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Broward County's job report indicated a 3.3 percent unemployment rate in August 2019. This rate was 0.1 percentage points lower than the region's year ago rate of 3.4 percent. Nonagricultural employment increased by 11,400 jobs (+1.3 percent) over the year, with an employment of 863,000 in the Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MSA (Broward County). The region's jobless rate was 0.2 percentage point lower than the state rate (3.5 percent). The labor force was 1,050,465, up 17,066 (+1.7) over the year with 34,956 unemployed residents in the region. To read more, click here.

70 Leaders from Greater Fort Lauderdale/ Broward County on Florida Trend’s Most Influential Business Leaders List
The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Broward County’s official economic development resource, is pleased to announce that more than 70 leaders from the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County area made Florida Trend’s annual issue, “Florida 500”, a list comprised of the most influential business leaders in the state of Florida. To read more, click here.

Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Annual Meeting – Register Now! Sponsorships still available.
The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance’s Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, October 17, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Signature Grand in Davie, an exciting evening event that will bring together hundreds of Broward County and South Florida business, community and governmental leaders, as we recognize Broward companies that have expanded and welcome new companies that are bringing high paying jobs to our community. Current sponsors include Presenting sponsor, Spirit Airlines along with Platinum sponsors: Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport (FLL), JM Family Enterprises, Inc., the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Signature Grand and the South Florida Business Journal; Gold Sponsors: Crown Castle Fiber, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE), JetBlue, Port Everglades and South Florida Business and Wealth; Silver Sponsors: AutoNation, Becker, Capital Analytics Associates, Florida Power & Light (FPL), GUNSTER and Memorial Healthcare System. For more information, contact Gail Bulfin at gbulfin@gflalliance.org or visit www.gflalliance.org/annual.

In the News

South Florida Business & Wealth: An economic sector that’s really taking flight
South Florida Business Journal: Made in South Florida

Education and Workforce Development News

Broward County Public Schools celebrates 5th annual Dads Take Your Child to School day
36 BCPS Students Named Semifinalists in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program
First Marine Dual Enrollment Program for High School Students Gets Underway at Broward College
Broward College Offers In-State Tuition and Other Enrollment Waivers to Displaced Students from the Bahamas
Broward College Awarding $120,000 in MLK Day of Service Grants
Broward College Ranked in 2020 Best Colleges Survey by U.S. News and World Report
Broward College Receives Commitment from Motwani Family to Establish Named Hospitality and Tourism Academy
FAU Launches Florida's First Masters of Science in Artificial intelligence (AI)
NSU Researcher Urges the Consideration of Microbes for Space Colonization
Alliance Member Companies in Bold

The Alliance is one of the major supporters for AERO-ENGINES AMERICAS 2020, the largest gathering of aero-engines professionals that will take place at the JW Marriott Turnberry in early February 2020. The conference theme is “Developing Innovative Engine Strategies and Business Models for a Constantly Evolving Industry” and is marketed as the "best conference of the year where key decision makers join over two days to strategize and develop new business" For more information, click here.

Broward County invites you to the 2019 Florida International Trade and Cultural Expo (FITCE) on October 9 & 10. FITCE is celebrating their 5th anniversary and has announced that over 60 countries have confirmed their participation. To see a full list of countries, please visit the Participating Countries tab on their webpage at FITCEexpo.com To read more and view a list of visiting dignitaries, click here.

The Broward Center of Performing Arts’ Ghost Light Society will celebrate a decade of engaging and inspiring a new generation of performing arts supporters at the 10th Annual Ghost Light Society Soirée à Paris presented by Ultimate Software On November 2. Approximately 250 young professional leaders are expected to attend the Parisian-themed event in the Huizenga Pavilion at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, with proceeds to benefit the Broward Center’s arts-in-education programs. For the second year in a row, Ashley Boxer of Maxim Healthcare Services and Whitney Dutton of Dutton Real Estate Services will serve as co-chairs of the Soirée, coming off the record-breaking success of last year’s event. To read more, click here.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts has also announced a new preferred restaurant program where select restaurants will offer exclusive discounts when shown a ticket to same-day performances at the Broward Center and Parker Playhouse. When s ticket holder presents a ticket, e-ticket, confirmed reservation or ticket stub to same-day performances at the Broward Center and Parker Playhouse, they can redeem special dining deals at ten local restaurants. To read more, click here.

The upcoming Broward County Library Vet Fest, a multi-faceted event connecting veterans and their families with FREE library and community resources, is scheduled for Saturday, November 2 at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center. In partnership with a multitude of sponsoring community organizations, Vet Fest 2019 features live musical entertainment, complimentary lunch and resources for health, employment, housing opportunities, voter registration and the Veteran’s Hotspot Program. To read more, click here.

The Broward Sheriff’s Office (BSO) has been busy this summer collecting much needed school supplies for students in Broward County Title I schools. BSO donated more than $15,000 worth of school supplies to fill the shelves of Broward Education Foundation’s School Supply Center. Among the supplies in the 30 collection boxes delivered to Broward Education Foundation were pink erasers, crayons, glue sticks, composition books, colored pencils, folders, paper, pencils, pencil cases and more. Donations were collected at each BSO station in Broward County as well as during multiple back to school supply drives for the public in Pompano Beach and Dania Beach. To read more, click here.

Business for the Arts of Broward (BFA) has welcomed the following new board members: Shanti Bruce is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Writing and Communication, the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies, and the Department of Performing and Visual Arts in the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at Nova Southeastern University; Anabel Evora is senior director of development for The Everglades Foundation; Tim Hogans is an external affairs area manager for Florida Power & Light Company. And Miguel Pilgram is founder of The Pilgram Group. To read more, click here. BFA also announced its inaugural ART + STROLL, presented by BBX Capital, on Thursday, November 21 in downtown Fort Lauderdale in the lobbies of buildings 401, 301 and 450 on Las Olas Boulevard from 5 to 7 p.m. The stroll is free to attend but tickets are available for SIP + STROLL, which provides a special beverage and food sample tasting in each lobby. To read more, click here.

Encompass Onsite, the leading provider of end-to-end facility management solutions, today announced that CEO Marcell Haywood has been handpicked to join a delegation of the state’s top entrepreneurs and executives with a mission to strengthen the economic bonds between Florida and Israel through technology. To read more, click here.

The rehabilitation of North Airfield at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International continues to move forward with the goal of opening the North Runway by the end of September. Hurricane Dorian created challenges and caused the temporary suspension of construction activities. Concrete and asphalt paving were impacted for several days. The project was completely shut down for four days due to the risk of sustained tropical storm force winds. The airport was closed for 24 hours. Once the airport reopened, several activities were initiated to restart the work. To read more, click here.

The Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation (GHOF) will honor Nova Southeastern University’s (NSU) President and CEO Dr. George L. Hanbury II and celebrate the 20th anniversary of the NSU Guy Harvey Research Institute (GHRI) during its annual ocean conservation fundraising dinner on Saturday, November 2 at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa in Fort Lauderdale. “This year is particularly special, as we honor both Dr. Hanbury and the incredible scientists and groundbreaking research at GHRI,” said world-renowned artist, scientist, conservationist and entrepreneur Dr. Guy Harvey. To read more, click here.

The Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship, in the Florida State University College of Business, hosted an information session for prospective applicants for its Small Business Executive Program (SBEP) and Nonprofit Executive Program (NPEP) in Broward and Palm Beach counties. The programs are designed for CEOs, entrepreneurs, business owners, presidents and executive
directors of small businesses and nonprofit organizations who are looking to capitalize on business opportunities, implement best practice management and turn challenges into strategic advantage. To read more, click here.

Leadership Broward Foundation named Shelly Bradshaw, Vice President of Operations at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, has been named Chair of the Leadership Broward Board of Directors. Bradshaw, a Leadership Broward Class XXVIII graduate, has served in various board leadership positions previously, including Vice President of Special Events and Chair-Elect. To read more, click here.

MGM General Contracting, Inc. recently opened the new Starbucks Coffee Bar and commenced work on Flash Fire Pizza and Shake Shack restaurants in Terminal 2 at Fort Lauderdale–Hollywood International Airport. This is the 14th Starbucks constructed by MGM. "We are delighted to be a part of these modernization projects. Our team is very proud to take this journey with the community and the airport team", says Malcolm MacInnes, MGM President. "We are committed to the community and the growing expansion of the Broward County Aviation Division and know these changes will be appreciated by all travelers." To read more, click here.

Stiles Residential Group, a leading luxury multifamily developer and division of 68-year-old South Florida real estate firm Stiles Corporation, celebrated the topping-out of Alluvion Las Olas – a 380-unit, 43-story luxury high-rise located on the New River in the heart of urban Las Olas in downtown Fort Lauderdale – on Friday, Sept. 13. Located at 215 North River Drive East, Alluvion Las Olas will be one of the few luxury apartment home communities situated directly on Riverwalk along the New River. The project is a joint venture between Stiles and PGIM Real Estate, the real estate investment management business of PGIM. Pre-leasing is slated to begin in January 2020 and first move-ins are expected in May 2020. To read more, click here.

Rodolfo Garcia, General Director, of ThermovalIndustria de Valvulas Ltda, announced the appointment of Gustavo Trombini as Business Development Manager for North America. He will be operating out of the facilities of Thermoval Solenoid Valves USA, Inc., located in Davie, Florida. Gustavo comes to Thermoval after having worked in various marketing, sales and business development positions in several leading companies, including Whirlpool Corp and Shell. (This company as assisted by the Alliance.) To read more, click here.

Ultimate Software recently announced that it ranks #2 on the 2019 Best Workplaces for Women list by Fortune and Great Place to Work. Rankings consider survey feedback from millions of employees at organizations throughout management, including the number of female executives and non-executive managers, at these organizations. To read more, click here. Ultimate was also recognized as a Leader by Gartner, Inc., in the Magic Quadrant for Cloud HCM Suites for 1,000+ Employee Enterprises for the third consecutive year and placed highest in “Ability to Execute”. The evaluation criteria for a vendor’s ability to execute included product/service, overall viability, sales execution/pricing, market responsiveness/record, marketing execution, customer experience, and operations. To read more, click here.

Featured Property

Crown Center
1201 – 1475 W Cypress Creek Road. Fort Lauderdale 33309
Type of space: Office
Listed by Sal Bonsignore, Colliers International South Florida
Additional details at www.GreaterFortLauderdaleProperties.com

Upcoming Events

Alliance Events

Alliance Partner Council Meeting (Invitation Only)
Thursday, October 10, 8:30 a.m.
Location: Alliance Offices, Fort Lauderdale
For more information, please contact Helen Kulp at 954-627-0131, or hkulp@gflalliance.org

**2019 Alliance Annual Dinner and Cocktail Party**
Thursday, October 17, 5:30 p.m.
Location: Signature Grand, Davie
For more information, click here or contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133 / tvinaixa@gflalliance.org

**Alliance Corporate Council Meeting (Invitation Only)**
Wednesday, November 14, 8:30 a.m.
Location: TBD
For more information, please contact Helen Kulp at 954-627-0131, or hkulp@gflalliance.org

**Alliance Leadership Council (Invitation Only)**
November 19, 8:30 a.m.
Location: TBD
For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133 / tvinaixa@gflalliance.org

**Alliance Governor Council (Invitation Only)**
Tuesday, November 26, 8:30 a.m.
Location: TBD
For more information, please contact Peggy Doty at 954-627-0134 / pdoty@gflalliance.org

**Alliance Permitting Action Team (Invitation Only)**
Wednesday, October 23, 8:30 a.m.
Location: Alliance Offices, Fort Lauderdale
For more information, please contact Peggy Doty at 954-627-0134 / pdoty@gflalliance.org

**Member/Partner Events**

**South Florida Manufacturers Association (SFMA) 59th Annual Meeting**
Thursday, October 3, 4:30 p.m.
Location: Marriott Coral Springs Hotel, Golf Club & Convention Center
For more information, click here.

**Business for the Arts Broward: Art Means Business features Ron Hutchins**
Thursday, October 3, 6:00 p.m.
Location: General Provision Downtown, 300 SW 1st Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
For more information, please click here.

**2019 Florida International Trade & Cultural Expo (FITCE)**
Wednesday, October 9 to Thursday, October 10
Location: Greater Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center
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**2019 Broward Education Foundation Hall of Fame Awards**
Friday, October 11, 7:30 a.m.
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**Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce 2019 Golf Tournament**
Saturday, October 26, 2019, 7:30 a.m.
Location: Greg Norman Signature Pines Course, Pompano Beach
For more information, please click here.

**Broward Center Ghost Light Society - Soiree a Paris**
Saturday, November 2, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Huizenga Pavilion at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale
For more information, please click here.

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

Gitex Technology Week 2019
Sunday, October 6, - Thursday, October 10
Location: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Categorized in: International Trade Show
For more information: click here

Dubai Airshow 2019
Sunday, November 17 - Thursday, November 21
Location: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Categorized in: International Trade Show
For more information: click here.

Export Sales Mission to Colombia
Monday, November 18 - Friday, November 22
Location: Bogotá, Colombia
Categorized in: Export Sales/Trade Mission
For information, click here.

Medica 2019
Monday, November 18 - Thursday, November 21
Location: Düsseldorf, Germany
Categorized in: International Trade Show
For information, click here.

Marine Equipment Trade Show
Tuesday, November 19 - Thursday, November 21
Location: Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Categorized in: International Trade Show
For more information: 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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