



PRESS RELEASE

City of Pompano Beach

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GO Pompano! Bond Projects Break Ground Throughout City

Pompano Beach passed a major milestone as five *GO Pompano!* Projects officially broke ground across the City. Although COVID-19 prevented traditional “in-person” groundbreakings, *GO Pompano!* remains on track.

In 2018, the voters of Pompano Beach overwhelmingly voted “YES!” to major City improvements aimed at enhancing public safety, improving local roadways and beautifying public spaces.

Five of these voter-approved projects are now officially under construction and 12 will soon start. A COVID-safe virtual groundbreaking event was held at project sites in each of the City’s five Districts, with Mayor Rex Hardin and City Commissioners participating. The City will continue to make safe and steady progress on these construction projects while also taking added precautions to protect the health and safety of everyone involved.

“I applaud our *GO Pompano!* Team for its exceptional efforts,” said Mayor Rex Hardin. “If not for its dedication, planning and commitment to health and safety, the pandemic may have derailed these important improvements, which include public safety facilities and critical infrastructure”.

****Pictures of the five groundbreaking photos are available upon request****

Groundbreaking has occurred or is imminent on the following seventeen *GO Pompano!* projects. Seven more projects will roll out in 2022.

Amphitheater Renovations

The Amp has capacity for over 2,500 concert-goers but does not provide protection from the elements. Adding a roof enables the facility to host concerts even on rainy days.

Youth Sports Complex

The City acquired the former Elks Club property to address the need for rectangular, multi-purpose fields. The park will feature four new fields. Two large fields will be equipped with artificial turf and sports lighting.

Senior Citizens Center (1900 Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard)

This new 8,500 sq. ft. facility will cater to seniors’ needs and will feature multiple meeting spaces, a warm-up kitchen, and a state-of-the-art gym. In addition, an outdoor garden area will provide space for gatherings and events.

SR A1A Streetscape Improvements Project

Phase I of this project entails undergrounding overhead utilities from Sunset Lane to Atlantic Boulevard. Phase II will address streetscape improvements (road resurfacing, new landscape, improved pedestrian facilities, upgraded light fixtures, etc.) and will commence immediately after.

North Pompano Park Improvements

This park is nestled within The Highlands neighborhood. The City's design team prepared plans to make important changes to the park including retrofitting three fields and new sports lighting. One of the fields will feature artificial turf. In addition, the project will add much-needed parking, a dedicated dog park, and upgraded bathrooms and concession area.

Terra Mar Drive Bridge Repairs

The Florida Department of Transportation conducted a routine inspection of this bridge and recommended repairs to the superstructure and substructure. In addition, the City's design team evaluated the existing seawalls in the vicinity of the bridge and found them to be deficient.

Ocean Rescue Building Interior Improvements and 2nd Floor Addition

The City recognized the need to add space to the existing Ocean Rescue Building to allow for a more efficient operation and foster a more comfortable environment for lifeguard personnel.

NE 33rd Street Improvements

This corridor connects Dixie Highway and Federal Highway. It serves as the main transit backbone within Cresthaven. The design will address speeding concerns, provide for added pedestrian connectivity, improve landscape and replace older light fixtures with new and improved LEDs.

SE 5th Avenue Bridge Improvements

The City acknowledged an inspection report by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) recommending that the bridge be replaced. The new bridge was designed to adhere to current standards for strength, width, and shoulder space. In addition, the bridge clearance will match that of the downstream bridge at Federal Highway. The added clearance will allow taller vessels to reach the Intracoastal Waterway.

Mitchell Moore Park Improvements

In recent years, this park was upgraded with a new concession area and bathrooms as well as bleachers and seating areas. This project will supplement that work by converting the existing natural grass fields to artificial turf and add new sports lighting and a new scoreboard.

Fire Station 61 in Northwest Community

The station serves the NW community and is being replaced with a new 13,000 sq. ft. facility. The new building will include 4 apparatus bays, added quarters for staff and state of the art equipment.

Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Reconstruction

Since 2013, the City has targeted MLK Boulevard for major improvements. The roadway connects the Florida Turnpike and Dixie Highway. Phase 1B encompasses improvements from NW 6th Avenue to I-95 including resurfacing the roadway, new sidewalks and landscape, and upgraded light fixtures.



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McNair Park Renovations

This 10+ acres park serves the Collier City community and provides access to varied sports and civic uses to the local residents. The project's main design elements include replacing the existing

grass field with artificial turf, upgraded basketball courts, a new splash pad, new playground equipment, added parking spaces, and a new 6,000 sq. ft. clubhouse with new bathrooms, concession, gym/workout equipment and meeting space. Plans also include a practice football field and a multiple lane walking/running track with a high jump lane.

Fire Station #114

An analysis of fire rescue operations revealed the need to provide additional quarters in the SW part of the City. The City is building a new fire station at the corner of SW 36th Avenue and Old McNab Road to address localized demands and meet rigorous rescue times. The 13,400 sq. ft. building will feature 3 apparatus bays and state-of-the-art facilities.

Dixie Highway Improvements (Segment #1)

In 2016, the City's elected officials had the vision to acquire Dixie Highway encompassing 5 miles of roadway connecting our neighboring cities of Deerfield Beach and Fort Lauderdale. Segment #1 will focus on a "road diet" plan to eliminate one lane in each direction from McNab Road to SW 2nd Street. The new plan will add on-street parking, landscape, bus shelters, new FPL-decorative lighting, upgraded drainage, and lush landscape.

Centennial Park Improvements (Sample McDougal House site)

The City retained a team to assist with design services of a new 4,000 Sq. Ft. open-air pavilion. The area will be used to host weddings and other gatherings with a capacity for over 100 guests.

Light Conversion Project

There are over 7,000 light fixtures in the City. Most of them are outdated and inefficient sodium halide fixtures. In a partnership with FPL, the City embarked on a City-wide replacement that will result in new LED-based lights throughout. The project is already under way with FPL crews working in Collier City and Liberty Park, with plans to be working in the near future in Kendall Green Leisureville, Highlands and Cresthaven.

"I'm proud to say our management team has been working diligently to keep these projects on track and operating safely," said City Manager Greg Harrison. "If you are interested in more detailed information about these projects, I encourage you to visit the *GO Pompano!* section of the City's website which is updated monthly at: <https://pompanobeachfl.gov/gopompano>".

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