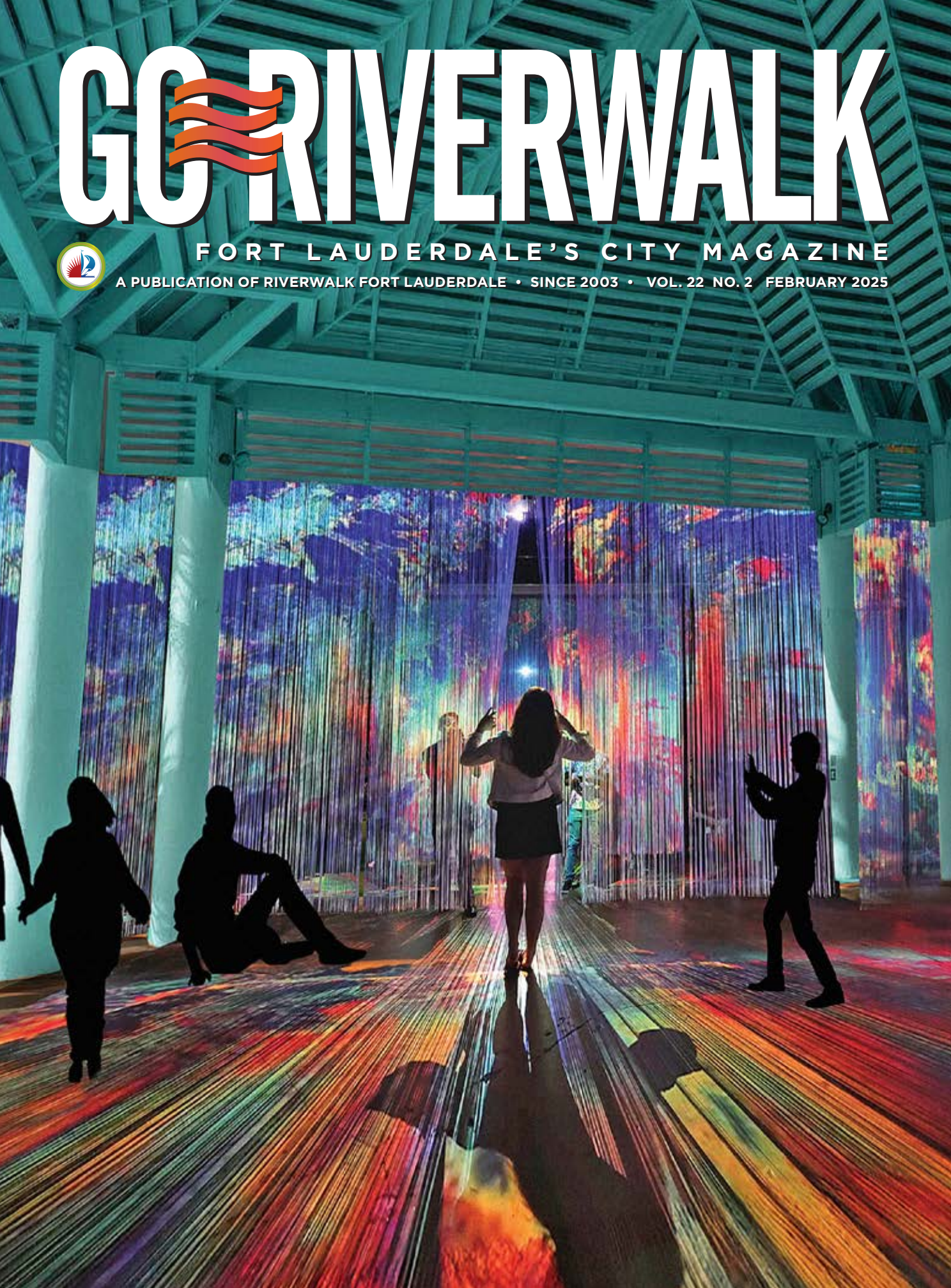


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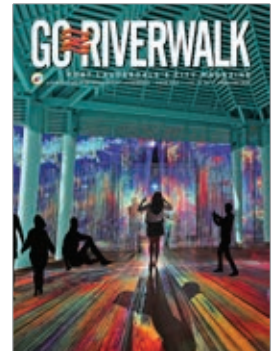
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LIVE, LOVE, IN THE LOOP

Las Olas Oceanside Park becomes a hub of heartfelt celebrations with a series of free, family and pet-friendly events designed to spread love and joy all month. From the romantic We Still Do Valentine's Day Vow Renewal and the vibey 60s beach party-themed 5th annual Fur the Love Pet Fest, to the special Full Moon Goddess Gathering Galentine's Flow and Friday Night Sound Waves love-themed February Tribute Series, there is truly something special for everyone under the sun to adore. Come join us this February steps from where the waves kiss the shore.

WE STILL DO Valentine's Day Vow Renewal



Whether celebrating one month, six decades, or the historic 10th anniversary of marriage equality in Florida, join us for a memorable sunset vow renewal ceremony at 6 pm on Fri, February 14. Experience the magic of reaffirming your love under swaying palm trees and a soothing beach breeze; a perfect backdrop for romance and an unforgettable memory.

Registration is free for the non-denominational ceremony, with optional enhancements starting at \$8 for florals, photos, bites and reserved seating at the post ceremony concert reception. All couples will receive a gift bag and chance to win great prizes, including a couples massage at **Heavenly Spa by Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach** to a romantic getaway at the newly renovated **Courtyard by Marriott Fort Lauderdale Beach**. Save the date for love.

Visit theloopflb.com for details and to register.



TICKET TO LOVE

Friday Night Sound Waves "Backstage Pass" series returns with legendary hits. Dance the night away to a lineup dedicated to songs of love and harmony, starting with **Divas of Soul** a tribute to Diana Ross and others, on Feb. 14 and celebrating **"One Love"** presented by Inner Circle and featuring **Third World** on Feb. 21, during So. Florida Reggae month. The month concludes with **Pat Benatar's** powerful rock anthems on Feb. 28, ensuring the month ends as vibrantly as it began. For complete details and the March concert lineup, visit theloopflb.com

FEBRUARY 13

Goddess Gathering

Invite your bestie, mom, or the whole gal pal tribe for a magical evening. Craft goddess headbands, snap fun pics and explore holistic vendors before the sun sets and the journey begins. DJ Erik Lieux sets the tone where a cacao meditation, ecstatic dance, and star gazing take center stage. The night concludes with partner stretches and a full moon meditation, ensuring a memorable night of connection. Hosted by Lisa Pumper, tickets start at \$27.50 at theloopflb.com.



FEBRUARY 15

5th Annual FTL Pet Fest

Celebrate National Love Your Pet Day with a splash of '60s fun at #FTLPetFest on Sat., February 15. Hosted by **Tour with Teddy** and his mom, Ana, the award-winning annual event promises groovy tunes, nostalgic games, people and pet vendors, plus photo-ops galore. Don't miss this tail-wagging fun for the family - two legged and four. Admission is free, with pre-registered children under 18 and pets receiving an FTLBeach keepsake Beach Ball, while supplies last. View details and register at theloopflb.com.



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NEWLY PRICED **ASHLEY** | \$2,395,000
3 BEDROOM + 3.5 BATH

South East corner designer model! Complete renovation with modern flair! Large terrace with ocean, intracoastal & river views, & a sunset terrace offering city views to enjoy the sparkling skyline in the evening. Foyer entry, porcelain floors, built-in bar, smooth surface ceilings & custom lighting.

ASHLEY | \$1,795,000
3 BEDROOM + 3.5 BATH

Right on the water! 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.

ASHLEY | \$1,695,000
3 BEDROOM + 3 BATH

South East Corner Right on the River! This modified split floor plan features custom built-ins, Poggenpohl cabinetry, 2 terraces & unobstructed river views! 3 assigned parking spaces & storage cage.

UNDER CONTRACT **CHAMPAGNE**
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, Poggenpohl kitchen, 2 covered terraces with 2 exposures.

JUST LISTED! **BRADFORD** | \$1,325,000
2 BEDROOM + 2 BATH

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

BRADFORD
2 BEDROOM + 2 BATH

Exceeding your expectations with direct river & city views! Offering 1,630 sqft of spacious living areas & an expansive 49-foot terrace.



ARIA

UNDER CONTRACT **3 BED 4.5 BATH**

Las Olas Living on the Isles! Spacious condo with spectacular views from every room! Open living areas spread over 3200 sqft. Marble & Wood Floors, Laundry room. Direct Water views from 3 Terraces.



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RIVER HOUSE

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.

CHELSEA | 2BD 2.5BA

Remarkable River Views from this Chelsea Model featuring a split floor plan, marble & wood floors, crown molding, floor to ceiling glass windows & more.

JUST SOLD! **SOHO** | 2BD 2BA

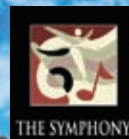
Spectacular East & West Views of Fort Lauderdale's famous River walk. Floor to ceiling windows that bring in the river views to every room.

NEWLY PRICED **1BD 1.5BA** | \$599,000

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.

NEWLY PRICED **1BD 1BA** | \$579,000

The perfect pied-à-terre, right on the river, located in the heart of Las Olas & in downtown Fort Lauderdale's premier luxury highrise. Open living spaces, saturday floors, floor to ceiling glass windows in every room & large covered terrace with unobstructed river views.



JUST LISTED! **2 BEDROOM 2.5 BATHS** | \$795,000

Modern Redesign! Corner Unit with Wrap Around Terrace overlooking the River, Pool & City! Porcelain tile floors, motorized window treatments, glossy white cabinetry, full backsplash & quartz countertops.



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NEWLY PRICED **2 BD 2.5 BA + DEN** | \$1,449,000

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

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JUST LISTED! | MOONGLOW | \$949,000

2 Bedroom / 2 Bath High floor Moonglow floor plan with split bedroom floor plan with an open kitchen. Floor to ceiling glass throughout, large glass terrace with direct ocean and river views.

NEWLY PRICED | MOONGLOW | \$949,000

2 Bedroom / 2 Bath South East corner unit with wrap around glass balcony. Unobstructed River views from this "03" line, features include upgraded tile floors, & modern LED lighting. 2 separate parking spaces!

NEWLY PRICED | SEAVIEW | \$945,000

3 Bedroom / 2 bath Right on the River, direct River views and two waterfront terraces. A south east exposure captures sunrises & sunsets. Tandem parking for 2 cars and climate controlled storage.

JUST LISTED! | SEAVIEW | \$929,000

3 bedroom / 2 bath South East Corner with Direct River Views! Two Exposures and two terraces for sunrise and sunsets. Floor to ceiling glass sliders, walk-in closets, dual vanities, walk-in shower and an open floor plan perfect for entertaining.

NEWLY PRICED | MOONGLOW | \$849,000

Direct River Views from this 2 bedroom 2 bath. Open living spaces, split floor plan, expansive wrap around glass terrace overlooking the river.

JUST LISTED! | SEAVIEW | \$805,999

3 Bedrooms/ 2 Baths Spacious high floor residence with spectacular views of the River, Ocean, city skyline and Port Everglades. Upgraded kitchen with Stainless appliances, new washer dryer and built-ins. Two Terraces with East and West exposure.

NEWLY PRICED | STARDUST | \$799,000

Outstanding 2 bedroom 2 bath with Ocean, Intracoastal & River views! Tile floors throughout, crown molding, floor to ceiling glass in every room! Upgraded appliances, bathrooms & custom closets.

NEWLY PRICED | STARDUST | \$769,999

Fabulous ocean, river and city views from this 2 bedroom 2 bath split bedroom plan, wood laminate floors, electric shades, separate dining area, custom closets, tandem parking and storage. Freshly painted.

NEWLY PRICED | STARDUST | \$739,000

Total remodel! Split floor plan with 10 ft ceilings. Views of the river, gardens, & boating activity. Beautiful birch wood floors, quartz waterfall countertop, motorized shades, new cabinets, stainless appliances & hvac.

NEWLY PRICED | SKYVIEW | \$599,000

Stunning Sunsets & River Views. 2 bedroom 2 bath with Luxury Vinyl floors Throughout, Bright redesigned kitchen with quartz countertops, Floor to ceiling sliders, & glass balcony overlooking river.

NEWLY PRICED | SKYVIEW | \$579,000

Skyview Light & Bright modernized 2 bedroom 2 bath with river & city views. White glossy cabinets, tile & wood floors, custom closets, floor to ceiling glass sliders & a sunset terrace overlooking the river.

NEWLY PRICED | SUNGARDEN | \$459,000

Sunset views from this fabulous high floor 1 bed 1 bath residence. Upgraded appliances and granite, full size washer & dryer, ledgestone wall in the bedroom, tile and oak floors and custom closets.



UNDER CONTRACT | 3 BEDROOM 2 BATH

Rarely available high floor corner residence with ocean & city views! This flow through unit features 2 terraces, marble floors, modern white high gloss kitchen cabinetry, granite countertops, open living areas, laundry room & brand new ac. The main suite features walk-in closets, dual marble vanities, deep soaking tub & separate glass enclosed shower.



NEWLY PRICED | 3 BEDROOM 3 BATH | \$1,550,000

Outstanding Victoria Park location on a Corner Lot! This Tri-Level TH features modern sleek finishes. Completely upgraded, interior elevator, high gloss porcelain tiles, 2 car garage & parking for 3 cars on brick paved drive, impact windows & doors. Two terraces & outdoor lanai.



JUST LISTED! | 3 BEDROOM 3 BATH | \$1,125,000

Rarely Available & Right on the Intracoastal. This waterfront residence features marble floors, upgraded kitchen & baths, custom wet bar, stacked stone accent walls & fireplace. Spacious living areas & 2 primary suites.

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!



BY RICHARD RODRIGUEZ
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SPRING EVENTS ON THE RIVERWALK

BUILDING A MORE VIBRANT COMMUNITY

Engaging and unique events are part of what makes Fort Lauderdale and the Riverwalk a dynamic place to Live, Work and Play. With our warm climate, outdoor events can be held year-round, with the bulk of those events happening in the spring months. Looking forward, there are some newer returning events coming in the next few weeks, as well as plenty of community favorites.

NOON TUNES

Starting on Wednesday, Feb. 5, and continuing for eight Wednesdays, Noon Tunes brings an eclectic mix of local talent to Tunnel Top Plaza and Stranahan Park. These free, outdoor performances are a perfect opportunity to get out of the office mid-day and enjoy some of our sunny, spring afternoons. Pack a lunch or pick something up from one of the local shops and enjoy the tunes! The weekly schedule is available at parks.fortlauderdale.gov/noontunes.

NINTH ANNUAL RIVERWALK CHILI COOK-OFF

Amateur and professional chefs and chili aficionados take center stage at the Riverwalk Chili Cook-off on Saturday, Feb. 8, at Esplanade Park! Attendees buy sample packets, taste the chilis and vote for the Best Chili in Fort Lauderdale. The winner has the chance to compete at the

World Champion Chili Cook-offs in the fall. All funds raised support Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, with more information available at GoRiverwalk.com/chili.

IGNITE BROWARD

For its fourth year, Ignite has moved to February and expanded its schedule to two weekends and 10 days, from Feb. 14 to 23. Ignite has also expanded its downtown footprint this year to 12 exhibits, with the focus at Esplanade Park and the Museum of Discovery and Science and extending east to the railroad tracks. With innovative and immersive light and art installations in Downtown Fort Lauderdale, Dania Beach and Hollywood, there are exciting exhibits for all ages to appreciate. More information is available at ignitebroward.com.

VISIT LAUDERDALE SCIENCE FESTIVAL

The Second Annual Visit Lauderdale Science Festival will burst out of the Museum of Discovery and Science and take over Esplanade Park on Saturday, March 8. With free admission to MODS and the festival over the course of the day, this indoor and outdoor science expo will feature live science shows, makerspace workshops and more for the whole family. Register for your free tickets at mods.org.



We hope that you will join us on the Riverwalk for one of these exciting events, or to catch a film at MODS or Savor Cinema, a show at the Broward Center or enjoy a meal at one of the Riverwalk's exciting culinary destinations.

"Prairies of Possibilities," which premiered at Burning Man in 2022, is an interactive installation by The Moonlight Collective. This is an example of the kind of art installations you may see at Ignite Feb. 14 to 23 in Downtown Fort Lauderdale.

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SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, MARCH 8

FESTIVAL | 10 AM - 7 PM

Tunnel Top Plaza

Las Olas Boulevard & SE 6th Avenue

Live Music • Kids Zone • Cultural Activities

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ART IN PUBLIC SPACES ENHANCE OUR PARKS

The New Year brings innovative ideas and projects as we look for new amenities to our parks. Recently, with the help of our generous donors, we were able to engage artist Heather Renee to create and paint a new hopscotch at Hardy Park to encourage more activities by the children that play there. Art in public places is one of the things we strive to bring forward in our open spaces and the ability to make it serve multiple purposes is very gratifying.

We hope you will take a minute and go over and check it out. We are currently seeking grants and donations to continue to place these art pieces in our other parks and hope to install five over the next year. If you would like to donate and be a part of this special project, please contact me to join in. We will send you the artwork ahead so you can see what it will look like before we make a demonstration! Place your name on the unique piece and show the public that you support public art and healthy activities!

We enjoyed being on the new Fort Lauderdale Monopoly Board and stand by for the Monopoly Playoffs

soon to come your way. We can accept up to eight players for each round and promise to have some fun as you acquire properties and amass a fortune while playing – Beware of Going to Jail!

New Year’s kicks off planning for the upcoming year include goal setting by the City Commission and Park Oversight by Riverwalk. We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions to continue to enhance the downtown experience, which will include active as well as passive ways to enjoy our Riverwalk and our City Parks.


IGNITE! presented by the Broward Cultural Division, kicks off on Feb. 14 and extends through Feb. 23, with immersive art, light installations and project mapping for your visual pleasure. There will be free-standing sculptural elements as well as canvas walls for projection and digital artistic displays. Plan to make a trip by Esplanade Park, 400 S.W. Second St. and walk through the area and enjoy this visual explosion. Art of this scale is unique and offered only a few times a year so don’t miss this chance to enjoy it. 



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📍 I moved to Fort Lauderdale in November 2022. This is the 18th city I’ve lived in – four of which are in Florida. I can say that Fort Lauderdale has been the most welcoming of all 18. In my role, I lead five of Merrill Lynch Wealth Management’s South Florida offices – Fort Lauderdale, Aventura, Boca Raton, Plantation and Weston. We help clients with nearly all facets of their financial lives. My life experiences have helped prepare me for the opportunity I have today. A few examples: I earned a finance degree from the University of Colorado and a juris doctor from the University of Florida Law School; I was a major in the United States Marine Corps; I was a partner in a law firm with a national practice; I served as a special assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Arizona; for multiple years, I taught two courses (business law and ethics) at the University of Colorado Denver MBA School; and I competed in three alpine ski racing events in the Winter Olympics for Puerto Rico. I am excited to continue to meet new people in Fort Lauderdale and to help it continue to be a great place to be.

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Riverwalk ended 2024 with a learn-to-curl event on Monday, Dec. 30, sponsored by the Florida Panthers at the Baptist Health IcePlex at War Memorial Auditorium. Riverwalk staff, board members, supporters and friends took to the rink and learned the basics of the Olympic sport of curling, had a brief practice session and threw some stones down the curling sheet!

Thank you to everyone who joined us in this end of year adventure, and special thanks to Melissa Fitzgerald and Wayne Whitmore of the War Memorial team for introducing this exciting event! For more information on learning to curl, visit ftlwarmemorial.com.



Wayne Whitmore and Melissa Fitzgerald



Cheryl Balaban and Geoff Bonalack



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15TH ANNUAL RIVERWALK STONE CRAB & SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

It was a beautiful day on Jan. 4 for the 15th Annual Riverwalk Stone Crab & Seafood Festival. Attendees enjoyed seafood dishes from local vendors, stone crab from sponsor Vinny's Stone Crab & Seafood, and cheered on their favorite hermit crab in the annual Hermit Crab Races sponsored by Finster Murphy's. Ticket holders had the option of attending a VIP Tasting Experience and sampling from craft breweries and distilleries including Gulf Stream Distillery, Captiva Spirits, Tarpon River Brewing and Cigar City Brewing as well as Genesis Code Champagne and ASGC cocktails!

Thank you to our volunteers who make each event possible, and to our amazing sponsors for their support: Bank of America, Original Fat Cats, The Greek/Mr. Lobster, Vinny's Stone Crab & Seafood, Finster Murphy's Fresh Seafood, Toothaker.org, Morningstar Storage, S.MARK Graphics and Go Riverwalk Magazine.



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BY STEVEN GLASSMAN
Vice Mayor and District 2 Commissioner
City of Fort Lauderdale



GREETINGS IN 2025

ADVOCATING FOR OUR COMMUNITY



Happy New Year! I am deeply honored that you have entrusted me with the privilege of serving a third and final term as your City of Fort Lauderdale District 2 Commissioner. My team worked tirelessly every day, both on the job and on the campaign trail, and on Nov. 5, 2024, our constituents recognized that effort with a resounding victory.


I am truly grateful for the support and encouragement I received not only from District 2, but from the entire City. It is a privilege to advocate for our community and work toward making Fort Lauderdale an even better place for everyone in 2025 and beyond.

As we enter the new year, I look forward to continued progress in District 2 and across Fort Lauderdale. Our Commission remains committed to making critical infrastructure improvements, enhancing public safety, and addressing homelessness with effective, long-term solutions.

In the coming year, I will continue to focus on real solutions for traffic congestion while ensuring responsible, smart redevelopment. Our goal is to protect the quality of life for residents while proactively planning for the future of our incredible City.

Tremendous progress was made last year with the arrival of new businesses like Marina Village, Las Olas Marina, Laudy Bar, MAAS Restaurant, and Filomena's Coffee House, among many others. I want to welcome these new businesses and congratulate those celebrating important milestones. A special congratulations to the Tower Club and Southport Raw Bar for their 50th anniversaries in 2024, and to Mai Kai for its spectacular renovation and reopening.

Local businesses play a vital role in strengthening tourism and our economy. My goal is to ensure that Fort Lauderdale remains a place where businesses can grow, thrive, and contribute to our vibrant community.

As I begin my third and final term, I remain dedicated to tackling our challenges and advancing Fort Lauderdale's progress. Once again, thank you for the trust you've placed in me. On behalf of my team and myself, we are excited and ready to continue our work together. Let's make the next four years our best yet. We are FTL! 

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HIGHLIGHTS AND UPDATES FOR THE RIVERWALK CENTER GARAGE

Built in 1983, the Riverwalk Center Garage is the largest parking structure owned and maintained by the City of Fort Lauderdale, boasting more than 500 public metered parking spaces. The garage, originally called the City Park Garage, was renamed The Riverwalk Center Garage in 2017 in honor of the iconic Las Olas Riverwalk area of Downtown Fort Lauderdale.

Not only is the garage a convenient and popular parking location for visitors and residents, it also provides ample parking for nearby businesses and students of Broward College, Florida Atlantic University and Nova Southeastern University. In the central courtyard is the City Park Mall, a convenient hub of businesses and restaurants such as Mr. Nick's Subs, Advanced Dental Wellness and Ichimora.

Riverwalk Center Garage Improvement Project

The City of Fort Lauderdale Parking Services Division conducted a structural assessment in 2021 to develop a comprehensive improvement plan for the Riverwalk Center Garage.

The first phase of the project, completed in 2024, prioritized immediate repairs of drainage, concrete, waterproofing and railing upgrades throughout the

garage. Phase II of the project includes features such as upgrades to the Riverwalk Center Garage courtyard area, mechanical and electrical improvements and wayfinding sign installation. Project design for phase II will begin in early 2025.


New technology is also being implemented at Riverwalk Center Garage as part of a city-wide initiative, including revamping the electric vehicle charging stations and implementing a new EV charging program. For \$5 per hour, parkers can use the ParkMobile app to purchase time to charge their vehicles at the garage. A virtual monthly parking permit, applicable at all city-owned EV charging stations, is also available for purchase. For more information on EV charging stations, please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/parking.

Riverwalk Center Garage and Business for the Arts Partnership Mural

The Riverwalk Parking Garage now features a stunning new mural that celebrates the natural beauty and wildlife of Fort Lauderdale. This vibrant artwork, created by artists Christian and Jessica Stanley, captures the essence of the region's diverse ecosystems through the depiction of a great blue heron wading through the water, surrounded by stylized graphic mangrove trees.

This project was made possible through a partnership with the Business for the Arts of Broward, a nonprofit organization that educates the business community about the importance of Broward County's art and cultural community by building connections between cultural vitality, creative success, and economic development. By blending urban art with the beauty of nature, the mural serves as both a visual landmark and a reminder of Fort Lauderdale's environmental heritage, while enriching the City's growing public art collection and underscoring the power of public art to enhance community spaces.

Looking for available parking downtown? The Riverwalk Center Garage is available to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week for \$3 per hour (non-resident rate) or \$1.50 per hour (resident rate).

The Parking Services Division offers two monthly public parking permit options for the garage. Permits can be purchased at the Parking Services Lobby, located at 290 N.E. Third Avenue and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/parking or contact the City's Call Center at (954) 828-8000 for more information. 



Mural by artists Christian and Jessica Stanley at the Riverwalk Parking Garage.

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Whether you're remodeling or designing your dream home from the ground up, custom cabinetry is all the rage now. Being able to choose the type of wood your cabinets will be made from and fine tune the little details that make them fit your unique space makes this option desirable for many.

With a process as detail oriented as this one, finding the right cabinet maker can be tricky. But with Tabatta Silva and Renato Lima, the husband-and-wife team behind Nato Wood Design, you're in good hands.

Before starting Nato Wood Design, Lima spent years working in the cabinet fabrication industry. "My husband has around seven years of experience with making cabinets for a few different companies over the years. He has always wanted to start his own company but wasn't 100 percent sure he could have this type of business on his own. Then, one day, he decided to give it a shot and started getting some business," said Silva, wife and co-founder of Nato

Wood Design. The business really took off when Silva joined the team in 2022 after getting laid off from her job in the tech industry.

"I was working for a big tech company for many years, but I got laid off right after Covid. Ironically, before that, I used to work for a company that was a cabinet maker. So, I basically knew everything about cabinets, which made this transition to working with my husband feel like it was it was meant to be," she said. That was three years ago and today, Silva handles the administrative side of the business, whereas Lima is in charge of the actual cabinet fabrication.


As custom cabinet makers, their services include creating custom cabinets for kitchens, bathrooms and closets, as well as creating wooden wall panels for different areas of your space. Also, if you're not looking to replace your existing cabinets, they offer cabinet refacing, which can give your current space a lift.

But they are especially sought after for their ability to create cabinets that fit within uniquely sized spaces.

"A lot of our customers want us to build something custom-made or unique for their houses, but also, they typically reach out to us because we can build something that doesn't follow standard sizes," she said.

Each consultation starts with a visit from Silva to the space they'll be installing the cabinets.

"I usually talk with each customer to learn what styles they like and what they're looking for. Then, I'll visit with them in their home to see the space, take measurements and show them different samples that I think fit with their vision," she said.

However, even though they are custom cabinet makers, that doesn't mean they can't also accommodate clients looking for something more traditional. "I think it's important to highlight that just because we are custom cabinet makers, that doesn't mean that if the customer has a regular project that doesn't require a custom size or custom colors, we can absolutely still work with them. We prioritize ensuring each project, big or small, receives the same amount of attention," she said. 



Nato Wood Design owner Tabatta Silva

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LOOKING AT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

On a daily basis people ask me how the economy is going. All I can tell them is what I know at that point in time and based on history project the future. It's a mixed bag. A little positive and a little negative.

Here are some facts: in the middle of January our unemployment rate in Broward County was 3.4 percent and climbing. For the last eight months our year-over-year job change was -15,837. There were 37,173 open jobs at that point and 36,977 people looking for work. Unfortunately, 53,435 children in our county are living in poverty, according to the US Census Bureau.

When our Council of Economic Advisors meets this quarter, they will tell us what's happening in their market segments — health care, construction, hospitality, professional services, manufacturing, retail and more.

What we have been tracking over the last two cycles has been interest rates and inflation and how those two indicators affect our marketplace. The Federal Reserve is slowly getting to its target inflation rate of 2 percent. That has allowed several rate reductions giving our economy and consumers relief. The reality is that consumer prices and spending will take some time to moderate.

Both income and spending have been up marginally, according to The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. McKinsey reports consumer optimism is at its highest level since Covid, but most Americans have refrained from spending outside of necessary purchases, higher income brackets notwithstanding.

What will the economy look like under President-Elect Trump? Tariff increases, tax cuts, national deficit, international conflicts and many more issues will

become more evident. What happens regionally is just as important.

We have a \$28 billion price tag on hardening for environmental impacts — warming and rising seas, heavier rainfalls, more named storms, warmer days, etc. The Chamber has been working on the solutions for 10 years and we now have a roadmap from which we can begin to chip away at what we know is occurring. There is no single funding source. Multiple revenue sources must be deployed to meet this critical demand.

While future construction projects remain on hold, hospitality and tourism is ramping up to fuel 2025. Our expansion of the convention center and the adjacent 801-key OMNI hotel will be an enormous opportunity for city-wide conventions.

Broward County suggests the 1,200,000 square-foot expansion along with the hotel will “bolster our economy by more than \$200 million a year and create upwards of 1,000 full and part-time jobs when completed later this year.”

Other projects like the Fort Lauderdale Hollywood International Airport expansion, including a new terminal, improved traffic systems and a people mover from FLL to Port Everglades, are welcomed improvements.

We must have answers for three other important economic items: workforce housing, a tunnel or bridge for the New River, and solutions for our homeless individuals and families.


Our mixed economic bag has the good, the bad and the ugly to use the 1966 film title with the same name. 



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REASONS TO CELEBRATE

FORT LAUDERDALE MARINE INDUSTRY ANNIVERSARIES

For 64 years, the Marine Industries Association of South Florida has helped guide growth of the local, regional and state marine industry. We're the largest trade organization in the Southeast United States and dedicate our efforts to promoting the boating lifestyle, driving \$18.5 million in industry-related economic output and protecting and growing more than 142,000 regional marine jobs.

With our flagship event, the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, we provide \$1.73 billion in annual economic impact to the state. The show, the largest in-water boating showcase in the world, just celebrated its 65th anniversary in 2024. It showcased more than \$4 billion in products to consumers across seven show sites during the five-day event.

But MIA SF could not achieve these milestones and anniversaries without our dedicated members, many of whom are celebrating their own noteworthy anniversaries in 2025. These stalwarts of the local marine industry established their presence on and near the New River long before Fort Lauderdale developed into the yachting epicenter it is today.

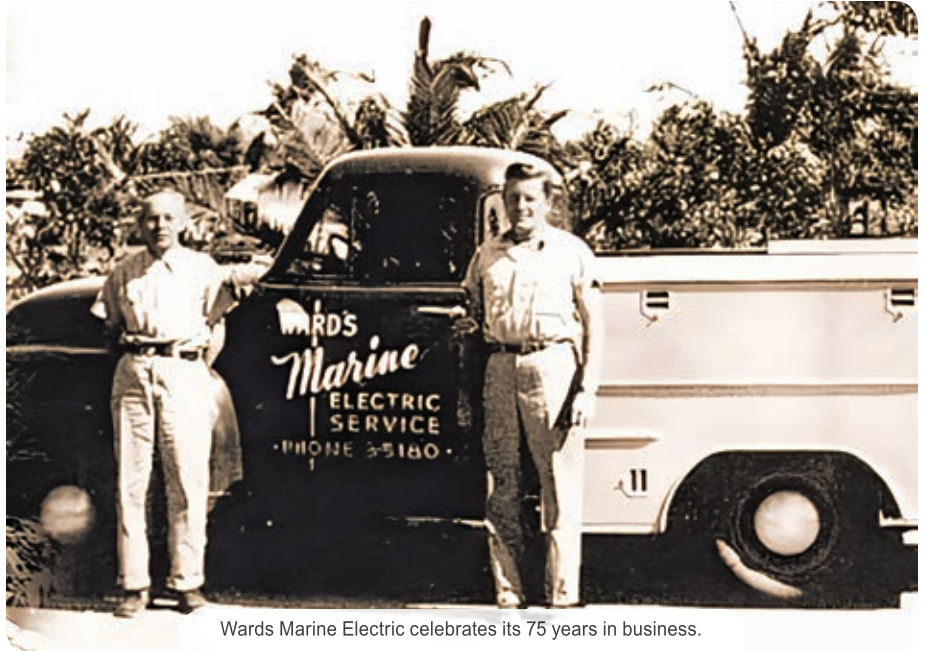
These family-owned and operated companies were and continue to be a driving factor in building and maintaining our city's reputation as the yachting refit and repair capitol of the world. All are Anchor Members of the MIA SF, all are headquartered in Fort Lauderdale and all have remained in the same family since they were founded.

Rolly Marine

Rolly Marine is celebrating its 59th anniversary in 2025. Founded by Roland Rocks in 1966, today Rolly Marine continues to be operated by second and third generation family members. Rolly Marine is one of the most respected refit and repair full-service shipyards in South Florida. The facility, located on the south fork of the New River, offers dockage, servicing, haul out and a team of service specialists.

RPM Diesel

RPM Diesel, founded in 1956 by Joseph Rubano, provides sales, service and parts for marine diesel engines. This year




Wards Marine Electric celebrates its 75 years in business.

marks RPM's 69th anniversary, many of those with the late Joseph Rubano at the helm. Upon Mr. Rubano's retirement, his handpicked team of successors, including CEO and President Bryon MacDonald and General Manager Todd Barnes, have continued the RPM tradition of excellence in diesel repair.

Wards Marine Electric

Wards Marine Electric welcomed 2025 with a 75th anniversary celebration. Founded by William "Ward" Eshleman Sr. in 1950, Wards has remained in the Eshleman family for three generations. Ward Eshleman Jr. took over as president and owner in the 1980s and today, his children are at the helm. Daughter Kristina Hebert is the CEO and son Wardy Eshleman is vice-president/COO. Ward Jr. remains active as chairman of the board and his wife Trudy Eshleman serves as the company's CFO.

Hebert believes the secret to Wards' success is maintaining an unwavering vision for the future. Evolution or extinction is her motto and she notes, "we're 75 years old and just getting started." 



UPDATES FOR SENIORS

AUTOMATIC RENEWAL FOR THE LIMITED-INCOME SENIOR EXEMPTION

The Limited-Income Senior Exemption renewal process no longer requires seniors to sign and return a renewal card. After the initial Senior Exemption application approval, this exemption automatically renews each year unless the senior notifies our office that they have exceeded the current year's income requirement for this exemption. People who received the Senior Exemption in 2024, whose income does not exceed the limit and are still living at the same address, do not need to send in a signed renewal card to continue receiving this exemption.

My office will mail the 2025 Senior Exemption income limit to all exemption recipients later this month.

- If your 2024 adjusted household gross income does not exceed the amount stated on the renewal card, you DO NOT need to do anything to continue receiving this valuable exemption for 2025. Your exemption will automatically be renewed provided you are still living at the same address and are still receiving Homestead Exemption.

- If your 2024 adjusted household gross income did exceed the income limitation, you must sign and return the renewal card to notify our office that you no longer qualify for this tax year when you receive the annual income notification from our office.

If you did not receive the Senior Exemption for 2024 at the same address and you believe you may qualify, please visit our website. You can apply for the Senior Exemption and all other tax-saving exemptions online by visiting our website at web.bcpa.net and click on "Exemptions & Classifications."

The deadline to apply for any 2025 exemption is Sept. 17, 2025.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please call us at (954) 357-6830 or email me directly at martykiar@bcpa.net.



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FORT LAUDERDALE LEGACY BUSINESSES

THREE ESTABLISHMENTS THAT HAVE STOOD THE TEST OF TIME

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

Fort Lauderdale is home to numerous beloved businesses, some of which have been serving local and visiting customers for multiple decades. From hospitality businesses like restaurants and hotels to places catering to our everyday needs like hardware stores and auto repair shops, there are many legacy businesses in Fort Lauderdale worth recognizing. These three businesses, in particular, are just a few examples of places that have stood the test of time in a city that's constantly changing.

Southport Raw Bar and Restaurant

Fort Lauderdale is no stranger to showcasing its access to an incredible array of fresh seafood, but one longtime restaurant is arguably one of the most well-known for its delectable seafood selections – Southport Raw Bar and Restaurant. The origins of this beloved local restaurant began back in the early 1970s when two New Yorkers, Carmine and Mickey, moved to South Florida and stumbled upon a small raw bar owned by Ted Twist. After chatting with the owner, the friends and colleagues who were in the printing business together at the time decided to try their luck in the restaurant business. So, they bought this quaint restaurant with waterfront views, and the rest is history. Over the last 51 years, Southport Raw Bar and Restaurant has drawn in thousands of customers vying to sample their seafood out on the dock. Today, the restaurant is owned by Buddy Sherman, who purchased the restaurant in 1988 and continues to honor this establishment's decades-long legacy.

Owner: Buddy Sherman

Years in Business: 51

Address: 1536 Cordova Road, Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 525-2526

Website: www.southportrawbar.com



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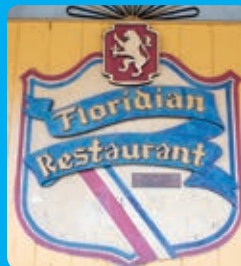
OTHER LEGACY BUSINESSES IN FORT LAUDERDALE



PARROT LOUNGE
55 years



MAI KAI
69 years



THE FLORIDIAN
70 years



GEORGIA PIG
72 years

Master Tech Auto Repair

Longtime residents in Fort Lauderdale know one of the best places to get all your auto repair needs taken care of and also has been in business for 40 years is Master Tech Auto Repair. Owner Don Demmery first opened the doors to his full-service auto repair shop back in 1985. As an ASE Certified Master Technician, he began working in the auto repair industry 52 years ago. With decades of knowledge and hands-on experience, Demmery can handle all jobs, from the simplest oil change and tune-up to a complete engine replacement on foreign and domestic vehicles. However, you can rest assured that even if Demmery isn't the one working on your vehicle, all of his employees are also ASE Certified Mechanics. So, no matter how big or small the job, the team at Master Tech Auto Repair is here to help.

Owner: Don Demmery

Years in Business: 40

Address: 202 S.W. 15th St., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 763-3870

Website: www.mastertechautoshop.com



Southport Hardware and Locksmith

This family-owned hardware store in Downtown Fort Lauderdale continues to give hardware giants a run for their money. Southport Hardware and Locksmith has been in business since 1958 and prides their long-term success on their dedication to offering an unparalleled level of hardware services while also having more than 15,000 items in store.

Their friendly and knowledgeable staff is available to help both the newbie DIYers and the seasoned pros that keep customers coming back again and again. Aside from hardware, they also offer a wide variety of key and locksmith services including key duplication, installing or replacing locks, lock repair and lockout services. Also, when you stop by the store, be sure to say hi to Buster the Bulldog.

Owner: Kenneth Sadar

Years in Business: 67

Address: 1025 S.E. 16th St., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 522-5541

Website: www.facebook.com/southporthardware



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SEMINOLE HARD ROCK WINTERFEST BOAT PARADE

The Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade returned on Dec. 14, 2024, after getting canceled by hurricane-force winds in 2023. The date has already been set for this year: The 54th Annual Holiday Parade takes place Dec. 13, 2025, starting in Downtown at 6:30 p.m. with a pre-show of non-motorized vessels at 6 p.m.

SEMINOLE HARD ROCK WINTERFEST BLACK TIE BALL



Bill Walker, Susan Renneisen, David Boothe, Stacy Ritter, Michael Weymouth and David Hoenemeyer



Candace Robles and David Boothe



Julio and Marcela Ramirez with Santa



Crowds at the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Black Tie Ball presented by Broward Health

GRAND MARSHAL RECEPTION



Rick and Flo Celender



Ryan Beckman, Karissa and Brandon Canute with Bill Beckman



Robyn, Alexys and Mike Vines

SEMINOLE HARD ROCK WINTERFEST BOAT PARADE VIP AREA



Gary Correll, Genia Duncan Ellis and Glen Bryant



2024 Judges: Rear Admiral Douglas Schofield, Mayor Dean Trantalis, iHeart's Paul Castronovo, Stacy Ritter, Burnadette Norris-Weeks, David Serle with Lisa Scott-Founds and Lisa Duke



Walter Duke and Ron Brandenburg

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AUTHENTIC TRATTORIA OFFERS AN AFFORDABLE ESCAPE

WRITER DIEGO MALDONADO

Editor's note: This month, we continue our feature in which Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale employees, board members and friends share a local restaurant they particularly enjoy. Perhaps you'll discover a new favorite as well. Opinions are the writer's own. Diego Maldonado is Go Riverwalk Magazine's director of photography.

When folks recommend Italian restaurants to me in South Florida, I'm usually skeptical, because after having lived in Italy for a long time, my taste buds have high standards. However, there is one place that consistently meets my expectations every time. Owned by Italian expats who have resided in America for decades, Roberta Pizza and Pasta is the real deal.

This authentic trattoria — located in the historic Galt Ocean Mile mall — has it all: homemade pizzas (only before 3 p.m.), freshly baked bread, traditional pasta and savory sweets that taste like real Italian cuisine from your nonna.

Using fresh ingredients and imported goods from Italy, Roberta and her husband Khalil, the restaurant's chef, offer an affordable, authentic escape from Florida, transporting diners to a quaint Italian village. For a wholesome dining experience with your loved ones or for a cute first date, this is the place.

Dine in to taste some delicious gnocchi that melts in your mouth and come in for lunch for dessert, because they run out fast. Personally, I love their seafood because it reminds me of my travels in Sicily.

A quick tip

I highly suggest that you call before popping by Roberta's, because like proper Italians, sometimes they close spontaneously, arrive fashionably late, or leave early for holidays. Thus, buon appetito! ☺

WANT TO GO?

Roberta Pizza and Pasta

LOCATION: 3429 Galt Ocean Dr., Fort Lauderdale
PHONE: (954) 314-7940





RIVERWALK BBQ FEAST IS BACK!

APRIL 12, 2025
12 - 4 P.M.
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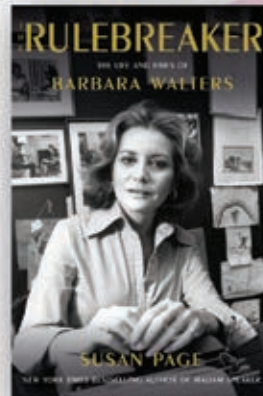
For more information : gorivewalk.com/BBQ



LitLUNCH!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Pier Sixty-Six
Aviva Ballroom



Join an inspiring luncheon featuring guest speaker **Susan Page**, Washington Bureau chief of USA TODAY and New York Times bestselling author of *The Rulebreaker: The Life and Times of Barbara Walters*. LitLUNCH! will include a multi-course lunch with complimentary wine upon entry, a raffle and drawings, book sales and signings, and complimentary valet.

Proceeds support Broward County Library literacy programs and services funded by the Broward Public Library Foundation.

LitLUNCH! is presented by **The Haller Foundation**. For more information and to register, call 954.357.7382 or visit bplfoundation.org/litlunch





GENERAL EVENTS

FEBRUARY 1

3rd Annual Fort Lauderdale International Book Fair

Celebrating words, stories and the magic of literature

Fort Lauderdale International Book Fair Esplanade Park 754-837-1298 www.ftlbookfair.org

35th Annual VCA Walk for the Animals 2025

Fundraiser for the animals then celebrate on Walk Day

Humane Society of Broward County Las Olas Intracoastal Promenade Park 954-266-6818 www.humanebroward.com

Moonrise 2025

Third annual Moonrise "Dance for Good" fundraiser

Handy Bonnet House Museum and Gardens www.handyinc.org

The Doo Wop Project

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FEBRUARY 2



Seminole Tribal Fair and Pow Wow

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FEBRUARY 5

Noon Tunes

The Flyers (Rock) City of Fort Lauderdale Laura Ward Plaza 954-828-5365 www.parks.fortlauderdale.gov



FEBRUARY 6

History Fort Lauderdale's 28th Annual History Makers Fundraiser

Honoring The Miller Construction Family

History Fort Lauderdale Galleria Fort Lauderdale 954-463-4431 www.historyfortlauderdale.org



Mandy Patinkin in Concert

Being Alive with Adam Ben-David on Piano

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FEBRUARY 7

Stranahan Speakeasy

Learn about prohibition throughout Florida from author Randy Jave

Historic Stranahan House 954-524-4736 www.stranahanhouse.org

Foghat

New date for June 15 Postponement

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FEBRUARY 8

9th Annual Riverwalk Chili Cook-off

Sample chilis from local amateur and professional chefs

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The Our Fund Foundation's South Florida LGBTQ Philanthropy Awards

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The Our Fund Foundation Broward Center for the Performing Arts 954-462-0222 www.our-fund.org

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FEBRUARY 11



Mary J. Blige

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Gold Coast Jazz: Michael Kaeshammer, Turn It Up

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FEBRUARY 13 & 15

Florida Grand Opera: The Elixir of Love

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FEBRUARY 14



Kathleen Madigan

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FEBRUARY 18

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FEBRUARY 19

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Noon Tunes

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Paul Anka - All the Hits - His Way

One of the most successful singer/songwriters in music

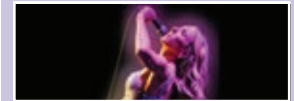
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FEBRUARY 20

A.J. Croce

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FEBRUARY 21

Robin Trower

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Midland

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New York Times Bestselling Author

Susan Page

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FEBRUARY 22

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FEBRUARY 22 & 23

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FEBRUARY 23

South Florida Pride Concert Band

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FEBRUARY 25

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Symphony of the Americas

Copland and Gershwin

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FEBRUARY 26

Noon Tunes

Big Harvest (Reggae)
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Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

All The Good Times: The Farewell Tour
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FEBRUARY 27

Little Feat

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FEBRUARY 28

Kate Pierson of the B-52s

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MARCH 1 & 2



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MARCH 2

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MARCH 5

Noon Tunes

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MARCH 6



Gladys Knight

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Ari Shapiro: Thank You For Listening

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MARCH 8

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MARCH 8 & 9

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MARCH 12

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MARCH 13



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MARCH 14 & 15

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Symphony of the Americas

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Tours of Fort Lauderdale's oldest surviving structure
Historic Stranahan House Museum
954-524-4736
www.stranahanhouse.org



Programming for all ages:

- Times and availability varies
- Florida Panthers Open Practice
 - Public skating
 - Adult, Youth & Girls Hockey
 - Camps & Clinics

FTL War Memorial
954-835-7080
www.ftlwarmemorial.com

Interpretive Walks and Tours

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

The MKT at The LOOP

Saturdays & Sundays
Featuring small and local vendors with live music and more!
Las Olas Oceanside Park
www.theloopflb.com



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

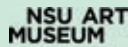
Fourth Saturday
Help keep Fort Lauderdale Beach clean!
HUB at Fort Lauderdale Beach

Edible Food Forest

Fourth Saturday
Volunteer to tend an edible urban farm
Snyder Park

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



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

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



Cycle Party Tours

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www.cycleparty.com

Paddle Pub Tours

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www.paddlepub.com/fort-lauderdale



Bike Tours

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

Bike Rentals

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

Mind Arena Games

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

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LIGHTHOUSE OF BROWARD HOLIDAY PARTIES

In December, the Lighthouse of Broward brought holiday cheer to more than 75 families and visually impaired clients as they celebrated the holidays at two special parties, one for little kids and another for middle and high school youth.



NORA SULLIVAN AND SAMANTHA KELLY, LIGHTHOUSE OF BROWARD VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS



CLIENT ODIN ON SKATES



JOSE LOPEZ MASSO, LIGHTHOUSE OF BROWARD VICE PRESIDENT OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND DEVELOPMENT, AND GUIDE DOG LOUIS WITH WIDOW SONS OF FLORIDA MEMBERS

PROVIDED BY LIGHTHOUSE OF BROWARD

MURAL BROWARD HEALTH AND BUSINESS FOR THE ARTS BROWARD

Broward Health and Business for the Arts Broward celebrated the completion of a mural at Broward Health Medical Center with a ceremonial ribbon cutting attended by donors, artists and the leadership of Broward Health and Business for the Arts on Dec. 30.



BROWARD HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER CEO MANNY LINARES



PATRICIA KLUWE DERDERIAN, SARA MARCANO, ASHLEE SANFORD, STEPHANIE LEYDEN, COLIN BRESLIN, LORI PRATICO, WAYNE AND LUCRETIA WEINER, STACY ANGIER, MANNY LINARES, EILEEN LAMARCA, CATHY DONNELLY, ROBYN VEGAS AND DON EACHUS



FRONT ROW: YOHANDRA FUENTES, EILEEN LAMARCA, MICHELE THOMAN; BACK ROW: DONALD B. JAFFEE, JOSE MARTINEZ, MANNY LINARES, JENNIFER SMITH, STACY ANGIER, DON EACHUS AND BERNARDO B. FERNANDEZ JR.

PROVIDED BY BROWARD HEALTH

CHILDREN'S HARBOR'S BOAT PARADE WATCH PARTY

More than \$225,000 was raised at a Winterfest Boat Parade watch party for Children's Harbor, a nationally accredited child welfare organization.



HEATHER GERONEMUS, KEVIN HARRILAL, KELLEY MAPLE AND TIFFANI DHOOGHE



BIRDS-EYE VIEW OF BOAT PARADE WATCH PARTY



LAURA HODGES BETHGE, WILLIAM AND LAUREN PERRY AND MANOLIS ALEVROPOULOS

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