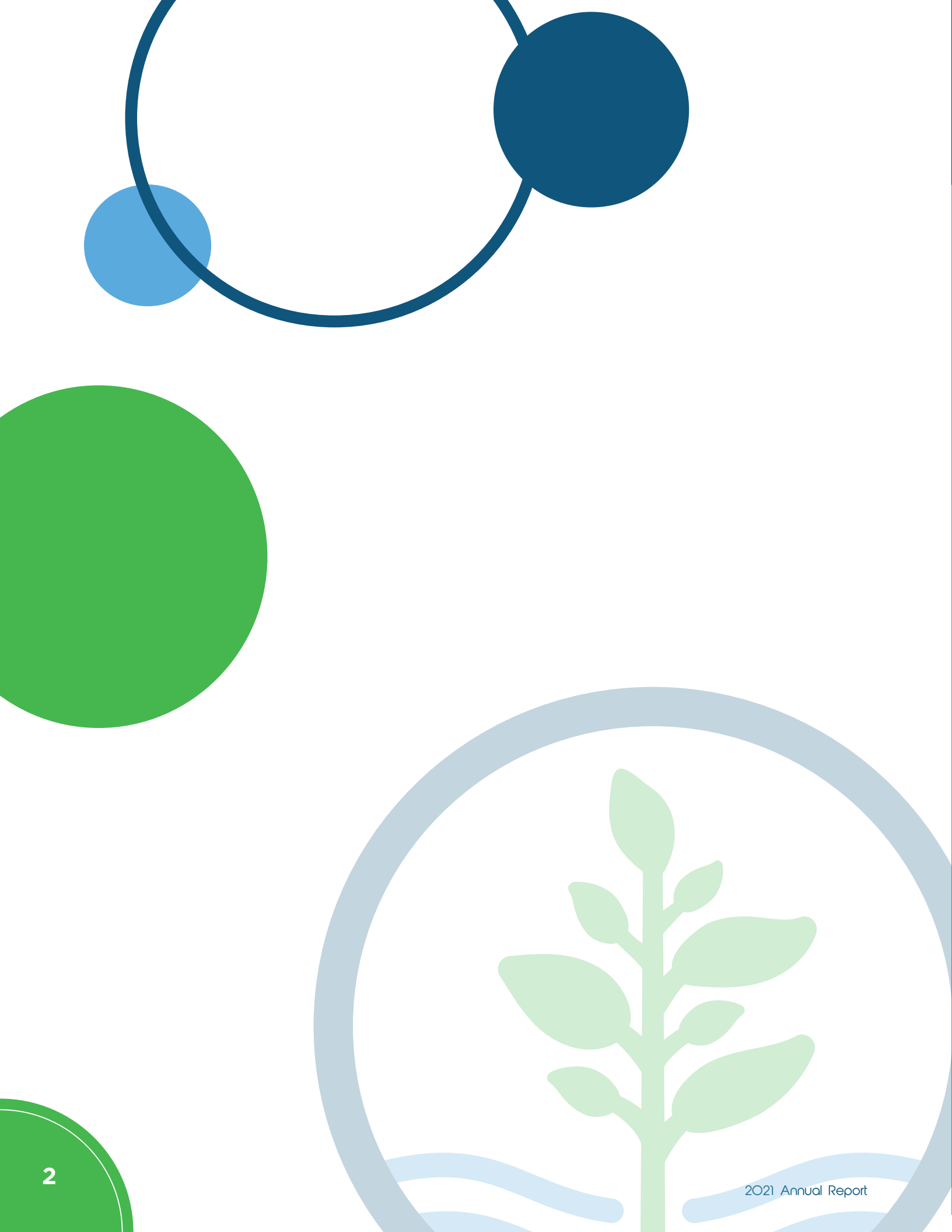




ANNUAL REPORT

2021

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A NOTE

FROM OUR CEO

2021 was a whirlwind year for Bonnet Springs Park. As with the rest of the world, it felt like time moved too fast and supply chains moved too slow.

Our intention was for the park to be substantially complete by the end of December 2021. Slower than expected delivery times, product availability, and stretched workforces all played into our inability to meet the original timeline. However, there were some good things that came out of the delays.

First, the hiring market is very challenging and the extra time allowed us to be very selective as we filled the senior leadership team at the park. We have hired a group of experts in their disciplines that will lend to a quality execution and long-term success of our operation.

Second, plants need time to grow. Horticulture parks like ours typically look better in the following years after they are opened. The additional growth time our trees and plants will receive will help them look better and be much more robust and stand up to the traffic they will see once the park is open.

Third, the park has had the opportunity to focus on planning for long term sustainability. The wonderful donors in our community did an amazing thing in fulfilling the capital campaign in a very short amount of time. Discussions around the annual operating cost led to the discussion of the need for an endowment to ensure that Bonnet Springs Park remains the jewel of Central Florida Parks long after we have all departed. We formed an endowment committee and in 2022 will start the process of ensuring the park stays a high quality, free-to-visit experience in perpetuity. We are confident that the community will rally around this park and make it happen. The park has many beautiful assets. Once our donors and the public see what the park is and what it will offer, we have no doubt that our community will support the mission and ongoing operation of this amazing gift.

2022 will be an exciting year for Lakeland and Polk County. We are looking forward to our grand opening this fall and are planning a celebration worthy of this great park. The countdown is on and we can't wait to bring Bonnet Springs Park to you!



JOSH HENDERSON

Chief Executive Officer

2021

AT A GLANCE

IN THE COMMUNITY

In 2021, Bonnet Springs Park made an appearance at a number of local businesses to spread the word about our mission and vision, and to give community members an opportunity to learn more about us! We visited places like All Creatures Animal Clinic, Black & Brew, Catapult, Hillcrest Coffee, Swan Brewing, and so many more!



Pop Up at **All Creatures**



Pop Up at **Catapult**



Pop Up at **The Poor Porker**



Pop Up at **Yates & Hagan**



Pop Up at **Scout & Tag**



Pop Up at **Fit Niche**

2021

AT A GLANCE

IN THE NEWS

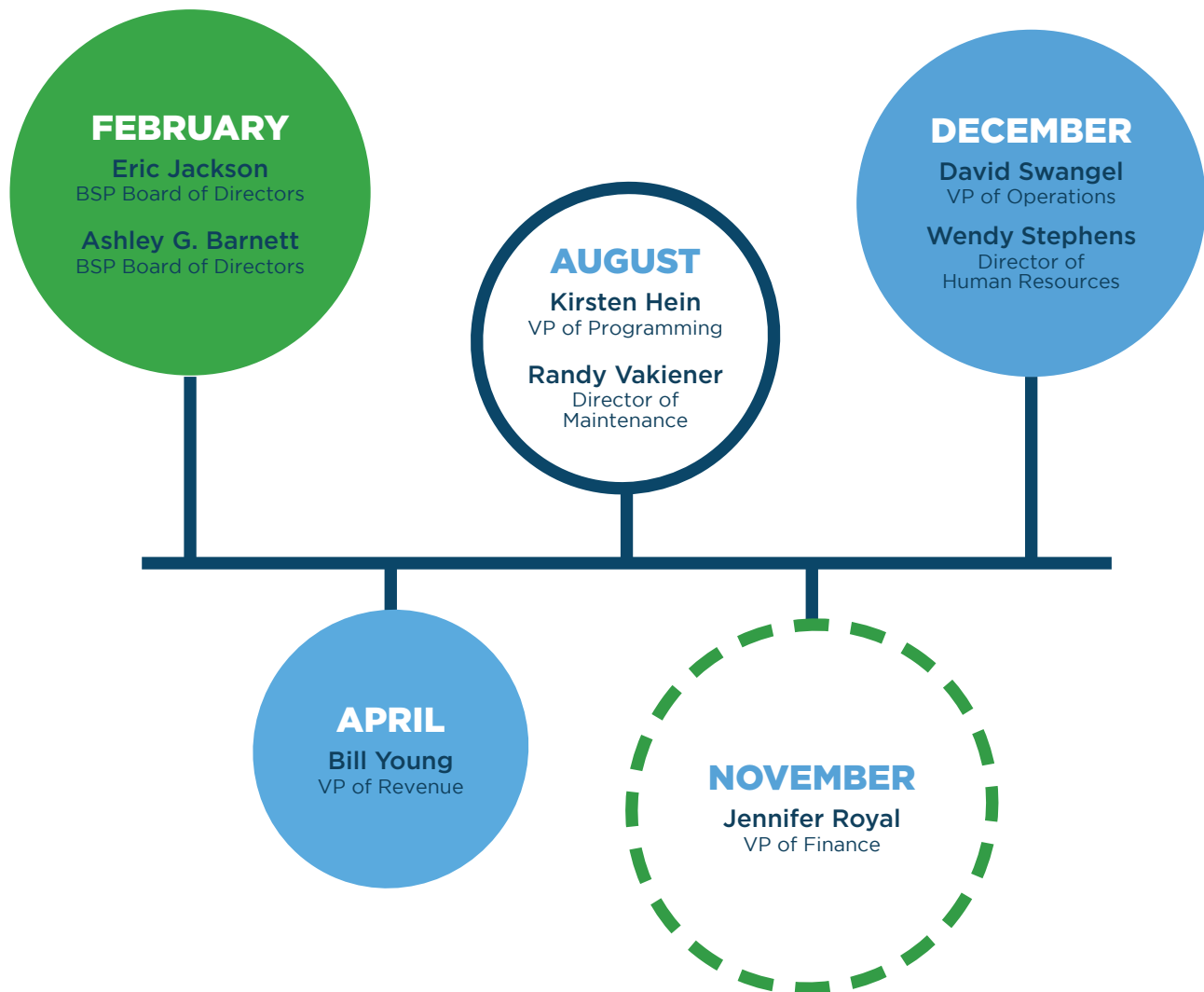
There were so many newsworthy moments at Bonnet Springs Park in 2021, from the \$1 million corporate gift for the Allen and Company Family Lawn to the accomplishments our volunteers celebrated like cleaning up the site.

We had volunteers out on site a few times this year to clean up the site. CPS Investment Advisors and United Way of Central Florida spent their Day of Caring event picking up trash at the Bonnet Springs Park construction site, and groups of kayakers visited to clean up the Blanton Family Lagoon. Altogether, volunteers cleared nearly 100 bags of trash from the Park, and several hundred pounds of wood debris were removed.

Good news for the environment was brought to Bonnet Springs Park in April as Governor Ron DeSantis held a news conference on-site to announce a major award to the City of Lakeland and co-applicant Bonnet Springs Park. The \$42.9 Million grant received by the City of Lakeland with our public-private partnership will benefit low-to-moderate income communities in Northwest Lakeland as the grant writers reported. This funding will help break the damage cycle reducing future flood damage in the Bonnet Springs drainage basin ultimately removing debris and pollution that is currently entering the Hillsborough River watershed and, ultimately, Tampa Bay. The economic and environmental benefits from this project will validate the vision for both the City of Lakeland and Bonnet Springs Park leadership. Several wonderful educational opportunities are ahead for the Park as we continue to advocate for our environmental future.



WE'RE GROWING!



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1. **HOLLIS FAMILY WELCOME CENTER**
FEATURING WATSON CLINIC GALLERY
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2. **AGAMERICA HERITAGE GARDENS**
FEATURING THE JOE L. AND KAREN
RUTHVEN TRAIN PLAYGROUND
3. **FLORIDA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**
4. **SOUTHSTATE BANK PLAZA**
5. **ALLEN & COMPANY FAMILY LAWN**
6. **THE DEPOT** FEATURING THE
ANNE MACGREGOR JENKINS ROOFTOP
GARDEN, TONY GASKINS OVERLOOK
PATIO, AND SOUTHERN GLAZER'S WINE
& SPIRITS ROOFTOP BAR
7. **THE RUTHVEN FAMILY PLAYGROUND**
8. **KIWANIS CARES FOR KIDS TREEHOUSE**
9. **EVENT CENTER** FEATURING CITIZENS
BANK & TRUST BALLROOM, MAYA &
WESLEY BECK PATIO, AND GEORGE W.
JENKINS OUTDOOR KITCHEN
10. **HARRELL FAMILY BOTANICAL GARDENS**
FEATURING BAYER SIGHT GARDEN AND
RADIOLOGY AND IMAGING SPECIALISTS
TASTE GARDEN, BARNETT SOUND
GARDEN, AND CHARLTON FAMILY
FRAGRANCE GARDEN
11. **HARRELL FAMILY GREENHOUSE**
12. **NICHOLAS AND ASHLEY BARNETT
PEACE PAGODA**
13. **GIVEWELL COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION NATURE CENTER**
14. **ANN AND WARD EDWARDS BOATHOUSE**
15. **BLANTON FAMILY LAGOON**
16. **THE MIMS FAMILY LAGOON BOARDWALK**
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25. **THE KINCART AND JONSSON
FAMILY ARCHWAY**
26. **WETLANDS BOARDWALK**

HOLLIS FAMILY WELCOME CENTER AND AGAMERICA HERITAGE GARDENS

JAN



Crews were awaiting approval to pour the second floor slab in the Hollis Family Welcome Center

MAR



Roof framing was being installed at HFWC, irrigation system components were being installed at AgAmerica Heritage Gardens. All irrigation in the Park will be sourced from the Blanton Family Lagoon!

JUNE



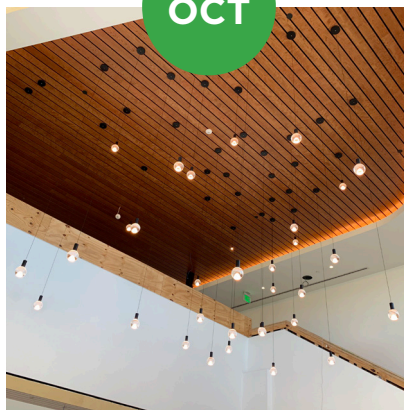
The building outline for the HFWC took its final form

SEP



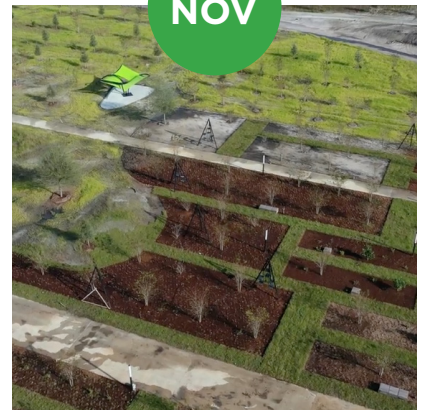
Linear paths in AgAmerica Heritage Gardens began to shape the space and Oak Trees were planted

OCT



Interior flooring finishes began in HFWC

NOV



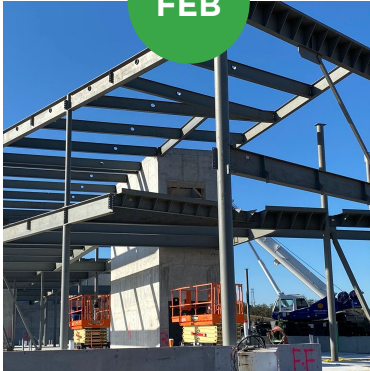
Follies, planter boxes, and shade structures were installed in AgAmerica Heritage Gardens

NORTH AND SOUTH MOUNTAINS AND ALLEN AND COMPANY FAMILY LAWN



FLORIDA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM AND DEPOT CAFÉ

FEB



Elevator shafts and stair framing became visible in FCM

MAR



Full skeleton of FCM came into view, while elevator shafts and stair framing became visible at Depot

MAY



Parking lots for both features were laid

JUNE



The second floor slab was poured at the Depot

AUG



Interior framing at FCM began to separate the five exhibit spaces, office, storage, and more. The roof at Depot Café was waterproofed.

OCT



Interior and mechanical finishes began to take shape in both buildings.

NOV



The outer envelopes of both building caused the exteriors to change colors several times as different layers were put in place.

EVENT CENTER

APR



The roof structure was installed on the Event Center

MAY



Utilities we installed beginning in May and continued through July, when windows were installed

AUG



The building was dried in, allowing for drywall, framing, and glass installation to get the Event Center closer to its final stages

SEP



Tiling, paint, and hard finishes were installed, and the Event Center began to resemble what park planners had always envisioned

OCT



The coral stone wall was installed around the outside of the Event Center, while plantings for the Wedding Lawn were put in

DEC



Exterior finishes, like the roof's knot wood panels, were installed. Harrell Family Botanical Gardens + Harrell Family Greenhouse

GIVEWELL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NATURE CENTER + ANN AND WARD EDWARDS BOATHOUSE

APR



Foundations were put in for both features, while framing for both structures began

JULY



Decks for Both the Nature Center and Boathouse were installed

OCT



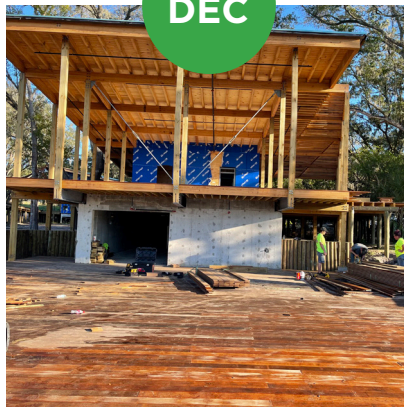
Vertical elements began to give shape to both structures

NOV



Both features received their roofs

DEC



Final framing began as mechanical work started for both the Nature Center and Boathouse

KIWANIS CARES FOR KIDS TREEHOUSE



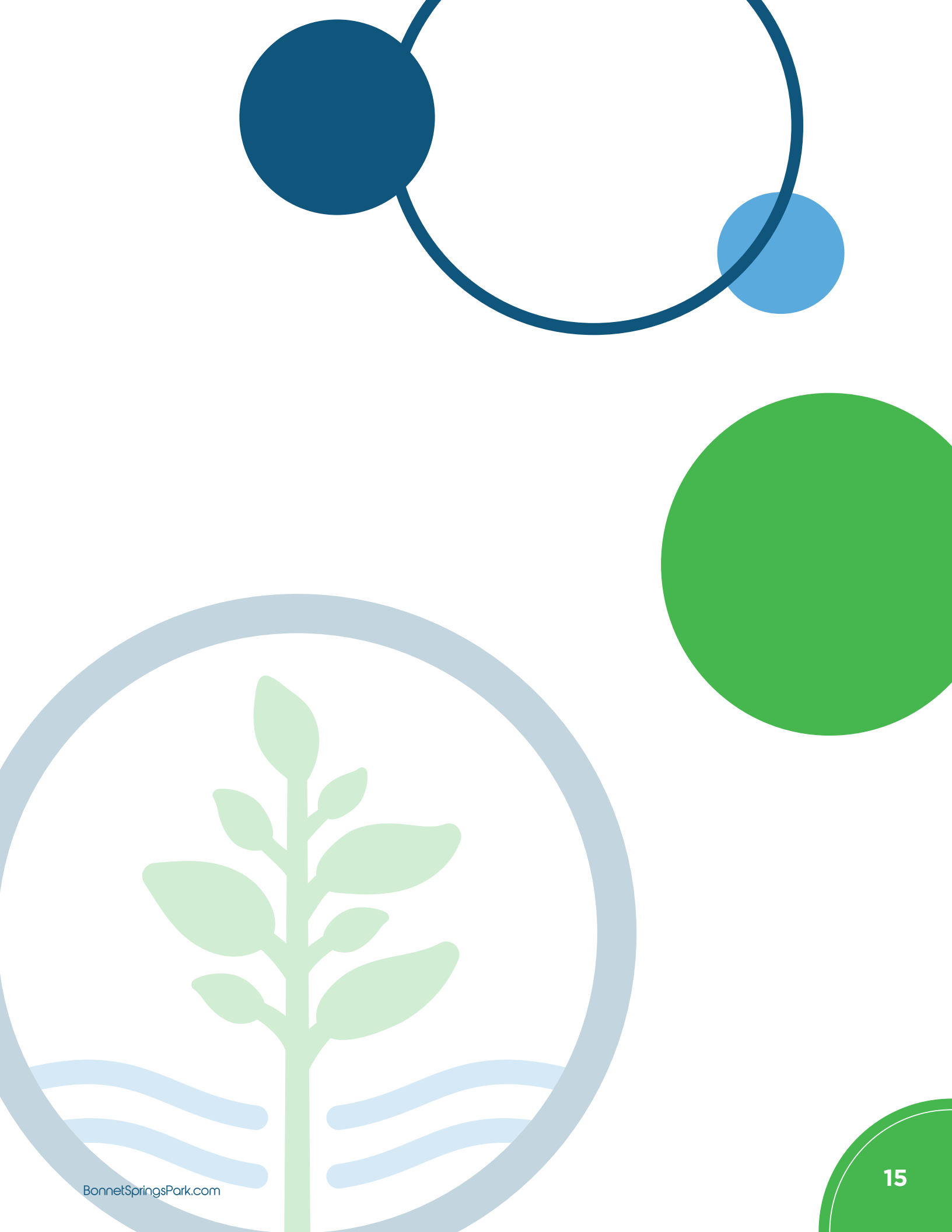
AUGUST

The elevated accessible ramp and decking were installed at the site of the Treehouse, a sign that construction would soon begin!

NOVEMBER

The roof was fully installed on the Kiwanis Cares for Kids Treehouse







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