

**Director's Report  
For  
October 10, 2012**

**Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services**

**A. Projects**

1. Laurel Clark Fountain:
  - a. Will be closed for the season on Monday, October 8.
2. Concrete Projects:
  - a. Sidewalk replacements are near completion for both General and CDBG sidewalks.
3. Humble 21<sup>st</sup> St – Sidewalk – Complete
4. Parks Paving Projects – Firm start date has not been set – completion is contracted for November 1.
  - a. Johnson Park Picnic Road
  - b. Lincoln West Lot – includes adding ADA access to softball diamond
  - c. Pershing Soccer Field Lot
  - d. Mound Cemetery Service Building
5. Painting of Handrail at Gaslight Pointe: Project is on track; to be completed before the end of October. Color is the same as the existing handrail.
6. Park Place Tuck Pointing: Bids received for Contract 44-12(K2-054). Project has begun.
7. Lincoln Softball Diamond: The diamond restoration is complete; the fence installation has yet to be scheduled for installation.
8. Douglas Park Softball Lighting Replacement
  - a. Drawings are complete and the project has been submitted to DPW for formal bidding.
9. Playground Equipment Replacement: Burke/Miller & Associates has been selected as the equipment supplier. Paperwork has been submitted to request permission to waive bids & request the Purchasing Agent to negotiate pricing.
10. ADA Updates:
  - a. Remaining CDBG funds from 2011 will be used to upgrade accessibility to the recreational amenities in Island, Lincoln and Roosevelt Parks. Asphalt path will be added to restrooms, play equipment and athletic fields to comply with the 2010 ADA Standards.
  - b. ADA upgrades for Lockwood Park has also been completed and submitted for bids.
11. Cemeteries:
  - a. Mound:
    - i. See Cemetery Report
  - b. Graceland:
    - i. See Cemetery Report
12. Golf Courses:
  - a. Johnson Park.
    - i. No Update
13. Zoo:
  - a. Concrete projects are complete

## **B. Recreation**

1. The first Annual Monument Mash Fest is scheduled for Saturday, October 20.
2. Kellie Ptaschinski has joined the PRCS Staff as one of the office secretaries.
3. Center Director's attended class to be Special Registration Deputies for the City of Racine.
4. PRCS staff attended FLSA training on September 19 at the Annex.
5. Youth Basketball registrations will be taken in at the Annex and Chavez Center until teams are full in all levels. There will be approximately 105 - 112 teams in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> boys and girls.
6. A total of 85 teams registered for adult volleyball leagues and 10 for adult basketball. The deadline date has been extended to October 5 in hopes that another press release will recruit more teams.
7. Fall softball and kickball are underway. The competitive league is using Lockwood and the Recreational leagues are using Island Park.
8. The PRCS Department has received a Bird City Award for the past two years. In order to be recertified for 2013, staff planned a Bird Day event on Saturday, September 15 at Myers Park. A bird expert, our very own forester and staff organized talks and activities from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. A total of six (6) people participated.
9. Basketball Officials School is scheduled for October 13.
10. Volleyball Officials School is scheduled for October 8.
11. CDBG Applications are available for the 2013 round. They are due on Thursday, October 25.
12. After School Zone activities scheduled at the community centers are on hold due to low enrollment.
13. PRCS Staff is working with NASSCO to do a strip and wax demo to the wood gym floor.
14. Face book 292 likes.
15. The Adopt-A-River program is full. This is the first time in a number of years that all our AAR parks are adopted

## **C. Parks**

1. Removed/stored beach matting for the season from both North and Zoo Beaches.
2. Park staff has removed 60 stumps at varies locations.
3. Park staff received snow plow training from DPW staff for winter operation.
4. Park crews are wood chipping at the Dog Park.
5. Install the remaining bench and place decorative trash cans at North Beach Park along Michigan Blvd. This project is now complete.
6. New Basketball Hoops will be installed at Greencrest Park by the middle of October.
7. Parks staff is in the planning stages for turning over for winter months.

## **D. Community Centers - Done**

### **1. Dr. MLK**

- i. The junior league LIOUD program began meeting again on Tuesday, September 18. They will meet in the mornings in the library from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. The activities will focus on working with mother with children ages birth to five.
- ii. Starting Monday, September 24 there will be an eight week Zumba class from 9:00 - 10:00 am. Zumba classes resumed on Saturdays starting September 15.
- iii. With the assistance of Racine Tennis Club, indoor beginner tennis lessons will be offered on Monday and Wednesday from 4:14 - 5:45 pm for all age groups. Currently, there are eight (8) future tennis stars that are working with Mr. Hardy to develop their tennis skills.
- iv. CDBG funding has allowed the GED/HSED program to begin in September. The goal is to graduate 25 to 30 students by the end of December.
- v. The King Center garden was a successful venture this year. Tomatoes, bell peppers and hot peppers were planted. For the final harvest, enough vegetables were collected to give each participant two of each items and the rest was given seniors participants that wanted some.
- vi. Darryl Carter (Coach Carter) meets on Wednesday nights to work with his football team with their homework. The group meets for about an hour and a half.
- vii. Plans for a Haunted House and other Halloween activities are in the works. Youth will be asked to bring one canned food item that we will give to the Food Bank
- viii. Plans are in the works to bring back the Credit Recovery Program. Staff will either need to work with RUSD or find certified instructors on their own.
- ix. Starting in November, Abundant Life youth will be using the building the first Saturday out of the month for the recreational portion of their program called Saturday Night Live. The program will run from 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- x. By the second week of October they should be finished with the installation of the new water heater and boilers.

### **2. Humble Park/Cesar Chavez Community Centers - Done**

- i. Youth Basketball Registrations were held at Chavez Center on the following nights September 6, 12, and 18 from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Staff from PRCS registered over 1,100 participants during scheduled registration. MIS set up computers at Chavez for the three off site registration dates.
- ii. Hispanic roundtable held annual luncheon at Chavez on September 14. Over 50 in attendance.
- iii. Tile flooring was installed at Chavez in main hallway and gym office.
- iv. Senior cookout for senior programs at Chavez was held on September 21.
- v. "Caught Being Good" program at Humble Park has been a popular incentive for good behavior. Staff has said Unified Schools are doing a similar program this year. We started ours in 2011.
- vi. Humble Park will be having a special event Halloween party in October. Staff has so far coordinated donations of pumpkins and plan to have face painting, food, games and more.
- vii. Both Humble Park and Chavez Centers had floors stripped and waxed the week of September 17.

### 3. Bryant/Tyler - Domer Community Centers

- i. The Bryant Center is now offering Tennis lessons to the youth in our community. Youth from ages 6-12 years of age are welcome. This is a partnership with the center and the Racine Indoor Tennis Club.
- ii. Girl Power youth are working hard in preparation for Mash on the Monument on Saturday, October 20. The girls will be in charge of face painting, games and other activities at the event.
- iii. I have spoken with Tim Johnson, who will be the instructor for the Community Choir After School Zone Program. Until that happens, Tim is willing to come on board as part of the Community Center to bring our youth together and start the choir now.
- iv. Two Jabs Boxing Club will be part of the boxing match held at the Bryant Center on December 8, 2012. Two Jabs Boxing Club is the Bryant Center's boxing club which has many members in various age groups.
- v. There is interest in bringing the Drill Team back to the Bryant Center. A search for an instructor has been started.
- vi. Our Zumba classes continue to be well attended. We average 30 to 40 participants per session on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings. Our quilting class meets every Thursday morning and has a steady group of ladies that meet in our library.
- vii. Senior Ping-Pong members play daily in the afternoon.
- viii. The Fast Break basketball camp has 18 participants. The camp for 2<sup>nd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> graders is held Thursday evenings from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm.
- ix. We are offering the "Tip Off" basketball program for seniors ages 50+ on Tuesday morning's beginning on October 16.
- x. We are also offering "Senior Set" tennis for seniors ages 50+ on Thursday morning's beginning on October 18.