

POMPANO BEACH

<http://www.mypompanobeach.org/>

LOCATION

100 West Atlantic Boulevard
Pompano Beach, Florida 33060
954.786.4600

HISTORY

Before Modern Settlement Long before the European discovery of America, southern Florida was the home of the Tequesta Indians. They adapted their lifestyle to the area's subtropical environment, living in small villages near the water, but frequently moving to be close to the sea life and game that made up an important part of their daily diet. Our knowledge of the Tequesta is not extensive, but we do know they engaged in religious ceremonies, and buried their dead in earthen mounds. One such mound remains in Pompano Beach, near the beach.

With the coming of European settlements, the local indigenous population fell victim to diseases, warfare and forced labor. By the time Spain surrendered Florida to the British in 1763, few Tequesta remained, and many of those were transported to Cuba.

By the early years of the nineteenth century the Seminole Indians were being pushed into southern Florida by the relentless press of American settlers. Florida became a territory of the United States in 1821, and within a few years friction between the two groups led to the outbreak of hostilities. In southeast Florida the military built a string of forts, including Fort Dallas (Miami), Fort Lauderdale, and Fort Jupiter. The modern thoroughfare, Military Trail, approximates the route the soldiers took as they marched along the coast.

Following the Seminole Wars, and the Civil War during which this area was a haven for both blockade-runners and deserters, few settlers remained in the region. The biggest impediment to settlement was the region's isolation – there were no roads or railways into south Florida. Mail was delivered by the "Barefoot Mailman," who walked the beach and visited the isolated cabins of the few inhabitants.

The Coming of the Railway

When reporting on the 1890 population count, the Census Bureau stated that for the first time in American history there existed no frontier. While this may have been true in a technical sense, southeastern Florida was still a virtual wilderness. Not until 1892 was an all-purpose roadway constructed from Lantana to what is today Miami.

It was, however, the railway that connected south Florida to the rest of the nation, and the person who brought it here was Henry M. Flagler. A retired executive for John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Company, Flagler had "retired" to Florida, but was soon buying and constructing hotels and resort, and building a rail line to bring in paying customers. By 1892 he had reached Palm Beach where he built his exclusive resort. It is said he intended to stop there, but that a disastrous freeze that hit Florida in the winter of 1894-95, ruining most of the citrus crops, convinced him to take his Florida East Coast Railway farther south, beyond the freeze line.

Surveyors preceded the construction crews, and many of south Florida's coastal towns owe their origins to railway's plats – Pompano included. The first train arrived in the small Pompano settlement on February 22, 1896.

The Pioneers

There had been scattered settlers in the area from at least the mid-1880s, but the first

documented permanent residents of the Pompano area were the George Butler and Frank Sheene and their family who arrived in 1896 as railway employees. It is said that Sheene gave the community its name – Pompano – after jotting down on his survey of the area the name of the fish he had for dinner. As other people settled in the area, George Butler was appointed the community's first postmaster, and his wife, Mary the first teacher when a one-room schoolhouse opened in 1899.

Many early residents were farmers, coming south to escape the effects of the mid-decade freezes. Among those were Earl Ehmann, who is credited with introducing pineapple to the area, and the McNab brothers, Harry and Bob. Other pioneer families in the area included the Smoaks, the Hardys, the Blounts and the Samples.

Although the local community at first was located around what was then known as Lettuce Lake (now Santa Barbara), the coming of the railroad led to development farther west. A small commercial district began to grow near the Florida East Coast Railway depot. In 1900, M. Z. Cavandish opened a general store at N.E. First Street and Flagler Avenue.

In 1906 Pompano became the southernmost settlement in newly-created Palm Beach County. That year, the Hillsboro Lighthouse was completed on the beach. In 1908, Pompano was incorporated as a town; J. R. Mizell was elected the first mayor.

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POPULATION

That little town, now known as Pompano Beach, is now a major city of over 100,000 people, and is fast approaching an event that few other cities in South Florida have experienced – its 100th birthday.

EVENTS

Pompano Park Racing & Poker
1800 S.W. 3rd Street
Pompano Beach, FL 33069
(954) 972-2000

Bluewater Movements Pompano Beach Saltwater Circuit Fishing Tournaments
Series of three tournaments - June, July, Aug
(954) 725-4010

Nautical Flea Market
3rd Weekend in November - Community Park - N. Federal Hwy.

Yuletide on Atlantic Celebration
1st Thursday in December - Atlantic Blvd. & McNab Park

Pompano Beach Fishing Rodeo
Scheduled for the 3rd Weekend in May
www.pompanofishingrodeo.com
(954) 942-4513

Pompano Beach Holiday Boat Parade
Held in December on the Intracoastal Waterway
(954) 941-2940

Pompano Beach Seafood Festival

On the beach - last FULL weekend in April
www.pompanobeachseafoodfestival.com
(954) 570-7785

ATTRACTIONS

Tennis Center
920 NE 18 Avenue
Pompano Beach, Florida 33060
Phone: 954.786.4115

Municipal Golf Course
1101 N. Federal Highway
Pompano Beach, FL 33060
Phone: 954.786.4142
Pro Shop 954.781.0426
Hotline: 954.786.4141

Public Historic Sites in Pompano Beach

There are many historic buildings and sites within the municipal limits of Pompano Beach. The following is a list of those that are open to the public. Hours and cost of admission may vary greatly from site to site, so please call ahead to verify.

Ely Educational Museum (Blanche & Joseph Ely House)
1500 NW 6 Avenue
Pompano Beach, FL 33060
954.781.2256

Home of local educational and civic pioneers in Pompano Beach's black community, this building now houses a museum featuring artifacts and documents relating to the Ely's and education in the black community.

First United Methodist Church (Chapel)
201 NE 2nd Street
Pompano Beach, FL 33060
954.943.0404

This largely unaltered gothic revival style church was built in 1934, and is one of the oldest religious buildings standing in Pompano Beach. The new sanctuary, located just to the north, is a good example of modern architecture.

Indian Mound Park
Hibiscus Avenue & NE 13th Street
Pompano Beach, FL 33062
954.786.4111 (Parks Department)

Located within this small park overlooking the Intracoastal waterway is a prehistoric Indian burial mound.

Kester Cottages
220 NE 3rd Avenue
Pompano Beach, FL 33060
954.782.3015

Located in Founders Park, these two restored cottages were moved to this site in the 1980s. Originally two of dozens built on the beach in the 1930s, they provided construction employment for local residents during the Great Depression, and boosted

the area's tourist economy. Owned by the Pompano Beach Historical Society, one cottage is restored as a typical residence of the late 1940s, the other houses exhibits and artifacts relating to the history of Pompano Beach.

Old Pompano Fire Station
219 NE 4th Avenue
Pompano Beach, FL 33060
954.782.3015

Built in 1925 as the City's first fire station, this building has been restored and houses two antique fire engines, as well as photographs and artifacts relating to the history of fire fighting in Pompano Beach.

Sample-McDougald House
450 NE 10th Street
Pompano Beach, FL 33060
954.946.9700

This historic home was recently moved to this location from its original site on North Dixie Highway. It was built in 1916 by local pioneer Neal Sample. The structure is significant for its size (4,700 square feet) and architectural style. The house was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. Currently the house is being restored and will reopen in late 2002 as a house museum of pioneer South Florida lifestyle.

SCHOOLS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Broadview Elementary School
1800 SW 62 Avenue
Pompano Beach, Florida 33068
954.977.3300

Cresthaven Elementary School
801 NE 25 Street
Pompano Beach, Florida 33064
954.786.3535

Cypress Elementary School
851 SW 3 Avenue
Pompano Beach, Florida 33060
954.786.3500

Charles Drew Elementary School
1000 West 31 Avenue
Pompano Beach, Florida 33069
954.977.2250

Robert C. Markham Elementary
School
1501 NW 15 Avenue
Pompano Beach, Florida 33069
954.977.2237

McNab Elementary School

1350 SE 9 Avenue
Pompano Beach, Florida 33060
.954.786.3515

Norcrest Elementary School
3951 NE 16 Avenue
Pompano Beach, Florida 33060
954.786.3720

Palm View Elementary School
2601 NE 1 Avenue
Pompano Beach, Florida 33060
954.786.3788

Park Ridge Elementary School
5200 NE 9 Avenue
Pompano Beach, Florida 33064
954.481.5785

Pompano Beach Elementary School
700 NE 13 Avenue
Pompano Beach, Florida 33060
954.786.3700

Sanders Park Elementary School
800 NW 16 Street
Pompano Beach, Florida 33069
954.786.3760

Tedder Elementary School
4157 NE 1 Terrace
Pompano Beach, Florida 33064
954.786.3740

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Crystal Lake Middle School
3551 NE 3 Avenue
Pompano Beach, Florida 33064
954.786.3550

Pompano Beach Middle School
310 NE 6 Street
Pompano Beach, Florida 33060
954.786.7778
Special Schools

Bright Horizons
Grades: K thru 12th Grade - age 21
3901 NE 1 Terrace
Pompano Beach, Florida 33060
954.786.3690



Woodhouse II
2331 N Dixie Highway
Pompano Beach, Florida 33060
954.786.0344

HIGH SCHOOLS

Blanche Ely High School
Blanche Ely High School Football
1201 NW 6 Avenue
Pompano Beach, Florida 33069
954.786.3600

Pompano Beach High School
Institute of International Studies
600 NE 13 Avenue
Pompano Beach, Florida 33060
954.786.7627

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Cardinal Gibbons Catholic
High School
4601 Bayview Drive
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33309
954.491.2900

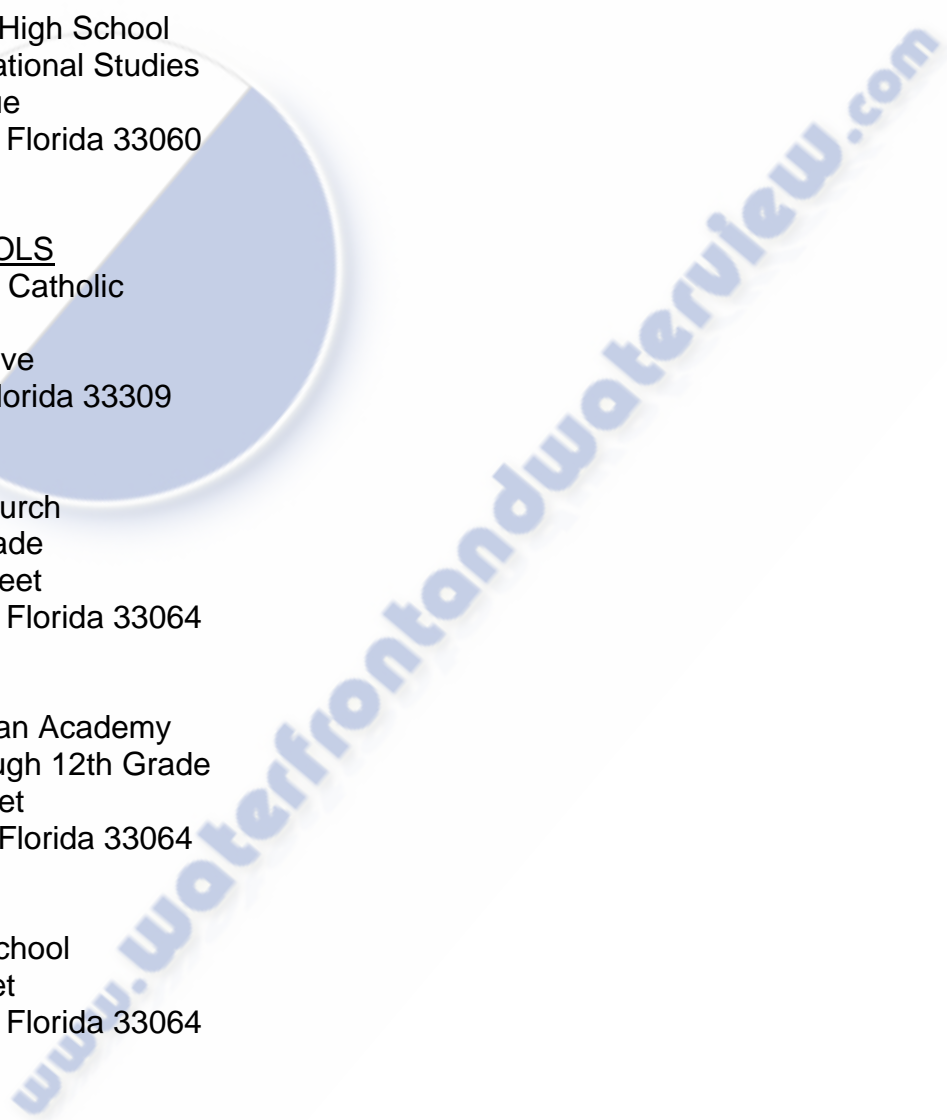
First Christian Church
3 years to 5th Grade
1860 NE 39th Street
Pompano Beach, Florida 33064
954.942.2515

Highlands Christian Academy
Grades: K-3 through 12th Grade
501 NE 48th Street
Deerfield Beach, Florida 33064
954.421.1747

Hope Lutheran School
1840 NE 41 Street
Pompano Beach, Florida 33064
954.942.2570

Lighthouse Christian Academy
At First Presbyterian Church
2331 NE 26th Avenue
Pompano Beach, Florida 33062
954.941.7501
Grades pk2-Grade 5

St. Coleman's Catholic School
Grades: PreK through 8th Grade
2250 SE 12 Street



Pompano Beach, Florida 33060
954.942.3500

St. Elizabeth's Catholic School
Grades: 1st through 8th Grade
901 NE 33rd Street
Pompano Beach, Florida 33064
954.942.2161

Zion Lutheran Christian School
Grades: Infants through 12th Grade
959 SE 6 Avenue
Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442
954.421.3146

Loch Lomond School / Grades K - 6th
3301 NE 5 Terrace
Pompano Beach, Florida 33064
954.781.4444

New Covenant Christian School / Ages 3 - 13
3311 NW 9 Avenue
Pompano Beach, Florida 33069
954.943.1707

The North Broward School / Grades PreK - 5th
3701 NE 22 Avenue
Lighthouse Point, Florida 33064
943.941.4816

Broward Community College Locations:

North Campus:
1000 Coconut Creek Parkway
Coconut Creek, FL
954-201-2240

South Campus:
7200 Pines Blvd.
Pembroke Pines, FL
954-201-8815

Central Campus:
3501 S.W. Davie Rd.,
Davie, FL
954-201-6500

Downtown Campus:
111 East Las Olas
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
954-201-7476



Pines Center:
16957 Sheridan St.
Pembroke Pines, FL
954-201-3609

OTHER COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Florida Metropolitan University:
225 North Federal Highway
954-783-7339

Florida Atlantic University:
954-236-1000

Keiser College:
954-776-4456

City College:
954-492-5353

Nova Southeastern University:
954-262-7300

HOSPITALS

Columbia Northwest Medical Center
2801 N State Road 7
Margate, Florida 33063
954.974.0400

Coral Springs Medical Center
3000 Coral Hills Drive
Coral Springs, Florida 33065
954.776.6000

Holy Cross Hospital
4725 N Federal Highway
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308
954.771.8000

Imperial Point Medical Center
6401 N Federal Highway
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308
954.776.8500

Miami Children's Hospital
3100 SW 62 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33155
1.800.432.6837

North Broward Medical Center
201 E Sample Road
Pompano Beach, Florida 33064

954.941.8300

North Ridge Medical Center
5757 N Dixie Highway
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308
954.776.6000

University Hospital
7201 N University Drive
Tamarac, Florida 33321
954.721.7087

West Boca Medical Center
21644 State Road 7
Boca Raton, Florida 33428
561.488.8000

PARKS AND RECREATION

Apollo Park Northwest 3 Street & Northwest 15 Place -This 4.4 acre park may be small in size, but it is big in amenities. There are two lighted basketball courts, two handball courts, a picnic shelter, playground, two tennis courts, a walking path and restrooms. Named after the Apollo Space Mission, a part of the space shuttle is on display at the park.

Cresthaven Park Northeast 27 Court and Northeast 13 Terrace - This 1.47 acre park may be small but its facilities are many. You will find grills, horseshoes, picnicking, playground and a volleyball court for your enjoyment.

Exchange Club Park 2800 NE 24 Street -This park offers a tots playground, volleyball court and spacious picnic area. A peaceful 7.7 acres on the Intracoastal waterway is the setting for this park with a picnic area, playground and walking trail.

Fairview Park 801 SW 8 Street - This one acre park offers a lovely shaded picnic area, a tots playground, basketball courts and an open area for soccer or field sports.

Founders Park 215 Northeast 4 Avenue - This 1.6 acre park is the home of Pompano Historical Society and features two of the "Kester Cottages". Also located in this park is the first Pompano Beach Firehouse. Renovated and dedicated as the Miriam & Dick Hood Historical Society Museum, it hosts the City's first fire truck, a 1926 American LaFrance and its second, a 1948 American LaFrance. Call 954.946.8857.

Harbors Edge Park Northeast 12 Street & Northeast 26 Avenue -A beautiful park nestled in a cozy community offering a playground and par course in addition to an open picnic area. There are no cooking facilities.

Kester Park Northeast 9 Avenue & Northeast 4 Street - Kester's 8.4 acres feature baseball fields and a football/soccer field with concession stand, picnic pavilion area/playground, restrooms and sand volleyball courts. Reservations for pavilion use is suggested but not required.

Mitchell / Moore Park 901 Northwest 10 Street - Mitchell/Moore Park is located adjacent to Ely High School. This 16.1 acre park offers five lighted basketball courts, football/soccer fields, picnic pavilion and pool, for lighted tennis courts, handball/racquetball and volleyball courts. Click here for more information

North Broward Park 4400 NE 18 Avenue - Hours of Operation: Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 20.4 acre park. Facilities: baseball, basketball,

building rental (200 capacity), dock/lake, football, picnicking, playground, soccer, softball, volleyball court. [Click here for more information](#)

Pompano Beach Highlands Park 1650 N.E. 50 Ct Phone: 954.363.3313 - Hours of Operation: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Friday & Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Closed on Sunday; Facilities: basketball, building rental (200 capacity), multipurpose field, picnicking, playground, small shelter, volleyball court. [Click here for more information](#)

Ronald E McNair Park 951 Northwest 27 Avenue - Although small in size, this park is one of the most utilized in Pompano Beach. Its 6.4 acres offers two lighted basketball courts, lighted baseball/softball fields and football/soccer fields, picnic and program areas. [Click here for more information](#)

Mc Nab Park 2250 E Atlantic Boulevard - McNab shuffleboard Center is located on the northern half of McNab Park. In addition to clubhouse facilities, the park has some of the finest shuffleboard courts in the area, as well as tennis, racquetball and basketball courts. There is a playground area for the children. Call 954.786.4020.

Norwood Pines Park Southeast 5 Court & S. Cypress Road - This 4.7 Acre park has a picnic/pavilion area, children's playground, two handball courts, two tennis courts and a walking trail

Pompano Community Park 820 Northeast 18 Avenue - This is the City's largest park, with 43.5 acres of picnic and playground areas, two basketball courts, baseball and softball fields, picnic shelters, barbecue grills, children's playground equipment, the City's Aquatic Center, Amphitheater, Tennis Center, Municipal Baseball Stadium, volleyball courts, a 4.2 mile bike path, exercise course and a 1.25 mile walking/jogging trail.

Highlands Park
1650 NE 50th Ct
954-363-3313

TRANSPORTATION

Broward County Transit Authority
(954) 357-8400

TRAINS

Broward County Mass Transit/Tri-Rail
Sample Road and N.W. 8th Ave.
Pompano Beach
(800) TRI-RAIL or (800) 874-7245

Amtrak
1300 W. Hillsboro Blvd.
Deerfield Beach, ¼ mile W. of I-95
(954) 421-1155

Passenger train travel is available on Amtrak to those traveling to points further north and west. The station closest to Pompano Beach is located in nearby Deerfield Beach on Hillsboro Blvd. Call (954) 421-1155 for rates and schedules. For the train status call (800) 872-7245

BUSES

Greyhound Bus
2190 N.E. 4th St.
Pompano Beach
(954) 946-7067 or (800) 231-2222

AIRPORTS

Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport
(954) 359-1200

Miami International Airport
(305) 876-7000

Palm Beach International Airport
561) 471-7400

Pompano Park Airport
1001 N.E. 10th St.
Pompano Beach
(954) 786-4135

Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport
1401 W. Commercial Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale
(954) 938-4966

Boca Aviation
3700 Airport Rd.
Boca Raton
(561) 368-1110

PORTS

Port Everglades
(954) 523-3404

DEPARTMENTS

City of Pompano Beach Services
General Info. (954) 786-4600
Building Dept. (954) 786-4669
Consumer Affairs (954) 765-5350
Engineering Dept. (954) 786-4106
Garbage/Trash Col. (954) 786-4030
Golf Course (954) 786-4141
Occupational Lic. (954) 786-4668
Planning Dept. (954) 786-4629
Public Works Dept. (954) 786-4105
Parks & Recreation (954) 786-4111
Utilities - Water & Sewer (954) 786-4153
Vital Statistics (954) 786-4654

Broward County Services

Auto Tag Information (954) 765-4697
Boat Registration (954) 765-4697
Environmental Services
(Water & Sewer) (954) 831-3250
Health Department (954) 467-4700
Parks & Recreation (954) 357-8100
School Administration (754) 324-0000
Sheriff's Office (954) 765-4321
Waste & Recycling (954) 765-4202

UTILITIES

FPL: (954) 797-5000
Water Administration: (954) 786-4153
Water & Sewer Billing (954) 786-4637
Water & Sewer Emergency (954) 942-2202
Garbage: Waste Management: (954) 974-7500
Recycling: Waste Management: (954) 974-7500
Phone: BellSouth Telephone: (888) 757-6500
Cable: Comcast: (800) 568-1212

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