

2021

ANNUAL REPORT

DEER PARK PARKS AND RECREATION



Parks and Recreation



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Vision:

Department's vision is to become an industry leader through accreditation and by offering innovative Parks and Recreational experiences that foster growth, development and a vibrant, sustainable community by encouraging all to Live and Play in the City of Deer Park.

Mission:

The Parks and Recreation Department encourages all to Live and Play in the City of Deer Park and is dedicated to providing an exemplary quality of life by offering innovative Parks and Recreational experiences to the community consistent with our history, culture and unique character.



From the Desk of

The Director

What a year 2021 was for the Parks and Recreation Department.

To begin with, our staff did an incredible job in continuing to offer recreational, theatrical, senior, athletic/aquatic, park and custodial services during the prolonged pandemic. Our staff has an incredible drive in wanting to offer the community special events and programming for families and friends to create memories and fun.

Our Custodial staff had one of the most challenging roles; not only was there an increased demand for their services, but they had to increase their knowledge in sanitation applications. All custodial staff went thru through training to learn more about the best practices in keeping your facilities clean and safe. These staff are not seen but believe me they are highly respected for their efforts.

The support last year from our Administration, City Council, and Parks Commission was second to none. They were always understanding in our efforts to have a safe environment and allowed us to offer continued services. We could not have done this without their gracious support. We thank them very much!

There were many projects completed in 2021 including new bridges in Dow Park, Park Playground replacements, Golf Course Bunker repairs, Dow Park Pool and Splash Pad repairs, and so much more.

In May 2021, the Citizens voted, and passed, to continue the Type B Economic Development Sales and Use Tax Proposition that will fund a New Recreation and Community Center with Bathhouse repairs and upgrades.

In addition, Citizens voted in a General Obligation Bond Election and passed to rebuild a New Activity Center with a Tourism component.

What an incredible year with new and exciting times. Thank you for allowing me to be the Leader of such an incredible Department with the best staff you can find. Finally, I thank all of you for choosing Deer Park. We are here for you to provide the best in "Quality of Life" services.

Sincerely,

Charlie Sandberg, Director, Parks and Recreation Department



City of Deer Park Leadership

To access more information on the Deer Park Community Development Corporation and Parks and Recreation Commission including meeting dates and times, visit the City of Deer Park website - deerparktx.gov - scroll over the "Government" tab, and click on "Agendas & Minutes" in the "Mayor & Council" column.

City Council

Mayor Jerry Lee Mouton, Jr.
 Council Member Position 1: Sherry Garrison
 Council Member Position 2: TJ Haight
 Council Member Position 3: Tommy Ginn
 Council Member Position 4: Bill Patterson
 Council Member Position 5: Ron Martin
 Council Member Position 6: Rae A. Sinor



City Leadership

James J. Stokes, City Manager
 Gary M. Jackson, Assistant City Manager



Community Development Corporation

Georgette Ford, President
 Laura Hicks, Vice President
 Eric Ripley, Secretary
 Jeff Lawther, Treasurer
 Faylene DeFrancis, Position 1
 Les Ellard, Position 3
 Doug Burgess, Position 5



Parks and Recreation Commission

Georgette Ford, Chairman
 Jo Kiefer, Vice Chairman
 Eric Ripley
 Sherry Redwine
 Jamie Cox



GOALS & OBJECTIVES



1. Ensure that parks and related facilities are considered an integral part of the infrastructure of a city. A well-planned, funded and operated parks and recreation system will serve to enhance the health and quality of life of all citizens, and enrich the environment

Objectives:

- a) Update and maintain the Park, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan to address the needs of the community for the next 5 to 10 years
- b) Develop and implement a non-motorized mobility plan, to include hike and bike trails, for the City of Deer Park
- c) Identify and adopt an identity to include standards for park wayfinding, and signage

2. Maintain, update, and enhance existing park and recreation facilities, providing quality resources for the citizens of the City of Deer Park

Objectives:

- a) Renovate and replace existing facilities to meet contemporary park and recreational programming needs and standards
- b) Implement and budget for a system-wide minor repair and construction plan that takes into account the aging infrastructure and condition of many recreational facilities
- c) Provide for ongoing beautification efforts in city parks throughout the City of Deer Park

3. Plan, develop, and construct diversified and balanced park and recreation facilities and programs based upon the needs of the community and surrounding areas

Objectives:

a) Support and develop relationships with athletic and sport associations that will assist in planning, developing, designing, building, and maintaining local sport facilities

4. Ensure that park and recreation facilities are safe and easily accessible for all users

Objectives:

- a) Budget for and provide safe, well-marked and easy access to all park and recreation facilities; ensure that all recreational facilities are ADA accessible
- b) Renovate and develop existing city parks, to provide a safe park system

5. Conserve, protect and enhance the cultural, historical, archaeological, and natural resources of the City of Deer Park

Objectives:

- a) Identify and enhance cultural, archaeological, historical and natural resources
- b) Plan, research and budget for the conservation and preservation of these sites for citizen enjoyment and educational interpretation
- c) Encourage eco-tourism opportunities through the development of sites to provide enhanced visitation to Deer Park
- d) Focus on energy and natural resource efficiency and conservation when rebuilding or constructing parks and recreation facilities.

6. Develop a jurisdiction-wide master plan that is in compliance with the requirements of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Guidelines, thereby enhancing opportunities for award of funding through the Local Park Grants Program.

Objectives:

- a) Align plan elements with TPWD guidelines;
- b) Develop a plan timeline for a 10- year implementation, so as to address both short- and long-term needs;
- c) Adopt plan by resolution through City Council
- d) Submit plan for review and approval by TPWD



ACHIEVEMENTS

CPRP Certification - Debra Culp & Nicole Garvis

The Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) certification is the national standard for all parks and recreation professionals who want to be at the forefront of their profession. Attaining the CPRP designation shows that you have met education and experience qualifications, and illustrates your commitment to the profession as well as your knowledge and understanding of key concepts within parks and recreation.

At the TRAPS East Region Maintenance Rodeo:

2nd Place *Zero Turn Mower* - Ronnie Gilliam

3rd Place *Backhoe Competition* - Steven Saskie

3rd Place *Backpack Blower* - Brandon Naranjo

5th Place *Irrigation Assembly* - Jason Bergman and Zach Stockdale

3rd Place Team **overall**.



Lone Star Legacy: Dow Park

Established in 1959, Dow Park was recognized in 2021 as a Lone Star Legacy Park by the Texas Recreation and Park Society. With its Rich History and popularity, Dow Park continues to serve the community and meet the needs of the Deer Park Citizens with all of its amenities.

Texas Amateur Athletic Foundation (TAAF) Member City of the Year Award

THE CITY OF DEER PARK PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
In recognition of Deer Park Parks and Recreation Department promoting the T.A.A.F. Games of Giving, as well as for the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation



Susan Mele was named Vice President of the state of Texas for the Theatre Network of Texas and Fred White is currently serving as Past President of the Board



Administration



Director

Charlie Sandberg

Parks & Recreation Administration is responsible for the overall administration and supervision of all functions performed by the various divisions within the Parks & Recreation Department. Administrative responsibilities include marketing, accepting reservations, customer service, timekeeping, purchasing, reporting and analysis, filing, and all other managerial duties related to the ongoing operation of Parks & Recreation. The division's primary goal is to administer quality customer service while managing all things Parks and Recreation related. Through marketing efforts, presentations at City Council, daily interactions with the public, and more, the administration division is on the forefront of community relations.

FRONT OFFICE
HOURS WORKED

5,720

PART-TIME
HOURS WORKED

1,560

FULL-TIME
HOURS WORKED

4,160

10.14 hours of additional training offered



Assistant Director

Jacob Zuniga



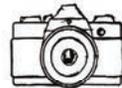
Administrative Office Manager

Jazmin Hernandez





Marketing



Over 1,181 cherishable moments and memories were captured by the marketing team in 2021. From award presentations to holiday events to senior olympics, we were there cheering our community on and capturing what it means to Live and Play in Deer Park.



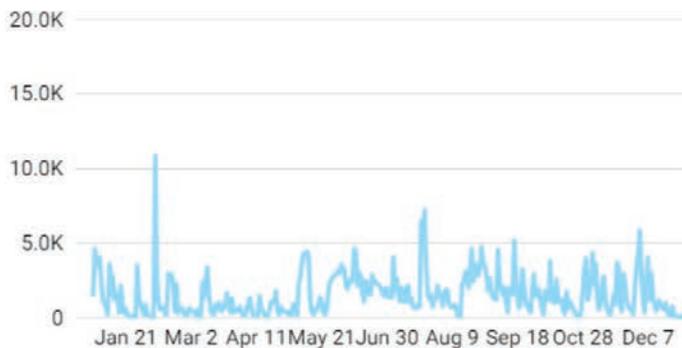
7 WE ARE DEER PARK campaigns sent out via email

**9,072 opened emails
1,146 clicks on links**

SOCIAL MEDIA REACH

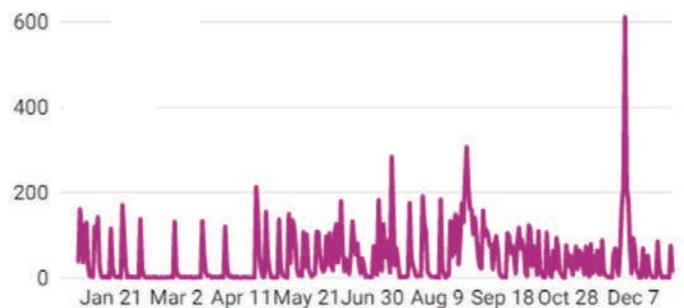
Facebook Page Reach ⓘ

116,079



Instagram Reach ⓘ

2,971



Facebook Posts 296

New Page Likes 654



Posts 112

New Followers 105

Total Reach tells you the total number of people who saw a post. This number includes fans and non-fans, both with and without ads. The total reach stems from news feed and shared post views.

Athletics/Aquatics

The Athletics & Aquatics Division offers a wide variety of athletic and aquatic based activities for the public to participate in. Athletic offerings include softball, basketball, volleyball, pickleball, tennis, track and field, racquetball, fitness classes, fun runs, fitness equipment and more. Aquatic programs include a splash park, 50-meter pool, learn to swim classes, private swim lessons, Aqua Zumba, Dive-in Movies, Roscoe's Fishing Adventure and more. This department organizes, sponsors, and administers these activities year-round and throughout the summer months. The city pool is located in Dow Park and is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day of each year. Splash park operations are from March 1 through November 1 of each year.



Athletics/Aquatics Supervisor

Debra Culp



TEMPORARY
STAFF HOURS
WORKED



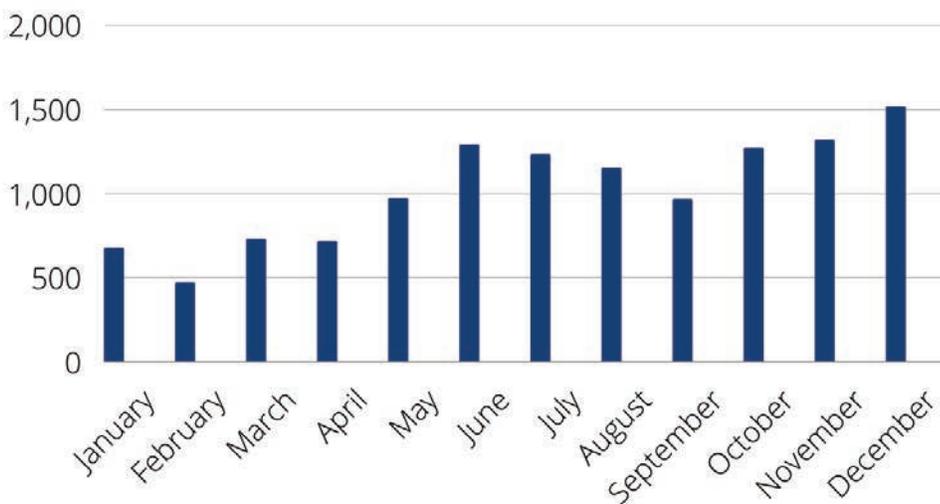
PART-TIME
HOURS
WORKED

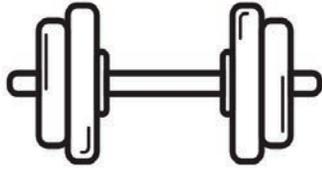


FULL-TIME
HOURS
WORKED



2021 Gym Attendance
Total Gym Patrons 12,281





2021 PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

2021 Summer basketball - 113

Winter basketball -298

Summer track - 124

Private swim lessons - 124

Swim lessons - 274

Dive-In movies -

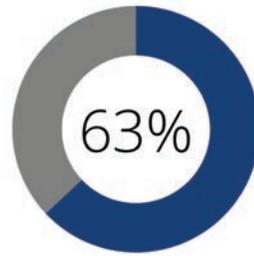
2 Dive-In Movies offered: 366

Adult Softball

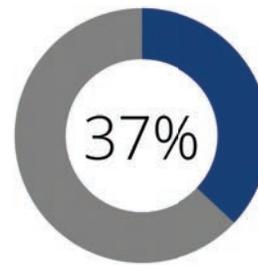
- o Winter League - 29 teams
- o Spring League - 33 teams
- o Summer League - 32 teams
- o Fall League - 34 teams

Adult Basketball - 9 teams

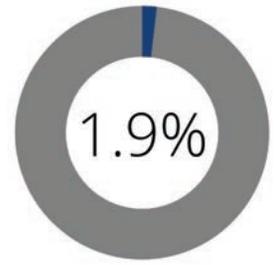
Total Attendees for the Pool: 12,080



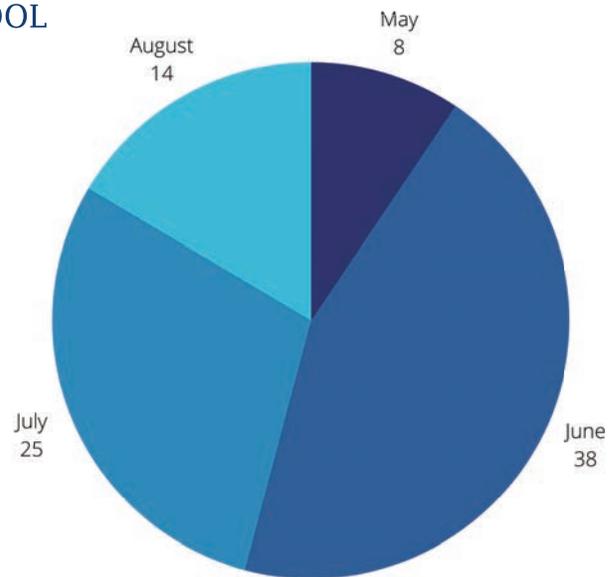
% OF DEER PARK RESIDENTS THAT ATTENDED THE POOL



% OF NON- RESIDENTS THAT ATTENDED THE POOL



% OF SENIORS THAT ATTENDED THE POOL (55+)



Total Rescues by Month in 2021



Battleground Golf Course



General Manager

Scott Arnold, PGA

The Battleground at Deer Park features a demanding championship layout that is sure to test any seasoned player. All the while, the course also boasts varied tee lengths to ensure that even the most novice of players will enjoy their round and feel comfortable and competitive at The Battleground. Yes, Battleground at Deer Park is 18 holes of serene golf pleasure, and visitors enjoy the rolling fairways, manicured greens and strategically-placed water hazards.

While golfers are testing their skill at The Battleground, they get to learn read a commemorative granite marker representing the battle that gave Texas its independence. These markers name each hole in association with the battle that took place on the San Jacinto Battleground when troops, under the command of General Sam Houston, defeated and captured General Santa Anna and the Mexican Army.



Superintendent

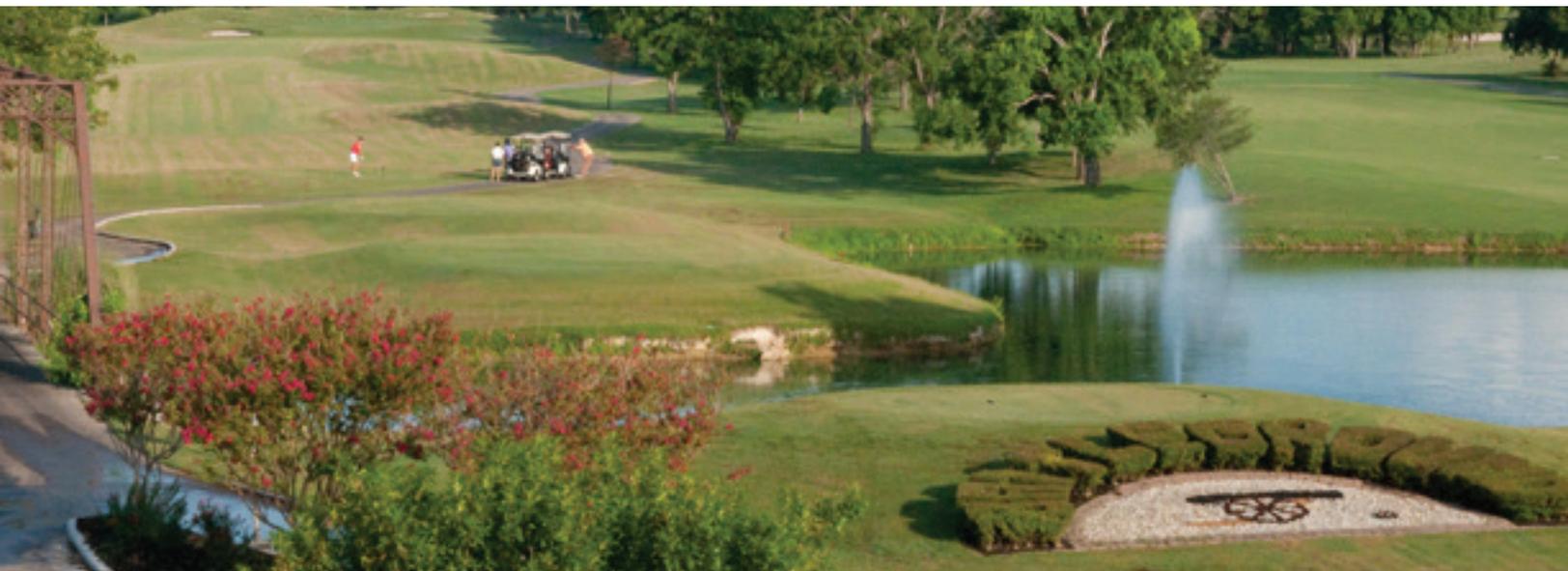
Johnny Skinner, GCSAA

Rounds
Played

33,314

New
Memberships

44



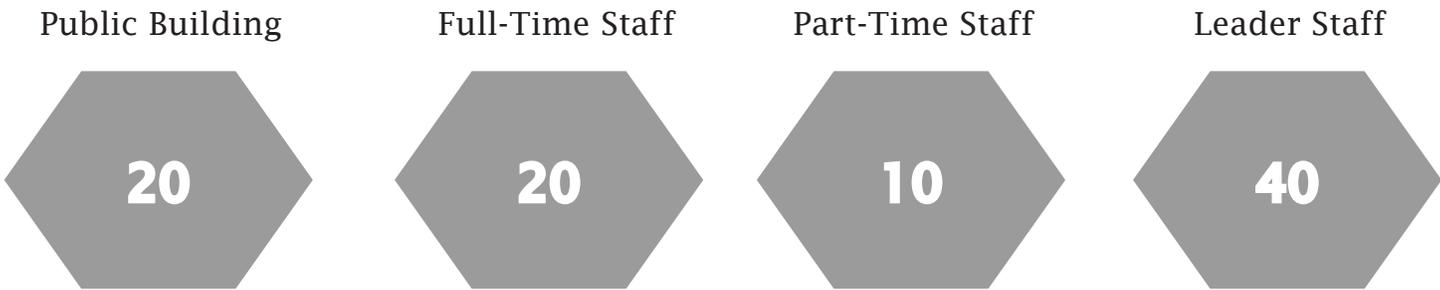
Building Maintenance



The Building Maintenance Division is responsible for the custodial care and maintenance of city buildings located at various city properties including athletic complexes, parks, and more. This department oversees limited maintenance activities such as cleaning, trash removal, and event set up and tear down, building rental logistics, pest control administration, painting, glass repair, minor carpentry, minor electrical, minor plumbing and HVAC, and more. With the addition of several new facilities over the past several years, this division has adapted to meet the needs of citizens and provide exceptional customer service.

Building Maintenance received a special recognition from the City Manager Jay Stokes at the annual City awards banquet for their hard work and dedication during COVID.

Training Hours



Covid Cleans



Building Maintenance is continuing to maintain COVID standards to ensure the health and safety of our citizens and employees.



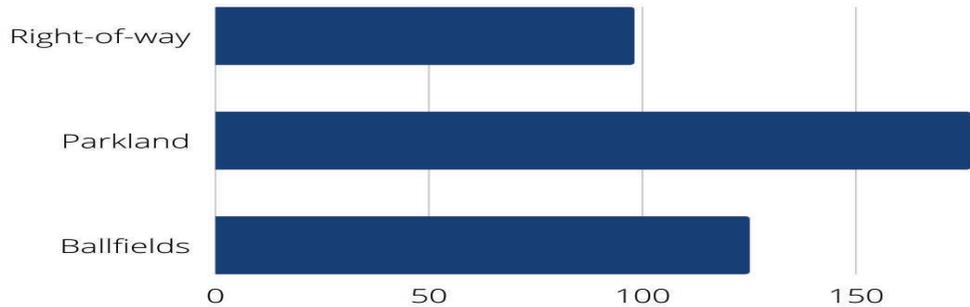
Parks Operations

The Parks Operations Division is responsible for the maintenance of city green spaces, which includes over 180 acres of neighborhood parks, athletic fields, the nature preserve, esplanades, and rights-of-way throughout the city. This includes, but is not limited to, mowing, athletic field preparation, pool maintenance, small scale construction, trail building and maintenance, playground maintenance, arbor work, landscaping, special event logistics, community service, and much more. In addition, this division assists with the installation and maintenance of Beautification Committee projects. Funding is budgeted for projects annually and projects are recommended by the City’s Beautification Committee and approved by the City Council. Annually, this Park Operations Division is also responsible for the installation of holiday decorations throughout the city.



Parks Supervisor
Tiffany McGallian

Parks Division Acreage



Full-Time Staff

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Tiffany McGallian | Glen McAdams |
| Noe Mendoza | Joel Munoz |
| Jason Bergman | Brandon Naranjo |
| Darren Driskell | Zach Stockdale |
| Matt Hicks | Justin Williams |
| Ronnie Gilliam | Gerardo Rodriguez |
| Richard Mays | Emery Dupas |
| Harold McHone | Steven Saskie |
| Cody Barker | Felipe Saavedra |
| Manny Lopez | David Fuentes |

Forestry Crew

The forestry crew facilitates the health, safety and cataloguing of 6,301 trees within the City of Deer Park. Soon, they will be inventorying the trees at our Nature Preserve. This year they began maintaining the trees on the golf course property in addition to the park and ROW trees. Furthermore, they are responsible for planting new specimens, amending soil, deep root fertilizing, mulching, or watering newly planted trees. In addition, this crew spends numerous hours in a lift wrapping large oaks with Christmas lights for the holidays. Whether they are on the ground, in the tree or in a lift, they have their eye on helping the city obtain Tree City USA certification.

2 Full-Time Staff

2021 Improvements

- Dow Park Bridge Installation Phase 2
- Fence Replacement at Pool
- Major Plumbing Repairs at Pool

Open Spaces Crew

The Open Spaces Crew is responsible for the total upkeep of 240 acres of parks and ROWs. They also pitch in to help other crews when needed. They often give aid to the forestry crew to chip tree debris, ballfields with construction projects, beautification with mulching, decorating for Christmas and a variety of other tasks.

5 Full-Time Staff

240 acres of parks and ROW

Mechanic Crew

The mechanic is responsible for the mechanical upkeep of 10 riding mowers, 4 push mowers, 3 tractors with 12 attachments, 1 front end loader, 3 utility carts (1 with included spray rig), 2 sand pro, 1 backhoe, 3 tractors, 1 tow behind lift, 2 tow behind topdressors, 1 drum roller, 1 chipper, 1 tree spade, 1 sod cutter, 1 pressure washer, 1 plate compactor, 1 walk behind tiller and 55 string trimmers/edgers/hedge trimmers/chainsaws/blowers/backpack sprayers. The staff member also maintains the mechanical aspects of the pumps that run the pools and splashpad. When the staff member isn't busy turning wrenches, they are training operators on equipment, or helping out with special projects. This staff member has been a critical team member of most crews within the department at one time or another.

1 Full-Time Staff

Playground Crew

The Playground Crew is responsible for 12 basketball courts, 4 outdoor fitness equipment areas, 4 tennis courts, 4 sand volleyball courts, 2 Bocce ball courts, 18 pavilions, 111 picnic tables, 156 trash cans, 40 playground structures and 26 swing sets. This crew is focused on the safety of our parkland. They treat for ants and other pests and inspect all of our playgrounds and other park amenities for safety compliance. They install and repair playgrounds, maintain safety surfacing in playgrounds, maintain 5.2 miles of trail and help with special event setup for all of the major parks and recreation programs.

2 Full-Time Staff

Beautification Crew

The Beautification crew is responsible for the upkeep of 12 City buildings, 17 acres of lawn and 140 landscaped beds and invasive plant control at the nature preserve. When they aren't mowing, treating for ants or working in landscape beds, you can find them helping the forestry crew plant large trees throughout the parks. In addition, this crew spends a couple of months turning the City of Deer Park into Santa's Wonderland. This crew is instrumental in facilitating volunteer projects that happen throughout the year.

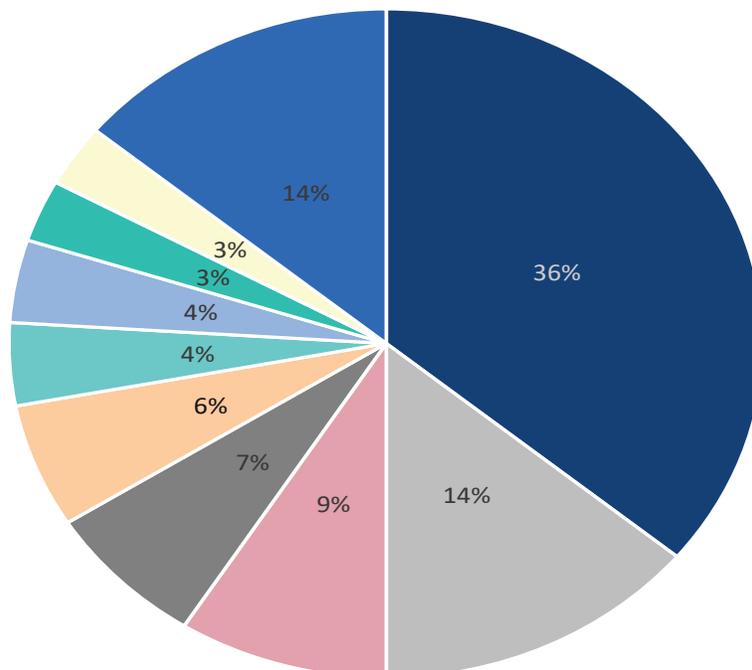
4 Full-Time Staff

Ballfields Crew

The Ballfields Crew maintains 125 acres of ballfields. These fields include 14 baseball fields, 9 softball fields and 9 soccer fields. They are responsible for the accurate placement of 120 base pegs along with 23 home plate and pitching rubbers. When they aren't mowing or weed eating fence lines, you can find them working the infields, measuring bases, painting lines, cutting lines on infields, applying herbicide, fertilizer, aerating, topdressing or pressure washing bleachers and walkways.

4 Full-Time Staff

Tree Species

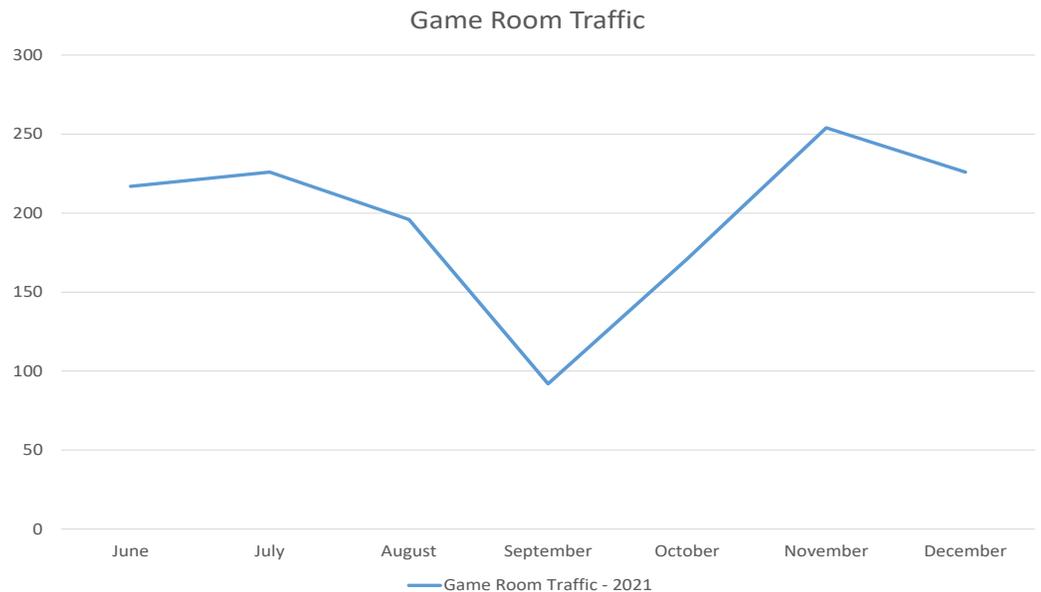


- Chinese Tallow
- Live Oak
- Crepe Myrtle
- Oak Species
- Pine Species
- Elm Species
- Hackberry
- Cypress Species
- Arizona Ash
- Miscellaneous

Recreation

The function of the Recreation Division is to offer the citizens of Deer Park the opportunity to participate in a variety of leisure activities and programs for all ages. This includes, but is not limited to, instructional classes, game room operations, outdoor adventure programs, dance classes and special programs of a seasonal interest. The Community Center and Kingsdale have game rooms to provide for active and passive recreational activities. The following facilities are utilized by the Recreation Division to administer several of these programs and events: Avon, Community Center, Claude Burgess, Kingsdale Center and the Jimmy Burke Activity Center.

The All-Star Activity Program (ASAP) operates during the school year for the benefit of children who might otherwise be unsupervised during after school hours. The program offers leisure education designed to help the children develop a positive self-image by learning teamwork, cooperation, improved study habits, and decision making skills. The All-Star Activity Program is an essential part of the Recreation Division.

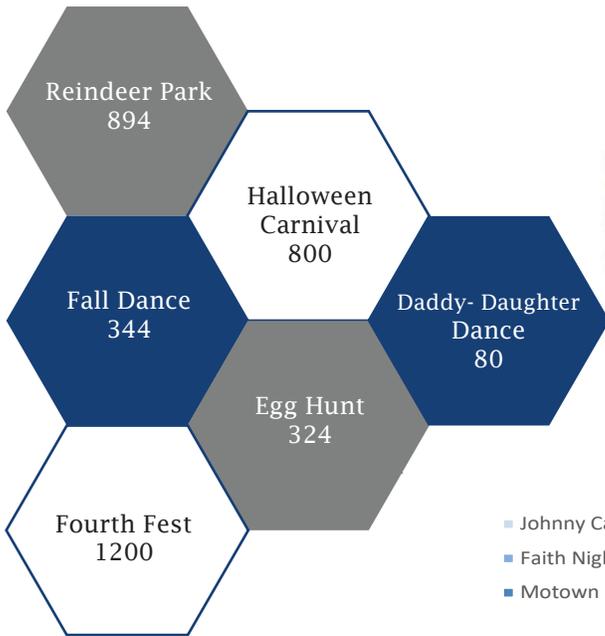


ASAP Enrollment Numbers	
5-6 years	25
7-8 years	41
9-10 years	37
11-12 years	31
13-15 years	15

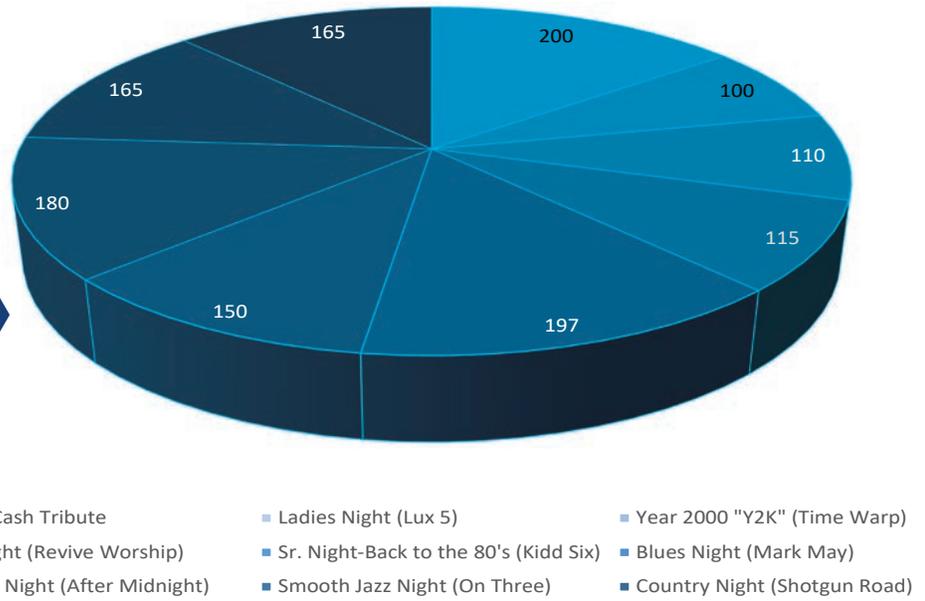
- There were a total of 8 Game Room Party reservations
- Campcrabgrass enrollment | Summer 2021 - 303 (6-11 years)

3/6	Air Bud	20
4/3	Ugly Dolls (gym)	9
5/1	Jungle Book	22
6/5	Wonder Park (gym)	20
8/7	Shazam!	Cancelled
9/4	The Little Rascals	80
10/2	Hocus Pocus	80

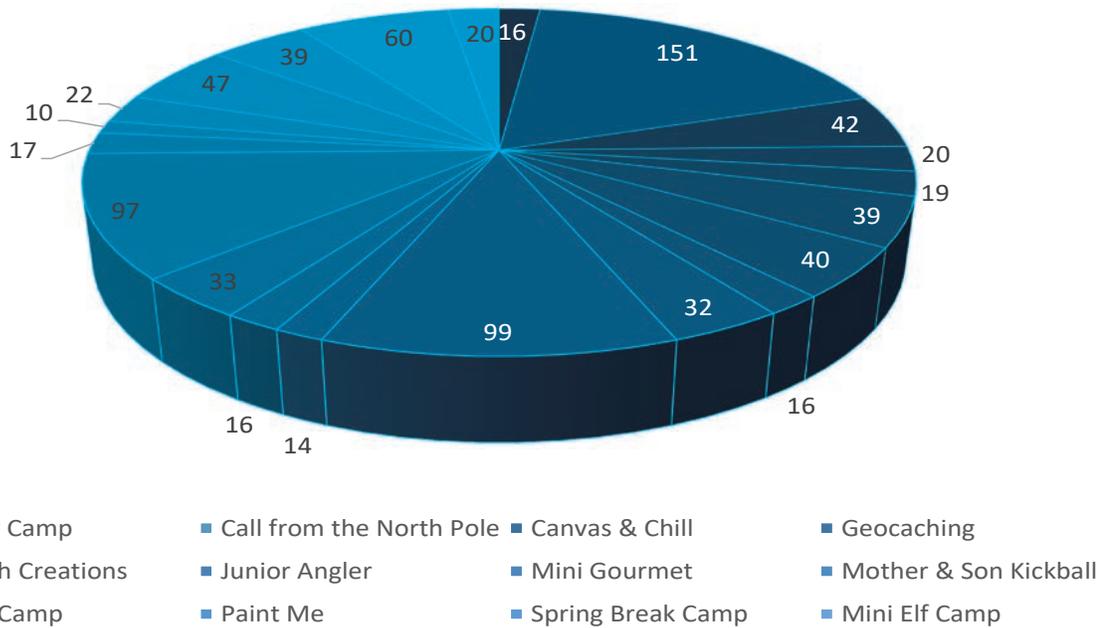
Major Event Attendance



Concert in the Park Attendance



Program Attendance



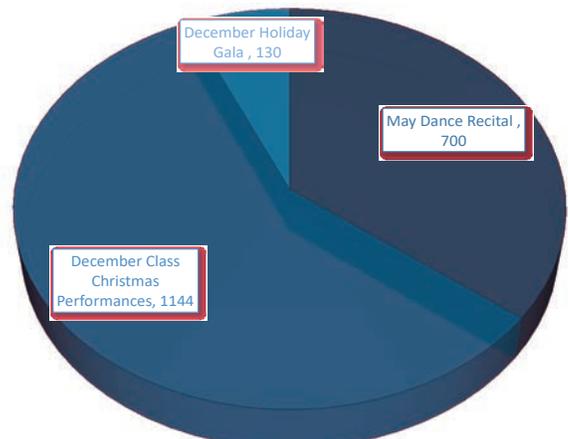
Dance

Awards

Dance Competition, Stafford, Texas - February
 Dance Competition, Katy, Texas - April

- 13 Overall Awards
- 6 High Point Awards
- 16 Allstar Dancers
- 13 Elite High Gold Awards
- 12 Top First Awards
- 1 Platinum Award
- 1 Category Win

DANCE PERFORMANCE PARTICIPATION



Senior Services

The Senior Services Division operates the Maxwell Center providing a wide variety of services to the senior adults in Deer Park. Services include, but are not limited to, congregate meals, delivery of homebound meals, local and out-of-state trips, various craft programs, game nights, senior fitness classes, and much more. The division recently returned to the newly-renovated Maxwell Center and is in the process of implementing new programming for seniors in the Deer Park community.

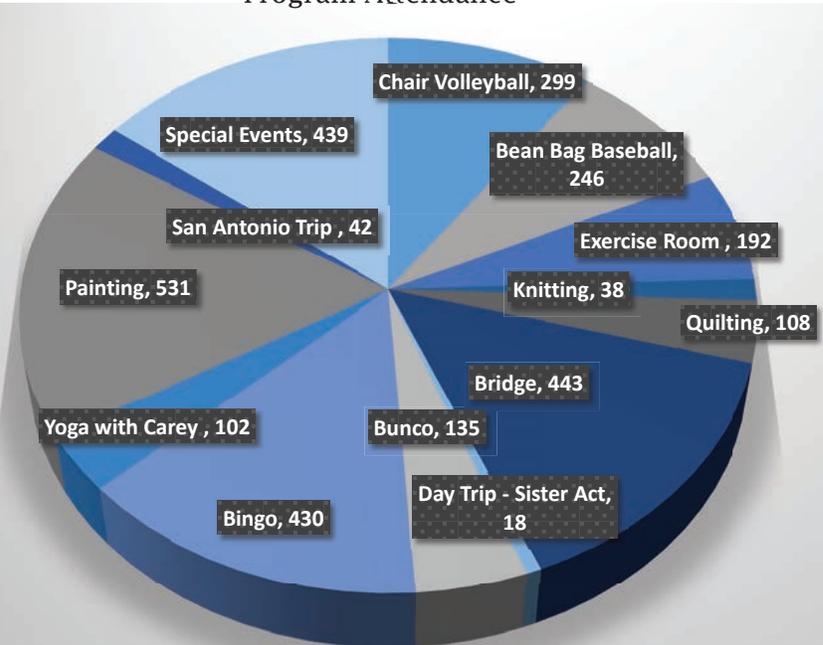


Senior Services Supervisor

Janica Hughey



Program Attendance



Homebound Meals



Congregate Meals



Theater Arts

The Theater Arts Division is the City's community theater offering numerous shows each season and participating in many City events throughout the year. Participants, known as Art Park Players, are also very active in the production of various events. The division conducts the only dinner theatre in the Houston area offering several dinner shows each year and many special one-night-only productions. There is also a Junior Art Park Players theater program, which helps students gain self-confidence as they develop their creativity through participation in classes and programs.



Managing Artistic Director

Susan Mele

AWARDS & HONORS

- Statewide Award- Theater Network of Texas - Sandy Heyen - Front of House Award
- City of Deer Park Employee of the Quarter: David Eck
- City of Deer Park Employee of the Quarter: Joe Piper

Non-Profit Organizations Supported by Art Park Players:

The Rose, The Wheelhouse, The Felton Waggoner Hall of Honor, The Opportunity Center, The Pasadena Cultural Arts, Community in Action Committee, The Deer Park Chamber of Commerce, The Deer Park Food Bank, The Strawberry Festival, Project Joy and Hope, Friends of the Art Park Players, The Girl Scouts, The Boy Scouts, First Baptist Christian Academy, The Citizens Police Academy, First Baptist Deer Park

Susan Mele was named Vice President of the state of Texas for the Theatre Network of Texas and Fred White is currently serving as Past President of the Board

David Eck oversaw and presented "Women of a Certain Age" which was a premier show from New York and it was a huge success. In addition, all of the Production Crew came in from New York and we hosted a huge mixer with dignitaries and City staff.

Largest volunteer base of any organization in the City of Deer Park with: 100 Adult Volunteers and 60 Youth Volunteers

The Louise McBee Circle of Life Circle of Wreaths has raised over \$60,000 and the team was recognized at City Council with Dr. Dixie Melillo in attendance

TICKETS SOLD

SHOW ONLY

3,250

CHILDREN'S SHOW

2,250

DINNER

75

Attendance of all performances

7,050

JAPPVIP is a group specialized in volunteering. Comprised of 25 members, in addition to working hospitality for shows, JAPPVIP works outside events such as the Strawberry Festival, Felton Wagner Hall of Honor banquet and the Education Foundation Fun Run.



CAPRA accreditation is a measure of an agency's overall quality of operation, management and service to the community.

The City of Deer Park Parks and Recreation Department recently received a national accreditation awarded to only 20 departments in the State of Texas and 186 departments throughout the country.

The City of Deer Park Parks and Recreation Department received the accreditation through a national program with the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation (CAPRA) Agencies (CAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). As part of the

accreditation process, Deer Park Parks and Recreation was required to demonstrate compliance with 151 recognized standards and document all policies and procedures.

CAPRA accreditation is the only national accreditation for park and recreation agencies, and is a measure of an agency's overall quality of operation, management and service to the community. This mark of distinction indicates that an agency has met rigorous

standards related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs, safety and services.

The process for accreditation involves self-assessments, a formal application, a site visit by a team of trained visitors that results in a written report and a hearing with the commission to grant accreditation. Once accredited, the agency must uphold the qualifying standards and be reviewed again in five years.

2021 Projects

Book Houses

As a joint effort between the Parks department, Parks and Recreation Commission, Library and Library Board, Book Houses were placed at Kingsdale and the Deer Meadows Park to provide books to the community and encourage reading.

The NE Hike and Bike Trail

The NE Hike and Bike Trail begins at Park Green Park and extends south to Park Green Park Trail to Running Brook Park, offering trail and path connections along the way. The trail is made up of Decomposed Granite, Steel Edging, solar bollards, and amenities like Bike Racks, Holland Stone Pavers for Park entrance, and more.

Spencerview Bridge

City staff is currently working on a survey for the proposed bridge alignment, while at the same time they are reviewing potential purchase of 934 sq. ft. of property to place the bridge in an appropriate location for accessibility. The city staff is working with an architect for the bridge on the abutments and design of the bridge. Additionally, City staff continue to discuss the relocation of the Air monitoring station with TCEQ as well onto City Property across on the west side of the channel. This coordination will involve working with Harris County Flood Control, TF Harper, and with Cenikor.

Dow Park Bridges

The Department has completed 3 phases of the Dow Park Bridge replacement program. Phase 4 is being planned for construction in spring of 2022. All the bridges will be 8' x 23' galvanized bridges.

Dow Park Drainage

The Parks and Recreation Department along with City Public Works completed a Drainage project adjacent to the Dow Park Swimming Pool and Large Pavilion. The Project will assist in draining the area by the picnic tables and musical instruments.

Dow Park Pool Fence

The Department replaced the old security fence with a new 10' chain-link fence and gates around the Dow Park Pool. This was a result of issues the Pool staff were having with trespassing.

Theater/Courts Drainage

Project was considered to deter water from entering the East Side Glass entry and other potential areas. This will assist in keeping water from the facility and ponding on our sidewalks. This project is complete.

Battleground Golf Course Bunker Project Renovation

After the existing bunkers were demolished, graded and compacted, drainage pipe was installed followed by bunker liner and other bunker materials. Sod was added around the bunkers and minor repairs and clean up was completed for all the new bunkers at the golf course.

Dow Concession Stand

Renovation of the Dow Park Concession Stand was completed in 2021. The new facility will provide a nice addition to the Dow Park Pony/Colt Fields complex.



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