



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

PALM BEACH COUNTY



PARKS & RECREATION

National Gold Medal Award Winner



"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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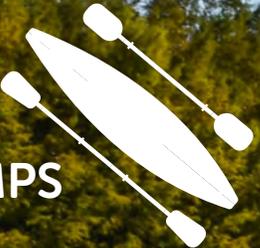
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BEST PARK & RECREATION AGENCY IN THE U.S.A.

132 
PLAYGROUNDS

397
CAMPSITES

32 
BOAT RAMPS

53 
MULTIPURPOSE
FIELDS


78
BOAT SLIPS

5 
NATURE/
INTERPRETIVE
CENTERS

82 
BASEBALL/
SOFTBALL
FIELDS

93
CHAMPIONSHIP
GOLF HOLES

8 
PERFORMING/VISUAL ARTS
COMMUNITY CENTERS


7
SWIMMING POOLS



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



^ ERIC CALL
Director

The Department received the Excellence in Sports Tourism Award from the Florida Sports Foundation and FRPA recognizing the outstanding work to advance the park and recreation profession in the area of sports tourism. Our partnership with the Palm Beach County Sports Commission resulted in more than \$27 million in economic impact and our County continues to be a premier destination for amateur and professional sports.

Parks and Recreation: It's Where It All Starts!

Whether you're just visiting Palm Beach County, looking to buy a home or you've lived here all of your life, we know why you want to be here! The year-round ability to enjoy the outdoors and nature, the capacity to improve your physical and mental wellbeing, the daily opportunities to engage with your friends and neighbors and the benefits of a bustling economy – all the result in large part by your award-winning park system.

And what a great year we had in Parks and Recreation in 2019. The Florida Recreation and Parks Association (FRPA) presented us with the Agency Excellence Award for Environmental Sustainability. The Parks and Recreation Department has engaged in numerous environmental initiatives including environmental education, incorporating green infrastructure and technologies and delivering responsible best management practices related to conservation and wildlife protection.

Three community programs received Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties: **Parks2Work** – A program that places homeless persons in jobs working in our parks while receiving housing and other services from our program partners. **Nature Ninja Warriors** – An environmental experiential program for teens unfamiliar with the outdoors to learn and experience nature, environmental education, land stewardship and to build leadership and job skills that will assist them as future park professionals. **Eliminating Park Deserts** – A Planning Initiative to systematically research and evaluate areas of the County that do not have a quality park or green space within a 10-minute walk of a residence. This fundamental research allows us to target locations for future park development and begin to establish relationships with residential associations.

Our Ocean Rescue Section earned 2nd Place in the United States Lifesaving Association Southeast Regional Championships. This highly respected competition among peer agencies involves swimming, running, paddling and rowing all while incorporating various lifesaving scenarios.

More than 180,000 volunteer hours were graciously donated to Parks and Recreation during 2019 involving everything from cleaning parks and beaches to serving as museum docents, environmental educators, senior fitness instructors and so much more. The result was a savings to the County of more than \$4.6 million.

So much of what makes Palm Beach County great begins right here in Parks and Recreation and I'm so appreciative of the support we receive from our residents. Please enjoy reading this Annual Report of our department and the many accomplishments achieved this past year. It continues to be my honor to serve as the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Eric Call, Director

AWARDS & RECOGNITION



^ JENNIFER CIRILLO
Assistant Director

Statewide recognition for best practices in environmental sustainability

The Florida Recreation and Park Association (FRPA) selected PBC Parks as the recipient of the 2019 Agency Excellence Award in the Environmental Sustainability category. The award recognizes and honors the state's most outstanding community Park, Recreation and/or Leisure Service agencies for excellence in Parks and Recreation management and focuses on agencies excelling at positioning themselves as key participants and providers in the categories of Economic Impact, Environmental Sustainability, Health, and Community Building.

PBC Parks' environmental initiatives include environmental education at three nature centers and Riverbend Park; green infrastructure like green lighting systems, eco-friendly landscaping, irrigation and natural area land management best practices; and the Responsible Pier Initiative, which equips responders at Juno Beach Pier with tools and training to respond to turtle and seabird injuries. Environmental initiatives like these help keep beaches clean, reduce our carbon footprint, and allow wildlife to flourish.

Excellence in sports tourism



The Florida Recreation and Park Association (FRPA) awarded PBC Parks as the 2019 recipient of the Excellence in Sports Tourism Award, recognizing the outstanding work done by the department to advance the park and recreation profession in

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Agency Excellence Award, Okeehetee Nature Center, Okeehetee Park



"Sports Tourism is dependent upon partnerships such as the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation department and the Palm Beach County Sports Commission working toward the common goal of not only continually bringing in repeat events each year, but increasing the scope of those events where possible and working together to identify new events. This award demonstrates just how important it is to have a great parks and recreation system in place in order to boost sports tourism" - George Linley, Executive Director of the Palm Beach County Sports Commission.

Watch the video:

<https://youtu.be/1yKPIJ-ho4I>



"I would like to personally congratulate you and the Parks & Recreation Department for being awarded the 2019 NACo Achievement Award for the parks and recreation category – Parks2Work program, Nature Ninja Warriors & Eliminating Park Deserts. Thank you for your commitment to creating a vibrant environment in Palm Beach County." – Mayor Mack Bernard

the area of Sports Tourism. PBC Parks is committed to engaging the Palm Beach County Sports Commission in order to effectively develop, promote and provide outstanding recreational opportunities and amenities for the purpose of sports tourism. In doing so, this partnership annually contributes over \$27 million in economic impact and continues to be a premier destination for sports enthusiasts around the world to "Just Bring Their Game" to Palm Beach County.

Department recognized for three community-oriented programs with Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo)

The awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents.

- **Parks 2 Work** a program lifting homeless individuals from sleeping in parks to working in parks and being housed with wrap around services. PBC Parks collaborated with the Community Services Department and other partner agencies to make a difference. A [video](#) documenting Miguel Crespo's journey from homelessness to now working with the North District team as a Maintenance Worker II supported the nomination and the story was featured in the May issue of NRPA's Parks and Recreation Magazine.

- **Nature Ninja Warriors** a program that helps teens gain experience in outdoor recreation, environmental education and land stewardship careers. Participants are selected from underserved areas and exposure to these nature-based opportunities for healthy living and career exploration helps their overall health and broadens their horizons. The goal is to develop future parks and recreation leaders through the continuation of this program.

- **Eliminating Park Deserts** Initiative involves the department's Planning, Research and Development staff who have systematically researched and evaluated areas in the County that do not have a public park or quality green space within a 10-minute walk (roughly a half-mile) resulting in a 'park desert.' The department is addressing park deserts by creative partnerships, targeted land acquisition where feasible, and the provision of a mobile recreation unit, The PlayMaker.

Video series earns NACPRO Award



PBC Parks was selected as the recipient of a 2019 National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials award in the marketing category for the department's *Destination Recreation* video series. *Destination Recreation* is a video production that takes viewers through different parks and facilities, explaining amenities, history, and giving a behind-the-scenes look at how staff contribute to overall visitor experience. The series is created entirely in-house and includes a host, narration and staff interviews.

Paralympic Sport Club status climbed from bronze to silver level



Therapeutic Recreation Programming staff continued their quest for excellence. The Paralympic Sport Club

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"I just wanted to personally congratulate you and the rest of PBC Parks and Recreation on winning the Park and Recreation Month Cover Contest! We're so excited to see this photo on the July issue of Parks & Recreation magazine! It was really cool to see how much the community rallied around this photo...we even came across an article from a local newspaper down there about the contest! Thanks again for participating, and on behalf of all of us here at NRPA, congratulations!" – Cort Jones



^ Juno Beach Park Pier featured on the cover of Parks and Recreation Magazine



^ The home of George Morikami in Miyazu, Japan

Excellence Programs, implemented by the U.S. Paralympics, a division of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee is designed to support and recognize Paralympic Sports clubs as they evolve their Sport programming in various areas, including athlete identification and coaching education, and to recognize their contribution to the Paralympic movement.

Juno Beach Park photo featured on cover of national magazine

The photo was selected as the winner of the National Recreation and Park Association's 2019 Park and Recreation Month Cover Contest. With a total of 1,136 "likes" on Facebook at the 3 p.m. deadline, the photo showing the pier won by popular vote and was featured on the cover of the July issue of Parks & Recreation Magazine. The Juno Beach Pier is home to the Responsible Pier Initiative which equips responders at the pier with tools and training for responding to turtle and seabird injuries and strandings. The program, which spread to 64 piers worldwide, boasts 380 turtle and 65 seabird rescues; 13,000+ pounds of debris removed and 150+ miles of monofilament recycling. The pier includes a bait shop with snack bars and extends 990 feet into the Atlantic Ocean. Photo taken by volunteer Bob Gibson.

Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens staff received international recognition

Four staff members were honored to be presenters and participants in the (International Council of Museums) ICOM annual meeting in Kyoto, Japan. The theme was Museums as Cultural Hubs: The Future of Tradition—a perfect fit for the Morikami. Staff spoke on the Garden's nationally recognized Stroll

for Well Being program during the Ecomuseums, Ecology and Cultural/ Natural Environments sessions as well as presented on the Ms. Gunma Japanese Friendship Doll artifact and its importance in Japanese/American relationships as well as the importance of the garden as a living exhibition.

County golf courses recognized by the Golf Range Association of America (GRAA)

Osprey Point, John Prince Golf Learning Center, Okeehetee and Park Ridge were all awarded Top 50 Driving Range Awards by the GRAA.

Annual Report wins Health+Wellness Design Award



PBC Parks was selected by Graphic Design USA (GDUSA) as the winner of the 2019 American Health+Wellness Design Awards for its 2018 Annual Report. The publication celebrates a particularly memorable year and the unique design commemorates the Department's acceptance of the National Gold Medal Award for excellence in the field of park and recreation management, the highest honor a park and recreation agency can achieve. Filled with colorful photos and intriguing testimonials, the report is a celebration of the department's status as the best park and recreation agency in the U.S.A. and provides stakeholders with a visually appealing snapshot of 2018. The publication was designed in house and printed through the Public Affairs Department's Graphics Division.



“The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays” award was presented to John (Tom) Gregersen, former Senior Curator at the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens for his decades of work to educate and inspire all guests and visitors on Japan, it’s culture, art and history. Standing with him is Don Yoshino, former President of Morikami’s Board of Trustees and long standing Board member, who also received this award 2 years prior.



July is Park & Recreation Month Proclamation (l to r): front - Gabriella Francis, Tamaiya Anderson, Brian Crichlow, Jeriel Del Valle; back - Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Jennifer Cirillo, Westgate Recreation Center Manager Tamia Williams, Mayor Mack Bernard and Parks and Recreation Director Eric Call.



Morikami Museum staff member and trustee honored by the Japanese Government

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through the Consul General of Japan, has bestowed two very high level awards, the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays to Morikami, Inc. past president of the Board of Trustees, Nancy Stroud and Curator Emeritus, John Thomas Gregersen, a retired County employee. These prestigious awards recognize individuals for their work to educate others on the history, culture, art, music, dance and customs of Japan.

July is Park and Recreation Month proclamation

At the Board of County Commissioners meeting on July 2, Mayor **Mack Bernard** presented a proclamation declaring July 2019 as Park and Recreation Month in Palm Beach County.

Ocean Rescue Awards and Recognition:

- 2nd Place at the USLA Southeast Regional Championships
- 8th Place at the USLA National Championships
- Tiffany LaCasse Johnson named North District Lifeguard of the Year (2018)
- Bill DeMarino named South District Lifeguard of the Year (2018)
- Chase Robertson was the Male High Point score winner at USLA Regionals

- Chase Robertson and Hallie Petersohn were invited to be on the US National Team to compete in the Worlds Lifesaving Tournament in South Africa.

Okeehelée Nature Center

- Highlighted in the Town Crier for offering of unique programming (Owl Yoga) <https://gotowncrier.com/2019/08/okeehelée-nature-center-hosts-owl-yoga-class/>



- Featured on the iHeartRadio, Palm Beach Treasure Coast Perspective Podcast, highlighting the Nature Center’s Earth Day as well as other great opportunities in the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department <https://www.iheart.com/podcast/486-palm-beach-perspective-28236857/episode/pb-pers-okeehelée-nature-center-30786018/>

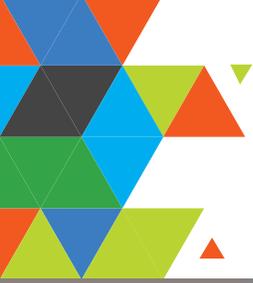
Therapeutic Recreation participant featured in comedy-drama film



Zachary Gottsagen, a Palm Beach County local who participates in Arts4All - Florida

- Palm Beach County programs stars alongside Shia LaBeouf and Dakota Johnson in the movie, The Peanut Butter Falcon. Zach has Down syndrome and the movie is garnering positive attention for being one of the few movies where an individual with Down syndrome is cast in a leading role.

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL EVENTS



PAUL CONNELL
Director, Special Facilities

Over 6,000 elementary school children were exposed to environmental education programs at our *Nature Centers and Riverbend Park*, helping shape the future stewards of our environment right here in our County parks.

Oakly the Squirrel debuts as official department mascot

PBC Parks chose 'Oakly' as the name of its new squirrel mascot, after receiving more than a dozen name submissions from Palm Beach County students as part of its Mascot Naming Contest. The name was submitted by Isaiah Gonzalez. On the morning of July 10, PBC Parks Director Eric Call awarded Gonzalez \$25 towards a US Savings Bond and 10 passes to either Calypso Bay or Coconut Cove Waterpark for use during the 2019 season.

Oakly is intended to encourage all ages to live happier, healthier lives by using parks and recreational facilities in their area, as parks provide opportunities for physical activity and mental wellness. Oakly's character was inspired by Eastern Gray Squirrels that are commonly spotted inside Palm Beach County parks.

Marine life protection under Blue Heron Bridge

County officials and scuba diving enthusiasts joined together on April 11, 2019 at Phil Foster Park under the Blue Heron Bridge (BHB) in Riviera Beach to celebrate changes by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission that prohibit the collection and possession of marine life fishery species (species collected and managed for the tropical aquarium trade) within Phil Foster Park and surrounding waters.

The celebration included an unveiling of recently installed signage indicating the changes, which will maintain high-quality snorkeling and diving

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^ KATHY BOLANDER
Director, Recreation Services

opportunities and contribute to the conservation of species under the BHB and at Phil Foster Park. The BHB area is internationally recognized by scientists, scuba divers, underwater photographers, and snorkelers for its abundance of unique marine life and was named one of the 50 best dive sites in the world by PADI Sport Diver magazine and referred to as Florida's "best shore dive" by SCUBA Diving Magazine.

Third Annual Outdoor Adventure Day at John Prince Park



"To whomever maintains this facility, thank you! It's the 1/2 way point during my travels. Always clean and welcoming!" – note left in the men's public restroom by a park patron for Earl Campbell, resident caretaker of Canal Point Park

PBC Parks and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission teamed up to offer "Outdoor Adventure Day" on March 2, 2019. Over 1,500 individuals living in urban communities experienced canoeing, fishing, archery, rock climbing and more. For the majority of participants this was their first time participating in these types of activities.

Fourth Annual Glades Family Fun Fest

Glades Family Fun Fest is a free event for all ages and residents of the tri-city area, which includes Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay. This year PBC Parks collaborated with the City of Belle Glade, with the event being hosted at the city's Louis Butts Park. The Department was awarded the \$2,500 Healthy Safe and Strong Grant from Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County. The purpose of this event is to educate the residents of the many benefits offered through local

agencies in the area and to promote health and wellness through a variety of games and activities.

Celebrating the Community - 13th Annual Celebrate Westgate



Westgate Park Recreation Center, in partnership with Westgate CRA/ Belvedere Homes, hosted the event on April 13, 2019. The community reunion themed event provided over 1,500 families from the Westgate community and surrounding areas an opportunity to enjoy leisure activities, music, arts, food, and resources. Vendors included Palm Beach County Transportation Planning Agency, Westgate CRA, Florida Atlantic University Wellness Center, The Westgate Mobile Green Market, Safe Kids, Josh's Benches and more.

Local fallen soldier honored at Lake Lytal Park

County officials honored service member Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 (CW2) Jonathan R. Farmer on April 20, 2019 at Lake Lytal Park in West Palm Beach. CW2 Farmer, a graduate of the Benjamin School in 1999, was killed in action in Syria on January 16. He was born in Boynton Beach and later grew up in Palm Beach Gardens. The ceremony included the unveiling of CW2 Farmer's name, which has been etched on the Global War on Terror memorial, which stands at the center of the Armed Forces Park plaza. The memorial, originally dedicated on July 4, 2005, honors brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice.



^ A young park patron shows his excitement upon finding the hidden squirrel.

Kids to Parks Day

PBC Parks celebrated Kids to Parks Day on May 18, 2019 with a fun social media game- coordinated by the Office of Public Engagement. Toy squirrels were placed at select parks and those who found one took a photo and shared it on our social media channels. Kids to Parks Day is a national celebration of great outdoors organized by National Park Trust and is designed to connect kids and families with their local, state and national parks and public lands.

Amphitheaters and Special Events staff continued to attract new and exciting, large scope events to our parks

- Spartan Race was held in Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park in April, where participants teamed up to run through mud and water to prove their fitness and grit. The Garlic Festival returned to John Prince Park and featured over one-hundred garlic-laced menu items, children’s amusement rides and arts and crafts.
- The “Big Bounce” returned to Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park with the world’s biggest bounce house. The event also offered slides, ball pits and a 60-foot tall maze and was also held at John Prince Park for the first time.
- Lights for Hope, a fun, drive-thru holiday light display for a charitable cause, was held at Okeethee Park.

Each event brought more than 10,000 participants. Parks Operations staff assisted by providing a variety of support services. Direct programming at Canyon and Seabreeze Amphitheaters drew large crowds including a record-breaking Valentine’s Day concert with 2,500 patrons in attendance.

Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens attracted outstanding exhibits



Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens had an exceptional 2019, with new exhibitions including Hard Bodies Lacquerware, Sayaka Ganz: Reclaimed Creations and Falling Water Soaring Kites were extremely well received.

Community events held at Orange Bowl Field, Glades Pioneer Park

Sports and Wellness staff coordinated a variety of special events on the recently renovated multipurpose field - the Orange Bowl’s fifth Legacy Gift to the South Florida community and first in Palm Beach County. Events included DT Prime, Orange Bowl/FAU coaches clinic, Muck City Gators Jamboree, NRPA Family Health and Fitness Day, youth football league games and practices, and open play for the community.

Morikami Museum & Japanese Gardens special events attracted over 20,000 visitors

Visitors at Oshogatsu Festival, Hatsume Fair and Lantern Festival, In the Spirit of Obon enjoyed Japanese culture, cuisine and musical entertainment. Each festival and the summer “Sushi and Stroll” events exceeded attendance expectations.



^ Spartan Race, Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park

“I wanted to reach out and thank you for your support for the 2019 Spartan Race at [Burt Aaronson South County Regional] park. Looking forward to seeing the racers feedback of the course. We’ll discuss Spartan’s return with the tourism commission.” – Seamus Queally

PARK IMPROVEMENTS



^ BOB HAMILTON

Director, Park Planning, Research and Development

Shark Wake Park in Okeetee Park

County officials, Greg Norman Jr. and World Golf Hall-of-Fame member Greg Norman gathered to celebrate the grand opening of Shark Wake Park 561, a cable and water park complex operated inside Okeetee Park by JR. Wake Parks, LLC, on June 15, 2019. The aqua park – the largest in Florida at over an acre – is an inflatable, floating playground featuring monkey bars, climbing towers, slides and more. The cable wake park allows for wakeboarding without the need for a boat. Shark Wake Park features two full-size 5-tower cable systems – one beginner and one advanced cable with UNIT Parktech features. Waterskiing, wake skating and knee boarding can also be done from the pulley system.

Canyon District Park

- Design and construction drawings for Phase 1 of this future 52-acre district park were completed in December 2019 with construction expected to commence in early-2020. This park will be developed in two phases, with Phase I including: an access road,

over 250 parking spaces, three multipurpose fields, field lighting, a restroom/concession building with a plaza gathering area, two small pavilions; and a fitness trail.

Glades Pioneer Park

- The Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability awarded \$369,502 in Community Development Block Grant funding to develop an outdoor fitness center with shade canopy. The project is fully designed and permitted and construction has commenced.
- Phase 2 design has commenced for additional improvements to the Orange Bowl field. Amenities are expected to include a building adjacent to the field containing a space for neighborhood meetings and wellness classes as well as rooms for a concession, storage and an office. A new playground will be constructed adjacent to the building that will replace the existing structure. Construction is expected to commence by the summer of 2020.

Bridgeman Drive Park



△ *Bridgeman Drive Park conceptual design*

Construction has commenced for this new 0.3-acre neighborhood park located on the SW corner of Bridgeman Drive and Florida Mango Road in suburban West Palm Beach. Once complete this park will feature two playground areas, a half-court basketball area and associated pathways and landscaping. This project was funded through a Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) provided by Palm Beach County Housing and Economic Sustainability. The park is expected to open to the public by May 2020.

Gardens North County District Park phases 1 and 2

In 2018 the County leased 82 acres of land to Palm Beach Gardens for the development of the North County District Park. This Park is being developed in two phases. Phase One which included construction of a restroom, sports fields, playground, parking and related infrastructure was completed in 2019. The city and county are currently working on a sublease agreement with a private



△ *Gardens North County District Park groundbreaking ceremony*



entity to construct a 200,000-square-foot community center on the Phase 2 property by 2024.

John Prince Memorial Park

- The John Prince Park Campground received more than one mile of new fiber optic underground cabling and nine poles with Wi-Fi transmitters to improve the service to the campers.
- The Therapeutic Recreation Complex is undergoing renovations to ensure ADA compliance. The Fountains building's restrooms and kitchen are being renovated. The plans also include accessibility access to the pool and a shade canopy over the pool. The front entrance is also being modified to improve sightlines, the entrance sign is being relocated and the perimeter fence and landscaping are being modified to increase visibility of oncoming vehicles and pedestrians. The turning radii leaving the parking lot to make egress easier for buses. Work is to be completed by late spring 2020.

Morikami Inc. obtained an exceptional grant

The Morikami Museum's partner received \$482,000 for renovations to be made to the Yamato-kan museum building from the Freeman Foundation. The Yamato-kan is the original museum building that hosts a permanent exhibit educating the public about the Yamato Colony and George Morikami the catalyst for this amazing facility.

“Thank you and your team of lifeguards for everything you did Saturday so the event could run smoothly! We’re estimating that between 600 to 800 people attended the event- making it our biggest at Pioneer Park yet.” – Jon Burstein

“Dear Rick [Welch] & The Ocean Rescue Team, I just want to say thank you for hosting today’s race and everything you guys do. I had no idea just how difficult a mile swim is, even though I swim in the pool on a regular basis and swim lesser distances on flat calm days near the pier. I want to especially give a shout out of THANKS to AJ Defilippis. He stayed with me the entire race. I’m not sure I could’ve done it without him and his encouragement kept me going. This may be the hardest event I’ve ever done even though I’ve done 14 shorter triathlons. He’s a great guy and you guys are lucky to have him on staff. Thanks again.” – Peter Weisman

Osprey Point Golf Course expanded to meet the public’s demand in West Boca Raton



Osprey Point built and opened a new, modern golf shop to meet the demand of the golf course and opened “The Nest” restaurant as Palm Beach County Golf Operations’ first full-service restaurant and host site to special events.

John Prince, Okeehelée South and Waterway Parks mitigation areas

Division staff performed routine invasive non-native maintenance on approximately 105 acres of mitigation/conservation area at John Prince, Okeehelée South and Waterway Parks. Recently, the department received letters of acknowledgement from the South Florida Water Management District stating we have adequately satisfied the mitigation requirements at John Prince Park.

Prescribed Burns



Prescribed fire is one of the most important tools used in land management today. The use of prescribed fires help to prevent and/

or greatly reduce the risk of wildfire and fuel buildup while increasing plant diversity and improving wildlife habitat. In addition to the prescribed burns conducted on parks property, qualified Parks Operations Division staff assisted the Department of Environmental Resources Management (ERM) on several prescribed burns totaling 3,517 acres.

Athletic field renovations

Field turf renovations were completed for forty-six multi-purpose fields and thirty-one baseball/softball fields this year. Baseball/softball infield clay renovations were completed for eighty-one ball fields and two cricket fields. Field renovations decrease the chances for injury by improving the consistency of the playing surface.

Turf Sustainability Program

The Turf Sustainability Plan focuses on the thirty-three most heavily used turf-worn multipurpose fields and eleven of the most turf worn baseball/softball infields. The program was instituted three years ago and continues to provide savings on sod replacement costs. The goal of the Turf Sustainability Plan is to promote turf growth through best practices that ultimately increase playability and appearance, provide a more inviting facility, reduce the need to replace sod, provide a safe playing surface for field users, and decrease liability to the County.

More projects completed at County Golf Courses to improve our customers experience.

Park Ridge Golf Course:

- Tee boxes were leveled and re-sodded with a Tiff Tuff grass, a more durable grass to stand up to the heavy wear and tear they experience. Paspalum grass, which is an extremely durable turf, was added in several areas where Bermuda grass had trouble surviving. Drainage was added

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“What a surprise, an immediate answer and obviously the business is taken care of within the next few hours! Good work! Thanks once more!” – response from a park patron after they sent an e-mail to pbcparcs to have a walking path cleared of debris at Okeeheelee Park



^ GEORGE LACOSTA
Director, Parks Operations

“The John Prince Park newly netted volleyball courts look great! I contacted several volleyball players and was told that they have already started using the courts and have seen others using them too. You and your staff did a wonderful job leveling the sand and clearing it of debris. Please know that your efforts are appreciated by many and the courts will be put to good use and enjoyed. Thank you on behalf of many volleyball players young and old.” – Ruth Lynch

and improved to help keep the course from holding water after heavy rains allowing the course to reopen sooner.

Okeeheelee Golf Course:

- Staff leveled and re-sodded the popular and heavily used driving range tee. The same Tiff Tuff that was used at Park Ridge for the tee boxes was used on the range at Okeeheelee. This program also allowed us to add more hitting stations throughout the year to accommodate more golfers.

Osprey Point Golf Course:

- In a joint venture with Brightview Golf Maintenance and the Joseph P Cory Foundation, staff built an organic garden. Along with providing fresh, organic fruits and vegetables for our new restaurant The Nest Eatery, the garden will serve as a community gathering place and local schools will be invited to help Osprey Point keep the garden running all year long as an education outreach program.

Caloosa Park fitness trail renovation



Renovation of the Fit-Trail at Caloosa Park was completed. The significant renovation project included adding ADA accessibility and a variety of mid-range health fitness exercise equipment along with engineered mulch surface. This amenity includes approximately 1.1 miles of fitness trail and offers twenty-one station exercise course with three different levels: (a) novice, (b) intermediate, and (c) expert. These three levels offer park patrons an opportunity to be physically challenged at varying levels and help maintain a healthy lifestyle.

West Boynton Park skate park renovation



Renovation of the West Boynton Park Skate Park was completed utilizing FY2017 – FY2018 Infrastructure Sales Tax funds. Renovations included removal and replacement of existing ramps, repositioning of equipment and resurfacing.

Playground Renovations

Playground renovations at Limestone Creek and Burt Aaronson South County Regional Parks were completed utilizing FY2017–FY2018 Infrastructure Sales Tax funds. Renovations included the removal of a pour-in-place rubber surfacing product and rubber tiles. Forever-Lawn turf and bounded rubber mulch replaced the old surfacing. The new surfacing products provide ADA accessibility and enhance safety.

Pickleball Courts Added



Underutilized tennis courts at Okeeheelee Park and Lake Lytal Park were repurposed to Pickleball Courts. These popular facility upgrades were well received.

"Just wanted you to know what a great campground you have at South Bay. Clean, neat from the bath house to the grounds. Your staff has accommodated us twice and the customer service has been awesome. We camp all over Florida and I must tell you this is one of the best and has become one of our favorites. We will definitely be back and will spread the word on this little gem. Thanks to all for our nice visit." – Carol Cook

"Wow! Just wanted to take a moment to commend your staff who maintains JPP Campground. What a vast improvement over last year. Everything is neat, trimmed, and clean. Much appreciated. Keep up the good work." – Rusty Votava

"Thanks so much and keep up the phenomenal work. Aqua Crest [Pool] is awesome!" – Anna Stewart regarding the swimming instructors

Sign replacements

Installation of updated playground and restroom signs throughout our park system was completed. One hundred thirty-eight new playground signs showcase a fresh and updated design of our logo and updated information. Two hundred seventy-seven new restroom signs were also updated. Efforts to update signs at sports fields, tennis/basketball/racquetball courts and dog parks throughout our park system will be ongoing.

Loxahatchee Groves septic to sewer

The septic system serving Loxahatchee Groves Park was failing and in need of replacement. Instead of replacing the drainfield, funding was allocated to connect the restroom to a sewer force main along Southern Boulevard. Installation of a sewer line under Southern Boulevard was completed in December. Installation of a lift station is expected to occur by the spring of 2020.

Okeehetee Park

\$350,000 in Florida Boater Improvement Program (FBIP) funds have been allocated for the replacement of the outdated fixed ski lake docks at Okeehetee Park with a new aluminum floating dock system.

Limestone Creek 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-court basketball court to a full court facility. The project is fully designed and currently in for permitting. Construction is expected to commence in the spring of 2020.

San Castle Community Park basketball court expansion

The Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability awarded \$150,000 in Community Development

Block Grant funding for renovation and expansion of the existing half-court basketball court to a full court. The project is fully designed and currently in for permitting. Construction is expected to commence by the spring of 2020.

Santaluces Athletic Complex – aquatic complex renovation

Renovations include 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 has been allocated through the Infrastructure Sales Tax funding.

South Bay Crossroads Depot playground

The Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability awarded \$299,761 in Community Development Block Grant for construction of a new playground. The project is fully designed and permitted and construction is underway.

Countywide playground renovations

\$2,950,387 in Infrastructure Sales Tax funding was allocated in FY2017-2018 for playground renovation within 10 parks across the County. The playgrounds and/or surfacing at these facilities have exceeded their lifecycle and are in need of replacement in order to provide continued safe play. Eight of the FY 2017 projects are completed or under construction, the remainder of the project will be completed in 2020. The FY2018 projects are currently under design, with installation expected to begin by mid-2020.

	Dyer Park (under const.)
	John Stretch Park (under const.)
	Juno Park (2020)

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^ REBECCA SCHNIRMAN
 Director, Financial & Support Services

"Wanted to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules yesterday to accompany me on the inspection tour of the [JPP] maintenance compound. I also wanted to let you know how impressed that I was with the excellent condition that is present in all areas of the compound. To have a carpenter shop that is void of sawdust, a welding shop with no slag on the floors etc., a small engine repair shop with clean floors and organized materials and parts, a warehouse operation with no blocked aisles, fire extinguishers and materials. Everything has a place and in your operation and everything was in its place. Additionally very impressed with the Paint and Chemical storage areas as well. Those portions of the compound are obviously controlled and maintained to the highest degree. The staff you have on site know what to do and they get it done. You should be proud of the hard work and effort it has taken to run such a smooth operation. Thanks again for your time and efforts." – Grayson Wood

✓	Lake Lytal Park (completed)
⦿	Paul Rardin Park (under const.)
+	Sanders Drive Park (2020)
✓	Lake Ida Park (completed)
✓	West Boynton Park (completed)
✓	John Prince Boundless (completed)
✓	John Prince Boundless Surfacing (completed)

Countywide sports lighting replacements

\$5.4 million in Infrastructure Sales Tax funding was budgeted to replace the sports lighting on 16 athletic fields. Musco Lighting was awarded \$2.5 million to supply the equipment, resulting in the largest lighting contract in the United States. Four annual contractors have been selected through a pre-qual contract to install the new high efficiency lights. Installation is expected to commence in early-2020. The new lights use less energy and are remotely programmable saving the County both money and staff time.

- ✓ Burt Aaronson South County Regional
- ✓ Bert Winters Park
- ✓ Caloosa Park
- ✓ Dyer Park
- ✓ Glades Pioneer Park
- ✓ Juno Park
- ✓ Lake Charleston Park
- ✓ Okeehetee Park
- ✓ Pinewoods Park
- ✓ Westgate Recreation Center

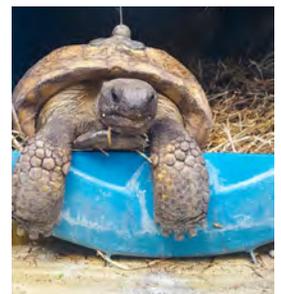
Nature Centers and Riverbend Park continued to lead in the field of environmental sustainability

- **Daggerwing Nature Center** is hatching and introducing native Apple Snails into the ponds around the Nature Center in Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park. The surrounding ecosystem benefits from this work
- **Okeehetee Nature Center** was approved by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to have a Gopher Tortoise, a threatened keystone species in Florida's ecosystems, as an educational animal. The Nature Center volunteers built a state-of-the-art outdoor enclosure for the tortoise
- **Green Cay Nature Center** installed several owl nest boxes around the nature center and wetlands boardwalk, providing more opportunities for wildlife and the public alike
- **Riverbend Park** recently had a water control structure modernized that will allow for better control and maintenance of the waterways within the park



^ Gopher Tortoise enclosure at Okeehetee Nature Center

Sparky at Okeehetee Nature Center





PARTNERSHIPS



International Coastal Cleanup

1,586 volunteers remove more than 3,000 pounds of trash from parks during International Coastal Cleanup

The International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) is the world's largest, one-day volunteer effort to clean up the marine environment. Thousands of volunteers in Palm Beach County descend on local beaches, rivers, lakes and canals to show their commitment to cleaner waterways on September 21. The Ocean Conservancy, the world's largest organization focusing exclusively on the health of the marine environment, has sponsored this annual event for the past 33 years. By providing detailed, standardized data on paper data cards, or electronically through the Clean Swell app, volunteers gather valuable information about the types and sources of debris found. Analyzed and tracked year by year, this information serves as a powerful tool for educating the public, influencing public policy, and effecting positive behavioral change on the part of individuals, organizations and communities.

Josh's Benches

PBC Parks partnered with Josh's Benches for Awareness to install bright yellow memorial benches at three park

locations aimed at achieving awareness of the suicide prevention and mental health resources available in the community for individuals struggling with mental health issues. The Josh's Bench will serve as a spot to rest or chat with someone while getting valuable resource information. They were installed at the following locations:

- Okeehetee Nature Center
- West Boynton Recreation Center
- Westgate Park and Recreation Center



County's first free life jacket loaner station

On May 24, Palm Beach County officials, through a partnership with boating safety nonprofit the Sea Tow Foundation, held the grand opening of a new Life Jacket Loaner Station, available to Sunset Lake boaters in Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park. The station is the first of its kind

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△ CHRIS KORBELAK
Manager, Office of Public Engagement



Life jacket loaner station, Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park

in Palm Beach County. The station – which is located adjacent to the boat ramp sidewalk – holds life jackets that local boaters may borrow and use, free of charge. Available in sizes ranging from infant to Adult XL, these life jackets help to ensure each of a boat’s passengers have access to necessary safety equipment. Boaters may borrow the life jackets at no cost and are asked to return them when they are finished so that they are available for others to use.

1,465 volunteers cleaned our parks during Great American Cleanup



In celebration of Earth Day month, local activities of the Great American Cleanup included a massive removal of litter and illegal dumping from Palm Beach County’s public spaces on Saturday, April 27. Volunteers of all ages gave more than 4,200 volunteer hours at county-operated parks during the event.

Public Private partnerships led to facility enhancements at no cost to the County

Special Facilities staff secured new vendors and considerable levels of private capital investment in FY 2019 including; Jupiter Outdoor Center in Riverbend Park with a commitment of \$300,000; The Rick Macci Tennis Center in Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park with a commitment of \$2,581,000; Soccer 5, LLC. In John Prince Park with a commitment of \$900,000; and The Shark Wake Park in Okeetee Park consisting of the largest Aqua Park in Florida and two wake board cable systems completed at a cost of several million dollars. Participation at these facilities is exceeding our expectations.

Staff collaborated with over 178 Partner organizations to facilitate athletic programming at county facilities

The Recreation Services Division partnered with more than 235 Youth and Adult Sports Programs, comprised of over 4,450 teams, serving over 63,250 participants at various athletic facilities throughout Palm Beach County.

Countywide weekend beach cleanups following Hurricane Dorian



In the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian, PBC Parks and the Environmental Resources Management Department (ERM), along with other community organizations, hosted a countywide weekend beach cleanup event on Saturday, September 7, 2019. The cleanups were prompted by the impacts of Hurricane Dorian, which caused large volumes of plastic, trash and debris to wash ashore. Volunteers joined the effort by meeting on-site at the following locations,

- DuBois Park
- Ocean Reef Park
- Ocean Inlet Park
- Ocean Cay Park
- R.G. Kreisler Beach Park

Fit and Strong!

The Fit and Strong program is an evidence-based, multiple-component program for older adults with lower extremity osteoarthritis. The program is made up of a 60-minute exercise component followed by 30 minutes of group discussion/ education for sustained behavior change. This program supports training, educating

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“Thank you for providing a most informative presentation on Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation. We appreciated learning about these amazing, accessible parks and how they support health and well-being. We can now direct our clients/ families to these places to be active and enjoy the natural beauty of our area. Thank you for taking the time to share your expertise with the WIC staff.”
– Penny Masur



^ Participants get active in *Fit and Strong*

"I love these classes [Fit and Strong]. My walking, dancing and balance have improved immensely. We as a group laugh and joke a lot and the girls have become friends. I hate missing a class. I never want it to end." – Fit and Strong program attendee

"When I started [the Walk with Ease program], I was not able to walk a long distance, now I'm walking about thirty minutes now. I would like to say thank you, because of you I'm able to walk and my knees don't hurt." – Hilda D.

people on how to improve daily choices, prevent injuries and illnesses, access local resources, and helps improve the overall quality of life. Staff engaged community partners such as the mid-county senior center, Palm Health Foundation and the University of Florida Palm Beach County Extension. They enhanced the curriculum by bringing resources together to help the group stay motivated and to continue their pursuit for better health.

West Jupiter Recreation Center

PBC partnered with the West Jupiter Community Group, Inc. for coordination of out of school time programs. The West Jupiter Community Group, Inc. is a provider of after school, winter break, spring break and summer camp services for children in grades K-8 with an objective to provide educational support, increase grade point average and self-esteem. The partnership allows the county to serve more local children and minimize the duplication of services.

FY 2019 Adopt-a-Park Partners

Group/Organization Name	Park
4Ocean	South Inlet Park
Applebees	Ocean Inlet Park
ASEZ	John Prince Park
Beachy Clean	Ocean Inlet Park
Berkshire Country Day School	DuBois Park
Boca High Environmental Club	South Inlet Park
Boca Save our Beaches	South Inlet Park
Boy Scouts of American	Okeeheelee Park
Christa McAulliffe Middle School	Gulfstream Park
Christopher Simmons	Gulfstream Park
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Jupiter Beach, Ocean Inlet Park
Clearwater Marine Research Group	Ocean Inlet Park
East Point Cleanup	Karen Marcus Ocean Park Preserve
FAU Pine Jog Summer Day Camp	Gulfstream Park, RG Kreuzler
Felix Williams Elementary	DuBois Park
Friends of Jupiter Beach	Ocean Cay Park, Karen Marcus Ocean Preserve
Girl Scouts Troop 20230	Ocean Ridge Hammock Park
Girl Scouts Troop 24509	Okeeheelee Park
Haiti Cholera Research Funding Foundation, Inc.	R.G. Kreuzler Park
Hands Across the Sands	Carlin Park
Illustrated Properties	John Prince Park, Lake Osborne
James Thomas	Okeeheelee Park
King's Academy Key Club	Okeeheelee Park
Lake Worth Honors College	Ocean Inlet Park
Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center	Coral Cove Park, Juno Beach Park
MaryLuz Hair Salon	DuBois Park

Volunteer Stats FY2019

Total Volunteer Hours	183,182
Current Savings to County	\$4,658,318
New Volunteer Applications Processed	247

"I would like to THANK YOU for organizing our second half of the trip this year. The students really enjoyed the DuBois House and the beach clean-up. The docents were wonderful and very knowledgeable. Looking forward to working with you again. Thanks for all of your help."
 – Eileen Torounian



Power of Parks Podcast

The Office of Public Engagement shares inspiring stories from people who have benefited from nature, parks and recreation. The podcast is hosted by Public Relations Specialist Bibi Baksh and can be found on iTunes, SoundCloud and WordPress.

More Than Conquerors Life Center	DuBois Park
National Junior Honor Society	Gulf Stream Park
Jackie Wagoner and friends	San Castle Community Park
Ocean Blue Project	Ocean Reef Park
Oceanview Private Wealth	Coral Cove Park
O'Lear Family	Juno Beach Park
PACE Center for Girls	Lake Lytal Park
Palm Beach Gardens High School	Juno Beach Park
PBG Future Business Leaders of America	Ocean Cay Park
PBSO	Okeeheelee Park
Planet Kids Loxahatchee	Ocean Reef Park
Port of Palm Beach	Ocean Reef Park
Pratt & Whitney	Carlín Park
Pura Vida	Phil Foster Park
Royal Palm Beach High School	Ocean Reef Park
Sacred Heart Catholic School	RG Kreuzler Park
Schulz Soccer Academy	Gulfstream Park
Sea Angels Green Beach Clean Inc	Ocean Inlet Park
Sea Turtle Adventures	Carlín Park, Gulfstream Park, Ocean Reef Park, R.G. Kruesler Park
Serrano Group	John Prince Park, Lake Osborne
SLAM!	South Inlet Park
South Florida Spearfishing Club	South Inlet Park
Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT)	DuBois Park, Dyer Park, Lake Ida West Park, Okeeheelee Park
Surfrider PBC	Peanut Island
T.R.E.E. Club	South Inlet Park
TD Bank	Peanut Island Park
Temple Torat Emet	Ocean Inlet Park
The Institute for Regional Conservation	South Inlet Park
The River Center	Coral Cove Park
Watersoul Foundation	Ocean Reef Park
Wells Fargo	Carlín Park, Ocean Inlet
West Pines Baptist Church	John Prince Park, Lake Osborne
WPB 7th Day Baptist	Stacy Street Park
WPB SAI Center	Okeeheelee Park
WPTV	DuBois Park
Young Earth Helpers	Ocean Inlet Park

PERFORMANCE



Approximately \$28 million in economic impact through sports, film and culture to Palm Beach County through use of county-operated parks and recreation facilities



^ JAMES DAVIS
Director, Aquatics

Golf facilities bucked the national trends and continued to be self-sufficient

Golf Operations continued to be one of the most successful municipal golf operations in the Country. Gross revenue at the department's five courses exceeded \$10 million this year for the first time. Expenses and facility conditions continue to be maintained at optimal levels and the department continued to receive praise from the public for affordability and conditions.

Park Ranger Section



The Park Rangers were busy throughout the year. On many occasions they are the first point of contact for visitors. Park Rangers are always ready to assist or educate the public about park facilities and amenities. Some of their collective accomplishments include:

SERVICE CALLS
3,463

PATRON CONTACTS
568,466

FACILITY SAFETY CHECKS
116,431

Aquatics Division

- Provided water safety education to 9,000 people (over and above those reached through swimming lessons and beach preventative actions/education).
- Pools & waterparks provided pool usage for the training of 15,967 people including high school athletes, PBSO, Fire Rescue staff, and Sr. Games, free of charge.
- Ocean Rescue staff continued to provide training for and participated in trainings with PBSO and Fire Rescue personnel.

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Ocean Rescue Lifeguards

Provided public safety protection, education and safety for beach visitors at 14 county-operated beaches through preventative action, bather assists and rescue, resulting in zero drownings on PBC guarded beaches during operational hours. Three PBC beaches are south of inlets which results in Ocean Rescue assisting and rescuing boaters. Additionally, PBC Ocean Rescue is called upon to respond to boating and/or diving accidents up to 3 miles off shore and medical incidents within a defined area around the park.

	NORTH DISTRICT	SOUTH DISTRICT	GRAND TOTAL
Attendance	2,209,693	2,735,281	4,944,974
Preventative Actions	59,312	43,807	103,119
Minor Medical Calls	6,236	8,266	14,502
Major Medical Calls	45	49	94
Rescues	57	77	134
Bather Assists	274	253	527
Boat Passengers Rescued	3	34	37
Boat Assists	5	19	24
Boat Assist Passengers	3	3	6
Lost & Found Persons	5	8	13
Enforcement Calls	49	30	79
Hazard Closing	253	239	492

Hurricane Dorian

In early September 2019, the County was closed for three days due to the threat of Hurricane Dorian. On the final day of the closure Ocean Rescue was authorized to activate beach safety teams to patrol County guarded beaches to warn and educate visitors about the dangers of swimming in the dangerous conditions caused by the hurricane churning offshore for days. This public safety initiative proved worthwhile in keeping beach visitors out of harms way.

Year round Pools:



Aqua Crest Pool: Recovered 32% of operating expenses and increased attendance in all areas.

Lake Lytal Family Aquatic Center: Recovered 35% of operating expenses and increased overall attendance.

North County Aquatic Complex: Recovered 52% of operating expenses and increased attendance in water aerobics and the number of birthday party bookings.

Seasonal Pools:

Both seasonal pools converted to utilizing the RecTrac Point of Sale system.

Pioneer Park Pool: Through the partnership with Drowning Prevention Coalition and the American Red Cross Centennial program, provided free swimming lessons for 379 individuals.

Santaluces Aquatic Center: Recovered 21% of operating expenses, a 7% higher cost recovery compared to the 2017 season. Note: The pool was closed for renovation in 2018 and was unable to open until June for the 2019 season.

Waterparks: Provided fun and affordable aquatic recreation for families, offered Birthday party packages and after hours rentals. Both Calypso Bay and Coconut Cove end their season with "Waggin at the Waterpark" events for dogs.

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More than 2 million visits in 2019

Attendance	Calypso Bay	Coconut Cove	Grand Totals
General Admission	63,604	67,063	130,667
Birthday Parties	3030	4,500	7,530
Swimming Lessons	345	256	601
Waggin at the Waterpark (# dogs)	304	324	628
Total Attendance FY 18*	70,053	70,433	140,486
Total Attendance FY 19*	73,395	73,090	146,485
Percent increase in attendance	4.7%	3.7%	4%

* Includes fee waiver usage and after hours rentals

South County Civic Center—a popular meeting venue.



The civic center hosted 828 meeting/ events in FY 19. Events included health fairs, political and community meetings, seminars, social gatherings and more, which served over 67,500 people.

Special Olympics Florida—Palm Beach County offered:



- 21 sports
- 14 local competitions
- 70 plus training programs
- Served over 2,000 athletes

Finance and Support Services staff enabled an autobill option in RecTrac, which allows customers who pay fees on a monthly basis to charge automatically to their credit card

Working with the ISS Department, Finance and Support Services staff were able to interface our hand punch units (used to pay our non-permanent employees) with HRIS, the county's HR system. This has saved the department thousands of dollars annually, since previously a vendor supported application was providing the integration.

"From my early days of interning at camps and leisure activities for people with disabilities to my post college work with Palm Beach County Therapeutic Recreation Section and my family's current commitment to help raising funds, Special Olympics Florida will always hold a special place in my heart. It is a privilege and honor to chair the First Annual Special Olympics Florida Yacht Hop." – Kristen Ray

Accomplishments for both waterparks:

- Increased attendance and revenue for the year in spite of an average of 6 total closures and 38 early closure days due to weather. Calypso Bay recovered 83.6% of operational expenses and Coconut Cove recovered 91% of operational expenses.
- Developed external websites, to improve marketing efforts and help to drive new business.
- Utilized RecTrac to provide web based swimming lesson and Waggin at the Waterpark registrations.
- Doubled attendance at Waggin at the Waterpark events.
- Utilized a new food vendor to reduce concession costs.
- Received 90% satisfaction rating on both swimming lesson and birthday party surveys.

Coconut Cove Waterpark, Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park

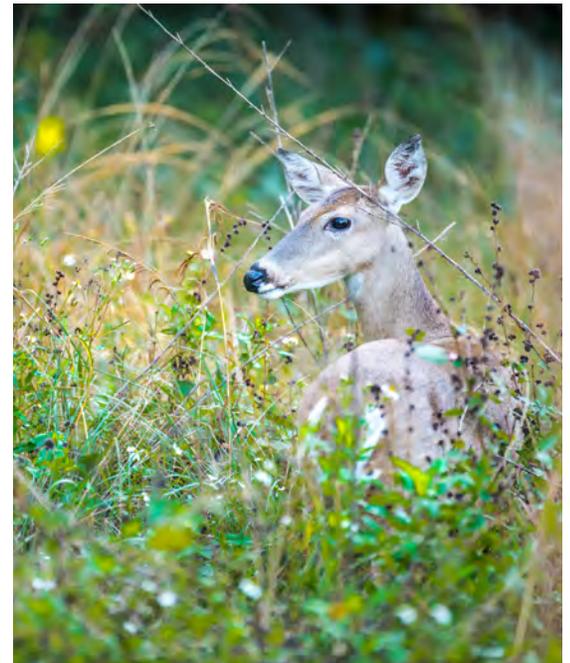


Performance Measurements (2019)

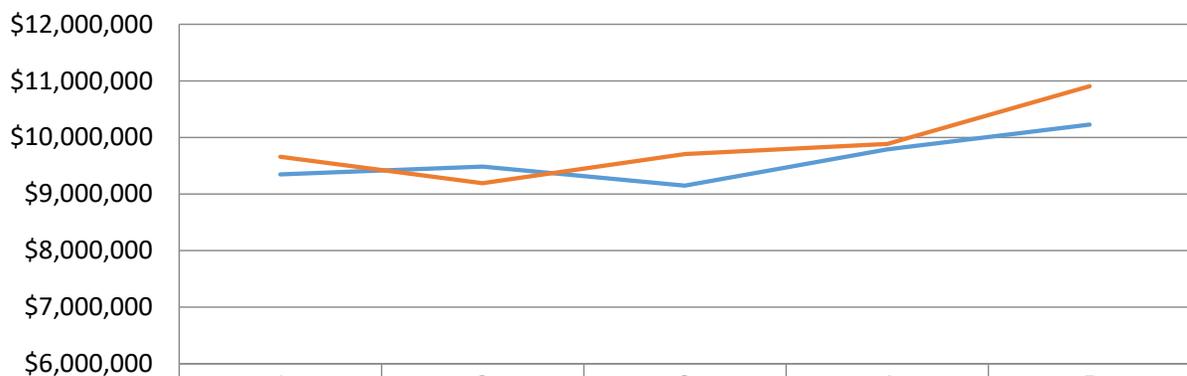
Number of developed park acres	6,087.4
Percentage of trails, paths and roadways maintained in accordance with standards	84.24%
Number of people reached through water safety presentations in the community	9,000+
Number of schools and pools, summer camp, or individual lessons funded through Drowning Prevention and/or American Red Cross	513
Percentage of County residents/visitors rating participation as important and will return	98.2%
Operating costs per round of golf as a percentage of revenues per round of golf	70%
Number of volunteer hours	183,182

How we compared nationwide in 2019

	National Avg.*	Palm Beach County
Operating expenditure per FTE	\$93,230	\$91,836
Operating expenditure per capita	\$78.69	\$52.03
Operating expense per acre of land managed	\$6,750	\$6,534
Revenue as a percentage of total operating expense	27.3%	29%
Acreage of Parkland per 1,000 population	10.1	5.58
Revenue generated annually per capita	\$20.11	\$14.86



Non Ad-Valorem Revenue

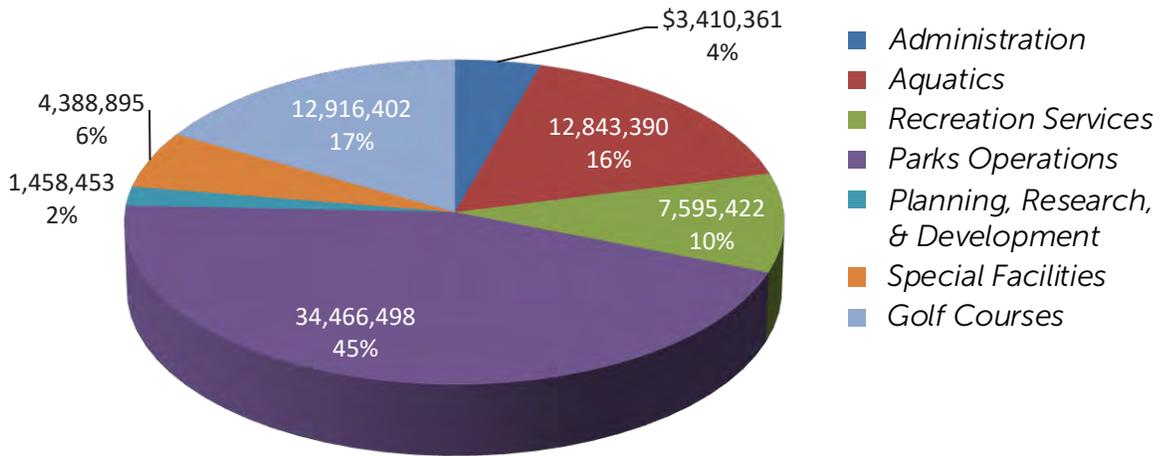


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Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
General Fund	9,347,750	9,483,842	9,149,460	9,790,156	10,227,834
Golf Courses	9,656,660	9,192,213	9,705,645	9,887,918	10,905,897

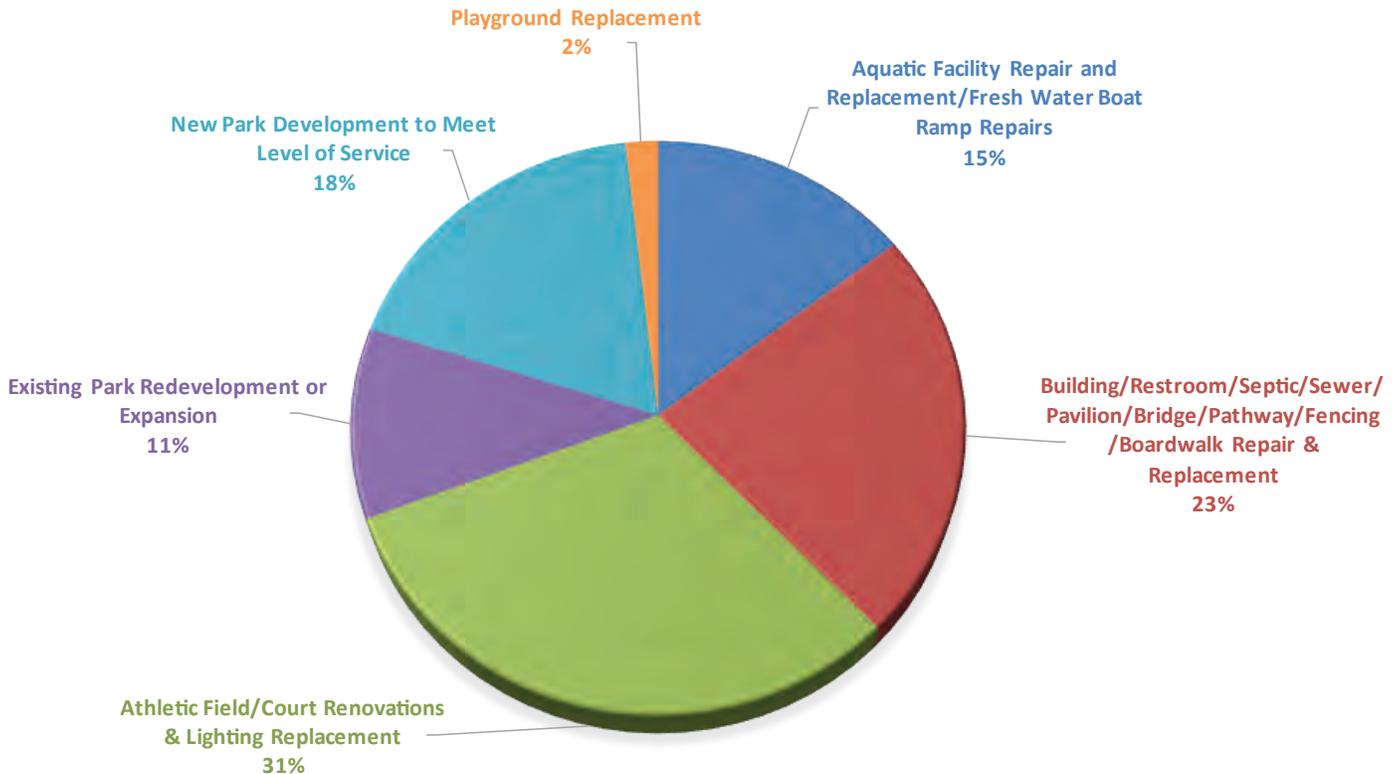
FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT



2019 ADOPTED BUDGET



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



VALUED PARTNERS

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

VALUED PARTNERS

Beach County
Honda Classic-PGA
Tournament Organization
Hope4Mobility
Huntington Pointe Senior
Softball Association, Inc.
Indian River Lagoon License
Plate (grants managed by
DEP)
Indian Trails Improvement
District
International Kickball
Foundation
International Slow Pitch
Softball
International Soccer League
Interscholastic Equestrian
Association
Into Action
Janet Labanara, Water
Fitness Instructor
Japan American Society
JCD Caribbean, Inc
Jewish Community Center of
the Greater Palm Beaches
Jim Abernethy's Scuba
Adventures
Junior Golf Foundation of
America, Inc.
Juno Beach Prep School
Jupiter Christian School
Jupiter Community Group
Jupiter Dive Center
Jupiter Diving Parent Club,
Inc.
Jupiter Dragons Parent Club
Jupiter Elks Lodge
Jupiter Farms Community
Association
Jupiter Farms Community
Parade and Events, Inc.
Jupiter Farms Residents, Inc.
Jupiter High School
Environmental Academy
Jupiter Inlet District
Jupiter Middle School
Treehuggers Club
Jupiter NEAteam
Jupiter Outdoor Center
Jupiter Petanque Club
Jupiter/Tequesta Athletic
Association
Jupiter Horsemens
Association
Jupiter Youth Rugby Club
KABOOM!
Kayak King Watersports, Inc.
Keep Palm Beach County
Beautiful
Kickball 365
Kings Academy
Ladies Professional Golf
Association
Lady Canes
Lady Gators Softball
Lagoon Keepers
Lake Lytal Lassie League
Lake Lytal Lightning Booster
Club
LaLa Land Productions

Lake Lytal/Santaluces
Baseball League
Lake Worth/Boynton Beach/
Delray Beach Community
Softball League
Lake Worth Drainage District
Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative
Lake Worth Sharks
Lake Worth Spanish Seventh
Day Adventist Church
Lake Worth West Community
Group
Lake Worth Youth
Empowerment Center
Latinos in Action
Law Office of Wood &
Pravato
Lazy Loggerhead Café
LC Swain Middle School
National Jr. Honors Society
Let's Go
Leukemia and Lymphoma
Society
Levis Jewish Community
Center
LexisNexis
Lighthouse for the Blind of
the Palm Beaches
Lime Digital Agency Services
Limestone Creek Community
Little Deeper Charters
Loggerhead Marinelife Center
Loggers' Run Inc.
Loxahatchee Battlefield
Preservationists
Loxahatchee Guild
Loxahatchee River District
Loxahatchee River Control
District
Loxahatchee River
Coordinating Council
Loxahatchee River
Preservation Initiative
(grants managed by DEP)
Lutheran Services Florida
Lynn University
Marine Industries Association
Media Ops, Inc.
Metropolitan Planning
Organization
Michael Alford, Basketball
Official
Mizuno Prime
Modern Bujutsu Karate
Florida, Inc.32
Moonfest WPB, Inc.
Morikami Inc.
Muck City Gators
Murphy Construction
Muscular Dystrophy
Association
NABA Palm Beach
National Barrel Horse
Association
National Croquet Center
National Endowment for the
Arts
National Endowment for the
Humanities
National Garden Clubs, Inc.

National Golf Association
National Kidney Foundation
National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration
National Park Service
National Recreation & Parks
Association (NRPA)
National Weather Service
(NWS)
Nexstar Lacrosse
New City Church
North Palm Beach County
Little League
North Everglades Trail
Association (NETA)
North Palm Beach Rowing
Club
Northern Palm Beach
Chamber of Commerce
Norton Museum of Art
N-Zone Sports
Office Depot Foundation
Office of Greenways & Trails
Okeehelée BMX Parents
Council
Okeehelée Disc Golf Club
Okeehelée Senior Softball
Association
Okeehelée Youth Baseball,
Inc.
Old School Square, Inc.
Orange Bowl Youth Sports,
LLC.
Over Thirty Five IFC, Inc.
Oxbridge Academy
Pahokee Pride
Palm Beach Baseball
Palm Beach Breakers
Palm Beach Broadcasting
Palm Beach Coralytes
Synchronized Swim Team
Palm Beach County 4-H
Palm Beach County
Astronomical Society
Palm Beach County Animal
Care and Control
Palm Beach County Bee
Keepers Association
Palm Beach County
Cooperative Extension
Service
Palm Beach County Cultural
Council
Palm Beach County
Department of Community
Services
Palm Beach County
Department of
Environmental Resources
Management
Palm Beach County
Drowning Prevention
Coalition
Palm Beach County Film
Commission
Palm Beach County Fire
Rescue
Palm Beach County Health
Department
Palm Beach County
Horseman's Association

Palm Beach County Library
System
Palm Beach County Mounted
Posse
Palm Beach County Office of
Community Revitalization
Palm Beach County Officials
Association
Palm Beach County Sheriff's
Office
Palm Beach County Sheriff's
Office Police Athletic
League (PAL)
Palm Beach County Sports
Commission
Palm Beach County
Supervisor of Elections
Palm Beach County Tourist
Development Council
Palm Beach County
Woodturners, Inc.
Palm Beach County Youth
Football Alliance
Palm Beach County Youth
Football and Cheerleading
Palm Beach County Youth
Services Department
Palm Beach Cricket Club
Palm Beach Elite Soccer
Palm Beach Gardens
Predators Soccer
Palm Beach Habilitation
Center, Inc.
Palm Beach Hindu Mandir
Palm Beach Lacrosse
Palm Beach Legends
Palm Beach Lightning
Palm Beach Maritime
Institute
Palm Beach Masters
Swimming
Palm Beach Pack and Paddle
Palm Beach Panthers Soccer
Club, Inc.
Palm Beach Panthers Rugby
Palm Beach Post
Palm Beach Predators
Palm Beach Premier FC
Palm Beach Radio Control
Association
Palm Beach RC Power
Boaters
Palm Beach Rugby Football
Palm Beach Senior Softball
Association
Palm Beach Shakespeare
Festival Inc.
Palm Beach State College
Palm Beach State College
Science Club
Palm Beach Tiger Sharks
Palm Beach Tigers Sporting
Club
Palm Beach Titans Cricket
Club
Palm Beach Trykers
Palm Beach Vikings
Palm Beach Yard Dogs
Palms West Chamber of
Commerce

VALUED PARTNERS

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

2019 ENGAGEMENT WITH PARKS REPORT: KEY STATISTICS

2X
per
month

People visit their local park and recreation facilities twice a month on average

**9 in
10**

People who agree that parks and recreation is an important local government service



People who agree local parks and recreation provide good opportunities to interact with nature and the outdoors



People who believe it is important to protect natural resources with parks, trails and green spaces



People who consider high-quality park and recreation amenities important factors when choosing a place to live



Palm Beach County
Board of County
Commissioners



National Recreation
and Park Association