

GO GUIDE

Weekend things to do: Beer at the dog park, a taste of Frida Kahlo

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So, 10 months after leaving Abandoned Pet Rescue in downtown Fort Lauderdale with a dog my kids bonded with (me skeptical: A Siberian husky in Florida?) and many months after I fell into the rhythm of life as a dog walker and bag man, and long after I succumbed to the affectionate charms of this new family member we call Juneau — after all that, I have become one of those dog people that I used to wonder about. I am blessed.

As dog people used to try to tell me, the four-legged tour guide will introduce you to wonderful people and interesting places that you never would have seen otherwise. And so, with humidity waning, this weekend I plan to finally check out BarkYard n' Brews, a dog park and beer garden (hello!) just north of Broward Boulevard, east of Northwest Ninth Avenue.

Opened in the dog days of summer (sorry), BarkYard n' Brews is at 817 NW First St., set up in a muralized void among the warehouses a few doors down from Orchestrated Minds Brewing (excellent). It offers 10,000-square feet of grassy, fenced in, off-leash romping for dogs, with a splash pad. For you, there's beer from a dozen taps, ciders, wine, coffee, tea and soft drinks; food trucks and vendors.

"It's perfect," said Holiday Park dog park acquaintance Danny Campos, who owns a giant poodle, Riva. "The other dogs were cool. I did a Hop Gun. My wife likes Bud Light. I wish I had thought of it."

Hours are 3-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday. Your dog needs to be a member to get in, which is \$10 per day, with monthly and annual packages. If you come without a dog, it's free. Visit BarkYardNBrews.com.

Eating Frida

The highly anticipated exhibit "**Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera and Mexican Modernism from the Jacques and Natasha Gelman Collection**" opens on Saturday at the **Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach**. Also on display at the museum's garden-side restaurant (wisely called The Restaurant at the Norton) will be a companion menu of modern Mexican cuisine and cocktails from recently appointed Executive Chef **Jair Solis Mendoza**. If you can make it to dessert, the flan made with Qaxacan cheese and ornamented with a delicate ribbon of small flowers seems very Frida. Visit Norton.org.

Giovanni at the beach

Of course you miss **Chef Giovanni Rocchio**, the revered restaurateur who surprised the **South Florida dining scene with an abrupt retirement** from four-star restaurant Valentino Cucina Italiana and companion eatery One Door East in 2019. Now rested and reinvigorated, he is poised to make a comeback at **Holly Blue**, coming soon to **Flagler Village**. But until then, you can get a glimmer of the Giovanni Rocchio experience at the **Hilton Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort**, where he and the resort's **Chef Nicole Rhone** have collaborated on a new menu being served on the oceanfront patio outside casual, lobby-level market **Le Marché**. The seafood-forward lineup of small plates, flatbreads and charcuterie does include a lasagna Bolognese, if you're looking to recapture memories of Valentino. Visit Hilton.com.

On the Rox

Roxanne's Liquor Bar & Kitchen has been one of

the "it" spots in downtown **Fort Lauderdale's Flagler Village** since it opened forever ago. Or it seems that way. Roxanne's will celebrate its first anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 30, with **Rox Fest**, a block party featuring the buzzy band **Shwayze**, joined by **Marcus Amaya**, **West Grove**, **DJ Keen One** and others. Roxanne's is home to secret pop-up chef cameos, so the party will include the work of "Hell's Kitchen All-Stars" Chef **Robyn Almodovar** and **Takeshi Kamioka** of **Kaminari Ramen**. Visit RoxannesFTL.com.

Black velvet, if you please

If you have ducked in for a takeout bowl recently at **Memphis Garrett's Poke House** in Victoria Park Shoppes in downtown **Fort Lauderdale**, you likely have peeked behind the curtains to see the transition it is making into a bar called **No Man's Land Cocktail Parlor & Lounge**. The space is dimly lit, with oversized velvet banquettes in a dark, peacock-plume cyan. Poised near the door is a battalion of black velvet ropes on their gold stanchions. Opening night? The gentleman at the door guesses "a couple of weeks." Visit Facebook.com/nomanslandftl.

Be a puppet master

How did downtown **Fort Lauderdale's Day of the Dead** celebration (Nov. 2) become one of the best in the country? (Says the Travel Channel, USA Today, the Los Angeles Times and others.) Impresario and puppeteer **Jim Hammond** and his merry band of artistic Deadheads get most of the credit. But Hammond will tell you it cannot happen without volunteers, who help on everything from setting up stages to working the inside of his massive puppets. If



Juneau places an order at Tacocraft in downtown Fort Lauderdale. FILE

you are interested in helping out, be at a volunteer meeting 6 p.m. Tuesday at **American Icon Brewery in Progresso** (911 NE Fourth Ave.). Visit DayOfTheDead-Florida.com.

Weekend laughs

Comedy on the Green series makes its debut 8 p.m. Friday at **Boca Raton's Mizner Park Amphitheater** with a performance by **Kurt Metzger**, a writer for comedian-actors Sacha Baron Cohen and Amy Schumer. Miami stand-up **Kyle Grooms** will be the opening act. A distanced audience will watch in three styles of seats: low-slung canvas beach chairs up front (VIP), blankets in the grass in the center of the space and standard folding chairs lined along the back. There will be waitstaff bar service for beach chairs and blankets, and a walkup bar in the rear. Tickets start at \$38. Visit Ticketmaster.com.

Rising comedian **Taylor Tomlinson** (you may have seen her "Quarter-Life Crisis" special on Netflix earlier this year, which the Washington Post dubbed "your favorite quarantine-watch") performs

at **The Parker** (newly gussied-up) in downtown **Fort Lauderdale** 7 p.m. Saturday. Tickets starts at \$27.80 at ParkerPlayhouse.com.

For the record, **Trevor Noah's** stop at **Hard Rock Live at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood** 8 p.m. Friday on his Back to Abnormal Tour is essentially sold out. Try your luck at MyHRL.com.

Weekend movies

The fast-paced celebration of creatively bad films known as **Swede Fest Palm Beach** returns from the dead 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday at the **Kelsey Theater in Lake Park** (with an after party next door at **Brewhouse Gallery**). The seventh edition of the festival (and the first since 2018) again takes its cues from the 2008 cult movie "Be Kind, Rewind," inspiring witty, 3-minute, no-budget remakes of classic films created by fans from across Palm Beach County. Think "The Fast and the Furious" re-enacted using children's Big Wheels or "Castaway" with Wilson played by a tennis ball. Presented by the **Palm**

Beach Film Society, the evening includes a performance by the improv group **Cheese & Crackers**. Tickets cost \$12. Visit SwedeFestPalmBeach.com.

Music matters

III Points Music Festival returns to **Mana Wynwood** Friday and Saturday with a long lineup led by **the Strokes**, **Wu-Tang Clan** and **Khruangbin**. Two-day general-admission passes are sold out, and single-day GA tickets cost \$149. Visit **IIIPoints.com**.

You can still get tickets, starting at \$25.95, for the Friday and Saturday shows by **Enrique Iglesias** and **Ricky Martin** at **Miami's FTX Arena** (formerly AmericanAirlines Arena). Visit Ticketmaster.com.

Due to popular demand, **Hard Rock Live** has added a **second show** by **Van Morrison** on Feb. 11. Tickets cost \$235, \$185, \$145, \$105 and \$55 and go on sale 10 a.m. Friday at MyHRL.com. There also is presale happening on the Hard Rock Hollywood Facebook and Twitter pages.

Future coffee

Altruistic former NFL player **Stephen Tulloch** will open a second **Circle House Coffee** location on Saturday, Oct. 30, with a party to benefit the **Florida Breast Cancer Foundation**. Joining his popular spot in **Flagler Village**, the new shop is in **Oakland Park**, at 119 W. Oakland Park Blvd., just west of Andrews Avenue (in the old La Molienda restaurant). The free, family friendly party is from 4 to 8 p.m. and will include food trucks, games, balloon animals and a DJ. Pink T-shirts designed by Circle House Coffee will be on sale to benefit the Foundation. Visit CircleHouseCoffee.com.

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