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Palm Beach North Athletic Foundation Meets Financial Milestone To Build Palm Beach Gardens Ice Skating Facility

Supported by hockey philanthropist Larry Robbins and NHL legend Wayne Gretzky, the new ice-skating facility is anticipated to break ground in the summer of 2025.

The Palm Beach North Athletic Foundation (PBNAF) is pleased to announce that it has exceeded its financial milestone with the City of Palm Beach Gardens to start the development of a world-class ice-skating facility at Plant Drive Park. PBNAF, a nonprofit



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Restaurant rendering – photo courtesy of JLG Architects



Wayne and Ty Gretzky – photo courtesy of PBNAF

501(c)(3) organization, has raised more than \$10 million for the project, surpassing the city's \$6.5 million fundraising requirement. In coordination with the City of Palm Beach Gardens, the foundation is expected to break ground on the project by June 2025, and is anticipated to open in the summer of 2026.

The \$40 million project is a public-private partnership agreement with the City of Palm Beach Gardens to develop and operate an approximately 123,000-square-foot, indoor ice-skating facility. The facility will hold two National Hockey League (NHL) sized rinks utilized for youth hockey, figure skating, public skating, adult leagues, curling, and sled hockey. PBNAF will manage and operate the facility as a



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nonprofit entity. Led by founder and president, Michael Winter, the foundation is made up of passionate volunteers who want to expand ice sports in South Florida and make it accessible to all.

"We are excited to work with the City of Palm Beach Gardens to create a vibrant space where the community can come together, stay active, and enjoy a unique experience year-round," said Michael Winter. "Our goal for this project is

to ensure children and families, from all walks of life and abilities, have access to winter sports."

The new facility will offer a specialized recreational amenity not commonly found in South Florida. It will also bring an economic boost to residents by creating nearly 100



Larry Robbins with his family on the ice – photo courtesy of PBNAF

full-time and part-time jobs in the City of Palm Beach Gardens. In addition to two NHL size rinks, the ice-skating facility will feature a full-service restaurant, a retail store, a training space, and an academy space, with support from the world's No. 1 in orthopedics, Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS).

"While serving the local community, the ice-skating facility will also have the capacity to host regional, national, and international events that will bring a significant economic impact to Palm Beach Gardens," Winter explained. "We hope this facility will become another reason why the city remains a premier city to live, work, and enjoy."

The project is supported by renowned leaders in ice sports, hockey coach and philanthropist Larry Robbins, and NHL legend Wayne Gretzky. A former CEO of the Chicago Steel and a hockey coach, Robbins is calling Palm Beach Gardens his new home to invest in the future of ice sports in South Florida. Gretzky will utilize the facility to host Gretzky Hockey School, one of the premier hockey schools in the world founded in 2014 by him and his son Ty Gretzky.

For more information on the project, visit pbnsportsplex.com.

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Little Moir's Food Shack And Munyon's Paw-Paw Debut 'Jupiter Jungle Bird' Specialty Cocktail Supporting Busch Wildlife Sanctuary

Busch Wildlife Sanctuary at Abramson & Schlaggar Reserve, a renowned nonprofit dedicated to native wildlife conservation and environmental education, is thrilled to partner with Little Moir's Food Shack and Munyon's Paw-Paw to raise awareness and funds for the organization through the new "Jupiter Jungle Bird" specialty cocktail.

The Jupiter Jungle Bird is not your average rum punch – putting a 561-twist on the cocktail using the locally-owned Munyon's Paw-Paw aperitif – then combining dark rum, pineapple juice, lime juice, and demerara syrup.

The Jupiter Jungle Bird is available at Little Moir's Food Shack from October through December. Busch Wildlife Sanctuary will receive a \$2 donation per each drink ordered throughout the three-month period – \$1 from each Little Moir's Food Shack and Munyon's Paw-Paw.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with Busch Wildlife to raise awareness and support for the incredible work

they do in protecting local wildlife and preserving our natural environment," said Little Moir's Food Shack general manager Mary Raboni.

"At Little Moir's Food Shack, we believe in giving back to the community that has supported us, and this collaboration allows us to align our passion for fresh, sustainable ingredients with a cause that is close to our hearts."

To learn about Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, visit www.buschwildlife.org. Nurture What's Wild.



Michael Winter (center) with his sons on the hockey rink – photo courtesy of PBNAF



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