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**"Best in the State"**

**"Best in the U.S.A."**

*We create opportunities for healthy, happy living!*



## Mission

*Providing opportunities for healthy, happy living through award-winning parks, inclusive experiences and environmental stewardship.*



## Vision

To be a nationally recognized parks and recreation leader that connects people and parks by:

- ✓ Engaging all members of our diverse community
- ✓ Ensuring safe, functional and innovative amenities now and in the future
- ✓ Continually developing professional, well trained staff that mirrors our community
- ✓ Being the premier outdoor recreation destination in South Florida
- ✓ Forming strategic relationships to ensure local access to green space
- ✓ Exceeding the national average of park land per capita
- ✓ Advancing services through the incorporation of new technologies



## Core Services

*Ensure access to beaches and water bodies*

*Facilitate health and wellness opportunities*

*Provide for youth enrichment, sports/athletic programming and facilities*

*Promote stewardship of natural, archaeological and cultural sites*

*Provide for trails, open space and picnic facilities*



## Core Values

**A CULTURE OF TEAMWORK**

**EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE**

**FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE**

**DEMONSTRATING A HIGH LEVEL OF INTEGRITY AND PRIDE**



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# At a Glance

Operating more than 110 parks and recreational facilities



133  
playgrounds

32  
boat ramps



78

boat slips



398  
campsites

82  
baseball/  
softball  
fields



5  
nature/  
interpretive  
centers



53  
multipurpose  
fields



8

performing/visual arts  
community centers



93  
championship  
golf holes

7  
swimming pools

Singer Island near Phil Foster Park

# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

## Parks and Recreation: A True Essential Service

What more can we say about the challenging year we experienced in 2020? Now more than ever, parks and recreation is serving as a refuge for communities all over the country and PBC Parks and Recreation has played a vital role or provided a true “essential service” in maintaining a healthy and resilient environment for our residents. Of all the public services provided, parks were in the highest demand and were the first to open following a national shutdown of facilities outside of the home. This makes sense—parks have always been natural gathering places within communities where people could go for relaxation, restoration, rejuvenation and enjoyment. All of our parks, active recreation areas, open spaces and natural areas are ideal locations for physically distanced activities. The CDC identified mental and physical health as a top priority during the pandemic particularly with young people. And, we have seen an increase in park usage not only for physical activity, but for people to cope with feelings of isolation, depression and other mental health issues. There is nowhere better to promote and enhance one’s psychological well-being and quality of life than a Palm Beach County park.

During a tumultuous year that continues as of this writing, and with limitations on activities and events that draw large crowds, have close personal contact and can’t be distanced, our essential workers have bravely supervised and maintained our park system for the public to enjoy. Often times our

employees were asked to perform duties other than what they were hired for in an effort to keep parks open and safe for users. Ocean lifeguards were challenged by an influx of beachgoers while working diligently to keep them physically distanced. The extra protocols lifeguards had to employ did not deter them from providing the highest level of marine protection and safety. Our maintenance staff have been sanitizing 100+ playgrounds daily and ensuring that all high touch areas are routinely cleaned. Sports and Wellness staff, Park Rangers and Aquatic and Special Facilities personnel have served as park monitors and ambassadors throughout the park system to educate and remind park users about distancing and mask-wearing guidelines. I’m very proud of our entire team and the effort and dedication they continue to demonstrate seven days a week. There is no doubt that they provide a true “essential service”, one proven to be necessary and important in the lives of all people.

While battling this terrible virus during 2020, we were also confronted with acts of social injustice and demands for change across America. Parks have always served as the vehicle to bring people together in an inclusive and fair way and provide a true sense of equality to every community. We will continue in our effort to offer quality programs, facilities, services and opportunities to all people from all walks of life in a fair and equitable manner.

Additionally, this year saw a record-setting number of named tropical storms form during hurricane season with the potential to impact South



Florida and Palm Beach County. We were fortunate to dodge all of the major storms that made landfall, but the County did activate emergency protocols on several occasions. The Parks and Recreation Department plays a major role in fulfilling many of the pre, post and during storm emergency actions involving operations, logistics and public safety.

In a year like we had in 2020, people now clearly see it, they’re talking about it and there’s no denying it. Parks are accessible.....Parks are inclusive.....Parks are resilient..... Parks are customer-centric.....Parks are valued.....Parks are needed..... Parks are important.....**Parks are Truly Essential!**

It continues to be my honor to serve as your Parks and Recreation Director.

Sincerely,

Eric Call, Director

# AWARDS & RECOGNITION



^ Nature Ninja Warrior participants

▶ Nature Ninja Warrior Program video: <https://youtu.be/EcHHcDO7wQU>

📷 Nature Ninja Warrior Program photos: <https://flic.kr/s/aHskv54VkB>

“Team CSR is very excited and proud to have been a part of this outstanding project and the opportunity to work with everyone at the Orange Bowl Committee & Palm Beach County.”- Paul A., CSR President

## Nature Ninja Warrior Program recognized nationally

The National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials (NACPRO) selected the department’s Nature Ninja Warrior Program as the recipient of the 2020 NACPRO Park and Recreation Program Award which recognizes and honors excellence in parks and recreation at various levels of local government. The ongoing Nature Ninja Warrior Program is a free program designed for middle school students from underserved urban and rural communities. Students participate in unique nature-based experiences in the “real world” and develop professionally as they learn park and natural resource management, outdoor experiential learning, and environmental recreation with an emphasis on job, life, and leadership skills.

“We’re excited about the opportunity to introduce kids to the ecology of South Florida,” said Parks and Recreation Director Eric Call, “Many of them are experiencing it for the first time.”

This program was launched in the spring of 2018, and students are selected through an application process. To date, there have been 53 participants in the program. Students meet at least

ten times throughout the year and are provided experiential job training in natural resource and land management. Unique program components include overnight camping, a high/low ropes course, and transportation assistance thru Palm Tran Public Transportation.

Participant surveys demonstrate that 85% of youth improved proficiency in the following areas: independence, teamwork, responsibility, friendship skills, competency, exploration skills, affinity for nature, and problem solving confidence.

## Orange Bowl Field at Glades Pioneer Park receives National ASBA Award



The Orange Bowl Field at Glades Pioneer Park was recently recognized by the ASBA (American Sports Builders) *continued on next page*

Association) Awards Committee and Board of Directors in the Single Field category of its annual awards program. The Orange Bowl Field was a partnership project with CSR and is our department's first synthetic turf field. This winning project will be published in the ASBA membership directory and photos of the field will help them illustrate technical articles about fine construction.

### Director Eric Call honored with Distinguished Service Award



Parks and Recreation Department Director Eric Call was awarded the Florida Recreation and Park Association (FRPA) Distinguished Service Award during the agency's annual conference on September 2, 2020. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to advancing the parks and recreation profession. Eric began his career with Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation 36 years ago, in 1984, as a Recreation Specialist at Westgate Community Center. He settled right in to his community building, recreation programming and mentor role. Over the course of his professional career he was promoted many times in various park operations, maintenance supervision, and recreation roles and became the director of the department in 2010. He is also the former president of the Florida Institute of Park Personnel, Inc. (FIPP) professional association from 1993-1995.

Eric has advanced the parks and recreation profession and FRPA's pillars in many ways over the course of the last 36 years. A few specific examples include: Drafting State legislative changes benefitting the profession; leading the formation of a model Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) program now replicated across the United States (recognized by the National Association of Counties in 1996); and most recently served on the collaborative team coordinating the creation of the FRPA Impact Calculator. He also serves on the Board of the National Association of County Parks and Recreation Officials (NACPRO) where he continues to advance the profession at the national level.

His legacy of service to our community is long and rippling through all he's helped along the way to grow and amplify his impact. He is well regarded in the community as a leader and has received several awards in recognition of his impact of service to the community.

### Power of Parks podcast earns Public Relations Award

The department was selected by the Florida Recreation and Park Association (FRPA) as the winner of the 2020 Public Relations Award in the category of Electronic Media, for its Power of Parks podcast. The award was presented during FRPA's Annual Conference on September 2, 2020.

The Power of Parks podcast is an audio series produced by the department. Each episode features a unique story from a Palm Beach County resident or visitor in an interview-style format and hosted by the department's Office of Public Engagement. The stories range from hobbies inside park settings, to stories from notable individuals who have thrived and improved their lives from being in parks or recreational facilities. The episodes are available on [SoundCloud](#), [Apple iTunes](#), and [YouTube](#).

"We want to thank you [Cathy Austen], Patsy [Ivy] and the entire staff of the South County Civic Center for the marvelous way you all handled our event on the evening of February 19th. You were all involved with the planning, security and set-up for our meeting. Your concern for our safety and success was evident and we want to thank you again for being there for us as you have always been."  
- Alan B.



Power of Parks podcast host Bibi Baksh with the Public Relations Award

"Congratulations to Bibi and our Public Engagement Team on receiving this prestigious award. The Power of Parks podcast has become extremely popular among viewers and each episode showcases real people benefiting from parks in a unique and entertaining way. Well-deserved recognition!" - Eric Call, PBC Parks Director.



**JENNIFER CIRILLO**  
Assistant Director

## Assistant Director Jennifer Cirillo installed as FRPA President

Parks & Recreation Department Assistant Director Jennifer Cirillo was installed as President of the Florida Recreation and Park Association (FRPA) on September 2, 2020. Passionate about community building and service through leadership, Jennifer has been in public service for more than sixteen years and previously held leadership posts in both the non-profit and private industry sectors. She has served on FRPA's Board of Directors for four years. She holds a MBA with a specialization in Sports Administration from Lynn University, a B.S. in International Business from Florida Atlantic University, and an A.A. in Business Administration from Broward State College where she attended on a full basketball scholarship. She is a Certified Park and Recreation Executive and was fortunate to be born within walking distance of Presque Isle State Park in Erie, PA, sparking her passion for natural land stewardship at an early age.

application that highlights, not only a wide range of amenities, but one that also shows a wide variety of available programming that benefits all levels of skill and promotes the growth of the game of golf. The GRAA recognizes the top 50 facilities in three categories – Stand-Alone, Public and Private – with the winners being listed in the December issue of Golf Range Magazine.

## Government Finance Professionals Week



Financial & Support Services Division staff joined other government finance professionals during the proclamation.

## Golf facilities among Top 50 in the United States



Osprey Point Golf Course, Okeehelée Golf Course, Park Ridge Golf Course and John Prince Golf Learning Center have all been awarded Top 50 honors by the Golf Range Association of America (GRAA) in its yearly ranking for best practice ranges in the United States. In order to receive recognition by the GRAA, golf facilities must present an

At the Board of County Commissioners meeting on March 10, Mayor Kerner presented a proclamation declaring March 16-20, 2020 as Government Finance Professionals Week in Palm Beach County. The department's Financial & Support Services Division Director Rebecca Schnirman, a member of the Palm Beach Chapter of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association, led this initiation for Palm Beach County. Finance professionals perform a vital service to the department, yet they don't often receive special recognition for their work. The purpose of this proclamation was to engage finance staff in a weeklong series of activities aimed at recognizing their hard work. To celebrate this proclamation Department staff participated in several events including post-it note gratitude day, dress like a superhero day, and random acts of kindness day. The celebrations were well received and will become an annual tradition.

Osprey Point Golf Course, Burt Aaronson  
South County Regional Park

“Just want to say how happy I am with camp [Okeehelée Golf Course] today. You guys all did an amazing job. After camp today he was upset we aren't going tomorrow. Beau loved camp also. I am an avid golfer and I am so happy that they are loving golf now. What you guys did was amazing because this was their 1st golfing experience ever (other than a handful of times at the range). Thank you again!” – Jon E.

## Aquatics staff receive a wave of recognition

- **Ryan Keith** – South District 2019 Lifeguard of the Year Award and the Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association (FBPCA) Lifeguard of the Year
- **Garen Bolash** – North District Lifeguard of the Year
- **Rick Welch** – Department Supervisor of the Year
- **AJ DeFilippis** – Department W.E.C.A.R.E. Customer Service Award
- **Justin Anderson, Kevin Jones, & Carlos Reyes** received a commendation from Ocean Rescue Chief Julia Leo for their heroic and impressive rescues at South Inlet Park when two boats capsized in one rescue incident and two wave runners capsized in a second rescue incident during 6-8 foot swells caused by Hurricane Teddy
- Aquatics Supervisor **Kamar Williams** graduated from the Joe Abrahams Academy for Leadership Excellence in Parks and Recreation through FRPA

## Wake park world champion

Colby Zebarth was crowned 2020 Jr. Pro World Champion at WWA Wake Park World Championships. Colby started wakeboarding when Shark Wake Park opened in June 2019 at Okeehelée Park.

## Daggerwing Nature Center featured in an episode of The American Dream TV Miami

Hosts Talita Pinheiro & Justin Bush visited and highlighted Daggerwing Nature Center in Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park. The show is televised nationally and highlights lifestyle and real estate in different cities. <https://youtu.be/KtoQbS0fURw>

## More facilities featured by local and national media

- Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens listed at #3 in the

Travel + Leisure “10 Hidden Gem Attractions in Florida That Won’t Be Too Crowded”

(<https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/top-florida-attractions>), Fodor’s Travel “The Perfect Weekend Getaway” (<https://www.fodors.com/world/north-america/usa/florida/palm-beach-and-the-treasure-coast/experiences/news/the-perfect-weekend-getway-the-palm-beaches-from-tampa>), Men’s Journal “View 8 U.S. Travel Destinations That Look and Feel Like International Hot Spots” (<https://www.mensjournal.com/travel/u-s-travel-destinations-that-look-like-international-hot-spots/>), Forbes Travel “Your virtual guide to Palm Beach – Go Back To Nature” (<https://stories.forbestravelguide.com/your-virtual-guide-to-palm-beach>)

- Jim Brandon Equestrian Center, John Prince Golf Learning Center, Okeehelée Golf Course, Osprey Point Golf Course, Riverbend Park and Phil Foster Park were featured in the “Found in The Palm Beaches: Outdoor Experiences Worth The Drive” article from Discover the Palm Beaches (<https://www.thepalmbeaches.com/blogs/found-palm-beaches-outdoor-experiences-worth-drive>)
- Osprey Point Golf Course, Shark Wake Park at Okeehelée Park, and Jupiter Outdoor Center at Riverbend Park were featured in a new NBC Sports show GOLF Advisor “Round Trip in the Palm Beaches” (<https://www.pbfilm.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=newsletter.details&ArticleId=3134>).
- Morikami’s Curator Emeritus Tom Gregersen and former Education Director Reiko Nishioka, have recently published the translation of Ryusuke Kawai’s book, *Yamato Colony: The Pioneers Who Brought Japan to Florida*.
- Jim Brandon Equestrian Center highlighted in Equinium Sports Marketing “Christian Coyle and Dolman Ascend in Turf Tour Week 2’s \$5,000 1.30M Rising Star Classic”.

“I’m writing to show my appreciation for the water safety assistance I received from one of your lifeguards on December 11, 2019. I was enjoying a nice, safe kitesurfing session when a storm rolled in quickly and the wind suddenly shifted to offshore and then died. I was stranded out in the water for almost 30 minutes, drifting offshore and slightly north when your lifeguard, Brendon [Andrews], came out to assist me back to the beach. Brendon was very professional and made me feel safe – and not at all stupid – while helping me. He managed to make a bad experience feel less awkward. Lifeguards like Brendon make [our beaches] a safer place, and I really appreciate it.”  
– Kristin V.



Jim Brandon Equestrian Center, Okeehelée Park – photo by EQUINIUM

# COMMUNITY & CULTURE



Glades Family Fun Fest in western Palm Beach County was held on February 22, 2020

## Historic Marker unveiled at DuBois Pioneer Home

Former Palm Beach County Commissioner Hal Valeche, together with Parks and Recreation and the Florida State Society Daughters of the American Colonists, unveiled a historic marker at the DuBois Pioneer Home on November 21, 2019. After the unveiling presentation, visitors were encouraged to travel back in time by participating in free docent-led tours of the DuBois Pioneer Home, one of the oldest surviving historic homes in Palm

Beach County. The Historic Marker, which includes a brief description of the home's history, was donated by the Florida State Society Daughters of the American Colonists, a hereditary organization that among other goals, works to research, record and publish deeds of American colonists.

## Glades Family Fun Fest

Parks and Recreation collaborated with the City of Belle Glade to provide health and wellness resources to Western Community residents on February 22, 2020. Resources included nutrition, education, health screening and physical activity opportunities. Over 15 vendors, many from the local community, provided resources to over 400 attendees.

## PlayMaker Mobile Recreation Program



Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, this mobile recreation program visited various neighborhood parks in Palm Beach County where people of all ages were able to participate in games, activities and community outreach initiatives. Other community outreach events included:

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Historic marker unveiled at DuBois Park on November 21, 2019



- Palm Beach County Fire Rescue 35th Anniversary Community Event held on October 5, 2019
- 3rd Annual Community Wide Health & Wellness Festival held on November 9, 2019
- Turkey Giveaway at San Castle Park held on November 26, 2019
- Pre-Super Bowl event hosted by the Palm Beach County Sports Commission at Juno Beach Park held on January 29, 2020.

## 25th Annual West Festival



Parks and Recreation and Arts4All-Palm Beach County hosted the 25th Annual West Festival on February 20, 2020 in partnership with the School District of Palm Beach County and hosted at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Centre at Palm Beach State College. West Festival was an amazing day for 150 exceptional education elementary school students who had the opportunity to play drums, create several pieces of artwork to take home and perform with their friends on stage. The activities were possible, thanks to the abundant resources provided by 21 festival sponsors and the considerable assistance provided by the 71 high school students from Palm Beach County's western communities.

## Summer Camp

Parks and Recreation formed a partnership with the YMCA of the Palm Beaches and YMCA of South Palm Beach County to offer summer day camp at three locations to meet the increased need from parents who returned to work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Children ages 5-12 participated in regularly scheduled recreational and educational enrichment activities, promoting a healthy lifestyle and academic enrichment.

## Special Olympics County Summer Games



Special Olympics hosted County Summer Games at John I. Leonard High School on March 7, 2020. Over 494 athletes, 32 unified partners and 103 coaches, along with approximately 225 volunteers, participated in the events, which included track & field, bocce, cycling, and volleyball.

## Amphitheaters and Special Events



Amphitheaters and Special Events staff kicked off the fiscal year by holding several events from 5Ks and company picnics to festivals and concerts. Staff assisted our Palm Beach County community partners by

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"Unfortunately, we weren't able to provide our normal Memorial Day Ceremony this year. However, we still can remember our veterans of all wars and those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation put together a nice video [<https://youtu.be/LyxdAmcZ0Qk>] highlighting Veterans Park, inspiring words from Commissioner Mary Lou Berger and recognition of VFW Post 10556 for all it does for our veterans. Our special thanks to Kara Cowser and Commissioner Mary Lou Berger. Please watch the video and think of our veterans." – Barry G., Commander, VFW Post 10556



**PAUL CONNELL**  
Director, Special Facilities

In February 2020, the Forbidden Kingdom Music Festival returned to Sunset Cove Amphitheater with a daily attendance capacity of 8,500 and an expanded festival format that utilized a much larger park footprint. The amphitheater served as the festival main stage and an additional stage was erected in the south overflow lot adjacent from Canine Cove Dog Park.



30th Annual Showcase & Exhibit

having several repeat rental events such as Griot Fest, Paws in the Park, Lights for Hope, Garlic Fest, Fired Up BBQ, and Jupiter Seafood Festival. The department also hosted direct programs offering FREE community concerts and events including our Carlin Park After Dark tribute band series at Seabreeze Amphitheater, the Annual VFW Veterans Day Observance, the Canyon Amphitheater Legends on the Lawn Concert Series and Palm Beach County's Annual Employee Recognition Event. Several new events held this year included the Mudgirl's Run at South County Regional Park and Decision America with Billy Graham at Sunset Cove Amphitheater. One of our largest events to date was hosted at Sunset Cove Amphitheater with the expansion of two stages at the Forbidden Kingdom Festival bringing in over 8k patrons per day.

### Outdoor Adventure Day



The Fourth Annual Outdoor Adventure Day was held in John Prince Park on March 7, 2020.

Parks and Recreation and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission collaborated to offer the 4th Annual Outdoor Adventure Day on March 7, 2020. Approximately 1,000 individuals living in urban communities attended this event. For many participants this was their first time experiencing recreational outdoor adventures, including canoeing, fishing, archery, rock climbing and more.

### 30th Annual Showcase & Exhibit

Arts4All-Palm Beach County hosted the 30th Annual Showcase & Exhibit in partnership with the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County, and the School District of Palm Beach County and hosted at the Duncan Theatre at Palm Beach State College on December 7, 2019. More than 60 performers took the stage and danced, sang or played an instrument for an audience of 400 people.

### Lake Lytal, Aqua Crest and North County aquatic facilities

Due to COVID-19, these year-round pools adapted protocols to provide limited lane space to recreational lap swimmers, swim teams, dive teams and synchro teams.

### Second Annual Trunk or Treat

Over 150 people safely attended the special event that took place at Westgate Park and Recreation Center on October 31, 2019. It was a collaboration between Parks and Recreation, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Police Athletic League (PAL) Program, and other community organizations, and provided free, safe, family friendly trick or treat activities for PAL participants ages 8-17 years old in the PAL program and the surrounding community.

### Virtual library presentations

Parks and Recreation Nature Centers (Green Cay, Daggerwing & Okeeheelee) and Riverbend Park transitioned from in-person presentations at the libraries to online virtual presentations. Staff completed the first of the series on September 15, 2020 and are providing one virtual presentation per month.

### Virtual educational videos for the public and schools

From Facebook Live and virtual programs, to an array of YouTube videos, Parks and Recreation has

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provided educational opportunities to more than 75,000 people. These programs include virtual school programs, yoga and meditation videos, virtual animal presentation (Facebook Live & You Tube videos).

Examples:

Okeehchee Nature Center: Animal Homes and Habitats: <https://youtu.be/VtZrTzM68Zc>

Learning with Staff: Battle of the Loxahatchee: <https://youtu.be/fnrRSYMH-uc>

Learning with Staff: Intro to Archery: <https://youtu.be/kLfufnAUrFQ>

## Riverbend Park



In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Riverbend Park experienced the highest attendance ever for the park. During the month of May 2020, attendance was over 29,000. This can be attributed to a renewed focus and appreciation for the outdoors, parks, and participation in exercise and activities that promote and improve overall physical wellbeing and mental health.

## Creative check-ins with virtual activities

Recreation Services Division employees have helped people stay connected during the COVID-19 pandemic. To help people cope with social distancing,

quarantine and isolation, vulnerable individuals received daily and weekly creative check-ins from the comfort of their home. This helped to keep people active, engaged, yet safe. Virtual recreation activities included:

- Exercise videos
- Animal education
- Arts & crafts
- Tips and instruction in sports skills
- Yoga and mindfulness meditation videos
- Shared healthy recipes

Individuals were able to participate in these creative activities using little or no equipment or supplies. From an emotional health standpoint,

separation runs the risk of increasing the negative feelings and resulting in negative health outcomes associated with social isolation and loneliness. Virtual programs help keep that social connection, which helps to keep people active and engaged.

## Growing the game of tennis

The Rick Macci Tennis Academy after school program provided tennis instructions to over 40 children age 4-18 who reside in Palm Beach County.



“On behalf of the Cops Helping Kids Inc. Board of Directors, PBSO and especially for our youth boxers from our county and counties throughout Florida, we want to thank you for allowing us to use the Westgate Park and Recreation Center to host the 2019/20 Florida Silver Gloves Youth Boxing Tournament. Your partnership as a major Event Sponsor helps so many kids have a first class athletic event they may remember for a lifetime. The Westgate Park and Recreation Center staff was outstanding as they were always ready to assist anyone at the event to ensure everything went well. All of the assistance we received from PBC Parks and Recreation was done with total excellence and professionalism. I know the citizens of our county, as well as our staff are proud to have the best and most professionally run Parks and Recreation Department in the United States with your leadership. This is evident year after year. As a team, we are helping so many people, especially our children to be crime free and successful. With your cooperation and vital partnership with us, we are helping many young at-risk lives have fun in a worthwhile pursuit, free of crime, drugs, alcohol or gang activity. We are so appreciative for everything you do to help children with us. Thank you again very much.”  
- Michael L.



**KATHY BOLANDER**  
Director, Recreation Services

# PARK IMPROVEMENTS



^ Belvedere Heights Park, a new neighborhood park located in West Palm Beach

▶ Watch this video to learn about the park and its amenities!  
<https://youtu.be/uU3IZZkWJQA>

Boardwalk at Daggerwing Nature Center in Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park

## Belvedere Heights Park developed

Belvedere Heights Park is the department's newest neighborhood park and features a playground and half basketball court. The .33-acre park also includes bench seating, a bike rack, and a drinking fountain. Lush Florida-Friendly Landscaping (FFL) accompanied by irrigation will bring shade and beautification for years to come. This project was funded through a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant provided by Palm Beach County Housing and Economic Sustainability.

## BMX lighting

A \$90K LED sports lighting collaboration between the Parents Council and Palm Beach County for Okeehetee BMX, the top BMX track in Florida and one of the top five BMX tracks in the United States, not only improved the safety of operations but has boosted local participation.

## Glades Pioneer Park fitness facility



The Glades Pioneer Fitness facility was completed on January 27, 2020. It compliments and is located in proximity to the new Orange Bowl synthetic turf field, featuring fifteen exercise stations underneath a shade structure adjacent to the park's exercise trail. The project was funded with a \$369,502 Community Development Block Grant.

## Daggerwing Nature Center Boardwalk Renovation



The boardwalk at the nature center located in Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park was replaced, painted, and sealed. The 1.5-mile boardwalk now

features all new decking and handrails, creating a safer and more pleasurable experience for our park visitors.

## | Golf Courses



It was a big capital project year for the county golf courses. The Nest Eatery, a new on-site restaurant at **Osprey Point Golf Course** in Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park was completed and opened. An extensive drainage project to improve turf conditions and playability after heavy rain fall was completed at **Southwinds Golf Course**. A two-year greens restoration project with the Eagle and Osprey nines began at **Okeehoelee Golf Course** which will provide new putting surfaces and greenside bunkers—Heron will follow in 2021.

## | John Prince Memorial Park renovations

The **John Prince Campground** is being renovated in three phases. The final phase, Phase 3, is under construction and expected to be fully completed by February 2021, and includes new 100-amp electrical boxes, hose bibs and sewer connects for 71 campsites. Water mains were installed in controlled loops so as needed sections can be closed without affecting the whole campground. The project also included a new lift station, as well as asphalt overlays where needed and new landscaping. All gate valves and cleanouts were numbered and a new shower building is under construction and is nearing completion at the time of this report. The \$3.3 million project was funded with Park Impact Fees.

The **Club Managers Association of America Therapeutic Recreation Complex** is undergoing renovations to ensure ADA compliance. Renovation to the Fountains Country Club Recreation Center are complete and include ADA compliant renovations to the restrooms, kitchen and storage area. Phase II

improvement to the Gleneagles Country Club Aquatic Center are underway and include an expanded deck, pool chiller, and floating teaching platform. The entrance to the Complex will also be expanded to better accommodate large vehicles and eliminate sight line impediments. \$1,069,000 in Community Development Bock Grant funding was used for this project.

## | Green Cay Nature Center



Construction of a new roof for Green Cay Nature Center began in November 2019 and was completed in June 2020. The nature center and wetlands were closed to the public for the duration of the project for the safety of visitors. The reopening of the boardwalk and facility was eagerly anticipated and greatly appreciated by the public

Green Cay Nature Center overlooks 100 acres of constructed wetland and provides educational opportunities about this unique habitat. It includes a lecture hall, gift shop, and live animals in an extensive exhibit room that highlights wetland attributes. The wetland features 1.5 miles of elevated boardwalk featuring interpretive signs about the habitat. Photo credit: Sandirose Magder

## | John Stretch Park playground

The playground underwent many upgrades including new playground equipment, a new fence, and new concrete curbing with engineered playground mulch and features a mystical wonderland castle theme with a double slide, climbing net, and wobble pods by Landscape Structures. Friendship swings provide a unique opportunity for parents and children to face one another as they swing. This project was completed in September 2020.



John Stretch Park, western Palm Beach County

Expanded basketball courts in Limestone Creek Park, Jupiter

## Jupiter Beach Park Mobi-mat

The five-foot wide mat was installed on November 7, 2019 and provides improved access to the beach for pedestrians, wheelchairs, bicycles, and strollers.



## Limestone Creek Park basketball court

The half basketball court was expanded to a full court configuration with two acrylic Tyrant Supreme backboards with schedule 40 galvanized posts to meet the needs of the residents of the Limestone Creek Neighborhood Association.

Benches and fresh sod were added around the new court. The project was completed in December 2020.



**GEORGE LACOSTA**  
Director, Parks Operation

## Okeehelée Park ski lake docks and pickleball courts

Six new pickleball courts were constructed and the outdated fixed ski lake docks at Okeehelée Park were replaced with a new aluminum floating dock system. The dock replacement project was funded with \$350,000 in Florida Boater Improvement Program (FBIP) funds.

## Peanut Island lifeguard towers

Two aging lifeguard towers at Peanut Island were replaced. The project also included dredging sand from underneath the day use docks and snorkeling area to renourish portions of the beach experiencing erosion. The shoreline pathway located along the southeast portion of the park was also renovated.

## Pools and Waterparks

Due to COVID-19, normal operations at the aquatic facilities were significantly impacted. For the first time in 20 years, our two waterparks and three seasonal pools remained closed for the entirety of FY2020. However, due to these extended closures, many infrastructure projects were addressed at the facilities.

## Santaluces Aquatic Complex renovations

Renovations to the aquatic facility included resurfacing the pool and replacement of the coping, leak repair and repainting. Phase 2 will include replacement of the kiddie pool and playground with a zero-depth water playground. \$850,000 was allocated through the Infrastructure Sales Tax funding.

## West Delray Regional Park mountain bike trail restoration



Members of Florida Off-Road Cycling Enthusiasts (FORCE) restored the trail with significant increase in rider participation.

## Asphalt and striping projects

Parks Operations Division staff managed the asphalt overlay of 1.85 miles of pathway, 4.51 miles of roadway and parking lot resurfacing and 18.06 miles of traffic striping enhancing safety and aesthetics throughout the county park system. In addition, two basketball courts at Caloosa Park were resurfaced, restriped and modern basketball backboards were added.

## Field renovations

Field turf renovations were completed on 43 multipurpose fields and 31 baseball/softball fields. Infield clay renovations were completed on all 81 ballfields and one cricket field.

## Fence renovations

Chain-link fencing was replaced at Lake Charleston Park, County Pines Recreational Complex at Samuel Friedland Park, Pinewoods Park and Jupiter Farms Park. Wooden, spilt-rail fencing was replaced at County Pines Recreational Complex at Samuel Friedland Park, Okeeheelee Park, Juno Park and Jupiter Beach Park. In addition, new fence fabric was installed on dugouts at five parks and the backstop netting was replaced at the sports fields in West Boynton Park.

## Irrigation and drainage improvements

Many irrigation and drainage improvements were completed including installation of a Rainbird IQ Central Controlled Monitoring System on six irrigation pumps at Okeeheelee Park. Two open play fields at John Prince Park received new irrigation and pump stations and controllers and a submersible pump station were acquired for Bert Winters Park. Loggerhead Park and Coral Cove Park also gained new shower drainage systems.

## Playgrounds replaced

Playgrounds were replaced at Dyer Park, Kenwood Park, Sanders Park, Glades Pioneer Park, John Stretch Park, Paul Rardin Park and South Bay Crossroads Center at South Bay RV Park.

## Signage renovations

In addition to COVID-19 sign requests, sign renovations were completed at Gulfstream Park, Dyer Park, Jupiter Beach Park, San Castle Neighborhood Park, Belvedere Heights Park, Carlin Park, Santaluces Athletic and Aquatic Complex, Juno Beach Pier and the Okeeheelee BMX Track.

## Turf Sustainability Program

The program promotes turf growth through best practices, ultimately increasing playability and appearance, providing a more inviting facility, reducing the need to replace sod and providing a safe playing surface for field users. Over 600 cultural work applications were performed at athletic fields during 2020.

### Additional Developments

- ✓ Floors were replaced in twenty public restrooms. Five roofs were replaced at Peanut Island Park and DuBois Park. At John Prince Park, Park Operations Division staff improved ADA access and made landscaping improvements to update 30-year-old structures at the horseshoe picnic area.
- ✓ Major restoration with new impact windows, exterior paint, rear awning and exhaust stack/hood at Lazy Loggerhead Café
- ✓ Installation of PADL (automated paddle sport rentals) stations at Burt Reynolds Park, Juno Park and Ocean Inlet Park
- ✓ A long-term lease agreement with North Palm Beach Rowing Club for construction of a \$2.5 million dollar boat house



**REBECCA SCHNIRMAN**  
Director, Financial  
& Support Services

“My husband and I lived in Jupiter Farms for 17 years and spent a good amount of time in Riverbend Park. Thanks so much for creating such a beautiful park for so many people to enjoy. We moved to Vero Beach 2 years ago and, regrettably, there are no parks that are anywhere near as nice, as large, as well cared for as Riverbend. We were in Palm Beach Gardens today and had time and so walked through part of Riverbend early this afternoon. It made us wish that Indian River County had some of the vision, commitment and support of the county to create even a small version of Riverbend. Just wanted you to know how much we have always enjoyed Riverbend.” – Barbara C.



Paul Rardin Park,  
western Palm Beach County

# PLANNING



^ Orange Bowl Field, Glades Pioneer Park in western Palm Beach County

## Countywide synthetic turf installation

\$20,422,000 was allocated through FY2020 for the installation of synthetic turf fields within six parks. Heavy demand by youth and adult leagues cause the playing conditions at many of these facilities to fall below department standards requiring significant downtime for renovation. Installation of synthetic turf will reduce the amount of overall maintenance needed to allow the fields to be more accessible on a year-round basis. The fields scheduled for replacement include:

- Dyer Park - fields 3, 4, 5
- County Pines Recreational Complex at Samuel Friedland Park - fields 9, 10, 11
- John Prince Memorial Park (Triplex) - softball fields 1, 3
- West Boynton District Park - field 1
- Loggers' Run - fields 1, 2

## Countywide sports lighting replacement

\$5.4 million in Infrastructure Sales Tax funding was budgeted to replace sports lighting on 17 athletic fields. The \$2.5 million contract to supply the equipment is the largest lighting

contract in the United States and was awarded to Musco Lighting. Four annual contractors have been selected through a pre-qualification contract to install the new high efficiency lights. The new lights use less energy and are remotely programmable saving time and money.

## Countywide playground renovation project

Infrastructure Sales Tax and Impact Fee funding were allocated for playground renovation/replacement projects. Six playgrounds were completed in 2020 and an additional 21 playgrounds are under design and will be renovated or replaced in the next two years. The playgrounds and/or surfacing have exceeded their life cycle and are in need of replacement in order to provide continued safe play. Projects include:

- Buttonwood Park
- Carlin Park (Gumbo Limbo Pavilion)
- DuBois Park
- Glades Pioneer Park (picnic shelter playground)
- John Prince Memorial Park (Center Drive Pavilion)
- John Prince Memorial Park Campground



LED lighting was installed at a ballfield located inside Juno Park, as well as at 44 other facilities throughout pbcParks. Photo credit: Musco Lighting

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- Jupiter Farms Park
- Lake Belvedere Estates Park
- Lake Charleston Park
- Loggerhead Park
- Morikami Park
- Ocean Cay Park
- Okeehetee Park (Alligator Pavilion)
- Seminole Palms Park

## Master Plan 2040

The 2040 Parks & Recreation Master Plan will document the adequate build-out of all county park property in accordance with the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan, Recreation and Open Space Element. Landscape Architects and Planners within the Planning Research and Development Division are currently developing long-range park concepts to meet the future recreation needs of the county. Research, park inventories, GIS mapping, surveys, and conceptual drawings result in graphically illustrated park plans for inclusion into the 2040 Master Plan. As part of the development of the 2040 master plan all county, municipal and School Board recreational facilities were inventoried. A Level of Service analysis was completed comparing Palm Beach County's park acreage per 1,000 population to other counties throughout the state.

tennis center building and a new training building.

- The County is planning on installing a bridge to connect Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park to the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge for hikers, cyclists and equestrians. As part of this project, a trailhead has been designed that will serve as an access point. Once complete, the trailhead will feature shell rock parking, an informational kiosk and trail connectivity to the bridge.
- \$150,000 has been budgeted to replace the existing audio and lighting system at Sunset Cove Amphitheater. The system has been repeatedly damaged by storms over the years and is nearing the end of its designated life expectancy. A new concert quality system with additional surge protection will be installed in 2021.
- \$200,000 in Zone 3 Impact Fee reserve funding is being utilized for the construction of six pickleball courts at Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park. The new pickleball courts are expected to be located at the current location of the underutilized volleyball hard court and are scheduled to be completed in 2021.



The Tennis Center at Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park, west of Boca Raton provides coordinated tennis and racquetball activities and includes nineteen all-weather tennis courts, twelve all-weather racquetball courts, a clubhouse and fitness center. Programs are scheduled throughout the day, seven days a week.

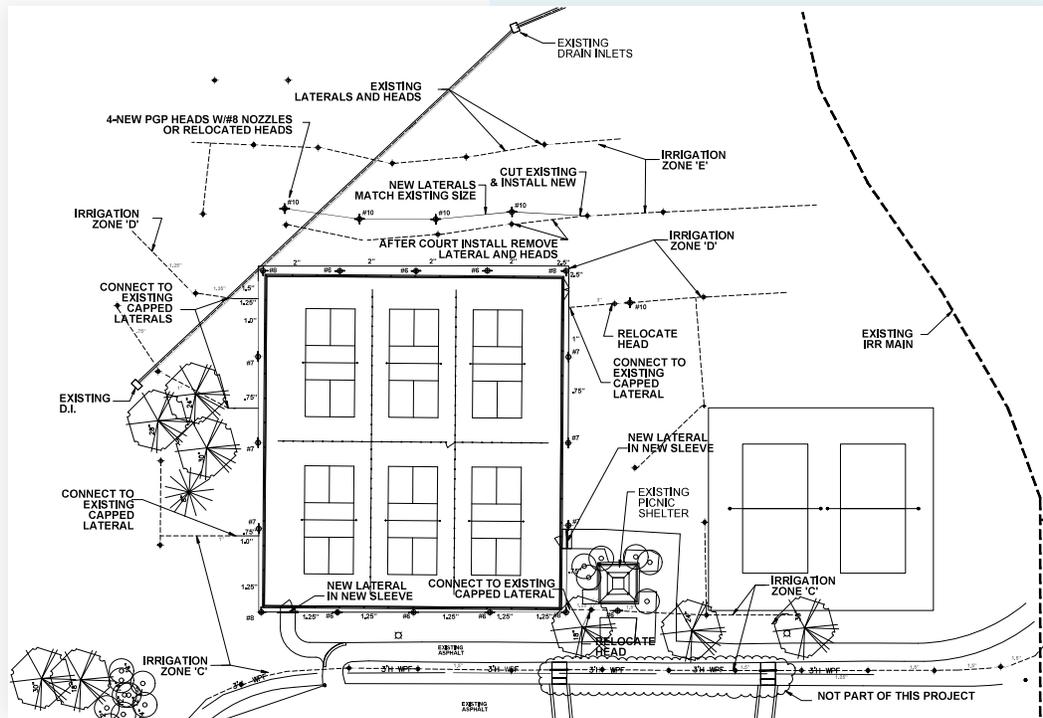
Plans are underway to construct six pickleball courts in Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park.

## Natural Areas Management Plan

The plan was updated from the previous version (2015) and not only includes new parks and new natural areas, but improved mapping, format, and descriptions.

## Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park

- The Tennis Center is being renovated by the new concessionaire, Rick Macchi. As part of this effort, Parks and Recreation designed landscape improvements to the entrance and areas interior to the Tennis Center. The entrance received a new sign, while planned site improvements include covered tennis courts, improvements to the



## Aqua Crest Pool

\$6 million in Infrastructure Sales Tax funding was allocated for the renovation of the pool and surrounding support structures at Aqua Crest Pool. The project is currently in the master planning phase, with design expected to commence pending additional funding availability. Construction timeline is yet to be determined but could move forward in early 2022.

a new county-funded aquatic center located adjacent to the YMCA amenities will commence in early 2021.

A new multi-phase aquatic complex is planned for the western portion of Lake Lytal Park and is in the master planning phase and will be designed in conjunction with the proposed YMCA. The aquatic complex will likely include a competition pool, dive well, interactive play area, concession building and entry office. The specific recreational amenities will be determined during final design.

## Lake Lytal Park

## Canyon District Park

The proposed 53-acre park is located south of Boynton Beach Boulevard and east of Lyons Road in western Boynton Beach. The park will be constructed in two phases. Phase I will include three lighted multipurpose fields, a restroom/concession building, and fitness trail, fishing lake, parking, maintenance compound and related infrastructure. Construction of Phase I is scheduled to begin in January 2021 and be completed by the December 2021. Design for Phase II has commenced.

## DuBois Park



The overuse of Dubois Park on weekends and holidays has prompted the design of an entrance gate and fencing to limit both vehicular and pedestrian access when the park is at capacity. A contractor has been selected and the project is expected to be permitted with work to begin during the first quarter of 2021.

“I think all of you [Aqua Crest Pool] are doing a terrific job. You got it together so we can swim safely and in an easy, organized fashion. You’re doing the community a great service. Thanks for all that you do.” – Lisa W.



Conceptual master plan for the Lake Lytal Aquatic Complex and YMCA of the Palm Beaches

Parks and Recreation and the YMCA finalized a lease agreement for the construction of a 45,000-square-foot YMCA fitness center and skate park on the western portion of Lake Lytal Park. Design of both the YMCA facility and

## Ocean Inlet Park

Design and permitting services associated with the renovation of the marine components at Ocean Inlet Park have been completed and construction is expected to commence by May 2021. The Marina will be renovated in three phases. Phase I includes replacement of 560 linear feet of seawall, construction of three new ADA compliant day use docks and installation of four public safety docks with high speed lifts. This project will be funded in part by a \$1.5 million Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) grant. Phase II includes replacing the existing 20 fixed rental dock slip marina with 20 floating dock slips and construction of an upland building with restroom and offices. This project will commence in future years based upon the availability of funding.

## Paulette Burdick Park

Up to \$1 million was allocated in Infrastructure Surtax funding for the construction of a neighborhood park adjacent to Cam Estates neighborhood in suburban West Palm Beach. A conceptual plan has been created and design has commenced. Project elements have not been finalized but will likely include a playground, exercise equipment, pathway, basketball courts and associated landscaping and infrastructure. The project was placed on hold until environmental mitigation was completed. Design is expected to begin in early 2021 with construction expected to commence by the December 2021. Palm Beach County applied for a \$200,000 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program grant to pay for a portion of the construction costs.

## Phil Foster Park

- A Mobi-mat is being planned for the south side of Phil Foster Park. The 5-foot wide mat allows wheelchair accessibility to the beach and into the water. The mat will start from a wheelchair accessible walk and extend 87 feet down the beach and will extend 20 feet into the water.
- Parks and Recreation met with scuba groups to develop a concept



plan to improve snorkel and scuba preparation areas with picnic tables and benches for gear setup. Beach access and separation of user group's beach access were established to improve the safety for the park users of the beach and access to the underwater snorkeling trail for picnickers, swimmers, sunbathers, snorkelers and scuba divers. Proposed improvements included additional plaza gathering space, shower areas, ramps for ADA accessibility, benches, scuba diver benches and picnic tables for each user group.

## San Castle Community Park

The Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability awarded \$150,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding for renovation and expansion of the existing half basketball court to a full court. The project is fully designed and currently in for permitting. Construction is expected to commence by spring 2021.

You don't have to venture far to discover snorkeling from shore in Palm Beach County. Snorkeling is available from shore at several Palm Beach County beaches. The Blue Heron Bridge area at Phil Foster Park is internationally recognized by scientists, scuba divers, underwater photographers, and snorkelers for its abundance of unique marine life. Squid, octopus, spotted rays, and starfish are regularly seen. A snorkel trail made of limestone boulders and prefabricated reef modules spans a two-acre area in 6 to 10 feet of water.



**BOB HAMILTON**  
Director, Park Planning, Research and Development

# PARTNERSHIPS



Volunteers from Latinos in Action with Parks and Recreation staff planted trees in John Prince Park on January 18, 2020.

## Oswego Oaks Park

Park Planning, Research and Development Division staff provided design services to the Westgate/ Belvedere Homes CRA for the construction of a new park located across the street from Westgate Park and Recreation Center. The new park, named Oswego Oaks Park, opened in the fall of 2020 and features a small performance area, a connected walkway with mature oak trees, seating, and food truck parking (2 spaces total also can be utilized for veggie truck and library truck, by permit only).

Artist's rendering of Oswego Oaks Park



## Partners team up with local students to help increase tree canopy

Parks and Recreation and National Garden Clubs, Inc., Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (FFGC) District X, and Plant America with Trees, together with more than 70 student volunteers from Latinos in Action, planted 27 native trees in John Prince Park on January 18, in celebration of Florida Arbor Day. The event was part of a national effort to encourage community engagement for the purpose of offsetting tree loss and promoting carbon sequestration in the atmosphere. \$1,500 in native trees were donated by FFGC District X for the event; 60 trees were previously planted by local Boy Scout Troop 199 on January 4 in John Prince Park, which allowed the boys to earn badges and help promote environmental sustainability. The event began with a small ceremony, followed by the tree planting at Custard Apple Trail.

## Caribbean Baseball Organization's Third Annual World Tournament

Parks and Recreation collaborated with the Palm Beach County Sports Commission to host the event October

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30 – November 3, 2019 at Santaluces Park. This international baseball tournament welcomed teams from 28 countries throughout six continents.

## Homeless encampment at Commodore Pavilion closed



Parks Operations Division staff worked throughout the year with department administration, the Community Services Department, Facilities Development & Operation, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and other agencies to manage the homeless encampment which grew dramatically beginning in the fall of 2019 and continued through most of the year. Staff faced many challenges in providing basic maintenance services to the site, especially after the onset of COVID-19, which required enhanced safety protocols. The combined efforts of the department and our partner agencies resulted in the successful transition of the homeless population first to area hotels and eventually to the new \$8.6 million Philip D. Lewis Center Annex and the closure of the camp on August 21, 2020.

## Installation of beach bucket stations



Aquatics Division staff collaborated with the Beach Bucket Foundation to install 14 beach bucket stations at our North District guarded beaches to give the local community more opportunities to

help pick up marine bound debris while enjoying their day at the beach.

## 2019 WWBA Freshman World Championship Baseball Tournament

Parks and Recreation collaborated with Perfect Game, Inc. and the Palm Beach County Sports Commission to host the event at Santaluces Park October 11 – 14, 2019. This baseball tournament welcomed over 75 teams and 1,000 players.

## Special Olympics event raised over \$32,000



Over 5,900 ducks were adopted during the Palm Beach Duck Dash held on November 3, 2019 at the Rapids Water Park, with media sponsor and coverage by WPBF 25 along with title sponsor Vertical Bridge who contributed \$12,500. Special Olympics athlete leaders committee supported the event through outreach adoption events.

## \$13,000 in grants to enhance Limestone Creek Park

Parks and Recreation was awarded a \$5,000 UPS Keep American Beautiful Grant to plant native vegetation at

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"Thank you for working with me and for coordinating with all of your parks & rec. colleagues as well. [The virtual Zoom programming partnership] was a lot of fun and I look forward to working with you and your team in the future." – Ginny F. (Librarian II, West Boca Branch Library)

Palm Beach Duck Dash fundraising event benefited Special Olympics

“On behalf of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, County Administration, and the Office of Community Revitalization (OCR) team, thank you all for your contributions and assistance provided to make the 2020 Back to School PBC! Event come to fruition! We were able to distribute 10,619 backpacks to the children in our community...you all left an indelible mark in the future of these children and families. We appreciate every one of you.” - Office of Community Revitalization



Alex Melligon, Assistant Naturalist at Okeehchee Nature Center since February of 2019, designed an educational gopher tortoise booklet for children and large scale mural providing a unique glimpse into the underground life of a gopher tortoise and the ecosystem it helps support.



Limestone Creek Park to provide both shade and habitat.

The Limestone Creek Advocates, Inc. applied for and received an \$8,000 Neighborhood Engagement and Transformation Grant to purchase and install new park benches, trash receptacles and landscaping at Limestone Creek Park. The improvements will be completed by resident volunteers and department staff.

### Morikami staff and artifacts help demonstrate the cultural significance of the orchids of Asia

The President and CEO of the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Jennifer O. Rominiacki, as well as their Vice President, Jeannie Perales, expressed their deep appreciation for our institutional loan of artifacts from our collections for their exhibition on orchids, The Orchid Show 2019: Blossoms of Asia, and the presentation that our Curator of the Gardens, Heather Grzybek, made for their members.

### Donna J. Heinrich Environmental Education Grant

Okeehchee Nature Center was awarded the grant by the Gopher Tortoise Council to support projects including a gopher tortoise activity book for children, the painting of a mural depicting life inside a gopher tortoise burrow, and the development of other gopher tortoise themed educational activities for visitors.

### Get to Know Palm Beach County Government resource event

The Delray Alliance hosted a very successful community resource event held at South County Civic Center on January 8, 2020. All departments from Palm Beach County Government were invited

to participate by giving citizens an opportunity to learn about the services and operations of each department. The event helped participating departments learn about each other's services and provided an opportunity to build connections. Attendance was estimated at 600.

### Competitive Swim Programs

Lake Lytal, Aqua Crest and North County aquatic facilities continued to host very successful competitive swim programs, including USA Masters, Age Group, Diving and Synchronized swimming.

### International Coastal Cleanup 2020



On October 17, Volunteer Services staff joined two of our Adopt-A-Park partner groups and participated in the International Coastal Cleanup. This event is recognized worldwide with the common goal of cleaning up and taking care of our beaches. Despite concerns due to COVID-19, Palm Beach County saw an excellent turnout of volunteers working together to collect and document the trash littering our coastline.

Bright and early staff started at Ocean Inlet Park with Clearwater Marine Aquarium, led and organized by Paul Davis who has been working as a conservation biologist in Palm Beach County for over 20 years! He has seen firsthand the increase in plastic pollution along our coast over the past decade. Clearwater Marine Aquarium collected a mix of micro plastics and recyclables.

Staff then went to Ocean Ridge Hammock Park to meet with Surface 71. An interesting fact about Surface 71 and their cleanup effort is that it was completely organized by a 16-year-old! Surface 71 (the name referring to Earth's surface being covered 71% by water) collected some unique items such as a large tent structure, a large metal/iron bar, large amounts of net and rope, and a boogie board.

Overall, the International Coastal Cleanup saw 58 volunteers that collectively gathered approximately 300lbs of a mix of trash, recyclables, and micro plastics. Staff were truly inspired by the volunteers who took time out of their day to make a difference in our community. Thank You to Clearwater Marine Aquarium and Surface 71! Our volunteers are truly the HEART OF PBC PARKS!



**CHRIS KORBELAK**  
*Manager, Office of  
 Public Engagement*

"I wanted to take time to acknowledge the excellent job the maintenance crews are doing at both Seminole Palms and Okeehelée Park. I frequent each of these parks during my senior softball leagues. Without fail, each field is meticulously groomed and ready for play. I make it a point to tell the crews themselves, but wanted you both to know the teams hard work is much appreciated! The crews positively represent the County Parks Department, always waving hello and giving a thumbs up. Thank you to the field crews and County Parks Staff for providing us with a safe, enjoyable field of play!" – email to Eric Call from Joe L.



### FY 2019 Adopt-a-Park Partners

Group/Organization Name	Park
Allstate Volunteer Group	Okeehelée Park
Apple Store - Palm Beach Gardens	Phil Foster Park
Baha'l Children's Class - West Palm Beach	Okeehelée Park
Boca Raton Community High School	South Inlet Park
Boca Save our Beaches	South Inlet Park
Cannon Solutions America	South Inlet Park
Catholic Charities Green Dream Team	Gulfstream Park
Christa McAuliffe Middle School	Gulfstream Park
Clearwater Marine Aquarium	Ocean Inlet
EcoHealth - Environment/HCRFF	R.G. Kreuzler
FORCE	Dyer Park
Friends of Jupiter Beach	Ocean Cay Park
Hamadani Group	Caloosa Park
Janet Hess	Carlin Park
John I. Leonard Going Green Club	Gulfstream Park
Jupiter High School	Carlin Park
Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center	Loggerhead Park
NEXtera Business Management	Juno Park
Palm Beach Atlantic University	Phil Foster Park
Palm Beach Pack and Paddle	John Prince Park
Progressive Insurance	Ocean Reef Park
Sea Turtle Adventures	Gulfstream
Surfrider Foundation - Palm Beach Chapter	Ocean Cay Park
Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT)	Okeehelée Park, Dyer Park, Lake Ida Park
Teen Outreach Program	R.G. Kreuzler
Temple Torat Emet	Gulfstream Park
The Cleanup Kids	Ocean Ridge Park
Woolbright Development, Inc.	South Inlet Park
WPB 7th Day Baptist Church	Stacy Street Park

# PERFORMANCE



^ Ocean Rescue staff demonstrate a staged rescue as part of their ongoing training

	NORTH DISTRICT	SOUTH DISTRICT	TOTAL
Attendance	2,673,806	3,068,694	<b>5,742,500</b>
Preventative Actions	52,131	45,648	<b>97,779</b>
Minor Medical Calls	5,358	6,957	<b>12,315</b>
Major Medical Calls	71	38	<b>109</b>
Rescues	57	79	<b>136</b>
Bather Assists	207	211	<b>418</b>
Boat Passengers Rescued	0	14	<b>14</b>
Boat Assists	5	13	<b>18</b>
Boat Assist Passengers	2	16	<b>18</b>
Lost & Found Persons	13	1	<b>14</b>
Enforcement Calls	8	23	<b>31</b>
Hazard Closing	526	537	<b>1,063</b>

## Aquatics Division

Staff formulated COVID-19 procedures for water rescues and medical responses to improve the safety of staff and patrons and shared them during a national conference call with Aquatics agencies across the country.

Ocean Rescue staff provided protection for 5,742,500 beach visitors through preventative actions, bather assists and rescues on PBC guarded beaches during operational hours.

Prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ocean Rescue staff provided water safety education to 2,304 people through four events.

Staff at pools and waterparks provided pool usage for the training of 725 people including high school athletes, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Fire Rescue and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.



**FY 2020 Volunteer Hours:**  
118,888.64 hours

## Environmental sustainability



Parks Operations Division staff performed a variety of duties supporting sustainability including assisting Lake Worth Drainage District in opening up canal access, removing invasive, non-native trees and trimming vegetation. They performed routine invasive plant removal across 750 acres of mitigation/conservation areas and planted new trees and landscape at a variety of park locations.

## Prescribed burns and fire breaks



Prescribed burns were conducted on 30 acres at Okeeheelee Park North and South. Park Operations Division staff also assisted the Department of Environmental Resources Management on one prescribed fire burn totaling 130 acres. Prescribed fire is one of the most important tools used in land management today and allows routine

inspections and maintenance to be performed more efficiently, increases plant diversity and improves habitat for wildlife. Parks staff also maintained a 1,800-foot x 35-foot fire break along the north boundary line of Karen Marcus Ocean Preserve.

## Concessions and special user groups



Even with COVID-19 restrictions and closures, the increased use of concessions, special user group facilities and golf resulted in the following:

- Shark Wake Park exceeded budgeted revenue projections by 23% while maintaining a Google review of 4.6 of 5.0 and a Facebook review of 4.7 of 5.0
- Dramatic increase in special user group usage of facilities and increased number of permits issued for dive instructors and powered paragliders

## Summer Golf

The volume of summer golf play increased 12% over FY2019, even with Tropical Storm Isia's closure, increased tee-time intervals, cart restrictions and summer course maintenance closing Eagle and Osprey courses at Okeeheelee Golf Course.

Adopt-A-Park partners help keep parks clean. One-time or reoccurring cleanup opportunities are for groups large or small.

Shark Wake Park in Okeeheelee Park, west of West Palm Beach features cable wakeboarding, kneeboarding, floating obstacle course with slides, climbing towers and more.



**JAMES DAVIS**  
Director, Aquatics

## Fiscal Year 2020

Service  
Calls  
3,862

Patron  
Contacts  
517,466



## Park Rangers

Park Rangers are always ready to assist or educate the public about park facilities and amenities and were extra busy during 2020.

faced by COVID-19. While reduced both in number and capacity, staff produced twenty-five safety training classes this year with 314 attendees.

## Park Operations Division Support Services

Over the past year, staff supported the Division's mission through the coordinated efforts of purchasing and data processing. A summary of these productivity statistics follows below:

- Issued 49,388 items
- Issued 4,434 purchasing documents
- Entered 6,123 timecards
- Entered 7,720 materials records into the MainTrac cost accounting system
- Posted labor hours in the amount of 319,873.75
- Completed 4,860 work orders of 6,704 initiated

## Safety training

Essential training for Park Operations Division staff continued this year in a safe manner despite the challenges

## Sports & Wellness - FY20 Section Summary

209  
Programs

22,814  
Participants

\$4,145,420  
Economic Benefit to  
Palm Beach County



32  
Special  
Events

1,729  
Teams

183  
Partner  
Agencies

## Performance Measurements (2020)

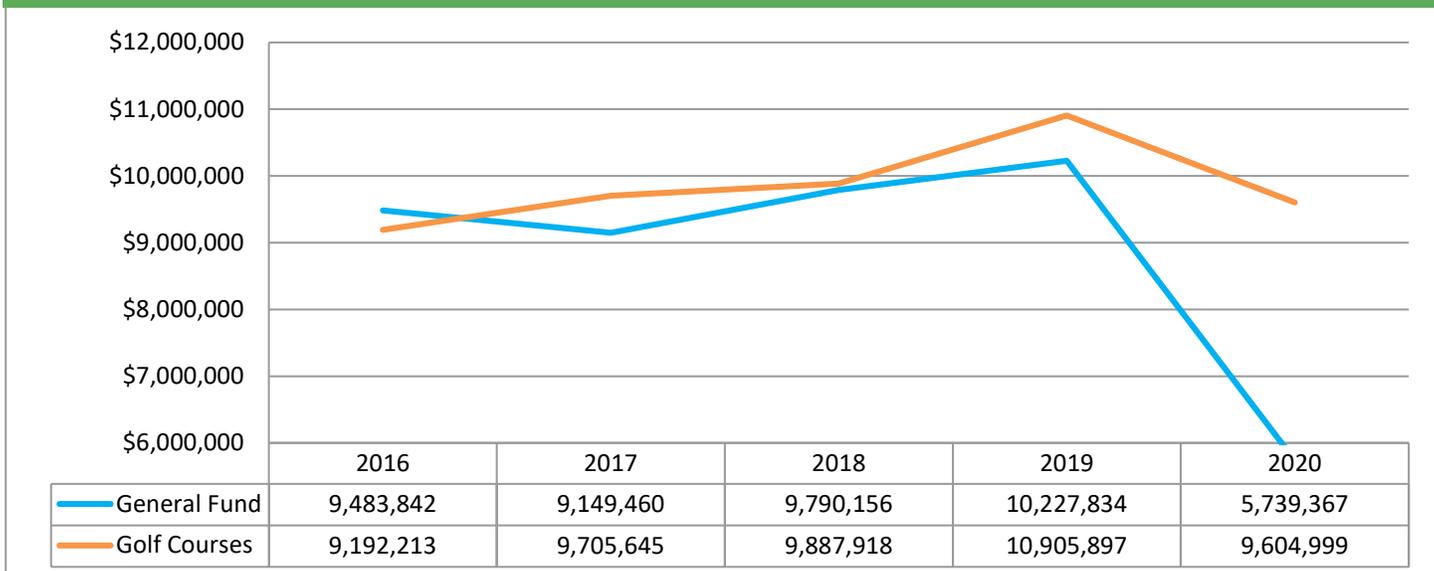
Percentage of residents within a 10-minute walk of a park (1/2 mile)	72%
Percentage of trails, paths and roadways maintained in accordance with standards	83.26%
Number of people reached through water safety presentations in the community	2,304
Percentage of County residents/visitors rating participation as important and will return	96%
Operating costs per round of golf as a percentage of revenues per round of golf	73.6%
Number of volunteer hours	118,889

### How we compared nationwide in 2020

	National Avg.	Palm Beach County
Operating expenditure per capita	\$81.19	\$53.75
Operating expenditure per acre of land	\$7,160	\$6,330
Operating expenditure per FTE	\$97,093	\$93,340
Revenue as a percentage of total operating expense	25.9%	29.3%
Acreage of parkland per 1,000 population	9.9	6.0
Revenue generated annually per capita	\$20.93	\$15.77

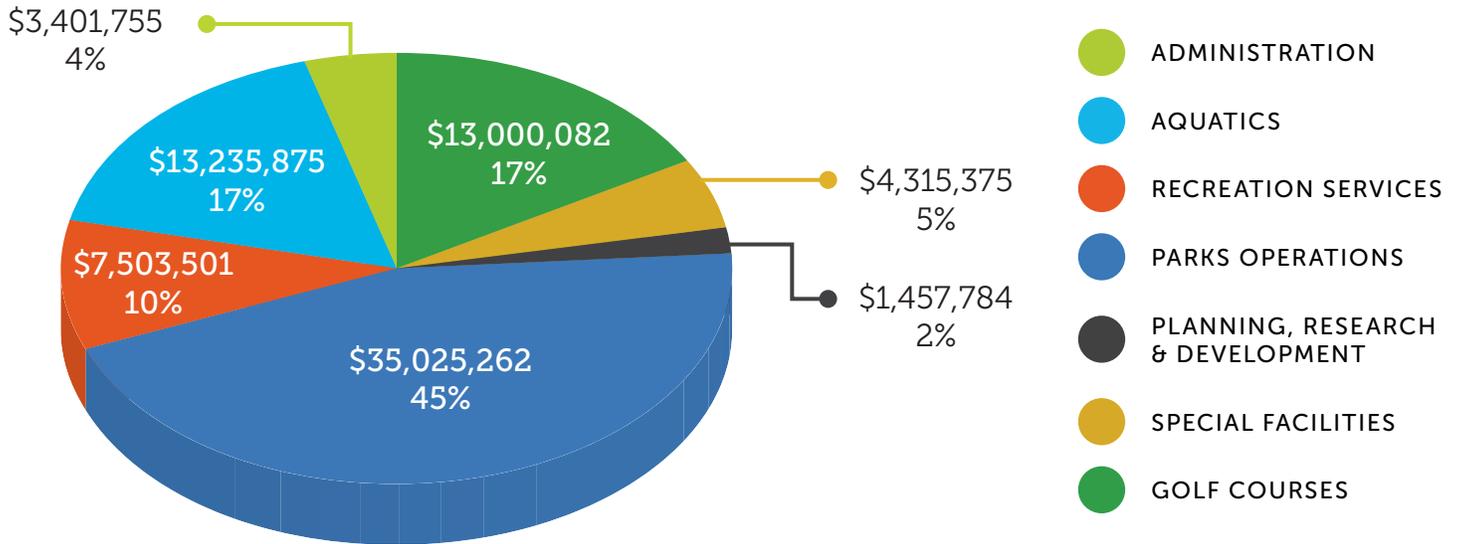
"I would like to commend you! This is such a lovely park [Dyer Park] to visit and exercise at. It is very well maintained and beautiful and such a great idea to make from Trash pile to treasure hills." – Melissa L.

### Non Ad-Valorem Actual Revenue

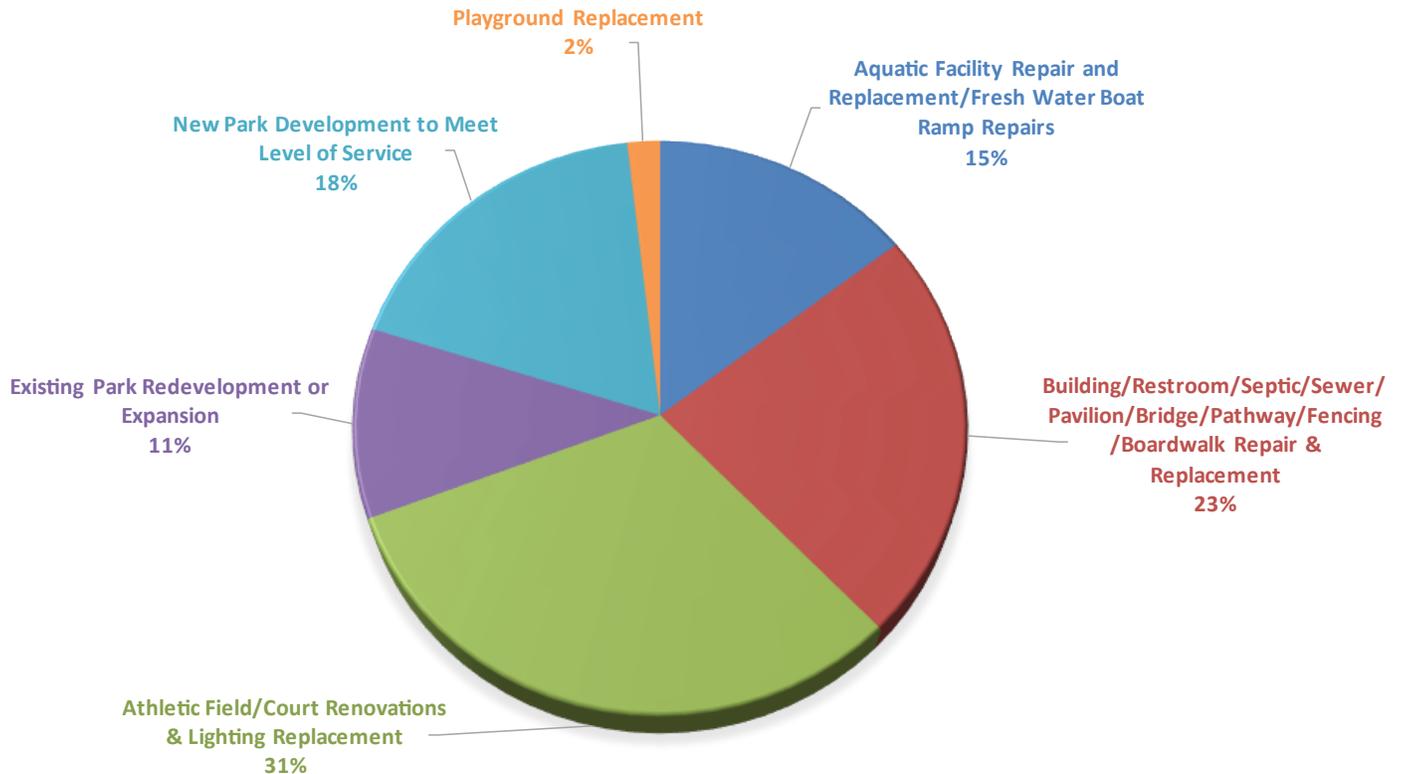


# FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

## 2020 Adopted Budget



## INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX PROJECTS 2017-2027: \$129,339,050



# Parks and Recreation Made a Difference During COVID-19 PANDEMIC



## While the COVID-19 pandemic presented infinite challenges this year,

Parks and Recreation staff remained steadfast to the department's mission of "providing opportunities for healthy, happy living." During a time of great uncertainty, employees continued to safely provide outstanding customer service and essential services to residents. Additionally, Parks and Recreation public service professionals helped to fill much-needed roles across the county during the challenging time of general park closures. Many staff members ventured away from their typical park-related roles in order to assist where critically needed. Below are some of the ways staff assisted through a variety of emergency and community roles.

- Staff performed both routine maintenance and facility repairs and renovations using appropriate personal protective equipment and following safety guidelines. Staff showed dedication and flexibility in responding to facility closures and re-openings often on short notice. At the onset of the pandemic, staff assisted with setup of drive-through testing sites and the Countywide Staging Area (CSA) at the fairgrounds. Our in-house Sign Shop staff rose to the challenge to fabricate more than 2,000

informational and directional signs for various operations countywide. Signs were created for COVID-19 testing sites, partner agencies, neighboring municipalities asking for assistance and park locations across Palm Beach County.

- Pool, Waterpark and Ocean Rescue staff were utilized as Park Monitors throughout the county to help enforce and educate the public regarding CDC guidelines and Palm Beach County Executive Orders.
- Teams at each of the nature centers and Riverbend Park assisted with educating park patrons monitoring parks and beaches to ensure that state, local and emergency orders were being followed. Although this occurred while facilities were closed, staff still had responsibilities from maintenance of parks grounds to the caring of our exhibits and educational animals.
- On March 30, 2020, staff helped set up the COVID-19 testing site located at FitTeam Ballpark of the Palm Beaches by filling sandbags, positioning generators, making and delivering signage, among other tasks.

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^ (Left) Ocean Rescue Lifeguards Chase Robertson and Lex May showing proper social distancing while performing critically essential public servant functions.

(Right) Parks and Recreation Sign Shop superstars Steve Achilles and Cristina Cano making a banner for the drive-through testing site.

"We say it all year long – parks save lives – thank for stepping up again in our community's time of need to make a difference." - Jennifer Cirillo, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director



When Palm Beach County Emergency Order 21 allowed for the reopening of playgrounds in August 2020, Park Operation staff modified safety procedures to include disinfecting equipment up to twice daily.

View the video: [https://youtu.be/fCl58p8tg\\_s](https://youtu.be/fCl58p8tg_s)



Ralph Osgood and Dessilon Saint-Eloi unloaded a critical supply at the FitTeam Ballpark of the Palm Beaches drive-through testing center on March 30, 2020.

- During COVID-19 park closures, dedicated Ocean Rescue staff continue to perform their critical work. The following quote is from Ocean Rescue Lifeguard Erik Pointer to Ocean Rescue Chief Julia Leo.

“Chief Leo, Just wanted to say that while working this week enforcing beach closures, I have observed many people outside of our guarded areas and some inside attempting to enter the ocean water. Relying on 25 years of marine safety, ocean rescue, and personnel management, I believe that no matter what happens in our future, people, young and old, will continue in their pursuit to be outdoors and enter the ocean. Based on my experience, we cannot leave these park beaches and communities here to fend for themselves in the ocean nor can we place that necessary responsibility on our firefighters and/or policemen & women. During my duties, I was able to observe a large area of coastline and make contact with a lot of these patrons and using good social distancing, I was able to educate them on the new guidelines of beach closure and

risks of entering the ocean alone without a lifeguard on duty. We are the only ones out there for 10 hours per day that have the necessary advanced training in the unparalleled and high risk environment of ocean rescue and marine safety.”

- Drive-through COVID-19 testing began on April 7, 2020 at South County Civic Center and Parks and Recreation staff from Recreation Services, Park Operations, Special Facilities, and Finance & Support Services Divisions stepped up to help make the testing site a reality. They prepared the site, made the facility available, provided access to other departments, made a considerable number of signs, coordinated custodial services for staff restrooms and activated the Emergency Operating Area staff through the EDRP program to provide logistical and operational assistance to the on-site Incident Command. Staff participated in a dry run to make sure the traffic flow was functioning well prior to its start.
- Staff were deployed through the EDRP to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), including Ocean Rescue EMTs who screened people entering the EOC per CDC guidelines.
- Recreation Programs Supervisor Cliff Battles handled many Logistics Section and municipal mission/resource requests at the EOC.
- Public Relations Specialist Bibi Baksh was activated to the EOC in the Public Information Unit and helped pull together a press conference.
- Several designated EOA members from throughout the department were activated to help set up the COVID-19 drive-through testing site at Fit Team Ballpark of the Palm Beaches with the multiple partner agencies.

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- Several forklift drivers assisted at the Countywide Staging Area (CSA) at the Fairgrounds, where supplies from the State were delivered, sorted and distributed to a prioritized list including hospitals, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, etc.
- A mobile shower unit in partnership with non-profit “Shower the People” visited the former site of the homeless encampment in John Prince Park twice a week from Saturday, March 28 until the closure of the camp on August 21, 2020 to help people in need with preventative hygiene needs. Additional hand-washing stations were also installed. The Park Operations, Park Rangers, Trades, John Prince Park Maintenance, Special Facilities Division Special Events Section, and Administration Teams collaborated to make this happen in short order.
- Our animal ambassadors continued to need care and [Daggerwing Nature Center](#) staff brought environmental education into homes of students and adults alike with daily feeding videos of the nature center’s animals on their [Facebook page](#) while the facilities were closed.



(Above) The Park Operations maintenance team at John Prince Park (not all pictured) provided necessary services at the former homeless encampment and worked safely with continuous cleanups during the COVID-19 pandemic and during the transition of the homeless population to their assigned shelters.

(Left) Parks and Recreation staff worked together with partner United States National Guard to set up directional signage at the testing site.



These roles are in addition to the thousands of less visible but critical ways staff makes a difference through answering questions, educating the public, securing parks, sharing social media experiences to provide for a moment of stress relief or to inform, maintaining natural habitats, and more.



(Left) Parks and Recreation staff worked with non-profit “Shower the People” to provide a mobile shower unit at the former homeless encampment in John Prince Park.

# VALUED PARTNERS

5 Tool Titans	Brazilian Boca Soccer	Drop in Action Sports	Florida Strong Lacrosse
A Child is Missing	Bridging Communities	Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County	Florida Surge
ACHIEVE Coalition, Palm Beach County	Broward County Crime Commission, Inc.	DuBois Family	Florida Trail Association (FTA)
Achievement Centers for Children and Families	Building Up Sports Academy	East Boynton Blaze	Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network (FYCCN)
Acreage Athletic League	Burt Reynolds Institute for Film Theater (BRIFT)	East Boynton Knights	Florida Youth Rugby Association
AEG Live	Busch Wildlife Sanctuary	East Coast Aquatic Club	Food Truck Invasion
All Metro Healthcare, Inc	Cabana Colony YDC (PBSO)	Elite Squad	Forest Hill High School
Alliance of Delray Beach	Caroline Andre, Cheerleading Instructor	EMS Advisory Council	Tourism and Hospitality Magnet Program
Aloha Surf School	Caribbean Baseball Organization	Endless Possibilities for the Disabled	Friends and Family of George T. Ringo
Alpert Jewish Family Services	Center for Creative Education	Fairchild Tropical Garden	Friends and Family of Samson Joseph
Amelia's Smarty Plants	Center for Youth Activity	FC Boca Predators	Friends of Daggerwing Nature Center
American Association of Museums	Channel 20	Federal Highway Administration	Friends of Dyer Park
American Heart Association	Charlotte Swank	Feeding South Florida	Friends of Foster Children
American Legion Post #367	Children's Golf Foundation	FedEx Ground	Friends of Green Cay Nature Center
American Red Cross	Children Services Council	First Tee of Palm Beach County	Friends of Jupiter Beach
Animal Eye Specialty Clinic	Christ Fellowship	First United Methodist Church	Friends of Okeehelée Nature Center
ANS Houses	Christa McAullife NJHS	Florida Arts and Culture, Division of Cultural Affairs	FTB Rockets
Anthony Talton, Vocal Lesson/Musical	City of Belle Glade	Florida Association of Landscape Architects	Funky Fish Snorkeling
Applebee's	City of Boca Raton	Florida Atlantic University	Furry Friends Adoption
Area Agency on Aging (RSVP)	City of Boynton Beach	Florida Atlantic University Rugby Alumni Foundation	Gators Jackson
Army Corp of Engineers	City of Delray Beach	Florida Atlantic University School of Nursing	GBYSA Adult Mixed Soccer League
Arthur Gibson, Basketball Official	City of Greenacres	Florida Aquatics Council	GGI Baseball
Arts4All Florida – Palm Beach County	City Kickball	Florida Bat Conservancy	GL Commercial / GL Homes
Astellas	City of Lake Worth	Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association	Glades Day
Aspira of Florida	City of Pahokee	Florida Black Historical Research Project	Glass Productions
Atlantic Christian Academy	City of Riviera Beach	Florida Community Trust	Glades Youth Empowerment Center
Audubon International, Inc.	City of South Bay	Florida Department of Children and Families	Gold Coast Archers
Audubon Society	Cobra Varsity Baseball League	Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)	Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization
AYSO Adult Soccer League	College Preparatory Invitational	Florida Department of Health	Gold Coast Dressage
AYSO Soccer Region #345	Colonial Dames	Florida Department of Justice	Gold Coast Gymnastics, Inc.
AYSO Soccer Region #1370	Community Connection, Inc.	Florida Department of Law Enforcement	Gold Coast Hurricanes
AYSO Soccer Region #1521	Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)	Florida Department of Transportation	Golden Years Softball League
Banditos	Community Revitalization Connections Education (Autism Spectrum)	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	Golf Clubs Unlimited dba Custom Fit Golf
Beaches Adult Soccer League	Consul General of Japan (Miami)	Florida Flywheelers	Golf Professional Services, Inc
Beachwife Life	Coalition of Boynton West Residential Associations	Florida Forest Service (FFS)	Grand Slam Productions
Belle Glade Baby Raiders Youth Sports Club	Creators Game	Florida Free Divers	Greater Boca Youth Soccer Association
Berean Christian School	Cub Scout Pack #212	Florida Golf Association (Can Am Golf Group, LLC)	Greenacres Christian Academy
Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties	Cub Scout Pack #224	Florida Half Century	Green DOT Palm Beach County
Birding Adventures	Cub Scout Pack #280	Florida Hurricanes Platinum	Healthier Jupiter
Blue Water School of Surfing	Cub Scout Pack #296	Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND)	Healthy Kids Running Series
Bob Carter's Actor's Workshop	Custom Fitness	Florida Lacrosse Festival	Henderson Behavioral Health
Boca 2000 Petanque Club	Damage Inc. Athletics	Florida Launch Lacrosse	High Ridge Family Center
Boca Flag Football and Cheerleading	DB Bombers	Florida Nursery Growers & Landscape Association	Hitmen Baseball
Boca Jets Lacrosse	Delray Beach Athletic Club	Florida Off Road Cycling Enthusiasts (FORCE)	Home Safe of Palm Beach County
Boca Palms Animal Hospital	Delray Beach Playhouse	Florida Power Black Softball	Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County
Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association	Democratic Club of Boynton/Delray	Florida Public Archaeology Network	Honda Classic-PGA Tournament Organization
Boca Raton FC	Department of Juvenile Justice	Florida Recreation & Parks Association (FRPA)	Huntington Pointe Senior Softball Association, Inc.
Boca Raton High School Environmental Club	DH2, Inc.	Florida State University	Indian River Lagoon License Plate (grants managed by DEP)
Boca Raton Juniors Soccer Club	Diamond Vision Elite		Indian Trails Improvement
Boca Raton Synagogue	Diocese of Palm Beach		
Boca Senior Softball League	Disabled American Veterans		
Bombers Baseball Club	Diveheart		
Boynton Beach Rugby	Dixie Landscaping		
Boy Scout Troop #308	Don Law Golf Academy (Dondee Golf Enterprises, Inc.)		
Boy Scout Troop #1319	Donna Klein Jewish Academy		

# VALUED PARTNERS

District	Latinos in Action	North Palm Beach Rowing Club	Development Council
International Kickball Foundation	Lauren Schaller, Yoga Instructor	Northern Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce	Palm Beach County Woodturners, Inc.
International Slow Pitch Softball	Law Office of Wood & Pravato	Norton Museum of Art	Palm Beach County Youth Football and Cheerleading
International Soccer League	Lazy Loggerhead Café	N-Zone Sports	Palm Beach County Youth Services Department
Interscholastic Equestrian Association	LC Swain Middle School National Jr. Honors Society	Office Depot Foundation	Palm Beach Cricket Club
Into Action	Let's Go	Office of Greenways & Trails	Palm Beach Elite Soccer
Japan American Society	Leukemia and Lymphoma Society	Okeeheelee BMX Parents Council	Palm Beach Gardens Predators Soccer
JCD Caribbean, Inc	Levis Jewish Community Center	Okeeheelee Disc Golf Club	Palm Beach Habilitation Center, Inc.
Jewish Community Center of the Greater Palm Beaches	LexisNexis	Okeeheelee Senior Softball Association	Palm Beach Hindu Mandir
Jim Abernethy's Scuba Adventures	Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches	Okeeheelee Youth Baseball, Inc.	Palm Beach Lacrosse
Joseph P. Cory Foundation	Lime Digital Agency Services	Old School Square, Inc.	Palm Beach Legends
Junior Golf Foundation of America, Inc.	Limestone Creek Community	Orange Bowl Youth Sports, LLC.	Palm Beach Lightning
Juno Beach Prep School	Little Deeper Charters	Over Thirty Five IFC, Inc.	Palm Beach Maritime Institute
Jupiter Christian School	Loggerhead Marinelife Center	Oxbridge Academy	Palm Beach Masters Swimming
Jupiter Community Group	Loggers' Run Inc.	Pahokee Pride	Palm Beach Pack and Paddle
Jupiter Dive Center	Loxahatchee Battlefield Preservationists	Palm Beach Baseball	Palm Beach Panthers Soccer Club, Inc.
Jupiter Diving Parent Club, Inc.	Loxahatchee Guild	Palm Beach Breakers	Palm Beach Panthers Rugby
Jupiter Dragons Parent Club	Loxahatchee River District	Palm Beach Broadcasting	Palm Beach Post
Jupiter Elks Lodge	Loxahatchee River Control District	Palm Beach Coralytes Synchronized Swim Team	Palm Beach Premier FC
Jupiter Farms Community Association	Loxahatchee River Coordinating Council	Palm Beach County 4-H	Palm Beach Radio Control Association
Jupiter Farms Community Parade and Events, Inc.	Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative (grants managed by DEP)	Palm Beach County Astronomical Society	Palm Beach RC Power Boaters
Jupiter Farms Residents, Inc.	Lutheran Services Florida	Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control	Palm Beach Rugby
Jupiter High School Environmental Academy	Marine Industries Association	Palm Beach County Bee Keepers Association	Palm Beach Senior Softball Association
Jupiter Inlet District	Media Ops, Inc.	Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service	Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival Inc.
Jupiter Middle School Treehuggers Club	Metropolitan Planning Organization	Palm Beach County Cultural Council	Palm Beach State College
Jupiter NEAteam	Michael Alford, Basketball Official	Palm Beach County Department of Community Services	Palm Beach State College Science Club
Jupiter Outdoor Center	Mizuno Prime	Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management	Palm Beach Tiger Sharks
Jupiter Petanque Club	Modern Bujutsu Karate Florida, Inc.32	Palm Beach County Film Commission	Palm Beach Tigers Sporting Club
Jupiter/Tequesta Athletic Association	Morikami Inc.	Palm Beach County Fire Rescue	Palm Beach Titans Cricket Club
Jupiter Horsemens Association	Muck City Gators	Palm Beach County Health Department	Palm Beach Vikings
Jupiter Youth Rugby Club	Murphy Construction	Palm Beach County Horseman's Association	Palm Beach Yard Dogs
KABOOM!	National Barrel Horse Association	Palm Beach County Library System	Palms West Chamber of Commerce
Kayak King Watersports, Inc.	National Croquet Center	Palm Beach County Mounted Posse	Palm Tran
Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful	National Endowment for the Arts	Palm Beach County Office of Community Revitalization	Partners for Environmental Education
Kickball 365	National Endowment for the Humanities	Palm Beach County Officials Association	Partnership for Environmental Education (JERFSA)
Kings Academy	National Garden Clubs, Inc.	Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office	People to People - Palm Beach Delegation
Ladies Professional Golf Association	National Golf Association	Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Police Athletic League (PAL)	PGA of America
Lady Canes	National Kidney Foundation	Palm Beach County Sports Commission	Plumosa Elementary School of the Arts
Lady Gators Softball	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections	Port of Palm Beach
Lagoon Keepers	National Park Service	Palm Beach County Tourist	Power Soccer School
Lake Lytal Lassie League	National Recreation & Parks Association (NRPA)		Prime Time Senior Softball, Inc.
Lake Lytal Lightning Booster Club	National Weather Service (NWS)		Prime Time Palm Beach County
LaLa Land Productions	Nexstar Lacrosse		ProBall Baseball
Lake Lytal/Santaluces Baseball League	New City Church		Project Learning Tree
Lake Worth Drainage District	North American Butterfly Association (NABA)		Project Wild
Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative	North Palm Beach County Little League		Prospect Baseball, Inc.
Lake Worth Sharks	North Everglades Trail Association (NETA)		Prospect Select, Inc.
Lake Worth Spanish Seventh Day Adventist Church			
Lake Worth West Community Group			
Lake Worth Youth Empowerment Center			

# VALUED PARTNERS

PSG Academy Palm Beach	Ski Club of the Palm Beaches	Town of Haverhill	Village of Royal Palm Beach
Pura Vida Divers	SLAM	Town of Juno	Village of Tequesta
Punishers	Society of Women Engineers	Town of Jupiter	Village of Wellington
Quality Sports Inc	Solid Waste Authority of	Town of Lantana	Villagio Seniors Softball
Quantum Foundation	Palm Beach County (SWA)	Town of Manalapan	Vinceremos Therapeutic
Race Time Sports	Somerset Academy Canyons	Town of Ocean Ridge	Riding Center
Rawlings Stealth	Middle/High Schools	Town of Palm Beach	Vipers Baseball Club
R.C. Bush Pilots	Somerset Academy Lakes	Town of Palm Beach Shores	Voters Coalition
Regina Rodrigues, Yoga	Sons of the Union Veterans	Trash Free Vision for Ocean	Walmart Foundation
Instructor	of the Civil War	Conservation	Weinbaum Yeshiva High
Regulators Baseball	South Bay Jaguars	Trinity Christian Academy	School
Ridge Grand Prix	South Florida Clippers	Trustbridge Hospice	Wellington Classic Dressage
Rise and Grind Sports	South Florida Collegiate	Trust for Public Land	
Riverbend Trail Riders	Baseball League	UF/IFAS	Wellington Wild
River Bridge Animal Hospital	South Florida Cricket Alliance	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	West Boca Athletic
Riviera Beach Gators	South Florida Dirt Oval R.C.	U.S. Coast Guard	Association
Pathfinders Club	Inc.	U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	West Boca Basketball
Robert Caullett, Karate	South Florida Herpetological	U.S. Department of	League
Instructor	Society	Agriculture	West Boca Panthers Travel
Rosarian Academy	South Florida Interagency	U.S. Department of Veterans	Baseball
Royal Palm Beach Regulators	Fire Management Council	Affairs	West Boca Premiere Adult
Royal Palm Beach Senior	South Florida Hitman	U.S. Firefighter Games	Softball League
Softball Association	South Florida Lacrosse	U.S. Forestry Service	West Boca Raton Community
Sally Welsh Chapela, Water	South Florida Paddle	U.S. Sailing	Council
Fitness Instructor	South Florida Petanque Club	U.S. Synchronized Swimming	West Boca Raton Adult
Sandoway House	South Florida Rattlers	University of Florida	Softball Association
Saturday Senior Softball	South Florida Science	United South County	West Boca Youth Baseball
Association	Museum	Democratic Club	West Boynton Flag Football
School District of Palm Beach	South Florida Wakeboard	United States Association of	West Boynton Football
County	Club	Blind Athletes	League
Boca Raton High School	South Florida Water	United States Hunter Jumper	West Boynton Girl's Fastpitch
Conniston Middle School	Management District	Association	Softball
Crestwood Middle School	South Florida Wicked	United States Lifesaving	West Boynton Lady Bandits
Glades Central High School	Fastpitch	Association	West Boynton Little League
John I. Leonard High School	South Florida Wildlife Care	United States Masters	Baseball
Jupiter High School	Center	Swimming	West Boynton Travel
Loggers Run Middle School	South Florida Young Guns	United States Quad Rugby	Baseball League
Osceola Creek Middle	South Indian River Water	Association	Westgate/Belvedere Homes
School	Control District (SIRWCD)	United States Specialty	CRA
Pahokee High School	South Shore Cricket Club	Sports Association	West Jupiter Community
Park Vista High School	Southeast Florida Invasive	United Way	Group, Inc. West Lantana
Santaluces High School	Plants Working Group	United Way Emerging	Soccer Association
Spanish River High School	Special Olympics Florida,	Leaders Society	West Palm Beach Football
Suncoast High School	Palm Beach County	USA Diving	Club
West Boca High School	St. Mary's Medical Center	USA Swimming	West Palm Beach Softball
Schulz Academy	/ Palm Beach Children's	USA Track and Field	League
Scorpions Baseball	Hospital	USA Wake Board	White Foundation
Seagull _ Services	State of Florida (TIITF)	USA Water Ski	World Adult Kickball
Seminole Tribe of Florida	Stuart Scuba	USSSA	Association
Sharks FCA	Sun Sentinel	Veterans Coalition of South	World Bonsai Friendship
Shelley Jansen, Dance	Sunshinelax	Florida	Federation
Instructor	Swing with the King, Inc.	Veterans of Foreign Wars	Yesteryear Village
Shred Shed	TAB Development, Inc.	(VFW) Post #10556	YMCA of Boca Raton
Sideout Sand Volleyball	Tailwaggers Learning Center	Victoria Limauro Yoga	YMCA of the Palm Beaches
Sierra Club	Taxology	Classes	YMCA of South Palm Beach
Sister Cities	The National Croquet Center	Village of Palm Springs	County
	Titans Baseball		Youth Empowerment Inc.

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# 2020 ENGAGEMENT WITH PARKS REPORT

## Key Statistics

**3 in 5**

U.S. residents visited a park, trail, public open space or other recreation facility at least once during the first three months of the pandemic (mid-March through mid-June 2020)



**2x per month**

U.S. residents visit local park and recreation facilities more than twice a month on average



**82%**

of U.S. adults agree that parks and recreation is essential



**77%**

of survey respondents indicate that having a high-quality park, playground, public open space or recreation center nearby is an important factor in deciding where they want to live



**72%**

of U.S. adults are more likely to vote for local political leaders who make park and recreation funding a priority

