



From the desk of
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Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner, District 2



December 2021 Newsletter



Dear Neighbors,

Reading through recent issues of the excellent Island and Venice magazines, I could not help but notice all the amazing references to District 2 events, projects, and places. Attention is often focused on just certain projects, but there really is so much happening on a daily basis in our very exciting district. All of this is so worth sharing - the people, small businesses, neighborhoods, and more. So please enjoy!

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ISLAND

FROM THE EDITOR

THE ONLY CONSTANT IN LIFE IS CHANGE

LOOKING BACK AT THE WAY LIFE USED TO BE SAY, 50 or 100 years ago may be lovely... but if your goal is to turn back time in a meaningful way, it's also sort of futile. Talk to long-time residents of Fort Lauderdale and you're sure to hear some version of, "When I was a child, Searstown was a trailer park," or better yet, "My father drove me through Coral Ridge in 1952 and it was all swampy with one road, as I recall."



Ripe for adaptive re-use.
The Bayview Building, west wing. Built in 1956, it was fused in 1960 to a taller building sheathed in a see-through mesh brick in a folded plate design.

In 2021 we are a city of 180,000 set at the center of a sprawling county of 1.9 million. We have a burgeoning downtown filling up with more skyscrapers each year. And while some may shake their heads in dismay, the city has seen a true metamorphosis in the past 20 years. Once a district of nine-to-five workers that rolled up the sidewalks each night, it's become one of the most desirable city centers in which to live now. The arts have exploded, and opportunities for living expanding from just one or two condominium buildings for empty-nesters to a full array of choices, from co-living rentals like Society Las Olas to true mixed-use living like 100 Las Olas where retail, restaurant, hotel and condominiums exist in one tower.

Older buildings, when lucky, have found new life through adaptive re-use. One great example of that is the architecture firm Glavovic Studio's new space on NE 3rd Avenue, as seen in our pages last month. Two more examples are coming up in our January, 2022 edition. Which brings us to a point: Fort Lauderdale, as it changes, doesn't need to be a giant "dry erase" board to make it successful. The best, most character-filled cities in this country have found ways to fuse new and old into developments that are *lucrative* as well as *brehtaking*. Fabulous prospects to graft old and new together exist all over our city.

One of those is Charles McKirahan's Bayview Building. Already two Mid-Century Modern structures of different dates fused together, this building has a sea of asphalt behind it that could be developed into a third, taller structure — grafted on — while the originals are turned, say, into high end, two-story condominiums with unobstructed views of the Middle River to the west. If the Bayview Building were in Los Angeles, seeing its value, this opportunity would have been snatched up already. What do you say, Fort Lauderdale? Are we ready?

John T. O'Connor
Editor-in-Chief



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DESIGN CATALYST

DC ALEXANDER PARK + SWIMMING HALL OF FAME

text Hilary Lewis

CALL IT THE BILBAO EFFECT: THE WAY IN WHICH architecture can invigorate a formerly somewhat neglected district through the construction of a signature building, or even an entire zone of new construction — a reference to Frank Gehry's 1997 museum in Spain. This brings attention and excitement to local urbanism and, in turn, can lead to a real upswing in the quality of local architecture and the desire for locals and visitors alike to support and engage with quality design in the built environment. Another example is New York's Highline, which converted a former railway into a beloved urban linear park and one of the city's most visited green spaces.

In Fort Lauderdale, we have seen many projects since 2000, which strive for a higher quality of architecture. This is beginning to transform the beloved land of Spring Break of yore into a more interna-

tionally desirable and sophisticated city. Here at Island, we applaud this direction among developers and planners.

In this vein, a lot of change is coming to the southern tip of Fort Lauderdale. The Swimming Hall of Fame and Aquatic Center is get-

In combination, these two projects have the potential to lift this section of Fort Lauderdale Beach to a whole new level of public space and built work... a big step forward in urban design.

ting far more than a facelift from architectural superstars Arquitectonica of Miami and DC Alexander Park is about to transform via a bold design by Brooks + Scarpa (based in Los Angeles and Fort Lauderdale), whose proposed landscape and pavilion design for

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FIRST IMPRESSION

A PERFECT 10

WITH A SPECTACULAR NEW DESIGN BY **ARQUITECTONICA**, THE SWIMMING HALL OF FAME IS READY FOR ITS CLOSE-UP.

text John T. O'Connor

SWIMMING, IT CAN BE ARGUED, can be credited for putting Fort Lauderdale on the map. But wait, you might think, "Wasn't it Spring Break that put this city on America's collective radar screen?" Follow us for a few minutes while we connect the dots for you.

During the land boom of the early 1920s, towns in South Florida pushed the image of an elegant life of leisure, building golf and country clubs as well as what were known as swimming 'casinos.' Not to be left behind, Fort Lauderdale built its own, a Mediterranean Revival confection, complete with Moorish tile, stucco walls and arched loggias. It is here, in 1936, that Sam Ingram, swim coach at Colgate University came up with the idea of training his student athletes at this sun-drenched facility. The College Swim-

ming Coaches of America followed suit, training undergrad swimmers during Christmas breaks and spring vacations. Men and women trained in the Casino Pool each year, and by 1960, the Coaches Forum brought in student athletes from 44 colleges. Word travelled from tanned athletes to pale academics about Fort Lauderdale's swaying palms and 70-degree weather. The subsequent Spring Break with its hordes of students, filled hotels beyond capacity and put Lauderdale on the map.

The aging Casino Pool was replaced in 1965 by a state of the art aquatic complex, flanked by the Swimming Hall of Fame headquarters. This complex, in turn, needed an upgrade in 1986 and the renowned firm of Arquitectonica, based in Miami, was brought

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EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS: THE FOUR SEASONS HOTEL AND PRIVATE RESIDENCES

MOVE OVER, RITZ-CARLTON... MAKE SOME ROOM. Conrad, the Four Seasons has arrived. Dare we say it? With the imminent opening of the Four Seasons Hotel and Private Residences, the transformation of Fort Lauderdale Beach is complete. To the world class dining destinations and fabulous accommodations our oceanfront has acquired in recent years, we add the pinnacle of hospitality. When its doors swing open this coming March, the Four Seasons will bring unrivalled style and legendary service to our shores.

Designed by architect Kobi Karp and his team, Fort Partners and Merrimac Ventures brought in the London-based interior design firm, Tara Bernard & Partners to outfit its public spaces and guest rooms. Bernard is very highly regarded in the field of hospitality design. Bernard's firm has completed ac-

Lifted three stories up from the ground level, the pool offers unobstructed views and Four Seasons' signature services.

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Created by artists Allison Hetherly and Jeffrey Noble, this mural wraps an entire building at the Gateway Shops off E. Sunrise Blvd.

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Riviera Isles: Still alluring as it approaches its 100th year.

ZIP DOWN E. LAS OLAS BOULEVARD from downtown to the barrier island, and you come across a series of jewel-like islands and peninsulas lined with beautiful homes representing the best of Fort Lauderdale living. Newcomers to Fort Lauderdale often refer to

INDIVIDUAL LOTS ON THE RIVIERA ISLES WERE PLACED ON THE MARKET AT THE HEIGHT OF FLORIDA'S LAND BOOM IN 1925. THE DEVELOPMENT SOLD OUT WITHIN 48 HOURS.

this jaw-dropping section of the city as The Las Olas Isles. While they are right --- the area is labeled this informally --- this stretch is actually eight individual neighborhoods, created by a number of

developers. The Riviera Isles, on the south side of Las Olas, just west of Idlewyld, is one of the finest in this handful of very special neighborhoods.

Composed of Flamingo Drive, Solar Isle Drive and Riviera Isles Drive, the Riviera Isles were developed in the 1920s by Thomas N. Stillwell, who was the owner of the Fort Lauderdale's Daily News, now the Sun-Sentinel. Stillwell came to the table with plenty of experience, having just developed Idlewyld to the east in the early 1920s. Stillwell moved just a few hundred feet west, dredging and filling to create what he would romantically name The Riviera Isles. Individual lots were

Above: Recently sold at \$16.5 million, the buyer of this sprawling home, built in 1938 and featured in Where The Boys Are, is planning its complete restoration.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE



T3, a collaboration between Hines and Urban Street Development, is expected to bring about 150,000 sq. ft. of office space and 45,000 sq. ft. of commercial space.

Flagler Village: From Warehouse to Our House

text Maria Sanchez

Ask a local which neighborhood has seen the most change in the past few years and most will point towards our downtown core. Run that answer by anyone who lives or works in Flagler Village and they will most assuredly beg to differ. Granted, downtown as seen a number of skyscrapers go up in recent years like Icon, Amaray or 100 Las Olas, but Flagler Village has seen the lion's share of Fort Lauderdale's recent transformation, and believe it or not, there is more to come... lots more.

Defining the border of Flagler Village becomes harder each year, as developments often claim to be in "the village" pushing its

borders in all directions but west. The Sistrunk area has seen an explosion as well, but that is another story completely. Flagler Village today is generally thought to extend from E. Sunrise

FLAGLER VILLAGE, A MIX OF CONDOS & RENTALS, ART STUDIOS, OFFICES AND RETAIL, GETS A "WALK SCORE" OF 89, MAKING IT THE MOST WALKABLE NEIGHBORHOOD IN FORT LAUDERDALE.

Boulevard to E. Broward Boulevard, and from US 1 on the east to the Brightline tracks on the west. It has transformed com-

QUICK BITES

TEN YEARS AGO, TROPIC MAGAZINE, ISLAND's predecessor, produced "Reimagining The City: Breakers Avenue", an event in which five architectural firms took a closer look at the very spine of North Beach Village, Breakers Avenue and, by way of a charrette-style competition, came up with glorious ideas of what they thought made sense for the location. Each of their proposals activated the street with retail and restaurants because in 2012, there weren't any... None... Nada.

Ten years, there is the indoor/outdoor Village Café, the Wine Garden, Cornucopia, the Plaza Bistro... and now, Archibald's Village Bakery. With café tables inside and out, Archibald's is ready for whatever weather South Florida throws our way, offering up British-inspired deliciousness like fresh blueberry scones with lemon glaze, Cream scones with seasonal jams as well as American-style breakfast goods like pumpkin loaf

ARCHIBALD'S VILLAGE BAKERY AND NORTH BEACH VILLAGE: A WINNING COMBINATION

and a gluten-free coffee cake, both perfect served with a latte at an outside table on Breakers Avenue. Archibald's sausage roll — mouthwateringly good wrapped in a flaky pastry — brought back visions of trolling through Borough Market at the foot of the London Bridge.

Archibald's also offers pre-orders for the holidays, including a phenomenal pecan pie and a southern-style Dutch apple pie. If you give them enough notice, they'll do cakes and pies for special occasions as well.

Denizen's of this charming, character-filled neighborhood could not be happier with their new addition... and we can certainly see why.

Archibald's Village Bakery
608 Breakers Avenue
Fort Lauderdale
754.300.5926

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Pecan tarts



Fresh-baked blueberry muffins



Sausage rolls

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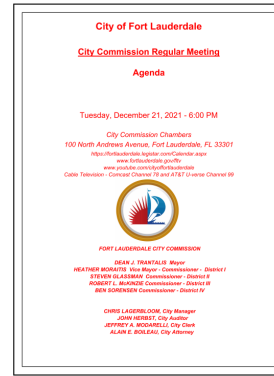
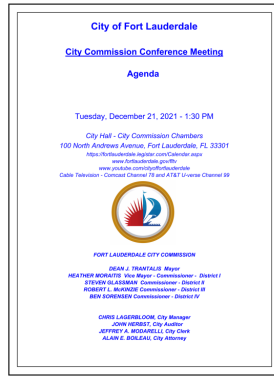
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**Virtual Pre-Agenda Meeting - Tonight
Monday, December 20 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM
via Zoom and Conference Call**

Please join me via Zoom/Conference Call at the District 2 community forum to review the agendas for the upcoming Fort Lauderdale City Commission Meetings tomorrow, Tuesday. Click on the images below to view the agendas.

Note: Two or more Fort Lauderdale City Commissioners or City of Fort Lauderdale advisory board members may be in attendance



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Tomorrow!

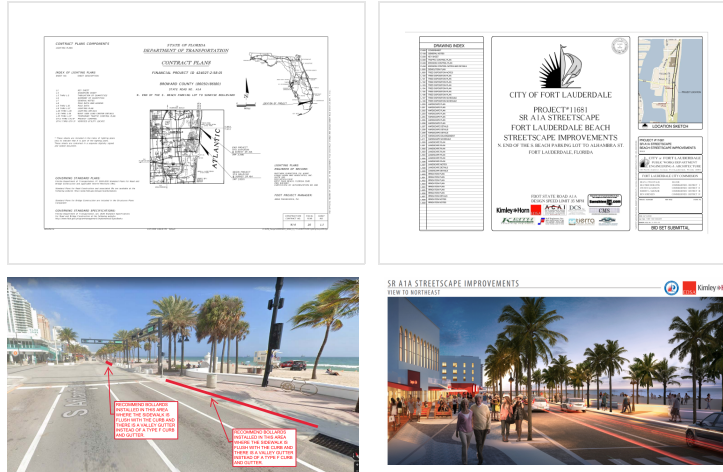


A1A Streetscape Project update!

The A1A Streetscape Project spans from the entrance of the South Beach Parking Lot north to Sunrise Boulevard. Current scope of the project is:

- New dual amber/white LED light poles on west side roughly 60' on center for entire project limits
- New bollards on east and west side from Las Olas north to Poinsettia

- New decorative hardscape at Las Olas Beach entrance
- New trees at Las Olas Beach entrance and on the west side of SR A1A from Las Olas north to Poinsettia



Click on the images below to read the FLPD 2021 Community Survey results.



Click on the image below to read information about the Henry E. Kinney Tunnel Improvements & Pedestrian Plaza Project.



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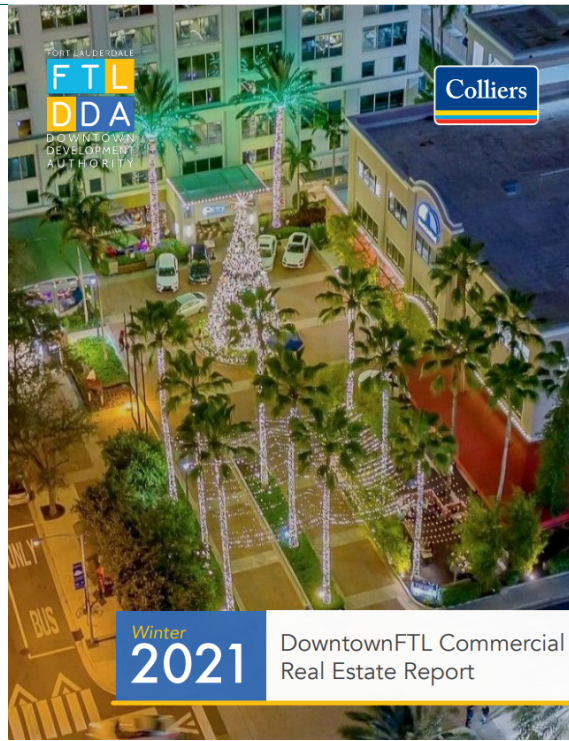
Watch highlights from the Fabulous 50th Anniversary Winterfest Boat Parade below!



Click on the image below to view information about the Victorian Christmas Tours at the Historic Stranahan House Museum.



Click on the image below to read Colliers International Winter 2021 Downtown Fort Lauderdale Commercial Real Estate Report.



Winter Break CAMPS

Elementary Camps | Grades K-5

December 20-22 & December 27-29
7:30 AM - 5:30 PM

- Bass Park | 2750 NW 19th Street | 954-828-8498
- Carter Park | 1450 W. Sunrise Boulevard | 954-828-5411
- Croissant Park | 245 W. Park Drive | 954-828-6154
- Osswald Park | 2220 NW 21st Avenue | 954-828-6455
- Riverland Park | 950 SW 27th Avenue | 954-828-5320
- Warfield Park | 1000 N. Andrews Avenue | 954-828-6120

Y.E.S.* \$27.50 | Residents \$110.00 | Non-Resident \$165.00

*Y.E.S. (Youth Enrichment Scholarship): Applicants must bring proof that the child is currently on the School Board free or reduced lunch program. Applicants must also bring proof of City of Fort Lauderdale residency.

Camp locations are subject to change based upon enrollment.

REGISTER NOW!
Register at any of the camp locations above or also at:
Holiday Park Social Center, 1150 G. Harold Martin Dr.
Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 4:30 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION
954-828-7275 (PARK) | parks.fortlauderdale.gov

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- Aviation Advisory Board
- Board of Adjustment
- Central City Redevelopment Advisory Board
- Civil Service Board
- Community Appearance Board
- Community Services Board
- Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon Committee
- Insurance Advisory Board
- Nuisance Abatement Board
- Sustainability Advisory Board

Boards and Committees Information



Was I going to turn down a ribbon cutting grand opening invitation for a NY-style deli in D2's Flagler Village?! What do you think? Mazel Tov to Mitchell Shidlofsky and Adam Shidlofsky. This family has lots of bagel/deli experience and now has opened a cool, modern vibe deli - Mitch's Downtown Bagel Cafe at 540 N. Andrews. Great joining two mayors for the opening festivities - Dean Trantalis and Michael Udine. BTW - the bagels and bialys are incredible!



News Articles

New weekly COVID case count doubles in Florida; testing positivity tops 5% for first time since late September

Nearly a third of Florida's new COVID cases are breakthrough infections. Here's the latest on what we know.

COVID-19 in Florida: State reports 8,709 new cases as South Florida counties rise into CDC's 'high risk' category

The greatness of our community starts with passionate citizens like you.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Outreach Coordinator, Ashley Cacicedo, with any questions, comments or thoughtful suggestions acacicedo@fortlauderdale.gov or [954-828-5923](tel:954-828-5923).

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