

**Director's Report
For
December 12, 2012**

Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

A. Projects

1. **Laurel Clark Fountain:**
 - a. Closed for the season. Final seasonal operational costs will not be complete until the next quarterly water billing cycle; indications appear all costs will be within the prescribed budget for the year.
2. **Concrete Projects:**
 - a. Complete.
3. **Parks Paving Projects**
 - a. Complete.
4. **Painting of Handrail at Gaslight Pointe:**
 - a. Complete.
5. **Park Place Tuck Pointing**
 - a. Complete.
6. **Lincoln Softball Diamond**
 - a. The diamond restoration is complete.
 - b. The fence installation is in progress.
7. **Douglas Park Softball Lighting Replacement**
 - a. Bid has been accepted.
8. **Bryant LED Lighting:**
 - a. Bid has been accepted.
9. **Chavez Roof Replacement Sections 5 & 10**
 - a. Bid has been accepted.
10. **Playground Equipment Replacement**
 - a. Burke/Miller & Associates has been selected as the equipment supplier.
11. **ADA Updates for 2012:**
 - a. ADA updates for Island, Lincoln, Lockwood & Roosevelt Parks have been completed.
 - b. All rentable park shelters are now ADA accessible.
 - c. Total PRCS facilities 95% ADA compliant or greater = 57 of 104 facilities or 55%.
12. **Cemeteries:**
 - a. Mound:
 - i. Paperwork has been submitted to hire Rudie, Butterfield & Seitz to complete design and specifications for the Mound ADA restroom.
 - b. Graceland:
 - i. No Update
13. **Golf Courses:**
 - a. No Update.
14. **Wustum:**
 - a. No Update.
15. **Zoo:**
 - a. No Update.

B. Recreation

1. Registration mailings for Adult Softball and Sand Volleyball are in place for returning managers.
2. Staff will be updating RecTrac and Registrations Forms with 2013 fee changes.
3. Face book now has 310 likes.
4. Staff is working on the Spring/Summer Program Booklet.
5. Several PRCS staff attended the Wisconsin Parks & Recreation Association (WPRA) Conference during the week of November 5th. The conference was held in Wisconsin Dells. Each staff in attendance was asked to bring back with them at least one good idea for the department.
6. The PRCS Department 2013 Budget was approved on Tuesday, November 20. A special thanks to all of the staff, Board members, part time staff and participants that attended and/or spoke positively about the PRCS Department.

C. Parks

1. Finished winter set up responsibilities.
2. Finished installing new drainage tile at Johnson Park Pavilion. Landscaping will be done in the spring.
3. Tree planting for the fall has been completed. Approx. 400 trees were planted.
4. Removed piers at boat launch on November 15. Water levels have lowered to a point of concern. Staff will be contacting the DNR for their thought of action.
5. Did a complete flail mowing of Olsen Prairie. This is done every third year.

D. Community Centers

1. **Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center**
 - a. Voting was held here at the King Center on Tuesday November 6th. A total 1,411 people voted at the center. The day itself went very smooth, no real issues occurred during the day.
 - b. Abundant Life will be using the building the first Saturday of every month from 6:00 - 8:00 pm for their Saturday Night Life Program. Abundant Life staff brings their youth group over after church service for some recreational activities. They had 35 youth in attended the first night.
 - c. We were able to give Thanksgiving baskets to 20 families- thanks to Caron Butler. The families picked up their baskets on Tuesday, November 20th just in time for the holiday season.
 - d. King Challenge was held on Wednesday, November 14th. The challenge was made up of several activities; basketball, pool, dominoes, computer games, soccer, cards, and bowling. The object of the games were to get the lowest time over all once you complete all the station. The youth had fun. A total of 22 youth participated in this activity.
 - e. The date for our Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner is Friday, December 14. Donations are slow coming in, but we will in the words of Ray Charles, "make it do what it do baby".
 - f. Attended the Parks and Recreation conference the week of Nov. 7th – 9th - received some good information.

1. Humble Park/Cesar Chavez Community Centers

- a. Timer Scorer meeting was held at Chavez Center on November 1st. Employees reviewed rules, expectations and program guidelines. We have approximately 25 employees who will split time working on Saturdays at Bryant, Chavez, Humble, Tyler Domer and Park High School for our youth basketball leagues.
- b. Special Olympics banquet was held at Humble Park Saturday, November 3rd. Over 75 people were in attendance.
- c. Voting set up took place at both sites on Monday, November 5th with voting on Tuesday, November 6th. Voting went fairly smooth at both sites. Humble Park is host to 5 districts; this was the busiest I have witnessed in 12 years.
- d. Attended WPRA conference on Wednesday, November 7th in Wisconsin Dells.
- e. Honor Guard scheduled through Racine PD used the Chavez Center gym on Monday and Tuesday, November 5th and 6th for honor guard training. Over 25 officers from city, county and state were in attendance.
- f. Youth basketball games started on Saturday, November 10th. Game sites include Humble Park, Chavez, Tyler Domer, Bryant Center and Park High School. Over 100 teams play each Saturday with games running from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- g. Attended City Council meeting on November 12th at City Hall.
- h. Humble Park held Thanksgiving week festivities with school being off. Dodge ball tourney, basketball tourney and make your own sundaes highlighted the activities. Over 40 youth attended.
- i. Medicare held informational meetings at Chavez on Humble for seniors on Wednesday and Thursday, November 28th and 29th.
- j. Humble Park is starting Pickelball for seniors, which is to begin in December. Details to follow on this growing program.

2. Bryant/Tyler - Domer Community Centers

- a. Voting on Tuesday, November 6th at Bryant for the most part went well. I had to ask one observer to leave the building. Other than that, I had a great experience.
- b. Bryant hosted the Thanksgiving Basket Give Away sponsored by Caron Butler. There were 150 complete baskets and 50 gift cards from Wal-Mart given to the community. The Butler family was very appreciative of the services rendered by the Bryant Center staff.
- c. Bryant Center hosted the annual voting session for the National Level NAACP Organization.
- d. Medicare seminar for the seniors was a success there were 20 in attendance.
- e. Youth Hoops Basketball has started at the Bryant Center. There are over a 1,000 people in attendance on Saturdays and various practices thru out the week.
- f. The After School Zone has started and we have 15 participants in our ceramics class, 10 in the choir, 5 children in the instrumental program, and 5 for the musical engineering class.
- g. The tennis lessons are going well at Bryant. Mr. Harper is looking at two of our students to participate in the local tennis club through a grant program.
- h. We are now in preparation for our Annual Christmas dinner and toy give away. Gifts are sponsored by our local motorcycle and race car clubs. Over the years the Bryant Center has been very fortunate that no child has left without a gift.
- i. The GED program has started back up. The class meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 – 7:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon.

- j. Narcotics anonymous programming numbers have increased. This group meets on Monday nights from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The group averages between 20 and 25 people.
- k. The TDCC Crafts and Cakes program is going well. The class was moved to Monday nights to attract more kids – it worked. This bi-weekly themed program features a half hour craft session followed by a half hour cooking session.
- l. The annual Youth Hoops Skills Clinic held on Saturday, November 3rd attracted over 30 youth. The clinic was held at the TDCC for the first time. Former playground leader and supervisor Ryan Thompson took the lead in presenting the program.
- m. The Youth Hoops program starts its third week on Saturday, December 1. Program numbers are up and the quality of play has been great!!
- n. The TDCC Zumba classes continue to attract good numbers. Our instructor, Ms. Cornelius, brings a lot of enthusiasm and energy.
- o. The Snow Sharks program is ready for the 10th season. This popular program is a partnership between the PRCS and Alpine Valley that offers youth ages 7-17 (and their families) a way to enjoy our Wisconsin winter in a safe, affordable, and enjoyable way.