

## The Planning Corner



Did you know July is National Park and Recreation Month? America has celebrated July as the nation's official Park and Recreation Month for over 25 years and in 2009 the U.S. House of Representatives officially mandated July as "Parks and Recreation Month."

What is Park & Recreation? [According to the National Recreation and Park Association](#), a "Public Park" is any area or portions of areas dedicated or designated by any federal or local agency primarily for recreational use.

The City is currently in the process of updating the 2009 [Parks & Recreation Master Plan](#) the plan is a requirement under the [Recreation & Open Space Element](#) of the [City's Comprehensive Plan](#). The update will review the City's current and future delivery of recreation services as it relates to the City's growing population and as a vital component of the continued economic sustainability of the City.

As part of the review, the Urban Design Department has released a [Parks and Recreation Master Plan General Survey](#). The 30 question survey that takes approximately 9 minutes (or less) to complete and we are encouraging everyone to let their voices be heard! In addition, City Staff will be hosting "Park Pop-Ins" as a form of collecting public input in person. On Friday, July 10th, staff held its first Park Pop-In at Laishley Park. Additional Park Pop-ins will be held at:

- Gilchrist Park, July 17, 2020, from 9-11AM and 1:30-2:30PM
- Ponce de Leon Park, July 24, 2020, from 9-11AM and 1:30-2:30PM
- Bailey Brother's Park, July 31, 2020, from 9AM-10AM
- Downtown at the corner of Marion and Taylor, July 31, 2020, from 11AM-1PM

If you plan on attending one or more of the Pop-In's we ask that you pre-register at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2706319302803683/>

Be sure to check out our weekly video updates on the [City's YouTube Channel!](#)

If you have questions or have ideas for future topics contact [UrbanDesign@cityofPuntaGordaFL.com](mailto:UrbanDesign@cityofPuntaGordaFL.com) .