

The Village Club & Preserve

2020 Keep Martin Beautiful Nomination
Community Improvement/Neighborhood Revitalization



Early Stages & Cleanup



The VCP closed on the property upon which it now operates in May 2018. The founding board: (left to right) Dave Webb, Mark Mistarz, Sue Andersen, & Krista Singleton. The property was overgrown with much prep work to be done before construction could begin..



All Hands on Deck...Early Cleanup



If there was ever anything that COULD be done by volunteers, we tackled it that way first! Organizers experienced a host of miracles along the way--an introduction, meeting, or someone hearing about our needs and stepping in to help--all fueled our passion and gave us renewed energy to get through to the next phase.



Before & After Photos



From the Ground Up 2019 - Rebuilding & Revitalization



The former building structures had been completely torn down by a previous owner before the VCP gained ownership. In its place, the VCP rebuilt a beautiful open-air pavilion, thanks to a \$75,000 grant from a private foundation, and a 2,250 building with a gathering room, bathrooms, office, and warming kitchen--The Summers Clubhouse.



Before & After Photos

The aquatics area was in complete disrepair. The pool area was restored and a unique sandy beach area added--a spot loved by children today!

The VCP has two pools--allowing plenty of surface area for different uses at the same time.



Before & After - Small Pool - "Hale Pool"



The Hale Family gave a gift of \$25,000 that helped with the restoration of our smaller pool. This is the pool where the Hales two young children first learned to swim in the early 2000s, before the complex's demise.



The VCP maintains a scholarship fund to offset or pay for swim lessons for families who may not otherwise be able to obtain life-saving swim skills for their children. Left--12-year-old Carlos, a child living with autism, completes swim lessons with Pat Toner.

Before & After - Conversion to Pickleball



A single asphalt court was converted to a 4-court pickleball area, moved forward thanks to a special gift by HB & Allison Warren. The Warren Courts have hosted both youth and adult clinics, as well as a newly founded league.



Our Vision



About The Village Club & Preserve

The Village Club & Preserve (VCP) is a Florida 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of local families through youth athletics and enrichment programming. It is our mission to provide attainable sports and swimming lessons, as well as foster community engagement through educational programming and activities for all ages, hosted on our grounds. Membership opportunities are available to those who desire to come alongside us in our mission and have access to The Village Club & Preserve property.



Groundbreaking



Thanks to the generosity of community and business leaders and with the support of Martin County, the VCP broke ground in February 2019. With a tight budget and aggressive timeline to complete the project, the community came together to see the project to completion and its grand opening in June 2019.,



Enthusiasm & Community Support



Supporters came together to celebrate the groundbreaking ceremony. Every step of the construction and rebuilding process was led by volunteers--neighbors and friends who saw a need and offered to help in whatever capacity they were able.

Thousands of volunteer hours were logged in 2019 as the land was cleared, through the planning stages, and throughout construction.

Currently, 375 households support the VCP as "Friends of the Village"--member households who gave an initial donation to our capital campaign and pledge their ongoing financial support.



Construction & Congressman Mast Tour



In May 2019, the VCP invited Congressman Brian Mast out to tour construction progress and to share our vision for the future--a vibrant community-serving organization that would be a fixture of the Martin County community for generations to come. Here, president Krista Singleton and other key supporters walk guests through the site.



Partnering with Other Local Non-Profit Organizations

An important tenet of the VCP's mission is cooperating/partnering with other local non-profits through the use of our facilities. The VCP has been blessed to be able to lend use of our pools to Operation 300 campers and their mentors during the summer and fall of 2019.



Life Returns to the VCP Grounds Forging a Stronger Community

The VCP holds art classes (in cooperation with non-profit Palm City Art Associates), a range of fitness classes in and out of the water (aqua fitness, a “Rusty Joints” water movement class for seniors, and Qigong) and a series of continuing education classes on topics of Florida gardening and history, health and wellness. New classes are being added on a continuing basis and are open to the community.



Life Returns to the VCP Grounds Forging a Stronger Community



The VCP holds a CPR Class & AED Training for the community.

Resident chef and volunteer Roz Bradford has held numerous cooking classes for youth and adults.

The VCP clubhouse & grounds are a resource for other community non-profits who need a place to gather or to further their mission in the area of youth athletics.



Relationships have been rekindled and the community strengthened through the rebuilding & revitalization of the VCP...

