks along the water, biking the paths on weekends or taking the boat out on the New River. Spending time there regularly makes it easy to appreciate just how much Riverwalk serves as the true heartbeat of our city.

I joined the board of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale to support its mission to serve as a catalyst for building and nurturing a vibrant community connected by the New River. In wealth management, my focus as a fourth-generation adviser centers on long-term planning, sustainable growth and stewardship. I view our efforts with Riverwalk through that same lens. It serves as a vital economic driver, a cultural hub and a central gathering place that brings our downtown district together.

Supporting Riverwalk is about investing in the future of the community we share. Giving back locally, whether through Emerge Broward, Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida or Riverwalk, is a privilege, and I am grateful for the opportunity to help ensure Fort Lauderdale remains a thriving, welcoming and connected destination for years to come.



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📍 As president and CEO of Scheffer Mote & Ricks, a civil engineering and planning firm headquartered in downtown Fort Lauderdale, I joined Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale because I believe businesses have a responsibility to invest in the communities they call home. I also bring a unique perspective from working and living in downtown Fort Lauderdale and having served in both the public sector, as city engineer for the City of Fort Lauderdale, and the private sector.

Riverwalk is much more than a beautiful public space. It is central to the identity, connectivity and continued growth of downtown Fort Lauderdale. Its mission to build and nurture a vibrant community connected by the New River closely aligns with both my personal values and the work we do at Scheffer Mote & Ricks. As planners and engineers, we understand how thoughtful planning, strong infrastructure and collaboration between the public and private sectors can shape a city for generations.

Being involved with Riverwalk provides an opportunity to support the ongoing beautification, activation and promotion of an area that our employees, clients, neighbors and visitors experience every day. I also value the organization's role as an advocate for responsible growth and its ability to bring together local businesses, residents and civic leaders around a shared vision for downtown.

Members of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale express their support and join us in our mission of building a vibrant community. Riverwalk supports Downtown's diverse, mixed-use community of arts and entertainment establishments along with business, residential, judicial, educational, and marine interests.

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The evening began with a welcome reception featuring food from Emily's Garden, giving guests a chance to mingle and settle in before taking their seats for the main tasting. The presentation explored the making of both whiskey and chocolate, followed by six curated pairings. Chocolates from Kilwins Las Olas were handpicked to complement whiskeys from Damn Good Hospitality and McSorley's Beach Pub & Rooftop. Each guest received a complimentary gift bag from sponsor Gelato & Co. Las Olas. Additional sponsors include Rick and Flo Celender and Ellis Connects.

With its intimate setting, lively atmosphere and unexpected combination of education and enjoyment, the evening celebrated what whiskey and chocolate have in common: flavor, craftsmanship and the pleasure of taking the time to appreciate what's in the glass and on the palate. A bacon bourbon brownie by Ms M Sweet & Treats rounded out a combined tasting.



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MORE THAN A BOAT SHOW

FLIBS MAKES WAVES THROUGH ECONOMIC IMPACT AND COMMUNITY GIVING

This is truly my favorite time of year, when our city hosts the 67th annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (FLIBS). This year, the show takes place from Oct. 28 to Nov. 1. Recognized as the world's largest in-water boat show, the five-day event spans seven waterfront locations featuring more than 1,300 boats, superyachts and marine exhibits across three million square feet of space. The 66th edition of FLIBS featured more than 1,300 vessels and 1,000 exhibitors representing over 50 countries. Last year's show spanned nearly 90 acres of exhibit space and generated a \$1.78 billion economic impact for the state of Florida.

From luxury yachts and sportfishing vessels to tenders, catamarans and cutting-edge marine technology, the event

celebrates every facet of the marine lifestyle. The show fuels over 100,000 jobs and drives more than \$800 million in marine product sales over the five days of the event. FLIBS is more than an event; it's a catalyst for economic growth, innovation and global recognition of South Florida's leadership in the marine industry.

Although every year we highlight the economic and entertainment aspects of FLIBS, I wanted to also touch upon the many ways that it gives back to our community. The massive economic impact that the Boat Show brings to the city is just one aspect of the greater good that it generates. FLIBS leverages its status as the world's largest in-water boat show to generate significant local and global philanthropic impact.

The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, owned by the Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF), supports local and disaster-relief charities through ticket-add-on campaigns, boat and silent auction raffles and community partnerships like the Broward County Waterway Cleanup.

In fact, MIASF reports charitable contributions as part of its nonprofit activities and its fiscal year 2024 Form 990 shows about \$36,000 in charitable contributions for the year. MIASF is currently building its fourth Habitat for Humanity home, the third within our city limits. In addition, FLIBS/ Informa sponsors the Broward County Waterway Cleanup, organized by MIASF. The annual cleanup brings together more than 1,100 volunteers and 200 boats to remove trash from the local waterways. The City of Fort Lauderdale also partners with MIASF for the annual Plywood Regatta, which funds scholarships for graduating seniors.

I am so incredibly proud to partner with FLIBS and am looking forward to the show. See you there! 



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WEIGHING PROPERTY TAX REFORM

AN IMPORTANT DECISION THAT DESERVES MORE DELIBERATION

Few issues generate as much interest among Florida residents as property taxes. The desire for meaningful tax relief is understandable, particularly as families, businesses, local governments, and special districts continue to face increasing economic pressures. The question before voters, however, is not whether property tax reform should occur, but whether Amendment 3 represents the right approach at the right time. After reviewing the proposal and its potential impacts, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce believes Amendment 3 is premature and that Florida would be better served by allowing the 2027 Taxation and Budget Reform Commission to conduct the thorough review and public analysis that such a significant constitutional change warrants.

The Chamber supports responsible property tax reform. Florida already has a constitutionally mandated process designed to evaluate major tax proposals: the 2027 Taxation and Budget Reform Commission. Convening every twenty years, the Commission reviews Florida's tax structure and recommends thoughtful, data-driven reforms. Florida should allow that process to work as intended. As such, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber opposes Amendment 3.

One of the Chamber's primary concerns is the amendment's projected impact on local government and special district revenues. Projections presented through Florida TaxWatch's Property Tax Resource Center estimate an initial statewide revenue reduction of approximately \$4.9

billion in its first year and increasing to roughly \$11.8 billion by FY 2031-2032, with no clearly identified replacement revenue source. When revenue declines, communities must still fund essential services. Local governments and special districts may be forced to increase fees, reduce services, defer infrastructure investments, or shift more of the tax burden to commercial, industrial, and rental properties. Higher permitting fees, increased operating costs, delayed development reviews, and reduced economic development programs could make our region less competitive.

The consequences extend well beyond business. Reduced revenues can affect police and fire services, roadway maintenance, stormwater infrastructure, workforce housing initiatives, parks, youth programs, and other services that contribute to our quality of life and economic prosperity. Employees and families who depend on these services may ultimately bear the burden of decisions made without a full understanding of their long-term effects.

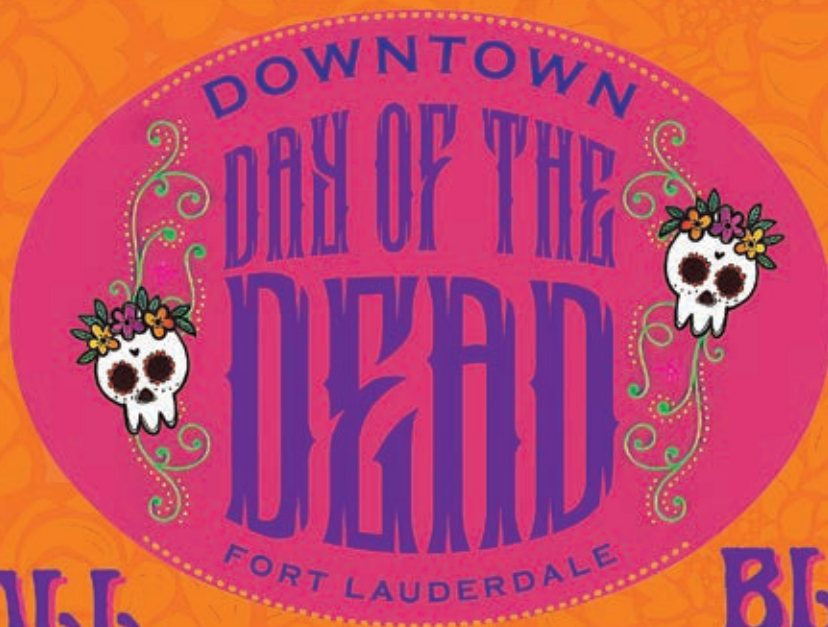
The Chamber's concerns are further informed by Florida TaxWatch's independent analysis. Florida TaxWatch's Property Tax Resource Center identifies the amendment's potential effects on local government and special district revenues, service levels, taxes, fees, renters, consumers, and businesses. Although Florida TaxWatch does not support or oppose ballot measures, its analysis highlights many of the fiscal questions and potential consequences that warrant careful, data-driven review before Florida adopts a permanent constitutional change of this magnitude.

This is not a question of whether property tax reform should occur. It is a question of whether Florida should make permanent constitutional changes before completing the careful analysis such a significant decision deserves. The Chamber believes voters should educate themselves, review the facts, and consider both the intended benefits and unintended consequences of Amendment 3. Property tax reform is simply too important to rush. We should allow Florida's established review process to work before making a decision that could impact businesses, employees, taxpayers, and communities for generations.

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FEEDING A VILLAGE

CHEF MEGOO'S CATERING HAS YOUR YACHT CREW COVERED

Whether you're spending a day, week or month on the water, there's one important thing to consider: feeding not only yourself and your passengers but also your crew. While many yachts and luxury vessels employ their own chefs, making sure crew members have access to nutritious, delicious meals can sometimes be an afterthought. But after spending 20 years as a full-time yacht chef, Meghan Perron knew there had to be a better way.

"My parents owned a yacht when I was growing up and they had a captain and a chef on board. That's how I got to know the industry. They just seemed like they had the best life ever. But it's funny, I had never cooked anything before I went to culinary school and then I fell in love with it," she said.

Then, on the verge of turning 40, Perron woke up one morning with the thought of "still living in a bunk bed at that age," as she put it, weighing heavily on her mind.

With a desire for a fresh start and a kitchen full of cooking equipment, Perron transitioned from working as a full-time yacht chef to starting her own catering company. But it wasn't just any catering company. She saw a void in the industry that needed filling and knew she was the chef to fill it.

"There were times when I would cook three weeks' worth of food to be frozen. Then the crew would come back and all the meals would still be in the freezer because nobody wants frozen food. Then this light bulb went off and I realized chefs could be doing more to provide these crews with fresh and delicious meals they actually want to eat," she said.

Today, Chef Megoo Yacht Crew Catering, whose name is a nod to Perron's childhood nickname, does exactly that, offering fresh meal delivery to yacht owners and their crews. With a

focus on lunch and dinner, everything is made to order each day and delivered directly to clients Monday through Friday.

The company also offers weekend meal-prep containers and passage meals made with ingredients selected to retain their flavor and texture when frozen and reheated during extended trips.

"We've cooked for more than 200 yachts to date, but I think we've been so successful because of how we differ from the other catering companies with the kind of customization that I do. The menus are customized weekly for each yacht based on crew preferences, allergies and dietary restrictions. It's that attention to detail and thoughtfulness that I can tell people appreciate. We even have fun extras like wine Wednesdays or free beer on Fridays and if it's someone's birthday, we make sure to include a cake," she said.

Although Chef Megoo's primary focus is catering for yacht crews, the company also caters yacht charters, yacht-industry corporate events, broker showings, the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show and VIP events at Bradford Marine, where it serves as the official caterer.

With the rapid growth of her catering business, Perron has already set her sights on the future. Her plans include selling chef-focused sauces and offering cooking classes, networking events and culinary gatherings at the company's Fort Lauderdale kitchen.

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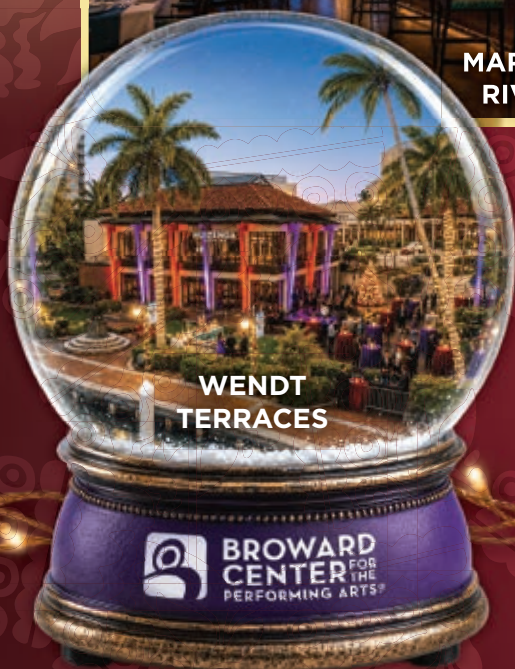
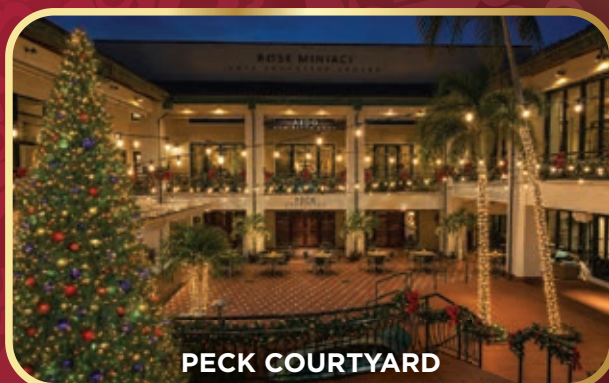
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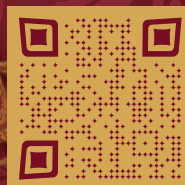
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MORE THAN A BOAT SHOW:

WHAT FLIBS MEANS FOR SOUTH FLORIDA

The 67th Annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (FLIBS) is just a few weeks away, and this year's show promises to be the best yet. The largest in-water boat show in the world, FLIBS offers something for every boating interest. The 2026 show, owned by the Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF) and produced by Informa Markets, runs from Oct. 28 through Nov. 1.

The show is important to South Florida's broader economy, delivering a \$1.79 billion economic impact to Fort Lauderdale, Broward County and the greater South Florida region. FLIBS also welcomes more than 100,000 attendees from 90 countries, hosts more than 1,300 boats and showcases more than 1,000 exhibiting brands. Together, those numbers make FLIBS one of the region's most significant economic drivers.

Over the show's five-day run, the Water Taxi, an iconic mode of transportation in Fort Lauderdale, moves more than 80,000 passengers among the show's six sites. Attendees include more than 500 international and domestic journalists who travel to Fort Lauderdale to cover the show.

Once again, Fox Sports will be part of FLIBS. In addition to a live satellite media tour during the show, Fox will produce a one-hour post-show special that recaps event highlights and showcases the latest innovations in yacht design and construction. The special will air on Fox Sports 1 (FS1), Fox Sports 2 (FS2) and Fox Sports Racing.

Fox will also sponsor the Best of Show award, presented to the top new boat model debuting at the show. Each

nominated model embodies the best in performance, design, technology and architecture. An elite panel of independent judges spanning sports, entertainment and other high-profile fields will select the winner. The winning boat will be revealed during the Fox post-show special.

This year's show will feature more than six miles of floating docks across six sites: Bahia Mar Yachting Center, Pier 66 Marina, Broward County Convention Center, Hall of Fame Marina, Las Olas Marina and Superyacht Village at Pier 66 South. Attendees can use complimentary shuttles and golf carts to travel among the various show sites.

Superyacht Village at Pier 66 South is home to the largest vessels at the show. Visitors can meet with yacht builders and discover the latest tenders, water toys and exotic vehicles. The site also hosts the Windward VIP Lounge, where Windward VIP ticket holders can relax and enjoy an open bar and gourmet bites.

Visitors to the Hall of Fame Marina show site will also have an opportunity to check out Fort Lauderdale's new \$220 million Water District redevelopment project. Situated next to the marina, the future Water District campus will encompass the existing International Swimming Hall of Fame Museum and Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center, both of which will be renovated. Planned additions include a rooftop restaurant, an elevated outdoor promenade overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway and an aquarium with a 10,000-gallon tank.

The new aquarium will showcase marine life found along the world's third-largest barrier reef, located just off South Florida's east coast. The facility aims to educate local students and visitors from around the world about the abundant marine life that thrives just below the surface off Fort Lauderdale's shores. The Water District project is expected to be completed by 2028. Once open, it will be accessible by Water Taxi via a new public dock that is also part of the project.

MIASF and Informa hope to see you at this year's show. If you're planning to attend, note that there is no onsite box office. Purchase digital tickets in advance, then scan them for entry when you arrive. A variety of ticket options are available, and children under age 6 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

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BEHIND THE HELM

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A WATER TAXI CAPTAIN

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

At any given time on the New River, you can spot one of Fort Lauderdale's iconic yellow Water Taxis cruising along the waterway. But as each one passes, you might wonder: Who's at the helm?

Caroline Henderson is one of those captains, navigating the downtown waterway with Water Taxi for nearly two years. As for how she decided to become a boat captain, it was simply a lifelong calling she couldn't ignore.

"I'm from Michigan originally, so I grew up on boats. Then when it came time to figure out what I wanted to do as a career, I just decided I loved boats so much that I wanted to work on them," she said.

The only problem: There weren't many options available to her in Michigan. Instead, she broadened her search and discovered Fort Lauderdale's reputation as a major boating destination.

Without a second thought, she moved to South Florida and immediately started looking for jobs in boating. Then one day, while driving along the river, she noticed something unusual.

"I kept seeing these yellow boats drive by, so I looked into it. Right away I thought what a fun job it would be and the best part is you're on the water every day. So, I rode the boats one day, got to know everything, went in to apply, and it was perfect timing because they



Caroline Henderson, Water Taxi Captain

happened to be hiring," Henderson said.

Today, she can be found behind the wheel of the Water Taxi River Trolleys. Soon, she'll be able to operate the rest of the Water Taxi fleet once she earns her 100-ton master captain's license.

Recently, just a few months shy of her two-year anniversary with Water Taxi in January, we talked with Henderson about what it's really like to navigate the New River and what makes her job as a captain so rewarding.

What is your favorite part about being a Water Taxi captain?

I would say the people who come on the boat. We do get a lot of tourists, but it's always fun when we get passengers who have lived in Florida their whole life

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and are experiencing the Water Taxi for the first time. Every captain also has their own set of regulars, which is really special because they've kind of become a part of the Water Taxi family since we see them so much.

Last year, I went on a Christmas vacation back to Michigan to spend time with my family. So, I was gone for a week. The day I came back to work, I had four regulars ask me about my vacation, and it felt so heartwarming.

Is there a building, bridge, bend in the river or other landmark that still catches your eye no matter how many times you pass it?

It's going to sound weird to say, but the Bank of America building, because they always have the top of it lit up. Plus, they change the color every day, so it's always fun to see what color it's going to be. It's probably not the first landmark people think of, but it's one of my favorites.

What's the question passengers ask you most often?

They usually ask a lot about the water, like how deep it is and what kind of animals are in it. But the most common question I get, without a doubt, is, "Are there any alligators in the water?"

What is it like navigating the New River compared with operating a boat on more open water?

Personally, I think it is more difficult because there's just so much more traffic going through the river than on the ocean. So, you have to be fully aware of your surroundings at all times. You could be the best captain in the world, and you would never crash a boat, but you've got to look out for other people who maybe aren't as skilled drivers. It gets especially hectic on the weekends.

What's the strangest thing you've ever seen floating, swimming or traveling down the New River?

It's not necessarily strange, but during the winter months, we get to see a couple of manatees swimming up the river, and that's always fun. As for something kind of unusual, a fish jumped onto the boat once while I was captaining. It was a bit chaotic initially, but also very fun. Everyone was laughing afterward, and it's become one of my favorite moments from driving with Water Taxi over the years.

What's your favorite time of day to be on the New River, and why?

I work mostly nights, so I may be biased. But I do think we have the best sunset in the area. I also really enjoy being out at night and getting to watch how the city comes to life. As you're cruising up the river, I never get tired of just watching all the city life. You see all the people getting off work, going out and how active the city is compared to during the day. 



YOUR CHARTER, YOUR CHOICE

VOTERS WILL CONSIDER 10 PROPOSED CHANGES TO FORT LAUDERDALE'S CHARTER

WRITER LYNN PEITHMAN STOCK

Fort Lauderdale voters will be asked to weigh in on proposed changes to the City Charter when they head to the polls this November.

"The charter is like our city's constitution and guides how the city is governed," said Ashley Doussard, deputy director of strategic communications in the Fort Lauderdale City Manager's Office.

"It explains how decisions are made, who's responsible for what, and how services like parks, roads and public safety are provided. It outlines the roles of the mayor, city commissioners and city manager, ensuring everyone works together to serve the community. It's designed to keep everything running smoothly and fairly for residents."

The Fort Lauderdale City Commission has approved proposed changes affecting 21 sections of the charter. Rather than appearing individually on the ballot, the proposed changes have been organized into 10 ballot questions for voters to consider.

Two of the proposed changes involve the leadership of the city's police and fire rescue departments. Ordinance C-26-27 would add the position of police chief to the City Charter, while Ordinance C-26-28 would add the position of fire chief. If approved by voters, the chiefs would become charter officers appointed by and reporting to the City Commission rather than the city manager.

The changes would shift responsibility for appointing, supervising and removing the police and fire chiefs from

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, Nov. 3

CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT:

www.fortlauderdale.gov/Residents/City-News/Your-City-Your-Charter-Your-Vote

FOR EXPLANATIONS OF EACH SECTION BEING AMENDED:

www.spotlightftl.com/charterreview

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE ELECTION INFORMATION:

www.browardvotes.gov

VOTER INFORMATION LOOK UP:

www.my.browardvotes.gov/Portals/ElectionLink/VoterSearch.aspx

the city manager to the City Commission. The chiefs would continue to oversee their respective departments, but their authority and reporting structure would be established in the City Charter.

Any changes to the City Charter require approval by residents through a public vote. The 10 questions stand independently, meaning voters can approve or reject each one individually. If some amendments pass and others do not, only those approved by voters will take effect.

For residents trying to understand what they will encounter at the polls, the city has created an online Charter Review resource. It includes each of the 10 ballot questions, the proposed ballot language and information explaining what would change if voters approve each measure.

The proposed amendments address a range of

provisions governing the city and its operations.

If approved, the charter revisions would take effect 10 days after the Broward County Canvassing Board certifies the election results.

Voters can approve or reject each of the 10 charter questions individually. The results will determine which proposed changes, if any, become part of Fort Lauderdale's governing document. 



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THE COMFORT OF HOME

THE AVE GOES BACK TO BASICS WITH LAID-BACK DINING

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER



At the end of a long day, there's nothing better than popping over to a friend's house for a cozy night in, chatting over a glass of wine and a charcuterie board. That feeling is exactly what Dee Haynes-Shumway had in mind when she created her restaurant, The Ave, which opened its doors this past June.

When you first walk in, you might think you've stepped into the familiar comfort of a friend's living room, with plush, overstuffed couches, intimate lighting and eclectic art scattered throughout to give the space a lived-in feel.

Move farther into the restaurant, however, and you'll find something for those looking for a quiet night out with a close friend as well as guests hoping for a livelier nightlife scene. The Ave features a full bar that opens onto a patio accented by a dazzling overhead display of twinkling string lights, where guests can enjoy Fort Lauderdale's beautiful weather year-round.

It's not only the inviting ambience that has made The Ave a neighborhood hotspot, but also its take on a choose-your-own-adventure-style menu with "build your own charcuterie board" options. After selecting from a variety of wines or ordering a cocktail from the bar, such as a refreshing guava margarita or Rusty's Revenge, a watermelon twist on a Moscow Mule, guests can choose from an assortment of cheeses and cured meats displayed in a glass-front refrigerator.

After picking favorites such as prosciutto and brie or tasty options like blackberry goat cheese and spicy salami, guests place their selections on one of the provided metal trays and bring it to the host. From there, everything goes to the kitchen to be sliced, arranged and served alongside



Dee Haynes-Shumway, middle, leads The Ave with business partner Jake Zeiders and Rusty Shumway, Dee's husband of 23 years.

accompaniments such as fig jam, candied almonds, whole-grain mustard and a bunch of ripe green grapes.

Paired with a glass of wine or a cocktail, a night at The Ave combines the laid-back feeling of spending a much-needed evening at home with the experience of a night out on the town.

If you're still peckish after polishing off your charcuterie board, The Ave also offers a small but mighty menu of heartier dishes, including the Ave burger, made with two four-ounce smashed beef patties topped with American cheese and grilled onions on a toasted brioche bun. For something lighter, the swordfish tacos are another option, served with a zesty lime-cilantro sauce.

No matter what you decide to dine on at The Ave, the restaurant's live music from local artists, offered every Tuesday through Saturday, provides another reason to stop by. Whether you're looking for a quick bite and a glass of wine after work or want to listen to music late into the evening while enjoying food and cocktails without breaking the bank, The Ave offers a little something for almost any kind of night out. 



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WANT TO GO?

The Ave

LOCATION: 1231 S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale

PHONE: (954) 289-8892

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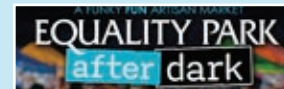
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NOVEMBER 13

Viernes Musicales
Sabor Latino
City of Fort Lauderdale
Riverland Park
954-828-5365
www.parks.fortlauderdale.gov



O.A.R.
Special Guests Gavin DeGraw & KT Tunstall
Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
954-779-3990
www.seminolehardrockhollywood.com

Hawthorne Heights
20th anniversary of If Only You Were Lonely
Revolution Live
954-449-1025
www.jointherevolution.net

School House Rocks: Smart Stage
The Emmy Award-winning 1970's pop culture phenomenon
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
954-462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

NOVEMBER 13-15

Work of HeArt
A powerful, multidisciplinary performance
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
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NOVEMBER 14

Riverwalk International Food Festival
Take your taste buds on a journey around the world
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale
Tunnel Top Plaza
954-468-1541
www.goriverwalk.com

Paula Poundstone
Iconic comedian known for her smart, observational humor
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Sixties Mania: A Journey Through the Sixties
An all-encompassing celebration of the iconic musical sixties
The Parker
954-462-0222
www.parkerplayhouse.com



Lighthouse of Broward's Dining in the Dark
Get ready for a night where your senses take the lead
Lighthouse of Broward
Margaritaville Beach Resort
www.lhob.org

NOVEMBER 14&15

Rod Wave
Don't Look Down Tour
Amerant Bank Arena
www.amerantbankarena.com

NOVEMBER 15

Bowling for Soup
With Ballyhoo! and rosecoloredworld
Revolution Live
954-449-1025
www.jointherevolution.net



UB 40
The Unstoppable Tour
Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
954-779-3990
www.seminolehardrockhollywood.com

Floyd Nation: Inner Light Tour
The Music of Pink Floyd
The Parker
954-462-0222
www.parkerplayhouse.com

NOVEMBER 15&17

Symphony of the Americas
The Sound of Freedom
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
954-462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

LIMITED ENGAGEMENT

Viva Fort Lauderdale
Through October 25
Celebrating Hispanic art and culture
History Fort Lauderdale
www.historyfortlauderdale.org



The Poppy Project Pop-Up Living Garden at Galleria
Through November 10
Public art initiative is designed to honor veterans
Galleria Fort Lauderdale
www.galleriamall-fl.com

I AM WILD: A Charley Harper Exhibit
Through January 11
Explore Charley Harper's colorful world through art, wildlife and hands-on play
Museum of Discovery and Science
www.mds.org

Where Creativity Connects Us
October 10-December 31
A celebration of imagination and the incredible talent of our local artist
Center for Spiritual Living Fort Lauderdale
954-382-8845
www.csfltlauderdale.org

Come From Away
October 10-25
"7,000 stranded passengers and the small town that welcomed them"
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
954-462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

Buena Vista Social Club
October 13-18
A place where blazing trumpets and sizzling guitars set the dance floor on fire
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954-462-0222
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The Velocity of Autumn

November 5-8
A wickedly funny, deeply touching exploration of aging, identity and family
Center for Spiritual Living - Fort Lauderdale
954-462-0222
www.csflftlauderdale.org

Hamilton

November 10-22
Epic saga that follows the rise of Founding Father Alexander Hamilton
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
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ONGOING



Programming for all ages:

- Arts and crafts
 - Book club and storytime
 - Education, literacy and writing
 - Finances and career
 - Technology and science
 - Yoga, Tai Chi
- 954-357-6555
www.broward.org/library



Recreation for all ages:

- After-school and camps
 - Camping, hiking and nature
 - Swimming and water recreation
 - Court games and sports fields
 - Running, biking and fitness
- 954-357-8100
www.broward.org/parks

ArtServe

Classes and Workshops:

- Adult acting and modeling
 - Painting and drawing
 - Fitness & Tai Chi
- 954-462-8190
www.artserve.org



Programming for all ages:

- Tennis, aquatics and athletics
 - After-school and camps
 - Classes and programs
 - Cultural Arts and Club 55+
- 954-828-7275
www.parks.fortlauderdale.gov



Circle of Life Experience

Self-guided tours that highlight our local natural environment
Snyder Park

Paddle With A Purpose

Third Saturday | Reservation required
Waterway and Shoreline Cleanup
Delevoe Park

Fort Lauderdale Beach Sweep

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

Edible Food Forest

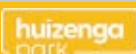
Fourth Saturday
Volunteer to tend an edible urban farm
Snyder Park

Fort Lauderdale Segway Tours

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

Guided Museum Tours

Monday-Friday | Times vary
Tours of Fort Lauderdale's oldest surviving structure
Historic Stranahan House Museum
954-524-4376
www.stranahanhouse.org



Programming for all ages:

- Times and availability vary
- Food truck
 - Yoga and Zumba
 - Yappy hour...and many more
- Huizenga Park
www.huizengapark.org



Programming for all ages:

- Times and availability vary
- Florida Panthers open practice
 - Public skating
 - Adult, youth and girls hockey
 - Camps and clinics
- FTL War Memorial
954-835-7080
www.ftlwar memorial.com

Interpretive Walks and Tours

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

The MKT at The LOPP

Saturdays & Sundays
Featuring small and local vendors with live music and more!
Las Olas Ocean Side Park
www.thelooppfb.com

Jazz Brunch

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

Art Walk Wilton Manors

Third Saturday
Local vendors, food and live music
Wilton Drive
754-200-2979
www.awwm.org

Downtown Hollywood ArtWalk

Third Saturday
Explore local artists and businesses
City of Hollywood
Downtown Hollywood
954-924-2980
www.hollywoodfl.org

NSU ART MUSEUM

FORT LAUDERDALE

Sunny Days/Starry Nights

First Thursday
Free admission and 2-4-1 Happy Hour

Bank of America: Museums on Us

First full weekend
Free admission for BOA customers

Free Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Day

Last Sunday
Free admission for FTL residents
954-525-5500
www.nsuartmuseum.org

Storytime in the Garden

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

Sensory Friendly Sunday

Fourth Sunday
Film screenings for those with autism spectrum disorder



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Sprouting Stem

Varies
Introducing little scientists (aged 0-6) to STEM-related topics

Museum of Discovery & Science
954-467-6637
www.mods.org

RIVERWALK RECREATION

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

Bike Tours

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



Bike Rentals

Daily | Reservation required
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Minimum 24-hour rental.
www.bikeduderentals.com

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For more information, go to www.GoRiverwalk.com/membership or call (954) 468-1541 or email membership@goriverwalk.com



BROWARD PARTNERSHIP HONORS MINIACI FAMILY AND RICK AND FLO CELENDER

Broward Partnership recently honored the Miniaci family and Rick and Flo Celender to celebrate the families' generosity and commitment to the organization's mission



SPENCER GREENFEDER, ELLIOT BORKSON, DIANE D'ANGELO, JUAN SAAVEDRA, ALAN HICKS AND SUSAN O'CONNELL



ELLIOT BORKSON, RICK AND FLO CELENDER AND TOM RUTHARDT



ALBERT, CHICO AND BEATRIZ MINIACI AND DOMINICK MINIACI

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BROWARD EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

AutoNation's summer interns led the company's back-to-school supply drive for the Broward Education Foundation, helping provide essential supplies to students in Title I schools



AUTONATION ASSOCIATES AND INTERNS CAME TOGETHER TO WELCOME THE BROWARD EDUCATION FOUNDATION



AUTONATION ASSOCIATES AND INTERNS ALONGSIDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BROWARD EDUCATION FOUNDATION



AUTONATION INTERNS SORT THROUGH THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATED

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY AUTONATION

211 BROWARD

211 Broward hosted a Club 211 Connecting Event, themed Connection with Purpose, at Cafe Vico in Fort Lauderdale in August



SCOTT SINGER, SHEA S. SPENCER AND TONY BEALL



WILL SPENCER, JESSICA ABOU AND KRISTA BERRY



JOAQUIM FERNANDES, MARIE HAYES AND FRANCISCO ISAZA

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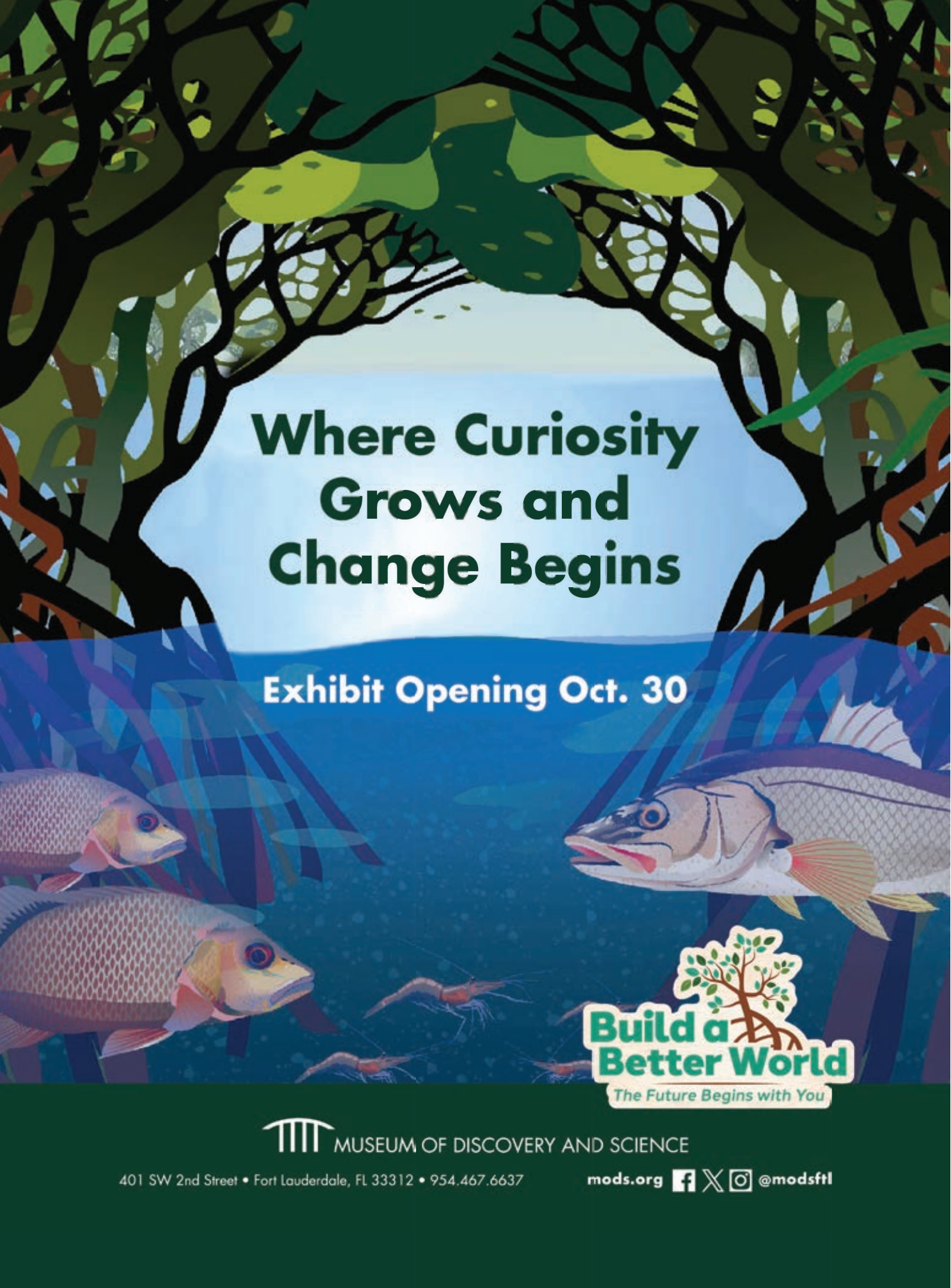
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