



BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISPATCH

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Sugar Sand Security Upgrades Coming

One of Boca Raton's favorite parks is about to become even safer.

At recent meetings District Commissioners voted unanimously to add additional security cameras and a cellphone antenna booster system to Sugar Sand Park.

"We understand how important Sugar Sand is to families in our community," District Chair Bob Rollins said. "I'm always interested in ensuring the best possible experience for our visitors."

The new security cameras will be installed inside the science playground. They will tie into the park's existing video security system monitored by the Boca Raton Police Department.

Previously the only cameras covering the science playground were pointed at the entrance/exit. The new cameras will offer the BRPD a more comprehensive look inside the playground.

[READ MORE ABOUT SUGAR SAND SECURITY UPGRADES](#)



Willow Theatre's Sneak Peek

Ever wonder how the Willow Theatre manages to produce events that offer wonderful entertainment while creating memories? Your chance to learn is coming. On Sunday Aug. 2 from 11 a.m-2 p.m. visitors can receive a tour of the theater during its open house.

As part of the free event, the Theatre will preview the show lineup for the upcoming 2026-27 season. The season opens with Last of the Red Hot Lovers on Nov. 6, and includes performances of at least six more productions through March.

Open house attendees will have the opportunity to tour the theater's seating layout, allowing them to choose their best seats.

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Keeping Boca Waters Clean

Michael Sandmaile (photo, left) and brother Aiden paddled to shore with, well, it wasn't immediately obvious what they had found. Turns out, it was likely a piece of a plastic dock that had broken away and drifted in the Intracoastal. The Sandmaile's find was the largest piece of garbage collected during the second trash collection launched from Gumbo Limbo this year. Beginning at 9 a.m. on a July Monday, nearly two dozen volunteers, many scouring the Intracoastal in kayaks, collected 140 pounds of trash from the water and surrounding hammock. 4Ocean supplied prizes for the largest piece of trash, among other categories. Gumbo Limbo, along with the City of Boca Raton's



Parks Produce Fabulous 4th

July's Fabulous Fourth festivities became even more of a family affair this year thanks to the addition of a new pickleball division.

For the first time parents and their pre-teen children were able to compete as a team in the newly created Family Division of the Liberty Cup pickleball tournament at Patch Reef Park – one of three District-owned parks to play prominent roles in the July 4 celebrations.

"I like it," said Monica Mosquera, who teamed with daughter Salome to go undefeated in the division. "It's really good. It brings the whole family together. Really well organized. We really enjoyed it and had fun."

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Junior Clay Championships

The Boca Raton Racquet Center once again served as a host site for one of the nation's premier junior tennis events. The early weeks of July brought the Junior Clay Court Nationals, open for boys aged 16-18, to South Florida. The field of 196 players from across the nation included nearly a dozen Boca Raton youth players. The doubles tandem of Brayden Amey and Brayden Campion reached the tournament's round of 16. Amey also reached the round of 16 in singles play. Max Freedman (photo, right) and Enzo Carvalho (left) outlasted a couple weather delays to win the above match at the Racquet Center. The Racquet

Office of Sustainability, are planning another cleanup on Sept. 24 at 4 p.m.

Center is a USTA Outstanding Facility of the Year recipient.



Park Photo Contest Returns

The Boca Raton community will once again play a significant role in determining the favorite snapshots from some of Boca's wonderful parks. As part of National Park and Recreation Month, the 2026 Snap The Park Contest celebrates the beauty and joy of Boca Raton's magnificent parks by capturing memorable photos of park visitors and their surroundings. Photos from local parks, including District-owned Sugar Sand, Patch Reef, and the Swim and Racquet Center, needed to be submitted between July 1-20. Judging happened in the days that followed. Online voting for the [People's Choice Award](#) runs until July 31. Winning photos will be displayed at the Spanish River Library from Aug. 10 - Sept. 18.



Renovation Design Approved

Patch Reef Paddle and Racquet Club is about to get a pro-shop worthy of its recently upgraded pickleball and tennis courts. At their most recent public meeting District Commissioners approved a renovation design plan that will make the facility more user friendly and accessible to visitors. The design includes two new multipurpose rooms that will help make camps more kid friendly and can be used for other activities. The restrooms will be expanded to accommodate increased facility usage. The reception area where players check in before playing will be moved to a more centralized location, expediting the registration process. The Paddle and Racquet Club experienced a sharp rise in use since the opening of its 18-court covered pickleball complex in October.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MONDAY AUG. 3 Commissioners' General Public Meeting, 5:15 p.m.	MONDAY AUG. 17 Commissioners' General Public Meeting, 5:15 p.m.	TUESDAY SEPT. 8 Commissioners' General Public Meeting, 5:15 p.m.
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Meetings at Boca Raton Swim & Racquet Center
21618 St. Andrews Boulevard Boca Raton, FL

Ode To Open Space

“Parks and recreation brings us together, strengthens our health and well being, and builds more resilient, connected communities.” — *statement from the National Recreation and Parks Association regarding July being Park and Recreation Month*



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