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Remembering H. Wayne Huizenga (from Sun Sentinel)

Wayne Huizenga was remembered at a memorial service Thursday for his passion for life, sense of humor, and entrepreneurial savvy. Huizenga, 80, died at his Fort Lauderdale home on March 22 after a long fight with cancer. On Thursday, the renowned entrepreneur and avid sports fan was honored at a public service at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. To read more, please [click here](#).

Mike Jackson Announces AutoNation's Long-term Commitment to Fort Lauderdale

On Thursday, March 8, AutoNation Chairman, CEO & President Mike Jackson announced a long-term commitment for the company's headquarters to continue to grow in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Jackson made the announcement at the Riverwalk Trust, Inc.'s tribute event, where he was honored for his contributions to the community. To read more, [click here](#).

Broward County Sees Very Positive Over-the-Year Growth

Broward County's job report indicated a 3.5 percent unemployment rate in February 2018 compared to 3.8% in January. This rate was 0.7 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.2 percent. Nonagricultural employment increased by 9,800 jobs (+1.2 percent) over the year, with an employment of 845,100 in the Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MSA (Broward County). To read more, [click here](#).

Marine Industries Association of South Florida and Alliance release the latest Mega Yacht Economic Impact Study

A recent study of the mega yacht industry by Thomas J. Murray & Associates reaffirms that the South Florida region (Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties) is at the forefront of expanding the worldwide growth and related business activity associated with mega yachts, which are vessels that are 80' or larger. To read more, [click here](#).

Coordinating Council of Broward Releases Comprehensive Housing Strategy for County to Address Affordable Housing Crisis

The Coordinating Council of Broward, Inc. (CCB) published a comprehensive housing strategy for Broward County based on broad community engagement and input during the past year. The Housing Broward: An Inclusive Plan describes goals and actions to create and preserve affordable housing for all Broward residents. The report was developed with funding from the Health Foundation of south Florida. The report notes that Broward County, its municipalities and Community Redevelopment Agencies, developers, banks, anchor institutions and non-profit organizations all have a role in addressing the affordable housing needs. To read more, please [click here](#).

Nominations **DUE APRIL 2 for Alliance Economic Development Partner Award**

The Alliance **Economic Development Partner of the Year** award will honor an organization (nonprofit, government entity, educational institution or business/professional association) that has demonstrated a major commitment to Economic Development in Greater Fort

Lauderdale/Broward County. The award will be given each year at the Alliance Mid-Year Meeting and Luncheon. Nominations will be reviewed by a selection committee and the honoree will be announced at the event. To submit a nomination, please [click here](#).

Sponsor and Attend the Alliance Mid-Year Luncheon and Meeting on May 17

Please mark **Thursday, May 17, 2018** on your calendar for the Alliance Mid-Year Luncheon at Pier Sixty-Six. This annual event has sold out the last few years. Please register early to learn about the Alliance's mid-year economic development progress. For sponsorship opportunities, contact Gail Bulfin, gbulfin@gfalliance.org or 954-627-1027. www.gfalliance.org/midyear

TECH EMPLOYERS/EMPLOYEES - Participate in IT Middle-Skill Talent Survey

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Education Action Team is endeavoring to understand current hiring practice and to ascertain skills gaps for middle-skill tech jobs. Please participate in the survey by clicking on one of the following links: Employer Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VD85QWY> or Candidate Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M38H3ZJ>

2019 IEDC Leadership Summit Coming to Fort Lauderdale

The Alliance is excited to host the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) Leadership Summit in Broward County at Pier 66 Resort & Marina January 27-29, 2019. IEDC is the premiere international organization for economic development. If your company would like to support this event and gain valuable access to economic developers, municipal and state officials and supporting industry representatives from across north America, please contact Ron Drew at rdrew@gfalliance.org or 954-627-0130.

In the News



South Florida Business Journal - [South Florida business community reacts to Wayne Huizenga's death](#)
The Real Deal - [SoFla lease roundup: AutoNation](#)
Commercial Property Executive - [AutoNation Renews HQ Lease in Downtown Ft. Lauderdale](#)
South Florida Business Journal, [Broward Workshop annual forum a celebratory, solemn event](#)
Daily Business Review - [South Florida Amazon HQ2 Could Be Spread Out on Public, Private Land](#)
South Florida Business Journal - [Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance returns from Nashville with new ideas for job creation](#)
Sun Sentinel - [Florida tackling Amazon's data requests](#)
WKRN - [Fort Lauderdale leaders getting growth ideas in Nashville](#)
The Real Deal - [Will Amazon HQ2 bid help South Florida market itself as a region?](#)
CoStar - [Amazon Courtship Continues - Behind Closed Doors](#)

Education and Workforce Development News



[Broward College Aviation Institute Receives \\$1.9M Gift from the Jerry Taylor & Nancy Bryant Foundation](#)
[Becon-TV Announces Eighth Season Of School Duel--South Florida's Premier Academic Quiz Show](#)
[Monarch High Teacher Named Broward's 2018 "Teacher of the Year"](#)
[NSU's Huizenga Business College to Honor South Florida Entrepreneurs](#)
[Veteran Health Care Executive Harry K. Moon, M.D. to Join NSU as New EVP & COO](#)
[Eight Broward College Students Recognized on 2018 All-Florida Academic Team](#)
[Broward College Student Wins First Place in National Aircraft Aero Skills Tournament Fort Lauderdale](#)
[Broward College and Urban League of Broward County Awarded \\$3,187,500 Florida Job Growth Grant for Workforce Training](#)
[More than \\$2 Million Raised for NSU's Terry Stiles School of Real Estate Development](#)
[Gov. Scott: Florida Ranked Best State in the Nation for Higher Education](#)
[Groundbreaking Held for NSU's Tampa Bay Regional Campus](#)
[FAU Brain Institute Awarded \\$780,000 To Launch Ascend](#)
[Women in Technology Seminar set at Nova Southeastern University](#)
[Winners of Fourth Annual Holocaust Reflection Contest Honored by NSU and Holocaust Learning and Education Fund](#)
[Nova Southeastern University to Screen the Film "Lift the Mask Portraits of Life with Mental Illness"](#)
[NSU Shepard Broad College of Law unveils new Concentration in Intellectual Property, Technology and Cybersecurity Law](#)

Business Briefs and Alliance Member News



Alliance Member Companies in **Bold**

Special Recognition – many **Alliance companies and partners** have been incredibly generous in assisting those impacted by the tragedy that happened at home here in Parkland. Individuals wishing to further support victims may do so at <https://www.gofundme.com/stonemandouglassvictimsfund>.

BankUnited Chief Operating Officer Thomas M. Cornish was inducted into the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Alumni Hall of Fame, which recognizes honorees who have attended a Miami-Dade County public K-12 or adult/vocational school; received recognition for

success in their fields or service to society; and served as positive role models for Miami-Dade County Public School student To read more, [click here](#).

The **Broward Center for the Performing Arts** announces President Bill Clinton and bestselling author James Patterson will be in the Au-Rene Theater on Tuesday, June 12 at 8 p.m. for a wide-ranging conversation as they discuss their forthcoming novel, *The President is Missing* (on-sale June 4). The event is a part of a book tour in connection with the publication of *The President is Missing*. To read more, [click here](#).

The **Broward Performing Arts Foundation** recognized members of the Robert B. Lochrie, Jr. Founders' Club To read more, [click here](#).

Business for the Arts of Broward (BFA) hosted a tour of cultural sites in Coral Springs, Pompano Beach and Fort Lauderdale on Friday, March 16. Presented by Hoffman's Chocolates, the fully-guided tour takes participants for an exploration of the cultural treasures Broward County has to offer. To read more, [click here](#)

Miller Construction Company is on track for summer completion of the new Lincoln Eatery food hall for Terranova Corporation, creating tenant-ready spaces for best-in-class food concepts serving an array of American and multicultural cuisines. Terranova is projecting a November opening for the food hall. To read more, [click here](#).

Miller Construction Company is underway with fast-track construction of the 325,702-square-foot Building 2 at Flagler Global Logistics' new Countyline Corporate Park in Hialeah. Miller is on track to deliver the next-generation industrial project this spring, and this month its crews completed the 197,000-square-foot Building 1 within the park.

Panera Bread and The Dan Marino Foundation have partnered for the 8th consecutive year to celebrate inclusion and empowerment during April, National Autism Awareness Month. Starting March 29th through April 15th when customers purchase an exclusive "Marino cookie" menu item at most the thirty-one (31) Panera Bread bakery-café's throughout Broward and Palm Beach Counties a donation will be made to The Dan Marino Foundation. Customers will be supporting the Foundation's programs for teens and young adults transitioning from school to career at the North and South Marino Campuses. The Dan Marino Foundation has been helping change the lives of children and young adults with autism for 26 years. To read more, [click here](#).

South Florida Business Journal, in partnership with the Greater Fort Lauderdale LGBT Chamber and The Miami-Dade Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, presents the *Business of Pride* awards. The program will include a celebratory event in June 2018, as well as a special issue of the *South Florida Business Journal* focusing on LGBTQ business leadership and development. As part of the Business of Pride, the Business Journal will be profiling and honoring a number of "Outstanding Voices." In sum, the Business of Pride program will shine a spotlight on people, companies, policies and progress. The deadline to nominate is April 9. To nominate, [click here](#).

Ultimate Software (Nasdaq: ULTI), a leading provider of human capital management (HCM) solutions in the cloud, announced today that it has entered into an agreement with Mercer, a global consulting leader in advancing health, wealth, and career—and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. (NYSE To read more, [click here](#).

Featured Property



[Huntington Centre I](#)

2901 SW 149 Avenue, Miramar 33027

Type of space: Office

Listed by [Greg Martin](#) at Avison Young

Additional details at www.GreaterFortLauderdaleProperties.com

Upcoming Events



Alliance Events

Alliance Entrepreneur Council Meeting (Invitation Only)

Thursday, April 10, 8:30 a.m.

Location: Arc Broward WorkBar, 735 NE 2nd Ave., Fort Lauderdale 33304

For more information, please contact: Liza Bongiovi at 954-627-0132, lbongiovi@gfalliance.org

Alliance Partner Council Meeting (Invitation Only)

Thursday, April 12, 8:30 a.m.

Location: City of Coral Springs, 9500 W. Sample Rd., Coral Springs 33065

For more information, please contact: Helen Kulp at 954-627-0131, hkulp@gfalliance.org

Alliance Leadership Council Meeting (Invitation Only)

Tuesday, April 17, 8:30 a.m.

Location: Broward County Public Library, 100 S. Andrews Ave, Creation Station – 1st Floor, Fort Lauderdale 33301

For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133, tvinaixa@gfalliance.org

Alliance Corporate Council Meeting (Invitation Only)

Thursday, April 19, 8:30 a.m.

Location: Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, 200 East Las Olas Boulevard, 21st Fl (PH-A), Fort Lauderdale 33301

For more information, please contact: Helen Kulp at 954-627-0131, hkulp@gfalliance.org

Alliance Governor Council Meeting (Invitation Only)

Tuesday, April 24, 8:30 a.m.

Location: Pipeline Fort Lauderdale, 100 SE Third Ave, 10th Floor, Fort Lauderdale 33394

For more information, please contact Peggy Doty at 954-627-0134, pdoty@gfalliance.org

Alliance Mid-Year Meeting

Thursday, May 17, 11:15 a.m.

Location: Pier Sixty-Six Resort & Marina, 2301 SW 17th Street, Fort Lauderdale 33316

For sponsorship opportunities, contact Gail Bulfin at 954-627-1027 or gbulfin@gfalliance.org.

Member/Partner Events

Stranahan House Pineapple Jam

Friday, April 13, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Stranahan House, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, please [click here](#).

Broward College Village Square Take-Out Tuesday: The Right to Die

Tuesday, April 17, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Broward College, 111 E Las Olas Blvd, 12th Floor, Room 1208, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

For more information, [click here](#).

Customs and Trade Enforcement Seminar

Wednesday, April 18, 8:30 a.m.

Location: FCBF Headquarters, Doral

For more information, [click here](#).

Stearns Weaver Miller - Hackers, Trolls and the Polls – Campaign Cybersecurity

Thursday, April 19, 9:30 a.m.

Location: Free Webinar

For more information, please [click here](#).

Broward MPO Mayors/Elected Officials Transportation Roundtable

Wednesday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Broward MPO, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 850, Fort Lauderdale 33309

For more information, [click here](#).

Promote and Prosper 2018

Thursday, April 19, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: ArtServe, Inc., Fort Lauderdale

For more information, please [click here](#).

eMerge Americas Tech Event

Monday – Tuesday, April 23 - 24

Location: Miami Beach Convention Center

For more information, please [click here](#).

JA Business Hall of Fame Awards Celebration

Tuesday, April 24, 6:00 p.m.

Location: JA World Huizenga Center, Broward College, Coconut Creek

For more information, please [click here](#).

SFBJ 2018 Business of the Year Awards

Thursday, April 26, 5:30 p.m. - 8:40 p.m.

Location: Jungle Island, Miami

For more information, please [click here](#).

Business for the Arts: Art & Soul

Friday, April 27 - 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: GALLERYone DoubleTree Suites by Hilton, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, please [click here](#).

2018 Broward Heart Walk

Sunday, April 22, 8:00 a.m.

Location: Nova Southeastern University, Davie

For more information, please [click here](#).

2018 Walk Like MADD and MADD Dash Ft. Lauderdale 5K

Sunday, April 29, 7:30 a.m.

Location: Huizenga Plaza, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, please [click here](#).

Broward College Village Square Dinner at the Square: A Free Market for Education

Wednesday, May 2, 6:45 p.m.

Location: Funky Buddha Brewery, Oakland Park

For more information, please [click here](#).

My Next Move – 2018 Annual College/Career & Work Readiness Program (Companies Needed)

Thursday, May 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County; Convention Center, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, [click here](#) or email Susan Climan at sccliman@gfalliance.org or call 954-627-0126

Business for the Arts of 2018 Cultural Tour - May 11, 2018

Friday, May 11, 8:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

For more information, please [click here](#).

SFBJ 2018 Influential Business Women Awards

Friday, May 11, 11:30 a.m.

Location: Pier Sixty-Six Resort and Marina, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, please [click here](#).

Calendar items are subject to change without notice. Please visit www.gfalliance.org for the most current calendar of events and meetings and for more information regarding the Alliance.

Enterprise Florida Events

FIDAE 2018

Tuesday, April 3 - Sunday, April 8

Location: Santiago, Chile

International Trade Show

For more information, please [click here](#).

World Strategic Forum

Monday, April 16 - Tuesday, Apr 17

Location: The Biltmore Hotel Miami

Trade Conference

For more information, please [click here](#).

EXPOFARMA 2018

Wednesday, April 18 - Friday, Apr 20

Location: Mexico City, Mexico

International Trade Show

For more information, please [click here](#).

Hospitalar 2018

Tuesday, May 22 - Friday, May 25

Location: São Paulo, Brazil

International Trade Show

For more information, please [click here](#)

Africa Health

Tue, May 29, 2018 - Thu, May 31, 2018

Location: Midrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

International Trade Show

For more information, please [click here](#)

Enterprise Florida (EFI) conducts or participates in an extensive schedule of export marketing missions and exhibitions worldwide. These trade events are open to all businesses registered in Florida. For more information and more event listings, please [click here](#).

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