



# BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISPATCH

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## DESIGNED FOR UNLIMITED FUN

The Boca Raton community received a sneak peak at the new inclusive playground coming to Patch Reef Park when Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District Commissioners unanimously approved its design plans during their Nov. 6 public meeting.

“We’re really excited,” said David Ogman, who brought the idea of creating a more inclusive park for children like his son, Jordan, to District Commissioners. “I think that the kids are going to like it.”

David and wife Stacey attended meetings between District officials and architects from Walters Zackria, providing valuable input throughout the design process.

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## From Spooky To Jolly

A pool full of pennies, pumpkins playing tennis and a mystery that left Gumbo in Limbo highlighted a spooky Halloween weekend at District-supported parks in Boca Raton.

And as the holiday season quickly approaches, more great events will burst with the season's cheer.

Here's a quick recap and a look ahead.

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## Sugar Sand Re-Surfaced

Shortly before the calendar turned to November crews began the process of resurfacing Sugar Sand Park's Science Playground. Expected to take two full weeks for completion, crews actually finished ahead of schedule and the playground has already reopened. The resurfacing ensures that park goers enjoy the fountains and



## Commissioner's Corner

The five Commissioners who steward the Boca Raton Beach and Park District bring nearly 70 years of service to the board. They've helped create or grow many of the Boca Raton community's great parks.

Considering all their experience, this week's Commissioner Corner question presented some difficult choices. We asked: During your tenure as a Commissioner, what's the District's biggest accomplishment?

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## Team Pickleball Tournaments

As pickleball grows, the Patch Reef Park tennis complex adds more events. In October Patch Reef held its first ever team event. Open to pickleballers with a 3.5 rating, the team comprised of Taryn Meiorowitz, Sharon VonStrolley, Rodrigo Assis and Harald Schloct hoisted their pickleball prizes (photo) to celebrate their

playground equipment in the safest manner possible. Adventure seeking Boca Raton families are already climbing and cooling in the playground.

title. Up next is Patch Reef's Winter Pickleball Ladder tournament series for players rated 2.5-4.0. It begins Dec. 1. To register call: 561-367-7090. Jump into the kitchen!



## A True Marvel

Did the setting for the new "The Marvels" movie commercial featuring local tennis celebrity Coco Gauff look a little familiar? Astute observers will note that parts of the commercial were shot at Patch Reef Park, including the above screen grab from Gauff's Instagram post about the video. The reigning U.S. Open champion and No. 3-ranked women's player in the world, Gauff is a native of Delray Beach. "The Marvels" hit theaters on Nov. 10.



## Tower Watch

Stretching toward the Boca Raton sky, the framework for Jacob's Outlook is quickly taking shape. The above photo is from Nov. 14. When completed in the spring of 2024, it will stand 40 feet tall and provide a 360-degree view of Boca Raton, including the Atlantic Ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway. To learn about the family behind the tower's funding and why it's named after Jacob Kosowsky, [click here](#).

# UPCOMING MEETINGS

MONDAY NOV 20	MONDAY DEC. 4	MONDAY DEC. 18
Commissioners' General Public Meeting, 5:15 p.m.	Commissioners' General Public Meeting, 5:15 p.m.	Commissioners' General Public Meeting, 5:15 p.m.

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

## Ode To Open Space

"I believe that there is a subtle magnetism in Nature, which, if we unconsciously yield to it, will direct us aright." – Henry David Thoreau, author and philosopher.





## LINKED INTO BOCA RATON

Looking for a fun and different place to hold your child's birthday party? How about a pool party at the Boca Raton Swim Center? As many as 40 guests can enjoy the party room, pool, splash pad and playground. For more information about the Cool in the Pool Birthday Bash Experience, follow the link.

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