

Putt'n Around Brings a New Type of Miniature Golf Course to Delray Beach

Elise Johnson was at First Night in Delray Beach a year and half ago when she noticed that the activities for kids of all ages were drawing big crowds.

It was then, she says, that the dream of creating a miniature golf course in Delray Beach first began to take shape.

"We did our research and began checking out miniature golf courses around the country," she said.

Earlier this month, the idea that has become a full-time passion for Johnson and

her family became a reality with

the opening of Putt'n Around Delray Beach, Delray Beach's first miniature golf course in recent memory.

But if you're thinking that Putt'n Around is going to resemble the type of miniature golf course you might find at a beachside amusement park, well, you might want to think again.

Forget about windmills and waterslides, castles and clowns, lighthouses and landmarks.

At Putt'n Around you won't see any of the above. What you will see instead is lush landscaping, bronze centerpieces and walls of waterfalls.

"We wanted it to be almost like a community park," says Johnson, a mother of two sons who were in their teens when the family moved to Delray Beach. "This is more in keeping with Delray's image."

Because there is such a diverse cross section of landscaping, similar in many ways to what you might find in the gardens of the Sundry House, for example, Johnson plans to offer garden tours and to make the miniature golf course available to schools for field trips.

Putt'n Around might also be a favorite destination for those who are interested in seeing how vacant property on U.S. Highway 1 – originally slated to be the site of condos – can be transformed into



can play 36 holes for just \$9.85.

Putt'n Around, which has a clubhouse with a covered patio, is open for parties and business meetings, including team-building exercises.

"If you put four people from the office together in a foursome on the course and they're having fun together, the next day at the office that's what they'll be talking about," she says.

Johnson sees Putt'n Around as being another asset for Delray Beach.

"We're bringing families from other communities to Delray Beach," she said. "We're an additional draw to what Delray Beach already has."

an attractive venue.

Still, even though its appearance is unique, Putt'n Around still has everything a miniature golf course needs to be fun and enjoyable.

In fact, it might even have more than most similar facilities.

At Putt'n Around you'll actually find two courses, one called The Ocean course, the other The Everglades course. Both have plenty of water, with The Ocean course having more landscaping like what you'd find near a beach and The Everglades course having more of the vegetation that you'd find inland.

Both courses have 18 holes, all of which offer a challenge for any golfer, regardless of age or skill level.

Johnson says the miniature golf course attracts a wide spectrum of visitors, from families with small children to young couples on a date to seniors.

"These days, families are looking for affordable fun things to do," she says.

Prices are \$9.85 per person for 18 holes and \$15 for 36 holes. Before noon, visitors

Amendment 4 Continues to Gain Opposition

The board of the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce has been working closely with the "VOTE NO on 4" campaign, which is opposed to Amendment 4.

The amendment, which will be on the November ballot, would require that any changes to a local comprehensive plan go to a referendum.

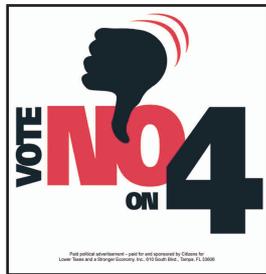
The proposal has been opposed by several local government organizations and business groups that are concerned about the measure's negative economic impact. Already, close to 300 labor, civic, business, planning and environmental groups have voiced opposition to Amendment 4.

Here is additional information about Amendment 4 provided by Citizens for Lower Taxes and a Stronger Economy.

- Amendment 4 will devastate Florida's economy.

By costing jobs and contributing to our state's record unemployment, this ill-timed, misguided proposal has the capacity to crush what is left of Florida's economic future. According to a study conducted by The Washington Economics Group, Amendment 4 would likely cost Florida 267,247 jobs and reduce economic output by \$34 billion annually.

- Amendment 4 will promote sprawl. Environmental groups,



such as 1,000 Friends of Florida and the Florida Forestry Association, have expressed concern that Amendment 4 will actually serve to exacerbate the sprawling patterns of development it claims to remedy. They worry that, by making it more difficult to amend comprehensive plans, Amendment 4 will lock in place the poor planning decisions of the past, thereby making smart, well-coordinated growth impossible.

- Amendment 4 will delay community improvements. A recent study concludes that Amendment 4

would "force local and state governments to either raise taxes or cut services." Ultimately, the study notes, "public schools, public safety and local health care services would suffer from both the direct impact of Amendment 4 and the indirect impact of fewer tax revenues from which to fund needed operations and capital investments.

- Amendment 4 will hurt Florida's working families. The Florida State Council of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, an AFL-CIO/CLC trade union, concluded that "Amendment 4 poses a grave threat to Florida's unique quality of life, the stability of its communities, and the prosperity of its families..."

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CALENDAR

Aug. 27 Summer Nights on the Avenue

Kicking Country Block Party
500 block of E. Atlantic Ave.
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
279-1380, ext. 3

Sept. 3 Summer Nights on the Avenue

Beach Party
Atlantic Ave. and A1A
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
279-1380, ext. 3

Sept. 6 24th Annual Labor Day Police Challenge

Atlantic Ave. and A1A
Noon to 3 p.m.
276-9657

Oct. 2-3 16th Annual Downtown Delray Beach Crafts Fair From Howard Alan

Northeast and Southeast
Fourth Avenue
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
279-1380, ext. 3

Oct. 21 Art & Jazz on the Avenue

Downtown Delray Beach
6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
279-1380, ext. 3

Oct. 30 Delray GreenMarket Opens Trick-or-Treat at the Market

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
100 block of Southeast
Fourth Ave.
276-8640

Oct. 30 Halloween Parade & Downtown Trick-or-Treating

Atlantic Avenue – Old
School Square to Veterans
Park
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
276-6537

Oct. 30 KidsFest

Veterans Park
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
243-7277