



PARKS AND RECREATION

Monthly Report

May, 2020



-Ups for the month

- **Reopening of facilities with guidance from the Tennessee Pledge/Governor's Lee reopening of Tennessee dominated our time and efforts this month. In May we went from being completely closed in Phase I ...then in late May some facilities moved to Phase II reopening levels.**
- **As of May 31, 2020; basketball courts, playgrounds and soccer fields are the only facilities that remain closed.**
- **Reopening plans were coordinated with both the Cities of Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg as much as possible.**
- **Major progress was made on the John Sevier Memorial Grove...please see picture to at top right as Parks and Recreation Maintenance Staff poured concrete for the sidewalks that will meander through the grove allowing visitors to enjoy as they honor their loved ones.**
- **Both the Parks and Recreation Services Advisory Board and the Foundation met this month; Minutes are on file in the Directors Office.**
- **Contractor Charles Blalock and Son's began construction of the Observation Areas of the West Prong Greenway project. See picture at bottom right.**



Hal Watson Jr. along with others pour concrete..



Not So Much an Up for the month :

- **COVID 19.....GO AWAY...never come back~**





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May 2020-Staff Accomplishments

Aquatics

- Due to COVID-19; there were no Aquatic Programs in May. However, Staff stayed busy cleaning and preparing the Family Aquatics Center for opening on June 8th.

Athletics

- Due to COVID-19; there were no Athletic Programs in May. However, our Athletic Supervisor sanitized all the playground equipment in all parks and assisted our Maintenance Division during May.

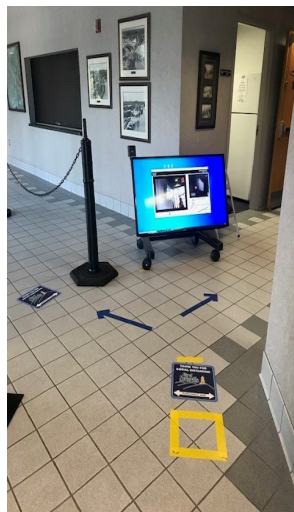
Bowling

- We were very limited with half of the month being completely shut down due to covid-19 and very limited hours of operation the other half of the month. We only were open for 10 partial days.

165 bowlers with 343 games bowled/Cosmic Bowling: 0/Groups: 0 Totals: 188 people.

Civic Center

- Black curtains cleaned and pressed in LeConte Auditorium.
- Staff painted all the stair rails outside.
- Re-Opened lobby on May 18th. IT installed the Scan Seek temperature reader. (Pic Attached).





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Fitness

- While we were closed, we used that time to prepare for reopening. We opened the Fitness Center and started offering classes on May 18! Our patrons have thanked us on daily bases for all the work that we are doing to provide them with a safe workout environment.
- In order to open our facilities according to the Governor's guidelines, we moved the fitness classes to the gymnasium. We moved the cardio equipment into the aerobics room to keep social distancing among our patrons.

For the time being our patrons are required make reservations to use the Fitness Center and attend classes.



Children's

- Due to COVID-19 there were not Children's Programs in May. Supervisor Deanna Hutchins assisted with painting and providing assistant with on-line Fitness Programming.

Other

- Staff selected three individuals to be interviewed for the vacant position of Administrative Assistant. The Director and the Human Resource Manager then interviewed these three candidates. Kristin Volentine has accepted the position, a started date has not been established.