



# Boca Raton E-News

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## Off to Market! GreenMarket Begins 13<sup>th</sup> Year

Grab your shopping bags and head on over to this season's Grand Opening of the [Boca Raton GreenMarket](#), scheduled for Saturday, October 10. Now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year, the Market takes place in the southwest parking lot of Royal Palm Place, at the intersection of South Federal Highway and South Mizner Boulevard. The Market operates each Saturday from October 10 through May 8, 2010. Hours are from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm each market day.

To commemorate Columbus Day, opening day features an Italian Fest, complete with delectable Italian food and tastings by local restaurants and regular GreenMarket vendors, kiddie crafts, heritage memorabilia, speeches and dedications. A special concert featuring the Five Boroughs takes place on the Royal Palm Place stage. The Italian Fest is made possible through the support of Leonardo Da Vinci Lodge #2841.



GreenMarket shoppers

Once again this year the [Children's Museum](#) will oversee the Market operations, with the support of Investments Limited, Inc., owner of Royal Palm Place. The Market is sponsored by Aurora Nurses Inc., Royal Palm Place Merchant Association, Palm Beach County, Florida Health & Chiropractic Medicine, Farm Credit of South Florida, Palm Beach County Agricultural Enhancement Committee and "FRESH from FLORIDA," a promotional campaign of Florida's Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs. For additional information, or, if interested in participating in the Boca Raton GreenMarket, please call the Market office at (561) 368-6875 or (561) 239-1536.

## Homestead Exemption Outreach

As a service to county homeowners, the Education Services Division of the [Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office](#) is conducting Homestead Exemption Outreach sessions in Boca Raton and other municipalities around the county. Deputies are available for assistance at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Road, on **Thursdays, November 5 and December 3, from 11:00 am until noon.**

Every person who has legal title on January 1 to a residential property and lives there permanently qualifies for this exemption. You must be a permanent resident of Florida on January 1 of the initial application year. A copy of your deed and proof of residency is required.

Exemptions available include: \$25,000 Homestead Exemption, Additional \$25,000 Homestead Exemption, Senior Citizen Exemption, \$5,000 Disabled Veterans Exemption, Combat-disabled Senior Veterans and the \$500 Widow/Widower Exemption.

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## Holiday Boat Parade Call for Entrants

Organizers of the [2009 Boca Raton Holiday Boat Parade](#) are determined that the annual boat parade – celebrating its 33rd anniversary this year – will be the best ever and are encouraging boaters to register now for the annual holiday event to be held on Saturday, December 19, 2009, at the Intracoastal Waterway in Boca Raton. “With over \$10,000 worth of prizes and prize monies, we encourage all boaters who were in parades in past years, as well as new entries, to register now,” said boat parade organizer Emily Lilly of the City of Boca Raton.



Boaters can register by phone (561-393-7827 or 561-239-1536) or [register online](#). Registration is free, and all entries are guaranteed to win prize packages and/or cash prizes. Last year, at least 45 brightly lit boats of all sizes joined in the parade. Organizers are hoping to have even more entries this year.

The parade will be held on Saturday, December 19 beginning at 6:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public with viewing areas at Red Reef Park and Silver Palm Park. The parade begins in the Intracoastal Waterway at the C-15 Canal at the Delray Beach/Boca Raton border and continues south to the Hillsboro Boulevard Bridge just south of the Boca Raton city limits. The event also includes an on-the-water toy collection drive benefitting the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. Tow boats travel the parade route and collect new, unwrapped toys from folks using flashlights to signal the tow boats along the route.

The Boca Raton Holiday Boat Parade is organized by the City of Boca Raton, with Summit Brokerage as the Presenting Sponsor. Last year’s supporters included Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County, Boca Raton Resort & Club, Oceans 1000, Loggerhead Marina, South Florida Inland Navigation District, WRMF 97.9fm, Barry Epstein Associates, Braman BMW of West Palm Beach, Aurora Nurses, Skechers USA Footwear of Town Center, Beverly Hills International Promotions, Florida Health & Chiropractic Medicine, KOOL105.5fm. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, please call (561) 393-7827 or (561) 239-1536.

## Green Fact of the Month

Number 4 plastics are made from Low-Density Polyethylene or LDPE. It’s strong, flexible, and provides a barrier to moisture, so it is commonly used for squeezable bottles, flexible container lids, dry cleaning bags and shopping bags. LDPE is often recycled into trash can liners, compost bins and shipping envelopes. While containers can be put in your yellow recycle bins, plastic bags should be recycled at your local grocery store.

Number 5 plastics are made from Polypropylene or PP. It has a high melting point, making it ideal for packaging hot liquids and food. Common uses include reusable food containers, yogurt and margarine tubs, medicine bottles and bottle caps. PP can be recycled into garden rakes, brooms, storage bins, signal lights and landscape borders. Recycle #5 plastics in your yellow recycling bin.

The plastics numbering system was created in 1988 by [The Society of the Plastics Industry](#) to help consumers better identify what can and cannot be placed in your recycle bin.



## Rain Barrel Workshop at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center

Looking for relief? How about a lower water bill, freedom from water restrictions, and that environmentally conscious gold star you've always wanted? Reintroducing... *rain barrels!* [Gumbo Limbo Nature Center](#) and RainLife Rain Barrels are presenting a free, informative workshop on how to start conserving water in your own yard! The workshop will take place on **Saturday, October 24 at 1:00 pm** at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. Reservations are recommended but not required. Call 561-391-8110 for more information.

The ancient idea of harvesting rainwater for dry seasons is gaining popularity. A rain barrel is a water catchment system designed to collect and store the rainwater from your roof that is normally diverted to storm drains, lost to evaporation, or restricted to a localized area. It is estimated that a rain barrel can save about 1,300 gallons of water during summer months that can be used for a variety of purposes from watering gardens and landscaping to washing your pets and vehicles. Most importantly, the use of rain barrels is not affected by watering restrictions brought on by our statewide drought.

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## Upcoming City Events

Admission to all events is free, unless indicated otherwise.

**Saturday, October 10, 17, 24, 31 8:00 am** [BOCA RATON GREENMARKET.](#)  
S. Federal Highway & S. Mizner Boulevard

**Saturday, October 10, 11:00 am** [IN THE PURSUIT OF SAFETY](#)  
*A Boca Raton Police VIPER community event*  
Town Center Mall by Sears, 6000 W. Glades Road

**Tuesday – Saturday, October 27 – 31** [SHRIEK WEEK](#)  
Ghost Town, Wild West Roundup, Magic Show, Willow Theatre productions, storytelling  
Sugar Sand Park Community Center For schedule of events please call (561) 347-3900  
300 S Military Trail, just south of Palmetto Park Road

**Thursday, November 5, 11:00 am** [HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION OUTREACH](#)  
*Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Program*  
City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Road

**Saturday, November 7, 7:00 -11:00 am** [P.O.T.S. SALE](#)  
*Buy and sell previously –owned treasures!*  
Patch Reef Park, Rutherford Community Center  
Yamato Road, just west of Military Trail

Interested in volunteering? Opportunities are available throughout the year at City-sponsored events. Visit the Recreation Services [Volunteer](#) webpage.



# Happy Halloween!

