



Boca Raton E-News

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Memorial Day Observance

The City of Boca Raton, along with local veteran groups, will honor all military personnel who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country at a Memorial Day Observance, Monday, May 28, beginning at 9:00 am at the Boca Raton Cemetery located at 449 SW Fourth Avenue. Participating groups include American Legion Post #277 and its auxiliary unit, [Boca Raton Elks Lodge #2166](#), [Estahakee Chapter DAR](#), [United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla #36](#), Boca Raton Community High School unit of the [Navy Junior ROTC](#) under the direction of Commander Ken Bingham, Boca Raton Community High School Band under the direction of Laura Beard, New Young Patriots Drill Team, [Fort Lauderdale Highlanders](#), Coastmen Chorus, and honor guard units representing the city's [Police](#) and [Fire/Rescue Services](#).



Mayor Susan Whelchel and several other officials are scheduled to offer "Thoughts on Memorial Day." A commemorative wreath will be placed at the memorial monument recognizing each service group represented at the ceremony, followed by "Taps" and a traditional 21-gun salute. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

In addition, a Memorial Day evening concert will take place at the Mizner Park Amphitheater at 7:00 pm and will feature the [INDIAN RIVER POPS](#) and [ROBERT SHARON CHORALE](#) under the direction of Owen Seward.

Friday Night LIVE!

As part of its successful Friday Night LIVE! monthly entertainment series, Downtown Boca will feature evening headliner [Chris MacDonald](#), the "ultimate Elvis tribute artist" performing live with his concert band and dancers in Sanborn Square on Friday, May 4th. He will literally "rock the blocks" and streets around the park in true sock hop/Boca Bop fashion during this free and open-to-the-public event. Friday Night LIVE! festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with the popular Gourmet Truck Expo that will be serving up a unique streetside culinary experience with café seating.

Born from the success of Downtown Boca's inaugural 2011 Meet Me On The Promenade street-filling festival, the Friday Night LIVE! series gives residents, businesses and visitors yet another reason to "come early, stay late...where something for everyone awaits." So plan to spend some time in [Downtown Boca](#) and enjoy [Friday Night LIVE](#) each and every month.



Mayor

Susan Whelchel

Deputy Mayor

Susan Haynie

Council Members

Anthony Majhess

Michael Mullaugh

Constance J. Scott

MPA Presents

You MAY want to join us for a variety of events in the amphitheater this month: ballet, bike racing and beautiful music! We kick it off with the [Youth Orchestra of Palm Beach County](#) for a performance that is free and open to the public on Sunday, May 6 at 4:00 pm. On May 19th, Z-Motion presents the Florida State Bike Criterium Championships in Mizner Park. This short course race will take place in Mizner Park with a vendor village in the amphitheater. This high speed, exciting event takes place all day on Saturday. Come have lunch in Mizner Park for a great spectator's spot!



On Sunday, May 27, at 7:30 pm, [Boca Ballet](#) will present a mixed repertory dance performance that is free for the community. Bring blankets, chairs, friends and family to this traditional event. On Memorial Day, Monday, May 28 at 7:00pm, the City of Boca Raton presents the [Indian River Pops Orchestra](#) and the [Robert Sharon Chorale](#) in memory of those who have died in our Nation's service. Share this day of remembrance under the stars at this free, city-sponsored concert event.



Town Hall Named Top Civic Building

Boca Raton Town Hall has been named by the [Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects](#) (AIA Florida) as the "top civic building" in Florida through an online competition. The historic landmark, home to the [Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum](#), also ranked number 20 out of 100 buildings listed in the AIA Florida survey.

Palm Beach architect Addison Mizner designed the original version of a city hall for Boca Raton in 1926. His two story elaborate Mediterranean

Revival design was scaled down to one story; yet it too proved too expensive for the newly incorporated municipality. Delray architect William Alsmeyer replaced Mizner as architect in 1927. He created a Mission Style structure incorporating the foundations for Mizner's design and the Mizner Industries produced ironwork, tiles, pecky cypress ceilings and doors and other architectural features already ordered for the structure. Boca Raton Town Hall opened for business in the Spring of 1927. It features a beautiful gold dome, arched doorways and windows, and ironwork characteristic of the Mediterranean Revival style so popular in Florida during the 1920s land boom. Town Hall served as a municipal structure until the 1980s; it was restored through a community wide effort led by the Boca Raton Historical Society in 1984. Today it is still a city-owned building, a proud symbol of Boca Raton's past.

On April 23, Don Yoshino and Deborah Nichols, members of the AIA Florida Centennial Committee presented a plaque honoring Boca Raton Town Hall as Florida's "top civic building" to Mayor Susan Whelchel and the City Council.

Art in Public Places

The photographs of local attorney Michael Gora will be on display during the month of May at the [Boca Raton Community Center](#). A wide range of experience has helped Gora to observe and appreciate wildly diverse American lifestyles and photographic possibilities. His artistic voice speaks in black and white, but addresses numerous topics in different genres, at different times. Mr. Gora has served the Boca Raton Community and his profession as President of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association, Chairman of the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of commerce, & President of the Boca Raton Museum of Art. The exhibit can be viewed during the Community Center hours, Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 9:00 pm, Saturday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. For more information, call 561-393-7807.

Downtown Library Groundbreaking

On April 24, 2012, the shovels were finally in the ground at the official groundbreaking for the new Downtown Library! The City Council, joined by City staff and numerous community supporters of the new Library, turned the ceremonial fist shovel of earth to mark the beginning of construction on the Library, designed by the architectural firm [PGAL](#). The rendering of the Library is shown at right.



The City has approved all site planning, building design, permitting, and a maximum construction price of \$9.95 million in its contract with [Kaufman Lynn Inc.](#) for the new 41,932 square foot Downtown Library. The new Library building will be almost double the size of the current Downtown Library and will impact residents by providing improved services and community spaces including: (1) a wide range of Youth and Adult reading and learning materials in various formats; (2) a meeting and program room, and adjacent outside patio, with a capacity of more than 300 occupants; (3) 70 public access computers; (4) robust wi-fi services; (5) a Youth Learning Center, (6) a Teen Room, (7) a Discovery Center for Youth and Adults; (8) Adult and Youth reading “towers”; (9) ten private study and tutoring rooms; and (10) a bookstore like new materials areas. The new Library will seek a Silver LEED certification from the [U.S. Green Building Council](#). The Friends of the Boca Raton Library has donated \$250,000 to the City to expand the multipurpose meeting room and the Friends' bookstore, and the Rotary Club of Boca Raton has announced plans to donate \$50,000 for the purchase of furniture, equipment, improved lighting, and other enhancements to the Youth Services Center of the new Library.

Red Light Cameras Operational

The City of Boca Raton has completed the installation of red light cameras at six intersections in the City. Citations for red light violations are now being issued. The intersections that have red light camera installations are:

- **Glades Road at NW 15th Street**
- **Glades Road at St. Andrews Boulevard**
- **Federal Highway at NE 20th Street**
- **Military Trail at Spanish River Boulevard**
- **Congress Avenue at Clint Moore road**
- **Glades Road at NW 2nd Avenue/Boca Raton Boulevard**

Summer Camp Offerings

Summer will be here before you know it! Are you ready? The City of Boca Raton offers 27 different summer camp options for your children, 'tweens and teens. There's something for everyone!

Some of the new camps being offered this summer are Ocean Adventure Camp, You Should Dancing Program, Juggle Mania, Bright & Smart Robotics, Miss Irene's Dance, Arts & Crafts Program and Kids' Fighting Chance Self-Defense Program!

Need more information and an application? Pick one up at Boca Raton Community Center, Sugar Sand Park Community Center or James A. Rutherford Community Center. You can also print one from online at <http://myboca.us/rec/SummerCamps.shtm>.



We are always happy to answer any questions you may have! Call the Summer Camp Office at 561-393-7888 or email Amanda Liebl at aliebl@myboca.us.

Willow Theater Performance for Mother's Day

Mothers and Daughters features three talented actresses who will present dramatic readings about the complex relationship that exists between mothers and their daughters. "Some of the readings will make you laugh out loud, while others will touch your heart," according to Eunice Bernard, Director at *Words...Alive!*. "This is a unique chance to bring your mother or grandmother to celebrate your special bond on Mother's Day," said Debbie Shockey, Booking Coordinator at Sugar Sand Community Center. "Since the Willow Theatre is such an intimate setting, this is a great opportunity for the women in a family to get together and enjoy each other as well as a beautiful show."

Mothers and Daughters will be presented at the Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, in Boca Raton on Sunday, May 13 at 2:00 PM. The cost is \$15. Tickets can be purchased at the Willow Theatre Box Office at 561-347-3948. Visit www.WillowTheatre.org for more information.

Upcoming City Events

All events are free unless otherwise indicated.

Saturdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28, 8:45 am

SATURDAYS @ SANBORN

Shape-up Fitness Classes

Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Highway

Saturdays, May 5, 12, 8:00 am

BOCA RATON GREENMARKET

Local vendors and live music

S. Federal Highway & S. Mizner Boulevard

May 1 through 31

ART EXHIBIT

Photographic Works of Michael Gora

Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Boulevard

Friday, May 4, 6:30 pm

SOCK HOP/BOCA BOP

Elvis Tribute Artist Chris MacDonald

Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Highway

Sunday, May 6, 4:00 pm

YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

Concert – Hollywood at the Symphony

Mizner Park Amphitheater

Sunday, May 27, 7:30 pm

BOCA BALLET THEATER

Mixed Repertory Dance Concert

Mizner Park Amphitheater

Monday, May 28, 7:00 pm

MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT

Indian River Pops in Concert with the Robert Sharon Choral

Mizner Park Amphitheater

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

