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Spotlight on Development Services

[Development Services](#) is comprised of Community Development and Planning Zoning Development, with approximately 85 employees who provide essential services to residents and who help maintain the City's superior quality of life by ensuring quality development and redevelopment. Development Services is responsible for securing compliance with [City codes and regulations](#), maintaining the integrity of residential neighborhoods, protecting the natural environment, and managing programs to support these objectives in accordance with the [Comprehensive Plan](#), the [Code of Ordinances](#), and the policies of the City.

The mission of Development Services is to promote the continued sustainability of the City through flexible, creative and responsive customer service in four (4) areas: Administration, [Code Compliance](#), [Community Improvement](#), and [Planning & Zoning](#).

Administration personnel manage and coordinate the activities of Development Services pursuant to inter-local agreements, oversee the management and operations of the [Community Redevelopment Agency](#), and are responsible for supporting and promoting implementation of the policies and objectives of the [City Council](#).

Code Compliance issues [building permits and conducts inspections](#), reviews construction plans and performs protective inspections of work in progress. Code Enforcement secures compliance with City Codes and responds to citizen concerns and inquiries, provides enforcement of residential and commercial codes, and [collects business taxes](#). Online services are provided for faster processing of [building permits and business tax receipts](#).

[Community Improvement](#) manages housing and neighborhood improvement programs funded by the State of Florida – [State Housing Initiatives Partnership \(SHIP\)](#) – and the federal government – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). These programs benefit low and moderate income persons and aid the effort to improve and maintain neighborhoods. They also provide increased housing opportunities for low and moderate income households.

Planning & Zoning reviews [development proposal applications](#) for compliance with codes and regulations. Long-range strategic planning updates and maintains the City's Comprehensive Plan. The Zoning Office reviews signs, site plans, certificates of use, and other structure and use proposals for code compliance. Acquisition and Land Records maintains essential City land records and manages acquisition and disposal of real property, rights-of-way, easements and other land matters.

In addition to their day-to-day operations, Development Services strives to demonstrate leadership by supporting the community. A recent team building exercise was to "Adopt-A-Platoon." They adopted a platoon in Iraq that will receive a crate full of goodies including cards, field supplies and snacks. To adopt a platoon of your own, check out this link: <http://www.adoptaplatoon.org/new/pdf/care.pdf>.



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Celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month

The City of Boca Raton Recreation Services Department is proud to announce July as [National Parks and Recreation Month](#). Enjoy all that [City parks](#) and community centers have to offer! Take part in a favorite sport, explore the outdoors, spend time with family and friends, or just relax at the beach. We are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for City residents through recreation programming, leisure activities and conservation efforts. For a list of parks and to find out more about the vast number of recreational opportunities, click on Recreation Services on the city's website at www.myboca.us or call (561) 393-7806.

At right: Serona Glade Preserve



Green Living Task Force

At its June 23rd meeting, the Boca Raton City Council adopted a resolution creating a nine-member Green Living Task Force which will establish a strategy for educating and involving the residents of the City in environmental sustainability activities. At the end of its one year term, the Task Force will submit a report to the City Council setting forth its recommendations on increasing City residents' environmental awareness and their participation in "green" activities. The Task Force will also be represented on the Boca Raton Green Partners.

Nine people will be appointed to the Task Force by City Council at the July 28th Regular Meeting. Interviews will be conducted at both the City Council Workshop and Regular Meeting on Monday, July 27th and Tuesday, July 28th, respectively. The Monday Workshop Meeting begins immediately following the conclusion of the Community Redevelopment Agency meeting which starts at 1:30 p.m. The Regular Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Both meetings are held in the Council Chamber at City Hall. The members must be City residents or owners of real property within the City, with the exception that up to two appointees may be employees of businesses located within the City. All of the members should have an expertise, knowledge, and/or interest in environmental conservation and sustainability.



Green Living Task Force logo

If you are interested in being considered for appointment, [applications](#) are available at the Office of the City Clerk or on the City's website, www.myboca.us. Requests for an application or additional information may be directed to the City's Board Coordinator at 393-7743. Applications should be submitted to the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 17, 2009. The City Clerk's Office is located on the second floor of City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Road.

Green Fact of the Month

Confused by what the numbers on plastic bottles, containers and cartons mean? They signify seven different [types of plastic](#) and not all are recyclable. The 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. One number will be featured in the E-News each month.

The #1 symbol identifies the most common recycled plastic: Polyethylene Terephthalate or PET. Soda/water bottles and food jars are made from PET. #1 plastics are recycled into carpets, fleece jackets and food/drink containers. The [City recycles](#) all plastics except #6.



Residential Alarm Registration

Earlier this year, the City of Boca Raton initiated a registration process for both residential and commercial alarm users and alarm monitoring companies. Registration is available for both police and fire alarms. By registering your alarm, you enable the City to respond to emergency situations more efficiently and safely. Registration also facilitates the efficient billing for false alarm occurrences and avoids accrual of excessive charges.

Information on commercial alarm registration and the associated fees can be found on the [City website](#).

[Residential registrations](#) are free and voluntary. Registered alarms receive two free false alarms each year, while unregistered alarms receive only one free false alarm yearly. Download the [permit application](#). Completed residential non-fee applications may be faxed to 561-347-5168.

Upcoming City Events

Admission to all events is free, unless indicated otherwise.

Saturday, July 4

FABULOUS FOURTH – FIREWORKS AND CONCERT

Red, White and Blue Spectacular

6:00 pm - Family activities, rides, games, crafts, food

6:30 pm - An American Tribute Stage Show by ZMC Entertainment

7:30 pm - Concert by FLORIDA WIND SYMPHONY

9:00 pm - Fireworks Display

Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Rd, just east of I-95

Friday, July 17, 7:00 pm

“SUMMER MUSIC IN THE PARK” SERIES

Island Music – A Tribute to Jimmy Buffet

Jimmy Stowe & The Stowaways

Mizner Park Amphitheater

Friday, July 31, 7:00 pm

“SUMMER MUSIC IN THE PARK” SERIES

A Tribute to Neil Diamond

Mizner Park Amphitheater

Friday, August 14, 7:00 pm

“SUMMER MUSIC IN THE PARK” SERIES

Masquerade Carnivale du Sorcery Stage Show

Mizner Park Amphitheater

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

