

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting on:
November 6, 2019

To: Recreation Advisory Commission

Via: Carolyn S. Stone, Director of Business Development and Operations

From: Rod Gardiner, Assistant Director of Recreation

Re: 2020 Recreation Advisory Meeting Schedule

Date: October 29, 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION

Below are the dates for the Recreation Advisory Commission meetings in calendar year 2020. The meetings are held in Council Chambers at Town Hall, with a start time of 9:00am.

With the exception of January 1, 2020, these dates do not appear to conflict with any holidays. For your consideration, historically, Town council chambers is available on the 1st Monday and 2nd Friday of January, corresponding to January 6 and January 10.

2020 Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

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Recreation Department

STAFF REPORT
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RECREATION CENTER

Seaview Park

The construction of the Mandel Recreation Center remains on-schedule, with completion and hand-over of the keys expected the first week of November. The building is essentially complete and the playground installation is also complete. Over the next month, the furniture, fixtures and equipment will be delivered and installed. The ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Friday, December 6, 10:30am, with an open house scheduled from 11:30-5:30pm.

Adult and Youth Programs

Our fall session, while limited, is offering several adult programs including Stretch and Relaxation, Body Conditioning, and Italian, French and Spanish (for beginners through advanced). These programs are being held at Bethesda by the Sea and will transition to the Mandel Recreation Center for the winter session starting in January. Youth programs for the fall include Story Time Soccer and Indoor Soccer, to be held at the Palm Beach Day Academy. These programs will also transition to the Mandel Recreation Center for the winter session.

Several new youth and adult programs have been added to the winter line-up for the first full session at the Mandel Recreation Center, enhancing revenue and opportunities for residents and visitors to improve themselves and this community.

New programs for the youth, include “Tracie’s Music Together” (a music and movement class for newborn through age 3 and their parents); “Techie Kids Club” for robotics and coding for ages 3-8; Rhythm and Hues art classes, which offer 4 programs for toddlers through 5th grade, including BAK Prep to help aspiring students prepare for BAK auditions; “Who Before Do” will help ages 15 and up find their sense of identity and assist in determining school majors and career paths, “Mix it Up Art” for elementary school aged kids, and art offerings “On the Go Painting”, and “Toddler Social”. Additionally, several of our traditional programs will be offered, including Gymnastics, Tumbling, Karate and Fencing.

For the adults, new programs for the winter session will include a variety of yoga programs, Tai Chi, Mahjong, Pilates Fusion, Qi Dong, wellness programs (“Wellness Wednesdays”), adult workshops and more with our popular Body Conditioning, Stretching and Relaxing, World Class Language classes, Painting/Drawing and Digital Photography coming back.

Our first camp offered in the new recreation center will be Camp Palm Beach winter break camp offered on 12/23, 12/26, 12/27, 12/30, 1/2, and 1/3. The After School Program will resume in January 2020 (promotional materials and notices have already gone out).

Staff continues to be actively engaged in working with instructors and contractors for a myriad of additional new programs to be offered at the new center for the winter and spring sessions.

TENNIS PROGRAMS/CENTERS

Construction at Seaview Park

There will continue to be minor interruption for Seaview Park Tennis Center, and it may experience limited court availability while all construction is finalized and the move in of equipment to the center and pro-shop. We continue to work with Hedrick Brothers Construction to minimize this and they are extremely cooperative. As construction progresses, notices have, and will be, posted, along with eblasts, as operational plans are modified to ensure safety and as much play as possible during these final stages of construction.

Court Conditions and Usage

Court conditions and playability are good. Six of the seven courts are now playable again at Seaview Park and the lights are fully functional. We continue to manage full and part-time staff members' schedules to allow for more time with on-court maintenance most days. Some court rehabilitation has taken place, by staff, to keep the courts in excellent condition. Play at both centers has been good for FY2019.

Team Tennis

As a result of the popularity and success of the Division 6 team and high number of participants, a D7 team was added this season. While the logistics will be tricky, it is a welcome addition to our tennis program.

The Town is hosting the following teams this season:

- PBC Women's Tennis Association Open Division
- PBC Women's Tennis Association Division 1
- PBC Women's Tennis Association Division 6
- PBC Women's Tennis Association Division 7
- PBC Senior Tennis League, Men's - anticipated to start January 2020
- PBC Senior Tennis League, Women's - anticipated to start January 2020

Due to the construction at Seaview Park, (including no parking in the Royal Palm Way lot except for construction vehicles, as well as the lack of amenities such as the viewing pavilion), Town teams will play most of their matches at Phipps Ocean Park Tennis Center into December. Sometime in December, it is anticipated that Open, D1 and D6 divisions will then play at Seaview Park Tennis Center while D7, as noted in previous staff report, will play matches at Phipps but practice at Seaview.

Our Teaching Services

Head Pro Dejan Minic, USPTA/PTR and Assistant Pros Sean Bianca Lee, PTR, Armand Segodo, USPTA, and Pietro Dasilva, are gearing up for a busy season with all seven courts opened, the renovated pro-shop and new viewing pavilion.

PAR 3 GOLF COURSE

General Information

Fiscal year 2019 ended on September 30 and once again, we hit new record highs in revenue and rounds.

Slightly higher fees for Fridays, weekends and holidays and a small increase in club rentals made a big impact in revenue. Our new fleet of Yamaha Quiet –Tech golf carts worked very well. Having 30 carts year round instead of 22 also had a positive effect on revenues. New outdoor furniture is now on the south patio and looks great.

Merchandise sales were 25% higher this year and once again, we were nominated for Merchandiser of the Year Award by the SFPGA.

Comps FY18-FY19:

	FY 2018	FY 2019	Variance
Total Rounds of Golf	38,089	39,074	.03%

Clubhouse and Grounds

Clubhouse maintenance is a high priority. Improvements and upgrades to the elevator were completed in October and it should operate much better throughout the peak season. Door fixtures, new concrete pad off the south patio, replaced clubhouse lights; refurbished front entrance sign, new tee signs, sealcoat and striping the parking lot, and other projects were finished over the summer and fall.

Teaching Program

The teaching program remained active all summer with the addition of a new instructor. Revenues from teaching were also up 25% and have never been higher.