

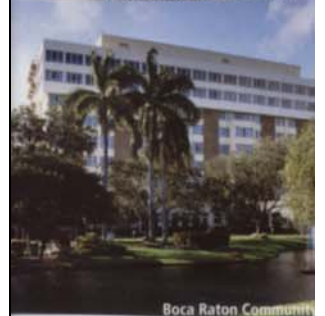
G R E A T E R
BOCA RATON
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOCA RATON

**Boca Raton Museum of Art &
Numerous Art Galleries;
Morikami Japanese Gardens & Museum;
American Orchid Society;
Live Theaters;
Excellent Golf & Tennis Facilities;
The Famous Boca Raton Resort & Club
and other Major Hotels;
Fabulous Restaurants;
Town Center Mall;
Wetlands & the Everglades**

**Beautiful Parks & Beaches,
Gumbo Limbo Nature Center,
South County Regional Park's Daggerwing Nature
Center, Coconut Cove Water Park &
Sunset Cove Amphitheatre;
Sugar Sand Park's Science Playground, Explorium
and Willow Theater;
The Swim & Tennis Center,
and so much more!
Children's Museum, Train Museum**

Sunshine almost every day!



The History of Boca Raton

The meaning of the name Boca Raton has always aroused curiosity. Many people wrongly assume the name is simply Rat's Mouth. The Spanish word boca (or mouth) often described an inlet, while raton (literally mouse) was used as a term for a cowardly thief. But the "Thieves Inlet," Boca Ratones, appeared on eighteenth century maps associated with an inlet in the Biscayne Bay area of Miami. By the beginning of the nineteenth century, the term was mistakenly applied to Lake Boca Raton, whose inlet was closed at the time. The "s" and later the "e" were dropped from this title by the 1920s, yet the correct pronunciation remains Rah-tone.

The earliest known inhabitants of the Boca Raton area were the Tequesta Indians, who lived in communities near the ocean as long ago as one thousand years until the eighteenth century. The construction of the Florida East Coast Canal (today's Intracoastal) and the Florida East Coast Railway in the 1890s made the region accessible to a group of resourceful pioneers. By the early 1900s Boca Raton was a tiny agricultural community, many of the farmers specializing in pineapple cultivation. Amongst these were a group of Japanese immigrants under the leadership of Joseph Sakai, who formed a community along today's Yamato Road in 1904.

In May of 1925, the Town of Boca Raton was incorporated at the height of the Florida land boom. The town council commissioned noted society architect Addison Mizner to plan a world-class resort community. His exclusive hotel, known as the Cloister Inn, was completed in 1926 and continues its reign as a city landmark as the Boca Raton Resort and Club. Although many of Mizner's plans for the young community were squelched by the demise of the land boom in 1926, a few survive today—and his architectural style continues to influence the city.

One of Mizner's projects was a design for a city hall for Boca Raton. Completed by Delray architect William Alsmeyer in 1927, Old Town Hall at 71 North Federal Highway still bears the original footprint of the Mizner design, and was constructed using ironwork, tile, and woodwork supplied by Mizner Industries. Today the restored Town Hall is the home of the Boca Raton Historical Society.



In the 1930s and 40s, Boca was known for its winter vegetable crop, particularly the green beans which commanded a premium in northern markets. In 1942, the Army Air Corps established its only war-time radar training school at the site of what is today F.A.U. and the Boca Raton Airport. The facility brought over 30,000 servicemen as well as families and civilian employees to the tiny community of Boca Raton, with a population of 723 in 1940.

In the 1950s, the still small town played host to a safari park called Africa USA which opened where the Camino Gardens development stands now. E. G. Barnhill offered an attraction called Ancient America on the site of prehistoric burial mounds on U.S. One in the area of today's Sanctuary neighborhood. The Winter Bible Conference Grounds—Bibletown—was established in buildings of the former Air Field.

In the 1960s, South Florida experienced another great land boom, with developments pushing the Everglades and former farmlands increasingly westward. The population grew to almost 30,000 residents by 1970, continuing to increase well outside city limits to this day. In 1962, Boca Raton attracted the newest state university, Florida Atlantic, to the site of the old army airbase. IBM moved one of its computer facilities to Boca Raton in 1967, and in 1981, it was there the first IBM PC, or personal computer, was developed.

During the 1980s and 1990s, the city focused much of its attention on downtown redevelopment, and a number of important historical properties, such as Boca Raton's original Town Hall and F.E.C. Railway Station were restored and opened to the public. Many fine cultural facilities, such as the Boca Raton Museum of Art, have grown up to meet the needs of the growing population.

By 2009, the City had 86,396 residents in addition to the over 125,500 people who reside in West Boca, the unincorporated area west of the city. Boca Raton is the core of the south Palm Beach County metropolitan community, offering beautiful parks and facilities, economic opportunities, and a unique quality of life.

Geographically the City encompasses 29.6 square miles (18,572 acres) and provides police services, fire-rescue services, municipal services (sanitation, roads, and traffic and animal control), recreation services (parks, beaches, golf courses, tennis courts, a library and a municipal swimming pool), and utility services (water, wastewater, storm water and reclaimed water). Boca Raton is known nationally and internationally as an originator in the area of comprehensive zoning. Both the low density, i.e. dwelling units per acre, character of the City and the innovative Park of Commerce Industrial Park have influenced development around the country. The sign code, which was initiated in the late 1960s, gives the City a unique look with minimal commercial intrusion into landscaping and streetscapes.

Our City is enjoying the results of the economic expansion of the 1990s. After weathering the economic storms of the 1980s and the loss of a major employer, the City has seen a steady increase in its industrial base. Boca Raton has become a Mecca for innovative computer development, using a well-educated, computer literate community as its base. Because of its initiative, the City has reaped the benefits of effective land use planning -- a stable tax base with increasing property values.

Do you know where the name Boca Raton comes from?

If you think it means "rat's mouth," think again! The name is derived from an old Spanish expression referring to an inlet where pirates hid for safety: "Boca" meaning inlet and "Raton" was an expression for "thief." Now, this does not mean that there were pirates hiding out in the Boca Raton inlet. In fact, maps from the 1890's, and earlier show that there was no inlet. It has been and still is dredged to keep the waters deep enough for boats to travel through.

So why do we have the name Boca Raton? In 1823 a map maker (or cartographer) was making a map of our region and he mistakenly labeled our city Boca des Ratonnes. There was a Boca de Ratonnes in Key Biscayne that looks very much like our region. It was a simple mistake that he labeled Boca des Ratonnes 45 miles north of Key Biscayne.

Over the years, the "des" and the "s" from Ratonnes were dropped. Addison Mizner was responsible for dropping the "e" at the end of Raton.

NOW TO PRONUNCIATION

Many have wondered how to accurately pronounce the city's name. To help them, former City Attorney M.A. Galbraith penned this ode in the form of a resolution:

Bo ka' Ra ton'

From "Boca de Ratonnes," a quaint Spanish name,
Came "Boca Ratone" when the settlers came.
The "e" was discarded, and then it became
Just "Boca Raton." Now who can we blame?
The sound of "Raton" has not quite been the same.

"I've had it with short 'o,'" said Councilman Mac,
"It grates on my ear and it throws me off track.
There must be a means for us to fight back,
Proclaim the Right Way, and counterattack!"

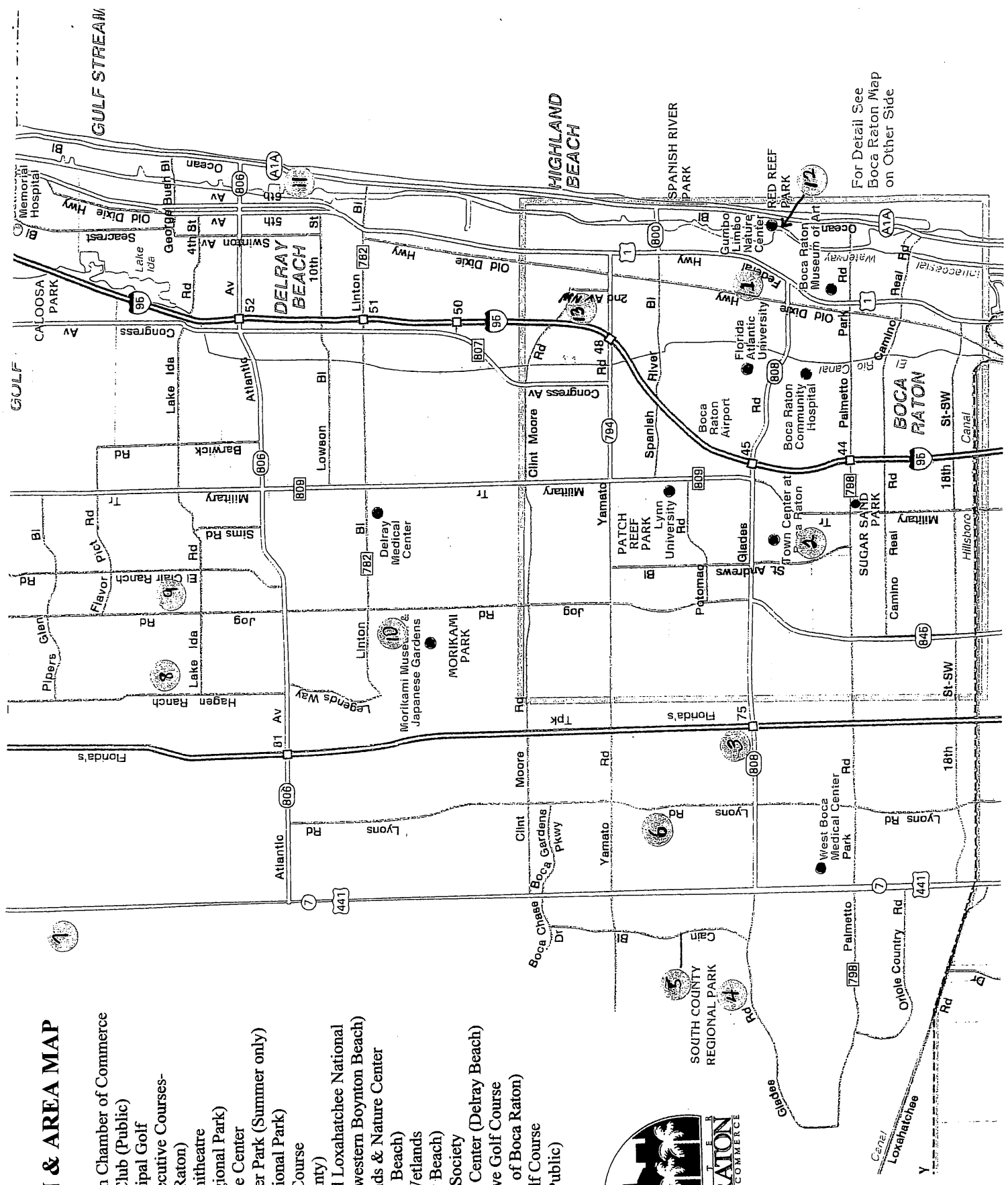
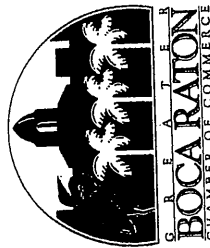
Now banned is short "o" as in con or baton,
Or Parthenon, Rubicon, Johnny or Ron.
The "o" in Raton's not like "a" in pecan.
We'll condone only "o" as in valedictorian.

And shunned is the "o" like a "u" as in son,
Or Washington, Arlington, London or none.
We want a long "o." In fact, two, for fun,
Put one in each half of the name and we're done.

Hereafter, forever, let's let it be known
To tourists and purists: "If you should intone
The name of the city of Boca Raton,
Please give it long 'o' as in Old San Antone,
Or pinecone, or corn pone, postpone and rezone."

BOCA RATON & AREA MAP

- 1) Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce
- 2) Swim & Racquet Club (Public)
- 3) Boca Raton Municipal Golf
(Regulation & Executive Courses-
City of Boca Raton)
- 4) Sunset Cove Amphitheatre
(South County Regional Park)
- 5) Daggerring Nature Center
Coconut Cove Water Park (Summer only)
(South County Regional Park)
- 6) Southwinds Golf Course
(Palm Beach County)
- 7) Arthur M. Marshall Loxahatchee National
Wildlife Refuge (western Boynton Beach)
- 8) Green Cay Wetlands & Nature Center
(western Delray Beach)
- 9) Wakodahatchee Wetlands
(western Delray Beach)
- 10) American Orchid Society
(western Delray Beach)
- 11) Sandoway Nature Center (Delray Beach)
- 12) Red Reef Executive Golf Course
(Executive - City of Boca Raton)
- 13) Ocean Breeze Golf Course
(Semi-Private/Public)



For Detail See
Boca Raton Map
on Other Side

Hotel Directory

Best Western University Inn
2700 N Federal Hwy
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 395-5225
www.bestwestern.com

Boca Raton Bridge Hotel
Watercolors & Carmen's Restaurants
999 E Camino Real
Boca Raton, FL 33432
Phone: (561) 368-9500
www.bocaratonbridgehotel.com

Boca Raton Resort & Club
501 E Camino Real
Boca Raton, FL 33432
Phone: (561) 447-3000
www.bocaresort.com

Carriage House Resort
250 SE 20th Avenue
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441
Phone: (954) 427-7670
www.carriagehousesort.com

Comfort Inn Oceanside
50 S. Ocean Drive
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441
Phone: (954) 428-0650
www.comfortinnoceanside.com

Courtyard by Marriott - Boca Raton
2000 NW Executive Center Circle
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 241-7070
www.marriott.com/pbibc

Courtyard by Marriott Boynton Beach
1601 N. Congress Ave.
Boynton Beach, FL 33426
Phone: (561) 737-4600
www.marriott.com/pbibb

Delray Beach Marriott
10 N Ocean Blvd
Delray Beach, FL 33483-7011
Phone: (561) 274-3200
www.delraybeachmarriott.com

DoubleTree Guest Suites
701 NW 53 St
Boca Raton, FL 33487
Phone: (561) 997-9500
Phone 2: (561) 756-2137
www.doubletree.com

Embassy Suites Hotel
661 NW 53rd St
Boca Raton, FL 33487
Phone: (561) 994-8200
Phone 2: (561) 989-3970
www.bocaratonembassy.com

Embassy Suites Hotel Deerfield Beach Resort
950 S. Ocean Drive
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441
Phone: (954) 426-0478
Phone 2: (954) 312-2029
www.embassyflorida.com

Fairfield Inn & Suites Boca
3400 Airport Rd.
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 417-8585
www.marriott.com

Hilton Deerfield Beach/Boca Raton
100 Fairway Dr
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441
Phone: (954) 427-7700
www.hilton.com

Hilton Garden Inn Boca Raton
8201 Congress Ave
Boca Raton, FL 33487
Phone: (561) 988-6110
www.hiltongardeninn.com

Hilton Suites Boca Raton
7920 Glades Rd
Boca Raton, FL 33434
Phone: (561) 483-3600
www.hilton.com

Holiday Inn - Highland Beach
2809 S Ocean Blvd
Highland Beach, FL 33487
Phone: (561) 278-6241
www.holidayinn.com

Holiday Inn Express West Boca
8144 W Glades Rd
Boca Raton, FL 33434
Phone: (561) 482-7070
www.holidayinn.com

Howard Johnson Plaza Resort
2096 NE 2nd Street
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441
Phone: (954) 428-2850
www.the.hojo.com/deerfieldbeach00450

Marriott Boca Raton at Boca Center
5150 Town Center Circle
Boca Raton, FL 33486
Phone: (561) 392-4600
www.marriott.com/pbibr

Ocean Lodge Hotel
531 N Ocean Blvd
Boca Raton, FL 33432
Phone: (561) 395-7772
www.oceanlodgeflorida.com

PGA National Resort & Spa
400 Avenue of the Champions
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418
Phone: (561) 227-2557
www.pgaresort.com

Renaissance Boca Raton Hotel, The
2000 NW 19th St
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 368-5252
www.renaissancehotels.com

Residence Inn
1111 E Atlantic Ave
Delray Beach, FL 33483
Phone: (561) 276-7441
www.marriott.com/cpiri

Residence Inn By Marriott
525 NW 77th St
Boca Raton, FL 33487
Phone: (561) 994-3222
www.residenceinn.com/pbibo

Ritz-Carlton, Palm Beach, The
100 South Ocean Boulevard
Manalapan, FL 33462
Phone: (561) 540-4983
www.ritzcarlton.com

SpringHill Suites by Marriott
5130 NW 8th Ave
Boca Raton, FL 33487
Phone: (561) 994-2107 Ext. 632
www.springhillsuitesbocaraton.com

Sundy House
106 South Swinton Ave.
Delray Beach, FL 33444
Phone: (561) 272-5678 Ext. 237
www.sundyhouse.com

Wyndham Garden Hotel Boca Raton
1950 Glades Rd
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 368-5200
www.bocaraton-hotel.com

MEMBER RESTAURANTS

5-Spice Asian Street Market
1200 Yamato Rd. #A1
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 989-1688

Abe & Louie's Steakhouse
2200 W. Glades Rd., Suite 201
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 447-0024

Addison Boca Raton, The
Two E Camino Real
Boca Raton, FL 33432
Phone: (561) 395-9335

Arty's Cafe
1389 W. Palmetto Park Road
Boca Raton, FL 33486
Phone: (561) 750-5548

Big City Tavern
5250 Town Center Circle
Boca Raton, FL 33486
Phone: (561) 361-4551

Big Joe's Burgers and Wings
2831 North Federal Highway
Suite 8
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 447-7995

Boca Wings N Ribs
2257 N. Federal Hwy
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 391-9110

Bogart's Bar & Grille
3200 Airport Road
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 544-3044

Bonefish Grill
21065 Powerline Rd. C-15
Boca Raton, FL 33433
Phone: (561) 483-4949

Boneheads Restaurant
690 Yamato Rd #7
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 995-2228

Boston's on the Beach & Upperdeck
A1A 40 South Ocean Blvd
Delray Beach, FL 33483
Phone: (561) 278-3364

Bova Ristorante
1450 N. Federal Highway
Boca Raton, FL 33432
Phone: (561) 362-7407

Brooks Restaurant
500 S. Federal Highway
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441
Phone: (954) 427-9302

Cafe Joley
187 SE Mizner Blvd., #34
Boca Raton, FL 33432
Phone: (561) 361-4224

Capital Grille, The
6000 Glades Road
Suite 1016 B
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 368-1077

Carrabba's Italian Grill
6909 SW Eighteenth St.
Boca Raton, FL 33433
Phone: (561) 544-8838

City Fish Market
7940 Glades Road
Boca Raton, FL 33434
Phone: (561) 487-1600

Clematis Social
223 Clematis Street
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Phone: (561) 655-6520

MEMBER RESTAURANTS

Cucina D' Angelo
5050 Town Center Circle #242
Boca Raton, FL 33486
Phone: (561) 750-2344

Culinary Cafe
1832 South Federal Highway
Delray Beach, FL 33483
Phone: (561) 266-8976

Dubliner
435 Plaza Real
Boca Raton, FL 33432
Phone: (561) 620-2540

Federal Grille
3150 North Federal Hwy
Lighthouse Point, FL 33064
Phone: (954) 786-3113

Funkey Nutz The Dueling Piano Bar
Royal Palm Place
303 SE Mizner Blvd
Boca Raton, FL 33432
Phone: (561) 544-0858

Gatsby's Boca
5970 SW 18th St, #E-4
Boca Raton, FL 33433
Phone: (561) 393-3900

Grand Lux Café
6000 Glades Rd., S-1016 Town Center
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 392-2141

Henry's
16850 Jog Road
Delray Beach, FL 33446
Phone: (561) 638-1949

Houston's Restaurants
1900 NW Executive Center Circle
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 998-0550

III Forks
200 East Palmetto Park Road
Boca Raton, FL 33432
Phone: (561) 416-2185

JB's On The Beach Restaurant
300 N. Ocean Blvd.
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441
Phone: (954) 571-5220

Josephine's Italian Restaurant
5751 N. Federal Hwy.
Boca Raton, FL 33487
Phone: (561) 988-0668

Legal Sea Foods, Inc.
6000 W Glades Rd
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 447-2112

Linda B of Boca
41 E Palmetto Pk Rd
Boca Raton, FL 33432
Phone: (561) 367-0200

Maggiano's Little Italy
21090 St. Andrews Blvd
Boca Raton, FL 33433
Phone: (561) 322-1017

Mario's of Boca
1901 N Military Trail
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 392-5595

Max's Grille
404 Plaza Real, Suite 156
Boca Raton, FL 33432
Phone: (561) 368-0080

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant
1400 Glades Road, Bay 210
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 394-2428

MEMBER RESTAURANTS

Melting Pot Restaurant, The
5455 N Federal Hwy
Boca Raton, FL 33487
Phone: (561) 997-7472

Moe's Southwestern Grill
2200 W Glades Rd, #1200B
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 347-1750 Ext. Bus

MoQuila Restaurant & Tequila Bar
Upscale Mexican Cuisine
99 SE Mizner Boulevard
Boca Raton, FL 33432
Phone: (561) 394-9990
Phone 2: (561) 558-5699

Morton's The Steakhouse, Boca Raton
5050 Town Center Circle, Suite 219
Boca Raton, FL 33486
Phone: (561) 392-7724

Opus 5
5050 Town Center
Boca Raton, FL 33486
Phone: (561) 544-8000

Outback Steakhouse
19595 A State Rd. 7
Boca Raton, FL 33498
Phone: (561) 479-2526

Pastrami Queen
7132 Beracasa Way
Boca Raton, FL 33433
Phone: (561) 391-8989

Pavilion Grille, The
301 Yamato Rd.
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 912-0000

Rosarios Ristorante
145 SE Mizner Blvd
Boca Raton, FL 33432
Phone: (561) 393-0758 / (561) 393-0759

Ruth's Chris Steak House
225 NE Mizner Blvd, #100
Boca Raton, FL 33432
Phone: (561) 392-6746

Saba Asian Dining and Sushi Bar
499 South Federal Hwy.
Boca Raton, FL 33432
Phone: (561) 353-4600

Seasons 52
2300 NW Executive Center Dr
On Glades Rd
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 998-9952

Snappers Seafood & Pasta
398 N Congress Ave
Boynton Beach, FL 33426
Phone: (561) 375-8600

Stir Crazy, Inc.
6000 Glades Road, #1015
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 338-7500

Sweet Tomatoes, The Salad Buffet Restaurant
7110 Beracasa Way
Boca Raton, FL 33433-3448
Phone: (561) 750-3303

Taverna Kyma
Greek Restaurant
6298 N Federal Highway
Boca Raton, FL 33487
Phone: (561) 994-2828

MEMBER RESTAURANTS

TooJay's Gourmet Deli
Glades Plaza-Regency Court
and The Polo Shoppes

Phone: (561) 659-9011

Tossed
21065 Powerline Rd
Boca Raton, FL 33433
Phone: (561) 447-2501

Tropical Smoothie Cafe
Royal Palm Place
100 Plaza Real South, Suite A
Boca Raton, FL 33432
Phone: (561) 338-7127

Uncle Julio's
449 Plaza Real
Boca Raton, FL 33432
Phone: (561) 330-3530

Uncle Tai's
5250 Town Center Circle
Boca Raton, FL 33486
Phone: (561) 368-8806

ZED 451
201 Plaza Real
Suite 1203
Boca Raton, FL 33432
Phone: (561) 393-3451

Blue Martini
6000 Glades Rd-Suite C 1380
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: (561) 910-2583

Tomasso's Pizza & Subs
1229 W Palmetto Pk Rd
Boca Raton, FL 33486
Phone: (561) 392-8985
Phone 2: (561) 392-2962

Shopping & Dining in Boca Raton

Town Center Mall

6000 Glades Rd.

(561) 368-0606

(Large, upscale regional mall [over 220 shops and department stores] – two blocks west of I-95)

Flagship Stores: Macy's, Saks Fifth Avenue, Bloomingdales, Nordstrom, Neiman Marcus and Sears

Glades Plaza

2200 Glades Rd.

(Many upscale shops and restaurants just east of Town Center Mall – one block west of I-95)

University Commons

Directly across Glades Rd. from Florida Atlantic University – just east of I-95

Whole Foods superstore, Barnes & Noble, other shops and restaurants

Mizner Park

Plaza Real

(561) 362-0606

(Located one block east of Federal Highway south of Glades Rd. - Upscale shops, a variety of restaurants, amphitheater [with major concerts], Boca Raton Museum of Art and a movie theater)

Boca Center

Military Trail (just south of the Glades Rd. overpass) - Upscale shops and restaurants

Royal Palm Place

Mizner Blvd.

(Located a couple of blocks south of Mizner Park – Upscale shops and restaurants, and other services)

Regency Plaza

Yamato Rd. just west of Jog Rd. - Upscale shops and restaurants

Glades Rd. from Glades Plaza to Rt. 441/SR 7 is lined with shops and restaurants in mostly strip malls. There is shopping and restaurants on Rt. 441/SR 7 north and south of Glades Rd.

Palmetto Park Rd. in downtown Boca Raton has a selection of restaurants and some shops.

Many other smaller strip malls are located through the city and western Boca Raton.

Publix GreenWise Market – Boca Village Square – 21230 St. Andrews Blvd.

(about ¼ mile south of Glades Rd. on mall side)

Publix – Fifth Ave. Shops – 1968 NE 5th Ave. at Federal Highway

(about ¼ mile north of Glades Rd. – east side of Federal Highway)

Publix - Spanish River – 4141 N. Federal Highway at Spanish River Blvd.

(Spanish River Blvd. is just north of Lynn Univ. and goes east to the beach)

There is also a U. S. Post Office substation in the card shop in the same plaza.

Publix – Boca Valley Plaza – 7431 N. Federal Highway

(Just south of Delray Beach)

Publix - Polo Club Shoppes – 5050 Champion Blvd. at Military Trail

(first left after Clint Moore Rd. on the west side of Military Trail)

Shopping & Dining in Boca Raton

Publix – Garden Shops – 7060 W. Palmetto Park Rd.

(SW corner of W. Palmetto Park Rd. and Powerline Rd. – behind the yellow Bank of America Bldg.)

Publix – The Reserve – 9715 Clint Moore Rd. & SR 7/Rt. 441

Publix – Woodfield Plaza – 3003 Yamato Rd.

(NW corner of Yamato Rd and Jog Rd)

Publix (Superstore) – Westwinds of Boca – 9846 Glades Rd.

(SE corner of Glades Rd. & SR7/Rt. 441)

There are other Publix stores as well as one Winn-Dixie and one Albertson's Supermarkets.

A FEW SITES TO SEE IN THE AREA

The Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge (10216 Lee Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33437 (561) 732-3684 / north of Atlantic Ave. and south of Boynton Beach Blvd. on the west side of SR 7/Route 441 – look for brown sign) located within the northernmost part of the legendary Florida Everglades, is the only remnant of the northern Everglades. The 147,392-acre Refuge consists mostly of the saw grass marsh that is so characteristic of the Everglades environment, and is one of the few places where lucky observers might see a magnificent bird, the endangered snail kite, searching for food.

While the Refuge and the Marshall Foundation are separate entities, the organizations often work together on restoration and public outreach projects. Numerous Marshall Foundation events have been hosted at the Refuge and the Foundation is extremely supportive of the vital role the Refuge plays in preserving the Everglades ecosystem and educating Florida's future environmental stewards. The inviting public-use areas at the Refuge provide viewing opportunities for a large variety of wetland flora and fauna.

Currently under construction at the Refuge is a brand-new, state-of-the-art administration and Visitor Center, due to be completed in 2008. This \$4 million structure will include 11,846 square feet of office and exhibit space. Among the planned displays are a virtual airboat ride, a "night sounds of the Everglades" exhibit and a life-sized alligator hole that visitors will be invited to explore.

Gumbo Limbo Nature Center (1801 N. Ocean Blvd (A1A), Boca Raton, FL 33432 (561) 338-1473 – Located in Red Reef Park on the barrier island between the Atlantic Ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway. Twenty acres of Boca Raton's Red Reef park have been reserved specifically for a nature center and the preservation of a natural plant association known as a tropical hammock. The marine and estuarine location, and the diversity of native vegetation communities found within Red Reef park, also include the coastal dune, a sabal palm hammock and a mangrove wetlands.

Interesting faunal species include a variety of mammals, birds, reptiles and fish. Rare and endangered species such as the manatee, the brown pelican, the osprey and sea turtles can often be observed on or from the facility. Coastal relics like a shell midden from the Pre-Columbian Indians and Pond Apple trees from the original freshwater body (known as the Spanish River) can be seen. A cannon and anchors have also been found on the shore of Red Reef Park. All these assets give Gumbo Limbo a unique blend of living history.

Seawater is pumped directly into our large outdoor aquariums filled with sea turtles, sharks and sting rays as well as representatives of our native marine fauna. The Nature Center includes interpretive displays and visual presentations. There is a butterfly garden, a 40-foot high observation tower and an elevated boardwalk through the hammock and mangrove communities offer unique opportunities for environmental education.

Daggerwing Nature Center – (Located in South County Regional Park in western Boca Raton: Yamato Rd west past SR 7/Rt 441, right on Cain Blvd, right on Park Access Rd)-Closed Mon, Tues-Fri 1:00-4:30, Sat 8:15-4:30, Sun 1:00-4:30 Closed on county holidays, Sundays prior to Monday holidays and Sundays from Memorial Day to Labor Day/ Boardwalk open daily - Sunrise to Sunset (561) 629-8760



Brand new exhibit hall with live animals and interactive exhibits. Elevated boardwalk has two 1/3 mile trails that goes through the swamp to view the abundant plant and animal life (from the walkway and an observation tower) including osprey, woodpeckers, butterflies, endangered wood storks, alligators and bromeliads. Don't miss the Ruddy Daggerwing butterfly fluttering through the trees. Benches are available for those who need to rest. An absolute charm! Call for Special Program Schedules. The Nature Center has terrific nature programs and night walks.

Green Cay Nature Center – (Hagen Ranch Rd: north of Atlantic Ave & Lake Ida Rd / south of Woolbright Rd. on the east side of the road (561) 966-7000) - is the county's newest nature center that overlooks 100 acres of constructed wetland and provides educational opportunities about this unique habitat. The wetland features 1.5 miles of elevated boardwalk featuring interpretive signs about the habitat. The Nature Center includes a lecture hall, gift shop, and live animals in an extensive exhibit room that highlights wetland attributes. Come for a visit and find that there's something for everyone at this fantastic new facility!

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Visit our live animals in their life-like homes and explore the interactive exhibits as you learn about south Florida and its water resources. Also, stop by the mini-theater where nature videos are played periodically during the day.

The Wakodahatchee Wetlands – (north of Atlantic Ave & Lake Ida Rd / south of Woolbright Rd. on the east side of the road (561) 493-6000) - has attracted an abundant variety of wildlife including turtles, frogs, alligators and birds. More than 140 different species of birds have been spotted at the site. These species thrive in the various wetland zones found at Wakodahatchee Wetlands. The zones were designed for a mixture of habitat types. A three-quarter mile boardwalk winds through three of the wetland's ponds, allowing visitors the opportunity to read interpretive signs and learn about water purification, wetlands ecology, natural history, and the interdependence of people and their environment. Wetlands provide us with a variety of important environmental functions.

Both wetlands have:

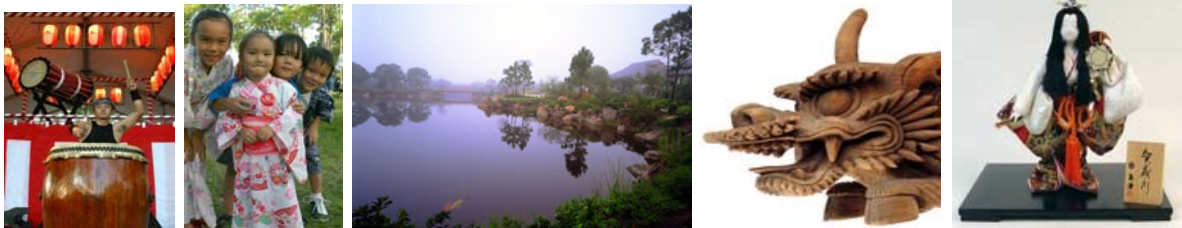
- Open pond water areas to attract waterfowl and diving birds
- Emergent marsh areas for rails, moorhens, and sparrows
- Shallow shelves for herons and egrets
- Islands with shrubs and snags to serve as roosting, nesting, and basking sites
- Forested wetland areas for long-term habitat development



Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens (4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach, FL 33446 (561) 495-0233 / www.morikami.org – A MUST SEE! Named for George Morikami, the park honors the Yamato Colony, a Japanese farming settlement of the early 1900s while celebrating the living culture of Japan. A tranquil oasis of pine forests, nature trails, lakes and fish ponds, waterfalls, tranquil gardens, pagodas, rock gardens, an authentic Tea House and bridges.

The Museum features changing exhibits of traditional and modern Japanese culture as well as permanent historic collections. The Cornell Café offers delicious Japanese lunches on a raised terrace overlooking the gardens. A library and Museum Store is housed in the building.

Season festivals: Family games and crafts at Japanese New Year in January; taiko drums, arts & crafts and plants at February's Hatsume Fair; Traditional Japanese Children's Day in April; lantern-floating at August's Bon Festival.



American Orchid Society (16700 AOS Lane, Delray Beach, FL 33445 (561) 404-2000 / www.aos.org – THEY MAY BE CLOSING DUE TO FINANCES IN JUNE BUT THEY HOPE TO REOPEN IN THE FUTURE. World headquarters of the AOS, lush gardens weave through 3.5 acres and a magnificent 4,000 Sq. ft. greenhouse loaded with orchids of all colors, shapes, sized and fragrances. Free lobby art exhibits that change monthly. \$10 adults / Children 12 and under are FREE. Open Mon-Sat 10am-4pm. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas. Take Powerline/Jog Road north from Boca to Delray Beach. Located next to Morikami.



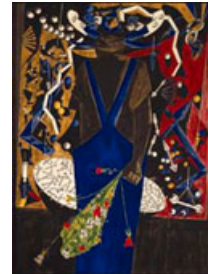
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Boca Raton Museum of Art (501 Plaza Real in Mizner Park, Boca Raton, FL 33432 (561) 392-2500 - One of South Florida's finest cultural attractions, the Boca Raton Museum of Art presents changing exhibitions of national and international importance, and a wide range of educational programs, lectures, gallery tours, and studio art classes. The Museum's permanent collection includes a superb assembly of modern masters including works by Degas, Matisse, Modigliani and Picasso; important American and European modern and contemporary works by artists ranging from Louise Nevelson to Andy Warhol; an outstanding photography collection; and important collections of Pre-Columbian and African art. The Sculpture Garden is a must see!



Three views of the Sculpture Garden

Norton Museum of Art (1451 South Olive Ave, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 (561) 832-5196 / www.norton.org)



Currently the largest art museum in Florida. The Norton Museum's permanent collection consists of over 5,000 works concentrated in European, American, Chinese, Contemporary art, and Photography. In its latest expansion the Norton Museum's new Gail and Melvin Nessel Wing opened to the public on March 8, 2003. Named for Museum benefactors Gail and Melvin Nessel, the Nessel Wing includes fourteen new galleries, an elegant enclosed courtyard that accommodates a variety of educational and social events, and a glass ceiling installation commissioned from Dale Chihuly.

The Norton Museum of Art announces an extraordinary gift of art from Mrs. George T. (Valerie) Delacorte consisting of more than 65 objects including Old Master, and 19th- and 20th-century paintings, sculpture and works on paper including artists such as Peter Paul Rubens, Rembrandt, Ferdinand Bol, Adriaen Hanneman, Giambattista Tiepolo, J.-B.-C. Corot, Joaquin Sorolla, and Modigliani. This is a transformational gift, making the Norton Museum's collection of Old Master paintings one of the largest and most important in Florida. The remainder of the collection of European art includes excellent examples by artists such as Lucas Cranach the Elder, Joos van Cleve the Elder, Giovanni Bezzi (called Il Nosadella), Valerio Castello, Luca Giordano, and Alessandro Magnasco.

The highly distinguished collection of Chinese art is a perennial favorite with Museum visitors. Many of the Chinese works of art were selected by the Museum's founder, R.H. Norton, with an eye to acquiring the best examples from the most important periods in China's long history.

The Museum's impressive collection of late 19th- and 20th-century American paintings, sculpture, prints, and drawings is one of the strengths and delights of the permanent collection. The Contemporary art collection contains approximately 400 objects from 1970 to the present. Paintings, sculpture, works on paper and glass are all represented. The collection contains works by artists such as Duane Hanson, Deborah Butterfield, Jose Bedia and Alison Saar.

The Museum's exhibition and acquisition programs reflect this remarkable acceptance of the photographic medium with a collection that has grown to more than 2,200 photographs in the last decade. As a result, outstanding photography exhibitions of all genres—from the 19th century to the newest digital works—are available year-round.

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Anne Norton Sculpture Gardens - 253 Barcelona Rd, W. Palm Beach, FL 33401 (561) 832-5328 / www.ansg.org

I-95 North to Okeechobee Blvd then east to South Flagler Dr. Go ½ mile to NW corner of Barcelona Rd.

The Sculpture Gardens, Historic Home and Artist Studio of Ann Norton who worked in bronze, stone and wood for over four decades. The gardens hold monumental sculptures that were built over a period of fifteen years.

Bonnet House Museum & Gardens (900 North Birch Rd., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304 (954) 563-5393 / www.bonnethouse.org

I-95 south to Sunrise Blvd. Travel east to North Birch Rd. (one block west of the ocean), turn right.

Whimsical and unconventional. Not to be missed as you will not see a residence like this elsewhere. Designed and built by Frederic Clay Bartlett, Bonnet House is one of the few complete homes and studios of two American artists open to the public. Throughout the main house are murals on the ceilings, faux marble on the walls and floors, and balustrades that are actually paintings. Fish sculptures rise in the air and shells have their own room. The Bartletts' eclectic collections are on display from antique china to turn-of-the-century carousel animals. The art studio consists of unfinished work by Mr. Bartlett. The gallery shows off Mrs. Bartlett's natural flare for the creative in her portraits of friends and her still lifes.

The property consists of 35 acres of a pristine barrier island ecosystem that make up Bonnet House. See one of the finest orchid collections in the U.S., watch the playful monkeys, the majestic swans and wading birds, foxes and an occasional manatee.



Flagler Museum (Cocoanut Row and Whitehall Way, Palm Beach, FL (561) 655-2833 / www.flaglermuseum.us – Take I-95 to Exit 70, (or Florida Turnpike to Exit 99); then east on Okeehobee Blvd., cross over Intracoastal bridge into Palm Beach. Turn left at 1st stop light onto Cocoanut Row. Continue about 4 blocks. Museum and parking on left.

Henry Flagler's winter retreat wedding gift to his wife, Whitehall is a 55-room Beaux Arts estate and Florida's first museum. It was completed in 1902 and was used by the Flagler's until Henry's death in 1913. The estate became a public museum in 1960. The rooms reflect styles such as Louis XIV, Louis XV and Italian Renaissance as well as elements of earlier Western cultures and we melded with the latest American technology. Nineteenth century American innovations such as steel beam construction and cast plaster ceilings allowed workers to complete the Whitehall in only 18 months. Indoor plumbing, central heat and electric lighting made Whitehall a new benchmark of gracious living. The estate also houses Henry Flagler's private railcar, No. 91.

Three-hour docent led tours twice daily at 11:00am and 2:00pm. A narrated audio tour is also available. During the fall and winter visitors may explore the changing exhibit gallery that features temporary exhibits on topics related to Florida history and America's Gilded Age. There are also permanent exhibits on the history of Flagler's life and career, and an extensive lace collection. The fixed-price lunch is wonderful and the restaurant is beautiful. A self-serve café is also available.

Open Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday from noon-5:00pm. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, and New Year's Day.



1800 N. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton, FL 33432
(561) 395-4433

Annual Area Events for 2009

OSHO GATSU FESTIVAL – Boca Raton – **January 11 from 10:00am-5:00pm** Celebrating New Year with the Festival of the of the Cow (561) 495-0233 X. 200 \$5 (Free 6 and under) / www.morikami.org

23rd ANNUAL OUTDOOR JURIED ART SHOW – February 7 & 8 - Boca Raton Museum of Art at Mizner Park, (561) 392-2500.

9th ANNUAL EVERGLADES DAY FESTIVAL – February 9 – **8:00am-4:00pm** “Walking Wild in the Everglades” at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, 10216 Lee Rd. Free (Approx. 2.5 miles north of Atlantic Ave. & 2 miles south of Boynton Beach Blvd. on the west side of SR7/Rt. 441) (561) 734-8303

24rd ARTI GRAS – Presidents’ Weekend, February 14 (10:30am-6:00pm), 15 (10:00am-6:00pm) & 16 (10:00am-5:00pm) – Abacoa Town Center, Jupiter - features 300 juried artists along with artist demonstrations, entertainment and more! \$6 in advance, \$10 at gate (561) 691-8507 or info@artigras.org

HATSUME FAIR-MORIKAMI MUSEUM & GARDENS – February 21 & 22 – **10:00am-4:00pm** Morikami’s largest annual event celebrates the first bud of spring – Delray Beach (561) 495-0233 or www.morikami.org

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS BOCA – March 5-15- Sixteen day festival organized by the Centre for the Arts at Mizner Park (Boca Raton) in partnership with IMG Artists. Orchestral concerts, performing artists, Latin & Jazz programs and lectures. (561) 368-8445. Tickets: 1(866) 571-2787 or www.festivaloftheartsboca.org

BOCA RATON OCEAN MILE SWIM CLASSIC – Saturday, March 14 - For all ages. Prizes, free shirt and refreshments. Registration: 7:30am / Race begins: 9:00am. Spanish River Park, 3001 N. Ocean Blvd. - \$20 registration. Contact Clint Tracy (561) 393-7820.

SPRING FLING – Tuesday, March 31 - noon-3:00pm - Children’s games, arts/crafts, food & fun, at the Children’s Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton - (561) 393-7806 (option 2)

CHILDREN’S SPRING FAIR – Saturday, April 11- 10:00am-3:00pm - Games, arts & crafts, entertainment, food, rides, etc. at Patch Reef Park on Yamato Road., Boca Raton (561) 393-7806 (option 2).

47th ANNUAL DELRAY AFFAIR – April 17-19 – **10:00am-6:00pm** (always the weekend after Easter)-Huge downtown arts & crafts show

14th ANNUAL PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – April 23-30 For info: (561) 362-0003 / www.pbifilmfest.org

JULY FOURTH – Fabulous 4th concert & fireworks on campus of Florida Atlantic University, sponsored by the City of Boca Raton, 201 W Palmetto Park Rd. (561) 393-7806 #2.

BOCA FESTIVAL DAYS – Events during the month of August throughout Boca by various businesses & organizations. A portion of their profit goes to their favorite charities. Coordinated by the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce. (561) 395-4433/www.bocaratonchamber.com

WINE & ALL THAT JAZZ – August 29 - Boca Festival Days kickoff party, a large wine tasting with 100 wineries (domestic & imported) and local jazz musicians at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Chamber, 1800 N Dixie Hwy, Boca Raton or place a credit card order by calling (561) 395-4433/www.bocaratonchamber.com

BON FESTIVAL- MORIKAMI MUSEUM & GARDENS – August 8 – **5:00pm-9:00pm** Japan’s traditional holiday honoring ancestors, performances, dances & fireworks. Rain or shine. Adults \$10, Children \$5, 6 and under free. (561) 495-0233 or www.morikami.org

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING – Boca Raton - Always the day after Thanksgiving from **5:00-8:00pm** includes visit from Santa, food, gift items, fun & entertainment. At the **Mizner Park Amphitheatre** just east of Federal Highway just south of Glades Rd. next to the Boca Raton Art Museum. (561) 393-7806 (2).

HOLIDAY STREET PARADE – Boca Raton – **Wednesday, December 9** - (561) 393-7806(2)

33rd ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE - Boca Raton – **Saturday, December 19 at 6:30pm** (Starting at the C-15 canal at the Boca/Delray border and going south. For information: (561) 393-7827. **Please note that this date has not been definitely set.**

DELRAY BEACH’S FIRST NIGHT – Thursday, December 31st beginning at 4:00pm-Midnight – **New Year’s Eve Celebration** - Bring the entire family to enjoy visual and performing arts in non-alcoholic venues at various locations downtown (561) 279-1380 Ext. 3 / www.downtowndelraybeach.com/site.php?PageID=5 (information & brochure)

(Other events may be added during the calendar year)