



BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISPATCH

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Sugar Sand Softball Complex Approved

Softball is coming to Sugar Sand Park.

At their most recent public meeting District Commissioners voted unanimously to allow the City of Boca Raton to construct a softball complex at District-owned Sugar Sand.

“I think it makes sense,” District chair Erin Wright said. “There's already baseball at Sugar Sand. We know the city is moving forward with their campus master plan. We're trying to help the city as best we can.”

City of Boca Raton officials are re-imagining the look of its aging downtown government campus, which includes city hall, the community center and the police station. The new master plan is expected to remove the two softball fields currently at Memorial Park, adjacent to the current city hall. Meadows Park may also lose its softball field because of the redevelopment project.

[READ MORE ABOUT SUGAR SAND SOFTBALL](#)



Turtle Walk This Way

Sea turtle nesting season is off to a prolific start, and the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center is once again bringing the Boca Raton Community closer to one of nature's magnificent events.

Gumbo Limbo's Turtle Walk gives visitors a peek into – and at – sea turtle nesting habits by locating nesting turtles on Boca Raton beaches, then taking visitors to see the turtles complete their egg laying.

A Turtle Walk veteran, Rachel Davis estimates that she's been on more than a dozen treks.

A frequent scuba diver, Davis usually sees turtles in the water but makes time each year to view them on Boca Raton beaches during nesting season.

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Picture Perfect Parks

Do you have an eye for photography and love Boca Raton parks? We have a contest for you! In celebration of July being National Park and Recreation Month, Boca Raton is holding its first ever Snap the Park photo contest. Shutterbugs are invited to enter some of their favorite snapshots from Boca Raton parks – including District-owned parks like Sugar Sand, Patch Reef and the Boca Raton Swim and Racquet Center – at the [SnapThePark website](#) between July 1-20. Winning photos will be chosen by a panel of judges and showcased at the Boca Raton Public Library Spanish River branch in August.



Families First At Willow

One of the Willow Theatre's most popular programs returned this summer - with early reaction showing why it's held in such high regard.

The 2025 edition of the Summer Family Theatre Series debuted on June 14 with The Little Mermaid's Adventure. Both shows sold out.

“We're here every summer,” said Dianna Winkler while seated next to her son, Luke. “We've seen the performers a handful of times and we've been enjoying it, so we keep coming.”

The Summer Family Theatre Series provides family friendly entertainment geared toward households with younger children.

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Extra Horsing Around

Sugar Sand Park is welcoming summer visitors by extending the hours of operation for its carousel. The new carousel hours are:

Tuesday - Friday: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Holidays: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

As always, riders must be at least 42 inches tall to ride the carousel alone. The new summer hours make one of Boca Raton's most iconic features even more family friendly. Take a spin and make wonderful memories with children or grandchildren.



Groundbreaking Pickle

Construction on Boca Raton's first indoor pickleball complex began on June 10 with Boca Paddle's groundbreaking ceremony at District-owned North Park. District Commissioners joined Boca Paddle principals and City of Boca Raton officials to ceremoniously stick their shovels in the dirt, launching construction. Boca Paddle will feature 25 courts – 16 indoor – offering pickleball and padel. The facility will also feature a restaurant. Boca Paddle expects to open its new indoor facility in 2026.



Centennial Sunday Fun

Ethan Rego, aided by his father Jonathan (picture), mashed pieces of flair into his sand mixture, creating a memorable piece of mosaic beach art. Ethan created his artwork at the Boca Raton Swim and Racquet Center during the June 8 Centennial Sunday, celebrating the City of Boca Raton turning 100 years old. In other events, travelers with completed Centennial Passports created terrariums at Sugar Sand Park, reef magnets at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center and sun catchers at Patch Reef Park.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MONDAY JULY 7

**Commissioners' General
Public Meeting, 5:15 p.m.**

MONDAY JULY 21

**Commissioners' General
Public Meeting, 5:15 p.m.**

MONDAY AUG 4

**Commissioners' General
Public Meeting, 5:15 p.m.**

**Meetings at Boca Raton Swim & Racquet Center
21618 St. Andrews Boulevard Boca Raton, FL**

Ode To Open Space

"My perfect weekend is going for a walk with my family in the park. I don't think there's anything better." – *Anne Wojcicki, co-founder of 23andMe*



LINKED INTO BOCA RATON

Commissioners are again excited to have District parks featured as part of Boca Raton's Fabulous Fourth. Patch Reef Park, the Boca Raton Racquet Center and Sugar Sand Park play key roles in the celebration. Follow the link below for a complete list of Fabulous Fourth events and schedules.

[More About Fabulous Fourth](#)

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