"There are no communities that pride themselves on their quality of life, promote themselves as a desirable location for businesses to relocate, or maintain that they are environmental stewards of their natural resources, without such communities having a robust, active system of parks and recreation programs for public use and enjoyment."

- National Recreation and Park Association



### White House Parks & Recreation

**2021 Annual Report** 

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### **Department Overview**

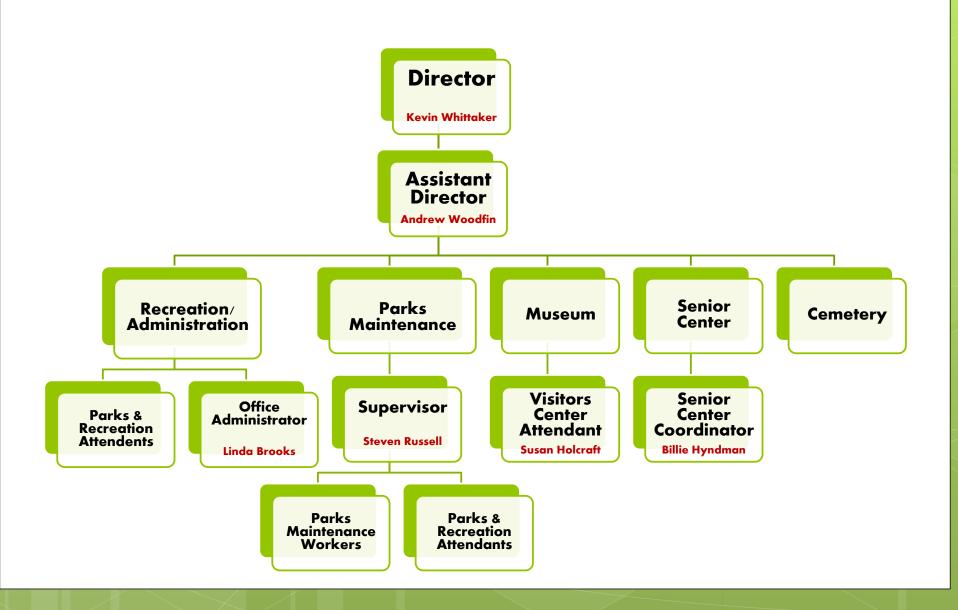
- Mission Statement: The mission of the White House Parks & Recreation Department is: To provide programs and facilities that will enrich the quality of life for our citizens and preserve it for the future.
- Vision Statement: The Vision of the White House Parks & Recreation Department is: To Improve the health and wellness for the entire community.
- This will be achieved using three criteria:
  - 1. Take care of what we have
  - 2. Plan for expansion/growth
  - 3. Accommodate for aging community needs

### **Department Overview**

- 234 Acres of Park Land
- 4 Playgrounds
- 7 Park Shelters
- 15 Recreational Sport Fields
- 1 Splash Pad
- 1 Amphitheater
- 1 Civic Center (with a Gymnasium, Auditorium & Senior Center)
- 1 City-owned & Parks Department operated Cemetery
- 22 Rec Programs Offered
- 66 Senior Programs Offered
- 7 Special Events Offered

# 82% of White House Residents rate the quality of Parks & Recreation opportunities as good or excellent

# **Department Overview**



Celebrated the City's 50 Year Anniversary





Fall Gala @ Museum



Parks Story Board



Christmas Parade

#### A Return to (Somewhat) Normal

Re-Opened Gym July 1st



Re-Opened Senior Center June 1st



Museum tours started jumping back up this year & School presentations started again







#### **Completed Interior of Maintenance Shop**

Work Included: Work bench, building for air compressor, painting, cabinets, lockers, etc.













Dog Park Improvements Cont. – w/help of \$25K grant from Boyd Foundation



#### Work Included:

- Installing new shade structure
- Installing benches
- Dressing up tunnels and other areas





# Museum Volunteers recognized with Distinguished Service Award



Recognized at March BMA meeting for their dedication in getting the museum's arrangement to match Mrs. Guill's vision.

#### Soccer Complex Renovation – Phase I



New 6<sup>th</sup> Soccer Field for Soccer Complex – includes irrigation and 4 Poles with LED lighting

Added two new poles for Field 3 with LED lighting - also converted original two poles to LED lighting -**Soccer Club** paid to take extra lighting from Field 3 and add two new poles to Field 4 to make it fully lit





Before: 5 Fields with 2 being fully lit After: 6 Fields with 5 being fully lit

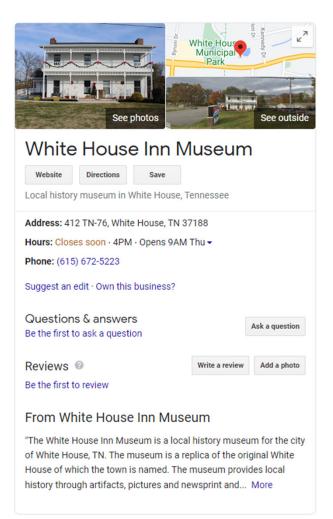
#### **Northwoods Park Sidewalk Connection**





Finished the sidewalk at Northwoods Park to make it form a loop for walkers after it was partially taken out to expand the stormwater area.

#### Google Street View for Museum



We had a company come and do a photoshoot for the Museum to add to Google Street View, so anyone who searches for the Museum on Google will have several pictures depicting what the Museum looks like and what it has to offer.

#### **Trailhead Clock Repair**

**Before** 



**After** 



**After** 



Completely refurbished 20 year old trailhead clock with new clock hands, lighting, mechanical system, fresh coat of paint, etc.

#### **Received Two Grants**

Property Conservation Grant - \$4,000



Money used to install cameras at baseball quad

LPRF Grant - \$500,000



Money will be used for Phase II of Soccer Complex Renovation

Added New Skid Loader For Maintenance Crew

Added Dog Waste Stations along Greenway



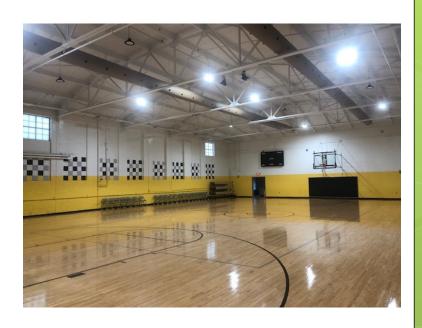


### Laser Grading Setup for ABI Force Infield Groomer



- Taken to be outfitted & trained in Indiana
- Added Laser Electronics
   Pole, Transmitter and Tripod to finish out being setup.
- Now able grade our own fields – this will allow us to take even better care of our fields

#### Gymnasium Upgrades



- New Lighting
- Acoustic Paneling
- Gym Floor re-coated

#### **Byrum Park Renovations**

Work Included: Demolishing old barn - Cleaning up area - putting down seed & straw - Took down fence along most of property

**Barn Before** 



**Barn Demolished** 



**After** 



**Fence Taken Down** 



New ADA Accessible Table added for Northwoods Park Pavilion



Cleaning up Greenway damage from storms











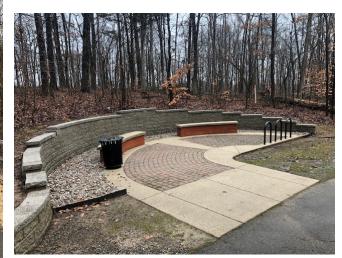


#### **Pressure Washing Multiple Facilities**

Including: Greenway Bridges, White Fencing, Pavilions, Bleachers, Yellow Fence toppers on ballfields, etc.







#### Additional Projects of Significance:

- Laser graded two baseball fields installed new base anchors, home plates and field conditioner
- Installed water eels at quad fields 2 and 3 to help with water runoff
- Changed out 22 irrigation heads at the Soccer Complex
- New landscaping at high school trailhead
- New playground mulch at park
- New swings at Northwoods Park
- Cut down trees at Municipal Park

2,053 Mowing Hours 11,300 lbs. of Fertilizer applied

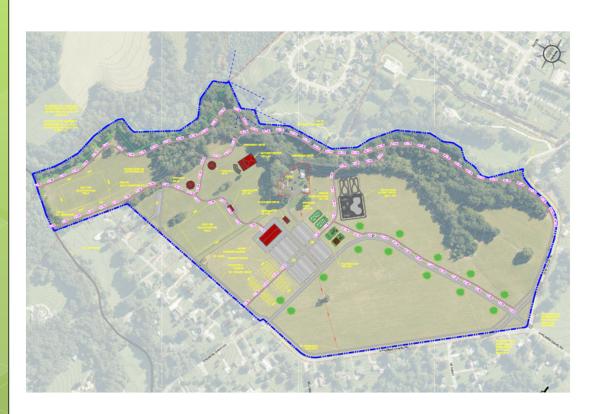
4,300 lbs. of Seed applied

Over 100 Trash
Cans located
in parks &
facilities

5 Restroom Facilities Open-Closed-Cleaned Daily

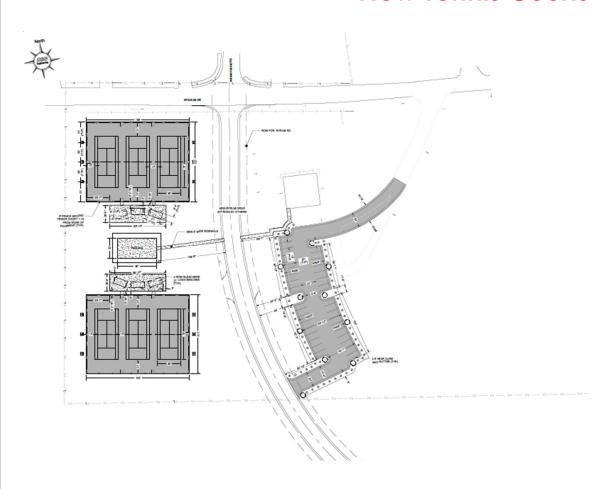
85% of White House Residents think it is Very Important or Essential to Maintain Existing Park Facilities

#### Byrum Family Park Design Master Plan



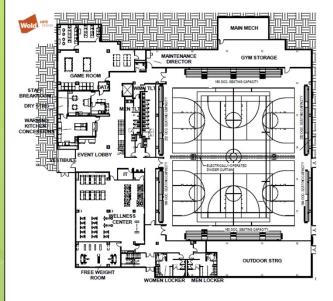
The Leisure Service Board,
working in conjunction with the
city engineer, were able to start
designing the layout of Byrum
Family Park this year. The plan
includes a trail that connects to
the Greenway and Sumner
Crossing neighborhood, Farmers
Market, Skate Park, Playground,
Nature Center, Tennis Courts,
Pickle Ball Courts, Multi-Purpose
Field(s), Basketball Courts,
Pavilions, etc.

#### **New Tennis Courts**

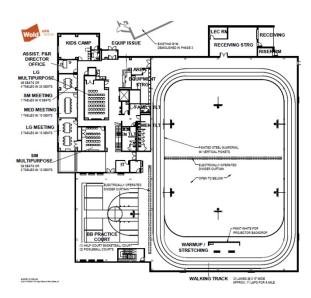


Due to plans for Indian Ridge Blvd. to be expanded through the park to connect to a new development behind Kroger, we will be taking out our current Tennis Courts and adding brand new ones. This was already needed as the Tennis Courts are deteriorating and lighting upgrades were needed. So, this will give us additional courts along with upgraded lighting and expanded parking. It should allow us to expand our tennis offerings and programming as a result.

#### **New Rec Center**



The Board of Mayor & Alderman approved a new tax rate for the 2021-22 budget year with the intention of getting several projects done, one of which was a brand new rec center. The design process has already begun and it will include a large gymnasium that can be split into two full-size basketball courts, a half court gymnasium with multipurpose flooring, a wellness center, meeting rooms, multipurpose/exercise rooms, game room, kids camp, and more.



White House residents rated the quality of recreation centers or facilities a 53%

**New Senior Program Offerings** 

Fittercise and Chair Yoga in Gym

**Strength Training Class** 





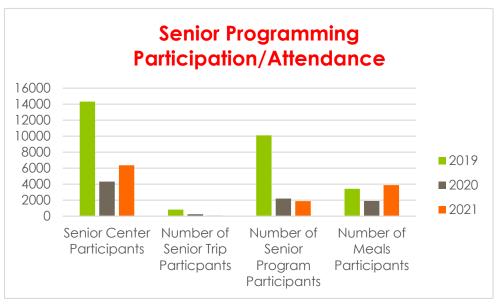
29% of our 2020 Citizen Survey respondents were aged 55 or older

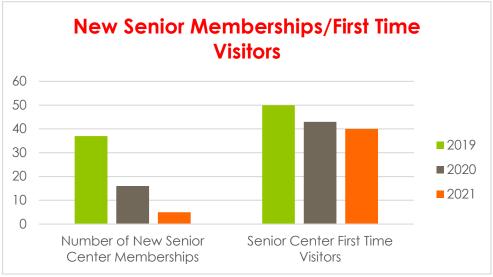
#### **New Senior Center!**

Construction continued this year on the new Community Center building that will house the new Senior Center. It should be open in Early 2022 and will provide much more space for Senior Programming and meals. This is another example of the commitment the city has to accommodating for the aging population as that age group continues to grow in our community.









# **Department Events**

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**Independence 5K** 



Safety Day Bike Parade



**Trail of Treats** 



The Gathering @ The Museum

# **Department Events**

#### **Christmas Parade**













# **Department Programming**

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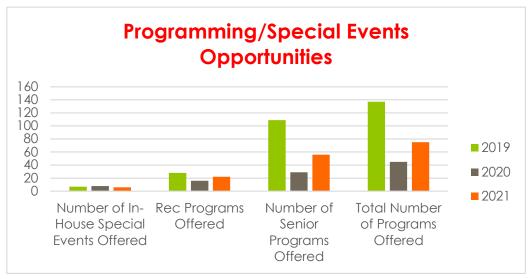
- Girls Volleyball Spring Season – 52 players
- Challenger Baseball 11 players
- Men's Basketball 10Teams
- Fall Baseball 165
   players- 15 Teams
- Girls Volleyball FallSeason 53 players
- Adult Softball Fall Season – 4 Teams
- Youth Basketball 310 players 38 Teams

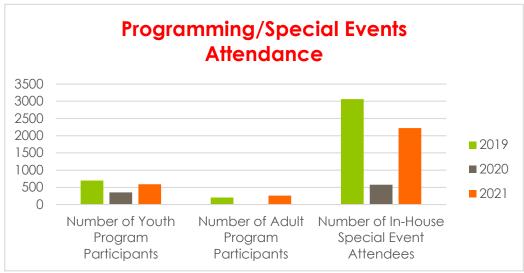




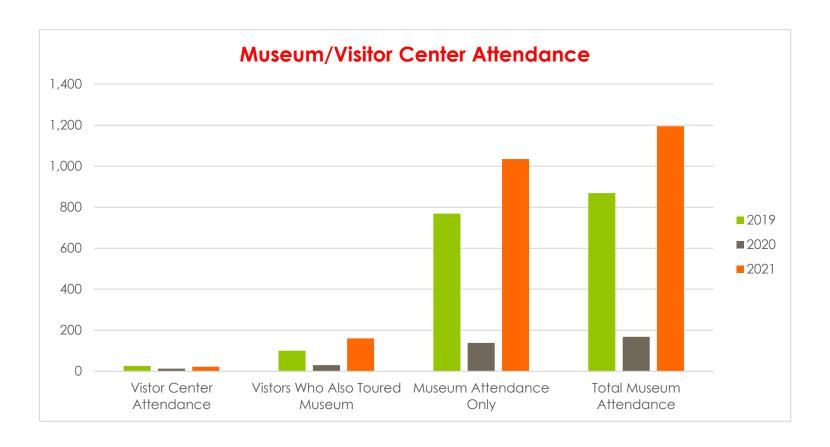


## **Department Programming**

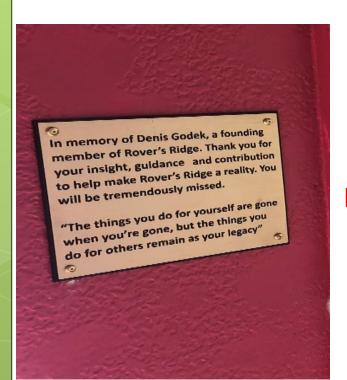




## **Department Programming**



3-Year Anniversary of Rover's Ridge Dog Park/Phase II Renovation





This was to celebrate the 3-year anniversary of the opening of the dog park and to show off the new items we added with the \$25K grant we received from the Boyd Foundation

#### **Denis Godek Tribute**

Sadly, last December we lost one of our Leisure Service Board members. During this Dog Park event, we honored his legacy with a plaque placed at the dog park. Denis was a founding member of the Dog Park committee that was instrumental in bringing a dog park to White House.





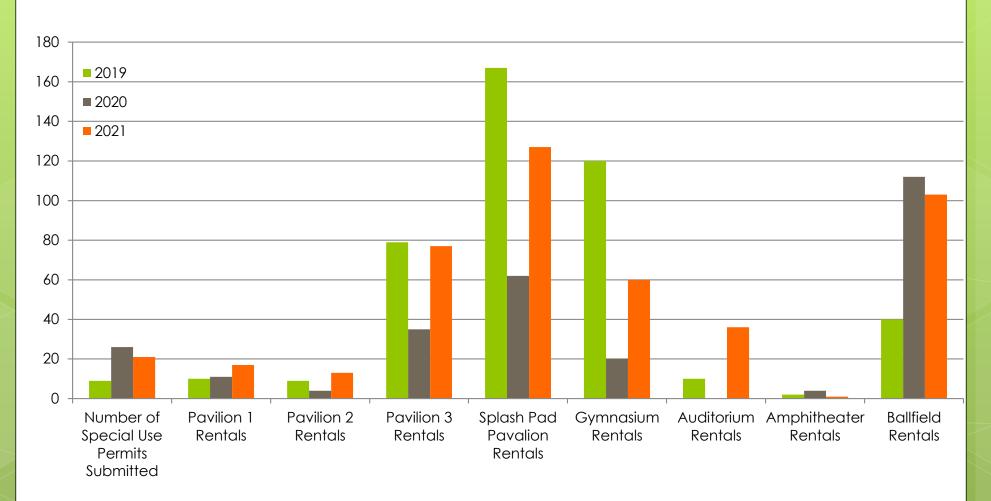


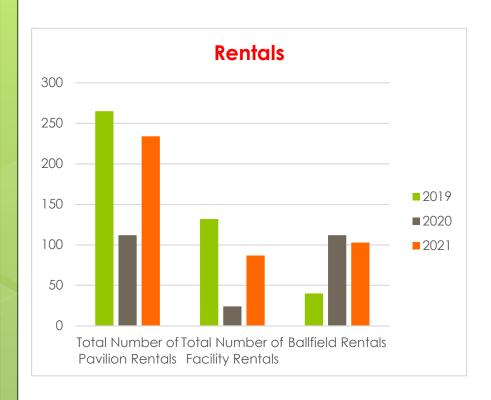
- Americana Celebration at Soccer Complex
- 10U State Baseball Tournament
- 3v3 Soccer Tournament
- Spring & Fall Classic Soccer Tournaments
- #NoFilters event held at Civic Center
- Discover White House
- Movie Under the Stars
- Fall Family Block Party
- Halloween Softball Tournament
- Dog Day at the Splash Pad

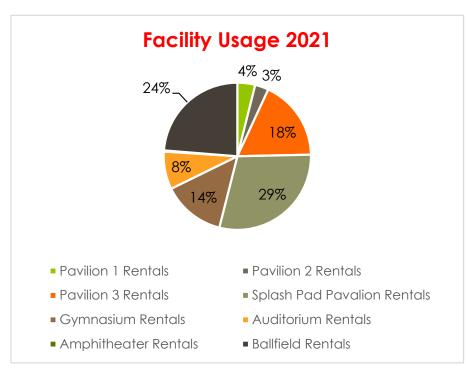






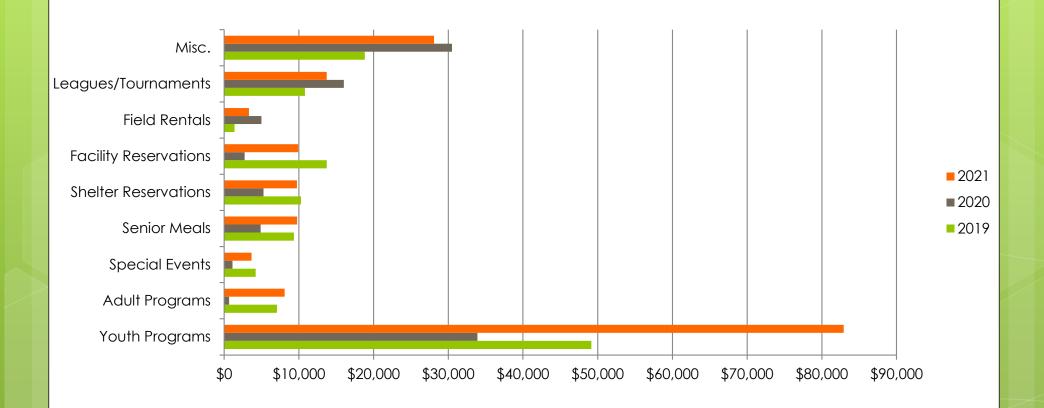






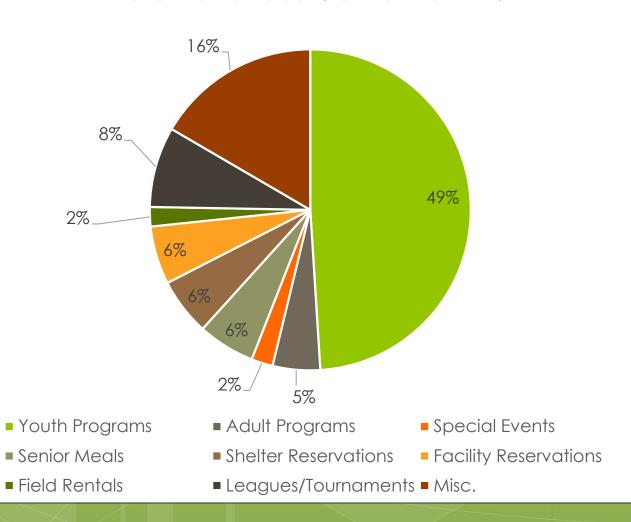
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Where Revenues Came From 2021



# Hillcrest Cemetery

## Hillcrest Cemetery

#### **New Columbarium**



We added an additional Columbarium to our cemetery this year, as the current Columbarium is over half full as cremations continue to be a popular internment option.

### **Large Monument Foundation**



We were able to install the largest monument foundation to date this year. It took quite a bit of planning and organizing to get it done but the end result was worth it.

## Hillcrest Cemetery



\$59,991.00 in Revenue (\$71,290.00 last year \$48,832.36 in 2019)

25 Lots Sold 33 Ground Burials 19
Monument Foundations

11 Columbarium Niches Sold

Columbarium Internments

### THE END



See You in 2022!