

## Parks & Recreation Weekly Report for February 10, 2012

### Parks:

- Three (3) of the seven (7 total) water fountains that needed replacement on the parks/greenbelts were installed. These are located at the upper level playground at City Park, the lower level trail (Katherine's Corner), and the Hamilton Greenbelt I entrance.
- Three (3) backflow prevention devices were inspected for proper working order. Those include the irrigation system at the Barnes Memorial and Butterfly Garden, the wildflower area irrigation, and the water fountain on the trail at the lower level near Katherine's Corner.
- Shortly, we will begin construction of a small retaining wall near the restrooms at the upper level of City Park. This wall will help with diverting water that runs off the hill, creating mud and running straight into the restrooms. We are working towards obtaining a permit now, and the contractor will be chosen shortly.
- The fence at the Dog Park was in need of repair. Several posts had rusted completely through and the fence was pulling away from the sides. This repair is underway and should be completed shortly.
- We have also been in the process of culling old Christmas displays that are no longer worth repairing, and rearranging the storage area to make better use of the space behind the Police Station.
- We have finished removing the ash junipers and cleaned up the areas adjacent to the upper level pavilion and playground at City Park. This has opened up the area considerably, and we have received many positive compliments in doing so.



### Activity Center:

- Rodney was served his warrant and taken away in handcuffs by the local sheriff. Fortunately, he had the building set up and ready to go so we were able to survive and hold the center together until his release after lunch. His stint in the slammer benefitted kids with Muscular Dystrophy.



- Membership renewals are still coming in on a regular basis. Revenue is comparable to last year at this time. We are in the process of sending out final reminder postcards and hope to wrap up this week. Most of the member groups appear to be approaching the 80% requirements.
- We continue to receive positive comments on a daily basis on the recent remodel. People are extremely pleased with the return of the little break room in the back of the building. It is well used and is more private and quieter than the lobby. Rarely, do we find it empty.
- Facility rentals are ahead of last year's figures, and we anticipate an increase in rentals this year.
- Fitness classes are well ahead of last year's figures and close to 80% of annual projection.
- The March City-wide Garage Sale is sold out.

### Swim Center:

- Josh Jackson, Assistant Manager, submitted his 2 weeks' notice. Josh will be leaving us to manage disaster efforts with the Central Region American Red Cross. Josh was an asset to the Swim Center and will be missed. We wish him all the best.
- Kyle Ramage, a recent college graduate who has worked in progressively responsible roles at the Swim Center over the last six (6) years has will be joining our staff as the new Assistant Manager.
- We have begun preparing for summer employment.

### Other:

- The roof was installed on the Liebelt Cabin at City Hall.

