





PARKS AND RECREATION

Monthly Report

From the Director's desk......

-Ups for the month of October

•<u>Greenways:</u> Progress is being made on both Greenway Projects. I would estimate that each project is about 40% complete. Below are some pictures.

- •Foundation: With the approval of a new Parks & Recreation Foundation, now the real work begins. I will be attending a week long school in November in Wheeling, WV to learn about the management of a foundation.
- •Blueways: Both TDEC and the National Park Services has committed limited technical assistance with our Blueway Planning. This is a major first step in bring people to the table that has done Blueway planning before; this is at no cost to the city. BOMA will consider a plan soon.
- •<u>Youth Leadership</u>- On October 30th Staff provided the new class of Youth Leadership through Leadership Sevier an informational and fun day learning about the department and having some fun in the Bowling Center.
- <u>PoolPac:</u> We have been waiting for months, but finally the PoolPac Factory Rep began making repairs to our Poolpac which controls the heat/air and humidity in the Natatorium. This work is scheduled for completion in Mid-November.

Not So Much an Up for the month......

•*Murphy's Law:* On Sunday October 27th; Facility Maintenance had scheduled a routine install of the electrical for completion of the new A/C-Heat Units for the Gym. The gear box switch to cut off the power to the that area of the building malfunctioned. So SCES was called to turn off power to the building; which the led to the Sprinkler System charging, which led to a major pipe in the sprinkler system burst and water covered the bowling center. Fortunate, staffs from several departments assisted and it all ended well.

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Above is the West Prong Greenway Project– and below is the Middle Creek Phase II Greenway Project –both are moving along well.











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Aquatic Center

- Lifeguards are becoming a premium; when Soaky Mt opens Lifeguards will be able to name their price!
- One of our regular swimmers...Hollyce Kirkland was given her own special day. She turned 100 years old Oct. 31,2019
- Poolpac repairs began....completion of this major overhaul is expected to be completed in Mid-November



Hollyce Kirkland

Fitness Center

- We advertised and posted Help Wanted for a new Fitness Instructor
- City employees totaling 180 participated in the Wellness program, we had 2 returns and 8 employees joined the program for the first time.
- Staff utilized Facebook/social media to poll our users to allow our to vote on the types of classes for Tuesday and Thursday @ 5:30 pm; they chose Out of Bounds. That new program will begin in November.









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<u>Children's Program</u>

Began planning for the Flurry of Fun Program~



- Activity schedule was prepared and some vendor contacts have been made; registration form was prepared and registration opened to Active Afternoons Participants.
- The Active Afternoons Program enjoyed all the Halloween and fall special activities. These included: Trick or Treat Fitness Walk, Campfire Smores, the Costume Contest, plus other Halloween games and activities and a fieldtrip to Kyker Farms Corn Maze.

<u>Bowling</u>



Bowling is for all ages....to the left is a picture of both adults and children bowling together...

<u>Athletics</u>

- Finished Fall SMYBA season
 - Completed fall men's and coed softball league
- Began shadowing Joe on aspects of his job
- Continued maintenance of soccer fields at Children's Home
- Continued pickleball set ups
 for those that asked







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• Hired new part-time attendant; his name Kevin Barnikel and he also works part time at the Convention Center. This hire was necessary due to the fact that Mike Torres our FT Attendant remains out with some major medical challenges.

• Parks and Recreation Landscaping Updated plants in front lobby and main lobby areas; and we moved to one clock in Council Hall in order to simplify.

• Maintenance replaced several busted tiles in LeConte Auditorium and IT ran an internet cord in LeConte to give guests the option to connect directly to internet for large streaming capabilities.

• Each year the Parks and Recreation Department host the Leadership Group of High School Age Young People. Below is a picture of Staff presentation to this group. We also provide bowling and snacks for this group each year as a part of their government day experience.

SMYL Group at Civic Center









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