

Items from the director's deck.....

Ups for the month



- *Rain, rain and more rain.... yes, rain is good but it does affect what we can do outside.*
- *Met with the Chamber about the future location for the John Sevier Award Tree Plantings, this year will be the last year we can plant trees at the Visitors Center*
- *We received the "**Green Light**" from TDEC to begin the West Prong Greenway Project. RFQ's for Engineering will be released in early March*
- *Planning for final details on the Middle Creek Greenway Extension Phase III is in the final stages with TDOT; hopefully we will be going out to bid in early summer*
- *Parks and Recreation Staff continue to put final information and recommendations for the Master Plan that we have been working on for several months. I feel you will be pleased with our efforts when you see the document....*
- *Our five- year window for Benchmarking Tier II with TDEC came due this month, thanks to the efforts of our Administrative Assistant Carla for keeping great records...we re-submitted for approval. You ask why...do you go through this process? Several reasons...but the major ones are that it indicates to the State that we are serious about what we do and it does provide extra points when we apply for grants.... two pretty good reasons to go through this process every five years~*

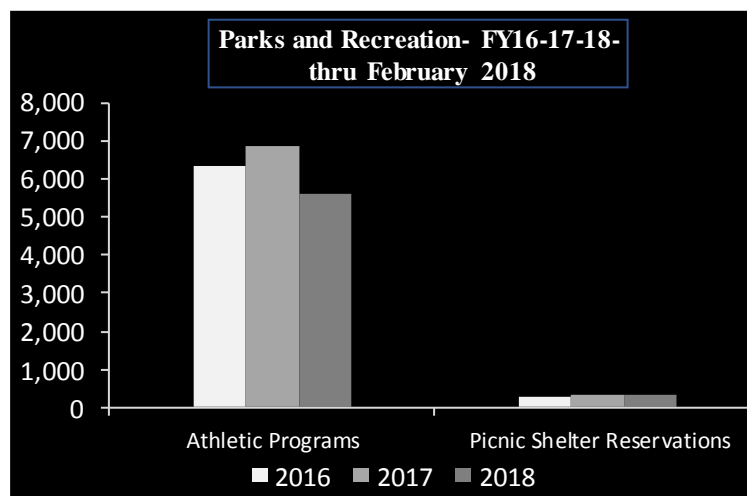
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- *After reviewing the bids for mowers, it was determined that we need to simplify our bidding specifications. Mower vendors really want our business, but developing a set of specifications that are general yet protect the City is challenging. We have some work to do on this one...*

Notes/Graphs/Pictures from each division...

Parks and Recreation: This division includes but is not limited to: All outdoor parks, greenways and all other city and city contracted properties. This division also includes Winterfest, Beautification and Trees with the primary goal of this division being to provide overall departmental leadership and support plus providing clean, safe and aesthetically pleasing public areas throughout the City of Sevierville.

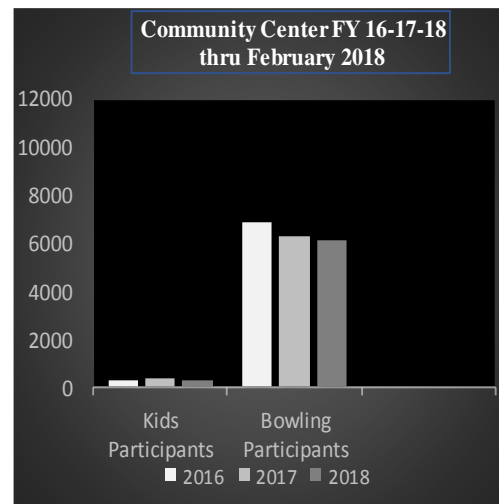
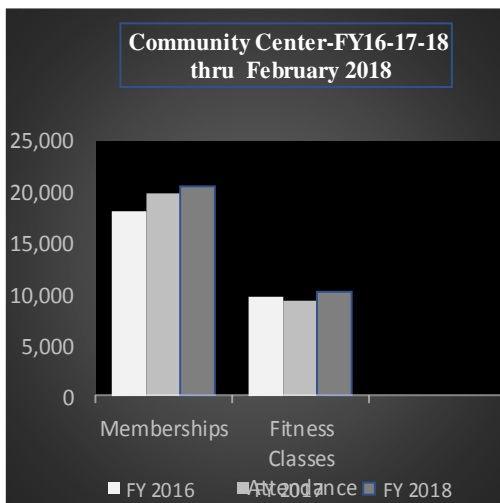


Community Center: The Community Center is a 43,000-square foot multipurpose building that includes: 10-lane bowling center, 6-lane natatorium, children’s programs, gym, two racquetball courts, weight, fitness and spinning room, locker rooms and administrative offices for Community Center Management.

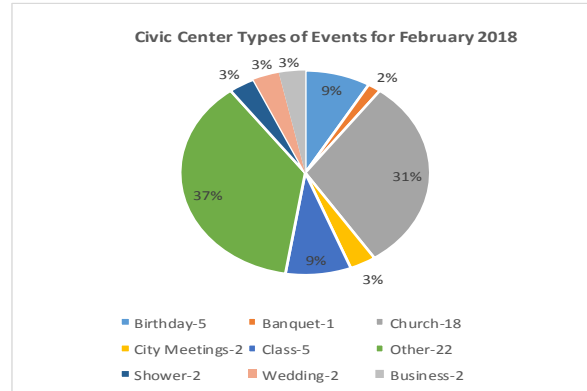
- Bowling Center Hosted Leadership Sevier for Bowling event; Finished up Dandridge First Baptist Church League.
- The Active Afternoons Program enjoyed the following special events: Field trip to the Wilderness Water Park, the annual Jenga Tournament and a Valentine’s Day art project.



- Water exercise numbers are doing well.
- We were unable to have swim lessons due to no one having availability to teach, this is due to depending heavily on part time labor

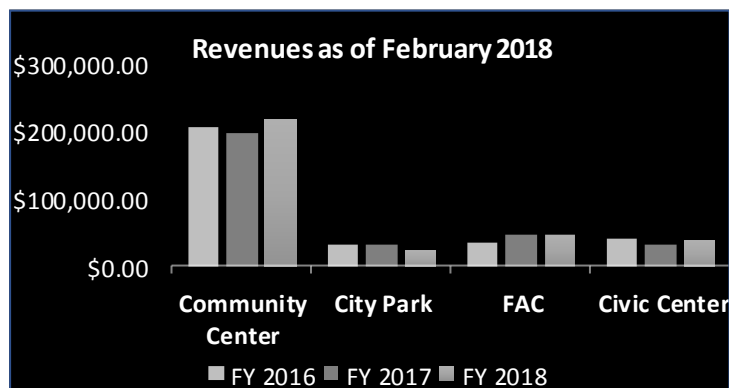


Civic Center: The Civic Center provides 11,000 square feet of multipurpose public meeting space and rental areas. The Civic Center has two meeting rooms, Council Hall and LeConte Auditorium. Administrative Offices for the entire Parks and Recreation Department.



- Had all 16 black curtains in LeConte repaired and dry cleaned.
- Trained with Sandra from RecPro on Site Admin and Dale on Courses for Children’s Programs.

Revenues: The parks and recreation department is expected to off-set the cost of its operation through fees and charges for programs and facilities. The below graph indicates the comparisons year to date 2016/2017/2018.



Other Special Notes or Programs:

- Maintenance Staff is working both and night to get the WINTERFEST DISPLAYS removed.
- We started mowing the last week in February....the earliest ever...but we had an unusual warm February with lots of rain.
- Update all of the Greenway Wayfinding Signs throughout the City



End of Report