



NEW MAYORAL CANDIDATE JOINS RACE 4

Holiday parade will include floats, train

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The city of Boca Raton's 46th annual Holiday Street Parade is Dec. 7, and the thousands of spectators who line Federal Highway every year will find a patriotic theme and plenty of tradition.

The parade will step off from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. along a 1-mile route from Southeast Seventh Street to the grandstands on Sanborn Square just south of Mizner Park.

Some 25 floats decorated with a "Star-Spangled Holiday" theme and eight high school marching bands will be in the procession, with Santa Claus in a fire truck and a snow truck bringing up the rear.

"Expect about 70 units, and that's our maximum," said Becky Self, the city's community events coordinator. "It's for the young at heart and young children, so we want to get them home in time."

Roads will be closed at 5:30 p.m. on Federal Highway from Camino Real to Glades Road. "Camino becomes two-way traffic on the eastbound lane. Roads are local traffic only," she said.

What's new this year?

"We always have new community participation, new organizations and businesses that get involved," Self said, describing a 33-foot trackless train with four passenger cars and an electric engine.

"This thing is so cool. My husband Brian drove to Illinois to buy the train and it's now ours" and the family business," Renee Board said of the Florida Fun Train with the Orange Peel Express engine.

Family and friends will be aboard.

"We have two small children and my husband is a big kid at heart, and everybody who sees this train falls in love with it," she said.

The Junkanoo Band will return.

"They dance on stilts and have drums and do the limbo and they're very entertaining and fun," Self said.

For seating, "we have a whole section of grandstands for the public, but they do fill up quickly," she said. "By 6 p.m. people start setting up their chairs on the median strip and sidewalks."

There are no shuttles because of street closures, but spectators can

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Box Brigade preps Thanksgiving meals



TURKEY TRANSPORT

Volunteers load a car with food at the Boca Helping Hands annual Thanksgiving Box Brigade, which distributes frozen turkeys and boxes of dry goods to 1,500 families in need, in Boca Raton on Nov. 20. ORIT BEN-EZZER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Court blocks Chabad museum

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According to Rabbi Ruvy New, spiritual leader of the Chabad of East Boca, sometimes things don't work out exactly how you planned — and you just have to adjust and move on.

Such was the case for New on Tuesday, Nov. 15 when the Fourth District Court of Ap-

peals in West Palm Beach issued a two-sentence order denying the Chabad's Oct. 14 Request for Oral Argument in a lawsuit concerning the City of Boca Raton's approval of the Chabad's site plan for its proposed synagogue/museum project in east Boca Raton.

The appellate court was responding to the Chabad's appeal of a June 6 decision of the 15th Judicial Court of Florida in West Palm Beach disallow-

ing the approval of the Chabad's site plan by the City of Boca Raton for its proposed MyIsrael Center at the Chabad's 770 E. Palmetto Park Road location.

The June 6 ruling was regarding a lawsuit brought by David Roberts, owner/broker of Royal Palm Properties — located at 741 E. Palmetto Park Road, just across the street from

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use city hall, the Downtown Library and

Mark Morgan are commentators. And the weather has largely cooperated.

"We were always blessed with good weather, but at one parade a half-hour before we began, the rain came down," said Emily Lilly, who ran the parades for years. "All the floats made from paper and cardboard suffered, but the crowds were still there in spite of it."

The street parade may be at capacity, but there's still time to put a decorated boat in the water for the 40th annual Holiday Boat Parade at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 17 along the Intra-coastal Waterway by calling 561-367-7073.

"We provide awards and have a banquet, with pictures of their boat in the water and cash prizes," Self said. "We strive to get 30 decorated



MERRY MARCHERS Boca Raton High School Color Guard members stay in formation during last year's annual Holiday Street Parade in Boca Raton. FPG FILE PHOTO

boats every year and they look spectacular on the waterway."

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