

PARK OPERATIONS UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2024

DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

- Broward County officials held a groundbreaking ceremony at Broward County Stadium for the transformational project on February 13, 2024.

The Broward County Parks and Recreation Division has started an \$8.4 million renovation at Central Broward Park and Broward County Stadium. The expansion project will significantly update infrastructure at the stadium for the International Cricket Council (ICC) Men's T20 World Cup scheduled for June 2024.
- The upcoming Board of Commissioners meeting on March 7, 2024, will officially declare March 2024 as Florida Bike Month in our community. This proclamation, drafted collaboratively by Parks and Recreation, Urban Planning, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, recognizes the significance of cycling and aims to promote its benefits throughout the month.
- The Public Communications and Outreach Group is now utilizing a newly launched online Marketing Request form and its accompanying database. This system streamlines the process of submitting, tracking, and monitoring all marketing requests within the Division.

REGIONAL PARKS

Brian Piccolo Sports Park

Facility renovation / major 1st impression improvements

- South Cricket Field Renovation ongoing.
- Parking Bumpers pressure washed.
- Tree Trimming started.

Event/program highlights

- Adult Flag Football League games began.
- Adult Softball League registration ended.
- Food Truck Frenzy – 3/21/24

C.B. Smith Park

Facility renovation / major 1st impression improvements

- A pre-construction meeting was held with the Parks Planning and Design staff and MBR construction staff to review the construction timeline for the new aquatics staff room at the water park.

- Paradise Cove waterpark is pleased to announce that our aquatic facilities recently underwent their annual safety inspection. This inspection, conducted by ADP & Associates Professional Inspections, Inc., is required to ensure compliance with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Fair Rides Inspection regulations.

We are confident that the inspection results will confirm the continued safety of our attractions. Once the inspection is complete, ADP & Associates will provide a "Manual Review" letter to the state, officially verifying our compliance with the latest safety regulations.

Event/program highlights

- The park hosted a two-day commercial film shoot for Humana Health Insurance Company, in conjunction with the Broward County Film Commission.
- The park is partnering with a Vendor who will be conducting a Springtime/Easter festival on weekends in March, at the Concert Green, that will be geared towards youth and families.

Central Broward Park & Broward County Stadium

Facility renovation / major 1st impression improvements

- Marquee message boards' have arrived and will be installed before end of March.
- North-side nature walkway removal and resodding has completed.
- Stadium cricket block has been expanded to six pitches, completed entirely in house with assistance from Parks Maintenance Group equipment operators. Anticipating sod delivery and install in the last week of February.
- Practice cricket pitch area is currently being worked on by the contractor to excavate in advance of filling by Parks team and fencing/netting by the contractor.
- Initial stadium grandstand work has started! the contractor is currently removing material surrounding the scoreboard and providing markings/framings for the grandstands and fence adjustments.
- Grandstand restroom partial renovation project demolition has started.
- T20 Men's Cricket World Cup preparations continue.

Event/program highlights

- Our neighboring library, Lauderhill Central Park Library, will host ArtLit. - 2/10/24
- South Florida Flag Football League will bring their annual Sunshine Cup national tournament to the park with over 50 – 2/17-18/24.
- Parks Futures kicked off their latest session - 2/7/24.
- Miami Masters hosted four brackets for their morning cycling race – 2/11/24.

Easterlin Park

Facility renovation /major 1st impression improvements

- B-Road Restroom & Laundry Facility (Completed Certificate of Substantial Completion, PMG & IT to complete additional add-ons (camera installation, Wi-Fi connection, washing machine drain correction, lock changes) & Bertolli Vending will deliver a vending machine prior to the opening of the facility.
- 99.5% completion of A, B & C Road Electrical/Plumbing Pedestal Upgrade Electrical Panel for A-Road has been delivered to PMG, there are a few small items on backorder.
- The painting of all sandblasted signage has commenced.
- The painting of the East Restroom Exterior has commenced.

New amenities

- Access Controls - The package has been resubmitted 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

- The shelters on the Cypress Creek Trail and Prairie Overlook Trail were stained and sealed. New LED ceiling fans were installed in the Royal Fern Hall. Entrance boardwalk light posts wood-filled where needed and painted – started in January and completed in February. Parking lot and roadways were cleaned, sealed, and restriped.

Event/program highlights

- Environmental programming- 5 BC School field trips (240 Students / teachers), Nature Tots, Guided Night Walk, EcoAction Workday, Florida Trail Workday, Intro to Birding, Dan Barrow Memorial Blue Grass Jammin' – Excellent turn out, Stroll and Learn Guided Nature Walk, Adult Coloring Hour, Hosting the Nordic Pole Walking Program in Collaboration with the Special Populations Group, Twilight Jamming Special Event, Evening Stroll Night Walk.

Long Key Natural Area and Nature Center

Facility renovation /major 1st impression improvements

- Completed tree trimming project at Aitken property barns.

Event/program highlights

- Eco Action Day 2/2/2024 - 34 participants contributed 102 hours.
- Knee High Naturalist held the first and third Wednesdays of February
- Preschool Play 'N' Learn held the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.
- FOLK Photo Walks - 2/10/24 and 2/24/24
- Great Backyard Bird Count – 2/17/2024
- North American Butterfly Association – Broward County Butterflies Chapter – 2/18/24
- Full Moon Hike 2/24/24
- Free Guided Hike 2/25/24
- Leap (Frog) Day - 2/29/24
- Eco Action Day - 3/2/24
- Knee High Naturalist to be held the first and third Wednesday of the March.
- Preschool Play 'N' Learn to be held the second and fourth Wednesday of the March.
- Parks and Recreation Division Annual Meeting 3/13/24
- Board of County Commissioners Retreat 3/14/24.
- U.S. Department of the Interior South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force Working Group and Science Group meetings 3/19/24 and 3/20/24
- Nature Crafts for Families 3/16/24 and 3/17/24
- Fun Friday - 3/29/24
- Free Guided Hike – 3/31/24

Markham Park

Facility renovation / major 1st impression improvements

- Installed new mulch throughout the butterfly garden.

Event/program highlights

- Butterfly Garden Cleanup – 2/10/24
- NAMBA District 3 Mountain Bike Race – 2/11/24
- Scoutmaster Camporee – 2/16-18/24
- Casual Friday Stroll – 2/16/24
- Madona Volunteer Days- 2/20-23/24
- Florida Remote Car Club Night Crawl – 2/24/24
- Night Hike – 2/24/24

Miramar Pinelands

Facility renovation / major 1st impression improvements

- Various invasive plants were removed around the nature center building.
- Worn signage was replaced throughout the park.

New amenities

- Construction has continued 20 additional parking spaces.
- New EV charging station was installed on 2/21/24.

Awards/recognition

- Terri Bitler-Ward was honored for her 25 years of service to the County.

Plantation Heritage Park

Facility renovation/major 1st impression improvements

- Cleaned out/Mulched beds at Peters Road Park sign.
- Mulched beds at gatehouse and park entrance.
- Filled eroded grounds around restroom 1 walkway.
- Painted restrooms 1 and 10.
- Removed grass overgrowth from roadways near Shelter 3.
- Started removal of rotting rail fencing on Nature Trail.

Event/program highlights

- Food Truck Frenzy 2/22/2024 – 319 persons
- Sottish Festival – 3/2/2024
- Food Truck Frenzy – 3/28/2024

Quiet Waters Park

Facility renovation/major 1st impression improvements

- Completed construction of Ski Rixen/basketball restroom roof.
- Structure repairs and painting in progress on the Splash Adventure structure.
- Completed repairs and painting inside Splash Concession building.
- Began construction for MTB Bike Wash Showers.
- Removed stumps of cut trees around entire park.
- New Filter Pit Shade structure has been completed at Splash Adventure.
- Reconstruction of storage shed at water park facility in progress (75% complete).

Event/program highlights

- Renaissance Festival. – 2/3-4/24, attendance 6,308
- Renaissance Festival. – 2/10-11/24, attendance 8,629
- Renaissance Festival. – 2/17-18/24, attendance 9,754
- Mountain Bike Trail Maintenance Day – 2/24/24. attendance 10
- Mountain Bike Night Ride, 2/21/24, attendance 60
- Renaissance Festival. – 2/3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, and 25/24
- MTB Trail Maintenance – 3/9 & 23/24
- MTB Night Ride – 3/20/23
- Splash Eggcitement Egg Hunt – 3/30/2024

Secret Woods Nature Center

Facility renovation/major 1st impression improvements

- Dumpster corral doors painted by park staff.
- Pollinator Pathway mulched by park staff.
- Shoe button ardisia removed from New River Trail.
- Scaffolding removed from construction area by park staff.
- Front entrance gate installation completed by Coast to Coast.

Event/program highlights

- Tot Walk, Nature's Explorer, Investigate It, and Nature Tots programs conducted at Boater's Park.
- Field trips for American Heritage and Flamingo Elementary fourth grade classes conducted at Anne Kolb Nature Center.

Tradewinds Park

Facility renovation / major 1st impression improvements

- Pressure washed south gate house exteriors and sidewalks.
- Pressure washed office exterior and sidewalks.
- Pressure washed East-West restroom exterior.
- Edged south lakeside walking path from Office to Butterfly World parking lot.
- Trimmed bushes and branches obstructing south walking path.
- Removed weeds and growth on retirement pasture fence.
- Had a large portion of softball and multipurpose field lights replaced under Quality warranty, the rest will be finished the last week of February/ first week of March.
- Dropped rye grass seed on multipurpose fields for first impression and safety reasons.

Event/program highlights

- Last hayride of the season had over 175 participants.
- Softball league continues with County Employee night and co-ed evenings.
- Pony Tales is ongoing and continues to receive positive feedback.
- Over 1400 passengers rode the train on Saturday of Train weekend in February, average attendance for a day is usually between 600 and 800.
- Upcoming Camps at Stables for Spring Break include Jr. Farmers and Trailblazers.
- Cycling series will start weekly from 3/14-5/9/24.
- Bazooka Soccer Tournament 4/13-14/24.

Tree Tops Park

Facility Renovation/ major 1st impression improvement

- Park staff has begun installing privacy fence slats on our lift stations throughout the park.

Event/program highlights

- Food Truck Frenzy – 3/7/2024
- Camp Connections/Broward Family Life: Camps and vendors set up to display their information for the upcoming summer with food and entertainment. - 3/3/24
- Water Matters Day: Our most significant event of the year, showcasing several environmental booths and displays, tree giveaways, entertainment, and food trucks. – 3/9/24

Awards/recognition

- Rob Michaud was honored for his 25 years of service to the County.

TY (Topeekeegee Yugnee) Park

Facility renovation / major 1st impression improvements

- The canopy re-installation for the fitness zone will take place the week of 2/26/24 and the one at Lagoon at Castaway Island will take place the following week. Both were damaged by wind.
- The three-slide replacement was complete at the playground at the park. Replacement was necessary due to damage that was covered under warranty.
- Two dock ladders were replaced at Boaters Park due to wear and tear.
- Bid specifications have been submitted to Parks Purchasing for the Division-wide Funbrella replacement parts order.
- The PO for new landing pads at Castaway Island has been issued.
- Aquatics staff continue to prepare the water park for opening weekend. Current projects include de-rusting and painting surfaces on the slide structure and pressure washing facility grounds and chairs. In addition, PMG is replacing 200 tiles in the pools.

Event/program highlights

- The Dachshund Rescue South Florida hosted a fundraising event on 2/3/24 with approximately 270 people in attendance.
- The monthly T.Y. Park, Food Truck Frenzy took place 2/8/24 with approximately 220 people in attendance. The final event of the season will take place 3/14/24.
- The Friends of T.Y. Park hosted a concert on 2/18/24 with Across the Universe featuring music of The Beatles. Due to rain, approximately 60 people attended. The next Friends of T.Y. Park concert is scheduled on 3/15/24 featuring Cachi y Saoco Nuevo.

- On 3/23/24, Synergy Series will host their second dragon boat event on 3/23/24.
- Castaway Island will open for the season on 3/23/24.
- On 3/24/24, the Head and Neck 5k, hosted by Partners in Care will take place. The event is to bring awareness to eliminate homelessness.

Vista View Park

Facility renovation/major 1st impression improvements

- Replaced privacy screens around maintenance yard compound.
- Pressure washed shelters.
- Regraded entrance to Western parking lot as a temporary fix.
- Trimmed Trees on North Hill.

Event/program highlights

- Last Man Standing Challenge – 2/3-4/24.
- Vista View Bike Month Event – 3/9/24.
- Kids Running Series 3/3, 9, 16, 23, & 30/24.
- I love the 80's 5K – 3/30/24.
- Miami Masters Bike Race – 3/24/24.
- Florida State Championship Bike Race – 4/14 & 15/24.

West Lake Park & Anne Kolb Nature Center

Facility renovation/major 1st impression improvements

- Front Sign, Gate House, and Entry Planter beds re-landscaped.
- Staff trimmed overgrown vegetation around all light posts along surf road.

Event/program highlights

- Lunch and Learn - 2/26/24 received rave reviews.
- Waterway Clean Up - 3/2/2024.
- Sierra Club Event - 3/23/24.

Awards/recognition

- Parks Supervisor Eric Harker completed year 1 of NRPA's Maintenance Management School with a passing grade of 93%.

BROWARD MUNICIPAL SERVICES DISTRICT PARKS

Boulevard Gardens Community Center

Facility renovation / major 1st impression improvements.

- Parking lot was resurfaced, and parking stops change for new ones.
- Park sign was installed.

Event/program highlights

- 11th Annual Senior Red and White Ball took place on 2/2/24 at L.A. Lee YMCA Mizell Community Center and was a great success.

Franklin Park

Event/program highlights

- The Afterschool Program began on 8/21/2023 and runs through 7/14/2024.
- The NewGen Program runs through 7/13/2024.
- Food Drive Distribution (01/23/2024): Every 4th Tuesday of the month, the US Attorney's Office Southern District, Broward County Parks Division, BSO, and Farm Share provides free food to 300 families in the community.

Lafayette Hart Park

Facility renovation / major 1st impression improvements.

- Power wash parking lot area and walking path.

Event/program highlights

- After School program ongoing
- HOA meeting

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 early March 2024.

Event/program highlights

- The Afterschool Program began 8/21/2023 and runs through 7/14/2024.
- Pathway Pursuit Expo Event – 2/3/2024.
- Florida Memorial University Basketball Game – 2/7/2024.
- Black History Month Celebration – 2/14/2024.
- Let's Talk About Boundaries at Urban League for NewGen Protégé – 2/14/2024.
- NewGen Protégé Dance Social – 2/16/2024.
- NewGen Protégé Teen Talk on Proper Interview Etiquette & Attire – 2/23/2024.
- Chris Smith 5K Sistrunk Festival Race – 2/24/2024.

Roosevelt Gardens Park

Facility renovation / major 1st impression improvements:

- New grill has been installed at shelter 3.

- A new sprinkler system has been installed at RG. The system is being tested to ensure all sprinkler heads function correctly. Sprinkler heads will be replaced or repaired depending on their status.

Event/program highlights:

- Easter Egg Hunt co-host with One World Foundation – 3/31/24^t.
- The NewGen program camping trip - 3/8-3/10.

SPECIALTY PARKS

Boaters Park

Facility renovation/Major 1st Impression Improvements

- New shelter rules signs were installed at Boaters Park by staff from the Sign Shop.

Event/program highlights

- Tot Walk, Nature's Explorer, Investigate It, and Nature Tots programs conducted by the Secret Woods Nature Center staff.

Carpenter House / Marine Environmental Education Center (MEEC)

Facility renovation/major 1st impression improvements

- Staff trimmed overgrown vegetation from around all streetlights along surf road.
- United Restoration performed mold remediation services in Carpenter House Cabana.
- Broward County Facilities Division replaces two mini-split HVAC's in Carpenter House.

Event/program highlights

- Volunteers from Chaminade School removed over 150 bags of invasives over 4 days.
- MEEC received their new Florida Wildlife Commission Turtle Permit and brought "Captain" back.

Deerfield Island Park

Facility renovation/major 1st impression improvements

- Rubberized surface at butterfly garden completed.
- Restroom renovation logistics are being completed.
- Butterfly Garden planning underway.
- Business Master Plan in final stages.

Everglades Holiday Park

Event/program highlights

- King Series Fishing Tournament – 2/4/24
- Everglades Explorers – 2/9/24

Hollywood North Beach

Event/program highlights

- Go to Foundation Walk – 2/17/24.
- Adopt a Dune – 2/8/24.

Pocket Parks

Facility renovation / major 1st impression improvements

- Loggerhead Marina mooring field project bid is closing.
- Soliciting proposals for landscaping improvements and resurfacing projects in pocket parks

Snake Warrior Island Nature Preserve

Facility renovation / major 1st impression improvements

- Damaged caretaker fence was repaired.

SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Event/program highlights

- The Special Populations section held the following programs and events: 3Rs Art in the Park, Boccia, Bowling, CORES, Connecting with Others Recreationally Educationally and Socially, Disc Golf, Fit with Family, Kickball, Nordic Pole Walking, Special Olympics Little Elites, Take the Stage, Tandem for the visually impaired, and Water Aerobics.

Parks Advisory Board Meeting

Sunview Park – March 1, 2024

Overview:

Sunview Park, sits on a 20.8 acre and is a neighborhood park within the Broward Municipal Service District. Opened in May 1968, the site houses a community center (rental facility), computer lab, playground area, a full-court basketball court, full size baseball field, full size softball field, a multipurpose field for soccer, football, rugby, and lacrosse, and an open space recreation area. The park operates seven days a week, Monday-Saturday from 9am to 10pm and Sunday 10am to 6pm. Additionally, Sunview Park hosts a variety of youth and adult sports leagues including soccer, baseball, softball, flag football, rugby, lacrosse, and kickball. The site offers a free After-School Program for ages 6 to 12 and a Teen Program for ages 13 to 17 which is open Monday through Friday from 3pm to 6pm. The site also features a Summer Recreation Program for ages 6 to 17.



Activities:

Sunview Park community center is rented for birthday parties, baby showers, and other family events. It is also used for Broadview Parks monthly civic association meeting. The site has also hosted a variety of special events, including MLK day of service, Arbor Day Tree Give Away, and Broward County Animal Shelter Spay and Neuter Clinics. Sunview Park staff are also responsible for maintaining Washburn Park, a 0.6-acre unmanned pocket park in the Broadview Park Community of the Broward Municipal Services District. Washburn Park's amenities include a small walking path with benches placed along the route and open green space.



Quick Facts:

- Park staff consists of Five full-time employees and two part-time employees.
- FY23 Park attendance was 60,404. Up 50% from 2022.
- Sunview Park is the second oldest Broward County Park

Upcoming Improvements:

- Upgrades to the North area irrigation system
- Replacement of the softball field safety netting

