

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

Manager's Updates: Recreation Division– December 2020

I. Sports Section (Aquatics & Athletics)

1. Attendance at city pools for the month of December was 4,112. 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** begins January 11. Practices for GHS and Possibly BHS (new this year) will be held at Hunter pool.
3. The **PVC vinyl pool liner replacement at Mickle Pool** project begins January 11, 2021.
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. **Pop Warner Cheer** won 1st place at Nationals in Early December.
9. **Youth Basketball** program has started practicing, with games beginning Saturday, January 9th. We are restricting spectators at MLK to 1 parent per athlete to keep the capacity of MLK under 50 at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions.
10. **Adult Softball** registration is currently ongoing. Season is scheduled to begin February 1st. We are modifying rules and not permitting use of the dugouts to afford space for social distancing.

II. Education Section

1. **Staffing Report.**

Matthew (Mat) Kelley joined the team as a new hire, filling the vacancy for a Recreation Aide II, on December 14, 2020.

Edna Rollins separated employment with the City effective December 2, 2020 creating a vacancy for a Recreation Aide II. A PRAF was submitted on December 3, 2020. In total, there is now one vacancy in the Education Section.

2. **Net Revenue Report.**

ARM: Foundations Academy After-School Program - \$58.50

ARM: Out of School Days - \$75.00

ARM: Winter Break Camp - \$1,085.00

3. **Attendance Report.**

ARM: Foundations Academy After-School Program - 130

ARM: Winter Break Camp - 111

ESRC: Foundations Academy After-School Program - 105

PTS: Foundations Academy After-School Program - 74

PHX: Foundations Academy After-School Program - 27

4. **Programming: Winter Break Camp.**

ARM: Winter Break Camp at Albert "Ray" Massey operated over a two week period - program dates were December 21-23, 2020 and December 28-31, 2020. There were 19 total enrolled, the fill rate was 63%.

-A highlighted activity was the ReadingPals programming partnership. Designed by The Children's Movement of Florida, ReadingPals is a statewide early literacy initiative offering volunteers an opportunity to build meaningful relationships with young children in Florida, while helping them improve their social-emotional development and early literary skills.

ESRC: Winter Break Camp at Eastside was cancelled due to low enrollment. Registration was closed on December 17, 2020.

5. **Programming: Foundations Academy After-School Program.**

The Foundations Academy After-School Program began a hiatus on December 18, 2020 in conjunction with the ACPS Winter Holidays period and will resume on January 4, 2021.

6. **Initiatives: Gainesville Little One's Program.**

This holiday season, the Education Section elected to participate in the Gainesville Little One's (GLO) program and adopt a family as a team for the first time. While our section is small, we wanted to connect with the community we serve in a new way. Our team was assigned a family of five and was able to provide the family with everything on their wish list along with some extra gifts and necessities.

III. Facilities Section

1. The MLK Multipurpose Center is currently open for Pickleball and open gym. Most days Pickleball players are active and show up during the open court times of 7am- 10am. Pickleball user number fluctuate from day to day with an average of about 11 players per day. Overall the Pickleball community is very excited to be continuing play at the MLK Center.
2. We are currently opening up a Praf to hire 4 Temp. Facility assistants. They will assist with the staffing of our recreation facilities and parks.
3. Overall, the facilities section is working well within the current COVID restrictions. Staff is doing their part in practicing being safe and ensuring that safety standards are being followed. I am very proud of the work they have done and continue to do under the current circumstances.

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:*

As of January 2021

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 March 31, 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 February 15, 2021. For more information, please contact Pete McNiece, project manager, at 352-393-8544 or mcniecepr@cityofgainesville.org.

T.B. McPherson Recreation Complex Pavilion Roof Replacements: 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 Advanced Roofing, Inc. will be replacing the pavilion roofs at T.B. McPherson Recreation Complex located at 1717 SE 15th St. The existing shingle roofs were already removed and will be replaced with new 2"x 6" Tongue & Groove underlayment and new metal roofing panels. The project cost is \$17,888.00 and work is anticipated to complete by January 31, 2021. For more information, please contact Pete McNiece, project manager, at 352-393-8544 or mcniecepr@cityofgainesville.org.