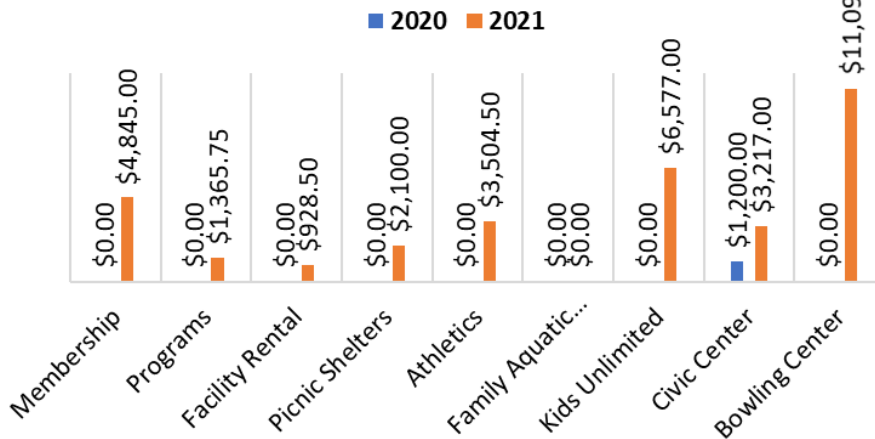




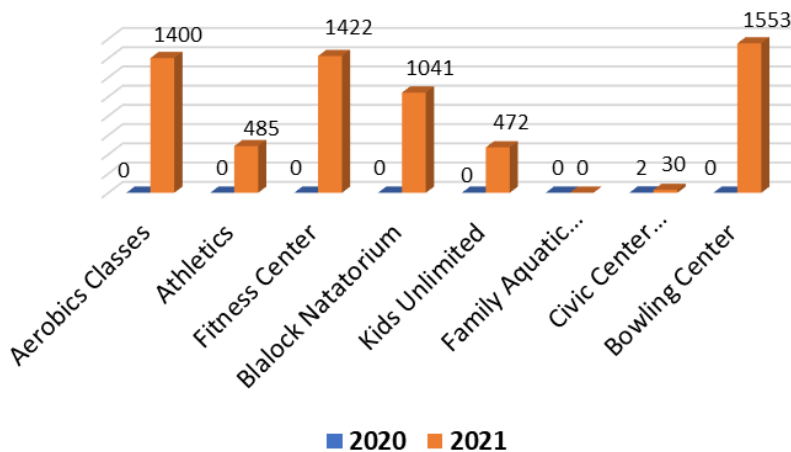
Parks and Recreation

Monthly Report

April Revenue



April Attendance



In summary, April 2020 took the biggest toll on the Parks and Recreation department, closing our facilities and making participation non-existent. This April, numbers for revenue and attendance continue to grow. The lifting of the Tennessee Pledge guidelines has allowed for more participation in all areas of the department.

STATUS REPORT

Athletics

Youth Baseball - Ends in May

Co-ed Softball - Season Continues

Bowling Center

Open Bowling - 5 Lanes Available;
Reservations Required

League Bowling - Summer League to begin

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



Arbor Day was celebrated on April 23. 2021 was our 37th consecutive year being named a Tree City USA. April 27 was a big day downtown with the placement of hanging flower baskets, which were purchased as part of the new Streetscapes project.

THE DIRECTOR'S BOX



-Ups for the month

Our Landscaping/Maintenance Division installed the new Flowering Self-Watering Pots and replaced all the winter color downtown with Spring/Summer Flowers on April 27th. These efforts completed many months of planning and testing and preparing for the new Self Watering Pot's and growing of all the flowers for planting from our Greenhouses.

Our Landscaping/Maintenance Division has spent many hours this month landscaping the new Wayfinding Signs at the Municipal Campus.

After months of waiting, the new motor for the Water Fountain in front of the Community Center arrived and was installed this month.

Governor Lee 'retired the Tennessee Pledge Guidelines' on April 28th. We transitioned to a new Operational Plan (Copy Enclosed) which does keep many operational requirements such as reservations and reduced numbers for meetings and programs in place.

Arbor Day was held on April 23rd, we have been a Tree City USA for 37 years~ 🌳



-Not So Much an Up for the month

Because of the efforts needed to get Downtown and the Municipal Campus landscape completed; we have had to ignore some other very important areas in the City this month, particularly the Convention Center. I anticipate our efforts towards the Convention Center will increase in May.

We continue to seek a qualified person to replace Kristin Volentine-PT Admin Assist...no luck yet.

Long time Maintenance Worker Ken Reagan retired on April 30th after 42 years....Good luck Ken!

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

kids unlimited



The Kids Unlimited staff completed a very successful Spring Extreme program, April 5-9. Deanna Hutchens, Children's Program Supervisor, and her team also have continued planning and registering for the Summer Adventure program. The kids in the Active Afternoons program also enjoyed some fun activities, pictured above.

swimming pools



Roxanne DeHart, Aquatics Supervisor held a lifeguard class, which ended May 2. We hope to hire new lifeguards from this group. Steve Allen, Maintenance employee fixed the pool steps very efficiently. The Spring Extreme kids were able to use Blalock Natatorium during Spring Break; they enjoyed themselves!

bowling center

Tim Parton, Bowling Center Supervisor, was able to get a Summer Mixed League started. Also in April, the center hosted a Cracker Barrel/Employee Workshop and 7 birthday parties.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

athletics



Patrick Oxley, Athletics Supervisor and his staff continued the SMYBA youth baseball season. Registration was completed for co-ed softball. Unfortunately, only one team signed up for co-ed kickball, so there will not be a kickball league this season. Sally Worden continued to give pickleball lessons and host play days. She also participated in the Senior Center drive-through vendor show to help promote pickleball. Patrick and his staff are also continuing to maintain the soccer fields at Smoky Mountain Children's Home.

fitness



Vickie Pinion, Fitness & Wellness Supervisor was able to increase class sizes to 15 participants. This has given more people an opportunity to participate, however classes are continuing to fill quickly. Wellness assessments were conducted contactless, and Vickie hopes to go back to one-on-one assessments in July.

civic center

The Civic Center hosted a Vendor Show on April 17. The event was successful with vendors, but customer attendance was low. Most likely a result of the Rod Run event in Pigeon Forge that kept attendance numbers down. Nicole Sutton, Civic Center Supervisor says she learned a lot from this event and will apply that to the next event held in the Fall/Winter.

