

99th Year Annual Report City of Youngstown Department of Parks and Recreation



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Our Mission

To provide safe, quality parks and recreation to the community focusing on fitness, wellness, environmental education and mental and physical well-being. To sustain core programming, services and facilities through efficient and effective business practices.

Director's Insight

The City of Youngstown Department of Parks and Recreation is an integral part of improving the quality of life for the residents of the city. It is critically important to the staff that all city park facilities are safe, clean and a positive environment for our children and their families.

A highlight of 2009 was the opening of the Arlington Heights Recreation Center. The recreation center is open and available to all city residents. If you have not visited the center please stop and tour the facility. In addition, a new playground was installed at the North Side Swimming Pool.

In tough economic times it becomes challenging for families to take advantage of activities within the community. I want to encourage parents to use all the park facilities. The playgrounds are free and provide a wholesome family activity. The department has sponsored and hopes to continue to sponsor Jazz in the Park at the B&O Station. The Jazz in the Park sessions are designed to provide adults with a wholesome activity and opportunity to interact with other city residents.

Jason T. Whitehead
Acting Director

2009 Revenue and Expenditures

Appropriations	\$ 2,626,770.00
Expenditures	\$ 2,595,001.66
Balance	\$ 31,768.34

2009 Receipts

Building Rentals	\$ 60,402.50
Field Rental	\$ 5,460.00
Arlington Heights Recreation Center	\$ 2,865.00
Golf Course Greens Fees	\$ 69,624.80
Golf Course Cart Rental	\$ 27,278.00
Golf Course Tournaments	\$ 1,080.00
Golf Balls	\$ 518.00
Golf Tees	\$ 134.00
Golf Jackets	\$ 40.00
Golf Club Rental	\$ 145.00
Swimming Pools	\$ 9,465.50
Adult Basketball League/Admissions	\$ 5,343.00
Concessions	\$ 160.40
Vending	\$ 4,287.51
Gas & Oil Drilling	\$ 3,418.95
Sale of Scrap & Other Miscellaneous	\$ 12,027.26

Facilities



Pavilions

Arlington Heights
Crandall Park
Homestead Park
Johnson Park
Lincoln Park
Lynn Park
Wick Park

Football Fields

Arlington Heights
Gibson
Homestead Park
Ipe
Johnson Park
Kirkmere
Sports Complex



Playground Sites

Arlington Heights
Borts Park
Crandall Park
Fosterville Park
Hillman Park
Homestead Park
Ipe Kids World
John White Park
Lincoln Park
Lynn Park
MVSD Park
North Pool
Sheridan Park
Wick Park
Wick Saranac Park

Baseball Fields

Borts Park
Buckeye Park
Gibson
Ipe
Oakland
Pemberton
West End



Soccer Fields

Buckeye
Kochis
John White
MVSD
Pemberton



Swimming Pools

Borts Pool
North Side Pool

Golf Course

Henry Stambaugh

Indoor Facilities

Arlington Heights
Sports Complex



Programs/Events

Summer Day Camp June 17 -August 12, 2009

The 2009 Summer Day Camp Program was once again a success with over 800 children ages 5 through 17 participating in the eight week program. Seven parks within the city serve as day camp sites. The program provides daily activities such as arts and crafts, weekly sports tournaments, free field trips to the Cleveland Zoo, Chuck-E-Cheese and The Steel Museum. Also, a Track and Field Day event held at the Cardinal Mooney High School track engages all the children from all seven camp sites. The children participate in a parade around the track and enter various events such as the 50 and 100 meter dash, tug of war, wheelbarrow race and shot put.



Junior Golf Tournament July 3, 2009



The Henry Stambaugh Municipal Golf Course hosted the annual Junior Golf Tournament on July 3rd. Fifty-four children ages 9 to 17 entered to compete for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies in 6 divisions. Donations from the Coca Cola Bottling Company and the Difference Makers made it possible to serve refreshments to the children participating in the tournament.



Jazz In The Park

July 19 - August 16, 2009

Sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, Jazz in the Park offered a few hundred people a taste of jazz on the lawn at the B&O Station on Sunday afternoons. The series featured various bands from the area free to the public.



21 & Over Basketball League

Fourteen teams competed every Sunday from January 29th through May 31st at the Sports Complex for a chance to win the 21 & Over Basketball League championship. Trophies were awarded to the champions and the second place team. The program is sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Kids On Course

The Henry Stambaugh Golf Course was host to the Kids on Course Program for the second year. The program is sponsored by the Ebony Ladies Golf and Youth Foundation through a grant they received from the United States Golf Association. Throughout the summer months the program teaches children how to play the game of golf and the proper etiquette to follow while on the golf course. Several children golfed at the course at a discounted rate upon completion of their training.

Annual Christmas Tree



Every year citizens from the Youngstown area call the Park office with offers to donate their evergreen trees for the annual Christmas tree that is placed on Central Square in downtown Youngstown. This years 30 foot blue spruce was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Swan of DeSoto Avenue. On November 23rd the City Forester, Park Department maintenance crews, along with the city's Street Department, Sign and Signal Department, and Ohio Edison removed the tree successfully. Diamond Steel Construction donated their time and equipment to transport and place the tree on the square.

“What’s New”

Arlington Heights Recreation Center & Park Grand Opening February 11, 2009

On February 11, 2009 Arlington Heights Recreation Center and Park was officially open to the citizens of Youngstown. The grand opening of the much anticipated Arlington Heights Recreation Center was hosted by the Department of Parks and Recreation with special thanks given to the Youngstown Metropolitan Housing Authority for their efforts in acquiring a Hope IV grant to make this center a reality.

Arlington Heights delivers first rate recreation for all ages. Outdoor tennis and basketball courts, play ground area and picnic area are all available within a very safe and secure campus. A practice football field and baseball field are also available for outdoor recreation. Inside the center you will find state of the art fitness equipment as well as a full size gymnasium.



Arlington Heights Recreation Center

The fitness room and gymnasium can also be used by the residents of the nearby Arlington Heights development as well as area citizens. Memberships are available at a low cost. Programming such as line dance lessons, basketball open gym for children and adults is also available. The café, conference room, and testing room at Arlington Heights are available upon request for business meetings.



“What’s New”



Left: The Department of Parks and Recreation’s new updated logo was designed by Keynote Media and encompasses everything the department has to offer.

Right: Jason Roller, the Park and Recreation Commission’s newest member appointed by the Board of Education was sworn in by Judge Robert Milich on January 29, 2009.



Left: A new entrance door welcomes customers to the much improved Park office located in City Hall. New carpeting, paint, and a new reception counter were all completed in February.

Below: Four new pick up trucks were purchased to add to the Park Department’s fleet.



Left: New play equipment and benches were installed at the North Side swimming pool property. The playground is located behind the pool and open to the public daily.



The Henry Stambaugh golf course went under some much needed improvements such as a new entrance sign to welcome the many golfers who frequently visit the course. Also to better accommodate customers, new blacktop was put down on the entrance drive and parking lot.



Left: Seven playground sites received new mulch under the play equipment. Featured is Crandall Park, one of the larger play areas within the Park system. Other sites included in the upgrade were Fosterville, Kirkmere, Lynn, MVSD, Wick and John White.

Right: Recycled bollards were installed at Lynn Park to border a portion of the park to ensure the safety of those visiting the area. These bollards are constructed of recycled plastic; the purchase was made possible through a grant from the Mahoning County Solid Waste District.





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