



# Boca Raton E-News

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## Boca Raton Celebrates the Dream Tributes to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The [2012 MLK Celebration](#), *City with a Heart....Building the Beloved Community*, encompasses a number of city-wide of events beginning on Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend and continuing throughout the month of January. All will pay tribute to Dr. King and his legacy----to support his vision of service to humanity. The MLK Celebration is organized by the City of Boca Raton Community Relations Board and supported by the City's [Recreation Services Department](#).



Currently scheduled activities include:

- "HIS DREAM IS NOW OUR DREAM" Art Exhibit and Display at [Spanish River Library & Community Center](#)
- "TOGETHER ALL DREAMS ARE POSSIBLE" Interactive Display at [Boca Raton Downtown Library](#)
- "I HAVE A DREAM" Display at [James A. Rutherford Community Center](#)
- ART DISPLAY featuring the work of HIGHWAYMAN ARTIST, JAMES GIBSON, at the [Boca Raton Community Center](#)
- "PICTURING AMERICA: SPOTLIGHT ON AMERICAN LEADERSHIP AND COURAGE" Special Exhibit at the [Children's Museum](#)

- "REMEMBERING PEARL CITY" Boca Raton Historical Society Online Exhibit, [www.bocahistory.org](http://www.bocahistory.org)
- Saturday, January 14, 11am – 1:30pm, FAMILY HEALTH CARNIVAL at [Florence Fuller Child Development Center](#)
- Monday, January 16, 8:00am – 3:00pm, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION  
8:00 am Meet at the Memorial located adjacent to Ebenezer Baptist Church  
10:00 am Commemorative March from MLK Memorial to Hughes Park  
Noon-3:00pm Commemorative Program at Hughes Park featuring prayers, speakers, special music, family activities, food, arts and craft vendors
- Thursday, January 19, 7:30pm "IN REMEMBRANCE OF MARTIN" VIDEO at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
- Saturday, January 21, 10am – Noon HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR OF PEARL CITY
- Sunday, January 29, 11am – 4:00pm, PUPPET FEST at [Sugar Sand Park](#)

For a current schedule of activities and special events for the month of January, visit the City's Special Event website, [www.myboca.us/rec/specialevents](http://www.myboca.us/rec/specialevents), or contact the City of Boca Raton Special Events office at (561) 393-7827.

### Mayor

Susan Whelchel

### Deputy Mayor

Susan Haynie

### Council Members

Anthony Majhess

Michael Mullaugh

Constance J. Scott

## Candidate Qualifying

Persons wishing to become a candidate for either City Council Seat C or Seat D must file the required paperwork with the City Clerk during the official qualifying period from **8:00 am, on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 until 5:00 pm, on Wednesday January 11, 2012**. Qualifying information can be found on the City's website and qualifying packets are available in the [City Clerk's Office](#), City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Road. The election will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

## Art in Public Places

*All exhibitions are free to the public.*

During the late 50s and early 60s, **James Gibson** was part of a small group of African Americans who dedicated their talents & livelihoods to painting the Florida landscape. Under the influence of AE Backus, these local young artists developed their individual techniques & would sell their paintings from the trunks of their cars. The term "Highwaymen" was coined in 1990 by a gallery to portray the way in which the men sold their art. James Gibson, to this day, creates his work with the same exuberance as in the early days. His work graces the Governor's Mansion, various state buildings, and private homes. Please visit Mr. Gibson's site at <http://www.highwaymenjamesgibson.com> for more information.

The exhibit will be on display from January 3 through January 31 at the [Boca Raton Community Center](#) and can be viewed Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 9:00 pm and Saturday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. For more information, call 561-393-7807.

## Green Living Alliance of Boca Raton Invites Participation

Growing a sustainable community is the focus of the Green Living Alliance of Boca Raton (GLA), formed as the result of over a year of planning by volunteers on the city's Green Living Task Force. By collaborating with area volunteers, environmental learning centers, non-profits, schools, businesses and the city's new Green Living Advisory Board, GLA plans to implement 83 initiatives proposed by the Task Force in addition to other ideas that arise from new participation in the alliance. GLA initiatives include "green" neighborhood certification, area cleanups, and promotion of policy changes, such as the expansion of the Dark Sky ordinance.



The Green Living Alliance will be hosting a Green Lecture Series, the first of which will be held on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm at Ellenville Garden Center. Farmer Jay will share information regarding "Beyond Organics – Sustainable Gardening" and all are invited to attend. Ellenville is located at 220 NE 11<sup>th</sup> Street, just south of Glades Road off of Federal Highway behind the Bank of America Building. Please stay tuned for information regarding the entire series featuring topics such as sustainable building design, composting, energy efficiency, alternative energy and more.

The GLA will also be participating in the [2012 Allianz Championship](#) golf tournament, February 6-12 at Broken Sound Country Club. The goal is to create a zero waste event and assist Allianz in becoming one of the "greenest" golfing tournaments in the country. GLA is currently recruiting volunteers to achieve this goal. Please contact us to find out how you can help and receive a free tournament tee and cap.



"Like" us on Facebook to find out more about past and upcoming events at <http://www.facebook.com/GreenLivingAlliance>. For more information about Allianz volunteering, our Green Lecture Series, a copy of the monthly GLA eNews or to find out how you can get involved with the GLA to grow a sustainable community, please contact us at [gla.bocaraton@gmail.com](mailto:gla.bocaraton@gmail.com).

Contributed by Cindy Papadoyianis, Co-Chair Green Living Alliance of Boca Raton

## Library Database of the Month – *MyGovernment*

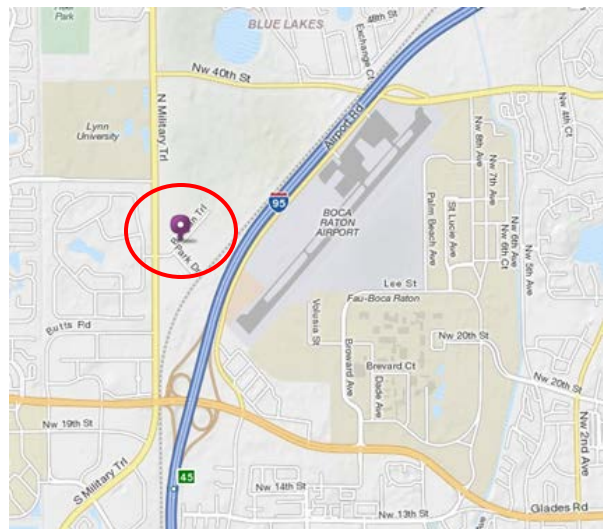
The [Boca Raton Public Library](#) has a new online resource called **MyGovernment**. The purpose of this resource is to insure that residents have access to the information they need to fulfill their civic responsibilities and to support and promote democracy. Using **MyGovernment** citizens can locate, research, and contact their elected officials at all levels of government. By simply entering a zip code or address, a researcher will have access to detailed contact information, background and biographical data, and, in most records, photos of all of their elected representatives at the local, state, and federal level. The database contains not only a comprehensive directory of government officials, but also voter information, citizenship information, and a list of useful Websites relating to all aspects of government.

**MyGovernment** will be a featured database in a workshop that will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, in the Meeting Room of the [Spanish River Library](#). Everyone is welcome at this workshop, and no registration is required. For more information call (561) 393-7906 or visit the Reference Desk at either library location.

## Holiday Tree Recycling

The City of Boca Raton will be conducting a [holiday tree recycling program](#) from **December 27 through January 12**. Residents can drop off their clean holiday trees at 751 Banyan Trail, adjacent to [Mizner Bark Dog Park](#) (see map at right). The City's Recreation Services Department will pick up the trees and chip them into mulch to be used at the [Gumbo Limbo Nature Center](#). City residents can also place their holiday tree in the swale area outside their home on their regular scheduled vegetation collection day. Please remove all decorations before placing in the swale area. For additional information, please call 561-393-7812.

**Please make sure to remove all decorations, including lights and tinsel, from the tree before recycling.**



## MPA Presents



Happy New Year! The celebrations continue through January in the [Mizner Park Amphitheater](#) as the [Chinese Association of Science Education and Culture](#) rings in Chinese New Year with folk music and dance, Kung Fu demonstrations, Asian food vendors and, of course, the traditional lion dance and dragon dance. This free community event begins at 5:00 pm on Saturday, January 7, 2012. On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, don't be afraid to come downtown and take in a **free** scary movie. Cinema Under the Stars presents Steven Spielberg's *Poltergeist* (PG), sponsored by [Paragon Theaters](#), Deerfield Beach. The movie starts at 7:00 pm. Blankets and chairs welcome; chairs also available to rent.

Are you ready for some football? In conjunction with the [Battle of Florida](#) football extravaganza, The Gin Blossoms perform in concert on Friday, January 20, with players and coaches on site for a meet and greet.

On Wednesday, January 25, at 7:00 pm, the City welcomes the United States Air Force Reserve Concert Band for a free community concert that ranges from classical overtures and Sousa marches to Broadway show tunes and movie themes. Blankets and chairs welcome; chairs also available to rent. On January 28 and 29, the [Boca Raton Museum of Art](#) will host its [26<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Art Festival](#) in and around Mizner Park and the Amphitheater.

Music, culture, art and film...there is a little something for everyone this January at the MPA. Stay connected with new events as they are booked by following us on twitter @miznerparkamphi or on Facebook.

## Celebrate Your Child's Birthday at Sugar Sand Park

[Sugar Sand Park Community Center](#) is now offering educational and entertaining [birthday party packages](#) for children of all ages. Programs include *Kindermusik* for children from 1 to 5 years of age with award winning instructor Cathy Hazard. *Director's Cut* offers two film programs for kids ages 7 to 12. Clay is the main ingredient in *Stop Motion Animation* in which participants create their very own Hollywood blockbuster stop-motion film. In the *Comic Books Come to Life* program participants create their own digital comic book under the direction of expert superhero instructors!



The [Children's Science Explorium](#) offers *Gack Attack* for kids 5 to 7 years old. Participants are transformed into mad scientists as they put on their goggles to create water orbs, slime, and bubble gum while learning the science of polymers! The Explorium also offers a *Magical Birthday Celebration* for ages 8 to 10. Participants will be wowed by disappearing water and floating magnets, then make their own disappearing boxes and create hidden messages for the birthday boy or girl to decode with magical glasses! Programs are offered on Saturdays and Sundays at 10:00am or 2:00pm. After the program, the party continues with 45 minutes in the multi-purpose room for cake

and gifts. For more information and prices, contact the Guest Services Coordinator at 561-347-3911 or online at [www.sugarsandpark.org](http://www.sugarsandpark.org).

## Piles of Smiles - Real Snow & Winter Fun Activities at Sugar Sand Park

SNOW is predicted on Friday, January 6, 2012 from 10 am – 2 pm during [Piles of Smiles](#), Sugar Sand Park's Winter Celebration Event! That means ten minutes of KIDS ONLY play time in real snow – a rare Florida occurrence! There also will be arts and crafts, cupcake decorating, a bounce house and face painting. "We are so excited to present some real winter fun at [Sugar Sand Park Community Center](#) this January. This is a great way for families to end their Winter Break before heading back to school and a great end to our Holiday Fun-tacular Family programming," said Special Events Coordinator, Stacey Lanz.

Snow time is for children ages 5 to 10. Tickets are \$10 per child in advance or \$15 the day of the event. Tickets may be purchased in person during Box Office hours, or by calling 561-347-3948. For a complete listing of the Holiday Fun-tacular events, visit [www.sugarsandpark.org](http://www.sugarsandpark.org). Sugar Sand Park is located at 300 S. Military Trail in Boca Raton.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Puppet Fest

Sugar Sand Park will host the [9<sup>th</sup> Annual Puppet Fest](#), a family festival paying tribute to the artistry of puppets on Sunday, January 29 from 11:00 am- 4:00 pm. Enjoy face painting, arts and crafts, carnival games and prizes, strolling characters and puppeteers, rides, sand art, and food vendors, all in a whimsical setting. In addition, The Amazing Mr. A will perform his Ventriloquism and Comedy Show. The festival includes the Chalk Art Show, open to all ages and levels of ability, where participants compete for awards and prizes, or chalk for the fun of it. Entry forms are available online or at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, and must be submitted by January 13.

[Bits 'N Pieces Giant Puppet Theatre](#) will perform *The Musical Tale of Peter Rabbit* in the [Willow Theatre](#) at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm. This Broadway musical-style show tells the story of dapper young Peter Rabbit, played by live actor Holli Rubin, who slips away from the drudgery of chores on a musical adventure to the paradise carrot patch. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 12 and under, and can be purchased by calling the Willow Theatre Box Office at 561- 347- 3948.

Admission to the park is free and tickets will be on sale at the event for activities. For general information please call [Sugar Sand Park Community Center](#) at 561-347-3900, or visit [www.SugarSandPark.org](http://www.SugarSandPark.org).

## Upcoming City Events

All events are free unless otherwise indicated.

**Saturdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, 8:00 am**

**BOCA RATON GREENMARKET**

*Local vendors and live music*

S. Federal Highway & S. Mizner Boulevard

**January 3 through 31**

**ART EXHIBIT**

*Highwayman James Gibson*

Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Boulevard

**Friday, January 6, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**PILES OF SMILES**

*Frolic in real snow!*

Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail

Ticket information 561-347-3948

**Saturday, January 7, 5:00 pm**

**CHINESE NEW YEAR 2012**

*Cultural festival presented by CASEC*

Mizner Park Amphitheater

**Friday, January 13, 7:00 pm**

**CINEMA UNDER THE STARS**

*Poltergeist*

Mizner Park Amphitheater

**Monday, January 16, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION**

*Celebrate the Dream!*

Ebenezer Baptist Church and Hughes Park

**Friday, January 20, time TBA**

**CONCERT**

*The Gin Blossoms*

Mizner Park Amphitheater

Ticket information at [www.mizneramphitheater.com](http://www.mizneramphitheater.com)

**Wednesday, January 25, 7:00 pm**

**COMMUNITY CONCERT**

*US Air Force Reserve Concert Band*

Mizner Park Amphitheater

**Sunday, January 29, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PUPPET FEST**

*Family Festival*

Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail

**Saturday and Sunday, January 28 and 29**

**JURIED ART SHOW**

*Boca Raton Museum of Art*

Mizner Park

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



# Happy New Year!