

Manager's Updates: Recreation Division– February 2021

I. Sports Section (Aquatics & Athletics)

1. *Attendance at city pools for the month of February was 4,326. Recreational swim has still not been allowed, and lap swim and teams are the only users at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions.*
2. *High School water polo season began January 11. Practices for GHS and BHS (new this year) are being held at Hunter pool.*
3. *The PVC vinyl pool liner replacement at Mickle Pool is finished, pool is refilled and chemicals are back to normal. New Liner has a 10 year warranty.*
4. *The shade structures at Cherry Pool bid, has been awarded to Creative Shade Solutions. They are currently working on a permitting plan.*
5. *H. Spurgeon Cherry Pool House renovation designs are moving along well with expected renovations occurring fall/winter 2021.*
6. **Pickle Ball:** Pick-up play continues in the spring at the MLK Center, in the mornings.
7. **Citywide Tennis Services:** *USTA-FL staff continues to set programming and add events and activities to their website. For court reservations, program information, and other general information, patrons can visit www.playtennisgainesville.com.*
8. **Youth Basketball** *just finished the season. Gainesville teams won championships in the 8U and 10U divisions.*
9. **Adult Softball** *began February 1st. We have modified some rules and not permitting use of the dugouts to afford space for social distancing. We are halfway through the season have received positive feedback from participants.*
10. **Gainesville Youth Sports:** *Information on the spring season can be found at www.gainesvilleyouthsports.com. Gainesville Youth Sports provides both youth baseball and girls fast-pitch softball programs, utilizing Albert Ray Massey Park, Greentree Park, and Tom Petty Park.*
11. **National Flag Football:** *Registration for the spring season is open, and parents can register their children on NFF's website at www.nationalflagfootball.com. Games are played on Sunday afternoons at Possum Creek Park, and will begin on April 11th.*

II. Education Section - FEBRUARY

1. **Staffing Report.**
Diane Latson-Harden separated employment with the City effective February 12, 2021 creating a vacancy for a Recreation Leader.

The job advertisement for the vacant Recreation Aide II position closed on February 14, 2021. Panel interviews are scheduled for March 15, 2021.

In total, there are two vacancies in the Education Section.

2. Net Revenue Report.

ARM: Foundations Academy After-School Program - (\$180.50)

ARM: Out of School Days - \$18.75

3. Attendance Report.

ARM: Foundations Academy After-School Program - 214

ARM: Out of School Day (Feb. 15) - 7

ESRC: Foundations Academy After-School Program - 136

PTS: Foundations Academy After-School Program - 77

PHX: Foundations Academy After-School Program -

4. Programming: Out of School Day.

ARM: Out of School Day (Feb. 15) at Albert "Ray" Massey; there were 11 total enrolled, the fill rate was 37%.

ESRC: Out of School Day (Feb. 15) at Eastside was cancelled due to low enrollment. Registration was closed on February 11, 2021.

5. Programming: Foundations Academy After-School Program.

The Foundation Academy After-School Program is ongoing through June 16, 2021.

-A partnership with the CADE Museum kicked off its first of four (4) STEAM educational activities at the Porters Community Center. This program is structured to offer a unique monthly hands-on activity using a kit provided by the CADE Museum which includes a train-the-trainer model for Education staff before each session allowing for on-site support during activities while instruction is conducted virtually by the CADE Museum staff.

The first activity date was Tuesday, February 23, 2021 and activities will continue once a month through May 2021.

III. Facilities Section

- 1. The MLK Multipurpose Center is still open for Pickleball and open gym. Pickleball users numbers has been steady at about 10-12 users. Open gym user's number vary depending upon the day. The wellness usage is holding steady with some people starting to come back in to work out once or twice a week. We are seeing some wellness users continuing to utilize the center every day.**
- 2. We are currently reviewing our second batch of applications for the facility assistant position.**
- 3. We are continuing to work with the county and the health department regarding COVID vaccination distributions. The MLK center has been reserved for vaccinations during the month of March. .**
- 4. Youth baseball and softball field requests are picking up as the local leagues begin their spring sports seasons. The request we are processing are mainly for the use of Albert Ray Masse fields, and Greentree Park fields. The user requests are from youth leagues, and mostly middle school baseball/softball teams.**

5. We are also working with the Supervisors of election in hosting early voting at Martin Luther King Center. Early voting is being held inside of the gymnasium, and will start on March 5 and end on March 13.
6. Facility staff has been doing a great job working with the various organizations and groups to assist the community during these times. Our staff has been very resilient and dedicated to providing the best experience possible despite the community's current situation with covid. Overall I am very proud to have the team I have working for us in thie facilities section.

IV. Wild Spaces Public Places Updates

1. *The Wild Spaces and Public Places webpages are active on the City's website:*
<http://www.cityofgainesville.org/WildSpacesandPublicPlaces.aspx>.
2. *This month's WSPP Project Updates:*

Current Projects:

Unity Park and Flatwoods Conservation Area Trailhead Improvements: The City of Gainesville's Wild Spaces & Public Places program, in conjunction with the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, is pleased to announce that work is underway at Unity Park, a new neighborhood park located at 1700 NE 31st Ave. Improvements to the park include two new basketball courts, a community garden, playground equipment, sidewalk games, a pavilion, grill and a walking loop with fitness stations. The Flatwoods Conservation Area Trailhead, located nearby at 2010 NE 31st Ave., will also be renovated. The approximate project cost is \$1,043,721 and work should be complete in the spring of 2021. AKEA, Inc. a local, minority, certified service-disabled veteran owned small business, is the general contractor for the project. For more information, please contact Pete McNiece, project manager, at 352-393-8544 or mcniecepr@cityofgainesville.org.

H. Spurgeon Cherry Pool – Sun Shades: The City of Gainesville's Wild Spaces & Public Places program, in conjunction with the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, is pleased to announce that Creative Shade Solutions will be installing four 20' x 30' shade structures at the H. Spurgeon Cherry Pool located at 1001 NW 31st Drive. The project cost is \$33,900.00 and work is anticipated to complete by April 30, 2021. For more information, please contact Pete McNiece, project manager, at 352-393-8544 or mcniecepr@cityofgainesville.org.

Dwight H. Hunter Pool – Men's Locker Room Renovations: The City of Gainesville's Wild Spaces & Public Places program, in conjunction with the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, is pleased to announce that Elevated Design & Construction, LLC will be renovating the men's locker room at the Dwight H. Hunter Pool located at 1100 NE 14th St. The locker room will get new privacy partitions in the bathroom area, upgraded LED lighting throughout, and the addition of wall-mounted mirrors. The project cost is \$19,675.00 and work is anticipated to complete by March 19, 2021. For more information, please contact Pete McNiece, project manager, at 352-393-8544 or mcniecepr@cityofgainesville.org.