

Monthly Performance Report

September 2015

New Summer Camp Method and Program Serves More Kids

Summer recreation programs for children, prior to this year, consisted of two approaches: a fee-based Summer Camp program and a free Summer Playground program for children from low- to moderate-income families. For 2015, the Recreation Team, led by Recreation Manager **Jon Woodsby** and Assistant Manager **Elizabeth Hardee**, designed a new approach that expanded participation and produced more revenue.



This year, the Summer Camp program expanded from three to four sites, operating at: the Inman Recreation Center, the Timken Community Center in Cowpens, the Upstate Family Resource Center in Boiling Springs and the Woodruff Leisure Center. Each site was provided a USDA Lunch Program, which provided a hot, healthy lunch each day the program was in session.

Participant families surveyed gave high marks to the quality of the program, including the engaging activities, fun field trips and professionalism of the staff.

- A total of **196** fee-based participants were involved in the program, as compared to **137** in 2014.
- The program logged **102,900** participant hours, as compared to **71,925** in 2014.
- **Program revenues exceeded program expenses** (part-time staff, field trip cost, supplies, etc.) for the first time since 2007 (the earliest records we have).

Due to declining participation, it was decided to replace the Summer Playground program by offering “**scholarships**” to the Summer Camp program. This provided all participants, regardless of income, access to a quality program. The Parks Department was able to provide 68 scholarships to the most “at-risk” population of 5-12 year old children. The scholarships were funded by revenue from the Summer Camp fees. To qualify for scholarships, families had to be Spartanburg County residents, the recipient of at least two forms of public assistance and in good standing with any existing Spartanburg Parks program accounts. Each participant was also required to provide a “Letter of Support” on behalf of the child from a teacher, coach, pastor, or other adult that was not a family member.

The scholarships made it possible to provide **32,550** participant hours of recreation for scholarship children, as compared to **18,630** participant hours for the free Summer Playground program in 2014.

A new Summer Camp program was launched this year, as well. The new **Adventure Camp** targeted an under-served population of 11-14 year old “tweens” & teens, in an active camp that taught outdoor recreation skills. A total of **36** participants in the three week camp logged **7,290** participant hours. They experienced archery, a high ropes course, surfing and paddle boarding while learning about aeronautics at Triple Tree Aerodrome and experiencing a taste of Marine boot camp training. Some photos from the Adventure Camp appear at right and below.



New Cricket Partnership Completes First Season

Spartanburg Park's first venture into the international sport of cricket began in April as **Mike Nation**, Senior Project Manager and **Sean Veilleux**, Park Maintenance Manager, worked with local cricket enthusiast Manish Chomal to create a cricket "pitch" on the under-utilized soccer fields behind the Woodruff Leisure Center. Play began in April. Twelve local teams, with 15-20 players each, participated during the regular season. Other teams came from as far away as Charlotte to participate in tournaments. Cricket is often a day-long event, with some games lasting six hours. Family members also come to watch the competition, have fun and eat/shop in the Woodruff area. According to Mr. Chomal, "We had a successful cricket season. Over the course of the last six months, 20 teams have come and played cricket here. This cricket field is gaining popularity in the cricket community."



Woodsby Completes Advanced Professional Development School



Jon Woodsby, Recreation Manager, recently completed the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Directors School, a two-year professional development training program for current and future leaders of parks and recreation agencies. Directors School prepares students to effectively and efficiently lead park and recreation departments so they can best serve the community. The Directors School curriculum is based on the national standards of best practice for parks and recreation agencies as identified by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). CAPRA accredits park and recreation agencies for excellence in operation and service. Graduates gain insight and skills that enable them to create a successful park and recreation agency.

Oliver Completes Grassroots Leadership Development Institute

Kristie Oliver, Recreation Coordinator II (50+ Wellness), recently completed the Grassroots Leadership Development Institute hosted by the Spartanburg County Foundation. The Grassroots Leadership Development Institute is a special initiative of The Spartanburg County Foundation. This seven-month leadership training program is designed to equip participants with the knowledge, skill-set, and resources to be effective in leading change at the grassroots level. Participants meet one Saturday a month to increase their ability to make a positive difference in their neighborhoods and in the greater Spartanburg community.



Spartanburg Blueways Master Plan

Over the past seven months, the Spartanburg Area Conservancy (SPACE) has been leading a diverse group in development of a Blueways Master Plan, aided by a technical assistance grant from the National Park Service. The Parks Department has been closely involved with the project, including creation of the flyer - shown on the next page - that advertises the public comment session.

YOU'RE INVITED!



The Spartanburg County Blueways Coalition invites you to a public feedback session for Blueways and Blueways Planning in Spartanburg County.

Date: Saturday, September 26th

Time: 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

**Place: Barrett Community Room, Spartanburg Public Library,
Main Branch, 151 S. Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306**

A Blueway is a water trail or path that is developed with launch points and points of interest for canoeists, paddle boarders, kayakers, and other forms of passive riparian recreation. The Spartanburg County Blueways Coalition is a group of over 30 nonprofit, government agencies, community groups, and private individuals engaged in building and promoting a Blueways system for Spartanburg's rivers and reservoirs.

Please join us for a feedback session. We want to hear your thoughts and ideas about Blueway development in Spartanburg County and get your feedback of the Spartanburg County Blueways Master Plan.

No RSVP required. For more information,
e-mail andrew@spartanburgconservation.org or call 864-948-0000.

And be sure to check out these online resources:

Spartanburg County Blueways Master Plan Draft at www.spartanburgconservation.org
Spartanburg County Blueways Survey at <http://spartanburgconservation.org/news/blueways/>

Location	FY 2016 Output Measures	7/2015	8/2015	9/2015	10/2015	FY 2016 TOTAL TO DATE
Park Maintenance Team (Estimated Employee/Hours, By Activity)						
CP Shop	Equipment Maintenance & Repair	8	8			
CP Shop	General Park Maintenance & Repair	512	512			
CP Shop	Park Improvements Construction/Installation	288	288			
CP Shop	Safety Inspections	2	2			
CP Shop	Sports Field Maintenance & Preparation	-	-			
CP Shop	Trail Maintenance	20	20			
Nside Shop	Equipment Maintenance & Repair	8	8			
Nside Shop	General Park Maintenance & Repair	800	800			
Nside Shop	Park Improvements Construction/Installation	-	-			
Nside Shop	Safety Inspections	16	16			
Nside Shop	Sports Field Maintenance & Preparation	736	736			
Nside Shop	Trail Maintenance	20	20			
Sside Shop	Equipment Maintenance & Repair	8	8			
Sside Shop	General Park Maintenance & Repair	800	800			
Sside Shop	Park Improvement Construction/Installation	-	-			
Sside Shop	Safety Inspections	16	16			
Sside Shop	Sports Field Maintenance & Preparation	736	736			
Sside Shop	Trail Maintenance	10	10			
Wside Shop	Equipment Maintenance & Repair	8	8			
Wside Shop	General Park Maintenance & Repair	512	512			
Wside Shop	Park Improvement Construction/Installation	-	-			
Wside Shop	Safety Inspections	2	2			
Wside Shop	Sports Field Maintenance & Preparation	1,024	1,024			
Wside Shop	Trail Maintenance	20	20			
Various	Volunteer Service for Park Maintenance	-	-			
	Total: Park Maintenance Team	5,546	5,546			11,092
Recreation Team (Estimated Participant/Hours, By Program)						
	50+ Wellness					
Other	Daytrippers	1,050	1,152			
Other	Education	92	84			
Other	Exercise	258	258			
Other	Games	346	320			
Other	Group Dining (BBQs, Lunch Bunch, etc.)	48	64			
Other	Socials	100				
Other	Volunteer Service for Other	20	25			
Chesnee	Education	292	306			
Chesnee	Exercise	760	820			
Chesnee	Games	480	514			
Chesnee	Group Dining	140	138			
Chesnee	Socials	80	26			
Chesnee	Volunteer Service for Chesnee	60	54			

Location	FY 2016 Output Measures	7/2015	8/2015	9/2015	10/2015	FY 2016 TOTAL TO DATE
Cowpens	Education	180	180			
Cowpens	Exercise	590	628			
Cowpens	Games	260	287			
Cowpens	Group Dining	176	184			
Cowpens	Socials	100	84			
Cowpens	Volunteer Service for Cowpens	60	66			
Pacolet	Education	80	65			
Pacolet	Exercise	596	624			
Pacolet	Games	304	280			
Pacolet	Group Dining	505	550			
Pacolet	Socials					
Pacolet	Volunteer Service for Pacolet					
Woodruff	Education	110	100			
Woodruff	Exercise	460	400			
Woodruff	Games	75	80			
Woodruff	Group Dining	160	160			
Woodruff	Socials	180	204			
Woodruff	Volunteer Service for Woodruff					
	Total, 50+ Wellness	7,562	7,653	-	-	15,215
	"On Demand" Programs					
Chesnee	Classes/Programs	132	140			
Cowpens	Classes/Programs	286	300			
Inman	Classes/Programs	500	550			
Other	Classes/Programs		80			
Pacolet	Classes/Programs	120	120			
Woodruff	Classes/Programs	480	475			
	Volunteer Service for "On Demand" Programs					
	Total, "On Demand" Programs	1,518	1,665	-	-	3,183
	Outdoor Recreation					
Various	Biking					
Various	Paddling	20	20			
Various	Climbing	100	112			
Various	Fishing					
Various	Snow Skiing					
Various	Hiking					
Various	Geocaching		40			
Various	Education	945				
Various	Volunteer Service for Outdoor Recreation					
	Total, Outdoor Recreation	1,065	172	-	-	1,237
	Facility Rentals					
Chesnee	Meetings; Community/Social Events	400	300			
Cleveland	Meetings; Community/Social Events)	23,018	22,228			
Cowpens	Meetings; Community/Social Events	540	600			

Location	FY 2016 Output Measures	7/2015	8/2015	9/2015	10/2015	FY 2016 TOTAL TO DATE
Inman	Meetings; Community/Social Events	200				
Pacolet	Meetings; Community/Social Events					
Picnic Shelters	Meetings; Community/Social Events	4,100	4,870			
Woodruff	Meetings; Community/Social Events	800	700			
Other	Meetings; Community/Social Events					
	Total, Facility Rentals	29,058	28,698	-	-	57,756
	Youth Development					
Various	After Class Enrichment		24,170			
Various	Summer Day Camp	47,500				
Various	Summer Playground					
Various	Volunteer Service for Youth Development					
	Total, Youth Development	47,500	24,170	-	-	71,670
	Total, Recreation Team	86,703	62,358	-	-	149,061
Park Operations Team (Estimated Participant/Hours, By Program)						
Various	Basketball Camp	-	-	-	-	
	Team Sports					
Various	Leagues, Adult Softball	2,448	-			
N. Spartanburg Park	Leagues, Adult Kickball	-	-			
VDM McMillan Park	Leagues, Adult Flag Football	-	-			
Various	Leagues, Baseball	-	5,676			
Various	Leagues, Football	-	1,092			
Various	Leagues, Soccer	-	4,224			
Various	Leagues, Softball	-	2,244			
Various	Leagues, Tennis	-	-			
	Total, Team Sports	2,448	13,236	-	-	15,684
	Tournaments					
Various	Tournaments, Adult Softball		858			
Various	Tournaments, Baseball	4,095	3,978			
Various	Tournaments, Football					
Various	Tournaments, Lacrosse					
Various	Tournaments, Rugby					
Various	Tournaments, Soccer					
Various	Tournaments, Softball	14,160	11,508			
N/A	Volunteer Service for Tournaments					
	Total, Tournaments	18,255	16,344	-	-	34,599
	Total, Park Operations Team	20,703	29,580	-	-	50,283
	Estimated Tournament Economic Impact	\$11,796,356	\$650,484	-	-	\$12,446,840
Special Events (Estimated Participant/Hours, By Event)						
School for Deaf & Blind	Christmas Kids					-
Cleveland Park	Daddy Daughter Dance					-
Lake Blalock	Discover Your Watershed					-
Tyger River Park	Easter Egg Scramble					-
Pacolet	Indian Summer Festival					-

Location	FY 2016 Output Measures	7/2015	8/2015	9/2015	10/2015	FY 2016 TOTAL TO DATE
VDM McMillan Park	Disc Golf Tournaments					-
Climb Upstate	Upstate Climbing Team		120			120
Pacolet River	Paddle the Pacolet					-
Tyger & Pacolet Rivers	River Sweeps					-
Camp Croft Park	Spartanburg County Adventure Race					-
Camp Croft Park	Stump Jump					-
Cleveland Park	Take a Kid Fishing Day					-
Tyger River Park	Tame the Tyger River Race					-
N. Spartanburg Park	Trunk or Treat Assistance					-
Various	Therapeutic Recreation Assistance	60				60
Various	Weekly Family Activities					-
Various	Volunteer Service for Special Events		250			250
	Total, Special Events	60	370	-	-	430



Project Title

Project # (completed projects not shown after completion is reported)

Selection of Firm for Preliminary Design	Survey/Community Input	Preliminary Design	Selection of Firm for Design/Con. Admin.	Construction Documents	Permitting	Bidding for Construction	Construction	Status or Probable Completion Date (Calendar Year)
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PR0005	Trail Development (Funding for PAL Grant; bank for trail development)	Ongoing. Reports provided by PAL quarterly.						Multi-year, as funding permits.
PR0008	VaDuMar McMillan Park picnic shelter							Completion 1st Qtr. 2016
PR0008	Va-Du-McMillan Park Fitness Trail	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bid just awarded. Completion 4 th quarter 2015.
PR0010	Clifton Park and Beach	X	X	X	X			In purchasing process (bids due 9/29)
PR0010	Lake Cooley Outdoor Recreation Center	X	X	X				Completion 2nd Qtr. 2016
PR0010	Pacolet River Access (Local Match for Grant)	X	X	X	X	X		4th Qtr. 2016
PR0010	Tyger River Access (Construction of access points)							
PR0014	Holston Creek Park	X	X	X	X	X	X	Completion 4th Qtr. 2015
PR0016	Find A Park (Park Signage)	X	X	X	X	X	X	Completion 4th Qtr. 2015
PR0017	Community Parks Improvements: Chesnee Community Park	X	X	X				In purchasing process (bids due 9/29)
PR0017	Community Parks Improvements: Cowpens Community Park	X	X	X				On hold for plan revisions
PR0017	Community Parks Improvements: Enoree Community Park -	X	X	X				In purchasing process (bids due 9/29)
PR0017	Community Parks Improvements: Mabry Park (aka Inman Sports Complex)	X	X	X				In purchasing process (bids due 9/29)
PR0017	Community Parks Improvements: Pacolet Community Park	X	X	X				In purchasing process (bids due 9/29)
PR0019	Cleveland Park, Phase 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	Project awarded for Phase 1 (sitework required for community-build playground and adjacent improvements)
PR0019	Cleveland Park, Phase 2	X	X	X	X	X		Begin early 2016, after Phase 1 completion
PR0021	Arkwright Park	X	X	X				On hold, pending resolution of design issues
PR0025	Linville Hills Park	X	X	X	X			Phase 1 completion 1st Qtr. 2016
PR0027	McKinney Park	Grant. Timing dependent on cost of Community Park Improvements.						