

# Investing in Recreation: Building a Pickleball Future for Palm Bay

Pickleball is no longer just a trend – it's a phenomenon.



# Pickleball: A Nation-Wide Phenomenon

## Key Pickleball Stats for 2024



**36.5+ million**

Number of pickleball players in the US



**223.5%**

Pickleball's growth rate over the last 3 years



**18-34**

Largest age bracket of pickleball players (28.8% of total)



**13,969**

Number of places to play pickleball in the US



**\$152.8 million**

Pickleball paddle market size in 2021



**7.7%**

Forecasted compound annual growth rate through 2028



# Palm Bay: A Thriving Pickleball Community



Right here in Palm Bay, we are seeing this trend firsthand. We are already planning a **34-team league**, which highlights the need for more courts.



# Meeting Immediate Needs: Expanding Access to Pickleball

- The RAB recommends immediate construction of 8 pickleball courts at each of these four strategically located parks: Vet's Park, Fred Lee Park, Nungesser Park. Est. Cost of \$350,000 per park. (\$250,000 for 8 courts, \$100,000 for lights.)



# Investing in the Future: A World-Class Pickleball Complex



**The Recreation Advisory Board is proposing the construction of a 16-court facility at Fred Poppe Regional Park.**

# Maximizing Space: Sports & Square Footage

Sport	Total Area (sq ft)	Participants	Sq Ft per Participant
Pickleball	880	4	220
Basketball	4,700	10	470
Tennis	2,808	4	702
Baseball	43,560	18	2,420
Disc Golf	180,000	72	2,500
Football	57,600	22	2,618
Softball	54,450	18	3,025
Soccer	68,400	22	3,109
Cricket	73,400	22	3,336
Golf	2,250,000	72	31,250



# Impact Fees: Funding a Brighter Future for Recreation

**Park Impact fee balances for each nexus  
(minus encumbered funds).**

**32905: \$1,113,173**

**32907: \$460,601**

**32908: \$1,526,917**

**32909: \$7,970,646**

**Based on projections for current development  
projects, the city anticipates collecting an  
additional \$7,920,708.96 in Park Impact Fees.**

# Current Park Impact Fees

MONTHLY IMPACT FEE SPENDING ANALYSIS  
UN-AUDITED

FY 2024 - APRIL (PARKS)

<i>April 2023</i>	191 PARKS - 32905	192 PARKS - 32907	193 PARKS - 32908	194 PARKS - 32909	TOTAL PARKS - ALL FUNDS
<b>CASH &amp; INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>1,547,348</b>	<b>2,885,806</b>	<b>4,033,022</b>	<b>7,971,540</b>	<b>16,437,717</b>
<b>OPERATING BALANCES</b>					
ACTUAL CASH BALANCES	2,276	(578)	(633)	(2,284)	(1,219)
ENCUMBRANCE CASH BALANCES	12,414	805	1,192	3,178	17,589
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BALANCES - TO BE SPENT</b>	<b>14,690</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>16,370</b>
<b>CAPITAL BALANCES</b>					
ACTUAL CASH BALANCES	302,681	316,281	1	0	618,963
ENCUMBRANCE CASH BALANCES	116,804	249,027	214,966	0	580,798
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL BALANCES - TO BE SPENT</b>	<b>419,485</b>	<b>565,308</b>	<b>214,967</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,199,761</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING &amp; CAPITAL BALANCES - TO BE SPENT</b>	<b>434,176</b>	<b>565,535</b>	<b>215,527</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>1,216,131</b>
<b>CASH &amp; INVESTMENTS LESS BALANCES TO BE SPENT</b>	<b>1,113,173</b>	<b>2,320,271</b>	<b>3,817,495</b>	<b>7,970,646</b>	<b>15,221,585</b>
<b>FY 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT IMPACTS - NOT YET REFLECTED IN BALANCES ABOVE</b>					
BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 JANUARY 2024					0
BUDGET AMENDMENT #2 APRIL 2024					0
BUDGET AMENDMENT #3 JULY 2024		1,859,670	2,290,578		4,150,248
BUDGET AMENDMENT #4 SEPTEMBER 2024					
BUDGET AMENDMENT #5 NOVEMBER 2024					0
<b>EST. FUTURE CASH BALANCES INCLUDING AMENDMENTS</b>	<b>1,113,173</b>	<b>460,601</b>	<b>1,526,917</b>	<b>7,970,646</b>	<b>11,071,337</b>

## SPENDING BALANCE COMMENTS/NOTES

### FY 2024 - BUDGET AMENDMENT #2 - APPROVED 04/18/2024

32905 - FUND 191 - RCM AGENDA ITEM 12/21/2023 - 24PK03 Bathrooms @ Turkey Creek \$300,000  
 32907 - FUND 192 - RCM AGENDA ITEM 12/21/2023 - 24PK29 \$277,525  
 32907 - FUND 192 - RCM AGENDA ITEM 12/21/2023 - 24PK30 FPRP Bridge \$217,548  
 32908 - FUND 193 - RCM AGENDA ITEM 12/21/2023 - 24PK30 FPRP Bridge \$217,548

### FY 2024 - BUDGET AMENDMENT #3 - PENDING APPROVAL 07/18/2024

32907 - FUND 192 - RCM AGENDA ITEM 03/21/2024 - 24PK30 FPRP Bridge \$1,859,670  
 32908 - FUND 193 - RCM AGENDA ITEM 03/21/2024 - 24PK30 FPRP Bridge \$2,290,578

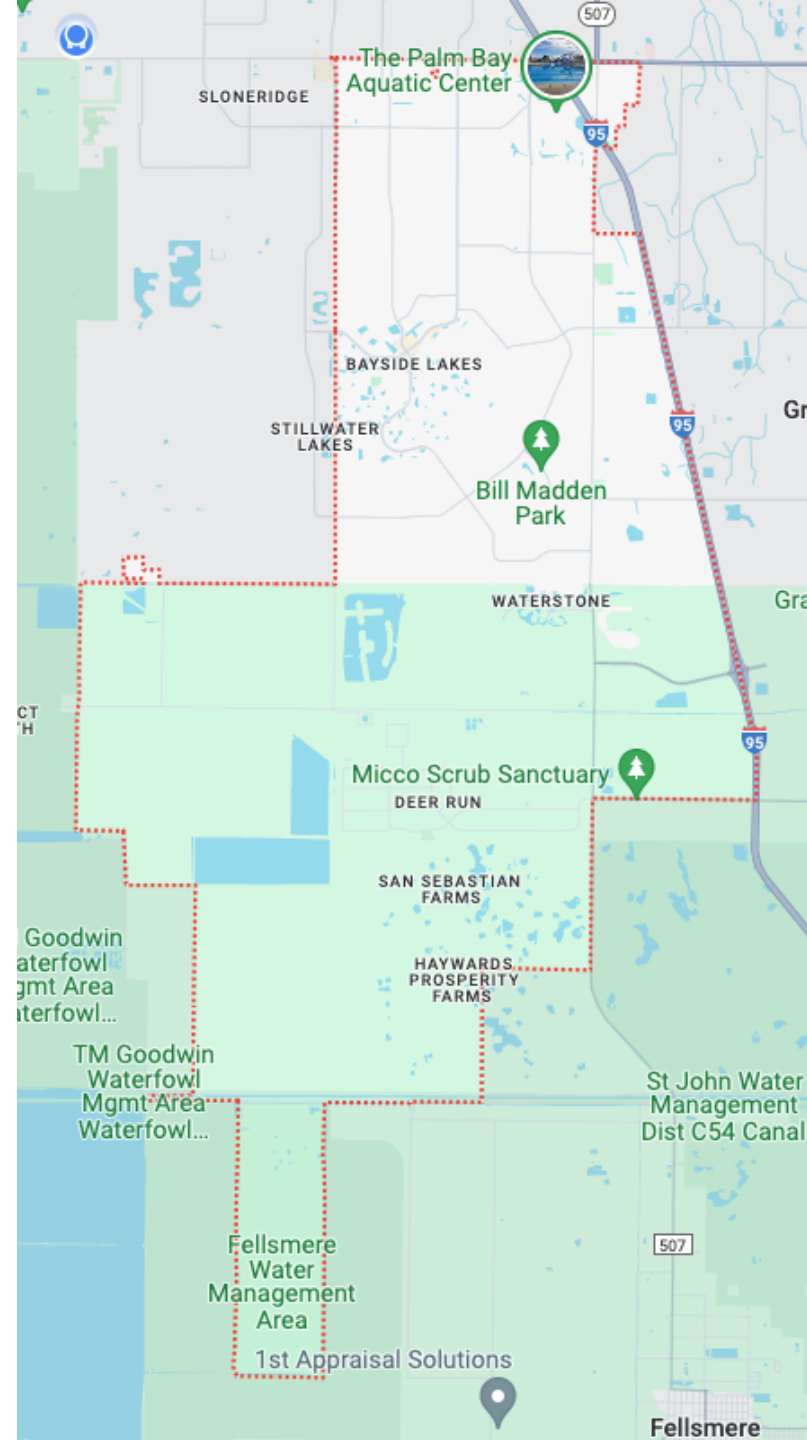


Securing the  
Future:  
A New Park for  
the 32909 Nexus

Paid for with  
Park Impact Fees

**Current Balance**

**\$7,970,646.00**



# Building a Recreation Legacy for Palm Bay

1. The RAB urges the Council to endorse our recommendations and allocate the necessary funds to move these projects forward. By investing in pickleball facilities, we can position Palm Bay as a leader in recreational opportunities, and generate significant quality of life benefits for our community.
2. We also recommend engaging with the community through surveys and public forums to gather feedback on preferred park amenities for the new park in the 32909 nexus, and moving swiftly to secure the needed real estate for a large community park. This will ensure that the new park aligns with the needs and desires of our residents.

