



BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISPATCH

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Traffic Garden Combines Riding Fun, Safety

Cruising through the Boca Teeca neighborhood, Alyssa Hannah encountered a newly erected sign directing visitors to a Traffic Garden within North Park.

"I'm like, What's the Traffic Garden?" Hannah recalls thinking. "And I came in with my husband and checked it out."

Liking what she saw, Hannah brought her three children to see what they thought.

Evidently, they liked it, too.

"We come here maybe two or three times a week, and they love it," Hannah said. "We come here for an hour, two hours, and they enjoy it."

[READ MORE ABOUT THE TRAFFIC GARDEN](#)



Advice From A Pro

The prospect of creating a skatepark in North Park received a boost from one of the world's top skateboarders.

Professional skater Fabiana Delfino joined many members of the Boca Raton community at the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District's August 6 skatepark workshop held at the Boca Raton Community Center.

"It's pretty awesome," Delfino said. "Honestly, there's been a lot of momentum and I'm kind of just shocked how strong the momentum is. There's more people at every meeting. So yeah, I think this is a great turnout. A lot of people are passionate about what they want to see in their community."

Delfino is in a unique position to understand multiple aspects of the proposed skatepark.

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Home Run For Boca

Boca Raton baseball players are about to find it easier to fine tune their skills.

District Commissioners are well into the process of adding and upgrading baseball training features at two District parks.

"When kids are better at a sport they tend to stick around and they tend to enjoy it more," said Boca Raton Little League vice-president Eric Sauer, who addressed Commissioners at a public meeting requesting the features. "It's all really just for the kids to have a good time, for them to have fun."

When Sauer and other Boca Raton Little League officials presented their request for new features - which will be available to the entire community - Commissioners agreed upon the need, and acted quickly.

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Free Sunday Carousel Spins

The iconic carousel is enjoying its 20th year at Sugar Sand Park. That's certainly worth celebrating. Every Sunday in September park goers can join the fun by taking free carousel rides. On other days of the week, riders can collect special limited edition tokens. Maintenance crews recently replaced the 10 crankshafts that make the go-round so merry. The preventative maintenance finished on schedule. Carousel operating hours are:

Now–Aug 31: Tues.-Fri.: 3-7pm,
Sat.-Sun.: 11am-4pm
Sept. 1 onward: Tues.-Fri.: 3-7pm,
Sat.-Sun.: 8:30am-4:30pm

Carousel riders can climb aboard 30 horses and two chariots, one of which is wheelchair accessible. The carousel is located next to the Science Playground.



Park Pickleball Progress



Millage Rate Not Rising

District Commissioners voted in July not to raise the proposed millage rate for next year. Commissioners chose to keep the proposed rate at 1.08 mills for the fourth consecutive year. Moving forward, that rate can not be raised for the upcoming year. By law, Commissioners must wait at least 30 days from the initial vote before proposing a formal resolution to adopt the rate. That meeting, along with the first public hearing on budget and taxes, is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. in the District conference room. The millage rate and budget are expected to be adopted at a dedicated meeting on Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. The millage rate is used to determine property taxes paid to the District. Under the proposed rate, homeowners would pay \$1.08 for every \$1,000 of their home's value as assessed by the Palm Beach County tax collector.



Boca's Picture Park-fect

Boca Raton's two major pickleball projects are moving closer to fruition. At Patch Reef Park, crews are applying the playing surface layers and installing the sound system for the 18-court covered facility. The final construction step – creating additional parking – is expected to begin shortly. Patch Reef's covered pickleball facility is scheduled to open for smashes and dinks this fall. At North Park, Boca Paddle is moving forward on the creation of its indoor pickleball and padel facility. Boca Paddle held the facility's groundbreaking in July. Crews and heavy equipment are already moving earth.

Two photographs taken at District-supported Red Reef Park earned top honors in the City of Boca Raton's Snap the Park photo contest. Crystal Conway captured sunrise over the ocean at Red Reef to win Best Overall entry. John Dwyer's photo of a palm tree and a person gazing over the ocean claimed the People's Choice award. Those photos, along with six other winners, are currently on display at the Spanish River branch of the Boca Raton Library. To view them, take the elevator to the second floor lobby. The exhibition runs through September 19. The winning photos can also be [viewed online here](#).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 3

**Commissioners' General
Public Meeting, 5:15 p.m.
(First Public TRIM
Compliance Meeting Follows)**

MONDAY SEPT. 15

**Commissioners' General
Public Meeting, 5:15 p.m.
(Final Public TRIM
Compliance Meeting Follows)**

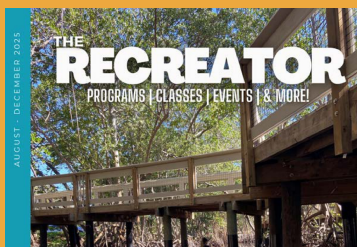
MONDAY OCT. 6

**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

“Forget not that the earth
delights to feel your bare feet
and winds long to play with
your hair.” – *Kahli Gibran,
author and poet*



LINKED INTO BOCA RATON

The Fall edition of Boca Raton Recreation Services' magazine The Recreator is now available. Follow the link to learn about all of the programs, classes, events and camps available in the coming months.

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