

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Administration, Aquatics, Park Maintenance and Recreation

May – June 2026 Accomplishments

Aquatics:

- **NPAC:**
 - The Atwater Splash Pad ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system replacement was successfully completed.
 - Two sessions of the Junior Lifeguard Program were successfully completed, resulting in 19 participants earning Junior Lifeguard certification.
 - Staff participated in outreach at Glenallen Elementary School, speaking about water safety and launching the new Centennial Program. 11 students enrolled into the program.
 - NPAC hosted 16 facility rentals in May, underscoring the strong demand for school trip accommodations.
- **WMSP:**
 - WMSP leadership delivered an informational presentation at The Gallery of North Port, providing residents with an overview of Warm Mineral Springs.
 - Replanting at the entrance monument sign is complete.

Recreation:

- Successfully hosted the 5th annual North Port's Got Talent event on May 9th at North Port High School, which featured 26 diverse acts and sold 319 tickets.
- MasterChef Jr. Cooking Class, where 15 participants learned kitchen safety, proper utensil use, and how to prepare a variety of healthy recipes.
- Hosted the SWFL Summer Games through FRPA, welcoming 115 seasonal camp staff from across Florida.
- Summer Camp programming kicked off with 180 campers.
- A new program, Intro to Tennis, attracted 16 participants who learned introductory tennis techniques and skill development.

Maintenance:

- A new Tribute Bench was installed at the Circle of Honor.
- Installed a bike rack at Highland Ridge Park.
- Renovations to Field 3 at the Narramore Soccer Complex were completed.
- Also, at Narramore, the palm trees were trimmed throughout the complex.
- Broken posts were replaced at WMSP.

Administration:

- May 6th: Pine Park Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- May 11th: Dallas White Park Multi-Purpose Field Kick-Off
- May 22nd: Circle of Honor dedication ceremony

Upcoming Events:

- “Hats on For Progress: Honoring the Past, Building the Future”, the Warm Mineral Springs Park building renovation kick-off on Monday, July 27th, 8:30am at WMSP.
- Discover Warm Mineral Springs Day will be held on Saturday, August 8th.

Commission Agenda Items:

07/21	Discussion and possible action regarding a transfer in the amount of \$1,000 from Commission Contingency to the Community Assistance/Special Event Assistance Program to support fee assistance requests through FY26.
09/08	Approve the Award of Funds from the Special Event Assistance Program to North Port Area Chamber of Commerce in support of the Business-to-Business Expo to be held on 8/11/26, in an amount up to, and not to exceed, \$500 to cover the costs of city fees and services.
09/08	Accept a donation of \$8,534.42 from the Kiwanis Club of North Port for the purchase and installation of display exhibits and associated materials for a Storybook Stroll at Pine Park.
09/15	Sustainability Strategies for Parks & Recreation: Operational Efficiencies and Cost Recovery Initiatives
09/22	Approve the License Agreement by and between the City of North Port and the Southwest Florida Water Management District to support regional water resource monitoring efforts at Warm Mineral Springs Park.

P&R Vision:

To be a recognized leader in providing parks, facilities and programs that increase wellness and enrich life experiences within our community.



P&R Mission:

To promote healthy and socially rewarding activities through the preservation of cultural resources and the provision of diverse high-quality parks and natural spaces.