



BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISPATCH

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Masters On Display At Patch Reef

Former World No. 1 tennis player Ivan Lendl returned to Patch Reef Park, site of his first amateur pickleball gold medal, in a quest for his first gold as a professional.

Entering two different divisions at January's Boca Masters International Pickleball Tournament, Lendl and teammate Glen Jordan came close, claiming the silver medal in the Super Senior Pro division.

An eight-time Grand Slam singles winner who dominated the world tennis scene in the late 1980s, Lendl is enjoying a resurgence as a pickleball player.

[READ MORE ABOUT THE BOCA MASTERS AT PATCH REEF](#)



Wright For The Job

With 2025 primed to become one of the busiest and most consequential years in Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District history, Commissioners decided to stick with the leadership that brought them to this point.

As the first item of business during 2025's initial meeting Commissioners elected Erin Wright to chair the District for the fourth consecutive year.

"It's wonderful to have the confidence of the other Commissioners that I could do a really good job," Wright said. "And to be able to see some of the projects through for the next year, I think it's going to be great."

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Patch Reef Rising

The forthcoming covered pickleball complex at Patch Reef Park is beginning to take shape. In recent weeks construction crews began erecting the steel framework which will support the roof. When complete, the complex will be home to 18 covered pickleball courts. The complex, located adjacent to the Patch Reef Tennis Center, is expected to open to the public by the end of the year. Crews are also making significant progress on the all-inclusive playground that's replacing the Pirates Cove. Located at the west end of Patch Reef Park, the new playground is expected to open this summer.



Swim Center Pool Closure

Rink Going Undercover

District Commissioners are taking steps to ensure Sugar Sand Park's outdoor multisport rink can be utilized by the Boca Raton community to its fullest capacity.

During the first public meeting of 2025, Commissioners approved the initial design of a roof that will cover and protect the open-air rink.

"With more groups looking to use the rink for a variety of sports, our constituents are asking for a cover to ensure that it's in a playable condition when their reserved time arrives," said Commissioner Steve Engel, who initialed the motion to approve the design.

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Pickleball: Time For Teens

The fastest growing sport in the nation, pickleball is enjoying an upswing in popularity among younger players. To foster their development and provide a place to play exclusively with their peers, Sugar Sand Park has set aside time for teens to play with and against each other. Every Sunday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. some courts inside the Sugar Sand field house are reserved for teen play. No reservations are necessary. Cost is \$2 for District residents, \$5 for those outside the District. Parents within the Boca Raton community are encouraged to get their children out of the house and into the kitchen.



Storywalk: Bugliest Bug

The Boca Raton Swim Center's pool, hot tub and children's pool closed in mid-January for routine scheduled resurfacing. The project, which needs to be undertaken every decade or so, is expected to last six to eight weeks. During the resurfacing, Boca Raton community swimmers are encouraged to visit the City of Boca Raton's [Meadows Pool](#), located at 1300 NW 8th St. in Boca Raton. Memberships to the Boca Raton Swim Center will be honored at Meadows pool throughout the resurfacing project.

What bug is the world's ultimate insect? That's the question the newest Storywalk at Patch Reef Park attempts to answer. Written by Carol Diggory Shields and illustrated by Scott Nash, *The Bugliest Bug* is loaded with interesting facts about bugs children see every day. With Patch Reef playground construction underway, the first station of the Storywalk has temporarily moved just northeast of the basketball courts, along the walking path between the courts and the parking lot. Let the bugging begin!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MONDAY FEB. 3

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

TUESDAY FEB. 18

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

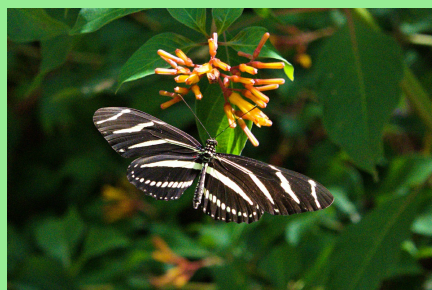
MONDAY MARCH 3

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

"The importance of pedestrian public spaces cannot be measured, but most other important things in life cannot be measured either." - *Enrique Penalosa, Economist, former Mayor of Bogota, Colombia*



LINKED INTO BOCA RATON

The City of Boca Raton turns 100 years old this year and the City is planning a blowout. Throughout 2025 Boca will be holding events to celebrate the centennial – including some events at District-owned and funded parks. Boca Raton launched a website to keep the community aware of upcoming events.

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