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Rooted in The LOOP's commitment to engagement and its mission to provide an "Infinite Experience for Everyone Under the Sun," the month-long celebration at Las Olas Oceanside Park promises a colorful showcase of Caribbean culture through Food, Art, Music, Entertainment, and more.

Throughout the month, a variety of free events and activities suitable for all ages will unfold every weekend. Each Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., guests can experience the richness of Haiti, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Trinidad & Tobago, the Bahamas, and Jamaica, through live music and dance. Sunday will feature the debut of **Reggae Sundays**, hosted by Hot105 FM personality Tanto Irie, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Furthermore, the celebration will include several pop ups and special events highlighting The LOOP's commitment to the Environment, Film, Fashion and Fitness including an **Intro to Haitian Folkloric Dance** (June 1) the **One Love One Ocean Beach Clean Up** (June 8), **SoFla Caribbean Conference Socaton** and **Pieces of Jamaica** book signing by photojournalist David Muir (June 23). For complete details on all events and experiences in June, visit theloopflb.com.

MOVIES BY MOONLIGHT

Bring the family, be it four-legged and two, and enjoy classic summer films on the Main Lawn, Jun 12 - Aug 9. Visit theloopflb.com for dates and details.



Island Vibes



Music and dance lie at the heart of Caribbean culture and every Saturday in June the air will pulse with the infectious rhythms of Calypso, Reggae, Soca, Salsa, Merengue and Dancehall from 12 to 3 p.m. Come embark on a musical journey dedicated to celebrating a different nation.

- 06.01** Dillard Center for the Arts – Haiti
- 06.08** Sabor Latino – Puerto Rico
- 06.15** Oriente Quartet – Cuba
- 06.22** Pan Paradise – Trinidad & Tobago, Bahamas
- 06.29** Paul Anthony & The Reggae Souljahs – Jamaica

Taste the Islands



Soul-warming and flavorful, Caribbean food is comfort at its finest. Step into a world of vibrant flavors and culturally influenced dishes from Cuba, Haiti, Jamaica and more with samplings every Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Additionally, home chefs can gain tips and purchase cook books from **Chef Thia** (June 1) and **Chef Irie** (June 9), as well as find a full range of recipes on theloopflb.com blog.



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JUST LISTED! **ASHLEY** | \$2,495,000
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South East corner designer model! Complete renovation with modern flair! An oversized terrace with ocean, intracoastal & river views, & a sunset terrace offering city views to enjoy the sparkling skyline in the evening. Expanded foyer entry, porcelain tile floors, highgloss cabinets, induction cooking, custom built-in bar, smooth surface ceilings, custom lighting & more! 2 parking spaces & storage included.

JUST LISTED! **ASHLEY** | \$1,795,000
3 BEDROOM + 3.5 BATH

Right on the water! One of the largest 3 bedroom 3.5 bath floor plans in the building. Direct eye level river views from the oversized terrace, bringing the boating activity right to your balcony. Unique to this residence, parking space & storage are on the same level as the unit.

JUST LISTED! **CHAMPAGNE** | \$1,695,000
2 BEDROOM + 2.5 BATH + OFFICE

Panoramic Views of the Ocean, Intracoastal & River! Located in the heart of Las Olas. Marble floors, custom wood work & built ins, Quartz Countertops, Poggenphol kitchen, 2 covered terraces with 2 exposures.

NEWLY PRICED **ASHLEY** | \$1,545,000
3 BEDROOM + 3.5 BATH

Outstanding river views from this flow through residence. The gourmet kitchen is fitted w/ Poggenphol cabinetry, Subzero, Thermador, & Miele appliances. Master suite features a deep soaking jacuzzi tub, dual vanities, private lavatory, & marble shower. Two sprawling terraces.



JUST LISTED! **2 BD 2 BA + OFFICE** | \$1,495,000

Ocean & City Views from this perfectly placed SE facing residence. Nestled on 10 acres directly on the sand, this luxury residence is top tier! Gated Entry, 2 Parking spaces, completely remodeled with top-of-the-line finishes in this split floor plan with custom office.



JUST LISTED! **PARK** | 3BD 3.5BA + OFFICE | \$2,795,000

Steven G Designed this Pristine Park Model. Directly on the River, Private Elevator Double Door Entry, 4 Terraces, Floor to Ceiling Glass Throughout, Upgraded Kitchen, and Spa like baths.

NEWLY PRICED **CHELSEA** | 2BD 2.5BA | \$1,190,000

Remarkable River Views from this Pristine Chelsea Model featuring a split floor plan of 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, marble & wood floors, crown molding, breakfast nook, floor to ceiling glass windows throughout.

JUST LISTED! **LEXINGTON** | 2BD 2.5BA | \$1,185,000

Stunning Lexington model offers river views & beautiful sunsets. Private elevator double door entry, beautiful wood floors throughout with 9 ft ceilings, open floor plan with top of the line finishes & 2 marble terraces.

NEWLY PRICED **SOHO** | 2BD 2BA | \$850,000

Spectacular East & West Views spanning close to one mile in length of the north & south banks of Fort Lauderdale's famous River walk. Bamboo floors, floor to ceiling windows that bring in the river views to every room.

JUST LISTED! **1BD 1.5BA** | \$725,000

Directly on the River! Rarely available, this oversized 1 Bed/1.5 Bath with a large river front terrace is a true gem! Upgraded & in mint condition, key features include white high gloss floors, floor to ceiling glass & custom closets.

JUST SOLD! **COLUMBUS** | 2 BD 3 BA + DEN

This 25th floor river facing Columbus flow thru floorplan is over 2,400 sqft. featuring a private elevator foyer entry, floor to ceiling glass & 2 terraces.



RENAISSANCE ON THE OCEAN

JUST LISTED! **2 BD 2 BA + DEN** | \$1,495,000

Stunning oceanfront residence boasting breathtaking ocean views, luxury finishes and a spacious balcony.

JUST SOLD! **2 BD 2 BA + OFFICE**

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SUNGARDEN | \$449,000

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Panoramic views from this high floor Riverside Model 2 bedroom 2 bath + den. Double Door entry, split bedroom floor plan, floor to ceiling glass.

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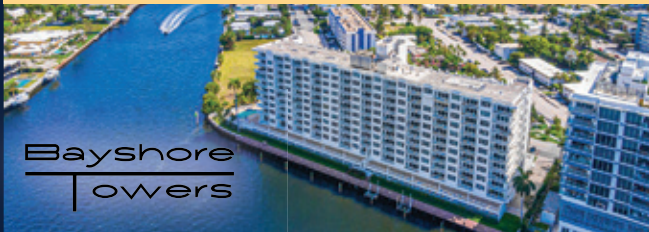
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UNDER CONTRACT | STARDUST

Ocean, Intracoastal, River & City Views! 2 bedroom 2 bathroom Sub-PentHouse, 10-foot Ceilings, Extended Balcony, Prime Parking & Storage.

JUST SOLD! | MOONGLOW

Beautiful River Views from this upgraded Moonglow floor plan. 2 Bedroom 2 Bath with porcelain tile throughout, remodeled kitchen & Baths.



NEWLY PRICED | 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$825,000

Renovated & Right on the Water! Direct Intracoastal views from private terrace. Marble Floors, modernized kitchens & baths, floor to ceiling glass sliders, impact windows, assigned covered garage parking & storage.

JUST LISTED! | 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$795,000

Every day is a boat parade from this 2 bedroom 2 bath unit right on the Intracoastal! Located in the Trendy Central Beach neighborhood. This residence features wood floors, open kitchen & outstanding water views!

JUST LISTED! | 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH | \$789,000

Spectacular Intracoastal Views & sparkling city skyline at night! Blocks to the Beach! Split bedroom plan with walk in closets, open living area & covered terrace with outstanding views. Covered garage parking & storage.

JUST SOLD! | 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

Direct Intracoastal views, bright & Breezy during the day with Sunset views over the city skyline. Marble floors & updated baths.



JUST SOLD! | 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

Rarely available river-facing unit at Nuriver Landing with a dedicated storage space. Furnished and move-in ready. Upgrades include bedroom flooring, lighting fixtures/fans, select appliances and more. Master bedroom has walk-in closet. Both bathrooms have combo tub/shower.

JUST SOLD! | 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

This fully renovated 2bed 2bath is a 1,246 sqft split bedroom with beautiful southern views of the city & partial ocean views. This unit has wood-look tile flooring throughout, stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, & fully renovated bathrooms.

JUST SOLD! | 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH

This upgraded, south-facing, and furnished Condo in downtown Fort Lauderdale is pet-friendly and includes garage parking. Resort-style amenities, rooftop pool with panoramic views, a sky lounge, and more.



JUST SOLD! | 2 BEDROOM + DEN 3 BATHS | \$1,749,000

One of a kind residence featuring 14 foot ceilings & 1800 square foot wrap around balcony. This flow through residence features 3 exposures & offers a direct river view. Porcelain flooring throughout, a gourmet kitchen with European cabinets, quartz counter tops, top of the line Jenn Air appliances, wine cooler, & Grohe fixtures. This residence is an urban oasis of luxury. The master suite features 2 walk-in closets & a luxuriously appointed bathroom. Additional features include a laundry room with side by side whirlpool washer & dryer & an abundance of additional storage. 2 assigned garage parking spaces & large storage included.



OUR COMMUNITY GIVES THANKS

ACKNOWLEDGING COMMUNITY LEADERS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Our community took one last breath of cool air these past weeks and paused before summer begins in earnest to express our appreciation for the many great leaders who started our communities rise, and those who have picked up the torch of leadership and carry it forward.

The United Way of Broward County's Mayors' Gala was held on April 27. The mayors of our county's 31 municipalities and Broward County Mayor Nan Rich were recognized for their tireless work as the faces of our local governments. These individuals, and those who have come before them, serve as our voices, championing the needs of all members of the community to build a vision for a better future.

On May 2, the 24th Annual Riverwalk Tribute recognized a group of community leaders for their contributions to the Riverwalk, and the City of Fort Lauderdale. The 2024 Riverwalk Tribute Honorees are: Alexa and Britt Lanier of Two Men and A Truck, Jarett S. Levan of BBX Capital, Phil Purcell of the Marine Industries Association of South Florida, and Bill Walker of the Fort Lauderdale Water Taxi. These leaders have consistently gone above and beyond, working to build our Downtown Riverwalk District to new heights in their respective areas, and go out of their way to collaboratively engage with others to further their efforts.

On May 10, Junior Achievement of South Florida's Business Hall of Fame exemplified generational leadership, awarding the Huizenga Lifetime Achievement Award to Keith Koenig, the Melissa Aiello (named in

honor of past Junior Achievement President and CEO Melissa Aiello) Character Award to Frank Jaumot, and Laureate Awards to Caitlin Stella and Jerry Plush. Junior Achievement also recognized Florida Girls Giving Back, a nonprofit founded and powered by Broward County girls in eighth to 12th grade, with the Youth Laureate Award.

On May 25, the City of Fort Lauderdale inducted three new members into the Walk of Fame, a group of individuals who have made a significant contribution to our community: Guy Harvey and former Fort Lauderdale City leaders Carlton B. Moore and Bruce G. Roberts. These leaders join those whose legacy of service to the community is reflected in this prestigious honor.

Finally on Memorial Day, May 27, the City of Fort Lauderdale honored those men and women of the United States Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of their country in ceremonies at Lauderdale Memorial Cemetery and at the Sandy Nininger Statue on the Riverwalk.

Riverwalk expresses our gratitude to our 2024 Riverwalk Tribute Honorees, whose work is so critical to our mission, and to all the leaders who have dedicated their time in service to our community and give selflessly to build a better world. 🌍



Keith Koenig was awarded the Huizenga Lifetime Achievement Award at the Junior Achievement of South Florida's Business Hall of Fame on May 10.

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THE POCKET PARK

A HIDDEN SPOT IN AN URBAN LANDSCAPE

In Fort Lauderdale, you have likely visited some of the City’s larger parks: Holiday Park, Snyder Park and of course, Riverwalk. Then there’s Downtown Fort Lauderdale’s other signature parks including Stranahan Park and the JoAnn Smith Botanical Gardens, and Huizenga Park, which just broke ground on May 22 for its \$15 million transformation.

Our city also has much smaller parks tucked away in neighborhoods and in urban spaces. Also open to the public, these spaces meet similar needs to their larger, better-known cousins: they provide spots to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

These spaces are known as a “pocket park.” Such a park is usually no larger than a quarter of an acre and is often in an urban setting, surrounded by commercial buildings, according to the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

In fact, the Downtown Development Authority wrote its very own Pocket Park Playbook in 2023. It outlines the four hallmarks for a successful pocket park, according to NRPA:

1. A pocket park is accessible
2. It allows for people to engage in activities
3. It is a comfortable space with a good image

4. It is a sociable place where people can meet each other and take visitors

An ideal pocket park should have these qualities, according to the Pocket Park Playbook:

- Green space: sod or turf should cover at 50 percent of the space
- A rain garden: to tamp down heat from concrete
- Trees: once the foliage matures, the canopy should provide at least 40 percent coverage
- Shade structures: such structures may be used in place of trees
- Connectivity: Wi-Fi and solar electrical outlets should be available
- Parking: for handicapped spaces, rideshare accessibility and bikes
- Other elements: flexible space, seating, raised planters and landscaped beds

The DDA also outlined that a pocket park should have art elements.

“It is the intent of the pocket park system to act as a unified but rotating art exhibit,” according to the Pocket Park Playbook. “The dynamic nature of this system should draw residents and visitors back to the spaces time and

time again to experience curated art that tells a story using each piece of the whole.”

Explore your own neighborhood and give a pocket park a try.

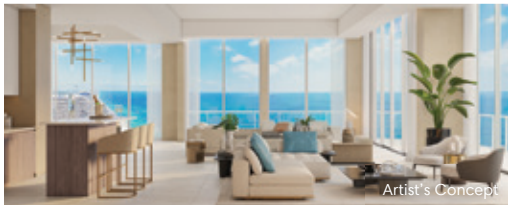
For more information on Fort Lauderdale’s Parks and planned improvements to your neighborhood parks from the 2018 Parks Bond visit parks.fortlauderdale.gov.

A local example of a pocket park is Tranquility Park on Northeast 11th Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. The park is only one-tenth of an acre and is open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.



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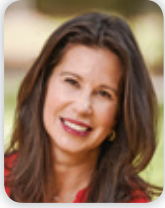
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As of early 2023, I became a Florida resident and member of the Fort Lauderdale business community when I was tapped to become the regional managing partner of Fisher Phillips'

Fort Lauderdale office. We are a labor and employment law firm with nearly 600 attorneys in 41 offices across the U.S. and Mexico. I oversee the strategic growth and client service initiatives in our local office and assist employers across Florida – and really, across the country – with their most pressing workplace needs.

Fisher Phillips recently moved offices into The Main Las Olas, which provides us a space at the core of Fort Lauderdale's business, legal and social communities and positions us to attract talent at all levels, including partners, associates and staff. We are growing and are so lucky to have the Riverwalk as an extension of our office. Our team greatly benefits from the active and vibrant community and space the Riverwalk provides each and every day.

My husband and I live on the New River and Riverwalk where I get to walk to work every day and enjoy the incredible community supported by the Riverwalk organization. We have been welcomed with open arms by so many in the business community – especially the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and the Florida Design and Construction Professionals group – and I am excited to make more connections with those in our wonderful community who make the Riverwalk such a great place to live, work and play.



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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 second annual Impact Awards on April 19 was a celebration of unsung heroes in the arts world who exemplify the organization's core mission of talent-driven inclusivity and the soaring achievements that emerge and thrive because of it. Genia Duncan Ellis and Mark Budwig of Go Riverwalk Magazine received the Media Advocate of Impact award.



Jason Hughes, Vice Mayor and District 2 Commissioner Steven Glassman, Genia Duncan Ellis and Mark Budwig



Joe Imbrogno and Derek Lee



Kathy Salerno and Christine Shaw



Legacy of Impact Honoree Thaddeus Hamilton, Loretta Young, Robert Bogle, and Karen (in front) and Kiya Hamilton



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SMOKE ON THE WATER BBQ FEAST

On April 20, Riverwalk hosted Smoke on the Water BBQ Feast. What a great afternoon in Esplanade Park for foodies, BBQ enthusiasts and families to enjoy delicious food and cold brews. Amazing events like these don't happen without amazing sponsors. Special thanks to, Prestige Windows and Doors, Water Taxi, Morningstar Storage Fat Village, Riverland Apartments, and S.MARK Graphics.



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24TH ANNUAL RIVERWALK TRIBUTE

On May 2, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale honored a group of community leaders for their contributions to the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Riverwalk at the 24th Annual Riverwalk Tribute, held at the Riverside Hotel: Alexa and Britt Lanier of Two Men and A Truck, Jarett S. Levan of BBX Capital, Phil Purcell of the Marine Industries Association of South Florida and Bill Walker of the Fort Lauderdale Water Taxi.

Thank you to all of our sponsors, auction supporters and everyone who joined us in recognizing our honorees. Major support for this event was provided by: BBX Capital, Water Taxi, Business for the Arts of Broward, Florida Power & Light and the Las Olas Company/Riverside Hotel.



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2024 Tribute Honorees Bill Walker, Jarett S. Levan, Britt and Alexa Lanier, Riverwalk President/CEO Genia Duncan Ellis and Phil Purcell



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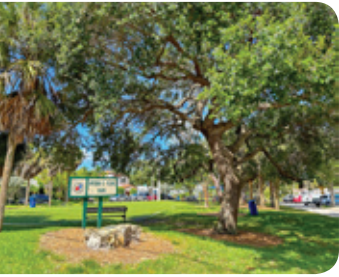


DISTRICT 4 HAPPENINGS

PARK REZONING, MOBILITY HUB AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Hector Park and Virginia Shuman Park Rezoned and Protected

In April, the Commission and I approved four ordinances that rezoned City-owned properties so that they are designated as Parks, Recreation and Open Space districts. The properties have been used and maintained as public park spaces and rezoning them in such a manner offers significant protection. Specific protections limit the use of the property to a typical park with open space for activities. These protections also restrain the ability to sell, transfer or lease the property for more than one year without a unanimous vote of the Commission.



Hector Park was previously zoned as Residential Single Family/Low Medium Density and Virginia Shuman was previously zoned as Residential Single. These

significant zoning changes protect our community parks for continued enjoyment for generations to come.

17th Street Mobility Hub Project

The Southeast/Southwest 17th Street Mobility Hub project includes the completion of sidewalks, implementation of traffic calming measures, the addition of raised and separated bike lanes and new crosswalks, among other improvements.



In collaboration with the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Broward County Transportation, I held two town halls for District 4 and the wider community to help develop initial concepts. During the outreach process, a preferred alternative was chosen by consensus of the participants with full support from Croissant Park and Poinciana Park Civic Associations. The project was

approved by Commission and will be considered for Federal Transit Administrative grant funding this year. Design is expected to begin by the end of 2024 and last approximately 18 months, with construction to follow.


Public Safety, Improved Response Times and School Resource Officers

Public safety is one of my top priorities and during our district goal setting town hall, our neighbors made it clear that it is a prime concern. My colleagues and I approved a regional interlocal agreement between Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue, the Broward County Sheriff's Office, and Broward County for cooperative fire, rescue, EMS and special operations response teams. The agreement allows for the closest available unit, regardless of agency affiliation, to respond to a life-threatening emergency and aid.

We also approved a three-year agreement with the School Board of Broward County for continuation of the school resource officer program. The program provides for Fort Lauderdale Police Department officers to serve full-time at nine Fort Lauderdale schools. Two officers will be assigned to each of these schools: William Dandy Middle, New River Middle, Sunrise Middle, Fort Lauderdale High, Sheridan Technical, Stranahan High, Seagull Alternative, Whiddon-Rogers Education Center, and Dillard Middle/High schools.

I am looking forward to our annual Eye of the Storm Hurricane expo at the Museum of Discovery and Science on June 1. I hope to see you there!

At this time, we are continuing with our district town halls. Please be on the lookout for more town hall announcements. I look forward to the collaboration between city staff and our district residents.

It is through continued collaboration and partnership that we can achieve great things in District 4 and I wholeheartedly look forward to continuing to work with you. 



District 4 Commissioner Warren Sturman at a City of Fort Lauderdale town hall meeting.

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SHOVELS IN THE GROUND FOR HUIZENGA PARK



Las Olas Legacy Terrace



Rielly Family Terrace



Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Moundscape



The Motwani River Terrace

Last month the DDA celebrated the groundbreaking of Huizenga Park Reimagined. It was incredible to see so many community members excited to be part of this ceremonial milestone after years of thoughtful planning and design! On behalf of our team and board of directors, we thank the City of Fort Lauderdale, State of Florida, Specialty Restaurants Corporation, our generous donors, and our friends at Riverwalk for making this moment possible.

Our entire team is energized by the overwhelming enthusiasm for this project. We can't wait to build this incredible park and special gathering place for everyone, forever. Construction will kick off this summer and is expected to last until late 2025, when the park will reopen with more than a dozen unique outdoor rooms that will set the park apart from traditional public spaces.

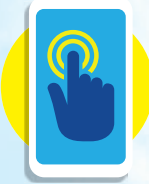
Here is an inside look into a handful of the unique spaces that will transform Huizenga Park into Downtown Fort Lauderdale's iconic outdoor living room, dining room and backyard.

- The Huizenga Family Spirit of Fort Lauderdale Fountain will remain a defining feature for Huizenga Park. A timeless refresh will revitalize the fountain with new lighting and cascading jets. More shade and seating opportunities will be added around the fountain, creating a perfect respite from the bustle of the city.
- The Civic Lawn will emerge as Downtown Fort Lauderdale's central greenspace, a destination to enjoy community gatherings or to simply relax shaded by a lush shade canopy and the surrounding cityscape.
- We're excited to introduce Downtown's first dedicated space for our furry friends, The Towriss Family Dog Run. I look forward to seeing you there with your four-legged friends when the park reopens!
- Coming soon along the Riverwalk will be The Motwani River Terrace, a special seating area nestled along the edge of the New River. This terrace will be the perfect place to watch the nonstop parade of boats traverse our waterways.
- The AutoNation-sponsored Deck located alongside the Riverwalk will become a home for intimate performances and small gatherings. Imagine strolling along the Riverwalk with your friends over the weekend to be greeted by a violinist.
- Huizenga Park will also introduce a series of terraces that mirror European-style plazas. Both the Las Olas Legacy Terrace and Rielly Family Terrace will become perfect destinations to meet a friend, hold a quick meeting, or read a book under the lush shade canopy.
- With an 85% increase in kids living in Downtown since 2018, we're partnering with Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital to create the Moundscape, a dedicated play area for children with a series of climbable play mounds that blend into the surrounding landscape.

With these improvements, I'm proud to share that the new park design will increase the park's programmable space by 350 percent, increase biodiversity by 250 percent with the addition of 58 new plant species, and generate a 216 percent increase in shade with the addition of more than 80 new trees. Huizenga Park will literally become the coolest outdoor space in the City!

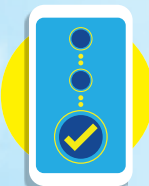
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BY KAREN WARFEL
City of Fort Lauderdale
Transportation Planning Division Manager



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A HIDDEN BEACH TREASURE

There are so many amazing things about living in Fort Lauderdale, sometimes we forget to look for hidden gems. But the hunt for these locations is something that I love most. This stems from when I was growing up in Massachusetts when we would go on Sunday drives and my father would ask “Left or right?” at the end our street and the adventure to find hidden gems would begin! It would be a great adventure to find new places, new lunch stops, new parks and just the experience of the journey.

My husband and I carry on the tradition of small local adventures on weekends but with today’s world we often use the power of Google to do some research ahead. And it is no longer just about the road less traveled but still about new restaurants and parks to find that we never knew

about. There are so many treasures here in South Florida!

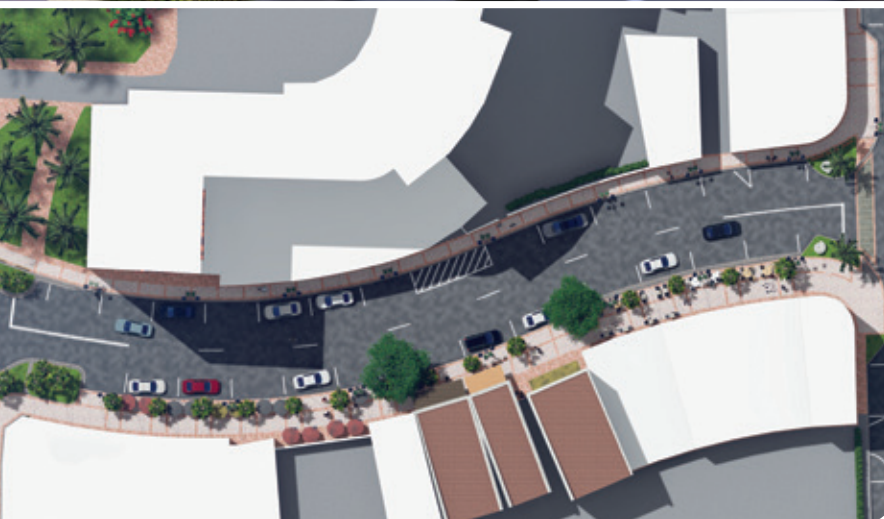
One hidden gem is the area on the beach tucked into the corner of State Route A1A and Sunrise Boulevard centered around Sunrise Lane. The area can often be forgotten but has so much to offer. Vice Mayor Steve Glassman advocated for the City Commission to allocate funding to be included in the City’s budget last year to work on a project to enhance the streetscape areas of this district in an effort to help make this hidden gem sparkle. “I think of this little corner of our beach as our own Greenwich Village,” Glassman said. “It’s got charm, a bit funky, and only needs a little TLC to really shine.”

The project just completed the concept development phase which included a series of three public meetings to create a vision for what this area could be in the future. The well attended meetings were hosted by the vice mayor who is the District 2 commissioner and brought a group of stakeholders together of business owners, property owners and residents together to create the vision.

The first meeting focused on what was perceived as the issues and what the expectations of the future district are. The second meeting provided three alternatives to try to address the issues identified and reach that vision. Feedback was received on each, and the third meeting was to provide the final recommended preferred alternative.

Although the most transformative concept was the most highly received, that alternative was not without asterisks that would require additional work before they could be accomplished and a significant amount of funding. Because the main intent is to get something done sooner rather than later, a phased approach was selected: the project will start smaller and be able to enhance the foundation of that project in the future if funding is identified and the challenges are overcome.

The key elements that will be addressed include improved lighting, additional room for sidewalks, gateway features, improved pedestrian crossings, and efforts to add art to the district with the potential installation of a mural on the back of the Sonesta Hotel.



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BY PHILLIP DUNLAP
Director,
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FINDING CULTURE

NEW DIGITAL DASHBOARDS REVEAL BROWARD'S HIDDEN CULTURAL TREASURES

Among Broward's rich cultural offerings are many undiscovered treasures. To uncover these gems, we partnered with the Innovation Unit in the County's Resilient Environment Department to create data dashboards for the public. These new tools for discovery enable users to search for a wide variety of cultural offerings throughout our region. The dashboards also increase the public's accessibility to the Cultural Division's work as a County agency.


Maps and comprehensive background information guide enthusiasts and adventurers alike through the hidden treasures within our communities. Users can discover everything from an avant-garde sculpture tucked away in a neighborhood park, to a mural on a cruise terminal at Port Everglades that are part of the County's public art collection.

With just a few clicks, one can navigate through a mosaic of public art installations and design commissions via the Public Art & Design dashboard, as well as funded projects and venues across the County via the Grants + Funding dashboard.

The data dashboards also provide a centralized platform where artists, organizations, and policymakers can converge, engage in dialogue, foster partnerships and share insights.

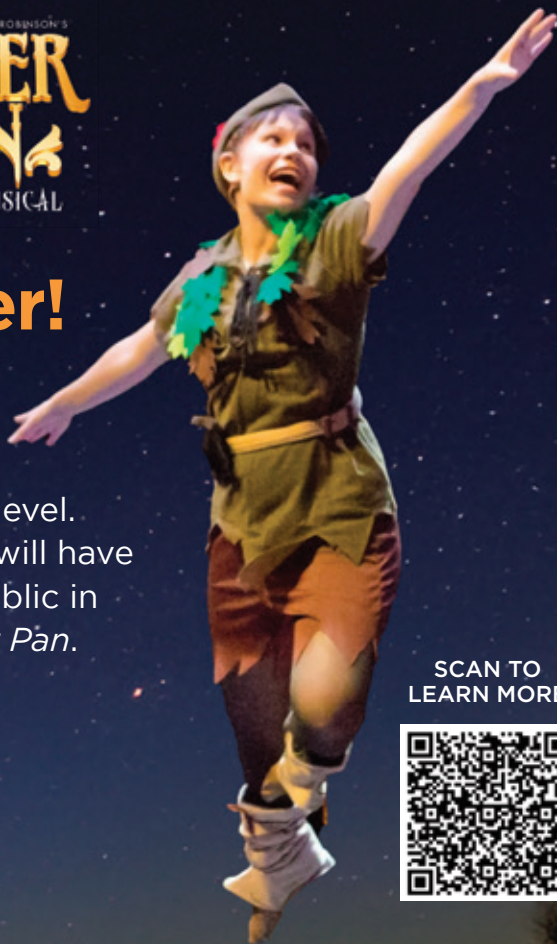
As we embrace the era of data-driven cultural stewardship, we look forward to more opportunities presented by these innovative dashboards.

Cultural treasure hunters, get ready to explore!

Use the QR code in the corresponding graphics to access the grants and public art dashboards to explore the no longer hidden gems of arts and culture in our region. 



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After almost nine years, however, Mercatanti decided he wanted to take all that he learned and strike out on his own.

"Even though I loved the company and people I worked

with I wanted to work for myself. I was working crazy hours and spending two to three hours a day in the car. Also, I wanted to offer a service down here in South Florida that made the permitting process not only easier and more transparent but also one where people could trust me to be reliable and honest," he said. Now, two years later, A One Permit helps their clients secure permits for all kinds of commercial and residential projects as well as events and much more.


However, regardless of the type of permit you need, A One Permit promises a transparent and streamlined process. "There are a lot of steps but that's why I believe communication is so key. But also having worked in commercial permitting for so many years, I have compiled a pretty good list of very reliable contractors, plumbers, engineers and architects that help make the process that much easier," said Mercatanti.

That process starts with an initial conversation to learn more about your upcoming project so they can ensure all applications and documentation are submitted correctly the first time. From there, A One Permit will submit the permit package while providing their client with daily updates as it makes its way through department reviews.

"By providing our clients and their project team with constant updates, it allows all parties to make changes to the permit package efficiently so it can be re-submitted faster," he said.

If any corrections and resubmission are needed, A One Permit will do so at no cost to the client. Finally, once all department reviews are approved, the final permit package will be put together and given to the client.

"I started A One Permit because I truly felt confident in my abilities and my knowledge of the permitting system. With that, I try to do what I can to help make what is typically a complicated and confusing process much easier for my clients," he said.

Mercatanti also hopes to continue to grow his business both in South Florida and beyond. "I'm currently training my nephew in the hopes that he can one day help take over some of the workload so I can continue to grow and expand the business," said Mercatanti. 

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LEARNING FROM THE LEADERSHIP OF BURNADETTE NORRIS-WEEKS

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, chair of our board of directors, is a not-so-hidden gem. Many know her as a law partner at Austin Pamies Norris Weeks Powell and legal counsel to various government entities and corporations. Others know her from her community leadership with the Broward County Charter Review Commission, Habitat for Humanity of Broward and the Community Foundation of Broward. Still others recognize her as the founder of the Women of Color Empowerment Institute, a membership organization dedicated to enhancing and expanding leadership opportunities for women of color. This year I've had the privilege of experiencing her collaborative and focused leadership firsthand.



Over her many years of chamber involvement, Norris-Weeks has held various leadership positions with us — from chairing significant events like the Washington Summit to spearheading initiatives such as the Business First committee. She naturally progressed toward the role of chair, consistently reinforcing her commitment to collective action and shared vision.

She says that she has benefitted both personally and professionally from the relationships she's built through the chamber.

"Rather than facing our small business issues in siloes, the chamber provides a great way to build connections and allies," she reflected in a recent conversation.

As a small business owner herself, she knows the necessity of having local voices heard by elected officials. She's found particular meaning and enjoyment in chairing the chamber's Washington Summit. Through direct engagement with policymakers, the summit facilitates

tangible impacts, like securing federal funding for vital local projects such as flood recovery.

"Engagement" serves as the guiding theme of Norris-Weeks' chamber leadership this year. She continues to challenge both our board and our members to go above and beyond the "status quo" of chamber and community participation. In a post-pandemic landscape, this call for active involvement is more pertinent than ever. It drives membership growth, policy advancements, and stronger relationships with community partners like Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Norris-Weeks has also developed the chamber's engagement with the Broward County School Board, as she knows that the future of our region hinges on our students and the quality of education they receive. Norris-Weeks and the chamber are exploring ways to encourage students to return to Broward County post-college or keep them in the area if they don't choose to pursue education elsewhere. Giving students clear paths to enter into local industries and businesses will ensure the future resilience of our workforce.

We're already seeing Norris-Weeks' focus on engagement resonating as many of our events have become so well attended that they are standing-room only. She has also been engaging the chamber's former chairs — drawing from their expertise and experience to garner ideas and insight.

Balancing the diverse interests of chamber members and leaders requires listening and diplomacy, both of which she excels in. She ensures every voice has a place to be heard through our 25 separate councils and committees. Whether it's economic development, racial equity or environmental sustainability — there's a place for everyone to take action toward what they care about.

Reflecting on the intersection of the chamber and the Women of Color Empowerment Institute she leads, Norris-Weeks points to the strides both have made in advancing women's leadership. As only the eighth woman to lead the chamber in its 114-year history, she recognizes the rapid progress that has been made and the opportunities that the chamber can provide to women in business.

An embodiment of community service, Norris-Weeks' leadership serves as an inspiration to me. She is guiding us toward a more prosperous and equitable tomorrow, and I'm excited to see what we will learn from her during the remainder of her tenure as chair. [@](#)

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Tucked away along a tree-lined stretch of Surf Road is a worthwhile destination overlooked by many. Surrounded by Hollywood North Beach Park and with the Atlantic Ocean as its backyard, the historic Carpenter House isn't usually at the top of visitors' must-see lists. Even most locals don't know about it unless they happen to visit as part of a school field trip.

But it's a hidden gem worth discovering.

Built in 1941 by local resident Hank Carpenter, the family lived in the home until the death of Mrs. Carpenter in 2001. Broward County bought the home and land in 2004 from the Carpenter family trust and preserved both the land and buildings per the family's wishes.

Today, Broward County partners with Nova Southeastern University to run the NSU Marine Education Center on the grounds. The Center officially opened in 2017.

The original Carpenter family home and outbuildings were renovated to accommodate an education center, with careful attention paid to preserving as much of the original architecture as possible, including the original circa 1941 kitchen. Another standout feature is the custom-made iron stair rails that feature an inlaid fish motif reflecting the Carpenter family's love of nature and the sea.


Today, the family's former beach cabana is an exhibit hall where visitors can learn about south Florida's unique ecosystem through a variety of interactive displays. The main house's family room has been converted to a large meeting space, and the bright sunroom is lined with aquariums that are home to a variety of smaller turtles given to the center over the years.

But the stars of the show are found in the family's spacious saltwater swimming pool, retrofitted with state-of-the-art filtration and pump systems to mimic natural ocean conditions.

Captain, a 17-year-old green sea turtle, is one of these residents. She suffered a significant shell injury in 2010. The way the injury healed caused micro bubbles to become trapped in the shell, destroying her natural buoyancy. As a result, Captain can't dive to harvest sea grass, an essential source of food for a wild turtle. This made her non-releasable back into the wild.

Captain shares her home with Coral, another injured sea turtle who was discovered with significant injuries. Coral's injuries caused her to lose her right flipper and eye. Together, Captain and Coral are an integral part of the education efforts at the Marine Education Center. Visitors can also view daily public feeding sessions at 3:30 p.m.

Beyond turtles, the Marine Education Center also offers a variety of learning programs on diverse topics ranging from beach ecology and cephalopods to sustainability and invasive threats like the lionfish. There are also three habitat exhibits where visitors can learn about south Florida's natural environments of mangroves, sea grass, and coral reefs.

The Marine Industries Association of South Florida proudly partners with NSU through the Marine Research Hub to support similar programs that focus on oceanic preservation. Together we can achieve great things to help preserve and protect our ocean and its inhabitants. It all starts with education. 



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BY MARTY KIAR
Property Appraiser
Broward County



PRELIMINARY 2024 PROPERTY VALUES

A GUIDE TO TAXABLE VALUES

2024 Estimate of Taxable Values

The preliminary 2024 property values are now showing on our website at web.bcpa.net. Florida Statutes require our office use Jan. 1 as the date of assessment each year. Our office must consider changes in market conditions – up or down – when developing the Just/Market Values each year. The 2024 Just Values are based on the market data from Jan. 1, 2024, back through Jan. 2, 2023, with Jan. 1, 2024, as the date of assessment. If you purchased your property in 2024, your 2024 purchase price along with comparable market data from 2024 will be used in setting your property's 2025 Just/Market Value. Our office will mail the 2024 TRIM (proposed tax) Notices to all Broward property owners in mid-August. This notice will show your property's 2024 Just Value, Assessed/Save Our Homes Value, all tax-saving exemptions you are receiving, and the proposed tax rates as set by the various taxing authorities listed on the notice.

Quarterly Tax Payment Installment Plan

While the Property Appraiser's Office does not set or collect taxes, our office receives many calls from

residents inquiring about installment tax bills and their recently approved exemptions. Broward County's Records, Taxes and Treasury Division is responsible for the billing and collecting of property taxes.

For property owners on the 2024 installment payment plan, the first two installment payments (June 2024 and September 2024) are based on the previous (2023) tax year. This means residents who have been approved for 2024 Homestead Exemption or other exemptions will not see these 2024 exemptions on either the June or September installment bills. The final two installment bills (December 2024 and March 2025) will be adjusted to include any 2024 exemptions or changes to the property's taxable value. The deadline to apply for Broward County's Installment Payment Plan was May 1, 2024. Should you have any questions regarding the payment of property taxes, the Tax Collector's Office can be reached at (954) 357-4829 or by email to revenue@broward.org.


If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at martykiar@bcpa.net. 



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FORT LAUDERDALE HIDDEN GEMS

GO-TO SPOTS FROM OFF THE BEATEN PATH

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

From pristine beaches to an electric nightlife, Fort Lauderdale has it all. But for those looking to try something new and experience the city's lesser known but noteworthy attractions, there are numerous great options if only you know where to look. Whether you're hoping to get your hands on a homemade pastry by the beach, visit a 1920s-inspired speakeasy, or sip on a craft beer with your furry friend, these are a few of Fort Lauderdale's hidden gems.

BarkYard N' Brews 817 N.W. 1st St. | Fort Lauderdale | barkyardnbrews.com

Craft breweries have become all the rage over the last few years with many priding themselves on being dog friendly. However, BarkYard N' Brews takes that idea to a whole new level. This unique spot is one of South Florida's first off-leash dog parks that meets beer and wine bar. Dog lovers and friends Russell Knutson and Rob Kennish sought to create a safe and fun environment where people and their dogs can hang out, and BarkYard N' Brews offers just that. The BarkYard features a 10,000-square-foot outdoor, fenced-in play area complete with a splash pad to keep the dogs cool on hot Florida days. Meanwhile, pet owners can rest assured that while they're indulging in one of their 12 rotating beers on tap, wine or soft drinks, experienced dog monitors or "Wooferies" are there to maintain a safe friendly environment.

"Rob and I are incredibly proud of the cool environment and community we've created here for our patrons and their dogs," Knutson said. "Also, and this is especially true for Rob who recently lost his two great Danes, Rufus and Goliath, we want this to be a space for dog lovers of all kinds to relax, grab a beer, and leave happier than when they came in."



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY BARKYARD N' BREWS

Room 901 Inside the Hyatt Centric Hotel, 100 E. Las Olas Blvd | Fort Lauderdale | roomnine01.com

Room 901 gives guests the chance to travel back to the bygone era of the 1920s. Upon arrival at the Hyatt Centric Las Olas, guests are instructed to first “check in” at the front desk and that they’ll be visiting Room 901. The staff will then hand over a key card that grants them access to the intimate restaurant located in none other than guest Room 901 on the ninth floor. From the outside, it looks like any other ordinary hotel room. But after swiping the keycard, they are transported to a flapper-era speakeasy complete with dim lighting, plush furnishings and antique artwork.

“Room 901 gives guests a chance to feel like they’re in a different world entirely,” said Julianna Ates, associate account executive at Diamond Public Relations. With seating for only up to eight people, guests are truly in a world of your own. Once seated, guests are invited to indulge in a array of cocktails along with gourmet bites like wagyu beef katsu sando and pan-roasted octopus crafted by award-winning Chef Greg McGowan. Although it’s only open Wednesday through Sunday, Room 901 prides itself as an inclusive restaurant with an exclusive invite-only feel.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY ROOM 901

Old Florida Book Shop 3426 Griffin Road | Fort Lauderdale | oldfloridabookshop.com

Independent bookstores are harder to find but one such store in Fort Lauderdale continues to thrive defying all the odds. Old Florida Book Shop offers a unique and diversified collection of antique books, rare maps, vintage magazines, and more. Owner William Chrisant’s appreciation for books started when he was in graduate school. By the time he received his degree, he had collected enough books to open a small bookshop within an established antique store in his hometown of Akron, Ohio which he quickly outgrew. After that, he opened a new store in Cleveland’s antique district before finally finding himself in South Florida where he now has his biggest space yet.

Now, with a 12,000-square-foot gallery, Old Florida Book Shop is home to an inventory of more than 50,000 items accumulated over the last 40 years including numerous books but also antique furniture, oriental rugs and, of course, Peter, the store cat. Yet, nestled within its 16-foot floor-to-ceiling bookshelves, shoppers may find anything from the classics to modern literature and everything in between which has been a big draw for the store’s new clientele.

“It’s interesting. Our clientele has changed. It used to be older men, but now 70 percent of our customers are women under 30 but it’s nice to see there is a new generation of bibliophiles,” said Chrisant.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY OLD FLORIDA BOOKSHOP

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Archibalds Village Bakery 608 Breakers Ave., Suite 1 | Fort Lauderdale | archibaldsvillagebakery.com

Some of the best bakeries can be found throughout Europe with their quaint outdoor seating and fresh piping hot pastries. So, it's no wonder that after years spent traveling throughout Europe researching bakeries, Chef Justin Mathys-Archibald and his husband, Christopher Archibald, took all that they learned to open their own bakery here in Fort Lauderdale. Opened in 2021, their quaint venue located in North Beach Village specializes in scratch-made pastries, pies, quiches and sandwiches. While Chris mans the counter, Chef Justin can be found in the kitchen creating a variety of baked goods made fresh daily using family recipes passed down to him from his grandmother and mother. In fact, their incredibly popular cinnamon buns that are constantly flying off the shelves are made using his mother's recipe. However, what really sets them apart are tasty treats inspired by pastries and baked goods from across the pond. With Chris being from the UK originally, Chef Justin wanted to develop his own versions of his favorite English treats like jam-filled or blueberry scones and sausage rolls. Yet, regardless of what you order from Archibald's, every menu item is best enjoyed while sipping on a cup of coffee at a table outside on the patio.



To The Moon Marketplace 2205 Wilton Drive | Wilton Manors | tothemoonmarketplace.com

The secret to success at To The Moon Marketplace is a little nostalgia. To The Moon, which opened back in 2005, is one of the most eclectic stores in business here in Fort Lauderdale offering everything from nostalgic candy and gourmet foods to novelty items, magnets, toys, and so much more. At any given time, it has more than 13,000 items in stock from over 60 countries with many of their items being imported directly from overseas. However, their most popular items are without a doubt their extensive assortment of candy including brands thought to be lost to time. Currently, they offer many different candy and snack brands lining modern-day grocery shelves but also even brands dating as far back as 1806. Some of their more unique items include British crisps, Dutch wafers, Kinder chocolates, Bonomo Turkish Taffy, and real Haribo gummies from Germany. To The Moon truly has something for everyone of all ages. 🌕





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RIVERSIDE MARKET

A GREAT PLACE TO HANG OUT

WRITER DONISHA BROCKINGTON

Riverside Market is tucked away in the diverse residential neighborhood of Riverside Park just southwest of the Snow-Reed Swing Bridge, one of the last remaining swing bridges in Florida.

With over 650 beers, seltzers and wines, you will always find something new. Picking out your cold brew is part of the charm at this family-owned business that opened in 2012. Walk up to one of the 12 coolers, make your selection (it might take a minute) and head back to one of the communal tables to catch up with your old friends or take a seat at the intimate bar to make new friends.

Riverside Market also has great selections of “beer-friendly” fare including pizza, hoagies, poppers and pretzel bites. On my multiple visits all the food has been great and the pricing is affordable.

Riverside Market is good for...

- For out-of-town guests
- Date night
- Birthday
- Anniversary
- Cheap eats
- Dining out with young children
- Breakfast

My favorites at Riverside Market

- The dish I order again and again:** Pastrami sandwich
- Late-night choice:** Grilled cheese or pizza


How I'd describe Riverside Market

- The service:** Mostly self service
- The food:** Beer-friendly fare
- The menu:** Affordable
- The wine list:** As a wine person I prefer trying the different beers
- The bar menu:** Yummy

My foodie status

I dine out weekly

Elsewhere, my favorites are:

- Favorite pizza place:** Las Olas Pizza Company
- Favorite breakfast place:** The Bagel Co.
- Favorite place for a celebration/birthday/anniversary:** Eddie V's
- Favorite place for the view:** Boathouse
- Favorite place for lunch:** Wild Sea
- For dinner:** Big City Tavern 



PHOTOS BY DONISHA BROCKINGTON

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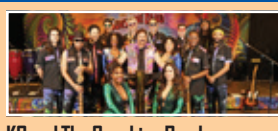
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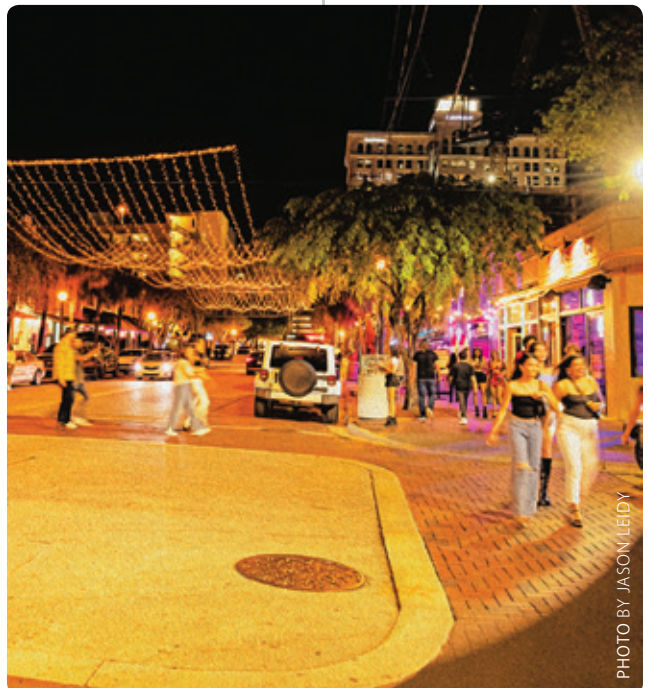


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THE PINEAPPLE JAM

The Pineapple Jam celebration on April 13 kicked off capital campaign for Historic Stranahan House Museum.



2024 PINEAPPLE JAM HONOREES BILL WALKER AND WATER TAXI



RENDERING OF STRANAHAN HOUSE PROPERTY PROVIDED BY STRANAHAN HOUSE



2024 PINEAPPLE JAM HONOREE SANDY CASTEEL

PHOTOS BY CLAY WIELAND

BAPTIST HEALTH ICEPLEX

Students from the L.A. Lee YMCA/Mizell Community Center’s after school programs were among the first to visit and experience the facilities at the new Baptist Health IcePlex in Fort Lauderdale.



MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA PANTHERS ORGANIZATION WERE ON HAND TO TEACH STUDENTS BASIC ICE-SKATING TECHNIQUES



MAYOR DEAN TRANTALIS ENCOURAGED STUDENTS TO GET ACTIVE AS PART OF THE “MOVE WITH THE MAYOR” INITIATIVE



A GROUP OF 25 STUDENTS GAVE THE NEW 44,000-SQUARE-FOOT, STATE-OF-THE-ART BAPTIST HEALTH ICEPLEX A TRY

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WALK LIKE MADD

More than 1,000 runners, walkers and residents of South Florida participated in Mothers Against Drunk Driving Southeast Florida’s 13th Annual UKG & Salah Foundation Walk Like MADD & MADD Dash Fort Lauderdale 5K on April 28, raising nearly \$200,000.



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28TH ANNUAL CELEBRITY CHEFS EVENT

The Ann Storck Center, a Fort Lauderdale-based private nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching lives of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, hosted its 28th Annual Celebrity Chefs Event on April 26, raising more than \$250,000.



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FRIENDS OF JACK & JILL CENTER

The Friends of Jack & Jill Center, a support group of volunteers committed to developing community awareness, fundraising and program assistance for Jack & Jill Center, hosted its signature event, the 19th Annual Pediatrix Flip Flops on the Docks, on April 27.



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BROWARD PERFORMING ARTS FOUNDATION FOUNDERS' CLUB RECEPTION

Members of the Broward Performing Arts Foundation's Robert B. Lochrie Jr. Founders' Club (Buddy's Club), named for the founding chairman of the Foundation, were celebrated at a reception on April 25.



JANE EAGON AND BROOKE LOCHRIE



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