



# Boca Raton E-News

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## A Special Day for a Special Boy

As kids grow up, they dream of being all sorts of things. Some want to be a firefighter or a doctor. Some want to be superheroes! For 10-year old, Ari Cohen, his dream was to be an Ocean Rescue Lifeguard. On Friday, July 11, the [City of Boca Raton Recreation Department](#) helped to make that dream a reality. Ari was diagnosed at one year old with *trisomy 9 mosaicism*, a rare, usually fatal, chromosomal disorder leaving him with ADHD, autism and spina bifida. Despite his prognosis, Ari communicates through sign language and started walking when he was 3!

At 8:30 am, Ari arrived with family and friends at [Ocean Rescue Headquarters](#) where, to cheers and clapping, he was introduced as the new lifeguard. Ocean Rescue Captain Tim Fry presented Ari with a personalized lifeguard sweater, Surf Rescue shirt, red lifeguard trunks, his very own whistle and a lifetime membership sticker. Last, but definitely not least, was another lifeguard shirt that was signed by the whole Ocean Rescue team! Tim and Ari boarded the Ocean Rescue truck, with Ari in the driver's seat



and the siren on. Ari used the speaker to announce "Move!" He really enjoyed honking the horn! Then it was down to the beach and into the lifeguard tower. Posing for a picture with a buoy in his hands, he looked like a real lifeguard on duty! Tim then drove him in the "Gator" down to the shoreline, where Ari, his sister and her friend joined two lifeguards on a rescue boat for Ari's first boat ride, which he loved!

Both Ocean Rescue Chief Grant McCosh and Captain Tim Fry expressed gratitude for helping to fulfill Ari's dream. After such a special day for Ari, his family and City of Boca Raton staff, Ari's mom was asked what this experience has meant to her family. "I don't know how to put it into words," she said. "Take a look at all the people who came today...it's life changing. For Ari it's his dream, but for me and his dad, we don't know when his last day is."

If you would like to learn more about Ari Cohen and other extraordinary children like him, you can visit [AAC Class at Banyan Creek Elementary](#) on Facebook. Ari is in the AAC (Augmentative Alternate Communication) class at Banyan Creek, the only one of its kind in Palm Beach County.

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## MPA Presents

### It's hot, hot, hot in the MPA this August!

Just when you think it can't get any hotter, it does, as the MPA finishes up its summer series with three more FREE concerts and two ticketed events by Live Nation. Find your favorite flip flops and island wear and join us for a little bit of paradise on Friday, August 1 when Jimmy Stowe returns to our stage with everyone's favorite Jimmy Buffet songs.



On Friday, August 8 we welcome Billy Joel tribute act [Turnstiles](#). You may be right if you think this is going to be a great show! For guests 21 and older, series sponsor [Sweetwater Brewery](#) will have a beer garden set up on the east side of the venue with free samples of its craft brews for these Friday night tribute concerts.

On Friday, August 15, Live Nation presents [Panic at the Disco](#) featuring [Walk the Moon](#) and [Young Blood Hawke](#) and on Saturday, August 23, we welcome back to our stage [Bob Weir](#) and Ratdog along with [The Chris Robinson Brotherhood](#). Tickets for these Live Nation Concerts are available at [Ticketmaster](#). The last free City Sponsored concert of the summer features the [Symphonia Brass](#) on Sunday, August 17 at 7:00 pm.

For free, City-sponsored events you may bring blankets and chairs or rent one inside the venue for \$5.00. Food and beverages are available to purchase and preferred parking adjacent to the venue is \$10.00. Friday night concerts begin at 7:30 and Sunday concerts begin at 7:00 pm. All shows are rain or shine. For ticketed events, chairs, outside food and beverages are not allowed. These are general admission, standing room only concerts. The box office opens outside the venue at 12:00 on the day of the concert. Preferred parking adjacent to the venue is \$20.00 and there is also paid parking at the First United Methodist Church. Free park and walk from City Hall or the Downtown libraries. All shows are rain or shine.

For additional information please visit [www.mizneramphitheater.com](http://www.mizneramphitheater.com), call 561-544-8600 for a recorded message or get answers to your questions on our [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) pages.



## September Is Library Card Sign-Up Month

Parents want their children to succeed, and one of the simplest ways you can facilitate their academic success is by making a trip to the library! September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, a time when the Boca Raton Public Library joins with the American Library Association and public libraries nationwide to make sure that every student has the most important school supply of all – a free library card.

The Downtown Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, will celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month by hosting a Teddy Bear Picnic on Friday, September 5 from 3:30-4:15 pm. Kids are encouraged to bring their teddy bears and join us for snacks, songs, and stories! Also, during the month of September, children who present their library card at the Youth Services desk will be eligible for free McDonald's coupons as part of McDonald's Reading Challenge. Other library programs can be viewed on the [Programs and Events](#) web page.

Children and adults can use their library cards from home, too. Our library offers access to important [educational resources for kids](#), like Grolier Online, World Book Kids and Biography in Context. Adults can also enjoy our many free online resources through the [eLibrary](#). Check out the many eBooks, audiobooks, videos, music, magazines, research databases, and language-learning materials available.

For more information on library cards and upcoming events, visit the Downtown Library or the Spanish River Library, 1501 NW Spanish River Boulevard, in person, call 561-393-7852 or visit us online at [bocalibrary.org](http://bocalibrary.org).



## August at Sugar Sand Park Camps

### In the Community Center....

**Back To School Splash!!!** Saturday, August 16 •  
10am-1pm

Perfect for August - a great way to end your summer and kick-off the new school year with this COOL event!

Water slides • Dunk Tank • Make & Take • Giveaways •

Music • Food Trucks (separate purchase)

**FREE!** Ages 3-12 • Weather Permitting



**Calling all Filmmakers...this is your chance!**

Enter the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Shriek Week Kids Scary Film Festival  
Genres include: Film • Stop Motion • Digital Comic Book •  
Music Video • Animation

Ages 6-17 **Film entry DEADLINE September 25**

**Shriek Week coming October 17, 18 and 23, 24, 25**

**Call for Shriek Week Volunteers...be a part of the "BOO" Crew!** Or help decorate sets, scare behind the scenes, run carnival games, or do glitter tattoos.

**GREAT** Community Service hours! Volunteers must age **14 and older**. See the website for details and forms.  
[www.SugarSandPark.org/shriek-week](http://www.SugarSandPark.org/shriek-week). Forms must be submitted **by Sept 18**.

### In the Willow Theatre...

#### Performance Theatre Camps for young Theatre Fans!

Showtime Performing Arts theater professionals teach voice, dance, and choreography. These camp sessions offer group and solo opportunities for your child to really SHINE! Ages 6-14

• **Legally Blonde** (Aug 4-8) • **Aladdin** (Aug 11-15)

For more information [www.SugarSandPark.org/summer-camps-boca-raton](http://www.SugarSandPark.org/summer-camps-boca-raton)

### In the Explorium...

#### Make & Take – This Month: Solar Ovens - Ages 5+

Learn about the power of solar energy! Make a "Solar Oven" and bake your very own s'mores to eat!

[www.scienceexplorium.org/make-and-takes](http://www.scienceexplorium.org/make-and-takes)

**Sunday, August 3, 11:30am-12:30pm. Drop-in, \$5 per project.**

#### Eyes to The Skies in the Planetarium - Ages 8+

Join us inside the Community Center in our indoor Planetarium. This month explore celestial navigation and learn "how to find your way home." [www.scienceexplorium.org/eyes-to-the-skies](http://www.scienceexplorium.org/eyes-to-the-skies)

**Friday, August 8 at 6:30pm. FREE!**

## Staying Informed....

Always looking for things to do in Boca Raton? [Sign up](#) for the weekly **eFlash!** Every Friday, this free, electronic communication sends you information on upcoming events.

## Brazilian Beat

Saturday, September 6, 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Highway, one block north of Palmetto Park Road

The [3rd Annual Brazilian Beat](#) event, FREE and open to the public, brings people from all over south Florida to commemorate Brazilian Independence Day in Downtown Boca. Event-goers will enjoy spectacular live music, entertainment, authentic Brazilian Food, Zumba showcase, Capoeira dancers, carnival dancers and drummers. Headlining Brazilian Beat this year will be one of Brazil's own music treasures, [BossaCucaNova](#), known for their irresistible fusion of the electro-bossa nova with the danceable, sultry samba synonymous with the culture of the country. Free parking is available at City Hall (201 West Palmetto Park Road), the Downtown Library (400 Northwest Boca Raton Boulevard), and other locations downtown where event signage is featured. For further information and event details, call 561.393.7995



## Art in Public Places

**Valerie Kobac** started painting at age 4 and credits her father as being her first teacher. She is a graduate of both Escuela de Arte de Mexico and Universidad Ibero Americana where she received degrees in art and design. Valerie has 40 years of painting experience working in all medium types: oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels and ink. She has owned 2 local art galleries and has been offering painting classes at the Boca Raton Community Center for since 2012. The Valerie Kobac Studio exhibit will be on display from August 1 – 31 at the [Boca Raton Community Center](#), 150 Crawford Boulevard and can be viewed Monday – Friday, 9 am – 9 pm and Saturday, 9 am – 1 pm. For more information call 561-393-7807.

Works by **Neil Friedman** and **Marty Mochnacs** will be on display in August. Freidman's interests include gourmet cooking, baking, and photography. He is also a Master Gardener and published author. Mochnacs' scroll saw woodcraft include, birds, fish and intricately cut clocks. These exhibitions will be on display during the month of July at the [James A. Rutherford Community Center](#) in Patch Reef Park and can be viewed Monday – Friday, 8 am – 10 pm; Saturday, 8 am – 5 pm; and Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm. For more information call 561-367-7035.

## Girls' Volleyball

Due to the growing popularity of girls' volleyball in south Florida, [COBRA](#) (City of Boca Raton Athletics) will be offering a NEW winter season for Girls' Volleyball. The season will run from November – February. There will be a Junior division for 10-12 year olds and a Senior division for 13-15 year olds. Players will have one practice and one game per week, approximately one hour each. Practices will be on Sundays and games will be week nights. All practices and games will take place at [Sugar Sand Park Field House](#). On-site & online registration will begin Saturday, August 2nd at 9 am. You can register on-site at the Sugar Sand Park Field House.

The COBRA Girls' Volleyball League provides an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of volleyball, sportsmanship, and team play while making new friends. This is a recreational league and all participants are given equal playing opportunities regardless of skill level. <http://www.sugarsandpark.org/girls-volleyball>

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pirates & Princesses Party

Pirates Cove Playground – Patch Reef Park  
Friday, August 22, 10 am to noon

AHOY THERE MATEY! All pirates, swashbucklers, princesses and parents are invited to join us for a fun family event. Come walk the plank, dig for treasure and enjoy more fun activities at the [Pirates Cove Playground](#), featuring a water play area. Argh! Shiver me timbers!

\$5 donation suggested. For more information call 561-367-7035.



## Upcoming City Events

All events are free unless otherwise indicated.

**Friday, August 1, 7:30 pm**

Mizner Park Amphitheater

### SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

*Jimmy Stowe and the Stowaways – Jimmy Buffet tribute band*

**Saturdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 8:45 am**

Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Highway

### SATURDAYS @ SANBORN

*Shape-up Fitness Classes*

**Friday, August 8, 7:30 pm**

Mizner Park Amphitheater

### SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

*Turnstiles – Billy Joel tribute band*

**Sunday, August 17, 7:00 pm**

Mizner Park Amphitheater

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*The Symphonia Boca Raton*

**Saturday, September 6, 6:00 pm**

Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Highway  
Mizner Park Amphitheater

### BRAZILIAN BEAT

*Celebrate Brazil's Independence Day*



# Back to School

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