



# BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISPATCH

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## SUGAR SAND BUILDS FENCING CHAMP

The trail to the United States fencing championship now winds squarely through Boca Raton's Sugar Sand Park.

That's where reigning USA Fencing title holder Ivan Goriunov spends many of his nights. That's where he first learned the sport he now commands.

Nearly a decade ago the Goriunov family emigrated from Russia to Boca Raton. At the time Ivan's older brother, Andrei, began fencing with the South Florida Fencing Club as part of his pentathlon training. Ten-year-old Ivan became an interested spectator.

"When I was little, I had to come and just watch and be here because we didn't have another car," Ivan said. "And I was like, I want to try. And here we are."

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## Learning Leonardo's Lessons

The lessons, discoveries and artistic masterpieces from one of history's greatest minds are coming to Sugar Sand Park's Science Explorium – and they've never been more fun.

Leonardo's Labs is a hands-on exhibition that showcases the inventions, art, and ideas of Leonardo da Vinci, the original Renaissance man.

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## Youth Is Served

The United States Tennis Association likes the Boca Raton Racquet Center so much that it frequently hosts tournaments at the facility. The above photo shows Boca Raton's Aston Mansell competing in a USTA 12-under boys Summer Slam tournament in



## Commissioner's Corner

Five elected Boca Raton residents – three from within city limits, two from within the larger district - comprise the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District commission.

Each had their own reasons for deciding to serve their community. What prompted the commissioners to run for office and, ultimately, serve? We asked them that question. Their answers are below.

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## Upcoming Upgrades

The District will be renovating the Boca Raton Swim Center locker rooms and bath rooms this month. The men's locker rooms will be closed the week beginning Monday, Sept. 18, though the women's locker room and the family bathrooms will remain open.



August that included 64-player field. On Sept. 9-10 the USTA holds the Sunshine State Open youth tournament at the Racquet Center, this one for boys and girls 14-under. Tournament play will encompass 10 courts, leaving more than a dozen open for regular play.

The following week the men's locker room will re-open, but the women's locker room will close. Both men's and women's locker rooms are scheduled to be open during October's first week, with the family restrooms closing for renovation. Please pardon our dust.



## Upcoming Upgrades Part II

Futsal is the latest sport coming to Boca Raton. Beginning Monday, Sept. 11, crews are scheduled to begin installing a Futsal surface within the outdoor roller hockey rink at Sugar Sand Park.

The installation is expected to take about a week. Once completed the new surface won't affect the ability to continue to play hockey or basketball within the rink's walls. Originally developed as a training exercise for soccer, Futsal is played on a hard surface with teams comprised of five players.

## Meeting Calendar

**Monday, Sept. 11:** Presentation of Proposals for a Racquet Center at North Park. Meeting is at the Willow Theatre within Sugar Sand Park. 5:15 p.m.

**Monday, Sept. 18:** Commissioners' General Public Meeting. 5:15 p.m.

**Monday, Sept. 18:** Final TRIM Compliance Meeting Hearing on Budget and Taxes for 2023-24. Meeting starts following the General Public Meeting.

*General meeting agendas are posted on [MyBocaParks.org/events](https://www.bocaparks.org/events).*

## Ode To Open Space

“The nation behaves well if it treats its natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased, and not impaired, in value.”

— *Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States*



## LINKED INTO BOCA RATON

The registration deadline for youth fall soccer is near. The Soccer Association of Boca Raton (SABR) is among the nation's most highly





regarded youth soccer organizations. Follow the link to learn more about SABR and to register a child. The deadline is Sunday, Sept. 17.

[SABR Youth Soccer Registration](#)

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