



PETERS TOWNSHIP  
PARKS & RECREATION



# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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# From the Director

2025 has been a year of growth and new opportunities in the Parks and Recreation Department. Not only are our facilities being upgraded and expanded throughout the park system, our staff has done a great job of expanding program and event opportunities to our residents of all ages. As the director I feel that our residents do not have to leave the township to look for an activity or event throughout the year. We have a talented staff that works effortlessly to provide these activities and events. Increase in participation numbers throughout the year at the Tennis Center, Community Recreation Center, and Parks and Recreation Programming shows the hard work of staff.

We are approaching a time where you will see many changes throughout our park system. A lot of planning behind the scenes has taken place for the Rolling Hills Phase 2 design. Multiple projects were completed in 2025. Peterswood Ballfields 1 and 2 project, the Rolling Hills Aquatic Center Phase 1 - Splash Pad, Elm Grove Playground, and the Venetia Park Viewing Deck are all open to the public.

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 in the region.

**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 in September 2023 as the Director 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 18 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 19 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.



## Maura George—Recreation Supervisor

I joined the Peters Township Parks and Recreation team in May 2024 and am thrilled to be part of such a dynamic and welcoming community. My journey in the hospitality industry began at 15, and over the years, I’ve gained invaluable experience. Most of my career has been dedicated to the aquatics field, where I managed swim lesson and lifeguard programs and oversaw large aquatic facilities. Transitioning to Parks and Recreation has been an exciting and rewarding experience, and connecting with the residents of Peters Township has quickly become my favorite part of the role. I’m eager to contribute to the growth of our department and to help bring even more outstanding programs and opportunities to our community.



## **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 2024. Looking forward to 2025!



## **Ian Sopko—Recreation Facilities Coordinator**

I've been working as the Tennis Center's full-time attendant since August of 2021. I have now transitioned into the Recreation Facilities Coordinator position. 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 at The Tennis Center and Rolling Hills Aqua Park. In December of 2025, I have passed my certification as a Certified Playground Safety Inspector. I will be tasked with inspecting all township owned playground equipment. 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 facilities and helping to grow the use of the facility.



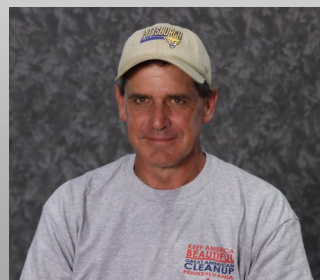
## **Patty Cavolo—Front Desk Attendant**

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

## Tennis Center



## 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 Park



### Rolling Hills (90 acres)

- 3 Shelters
- 1 Playground
- Great Lawn Area

## Old Trail Park

Old Trail (7 acres neighborhood park)

# Rolling Hills Aquatic Center Phase 1 Splash Pad

Construction of the Rolling Hills Aqua Park was completed in June of 2025. This facility is a 8,968 square foot fenced in area with two splash pads that provide a separate space for younger toddlers to play for a safer and more enjoyable experience. This area has a large shelter area, shade structures and a support building with restrooms and a party room. Maximum capacity for the wet areas will is set at 250.

We were able to open to the public for a shortened 2025 season. We opened the facility on August 4th, 2025 and were open 7 days a week until Labor Day then we opened on the weekends through September. The attendance for the short two month window was over 10,500 participants. We are excited to open for season 2 in May of 2026.



# 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. An additional \$500,000 grant that was received in the fall of 2024 that allowed us to move forward with a synthetic turf infield on Field 1. This project replaced the dugouts, backstops, press box buildings and lighting fixtures on both fields. A synthetic turf infield has been installed on both fields. Drainage issues were addressed during this project as well. This project was completed in April of 2025.



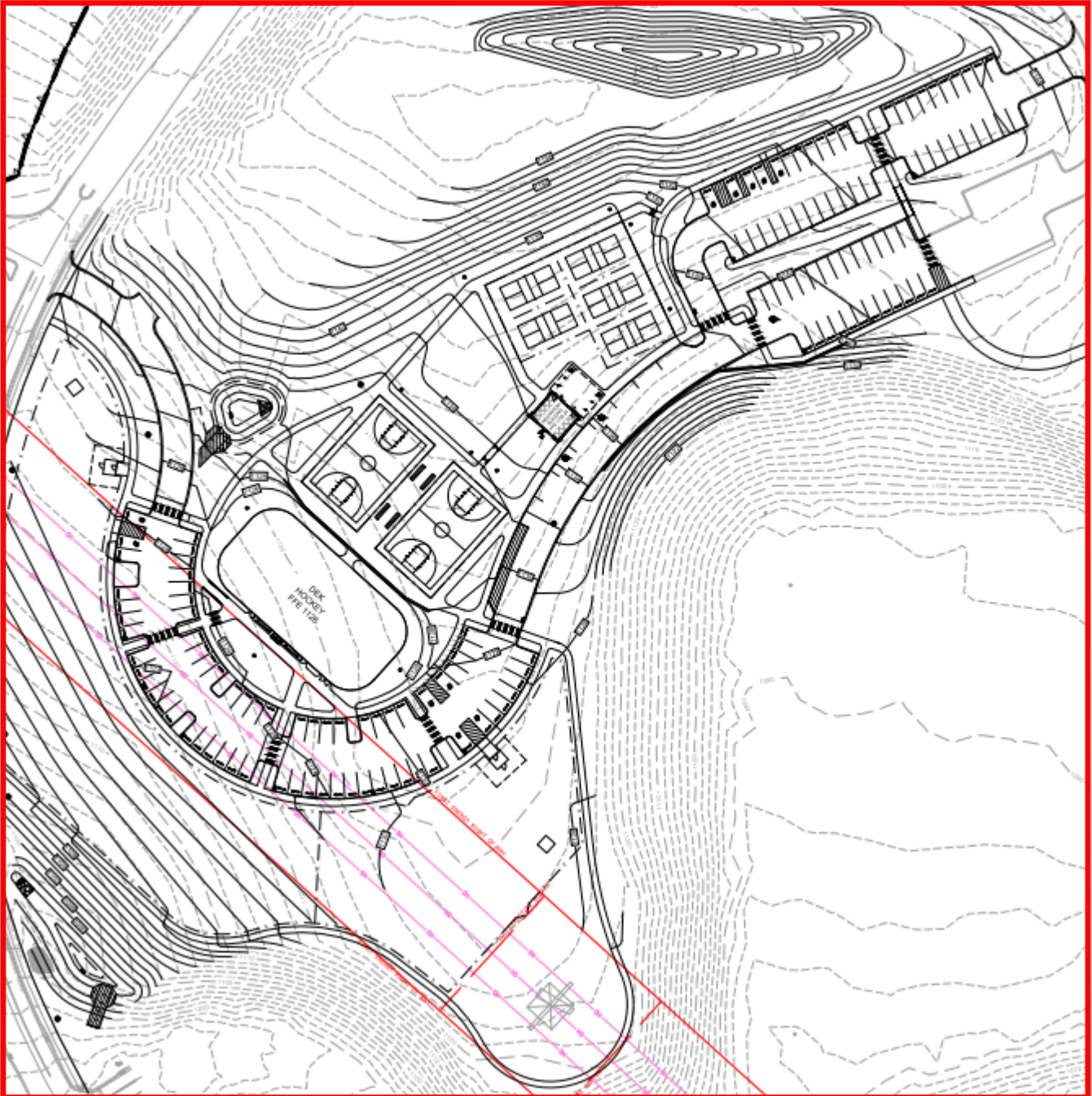
# Elm Grove Playground

Elm Grove Playground served the community for 20+ years but was at a point that the structure needed replaced due to the age and deterioration of the structure. When the new playground area was being discussed we wanted to make it an all inclusive play area where we could divide the area into a 2 to 5yr old structure and a 5 to 12yr old structure with swings added to the layout. This new layout provides a poured in place rubber surfacing and ramps so that children of all abilities can enjoy the structures.



# Rolling Hills Park Development

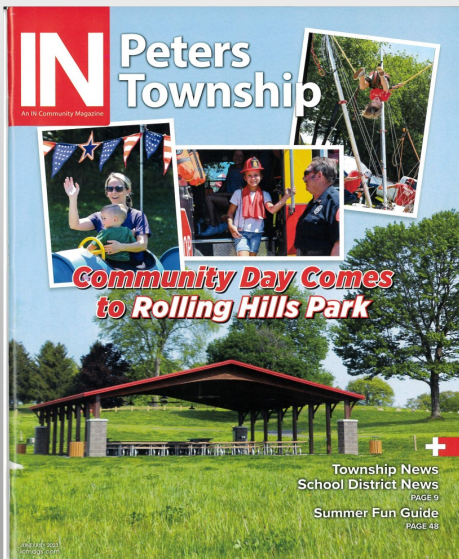
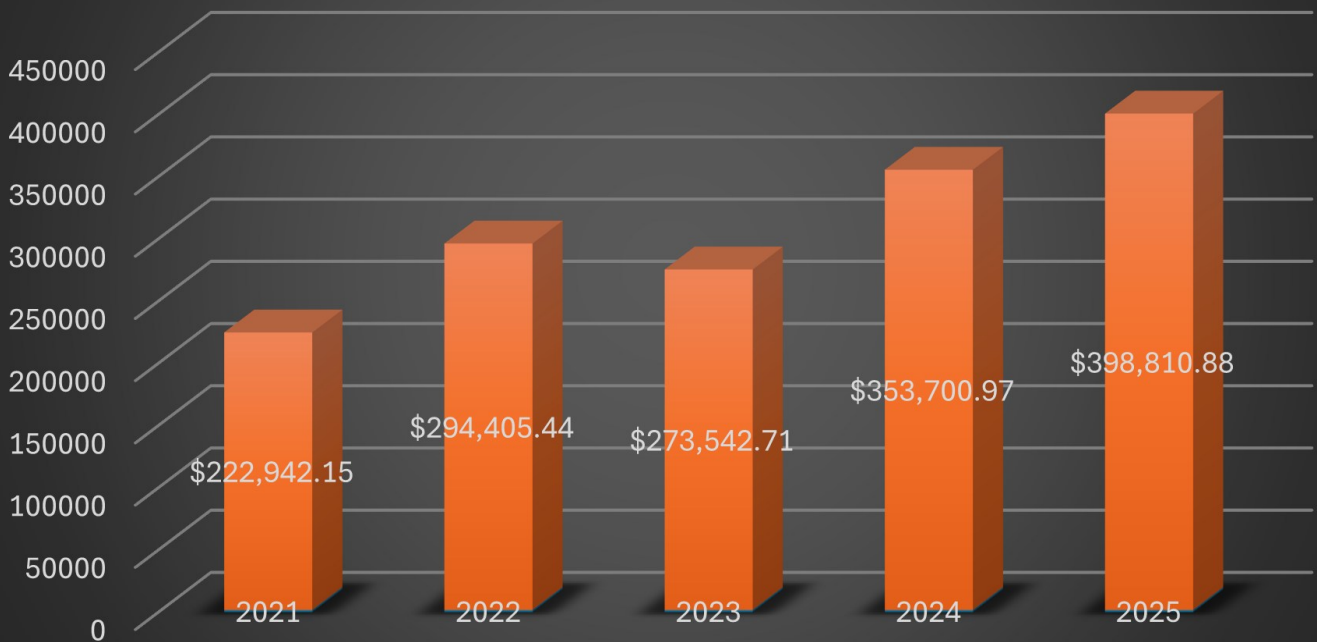
Design and layout of Rolling Hills Phase 2 is taking place. Phase 2 will consist of lighted basketball courts, lighted pickleball courts, a lighted dek hockey rink, restroom facilities, a dog park and large parking areas.



# Administration

2025 was a year of growth in the Parks and Recreation Department. We were fully staffed and able to offer more programming. 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. Revenue exceeded projections and has been the highest in the last 5 years. Staff has done a great job of growing these numbers 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 and Instagram. These are great avenues to advertise at a very low cost.

## Recreation Revenue



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# Programming

2025 was filled with many fun and exciting one-day programs for all ages. We continued to offer our most successful programs while also introducing new opportunities designed to meet the diverse needs and interests of our community. These offerings ranged from creative craft programs and fitness opportunities to volunteer initiatives and educational experiences, ensuring there was something for everyone to enjoy and participate in.



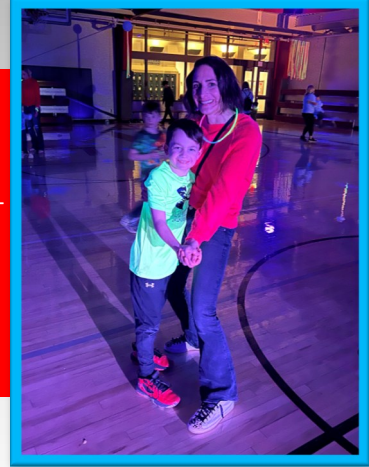
2025 brought a mix of both new and returning programming to the Recreation Center and parks throughout Peters Township, and we were thrilled to share these opportunities with our community. Our popular Family Game Nights continued to draw strong attendance, welcoming more than 150 participants of all ages to the Recreation Center for friendly competition and quality time together. Our preschool programs remained in high demand, with each class filling quickly. In addition, Tiny Tot Gym Time welcomed 297 little ones throughout the year, providing a fun and safe space to play, run, and explore. Youth and Tween programs were filled with engaging games, creative crafts, and educational experiences, and we look forward to continuing and expanding these offerings in 2026. While participation within our teen age group remained a challenge, the introduction of our Safe Sitter program proved to be a major success. This program encouraged strong teen enrollment while equipping participants with essential skills for staying home alone, providing childcare, handling emergencies, and earning CPR certification in partnership with the Peters Township Fire Department. We are excited to continue offering Safe Sitter in 2026. Adult programming also saw continued success with offerings such as Ladies Night, Crochet 101, and an Embroidery Workshop. Our Senior Lunch programs remained well attended and featured educational and entertaining speakers that were enjoyed by all. Additionally, Food Truck Fridays found a new home at the Municipal Complex this summer, resulting in increased attendance and positive feedback. Due to its success, we plan to continue hosting Food Truck Fridays at this location in 2026.



# EVENTS

## *GLOW NIGHT*

We kicked off 2025 by introducing a brand-new special event, Mother–Son Glow Night, which quickly proved to be a much-anticipated addition to our community programming. This unique event offered mothers and sons a memorable evening together in a fun, glow-themed environment. The Recreation Center was completely transformed into a glowing experience, with blacklights illuminating the gymnasium and creating an energetic, vibrant atmosphere. Boys and their mothers enjoyed a night filled with dancing, games, crafts, and meaningful time together, strengthening connections while creating lasting memories. Our inaugural Mother–Son Glow Night welcomed 176 participants, demonstrating strong community interest and enthusiasm. Due to its overwhelming success, we are excited to expand and enhance this event in 2026.



## *PRINCESS BALL*

Following our Mother Son event, we hosted our annual Father Daughter event, Princess Ball. Princesses and their father figures enjoyed an enchanted evening as the gymnasium was transformed into a fairytale setting. Our biggest Princess Ball yet welcomed even more families, with girls dressed in their sparkliest gowns dancing the night away. The evening was filled with special photo moments, a delicious dinner from Pasta Too, and cake from Heisler's to sweetly end the celebration.



## *BUNNY HOP & EGG SCRAMBLE*

Our Easter celebrations were a wonderful success with both the Bunny Hop and Egg Scramble bringing families together for seasonal fun. At the Bunny Hop, families enjoyed Easter-themed games, crafts, cookies, face painting, balloon art, and a convenient photo station with the Easter Bunny, making it easy to capture special memories. Despite chilly temperatures and the threat of rain, our Egg Scramble was a huge hit. Held for the first time at Rolling Hills Park, 128 children collected approximately 5,500 eggs in just minutes, proving that a little cold weather could not dampen the excitement .



## *COMMUNITY DAY*

Peters Township's 45th Annual Community Day at Rolling Hills Park was a fantastic celebration of community spirit. Despite a few rain showers, the event welcomed a strong crowd and featured over 190 vendors, a lively kids' area with inflatables and a rock climbing wall, and entertainment throughout the day, including face painting, balloon art, Whimsy the Bubble Fairy, and a pirate ship ride. We look forward to continuing to grow and enhance this event in the years to come.

## MARKET IN THE PARK

We were thrilled to introduce our very first **Market in the Park** during the 2025 season at Peterswood Park. Held on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, the market showcased a wonderful variety of homegrown produce, homemade goods, and hand-crafted items for the entire community to enjoy. The market was thoughtfully paired with our Concert in the Park series, giving families the opportunity to shop, socialize, and then stay for live music each evening. Every Wednesday also featured unique entertainment or special guests, including local musicians, a Kids Market, library-led crafts, Pops with Cops, and many other engaging activities. We are excited to continue growing Market in the Park and look forward to expanding it into an even bigger and better community tradition for years to come.



## TOUCH-A-TRUCK & FISHING DERBY

Our summer brought great weather for our Touch a Truck and Fishing Derby events! In July we hosted our Touch a Truck in Peterswood Park. We had a great turn out and had a lot of different trucks, equipment, and even a helicopter visit! In August, we hosted our Fishing Derby at Peters Lake Park with 75 kids signed up and eager to catch some fish. One child caught a total of 18 fish! With the help of the McMurray Rotary the event was a big success with every child winning a door prize to take home!

## FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

We wrapped up the summer with our **3rd Annual Food Truck Festival** at Rolling Hills Park on a beautifully sunny day. Guests enjoyed a wide variety of food options, sweet treats, live music by Ryan Caldwell, yard games, face painting, and family-friendly activities, with Mondy's Brewing on site for the 21+ crowd.



## HAUNTED TRAIL & TRUNK OR TREAT

We celebrated the 25th anniversary of our Haunted Trail with a fun SCARE Fair theme. With beautiful weather, 2,525 guests enjoyed spooky thrills and fair-inspired scenes, including a mirror maze, carnival games, axe throwing, a concession stand, and a freak show. We wrapped up our fall season with Trunk or Treat at Rolling Hills Park, where 37 local businesses helped create a festive experience for 323 children, all dressed in their best Halloween costumes.



## SUPERHERO NIGHT & HOLIDAY KICKOFF

In November, we hosted our Superhero Night, where families enjoyed a fun-filled evening featuring a popular obstacle course, interactive games with the Police and Fire Departments, crafts, and a 360 photo booth. Special appearances by Captain America, Wonder Woman, and Spider-Man made the night especially memorable for children and families alike. We ended the 2025 event season with our Annual Holiday Kickoff, welcoming our largest crowd to date with an estimated 600 attendees. Families enjoyed a festive evening of holiday games, crafts, cookies, and hot cocoa, with interactive activities hosted by the Fire, Police, and Parks Departments. Santa greeted children throughout the night, while additional crafts and ornament decorating provided by the Peters Township Library helped create a joyful start to the holiday season.



## BUS TRIPS

Bus Trips continue to be a favorite and highly anticipated offering of the Parks and Recreation Department. In 2025, we proudly offered four engaging day trips, traveling to a variety of towns, cities, and regions to experience new destinations and revisit beloved favorites. Participants enjoyed the relaxed, social atmosphere of traveling together, making these trips a wonderful opportunity to connect with neighbors and meet new friends. Our season included Simply Sweet, a visit to Sugarcreek, Ohio and Amish Country; a Cleveland Tour featuring the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Lake View Cemetery, and West Side Market; The Journey, a meaningful pilgrimage highlighting local religious and historical sites; and Boxcar Escapades, a scenic rail adventure to Altoona, Pennsylvania. We are proud to offer these enriching and enjoyable bus trips to our residents and those in surrounding communities and look forward to continuing this tradition in the years ahead.



## DONATIONS & SPONSORSHIPS

Many of the events and programs offered through Peters Township Parks and Recreation would not be possible without the generous support of sponsors and donors from our community and surrounding areas. We are truly fortunate to partner with such committed businesses and organizations that help make our programming possible. Our Concert Series sponsors play a vital role in allowing us to feature high-quality bands and musicians each Wednesday throughout the summer, while donors supporting our special events contribute in a variety of meaningful ways, including monetary donations, prizes, food, beverages, gift certificates, and more. Every sponsorship and donation, no matter the size, makes a lasting impact and helps us continue to enhance the quality of our programs and events for the community.

### 2025 SUMMER AMPHITHEATER EVENTS SPONSORSHIPS

#### SERIES SPONSORS



#### EVENT SPONSORS



#### SUPPORTING SPONSORS



#### FRIEND SPONSORS



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

# AMPHITHEATER EVENTS

## CONCERTS

Each year we strive to bring the best bands in the region to our outdoor amphitheater in Peterswood Park. We often have people tell us "This is the best year yet!" Well this year we have to agree... 2025 will be hard to beat! Due to stormy weather, we unfortunately had to cancel The Delaneys without rescheduling, but plan to bring them back in 2026! We had approximately 6,810 people attend our concerts this year!

## FRIDAY NIGHT FLICKS

This year at our Friday Night Flicks, we offered 4 family-friendly movies, which included: Moana 2, Inside Out 2, The Wild Robot, and Beetlejuice Beetlejuice. This year we added additional activities to our movies, and even had "Moana" visit and teach the kids how to hula! The library also visited and provided activities at The Wild Robot. We also offered free popcorn at each event, which the kids loved!



**PETERSWOOD PARK AMPHITHEATER**

### 2025 SUMMER CONCERTS & EVENTS

FREE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONCERTS WITH FOOD TRUCKS BEGINNING AT 7PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED  
BEER AND WINE PERMITTED AT CONCERTS ONLY  
EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

<b>JUNE 25</b>	<b>KEY OF G LIVE!</b> TRIBUTE TO GARTH BROOKS
<b>JULY 2</b>	<b>THE INTRANSIT BAND</b> VARIETY
<b>JULY 9</b>	<b>THE SUNS OF BEACHES BAND</b> A TRIBUTE TO JIMMY BUFFETT
<b>JULY 16</b>	<b>PURE GOLD</b> OLDIES
<b>JULY 23</b>	<b>SCOTT, ROB, &amp; GREG OF THE CLARKS</b>
<b>JULY 30</b>	<b>MY OWN WORST 90'S BAND</b>
<b>AUG 6</b>	<b>CHANGE OF HEART</b> A TOM PETTY TRIBUTE BAND
<b>AUG 13</b>	<b>THE DELANEYS</b> VARIETY
<b>AUG 20</b>	<b>COME TOGETHER @ 6PM</b> A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES
<b>AUG 27</b>	<b>THE PITTSBURGH DOO WOP BIG BAND @ 6PM</b>

### SPECIAL EVENTS

<b>JUNE 11</b>	<b>PITTSBURGH PUPPET WORKS @ 6:30 PM</b>
<b>JUNE 13</b>	<b>MOANA 2 (MOVIE)</b>
<b>JUNE 18</b>	<b>SHOWS BY CRICKETT @ 6:30 PM</b>
<b>JULY 18</b>	<b>INSIDE OUT 2 (MOVIE)</b>
<b>AUG 8</b>	<b>THE WILD ROBOT (MOVIE)</b>
<b>SEPT 3</b>	<b>WILD WORLD OF ANIMALS @ 6:30 PM</b>
<b>OCT 10</b>	<b>BETLEJUICE BEETLEJUICE (MOVIE)</b>

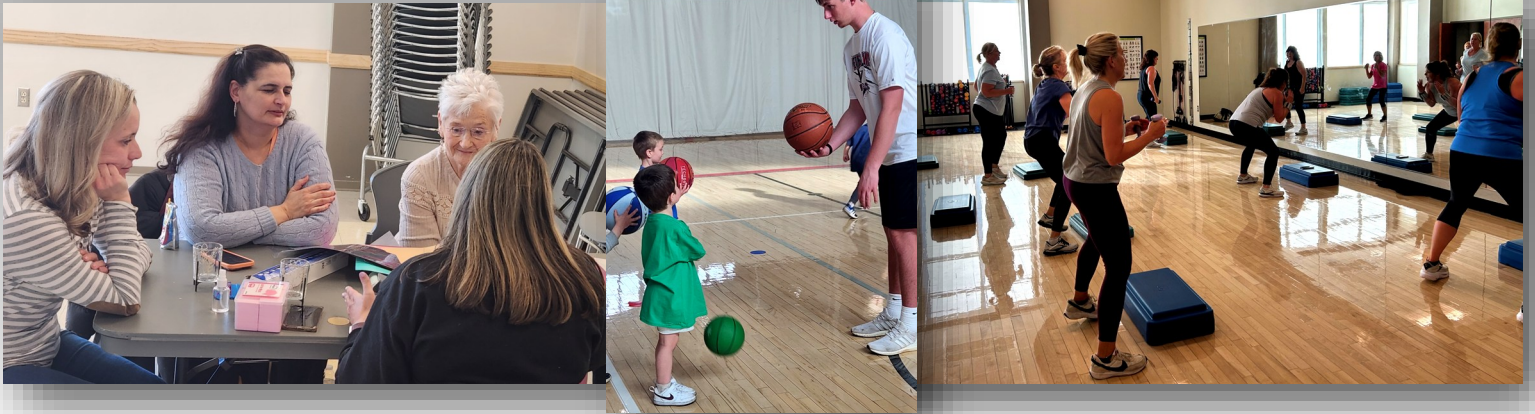
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## FAMILY EVENTS

We love offering fun, interactive shows for kids and their families. This year featured Pittsburgh Puppet Works, Shows by Crickett, and back by popular demand: The Wild World of Animals! We entertained close to 1,000 people between these 3 events!

**We received \$20,500 in Amphitheater Event sponsorships in 2025!**

# Instructor-Based Programming



With the help of our third-party instructors and companies, our department is able to provide a vast amount of class opportunities to our community. These programs reach beyond what we are able to provide as a staff and greatly support our efforts to provide quality recreational activities in our community.

## Instructor-based classes in 2025 included activities such as:

- Dance
- Sport Skills
- Karate
- Science
- Kids Cooking
- Jui-Jitsu
- Volleyball
- Chess
- Cardio & Strength Training
- Pickleball Open Play & Skills
- Yoga
- Kickboxing
- Zumba
- Arts & Crafts
- Card Club
- SilverSneakers
- Day Camps
- Run Club

The Parks and Recreation Department actively pursues opportunities to broaden its programs and instructional offerings. Potential instructors may submit proposals for classes they are interested in teaching, or they may be recruited by department staff. All instructors must provide required credentials, complete a contractual agreement, and submit a W-9 form. Instructors operate as independent contractors and are compensated based on a percentage of the fees collected from class enrollment, rather than through township payroll.

Our department is dedicated to delivering engaging, high-quality recreational programs for the community. We continuously evaluate industry trends, seek out new instructional talent, and expand program variety to ensure residents have access to diverse and evolving recreational opportunities.



## Instructor Spotlight: Erin Graybill



Erin Graybill has been our youth volleyball instructor for many years. She not only has an impressive background in volleyball, but through Erin's teaching techniques and fun personality, she has established quite the following. Volleyball is making a comeback, and we continue to see a demand for the sport in our facility.

# 2025 INSTRUCTORS



PROGRAM	INSTRUCTOR
20/20/20	Hillary Echard
Adult Volleyball	No Instructor
Blueberry's Kitchen	Nicole Sutanto
Bollywood Dance	Geeta Shirvalker
Card Group	Janet Vidina (coordinator)
Card Making & Scrapbooking	Judy Melani Kirtley
Cardio Kickboxing/Mommy & Me	Stephanie Leichty
Chess/Creative Writing	Jack Ohlinger/Knight School
Crafting with Cricut	Allison Viron
Dance Explorations	Janet Hays & Co.
Dance It Out	Ashley Wilson
Floral Design Workshops	Patty O'Rose Designs
Guitar Classes	Brannon Lyons
Insanity/P90X	Ann Bondi
Iron Flow	Sarah Potter
JumpBunch Sports	Danielle Rayman
JumpStart Sports	Tyal Prince
Karate	C.S.Kim Karate
Mad Science	William Cody
Medical-Based Programs Youth	Little Medical School
Nature Explorers	Janet Bucey
Parent/Infant Motor Classes	Justabout Pediatric Therapy
Pickleball Instruction	Michael Lechmanik
Running Club	Tylyne Dunkovich
SAT Prep Workshop	Huntington Learning Center
SilverSneakers	Elizabeth King
SilverSneakers	Joan Fazio
Speed & Agility	Dion Weigand
Theater Classes	Lorra Brannen
Total Body Sculpting	Jennifer Alexander
Yoga	Susan Volkar
Yoga Outdoors	Caroline Knight
Yoga Beginners/Intermediate	Terry Gustas
Yoga Mixed Level	Gayle Zacharia
Youth Exercise	Amazing Athletes
Youth Hip Hop Dance	Bam Choreography
Youth Volleyball	Erin Graybill
Zumba	Debbie Colditz
Zumba Gold	Gail Witenske

# Volunteers

From Special Events, the Senior Series, Tween Nights, Parents Night Out, and everything in between, including our new Mother–Son Glow Night, we truly could not succeed without our volunteers. We are fortunate to have established a dedicated and reliable group of volunteers who play a vital role in making our events and programs successful. Our annual Fishing Derby is a hands-on event that requires timely fish measuring, and the McMurray Rotary consistently brings a large group of volunteers who do a fantastic job assisting throughout the day. Events such as our Princess Ball and Mother–Son Glow Night are large-scale programs that require extensive support, including set-up, check-in, food runners, and much more, making extra helping hands essential. Because of our volunteers, we are able to increase participation, offer additional activities, and provide more meaningful and engaging opportunities for our residents.

	# of Volunteers	# of Hours
Princess Ball	9	45
Glow Night	4	12
Tween & Teen Glow Egg Hunts	3	9
Bunny Hop	11	33
Egg Scramble	3	3
Superhero Night	6	15
Community Day	12	102
Touch - a - Truck	24	48
Fishing Derby	8	32
Senior Luncheons	7	7
Parking Lot Bingo	25	40
Haunted Trail	45	522
Trunk - or - Treat	98	343
Holiday Kickoff	8	20
Tween Night/Parents Night out	3	9
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>1,240</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.

In 2025, we estimate the total number of people utilizing the building through rentals to be 57,950, compared to 45,303 people in 2024. That is an increase of almost 28%! Renters included the Peters Township School District, Peters Township Sports Associations, In-house Programming, and the general public. These rentals include 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.

## Let's Party!

The Peters Township Community Recreation Center is the perfect rental space for almost any gathering, including birthday parties, baby showers, meetings, practices and more! Rented spaces include the multipurpose room, classroom, gymnasiums, fitness room, and conference room.

Birthday Party Packages are a popular choice and offer room and gymnasium use with pizza. Our staff orders the pizza in advance and Mm Mm Pizza provides the delivery. Party packages provide our residents an affordable, fun option for their birthday party celebrations with the ability to bring in whatever food, beverages and entertainment they choose.



# CRC Membership Charts

## 2025

Memberships	Online	Offline	Total	In Town Families	Out of Town Families	Total Families
Community Recreation Center Annual Family Membership	2872	3139	6011	1342	13	1355
Community Recreation Center Annual Individual Membership	66	121	187	171	6	177
Community Recreation Center Annual Senior Membership	160	492	652	425	32	457
Individual Community Recreation Center Membership "Fit On"	0	47	47	9	25	34
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,098</b>	<b>3,799</b>	<b>6,897</b>	<b>1,926</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>2,001</b>

## 2024

Memberships	Online	Offline	Total	In Town Families	Out of Town Families	Total Families
Community Recreation Center Annual Family Membership	2,644	2,984	5,628	1,285	9	1,294
Community Recreation Center	61	105	166	151	11	162
Community Recreation Center	137	424	561	370	20	390
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,842</b>	<b>3,513</b>	<b>6,355</b>	<b>1,786</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1,826</b>

## 2023

Memberships	Online	Offline	Total	In Town Families	Out of Town Families	Total Families
Community Recreation Center Annual Family Membership	2,164	2,746	4,910	1,125	2	1,127
Community Recreation Center	54	118	172	157	10	167
Community Recreation Center	110	403	513	343	15	358
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,328</b>	<b>3,267</b>	<b>5,595</b>	<b>1,606</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1,633</b>

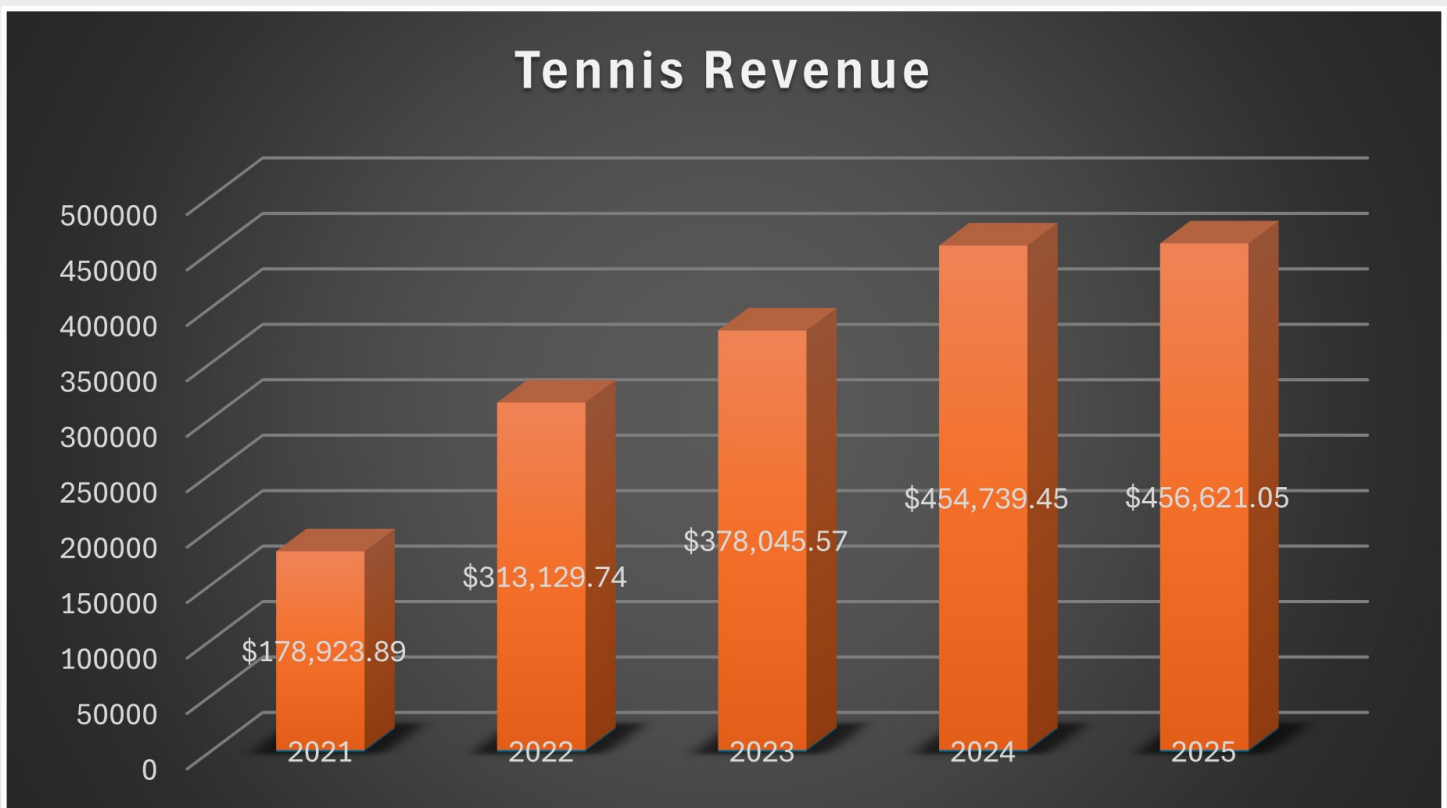
## 2022

Memberships	Online	Offline	Total	In Town Families	Out of Town Families	Total Families
Community Recreation Center Annual Family Membership	1,867	2,853	4,720	1,091	4	1,095
Community Recreation Center	45	142	187	167	12	179
Community Recreation Center	63	421	484	329	15	344
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,975</b>	<b>3,416</b>	<b>5,391</b>	<b>1,560</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1,591</b>

# Tennis Center

In 2025, overall usage numbers and revenue for the Tennis Center has increased. A couple more instructors were hired this year, helping to significantly expand our Junior Development Program. Several new programs were offered including Cardio Tennis, a new Senior League, as well as more weekend classes. Online court reservations continue to grow, especially increased pickleball play during the outdoor season. Tennis and Pickleball Fun Day was a big success, and we will be expanding the event next year as we continue to look for new ways to attract players to our Tennis Center.

Our players are thrilled to play on the new hard courts. The clay courts also received annual maintenance in May 2024, allowing us to offer some of the best clay court playing conditions in the area. Additional electrical repairs and patching were made to the tennis bubble, as well as improvements to the tennis center building, making for a more professional presentation when patrons enter.



# Participation Comparison Chart

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER</b>					
Programming/Class Participation	19,390	21,715	19,319	17,289	12,608
Rentals	57,951	45,303	32,040	24,565	18,593
Track	17,407	15,305	12,948	13,105	11,106
Drop-Ins	15,224	14,673	11,589	12,124	6,922
<b>SHELTER RENTALS</b>					
	338	361	—	—	—
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>					
Community Day	4,000	3,000	3,000	3,200	—
Amphitheater Events	7,285	3,830	6,170	5,090	21,068
Movies in the Park	550	495	655	980	512
Market in the Park	1,450	—	—	—	—
Touch a Truck	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	—
Fishing Derby	80	75	80	80	54
Haunted Trail	2,525	2,545	2,319	2,441	1,754
Trick or Treat Trail/Trunk or Treat	475	486	230	350	197
Tree Lighting/Holiday Kickoff	600	500	550	400	220
Princess Ball	333	286	221	132	62
Egg Scramble	181	232	217	210	153
Bunny Hop	153	119	150	89	—
Mother/Son Glow Night	176	—	—	—	—
<b>SUMMER DAY CAMPS</b>					
	194	324	220	292	227
<b>SENIOR LUNCHEONS/PICNICS</b>					
	358	454	496	397	779
<b>TENNIS</b>					
Lessons	2,520	2,914	2,588	1,270	—
Adult Clinics	742	1,071	994	541	—
Junior Development	7,141	7,125	5,410	2,850	—
Match Play	380	153	128	163	—
Court Time	7,890	8,498	8,750	4,115	—
Tournaments	230	191	177	97	—

# 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.



Each year the Parks and Recreation Director hosts 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

# SPORTS ASSOCIATION PARTICIPATION

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>SOCCER</b>					
Spring Rec	1,068	973	998	990	799
Fall Rec	722	795	829	804	820
Travel	621	710	765	688	633
<b>BASEBALL</b>					
Spring Rec	591	580	582	508	467
Fall Rec	333	341	434	518	316
Travel	245	255	298	0	166
<b>SOFTBALL</b>					
Spring	215	180	180	211	0
Fall	193	176	131	113	120
<b>SWIM CLUB</b>					
Fall	142	125	132	85	111
<b>FOOTBALL</b>					
Fall	120	137	144	150	116
<b>CHEERLEADING</b>					
Fall	168	139	168	148	110
<b>BOYS LACROSSE</b>					
Spring	128	130	121	116	97
<b>GIRLS LACROSSE</b>					
Spring	100	101	118	86	84
<b>BASKETBALL</b>					
Winter Rec League	1,383	1,287	1,274	1,347	928
Boys Travel	110	110	290	293	253
Girls Travel	105	103	213	211	204
<b>WRESTLING</b>					
Winter	149	142	134	121	135
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6,393</b>	<b>6,284</b>	<b>6,811</b>	<b>6,389</b>	<b>5,359</b>

# Parks Maintenance

At the beginning of 2025, the crew dealt with a couple snow removal event where they maintained regular snow routes as well as cleared parking lots, sidewalks, the Arrowhead Trail and its access points. During the winter months the parks crew works on equipment to prepare for the park open season, hazardous tree removal, parks projects that can not be completed during the open season and Community Recreation Center repairs.

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, 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 and shelter rentals beginning, 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. Below is a list of projects that were done in house:

- Venetia Park Viewing Deck Replacement
- Ventia Park Left Field Foul Line Fence Install
- Peterswood Park Field 1 Right Field Foul Line Fence Install
- Tree Planting at Rolling Hills Park, Peterswood Park, Elm Grove Park and Rees Park
- Memorial Bench Installs at Peters Lake Park
- Peterswood Park Ampitheater Parking Lot Expansion



# 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**

**Martin Cumba**

**Jeff Crummie (Chair)**

**Sam Perlmutter (Vice Chair)**

**K.D. Meucci**

**Brian Geyer**