



BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISPATCH

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FABULOUS WAYS TO CELEBRATE 250

America is about to turn 250, and Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District parks will play prominent roles in local celebrations.

Racquet sports will be featured before the celebration gets to the rocket's red glare.

The Liberty Cup Racquet Tournament will celebrate two separate champions at different locations.

The Patch Reef Paddle and Racquet Club serves as the site for one of July 4th's opening events, delivering the pickleball portion of the fun.

Picklers will take to the covered pickleball complex beginning at 8 a.m. for holiday dinks and slams.

The round-robin, bracket-style tournament will be divided into 4 divisions: Mixed Doubles – Ages 50+, Mixed Doubles – All Ages, Women's Doubles – All Ages (up to 4.0 level) and Men's Doubles – All Ages (up to 4.0 level).

[READ MORE ABOUT BOCA'S FABULOUS FOURTH EVENTS](#)



Play Games, Make Friends

A new program for kids aims to meld virtual worlds with reality for a fun evening of gaming.

The City of Boca Raton and District recently teamed to bring Game Night to the Swim and Racquet Community Center.

Designed for children aged 11-14, the first of three planned game nights occurred on June 12.

"It's fun," gamer Noah Collman said. "I'm meeting new friends."

Roblox-based games proved to be the top choice on the initial night. Players gathered in a dedicated community center room furnished to resemble a gaming lounge.

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Uncovered Pickle Play

The completion of Patch Reef Paddle and Racquet Club's outdoor court rebuild Phase I means that all of the club's pickleball courts are now open and ready for play. Following the opening of Patch Reef's covered, 18-court pickleball complex, the District began rebuilding the Club's tennis and uncovered pickleball courts. The June re-opening of the 12 outdoor courts gives Patch Reef a total of 30 pickleball courts – the most of any facility in the area. The conclusion of Phase I also allowed for the opening of five rebuilt tennis courts. Phase II, already underway, rebuilds the remaining tennis courts.



An Ocean Of Conservation

The Gumbo Limbo Nature Center simply couldn't wait to celebrate World Ocean Day.

With June 8 falling on a Monday this year, Gumbo Limbo held their Ocean Day celebration one day early, allowing community members to add the event to their weekend plans.

Judging by attendance figures, the plan worked. More than 800 visitors aged from the young to senior citizens attended the four-hour event.

Joy Levine turned to AI for a way to entertain a visiting friend. When a suggestion for Gumbo Limbo's World Ocean Day was presented, their decision became easy.

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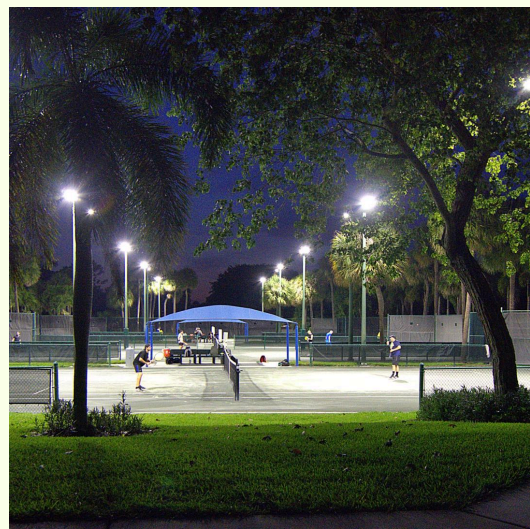
Intracoastal Cleanup

The District-funded Gumbo Limbo Nature Center is doing its best to keep the Intracoastal clean. On Monday, July 6, Gumbo Limbo will hold another in its series Intracoastal Cleanups – this one beginning at 9 a.m. Participants 13 and older may use Gumbo Limbo kayaks to patrol the water. Volunteers may also choose to stay on land and remove litter from the hammock. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Prizes will be provided 4Ocean. In the previous cleanup, volunteers removed more than 200 pounds of garbage from the area. Anyone wishing to volunteer for the event can [RSVP online](#).



Trails Coming To North Park

At Monday's District public meeting Commissioners unanimously selected Butters Construction over three other RFP respondents to develop North Park's east side. The development plan calls for walking trails, biking trails, a playground, a dog park, and other amenities. North Park is located in the Boca Teeca section of Boca. Last year the District opened the Traffic Garden at the corner of NW 2nd and Jeffrey St. Boca Paddle's indoor pickleball and padel complex, also on the east side of North Park, is expected to open in the fall.



See The Light On All Courts

Soon it will be even easier to find a place to serve and volley at night. At Monday's meeting Commissioners selected Fast Dry Courts to install lights to illuminate the remaining tennis courts at the Boca Raton Racquet Center. This final phase of the lighting project will light six courts with LEDs, providing a consistent lighting system throughout the facility and enhancing the overall experience for tennis players. Named a USTA Outstanding Facility of the Year multiple times, the Racquet Center offers 26 Har-Tru clay courts and a pro shop.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MONDAY JULY 6

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

MONDAY JULY 20

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MONDAY AUG. 3

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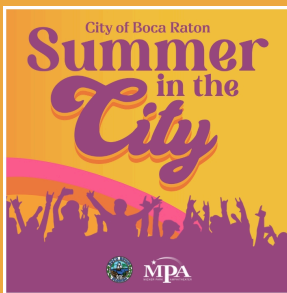
**Meetings at Boca Raton Swim & Racquet Center
21618 St. Andrews Boulevard Boca Raton, FL**

Ode To Open Space

"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better." —
Albert Einstein, scientist



LINKED INTO BOCA RATON



A summer concert series, patriotic movies and even a World Cup soccer watch party are all part of the City of Boca Raton's Summer In The City program at the Mizner Park Amphitheater. To learn specifics, including dates and times, follow the link below.

[View Mizner Summer Schedule](#)

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