

APV to host ribbon-cutting ceremony for park phase

The Association of Poinciana Villages will host a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday at 11 a.m. This is the grand opening of phase one of the new Vance Harmon Park. The Mary Jane Arrington Gym and Aquatic Center will welcome guests for the first time this Saturday. There will be open swim time, fireworks and a live scuba demonstration.

“This is a very exciting time for the Association of Poinciana Villages,” said Mark Maldonado, APV general manager. “These new facilities have been years in the making and this entire community has put a lot of time, energy and money into making them truly spectacular. We are thrilled to be celebrating the completion of phase one of this project.”

The pool offers 25-meter swim lanes, 12-foot diving wells, two diving boards and handicap lifts. Local high school swim teams will be able to practice and hold meets there. The sports complex, which boasts 16,000 square feet of space, will provide restrooms and a locker room for those using the pool as well as a gym, meeting rooms and a warming kitchen. Outside features include a fitness trail around the pond, a multi-use lawn for sports and outdoor activities, a movie lawn and an outdoor pavilion.

“Residents in Osceola County and Poinciana have waited a long time for facilities of this caliber,” said Commissioner Brandon Arrington who serves district 3 in Osceola County. “This aquatics center offers a host of opportunities and will serve everyone from toddlers who are learning to swim, to our high school athletes, adults and seniors. This wonderful and beautiful amenity will truly be a showcase piece for APV residents and the surrounding communities.”

Phase two of the project, which is expected to be completed within the next year, will include renovations to the football and softball fields, two new outdoor basketball courts, two playgrounds, a dog park and an amphitheater.

“This has been a true team effort between the Board of Directors of the Association of Poinciana Villages and Osceola County and we are very appreciative of such a great partnership,” said Maldonado. “Everyone involved in this project is looking forward to seeing residents take full advantage of everything the new sports complex and aquatic center have to offer.”