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The Healthy St. Pete Initiative participated or hosted more than 40 outreach events, engaging 10,000+ community members.

HSP events focused on increasing access to clinical care, improving social and economic factors for residents, and increasing healthy behaviors. Highlights include:

- Hosted first family 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run in downtown St. Pete
- Community Resource Bus - 280 various health screenings, 1,677 participants engaged
- Partners to Improve Community Health Grant-10 recreation centers, one senior café, and the first school in the city implemented the Fun Bites program; 15 outdoor bottle fill stations were installed; outdoor mile signage was installed at three city parks
- Food is Medicine Program - Cooking Matters-nutrition education courses report 82% of participants improved their intake of vegetables, fruits, or whole grains
- Food Service Program - 2,258 meals served at Dell Holmes Park
- Fresh Rec Stop produce program installed at three recreation centers and Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, offering low cost produce to the community

LOOKING AHEAD

- Construction continues on the St. Pete Pier in 2018, opening early 2019
- Two new world-class museums opening 2018/early 2019 in downtown St. Pete
- Manhattan Casino reopening with new restaurant and event hall concept in 2018
- New Police HQ opening early 2019
- $200M+ worth of sewer system improvements planned through 2021 ($70M already invested), with a total of $400M+ in public works infrastructure improvements
- Implementation of a comprehensive water resources master plan beginning 2018
- The City’s nature preserves received more than $188,000 in grant funding from various entities, which led to the ecological restoration of more than 150 acres, comparative management research on endangered plants, and a new exhibit in the Lake Maggiore Environmental Education Center. Additionally, the Parks and Recreation Department underwent a reorganization to create a new Natural and Cultural Maintenance Division to maintain parkland with preserve or wilderness designations and to conserve parkland that contains sensitive archeological sites within.
- The Parks and Recreation Department provided 5,160 children and 78 adults Learn-to-Swim lessons through the American Red Cross. Through partnerships with various community organizations, they provided 1,556 swim lessons for free or at a reduced price to participants.

Golf Courses

- Funded through Weeki Wachee, Mangrove Bay Golf Course renovated all 18 greens and 3 practice greens with Platinum Paspalum grass, resurfaced 6.1 lineal miles of golf cart paths, and resurfaced the entrance road and parking lot.

93,657 total rounds of golf played at all three courses

- The First Tee Mentoring Center was built at Twin Brooks Golf Course, the official home of The First Tee of St. Petersburg that will serve more than 1,500 kids annually.