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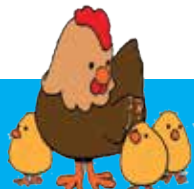
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April has arrived in South Florida, bringing with it longer days, warmer sunshine, and the unmistakable energy of spring. It's a season that reminds us how quickly things can grow and change, encouraging all of us to look ahead and make the most of the months to come.

Spring has long been associated with fresh starts and new possibilities.

After the cooler months of winter, April feels like an invitation to step outside, spend time with family and friends, and take advantage of everything our community has to offer. From neighborhood events to afternoons in the park, this time of year reminds us why South Florida is such a wonderful place to live.

In this month's edition, we're proud to present our Annual Summer Camp Guide, designed to help families start planning for the months ahead. Summer camps provide children with opportunities to learn new skills, build friendships, and create lasting memories. Whether your child is interested in sports, the arts, science, technology, or outdoor adventure, our guide highlights a wide variety of camps that offer something for every interest.

Planning ahead helps ensure that kids have a summer filled with discovery, creativity, and fun. Camps can give children the chance to explore new passions, gain confidence, and stay active while school is out. We hope this guide makes it easier for families to find the perfect fit.

As we move deeper into spring, take time to enjoy the longer evenings, the vibrant greenery, and the sense of renewal that this season brings. April is a wonderful reminder that exciting days are ahead.

Here's wishing you a fantastic spring and a summer full of great experiences.

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## April 4 WATER SAFETY DAY

The City of Coral Springs is offering an entertaining and educational experience for families of all ages! Participate in water safety activities and wear your swimsuits. Learn about resources to help make your home water-safe.

10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Coral Springs Aquatic Complex, 12441 Royal Palm Blvd. For more info, call 954-344-5934.

## April 5 EASTER

Christians worldwide will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, as described in the New Testament. The holiday is the culmination of Holy Week, following Good Friday, which commemorates Jesus' crucifixion. Easter is observed on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox. Traditions include church services, festive meals, & egg hunts. Happy Easter to everyone celebrating, from all of us at Our City!

## April 10 WACKY OLYMPICS

The City of Coral Springs invites the community to its annual Wacky Olympics, an evening of laughter, friendly competition, and school spirit. Middle school teams compete in a series of fun and unconventional challenges while spectators cheer them on with signs, school colors, and spirited accessories. The free event takes place at the Coral Springs Gymnasium and includes concessions and plenty of family-friendly entertainment. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. For more info, scan the QR code.

## April 10 MOVIES IN THE PARK

The City of Parkland is bringing the big screen to your own backyard. Presenting Movies in the Park at the Pine Trails Park Amphitheatre. Join us as we transform the park into our own local movie theater with an 18-foot inflatable movie screen and delicious popcorn (limited supplies available). Bring your chairs, blankets, and pillows, and get comfortable under the stars. 8:00 pm - 9:45 pm at the Pine Trails Park Amphitheatre.



## April 11 TOUCH-A-TRUCK\*

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## April 16 TEEN POLITICAL FORUM

High school students are encouraged to participate in the Teen Political Forum - an open mic style forum for students to raise questions and converse with state, county, and local elected officials about issues that are important to them. 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at Coral Springs Center for the Arts, 2855 Coral Springs Drive. For more info, call 954-344-2364.

## April 22 EARTH DAY

Earth Day encourages people around the world to support environmental protection and sustainability. Communities often celebrate with activities such as tree planting, park cleanups, recycling drives, and educational programs about protecting the planet. The day serves as a reminder of the importance of conserving natural resources and taking action to address environmental challenges like pollution and climate change.

## April 30 TEEN SELF DEFENSE WORKSHOP

This workshop is a comprehensive educational and crime-prevention program designed to equip teenage students with practical strategies, techniques, and options for staying safe. Participants will learn how to reduce their risk of violence while being introduced to the physical fundamentals of self-defense in a supportive, age-appropriate environment. The class is open to 11th and 12th grade students who reside in the City of Coral Springs. 5:45 to 8:00 pm at Sartory Hall Senior Center. Registration is required. Scan the QR to sign up.



## May 2 EATS 'N BEATS

Grab your lawn chairs and blankets, bring your family, friends, and a big appetite. Enjoy this free outdoor concert and a wide variety of food trucks. 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Parkland's Pine Trails Park, 10561 Trails End. For more info, call 954-753-5040.

## May 7 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The Clergy Coalition of Coral Springs and Parkland, in partnership with the Coral Springs Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee, will honor and celebrate the Annual National Day of Prayer. A designated youth representative from each congregation will deliver a brief prayer on behalf of their religious community, focused on our leaders, nation, and world peace. 7:00 pm at the Coral Springs Center for the Arts, 2855 Coral Springs Drive.



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## CORAL SPRINGS STUDENT SHINES ON A NATIONAL STAGE

For Coral Springs Charter School student Caleb, a passion for performing has quickly turned into an extraordinary opportunity. Recently, Caleb traveled to Los Angeles to take part in the excitement surrounding Oscar Week after being invited by the Young Artist Academy to serve as a presenter during their nomination announcements.

Selected for his talent and growing presence in youth acting, Caleb appeared on stage alongside another presenter to announce nominees for the category Short Film: Supporting Youth Actor. It was a moment many aspiring performers only dream of—and one Caleb embraced with excitement and confidence.

“When he found out, he was incredibly excited and honored,” his parents shared. “Being part of an event connected to Oscar Week felt surreal.” Like any dedicated performer, Caleb spent time preparing and practicing to ensure he delivered a polished presentation.

Caleb’s journey to this moment has been nothing short of impressive. Earlier this year, he participated in the International Presentation of Performers (iPOP), a global event where young actors and models showcase their talents in front of industry professionals. Over five days, Caleb

stood out among hundreds of participants, earning an incredible 47 callbacks from agents, managers, and casting directors.

During iPOP, Caleb was selected as the lead actor in the short film *The Disappearance Room*, highlighting his strong on-screen presence. His performances earned him multiple awards, including Best Monologue for his age group, TV Marketing Commercial, Headshot, Fashion Print, and High Fashion Runway. He was also named 1st Runner-Up for TV Beauty Commercial.

Most notably, Caleb received two of the event’s highest honors: Young Actor of the Year 2026 and Young Model of the Year 2026 for his age group—recognition of both his talent and dedication.

These accomplishments helped open doors for Caleb, including his recent participation in Oscar Week events in Los Angeles.

Despite his growing success, Caleb remains grounded in his community. He lives in Coral Springs with his family and attends Coral Springs Charter School, where he balances academics with his passion for performing.

With talent, determination, and strong community support behind him, Caleb is truly a “Can Do Kid” to watch.



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# ESCAPE WITHOUT THE EFFORT

Relaxation, Romance, & A Bit of Fun at the Ocean Allure Costa Mujeres

by Terry Jaillet

Sometimes, the best vacations are the ones that feel the farthest away without actually being far at all. Last month, we escaped to Ocean Allure Costa Mujeres in Cancun, Mexico and quickly realized it's the kind of place where "busy" means choosing between floating the lazy river or ordering another frosty drink.

The brand new, adults-only, all-inclusive resort sits along the pristine shores of Costa Mujeres, just north of the neon lights of Cancun.

From the moment we arrived, there was a noticeable shift in pace. The design sets the tone immediately. Light-filled spaces, soft ocean-inspired colors, and low-rise architecture blend seamlessly with the surrounding beach and tropical landscape. It is cultured without feeling overdone, and calming without feeling dull.

It serves as a modern coastal refuge that feels worlds away from the daily grind, yet remains incredibly accessible for those flying out of MIA or FLL.

## Play Like a Kid, Without the Kids

While relaxation comes effortlessly at Ocean Allure, it's anything but sleepy. It has a full lineup of fun activities, including a foam party, name that tune and a silent disco. And because it's adults-only, you can channel your inner spring breaker without dodging cannonballs or tiny toes.



We honed our skills on one of the resort's three pickleball courts and enjoyed sunrise yoga on the resort's exclusive Privilege Rooftop Bar. While neither of us had the guts to try out the resort's surf wave simulator, we did enjoy a float or two around the lazy river, with a margarita in hand. There is even a bowling alley and virtual golf for something a bit different.

In the evenings, the resort comes alive with music, shows, and entertainment that add energy without overwhelming the laid-back vibe.

## Culinary Journeys

Dining is a major part of the experience, and Ocean Allure does not

disappoint. Our favorites were their restaurants that featured local fare. Pez Dama, located right by the beach, was our go-to for lunch thanks to its tasty shrimp ceviche and relaxed, oceanfront setting. It is the kind of place where you can linger over a beachy cocktail and Baha tacos while listening to the sounds of crashing waves.

We also enjoyed Margarita, the resort's upscale Mexican restaurant. The pork shank pibil was a delight, and something neither of us had tried before. Beyond those, the resort offers everything from Italian classics and teppanyaki to French cuisine and a classic steakhouse, ensuring every night offers something new.

## Wellness at the Spa

If you want to fully embrace vacation mode, the Despacio Spa Centre is a must. It features a large hydrotherapy circuit, a sauna, a steam bath, and a full menu of treatments.

We both enjoyed the spa's 80-minute aromatherapy massage and left fully refreshed.

## Easy to Reach, Hard to Leave

What truly makes Ocean Allure Costa Mujeres stand out, though, is how easy it is. From South Florida, you can leave in the morning and be poolside by noon. There is no long-haul travel, no complicated planning, just a seamless transition from routine to relaxation.

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To be eligible for the 2026-2027 scholarship, applicants must have lived in Coral Springs for at least one year, be graduating seniors enrolled at Taravella High, Stoneman Douglas High, Coral Springs High, Coral Springs Charter, or Coral Glades High, maintain a minimum 2.50 GPA, and plan to attend an accredited college, university, or technical institute. Students must also be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The selection process places special value on financial need, but applicants can strengthen

their chances by demonstrating meaningful humanitarian or community service that has positively impacted others.

Beyond providing financial support, the scholarship reflects Coral Springs' broader commitment to honoring Dr. King's legacy in practical, community-centered ways. In 2025, the city awarded \$40,000 in MLK scholarships to 24 local seniors, highlighting the program's growing impact and the strong support it receives from community partners.

The MLK Scholarship stands as more than an academic award. It is a celebration of young people who are already making a difference and a reminder that leadership begins with service. For Coral Springs students with both financial need and a commitment to uplifting others, it offers meaningful encouragement at an important moment in their lives. Families interested in learning more can visit the city's MLK Scholarship page for full details and application information.



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Summer is almost here, and it's time to plan for fun, active days ahead. From sports and outdoor adventures to arts and STEM, summer camp offers something for every child to explore and enjoy. Beyond the excitement, camps help kids build confidence, make new friends, and discover new passions. Inside this guide, you'll find great local options to make this summer unforgettable.



## 5678 Dance Camp

[www.5678DanceInc.com](http://www.5678DanceInc.com)

**954-579-8820**



Dive into the rhythm and spirit this summer with Parkland's Dance and Cheer Camp! This all-encompassing, day-long adventure invites campers to indulge in the joy of cheer and dance, ensuring they end their days fulfilled and brimming with anticipation for the next. With each morning, they are welcomed back to more delightful and engaging activities. Guided by our dedicated and skilled team at 5678 Dance Inc., every participant is guaranteed an unforgettable experience, where fun meets passion under the watchful eyes of our compassionate staff. Join us for a summer where every day is a celebration of movement and cheer!

## Band Camp

[www.MusicParkland.com](http://www.MusicParkland.com)

**754-229-6284**



During this summer camp program, students/campers will sing, act, play, and paint. Campers rehearse with the help of counselors and will be preparing a special private musical that will be performed for parents and families. Counselors teach campers how to sing using the right techniques & special tricks. Not only will the counselors teach the singing, but they will also teach them choreography and a personalized script to associate with songs that they will singing.

## Camp Explorer

[www.CreativeChildLearningCenter.com](http://www.CreativeChildLearningCenter.com)

**954-796-0081**



Camp Explorer offers a vibrant summer experience for children in kindergarten through fifth grade, designed to ignite curiosity and foster a love of learning. Each day, campers embark on exciting field trips to explore local attractions, immersing themselves in the beauty and diversity of their surroundings. The camp features a special sports week, alongside a variety of engaging activities including cooking, art, and science projects.

With weekly themes like "It's a Small World," "Space Explorers," and "Animal Kingdom," children are introduced to a world of wonder and discovery. Further enriching the experience, Camp Explorer integrates STEM-focused themes such as "Biorobotics," "Engineering a Metropolis," and "Coding and Gaming," offering campers a hands-on approach to learning and innovation.

## Camp Live Oak

[www.CampLiveOakFL.com](http://www.CampLiveOakFL.com)

**954-563-4880**



Camp Live Oak presents an enriching summer experience with its focus on environmental and marine science. Each week, campers delve into captivating environmental themes, embarking on a journey of discovery and learning. The camp's diverse schedule includes a wide array of activities, ensuring something new and exciting for every day of the week. From field trips that explore the natural beauty of the surroundings to on-site adventures that bring the thrill of discovery, and guest speakers who share their knowledge and passion, Camp Live Oak promises a comprehensive camp experience. Additionally, the camp is thrilled to incorporate the Science of the Sea program at Birch State Park, enhancing its marine science curriculum.



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## Florida Children's Theatre

[www.FLCT.org](http://www.FLCT.org)  
**954-763-6882**



Florida Children's Theatre serves as an educational center for theatre arts serving children and families across South Florida. The oldest documented children's theatre in the state of Florida, FLCT was founded in 1952 by two mothers in a garage. The theatre quickly grew to be the first children's theatre organization to perform at Parker Playhouse, the Broward County Main Library Theatre, and Dillard Center for the Arts. Each summer, FLCT hosts a vibrant summer camp for children interested in theatre at the Fine Arts Theatre at Broward College Central Campus in Davie. The summer camp is open to children in grades 2-10 and will feature productions of Honk, Jr. and Alice in Wonderland, Jr..

## Florida Panthers Camp Incredible

[www.panthersiceden.com](http://www.panthersiceden.com)  
**954-385-8500**



Camp Incredible includes a full day of structured supervision including on ice activities and off-ice fun! Each activity is designed keeping the children's age in mind. Camp times are 8:30am - 3:30pm daily, and parents can register their children for the week or per day. Aftercare from 3:30pm to 5:30pm is also available for an additional charge.

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## Funky Fish Ocean Camp

[www.funkyfishoceancamp.com](http://www.funkyfishoceancamp.com)  
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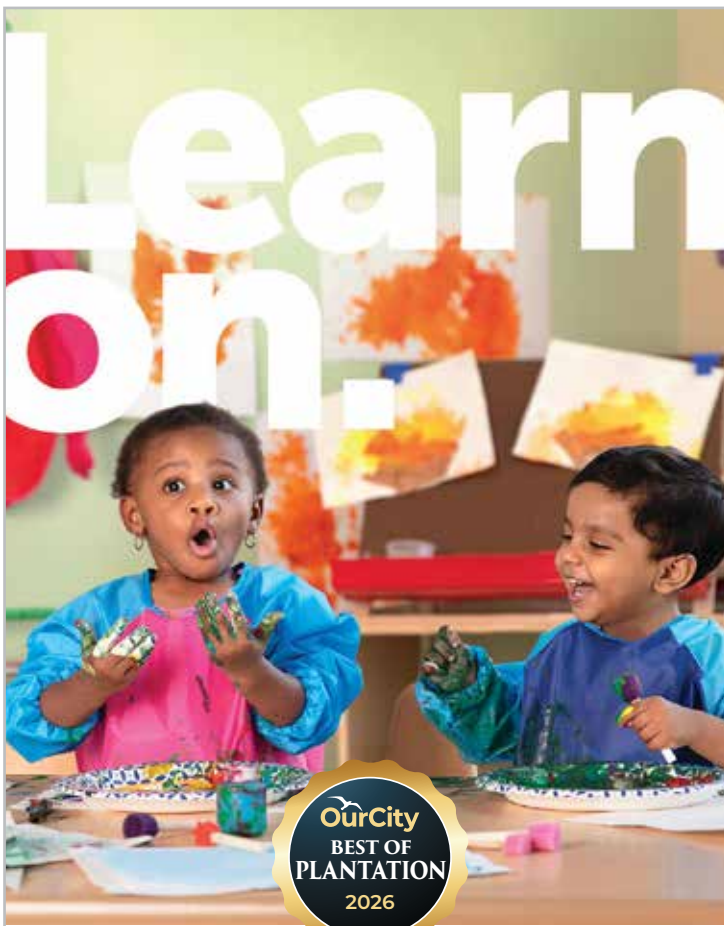
## Inside Out Theatre

[www.OutOfTheatre.org](http://www.OutOfTheatre.org)  
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## Premier Martial Arts

[www.premiermartialarts.com](http://www.premiermartialarts.com)

**954-743-5074**



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## Soref JCC Summer Camp

[www.sorefjcc.org](http://www.sorefjcc.org)

**954-792-6700**

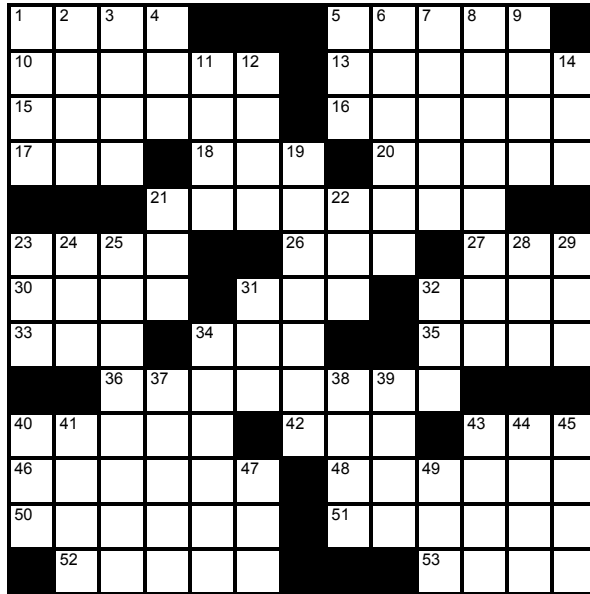


Soref JCC Summer Camp is the ultimate destination for an unforgettable summer of fun, friendship, and adventure! Open to children ages 3 months to 14 years, our camp offers a safe and secure environment across two convenient locations in Plantation and Coral Springs. Campers enjoy exciting weekly field trips, engaging activities on our expansive 16-acre campus, and access to top-notch facilities, including a pool, gym, and sports fields. With luxury coach transportation available between campuses, kosher meals provided, and even an optional Orlando trip, every detail is designed for an amazing summer. Join us for a season of discovery, laughter, and lifelong memories!

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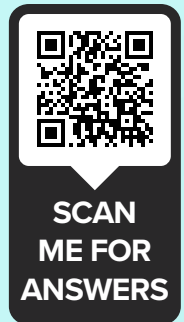
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# BSO'S DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

by Sheriff Dr. Gregory Tony

When most people think about a sheriff's office, they imagine deputies responding to emergencies, making arrests and investigating crimes. While those responsibilities are critical, a true full-service public safety organization must also address what happens after an arrest. That is where the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) Department of Community Programs (DOCP) delivers measurable results.

DOCP provides structured, accountable alternatives to incarceration that combine supervision, treatment and evidence-based intervention. This approach holds individuals responsible while targeting the root causes of repeat offending. Organized into five specialized divisions, Pretrial Services, Misdemeanor Probation, Drug Court Treatment, Juvenile Services and Reentry, DOCP provides a comprehensive continuum of care to reduce the jail population, save millions of tax dollars in incarceration costs and strengthen public safety across Broward County.

BSO's Pretrial Services and Misdemeanor Probation divisions provide court-ordered supervision for individuals in the community while maintaining accountability and protecting public safety. Established in the early 80s, the Pretrial Services Division is one of the longest-standing programs of its kind in Florida. The division supervises thousands of individuals awaiting trial under court-ordered conditions through reporting requirements, home and office visits, drug testing and, when necessary, electronic monitoring and Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking.



By stabilizing employment and preserving family ties, these strategies minimize the impact of criminal justice involvement while directly tackling the root causes of crime. Misdemeanor Probation provides supervision for individuals convicted of misdemeanor offenses through structured reporting and compliance requirements. The division also offers diversion programs for first-time offenders, typically lasting three to six months. Successful completion may result in case dismissal, reinforcing accountability while helping individuals avoid the long-term consequences of a criminal conviction.

BSO's Drug Court Treatment Division, one of the oldest programs in the nation, addresses one of the primary drivers of criminal behavior: substance use. Participants undergo intensive, court-supervised treatment that includes counseling, frequent drug testing, medication management, psychiatric services and crisis intervention. The

program also connects participants with supportive housing, transportation assistance and employment referrals. This comprehensive model reduces recidivism, decreases the risk of relapse and restores stability to individuals and families.

The Community Justice Program provides early intervention for youth, ages seven to 17, through restorative justice and structured diversion. Proactive support for youth offenders significantly lowers the likelihood of future criminal behavior, safeguarding both the individuals involved and the community.

Successful reentry is proven to be one of the most effective crime-reduction strategies available to law enforcement today. For individuals returning to the community post-incarceration, our Reentry Division provides structured supervision, employment assistance, treatment referrals and essential support services to stabilize them during a critical transition period. Through partnerships with community organizations, we host employment and resource fairs, financial literacy workshops and outreach initiatives that address housing instability and workforce barriers.

True public safety is not measured solely by the arrests we make, but by the cycles we break. Through prevention, intervention, structured supervision and successful reentry, our Department of Community Programs is breaking cycles of crime and proactively building a safer, more resilient future for all of Broward County. To learn more about Community Programs, visit [sheriff.org](http://sheriff.org).



Yours in service,

*Sheriff Dr. Gregory Tony*



# CORAL SPRINGS UPDATE

by Vice Mayor Nancy Metayer Bowen

**G**reetings Coral Springs Family, Spring is officially here and April brings a renewed sense of energy, growth, and possibility. The days are a

little brighter, our parks are a little busier, and our community feels even more connected. It is one of my favorite times of the year in Coral Springs.

As you're out enjoying the beautiful weather, I encourage you to take full advantage of everything happening around town. Whether it's a walk through one of our parks, cheering on our young athletes, supporting a local business, or attending a community event, these shared moments are what make Coral Springs feel like home.

April is also Earth Month, which is especially meaningful to me. It's a reminder that caring for our environment isn't just about big policies, it's about everyday choices and community pride. From sustainability initiatives to neighborhood clean-ups, we continue working to keep Coral Springs beautiful, resilient, and forward thinking for future generations.

**I'm especially excited about several upcoming events where I hope to see you:**

- Wacky Olympics – April 10
- Teen Political Forum – April 16
- EarthFest – April 25

You can find more details on these and other events at: [CoralSprings.gov/events](http://CoralSprings.gov/events).

I also want to personally invite you to my Office Hours on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. These conversations mean so much to me. Hearing your ideas, concerns, and hopes for our city helps guide my work. To schedule time, please call (954) 344-5911.

Serving as your Vice Mayor is truly an honor. I remain committed to thoughtful growth, strong neighborhoods, public safety, and making sure Coral Springs continues to be a place where families thrive and everyone feels welcome.

I look forward to seeing you around the city this spring.

With gratitude,

*Nancy Metayer Bowen*

As always, I'm here to listen and serve. You can reach me on social media (@cscommissioner2) or contact me directly by phone or text at (954) 612-7114. I look forward to seeing you out and about in our community this spring.



# APRIL UPDATE

by State Representative Christine Hunschofsky

**A**s we enter April and the spring season, it is a wonderful time to get outside and enjoy our surroundings,

celebrating the bright season. In the upcoming months, I will provide legislative updates on bills signed by the Governor and appropriations in the budget, as well as our successes and missed opportunities that we need to address. We will send out information via our email newsletter and post updates on social media regarding upcoming legislative events. Please reach out to us at [HD095@FLHouse.gov](mailto:HD095@FLHouse.gov) to subscribe to our email list or for more information.

This month, we observe many holidays. Passover begins on April 2nd. Easter is on April 5th. I personally want to wish a Happy Passover—Chag Sameach—and Happy Easter to all who celebrate. We are blessed to live in an area with diverse religions, making this month special. It is also a wonderful opportunity to learn about our own and other religious traditions from our families, friends, and neighbors.

Earth Day is Wednesday, April 22nd, and Arbor Day is Friday, April 24th. This year's Earth Day theme is "Our Power, Our Planet," emphasizing collective action to protect the environment and promote sustainability. While we are doing better with using reusable items and bags, there is still more we can do. Please look forward to the multiple events cities within our district are hosting to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day. The City of Margate is hosting its tree giveaway on April 25th at the northwest corner of State Road 7 and Margate Blvd from 8 am to 12 pm for residents only. The City of Coconut Creek will have its tree giveaway on April 25th from 10 am to 12 pm at their Government Center, 4800 West Copans Road, for residents only. The City of Parkland is hosting an environmental expo at the Parkland Farmer's Market on April 26th from 9 am to 1 pm at 8350 Ranch Rd. Parkland. The City of Coral Springs will host their Earthfest from 9 am to 12 pm at the Sawgrass Nature Center, 3000 Sportsplex Dr, Coral Springs.

Yours in Service,

*Christine Hunschofsky*

Thank you to everyone who has reached out with concerns, comments, questions, and support. I appreciate the honor of representing you. To reach us for assistance with state agencies or to share your thoughts, please call 954-953-2760. To receive our email updates, subscribe by emailing [HD095@FLHouse.gov](mailto:HD095@FLHouse.gov) with "subscribe" in the subject line. Also, follow me on Facebook at @RepChristineHunschofsky and X at @RepHunschofsky for regular updates. I look forward to staying in touch!



# APRIL UPDATE

by State Representative  
Dan Daley

**D**ear Neighbors and Friends,  
I hope everyone is enjoying the fresh spring air, and I wish you all a happy spring!

Although we wrapped up the regular session in Tallahassee on March 13, our work is not yet finished. This month, we will return to Tallahassee for a special session on congressional redistricting, during which legislation will be considered to redraw congressional districts across the state. These districts are typically adjusted once every decade following the release of the new U.S. Census.

In addition, the Legislature must still finalize the state budget. Over the final weeks of the 2026 Legislative Session, the Florida House and Senate have been negotiating the 2026–2027 state budget, but significant differences remain between the two proposals. Currently, there is a \$1.5 billion gap between the chambers. While this is smaller than last year’s \$4.4 billion divide, it remains a substantial difference, with the Senate proposing a \$115 billion budget and the House offering a \$113.6 billion plan.

Florida’s Constitution requires that the state maintain a balanced budget, meaning we cannot spend more than the revenue the state brings in. In fact, the Legislature’s only constitutionally required duty each year is to pass a balanced state budget.

As part of the budget process, both Senators and Representatives submit local appropriation requests to support important community projects. These appropriations provide funding for initiatives such as roadway improvements, fire and police equipment, and other local priorities. For these projects to be included in the final budget, they must appear in both the House and Senate versions and match in funding amounts.

Once both chambers reach agreement on a final budget, the legislation must remain on members’ desks for 72 hours before a vote. This review period ensures that legislators and the public have time to examine the contents of the budget before final passage. After approval by both chambers, the budget is sent to the Governor. Unlike the federal system, Florida’s Governor has line-item veto authority, allowing specific projects or appropriations to be vetoed without rejecting the entire budget.

We are set to return to Tallahassee to finish up the budget at some point before the start of the new fiscal year on July 1.

Please stay tuned to our social media channels for updates throughout the spring as we continue to finish up our work in Tallahassee. We will share information on the special session, progress on the state budget and appropriations, which bills are signed into law, and other important developments from the 2026 Legislative Session.

Thank you again for your engagement and involvement over the past several months. It is truly an honor to serve as your State Representative. If you ever need assistance or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (954) 697-4390 or by email at [Dan.Daley@flhouse.gov](mailto:Dan.Daley@flhouse.gov).

# Pet of the Month



## “Emmy, Lila & Louie”

We adopted Emmy, Lila, and Louie at the Humane Society after our 18 year old cat passed away and I thought that hole would never be filled. These three are all from the same litter, adopted as kittens and now 4 years old. They are the joy of our lives (my husband never thought he was a cat person—surprise!) Emmy sleeps in the crook of his arm. All three still play like kittens and make us laugh all the time whether chasing each other up and down the cat tree or snuggling up together. Oh, and they’ll do anything to keep me from working whether walking on the keyboard or commandeering my chair!



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# PARKLAND UPDATE

*by Mayor Rich Walker*

**I**n a few short months, a 36-acre park, unlike any of the City's green spaces, is coming to Parkland.

Since our groundbreaking at the corner of Hillsboro Boulevard and Nob Hill Road last June, Wedge Preserve Park has transformed from a backfill site into a vibrant, multidimensional construction zone with identifiable features (yes, you are going to love the pickleball courts). I recently visited the site with City staff, and I was moved by the intentionality of this park, and by how much the amenities reflect the interests and needs of Parkland.

This stunning, unprogrammed park will feature a versatile community building for everything from attending a class, to renting for events such as birthday celebrations, receptions, or family reunions. Wedge Preserve will also incorporate serene ponds with an overlooking deck, tranquil walking paths throughout preserved natural areas, and a Ninja Warrior-style fitness court with a finale tower, for those ready to test their strength and agility.

And now that we can see the transition take shape, it is a perfect time to share more amenities this park will offer, including:

- Two baseball/softball fields
- Two multipurpose athletic fields
- Eight covered pickleball courts for the fastest-growing sport across all ages
- Four lighted basketball courts
- A scenic open-air event space perfect for community gatherings
- A whimsical airport-themed playground and neighboring play village designed to spark children's imaginations
- A beach-themed splash pad

Wedge Preserve Park represents and reflects the values that define Parkland: access to play, open space for gatherings, and that unmistakable small-town charm that makes our City feel like home. Whether it's a friendly pickleball match, a child's first hit on the ball field, or neighbors simply walking the trails together, our history-making park is a place where lifelong memories will be made.

Wedge Preserve is just one of the many projects throughout the City that are taking shape. This project honors the balance between growth and green space – a balance we have been able to strike with thoughtful planning, community

engagement, a thoughtful design, and a shared vision for our families, our community, and our future.

I look forward to sharing more stories of progress in Parkland, at State of the City 2026 – 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, at City Hall, 6600 University Drive. I will share the next chapter of our story as we come together for an elegant evening to celebrate what we have accomplished together over the past 12 months.

Yours in Service,

*Rich Walker*



If you would like to share your thoughts or if you have questions or comments you would like to share, I would love to hear from you. I can be reached via e-mail at [rwalker@cityofparkland.org](mailto:rwalker@cityofparkland.org) or via cell phone at (973) 390-1453. Of course, I am frequently available monthly at Parkland businesses and love to talk with residents there. I encourage you to visit the City's website [cityofparkland.org](http://cityofparkland.org) and click on the social media icon that you prefer, to ensure that you stay informed on events and helpful information.

# Kiss me, I'm Irish!

Everyone celebrated Irish Spirit at Coral Springs' annual Blarney Bash last month



# Waterway Clean up

Volunteers from throughout the community gathered to keep Coral Springs beautiful



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