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## Local sports complex ramps up for its third anniversary

BY MARCI SHATZMAN STAFF WRITER

Roman Desmond jumped onto his skateboard to ride the challenging 6-foot deep bowl, a new attraction at Drop In Action Sports Complex in Loggers' Run Park.

"I've been coming here for a year and a half, and I'm a lot more comfortable with the board and I've learned a lot of new tricks," said Roman, 14, a ninth-grader at St. John Paul II Academy in Boca.

"We keep revising and adding. We have five major sections now," said founder and president Cindi Shendell, preparing for Drop In's third anniversary event from 4 to 9 p.m. Sept. 9 at the complex, 11185 W. Palmetto Park Road.

Admission for the event only is free for waiver holders. For information on waivers, visit DropInComplex.org/general-info/waiver.

Demos are planned for 6:30 p.m. with best trick contests at 7:30 p.m.

"We'll have three com-

petitions in separate areas of the park on skateboarding, biking and scootering," Shendell said.

Among the demos planned are flatland, or spinning on a BMX bike, mountain board and the other sports practiced there. The complex has come a long way since it opened, offering ramp and now bowl riding for skateboarders, scooters, aggressive skating and bikers. Drop In is a non-profit and has a 10-year lease with Palm Beach County.

Ramp Doctors, the original designers, has kept upgrading the ramps under cover in the former roller hockey rink. Outside are sections for beginners, intermediate and advance BMX jumps. A street course was installed two months ago, said Diego Bonilla, social media and assistant manager.

"It's an urban, concrete course and a replica

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**SKATING SKILLS** Jayden Anderson, 7, of Boca Raton, practices his skateboarding skills at Drop In Action Sports Complex in Loggers Run Park, which will celebrate its third anniversary on Sept. 9. The event is free for anyone who has a waiver on file and will include demonstrations, a contest, music and more. MARTA MIKULAN MARTIN/CORRESPONDENT

## Brazilian Beat moves to Mizner Amphitheater

BY MARCI SHATZMAN STAFF WRITER

Boca Raton's fifth annual Brazilian Beat moves into the Mizner Park Amphitheater for the first time, starting 6 p.m. Sept. 10 to officially celebrate Brazilian Independence Day.

Last year's free party drew upward of 8,000 newly arrived and long-time Brazilian Americans and friends to Sanborn Square downtown, using and closing that section of Federal Highway. The event has outgrown the venue.

"We originally started this on a Friday night. When we moved to Saturday, it got extremely popular," said Ruby Childers, the city's downtown manager. "We also moved to accommodate the new policy on road closures. The amphitheater is all contained in one location and we can use the green space."

The city also expects a

bigger crowd. Brazilian Beat traditionally features a Rio de Janeiro, Carnival-style parade, samba drummers, a Zumba showcase, Capoeira and carnival dancers, Brazilian food and cocktails and live music.

The headliner this year is Bebel Gilberto, the Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter, who Childers expects will be a big draw.

"We think the crowd will reflect the caliber of the artist," she said.

Opening will be Batuke Samba Funk, mixing rhythms from Afro-samba and Brazilian big band with classic 1970s funk. James Brown's sax player Pee Wee Ellis is in the band.

The city has added free shuttle trolleys this year from free parking venues at City Hall,

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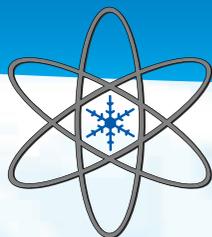
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of what the kids will do on the street," but in a controlled environment," Shendell said. "In the future we want a viewing deck for parents, flow courses for all sports and to have clinics for kids."

Drop In works with four nonprofits and Shendell would like to do more, especially with disabled children and veterans.

"We've had 9,000 people come through in three

years from ages 3 to 56, and the average is 10 to 14 years old," mostly boys, she said.

It was Fred Storm's first visit on a Sunday afternoon.

"I'm 29 and there weren't as many skate parks," when he started, said Storm, of Pompano Beach. He planned to return.

For regular admission costs and hours, visit <http://dropincomplex.org/general-info/prices-and-hours>.

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201 W. Palmetto Park Road; the Downtown Library, 400 NW Second Ave.; Building Administration, 200 NW Second Ave. and other locations that have

event signage.

A tie-on to the Rio summer Olympics will be the Zumba demonstration opening the festivities with hula hoops to signify the Olympic rings, said Arlene Cheese, downtown coordinator.

"The parade will be at the beginning and end with elaborately costumed dancers," she said.

The event is officially sanctioned by the Consulate General of Brazil in Miami. "There will be a new consul general as of Sept. 9," said Lucas Chalella das Neves, deputy consul general of Brazil.

He and his wife expect to stand in for the new consul at the event, which will have an invitation-only after party. Brazil Independence Day is Sept. 7.

"One of the goals is to attract visitors to Boca," Childers said. "Since we started this event, it's been officially sanctioned by the consulate and we're preparing proclamations. We recognize the cultural diversity of South Florida and our immediate residents. There are over 300,000 Brazilians in this community."

Mizner Park Amphitheater is at 590 Plaza Real.

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complex. "The units are rentals, but can be converted to condos later."

There are 13 interior layouts that will have a patio, balcony and backyard. Some buildings will have lake views, Bell said.

For parking, some have their own garage, and there are two roofed by open parking spaces under other units that also required approval. There is also bicycle parking.

The buildings are planned in clusters on an interior loop road in the

complex. Pedestrian connections are planned to two office buildings, he said.

Board member Rick Coffin asked about guest parking. Bell said the plan calls for parallel spaces and some driveways are long enough for two cars.

The Community Appearance Board recommended approval with enhanced hedges and larger trees, he said. The board unanimously approved the plans and that now go to City Council for approval.