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Get a sneak peek at what's coming to Mizner Park

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Mizner park in Boca Raton

The main fountain at Mizner Park in Boca Raton on Thursday January 7, 2021. Mizner Park will have a 30th anniversary on Jan. 11. (Carline Jean / South Florida Sun Sentinel)

Mizner Park — the de facto downtown of Boca Raton — has a slew of new tenants coming to the open-air, mixed-use mecca this year.

Two eateries, two stores, a bowling alley and a yoga studio are slated to open starting this spring at the enclave built on four Rs: retail, restaurants, recreation and residential.

Here's what's coming to the Mizner Park in 2021:

- [Calaveras Cantina](#) (Mexican restaurant) – Spring
- EGG New York (apparel) – Spring
- Anna Zuckerman Luxury (jewelry/accessories) – Spring
- Strike 10 Bowling and Sports Lounge – Summer
- Hotworx (fitness studio) – Fall
- [American Social](#) (gastropub/restaurant) – Winter



People having lunch at Max's Grille at Mizner Park in Boca Raton on Thursday Jan. 7, 2021. Mizner Park will marks its 30th anniversary on Jan. 11. (Carline Jean / South Florida Sun Sentinel)

“Brookfield [Properties] has managed the center since 2018 and has brought in an exciting mix of both retail, dining and lifestyle tenants into the existing mix,” says Michael Cook, Mizner Park’s general manager. “It’s an exciting time for the center as these new businesses open in 2021 and the following year.”

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Named after the early 20th century architect Addison Mizner and located on the site that was once the Boca Mall, Mizner Park was built by South Florida developer Tom Crocker in 1991. At the time, the open-air center was one of the first in the nation to mix office space, housing, shopping, dining/drinking and entertainment.

[Wendy Larsen](#) and her late business partner [Charlie Siemon](#) were brought in as consultants. Their law firm specialized in land-use planning/development and they were the first to open an office at Mizner Park and the first residents.

“I remember when we were talking about Mizner Park,” recalls Larsen, “Tom Crocker didn’t want to do residential because he didn’t think anyone would rent. For many years after Mizner Park was built many projects around the country were called ‘Mizner Park-like’ projects...because in most cities they segregated uses, so it was innovative. It was always designed, in our minds, to be the heart of downtown.”

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Larsen and Siemon were instrumental in building the [Mizner Park Amphitheater](#), which anchors the north end of the plaza. On the south end is the [Mizner Park Cultural Center](#) with its black box theater. The Amphitheater is home to the annual [Festival of the Arts Boca](#), which they started in 2007 and Larsen still chairs.

“I remember the opening of the amphitheater in 2002,” she says. “That was an event. It was the last time the Florida Philharmonic performed. That was an incredible night. Incredible.”

While there have been new brands snapping up vacancies that never recovered from the Great Recession or were done in by online shopping, the retail anchor venue that was recently a [Lord & Taylor remains empty after the tony store filed for bankruptcy and closed in August](#). The two-story 80,000 square foot space has previously been a [Jacobson’s department store](#) and then a [Robb & Stucky furniture store](#).

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Also, sushi restaurant [Blue Fish suddenly closed](#) earlier this week after an 11-month run, having moved to Mizner Park after trying its luck on Delray Beach's Atlantic Avenue before closing there in 2013. The restaurant opened in February in the spot formerly occupied by Rack's Downtown Eatery and Tavern.

Here's a breakdown of what's scheduled to open in Mizner Park this year.

Calaveras Cantina

CalaverasCantina.com.

Already a hit in Jupiter, this Mexican restaurant is opening a long-anticipated second location in Mizner Park sometime in the spring, taking over the space vacated by Junior's Restaurant and Cheesecake. The future Boca Raton space has a larger kitchen, which may allow for a more ambitious menu than is possible in the Jupiter location in Harbourside Place.

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Owner Curtis Peery, a Miami native raised in Palm Beach Gardens, says, "We studied Mizner pretty heavily. The



Calaveras Cantina in Jupiter is known for its fresh, contemporary take on Mexican cuisine as well as its Day of the Dead decor. Now the restaurant is planning on bringing that combination to Boca Raton's Mizner Park in 2021. (Calaveras Cantina / Courtesy)

clientele and people in Mizner are pretty much the same as we see in Jupiter — some snow birds from the North, but also some locals. We're a place that you can have families in for dinner and then at a certain time it turns into a bar party atmosphere."



Egg New York is expected to open in Mizner Park in the Spring of 2021. The apparel label bills itself as "...a sophisticated sweet chic affordable luxury children's fashion brand." Egg New York previously had a retail location at the Boca Raton Resort and Club. (Priscilla Oberle / Courtesy)

EGG New York

EggNewYork.com.

This children's fashion brand and retailer bills itself as being designed for "the stylish mom that identifies with a suburban lifestyle having a family that travels coast to coast."

Kerry Baker, the chief merchant, adds, "I am thrilled to be reopening our EGG New York store at Mizner Park. Our team, previously at the Boca Raton Resort [and

Club], created a wonderful family of customers that I am happy they can continue to serve. The EGG collection is perfect for Florida, from the beach to play and family events."

Why egg? When the brand was first "hatched" in 2003 by designer Susan Lazar, the company explains on its website that she settled on "Egg" inspired by "each child's great potential — all eggs might look the same on the outside, but inside lays infinite possibilities." The store should open in the Spring.

Anna Zuckerman Luxury

AnnaZuckerman.com.

Jewelry designer Anna Zuckerman says that the mission for her eponymous brand's flagship store opening this spring is to make luxury more accessible.

"Now, more than ever, we need to be reminded of our worth," she says in marketing materials. "No need for long-term wish lists or saving up. Every woman deserves to sparkle now."

The wide array of merchandise, everything from tiaras to tennis bracelets, has an average selling price of \$199.

Zuckerman, who emigrated from the former Soviet Union where she was born to a family of goldsmiths and fine jewelers, grew up watching her father design and craft jewelry.

The store's interior will be designed by Boca Raton's [Albanese Development](#) and will feature turquoise acrylic and malachite panels meant to mimic the hues Zuckerman uses in her designs.



Florida-based jewelry designer Anna Zuckerman will open her brand's flagship store in Mizner Park this Spring. (Leonard Albanese / Courtesy)



Strike 10 Bowling and Sports Lounge is slated to open in Mizner Park sometime this summer. There is another location at Gulfstream Park in Hallandale Beach. (Dovela Construction Design / Courtesy)

Strike 10 Bowling and Sports Lounge

Strike10Bowling.com.

This summer the upscale bowling alley is looking to add a second South Florida location to its Hallandale Beach property in the Village at Gulfstream Park.

If the Strike 10 in Mizner Park is anything like that one, expect large HD televisions,

a long sleek bar in the lounge area, a sushi bar, pool tables, an arcade, DJs, live entertainment and, of course, professional bowling lanes.

“Strike 10 Bowling and Sports Lounge will offer family fun, entertainment and the ultimate in bowling experience for all ages,” says Michael Cook, Mizner Park’s general manager.

Hotworx

Hotworx.net.

This fitness studio combines infrared heat with either yoga, isometric workouts or High Intensity Interval Training.

Hotworx will open in Mizner Park this fall. There are other locations in Fort Lauderdale, Pembroke Pines, Boynton Beach, Wellington, Palm Beach Gardens and Miami.

Cook, Mizner Park’s general manager, says, “Hotworkz offers a unique virtual instructed infrared heat workout experience new to the Boca Raton area.”

American Social

AmericanSocialBar.com.

This sports bar and music-centric restaurant has successfully fit into Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Tampa, Orlando and — by next winter — Boca Raton by deftly blending a little local flavor with a familiar franchise: all-American food, handcrafted cocktails and all the big games on big screens.

“All our [restaurants] have a little local in them,” explains co-founder and managing partner Paul Greenberg. “We give them the opportunity to have...different local beers. We want them to be as constant as possible but we also give our team the chance...to give their own little touch.”

For example, he explains, “The entertainment might be a little different up there. Maybe try live music first. In Orlando we found out that live music fits better than a deejay. That’s something we might look at in Mizner Park.”

Greenberg and his business partner and co-founder Rick Mijares (“Who is taking the reins of the design of American Social”) think it is too early to say exactly how the Mizner Park location will look or reflect the local vibe. But they are eager to enter the market.

“Mizner Park is the epicenter of Boca,” he says. “We love the direction they are heading in. There’s so much to do in that area. I think they are really trying to step up their game.”

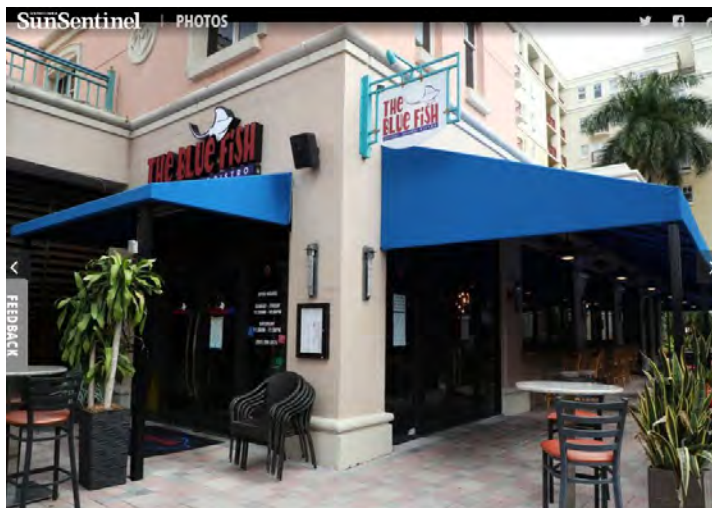
American Social is taking over the 8,000 square foot space that used to house Truluck’s.



A sign of a new restaurant coming to Mizner Park in Boca Raton on Thursday January 7, 2021. Mizner Park will have a 30th anniversary on Jan. 11. (Carline Jean / South Florida Sun Sentinel)



A sign of a new bowling facility coming to Mizner Park in Boca Raton on Thursday January 7, 2021. Mizner Park will have a 30th anniversary on Jan. 11. (Carline Jean / South Florida Sun Sentinel)



A closed Bluefish restaurant at Mizner park on Thursday January 7, 2021. Mizner Park will have a 30th anniversary on Jan. 11. (Carline Jean / South Florida Sun Sentinel)



Luca Benitez 2, of Boynton Beach, rides his bike along the fountain at Mizner Park in Boca Raton on Thursday January 7, 2021. Mizner Park will have a 30th anniversary on Jan. 11. (Carline Jean / South Florida Sun Sentinel)



The gazebo at Mizner Park in Boca Raton on Thursday January 7, 2021. Mizner Park will have a 30th anniversary on Jan. 11. (Carline Jean / South Florida Sun Sentinel)



Mizner Park Amphitheater in Boca Raton on Thursday January 7, 2021. Mizner Park will have a 30th anniversary on Jan. 11. (Carline Jean / South Florida Sun Sentinel)



Lord & Taylor store closing at Mizner Park in Boca Raton on Thursday January 7, 2021. Mizner Park will have a 30th anniversary on Jan. 11. (Carline Jean / South Florida Sun Sentinel)



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