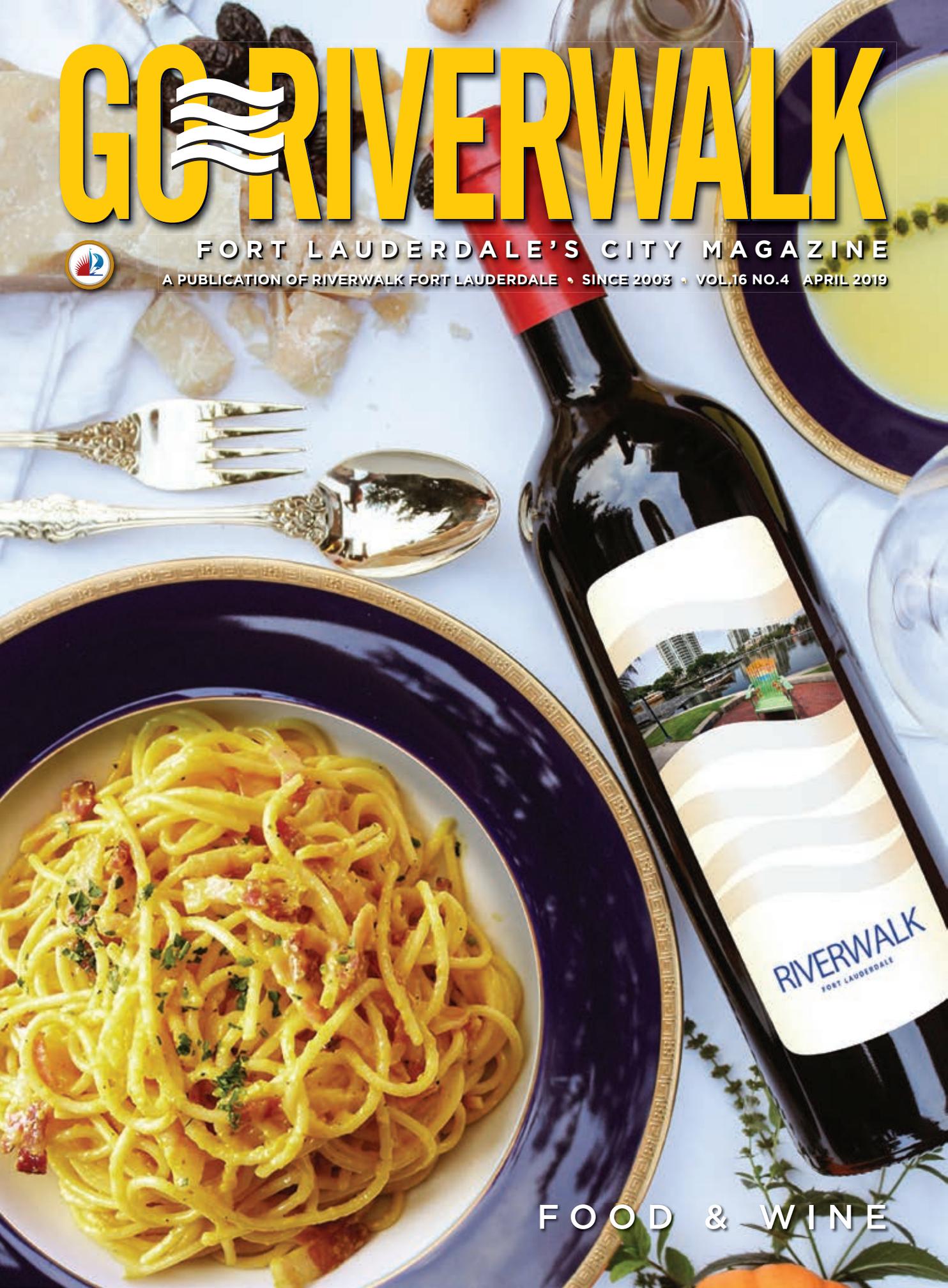


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ART CENTRIC FATVILLAGE MURAL COLLABORATION ENRICHES OUR COMMUNITY

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Fort Lauderdale's current boom in development is so exuberant, it might be forgivable to have missed the latest addition to the FATVillage street art scene.

Vivid splashes of color catch the eye of anyone looking north from Broward Boulevard. Located on the southwest corner of FATVillage at the railroad tracks and Northwest Fourth Street, a full view of the mural treats riders on the Brightline as they pass through town. In fact, a Brightline ride in 2018 inspired Developer Alan Hooper to highlight the mural's canvas — the Extra Space Storage building owned by Urban Street Development. The building was about to be renovated and expanded, and Hooper realized the opportunity to enhance the building through a large-scale mural that would tell people where they are and brand the neighborhood.

Making this art project a reality, Hooper and business partner Tim Petrillo reached out to Doug McCraw, a well-known arts advocate.

Doug and business partner Lutz Hofbauer approached their partners at Art+Light+Space, Leah Brown and Peter Symons, for the commission. Leah created the illustrative design, titled "Idea Journey" in collaboration with Peter who has created a color shifting lighting scheme that will animate the mural at night.

Leah describes the mural as "a symbolic representation of the journey of an idea, expressed through a balance of opposites." She envisions the central figure as captured in the creative process of imagination, surrounded with imagery inspired by many of the world's mythologies and competing themes related to worldly distractions and higher levels of



