

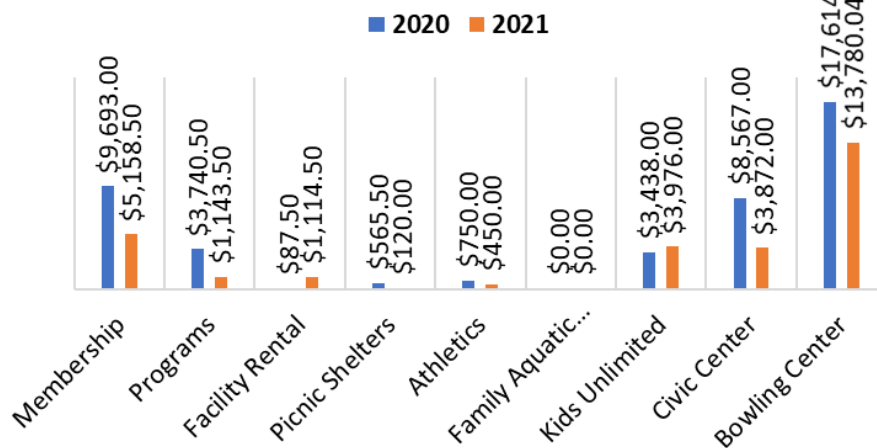
**February  
2021**



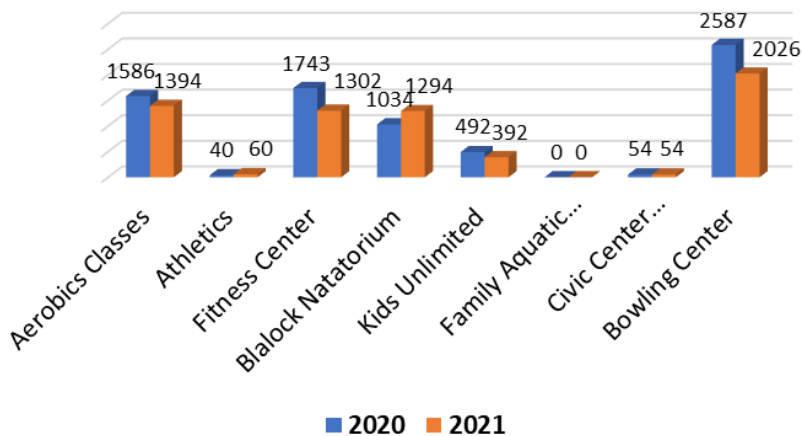
# Parks and Recreation

## Monthly Report

**February Revenue**



**February Attendance**



In summary, February revenue is down 45% compared with February 2020. February attendance differed by just 13.5% from February of 2020. These differences have improved since January, especially the attendance rate. The department is still following the Tennessee Pledge guidelines to fight the spread of Covid-19, which is directly impacting attendance, revenue and community members' ability to participate in activities held by Parks and Recreation.

## STATUS REPORT

### Athletics

Volleyball - Ends March 8

Youth Baseball - Begins March 29

### Bowling Center

Open Bowling - 5 Lanes Available;  
Reservations Required

League Bowling - Mondays & Thursdays

### City Park

Baseball/Softball Fields - Open

Family Aquatic Center - Closed

Pickleball - Open

Playground - Open

Tennis Courts - Open

### Civic Center

Council Hall - Available for Rental

LeConte Auditorium - Available for Rental

### Community Center

Aerobics - Reservations Required

Basketball Court - Reservations Required

Blalock Natatorium - Reservations Required

Fitness Center - Reservations Required

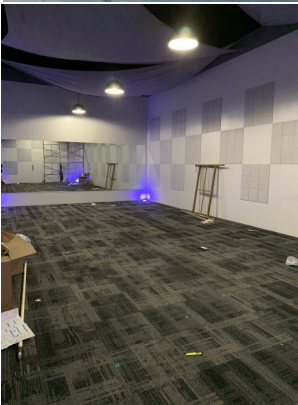
Pickleball - Available Tuesday/Thursday,  
8am-10am; Reservations Required

Racquetball - Reservations Required

### Northview Optimist Park

Playground - Open

## CURRENT MAJOR PROJECTS



**Pictured Clockwise:** Splash Pad Resurfacing is beginning at the Family Aquatic Center, Winterfest Lights are being taken down, Plants are growing in the greenhouse, Soccer Fields are being set up at Smoky Mountain Children's Home, and a Racquetball Court in the Community Center is being converted to fitness space.

## THE DIRECTOR'S BOX

*'The Directors's Box'... Bob feels you need to know the following....*



### **-Ups for the month:**

- Staff met with RecPro our software company; we are going to upgrade our Membership Software at the Community Center. More efficient customer service is the goal here!
- We received (4) four proposals from firms interested in assisting with the Capital Project Fundraising Campaign
- The Director spent a great deal of time preparing budget documents for FY2022.
- We were named TREE CITY USA FOR 2020; our 37<sup>th</sup> year. Arbor Day will be Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.



### **-Not So Much an Up for the month**

- On the personal side, the Director found out he needed surgery on his left knee from a previous injury. He has bounced back from worse!
- The West Prong Greenway remains closed for the fifth month due to bank issues on private property adjacent to the Greenway.
- Governor Lee has extended the Limited State of Emergency until April 28<sup>th</sup>, which means we continue to operate under the provision in the TENNESSEE PLEDGE GUIDELINES.



## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### *kids unlimited*



- The Active Afternoons Program enjoyed the following special events: Field Trip to the Wilderness Water Park, the annual Jenga Tournament, making Valentine Yummies and Bingo.
- Many Summer Adventure and Spring Extreme field trip destinations have been contacted and confirmed, however, the Kids Unlimited Staff is running into some Covid issues with some of the desired destinations not allowing groups.
- Registration for Summer Adventure and Spring Extreme began for Active Afternoons children; opens to other in March.

### *bowling center*



- We worked through a Covid-19 issue with a large part of our bowling center staff.
- Hosted Leadership Group for Cosmic Bowling.
- We had several large family reunion out of town groups come to bowl.

### *swimming pools*

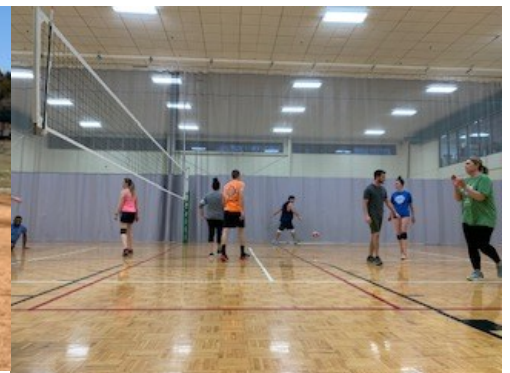


Roxanne DeHart, Aquatics Supervisor, has been working hard with Joe Mattern, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities to repair equipment and keep everything maintained. The Maintenance Staff has been extremely helpful and responsive when occurrences have happened that needed attention and Roxanne is very grateful for their help. Some of the items that needed attention in February are a lap lane rope, removable steps, ladder handle and the surge tank. The Health Department completed their inspection of the pool at Blalock Natatorium and gave a grade of 98% due to the surge tank being cracked. Joe Mattern and his team is taking care of this issue. Leah Rollins, Lifeguard has also been helpful in replacing the depth markers in the pool. Wilderness has been renting Blalock Natatorium to train their staff. Burke Hardin, Rebecca Nowack and Leah Rollins have all been lifeguarding for them outside of the current pool hours.



## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### *athletics*



On the Athletics front, there is a lot going on. Co-ed volleyball is nearing the end of their season on March 8. SMYBA (Smoky Mountain Youth Baseball Association) begins their season soon and preparations are underway. Patrick Oxley, Athletics Supervisor, has been working with the Maintenance staff to install the netting on the batting cages and prepare the fields. Practices are starting and the season officially begins March 29. The draft, coaches meeting and Board Member meeting were all held in February. Patrick has also been busy working on a contract with the Sevier Starz Soccer Club for 2021. They will use the fields at the Smoky Mountain Children's Home and Joe Mattern and his Maintenance staff will take care of the fields. In the coming month, Patrick will be preparing for the adult spring leagues, the high school tennis season and working with new employee, Sally Worden to provide pickleball lessons. On top of all of this, Patrick completed a major project for the Master Plan.

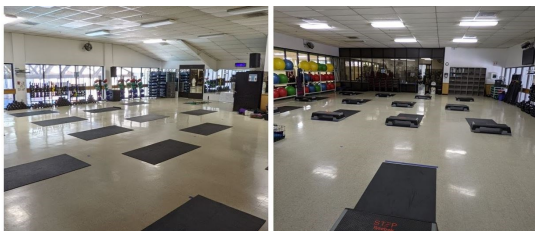
### *civic center*

Nicole Sutton, Civic Center Supervisor, has been working on improvements for the Civic Center in February. She and her staff installed a docking station for LeConte Auditorium and purchased tables to accommodate groups. Nicole has been putting together media to advertise the upcoming Vendor and Craft Fair that will be held at the Civic Center in April.



Leadership Group using LeConte Auditorium

### *fitness*



The pictures show the setups of the different size classes. Yoga is now allowing 15 participants, while other classes have a limit of 12 due to space constraints. Both setups allow 6 feet between people. Fitness classes have been staying full; many with a waitlist. The increase in class size for yoga will be very helpful and allow more people to participate!