



Monthly Report for: May 2018

Sevierville
PARKS AND RECREATION
So much more than a walk in the park.

Items from the director's deck.....

Ups for the month



- *Staff prepared the Family Aquatics Center (i.e. City Park Pool) for its 44th consecutive season.*
- *Staff set up the Electrical for the entire BBQ/Bluegrass Festival and offered a Tree Give away*
- *The Director spent many hours on the budget, his most challenging year ever!*
- *The Director began application for a Tree Planting Grant that will extend the John Sevier Award Program for many years. The Chamber is funding the project, City Staff will write the grant, Plant; then maintain the trees. The location is on the Middle Creek Greenway Project*
- *Our 34th Arbor Day was held this month, we dedicated the Sidney Paul Wade Raingarden.*
- * Our Maintenance Staff assisted with the BBQ/Bluegrass Festival providing the electrical support and a booth to promote Urban Forestry. Our staff worked about 75 hours of OT for this event this year.*

Not so much an up



- *The Fiscal Year 2019 process has been most challenging. We have cut almost \$400,000 dollars from our budget, lost one full time position and will be adjusting fees to generate \$50,000 in additional revenues to assist in the city budget challenges.*
- *If approved, non-residence will pay more, groups that have never paid before will begin to pay And City Residence will not see any increase in fees.*

Notes/Graphs/Pictures from each division...

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 of Sevierville.

- Below are the Musical Instruments located within the Mt. Ton of Fun Inclusive Playground. City staff are building covers for these expensive and very delicate pieces of playground equipment. Staff feels the covers will extend the longevity of the equipment plus expects increased usage when there is shade provided. Maintenance Staff are building the shelters in house.



- The Family Aquatics Center opened on Memorial Day Weekend for the **44th season**. The old structure looks darn good to have that many years on her...



- Our 34th Arbor Day was highlighted with the 5th Grade BETA Club from the Sevierville Intermediate School leading the event. Special thanks to Dr. Dwight Wade for his participation and comments regarding the project and his late brother.



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 for Community Center Management.

- School groups using the Community Center dominated the facility in May.

Civic Center: The Civic Center provides 11,000 square feet of multipurpose public meeting space and rental areas. The Civic Center has two meeting rooms, Council Hall and LeConte Auditorium. Administrative Offices for the entire Parks and Recreation Department.

- New carpet was installed upstairs in the Civic Center. Many thanks to the Facility Maintenance Department for their challenging work yet not causing any distribution with all the activities scheduled.
- Civic Center staff has redesigned the outlets and operations presentation for use of the projector in Council Hall. These updates will allow for a safe unrestricted location for the lap top while presentations are being made on the large screen.... excellent job~

Other Special Notes or Programs:



After many years of asking and waiting, on May 22nd City Forces began construction on the ADA Ramp for The Civic Center. ADA laws have changed, this structure had to be built for the Civic Center to become ADA complaint. This will make a lot of users very happy. Thanks to Public Works for all their help and assistance in this project.



This month the Parks and Recreation Staff partnered with the Chamber of Commerce and applied for a Tree Planting Grant with the State of Tennessee Division of Forestry to enhance the new Middle Creek Greenway Project and provide new space for the John Sevier Awards for many years to come. If approved, the plan calls for (65) sixty-five trees to be planted on along the new Greenway and the banks of Middle Creek.