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**Progress continues on Lakes Regional Park Splash Pads project**

*Temporary closures of some walking paths begin next week*

Fort Myers, FL, Aug. 15, 2025 – Lee County Parks & Recreation is pleased to announce continued progress on the replacement of the splash pads at Lakes Regional Park and asks park patrons to be aware of some upcoming temporary path closures.

The park, 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers, experienced extreme damage during Hurricane Ian, including destruction of the splash pads. Many amenities have been repaired, rebuilt and reopened since the storm. Work on the splash pads is part of the restoration process.

As part of the project, a temporary fence for the staging area will be installed Monday, Aug. 18, followed by demolition of the existing hurricane-damaged splash pads on Wednesday, Aug. 20. Patrons are asked to follow staff instructions and posted signs while work is underway. For safety purposes, portions of nearby walking paths will be temporarily closed during construction.

The \$2.6 million project, funded through the Florida Division of Emergency Management Legislative Appropriations Program Fund, includes the demolition and removal of damaged equipment and concrete, as well as construction of new splash pads. The design-build contract with Gulfpoint Construction Company Inc. will deliver new concrete pads, plumbing fixtures, electrical components, shade structures, water features, signage and fencing.

Construction is expected to be completed by summer 2026, weather permitting.

In the meantime, residents and visitors who want to enjoy a county splash pad may visit Veterans Park, 55 Homestead Road South, Lehigh Acres, which is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, weather permitting.

In addition, Lee County Parks & Recreation operates four Community Pools:

- San Carlos Community Pool, 8208 Sanibel Blvd., Fort Myers
- Lehigh Acres Community Pool, 1400 W. Fifth St., Lehigh Acres
- Pine Island Community Pool, 5675 Sesame Drive, Pine Island
- North Fort Myers Community Pool, 5170 Orange Grove Blvd., North Fort Myers
- Visit [www.leegov.com/parks/pools](http://www.leegov.com/parks/pools) for hours of operation.

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