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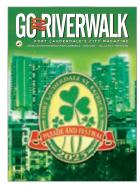
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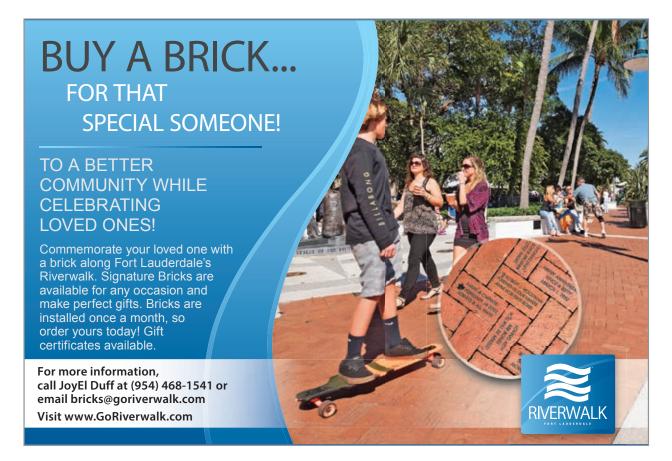
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### SPRING BREAK REWIND



This March, the Friday Night Sound Waves Backstage Pass Series takes a *Spring Break Rewind*, presented free by **DiscoverFTLBeach.com** and our friends from **Audacy's 102.7 The Beach**. Designed for the Classes of the 80s and 90s, this high-energy series brings back the iconic sounds that defined a generation. With tribute performances honoring legendary bands **Boston & Foreigner** (3.7), **Def Leppard** (3.14), **Blondie & No Doubt** (3.21), and **Green Day** (3.28). It's the ultimate Spring Break vibe to keep everyone dancing, singing, and celebrating the music that made history.

Save the dates to join us at Las Olas Oceanside Park for a nostalgic journey through timeless hits, where memories are relived, new ones are made, and the magic of live music shines under the stars.

For complete details, visit theloopflb.com

## **CREATIVITY & CLASSICS**



On Saturday, March 29, Las Olas Oceanside Park and Grace Arts Center celebrate Shakespeare Week, a national initiative introducing young audiences to the Bard's timeless works through engaging activities. In the spirit of free public theater, the **Festival of Classics** returns seaside with its seventh live performance, featuring Broadway talent, local artists, and an interactive dance finale. On March 29, the LOOP also honors **Youth Art Month**, showcasing young artists (ages 6-17) and live performances. Adding to the celebration, **Nelly's Youth Biz Events** brings a special pop-up market, where young entrepreneurs can gain hands-on experience launching their own ventures. Visit **theloopflb.com** to learn more, as well as register young artists and aspiring youth entrepreneurs to participate.



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#### SAVE THE DATES

SAT, MAR 8 SAT, MAR 15 SAT, APR 12

MARCH FOR CANCER 7-10 am FLA AIDS Walk & Music Festival \$ 5TH ANNUAL SPRING FLING



Save the Date for a Hippie-D' Hoppity day of family fun at The LOOP's Spring Fling EGGstravaganza on Sat, April 12, from 10 AM to 3 PM! Enjoy a massive egg hunt with over 15,000 eggs, live entertainment, arts & crafts, and a retroinspired selfie station. Shop local at The MKT, groove to live music, and take part in exciting games and activities. Free and open to all, courtesy of the City of Fort Lauderdale's Beach Improvement District. Follow @theloopflb on your favorite social channels for updates.

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Immerse in the serene beauty of Fort Lauderdale Beach at The MKT, where breathtaking views and refreshing ocean breezes complement an eclectic array of homemade and handmade fare. From fresh produce to global flavors and unique items perfect for the home or wardrobe, the market is open every weekend, year-round. Pull up a chair to enjoy live music, participate in one of the weekend fitness classes or join in seasonal crafts and activities, including

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MAR 9 Bunny Block Make & Take Crafts

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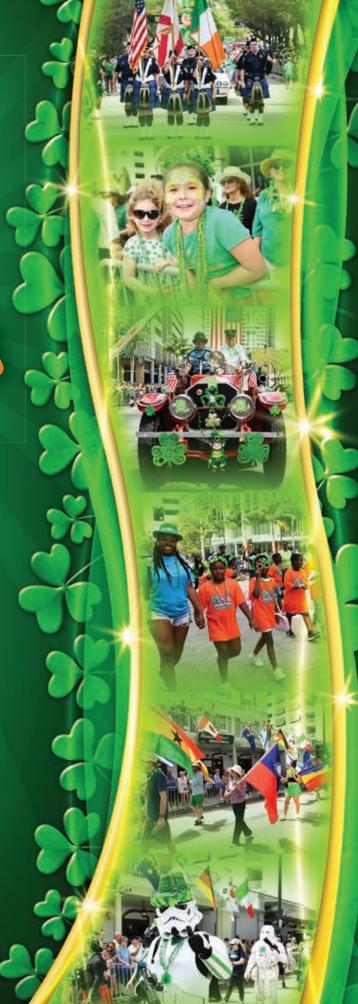
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#### **ASHLEY** | \$1,795,000 3 BEDROOM + 3.5 BATH

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, Poggenphol cabinetry, 2 terraces & unobstructed river views! 3 assigned parking spaces & storage cage.

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

Stunning Sleek Design! Newly renovated residence offers the best River views in Fort Lauderdale Spanning over the Ocean! Üpgrades have been completed for you! Completely move in Ready! Dolomite Porcelain floors, Poggenphol Kitchen, recessed lighting & more!

#### **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 Coutertops, Poggenphol kitchen, 2 covered terraces with 2 exposures.

#### **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 saft of spacious living areas & an expansive 49-foot terrace.



#### **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.



#### PARK | 3BD 3.5BA + OFFICE | \$2,495,000

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.

#### UNDER CONTRACT 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.

#### 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.

#### 1BD 1.5BA

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.

#### **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, saturnia floors, floor to ceiling glass windows in every room & large covered terrace with unobstructed river views.



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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.



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

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#### INDER CONTRACT MOONGLOW

2 Bedroom / 2 Bath High floor with an open kitchen, floor to ceiling glass throughout, large glass terrace with direct ocean & river views.

#### NEWLY PRICED **SEAVIEW** \$945,000

3 Bedroom / 2 bath Right on the River, direct River views and 2 waterfront terraces. A south east exposure captures sunrises & sunsets.

Tandem parking for 2 cars & climate controlled storage.

#### JUST LISTED! SEAVIEW | \$929,000

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

#### NEWLY PRICED MOONGLOW \$899,000

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 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 with spectacular views of the River, Ocean, city skyline & Port Everglades. Upgraded kitchen, new washer dryer & built-ins. 2 Terraces with East and West exposure.

#### UNDER CONTRACT STARDUST

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.

#### JUST LISTED! SKYVIEW | \$750,000

Completely Renovated and Furnished with high-end finishes, fixutres and furnishings. Enjoy beautiful views from your glass terrace & open concept layout that maximizes space and natural light.

#### NEWLY PRICED STARDUST \$709,000

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.

#### UNDER CONTRACT SKYVIEW

Stunning Sunsets & River Views. 2 bedroom 2 bath with Luxury Vinyl floors, redesigned kitchen & glass balcony overlooking river.

#### UNDER CONTRACT SKYVIEW

Modernized 2 bedroom 2 bath with river & city views. White glossy cabinets, custom closets and floor to ceiling glass sliders.

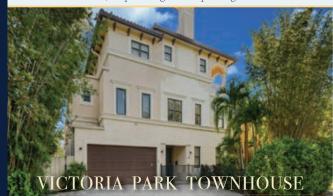
#### UNDER CONTRACT SUNGARDEN

Sunset views from this high floor 1 bed 1 bath. Upgraded appliances & granite, full size washer & dryer, tile & oak floors and custom closets.



#### JUST SOLD! 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 \$1,499,999

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.



BY RICHARD RODRIGUEZ
Chair
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale



# THE RIVERWALK DISTRICT

CENTER OF A VIBRANT DOWNTOWN FORT LAUDERDALE

reater Fort Lauderdale continues to grow and add depth to our offerings as a community, with the Downtown and Riverwalk District serving as the epicenter for our growth as a community. With new recreational facilities, culinary and entertainment offerings and shopping opening regularly, and more in the pipeline, there seems to be no end in sight for the variety of offerings our residents and visitors alike will have going forward.

In Holiday Park, the Florida Panthers have completed their work on renovating our cherished War Memorial auditorium, adding practice rinks for our 2024 Stanley Cup Champion Cats, and offering public classes, leagues and open skate sessions. The Riverwalk team had the opportunity to participate in one of the Learn-to-Curl classes in December and highly recommend this as a fun introduction to a unique sport, as well as a great team building exercise for all! The renovated War Memorial Auditorium opened for live entertainment in January, with renowned singer Melissa Etheridge as the opening act.

The Jimmy Evert Tennis Center at Holiday Park is currently undergoing renovations that will see the center updated with state-of-the-art courts, upgraded lighting and new shade structure, and will be closed for most of 2025. The Fort, the new pickleball stadium at Snyder Park, opened in January as the world's first pickleball stadium. These projects help cement Fort

Lauderdale's growing worldwide reputation as a center for sports and recreation.

Howl at the Moon, the famed live entertainment venue with high-energy shows, opened its second Florida location on Las Olas in December, with ELBA Las Olas, a new Mediterranean-inspired restaurant, opening next door. Renovations of several Las Olas eateries have seen the opening of new restaurants, with several more opening in the coming months. Catch and Cut opened in January in the space formerly occupied by The Balcony, featuring seafood, steaks and a sushi and raw bar. On West Las Olas, Swizzle Rum Bar & Drinkery opened in the former Rivertail space in January, with TIMBR opening in the former Cash Only space in late February. Openings of Earl's Kitchen and Sixty Vines are currently scheduled for March.

The frenetic pace of growth on the north side of the New River has expanded south, with work completed on Harbour at New River and Rivr Lofts residences and work progressing on several other residential projects. Look for restaurant openings on the south side of the New River in the near future, as well as additional residential projects getting underway.

The fourth annual Riverwalk International Food Festival (RIFF) will celebrate the global offerings of South Florida's culinary scene on March 22 at Esplanade Park. Please join Riverwalk for this celebration of our dynamic and growing culinary scene.





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# **CALLING ALL ARTISTS**

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artists to encourage local artist to participate. Within the city and surrounding area, we are most fortunate to have a tremendous number of gifted artists that utilize multiple mediums.

This year our theme is to celebrate Riverwalk, the Riverwalk District and Downtown Fort Lauderdale.

Two-dimensional and three-dimensional artwork of all mediums are invited to participate in the competition, including but not limited to watercolor, oil, sculpture, photography, charcoal, chalk, mixed media, drawing and gouache.

A local juried panel will judge the competition. The winner will be notified in May and will be photographed and interviewed for a story in Go Riverwalk Magazine and the winning art will grace an upcoming cover of the magazine.

There are a number of art classes and locations for local artists to exhibit their work, including ArtServe which is known as an arts incubator as well as a number of local galleries and featured shows. We strongly encourage artists to participate in this opportunity so that we can continue to feature our local talents and provide another means to be seen and experienced.

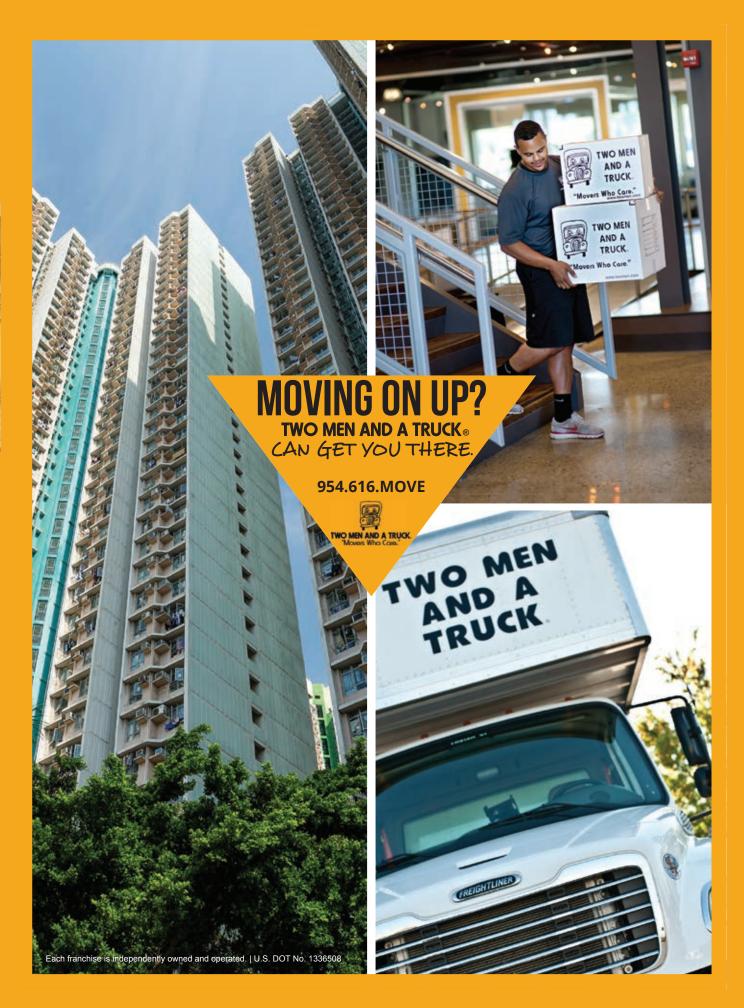
Riverwalk has installed many art pieces on Riverwalk and Downtown from sculptures to wall murals. Recently we used a local artist to provide a clever twist on hopscotch in one of our local parks. We are currently seeking donations and grants to put more of this type of art in the downtown area.

Take a minute and see page 27 with specific instructions and please submit your work. In conjunction with Las Olas Capital Arts, we expect a great turn out and look forward to having you join in. <sup>(1)</sup>













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RENGIN GUNDOGDU
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, ZORG WORLD

• Originally from Istanbul, Turkey, I have been living in Florida for nearly 11 years. I moved to Fort Lauderdale to pursue my second master's degree in computer science at Nova Southeastern

University. I hold sociology and MBA degrees. I started my career in IT and since then I have worked for several international companies. As an entrepreneur, I started my second company, Zorg World, in 2020. Zorg is the initials of my family as I dedicated my firm to them. I provide consulting in telecom and real estate.

I moved to Las Olas area last year with my beloved Yorkie, Chappie. I specifically chose this location so he could enjoy the water view. I had rescued him in Turkey when he was a baby and we moved to Florida together. He absolutely loved the Riverwalk and enjoyed watching the water, boats and people. He loved everyone and all animals. He always filled my heart with happiness. He loved life. If you saw a Yorkie with little blue sneakers, that was him. I lost Chappie suddenly in December 2024. His sudden death devastated me. During this difficult time, I found the Riverwalk community. I dedicated two bricks for my Chappie and my late father who loved him deeply. I am happy and excited to be a member of the Riverwalk organization, and I look forward to supporting our beautiful Riverwalk in every way possible.

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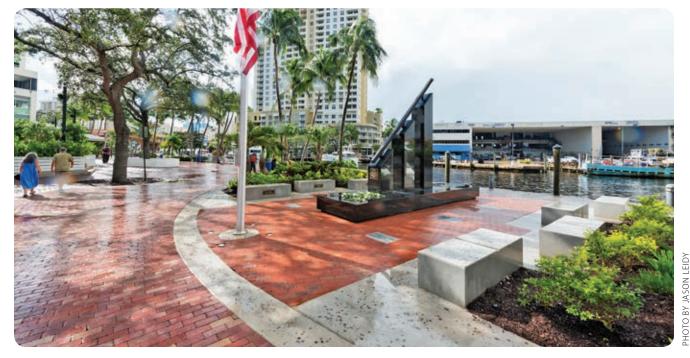
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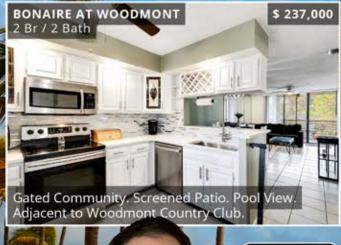


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# **POWER MIXER AT EMILY'S GARDEN**

The first Power Mixer of 2025 was held at Emily's Garden on Jan. 27. Riverwalk Trustee and Executive Members along with Corporate Partners enjoyed a select wine assortment along with an extensive display of savory hors d'oeuvres and entrees. A very warm thank you to Emily's Garden and our sponsor Dynamix for your continuous support of Riverwalk.









Melissa Copp, Joelyn Cecere and Ethan Sylvester



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## NINTH ANNUAL RIVERWALK CHILI COOK-OFF

The 2025 Riverwalk Chili Cook-off brought a sizzling combination of flavors to the Riverwalk on Saturday, Feb. 8, with contestants battling for the title "Best Chili in Fort Lauderdale." Attendees sampled the 11 teams' chili creations and voted for their favorite, with specialty ingredients used by some teams including brisket, bison, gator, truffle and Jack Daniels. Congratulations to all of our teams for a great showing, and to our runner up, Company 29 from Fort Lauderdale Fire and Rescue, and the title of Best Chili in Fort Lauderdale went to Team Salty Monkeys! Thank you to our amazing team of volunteers, and our supporters at Morningstar Storage and S.MARK Graphics.



Team Theatrical Spice Brigade: Danny Constantino, Elizabeth Garrard and Ethan Schaefer



Team Salty Monkeys, winner of the Chili Cook-off: Jared Kosten, Ron Greene, Alex Colazo, Damon Ricks and Mett Ferrelli



Team Fort Lauderdale Fire and Rescue Company 29, Chili Cook-off runner up: Sergio Alcazar, Aaron Caja, Matty Johnson, Dylan Leggio and Ronald Arteaga



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Team Snake Lip Chili: Darren, Antionette, Jake and Alicia A'hern



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BY COMMISSIONER PAMELA BEASLEY-PITTMAN
District 3
City of Fort Lauderdale



# SPRING IN FORT LAUDERDALE

A SEASON OF FUN, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

a spring break approaches, Fort Lauderdale comes alive with energy, sunshine and an influx of visitors eager to enjoy everything our city has to offer. For many, spring break means beaches filled with college students; however, for our local families, this season is an opportunity to create lasting memories while exploring the beauty of our own backyard.

Whether you're a resident or a visitor, there's no shortage of family-friendly activities to enjoy in District 3 and beyond. From outdoor adventures to cultural experiences, our city is brimming with opportunities to keep kids entertained, engaged and active during their time off from school.

#### **Enjoy the Great Outdoors**

Springtime in Fort Lauderdale is all about enjoying the sunshine. Our beautiful parks offer countless ways for families to get outside and stay active. Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park is a fantastic spot for families. With its walking trails, playground, and fishing opportunities, it's a great place to spend a peaceful afternoon. Osswald Park is another hidden gem, featuring basketball courts, a fitness area and open fields perfect for a game of soccer or football with the kids. Carter Park is a hub of activity featuring a pool, basketball courts and plenty of open space for a family picnic. The park also hosts community events throughout the year, making it a great place to check out during spring break.

#### **Dive into Arts and Culture**

For families looking to mix a little education with their spring break fun, Fort Lauderdale has a vibrant arts and culture scene to explore. The Museum of Discovery and Science is a must-visit, with hands-on exhibits, an aviation station and a massive IMAX theater that screens everything from nature documentaries to Hollywood blockbusters.

Young art lovers will enjoy a trip to the NSU Art Museum, where interactive exhibits and family-friendly workshops bring creativity to life. And don't forget about the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, which hosts a variety of kid-friendly performances, from musicals to puppet shows, throughout the season.

#### **Special Spring Events**

Spring in Fort Lauderdale isn't complete without community events and festivals that bring us all together. Look out for the annual Spring Eggstravaganza, where kids can hunt for eggs, meet the Easter Bunny and participate in fun outdoor games.

#### Stay Safe and Enjoy the Season

While spring break is a time for fun, it's also important to stay safe. If you're heading to the beach, always swim near lifeguard stations and keep an eye on surf conditions. And if you're out and about in the city, be mindful of increased traffic and pedestrian activity.

Whether you're playing in the sand, paddling along the waterways or enjoying an afternoon at the museum, take this time to connect with family, explore our city and appreciate all the reasons we call Fort Lauderdale home.

I look forward to seeing you and your family out and about this season — enjoy your spring break!







# Call to Artists to celebrate Riverwalk and downtown

provide. Artists are encouraged to share their view of the areas for activities both

participate in the competition, including but not limited to watercolor, oil, sculpture, photography, charcoal, mixed media, drawing and gouache. The winning artwork will grace the cover of a future issue of Go Riverwalk Magazine.

The competition will be judged by a local juried panel. The winner will be notified in May and will be required to be photographed and interviewed for a story in Go

"Riverwalk celebrates our local artist and art in public places. These artist and their talents, gift our city with cultural beauty." says Genia Duncan Ellis, President/CEO of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale."

The Riverwalk is a 2.5-mile brick walk on both sides of the New River, meandering through Downtown Fort Lauderdale. The Downtown Riverwalk District includes 10 parks as well as a lush tropical waterfront in the downtown center of an urban metropolis.

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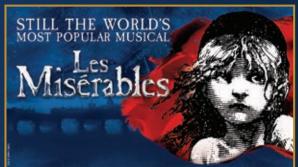




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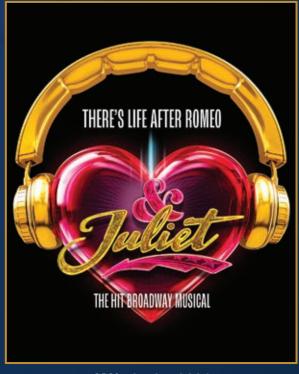






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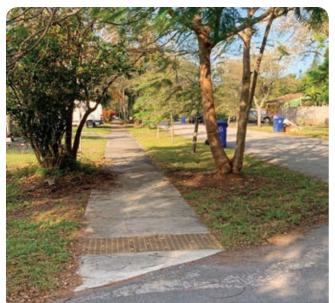


# **CONNECTING THE BLOCKS**

THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE MILES OF MISSING SIDEWALKS IN FORT LAUDERDALE

ver the past year, the City of Fort Lauderdale Transportation and Mobility Staff has been working on developing a Sidewalk Master Plan through a series of activities. This work will soon end with a prioritized implementation plan to be able to direct the path forward to creating a more connected transportation system for pedestrians.

The Sidewalk Master Plan is an initiative to accomplish the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision and





supplemental Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plans established to accomplish the long-range vision of having a connected multimodal transportation system.

Initiatives are prioritized each year during the Commission Prioritization process and the budget approval process. The Sidewalk Master Plan funding was approved by the City Commission previously for this critical project to allow for transformational change in pedestrian mobility. Prior to this plan, the identified gaps were reliant on residents reporting those needs; however, now there will be a comprehensive approach to implementation.

The first stage of the project, which was the largest level of effort, was to develop a comprehensive geographical database of the locations of missing sidewalks. Several existing data sources were compiled along with a significant amount of quality control efforts. Based on the data layer developed, there are 457 miles of missing sidewalks in the city if there were to be sidewalks on both sides of the streets where required by city ordinance.

With this level of outstanding need, it is paramount to prioritize where to start. In order to develop how to approach that prioritization, staff reached out to the community to identify which locations they felt were most important to start with. The consensus through that process included schools, parks, within residential neighborhoods, and connecting to commercial areas. These main criteria were used along with other best practices including streets with pedestrian crashes, proximity to transit routes, on collector streets within neighborhoods, among others.

Based on that detailed prioritization, there were six levels of priority developed to assist in moving forward manageable groups of projects. It is anticipated that the top two levels of priority will be moved forward first in neighborhood-focused groupings of projects to create connected networks in areas surrounding schools as the highest priority. The focus will be on creating a network on one side of a street first to create the connection and allow for more streets to have sidewalks.

These efforts will be funded through a diverse collection of funding opportunities including existing grants through Broward County Surtax Grants, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization grants and city allocated funds. Beyond the existing funding sources, other funding opportunities are being explored to be able to make more significant progress in achieving the goal of having a transportation network where a person can move around by whatever mode they choose safely. (6)



# THE NEW FRONTIER

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By now most of us have dabbled in artificial intelligence (AI). It is no longer a buzzword and will soon become the backbone for industries. The real question will be which of those industries will AI be complementary as opposed to a replacement?

AI is predicted to boost global gross domestic product by trillions. What affect on employment rates remains unknown. Jobs will evolve. The World Economic Forum estimates that 50 percent of workers need reskilling now. Workers who embrace learning will be highly sought.

Remote work is here to stay but the gig economy faces a reckoning. Some estimate that 30 percent of workers may freelance, demanding better protections. Skills gaps widen, but so will niches in cybersecurity, green tech and AI ethics. Employers who invest in upskilling will thrive; those who don't risk elimination.

You have read in this column about sustainability and resilience. It has been what has kept me up at night. Climate action is now an economic imperative. Renewables are projected to supply 35 percent of global power. Governments and corporations are racing to net-zero, but the new administration has put a chink in the armor by currently halting all spending as of this writing. How

Washington rearranges policy will have an impact but the green economy revolution is here to stay.

Our \$28 billion climate action plan for Broward County is front and center. We must adapt to changing weather patterns by creating more catch basins for heavier rain events. Just the sheer number of seawalls that must be raised to minimum heights is daunting but not insurmountable. We just need to take one "bite of the elephant at a time."

There continues to be headwinds. As one economist told me, "It is going to be choppy for a while." Inflation may linger as supply chains adapt. Consumer debt and delinquencies could erupt. Climate disasters will continue – already costing billions annually.

Nationally, we will add between 150,000 to 250,000 new jobs monthly. Our labor market, previous items notwithstanding, is solid with gains in healthcare and social assistance.

Yet amid these challenges lies unprecedented opportunity and growth. Public-private partnerships will bridge (or tunnel) infrastructure gaps. Watch for inclusivity — empowering women, migrants and marginalized communities — to potentially unlock \$12 trillion in global GDB.

We are at a crossroads with this new frontier. The proverbial fork in the road where one path leads to disruption and disparity; the other, to innovation and shared prosperity. The choice is ours.



BY PHIL PURCELL
CEO/President, Marine Industries Association of South Florida
Writer Liz Wegerer



# YUM AFLOAT

CELEBRATE WITH STYLE ON THE SUMMER WIND

or more than a century, people have been lured to the Fort Lauderdale area by the allure of a balmy climate and proximity to water. From the New River to the Intracoastal Waterway, our region attracts countless tourists and new residents now just as robustly as it did in its earliest days.

One favorite pastime for everyone in Fort Lauderdale is taking full advantage of a waterfront setting to enjoy an al fresco meal, meet up for drinks or celebrate a special occasion. From fancy to casual, sit-down meals to takeaway from one of the many food trucks, people do not lack options or opportunities to savor a meal near one of our city's abundant waterways.

But even with all these options available for drinking and

dining by the water, there is one unique way to soak up our area's unique ambiance and elevate your experience – hosting your event on board The Summer Wind.

Since the early 1990s, this unique vessel has defined its niche serving groups of 10 to 50 guests for every type of celebration you can imagine. Whether it's a Sunday brunch for a baby shower, an executive function, a milestone birthday or anniversary party or a wedding rehearsal dinner, the talented crew of The Summer Wind ensures an unforgettable experience for everyone on board.

Offered by Charter One Yachts, The Summer Wind is perfectly equipped for every celebration. At 91 feet long, she offers ample space for all guests to spread out and soak up the stunning scenery and warm salt breezes. The covered aft deck offers a spacious teak dining table and plenty of shade. The boat's partially covered Sky Deck delivers 360-degree views of the surrounding skylines and incredible sunsets as you cruise along the Intracoastal Waterway.

Inside there's a climate-controlled salon with air conditioning to ensure guest comfort no matter what the weather is doing outside. There is also a master stateroom with an en suite bathroom plus an additional guest room and second bathroom that provide guests with comfortable places to change and get ready for a special event.

Delectable catering comes courtesy of

Charter One's executive chef. He and his team develop fully customizable menus with options that include full-service meals, buffet-style dining, and food stations. A typical dining arrangement features passed starters, a full dinner, and passed desserts. However, the catering team can deliver virtually any dining option or style you'd like.

Charter One's event planning team ensures no detail is overlooked, providing you with full support from your first inquiry through the conclusion of your event. The team will source décor, photographers, videographers, entertainment, and anything else you need.

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#### **Veteran and Military Exemptions**

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#### **Surviving Spouse of First Responder Exemption**

Un-remarried surviving spouses of a first responder who died in the line of duty may be eligible for an exemption of the full assessed value of a Homesteaded property. Here is the link to the exemption requirements: https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/FirstResponderExemption.

Once the Sept. 17, 2025, statutory "late filing" deadline has closed, we cannot accept any more 2025 exemption applications regardless of any good cause reason for missing the late filing deadline.

Property owners who moved to a new home in 2025 can pre-file for tax year 2026 at https://bcpa.net/homesteadonline\_with\_portability/web/index.aspx.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at martykiar@bcpa.net. <sup>(1)</sup>





# **FAVORITE FOOD TRUCKS**

CHEF ALEX MENTIS SHARES THE STORY BEHIND HIS FOOD TRUCK EMPIRE

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

wning a successful food truck in Fort Lauderdale is already a great accomplishment on its own, but owning five is almost unheard of. But Chef Alex Mentis has found a great deal of success with his numerous food trucks serving Mediterranean cuisine at The Greek, burgers at Mr. Burgers, and seafood at Mr. Lobster, with almost everything being made from scratch daily.

So it's no surprise that Mentis became a titan in the culinary world, seeing as his love for cooking started at an early age, working in his family's restaurants.

"I grew up in the business. I was born in New Jersey, and my parents owned restaurants there. Then, we moved to Greece, where my parents opened the first fast-food restaurant in Greece, making burgers. So, I remember being five or six years old and sitting on a milk crate making hamburgers," he said.

Their time in Greece was short-lived, with Mentis and his family moving back to the United States when he was in high school. Following graduation, he went on to get his bachelor's degree in the culinary arts and started working with the Hilton Corporation for 14 years as their executive chef. But, as his career as a classical chef began to blossom, his brother was opening a supplement store and needed some help getting it off the ground. So, Mentis took a three-year hiatus from his culinary career to help his brother start his business in Plantation.

His business just so happened to be across the street from a farmer's market, which gave his wife an idea.

"I used to always work every Saturday, and there was a little farmer's market on the weekends. So, my wife, Mildred, said, 'Listen, let's go to the farmer's market to get ingredients to make some baklava, Greek salads, spinach pie and little things like that to sell outside the store.

"So, first, we started with a small tent, and the next thing I knew, we had a food truck," he said.

Then Covid hit, and Mentis had to make a decision – play it safe and continue working out of his one food truck or invest in his burgeoning business by expanding. Without much hesitation, he put a lot of time, money, and passion into growing his business, and today, Mentis is the proud owner of five food trucks, which can be found throughout South Florida. As for where any of Mentis' trucks will be on a given day, hungry customers can find their locations on Instagram and Facebook.

Yet even though Mentis is the brains behind this operation, he credits his family and staff.

"I owe a great deal of my success to my wife, my parents and my staff. I'm nobody without them, especially my staff. I typically have between 12 and 14 employees, and most of them are cross-trained. So they can work on any of my trucks, and they're a large part of why I've been able to expand as much as I have," he said.

Mentis is already in the process of adding a new truck to his fleet serving a brand new type of cuisine that, for now, he's keeping a secret. ①



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#### OTHER FORT LAUDERDALE FOOD TRUCKS

Aside from Chef Mentis' multiple food trucks, numerous other food trucks are serving up a variety of cuisines to satisfied customers throughout Fort Lauderdale. From smoothies and seafood to vegetarian and BBQ, these are some of the beloved local food trucks that can often be found at Riverwalk events.

#### **Chef Jimmy Dean's Chuck Wagon**

If you have a hankering for BBQ, the Chuck Wagon is serving up some BBQ classics like brisket, pulled pork, and baby back ribs. But that's not all, they also serve their take on some Mexican staples like birria tacos and tostones.

#### **Beachside Blends**

For a smoothie on the go, Beachside Blends is the food truck whose motto is "wellness on wheels." Yet, they offer not only smoothies, but also bowls, pressed juices, and wellness shots.

#### **Tropical Oasis Express**

South Florida is home to some amazing Caribbean-American food, but none quite compare to Tropical Oasis Express. With a focus on serving an expansive menu featuring Caribbean-American fusion dishes like jerk chicken, lobster rolls, and their irresistible mac bites.

#### **GNS Seafood Express**

It can be hard to find great, tasty seafood on the go, but the GNS Seafood Express food truck specializes in serving seafood like lobster, conch, shrimp, crab, snapper and tilapia. The best part is everything is affordable and served fresh daily.

#### **Garden Diva**

As far as vegetarian dishes go, you don't always think they'll be satisfying and filling. But the Garden Diva food truck offers a fun vegetarian take on some Latin and Mediterranean classics, which include fan favorites like their vegetable empanadas and eggplant delight.

#### **Wontons on Wheels**

For over 20 years, Wontons on Wheels has been making specialty wontons to serve customers on the go from their food truck in Fort Lauderdale. With a focus on serving unique wontons with specialty flavors, their most popular dishes include their calypso shrimp wontons, Caribbean chicken wontons and jerk chicken wontons.

# LITERARY FEAST 2025

THE ANNUAL EVENT RETURNS TO SUPPORT BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARIES

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

ur local libraries are some of the most important institutions in our community. From giving visitors access to an extensive collection of books, movies, music, and more, they also offer a wide range of educational and outreach programs. That's why organizations like the Broward Public Library Foundation host an annual fundraising event to give directly back to libraries throughout Broward.







Founded in 1982, the Broward Public Library Foundation serves as the fundraising arm for the Broward County Library System. Its board of directors provides input on fundraising initiatives, grantmaking, investments and program funding.

"The Broward County Library Foundation does incredible work supporting the various programs offered by the Broward County Library System," said Joey Crawford, chair of the Broward Public Library Foundation Board.

"One of the most significant ways we do this is through our Literary Feast, which was started back in 1988. The event takes place over two days in March and connects locals with a variety of acclaimed authors from around the country."

This year's Literary Feast kicks off on Friday, March 28, at the NSU Art Museum with LitLIVE! which is a free event open to the public that features 12 authors discussing their books in moderated panel discussions followed by book signings with said authors.

The following day is their ticketed event, A Night of Literary Feasts. The evening begins with a welcome reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, at the Bahia Mar Fort Lauderdale Beach, where attendees can meet each author, purchase books, and have them signed. After the reception, guests will join the authors for an unforgettable evening of dinners at board members' private homes, restaurants, and clubs.

"The night of literary feasts is an opportunity to have dinner with a well-known author, and it's just such a cool way to interact with these amazing authors in an intimate setting. This evening is something that the foundation has made all their own, and I love the fact that we raise funds from such a unique and worthwhile event to support our numerous programs," said Crawford.

Over the years, the Literary Feast has raised \$4.5 million to support said programs, including free SAT/ ACT workshops for up to 450 high school sophomores and juniors, a summer learning program that benefits an estimated 100,000 children, teens, and adults, and the Books 'n Bears at the Holidays which gives 3,000 disadvantaged preschool children a new book and a cuddly teddy bear at the holidays. <sup>(6)</sup>

WANT TO GO? Literary Feast MARCH 28-29

www.bplfoundation.org/a-night-of-literary-feasts

# A STORIED CAREER

A CONVERSATION WITH BESTSELLING AUTHOR ALEX SEGURA

WRITER MADELAINE K. BOYER

his year's Literary Feast is certain to offer something for everyone, with a variety of authors across multiple genres set to attend. Some of the featured authors include Madeline Martin, Charles B. Fancher, Elinor Lipman, Jeffery Deaver, Lauren Willig and Wanda M. Morris.

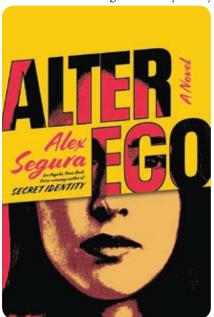
One of the featured authors and South Florida native, Alex Segura, spoke with us about his new novel, *Alter Ego*, and his appearance at the upcoming Literary Feast 2025.

#### Did you always know you wanted to be an author?

I always wanted to tell stories, but I think as a kid, you don't know exactly what that entails. I just remember buying and reading comics like X-Men and thinking, "Well, what would happen if this happened in the story instead?" So, I would always be writing my own versions of the stories I enjoyed. However, it didn't really crystallize as a potential career until college when I started taking creative writing classes. That's when I could kind of see the industry behind the creative stuff. So, I went into journalism first, which I think was a great crash course in meeting deadlines and word counts, as well as learning how to write in descriptive language. Then, eventually, I was able to find a way to transition my career from working in journalism and sharing other people's stories to telling my own stories as an author.

# Can you tell me about your new novel, 'Alter Ego', and the connection it has to your previous book, 'Secret Identity'?

Secret Identity follows Carmen Valdez, a queer, Cuban American woman who moves to New York in the 1970s to work in comics. She gets an entry-level job as a secretary at



a D-list publisher called Triumph Comics. After getting all of her pitches shot down by her editor, she's approached by a colleague to work on an assignment to create a female superhero, "The Lethal Lynx." The only catch is she has to do it anonymously. But it all comes to a head when her collaborator is murdered, and she has to solve



his murder to reclaim this character whose creation she has gotten no credit for. As for its connection to Alter Ego, I realized I wanted to know what happened to the Lynx. So, *Alter Ego* takes place in the present day and follows Annie Bustamante, a former comic book artist who has the chance to reboot her favorite series, "The Lethal Lynx," for modern audiences.

# What made you want to get involved with the Literary Feast 2025?

I'm from Miami originally, so it feels extra special when I get to come home and speak to readers, talk about my books and celebrate reading and the craft of writing. In a time where there's so much going on in the world, it's really important to embrace the arts. I think it's also important to be involved in the conversation about the arts and how we can work through these challenges, and events like this one feel like a great opportunity to do just that.

# Why do you think it's important to support our local libraries?

Libraries are so important, especially now in this time when everything is being challenged and disputed, and people want to limit what people can read. So, libraries are such a safe haven. I mean, I wouldn't be where I am today without libraries. Growing up, I didn't have the budget to buy many books, so I would go to the library and check out a pile of books and spend all my time reading. It's cliché to say, but if I didn't have access to my local library, I wouldn't have had that doorway to imagination and a chance to really engage with the greater world. So, it really feels like a blessing to be invited and to be a part of this event.

# **CAFFEINE HIT**

COFFEE FOSTERS A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

**WRITER** LYNN PEITHMAN STOCK

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

These days, it's not enough for a coffee shop to serve a rich cup of joe. The coffee house also needs to have a warm, inviting atmosphere to entice customers to sit, sip and stay awhile. Here's a look at a few of our favorite spots.

#### **Imperial Moto Café**

2091 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Oakland Park | www.imperialmoto.com

While this java joint is not technically in Fort Lauderdale, its visual niche is worth a look. The "moto" in its name references the term for a cyclist who is willing to take risks and push their limits.

World Eye Media describes Imperial Moto as having "coffee shop vibes with a unique blend of edgy, motorcycle-inspired aesthetics and world-class coffee. At the shop, visitors can expect fine vintage motorcycles, biker-themed merch, and expertly roasted coffee, creating a space that's as bold as it is inviting."

#### **Wells Coffee Company**

Flagler Village | 737 N.E. Second Ave., Fort Lauderdale Tarpon River | 599 S.W. Second Ave., Fort Lauderdale www.wellscoffees.com

This family-run business roasts its own beans, which many other Fort Lauderdale coffee shops use. Like many homegrown coffee houses, Wells Coffee is passionate about this daily ritual. It sources its beans from around the world and makes small batches daily, marking each bag with the date. If you can't head to one of its locations for your caffeine fix, Wells offers subscriptions so you can indulge in your favorites at home. Each bag of signature roasted beans runs \$15 to \$18, plus shipping.

Other Fort Lauderdale coffee spots to check out:

#### Circle House Coffee

727 N.E. Third Ave., Fort Lauderdale | www.circlehousecoffee.com

Former Detroit Lions linebacker Stephen Tulloch converted his passion for coffee into a business enterprise, starting Circle House in 2018 in Fort Lauderdale. Last year, he launched his Signature 55 coffee line, which gives to charitable causes through the Stephen Tulloch Foundation.

#### **Expresso Coffee**

1900 S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale

This small drive-through stand has character.

#### Soud's

3301 N.E. 32nd St., Fort Lauderdale | www.spudscoffee.com

Not a potato bar, this café is named after owner Megan Wilson's grandfather. Wilson herself has a background in farming and the coffee shop's robust menu reflects that











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#### LitLIVE!

#### Friday, March 28, 2025 • 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Horvitz Auditorium at NSU Art Museum

Hear twelve acclaimed authors discuss their new books in Mystery, Fiction and Nonfiction panels followed by book sales and signings.

This in-person event is free to the public and sponsored by Nova Southeastern University and the **NSU Alvin Sherman Library.** 

A Night of Literary Feasts Saturday, March 29 • 5:30 - 10:30 p.m. Bahia Mar • Fort Lauderdale Beach

Challenger

More authors to be announced soon!

**EVENTS OF THE** 

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Join the authors at the Welcome Reception, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., which includes book sales and signings, auction and open bar and hors d'oeuvres, followed by private dinners around Fort Lauderdale. Reception and Dinner Tickets are \$200. Reception-only Tickets are \$100.

Literary Feast is presented by the **Helen Ingham Foundation**. The Welcome Reception is sponsored by **JM Family Enterprises, Inc.** 

For more information, and to register, please call 954.357.7382 or visit bplfoundation.org



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#### **GENERAL EVENTS**

#### MARCH 1



# 48th Annual Broward County Waterway Cleanup

Volunteer and help clean our community and waterways Marine Industries Association of South Florida Across Broward County www.miasf.org

#### The Beach Boys: Annual Celebration and Benefit

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MARCH 1-2



#### **Rod Stewart**

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#### Sons of Cream

Celebrating the legendary music of their fathers Broward Center for the Performing Arts 954-462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

#### MARCH 5

#### Noon Tunes

Andrew Morris Band (Country) City of Fort Lauderdale Laura Ward Plaza 954-828-5365 www.parks.fortlauderdale.gov

#### Women Trailblazers 2025 Opening Reception

Celebrating unsung female trailblazers in our community History Fort Lauderdale www.historyfortlauderdale.org

#### MARCH 6



#### **Gladys Knight**

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# MARCH 7 St. Patrick's Day Street Striping

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#### Rain - A Tribute to the Beatles

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#### MARCH 8

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#### MARCH 8-9



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#### MARCH 9

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#### MARCH 12

#### Noon Tunes

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#### South Florida Symphony Orchestra

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#### MARCH 13



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#### MARCH 14 The Coral Reefer Band

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#### MARCH 14-15

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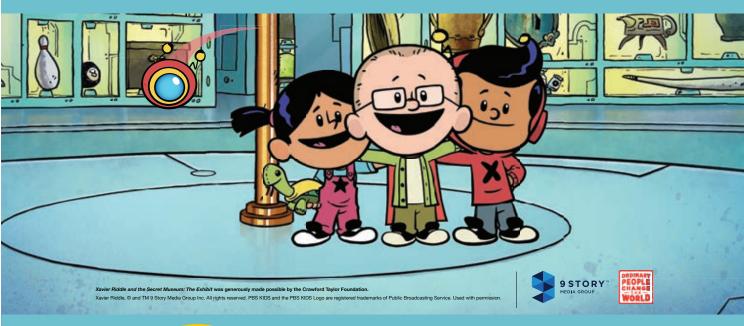






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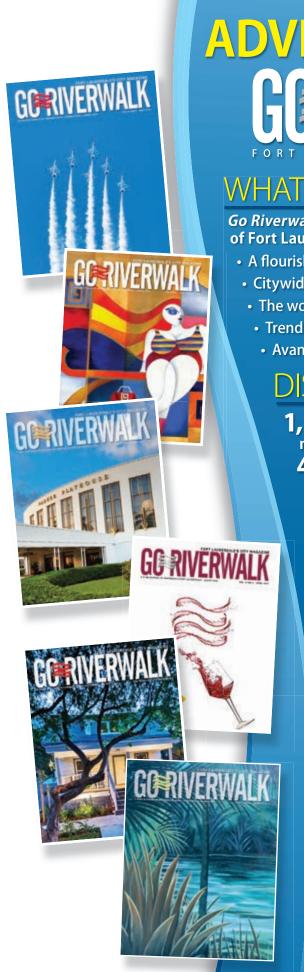
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