



BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISPATCH

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A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

No park benefited more from the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District's 2025 accomplishments than Patch Reef, which received two soon-to-be iconic features.

October saw the highly anticipated opening of Patch Reef's 18-court covered pickleball complex, bringing one of the finest public pickleball facilities in the state to Boca Raton.

A few months earlier, Patch Reef's all-inclusive playground opened, allowing children of all abilities to play and laugh side-by-side like never before.

Patch Reef's baseball facilities also received an upgrade with the addition of new bullpen mounds and batting stations.

"We already knew that Patch Reef was an amazing park," District Chair Erin Wright said. "With these new features, it's easily one of the most impressive parks in Florida."

Patch Reef wasn't the only park to enjoy new features. Crews also began working to create North Park in the Boca Teeca section of Boca Raton. In June Commissioners attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Boca Paddle indoor pickleball and padel facility being built on the site.

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Looking For Your Input

The Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District wants to know how we can better serve the Boca Raton community at our parks.

To achieve that goal, we've started placing stickers with QR codes at buildings in our parks. Scanning the codes takes visitors to a brief survey asking participants to "Tell Us About Your Visit."

"It's great for measuring performance about how visitors feel about using our parks," District Executive Director Briann Harms said.

The survey is part of the District's effort to achieve its stated 2025-26 fiscal year goal of increasing community engagement and transparency.

The first stickers are already in place at all four doors exiting the Patch Reef Paddle & Racquet Center.

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Looking Up At Sugar Sand

Crews are about to complete the replacement of the roof atop Sugar Sand Park's field house on schedule and on budget. Work was completed without interrupting play. The construction is part of a larger project updating Sugar Sand's buildings. Earlier this year crews installed a new roof at Sugar Sand's community center. Up next, workers will move to the baseball complex to replace the roofs over the press box, concession stand and restroom

Boca's Jolly Good Times

Gumbo Limbo Aglow! – always one of the year's most anticipated holiday events – is four times better this year.

Rather than glowing only one night, Gumbo Limbo will be Aglow! on four consecutive Fridays – each with a different theme.

The first night already occurred. To aid attendees whose wallets may have been a little light from holiday shopping, the Dec. 12 Aglow! offered discounted entry fees for everyone. Attendees at the Dec. 19 Aglow! will be treated to a cookie party featuring cookies baked at a local gourmet bakery.

With the Dec. 26 Aglow! being the day after Christmas, and realizing that many people are worn out from holiday festivities and simply want to spend the day after Christmas in their pajamas, Gumbo Limbo Aglow! will be the site of a pajama party, with attendees being encouraged to wear their favorite PJs to the event.

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Skatepark Workshop Rolls

Plant-A-Park held its second public workshop on Wednesday detailing ideas for the proposed skatepark at North Park. Pump tracks, whoop dee doos and aesthetic features like landscaping impressed many attendees at the Boca Raton Community Center. The workshop follows the initial gathering held in August where the public provided input about the features they'd like to have included in the skatepark. Wednesday's workshop allowed

building. That portion of the project is expected to be completed in the coming year.



Holiday Pickleball Tourney

Hoping to fit a pickleball tournament into your holiday schedule? Patch Reef Park is happy to accommodate. On Sunday, December 28 from 1-5 p.m. the Patch Reef Paddle & Racquet Club will hold its Holiday Pickleball Tournament. The mixed doubles tournament offers three divisions to accommodate players DUPR rated 2.25-4.25. Players can register via the PlayByPoint App or at the Paddle & Racquet Club front desk. Entry fee is \$50 for residents, \$62.50 for non-residents. This holiday season, don't spend all your time in the kitchen!

Plant-A-Park representatives to show how they incorporated those ideas into a potential design while also getting feedback.



Parks Appear In K9 Calendar

When the Boca Raton Police Foundation searched for iconic Boca Raton sites where it could photograph the city's K9 officers for a [2026 calendar](#), District park locations immediately jumped to mind. Sugar Sand Park drew the April slot with a photograph of Dino at the carousel for an Easter-themed photo. Two months later Zorro appears on the Patch Reef Park outdoor pickleball courts in a nod to the sport's local popularity. The K9 Calendar also features a moving tribute to the recently deceased Dino and his handler, officer Shawn Lyman, photographed at Sugar Sand.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

TUESDAY JAN. 20
Commissioners' General Public Meeting, 5:15 p.m.

MONDAY FEB. 2
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

"I believe that there is a subtle magnetism in nature, which, if we unconsciously yield to it, will direct us aright." – *Henry David Thoreau, author*



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The Spring issue of The Recreator is now available. It contains information about upcoming events, classes, camps, sports and more within Boca Raton parks.

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