

**Steeped in history and tradition,
this community in Boca dates back more than 50 years.**

**FUNNY HOW HISTORY HAS A WAY
OF REPEATING ITSELF**



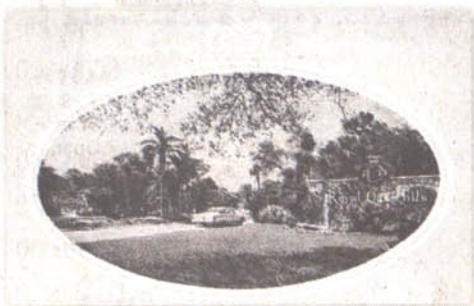
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'IT'S A LITTLE GEM OF A NEIGHBORHOOD': A canal runs behind homes off Southwest Seventh Avenue in the Royal Oak Hills neighborhood in Boca Raton. Professionals and young families are drawn to the neighborhood by the waterfront homes, proximity to downtown and the beach, and the A-rated public schools.

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NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE WEEK:

ROYAL OAK HILLS



THE GOOD OLE DAYS: A flier from the early marketing days for Royal Oak Hills — circa 1960 — when the development was just getting off the ground. The sales campaign pushed homes with central air conditioning, wall-to-wall carpeting, high-end furniture and new GE appliances.

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BOCA RATON — History can be elusive in South Florida, especially when so many residents have moved here from elsewhere.

We don't know what our city streets looked like in 1960, let alone 1920.

In a tidy section of eastern Boca Raton, the Royal Oak Hills neighborhood offers some prime real estate for good everyday living. Royal Oak Hills has friendly neighbors, canal-front homes, sidewalks, big trees.

And it has some history.

James McDavitt is now grown and owns a house in Royal Oak Hills where he lives with his wife and son. But McDavitt also grew up in this neighborhood. He

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THE REAL ESTATE MARKET AT ROYAL OAK HILLS

Total number of homes:

423

Homes listed for sale:

5

Median home sales price this year:

\$330,000