



Summer Tune-Up at The Bay

The park you love is getting a tune-up to enhance a few of your favorite places and make them even more enjoyable.

Wherever possible, the park will remain open to enable your continued enjoyment.

Restrooms will be open every day and [The Nest Café](#) will be open on weekends (8am - 2pm).

Thank you for your patience and ongoing support.

Enhancements include:



Ibis Playground: New Premium Turf

The current crumbling tan-colored surface around the playground area will be replaced with soft premium turf making the ground friendlier for playing and running around the larger-than-life ibises, Sara and Zota.



The Oval: New Convenient Stairs

This fan-favorite spot -- to enjoy a workout, a movie under the stars and some of the area's most talented performers -- will get an important upgrade... **STAIRS!** Soon you will be able to more directly and easily go *down* to dance or *up* to grab your favorite beverage at [The Nest Café](#) or visit the well-designed, well-kept restrooms.



More Resilient & Sustainable Wood Installed Throughout the Park

Several wood bridges, walkways and seating areas in the park will be replaced with Ipe - which is more durable and resilient in the Gulf Coast climate and is a sustainably sourced wood. The Ipe used throughout The Bay is certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), an international organization that guarantees that the wood comes from healthy, sustainable forests.

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More Stroller- & Walker-Friendly Concrete Paths

The current crumbling tan-colored surface along the south edge of the Common Ground lawns will be replaced with smooth shelled concrete paths to enable even the smallest of wheels to roll with ease from one place to another within the park.



Annual Golf-Course Quality Lawn Maintenance

The Bay's "golf-course" quality luscious lawns will be getting their annual "spa" treatment to ensure they stay healthy, revitalized and growing for years to come.



The Nest: New Nearby Bike Racks

Being good to the planet just got a little more convenient. Additional places to park your bike will be installed alongside the ramp leading up to The Nest.



Sarasota Garden Club: Gets a Much-Needed Refresh!

This 1960 mid-century modern building gets new windows (*thanks to a generous donation by PGT Innovations!*), new floors and some other touches to enable it to continue being a popular location for weddings, park programs and other special events.