



# PARKS AND RECREATION

Monthly Report

July 2019



## -Up's for the month from the director's desk

- ⇒ We had over 50 applicants to apply; I interviewed 6 potential applicants and hired Mrs. Sony Lunsford as our new Administrative Assistant. She started on July 22nd....
- ⇒ After a rather long and exhaustive process, we finally got the Silver Sneakers program set up for Seniors at the Community Center.
- ⇒ I attended the State of Tennessee Blueway and Greenway Forum out in West Tennessee. Discovered some new grant opportunities and got to talk face to face with both state and federal decision makers regarding future grants.
- ⇒ BOMA approved the contractor for the West Prong Greenway Extension Project, construction should begin in mid-August. Approval was also received on repairs to the POOLPac, Locker Rooms and adding new Heat and Airconditioning the Gym; all of these are much needed.
- ⇒ We agreed to assume mowing and landscaping at Exit 407 on Hwy 66 this month to assist the Public Works Department.
- ⇒ Submitted a revised application to the National Park Service requesting technical assistance on the development of a Blueway System.



## Not So Much an Up for the month

- ⇒ Delays continue on the repositioning of the Pedestrian Bridge that will be built parallel to the Vehicular Bridge on Dolly Parton Parkway for our Phase III Middle Creek Greenway project. TDOT does not get in a hurry to review changes. We have lost 30 days going back and forth with TDOT.
- ⇒ Mike Torres— Long time Attendant at the Civic Center suffered a heart attack on Sunday July 28th. As of this report he is in ICU at Ft. Sanders Hospital in Knoxville.
- ⇒ Although we did not receive a grant for improvements to the JB Waters Park from the Boyd Foundation, much thanks to Kelly Debord and the Planning Staff.

## 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.*

## **Even though we did not win....**

**Congratulations to the 2019 Dog Park Dash winners (GRAND prize winners are in BOLD).** Winners are receiving \$25,000 each for their dog parks and GRAND prize winners are receiving \$100,000 each. Thank you to the Boyd Foundation for making this happen for Tennessee!

### **City of Columbia, TN \$100,000**

### **City of Cookeville - \$100,000**

Collegedale Parks and Recreation/Crossville Parks Dept/Elizabethton Parks and Recreation Athletics/City of New Tazwell/Signal Mountain Parks Board

City of Dickson Parks and Recreation/City of Fayetteville TN/City of Laverne Parks & Recreation/Pulaski Parks and Rec Depart

City of Springfield, TN /Bartlett Parks and Recreation Athletics/City of Memphis Division of Parks and Neighborhoods

Munford Parks and Recreation/City of Paris Parks & Recreation/Selmer Parks and Recreation/Trenton Parks and Recreation/Ripley Parks and Recreation, Pool & Waterslide



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## 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.*

## Aquatic Center

- Staffing Family Aquatics Center challenging due to many vacations for part-time staff.
- Staff is working on the 2019-2020 Blalock Natatorium schedule; will be released during the first week of August.
- The Sevier Aquatic Club swim team's fall contract will be considered for approved on August 5<sup>th</sup> and implemented on August 12, 2019.
- Our Aquatics Supervisor is preparing for recertification to teach water exercise classes we be renewed by August 25, 2019





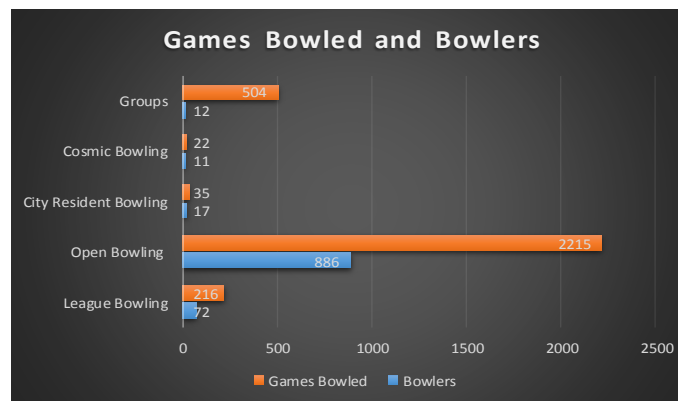
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## Bowling

- All the Fall Bowling Leagues have meet and organize their leagues for the coming season.
- Bowling Staff Stripped and Waxed Bowling Center floors.
- Bowling Staff did some touch up painting before leagues start



## Children's Program

- Summer Adventure 2019 continued, completed weeks 4, 5 and 6.
- Summer Adventure took a break for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday Period.
- Supervisor began developing staff for the 2019/2020 Active Afternoons Program.





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## **Fitness**

- For July's our Fitness Staff conducted assessments for 185 employees- 12 for the first time.
- We hosted 2 fitness classes for the Summer Adventure Program.



Summer Camp Fitness

## **Athletics**

- Complete sign-ups for fall SMYBA season (No joint league with Pigeon Forge in Fall) and begin season on August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Finish registration for fall men's and coed softball leagues. Season to begin on August 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Complete 2<sup>nd</sup> set of basketball clinics by Kendal.
- Host 3 weekend tournaments (2 ISA Softball and 1 WSL softball).
- Attend Municipal Management Training on August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Assisted with Farmer's Market.
- Continue soccer field maintenance at Children's Home.

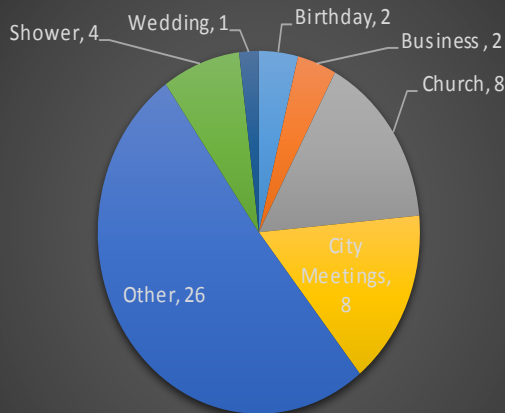


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## Civic Center Events May 2019



■ Birthday ■ Business ■ Church ■ City Meetings ■ Other ■ Shower ■ Wedding

## Civic Center

- The Farmer's Market continues to do well. Our Farmer's Market team works weekly to update things and make small improvements each week.
- Civic Center Supervisor managed all Facebook posts for all Parks and Rec pages as well as Farmer's Market pages with new press releases and general information.

### Civic Center:

*The Civic Center provides 11,000 square feet of multipurpose public meeting and rental areas. The Civic Center offers;*

*Council Hall, Kitchen along with LeConte Auditorium.*

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



Leadership Sevier



Gospel Concert





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Proper tree care starts at the time you plant your tree. Planting the right tree in the right place will impact the health and life of your tree. There are a few other tips you can follow after planting to keep your tree healthy and thriving.



## Proper mulching

Mulch is a newly planted tree's best friend. After planting, apply two to four inches of mulch around the base of the tree, but avoid piling it against the trunk.



## Tree watering

Water your tree right after planting. And continue to water as needed. How much water and how often to water will vary with each tree, so check the soil to feel when it needs to be watered.



**Pruning** Whether it's pruning to remove dead branches or pruning to enhance flowering, good pruning is a necessary part of tree health.