A PALM BEACH REVIVAL

Palm Beach is growing, expanding and evolving. Even its iconic gems are unveiling spectacular new redesigns and renovations. We don’t want you to blink and miss the action, so we’ve compiled all of the exciting changes happening during this sensational period of upturn.

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CITYPLACE & DOWNTOWN

CityPlace is getting a much-needed makeover. The Related Group breaks ground on its first phase of the renovation, starting with a fresh, urban design for Rosemary Avenue, the main street. Next summer will launch the project's second phase, complete with new dining venues, shops, updated public spaces, and an AMC Theater renovation.

Even renovations at The Ray F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts have a flashy stage name. Titled “Kravis 2020: The Future is Now,” the $50 million expansion project is underway and includes expanding the Dreyfoos Hall lobby—think more bar space, more seating, and new restrooms. Beautiful outdoor green space plazas on the center's corners will also be created. New technology for security, the box office and the garage will be installed in addition to a redesigned main parking garage.

Clematis Street also gets a new look. With a goal of improving and redesigning West Palm Beach's historic shopping and dining district, the Clematis Streetscape project's first phase of its transformation is complete. The new 300 block of Clematis is now a pedestrian-friendly, redesigned area boasting larger sidewalks with space for outdoor dining and lush landscaping. The multi-phase project will continue this summer with the renovation of other Clematis Street blocks.

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The highly anticipated reopening of The Norton Museum of Art is next month. The expanded and transformed museum will be inaugurated with eight exhibitions, a public garden with 14 contemporary sculptures, several commissioned site-specific installations, a new auditorium, a restaurant and classrooms. The new exhibits will include rare pieces from the private collections of museum supporters, pop art, 16th-century Chinese paintings, photography and watercolors. The museum will also host several new art, film, dance, and music programs.

Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens debuts an abundant new educational classroom inside its verdant gardens. Designed by Jorge Sanchez of the award-winning SMI Landscape Architecture, the new hands-on outdoor space allows guests of all ages to experience art and environmental education in a fun and relaxed setting. The quaint amphitheater-like space can also be reserved for weddings, parties, and special events.

There's a lot more science coming to the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium thanks to a $12 million expansion that's just one part of a seven-phase, $45 million plan. The latest reveal includes the 5-acre Fisher Family Science Trail with 13 new interactive exhibits. A new amphitheater will break ground early this year, in addition to the 2,500-square-foot "Journey Through the Human Brain" permanent exhibit.