



Week in Review

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July is Parks & Rec Month

Parks & Recreation programs and events contribute to the health and well-being of our community, offering activities and athletic opportunities for every age and ability. In addition, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors.



Maintaining the green spaces in the City also helps to improve the quality of our water and air, prevent flooding, and provide vegetative buffers to development and a habitat for wildlife.

At their meeting last week, Mayor Tucker and the Commissioners recognized July as Parks and Recreation Month with a proclamation presented to the City's Parks & **City of Bartow Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts** team. They also took advantage of the moment to congratulate them on a very successful Independence Day celebration.

Achievers on Display: Honoring Legacy and Revitalizing Community

On June 20, more than 60 community members gathered at the Polk Street Community Center for



Achievers on Display, a celebration hosted and led by the Banner Pole Steering Committee.

The Achievers on Display program honored eight individuals that are featured on banners throughout the City of Bartow's East and West side neighborhoods. The achievers in attendance were recognized for their lasting contributions to the Bartow Community for their leadership, service, or positive impact.

More than just a celebration of their impact on the city, neighborhoods, community, or citizens at large, the Achievers on Display program is part of

a broader effort to support neighborhood and community revitalization with the Banner Program. The Banner Pole Program enhances public spaces by showcasing our local role models, fostering pride, and contributing to the overall beautification of the area with the decorative designed banners. It serves as a powerful reminder of Bartow's rich history and the individuals who continue to inspire the future.

The evening was filled with heartfelt stories, meaningful connections, and a strong sense of unity. Thanks to the hard work and vision of the Banner Pole Steering Committee, the community project was a powerful reflection of how honoring the city's local heroes can help strengthen community bonds and inspire future generations.



Lake Appreciation Month

Bartow is blessed with many lakes and ponds within its boundaries, which are important sources of recreation, scenic beauty and habitat for wildlife. The city recognizes the need to protect our lakes and ponds for future generations. Driving this point home, Mayor Tucker and the Commission have proclaimed July as Lake Appreciation Month. The proclamation was accepted by **Lakes Education/Action Drive (LEAD)** Executive Director Ron Hart and Tom Jennings, Board Treasurer.

Scam Alert

Bartow's Code Compliance & Neighborhood Services Department has been removing large numbers of the signs pictured from the City's rights of way. Note that the "deal" the signs are promoting is part of a real estate scam similar to one exposed last year.

Anyone who believes they've been affected by this scam should contact the Bartow Police Department to file a report.



Bartow Bash Continues To Delight Campers

The summer of fun isn't over yet — and at Bartow Bash Summer Camp, the kids and staff are soaking up every moment!



Last week's field trip took the crew to the Florida Children's Museum at beautiful Bonnet Springs Park, and it was a day packed with discovery, creativity and nonstop smiles!

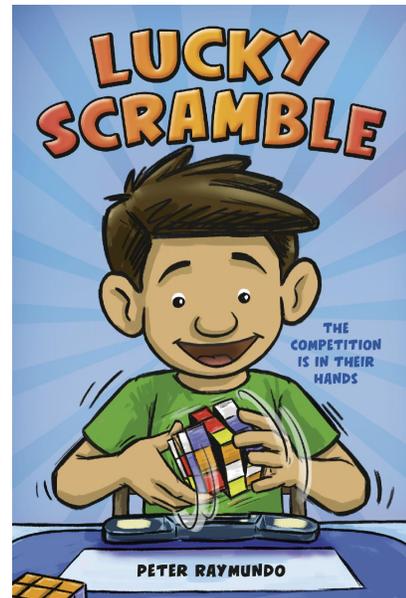
Stay tuned... there's still more fun on the way. Because when it comes to Bartow Bash, summer doesn't slow down — it just keeps getting better!

Summer Fun (and Learning) at the Bartow Library!

Summer Reading is in full swing at the Bartow Library. Next up in their Super Summer Show lineup is renowned author, former Disney animator, and Rubik's cube aficionado Peter Raymundo. Mr. Raymundo will be at the Bartow Civic Center on Wednesday, July 16, at 10am. Come out and learn about his artistic techniques, how to draw one of his original characters, and spend the morning growing as an artist. Books will also be available for purchase after the presentation.

This presentation is intended for elementary grades and up.

Don't miss out on any of the fun - [Check out their special Summer schedule.](#) See ya at the Library this summer!



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