

Manager's Updates: Recreation Division– June 2021

I. Sports Section (Aquatics & Athletics)

1. Attendance at city pools for the month of May was 6,624. Recreational swim is slowly being introduced on the weekends at Hunter and Mickle pools. Memorial Day was our first weekend at limited capacities.
2. **Splashpads at Cherry and Hunter pools** are under contract for pump replacements as well as other preventative maintenance.
3. **H. Spurgeon Cherry Pool House renovation** designs are moving along well with expected renovations occurring November 2021.
4. **H. Spurgeon Cherry Pool** parking lot and pool liner have been added to the WSPP list for next fiscal year. We are currently working on the scope for the pool liner so it can go out to bid soon.
5. **9 staff from Aquatics** are currently in the middle of a Water Safety Instructor training. They will received their certifications mid-June.
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. **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. Games began June 21 at MLK and Lincoln gym.
9. **Pop Warner Football and Cheer** registration is open. We are excited about the upcoming season. We are offering football and cheer ages 5-12.
10. **Adult Softball** summer league started May 17. We have 11 teams on Tuesdays and 8 teams on Fridays.
11. **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.
12. **National Flag Football:** Ended another season May 23 at Possum Creek park. They had 106 participants.

II. Education Section - MAY

1. Staffing Report.

Chanton Williams separated employment with the City effective June 5, 2021 creating a second vacancy for Recreation Aide II.

In total, there are four vacancies in the Education Section, a Recreation Leader position, two Recreation Aide II positions, and a Temporary Recreation Assistant position. The job advertisement for both the Recreation Leader and Recreation Aide II vacancies closed on May 16, 2021 (the existing job advertisement and subsequent interviews will be used to fill the second vacancy created by Chanton Williams separation).

*-Spark Hire interviews were extended to candidates for the Recreation Leader position on May 18, 2021. **The Hiring Request memo requesting an offer be extended to the selected candidate was submitted on June 17, 2021.***

*-Spark Hire interviews were extended to candidates for the Recreation Aide II position on May 19, 2021. **The Hiring Request memo requesting an offer be extended to the selected candidates was submitted on June 7, 2021.***

2. Net Revenue Report.

ARM: Adventures in Play Summer Day Camp - \$25.51

ESRC: Adventures in Play Summer Day Camp - \$845.38

PTS: Adventures in Play Summer Day Camp - \$690.36

TBMc: Adventures in Play Summer Day Camp - \$523.25

3. Attendance Report.

ARM: Foundations Academy After-School Program - 119

ARM: Adventures in Play Summer Day Camp - 277

ESRC: Foundations Academy After-School Program - 51

ESRC: Adventures in Play Summer Day Camp - 141

PTS: Foundations Academy After-School Program - 69

PTS: Adventures in Play Summer Day Camp - 102

PHX: Foundations Academy After-School Program - 35

PHX: Adventures in Play Summer Day Camp - 61

TBMc: Adventures in Play Summer Day Camp - 129

4. Programming: Start Smart Soccer.

*MLK: Start Smart Soccer at Martin Luther King Jr. opened enrollment June 1 and will operate August 16 through September 27 on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for a total of 6 sessions. **A total of 20 enrollment slots are available, 9 participants are currently enrolled.***

Start Smart Soccer 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. Recommendations were made to hire two of the candidates from our interviews. 1 of the candidates has completed all prehire requirements, and began on June 9, 2021. We are still awaiting notice from**

HR regarding the other person selected on their status of moving forward with accepting the job and completing prehire requirements.

2. As we gear up to reopen, our section is starting to work first with our long term renters to begin to get them back into our facilities. We are going to be taking a systematic and careful approach to reopening in efforts of continuing to provide a safe environment for all.
3. Beverly Perry has continued to be great and has been working to assist with the creation of an opening plan that will provide a safe place for everyone.

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., began in June 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.

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, began in May and is anticipated to complete by the end of July 2021. 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.

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 will be complete in early 2022. For more information, please contact Pete McNiece, project manager, at 352-393-8544 or 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 \$1,081,038.50 and the work is anticipated to complete in July 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.