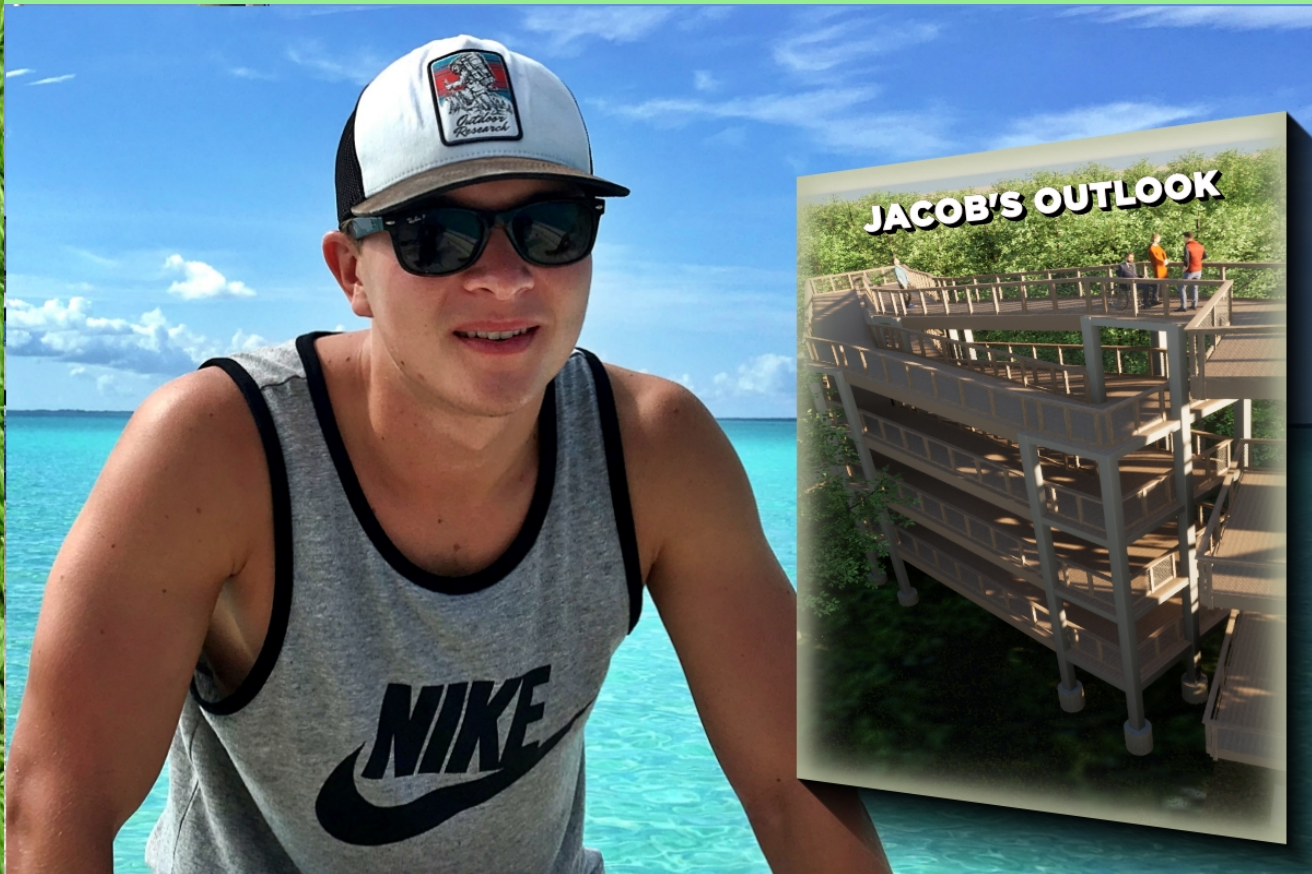




BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISPATCH

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JACOB'S OUTLOOK: Boca's Best View

As a youngster, Jacob Kosowsky loved climbing to the top of the Gumbo Limbo tower to view nature's splendor.

Beginning next year, Jacob's name will be permanently associated with that beauty.

A gift of more than half a million dollars from the Kosowsky family and friends is playing a pivotal role in rebuilding the tower, with the observation deck atop the structure being named "Jacob's Outlook."

"When the kids were younger they always went to visit the tower," said Stephen Kosowsky, Jacob's father. "Jake was a lover of the ocean and conservation. It was a natural fit."

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Pickleball Projects Power Forward

Boca Raton pickleball's kitchen is ready to get cooking. In September the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District began the conversion of two more Patch Reef Park tennis courts into six pickleball courts.

Resurfacing some areas of the courts is already complete. Once the surface cures, crews will begin painting the courts and installing the nets.

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Home Court Advantage

South Florida tennis players who call Patch Reef Park their collegiate home court are about to compete for national titles. Keiser University hosted an NAIA regional tournament at Patch Reef. Violet Apisah (Singles) advanced to October's championship tournament as did Isabella Perez Flores (pictured) and Yeva Kononovich (Doubles). Soufiane El Mesbahi claimed the men's regional title and paired with Shaheed Alam to win doubles.



Commissioners' Corner

Five elected Boca Raton residents comprise the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District commission. All spent a tremendous amount of time at District parks even before becoming commissioners. Few know those parks as well as these five people do.

We asked them: What are the hidden gems within the District's Parks. Some of their answers surprise.

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Hiccuping Hippo

How does a hippopotamus deal with the hiccups? That's the story line for Aaron Zenz's "HICCUPotamus," the latest book to be featured at Patch Reef Park's StoryWalk. Children who visit StoryWalk move from station to station reading about a hippopotamus who visits his animal friends while trying to get rid of the dreaded diaphragm spasms. Stations give young readers physical tasks – like hopping or running to the next station..

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MONDAY OCT. 16

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

MONDAY NOV. 6

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

MONDAY NOV. 20

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Public Meeting, 5:15 p.m.**

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

Ode To Open Space

“One may lack words to express the impact of beauty but no one who has felt it remains untouched. It is renewal, enlargement, intensification. The parks preserve it permanently in the inheritance of the American citizens.”
— Bernard DeVoto, historian



LINKED INTO BOCA RATON

The Boca Raton YMCA is bringing a wide variety of programming and activities for youths to Patch Reef Park in October. There's yoga, cooking classes, robotics, arts and crafts, and other special events. Members of the Boca Raton community don't have to be members of the YMCA to participate. Follow the link to learn more.

[Check Out The Programs](#)

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