



PETERS TOWNSHIP  
PARKS & RECREATION



# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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# From the Director

2023 has been a year of change and growth in the Parks and Recreation Department. Part of the year, the department was without a director and a recreation supervisor. Staff did a great job of weathering the storm and moving the department forward while not limiting operations of the Community Recreation Center or the Recreation Programming that takes place throughout the township facilities. Staff should be commended for these efforts. In September of 2023, I was hired to be the next Parks and Recreation Director and we moved forward with the hiring of a recreation supervisor in December.

We are approaching a time where you will see many changes throughout our park system. In August of 2023, a project took place at the Community Recreation Center that provided new flooring in the restrooms, hallway and vestibule areas. The gymnasium portion of the facility was painted to give it a bright and clean look. A lot of planning behind the scenes has taken place for the following parks projects: Rolling Hills Park Phase 2 design, Rolling Hills Splash Pad Area design and Peterswood Park Ballfields 1 and 2 design. These projects are moving closer to the construction phase.

It is an exciting time to be a part of the growth and development of Parks and Recreation in Peters Township! Our staff is always looking for new ideas to keep Peters Township moving forward with top of the line programs and facilities.

**David Brooks**  
**Parks & Recreation Director**

## Mission Statement

The Parks and Recreation Department exists to provide meaningful recreation and leisure opportunities through program offerings and the provision of parks, special use areas and facilities. The Parks and Recreation Department wishes to create a positive relationship between staff, volunteers and the public through mutual respect and consideration.

# Parks & Recreation Full-Time Staff

## David Brooks—Director

I began this past September and I am excited for the future of the Parks and Recreation department. I am looking forward to the development of Rolling Hills Park and the upgrades taking place at Peterswood Park. My goal as the director is to provide exciting recreational activities and safe parks to the residents of Peters Township. Previously, I worked for Washington County, Maryland Parks and Recreation for the past 22 years. I am originally from Pittsburgh and glad to be back home!



## Lisa Morris—Assistant Director

I began working in the Peters Township Parks and Recreation Department as a Recreation Supervisor in April of 2015. In 2023, I moved into the position of Assistant Director. I have experienced and learned so much in my 16 years of working in the field of parks and recreation, and look forward to providing many more recreational experiences to our residents. I feel grateful to work for a township and a community who values and supports the services we provide.



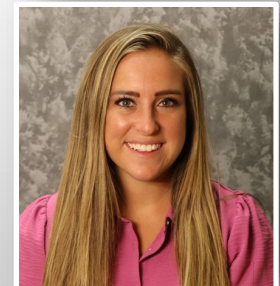
## Becky Goodwin-Sopko—Recreation Secretary

In 2006 I was hired as the Recreation Secretary for the Peters Township Parks and Recreation Department. Now 17 years later I have watched the Department grow and thrive. Still after all these years I see my position as the first person that the public encounters and I strive to make that a positive experience even if the answer is no. This is all possible with the tools that I have to work with, given to us from our Township and our Parks and Recreation Director. In my role as secretary I have a close working relationship with all the instructors that offer programs at the Recreation Center. Still my favorite part of my job is “The Witch of the Woods” at our annual Haunted Trail. I look forward in continuing the job of Secretary and being in the supporting role department and its continued growth.



## Kristen Martin—Recreation Supervisor

I have been a part of the Recreation Staff since June of 2021 as a Recreation Supervisor. I have grown to love the tight-knit community that Peters Township and the Recreation Community Center has. I love meeting new people and everyone that I have come to know here so far has been nothing but kind. My real passion is planning and organizing events that bring people together in a fun and leisurely way. I love watching people have fun! I hope to continue to grow in this position and offer more for our residents for the years to come.



## Becky Beltz—Recreation Supervisor

I am the newest member of the Parks and Recreation staff, starting in December 2023. I am thrilled to be a part of this team and take a more active role in the community I live in and love. I have always enjoyed event planning and creating unique events in my professional and personal life. I have a background in marketing, advertising and design and I hope those skills help to further enhance the already fabulous programs and events the Recreation Department offers our township!



## Patty Bahr— Recreation Attendant

I started working at the Peters Township Recreation Center as the Full Time Recreation Attendant in September 2021, leaving behind the stressful life of the health care industry after 27 years. I was hired to work the front desk; meeting and greeting each and every person that enters the facility, helping people to enroll as a member, register for classes, answering township questions, renting out the facility or shelter within the Parks. I work with a great team of people, both full time staff and part time. Born and raised in Peters Township, and now working for the Township; I love that I get to meet and interact with so many interesting people every day, and especially love helping the senior citizens of the township. I can actually say “I love my job”. I look forward to being a part of a growing department within the township.



## Mike Schuster—Tennis Center Manager

I started working as the Racquet Sports Manager in February 2022. Our tennis facility has a ton of potential, and I am excited about the variety of opportunities to grow and improve the Peters Township Tennis Center. I especially enjoy leading the Junior Development Program, where kids can start playing tennis and progress from beginner all the way to varsity high school level. The front desk staff here does a great job, and we added several new instructors and programs in 2022. Looking forward to 2024!



## Ian Sopko—Tennis Center Attendant

I've been working as the Tennis Center's full-time attendant since August of 2021. I'm responsible for maintaining the day to day administrative tasks to maintain all the records, as well as maintaining the court conditions and general maintenance of the grounds. Since I've been here, I have had the pleasure of meeting new people on a daily basis and assist them in answering their questions. I look forward to continuing to help provide an exceptional experience for all those who visit our Tennis Center and helping to grow the use of the facility.



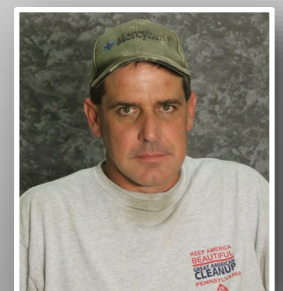
## Patty Cavolo—Front Desk Attendant

I have recently started working here in January of 2023 as a desk attendant. In my short time here, I have learned so much about how the parks department runs, and the different programs that are offered. In my position, I encounter new people in our community, and learn how much they enjoy the park facilities. I love how excited both adults and children are for the various classes and activities that we have available. I look forward to learning more about the Peters Township Parks Department, and watching it grow in the future.



## Jay Mizia—Parks Maintenance Supervisor Public Works Department

My name is John Mizia Jr. People call me Jay. I began working for Peters Township on April 23, 1996 as a laborer. I eventually achieved the position of light equipment operator and spent fifteen plus years between the two positions. On February 21, 2011 I was offered the position of Park Maintenance Supervisor which I was happy to accept. I have enjoyed my twenty plus years working for Peters Township. The opportunity to work outdoors is something that I have always enjoyed and the diverse types of jobs I encounter keep my job interesting. I look forward to continuing to improve and maintain the exceptional park system within the township.



# Peters Township Parks

## Peterswood Park



### Peterswood Park (133 acres)

- Outdoor Amphitheater
- 5 Ball Fields
- 4 Multi-Use Fields
- 1 Synthetic Turf Field
- 3 Playgrounds
- 4 Restroom Buildings
- 3 Concession Stands

## Tennis Center



### Tennis Center

- 4 Har Tru Clay Indoor Courts
- 5 Deco Outdoor Courts

## Arrowhead Trail



### Arrowhead Trail

- 3.5 miles paved surface trail
- Runs from Route 19 to Brush Run Rd

## Elm Grove Park



### Elm Grove Park (14 acres)

- 1 Ball Field
- 1 Multi-Use Field
- 1 Playground

## Peters Lake Park



### Peters Lake Park (189 acres)

- Natural Walking Trail
- Fishing Pier/Kayak Launch

## Rees Park



### Rees Park (15 acres)

- 1 Ball Field
- 1 Multi-Use Field

## Venetia Park



### Venetia Park (7 acres)

- 4 Ball Fields
- 1 Restroom Building

### Rolling Hills (90 acres)

- 3 Shelters
- 1 Playground
- Great Lawn Area

## Rolling Hills Park

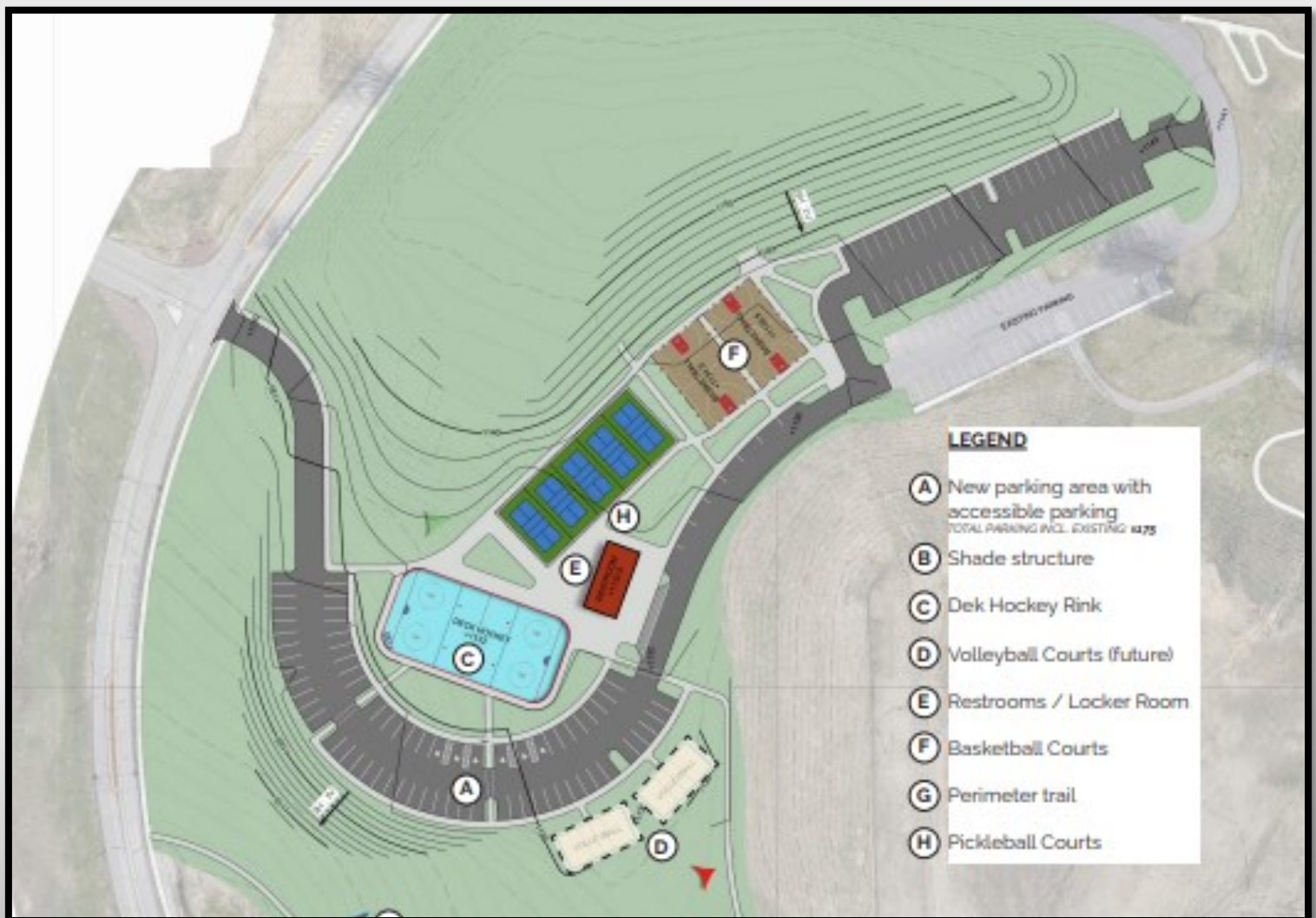


## Old Trail Park

Old Trail (7 acres neighborhood park)

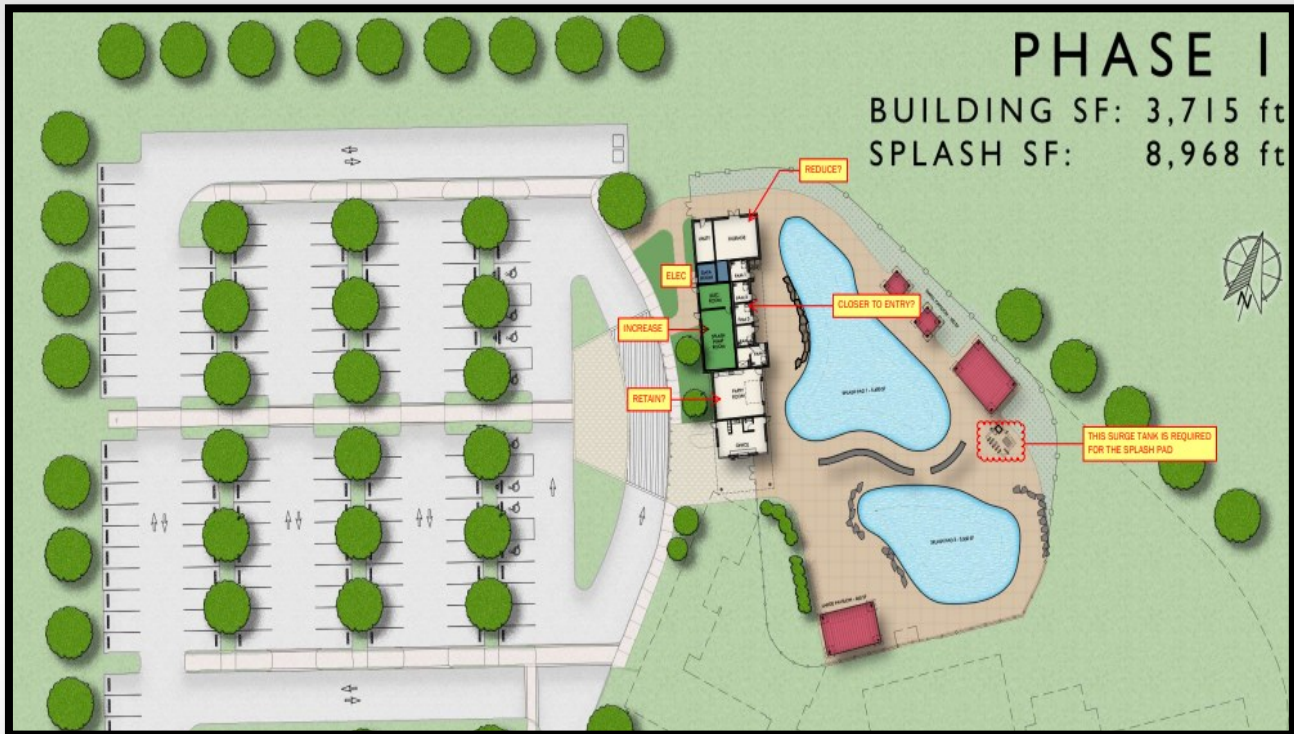
# Rolling Hills Park Development

Rolling Hills Phase 2 will consist of lighted basketball courts, lighted pickleball courts, a lighted dek hockey rink, restroom facilities, a dog park and large parking areas. The volleyball courts shown in the design will now be located near the splash pad area of the park.



# Rolling Hills Aquatic Center Phase 1 Splash Pad

The Rolling Hills Splash Pad Area will be an 8,968 square foot fenced in area with two splash pads that will provide a separate space for younger toddlers to play for a safer and more enjoyable experience. This area will have two large shelter areas, shade structures and a support building with restrooms and a party room. Maximum capacity for the wet areas will be 250. This project is in its final design phase and will go out to bid in the near future.



# Peterswood Park Improvements

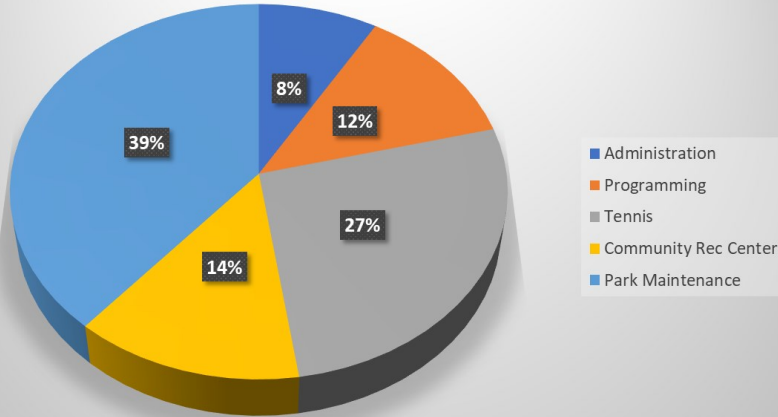
## Baseball Fields 1 & 2

In the fall of 2022, we received notice that we were awarded a matching grant of \$650,000 for improvements to Fields 1 and 2 in Peterswood Park. This project will replace the dugouts, backstops, press box buildings and lighting fixtures on both fields. A synthetic turf infield will be installed on Field 2. Drainage issues will be addressed during this project as well. We are in the design stages and the project is planned to go out to bid in the March 2024 time frame.



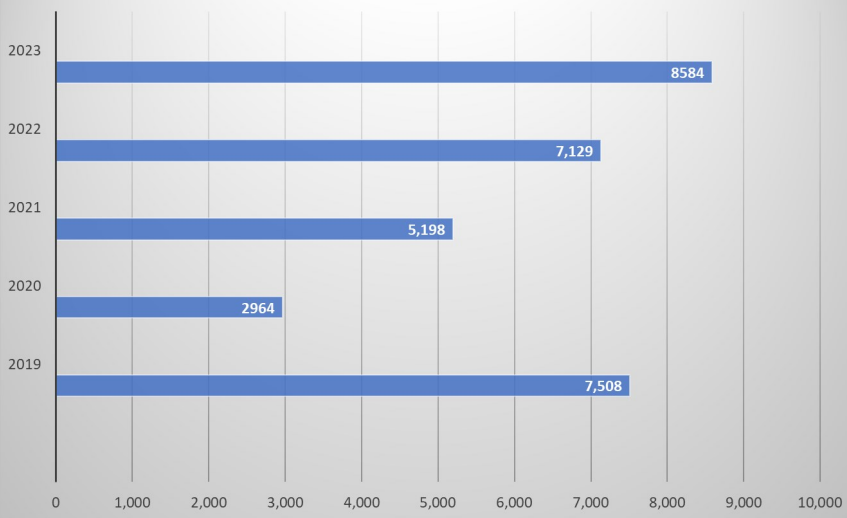
# Administration

**Expenditures**

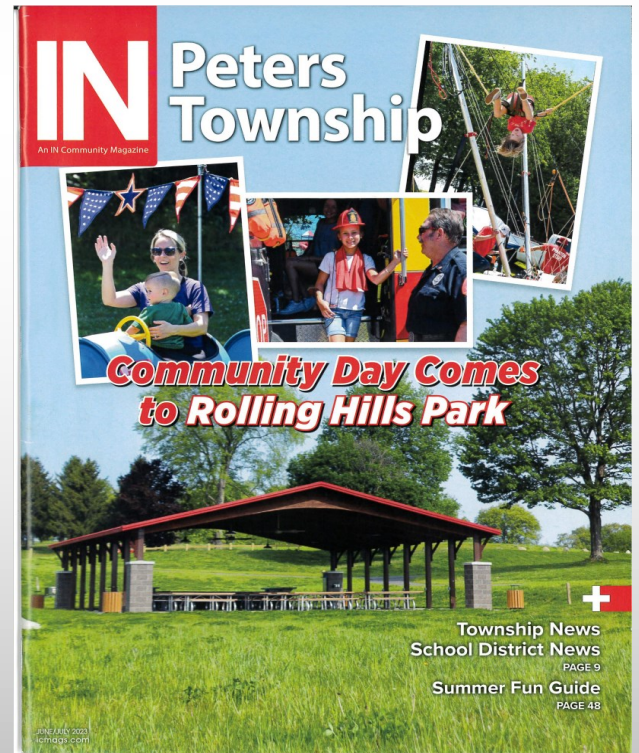


2023 was a transition year with new administrative and supervisory staff. It is great to see the increase in participation numbers throughout all of our programs and events. We base our success on the number of participants that attend our activities throughout the year. This year numbers have surpassed the previous years. Staff has done a great job of growing these numbers through a period where the Community Recreation Center was closed for renovations and staff shortages. No programs were cancelled or downsized through this period. A big part of the success came from advertising through IN Peters Township Magazine, email blasts throughout the school district, banners on the Arrowhead Trail Bridge and social media posts on Facebook. These are great avenues to advertise at a very low cost.

**Number of Participants**



**Recreation Revenue**



# Programming

Our staff takes pride in the small one day programs we offer at the Recreation Center. We try to appeal to all age groups by developing a wide variety of themes and activities when creating these programs. Our goal in each session is to meet as many of the needs of the public as possible. From education to fitness and crafts to socialization – we strive to provide a variety of options for our township and plan to continue that pattern into 2024!



Our preschool programs continued to succeed as some of our most popular classes in 2023 and filled up immediately! Youth programs are also a well-liked category with offerings such as Creative Kids, Kids Rec and other fun seasonal programs that keep kids coming back. The Tween night program has taken off and we enjoy having this event for 9-12 year olds to enjoy a night at the Rec Center with their friends. Teens on the other hand continued to be a challenge in 2023. However, compared to 2022 we were able to run a few teen programs that were well attended! We offered our volunteer teen night, Chat with Chocolate and DIY Terrariums. We hope to continue this trend in 2024 and bring in even more teens. As for our adult age group, we continued offering Ladies Nights, DIY classes, Dog Walk Social and other fun, interactive programs. Last year, we began a senior game play program for our mature adults and we continued it this year by adjusting it to Scrabble Game Play. Our monthly Senior Luncheons and Senior Series have continued to be a favorite!



In 2023 we saw a lot of success with our family game night programs such as Family Feud, Minute to Win It, and Trivia Night. Families are enjoying spending quality time with each other as they compete against other families for the big trophy.

# EVENTS

## *PRINCESS BALL*

We began our 2023 season with our Princess Ball Event on March 10th. This year was bigger than ever, as we accommodated more fathers and daughters due to the ever-growing demand. With a total of 219 participants, we were able to provide a magical night for all of the princesses and their fatherly figures.



## *BUNNY HOP & EGG SCRAMBLE*

Hopping into Easter we had a total of 122 children at our annual Bunny Hop Event! Children enjoyed games that included bunny golf, Easter bunny bowling, egg fish, ring toss and an egg relay. You could catch the Easter Bunny himself getting in on the fun and games as he raced children to the finish line of the egg relay. In the Multipurpose room, we had crafty activities for all the children and even a candy guess game. Following the Bunny Hop we had 217 children scrambling for eggs in our Egg Scramble event. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and we moved the event inside. We added some festive decorations and obstacles in the gym to make the event more fun!



## *COMMUNITY DAY*

Peters Township 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Day was back and at our new Rolling Hills Park! Over 160 vendors filled the roadway of Rolling Hills Park. Even with some rain showers we had a great turn out of residents and non-residents visiting the new park for the first time. Bounce houses, a rock climbing wall, trackless train and the eat'n cookie stand filled our kid's area with lots of fun. Entertainment varied from the Pittsburgh Ballet Pointe dancers, face painting, balloon art, a strolling magician, Whimsy the Bubble Fairy, a zip-line and so much more! It was a great transition over to the new park and we hope to expand it even more next year with a beer garden and utilizing more of the Great Lawn area!

## *TOUCH - A - TRUCK & FISHING DERBY*

Our summer events are always a big hit, especially when the weather is nice. Our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Touch a Truck included some new vehicles this year such as a tractor trailer, an army Humvee, garbage truck, a bomb squad truck, a helicopter and more! The helicopter is always a huge hit for everyone both young and old. With the help of the McMurray Rotary, we had a fantastic day at our Annual Fishing Derby at Peters Lake Park. The fish were biting with the first fish being caught a minute after the fire department rang their sirens. The biggest catch of the day was a 24-inch catfish! Each child received a goody bag and got to choose from our door prizes donated by amazing local businesses and organizations that the kids loved. It was a fun and successful event!



## *FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL*

An exciting and new event we added this year was our Food Truck Festival at our new Rolling Hills Park. Families enjoyed a beautiful fall day at Rolling Hills Park as nine food trucks lined up all along the Great Lawn offering a variety of different foods. In the center of the Great Lawn we had corn hole, Can Jam, Pong Toss, beach balls and hula hoops for families to play with. Music by DJ Dan could be heard throughout the park and of course the biggest hit was our bounce house. It was a fun day and an event we hope to grow for years to come!

## *HAUNTED TRAIL & TRUNK OR TREAT*

2,319 joined in our Wicked Walk through Peterswood Park for our Haunted Trail event. Demon children, cannibal prospects, zombies and twisted hillbillies are a few of the creepy things visitors ran into along the woods. Another new event we hosted this year was our Trunk- or - Treat event that got a great crowd! 46 trunks decorated in a wide variety of themes lined up along the road at Rolling Hills Park, as children dressed in their favorite Halloween costumes trick or treated from trunk to trunk. This one hour event was a big success that we hope to grow larger next year by adding additional time and children.



## *SUPERHERO NIGHT & HOLIDAY KICKOFF*

Batman, Spiderman and Captain America were in appearance at our Superhero Night! Kids enjoyed a night of fun as they got their face painted, used their superpowers in our obstacle course and met their favorite heroes. We started off the holiday season in Peters Township with our Holiday Kickoff Event! This year we held the event on a Friday night instead of the usual Sunday night and this brought in more people than we have ever had. Mr. and Mrs. Claus visited with all the good little boys and girls, festive games were run by the recreation department, the fire department and police were a big hit, crafts offered by the Library and sweet treats and hot cocoa were enjoyed by all!

## SUMMER DAY CAMP

School's out, but Summer Day Camp is in! Children from ages 4 to 11 can enjoy six separate weeks of this fun, adventurous camp. Our amazing Camp Counselors get the children involved in our weekly themes by creating games, crafts and activities we know they will enjoy. Each day is always something different and the children get to enjoy the fresh outdoors as we hold camp outside at one of our shelters in Peterswood Park, Elm Grove Park or Peters Lake. Each week we like to bring in a special guest from the surrounding area, covering a variety of topics that makes learning more fun!



## BUS TRIPS



Bus Trips are such a fun part of the Parks and Recreation Department. We plan five trips each year traveling to different towns, cities and states to see something new or that we haven't seen in a while! Our Bus Trips are such a fun way to meet new friends in the area. We started our year off by visiting Frank Lloyd Wright's famous homes; Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob. Participants enjoyed touring these beautiful landmarks. Our next trip in August was to Blennerhasset Island where we enjoyed a beautiful day touring the grounds, a ride on a sternwheeler riverboat and a horse drawn carriage ride. Lastly, in October we took a scenic train ride on the Western Maryland Railroad. We toured the Allegany Museum and the Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We love offering these fun day trips to our residents and those in surrounding areas. We hope to grow our trips even more in 2024.

## DONATIONS & SPONSORSHIPS

A lot of our events and programs here at Peters Township would not be possible without the sponsors and donors in our community and surrounding areas. We are truly lucky to have such generous businesses and organizations to help fund our events in such a way. Our Concert Series Sponsors help us afford great bands and musicians to play each Wednesday in the summer months. Our donors for special events help out however they can from monetary gifts, prizes, food, drinks, certificates and more! Any donation/sponsorship, big or small goes a long way to help better our program/event.



# AMPHITHEATER EVENTS

## *CONCERTS*

2023 brought fantastic weather for our summer concert series outdoors! From Ruff Creek, Still Surfin, The Jaggerz, Tre Lads and many many more we had a rocking time this summer with a wide variety of bands. We take pride in the large crowds we bring in each Wednesday night and look forward to hosting bands for years to come!



## *FRIDAY NIGHT FLICKS*

Movies for all age groups is what we aim for when scheduling our Friday Night Flicks. We like to bring children, teens, adults and seniors out to Peterswood Park to enjoy a Friday night! Our most popular movies are our family friendly films, where you can catch families bringing popcorn and snacks for their kids and children running around in the grass before showtime.



## *FAMILY EVENTS*

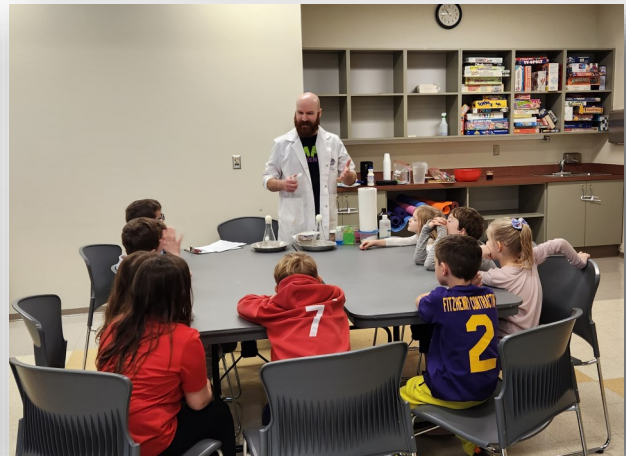
We love offering fun, interactive shows for kids and their families. This year our family events brought in large crowds and we hope to continue that in the future. This year we brought in a few new shows such as Weird Eric and Dr. Sparks. Both shows had children entertained and laughing in their seats. One of our most attended shows was the Wild World of Animals Show.



# Instructor-Based Programming

In 2023, we were able to offer a diverse list of programs to our residents with the help of experienced instructors. A total of 276 instructor-based programs were offered in 2023. As a staff we are always looking for new ideas to help grow our instructor and program list. We look forward to continuing to offer new program opportunities to the residents of Peters Township.

By working with third party companies and instructors, we are able to create new program opportunities for the township that our staff is not able to provide. These instructors and companies provide a huge bulk of the programming that we offer. Some instructors approach us with a program they wish to offer, while some instructors are recruited by the Parks and Recreation Staff. An instructor is not included in the township payroll, they are paid a percentage of the participation fees through our accounts payable system and at the end of the year are issued a W-2.



# 2023 Instructors



PROGRAM	INSTRUCTOR
Blueberry Kitchen	Nicole Sutanto
Card Group	Janet Vidina
Chess(The Knight School)	Jack Ohlinger
Crafting with Cricut	Allison Viron
Dance It Out	Ashley Wilson
Fun 4 All	Brian Bourdon
Insanity/P90X	Ann Bondi
JumpBunch Sports	Danielle Rayman
Karate	C.S.Kim Karate
Kids Club	Kristen Cataneo
Kids Yoga	Anita Dextradeur
Nutrition and Wellness	Laura Cordero
Pickleball Instruction	Michael Lechmanik
Pounds	Tara Smith
Science Preschool	Mad Science
Silversneakers	Suzie Bode
Silversneakers	Gerrie Delaney
Silversneakers	Elizabeth King
Theater Classes	Lorra Brannen
Tai Chi	Tamara Stark
Total Body Sculpting	Jennifer Alexander
Track for Kids	Victoria Kern
Yoga	Susan Volkar
Yoga Beginners/Intermediate	Terry Gustas
Yoga Mixed	Gayle Zacharia



# Volunteers

From Special Events, Senior Series, Tween Nights, Parents Night Out and everything in between, we couldn't do without our volunteers! We have established a fantastic group of volunteers that we rely on to help make our events and program successful. Our annual Fishing Derby is a very hands on event that requires measuring the fish in a timely manner. The McMurray Rotary brings a large group to help out and does a fantastic job. Our Princess Ball is a large event that requires lots of help with set-up, check-in, food runners and so much more, that we need lots of helping hands. Our volunteers allow us to increase the number of participants, provide more activities at our programs and offer more opportunities for our residents.

	# of Volunteers	# of Hours
Princess Ball	9	36
Tween & Teen Glow Egg Hunts	3	9
Bunny Hop	14	42
Egg Scramble	12	18
Morel Mushroom Hunt	1	2
Superhero Night	10	24
Community Day	12	102
Touch - a - Truck	42	84
Day Camp	4	89
Fishing Derby	12	48
Senior Luncheons	7	7
Teen Volunteer & Social	6	12
Parking Lot Bingo	25	40
Haunted Trail	92	1064
Trunk - or - Treat	145	362
Holiday Kickoff	11	27
Tween Night/Parents Night out	17	34
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>2,000</b>



# Community Recreation Center



The Community Recreation Center offers a variety of amenities including two full-size basketball courts, a 10<sup>th</sup> of a mile track located on the second floor, fitness room, an indoor and outdoor accessible concession stand, conference room, classroom, and multipurpose room with a small kitchen. Also located at the Community Recreation Center are offices for most of the Parks and Recreation Staff.

The building was host to 348 total rentals in 2023, which is 62 more rentals than in 2022. This is excellent considering our facility was closed for a month of renovations. Renters included the Peters Township School District, Peters Township Sports Associations, In-house Programming, and the general public. These rentals included the use of the gym, multipurpose room, classroom, fitness room, and conference room. The Community Recreation Center accommodated a variety of activities including birthday parties, basketball games, seasonal events, and various meetings throughout the year.

## What's New?

In August of 2023, the Community Recreation Center underwent a huge renovation project. The facility was constructed in 2004 and the age of building was becoming apparent. The floor tile was cracking and the carpet was frayed and stained. The gymnasium was also in need of a fresh coat of paint and new padding.

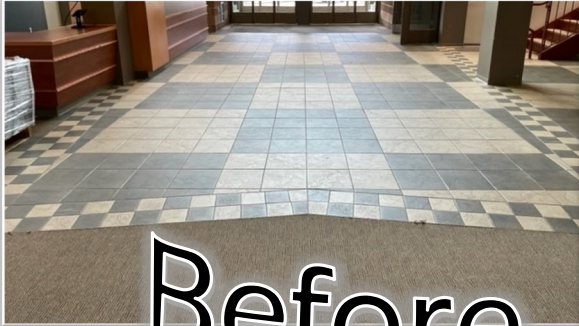
The entryways, hallways, stairway, offices, and upstairs mezzanine were all replaced with a beautiful and updated vinyl and carpet. New tile was installed in the men's, women's, and family restrooms. The gymnasium received a fresh, new coat of paint which really brightened the space. The old padding in the gymnasium and along the track was also replaced. To finish the project, we refinished the top coat of the gym and fitness room floors, which is done annually to restore and protect the wood flooring.

In order to undergo this project, the Community Recreation Center was closed for a month. For two weeks of the closure our staff worked out of the Fire Department, which was a space we were grateful to have! Although this was a challenge for staff, we continued to offer camps and programs and found a way to process facility rentals.

Please reference the following page for pictures of the renovations.



# Community Recreation Center Improvements



Before



After

Tile and carpet was replaced with new carpet and vinyl flooring at the main entrance.



The gymnasium received a fresh coat of paint. Gym mats were replaced. We finished renovations with resurfacing the gym and fitness room floors.



Before



After

Flooring was updated along the hallway of the Recreation Center, along with the offices, behind the front desk and upstairs.



Tile was removed from the stairway and replaced with a new rubberized surface.

# CRC Membership Charts

## 2023

Memberships	Online	Offline	Total	In Town Families	Out of Town Families	Total Families
Community Recreation Center Annual Family Membership	2164	2746	4910	1125	2	1127
Community Recreation Center Annual Individual Membership	54	118	172	157	10	167
Community Recreation Center Annual Senior Membership	110	403	513	343	15	358
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2328</b>	<b>3267</b>	<b>5595</b>	<b>1606</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1633</b>

## 2022

Memberships	Online	Offline	Total	In Town Families	Out of Town Families	Total Families
Community Recreation Center Annual Family Membership	1867	2853	4720	1091	4	1095
Community Recreation Center Annual Individual Membership	45	142	187	167	12	179
Community Recreation Center Annual Senior Membership	63	421	484	329	15	344
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>3416</b>	<b>5391</b>	<b>1560</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1591</b>

## 2021

Memberships	Online	Offline	Total	In Town Families	Out of Town Families	Total Families
Community Recreation Center Annual Family Membership	1437	2621	4058	934	2	936
Community Recreation Center Annual Individual Membership	38	112	150	134	9	143
Community Recreation Center Annual Senior Membership	55	340	395	266	14	280
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1530</b>	<b>3073</b>	<b>4603</b>	<b>1314</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1337</b>

# Tennis Center

In 2023, the usage numbers for Adult Clinics, Junior Development Clinics, Lessons, League Play, Tournaments and Court Time rentals have increased. The staff has done a great job of bringing players back to the facility by providing quality instructors to run multiple clinics throughout the year. Two instructors were hired this year. Junior Development numbers have increased significantly due to the additional classes offered. The addition of the Your Court Software for court booking has provided the users a way to see what is available and book court times online.

Many improvements have taken place in 2023. The electrical system repairs have allowed for better lighting, repairs have been made to the HVAC system, the Tennis Bubble was professionally cleaned in May of 2023 to make it more presentable to the public and the clay courts were resurfaced in June resulting in much improved playing conditions. Council has approved the Outdoor Court Resurfacing Project that will take place in May of 2024. This project will consist of repairing cracks, leveling the courts low areas, sealing and painting of the courts.

It is great to see growth at the Tennis Center under the direction of Mike Schuster and staff!

<b>TENNIS</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Memberships	0	0	104	0	325	314	371
Adult Clinics	994	541	0	439	1,017	1,053	1,200
Junior Development Clinics	5,410	2,850	0	0	1,065	607	986
Lessons	2,588	1,270	0	0	2,016	2,285	2,735
Match Play	128	163	0	0	116	137	0
League	182	0	0	0	27	5	0
Court Time	8,750	4,114	0	0	1,477	2,546	2,171
Tournaments	177	97	0	0	300	155	197
<b>Tennis Totals</b>	<b>18,229</b>	<b>9,035</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>6,343</b>	<b>7,102</b>	<b>7,660</b>



# Parks Maintenance

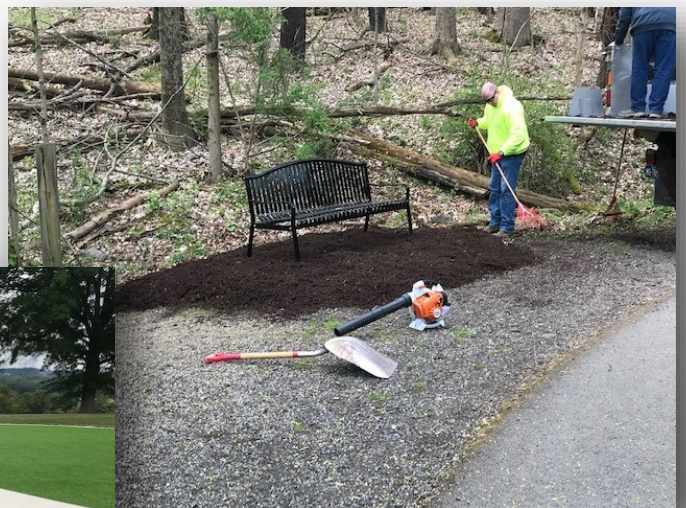
At the beginning of 2023, the crew dealt with a snow removal event where they maintained regular snow routes as well as cleared parking lots, sidewalks, the Arrowhead Trail and its access points. They performed repairs to the concrete walkways and water meter replacement at Rees Park. Tree removal and clean up was a large part of the work load in the early portion of the year.

As we moved through winter into spring, March saw the opening of seasonal restrooms and water fountains, application of fresh mulch at our landscape islands and bench sites, beginning of athletic field maintenance, construction of a deer fence around the EQB Chestnut Tree Grove at Rolling Hills and installation of amenities such as picnic tables, trash cans, benches and guardrails. Monthly playground inspections and the subsequent repairs also began this month and would continue through November. Mowing at all park facilities began in early April as well as spring landscaping at all facilities. With sports seasons beginning and shelter rentals, the weekend custodial rotation to serve pavilions, restrooms and fields began at this time. The maintenance staff cleans and stocks all restroom facilities daily and empties trash a minimum of 4 times a week throughout the summer.

As we moved into the summer, staff helped with the tennis bubble take down and began to assist with the summer concert series, food trucks and the Friday night movies that would run throughout the summer.

The fall season consisted of athletic field maintenance, leaf clean up, tennis bubble set up, construction and set up of the Haunted Trail and began to prepare for winter with the closing of seasonal restrooms and holiday display set up.

Our parks are well maintained throughout the year by a talented parks maintenance and public works staff that has the capability to do many projects in house that save dollars by not having to put certain projects out to bid.



# Parks & Recreation Board

The Peters Township Parks and Recreation Board is an advisory board created to advise and provide recommendations to Peters Township Council, in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Director, on policies and practices, promote recreation and park services, participate in initiation, review and recommending development and monitors the compliance from the sports associations. Three of the seven board members are recommended by Peters Township School Board. The intent of this method was to have involvement and input by individuals associated with the school because we work so closely with them by sharing fields, facilities and of common participants. We thank our board members for volunteering their time and effort to help make our department successful.

The Parks and Recreation Board spends a significant amount of time reviewing the documentation from our 10 youth sports associations and dealing with issues as they arise. As stated in their by-laws, they feel strongly that the purpose of its recreational sports programs is to encourage and develop in children a love for sports in a safe and positive environment, while teaching skill development, teamwork and sportsmanship. Our board works together with the sports association to make sure they are following the Youth Exemplifying Sportsmanship (Y.E.S.) initiatives and recognizing the PT Stars that exemplify these initiatives throughout their associations.

## Board Members



*From Left to Right*

**William Kinavey**  
**Ed Rafferty (Vice Chair)**  
**Martin Cumba**  
**Jeff Crummie (Chair)**  
**Sam Perlmutter**  
**K.D. Meucci**  
**Brian Geyer**

# Sports Associations

There are 10 youth sports associations that the Parks and Recreation Department works directly with. Each of those sports associations has its own board and by-laws by which they are governed. These associations are required to provide the Parks and Recreation Department documentation and follow our policies in order to utilize our fields and facilities as well as the School Districts.



In November 2023, the Parks and Recreation Director hosted a Sports Alliance meeting. We ask that each association President, Vice President and Documentation Coordinator attend the meeting or send other Board members in their place if they are unable to attend. These meetings provide an opportunity to discuss our policies and procedures and the documentation requirements to make sure we are all on the same page. It also offers networking between associations and the opportunity to share ideas as well as things that have worked or even not worked for them. This is a great time for the associations to voice concerns through an open dialog with the Parks and Recreation Staff. Our goal as the Parks and Recreation Department is to support all of our associations to help them grow and be successful.



## Peters Township Sports Associations

Youth Baseball

Youth Softball

Swimming Club

Youth Basketball

Youth Girls Lacrosse

Youth Boys Lacrosse

Junior Football

Youth Cheer

Youth Soccer

Youth Wrestling

# Participation Comparison Chart

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
<b>EXERCISE</b>							
Ballroom Dancing	0	0	0	0	10	0	21
Belly/Cardio Dancing	103	75	65	42	94	91	88
Body Sculpt	73	63	60	71	108	0	26
Cardio (multiple classes)	57	39	40	42	149	154	248
Women's Self Defense	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
Core and More/Mommy & Me	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Decorating	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Interval Training	0	0	18	23	135	48	0
Kick Boxing/Cardio Kick	0	0	0	0	0	13	13
Boxing Classes	0	0	0	0	10	5	0
Pickleball	130	94	19	51	120	16	0
Pilates (4)	0	6	0	0	0	15	28
Piyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Power Sculpt/Hardbody	0	0	0	0	0	58	10
SilverSneakers	696	540	448	206	367	214	240
Super Sculpt/Insanity	0	0	0	27	51	52	99
Tai Chi	0	0	0	0	2	23	29
Volleyball	135	128	98	44	91	98	99
Yoga (multiple classes)	291	295	211	210	386	338	353
Zumba	362	334	305	209	414	445	549
<b>Exercise Totals</b>	<b>1,847</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>1,939</b>	<b>1,572</b>	<b>1,819</b>
<b>FIFTY-FIVE +</b>							
Flu Shots	23	32	23	13	30	25	29
Fifty Five Alive (AARP Driving)	0	0	0	0	68	57	48
In-House Programming	159	127	0	0	0	0	0
Back to Basic	71	49	26	39	84	66	60
Zumba Gold	46	50	33	34	60	76	68
Luncheons	444	395	336	291	428	423	372
Senior Series	63	75	135	30	100	85	0
Trips	112	121	30	0	257	200	264
<b>Fifty-Five Totals</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>841</b>
<b>HOLIDAY EVENTS</b>							
Egg Hunt/Bunny Hop	367	297	151	0	180	204	122
Celebrate the Lake	23	30	10	0	40	100	0
Haunted Trail	2,634	2,441	1754	0	2,678	1,831	2,105
Princess Ball	221	132	71	173	173	166	161
Tree Lighting/Holiday Event	500	400	200	500	550	600	0
<b>Holiday Events Totals</b>	<b>3,745</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>2,186</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>3,621</b>	<b>2,901</b>	<b>2,388</b>

<b>INSTRUCTIONAL - YOUTH</b>							
Baking/Cooking	3	3	5	42	15	0	0
In-House Program	421	398	190	0	0	0	0
Choi Kwang Do/Karate	77	77	72	31	48	37	34
Dance Hip Hop	85	68	38	0	38	38	0
Engineering	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Fun Fitness & Sport	7	18	10	0	0	0	19
Chess	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
Science Programs	34	9	46	0	0	0	0
Speed Conditioning	13	43	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Volleyball	223	138	163	175	9	0	0
<b>Instructional Totals</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>INSTRUCTIONAL - FAMILY</b>							
In-House Program	109	49	22	0	0	0	
<b>Instructional Totals</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>INSTRUCTIONAL - ADULT</b>							
Adult Crafts/Decorating	25	85	10	26	28	0	0
Dance Classes	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Dog Obedience	0	0	0	15	33	19	31
Getting Organized	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Photography	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
Plant Based	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
In-House Program	153	65	21	0	0	0	0
Sports Monster	0	0	0	0	50	80	0
Health and Nutrition	6	10	0	0		0	0
<b>Instructional Totals</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>PRE-SCHOOL / Infant</b>							
Choi Kwang Do/Karate	98	60	46	33	43	29	63
Fun with Dance/Ballet	31	8	0	0	19	0	0
In-House Programs	252	210	188	219	170	168	95
Kids Yoga	15	12	12	0	14	0	0
Motorskills Development	12	72	0	0	2	0	0
Pre-School Play/Open Gym	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
Pre-School Sports	0	54	43	0	6	0	26
Pre-School Science	0	20	0	21	14	13	11
Tumblers Beginners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Pre-School Totals</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>195</b>
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>							
Antique Appraisal	0	0	0	26	0	0	0
Community Day	3,000	3,000	0	0	3,000	3,000	3,500
Amphitheater Events	6,170	4,165	6333	2790	3,990	2,645	3,445
Fishing Derby	82	80	54	42	119	81	70
Superhero Night	107	92	0	0	107	84	31
Movie Night	655	850	492	360	471	475	16
Touch-a-Truck	1,500	1,500	0	0	1,200	1,000	1,200
Trick-or-Treat Trail	230	246	300	300	299	302	225
<b>Special Events Totals</b>	<b>11,744</b>	<b>9,933</b>	<b>7,179</b>	<b>3,518</b>	<b>9,186</b>	<b>7,587</b>	<b>8,487</b>

<b>SUMMER CAMPS</b>							
Dance Camp (7-11 years)	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Lil Medical Camp	13	43	12	0	0	0	0
Cooking Camp	8	0	0	0	15	0	0
Day Camp	87	77	78	21	38	19	50
Fun Fitness Camp	0	19	43	0	0	0	0
Playground Pals	77	68	35	24	57	72	87
Science Camp	32	20	19	9	0	10	5
Sports Camp	0	0	58	24	0	0	50
Misc Camps (Jewelry, Art)	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chess Camp	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theater Camp	19	12	21	15	23	10	16
<b>Summer Camp Totals</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>221</b>
<b>TEENS</b>							
Teen/Tween Programs	210	101	41	55	39	77	0
<b>Teen Totals</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TENNIS</b>							
Memberships	0	0	104	0	325	314	371
Adult Clinics	994	541	0	439	1,017	1,053	1,200
Junior Development Clinics	5,410	2,850	0	0	1,065	607	986
Lessons	2,588	1,270	0	0	2,016	2,285	2,735
Match Play	128	163	0	0	116	137	0
League	0	0	0	0	27	5	0
Court Time	8,750	4,114	0	0	1,477	2,546	2,171
Tournaments	177	97	0	0	300	155	197
<b>Tennis Totals</b>	<b>18,047</b>	<b>9,035</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>6,343</b>	<b>7,102</b>	<b>7,660</b>
<b>COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER</b>							
Drop-In	24,537	25,229	18,028	17,049	12,009	13,060	13,320
Rental	32,040	24,565	18,593	17,605	28,384	26,374	23,735
<b>CRC Totals</b>	<b>43,629</b>	<b>49,794</b>	<b>36,621</b>	<b>34,654</b>	<b>40,393</b>	<b>39,434</b>	<b>37,055</b>

