



BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISPATCH

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North Park Featured Presentations Ready

Golf amenities, a surf park, and youth recreational facilities are some of the features that will be proposed for North Park during presentations at Sugar Sand Park's Willow Theatre on Oct. 6-7.

Nine companies responded to the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District's request for recreational facility proposals. All will be provided the opportunity to convince District Commissioners that their proposal fills a need on North Park's west side or a portion of the east side.

"We're excited to see the proposals for North Park features," District Chair Erin Wright said. "It looks like we'll have some interesting ideas."

Each company will have 10 minutes to make their presentation. Commissioners will question the presenters following each presentation. Members of the Boca Raton community will have the opportunity to express their opinions at the conclusion of each evening.

[READ MORE ABOUT THE NORTH PARK PRESENTATIONS](#)



Opening Date Set

The sounds of smashes, serves and general camaraderie will be emanating from underneath Boca Raton's first covered public pickleball courts in less than a month.

Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District Commissioners invite the Boca Raton community to join them on Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. for the opening of Patch Reef Park's covered pickleball complex.

Commissioners and other dignitaries will cut the ceremonial ribbon, opening Patch Reef Park's 18 covered pickleball courts for play.

"Our community came to us requesting a pickleball facility where they could play rain or shine," District Chair Erin Wright said. "We are proud to have created one of the finest pickleball facilities in Florida."

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will feature giveaways and other surprises, and open play follows the ceremony.

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Community Center Upgrades

District Commissioners recently approved a planned renovation project for the community center at Patch Reef Park. The renovations will modernize the aging building, providing more open space and updating some finishes. Plans include adding an ADA-compliant restroom and other ADA compliant features within the building. The renovations come ahead of the city's Community Accessibility Program coming to the community center. CAP programs help individuals with disabilities



Traffic Garden A Winner

District Commissioner Suzi Vogelgesang surveyed North Park's newest feature - the Traffic Garden - and smiled, knowing it will help keep Boca Raton children safe.

"I think that the city of Boca Raton needed this," Vogelgesang said. "Now we have a way to educate the younger people so that they do the right thing on their bicycles. I think it's going to be a fun thing."

Located on Jeffrey St. west of NW 2nd Ave in the Boca Teeca section of Boca Raton, the Traffic Garden offers children an entertaining opportunity to learn bicycle and road safety in a visually appealing area free of motorized vehicles.

North Park's Traffic Garden officially opened to entertain and educate young Boca Raton bicyclists with an early September ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by District Commissioners and several members of the Boca Raton City Council.

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Millage Holds Steady Again

District Commissioners officially voted at their Sept. 15 TRIM meeting to keep the millage rate at 1.08 for next year. This is the fourth consecutive year adopting that same millage rate. Commissioners also approved the fiscal year 2025-26 budget at that dedicated meeting. The millage rate is used to determine property taxes. Revenue generated during this upcoming fiscal year is expected to help fund projects such as the creation of additional fields at Spanish River Athletic Park, design of a second

navigate vocational rehabilitation. Patch Reef's community center opened in 1987, providing space for community gatherings, events and classes.



Getting The Point

Tennis and pickleball players now have a new way to reserve courts, register for programs and pay online at the Boca Raton Racquet Center and the Patch Reef Paddle and Racquet Club. Earlier this month those facilities switched to the Playbypoint system for reservations and clinics. First time Playbypoint users can create their free profiles at www.playbypoint.com. Once registered, users can add the Racquet Center and the Paddle and Racquet Club to their account. Newly registered users may have to provide proof of residency or membership in person at the pro shop. Players can also use Playbypoint to reserve courts and register for programs at city-owned Boca Raton Tennis Center.

community field house, North Park development, the Patch Reef Park tennis court rebuild and various other maintenance projects.



One More Sunday Funday

There's still one Sunday's worth of free carousel rides remaining at Sugar Sand Park. Throughout September Boca Raton celebrated the 20th anniversary of the iconic carousel's arrival at Sugar Sand by offering free rides on Sundays. Sept. 28 marks the final Sunday of the month. The community is encouraged to visit the carousel during its normal Sunday operating hours, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. On other days of the week, riders can still collect special limited edition tokens celebrating the carousel. 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, near the Sugar Sand community center.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MONDAY OCT. 6

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

At Willow Theatre, Sugar Sand Park

TUESDAY OCT. 7

Special Public Meeting - North Park Presentations 5:15 p.m.

At Willow Theatre, Sugar Sand Park

MONDAY OCT. 20

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

Venue: TBD

Ode To Open Space

"I like to take walks in the park by myself, where no one can bother me and I can think." – *Earvin "Magic" Johnson, former professional basketball player*



LINKED INTO BOCA RATON

The City of Boca Raton's 2025-26 annual permit providing access to beaches, dog parks, boat launches and more is now available. To purchase online, follow the link below (available



only to individuals who have purchased permits in the past two years). Permits can also be purchased within the community centers at Sugar Sand or the Swim and Racquet Center.

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