



GRAND MARSHAL

2018 FORT LAUDERDALE ST. PATRICK'S PARADE & FESTIVAL

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John P. "Jack" Seiler

Jack Seiler has served as Fort Lauderdale's Mayor since 2009. Shortly after taking office, he began working in partnership with local business, civic, and community leaders to spearhead the return of the St. Patrick's Parade and Festival. In 2010, Mayor Seiler and a dedicated group of community volunteers brought the parade back to the streets of downtown Fort Lauderdale after a nearly 20-year hiatus. Today, the event has grown into one of the largest and most anticipated festivals in South Florida, annually attracting thousands of spectators for a one-of-a-kind celebration of all things Irish.

An experienced and proven leader, Mayor Seiler has a distinguished public service career that spans three decades. He was sworn in for his first three-year term as Mayor of the City of Fort Lauderdale on March 17, 2009. He won reelection for a second term on January 31, 2012, and was reelected for a third three-year term on February 10, 2015.

Under Mayor Seiler's leadership, Fort Lauderdale is experiencing economic growth and advancement unlike any other time in its history. Property values have risen for six straight years, unemployment is near its lowest level in more than a decade, and tourism is flourishing. Crime rates are down, private investment is surging, the marine industry is thriving, and Fort Lauderdale's millage rate remains the lowest among the 25 largest cities in Florida. A \$49 million beach improvement project that features two new waterfront parks is underway, a \$25 million marina complex is being planned for Fort Lauderdale beach, over 20 infrastructure projects are moving forward in every corner of the City, and another \$200 million in planned infrastructure investments are on the way.

As he approaches the conclusion of his third term in office, Mayor Seiler remains steadfast in his commitment to leave no neighborhood behind, and passionate about working cooperatively with neighbors, businesses, and visitors to make Fort Lauderdale the best place to live, work, play, visit and raise a family.



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