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## A Message From Your Board President

Dear Owners/ Residents:

The first month of the new year has seen progress on two very important projects. We continue to replace and improve our landscaping, not only replacing hurricane damaged plants, but up- grading several areas. Our front garage entry is almost complete. With the addition of the artificial turf and a variety of plants we have an area that is as useful as it is beautiful. Fred Doyle, Steve Roman and Ale Hale-Florez have all been instrumental in working with our landscapers. They have done a great job and I appreciate their taking on this project. Our design committee, Sharon Miller and Stephen Strum along with their Board liaison, Marsha Zimberg, invited two of the Design firms they have been interviewing to introduce themselves to our owners. The two companies, iddi (iddidesign.com) and Leighton Design Group (leightondesign.com) both have a great deal of expertise and a broad range of experience. We will continue to evaluate both as well as gather information from all of you in order to help us make a decision. My thanks to the Committee for tackling this important project.

We recently received an update from Ocean Land, the developer of the Riverside Residences to be built beside the WaterGarden. They are completing a contract with the company that will be operating the facility. As soon as the contract is formalized they will notify us. They did reveal that it will be a 10 year commitment. They have also hired an interior design company that will begin the process of designing the interior spaces. They are currently working with the designer to create some "luxury" units. When the sizes of these are established the total number of units will decrease. As they have incited in the past, their general contractor will be Coastal Construction. Regarding financing for the project, they are finalizing the details with a Group that specializes in acquiring capital for facilities such as theirs. Lastly, they predict it will about a year from now before they put "a shovel in the ground". They expressed their commitment to keep us informed and aware of the project as it moves forward.

Recently, Ft. Lauderdale held their primary elections for City Mayor as well as our District 4 City Commissioner. Three candidates vied for both offices and as not one candidate in either election won 50% plus one vote, a runoff election will be held on March 13th between the two top vote getters. For Mayor the two running are Bruce Roberts and Dean Trantalis. For our District 4 Commissioner the candidates are Ben Sorensen and Warren Sturman. As the City is facing many challenges I would like to encourage you all to make yourselves aware of these candidates and their positions.

Sincerely, Bruce Lane

Valentine's Day is right around the corner, so stop, smell (or hand out) the roses, and park differences at the door before enjoying a fine meal while you sip something wonderfully intoxicating with the person you love most. Here are the best restaurant specials in Fort Lauderdale and beyond. Most prices don't include tax and tip, and reservations are strongly suggested.



#### 3030 Ocean

The five-course dinner at 3030 Ocean (3030 Holiday Dr., Fort Lauderdale) is paired with a different rosé champagne for each course. Priced at \$140 per person, the dinner begins at 8 p.m. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 954-765-3030.

#### Ill Forks Prime Steakhouse at the Villages of Gulfstream Park

Ill Forks Prime Steakhouse's "Sweetheart Menu" This meal is priced at \$160 per couple.



#### **Big City Tavern**

Lovers' Day specials at Big City Tavern (609 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale) include Wellfleet oysters on the half-shell (\$17 per half-dozen); tuna tartare with wasabi aioli, pickled ginger, avocado, and Topeka caviar (\$16); and Chateaubriand for two, with scalloped potatoes and asparagus (\$72). Finish with Valrhona-chocolate-covered strawberries (\$10) or passionfruit panna cotta (\$10).

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#### **Burlock Coast Seafare & Spirits**

Valentine's offerings at Burlock Coast, located at the Ritz-Carlton Fort Lauderdale (1 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd., Fort Lauderdale) (\$49)



#### **Coco Asian Bistro**

Tucked away in Harbor Shops (1841 Cordova Rd., Fort Lauderdale), this intimate Asian restaurant offers a Valentine's Day à la carte menu by chef Mike Ponluang

#### Indigo

Located inside the Riverside Hotel (620 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale), Indigo is offering a variety of à la carte specials for diners to enjoy on Valentine's Day. For reservations, call 954-467-0045 or email <u>indigolasolas@riversidehotel.com</u>.

#### Wild Sea Oyster Bar & Grille

The seafood-centric restaurant at the Riverside Hotel (620 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale) is offering a four-course Valentine's Day prix fixe .Prices start at \$90 per person. For reservations, call 954-467-2555 or visit <u>wildsealasolas.com</u>.

## Local Events



FOR MORE INFORMATION: \$954.990.5175 🔀 INFO@CATDOGS.ORG



# WATERGARDEN SUPER BOWL PARTY!

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 4TH, 2018 STARTING AT 5:30PM

A RESIDENTS' & GUESTS' SUPER BOWL PARTY B-Y-O-BEVERAGES & TAILGATE-FINGER-FOOD-TO-SHARE.

TO BE TELEVISED ON A LARGE SCREEN IN THE WATERGARDEN CLUB ROOM, STARTING AT 5:30PM. THE THEATER ROOM WILL ALSO BE SHOWING THE GAME! COME TAKE PART IN OUR FOOTBALL POOL STARTING AT 5PM (\$5 PER SQUARE)

HOT DOGS WILL BE SERVED BY THE WATERGARDEN SOCIAL COMMITTEE! BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

PLEASE RSVP WITH THE CONCIERGE DIFECTLY AND LET HIM KNOW WHICH DISH YOU PLAN TO BRING.

JOIN US FOR THE FUN!!!

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Every Friday Morning of the Month 9:30am to 11am Location: WG Club Room

