# PARK OPERATIONS UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2023

## DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

- The Division was awarded the Danaher Biodiversity Grant Program from the Danaher Foundation by way of the NRPA. The $50,000 grant will be used to restore and enhance the existing pollinator garden at Deerfield Island Park.
- A total of 161 trees were planted at Quiet Waters as required by the County for tree mitigation due to the construction of the West Lake Park Segment 4 Mitigation Project. This includes any trees permitted to be removed within the restoration areas or to gain access to the restoration areas (excluding Australian Pine trees) included in this total.
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that the Parks and Recreation Division's Broward County Stadium will be one of three United States sites to host the International Cricket Council (ICC) Men's T20 World Cup in 2024. This is the first time the World Cup will be held in the U.S. Matches will also be held in the Caribbean.

  More than 20 teams will compete and be divided into four groups of five each. The top two teams from each group will advance to the next round, much like what is done in football. We expect 15 games to be played in the United States between three locations, with an estimated viewership of 2.5 billion is expected.

  $6.6 million is programmed to install the grandstand bleachers and related equipment (VIP, hospitality, and media grandstands), and $1.8 million is appropriated to replace the scoreboard.

## REGIONAL PARKS

### Anne Kolb Nature Center - West Lake Park

Event/program highlights
- Adaptive Kayaking on 9/2023

Upcoming events
- Adaptive Kayaking on 9/2023
- Hosting Professional Mangrove Trimming Course on 11/02/2023

### Brian Piccolo Sports Park

Facility renovation/major 1st impression improvements
- Multipurpose field #1 had topsoil added.
- The main park entrance sign was repainted.

Event/program highlights
- Food Truck Frenzy – 9/17/2023
- Adult Football League Begins – 9/6/2023.

- Adult Softball League Registration ending.

Recent/upcoming events

- Food Truck Frenzy – 10/17/2023
- Adult Softball League Begins 10/1/2023

**C.B. Smith Park**

Facility renovation/major 1st impression improvements

- PMG has completed renovations to the gatehouses.
- Installation of the new Ornamental fence in the vicinity of the gatehouses and office area has been completed.

New amenities

- The new Aquatics Staff breakroom is tentatively slated for construction to start in January 2024.

Event/program highlights

- The Paradise Cove Water Park, through September 24, 2023, has had over 185,000 patrons visit the water park, resulting in a revenue total of over $2,240,000.00. This total exceeds last year's total revenue by $1.1 million dollars.

Recent/upcoming events

- Springtime Farms of North Ft. Myers, Florida, will begin hosting a Pumpkin Fest within the Concert Green area on weekends, beginning Saturday, October 7, 2023. Each child will receive a pumpkin and an opportunity to participate in various games and activities.

**Central Broward Park & Broward County Stadium**

Facility renovation / major 1st impression improvements

- Multipurpose Fields 1 & 2 – Top Dressing and fertilization – leveling and hole filling.
- Stadium Cricket Pitch ongoing maintenance and cultural work post August events and in preparation for upcoming National and Regional Cricket Matches.
- Multipurpose Field # 4 – Complete grading and re-sodding with new Bermuda turf to take place.

Event/program highlights

- Minor League Cricket Matches Worldwide Sports – Ft Lauderdale Lions on 9/15-16/2023.
- PSG – USL and UPSL Matches on 9/8/2023.
- Parks Naturalist Bio Blitz Event begins in September – On-site orientation day for the program is 9/23/2023.
- Diaper Drive Thru Giveaway – Broward Health Coalition Corporate Shelter 8 on 9/22/2023

- Miami One Carnival Event – Jr. Carnival on 9/30/2023. Expected attendance of 2500-3000.

Upcoming events

- Miami One Carnival Event – Panorama – 10/6/2023. Expected attendance of 2500-3000
- Miami One Carnival Jouvert – 10/7/2023. Expected attendance of 20,000
- Miami Master's Bike Race – 10/22/2023
- Cricket Counsel USA T10 Cricket Nationals – 10/21-23/2023

Awards/recognition

- Broward County and Central Broward Park and Broward County Stadium was named the host venue for the ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup in 2024.

**Easterlin Park**

Facility renovation/major 1st impression improvements

- B-Road Restroom & Laundry Facility (construction complete – awaiting final inspection)
- Access Controls - The package has been submitted to Central Purchasing for what should be a competitive solicitation amongst SBE vendors from OESBD's Directory who are registered for Access Control Systems

**Fern Forest Nature Center**

Facility renovation/major 1st impression improvements

- Staff pressure washed and stained/sealed fixed benches in the Amphitheater.

New Amenities

- Florida Wetland Birds educational sign was installed along the Wetland Wander North Trail.

Event/program highlights

- Summer environmental programming, Nature Tots, Astronomy, Zooming in on Nature program, Butterfly Walk, Adult Coloring Hour, Native Plant Sale

Upcoming events

- Jammin starts again on 10/8/2023
- Fern Forest Fall Fun Day - 10/15/2023
- Funtober Program - 10/28/2023

**Long Key Nature Center**

Facility renovation/major 1st impression improvements

- Pressure-cleaned approximately 1 mile of paved trails.
- Cleaned the roof and siding of the Baez house and removed overgrown vegetation in the area.

Event/program highlights

- Hosting the U.S. Department of the Interior Work/Science Coordination Group for the Office of Everglades Restoration Initiative - 9/6-7/2023.
- Partnering with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to host the Python Challenge Awards Ceremony – 9/15/2023.
- Participating in National Public Lands Day by hosting a volunteer workday – 9/23/2023
- Hosting the Special Populations Bowling Banquet – 9/29/2023
- Hosting internal events/meetings for the Environmental Permitting Division and Family Success Division

Upcoming events

- Will host the Resilient Environment Department on 10/6/2023.
- October is a busy month for programming, with several fall or Halloween-themed events scheduled, including Nature Crafts for Families, Monsters in Nature, and Things That Go Bump in the Night

**Miramar Pinelands**

New amenities

- We await final permit approval to begin constructing 20 additional parking spaces for our patrons to enjoy.

Upcoming significant events

- On October 12, we will host a lunch and learn series on the Urban Coyote with the FWC.

**Markham Park and Target Range**

Facility renovation / major 1st impression improvements:

- Archery Lighting is nearing completion.

Event/program highlights:

- Casual Friday Trail Stroll held on 9/1/1203
- Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz held on 9/2/2023
- Butterfly Garden Cleanup held on 9/3/2023
- Night Hike held on 9/19/2023
- Aiden Perry Life Ring Dedication Ceremony held on 9/22/2023

Upcoming events

- Broward Gold Coast Walk – 10/1/2023
- Falcon Cove Middle School Eco-Action Day – 10/10/2023
- Butterfly Garden Cleanup – Hands On Broward – 10/12/2023
- Teamsters Annual Picnic – 10/14/2023
- Community Garden Plant Sale – 10/14 &15/2023
- City of Sunrise Trick or Trot 5K – 10/21/2023
- Creatures of the Night Hike – 10/21/2023
- Medtronic Volunteer Day – 10/27/2023

- Survival Skill Workshop – 10/28/2023

**Quiet Waters Park**

Facility renovation/major 1st impression improvements
- Pressure washed the pavers in the park.
- Painted all the parking stones in the park.

Event/program highlights
- Dino Dash 5K - 9/3/2023
- BDGA Deuce Hunt Classic – 9/10/2023
- Bike Trail Maintenance Day – 9/9/2023
- Cross Country Meets September – 9/12, 19, 26/2023
- Mountain Bike Night Ride/BBQ – 9/23/2023

Upcoming events
- Cross Country Meets – 10/4 & 10/2023
- BSO Public Safety Night – 10/6/2023
- Barktoberfest – 10/7 & 8/2023
- Hayride and Campfire – 10/13/2023
- Bed and Breakfast – 10/13 - 15/2023
- Mountain Bike Trail Maintenance Day – 10/14/2023
- Mountain Bike Night Ride/BBQ – 10/18/2023
- Trick or Trot 5K – 10/21/2023
- 2nd Annual Screaming Eagle MTB Race – 10/29/2023

Awards/recognition
- Marko Reed received the honorary award of MVP for the second quarter.

**Secret Woods Nature Center**

Facility renovation/major 1st impression improvements
- Park closed for renovation due to building damage from the April rain event.

Event/program highlights
- Nature Tots, Tot Walk, Investigate It, and Nature's Explorers programs were conducted at Boater's Park.

**Topeekeegee Yugnee (T.Y.) Park**

Facility renovation/major 1st impression improvements
- Completed painting all yellow truncated domes and detectible warning pavers and finalizing handicapped blue lines/spots.
- On 9/20/23, eleven volunteers from the Coast Guard assisted with a landscape clean-up at Boaters Park in preparation of opening the parking lot at Boaters Park.
- Staff completed restroom F interior and exterior painting with assistance from Human Resources on their HR in Parks Day on 9/14/2023.

- The butterfly-shaped bench in the Northeast section of the park was painted.
- Repainting of the campsite numbers on the pavement was completed.

Event/Program Highlights

- The monthly Food Truck Frenzy took place on 9/14/2023.
- 9/16/2023 Dragon Boat Races event with Synergy Series was also very successful. We had approximately 250 participants in attendance.
- 9/24/2023 Victory Sports Management "Celebrate Your Life 5K".
- Throughout the month of September, recreational instructor Soccer Shots facilitated about 14 soccer classes for kids 2-6.

Upcoming Significant Events

- The monthly Food Truck Frenzy is scheduled for 10/12/23.
- The annual K9 Water Festival will be taking place 10/14-15 and 10/21-22 at Castaway Island. The K9 Water Festival provides an opportunity for dog owners to bring their dogs to swim at the water park. The cost is $5.00 per one-hour session.
- 10/14/23, the Friends of TY Park kick-off their monthly concert series with the Tribute to the Ladies of the '70s celebrating the greatest women artists from the 70's.
- 10/14/23 The PKD Foundation hosts their annual South Florida Walk for PKD
- 10/15/23 Victory Sports management will host their annual Heal the Planet 5K.
- 10/20/23 TY Park will host the first Family Hayride & Campfire event for the 2023/24 season.
- 10/28/2023 Turning Point Services is hosting Run for Their Lives 5K.
- 10/30/23 Camelot Days Inc. will begin to set up for their annual Camelot Days Medieval Festival that will begin 11/4.

**Tradewinds Park**

Facility renovation / major 1st impression improvements

- Pressure washed the following shelters and restroom building roofs: Grandiosa Corporate Shelter, Fritillary Restroom Building, Buckeye Shelter, Lakehouse Restroom Building, and East-West Restroom Building
- Installed new gate and fencing at the entrance of the boneyard.
- Painted north gate houses (ticket booths)
- Installed new canopy on one north gate house (ticket booth)
- Installed new canopy structure and canopy on the other north gate house (ticket booth)
- Sodded around Atala Shelter volleyball court.
- Sodded strategically around park.
- Pressure-washed South Gate Houses
- Upgraded the lighting in the general store and reorganized it. We have started selling merchandise again thanks to the improvements.

New amenities

- Little Library at Stables

Event/program highlights

- TARR Open House 9/23/2023

Upcoming significant events

- Pony Tales- reading with a horse – 10/4/2023
- Fall Fest - 10/21/2023

### Tree Tops Park

Event/program highlights

- Food Truck Frenzy – 9/7 & 10/5/2023

Recent/upcoming events

- Food Truck Frenzy – 10/5/2023
- Haunted Trails – Weekends starting 10/13 through 10/31/2023

### Vista View Park

Facility renovation/major 1st impression improvements

- Installed of new decorative metal entrance gates.

Event/program highlights

- King of the Hill 5K run/walk – 9/3/2023.
- Optine 5K run/walk – 101/5/2023.
- Kids Running Series – 6 weeks starting 10/28/2024.
- Paws 2 Care 5K run/walk – 10/29/2023.

Upcoming events

- King of the Hill 5K run/walk – 9/3/2023.
- Optine 5K run/walk – 101/5/2023.
- Kids Running Series – 6 weeks starting 10/28/2024.
- Paws 2 Care 5K run/walk – 10/29/2023.
- Veterans K5 run/walk – 11/10/2023.

## BROWARD MUNICIPAL SERVICES DISTRICT PARKS

### Boulevard Gardens Community Center

Event/program highlights

- Senior on Safety event- 9/28/2023, provided safety and security information to the seniors in our community.
- Free food program offered by Flipany to our Seniors during the month.

### Franklin Park

Event/program highlights

- Food Drive Distribution: Every 4th Tuesday of the month, the US Attorney's Office Southern District, Broward County Parks Division, BSO, and Farm Share provide free food to 300 families of the community – Every 4th Tuesday,

Upcoming events

- Lights On After School - 10/23/2023: Observed National Day of Fun to celebrate the great work done after school through various programming. This event will have over 850+ participants from all over Broward County, including performances, arts & crafts, and games.

**Lafayette Hart Park**

Event/program highlights
- Full Day Program Minicamp - 9/25/2023

**Reverend Samuel Delevoe Park**

Facility renovation/major 1st impression improvements
- Advanced Green Technologies began construction on a Solar Panel Canopy over the basketball court; the project will be completed by 10/2/2023.

Event/program highlights
- The Afterschool Program began on 8/21/2023 and runs through 7/14/2024.
- The NewGen Protégé Program began on 8/21/2023 and runs through 7/13/2024.

Upcoming events/programs
- Girls Day Out – 10/14/2023
- BMSD Wellness Jamboree – 10/21/2023
- Trunk or Treat – 10/26/2023

**Roosevelt Gardens Park**

Facility renovation / major 1st impression improvements
- A New Fire alarm panel has been installed by Alpha security, which coordinated testing of the system with Broward County facilities department and Siemens. The alarm system has passed all testing.
- New trash/recycle bins have been placed around the park, with old cans placed elsewhere.
- All blinds were changed in the building.

Event/program highlights
- The Scouts of America program started in September.
- Science Classes for 4th and 5th graders started in September with Dr. Pipoly and volunteers.
- There has been an increase of our student volunteers looking to obtain community service hours for their graduation requirement.

Upcoming events/programs
- Anti-bullying Parade and events will be hosted on 10/24/3023, for ages 6-17 with the participation of Dillard Marching Band.

### Sunview Park

Facility renovation/major 1st impression improvements
- Australian Pine Removal

Event/program highlights
- Full Day Program Minicamp – 9/25/2023

Upcoming events/programs
- Community Clean – 10/14/2023

## SPECIALTY PARKS

### Boaters Park

Facility renovation/major 1st impression improvements
- Coast Guard volunteer group assist in cleaning up Boaters Park – 9/26/2023.
- Access from land will start with a soft opening on 9/26/2023.

### Deerfield Island Park

Facility renovation/major 1st impression improvements
- The first phase of road rock and gravel installation for rubberized surfaces at select Deerfield Island trails is near completion. Installation of the rubberized surface is scheduled to begin on 10/1/2023.

Awards/recognition
- The Park was awarded a $50,000 grant through the National Recreation and Park Association 2023 Danaher Biodiversity Grant Program for habitat restoration and creation of a pollinator garden at Deerfield Island Park.

### Everglades Holiday Park

Event/program highlights
- Visit Ft. Lauderdale Hidden in Plain Site Art Presentation held on 9/7 & 8/2023

Upcoming events
- Bill Bone Gravel Series – 10/01/2023
- Everglades Holiday Park Fishing Clinic – 10/7/2023
- Gran Fondo Cycling Gravel Challenge – 10/7/2023
- Everglades Holiday Park - Swamp Walk - 10/8/2023
- Everglades Explorers - Monthly Survey – 10/13/2023

Awards/recognition
- FWC Host site for the 2023 Python Challenge

### Hollywood North Beach

Upcoming events

- Adopt a Dune on 10/21/2023.

## SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Event/program highlights

- 3Rs Art in the Park, Boccia, Bowling, Cross Round Fitness, CORES, Connecting with Others Recreationally Educationally and Socially, Disc Golf, Fit with Family, Kickball, Nordic Pole Walking, Special Olympics Little Elites, Tandem, Yoga, and the Back-to-School Dance for individuals with developmental disabilities age 13-25.