

# **Association of Poinciana Villages, Osceola County Celebrate Opening of Vance Harmon Park Phase 2**

*Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Being Held March 29th*

**POINCIANA, Fla.** — The Association of Poinciana Villages (APV) and its Board of Directors are thrilled to announce the official opening of phase two of Vance Harmon Park in Osceola County. The community and representatives from both APV and Osceola County will celebrate this new phase of the park on March 29, 2018. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 7:00 p.m.

Thanks to a joint partnership between APV and Osceola County, phase two of Vance Harmon Park includes renovations to the football and softball fields, two new outdoor basketball courts, two playgrounds, a dog park and an amphitheater. Starting this summer, everyone can enjoy music and entertainment on the stage of the beautiful amphitheater with APV's "Concerts in the Park" series. In April, APV will host its first of many "Movies under the Stars" events. Families can bring their blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy an evening together.

"Spring is the perfect time of year to open this new phase of the park for all our residents to enjoy," said Mark Maldonado, APV General Manager. "We have received tremendous feedback on Phase 1 and are incredibly excited to expand the park so even more people can enjoy it."

After more than four years of planning and construction, Phase 1 of the Vance Harmon Park renovation opened on May 13, 2017 with the Mary Jane Arrington Gym and Aquatic Center. The pool offers 25-meter swim lanes, 12-foot diving wells, two diving boards and handicap lifts. The sports complex, which boasts 16-thousand square feet of space, offers 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.

The project to build the park included a budget of more than \$8 million with approximately \$5 million in community block grant funding. APV will also contribute \$3.2 million back to Osceola County. As part of the partnership, APV will own as well as manage the operations of the facility.

"Vance Harmon Park has been made possible by the amazing partnership between the Board of Directors of the Association of Poinciana Villages and Osceola County," said Maldonado. "I want to thank everyone who had a role in making this dream a reality for our community."

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## **About the Association of Poinciana Villages**

The Association of Poinciana Villages, Inc. (APV) is one of the largest homeowner's associations in the United States, serving more than 65,000 residents. The 47,000-acre, unincorporated, suburban community encompasses both Polk and Osceola counties, perfectly nestled between Haines City and Kissimmee, Florida. The Association of Poinciana Villages maintains its core vision of continuing to be one of the best places in all of central Florida to live and raise a family. Visit [apvcommunity.com](http://apvcommunity.com) for more information.