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Department Overview



2023 Annual Report- 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



2023 Annual Report- **Department Overview**



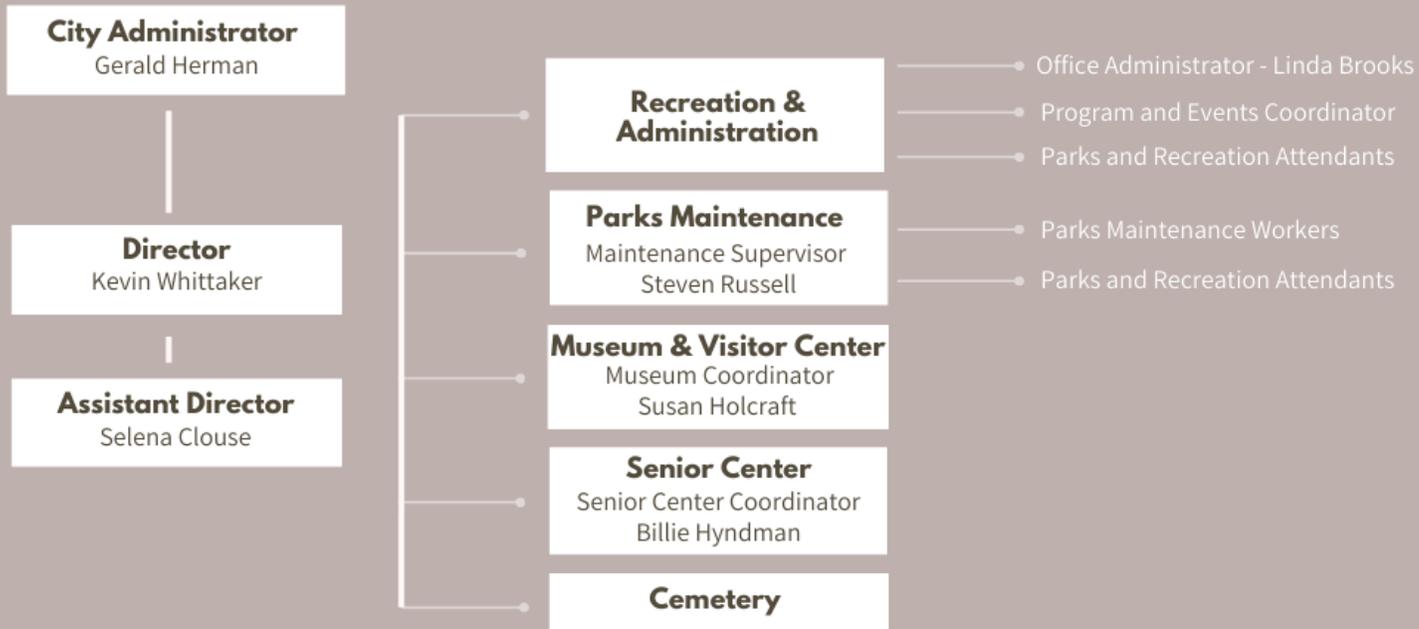
- **234 Acres of Park Land**
- **4 Playgrounds**
- **7 Park Shelters**
- **15 Recreational Sport Fields**
- **6 Tennis Courts**
- **1 Museum / Visitor Center**
- **1 Splash Pad**
- **1 Amphitheater**
- **1 Civic Center / Gymnasium**
- **1 Senior Center**
- **1 Community Room**
- **1 City-owned & Parks Department operated Cemetery**
- **21 Rec Programs Offered**
- **119 Senior Programs Offered**
- **8 Special Events Offered**





2023 Annual Report- Department Overview

Parks & Recreation Department Overview



- 20 Total Employees
- 13 Full-time staff
 - 7 Part-time staff

2023 New Hires:
 Zac Dekker
 (Program & Special Events Coord.)
 John-Hayden Trew
 (PT Parks & Rec Attendant)
 Allison Anderson
 (PT Parks & Rec Attendant)



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Significant Accomplishments



2023 Annual Report- Significant Accomplishments

Rec Center Construction Continued



It took until May to get things going in full swing because of issues with the north parking lot, but construction is in full swing now and the project is currently set to end in late 2024.



2023 Annual Report- Significant Accomplishments

New Museum Exhibits/Displays



The Museum debuted several new exhibits this year including an exhibit honoring Black History Month and the works of JT Albert.



2023 Annual Report- Significant Accomplishments

Museum Chimney Restoration



Before



After



2023 Annual Report- **Significant Accomplishments**

New Utility Vehicle



We purchased a new Utility Vehicle to help with various duties around our parks and trails.



2022 Annual Report- Significant Accomplishments

Sumner County Museum Hidden History Passport



The museum participated in Sumner County Museum's Hidden History Passports event. This was a scavenger hunt that brought in people to the Museum from all over the county which provided some great exposure to our Museum.

2023 Annual Report- Significant Accomplishments

Greenway Bridge Restoration

Before



After



As you can see, the foundation holding one of the posts on this bridge had been washed out from underneath which was causing the bridge to sink and become a potential hazard. So, we had a company fix that problem this past summer.

2023 Annual Report- Significant Accomplishments

Group Visits to Museum



The Museum continued to host group visits throughout the year including “Homies for Hendersonville” a homeschool group from Hendersonville, Robertson County Elected Officials Leadership Academy, and Robertson Leadership Class.



2023 Annual Report- Significant Accomplishments

Opened New Tennis Courts



After enduring significant damage from a wind storm in March just before we were set to do the Ribbon Cutting, we were finally able to get repairs done and officially open our Tennis Courts in October along with a dedication ceremony naming the facility after former White House High School Tennis Coach, Bill Rappuhn.

2023 Annual Report- Significant Accomplishments

New & Improved Trail of Treats



We decided to try out a new location this year for Trail of Treats. This allowed us to try out a Hayride as part of the event. We had an overwhelmingly positive response to it and plan to continue doing it for the foreseeable future.



2023 Annual Report- Significant Accomplishments

New Maintenance Building



As our department continues to grow, so does our inventory. This new building will provide much needed shelter for some expensive equipment that we previously just had sitting out in the elements.

2023 Annual Report- Significant Accomplishments

Museum School Visits

We were able to continue our school presentations this year. This year we presented to approximately 645 children across 6 schools.

Schools visited:

- Liberty Creek Elementary – specific focus on Revolutionary War
- Merrol Hyde
- H.B. Williams
- Madison Creek
- Beech Elementary
- White House High School – specific focus on the schools 100th graduating class





2022 Annual Report- Significant Accomplishments

Splash Pad Maintenance Building



We were finally able to get a building (mostly) constructed to provide shelter for our splash pad pumps, motors, and electrical equipment this year. This, along with the ongoing Rec Center construction, forced us to shut down the splash pad this year but we anticipate it opening back up next summer and will hopefully run much more smoothly as a result of us having this building.



2023 Annual Report- Significant Accomplishments

TML Award For Excellence In Parks



Our department was awarded the TML Achievement Award for Excellence in Parks & Recreation in the state of Tennessee at the 83rd Annual Conference & Expo in Nashville on July 25th.



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Taking Care of What We Have

2023 Annual Report- Taking Care of What We Have

Dog Park Drainage Project



We had a bare and washed out area near the entrance to the large dog area of the dog park. We installed some drains and put up a wood border around the area and filled in with playground mulch to help fix the issue.

2023 Annual Report- Taking Care of What We Have

Drainage Project in back of Park



We dug a drainage ditch and placed rip-rap rock inside it to help with drainage in the back of the park next to the Jr. Pro Football Field.

2023 Annual Report- Taking Care of What We Have

Quad Drainage Project



We have recently had issues in the Quad around the Field 1 dugouts with standing water. This forced people to walk through it to get to the dugouts. We installed a new drain in that area to fix the issue.

2023 Annual Report- Taking Care of What We Have

Playground Restoration



Before



We were finally able to get some issues fixed at our playground at the Municipal Park. We had to replace some mechanisms on the swing that caused it to be inoperable for a long time. We also had several spots that had worn out and we were able to get those filled in. Finally, a generous citizen painted a safety border around the swing.



After



2023 Annual Report- Taking Care of What We Have

Greenway Repairs



We fixed spots on the Greenway that have washed out next to the asphalt. We added gravel and poured concrete to help with any further damage.

We also borrowed a walk behind grinder from Public Works and smoothed out some high spots in the asphalt that were tripping hazards at the park and along Greenway



2023 Annual Report- Taking Care of What We Have

Cut up trees from wind storm



We had a bad wind storm in March that produced multiple down limbs and trees that took weeks to clean up.



2023 Annual Report- Taking Care of What We Have

Renovated Landscape Beds in Quad Parking Lot



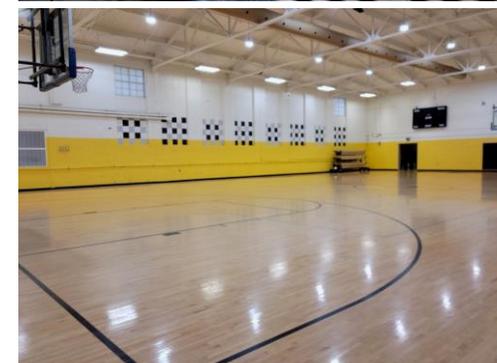
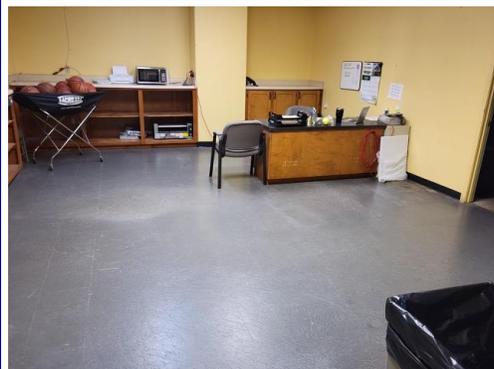
We put down landscape stone in the beds at the quad parking lot and also added a couple shrubs. We will continue to do this in our beds around our parks periodically.

2023 Annual Report- Taking Care of What We Have

Gym Maintenance

Our Civic Center gymnasium remains in use throughout the year. As a result, there is plenty of maintenance required to keep it running smoothly. These included:

- Refinishing Gym Floor
- New Water Heater
- New Storage Closet
- Cleaning/Re-arranging Concession Stand
- New tennis balls on all chairs
- Fixing leaks



2023 Annual Report- Taking Care of What We Have

New Rules & Map Signs at James K. Polk Trailhead



Our map and rules signs have gotten really worn in some spots along our Greenway, so we have begun the process of replacing them. We have also started replacing the circular Greenway logo signs that are at each trailhead. This allows us to replace it with our updated logo that adds “Arboretum.”



2023 Annual Report- Taking Care of What We Have

Painted Parking Lot Lines



All parking lots across all of our facilities were re-painted except for the splash pad



2023 Annual Report- Taking Care of What We Have

Additional Items of Significance

- Laser graded Fields 1 & 3 at Municipal Park
- Top Dressed Field 1 at Soccer, did partial top dress on fields 2, 3 & 6 at soccer & fully top-dressed Jr. Pro Football Field
- Installed new base anchors on Fields 3 & 6 at Municipal Park
- Painted floors in soccer restrooms and painted walls in splash pad restrooms
- Rented brush cutter and cleaned out from under bridges along Greenway
- Removed white fencing in James K Polk Trailhead parking lot

1,646
Mowing Hours

8,975 pounds of
fertilizer applied

3,200 pounds of rye
seed put down

Over 100 Trash
Cans located
in parks &
facilities

5 Restroom
Facilities Open-
Closed-Cleaned
Daily



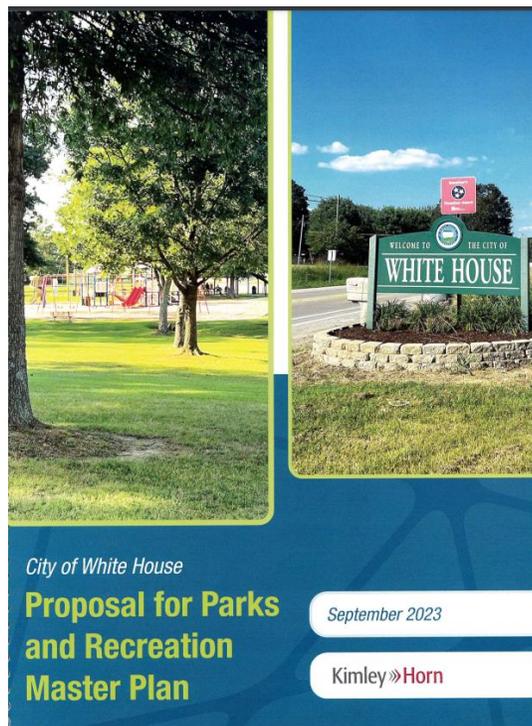
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Planning For Expansion/Growth



2023 Annual Report- Planning for Expansion/Growth

Master Plan

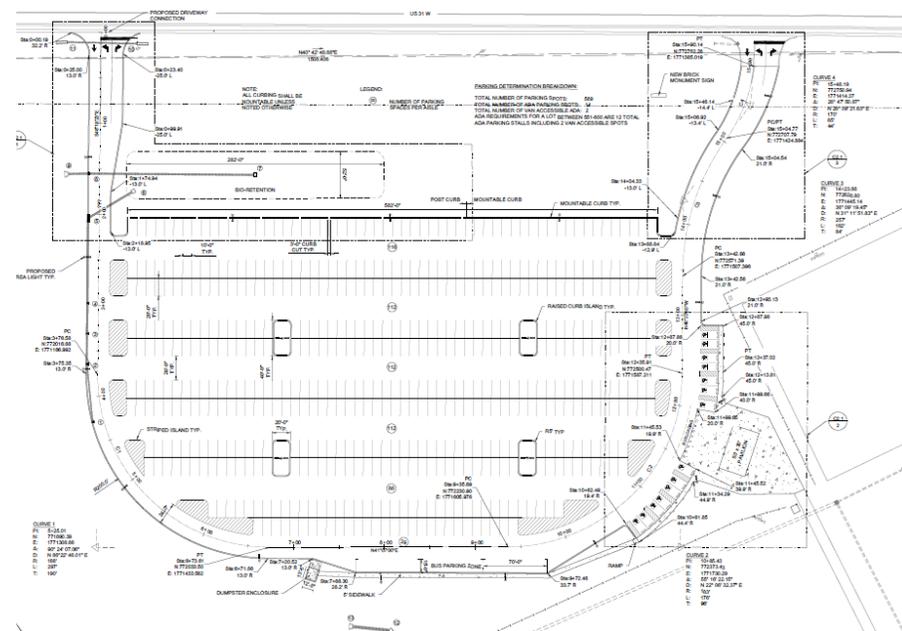


We have started the process of developing a Master Plan for our parks system. This will be a systemwide plan that will provide a roadmap for the future of our department. We have begun working with the selected firm (Kimley Horn) that will help us accomplish this. It should be complete by the end of the budget year (June 2024)

2023 Annual Report- Planning for Expansion/Growth

Soccer Complex Renovation – Phase II

After many ups and downs, we are finally ready to get this project started. This will provide us with a new parking lot, sidewalks and pavilion to the soccer complex. This should allow us to provide an adequate paved parking lot for soccer games and properly host large events at the complex for years to come.





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Accommodating for the Aging Community Needs

White House Parks & Recreation





2023 Annual Report- Accommodating for the Aging Community

Meals on Wheels



Meals on Wheels Lunch Program



Fridays: 11:30-12:00

Congregate Meal

Billy S. Hobbs Community Center
105D College St, White House
For More Information:
Call: 615.452.4022

Free for those who qualify (Ages 60+)
No Carry Out Meals Available



Registration forms can be found in the Senior Center.

Please note this is separate from the Wednesday lunches organized by White House Senior Center.



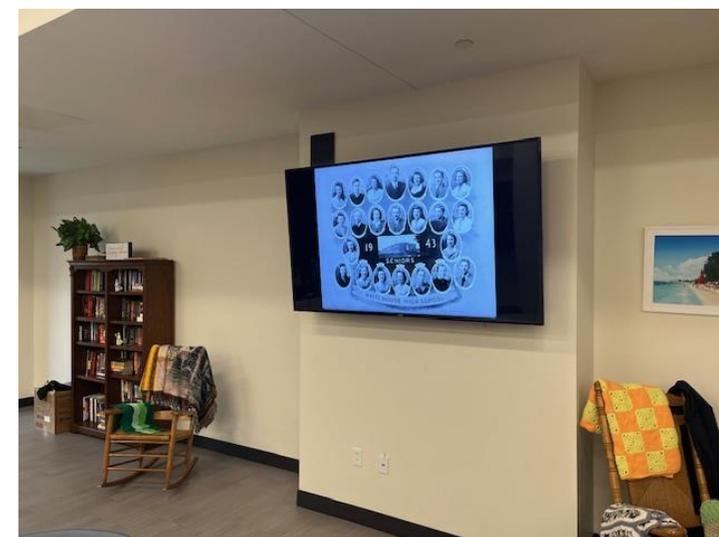
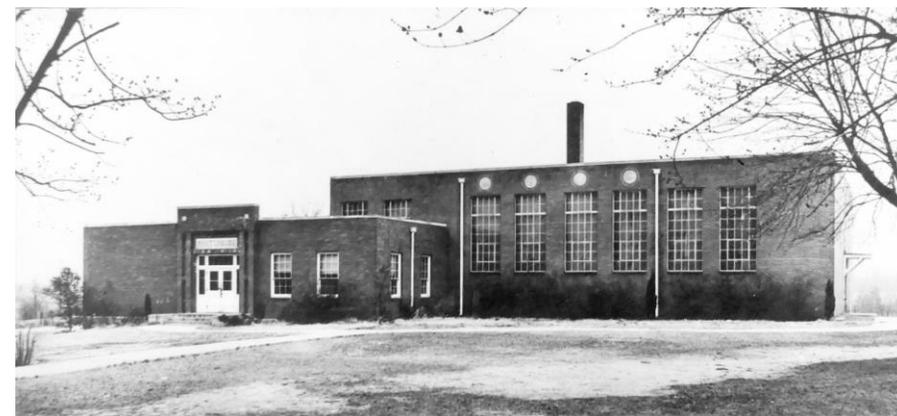
We were approached to see if we could provide a site for Meals on Wheels. We offered our Community Room as a site for that to take place. Now we are able to offer FREE meals to the public once a week.

2023 Annual Report- Accommodating for the Aging Community

WHHS Yearbook Photos in Digital Form



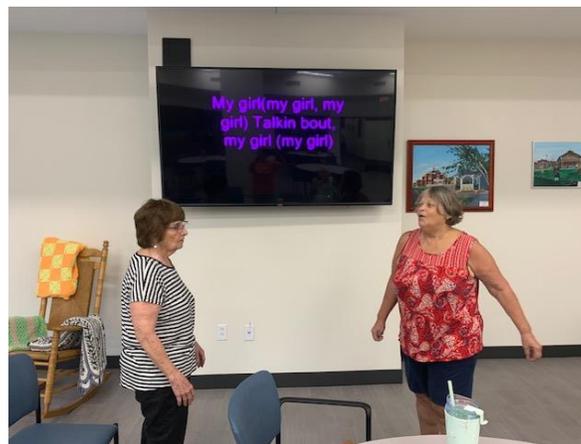
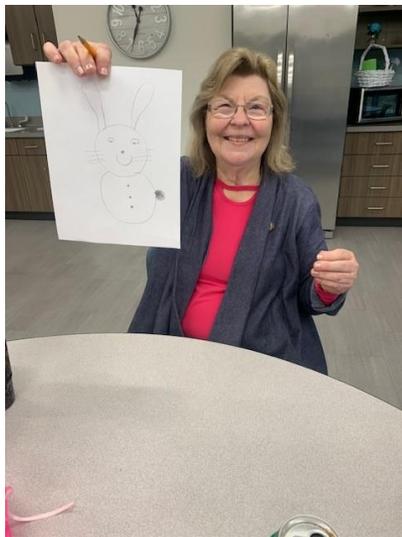
As part of the move from the old to the new Senior Center, we had to take down all of the old yearbook photos that used to be up at the former Senior Center. However, we still wanted to display them without taking up wall space. So, we had a photographer with experience doing things like that to take photos and put them in digital form so we could do a rolling display of them on the TV in the new Senior Center.





2023 Annual Report- Accommodating for the Aging Community

Fun & Games



The Senior Center has birthday parties, holiday parties, dances and offers games like Bingo, Bunco, Board games, puzzles and much more. We also offered Pickleball and Chair Volleyball along with a Pool Tournament.

2022 Annual Report- Accommodating for the Aging Community

Classes

- The Senior Center offered several classes including:
 - Exercise
 - Garden Club
 - Ballroom and Country Western Dance lessons
 - Educational classes (Medicare info. Etc.)
 - Quilting





2023 Annual Report- Accommodating for the Aging Community

Senior Trips



36 trips were offered to the Seniors this year. Trips to several restaurants, the Corvette Museum, the Movies, Lawn & Garden Show, bowling, National Weather Service, several Museums, the Mennonites, Shaker Village, Top Golf, Historic Cragfont, Jackson Orchard, Donoho Hotel, Poinsettia Farm and more were offered.

2023 Annual Report- Accommodating for the Aging Community

Senior Lunches



Each Wednesday (except for a select few) of the year the Senior Center provides a lunch in the Community Room at the new Community Center. Seniors can eat in for \$3.00 or take-home for \$3.50. Most meals include meat, vegetables, starch, desert and drink. This year, we averaged over 140 people for each meal and had over 7,000 participants this year, which is over 2,500 more than we had last year and approximately a 63% increase!



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Department Special Events





2023 Annual Report- Department Events

Egg Hunt

80 Households Participated

240 Individual Submissions





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Independence 5K- 97 Runners

Trail of Treats

29 booths – 1,876 attendees



Safety Day Bike Parade – 9 Participants





2023 Annual Report- Department Events



The Gathering @ The Museum
Over 700 in Attendance





2023 Annual Report- Department Events

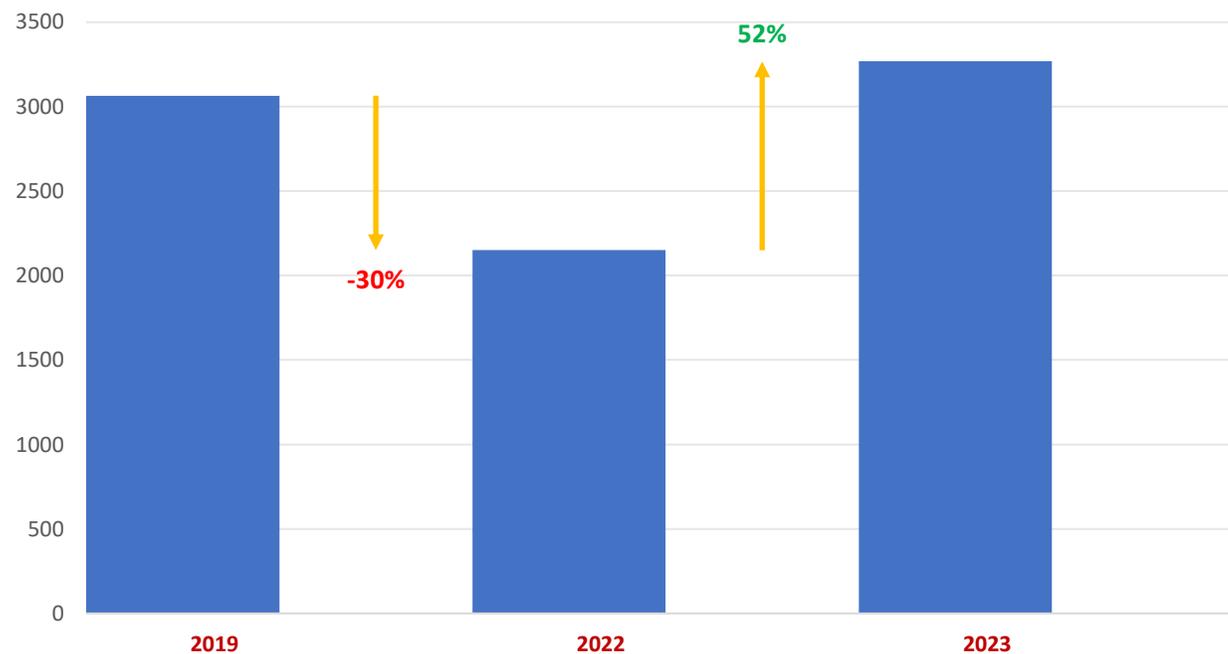
Christmas Parade 66 participants





2023 Annual Report- Department Events

Special Event Attendees





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Department Programs



2023 Annual Report- Department Programming

Spring & Summer

- Girls Volleyball
 - 14 teams- 123 players
- Challenger Baseball
 - 7 Players
- Adult Softball
 - 4 Teams
- Men's Basketball
 - 9 teams
- Adult Sand Volleyball
 - 4 teams





2023 Annual Report- Department Programming

Fall & Winter

- Girls Volleyball
 - 100 Players- 12 teams
- Fall Baseball
 - 170 Players- 14 teams
- Adult Softball
 - 6 teams
- Youth Basketball
 - 343 Players- 43 teams





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Ongoing

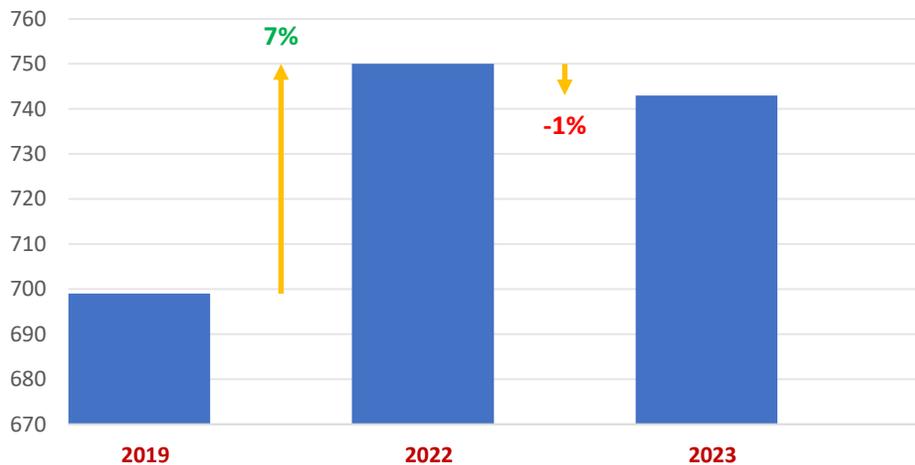
- Pickle Ball Open Gym
- Basketball Open Gym
- Women's Exercise Class



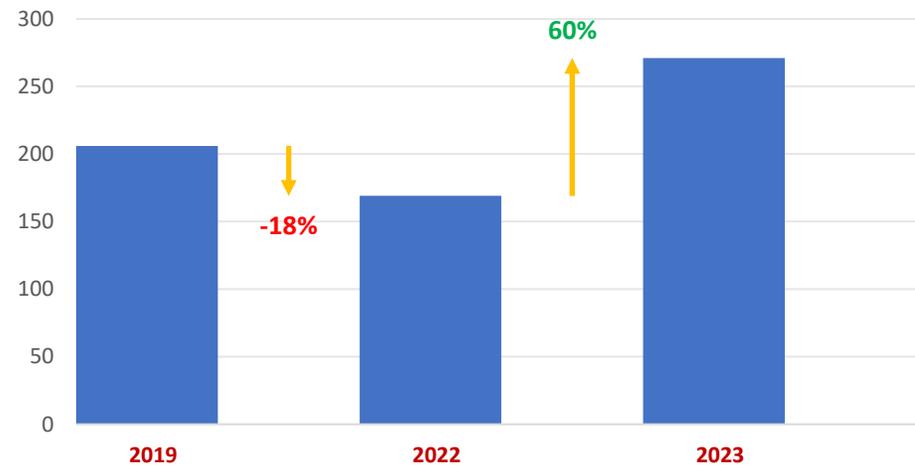


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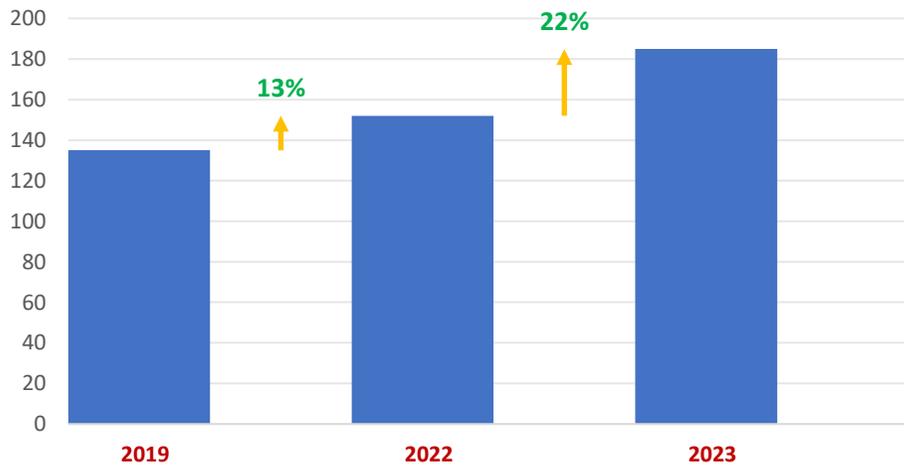
Youth Programming



Adult Programming



Total Program Offerings





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Park Use by the Community



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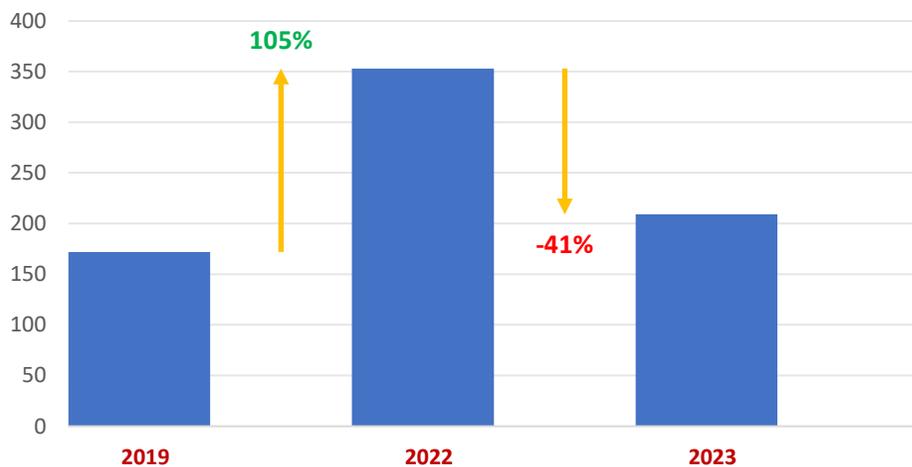
- Spring Baseball & Softball League
- Spring/Fall Soccer League
- Jr. Pro Football
- Spring Classic Soccer Tournament
- Jr. Pro Cheer Camp
- #Nofilters
- Music Under the Stars
- 2 Baseball District Tournaments
- Softball State Tournament
- Northridge Church Freedom Family Fun Night
- Americana Celebration
- WH Youth Soccer 3v3 Tournament
- Burton Lodge Labor Day Fish Fry
- Fall Classic Soccer Tournament
- Discover White House
- Harvest Moon Festival
- Fall Family Block Party
- Halloween Softball Tournament
- Turkey Bowl



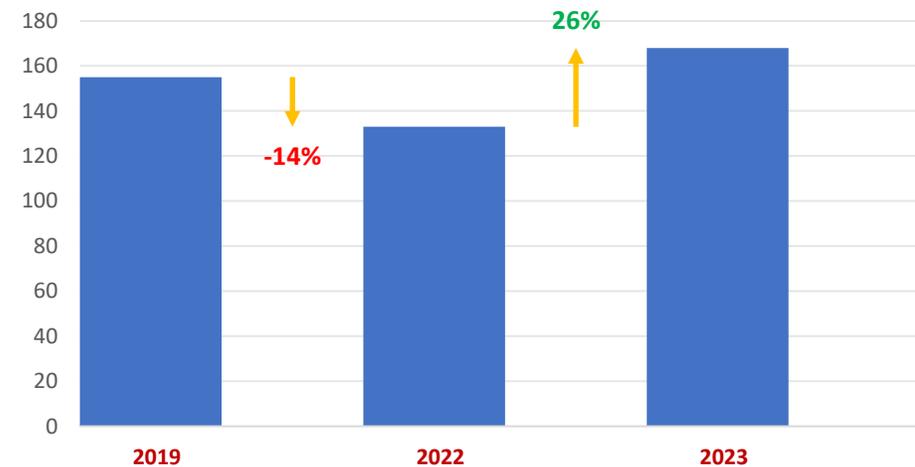


2023 Annual Report- Park/Facility Use by the Community

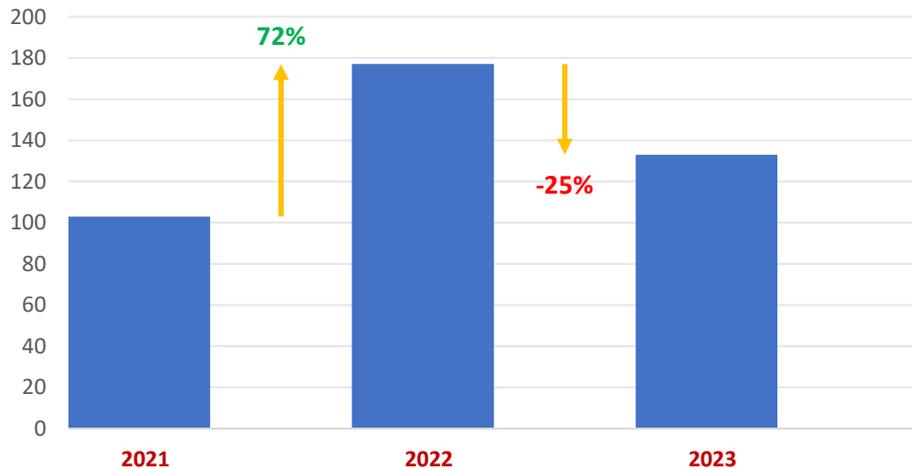
Pavilion Usage



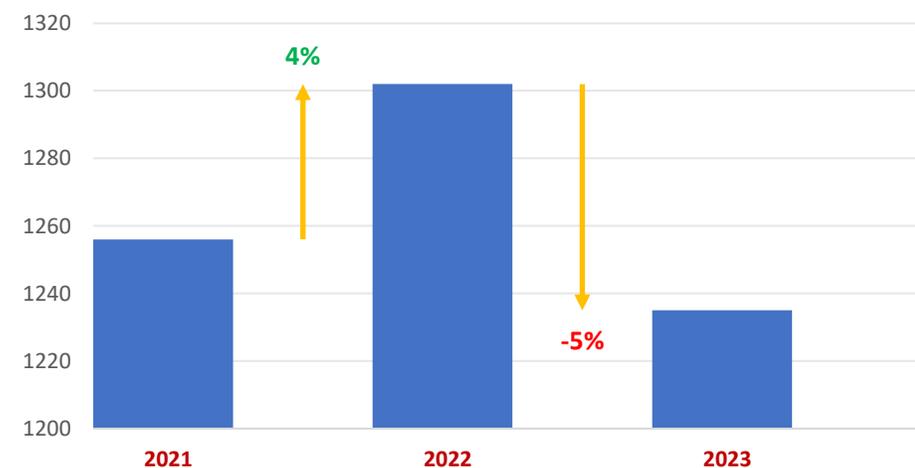
Facility Usage



Ballfield Rentals



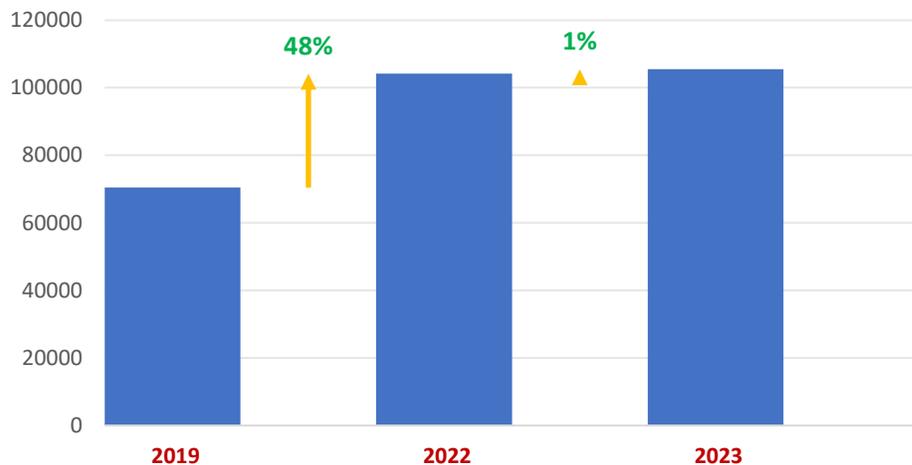
Museum Visitors



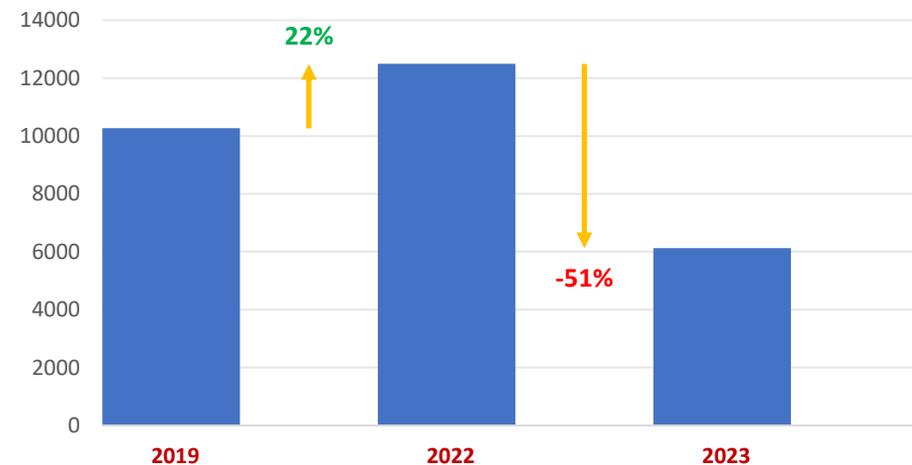


2023 Annual Report- Revenues

Programming & Special Event Revenue



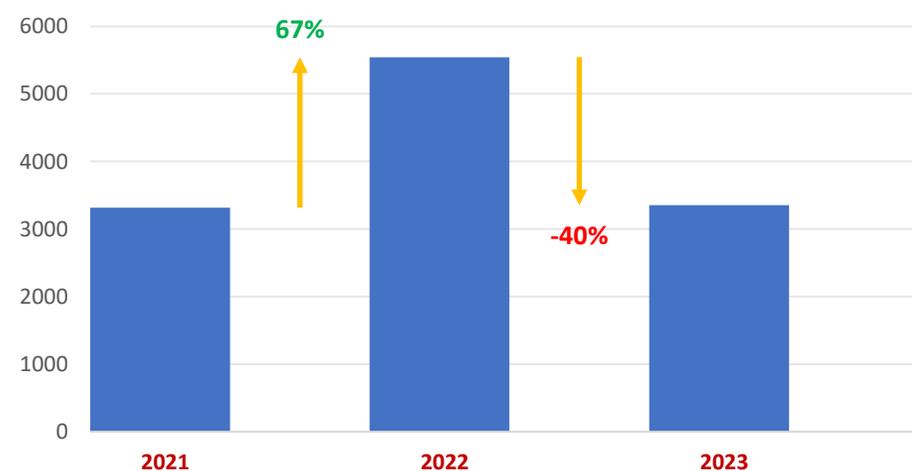
Pavilion Rental Revenue



Facility Rental Revenue



Ballfield Rental Revenue



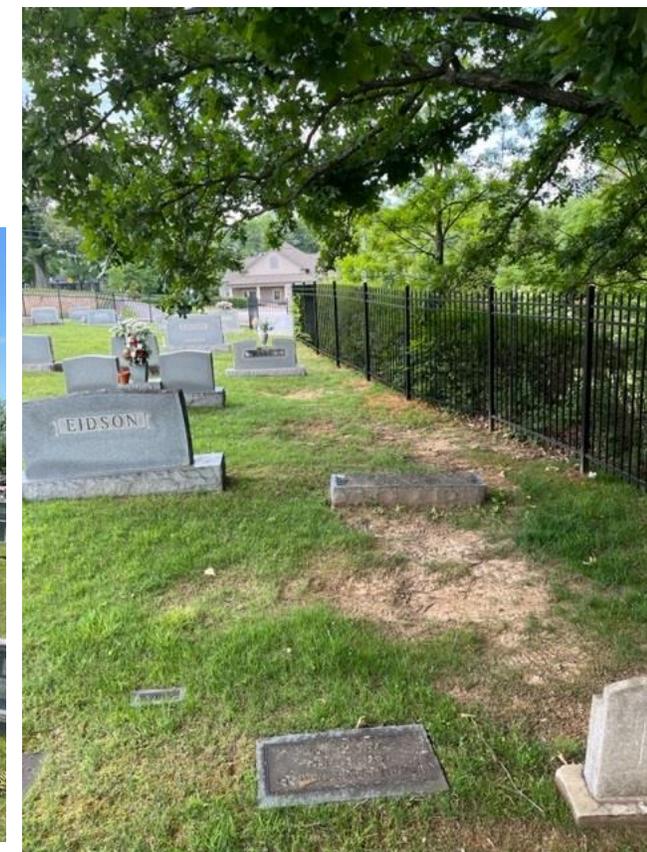
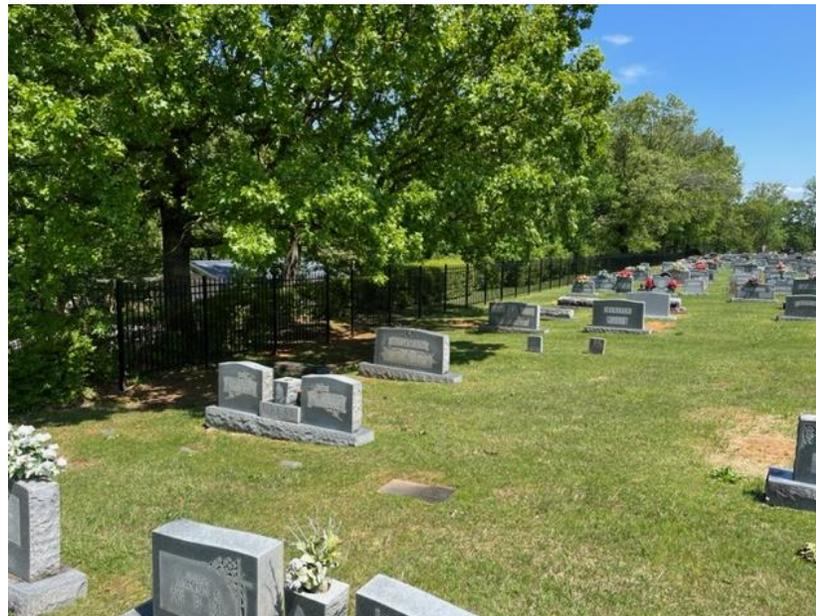


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Hillcrest Cemetery

2023 Annual Report- Hillcrest Cemetery

Fencing Complete



We were able to fence in the remaining property this year.
This was the section closest to the Civic Center.



2023 Annual Report- Hillcrest Cemetery

Removed Dirt Pile



Before:

This dirt pile grew over several years of our gravedigger dumping dirt from burials in this spot.



After:

The dirt pile became an eyesore, so we decided to remove it and put some concrete barriers in place to shield the view of it and we will just remove the dirt more often now. In the future we hope we can use this space as a parking lot.



2023 Annual Report- Hillcrest Cemetery

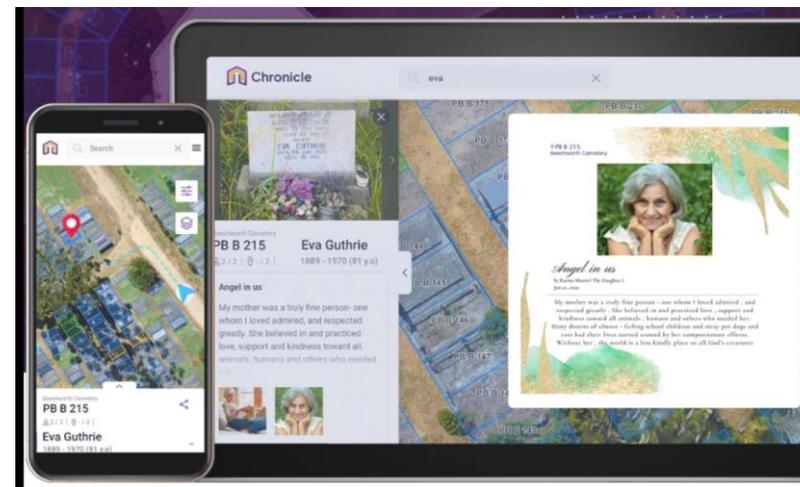
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Software Put out to Public



The public will now have the ability to search for loved ones and obtain information, find open lots to purchase, get directions to a particular grave site and much more. Our staff will now have a new and improved database for keeping records.





2023 Annual Report- Hillcrest Cemetery



\$39,610 in Revenue
(\$67,203.21 in 2022)

11

Lots Sold

19

Ground Burials

17

Monument Foundations

13

Columbarium Niches Sold

9

Columbarium Interments



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Thank you!

