

**Director's Report
For April 13, 2016**

**Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
Play. Every Day.**

The mission of the Department of Parks and Recreation is to preserve our parks and open spaces and provide essential recreational programs and cultural services in a safe, professional and friendly manner.

Projects

1. **LC Fountain**

- A. Closed for season. 2016 Spring Maintenance is expected to begin early April. Will be "on-line" by May 1.

2. **Miscellaneous Projects**

- A. Re-striping & sealing of Parking Lots: Contractor sealed & stripped lots until they ran out of the seasonal materials. The remaining parking lot will be completed in spring with no increase in cost. (No Change)
- B. Washington Park Bowl – West Light Repairs: Conduit installation complete. Electrical repairs should be complete by April 7.
- C. Lincoln Park Baseball Lighting: Bids accepted. Expect the new lights in place by May 15 vs. April 30 due to unforeseen delays.

3. **Park Shelters**

- A. Washington Park Bowl Restroom Rehab: Found suspect ACM material. Test results pending. Building may need to be abated before continuing with plans.
- B. Solbraa Shelter Renovation: Project on hold – no change.

4. **Parks Paving**

- A. Parks Service Center: Field work for concept plans has begun for paving the parking area at Parks Service. NM&B Consultants will be preparing plans and specifications.

5. **Community Centers**

- A. Bryant
 - i. Gym Floor Sanding: Bids in. Project scheduled to start March 29. (No Change)
 - ii. Harmony Park: Provided full size concept plans for development of Bryant Harmony Park.
- B. Chavez
 - i. Bleacher replacement – Small Gym: Complete.
 - ii. Rehab Room 24: Field work and planning has begun. RBS Architects will be providing plans & specifications.
- C. Humble
 - i. None
- D. King
 - i. Gym floor sanding: Bids in – project scheduled to start March 28. (No Change)
- Tyler-Domer
 - ii. None

6. **Cemeteries:**

- A. Mound & Graceland:

- i. **CIMS Updates:** Have been making numerous block by block revisions to verify 100% accuracy for the conversion from the original blueprints to CAD drawings to support the CIMS upgrades - In Process. (No Change)
- ii. **Crypt Repairs.** Crypt repairs for 2016 in process

B. Mound:

- i. Section 5 Road Infill: Plots have been drawing & approved by staff. There numerous documentation and approval protocols to follow, completion is expected at the earliest - May 2016. NM&B Consultants will be preparing the certified plots.

C. Graceland:

- i. 2016 roads & walks upgrades being reviewed. (No Change)

7. **Golf Courses:**

A. Johnson:

- i. Irrigation Piping Plans: Have requested quotes from several consultants to mark & plot the location of all existing irrigation.

B. Washington: No Update

C. Shoop: No Update

8. **Wustum:**

A. Landscape Improvements: Hired Corre Group Landscape Architect to develop plans and specifications for grounds improvements at Wustum.

B. Parking Lot Lighting Replacement: Wustum parking lot lighting has been included with the DPW City wide lighting improvements for 2016. Anticipated completion is late 2016.

9. **Zoo:**

A. Roof Replacement Feline/Primate Building: The roof consultant found some issues with the building masonry that must be resolved before the roof is replaced. Tom Eeg has requested this project be delayed until 2016. DPW has submitted the project to IRS for plans & specifications.

B. Goat Barn Water & Drains: Plans & specifications are complete. Project has been reviewed by the plumbing inspector & since has been bid. Project was bid; no bidders. Project will be re-bid.

C. 2016 Zoo Road & Walkways: Bids are in. Expected completion is April 30.

D. Zoo Lighting Replacement: Zoo lighting has been included with the DPW City wide lighting improvements for 2016. Anticipated completion is late 2016.

10. **Percentage of YTD - PFS Hours Charged to CIP as of March 31, 2016 = 82.4**

Parks

1. **Forestry Division:**

A. Finished removing the last 34 trees from the 2015 tree removal list.

B. Pruned 27 trees.

C. Responded to a couple dozen storm/wind damage locations.

D. Spent one week working along Johnson Park Road removing ash trees infested with emerald ash borer and other trees threatening safety along the road.

E. Spent several days working along Horlick Drive removing ash trees infested with emerald ash borer and other trees threatening safety along the road.

F. Inventoried 2,600 ash trees in park natural areas that require removal to maintain public safety in our parks.

G. City Forester discussed Racine's Urban Forestry Program as part of a panel at the Golden Rondelle.

H. City Forester staffed a booth at Gateway's Eco Fest and provided a pruning presentation

2. **Parks Division:**

- A. Removed 40 stumps around the City and in parks.
- B. Started placing new bleachers in parks.
- C. Installed boat launch piers for the season.
- D. Began prepping a few ball diamonds for the upcoming season.
- E. Began removing snow plow markers and stairs closed signs in parks and community centers.
- F. Did a lot of litter picking in parks.

Recreation

1. **Upcoming events and programs:**

- A. Meet with Will Allen, Founder and CEO of Growing Power, Inc. to discuss the program "Parks to Produce" at Vidian/Cheska Park.
- B. Disc Golf: Walked Reservoir Park with residence and determined that this park was not the right place for a course. However, we did determine that Johnson Park had the room and the natural obstacles to make a nice course. Work should begin sometime in April.
- C. Deadline for applying to the Recreation Program Coordinator position was Friday, April 8. Hoping to start the selected candidate on May 2.

2. **Youth Activities:**

- A. The "New" High School Basketball League has been a surprising success. Over 60 youth from four of the five community centers participated on five teams. Each team has displayed their skill, athleticism, and sportsmanship in the league played on Monday evenings at the Chavez Community Center. Fan attendance at games has been great averaging over 50 per game. Each team has played every other team once and the top two teams (Tyler-Domer and King) played each other for the Inaugural Community Center Championship on National Championship Night April 4 at 6:00 pm with Tyler - Domer winning.
- B. Over 20 youth enrolled in the Spring Break Basketball Camp held March 29, 30, & 31 from 11:30 a.m-1:00 p.m. at the Chavez Community Center. The camp stresses fundamentals presented in a non-competitive group format.

3. **Adult Activities:**

- A. Another session of Balance and Beyond Program started April. This session runs through the end of April. The program is designed to keep seniors alert and active.
- B. Summer Adult Summer Softball League registration has come to an end. A total of 154 teams registered. League play will start on Sunday, May 1.
- C. Bat inspections will be performed on April 23 at the Chavez Community Center from 8:30 – 11:30 am. Information has been sent to the managers. After April 23, bat inspections will be held on Tuesday mornings starting at 10:00 a.m. In the month of May only bats will be inspected Thursday mornings at 10:00 am as well.
- D. Umpire school was held March 17, 22 & 24. Only one new recruit was in attendance. Umpires will receive their work schedule as soon as softball schedules are completed.

4. **Miscellaneous:**

- A. Over 100 RUSD staff and students attended the March 10 presentation of "Planes Fire and Rescue" at the Chavez Community Center. The next presentation is "Surf's Up" on April 7.

- B. The Milwaukee Bucks have continued to donate tickets through the Charitable Ticket Program. Recent games have included March 17 (Memphis), March 26 (Charlotte) and April 3 (Chicago).
- C. Playground interviews and the process of selecting playground leaders for the summer program has been underway.
- D. Earth Day events including Adopt-A-River and Reuse Your Shoes and are scheduled for April 23.
- E. Planning for the rest of summer programs; Lake F/X games, PRCs Track & Field, Movies in the Park, etc. are underway.

Community Centers

1. King Center:

- A. Our Video Games class is going well with a steady attendance. We have one student that has completed an entry level game utilizing the software YoYo games. We ordered six advance level licenses so that students can create more advanced games as they themselves become more advanced and need more of a challenge.
- B. Held Easter activities the week of March 21 – 25. On Monday we made Bunny cupcakes, Tuesday made Easter baskets using paper plates, Wednesday was Tomb with cake donuts & cookies and graham crackers, Thursday Jesus pieces, and Friday Jelly Bean crosses.
- C. Easter Egg Dash was held on March 30. Over 70 kids in k – 6th grades participated. A total of 250 eggs were scattered on the grounds.
- D. The King Community Center High School Basketball League finished in second place this year.
- E. Still looking for eight more lifeguards for the upcoming beach season. Information had been sent to Parkside and Carthage Colleges in addition to reaching out to the swimming coaches at our respective high schools.

2. Humble Park:

- A. Staff set up a March Madness game for the kids and gave prizes over spring break. They also had a nacho, popcorn day with games for the kids and a pizza party before they went back to school.
- B. Our spots for AAU practices at Humble are full.
- C. Started Tai Chi on Tuesdays from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Approximately 40 are in attendance.
- D. Senior clubs continue to use the center four days a week.
- E. Zumba will continue at Humble with a \$3.00 fee. Looking at possibly adding more fitness classes in a few open time slots.
- F. Tax appointments ended April 6. We had offered free tax service on Wednesdays from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, February 3 through April 6.

3. Cesar Chavez:

- A. Attended WPRA Spring Conference in Oshkosh March 10 & 11. Topics included how to manage a successful internship program, training youth officials, youth sports programming and training on active shooter in public building.
- B. Youth Softball Registrations are ongoing at the downtown office. We will be collaborating with Mt. Pleasant Softball for some of our youth teams.
- C. Main Gallery applications were due April 8 at 4:45 p.m. We are still waiting on CDBG guidelines for funding for 2016. We are not sure on many programs or positions we can fund at this time.
- D. Racine Unified movie was held on March 10. Over 120 were in attendance.
- E. AAU coaches' meeting was held on March 2. We have 18 teams renting gym space for traveling youth basketball practices Monday – Friday. Practices began week of March 14.

- F. Staff held its annual NCAA bracket challenge for youth in elementary, middle and high school. We had over 55 youth involved. Prizes were awarded to kids who had final four teams in NCAA tournament.
- G. Girl scouts are meeting bi weekly in the senior room in the evenings.
- H. Spring Break Basketball Camp was held in the big gym on March 29 – 31 from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.
- I. The Chavez Community Center extended its hours for open youth recreation the week of spring break March 28 – April 1.
- J. Daily senior activities include pickle ball, volleyball, senior card groups, senior art groups, scrabble club, dominos club, gym walkers, dartball and woodcarving.
- K. Open recreation for adults is available daily from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. averaging over 50 participants per day in March.

4. **Bryant:**

- A. Feeding America ran well with 500 families being served per month. Based on a revision to the grant we will be running this program throughout the summer, and into the next school year.
- B. Bryant Community Center hosted a Girl Scout event "Free Being Me". A total of 26 girls were in attendance.
- C. As part of our Performing Arts Program we hosted our first Open Mic Night. There were 12 performances, with 50 in attendance. Some of the acts were poetry, singing, rapping, and instrumental selections.
- D. The Poms squad was part of the St. Patrick Day Parade. The girls had a wonderful time in the parade and went out to eat after the event.
- E. Athem Insurance Company hosted a baby shower at the center. 60 were present for this event.
- F. The Madison area hosted the Handy Candy event. This group presented to 75 area disabled and handicap citizens.
- G. The center hosted Dr. Jones's School parent teacher conferences for families in the area without transportation to the school.
- H. The Easter Egg Hunt and party was a success. Over 80 children participated in the event.
- I. Based on a meeting we had with the Racine Arts Council, we are looking forward to collaboration for our Performing Arts Program. We will be meeting again to lay out the foundation as to what direction we will be working towards.
- J. We met with Walgreen's to seeking collaboration to assist our seniors with providing them answers to medical questions and provide flu shots on site.

5. **Tyler Domer:**

- A. All playground interviews have been scheduled. To date 25 applicants have interviewed. Deadline for applications was April 8.
- B. We have a new dance group using the center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- C. AAU practices time slots are all filled.
- D. The first Pickle Ball Tournament was held on March 12. Everyone had fun. Plaques and a pickle ornament were handed out as awards for first and second place.
- E. Wednesday drop in Pickle Ball is going good. There has been up to 11 in attendance.
- F. The Cardio Kick Boxing has 12 - 15 participants.

- G. Always using center: quilters, ping pong players, weight lifters, special needs groups, Narcotics Anonymous.
- H. Youth for Christ is meeting at the center all day each Wednesday. Attendance is at approximately 50.
- I. Dance group meets 3 times per week with approximately 15 to 20 participants.
- J. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the transitional groups visit from Park high school. Each group has around 10 to 15 children in attendance.
- K. Panther Pals used the center on the March 17. This is a great program and great collaboration between Park High School and the center.
- L. High School baseball, soccer, softball, and tennis are all scheduled to use our sport facilities. The unpredictable weather has caused havoc to the scheduling process.
- M. Hired a new scorekeeper for Horlick Field. We are still seeking one for Pershing.

FACEBOOK LIKES

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2016	2,272	2,304	2,358	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

PRCS WEBPAGE VISITS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Analytics Pending with MIS

NEWS RELEASES - MARCH 2016

Bryant MEDS	Core & Balance
Bryant Theater Explorers	Youth Sand Volleyball
Boating Safety Course	Lego Robotics Coaches Needed
Balance & Beyond	Main Gallery Summer Arts Program
Adult Sand Volleyball Late Fee Begins	Lifeguards Needed
SPERC Free Throw	
Seasonal Employment Opportunity Deadline	

2016 REVENUES

SERVICES	BUDGET	YTD
Community Center Rentals	\$10,000.00	\$0.02
Park Revenues	\$20,000.00	\$5,565.64
Miscellaneous Fees - Recreation	\$210.00	\$0.00
Youth Activities	\$63,000.00	\$3,886.00
Adult Activities	\$201,600.00	\$100,291.75
Park & Recreation Rentals	\$13,000.00	\$1,134.54
Boat Launch Charges	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Contract/Concessions	\$32,000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$354,810.00	\$110,877.95

2016 GRANTS

GRANT NAME	\$ APPLIED FOR	\$ RECEIVED
United Way	\$4,440.00	\$0.00
Urban Forestry	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
Racine Dominican Mission Fund	\$25,000.00	Pending
TOTALS	\$54,440.00	\$0.00

FUNDRAISING

EVENTS	RAISED
Bowling Event (2/21/16)	\$3,013.04
TOTAL FUNDS RAISED:	\$3,013.04

DR. JOHN BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER**2016 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SENIOR	875	995	886	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOUTH	2,048	2,633	2,567	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT	870	908	853	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISC	2,909	1,387	1,221	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6,702	5,923	5,527	0								

ANNUAL ATTENDANCE

	SENIORS	YOUTH	ADULT	MISC	TOTAL
2014	9,376	21,894	8,301	11,038	50,609
2015	9,343	26,574	8,876	13,822	58,615
2016	2,756	7,248	2,691	5,517	18,152

CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER**2016 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SENIOR	1,363	1,386	1,413	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOUTH	9,955	4,869	2,715	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT	1,619	1,656	1,405	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISC	4,005	2,094	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	16,942	10,005	5,533	0								

ANNUAL ATTENDANCE

	SENIORS	YOUTH	ADULT	MISC	TOTAL
2014	15,156	56,989	13,753	6,661	92,559
2015	15,465	53,666	11,931	11,211	92,273
2016	4,162	17,539	4,680	6,099	32,480

HUMBLE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER**2016 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SENIOR	275	468	273	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOUTH	6,133	2,064	1,681	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT	103	309	232	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISC	0	246	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6,511	3,087	2,186	0								

ANNUAL ATTENDANCE

	SENIORS	YOUTH	ADULT	MISC	TOTAL
2014	5,286	23,884	9,963	2,575	41,708
2015	3,993	28,373	1,947	634	34,947
2016	1,016	9,878	644	246	11,784

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMUNITY CENTER**2016 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SENIOR	1,118	927	1,179	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOUTH	3,085	2,344	2,160	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT	461	470	618	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISC	181	316	186	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4,845	4,057	4,143	0								

ANNUAL ATTENDANCE

	SENIORS	YOUTH	ADULT	MISC	TOTAL
2014	9,924	17,969	7,925	1,731	37,549
2015	12,627	21,981	10,350	2,221	47,179
2016	3,224	7,589	1,549	683	13,045

TYLER DOMER COMMUNITY CENTER**2016 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SENIOR	301	280	342	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOUTH	2,948	2,052	444	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT	411	346	1,637	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISC	0	154	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3,660	2,832	2,723	0								

ANNUAL ATTENDANCE

	SENIORS	YOUTH	ADULT	MISC	TOTAL
2014	2,545	23,428	11,789	1,285	39,047
2015	2,048	20,500	6,149	907	29,604
2016	385	3,900	547	154	4,986

2016 Programming

JANUARY 1 - MARCH 31

YOUTH	YTD RES	YTD NON-RES	TOTAL	2015 TOTAL
Indoor Soccer	0	0	0	27
Outdoor Soccer	0	0	0	29
Softball 12 - 14 Years	26	2	28	60
Softball 4 Years - 5th Grade	111	19	130	75
Spring Break Basketball Camp	15	5	20	14
Boating Safety Course	2	0	2	0
Spring Fever Basketball (Discontinued)	n/a	n/a	n/a	8

ADULT/SENIORS	YTD RES	YTD NON-RES	TOTAL	2015 TOTAL
Balance & Beyond (Seniors only)	13	0	13	25

ADULT LEAGUES	YTD Participants	YTD Teams	2015 (P) TOTAL	2015 (T) TOTAL
Basketball	90	9	90	9
Sand Volleyball	24	5	184	29
Softball - Summer	1898	154	176	2263
Tournament - Volleyball	0	0	0	0
Volleyball	419	64	423	64
Pickleball	15	7	n/a	n/a