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Holiday Boat Parades



The 56th Annual Pompano Beach and Lighthouse Point Holiday Boat Parade

The Pompano Beach and Lighthouse Point Holiday Boat Parade, presented by Joey Accardi Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, will be on Friday, **Dec. 14 at 7pm**. Over 100 boats will be decked out in lights and decorations. Judging will take place at the Sands Harbor Resort and Marina (125 N. Riverside Dr., Pompano Beach). There are several viewing locations along the parade route, which begins at Lake Santa Barbara in Pompano Beach and travels north to the Hillsboro Blvd. Bridge in Deerfield Beach. Viewing locations include: Sands Harbor Resort, Houston's Restaurant, the Rusty Hook Tavern, Two George's at the Cove, Harbor's Edge Park, Alsdorf Park and Degroff Park. Entry is free for all participating vessels, which will line up at Lake Santa Barbara at 6pm. Read a featured story about the event on page 44.

The 42nd Annual Boca Raton Boat Parade

The 42nd Annual Boca Raton Boat Parade will take place on **Dec. 22 from 6:30 to 8pm**. The parade will be on the Intracoastal starting from the C-15 Canal at the Boca/Delray border and traveling south to the Hillsboro Blvd. Bridge. Great viewing areas include the west Red Reef Park, Wild Flower Property or Silver Palm Park. Bridges will be held in the up position for approximately 45 minutes. The estimated bridge closing times are the following: Spanish River at 6:50pm, Palmetto Park at 7:20pm and Camino Real at 7:30pm. For more information contact 561-367-7073 or visit myboca.us.

Fort Lauderdale's Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade

Frizz your hair, re-watch "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" and put on those leg warmers — this year's Winterfest Boat Parade theme is "Best of the '80s."

The parade will start in downtown Fort Lauderdale on **Dec. 15 at approximately 6:30pm**. The boats will line up on the New River between the Stranahan House (335 SE Sixth Ave.) and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts (201 SW Fifth Ave.). The boats will move east to the Intracoastal Waterway and then north to Lake Santa Barbara in Pompano Beach.

The parade is 12 miles of the "Greatest Show on H2O" and takes approximately two and a half hours to view from one location. The parade includes boats of all varieties, ranging from small private vessels to giant showboats and corporate mega yachts, all adorned with thousands of lights. The boats feature music, entertainment, decorations, celebrities, musical groups, beauty queens and live performances. Parade highlights include the Grand Marshal Showboat, Galleria Mall Reindeer Barge and the Santa Showboat.

The grandstand viewing area is located at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park (3109 E. Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale). Tickets in this area are \$25 per person; \$20 for children 10 and younger. All seats are reserved and assigned.

Gates will open at 3:30pm for a party in the park featuring the Stella Artois culinary courtyard, live entertainment and activities, including a rock climbing wall, slap-shot hockey games and pitching arena. The parade will reach the grandstand area at approximately 7:30pm.

There is no parking inside Birch State Park for the parade. There will be shuttle service offered from the Galleria Mall (2414 E. Sunrise Blvd). Parking at the Galleria is free and bus service is \$5 per person round-trip. Children under 3 years old ride free.

For more information or to purchase tickets to the grandstand viewing area visit winterfestparade.com/tickets.

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Holiday Fun in Pompano Beach

Home for the Holidays at Sample-McDougald House

The Sample McDougald House (450 NE 10 St., Pompano Beach) will be hosting several holiday events, including:

Holiday Decor Tours

The Sample-McDougald House is getting in the holiday spirit. Every room will be fully decorated. Hot apple cider and sugar cookies will be offered to guests on the porch. Daily escorted tours of the home will be offered on the hour, every hour from noon to 4pm, Tuesdays through Saturdays from Nov. 24 to Jan. 5. Tours will last an hour. Cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children ages 5-12.



Read-a-Loud with Miss Christmas Joy

Every Saturday from 11am to noon from Nov. 24 to Dec. 29, Miss Christmas Joy — Mrs. Claus's best friend — will be reading "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and leading activities for children. Free.



characters and more. Not a member? No worries. New memberships and renewals can be purchased at the door. Memberships start at \$35.

Evening Holiday Tours for the Family

On Dec. 4 and Dec. 22 from 6 to 9pm, the Sample-McDougald house will host holiday tours for the family. Santa will arrive by firetruck. The evening will feature musical entertainment, live actors in costume, Miss Christmas Joy, activities and gifts for the children, hot apple cider and sugar cookies. Open House tours are included. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12.

Other Festive Affairs

Holiday Events at the Pink Church

Your favorite pink church (2331 NE 26 Ave.) has a packed schedule of holiday events, including:

- A Christmas brunch and ornament making workshop on Dec. 2
- Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 7
- Christmas luncheon on Dec. 11
- The Fort Lauderdale Christmas Pageant on Dec. 16
- The Imagination Station Preschool Christmas Show on Dec. 19
- Christmas Concert Series on Dec. 21

For more information on these events, please call the church at 954-941-2308.

Yuletide Parade on Atlantic

The Yuletide Parade is back on Atlantic Blvd. This year's parade theme is "A Candyland Holiday." The parade will begin at 6:30pm starting from Riverside Drive, heading west on Atlantic Boulevard, and ending at McNab Park.

Cocktails and Carols

Many people have fond memories of gathering around a piano to sing Christmas carols in December. The Master Chorale is reviving this tradition with an intimate evening of holiday songs, festive cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

WHEN: Friday Dec. 14; music will start at 7pm

WHERE: Pompano Beach Cultural Center, 50 W. Atlantic Blvd.



"Let it Snow" Musical Performance

Florida transplants love reminiscing about past

Christmases spent in the snow and cold. Using stories of past celebrations and present dreams of snow, the South Florida Jubilee Chorus, plus a few quartets and small ensembles, will present an afternoon of holiday music sure to make the season magical.

WHEN: Dec. 16 at 2pm; Doors open at 1pm

WHERE: Pompano Beach Cultural Center, 50 W. Atlantic Blvd.

COST: \$22 per person; tickets can be purchased at ccpompano.org

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Holiday Happenings

Deerfield Beach

Ocean Way Holiday

The Annual Deerfield Beach Ocean Way Holiday Celebration will take place Saturday, Dec. 1 at the International Fishing Pier (200 NE 21 Ave.). Festivities will begin at 5pm and run until 9pm. The celebration includes a parade of lights display, photo station with Santa, real snow flurries, kid's activities, live reindeer, an ice skating rink and live entertainment. The event is free to attend. For more information call 954-480-4429.

Boca Raton

Wreath Making Class

Get in the holiday spirit by creating your own handmade holiday wreath. Guests will sip on Christmassy cocktails, nibble on snacks and make wreaths on the patio at The Irishman. Ticket includes all supplies, small bites and a cocktail. Bring an apron and a pair of pruning shears.

WHEN: Dec. 5 from 6:30 to 8:30pm

WHERE: Irishmen, 1745 NW Boca Raton Blvd., Boca Raton

COST: \$55/per person; reserve your ticket on EventBrite.

Holiday Street Parade

The 48th Annual Holiday Street Parade is Dec. 5. The parade route begins at Federal Highway and SE Fifth St., traveling north to Mizner Park Amphitheater. This year's theme is the "Sights & Sounds of Broadway!"

WHEN: Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 7:30 to 9pm.

Unforgettable Nat King Cole Christmas

Chicago sensation Evan Tyrone Martin ("Jesus Chris Superstar," "Side Show" and "Oklahoma") warmly resonates the velvety vocal style of musical legend Nat King Cole. Martin intimately relates Cole's personal journey, while presenting a festive cocktail of hits including "L-O-V-E," "Mona Lisa," "The Christmas Song," and "All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth."

WHEN: Saturday Dec. 29 at 4pm and 8pm; and Sunday Dec. 30 at 2pm.

WHERE: Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, Black Box Theater, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton

COST: \$60pp; Tickets can be purchased at miznerparkculturalcenter.com



WHEN: Friday, Dec. 7 from 5 to 7pm; 6:30pm will be tot shabbat and story time; 7:30 will be the shabbat service.

WHERE: Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton

COST: Free and open to the public

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

Christmas-by-the-Sea

The annual yuletide market and holiday celebration is a wonderful night for the entire family, with holiday music, dancing and entertainment.

WHEN: Dec. 5 from 5:30 to 8:30pm; Santa arrives by firetruck at 6pm; Tree lighting ceremony at 6:15pm

WHERE: Anglin's Square, Commercial Blvd. at El Mar Dr.

Lauderdale-by-the-Sea Chanukah Festival

This menorah lighting ceremony will take place at the Beach Pavilion in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea. There will be music, speeches and refreshments. The event is sponsored by Chabad Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. For more information, call 954-607-1104 or send an e-mail to rabbi@jewishlauderdale.com.

WHEN: Sunday, Dec. 2 from 5:30 to 8:30pm

WHERE: The Beach Pavilion, east end of Commercial Boulevard on the beach, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.



Chanukah Under the Stars

Celebrate the joyous holiday of Chanukah with Temple Beth El of Boca Raton and the local South Florida Jewish community at a beautiful evening under the night sky. The event will include a musical celebration of Chanukah and shabbat with a giant Lego menorah lighting. Dinner and snacks will be available for purchase including traditional latkes (potato pancakes). Kids will also enjoy bounce houses, face painting, tot shabbat and story time.

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Community Events

Curtain Call Playhouse Presents

"The Goodbye Girl"

The Curtain Call Playhouse will present "The Goodbye Girl." The musical is a warm, light-hearted, romantic comedy based on Neil Simon's award-winning film. Follow the unlikely romance between Paula, a bitter single mother who has been jilted one too many times, and Eliot, the opinionated actor who shows up unexpectedly on her doorstep with a lease to sublet her apartment. Music by Marvin Hamlische ("A Chorus Line") and David Zippel (Disney's "Hercules").

WHEN: Saturday Dec. 15 at 6pm; Sunday Dec. 16 at 2pm

WHERE: Herb Skolnick Community Center, 800 SW 36 Ave., Pompano Beach

COST: Saturday's show is \$30 and includes dinner and the show; Sunday's matinée is \$15 and includes show only.

For more information please call 954-786-4590

Two Killer Bands at Galuppi's

There is always awesome music at Galuppi's on the patio, but at the end of December, there will be two especially notable performances. On Dec. 21 Completely Unchained, a Van Halen tribute band will rock the house. And on Dec. 22, The Beatlemaniax USA, a Beatles tribute band will perform. These two bands will knock-your-socks-off with lively, memorable performances.

WHEN: Dec. 21 & 22 from 8 to 11pm

WHERE: Galuppi's Restaurant, 1103 N. Federal Highway, Pompano Beach

COST: Free

Lunch with Art

Nourish your creative side. Bailey Contemporary Arts (BaCA) invites you every Wednesday to bring your lunch and sit down for an hour in the galleries amongst art and artists. Each week will vary with something different — special guests, artist speakers, simple hands-on activities, or just a calm break. If you don't have your own lunch, Blooming Bean Coffee located on the first floor of BaCA has coffee and small snacks for purchase.

WHEN: Every Wednesday from 12:15 to 1:15pm

WHERE: Bailey Contemporary Arts, 41 NE First St., Pompano Beach)

COST: free

Lyrics Lab at BaCA

Lyrics Lab is an open mic night for all creatives. Poetry, music, live painting, comedy, magic — all are welcome. Beer, wine and kombucha are available for purchase.

WHEN: First & Third Wednesdays from 8-11pm

WHERE: Bailey Contemporary Arts (41 NE First St., Pompano Beach)

COST: \$10

Swinging Fridays – Jazz on the Boulevard

Ashanti Cultural Arts will host monthly swing dance classes followed by a jazz concert featuring various jazz artists and bands such as Jessie Jones, Nicole Yarling and George Tandy.

WHEN: Last Fridays of each month from October to June from 7 to 10pm.

WHERE: Ali Cultural Arts, 353 Martin Luther King Blvd.

COST: \$7 admission

Soulful Sunday and Brunch After Dark

Enjoy Live music and a tasty brunch after dark.

WHEN: Second Sundays at 6pm

WHERE: Historic Ali Cultural Arts, 353 Martin Luther King Blvd.

COST: \$5

Old Town Untapped

This community street fair is the place to be every First Friday in Pompano Beach. A live DJ, free beer samples, artisans market, dozens of food trucks, open art galleries, a fire fountain demonstration, Odd Breed Wild Ales and lively crowd are all reasons to go.

WHEN: First Fridays from 6 to 9pm in Old Town Pompano, 41 NE First St., Pompano Beach.

COST: Free to attend. Food and drinks available for purchase.



Intro to Wild Beer & Odd Breed Brewery Tours

Come learn how Pompano Beach's Odd Breed Brewing company uses wild fermentation to create unique craft beers in oak barrels. Plus take a tour of the brewery and sample their home brews.

WHEN: Every Saturday from noon to 1pm

WHERE: Odd Breed Wild Ales (50 NE First St. in Pompano Beach)

COST: \$10 (includes two beer samples)

Pompano Food Truck Round Up

The Pompano Food Truck Round Up has moved to its new location in Old Town. Join for an evening of food trucks (there's over 15 to choose from), drinks, music and fun. Bring blankets and folding chairs.

WHEN: Third Fridays from 6 to 10pm

WHERE: Old Town Pompano at First Avenue and First Street (near the corner of Dixie and Atlantic boulevards).

Pompano Beach's Green Market

Pompano Beach's Green Market season is in full swing. Every Saturday you can shop for organic, local produce and browse the artisan market. Visitors will find the freshest fruits and vegetables, juices, baked goods, seafood and other food items, as well as orchids, plants, health-related products, hand-made crafts, art and culinary products. Plus, starting at 11am, live bands will perform at the open-air stage.

WHEN: Every Saturday from 8:30am to 1:30pm from Nov. 3 through April 27. Live music starts at 11am.

WHERE: The Green Market is located in Old Town Pompano at First Avenue and First Street (near the corner of Dixie and Atlantic boulevards).

For more information visit GreenMarketPompanoBeach.com.

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Yoga on the Beach

Sundays from 9-10am, Beachside on far east end of Atlantic Blvd., By donation

Juliana from Yoga4Life Studios teaches yoga by the beach on the patch of artificial turf near the fountains. Bring water, a towel and yoga mat. For more information call 754-307-9498

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Garden Club

The next club meeting will take place on Monday, Dec. 10 at 12:30pm at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE Sixth St., Pompano Beach.

The program "Holiday Designs" will be presented by club members and is open to the public. For more information call 954-253-9938.

Learn About Sustainability & Climate Resilience

The Garden Club of Lighthouse Point will host a special event to educate residents about sustainability, climate change and sea-level rise. Special speaker Jason Liechty, the Senior Environmental Coordinator from the Broward County Planning and Community Resilience Division, will present.

WHEN: Thursday Dec. 20 from 11am to 3pm

WHERE: The Lighthouse Point Yacht Club (2701 NE 42nd St.).

COST: The event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Caroline Steffen at c.caroline.steffen@aol.com.

Open Mic Night

Third Mondays at 9pm, 2600 E. Atlantic Blvd. in Pompano Beach

26 Degree Brewing hosts a monthly open mic night on the third Monday of every



month from 9pm until close. All acts are welcome, from comedy to poetry, juggling and music. Drafts are \$1 off during the event.

Pints & Poses, Yoga & Brews at 26 Degree Brewing

First & Third Sundays at 10am, AND Second & Fourth Wednesdays at 6pm, 2600 E. Atlantic Blvd. in Pompano Beach

Yoga and craft beer go together like chocolate and peanut butter, chips and salsa, wine and cheese. Every first and third Sunday of the month, and second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, a yoga instructor will help you find inner peace and maximum flexibility. Afterwards, 26 Degree's bartenders will help you find your inner thirst and maximum craft enjoyment. Classes on Sundays start at 10am; Classes on Wednesdays start at 6pm. Cost is \$15 and includes a full hour of yoga and a beer of your choice.

Pompano Beach's Movies on the Lawn

First Fridays at 7pm, Dec. 7 & Jan 4, The Great Lawn, Corner of Atlantic and Pompano Beach Bluds., free

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and favorite picnic foods to enjoy a featured flick under the stars. December's movie is Disney's "A Christmas Carol." January's movie is "Paddington 2."

Pompano Beach's Music Under the Stars

Dec. 15, 7pm, The Great Lawn, Corner of Atlantic and Pompano Beach Bluds., free

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy some live music under the stars. December's featured band is Vinyl Band (Top 40's).

Beach Zumba

8:30am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the SE Ninth St. boardwalk by the beach.

Beach Zumba in Deerfield Beach has returned! Classes will be taught by experienced Zumba instructor, Janet Ciccone. Classes are \$7 per class or \$35 for a six-class package.

Beach Sounds Concert Series

Deerfield Beach's 2018 Beach Sounds Concert Series has begun. The three-concert series has two concerts left on Friday Dec. 14 and Friday Jan 4. from 7 to 8:30pm. The concerts will take place at the Main Beach Parking Lot in Deerfield Beach (149 SE 21 Ave). Music lovers are invited to bring their blankets and chairs to enjoy the beach while they listen to the band.

On Dec. 14 Beach Sounds will feature Butterfly Snapple, a Miami based band born out of a deep passion for hip-hop, jazz and electronic music.

On Jan. 4 will be The Polar Boys, who say their influences are the Beatles, the Beach Boys, John Mayer, Billy Joel and Hippocampus.

Admission is free and open to the public. Ocean Way, from SE First Street to SE Second Street, along with the front, beachside portion of the Main Beach Parking Lot, will close from 6 to 9:30pm to accommodate concertgoers.

For more information visit dfb.city/beachsounds.

Splash Pad Play Dates

This play date organized by Mommy n' Me is a great opportunity to bring your kiddos, meet some fellow moms, play and picnic. Bring a towel, chairs or blanket, plus some yummy snacks and sunscreen.

WHEN: First Mondays at 10am

WHERE: The Pompano Beach Splash Pad on the far east end of Atlantic Blvd. by the beach (20 N. Pompano Beach Blvd.)

COST: Free