



# White House Parks & Recreation

2020 Annual Report

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# Department Overview

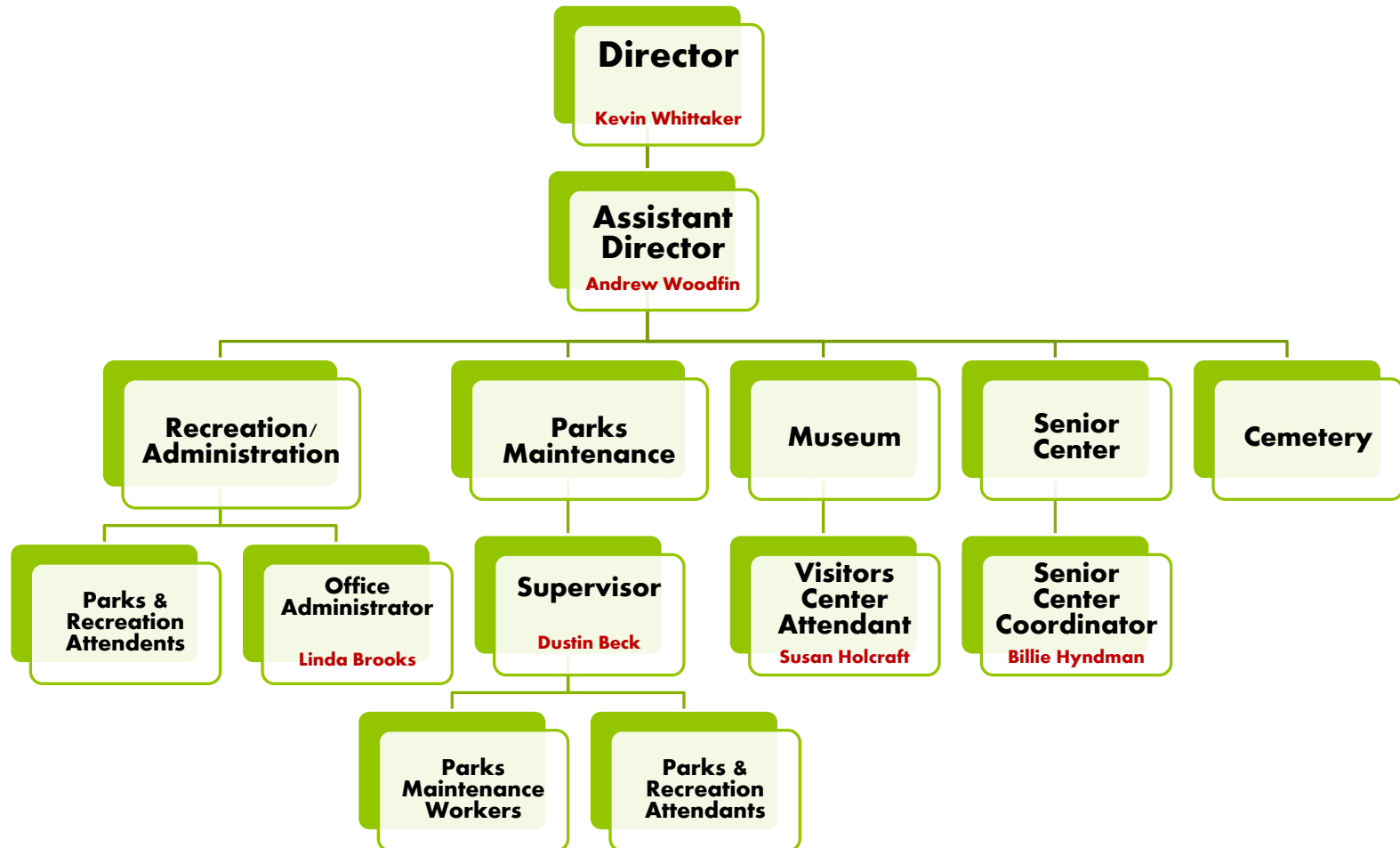
- Mission Statement: The mission of the White House Parks & Recreation Department is: To provide programs and facilities that will enrich the quality of life for our citizens and preserve it for the future.
- Vision Statement: The Vision of the White House Parks & Recreation Department is: To Improve 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
- 14 Recreational Sport Fields
- 1 Splash Pad & Amphitheater
- 1 Civic Center (with a Gymnasium, Auditorium & Senior Center)
- 8 Rec Leagues Offered This Year
- 5 Special Events Offered This Year

**89% of White House Residents visit a park at least once a month**

# Department Overview



# 2020 Significant Accomplishments

## Gymnasium Renovation



**Before**



**After**

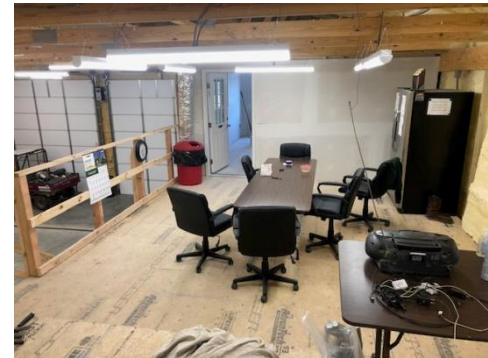
# 2020 Significant Accomplishments

## Dog Park Phase II



# 2020 Significant Accomplishments

## New Park Maintenance Building



## Museum/Visitor Center Renovation





# 2020 Significant Accomplishments

## 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment/Women's Suffrage Display



## White House History Wednesday

White House  
History Wednesday



# 2020 Significant Accomplishments



## **New Pavilion at Soccer Complex**

A Girl Scout completed her Gold Award project by constructing a much-needed pavilion at our Soccer Complex. A Boy Scout piggybacked on that project and completed his Eagle Scout award by constructing and installing two benches underneath it. This will be a welcome addition to a park that desperately needed more shaded areas.

# Taking Care of What We Have



## **New ABI Infield Groomer**

We purchased this brand new infield groomer this year and it is a game changer for our ballfields. This machine is specifically made for dragging baseball/softball fields, as opposed to the previous groomer we have that is made more for golf courses but doubles as something you can use to drag ballfields. This new infield groomer is also able to laser grade. So, we will be outfitting it with that capability over the next year or so, and then we will be able to start doing that ourselves which is a savings of \$1,500.00 per field each time we do it.



## **Rebuilt Portable Water Tank**

In preparation for this planting season, we tore down and completely rebuilt a portable watering tank and watering system that we had lying around. It was nonfunctional but had great bones to it. With around \$1000 we were able to make the unit turn out like new. One of these units would cost approx. \$3,500 brand new. By rebuilding this unit we were able to save the city money, but also build the unit to the exact specifications that we needed. It should serve the city well over the course of the next few years.

# Taking Care of What We Have



## Installed New Arboretum Signs

Approximately 20 new signs have been put up along the Greenway this year after the paving that took place. We will continue to do this as the Greenway is newly paved.



## Brand New Zero-Turn Mower

We bought a brand new zero-turn mower this year. This brings us to the point of having a mower that each worker can use at the same time. It also has put us in a position where we don't have any zero-turns that are over 4 years old. We hope to start rotating out our oldest one in this fleet next year.

# Taking Care of What We Have



## Repaired Gym Floor

Our gym floor was starting to buckle on the far end right under where the HVAC system is. It was determined to be happening because of water leaking from the outside to under the floor. We have since corrected the issue and repaired the floor.



## New Landscaping at Front Entrance of Municipal Park

We decided that the front entrance of the park needed some new landscaping. What was there wasn't looking very attractive anymore and always got grown up. So, we totally re-did it and plan to add seasonal flowers to it as we go, so it should turn out very nice.

# Taking Care of What We Have

## Additional Projects of Significance:

- Planted new trees on Greenway and in the back of the park for privacy purposes
- Installed new base anchors at the quad
- Installed new irrigation heads and corrected others at the Soccer Complex
- Installed wireless rain gauge system for quad, soccer and shop

1,922.5  
Mowing Hours

9,000 lbs. of  
Fertilizer  
applied

45 lbs. of  
pesticides  
sprayed

Over 100 Trash  
Cans located  
in parks &  
facilities

5 Restroom  
Facilities Open/  
Closed Daily

**90% of White House Residents think it is Very Important or Essential to Maintain Existing Park Facilities**

# Planning For Expansion/Growth

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## White House purchases land for new park

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An aerial view of the new city park. SUBMITTED  
Craigie Clark

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- Robertson schools go all-virtual starting Wednesday
- Pathfinder Club has successful food collection
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- PODCAST: Davidson Academy coach Jonathan Quinn talks three-peat, DII-AA move
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The City of White House recently purchased 104 acres of land from Tom Byrum for a future park.

The property is located at the corner of North Palmers Chapel and Fern Valley Road in Sumner County, and has been part of the Byrum family for over 90 years.

Exact uses for the land will be decided by the Leisure Services Board over the next several months.

The City purchased land this year with the intention of developing a new park. The details of that new park will be discussed over the next several years as we come up with a Master Plan. The citizens of White House along with the Leisure Service Board will drive that decision-making process to ensure the land is put to proper use.

**With this new land, we now have 20.2 acres of parkland per 1,000 people. This puts us in the "Upper Quartile" when comparing to other cities across the country.**

# Accommodating For Aging Population



This year was tough for our aging population. The Senior Center was shut down for around 6 months and operated at a slower than usual pace for several other months due to the virus. However, there are some items to mention. We came up with the idea to do a drive-thru Wednesday lunch, which has been a huge success as well as conducting other activities in different ways, like offering sittercise in the gymnasium to allow for social distancing. We will continue to be careful with our aging population as we bounce back from this virus.



**29% of our 2017 Citizen Survey respondents were aged 55 or older**



# Accommodating For Aging Population

## New Senior Center!

After the terrible year that 2020 was, our Seniors in White House will be getting a pretty nice treat in 2021. The Board of Mayor and Alderman approved a new administrative building, which will replace the current City Hall. This includes a brand new Senior Center that should serve our aging population for years to come!



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# Department Events



**Independence 5K**



**Socially Distanced Trail of Treats**



**Safety Day Bike Parade**



**DAR Recognition of Mrs. Evelyn Guill**

# Department Events

## Christmas Parade



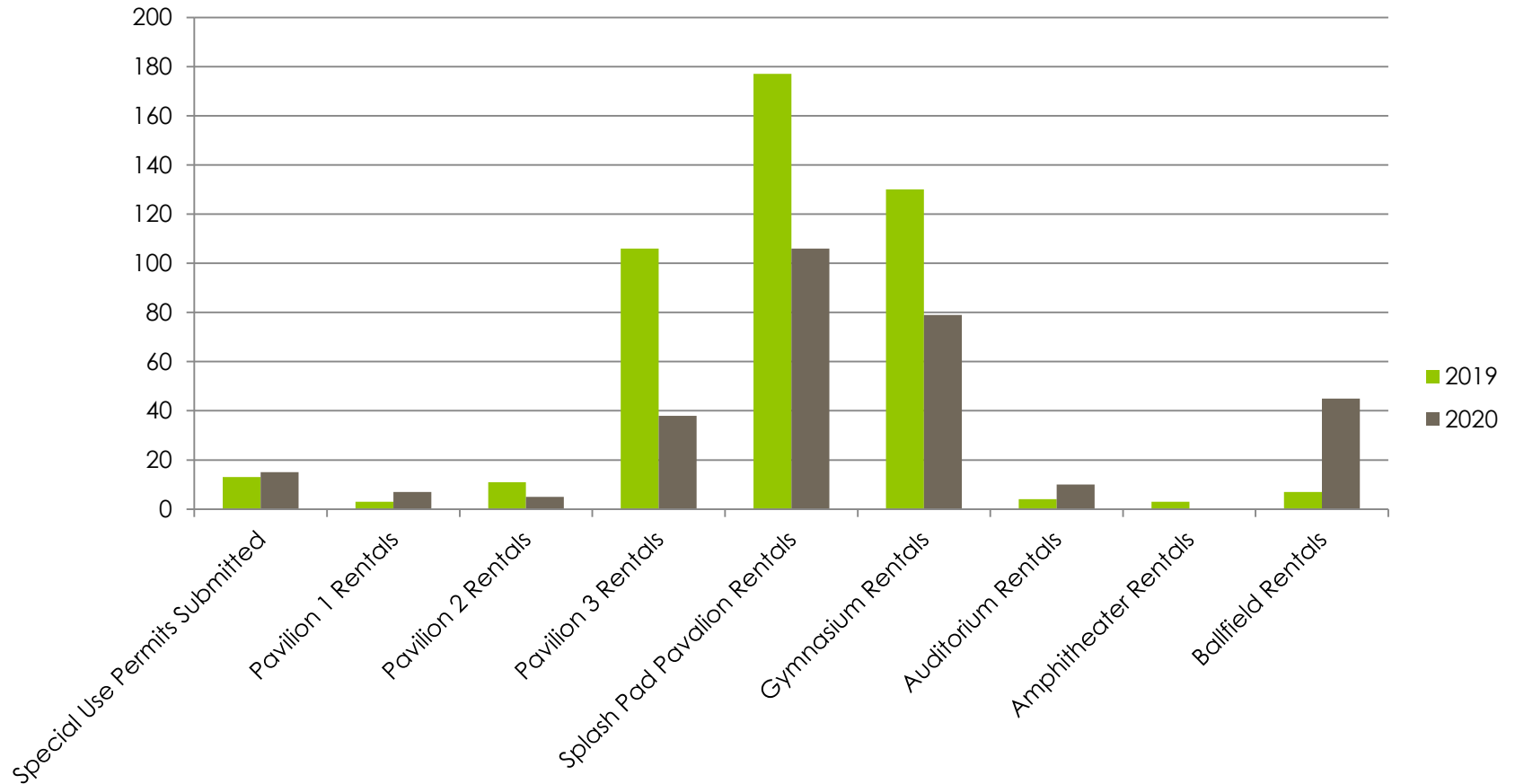
# Park Use by the Community



- Discover White House
- Experience Robertson County
- Movie Under the Stars
- Fall Family Block Party
- 2 Softball Tournaments and 4 baseball tournaments



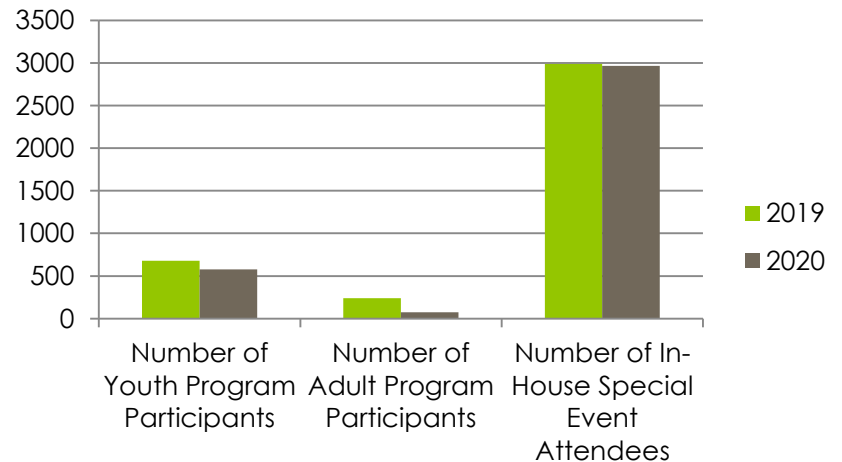
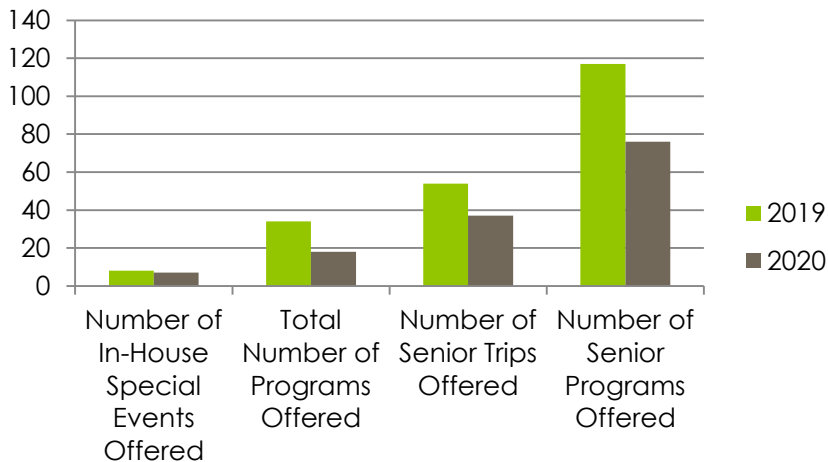
# Park Use by the Community



# Department Programming



**We weren't able to accomplish much programming this year because of the virus but we were able to get in a Girls Volleyball League, Challenger Baseball League and started practicing for Youth Basketball where we had one of our largest turnouts ever (over 300 participants and 42 teams)**



# Hillcrest Cemetery



**\$71,290.00 in Revenue  
(\$48,832.36 last year)**

**63**  
Lots Sold

**22**  
Ground  
Burials

**17**  
Monument  
Foundations

**6**  
Columbarium  
Niches Sold

**5**  
Columbarium  
Internments

# Revenues

