



PARKS AND RECREATION

Monthly Report

November 2019

-from the director's chair:

In preparing for the upcoming City Employee Walking Tour; I decided it would be cool to figure out the number of years of service that employees in the parks and rec department have accumulated...the numbers were shocking:

22- Full Time	470 Years of Service
Average	21.3 years
11 employees are eligible to retire now or 50%	

101-Part time	640- Years of Service
6.3 years Average	
Longest 33 years- several over 30 years	

123 employees totaling



The positives are: We have lots of experience, our employees must like their jobs and also enjoy working for the city...

The not so positives are:

We will have some major turnover in this department in the next few years...we need to plan for that. Have we let our employees become 'too comfortable' in their jobs....??

Observation from the director's chair....the positives of having a workforce with this much experience far exceeds the not so positive's. But this department will be facing some major changes in the next few years and all of our employees need to accept that change is going to happen and they need to prepare themselves for such. We are very fortunate to have great employees and I enjoy working with each of them every day. What I am sure of is.... each employee will make the necessary change with the times and move forward with the job and/or their lives in the future.

Bob Parker-Director

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 Winter-fest, 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.

Two major changes occurred this month; We now have a:

(6) Six Member Parks and Recreation Services Advisory Board and

(5) Five Member Parks and Recreation Foundation
.....more to come on both

On November 12th;

I celebrated my 40th year with the City!



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Aquatic Center

- Aquatics Supervisor has set date for Life Guard Certification; we pay for the certification for potential lifeguards. Great year around job for someone in high school or college.
- Dollywood Splash Country has scheduled to rent our pool in January for the same type of training. When we get another Water Park in this community, we will have to start paying premium dollar for lifeguards.
- PoolPak repairs continue and we had a major fixture on the pool pump break this month which caused damage to the pool heater. Parts were hard to find, but staff keep after this and had the pool back operational in about five days.
- Due to short staff we have all been working many hours to keep building open and things as normal. **Again, we are in desperate need of more lifeguards, it is becoming almost to an emergency situation! We will**

Fitness Center

- Thank you needs to go out to Diane Metcalf-Maintenance Worker/Custodian. Diane has waxed floors in both the Civic and Community Centers that have not been waxed in years....thank you very much Diane.
- We have hired a new instructor, we welcome Jenny Hollingsworth to our Fitness Team.
- Dianne Metcalf waxed the Group Fitness room floor, she did an amazing job (see picture).
- We took a poll on Facebook to let our partisans vote on the Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 class; they choose Out of Bounds. We added Out of Bounds to the schedule, but the numbers have been very low. We will see how the numbers do this month, and reconsider what class to put at that time slot. At least we gave the participants an opportunity to express their opinion.
- Our staff will continue to evaluate each class and determine if the numbers justify keeping classes.



Newly Waxed Floors in Aerobics Room



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Children's Program

- Recreation Supervisor began planning for the upcoming Flurry of Fun Program in December; the activity schedule is set. The Active Afternoons enjoyed the Dollywood field trip on November 13th.
- Recreation Supervisor began working on a tentative activity schedule for the 2020 Summer Adventure and Spring Extreme Programs.



Dollywood Field Trip

Bowling

- Although the leaks are fewer than in the past, staff continues to be reporting any visible ceiling leaks from the roof repair.
- We have had (60 six High School Bowling Matches this month. We also had (2) two perfect 300 games bowled from our League Bowlers. By then numbers for November included: League Bowling: 526 Bowlers with 1578 games bowled/ Open Bowling: 686 Bowlers with 1714 games bowled/City Resident Bowling: 75 Bowlers with 186 games bowled/ Cosmic Bowling: 31 Bowlers with 62 games bowled/Groups: 12 Groups with 252 Bowlers and 504 games bowled. We served approximately 2100 bowlers this month.

Athletics

The following items were accomplished this month by our Athletic Supervisor and Staff:

- Attended conference in Chattanooga (November 18-21);
- Attended SMYBA annual election meeting. (November 12);
- Took down batting cages for the winter; began registration for Christmas break basketball clinic w/Kendal.

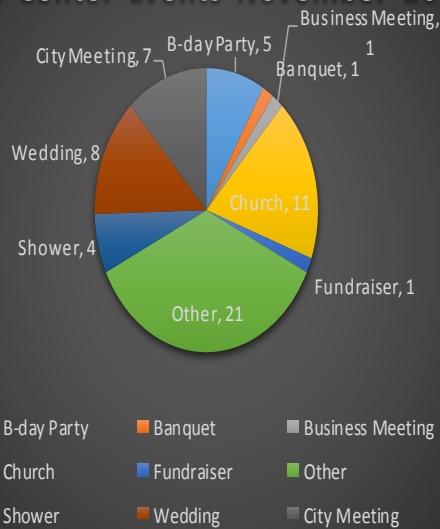
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Civic Center Events November 2019



Civic Center:

The Civic Center provides 11,000 square feet of multi-purpose public meeting and rental areas.

The Civic Center offers; Council Hall, Kitchen along with the LeConte Auditorium.

This facility houses the Administrative Offices for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Civic Center

- Civic Center Supervisor and Fitness Supervisor worked with some Facebook polls and posts about a new class offered.
- Civic Center Supervisor also worked with Athletic Staff on RecPro course for Basketball Clinic and Volleyball registration.
- The HDMI cord is no longer working to projector in LeConte. We have a new way to connect wirelessly, so we've learned from our IT staff how to do this from now on when someone is needing to project.
- Our new Part time Attendant-Kevin has done some small repairs to some of my chairs and tables in LeConte.



We have a lots of weddings at the Civic Center, but we had one "over the top" this month.

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The Tree Canopy — Nature's Umbrella

Trees in our communities provide many services beyond the inherent beauty they lend to streets and properties. One of the most overlooked and under appreciated is their ability to reduce the volume of water rushing through gutters and pipes following a storm. This means less investment in expensive infrastructure and — importantly — cleaner water when the runoff reaches rivers and lakes.



Drop by drop, rainwater is stored on leaves of trees slowing, and reducing runoff. The collective effect of this simple action can make a huge difference in a community.

Have you ever stood under a tree that has served as an umbrella during a sudden downpour? Not a good idea when lightning is present, but otherwise the canopy offers welcome shelter.

The next time you experience the umbrella effect, consider the amazing service each tree provides to the quality of our environment. Aside from keeping you dry, the leaves and bark of a tree retain a huge amount of water, allowing some of it to evaporate and some to more slowly reach the ground. Depending on size and species, a single tree may store 100 gallons or more, at least until it reaches saturation after about 1 to 2 inches of rainfall. When multiplied by the number of trees in a community, this interception and **redistribution** can be significant. It is estimated that the urban forest can reduce annual runoff by 2–7%. This reduction can be converted into dollar savings due to the use of smaller drainage and artificial retention systems. When trees are combined with other natural landscaping, studies have shown that as much as 65% of storm runoff can be reduced in residential developments. In fact, sometimes even 100% of rainfall can be retained on site.

Through the collective action of leaves and the anchoring and absorbing effects of roots, trees also contribute to soil stabilization, cleaner water, and the recharge of groundwater that serves as the public water source for at least half of the people in the United States.

The ecoservices provided by trees can, to a large extent, be measured using the suite of computerized i-Tree tools. For example, using the i-Tree Eco program, the city of El Paso, Texas, found that its 1.2 million trees reduce 32.9 million cubic feet of stormwater, for a value of \$2.19 million in avoided costs.

RETAINING WHAT WE GET

Although community trees contribute to atmospheric moisture and help cool the hot summer air, their ability to help control stormwater is equally as important. "When it rains, it pours," goes the old saying. And when this happens, it is important to reduce the quantity of water running into storm drains or cascading down streets and steep park areas. Trees tame stormwater by retaining huge quantities of water on their leaves and bark, making it available for evaporation or slowly releasing it into the soil. Trees also break the force of falling rain, preventing erosion. Fallen leaves even make a contribution by helping to make soil more spongy and absorbent. Together, not only does tree cover help harvest precipitation, it cleans our waterways by reducing the kind of fast runoff that picks up oils and landscape chemicals and deposits them as pollutants.

From an economic standpoint, the greater the tree canopy, the greater the retention of stormwater, and the less stress there is on sewer systems, catchment basins, and water treatment facilities. This attribute of trees can be measured, and its value to the community quantified.



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TOTAL SALES FOR NOVEMBER 2019

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