

Manager's Updates: Recreation Division– December, 2021

I. Sports Section (Aquatics & Athletics)

1. Attendance at city pools for the month of December was 3,480. Recreational swim is available at Hunter pool, we are only offering lap swim at Cherry pool.
2. **Splashpads at Cherry and Hunter pools** have been completed including pump replacements as well as other preventative maintenance.
3. **H. Spurgeon Cherry Pool House renovation** bid has been awarded and demo will begin January 17. Cherry pool will be closed until Memorial day weekend.
4. **H. Spurgeon Cherry Pool liner** has been added to the WSPP list for this fiscal year. It is expected to go out to bid this week.
5. **Pickle Ball:** Pick-up play continues in the spring at the MLK Center, in the mornings.
6. **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.
7. **Youth Basketball** registration closed on November 29. We have 17 teams this season, games begin January 8 and run every Saturday until February 26.
8. **Adult Softball** Spring season begins the week of February 21. Registration is currently open.
9. **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.

II. Education Section - DECEMBER

1. **Staffing Report.**

Hannah Stilwell separated employment with the City effective December 3, 2021 creating a vacancy for a Recreation Assistant.

In total, there are three full-time vacancies in the Education Section, a Program Coordinator position and two Recreation Aide II positions.

-No candidates were selected for the Program Coordinator from the job advertisement posted from October 15, 2021 to November 1, 2021. A new job advertisement was posted for Program Coordinator on December 14, 2021 and the job advertisement is posted as open “until filled”.

-Spark Hire interviews were extended to candidates of the reposting for the Program Coordinator position on November 3, 2021. Panel interviews were extended to candidates of the reposting for the Program Coordinator position on November 28, 2021.

-Two candidates were selected, for which a Hiring Request memo was submitted on September 21, 2021 to extend an offer for a Recreation Aide II position. **The second candidate declined the offer; both candidates selected declined their offers.** Job advertisement was posted for Recreation Aide II on November 24, 2021 and the job advertisement is posted as open “until filled”. Applicants were reviewed on December 27, 2021 and Spark Hire interviews were extended to candidates for the Recreation Aide II position on December 30, 2021.

2. **Net Revenue Report.**

ARM: Foundations Academy After-School Program - \$210.00

ARM: Out of School Days - \$444.00

ESRC: Out of School Days - **(\$117.00)**

ARM: Winter Break Camp - \$696.00

3. **Attendance Report.**

ARM: Foundations Academy After-School Program - 251

ESRC: Foundations Academy After-School Program - 87

PTS: Foundations Academy After-School Program - 41

ARM: Out of School Days - 76

ARM: Winter Break Camp - 53

ARM: Lil’ Cooking Club - 38

4. **Programming: Winter Break Camp**

ARM: Winter Break Camp at Albert “Ray” Massey operated over a four day period - program dates were December 27-30, 2021. There were 20 total enrolled, the fill rate was 67%.

-Amongst the many activities, a highlight was the week-long competitions that included: Jeopardy, Bidding War, Rock-Paper-Scissor War, Relay Races, and Skyball (a created game that combines tennis and baseball).

ESRC: Winter Break Camp at Eastside was cancelled due to low enrollment. Registration was closed on December 26, 2021.

III. Facilities Section

1. We are set to interview one person for the Temp. Building attendant position.
2. We are continuing to work with groups to provide programming and activities to the community. We currently have an organization providing free aerobics and Zumba class at the Eastside recreation center and Albert Ray Masse recreation center. The facility section is also working with neighbors to continue to provide safe, fun environments.
3. We will also be seeking to provide some change to the current protocol regarding the amount of participants and users utilizing the facility. We will look to give recommendations on guidelines for facility usage participation numbers.
4. Facility requests were low for the month of December and we are anticipating higher requests in the upcoming months.

5. Mrs. Beverly and the facility staff have been doing an exceptional job. Their ability to remain professional in tough situations, all while providing a safe environment for our patrons, shows the pride they have in their jobs.

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:

H. Spurgeon Cherry (Westside) Pool: The City of Gainesville's Wild Spaces & Public Places program, in conjunction with the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, are pleased to announce a major renovation of the 50-year old building and pool. Located at 1001 NW 31 Dr. at Albert "Ray" Massey (Westside) Park, construction is set to begin in January 2022 with completion expected in the summer of 2022. Improvements include replacement of the pool liner and water recirculating system, a new roofing system, new showers, restroom fixtures, lockers, benches, interior finishes and light fixtures, parking lot reconstruction and much more. Blackwater Construction Services, LLC, a local business, is the general contractor for the project. The construction project cost is \$1,497,587. For more information, please contact Pete McNiece, project manager, at 352-393-8544 or mcniecepr@cityofgainesville.org.

Ironwood Golf Course Cart Path Reconstruction: Work began on October 19th to reconstruct portions of the Ironwood Golf Course concrete cart path. The City of Gainesville's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, working in partnership with the Wild Spaces & Public Places program, hired Shine & Company, Inc. to perform the work. The project is anticipated to complete by January 2022. The golf course will remain open during construction and golfers will be guided around the areas of work. The construction project cost is approximately \$181,500. For more information, please contact Betsy Waite, project manager, at 352-393-8187 or waiteed@cityofgainesville.org.

Loblolly Woods Park Boardwalk Reconstruction: Work is underway to reconstruct the boardwalk at Loblolly Woods Nature Park, spanning from NW 8th Avenue approximately 1400 feet north. The boardwalk has been closed to the public since August 2020. Severe wood rot created a safety hazard that was beyond the capacity of City staff to repair. The City of Gainesville's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, working in partnership with the Wild Spaces & Public Places program, hired IMS Contracting, Inc. to reconstruct the boardwalks. The work began on August 23, 2021 and is anticipated to complete by February of 2022. The construction project cost is approximately \$420,187. For more information, please contact Betsy Waite, project manager, at 352-393-8187 or waiteed@cityofgainesville.org.

Clarence R. Kelly Community Center and Park: 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 construction of the new **Clarence R. Kelly Community Center and Park, located at 1701 NE 8th Avenue, began on April 19th**. Improvements include the construction of a new 3,800 SF community center and neighborhood park. The park will have a new playground, adult fitness equipment, a full-sized, lighted basketball court, a fenced community garden and much more. Blackwater Construction Services, LLC, a small, local business, is the general contractor for the project. The construction project cost is \$2,292,276.00 and work is anticipated to complete in March of 2022. For more information, please contact Pete McNiece, project manager, at 352-393-8544 or mcniecepr@cityofgainesville.org.