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New Feather In Patch Reef's CAP

Patch Reef Park continues to grow more inclusive for people of all abilities.

On Oct. 23 District Commissioners, joined by other local leaders and nearly 100 members of the community, cut the ribbon to ceremoniously open the new Community Accessibility Program Center at Patch Reef.

“Our goal is to have everyone in the Boca Raton community use and enjoy our parks,” Commissioner Suzi Vogelgesang said. “The CAP program is unique in our area and will help bring families together while making new friends.”

Located within the former community center, CAP offers inclusive, adaptive recreational opportunities for children and families. The center now features a giant Lite-Brite wall, a Rigamajig building center, magnet walls, a pneumatic air wall, a multiball interactive wall, a sensory pit and more interactive features.

The clubhouse room offers free play with different times of the day designated for different age groups, ranging from toddlers to senior citizens. The room's amenities will be reset throughout the day to suit the age of the group.

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More Room For Kicks

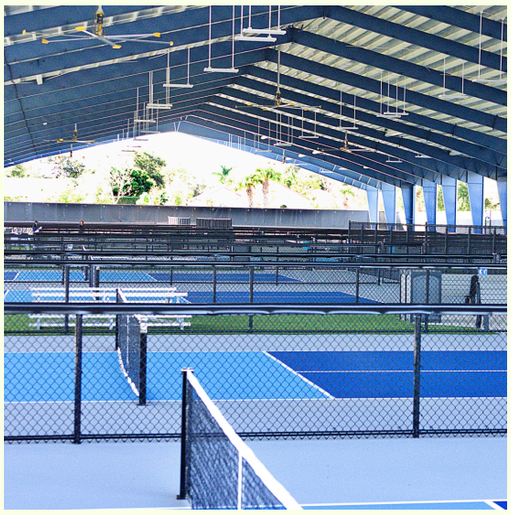
Boca Raton is about to get additional much-needed soccer fields.

District Commissioners agreed earlier this month to fund Phase II of Spanish River Athletic Complex's development, which will happen in conjunction with the City of Boca Raton – owner of the park.

“Boca Raton has such a strong youth soccer program that the fields always seem to be in use,” Commissioner Bob Rollins said. “There's already a need for more fields, and we don't want the scarcity to grow worse.”

To move the project forward, the District issued a Request For Qualifications, looking for a firm to plan and design Phase II.

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One Year Under Cover

Perhaps fittingly, rain fell frequently on Thursday, Oct. 22.

Despite the weather, play continued throughout the day at the Patch Reef Park covered pickleball complex that opened exactly one year prior.

“This is my No. 1 go-to spot,” Cil Ciliberti said. “I left all my other spots, including free areas.”

Many share Ciliberti's assessment.

In the first year, the new courts enjoyed play from more than 200,000 people.

Mary Pat Smagala was among those who attended the grand opening and plays with her friends several times a week.

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Saying Boo In Boca Raton

Boca Boo Days are well underway, with District-owned and funded parks providing the venue for many of the thrills and chills. Pumpkin Pals Make and Take, Ghostly Gases, and Little Boos Storytime have already been held at Sugar Sand Park's community center. Halloween By The Sea brought costumed revelers to Gumbo Limbo. Howl-O-Ween featured costumed dogs at the Spanish River Athletic Complex. The Pickleboos pickleball tournament offered costumed fun at Patch Reef. Photo galleries from these events **can be found**



Tennis Rebuild Complete

Patch Reef Paddle and Racquet Club is back in full swing. Earlier this month crews completed the complete rebuild of its outdoor, uncovered tennis and pickleball courts. The rebuild began shortly after the opening of Patch Reef's covered pickleball courts. The project took place in phases, ensuring some tennis courts were available for play at all times. This was the first rebuild of Patch Reef's courts since their initial construction in 1987. Patch Reef now offers 13 tennis courts and a total of 33 pickleball courts – with 18 being covered.

here. Be sure to check back for more photos from events upcoming this weekend.





Better Reception Coming

Already improved, cell phone reception at Sugar Sand Park is about to get even better. The District is preparing to install more antenna boosters within the park. Crews recently installed Sinewave antenna boosters atop Sugar Sand's community center and its field house. Visitors have noted significantly improved coverage in those areas. The next set of antennas will be installed in areas even more remote – the baseball and softball field press boxes. The ballfield antennas should ensure reception in the event emergency response are needed.

Volunteer For Gumbo

Looking for a way to give back to the community while helping to preserve our local environment? Gumbo Limbo has a day for you. The Nature Center will hold a Volunteer Open House on Thursday, Nov. 5 beginning at 6 p.m. Volunteer positions include the welcome center, an aquarium guide, a naturalist guide, a field trip assistant and a photographer. Volunteers must be 16 or older. The open house is free, but an RSVP is requested. To learn more about the event or how to volunteer, visit the **Gumbo Limbo volunteering page**.



Ode To Open Space

"In every walk with Nature one receives far more than he seeks." — *John Muir, environmental activist*





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Learn how the new Community Accessibility Program can benefit you, your family, or someone else you know. Follow the link below to discover programs, open play options, memberships and community resources.

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