



PARKS AND RECREATION

Monthly Report

June 2019



-Ups for the month from the director

- ⇒ After six years, construction on the East Sevierville Pedestrian Interconnector/Phase III started.
- ⇒ Bids were opened on the construction of the Retaining Wall for the West Prong Greenway Project. A recommendation will be forthcoming.
- ⇒ Applications to the National Park Service for assistance with Blueway Development was submitted. We should know by September if we are selected.
- ⇒ Application for Phase I improvements for J.B Waters Park were submitted and a public input meeting was held on June 24th.
- ⇒ I met with the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors to give them an update on the John Sevier Grove on Middle Creek Project. The Board will vote next month on the proposal submitted on June 28th.
- ⇒ Thanks to Kelly Debord for her marketing efforts to enhance our chances for a grant from the Boyd Foundation.
- ⇒ I continue to work with Attorney's in the development of our Parks and Recreation Foundation, my goal is to have this functional by January 2020.



-Not So Much an Up for the month from the director

- ⇒ Long time Administrative Assistant Carla Lindsey is no longer employed with the city, we only wish her well.
- ⇒ An unexpected easement challenge on our Phase III Greenway Project surfaced which could cause delay in this project.
- ⇒ The father of our Bowling Supervisor Tim Parton passed away this month, he was an icon with the Sevier County Schools for many years.

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.



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Maintenance

Swimming pools are operating near perfectly water quality since the new automatic controllers and other pool equipment we have added over the last 2 years has made a tremendous change difference.



Yes, our Marketing Coordinator Kelly Debord designed and purchased these signs, but parks and recreation maintenance built and placed signage for Downtown Streetscape project info.



We have been able to hire some very talented Part time Landscaping Employees this number and have dedicated 16-24 (part-time employee) more hours a week to landscape maintenance and had 356 community service hours performed. It made a big difference we are maintaining those areas at a higher level. Our Maintenance Staff does a lot of behind the scenes work on the Farmers Market and other areas around the City that "makes a huge difference. When our pay for part time maintenance employees became competitive for the Sevier County Market, we have been able to find some quality workers.



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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

Swim lessons for summer are all full. There were two swim meets at the Family Aquatics Center in June, big crowds but all went well. Lots of rain, thus our numbers for paying customers went way down this month.





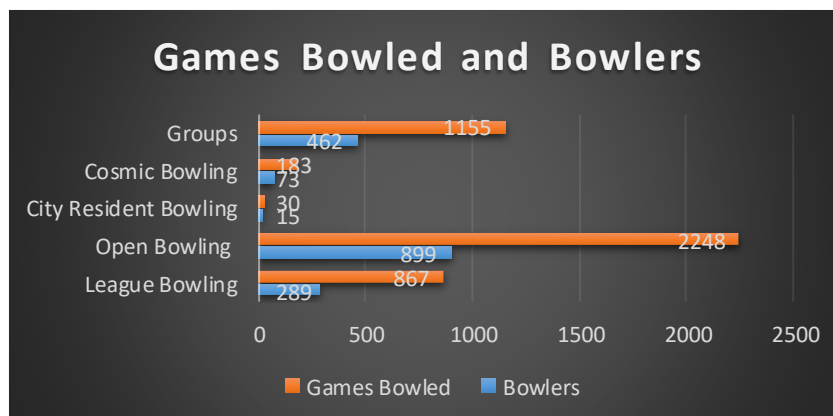
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Bowling

We hosted the SMUSBC Queen's Bowling Tournament the SMUSBC Master's Bowling Tournament and a group of DJ's from Atlanta for their Bowling Event. In addition, during the last few days of school, several groups from Sevier County Schools visited our Bowling Center this month. There were a total of 22 groups scheduled events this month and attendance was 2,747 visited the Bowling Center in June 2019.

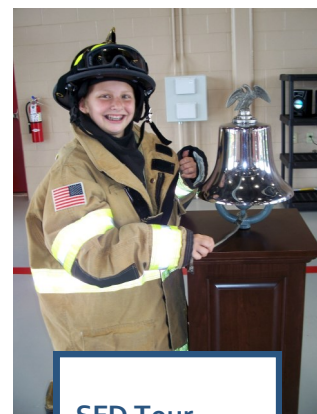


Long time Bowling Attendant Marty Perry is repairing a bowling machine. Lots of moving parts to a Bowling Pinspotter, we are blessed to have outstanding staff that are willing to work on these machines.

Children's Program

Children's Program continued to take sign up for Active Afternoons 2019/2020.

Completed first, three weeks of Summer Adventure 2019, June 3 - 21. Participants Registered for Children's Programs for the month: 83 participants in Summer Adventure and we had 373 Volunteer Hours for the month.



SFD Tour



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Fitness

Our treadmills got new “shoes” we had all the belts replaced on our treadmills. We hosted a Wall Yoga class; and we had two folks that offered a Wall Yoga class, in which they assisted participants to progress into some inverted poses.

Our new cardio equipment arrived as well as the new Stair Master is quite impressive, and we are getting many positive responses from the purchase of this new equipment. We had 127 classes in June 1388 attended Aerobic Class and 1470 people visited our Fitness Center just for routine workouts.



Our Fitness Program creates friendships and social outings;
exactly what they should be doing.

Athletics

- Finished SMYBA spring season with Pigeon Forge with county championship games at Cal Ripken. (June 3rd)
- Staff offered two (2) age groups for basketball clinics. (June 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27).
- Wrapped up adult men's and coed seasons. (June 11th)
- Athletic Supervisor Attended Municipal Management training on June 13th.
- Athletic Supervisor assisted with Farmer's market 4 Friday's
- Athletic Supervisor continued maintenance of soccer fields at Children's Home.
- Hosted two (2) weekend tournaments (June 14-16 and June 29-30) had 2 rained out (June 8-9 and June 22-23)

Basketball Clinic

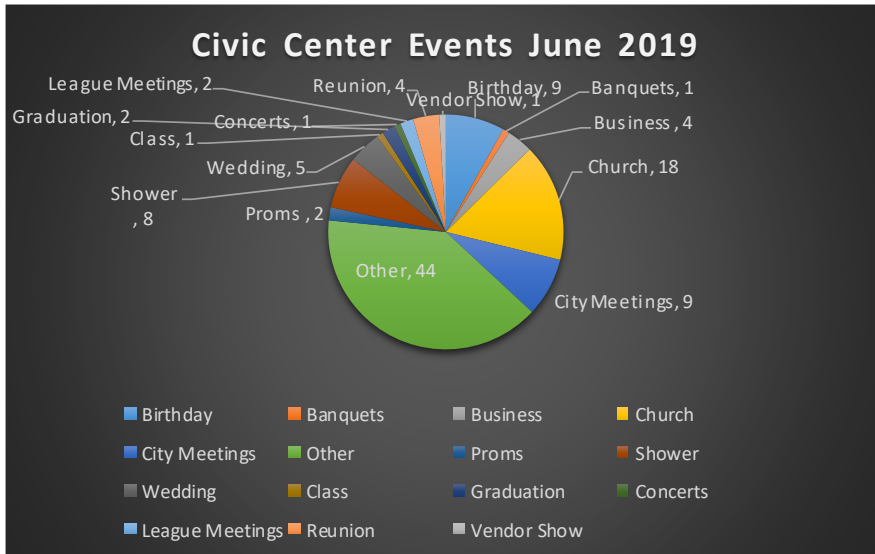




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Civic Center:

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.

Civic Center

Our Civic Center Supervisor continues to be the lead person along with other staff members assisting in management of the Farmers Market on Friday's downtown. One of the new offerings for the Farmers Market this year is the use of a new sound system that plays music instead of having DJ every Friday to save money. Due to the rear of the Civic Center being closed off for roof installation on the Community Center, this building generates lots of trash, especially on weekends so we ordered and received a large trash cart that will help with large events. This will save the wear and tear on the rolling wheels on the trash cans. Civic Center Attendant continues to do some small maintenance jobs around this building, this month he repaired a podium and sound system.



Antique Sevierville Fire Truck at Farmer's Market



Coffee Talk hosted by Dollywood

Kid's Police
Camp
Graduation



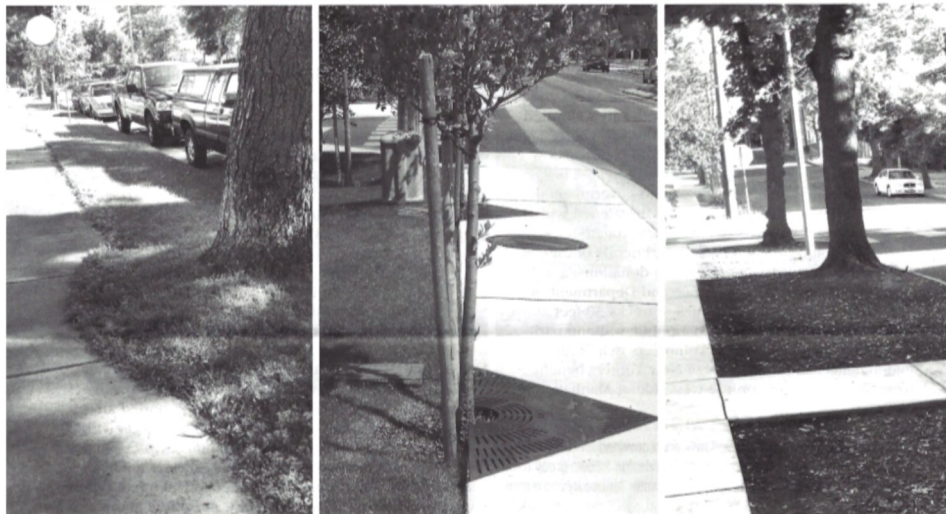


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Some tips from the National Arbor Day Foundation about Trees in Urban Areas. We will see this look when Streetscapes in completed in Downtown Sevierville. As always, we will plan and plant trees and flowers that our staff knows will live in this environment and only be a positive addition to our new downtown.



SIDEWALK MODIFICATIONS

Trees and sidewalks sometimes cause conflict. However, when there is a will, there is a way to resolve the conflict. Above are some examples that not only provide for safe use of sidewalks, but also make room

Sidewalks can be modified in numerous ways to provide for trees as well as pedestrians.

for street trees, including the space they need for roots and diameter growth.

TREES FOR NARROW PLACES

In many urban situations — both in business districts and residential areas — a tree with wide-spreading limbs could cause problems. Fortunately, many cultivars have been developed with narrow, or “columnar” growth forms. These trees provide the beauty, diversity, and practical benefits of popular species but with the additional attribute of being able to fit in confined spaces. This partial list is made available to the public by the City of Reno's Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services and can serve as a starting point in many other cities. All trees listed have a spread of 15 feet or less at maturity.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Height at Maturity
<i>Acer rubrum</i> 'Armstrong'	Armstrong Maple	45'
<i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Barrett Cole' PP	Apollo Maple	25'
<i>Carpinus betulus</i> 'Frans Fontaine'	Frans Fontaine Hornbeam	35'
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> 'Dawyck Purple'	Dawyck Purple Beech	40'
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> 'Fastigiata'	Fastigate Beech	45'
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i> 'Princeton Sentry'	Princeton Sentry Ginkgo	40'
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> 'Clydesform'	Emerald Sentinel Sweetgum	30'
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> 'Fastigiatum'	Columnar Tuliptree	50'
<i>Pyrus calleryana</i> 'Capital'	Capital Pear	35'
<i>Quercus palustris</i> 'Pringreen' PP	Green Pillar Oak	50'
<i>Quercus robur</i> x <i>Q. alba</i> 'Crimschmidt'	Crimson Spire Oak	45'
<i>Tilia cordata</i> 'Corzam'	Corinthian Linden	45'