



June  
2022



# Parks and Recreation

Monthly Report for June 2022

## THE DIRECTOR'S BOX

*'The Directors' Box'... Bob feels you need to know the following....June 2022*

### Court Complex and Blalock Natatorium Got a "New Coat of Paint" in June

The Sevierville Parks and Recreation Department reopened the Blalock Natatorium at 6:00am on June 22, 2022 as planned. Parks and Recreation Department Maintenance Personnel drained, painted, and cleaned the Natatorium during the first two weeks of June. This type of thorough cleaning has not occurred in several years. In case you are into history....*The Community Center and the Blalock Natatorium will be 40 years old on July 21st, the facility opened on July 21, 1982.*

The Tennis/Pickleball Court resurfacing project at City Park although getting off to a slow start was completed as planned. Workers from Hellas Construction Company of Austin, Texas completely cleaned and resurfaced all the courts. Now completed; there are (4) four dedicated tennis courts and (4) combination tennis/pickleball courts at this court facility. With a total budget of \$140,000 dollars improvements included new lights, resurfacing, new nets, and windscreens. This facility was last resurfaced in 2013. Ten years in about average for court surfaces to last. The department will be purchasing a machine maintain these courts moving forward. Below on the left is what it looked like on June 1st and on the right is what is looked like on June 30th .

TENNIS COURTS BEFORE



TENNIS COURTS AFTER



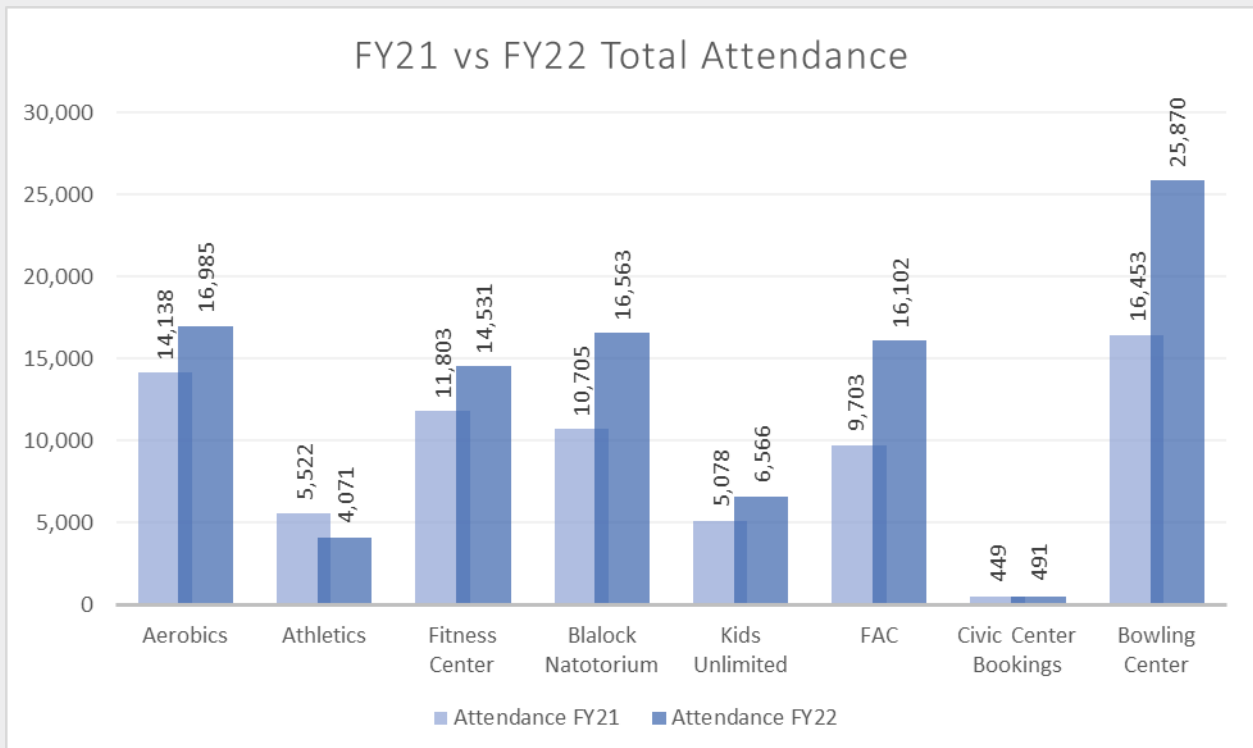
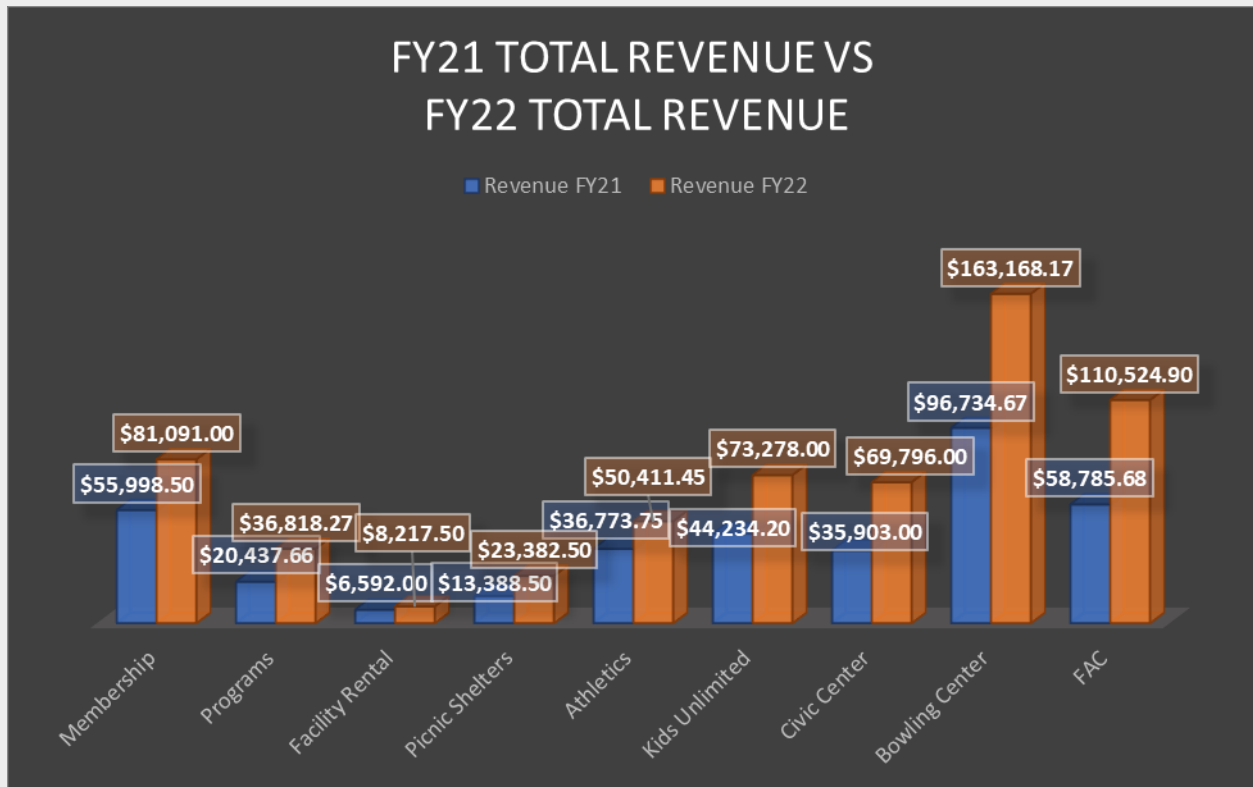
POOL BEFORE



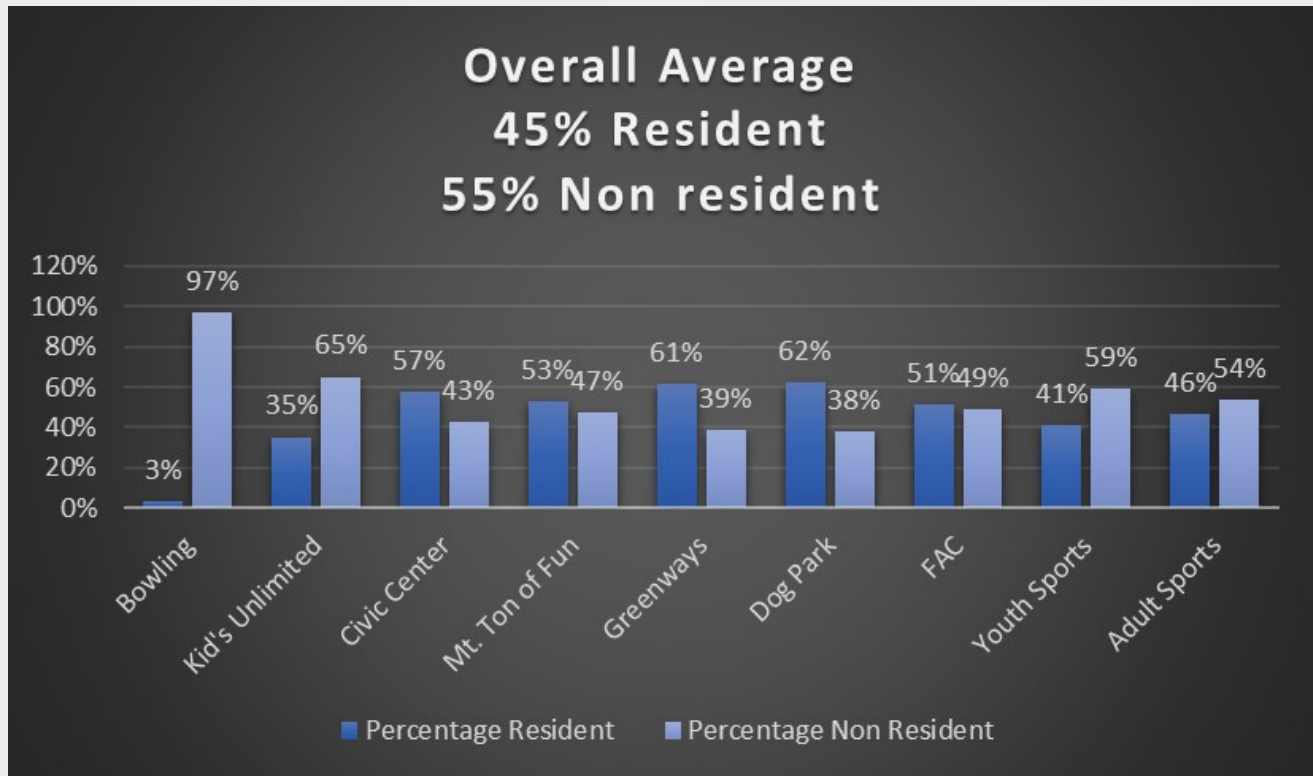
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# FY21 VS FY22 Revenue and Attendance



# ***FY22 Resident vs Non-Resident Usage***







## **City of Sevierville Parks and Recreation Services Advisory Board**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, June 27, 2022**

**Location: Council Hall, Civic Center**

#### **Members Present:**

Chairman Robert W "Bubba" Fox II, Elizabeth McCarter, Eddie Helton, and Dennis Snider

#### **Members Absent:**

Alderman Devin Koester and Steve Springer

#### **Others Present:**

Bob Parker, Director of Parks, and Recreation

Nicole Sutton, Administrative Assistant

Chairman-Bubba Fox called the meeting to order at 5:01pm

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the previous meeting on January 24, 2022, were presented: Dennis Snider made a Motion to approve, Seconded by Bubba Fox; Motion Passed.

#### **New Business**

THEREUPON, The Director discussed the East Sevierville Park. Discussion was about the overall cost increases, concerns from the surrounding neighborhoods and inflation has resulted in construction cost going above the approved budget for the project. The Director informed the Committee that the PBA recently removed Merit Construction from the project and have hired Denark Construction. The Director informed the Committee that Denark is working on new cost estimates, and he anticipates this being completed in August. The Director then recommended that the Committee go on record as supporting recommending to the Parks and Recreation Foundation that funds from the Foundation should be utilized for cost sharing. The recommendation also includes requesting the School System for additional funding thus using Foundation funds as a Challenge Grant to match additional School City Funds and City Funds to get this proposed park built. Dennis Snider made the Motion to approve this request; Elizabeth McCarter seconded: Chairman Bubba Fox abstained: Motion Passed

THEREUPON, The Director reviewed the accomplishments from the past 5 years and upcoming projects in FY 2023.

THEREUPON, The Director asked members if they were receiving TRPA emails and information

THEREUPON, The Director indicated that City charges a user fee for youth baseball, swimming, and soccer. The Youth Tennis League that uses the City Park Courts in the Fall have never been charged this fee and to be consistent across The Director recommended to the Committee to consider charging \$5.00 to the Youth Tennis League participants. Elizabeth McCarter motioned to approved; Eddie Helton seconded motion, Motion Passed.

THEREUPON, Dennis Snider asked the Director about turf versus grass at new park and there was discussion of pros and cons.

THEREUPON, Chairman Fox made a motion to adjourn at 5:36pm.