

# **Relocation and Visitor Information Packet for Boca Raton**

# Moving Checklist

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- ☐ Professional Journals

## Fast Facts

Here is some general [information](#) on Boca Raton that will help you get [acquainted](#) with the area!

- Population size: 84,832
- Total city area in miles: 29.6 [square](#) miles
- Public Beach: 4 miles
- Parks: 40
- Average annual temperature: 74.7 [degrees](#)
- Average household [income](#): \$62,594
- Median age: 42.1
- Average family size: 2.8
- Roadways in city: 219 miles
- Waterlines in city: 524 miles
- Bicycle lanes: 44 miles
- Conservation acres: 384
- Fire stations: 8
- Pedestrian/bike trail miles: 31

## Utilities

### Electricity

Florida Power & Light (FPL)

A 30-day billing period and a deposit may or may not be required.

561.994.8227

<http://www.fpl.com>

### City Utility Services

Utilities Services provides water and sewer services to residents of the city and the surrounding community. These services include pumping and treating raw water from 58 wells; distributing the finished water to more than 32,000 homes, condominiums and businesses; and installing and repairing water meters. The utility must also make sure the water and wastewater systems are operating in compliance with the standards of local, state and federal regulatory guidelines.

1401 Glades Road

561.338.7300 or 561.338.7305 (to arrange a tour)

### Water

561.393.7750 for details.

### Sewers

The residential charge is \$18.89 for the first bathroom and \$9.43 for each additional. Residents are billed bimonthly along with the water charges. There is a 25 percent surcharge on accounts outside the city limits.

### Municipal Services

This department provides services including solid waste collection, fleet and building maintenance, dredge and street maintenance, animal control, traffic engineering and maintenance, and storm water management. It also actively participates cooperatively with the Solid Waste Authority in a citywide recycling program for both residential and multi-family residential units. Call 561.416.3384 or 561.393.7700 for more information.

### Animal Care

Tri-County Humane Society cares for stray or unwanted household pets and arranges for adoption. Adoption is \$67 for puppies (including non-optional leukemia tests), \$58 for adult dogs (with leukemia tests), and \$54 for cats (including leukemia tests). All prices also include other vaccinations (except rabies) and de-worming. A \$50 refundable deposit is required for unsterilized animals leaving the shelter, with an appointment to return for surgery. There is also a pet cemetery on the premises. Call 561.276.1344 for further information. In the county, call Animal Care and Control at 561.233.1200.

### Sanitation

The Sanitation Division of Municipal Services schedules bulk collections four times yearly for each section of the city. Residential solid waste collection is done twice a week (vegetative waste should be bundled separately). Pickup schedules, routes and other detailed information on waste disposal are mailed to residents and are also available at City Hall. Call the Solid Waste Collection at 561.416.3367 for further information.

### Gas

More and more consumers have access to natural gas in Boca Raton. It's provided by the Florida Public Utilities Co, 325 N.E. Second Street, Delray Beach, 561.278.2636. This company and several others provide propane gas as well. For more information on the web, go to <http://www.fpuc.com>

#### Telephone

##### AT&T

800.288.2020.

#### Cellular Telephone

##### AT&T Wireless Services

888.288.2020

##### Verizon

800.922.0204

##### Sprint PCS

888.211.4727

## County Links

### **Palm Beach County Conventions & Visitors Bureau**

1555 Palm Beaches Lakes Boulevard, Suite 800  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
(800) 554-7256  
[www.palmbeachfl.com](http://www.palmbeachfl.com)

### **Palm Beach County Government**

301 N. Olive Avenue  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
(561) 355-2040  
[www.pbcgov.com](http://www.pbcgov.com)

### **The School District of Palm Beach County**

Fulton-Holland Educational Services Center  
3300 Forest Hill Boulevard West Palm Beach, FL 33406  
(561) 434 8000 - (866) 930 8402  
[www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us](http://www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us)

### **Palm Beach County's Sheriff's Office**

17901 State Road 7  
Boca Raton, FL 33498  
(561) 558-2700  
[www.pbso.org](http://www.pbso.org)

### **Palm Beach County Library System**

3650 Summit Blvd  
West Palm Beach, FL, 33406  
(561)-233-2600  
[www.pbclibrary.org](http://www.pbclibrary.org)

### **Palm Beach County Clerk & Comptroller**

200 W. Atlantic Ave  
Delray Beach, FL 33444  
(561)355-2996  
[www.mypalmbeachclerk.com](http://www.mypalmbeachclerk.com)

## Transportation

Boca Raton is accessible by virtually any method of transportation, be it by land, sea or air. Boca Raton is close to West Palm Beach (only 30 miles north), Fort Lauderdale, (only 20 minutes south), and Miami (an additional 30 minutes from Fort Lauderdale). The city offers access to three international airports, one executive airport and is within 50 miles of three major sea ports. Two of Florida's major arteries, Interstate 95 (I-95) and the Florida Turnpike, run through the city connecting it with other metropolitan areas, major roadways and key intersections. Public transportation is also readily accessible through the county's Palm Tran bus system, and the commuter Tri-Rail train. Here is a list of how to get from here to there.

### Airports

#### **Palm Beach International Airport**

The primary commercial passenger airport in the northern portion of South Florida's metropolitan area, is just 25 miles north of Boca Raton and serves more than 5.8 million passengers.

1000 James L Turnage Blvd  
West Palm Beach, FL 33415  
(561) 471-7400

#### **Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport**

The state's fourth busiest airport, with an average of 452 flights per day handled, 12.5 million passengers and 207,276 tons of air cargo.

100 Aviation Blvd  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315  
(954) 359-1200

#### **Miami International Airport**

The primary connecting point for air travel between the Americas and the Caribbean and is also a major gateway to Europe, making Miami International Airport the ninth busiest passenger airport in the world. 2100 NW 42nd Ave

Miami, FL 33126  
(305) 876-7000

#### **The Boca Raton Airport**

The Boca Raton Airport has undergone \$10 million in improvements over the last decade. It encompasses 204 acres and is one of six high-activity general aviation airports in the metropolitan area. Boca Raton Airport serves as a general aviation alternative to Palm Beach International and provides aircrafts with a less costly and less congested operating environment. It features a 150-by-5,200 foot lighted asphalt runway with a 5,200 foot parallel taxiway. The 286 corporate and individually owned planes here account for approximately 132,000 aircraft operations a year.

#### **Boca Aviation**

3700 Airport Road  
Boca Raton, FL 33431  
(561)368-1110

### Buses

#### **Broward Transit Authority**

954.357.8400

#### **Greyhound/Trailways Bus Lines**

800.231.2222

#### **Horizon Coachlines**

561.588.4446

#### **PalmTran**

(561) 841-4200

### Trains

#### **AMTRAK**

800.872.7245

#### **Metrorail**

305.770.3131

#### **Tri-Rail**

800.TRI.RAIL

## Services

General Boca Raton Info can be found via the City's website here: <http://www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us>

Downtown Boca - It's Happening!  
<http://www.downtownboca.org>

Boca Raton Community Center  
<http://www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us>

Boca Raton Fire Department  
<http://www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us/fire>

Boca Raton Library  
<http://www.bocalibraryfriends.org>

Boca Raton Police Department  
<http://www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us/police/>

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
<http://www.pbso.org/>

United States Postal Service  
<http://www.usps.com>

Tri Rail  
<http://www.tri-rail.com/>

## Licenses

Below is a list of licenses that may be obtained through local governmental agencies.

**\*Please note that the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce does not issue licenses of any kind.**

### Animal Care and Control

May be obtained through Palm Beach County's Animal Care and Control department. All dogs and cats must be vaccinated and registered. The cost is \$15 plus a \$15 immunization shot for sterilized animals, \$75 plus a \$15 shot for non-sterilized animals. For an impounded animal, the tag prices remain the same, and the shot is \$15. Call 561.276.1344 (South County) or visit <http://www.pbcgov.com/publicsafety/animalcare/> for details.

### Automobile, Plates, [Registration](#), Titles & Parking Placards

The Motor Vehicle Services (County Tax Collector) is the agent for titling and registering all vessels (boats) and vehicles, including motorcycles and mopeds, as well as issuing disabled parking placards. All motorized vessels, commercial and private, must be titled and registered with the Tax Collector before they can be used in Florida waters. Vessel trailers also must be registered. Titling and registration fees are separate charges.

### Delray Beach Motor Vehicle Services (County Tax Collector)

501 S. Congress Ave.  
Delray Beach, FL 33435  
561.355.2264  
Open: Mon-Fri 8:15am-5pm

Vessel registrations are renewed during June and expire June 30 of the following year. The registration fees are determined by the length of the vessel. Any vessel registered for the first time between January and May 31 is eligible for a half-year fee. New residents must [register](#) their vehicles and obtain Florida license plates within 10 days of establishing legal residency, accepting employment or enrolling children in public school. Florida statute provide for an additional registration fee of \$100 the first time certain vehicles are registered. An important fact to know about registering your motor vehicle is that some private businesses call themselves "tag services." But, the service provide is costly and unnecessary. These agencies still must bring all applications to the Tax Collector's Office. Only the Tax Collector and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles can register or title a vehicle. Registration for short-term leased vehicles expire in six months. Registration expirations for long-term leased vehicles are assigned an expiration month based on the first letter of the leasing company's or registrant's name, e.g. A=June, G=October.

All Florida drivers must have at least \$10,000 in personal protection (PIP) [auto insurance](#) and at least \$10,000 property damage liability (PDL) insurance. For more information, contact the Department of Insurance Consumer HotLine, 800.342.2762, or a local insurance agent. Most vehicles must pass an emission inspection before they can be registered or titled.

The Office of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is at the Tax Collector's Office (8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) and can be reached at 561.355.2622. The Boca Raton Police Station supplies a vehicle identification form for those with out-of-state titles. You'll need proof of insurance, title or registration, and your [vehicle ID number](#). Call 561.338.1234.

### Boating

All motorized vessels must be titled and registered before they can be used in Florida waters, regardless of size. A valid out-of-state registration for pleasure craft is recognized for up to 90 days. After that, registration in Florida is required. Registration fees vary depending upon the size of the boat. Title and registration fees are separate charges. Vessel trailers must also be registered. Vessel registrations are renewed during June and expire June 30 of the following year. The registration fees are determined by the length of the vessel. Any vessel registered for the first time between January and May 31 is eligible for a half-year free. Call the Tax Collector's Office at 561.355.2622 for further details.

### Declaration of Domicile

Forms are available at the South County Courthouse for \$8. For more information, please call 561.930.2962.



## **Driver's Licenses**

Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles issues driver licenses, driving tests, and ID Cards.

The Delray Beach office is located at:

501 S. Congress Avenue, Delray Beach

561.681.6333

Open: Mon-Fri 8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

[http://www.pbcgov.com/tax/services\\_driver\\_license.shtml](http://www.pbcgov.com/tax/services_driver_license.shtml)

## **License Classification Fee Amount**

Class E (Original) \$54.25

Class E (Renewal) \$54.25

ID Cards \$31.25

Replacements (Address Change) \$31.25

Duplicate (Lost/Stolen) \$31.25

D-6/Child Support Clearances \$66.25

Expired Driver License Late Fee \$15.00

All fees include a state-required \$6.25 Tax Collector service fee.

## **Fishing and Hunting**

Anyone born on or after June 1, 1975 must have passed an approved hunter education course before being licensed to take wildlife in Florida with a firearm. Both hunting and fishing licenses may be obtained at any of the Tax Collector's branch offices or various tax collector agents such as sporting goods stores, bait and tackle shops and select retail stores. Hunting and fishing regulations and guides are available free of charge. Call 561.355.2622 for information on exemptions.

All Annual privileges expire 12 months from the date issued. Lifetime and five-year fishing licenses are available only at the Tax Collector's Office. Florida residents may purchase a license by telephone with a MasterCard, Visa or Discover Card by calling 888.FISH.FLO or 888.HUNTFLO.

## **Homestead Exemptions**

Applicable exemptions such as homestead, disability, widow and widower are filed with the Property Appraiser's Office and must be made between Jan. 1 and March 1. From March through Dec. 31, you may pre-file for homestead for the next calendar year. To ease the burden on taxpayers. The Property Appraiser has elected to automatically renew homestead exemptions. As long as nothing has changed and the property in question is still your primary residence, your homestead exemption will be automatically renewed each year on Jan. 1. For further information regarding exemptions, call 561.355.2866.

Taxes and non-ad valorem assessments become delinquent April 1, at which time 3 percent interest and advertising costs are added. The amount due on delinquent payments is determined by date received, not by postmark. The Offices of the Property Appraiser are open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding legal holidays). Call 561.355.2866 or 561.276.1250 in South Palm Beach County for more information.

## **Marriage Licenses**

Marriage licenses are issued by the Palm Beach County Clerk of the Circuit Court. Marriage Records are kept by the County Clerk's Indexing Department. A marriage license is valid for 60 days prior to the ceremony and is effective upon issuance. It is valid in any county in the state of Florida, and no extensions can be made. Both individuals must be present upon applying for a marriage license. One of the following forms of identification is required: a drivers license issued in the state of Florida, a federal or state ID card, or passport with the person's name and date of birth.

It takes about 20 minutes to get a marriage license and no appointments are necessary. The charge is \$88.50, cash only. A clerk will perform the ceremony for an additional \$20 in cash in the couple appears before 4:15 p.m. If either party has been married before, state the date that the marriage ended. If the previous marriage ended in death, a death certificate is unnecessary. If it ended in divorce, desolution or annulment, a certified copy of the judgment, decree or annulment is necessary. Applications are taken weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call 930.2230 (only in Palm Beach County).

## **Occupational Licenses**

The Tax Collector has a contract with the Board of County Commissioners to issue occupational licenses for the privilege of operating a business anywhere in the county, including municipalities. If your business is located within the City of Boca Raton limits, you must apply for a city license first. Anyone providing merchandise or serves to the public, as a proprietor or home-based business, must obtain a license. Some businesses are also subject to county zoning codes and state regulations.

Occupational licenses expire Sept. 30 and can be renewed on or after Aug. 1. On Oct. 1, they are delinquent and subject to penalties every month thereafter. Any City of Boca Raton licenses that are not renewed on or before the end of February will

incur an additional \$250 penalty in accordance with city ordinance. New licenses are issued at any time during the year and are pro-rated April 1, at which time, half-year fees apply.

Any changes made in a license status, such as address, ownership or name change, must be reported to the Tax Collector's Office and the City License Section.

Public access to information about new businesses is required by law. Daily listings may be obtained either as a printout, on diskettes or by modem. Information on fees for those services is available by calling 561.355.2272 and pressing 4.

For county occupational licenses, call the Palm Beach County Tax Collector, Occupational Licenses section toll-free at 561.355.2272. For City of Boca Raton occupational licenses, call 561.393.7937.

### **Passports**

For first-time passports, you will need an original birth certificate, driver's license and two passport photos. For renewal, only the old passport and new photos are necessary.

Effective 2/1/08:

Passport Book (age 16 and older) \$75 + \$25 Execution Fee = \$100

Passport Book (under 16 yrs. old) \$60 + \$25 Execution Fee = \$85

New: Please note that Passport Cards can only be used for land and sea travel between the US and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean (wallet size).

Passport Card (age 16 and older) \$20 + \$25 Execution Fee = \$45

Passport Card (under 16 yrs. old) \$10 + \$25 Execution Fee = \$35

For information and forms: [www.travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html)

Passport offices: South County Courthouse, 200 W. Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach

Boca Raton Post Office, 170 NE 2nd St. (Mizner Park), Boca Raton [Must call for an appt. 561.417.3204]

### **Social Security**

Social Security Office is located in Delray Square, 14548 S. Military Tr. (NE corner of Atlantic Ave), Delray Beach  
561.495.4198

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\*Info updated: June 2013

## Business Resources

### Better Business Bureau

4411 Beacon Circle, Suite 4  
West Palm Beach, FL 33407  
Phone: 561-842-1918  
[www.bbbsoutheastflorida.org](http://www.bbbsoutheastflorida.org)

### Business and Professional Licenses

Mail: Department of Business and Professional Regulation  
1940 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1027  
(850)487.1395  
[www.myfloridalicense.com](http://www.myfloridalicense.com)

### County Tax Collector

501 South Congress Avenue  
Delray Beach, FL 33445  
[www.pbctax.com](http://www.pbctax.com)

### Department of Revenue

Email: [corphelp@dos.state.fl.us](mailto:corphelp@dos.state.fl.us)  
[www.sunbiz.org](http://www.sunbiz.org)

### Edward Lowe Foundation's Entrepreneurial Edge

Edward Lowe Foundation  
58220 Decatur Road  
Cassopolis, Michigan 49031  
(800)-232-LOWE (5693)  
[www.edwardlowe.org](http://www.edwardlowe.org)

### Enterprise Development Corporation

Enterprise Development Corporation of South Florida  
3651 FAU Boulevard, Suite 400  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431  
voice:(561) 620-8494  
fax: (561) 620-8493  
[www.edc-tech.org](http://www.edc-tech.org)

### Enterprise Florida

Atrium Building, Ste 201  
325 John Knox Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 298-6620  
[www.eflorida.com](http://www.eflorida.com)

### Florida Department of Insurance

200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399  
(850) 413-3140  
[www.floir.com](http://www.floir.com)

### Florida Small Business

490 First Ave. S., 8th Floor  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701, USA  
(727) 821-5800  
[www.floridatrend.com/small-business](http://www.floridatrend.com/small-business)

### Florida Venture Forum

Kevin Burgoyne, Executive Director  
Florida Venture Forum  
Tel. 305-343-0617  
[www.flvencap.org](http://www.flvencap.org)

**Florida Women's Business Center**

Center for Technology Enterprise & Development, Inc.  
401 W. Atlantic Avenue, Suite O9  
Delray Beach, FL 33444  
561-265-3790  
[www.flwbc.org](http://www.flwbc.org)

**Micro Business USA**

[305.438.1407](tel:305.438.1407)

**Minority Business Development Center**

[www.osba.co.palm-beach.fl.us](http://www.osba.co.palm-beach.fl.us)

**National Foundation for Women Business Owners**

601 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
South Building, Suite 900  
Washington, DC 20004  
(800) 556-2926  
[www.nawbo.org](http://www.nawbo.org)

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

Regional Office  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Room 6T50  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
(678) 237-0400  
Emergency: (800) 321-6742  
[www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)

**OdeanGroup Small Business Administration Intermediary**

3050 Biscayne Boulevard  
Suite #201  
Miami, FL 33137  
(305) 681-9600  
[www.odeongroup.com/](http://www.odeongroup.com/)

**Palm Beach County Business Development Board**

310 Evernia St., West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
561.835.1008  
[www.bdb.org](http://www.bdb.org)

**Realtor Association of Palm Beach County**

3200 North Military Trail  
Suite 102  
Boca Raton, FL 33431  
561-997-8266  
[www.rapb.com](http://www.rapb.com)

**SCORE Counselors to America's Small Business**

Get your small business off the ground!  
561.981.5180  
[www.scoresouthflorida.org](http://www.scoresouthflorida.org)

**Small Business Administration**

U.S. Small Business Administration  
409 3<sup>rd</sup> St, SW  
Washington DC 20416  
[www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)

**Small Business Development Center at Palm Beach State College**

Palm Beach State College  
4200 Congress Avenue  
Lake Worth, FL 33461  
(561)868-3350  
[www.palmbeachstate.edu/smallbusiness/](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/smallbusiness/)

**South Palm Beach County Courthouse**

200 West Atlantic Avenue

Delray Beach FL

(561) 274-1588

[www.pbcgov.com](http://www.pbcgov.com)

**State of Florida**

[www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com)

**State Sales Tax**

Email: [corpHELP@dos.state.fl.us](mailto:corpHELP@dos.state.fl.us)

[www.sunbiz.org](http://www.sunbiz.org)

**U.S. Business Adviser**

1-800-FED-INFO

[www.business.usa.gov](http://www.business.usa.gov)

**US Chamber of Commerce Small Business Center**

1615 H ST NW Washington DC 20062

[www.uschamber.com/sb](http://www.uschamber.com/sb)

**Unemployment Compensation/Reemployment Assistance**

1-800-204-2418

[www.floridajobs.org](http://www.floridajobs.org)

**Workforce Development**

South Career Center

951 Yamato Road, Suite 175

Boca Raton, FL

(561) 853 0181

[www.pbcalliance.com](http://www.pbcalliance.com)

**Zoning**

Palm Beach County

Planning, Zoning & Building

2300 N Jog Road,

West Palm Beach, FL 33411

(561)-233-5000

[www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/pzb](http://www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/pzb)

## **Key Business Numbers**

### **All Social Services**

211

### **Better Business Bureau**

561.842.9278

### **Boca Raton City Hall**

561.393.7700

### **Boca Raton Fire Department**

561.982.4000 (Non emergency)

### **Boca Raton Police Department**

561.338.1234 (Non Emergency)

### **Boca Raton Post Office**

800.275.8777 (Second Street)

### **Consumer Affairs**

888.852.7362 (south and west county)

### **County Human Services**

561.274.3130

### **Delray Housing Authority**

561.272.6767

### **Department of Insurance Consumer Helpline**

800.342.2762

### **Department of Revenue**

(Corporate income tax, fictitious name registration, state sales tax)

800.352.3671

### **Enterprise Development Corporation**

561.620.8494

### **Enterprise Florida**

407.956.5600

### **Farm Workers Council**

561.533.7227

### **FAU Small Business Development Center**

561.297.3000

### **Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce**

561.395.4433

**National Insurance Consumer Assistance Line**  
800.942.4242

**Palm Beach County Business Development Board**  
561.835.1008

**Palm Beach County Economic Development**  
561.684.1551

**Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office**  
561.995.2800

**SBA-Small Business Administration**  
305.536.5521

**SCORE Counselors to America's Small Business**  
561.981.5180

**South County Mental Health**  
561.495.0522

**State Operator**  
850.488.1234

**State Sales Tax**  
561.640.2800

**Unemployment Compensation Tax Office**  
561.837.5203

**Veterans Assistance**  
800.827.1000

**Vocational Rehabilitation**  
561.544.4657

**Workforce Alliance**  
(Labor market information and staffing)  
561.853.0181

**Zoning**  
561.233.5200 (County Code Enforcement planning, zoning and building)  
561.393.7792 (City Zoning Department)

## Home is where the heart is

Boca Raton is known for its beauty and its homes are no exception. The city is recognized for its magnificent residential communities and its plentiful housing. Whether it is a modest bungalow, a spacious beachside condominium of a breathtaking mansion, there is a home to satisfy you within your budget requirements.

Visit <http://web.bocaratonchamber.com/REAL-ESTATE> to see the Real Estate agents in our business directory.

*With the range of prices comes a unique diversity of residential choices, from the basic contemporary home to an extraordinary dream home, complete with tennis courts and helicopter pads!*

*"In the 21 years that I have lived in Boca, it has evolved into one of the most desirable destinations in the country for those seeking permanent residence in a community with lifestyles for everyone and the climate of pipedreams," said Beth Pomeranz, President of the Realtors Association of the Palm Beaches, Inc. "There are developments designed to attract every possible demographic group."*

*With the city of Boca Raton there are charming middle class and upper-scale neighborhoods. Some mid-priced communities include Boca Square, Lake Floresta, Boca Del Mar and Boca Pointe.*

*Some of the upper-end communities include Old Floresta, Woodfield Hunt Country Club and New Floresta. Many of the homes in the historic neighborhood of Old Floresta were designed by the architectural father of Boca Raton, Addison Mizner. Although these are some of the more high-scale communities, there are plenty of reasonable homes and communities.*

*The older, coastal communities, many of which feature ocean or Intracoastal views, tend to be more upscale, particularly around the Boca Raton Resort & Club, where condominium units at a building like The Addison start at \$500,000. In the newer areas in West Boca you will find beautifully manicured, planned urban developments, as well as all-amenities included, country-club living. The Arvida community of Broken Sound, for example, features several home styles in an array of neighborhoods.*

*"For the many young families interested in relocating to Boca Raton, there are builders offering 5, 6 and 7 bedroom homes--something Addison Mizner never dreamed about" boasts Pomeranz. "Add these to the country club communities offering year-round golf and tennis, the waterfront for boating fishing and water sports, a different fine restaurant for every evening of the year, a smattering of theatre and music, a thriving business environment, access to three international airports and a comfortable tax situation--what else do you need?" Do you need help finding that special home?*

The average price of homes in Boca Raton range from \$200, 000 to \$661,437. Condo units vary in price, but average around \$154,131.



## HOSPITALS

### Boca Raton Regional Hospital



800 Meadows Road  
Boca Raton, FL 33486  
(561) 955-7100  
[www.brch.com](http://www.brch.com)

### Delray Medical Center



5352 Linton Boulevard  
Delray Beach, FL 33484  
(561) 498-4440  
[www.delraymedicalctr.com](http://www.delraymedicalctr.com)

### West Boca Medical Center



21644 State Raod 7  
Boca Raton, FL 33428  
(561) 488-8000  
[www.westbocamedctr.com](http://www.westbocamedctr.com)

### Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital



1905 Clintmore Road  
Boca Raton, FL 33496  
(954) 265-JDCH (5324)  
[www.jdch.com](http://www.jdch.com)

## Education

### Administration

#### Florida Commissioner of Education

Gerard Robinson  
Department of Education PL08 The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399  
850.245.0505  
[www.fldoe.org](http://www.fldoe.org)

#### Superintendent of Schools

E. Wayne Gent  
3340 Forest Hill Blvd.  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406  
South Area Office: 561.434.8203  
From Palm Beach County: 930.8402

#### Public Affairs

3304 Forest Hill Blvd.  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406-5869  
561.434.8000  
561.930.8402 (only in Palm Beach County)

#### District 1

Mike Murgio

#### District 2

Chuck Shaw - Chairman

#### District 3

Karen Brill

#### District 4

Jennifer Prior-Brown

#### District 5

Frank Barbieri

#### District 6

Marcia Andrews

#### District 7

Debra Robinson - Vice Chair

**School Board meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month and are open to the public. Members of the Palm Beach County School Board serve four-year terms. Information on meetings and general school information can be obtained from your district representative or the Public Affairs Office.**

## Charter Schools

Boca Raton Charter School  
School # 0054  
Grades: K-5 (International Baccalaureate Candidate School)  
Contact: Louise Nelson  
Address: 269 NE 14th Street, Boca Raton, FL 33432  
Phone: (561) 750-0437  
Fax: (561) 750-7880  
Email: [brcs@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:brcs@palmbeachschools.org)  
<http://www.bocaratoncharterschool.org/>  
[http://palmbeachschools.org/Community/PDFs/Charter\\_Schools.pdf](http://palmbeachschools.org/Community/PDFs/Charter_Schools.pdf)(Research)

## Foreign Language Schools

### Berlitz Language Center



6853 S.W. 18th Street, Suite 111  
Boca Raton, Florida 33433  
561.391.7779  
Director: W. Ian Cowdery  
[www.berlitz.us/bocaraton/](http://www.berlitz.us/bocaraton/)

### The Language Exchange



500 N.E. Spanish River Blvd., Suite 12  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431  
561.368.3913  
Director: Connie Paladino  
[www.languageexchange.com](http://www.languageexchange.com)

### Sylvan Learning Center



7154 Beracasa Way  
Boca Raton, FL 33433  
561.391.0707  
Director: Mark [Wilkinson](#)  
[www.tutoring.sylvanlearning.com/boca\\_raton/index.cfm](http://www.tutoring.sylvanlearning.com/boca_raton/index.cfm)

## SCHOOLS-UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES

### Azure College



2900 N. Military Trail, Suite 227  
Boca Raton, FL 33431  
(561) 544-7212  
[www.azure.edu](http://www.azure.edu)

### Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine - Florida Atlantic University



777 Glades Road  
Boca Raton, FL 33431-0991  
(561) 297-3000  
[www.med.fau.edu/](http://www.med.fau.edu/)

### Digital Media Arts College, LLC



5400 Broken Sound Boulevard NW, Suite 100  
Boca Raton, FL 33487  
(561) 391-1148  
[www.dmac.edu](http://www.dmac.edu)

### Everglades University



5002 T-Rex Avenue, Suite 100  
Boca Raton, FL 33431  
(561) 912-1211  
[www.evergladesuniversity.edu](http://www.evergladesuniversity.edu)

### Florida Atlantic University



777 Glades Road  
PO Box 3091  
Boca Raton, FL 33431  
(561) 297-3000  
[www.fau.edu](http://www.fau.edu)

### ITT Technical Institute



700 W. Hillsboro Blvd., Suite 100 Building 1  
Deerfield Beach, 33441  
(954) 360-4734  
[www.itt-tech.edu/](http://www.itt-tech.edu/)

### Lynn University



3601 N Military Trail  
Boca Raton, FL 33431  
(561) 237-7000  
[www.lynn.edu](http://www.lynn.edu)

### Palm Beach State College



3000 Saint Lucie Avenue  
Boca Raton, FL 33431  
(561) 862-4313  
[www.palmbeachstate.edu](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu)

### University of Phoenix



Cypress Creek Learning Center  
550 W Cypress Creek Road  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309  
(954) 382-5303  
[www.phoenix.edu](http://www.phoenix.edu)

## Private and Parochial Schools

There are more than 100 parochial and private schools operating independently throughout the county school system. Boca Raton's dynamic private schools offer special curricula and programs to fit every educational need. The following is a list of private and parochial schools:

### Advent Lutheran



4901 N.E. Fourth Ave,  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431 561.395.3635  
Principal: Laura Bloom & Sally Whitney  
Grades: pre-k, k-8  
Affiliation: Lutheran; open to all faiths  
<http://adventschoolboca.org/>

### American Heritage School of Boca/Delray



6200 Linton Blvd.  
Delray Beach, Florida 33484  
561.495.7272  
Grades: Pre-Kindergarten-12  
Headmaster: Robert Stone  
<http://www.ahschool.com>

### Boca Raton Christian School



315 N.W. Fourth Street  
Boca Raton, Florida 33432  
561.391.2727  
Headmaster: Dr. Robert Tennes  
Grades: Pre-kindergarten - 12  
Affiliation: Christian; open to all faiths  
[www.bocachristian.org](http://www.bocachristian.org)

### **Boca Raton Preparatory International School**



10333 Diego Drive South  
Boca Raton, Florida 33428  
561.852.1410  
Headmaster: Stan Daniel  
Grades: Pre-kindergarten to 12  
[www.bocaprep.net](http://www.bocaprep.net)

### **Donna Klein Jewish Academy**



An agency and beneficiary of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County  
9701 Donna Klein Blvd.  
Boca Raton, Florida 33428-1754  
561.852.3300  
Head of School: Karen Feller  
Grades: [Kindergarten](#) to 12th  
Affiliation: Jewish; open to all faiths  
<http://www.dkja.org>

### **Garden of the Sahaba Academy**



3100 N.W. Fifth Avenue  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431  
561.395.3011  
Director: Sadiq Hamidani  
Grades: Pre-K 3 through 5th grade  
[www.assahaba.org/](http://www.assahaba.org/)

### **Grandview Preparatory School**



336 Spanish River Blvd. N.W.  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431  
561.416.9737  
Headmistress: Jacqueline Westerfield  
Grades: [Early Childhood](#) to 12th grade  
Affiliation: Independent, co-educational, non-sectarian college preparatory day school  
[www.grandviewprep.net](http://www.grandviewprep.net)

### **North Broward Preparatory School**



7600 Lyons Rd  
Coconut Creek, FL 33073  
954.247.0011  
Headmaster: Michael Rossi  
[www.nbps.org](http://www.nbps.org)

### **Pine Crest School at Boca Raton**



2700 St. Andrews Blvd.  
Boca Raton, Florida 33434  
561.852.2800  
Headmaster: DeHaven W. Fleming  
Grades: Pre-kindergarten to 8th  
Affiliation: Pine Crest School in Fort Lauderdale, where students may transfer for Grades 9-12  
[www.pinecrest.edu](http://www.pinecrest.edu)

### **Pope John Paul II Regional High School**



4001 N. Military Trail  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431-4302  
561.994.8998  
President/Principal: Dr. Jerrold Robinson  
Grades: 9-12  
Affiliation: Catholic; open to all faiths  
[www.pjp11.org](http://www.pjp11.org)

### **Saint Andrew's School**



(College Preparatory)  
3900 Jog Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33434  
561.210.2000  
Headmaster: Peter Benedict  
Grades: PreK-12 (Day and Boarding)  
Affiliation: Episcopalian; open to all faiths  
<http://www.saintandrewsschool.net>

### **St. Jude Catholic School**



21689 Toledo Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33433  
561.392.9160  
Principal: Debbie Armstrong  
Grades: Pre-K 3 - 8  
Affiliation: Catholic  
[www.saintjudeschool.org](http://www.saintjudeschool.org)

### **Unity School**



101 NW 22nd St  
Delray Beach, FL 33444  
561.276.4414  
[www.unityschool.com](http://www.unityschool.com)

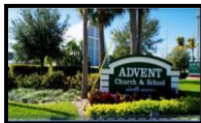
### **West Glades Montessori**



20400 Cain Blvd.  
Boca Raton, Florida 33498  
561.479.4629  
Director: Gail Carmean  
Ages: 2 1/2-9 years  
[www.montessori.com](http://www.montessori.com)

## **Pre-Schools and Kindergarten**

### **Advent Lutheran Early Childhood School**



300 E. Yamato Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431  
561.395.3631  
Director: Sally Whitney  
Ages: Infant to Kindergarten  
[www.adventschoolboca.org](http://www.adventschoolboca.org)

### **Children's House of Boca Raton**



A Montessori Pre-School  
100 Pine Circle  
Boca Raton, Florida 33432  
561.391.0074  
Director: Dr. Kathleen L. Bowser  
Ages: 2 1/2- 6 years old  
[www.childrenshouseboca.com/](http://www.childrenshouseboca.com/)

### **Florence Fuller Child Development Center, East**



200 N.E. 14th Street  
Boca Raton, Florida 33432  
561.391.7274  
Director: Lorraine Herdeen  
Ages: 30 days to 5 years, school-age programs from 5-13 year olds  
[www.florencefullercenters.org](http://www.florencefullercenters.org)

## **Florence Fuller Child Development Center, West**



10130 S. 185th Street  
Boca Raton, Florida 33498  
561.482.3006  
Director: Mary Dent-Maher  
Ages: 30 days to 5 years. School age programs from 5-13 year olds  
[www.florencefullercenters.org](http://www.florencefullercenters.org)

## **Little Friends Pre-School and Kindergarten**

4545 N.W. Boca Raton Blvd.  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431  
561.368.0266  
Director: Julie Zegers  
Ages: 2 years to pre-kindergarten

## **MECE**



625 N.E. Mizner Blvd.  
Boca Raton, Florida 33432  
561.368.1215  
Director: Linda Garcia  
Grades: Pre-school to kindergarten  
[www.meceboca.org](http://www.meceboca.org)

## **YMCA After School**



6631 Palmetto Circle South  
Boca Raton, Florida 33433  
561.395.9622  
Director: Janice Labat  
Ages: Kindergarten to 5th grade  
[www.ymcaspb.org](http://www.ymcaspb.org)

## **YMCA Exceptional Child Program**



6631 Palmetto Circle South  
Boca Raton, Florida 33433  
561.395.9622  
Director: Julie Longo  
Ages: 5-13 year olds  
[www.ymcaspb.org](http://www.ymcaspb.org)

## **YMCA Pre-School**



6631 Palmetto Circle South  
Boca Raton, Florida 33433  
561.395.9622  
Director: Patty Costopoulos  
Ages: 2 1/2-5 year olds  
[www.ymcaspb.org](http://www.ymcaspb.org)

## **Elementary Schools**

### **A.D. Henderson University School**



(A laboratory school at Florida Atlantic University)  
777 Glades Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431  
561.297.3970  
Principal: Dr. Steve Montes  
[www.adhus.fau.edu/](http://www.adhus.fau.edu/)



### **Addison Mizner Elementary School**



(offers a gifted program curriculum)  
199 S.W. 12th Avenue  
Boca Raton, Florida 33486  
561.362.3100  
Principal: Donna C. Binninger  
[www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/AddisonMizneres/](http://www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/AddisonMizneres/)

### **Boca Raton Elementary School**



103 S.W. First Avenue  
Boca Raton, Florida 33432  
561.544.1700  
Principal: Peter Slack  
[www.edline.net/pages/Boca\\_Raton\\_Elementary\\_School](http://www.edline.net/pages/Boca_Raton_Elementary_School)

### **Calusa Community Elementary School**



2051 Clint Moore Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33496  
561.989.7400  
Principal: William Atson  
[www.edline.net/pages/calusa\\_elementary/](http://www.edline.net/pages/calusa_elementary/)

### **Coral Sunset Elementary School**



22400 Hammock Street  
Boca Raton, Florida 33428  
561.477.2100  
Principal: Gary Hangermann  
[www.edline.net/pages/Coral\\_Sunset\\_Elementary](http://www.edline.net/pages/Coral_Sunset_Elementary)

### **Del Prado Community Elementary School**



7900 Del Prado Circle  
Boca Raton, Florida 33433  
561.544.1800  
Principal: Sandra Rhategan  
[http://www.edline.net/pages/Del\\_Prado\\_Elementary](http://www.edline.net/pages/Del_Prado_Elementary)

### **Hammock Pointe Elementary School**



8400 S.W. Eighth Street  
Boca Raton, Florida 33428  
561.477.2200  
Principal: Pamela Veiga  
[www.edline.net/pages/hammock\\_pointe\\_es](http://www.edline.net/pages/hammock_pointe_es)

### **J.C. Mitchell Elementary School**



2470 N.W. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue,  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431  
561.750.4900  
Principal: Linda Nelson  
[www.edline.net/pages/J\\_C\\_Mitchell\\_ElementarySchool](http://www.edline.net/pages/J_C_Mitchell_ElementarySchool)

### **Morikami Park Elementary**



6201 Morikami Park Road  
Delray Beach, Florida 33484  
561.894.7300  
Principal: Elizabeth Kennedy  
[http://www.edline.net/pages/morikami\\_park\\_elementary](http://www.edline.net/pages/morikami_park_elementary)



### **Orchard View Elementary**



4050 Germantown Road  
Delray Beach, Florida 33445  
561.894.7400  
Principal: Kathleen Depuma  
[www.palmbeachschools.org](http://www.palmbeachschools.org)

### **Sandpiper Shores Elementary School**



11201 W. Glades Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33498  
561.883.4000  
Principal: Pamela Popaca  
[www.edline.net/pages/Sandpiper\\_Shores\\_ES](http://www.edline.net/pages/Sandpiper_Shores_ES)

### **Sunrise Park Elementary School**



19400 Coral Ridge Drive  
Boca Raton 33498  
561.477.4300  
Principal: Riopelle  
[www.edline.net/pages/Sunrise\\_Park\\_Elementary\\_School](http://www.edline.net/pages/Sunrise_Park_Elementary_School)

### **Verde Community Elementary School**

6590 Verde Trail  
Boca Raton, Florida 33433  
561.218.6800  
Principal: Mark Stenner  
[www.edline.net/pages/Verde\\_Elementary\\_School](http://www.edline.net/pages/Verde_Elementary_School)

### **Waters Edge Elementary School**

21601 Shorewood Drive  
Boca Raton, Florida 33428  
561.852.2400  
Principal: Patricia Brehm  
[www.edline.net/pages/Waters\\_Edge\\_Elementary\\_School](http://www.edline.net/pages/Waters_Edge_Elementary_School)

### **Whispering Pines Elementary School**



9090 Spanish Isles Blvd.  
Boca Raton, Florida 33496  
561.672.2700  
Principal: Donald Messing  
[www.edline.net/pages/whispering\\_pines\\_es](http://www.edline.net/pages/whispering_pines_es)

## **Middle Schools**

### **Boca Raton Community Middle School**



1251 N.W. Eighth Street  
Boca Raton, Florida 33486  
561.416.8700  
Principal: Peter T. Slack  
[www.edline.net/pages/boca\\_raton\\_middle\\_school](http://www.edline.net/pages/boca_raton_middle_school)

### **Eagle's Landing Middle School**



19500 Coral Ridge Drive  
Boca Raton, Florida 33498  
561.470.7000  
Principal: Ira Margulies  
[www.edline.net/pages/ELMS](http://www.edline.net/pages/ELMS)

### **Loggers' Run Community Middle School**



1584 W Palmetto Pk Rd  
Boca Raton, FL 33428  
561.883.8000  
Principal: Francis P. Giblin  
[www.lrcms.com](http://www.lrcms.com)

### **Omni Middle School**



5775 Jog Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33496  
561.989.2800  
Principal: Riopelle  
[www.omnimiddle.org/](http://www.omnimiddle.org/)

## **High Schools**

### **Boca Raton Community High School**



1501 N.W. 15th Court  
Boca Raton, Florida 33486  
561.338.1400  
Principal: Dr. Geoff McKee  
[www.edline.net/pages/boca\\_raton\\_high\\_school](http://www.edline.net/pages/boca_raton_high_school)

### **Olympic Heights Community High School**



20101 Lyons Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33434  
561.852.6900  
Principal: Dave Clark  
[www.ohlions.com](http://www.ohlions.com)

### **Spanish River Community High School**



5100 Jog Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33496  
561.241.2200  
Principal: Mr. Latson  
[www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/SpanishRiverHS](http://www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/SpanishRiverHS)

### **West Boca Raton Community High School**



12811 Glades Rd  
Boca Raton, FL 33498  
561.672.2001  
Principal: Mark Stenner  
[www.westbocahighschool.net](http://www.westbocahighschool.net)

## Libraries

The Boca Raton Public Library has a collection of more than 226,000 books; 300 current periodical titles; 6,000 audiobooks on compact disc; more than 600 audiobooks in the Playaway format; 16,000 compact discs; and more than 28,000 DVDs. The Library also has back issues of The Boca Raton News on microfilm, and provides access to a number of [online databases](#), covering the areas of genealogy, business, health and medicine, history, general reference, science, newspapers, and resources for students. Services include special sections for adults, teens and children; large [print books](#); storytime programs; interlibrary loan; and a TDD unit for speech or hearing impaired people. Special programs are offered for children, tweens, and teens. Adult and child [computer learning](#) labs are provided for library users in each building. [Copy machines](#) and microfilm reader printers are also available. The Library offers a full-scale reference service, which answers more than 220,000 questions annually. There is an active literacy volunteer program, a "Friends of the Library" group and a recently developed Library Foundation. Additionally, the Spanish River Library and Community Center offers a gift shop and café, as well as several well-appointed and functional rooms and areas within the Library which may be reserved for meeting or private events.

### Boca Raton Library – Two convenient Locations!

#### Spanish River Library



1501 NW Spanish River Blvd.  
Boca Raton, FL 33431  
<http://www.bocalibrary.org>  
561.393.7852

#### Hours:

9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday and Wednesday

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

#### Downtown Library



400 NW 2nd Avenue  
Boca Raton, FL 33432  
<http://www.bocalibrary.org>  
561.393.7852

#### Hours:

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

#### County Library

The South County Regional Library of the Palm Beach County Library System is visible from Glades Road, a half-mile west of Lyons Road. This facility opened in the fall of 1991, and serves the unincorporated areas of Boca Raton and Palm Beach County. This branch offers 155,046 volumes and access to more than 1,052,251 through the PBC system, reference, children's story hours and special programs, books on tape, videos, CDs, magazines and large-print materials. There are also quiet study rooms and a young adult room.

Residents outside the PBC library taxing district pay \$15 for a six-month card and \$30 annually. Those who live in the district simply need proof of residency.

#### County Library



20701 95th Avenue South  
Boca Raton, FL 33434  
561.482.4554

#### Hours:

10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Closed Sunday

## Environment

### The Best Stuff on Earth

Boca Raton gets an A+ on the environmental report card with its strong recycling efforts and environmentally sensitive lands programs. The city has been leading the charge to protect its natural resources.

"As part of our [quality of life](#) focus, we continually strive to highlight the cultural and environmental presence in the community," says Troy M. McLellan, CCE, FCCP, President & CEO of the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce.

The city of Boca Raton owns the following environmentally sensitive lands and unique park sites:

**Cypress Knee Slough Preserve-** These 29.31 acres encompasses the last remaining portion of the Hillsboro Slough, a river system-including the last cypress maple swamp in Boca-that once flowed into the Intracoastal Waterway.

**Blazing Star Preserve-** At the end of 1997, the city purchased these 24.14 acres along I-95 between Palmetto Park Road and Camino Real. The property is mostly a sand pine scrub community-another part of the Hillsboro Slough-but also contains a wetland.

**Yamato Scrub-** 217 acres were purchased jointly by the state of Florida, Palm Beach County and the city of Boca Raton. This area contains one of the most diverse Florida scrub plant communities in our region.

**Rosemary Ridge Preserve-** 7.29 acres

**Berenoa Glades Preserve-** 9 acres

**Gumbo Limbo Environmental [Education](#) Center-at Red Reef Park-** The complex, maintained through the joint efforts of the Boca Raton Beach and Park District, the Palm Beach County School Board and the city's Recreation Services Department, features a coastal dune, tropical hardwood hammock, mangrove wetlands and other natural habitats. Exhibits include a 40-foot-high observation tower, snakes, baby sea turtles and [saltwater fish tanks](#). The center also provides guided tours, classrooms, a marine engineering laboratory and library. The complex is located at 1801 N. Ocean Blvd. For more information, call 561.544.8605

**Sugar Sand Park-** 132 acres of land on the southeast corner of Palmetto Park Road and Military Trail. The parcel contains native ecosystems, including sand pine scrub, oak hammock and pine flatwoods. The park contains softball fields, picnic areas and a community center, a science playground and other recreation areas. The Park is located at 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton, FL 33486. For more information, call 561. 347.3900

**Daggerwing Nature Center at South County Regional Park-** This nature center features an interactive exhibit hall that take visitors on a journey from under the ground of a swamp and rises up in elevation through the canopy. Live animals include an alligator, screech owl, skunk, and a variety of turtles, frogs, and snakes. The 6/10-mile boardwalk winds through lake and swamp habitats and includes an observation tower to view the abundant wildlife. The center also provides [guided tours](#), group programs, book nook library, classroom, and laboratory. The nature center is located at 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton, FL 33498. For more information, call 561.629.8760.

### City Beautification

Boca Ratonians can officially say they have a green thumb! The City of Boca Raton has been certified as a Tree City, U.S.A. for the last 20 years. Presented by the National Arbor Day Foundation, this award distinguishes excellence in the planting, maintaining and protection of trees. The city requires that all developers pay for tree replacement and relocation. Boca Raton also established a comprehensive roadway beautification program in July 1983. Since then, 163 miles of city entrances, median areas and interstate interchanges have been landscaped and irrigated. For further information on the beautification program, please call 561.393.7789 For information regarding the Tree Legacy Program, call 561.416.3424.

### Recycling

Boca Raton has been recycling since the 70's, a good 12 years before the state passed the Solid Waste Act, a program that has reduced solid waste by 18 percent. The sanitation section of the Municipal Services Department provides [recycling bins](#) to city residents for weekly collection of recyclable materials. Palm Beach County's award-winning recycling service handles newspapers, corrugated cardboard, brown paper grocery bags, magazines, catalogs and telephone books, which are collected in yellow bins. Aluminum cans, foils and pie plates, milk and juice cartons, clear brown and green bottles and jars, and plastics number 1-7 (no plastic bags) are collected in blue bins. The Solid Waste Authority's program placed first among county programs in City and State Magazine, and was given a coveted Keep American Beautiful Recycling Achievement Award. For more information, call 561.930.2727 (only in Palm Beach County) or Recycling Coordinator at 561.416.3384.

### Water Conservation

Faced with a high per capita use of potable water, Boca Raton has embarked on a comprehensive water conservation program. The city was singled out before the U.S. Senate in 1992 for its ambitious water conservation programs, which include a xeriscape landscape code, a comprehensive utility leak-detection program, installation of ultra-low volume plumbing fixtures in all new construction, full metering of all users, rain sensors for new irrigation systems, year-round irrigation systems, and a conservation-based rate structure. The city's latest project is the In-City Reclaimed Irrigation System (IRIS), which saves 3 million gallons of fresh water resources a day. The Utilities Service Department offers a vast array of educational resources on water conservation to schools, including videos, brochures, and instructional seminars. Call 561.338.7300 for more information and 561.338.7305 to arrange a tour.

### Energy Conservation

Boca Raton's utility company, Florida Power & Light (FPL), offers a wide range of educational booklets, brochures, and services. It gives free home energy survey evaluations as well as sizable rebates for purchasing energy-efficient air conditioning, caulking and insulation through certified contractors. For more information, call 800.DIAL.FPL.

### Wildlife

South Florida is home to a wide range of birds and animals, from pelicans to the Florida alligator. Whether you take an airboat ride at the Loxahatchee Preserve for a closer look at alligators and great blue herons, or view angel fish while snorkeling off Red Reef Park, you are bound to experience the magic of South Florida's natural world. The city's 1989 comprehensive plan set aside manatee, mangrove, sea grass and sea turtle zones that restrict lighting and development. Manatee public information materials are also available from Florida Power & Light (FPL). Call 800.342.5375 for details.

## Parks and Beaches in Boca Raton

A two mile stretch of magnificent beaches makes recreation a breeze in Boca Raton. Accompanied with lifeguard protection, the serene and isolated beaches are among Boca's priceless treasures and serves as an ideal choice for relaxation.

### City of Boca Raton Parks



#### **Red Reef Park**

1400 N. State Road A-1-A, Boca Raton, FL  
(561) 393-7974

- Red Reef Park opens at 8:00 A.M. and closes at 10:00 P.M. seven days per week. The Gumbo Limbo facilities are open Monday through Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Sunday noon until 4:00 P.M.
- Access to the beach and the Atlantic Ocean is available from designated locations within the Park. Pedestrian traffic is restricted to these elevated walkways. Lifeguards are on duty year round from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Snorkeling is a popular leisure activity at the south end of Red Reef Park.



#### **Spanish River Park**

3001 N. State Road A-1-A, Boca Raton, FL  
(561) 393-7815

- The Park opens no later than 8:00 A.M. and closes at sundown, seven days per week. Sundown is usually established by the U.S. Weather Bureau and is normally published in the weather section of the local newspaper.
- Access to the Beach and Atlantic Ocean is available from Spanish River Park. Lifeguards are on duty year 'round from 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Hours are extended during the summer months. Swimming in the lagoon and Intracoastal Waterway is prohibited.



#### **South Beach**

400 N. State Road A-1-A, Boca Raton, FL

- The park opens at 8:00 A.M. and closes at sundown, seven days a week. Sundown is usually established by the U.S. Weather Bureau and is normally published in the weather section of the local newspaper.
- Access to the beach and the Atlantic Ocean is available from three (3) designated locations within the park. Pedestrian traffic is restricted to these elevated walkways. Lifeguards are on duty year round from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. with extended hours during the summer months.

### Palm Beach County Park



#### **South Inlet Park**

1100 S. Ocean Boulevard, Boca Raton, FL  
(561) 966-6611

- The park is open from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week. Sunset is usually established by the U.S. Weather Bureau and is normally published in the weather section of the local newspaper.
- Beach wheelchairs are available. Call (561) 629-8770 for availability and to arrange for use. Lifeguards are on duty year round from 9:00 A.M. to 5:20 P.M. seven days a week.



## Parks and Recreation

As one of the city's largest departments, Recreation services, provides wholesome family and individual leisure and recreation service to residents. These services are provided by the city's well-maintained and operated parks system and recreation program. Boca Raton has all of the amenities of an urban center...only in a tropical environment surrounded by the beauty of nature. If fun and relaxation are what you are looking for, then take a look at Boca Raton's Parks and Recreation Centers.

For park information please contact City of Boca Raton Park and Recreation 561.393.7810

### **Boca Isles Park**

1430 S.W. Second Avenue

Open 8 am – Sunset. Play areas and picnic facilities

### **Boca Raton Community Center**

150 Crawford Blvd

561.393.7807

Two lighted baseball/softball fields, lighted basketball, open field, shuffleboard courts, playground, community center and teen center. The park's community center provides activities and organizes summer camp recreation. Classes include fitness, bridge, gymnastics, judo, yoga, cheerleading, ballroom dancing and weight training.

### **Boca Tierra Park**

2601 N.W. 43rd Street

Open 8 a.m.-sunset. Two tennis courts, playground, basketball/volleyball court, sheltered picnic area, barbecue grill and an open field.

### **Camino Villas**

580 W. Camino Real and El Rio Canal

Open 8:00 a.m. – Sunset. Basketball/volleyball court, passive park and park bench.

### **Florida Atlantic University Soccer Fields**

777 Glades Road. Florida Atlantic Blvd.

Open 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Four lighted football/soccer fields.

### **Gumbo Limbo Environmental Education Center**

1801 N. Ocean Blvd. (A1A)

One mile North of Palmetto Park Road

561.544.8605 (Nature Information)

Open 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. during the week and noon-4:00 p.m. on Sunday

Indoor exhibits on local natural history, observation, tower, outdoor salt-water tanks, boardwalk, butterfly garden and gift shop. (See environment section for further details)

### **Hidden Lakes Park**

N.W. 4th Avenue and Country Club Blvd.

Open 8:00 a.m.-sunset

Two tennis courts, picnic shelter and tables, barbecue grills, children's playground and play area.

### **Hughes Park**

200 N.E. 14th Street

Open 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Park closes at Sunset on Sundays

Two lighted basketball/volleyball courts, sheltered picnic area, lighted baseball/softball field, playground an open field and picnic tables.

### **James A. Rutherford Park**

600 N.E. 14th Street

Open 8 a.m. to Sunset

Playground, picnic tables, sheltered area, barbecue grills, boardwalk and canoe rental

**Lake Wyman Neighborhood Park**

1500 N.E. 5th Avenue

Open 8:00 a.m.-sunset

Tennis court, baseball/softball field, football/soccer field/ basketball/volleyball court, a fitness trail, playground, picnic tables and barbecue grills.

**Meadows Park**

1300 N.W. 8th Street

7:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Park closes at Sunset on Sundays.

Lighted tennis courts, lighted baseball/softball fields/playground, swimming pool, sand volleyball, an open field, barbecue grills and sheltered picnic area.

**Memorial Park**

150 Crawford Blvd.

Open 8:00 am-11:00 p.m. Park closes at Sunset on Sundays.

Two lighted softball fields, a lighted football/soccer field, a lighted basketball court, an open field, a skateboarding/roller-blading facility, a playground and picnic tables.

**Memorial Park Tennis Center**

271 N.W. Boca Raton Blvd. (Second Avenue)

561.393.7978

There are 10 lit tennis courts at this center that offer private, as well as semiprivate lessons for all levels and ages, as well as clinics, open play and tournaments. The center won the 1992 U.S. Professional Tennis Association Facility Award.

**Mizner Park Amphitheatre**

561.393.7827

Federal Highway and Mizner Blvd.

Outdoor stage featuring several performances and concerts during various times of year.

**Omni Middle School**

5775 Jog Road

561.989.2800

Multipurpose fields and courts. Use of school facilities is limited to after school hours, typically 5 p.m. on all school days.

**Patch Reef Park**

2000 Yamato Road

Open 8:00 a.m.-11 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.-Sundown on Sundays

Three lighted baseball/softball fields, three lighted football/soccer fields/ three lighted basketball courts, a community center, 17 lighted tennis courts, fitness trail, concession area, playground, an open field, picnic tables and facilities, barbecue grills and sheltered area.

**Pine Breeze Park**

1100 S.W. 20th Street

Open 8:00 a.m.-sunset

Basketball/Volleyball court, playground and picnic tables

**Por La Mar**

Spanish River Trail and Park Drive West

8:00 a.m.-sunset

Open field, passive park and park bench

**Red Reef Park**

1400 N. State Road A1A

Open 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Dune boardwalk with observation gazebos, protected beach, play areas, tables and grills, snorkeling reef and picnic facilities. Professional lifeguards on duty.



**Sanborn Square**

72 N. Federal Highway

Open 8:00 a.m.-sunset, however, park may schedule activities after sunset)

Park benches and an outdoor stage.

**Sand Pine Park**

300 Newcastle St. N.E.

Open 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Park closes at sunset on Sundays.

Two lighted tennis courts, lighted baseball/softball fields, lighted football/soccer field, lighted basketball/volleyball court, four lighted racquetball courts, picnic tables, a playground and barbecue grills

**Silver Palm Park**

600 E. Palmetto Park Road

Open 24 hours

Only recreational boat-ramp facility with waterfront park benches

**South Beach Park**

Open 8:00 a.m.-sunset

400 N. State Road A1A

More than 2,700 feet of ocean beach, parking, walkways, pavilion, elevated dune crossovers and lifeguards.

**Spanish River Community High School**

5100 Jog Road, Boca Raton, FL 33496

561.241.2200

Use of school facilities is limited to after-school hours, typically after 5 p.m. on all school days.

Lit tennis courts, baseball/softball field, lighted football/soccer field, lighted basketball/volleyball court, lighted racquetball courts and a gymnasium.

**Spanish River Park**

3001 N. State Road A1A

Opens 8 a.m. to sunset.

Municipal park with 3,460 feet of coast. Three tunnels under A1A link a natural hammock and wooded preserve with the beach. Ten covered shelters, picnic tables, grills, boat dock, campsite and nature trails.

**Sugar Sand Park**

300 S. Military Trail

Open 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Park closes at 6 p.m. Sundays

Included in 132 acres of woods are six baseball/softball fields, picnic areas, and a science playground. The park includes a 24,000-square foot community center, gymnasium, and outdoor hockey/basketball arena and additional picnic tables and walking trails.

**University Woodlands Park**

2501 St. Andrews Blvd.

Open 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Park closes at sunset on Sundays

Two lighted tennis courts, two lighted football/soccer fields, three basketball/volleyball courts, lighted baseball/softball field, playground, picnic facilities and pavilion.

**Verde Elementary**

6590 Verde Trail Boca Raton, FL 33433

561.218.6800

Use of facilities is limited to after-school hours, typically after 5:00 p.m. on all schooldays.

Two basketball/volleyball courts, football/soccer field, baseball/softball field, playground and picnic tables.

**Sandalfoot Cove Park**

22334 S.W. 57th Avenue

Open sunrise-sunset, lighted facilities open until 11 p.m.

561.966.6600 (Ball field Permits)

Baseball/softball fields, football/soccer field and children's play area.

**South County Regional Park**

11200 Park Access Road

561.966.6611 (pavilion/ball field rentals)

Two little league baseball fields, a major league baseball field, four softball fields, a practice field, four softball fields, a practice field, three football/soccer fields, 19 tennis courts, 12 racquetball courts, two basketball courts, two sand volleyball courts, three paved volleyball courts, four children's play areas, picnic pavilions, bike path, exercise course, and Canine Cove dog park. Also located in the park: Daggerwing Nature Center and interpretive nature trails (561.629.8760), Tennis Learning Center (561.477.9660), Coconut Cove Waterpark (561.274.1140), Sunset Cove Amphitheater (561.488.8069).

**South Inlet Park**

1288 S. Ocean Blvd.

561.276.3990 (Beach Conditions)

561.966.6611 (Picnic Pavilion Rental)

561.930.4111 (Only in Palm Beach County)

Guarded beach frontage (850 feet), fishing (salt water), pier/jetty, reserved group picnic pavilion, volleyball area, and picnic area with grills (sunrise-sunset)

**Veteran's Park**

9400 W. Palmetto Park Road

Football/athletic field, basketball courts, tennis courts, picnic areas with grills, playground, a community center and a teen center

**YMCA**

6631 Palmetto Circle South

561.395.9622 (information)

Facilities include a heated indoor pool, Nautilus exercise room, a steam room, sauna, outdoor basketball and indoor racquetball courts. It also has outdoor baseball/softball fields. The Boca YMCA has a number of membership programs.

## Sports

### Golf in Boca

It is never too cold to play golf in Palm Beach County. The county boasts approximately 145 [courses](#), including the must-see historic Boca Raton Resort & Club course and Emerald Dunes in West Palm Beach. There are more than 22 courses throughout Boca Raton, 16 private, two semiprivate, one executive, and three public.

#### Public Courses

##### **Boca Raton Municipal Golf Course**

8111 Golf Course Road  
561.483.6317 (Pro Shop and facility)

##### **Red Reef Executive Golf Course**

1111 N. Ocean Blvd.  
561.391.5014

##### **Southwinds County Golf Course**

19557 Lyons Road  
561.483.1305

##### **Osprey Point Golf Course**

12551 Glades Rd.  
Boca Raton, FL 33498  
(561) 482-2868

### Fishing

Anglers and fly fisherman alike can take advantage of a wide variety of [sport fishing](#). The second-largest freshwater lake in the U.S., Lake Okeechobee, is a great place to hook a bass. For saltwater fishing, take a charter or drift boat, or just stake your territory. You don't need a license if you're fishing from land, a pier, a bridge, or if you are over 65. For freshwater fishing, see the section on licenses and taxes.

Loxahatchee Recreation Area is also a great location for fishing.

### Biking

Local bicycle club:  
The Boca Raton Bicycle Club serves over 350 members.  
561.391.6109  
[www.bocaratonbicycleclub.com](http://www.bocaratonbicycleclub.com).

### Running/ Walking

The Boca Raton Road Runners & Walkers Club  
561-289-4884  
[www.Brrrc.com](http://www.Brrrc.com)

## Shelters and Community Room Rental

Covered picnic shelters and rooms are available for a small fee.

### **Spanish River Park and J.A. Rutherford**

561.393.7815

### **Patch Reek Park**

561.367.7035

### **Sugar Sand Park**

561.347.3900.

## Tennis

Everyone has the opportunity to enjoy a day at the courts in Boca Raton.

### **Boca Raton Tennis Center**

271 NW Boca Raton Blvd.

Boca Raton, FL

561.393.7978

### **Delray Beach Tennis Center**

201 W Atlantic Ave

West Delray Beach, FL 33444

561.243.7360

### **Evert Tennis Academy**

10334 Diego Drive South

Boca Raton, FL

561.488.2001

### **Patch Reef Tennis Center**

2000 Yamato Road

Boca Raton, FL

561.367.7090

### **The Swim & Racquet Center**

21626 St. Andrews Blvd.

Boca Raton, FL

561.544.8540

## Aquatics.

### **Ocean Rescue Beach Patrol**

3939 N. Ocean Blvd.

561.393.7820

Lifeguards protect three section of the 2.4 miles of city public beach from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily. These include: South Beach Park and Pavilion, Red Reef and Spanish River Parks. Surfing is permitted in designated areas, but [scuba diving](#) is not allowed at any of the city's public beaches or by access through city parks. Snorkeling may be enjoyed in Red Reef Park.

### **Meadows Park Pool**

1300 N.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Boca Raton, FL 33486

561.393.7851

This heated pool is 25 yards by 25 yards, equipped with two one-meter diving boards, a [chair lift](#) for the disabled and [complete](#) bathhouse and restroom facilities. Programs include "Learn to Swim" courses for infant through adult, lifeguarding, master's swim team and recreational swim team. Special events include an Easter egg dive and fun days on all major holidays. All courses are taught by American Red Cross-certified instructors.

## Spectator Sports

If you are the in mood to cheer your favorite team or player on, South Florida offers you the perfect venue. Whether it is the Lipton Championships, the Miami Grand Prix or a Miami Heat game, South Florida will bring out the sports fanatic in you!

### Baseball

Cheer on the 1997 and 2003 World Champion Marlins! The major league regular season runs from April to October. Teams enjoy spring training in sunny South Florida. Visit these teams during spring training: New York Mets, Port St. Lucie, St. Louis Cardinals, Florida Marlins and the Baltimore Orioles at Roger Dean Stadium 561.775.1818.

### Basketball

The Miami Heat plays their home games at American Airlines Arena every October through March. Call 1.786.777.1000 for more information.

The Miami Hurricanes play their home games at the Ryder Center in Miami. Call 1.800.GO.CANES for ticket information.

The Miami Tropics play their home games at Nova Southeastern Gymnasium in Fort Lauderdale, every November through March. For more information CALL 1-800.541.6882

The Palm Beach Imperials play their home games at Florida Atlantic University Gymnasium in Boca Raton every November through March. For more information call 561.297.3000

## College Sports

### Lynn University

Lynn University has baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis and volleyball games for you to enjoy. Tickets for any men's & women's soccer, volleyball and men's & women's basketball events can be purchased at the door. All other games are free to the public.

### Florida Atlantic University Athletics

Come support your Hometown Team in Boca Raton, the FAU Owls. FAU plays its home football games in their 29,419-seat, open air FAU Football Stadium on campus in Boca Raton. FAU plays its home basketball games at the newly renovated Burrow Arena on campus; which is one mile east of I-95 on Glades Rd. All of the Owls other sports are played on campus in Boca Raton. For tickets or more information call 1-866-FAU-OWLS or logon to <http://www.fausports.com/>!

### Football

Cheer on those fins! The Miami Dolphins play at Dolphin Stadium, just 40 minutes south on Florida's Turnpike. For more information on season or group tickets, call 888-FINS-TIX. Dolphin Stadium also hosts the FedEx Orange Bowl, including the National Championship game in 2009.

### Hockey

Be a part of the Pack. You don't want to miss one exciting minute of the Florida Panthers. The Panthers play at BankAtlantic Center, but practice at nearby Incredible Ice Arena in Coral Springs.

### Dog Racing

If you like pari-mutuel wagering, Palm Beach County is home to the Palm Beach Kennel Club, the state's premier greyhound racing venue and simulcast wagering facility. Built in 1932, PBKC is owned by the Rooney Family, who also owns the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers.

### Palm Beach Kennel Club

1111 N Congress Ave  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33409  
Belvedere Road and Congress Avenue  
561.683.2222  
[www.pbkennelclub.com](http://www.pbkennelclub.com)

## Horse Racing

Boca offers easy access to Gulf Stream Park, home of the \$500,000 Florida Derby and the Breeder's Cup, as well as Calder Racetrack and Pompano Race Track.

### Calder Racetrack

21001 N.W. 27th Avenue  
Miami, Florida  
305.625.1311  
(May to January)

### Gulf Stream Park

901 S Federal Hwy  
Hallandale Beach, FL 33009  
(954) 454-7000  
(January-April)

### Pompano Harness Race Track

1800 S.W. 3<sup>RD</sup> Street  
Pompano Beach, Florida  
(954) 972.2000

## Jai-Alai

Called the world's fastest ball game, this ancient Basque sport moves at more than 185 miles per hour. The words mean "merry festival," and it is all that and more! Enjoy wagering and dining day and night.

### Dania Jai-Alai

301 E. Dania Beach Blvd.  
Dania, Florida  
954.927.2841

## Polo

### Royal Palm Polo Sports Complex

18000 Jog Road  
Boca Raton, Florida  
561.994.1876

The oldest club in South Florida, Boca Raton's Royal Palm Polo Club is known as the sport's winter capital. The world's top polo players compete here on Sundays during the season, January-April. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Royal Palm Polo Club also hosts the \$100,000 International Gold Cup Tournament.

## Other

For those who prefer excitement with a little roar, Palm Beach County's two most-visited tourist attractions should do the trick. Thrill-seekers can get an authentic taste of drag racing at Moroso Motorsports Park in Palm Beach Gardens (561.622.1400), while those who prefer the roar of animals can visit Lion Country Safari in Loxahatchee (561.793.1084).

## Boca Raton - Where Shopping is a Pleasure

For the ultimate shopping experience, Boca Raton has everything you need...and more. No matter what you are looking for, you can easily find it at any of Boca Raton's premier shopping locations.

### Mizner Park - Downtown Boca Raton



Better known as "Downtown Boca," the area around Federal Highway and East Palmetto Park Road is a prime shopping area. The newly landscaped and redeveloped area features a wide array of goods and services including [skin care](#), hair care, travel agencies, gift boutiques, art galleries, fine clothing, jewelry and novelty shops. Throughout the year, there are street parties that showcase local talent, merchandise and exciting activities for the entire family.

Whether you feel like a drink at Truluck's or browsing through the Boca Raton Museum of Art, the beautiful Mizner Park has something for everyone. Mizner Park is a one-of-a-kind mixed-use developments, centered around a Spanish-styled courtyard reminiscent of architect Addison Mizner's Mediterranean legacy featuring over 40 shops, plaza and Class [A office space](#), [apartments](#) and town homes. Opened in 1991, the park features a unique mix of specialty boutiques, restaurants, national retailers, an eight-screen cinema, an amphitheater, the Boca Raton Museum of Art, as well as year-round, park-sponsored community events. Visit [www.miznerpark.org](http://www.miznerpark.org) for the latest information.

### Royal Palm Place



Just down the street from Mizner Park, wander through Royal Palm Place, the oldest shopping center in Boca. The plaza has 80 shops in a Spanish-style, shopping complex. The quiet courtyards and sculpted fountains are a charming backdrop to several restaurants and luxurious shopping. Visit [www.royalpalmplace.com](http://www.royalpalmplace.com) for the latest information.

### Town Center at Boca Raton, Simon Property Group



Town Center ([www.simon.com](http://www.simon.com)), located West of I-95 on Glades Road, is one of Palm Beach County's most impressive malls, as well as an international shopping destination. Town Center is anchored by Bloomingdales, Macy's, Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, Sears, and Nordstrom's. In addition, there are over 220 exclusive specialty stores such as Cartier, Tiffany's, Williams Sonoma, The Gap, Kate Spade, [Louis Vuitton](#), Pottery Barn, and Godiva Chocolatier.

The mall's magnitude ensures an endless variety of retail options and, when you need energy to keep the shopping spree going, the Food Court offers an array of options to satisfy you. Exotic foliage, hand-glazed tiles and skylights make Town Center a first-[class](#) shopping wonderland. Valet parking completes the experience and, to top it off, you can even get a car wash while you shop.

Town Center is open from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon - 6:00 p.m. on Sundays.

### Other Shopping Areas

There are many other great shopping areas throughout Boca Raton like Boca Center, Glades Plaza, the Fifth-Avenue Shops, Oaks Plaza, Shops at the Sanctuary, Polo Shops, Del Mar Shopping Village, Garden Shops of Boca, Palms Plaza, Point West Centre, Village Pointe, Mission Bay Plaza, Shadowood [Square](#), Boca Lyons Plaza, Somerset Shops, Regency Court, Shops of Boca, Piccadilly Square, VPC Center, Lakeside Centre and West Boca Square.

### Nearby Shopping

Boca Raton is just a short drive from charming downtown Delray Beach and Palm Beach's famous Worth Avenue, where top-notch fashion, gourmet restaurants and fine art galleries line the historic street and its charming bougainvillea-shaded vias. South of Boca, there are art galleries and quaint shops on Las Olas Boulevard and the lavish Fashion Mall in Plantation. In Miami there is the Fashion District and Decorators Row as well as the Bal Harbour shops in Miami Beach.

If you are a bargain shopper, head directly toward the Festival Flea Market ([www.festivalfleamarket.com](http://www.festivalfleamarket.com)) (Sample Road in Pompano) and Sawgrass Mills (Sunrise Boulevard, east of Flamingo Road off the Sawgrass Expressway). You may also want to experience the outdoor flea markets at the Delray Swap Shop (U.S. 1, north of Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach) and the Swap Shop (Sunrise Boulevard in Ft. Lauderdale).

Happy Shopping!

## Media / Local News Sources and Resources

Boca Raton is a vibrant city, full of excitement and energy and plenty of things to do. Our local media does a great job of getting the word out on the important happenings in the area. Make sure you are on their radar. Start reading these locals papers and magazines, listening to local radio and following your favorite television news channels.

### Newspapers:

**Boca Forum**  
877.732.3786

**The Boca Tribune**  
561.290.1202

**The Coastal Star**  
561.337.1553

**el Sentinel**  
877.732.3786

**Palm Beach Post**

**Sun-Sentinel**  
877.732.3786

### Magazines:

**Boca Chamber CONNECTION Newsletter**  
561.395.4433

**Boca Raton Observer**  
561.982.8960

**Boomer Times & Senior Life Magazine**  
561.736.8925

**HERLIFE Magazine**  
561.899.0433

**Life Publications - Boca/Delray Life Magazine**  
954.421.9797

**JES Publishing - Boca Raton Magazine**  
561.997.8683

**The HomeMag Palm Beach**  
561.653.8133

### Press Lists:

The Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce does not provide press lists. However, there are publications that have their reporters' contact information available on their websites (see above).

A good place to start in building your press list is by reading the papers and magazines you would like to be in, and if there is a particular story you like, consider contacting the writer and asking to add them to your list. Companies that sell press lists can be found via online [search](#) engines.



## **Submit Your Press Releases and Photos On-line to:**

### **The Palm Beach Post**

<http://postpix.palmbeachpost.com/>

### **Your News**

[www.YourNews.com](http://www.YourNews.com)

## **TV Stations in Boca Raton**

ABC - <http://abc.go.com/>

CBS - <http://www.cbs.com/>

CNN - <http://www.cnn.com/>

FOX - <http://www.fox.com/index.php>

Wpec - <http://www.cbs12.com/>

Fox29 WFLX - <http://www.wflx.com/>

ION Media Network - <http://www.ionmedia.tv/>

WTCN-CW West Palm - <http://wearewestpalm.com/#tv>

Wxel TV 42-FM 90-7 Broadcasting - <http://www.wxel.org/>

WPBF TV 25 - <http://www.wpbfb.com/index.html>

WPTV Channel 5 NBC - <http://www.wptv.com/>

WTVX - <http://wearewestpalm.com/#tv>

Breitbart TV - <http://www.breitbart.tv/>

WFGC IND Channel 61 - <http://www.wfgc.com/>

## **Cable and Satellite TV**

Comcast - <http://www.comcast.com>

Charter - <http://www.charter.com>

Direct TV - <http://www.directv.com>

Time Warner Cable - <http://www.timewarner.com>

## Worship

### Apostolic

**St. David Armenian Church**  
2300 Yamato Road 33431  
561/994-2335

### Baptist

**Boca Glades Baptist Church**  
10101 Oriole Country Road 33428  
561/483-4228

**First Baptist Church of Boca Raton**  
2350 N.W. 51st St. 33432  
561/994-4673

**Friendship Missionary Baptist Church**  
1422 N.E. Second Court 33432  
561/395-6871

**Iglesia Bautista Hispana**  
2350 NW 51<sup>st</sup> Street 33431  
561/998-8360

### Catholic

**Ascension Catholic Church**  
7250 N. Federal Highway 33487  
561/997-5486

**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
22094 Lyons Road 33428  
561/483-2440

**St. Joan of Arc**  
370 S.W. Third St. 33432  
561/392-0007

**St. John The Evangelist**  
10300 Yamato Road 33431  
561/488-1373

**St. Jude**  
21689 Toledo Road 33433  
561/392-8172

**St. Lucy**  
3510 S. Ocean Blvd. 33487  
561/278-1280

### Charismatic

**Gold Coast Christian Cathedral**  
3200 N. Federal Highway 33431  
561/750-5235

### Christian

**Connected Life Christina Church**  
2500 N.W. Fifth Avenue 33431  
561/395-4901

**Frontline Christian Center**  
Olympic Heights High [School](#)  
20101 Lyons Road 33434  
561/706-5801

**The Journey Church**  
Now meeting at:  
Boca Raton Community High School  
Kathryn Lindgren Theater, 1501 NW 15th St.  
33486  
561/420-0606

### Christian Science

**First Church of Christ Scientist of Boca Raton**  
566 W. Palmetto Park Road 33432  
561/391-7689

### Church of Christ

**Boca Raton Church of Christ**  
5099 N.W. Fifth Avenue 33431  
561/395-0738

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**  
1530 W. Camino Real 33486  
561/395-8957

### Community

**Boca Raton Community Church**  
470 NW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue 33432  
561/395-2400

**South Palm Beach Community Church**  
11443 E. Palmetto Park Road 33428  
561/477-0140

### Episcopal

**Chapel of St. Andrew**  
(Saint Andrew's School campus)  
2707 N.W. 37th Street 33434  
561/483-8044

**St. Gregory's Episcopal Church**  
100 NE Mizner Blvd.  
561/395-3285

## **Greek Orthodox**

**St. Mark Greek Orthodox Church**  
2100 N.W. 51<sup>st</sup> St. 33431  
561/994-4822

## **Islam**

**Islamic Center of Boca Raton**  
141 NW 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite #A-7 33431  
561/395-7221

## **Jehovah's Witnesses**

**Jehovah's Witnesses**  
19230 State Road 7 33498  
561/479-0956

## **Jewish Conservative**

**B'Nai Torah Congregation**  
6261 S.W. 18th St. 33433  
561/392-8566

**Temple Beth Shalom**  
19140 Lyons Road 33434  
561/483-5557

## **Jewish-Orthodox**

**Boca Raton Synagogue**  
7900 Montoya Circle North 33433  
561/394-5732

## **Jewish-Reconstructionist**

Kol Ami of Boca Raton Reconstructionist  
2601 Saint Andrews Blvd.  
561/392-0696

## **Jewish-Reformed**

**Beth Ami Congregation**  
1401 NW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue 33432  
561/347-0031

Beth Sar Shalom  
1015 Old Boyton Road 33426  
561/737-1431

**Congregation B'Nai Israel**  
2200 Yamato Road 33431  
561/241-8118

**Temple Beth El**  
333 S.W. Fourth Avenue 33432  
561/391-8900

## **Kabbalah**

**Kabbalah Learning Center**  
8411 W. Palmetto Park Road 33433  
561/488-8826

## **Lutheran**

**Advent Lutheran Church**  
300 E Yamato Road Boca 33431  
561/395-3632

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church/ELCA**  
6301 S.W. 18th St. 33433  
561/393-7007

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
701 W. Palmetto Park Road 33486  
561/395-0433

## **Methodist**

**First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton  
(West Campus)**  
9087 Glades Road 33434  
561/395-1244

**First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton  
(East Campus)**  
625 N.E. Mizner Blvd. 33432  
561/395-1244

## **Non-Denominational**

**Ayts Chayim Messianic Synagogue**  
600 W Camino Real  
561/487-3839

**Boca Raton Bible Chapel**  
3900 N.W. Third Avenue 33431  
561/391-9319

**Calvary Chapel of Sandalfoot**  
10660 W. Sandalfoot Blvd. 33428  
561/869-5990

**Calvary Chapel of Boca Raton**  
1551 W Camino Real 33486  
561/391-0056

**Trinity Church of God**  
1251 S.W. 15th Avenue 33486  
561/392-5433

## **Presbyterian**

### **Grace Community Church**

600 W. Camino Real 33486  
561/395-2811

### **Glade Presbyterian Church**

21121 Oriole Country Road  
561/477-4898

### **Spanish River Church/PCA**

2400 N.W. 51st Street 33431  
561/994-5000

### **Hammock St. Church**

22500 Hammock St. 33428  
561/483-0460

## **Unitarian Universalist**

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton

2601 St. Andrews Blvd. 33434  
561/482-2001

## **United Church of Christ**

### **Congregational Church of Boca Raton**

251 S.W. Fourth Avenue 33432  
561/395-9255

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