

**Manager's Updates: Recreation Division– April 2021**

**I. Sports Section (Aquatics & Athletics)**

1. Attendance at city pools for the month of April was 5,502. Lap swim and teams are the only users at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions. Recreational swim will slowly be introduced on the weekends at Hunter and Mickle pools beginning in May.
2. **The stalls in the Men's locker room at Hunter Pool** have been installed. They look great, it took a while to get it done right.
3. **Splashpads at Cherry and Hunter pools** are under contract for pump replacements as well as other preventative maintenance.
4. **H. Spurgeon Cherry Pool House renovation** designs are moving along well with expected renovations occurring November 2021.
5. **H. Spurgeon Cherry Pool** parking lot and pool liner have been added to the WSPP list for next fiscal year. These projects will go out to bid in the coming months.
6. Last **Lifeguard class** is scheduled for the week of May 17.
7. **Pickle Ball:** Pick-up play continues in the spring at the MLK Center, in the mornings.
8. **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](http://www.playtennisgainesville.com).
9. **Summer Heatwave** has started the process of background checking coaches and registering participants. We have confirmed use of Lincoln Middle School gym for the summer and have pool party dates set.
10. **Pop Warner Football and Cheer** registration begins in May. We are excited about the upcoming season.
11. **Adult Softball** summer league will begin May 17. We are hoping to have more teams this season.
12. **Gainesville Youth Sports:** Information on the spring season can be found at [www.gainesvilleyouthsports.com](http://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.
13. **National Flag Football:** Began April 11 at Possum Creek park and will continue every Sunday through May.

## **II. Education Section - APRIL**

### **1. Staffing Report.**

In total, there are two vacancies in the Education Section, a Recreation Leader position and a Recreation Aide II position. The job advertisement for both vacancies posted on April 16, 2021 and will close on May 16, 2021.

### **2. Net Revenue Report.**

ARM: Spring Break Camp - (\$133.00)

ARM: Out of School Days - \$68.75

ARM: Adventures in Play Summer Day Camp - \$7,642.31

ESRC: Adventures in Play Summer Day Camp - \$1,839.01

PTS: Adventures in Play Summer Day Camp - \$1,246.32

TBMc: Adventures in Play Summer Day Camp - \$3,154.67

### **3. Attendance Report.**

ARM: Foundations Academy After-School Program - 276

ARM: Out of School Day (Apr. 16) - 12

ESRC: Foundations Academy After-School Program - 230

MLK: Start Smart Baseball - 38

PTS: Foundations Academy After-School Program - 100

PHX: Foundations Academy After-School Program - 67

### **4. Programming: Start Smart Baseball.**

MLK: Start Smart Baseball at Martin Luther King Jr. operated March 29 through May 3 on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for a total of 6 sessions. There were 10 total enrolled, the fill rate was 100%.

*Start Smart Baseball is a developmentally appropriate introductory sport specific program that prepares children 3-5 years old and their parents for organized sports in a fun non-threatening environment. Parent participation was required.*

## **III. Facilities Section**

1. We have completed interviews and have made recommendations to move forward with hiring two additional temp Facility assistants. We also made the request to advertise the position again in an attempt to fill the remaining two vacancies. Our goal is that we will have hired the remaining assistants before things are open back up 100 percent.
2. The county is continuing to utilize the Martin Luther King center as a vaccine location. The final date is currently set to end in June.
3. The facility assistants have been out pressure washing all of the concrete areas around our recreation facilities. They are currently finishing up at the MLK center and northeast complex area. A BIG thank you to them all as this was really needed as we begin to enter the spring time.
4. Beverly Perry has been doing an outstanding with facility/ park request and making sure the proper information is been provided regarding the current use of all of our recreation facilities.

#### **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:**

**Howard Bishop Recreation Area:** The City of Gainesville's Wild Spaces & Public Places program, in conjunction with the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department and in partnership with the School Board of Alachua County, is pleased to announce that renovations of the track and tennis/basketball courts at Howard Bishop Middle School, located at 1901 NE 9th St., will begin in May and are anticipated to complete by the end of July 2021. D.E. Scorpio Corporation, a local business, is the general contractor for the project. The City of Gainesville's portion of the construction project cost is \$250,000. For more information, please contact Betsy Waite, project manager, at 352-393-8187 or [waiteed@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:waiteed@cityofgainesville.org).

**Albert "Ray" Massey Park - Retaining Wall 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 construction of a new retaining wall by the baseball scorer's box, between fields 1 and 2, will begin in May and is anticipated to complete by the end of June. Elevated Design & Construction, LLC a small, local, minority-owned business, is the general contractor for the project. The construction project cost is \$22,387.50. For more information, please contact Pete McNiece, project manager, at 352-393-8544 or [mcniecepr@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:mcniecepr@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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 will be complete in early 2022. For more information, please contact Pete McNiece, project manager, at 352-393-8544 or [mcniecepr@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:mcniecepr@cityofgainesville.org).

**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 by the end of May 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](mailto:mcniecepr@cityofgainesville.org).

#### **Recently Completed:**

**Cedar Grove Park Playground:** 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 renovation of the Cedar Grove Playground, **located at 1200 NE 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, completed at the end of April**

**2021.** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company performed the work. The project cost was \$16,018.30. For more information, please contact John Weber, project manager, at 352-393-8186 or [weberjf@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:weberjf@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 renovated the men’s locker room at the Dwight H. Hunter Pool located at 1100 NE 14th St. The locker room received new privacy partitions in the bathroom area, upgraded LED lighting throughout, and wall-mounted mirrors. The project cost was \$19,675.00 and the work completed in April 2021. For more information, please contact Pete McNiece, project manager, at 352-393-8544 or [mcniecepr@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:mcniecepr@cityofgainesville.org).