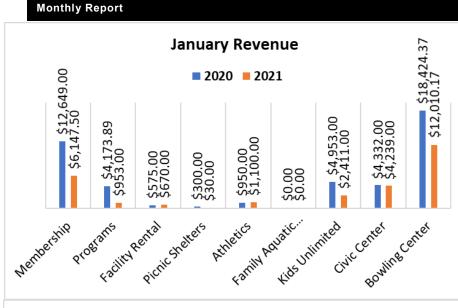
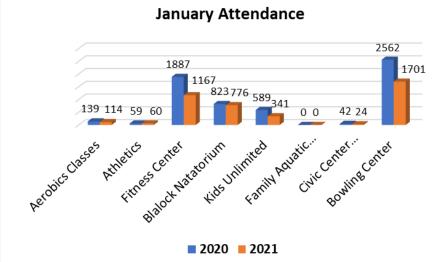






# **Parks and Recreation**





In summary, January revenue is down nearly 54% compared with January 2020. January attendance differed by 31% from January of 2020. These differences have held steady for the winter months compared to the previous year. The downturns are directly related to the changes the department has been forced to make due to following the Tennessee Pledge guidelines to fight the spread of Covid-19. Group sizes for programs are still being limited and occupancy as well as league availability is drastically reduced in the Bowling Center.

## STATUS REPORT

#### **Athletics**

Volleyball - Began January 21

#### **Bowling Center**

Open Bowling - 5 Lanes Available; Reservations Required

League Bowling - Mondays & Thursdays

#### City Park

Baseball/Softball Fields - Open

Family Aquatic Center - Closed

Pickleball - Open

Playground - Open

Tennis Courts - Open

#### **Civic Center**

Council Hall - Available for Rental

LeConte Auditorium - Available for Rental

#### **Community Center**

Aerobics - Reservations Required

Basketball Court - Reservations Required

Blalock Natatorium - Reservations Required

Fitness Center - Reservations Required

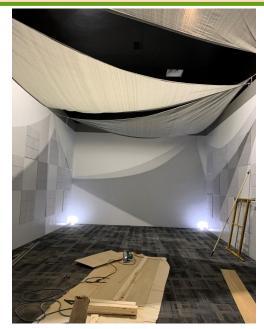
Pickleball - Available Tuesday/Thursday, 8am-10am; Reservations Required

Racquetball - Reservations Required

#### **Northview Optimist Park**

Playground - Open

### **CURRENT MAJOR PROJECTS**







Joe Mattern, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities and his crew have done an amazing job on the projects pictured. One racquetball court is being converted into fitness space and downtown, pedestrian kiosk signs were installed and new banners were hung.

## THE DIRECTOR'S BOX

'The Directors's Box'... Bob feels you need to know the following....



#### -Ups for the month January 2021

- -Bids were opened for repairs to the Splash Pad at the FAC. Hopefully this will be approved by BMA and these needed repairs will occur before the Swim Season....
- -The Director worked on the proposed Agreement for use of the Soccer Fields next to City Park at the SMHC. There are some major changes proposed this year.... all for the betterment of Youth Soccer in Sevierville...
- -The Director worked on the proposed Agreement for Youth Baseball Management and Interleague Play with Pigeon Forge. Again, these agreements are for the betterment of Youth Baseball in Sevierville....
- -Maintenance Staff really made a great effort this month in the conversion project of one racquetball court into a Spinning Studio.



#### -Not So Much an Up for the month January 2021

- -Although progress is being made; there remains no solid date when the West Prong Greenway will reopen.
- -Delays in the downtown construction project has created a delay in our ability to complete our responsibilities towards the Streetscapes Project....

### **DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

## kids unlimited



The Kids Unlimited staff, led by Deanna Hutchens has been busy in January. They finished up the Flurry of Fun program, which allowed the kids to enjoy activities such as Dodgeball, Capture the Flag, Wilderness Indoor Water Park, Tram ride and Ice Skating at Ober Gatlinburg and additional activities in downtown Gatlinburg. Deanna and her team also continued to work on the Spring Extreme and Summer Adventure programs. They also completed special events for the Active Afternoons Program in January: One on One Basketball Tournament, Inflatable Rentals, Chili Frito Pie, Band Bracelets and Relays. Just in time for the cold and wet weather, The Sevierville Parks and Recreation Department took possession of the new bus. The Active Afternoons Program has enjoyed it for pick up on several cold and rainy days during January. Among all of this fun Deanna was also hard at work preparing tax documents for the families she and her team serve.

## civic center



Nicole Sutton, Civic Center Supervisor, and her staff have been sprucing up the Civic Center. They hung some display items from Gary Wade and re-organized some existing wall-hangings in the Civic Center lobby. New rugs have been purchased for the entry ways and they received help from Facility Maintenance with the Civic Center door locks. Among all of this, the staff has bleached the round tables in LeConte Auditorium to ensure cleanliness.

Pictured on both sides are the items from Gary Wade, hung in the Civic Center lobby.



## bowling center

Tim Parton, Bowling Center Supervisor, and his staff hosted the Finals of the Boys and Girls TSSAA Tournament. The SCHS Boys and Girls teams earned a spot in the State Bowling Championships. Both lost in the first round but still had a great season.

### **DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

### athletics

The Co-ed Volleyball season began January 21. This wasn't the only thing keeping Patrick Oxley, Athletics Supervisor busy in January. He continued maintenance on the tennis court windscreens, worked on the Master Plan with Bob Parker, Director of Parks and Recreation. Patrick also ran registration for the Spring SMYBA league and hosted the SMYBA Annual Board Member Meeting. Along with all of this, Patrick has started receiving tournament contracts back for the 2021 season.



## fitness



Group fitness classes, taught by Vickie Pinion, Fitness and Wellness Supervisor and her staff have been full; many with a waiting list. Spinning bikes were serviced in January and will soon be re-located to the new fitness space, which was one of the racquetball courts.

## swimming pools







Pictured above is the Sevier Aquatic Club (SAC) who uses the City of Sevierville

pools. They had a virtual swim meet on January 16 for their younger members. During the meet, Blalock Natatorium was still open to the public to accommodate our members and community. Roxanne DeHart, Aquatics Supervisor has been busy with year end work such as performance evaluations and completing a market study for lifeguard pay. In January, the Health Department checked Blalock Natatorium and gave it a grade of 98%; the Surge Tank is cracked and needs to be fixed/replaced. Kim Jones was hired in January as a lifeguard and three of our lifeguards are working before and after hours to allow Wilderness to use Blalock Natatorium for training their staff.