

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

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

1. Attendance at city pools for the month of August was 7,052 Recreational swim is available by appointment at Hunter and Mickle pools.
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 with a leak detection company in order to have pertinent information for prospective bidders for the liner project.
5. **47 more participants** took swim lessons at the City pools this Fall. We were able to offer 1 four-week sessions this fall. This will be the last session until the Spring.
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](http://www.playtennisgainesville.com).
8. **Pop Warner Football and Cheer** has begun. We have **3** cheer teams and **3** football teams practicing and we are looking forward to our first game September 11. We look forward to a great season.
9. **Youth Basketball** registration will be opening October 1.
10. **Adult Softball** Fall league begins September 20 and runs through December 13.
11. **Gainesville Youth Sports:** Information on the fall season can be found at [www.gainesvillyouthsports.com](http://www.gainesvillyouthsports.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:** Registration has begun for another flag football season at Possum Creek Park. Flyers went to schools last week.

## **II. Education Section - AUGUST**

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

Mary Harker retired after 15 years of service with the City and her last report date was August 13, 2021 creating a vacancy for Program Coordinator. She will be paid through October 3, 2021.

Miriam (Susan) Christophy separated employment with the City effective August 26, 2021 creating a second vacancy for Recreation Aide II.

Chanton Williams re-joined the team as a new hire, filling the vacancy for Recreation Leader, on August 23, 2021; he was previously a Recreation Aide II.

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

-The candidate selected, for which a Hiring Request memo was submitted on June 17, 2021 to extend an offer for a Recreation Aide II position, accepted the offer on June 17, 2021. **The anticipated start date was August 9, 2021 however, the candidate was denied employment by Employee Health Services on August 4, 2021.**

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

ESRC: Adventures in Play Summer Day Camp - (\$54.87)

TBMc: Adventures in Play Summer Day Camp - (\$552.07)

ARM: Foundations Academy After-School Program - \$945.50

ESRC: Foundations Academy After-School Program - \$356.50

MLK: Start Smart Soccer - \$292.50

ARM: Out of School Days - \$71.50

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

ARM: Foundations Academy After-School Program - 342

ESRC: Foundations Academy After-School Program - 99

PTS: Foundations Academy After-School Program - 48

MLK: Start Smart Soccer - 43

### **4. Programming: Out of School Days.**

ARM & ESRC: The Out of School Days programming, offered at both Albert “Ray” Massey Recreation Center and Eastside Community Center, opened enrollment June 1 and will operate on the following dates:

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| • Friday, October 8, 2021    | • Monday, December 20, 2021    | • Monday, January 3, 2022   |
| • Friday, October 15, 2021   | • Tuesday, December 21, 2021   | • Friday, January 14, 2022  |
| • Monday, November 22, 2021  | • Wednesday, December 22, 2021 | • Monday, February 21, 2022 |
| • Tuesday, November 23, 2021 |                                | • Monday, March 28, 2022    |

*Out of School Days provide children and youth in grades 1 through 8 with a safe and engaging environment that incorporates hands-on activities. Activities will effectively adapt to individual and small group needs, connecting with participants’ interests and experiences including: academics and enrichment, community service projects, field trips, physical activity and nutrition.*

### **III. Facilities Section**

1. We are currently prepared to start interviews shortly to fill several vacancies in our section that are temp. Facility assistants. We are looking forward to hiring someone that will be ready and able to assist us at that position as soon as possible.
2. The start of the long term rentals has been very slow in efforts of trying to ensure the safety of our neighbors. Those renters that has chosen to host events and move forward with the start of their long term usage have done so very carefully. We have had complete cooperation from all of the neighbors we have under contract. They have taken it amongst them self as well to maintain the safety of others while utilizing our facilities.
3. The back to school braid bash which we co-sponsored was a great success. 48 girls were able to have their hair professionally braided, nails groomed, as well as receiving a backpack with school supplies. We are looking forward to working with more vendors next year to create a weekend or 2 of events specifically for back to school events.
4. The facility staff has 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:**

**Dwight H. Hunter Women's Locker Room Improvements:** Work is underway renovating the women's locker room at Dwight H. Hunter (Northeast) Pool. Bolt Electric Contractors, Inc. is installing new lights and McLeod General Trades, LLC is installing new restroom partitions. The work began in August and is anticipated to complete by the end of September 2021. The construction project cost is approximately \$11,721.45. For more information, please contact Pete McNiece, project manager, at 352-393-8544 or [mcniecepr@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:mcniecepr@cityofgainesville.org).

**Loblolly Woods Park Boardwalk Reconstruction:** Work is underway to reconstruct the boardwalk at Loblolly Woods Nature Park, spanning from NW 8<sup>th</sup> 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 \$370,287. For more information, please contact Betsy Waite, project manager, at 352-393-8187 or [waiteed@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:waiteed@cityofgainesville.org).

**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 mid-September 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, began in May and is anticipated to complete by mid-September. 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 \$1,081,038.50 and the work is anticipated to complete by the end of August 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).