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Agenda for Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

6:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Carson Ross Community Recreation Complex, 425 NE Mock. Please let our office know by 5 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2025, if you are unable to attend.

1) Call to Order
2) Consent Agenda
   a) Minutes of November 2024 Meeting – Included in Packet
   b) Shelter Report – Included in Packet
3) Visitors and/or Correspondence – None
4) Program/Activity Spotlight –North Pole Trail of Lights- Derek Mayden
5) Finances – Included in Packet
6) Staff Reports
   (a) Park Maintenance Report
   (b) Recreation Report
   (c) Fieldhouse/Aquatics Report
   (d) Director Report
7) Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman's Report
8) City Council Liaison Report
9) Old Business
   a) Sales Tax Project updates
10) New Business
   a) Police activity report
11) Miscellaneous
   a) February 4 meeting
12) Adjournment

If special accommodations are required for citizen participation at this meeting please call 228-0137 (voice), 228-0250 (TDD). A quorum of the City Council may be in attendance; however, no City Council votes will be taken. Posted at the Blue Springs City Hall and on the City's website on Friday, January 10, 2025.

Minutes of a Regular Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
November 5, 2024

A regular meeting of the Blue Springs Parks Commission was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at the Fieldhouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Keith Hannaman – Present	Parks Dept. Staff:	Justin Stuart
Ken Horrell – Absent	Parks Dept. Staff:	Matt Asikainen
Nick Brummel – Absent	Parks Dept. Staff:	Derek Mayden
Tony Lopez – Present	Parks Dept. Staff:	Mary Herrington
Debbie Canfield – Present	Parks Dept. Staff:	Kelli Votypka
Tara Johnson – Present	Parks Dept. Staff:	Kayla Shelby
Brian Markworth – Present	City Council Liaison:	Jerry Kaylor –Present
Brittany Boswell – Present		
Nick Tepesch - Present		

A motion was made by Tony Lopez and seconded by Debbie Canfield to accept the Consent Agenda. It passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Tony Lopez and seconded by Tara Johnson to approve the amended minutes from the September 10th 2024 Parks and Recreation commission meeting.

Visitors/Correspondence: None.

Program/Activity Spotlight: Kelli Votypka presented on Spooky Springs. She reviewed the number of participants and vendors as well as the results of the event.

Finances: None.
Staff Reports: Staff reviewed their reports.
Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman's Report: None.

City Council Liaison Report: None.
Old Business: Justin presented an update on the Fieldhouse and Blue Surf Bay. He gave a breakdown of memberships, day passes, and expenses.

Justin discussed the ribbon cutting ceremony for Keystone Park that was held on September 30th.

New Business: Justin went into further detail about the new coffee vendor and their plans for this location.

Justin explained the significant honor it is to have been awarded the Leading-Edge Award and recognized at the World Waterpark Association conference in Las Vegas.

Justin went into further detail about being informed by MODOT that they will be removing the Adopt a Highway program between now and 2026. He then discussed the parks department's plans to host clean up days in spring and fall.

Justin discussed some of the FY 2024/25 upcoming projects.

Justin then went into detail about the North Pole trail at Rotary Park which will begin after the mayor's tree lighting ceremony in December.

Miscellaneous: Justin explained that due to the slope in the parking lot, they are unable to add handicap spots where previously requested at the Fieldhouse.

The EEO Utilization report was handed out to those who had not received it.

It was discussed whether to have a meeting in December. Tony Lopez motioned to not hold a December meeting and Tara Johnson seconded.

As there was no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Tara Johnson and seconded by Tony Lopez.

Shelter House Reservations Actual Usage 2024

Park	Shelter	March			April			May			June			July			Aug			Sept			Oct			Nov/Dec			YTD		
		Profit	N/C	OS	Profit	N/C	OS	Profit	N/C	OS	Profit	N/C	OS	Profit	N/C	OS	Profit	N/C	OS	Profit	N/C	OS	Profit	N/C	OS	Profit	N/C	OS	Profit	N/C	OS
Baumgardner	#1	1			3			8			12	1		3	1		5	1		5			4	1		1			42	4	0
Blue Springs	#1	2			4			15	1		16	3		8	1		6			6	1		7			1			65	6	0
	#2				3			9			1																		13	0	0
Hidden Valley	#1	4	1		5			11			11			4			5	2		8	3		5	4		1			54	10	0
Keystone	#1				2			4			4			1			6			5			5	1		1			28	1	0
Old Mill	#1	5			11			18	3		22	4		23	1		19	3		11	1		6			2			117	12	0
	#2	3			5			12			16	3		21			15			9			6			1			88	3	0
Pink Hill	#1	3			6			9			7			5			2			7			6			1			46	0	0
	#2	3			5			8			10	1		2			4			6			5	1					43	2	0
	#3	4	1		10	1		19	4		11			6			12	2		10			10	2		2			84	10	0
	#4				1			3			2			1			1			4	2		1						13	2	0
	#5	1			2			4			5	1		1						2	4								15	5	0
Rotary Park	**Gazebo**				1			2	1		3		5			5	2	4		1			5						14	5	10
	#1	4			9			11	2		14		1	8			7			11			8						72	2	1
	#2	2			7			8	1		11			4			6			10			6						54	1	0
Ward	#1	1	1		5			11			8			4			2			6	0		5			1			43	1	0
	#2				1			2			3			1			0			2			1						10	0	0
Total Prof/N/C		**33**	**3**	**0**	**80**	**1**	**0**	**154**	**12**	**0**	**156**	**13**	**6**	**92**	**3**	**5**	**92**	**12**	**0**	**103**	**11**	**0**	**80**	**9**	**0**	**11**	**0**	**0**	**801**	**64**	**11**
Total Use		**36**			**81**			**166**			**175**			**100**			**104**			**114**			**89**			**11**			876		

N/C (No charge) includes use by schools, and Parks Rec programs.
OS (Out of Service) includes use by the City for maintenance or non-shelter use activities, i.e. BBQ, Fall Fun Fest.

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To: Park Commissioners
From: Justin Stuart, Director of Parks and Recreation
Subject: Park & Recreation FY2024-25 September Budget Report
Date: January 8, 2025

Introduction:
The memo is to provide information about the current Parks and Recreation 2024-25 operational budget.

Background:
The memo will provide information on expenditures for 2024-25 through November for Park Operations, Fieldhouse and Blue Surf Bay Waterpark, and the Adams Pointe Golf Club. The information provides comparative data as to how the department is currently operating compared to FY2023-24 Budget for the same period as well as provides comparative data for the approved FY2024-25 budget as a benchmark. The revenue report reflects the account where information is provided for comparative data but does not include all revenue sources. The Golf Course and Fieldhouse revenue are not part of the general fund; thus, provide complete revenue data for those revenue reports.

Discussion:
The Blue Springs Parks and Recreation Department budget through the month of November or 16.6% of the fiscal year, reflects expenditures totaling 11.91% of the allocated revised budget for the fiscal year. As you look at the data, numbers in parentheses indicate a decrease in money expended as compared to FY2023-24 fiscal year. Positive numbers represent an increase in expenditures as compared to FY2023-24.

Park Administration
The Administration Division is comprised of mainly salaries for the administration of the Parks, Recreation, Building and Grounds Department. The salaries of four full-time staff members are included within this budget. The supplies and materials items are mostly contained to office supplies and office equipment with the contractual services funds for public art, training, software license and other miscellaneous department wide expenditures. Overall, the Park Administration budget reflects a negative variance as compared to FY2023-24 of $6,046 and has expenditures totaling 14.87% of the revised budget. Increase in Contractual Services accounts for the increase in spending. This is due to Art Commission expenses and bankcard service fees. The division is on target with its budget allocation for the year.

	YTD 2023-24	YTD 2024-25	Variance	Budget
Park Administration				
Personnel	$ 79,464	$ 78,435	$ (1,029)	$ 497,275
Supplies & Materials	$ 652	$ 791	$ 139	$ 12,150
Contractual Services	$ 4,467	$ 11,403	$ 6,936	$ 100,120
Capital Outlay	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTALS	$ 84,583	$ 90,629	$ 6,046	$ 609,545

Recreation

The Recreation Division reflects an increase in overall expenses as compared to the previous year of $9,025 Increases are reflected in Contractual Services and Supplies. Overall, the division has expended 8.66% of the adopted budget. The division manages most of the Departments special event's, sports programs, and day camps. The increase in Supplies & Materials and Contractual Services is related to increases in program growth and increases in officials fees. Overall, the division remains within its budget allocation and is below expected total expenditures for this point in the fiscal year.

	YTD 2023-24	YTD 2024-25	Variance	Budget
Recreation				
Personnel	$ 64,908	$ 63,384	$ (1,524)	$ 565,937
Supplies & Materials	$ 3,133	$ 5,788	$ 2,655	$ 160,958
Contractual Services	$ 15,202	$ 23,096	$ 7,894	$ 338,196
Capital Outlay	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTALS	$ 83,243	$ 92,268	$ 9,025	$ 1,065,091

Vesper Hall / Senior Services

The Vesper Hall / Senior Services division provides programming for our senior population along with rental of the facility for events and receptions. They also assist in the offering of special events for the community as well. The budget pays for four full-time staff and numerous part-time staff members. It also provides funding for senior fitness programs, senior special event's, food service for on-site and home bound senior citizens as well as transportation for seniors. Overall, the division has expended 10.41% of the adopted budget for the division. The current budget reflects a $4,574 increase in expenses. Those increases are reflected in Personnel Services and Contractual Services. This division budget fluctuates based on timing of invoices and billing for transportation services.

	YTD 2023-24	YTD 2024-25	Variance	Budget
Vesper				
Personnel	$ 44,430	$ 49,049	$ 4,619	$ 349,374
Supplies & Materials	$ 20,633	$ 16,521	$ (4,112)	$ 157,780
Contractual Services	$ 13,890	$ 17,957	$ 4,067	$ 292,142
Capital Outlay	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 3,000
TOTALS	$ 78,953	$ 83,527	$ 4,574	$ 802,296

Park Maintenance

The Park Maintenance Division consist of 13 full-time employees as well as temporary seasonal employees that maintains all parkland and street right-of-ways, which includes Adams Dairy Parkway from Roanoke Road to Wyatt Road, 40 Highway from 7 Highway to SW 22nd, I-70 and & 7 Highway intersection, 7 Highway from Wyatt Road to Colburn Road, Woods Chapel Rd. and various landscape beds throughout the community. Not only does the division assist with repairs to facilities, but they also provide cleaning services to shelters and fields, assistance for special event's, playground safety inspections, and oversees numerous contractual mowing contracts. While the division has the single largest budget for the department it is taxed with managing the available funds to ensure all safety concerns and facilities are repaired and maintained in a safe and presentable manner. The current fiscal year expenditures represent 12.63% of the budget. Currently the

division is reflecting a positive variance as compared to FY2023-24 by $2,453.. The division is on target to be within the approved fiscal budget for the year.

	YTD 2023-24	YTD 2024-25	Variance	Budget
Park Maintenance				
Personnel	$ 209,308	$ 182,736	$ (26,572)	$ 1,052,200
Supplies & Materials	$ 27,213	$ 37,602	$ 10,389	$ 322,750
Contractual Services	$ 42,918	$ 59,582	$ 16,664	$ 829,893
Capital Outlay	$ 68,453	$ 65,519	$ (2,934)	$ 530,577
TOTALS	$ 347,892	$ 345,439	$ (2,453)	$ 2,735,420

Building Maintenance

The Building Maintenance division is responsible for maintaining all city owned facilities. The division employs six full-time staff members who are responsible for maintaining system-wide maintenance of heating and cooling, plumbing, electrical and janitorial services. The division has expended 12.44% of the budget for the current fiscal year. This represents a decrease in expenditures of $2,380 as compared to FY2023-24. The biggest area of increase is in Personnel due to all positions being filled. Contractual Service costs are down due to timing of building repairs. The division is on target to be within its budgeted allocation for the year.

	YTD 2023-24	YTD 2024-25	Variance	Budget
Building Maintenance				
Personnel	$ 38,204	$ 54,757	$ 16,553	$ 378,798
Supplies & Materials	$ 11,310	$ 5,871	$ (5,439)	$ 83,400
Contractual Services	$ 73,721	$ 60,227	$ (13,494)	$ 509,456
Capital Outlay	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTALS	$ 123,235	$ 120,855	$ (2,380)	$ 971,653

Total Parks and Recreation Department

Overall, the Parks and Recreation Department has expenditures totaling $732,718. This is an increase of $14,812 as compared to FY2023-24 budget. The largest increases are reflected in Personnel and Capital Outlay. Expenditures reflect 11.85% of the budget being expended for the fiscal year. These reports do not include any revenues or expenses for the Fieldhouse as those are shown separately below.

Department Totals	YTD 2023-24	YTD 2024-25	Variance	Budget
Personnel	$ 436,314	$ 428,361	$ (7,953)	$ 2,843,584
Supplies & Materials	$ 62,941	$ 66,572	$ 3,631	$ 737,038
Contractual Services	$ 150,198	$ 172,265	$ 22,067	$ 2,069,807
Capital Outlay	$ 68,453	$ 65,519	$ (2,934)	$ 533,577
TOTALS	$ 717,906	$ 732,718	$ 14,812	$ 6,184,005

Fieldhouse / Blue Surf Bay Waterpark

The Fieldhouse/Blue Surf Bay Waterpark is responsible for all operations of the Blue Springs Fieldhouse and Blue Surf Bay Waterpark including membership and all associated programs and events. Currently the facility has a positive financial report, as revenues have exceeded expenses by $8,529. Memberships numbers are around 2700 units. Revenues is at $318,916. Expenses are running at $310,387. The division is on target to be within the approved fiscal budget for the year.

	YTD 2023-24	YTD 2024-25	Variance
Revenue			
Adult Leagues	$ 830	$ 700	$ (130)
Youth Leagues	$ 3,573	$ 4,430	$ 857
Fitness	$ 4,433	$ 6,000	$ 1,567
Special Events Fees	$ -	$ 20	$ 20
Facility Rentals	$ 14,943	$ 12,034	$ (2,909)
Concessions	$ 740	$ 166	$ (574)
Memberships	$ 152,292	$ 283,993	$ 131,701
Group Admissions	$ -	$ 235	$ 235
Aquatic Programming	$ -	$ -	$ -
Interest Income	$ 13,734	$ 3,089	$ (10,645)
			$ -
Donations	$ -	$ -	$ -
Sponsorships	$ 1,988	$ -	$ (1,988)
			$ -
Sale of City Property	$ -	$ -	$ -
Fieldhouse Lease	$ 3,113	$ 8,190	$ 5,077
Cash Over / Short	$ -	$ 59	$ 59
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 195,646**	**$ 318,916**	**$ 123,270**
	YTD 2022-23	**YTD 2023-24**	**Variance**
Expenses			
Fieldhouse			
Personnel	$ 90,014	$ 122,387	$ 32,373
Supplies & Materials	$ 1,082	$ 6,097	$ 5,015
Contracutal Services	$ 22,248	$ 36,980	$ 14,732
Capital Outlay	$ -	$ -	$ -
Blue Surf Bay Waterpark			
Personnel	$ -	$ 98,257	$ 98,257
Supplies & Materials	$ -	$ 8,787	$ 8,787
Contracutal Services	$ 42	$ 37,878	$ 37,835
Capital Outlay	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 113,386**	**$ 310,387**	**$ 197,000**
NET/LOSS	**$ 82,260**	**$ 8,529**	**$ (73,731)**

Adams Pointe Golf Club

The Adams Pointe Golf Club is currently operated by Orion Management through a professional service contract and is responsible for all course operation revenues and expenditures. This report provides budget information for operations thru November. Currently the Golf Course is operating at $26,500 better than last year for the same time period. Revenues are up by $1,752 with total revenues of $324,833 while expenses are down by $24,749 at $382,373. The Golf Course continues to have strong play with tee sheets filling up daily. The Fall is a heavy play period and that should continue to see a positive trend in the overall financial picture of the Golf Course. Staff will continue to monitor the budget with Orion and make appropriate adjustments as needed.

	November	YTD 2023-24	YTD 2024-25	Variance
Revenue				
Green Fees	$ 48,144.65	$ 99,314.00	$ 116,387.65	$ 17,074
Pro Shop	$ 21,639.50	$ 76,883.45	$ 58,638.99	$ (18,244)
Range	$ 6,597.00	$ 19,513.35	$ 15,758.55	$ (3,755)
Carts	$ 21,585.95	$ 37,483.12	$ 47,477.93	$ 9,995
Food & Bev	$ 29,160.38	$ 89,937.31	$ 86,619.78	$ (3,318)
				$ -
TOTAL	**$ 127,127**	**$ 323,131**	**$ 324,883**	**$ 1,752**
	November	**YTD 2023-24**	**YTD 2024-25**	**Variance**
Expenses				
Cost of Goods Sold	$ 18,953.98	$ 86,885.75	$ 65,100.89	$ (21,784.86)
Pro Shop	$ 15,582.62	$ 46,582.25	$ 38,357.39	$ (8,224.86)
Range	$ -	$ -	$ 22.50	$ 22.50
Carts	$ 11,705.54	$ 17,297.94	$ 26,161.48	$ 8,863.54
Course Maint	$ 41,640.89	$ 108,198.40	$ 101,285.35	$ (6,913.05)
Food & Bev	$ 14,312.93	$ 37,480.93	$ 36,507.42	$ (973.51)
G & A	$ 17,932.00	$ 41,001.32	$ 45,262.95	$ 4,261.63
Debt Service	$ 29,087.50	$ 58,175.00	$ 58,175.00	$ -
Mgmt Fee	$ 5,750.00	$ 11,500.00	$ 11,500.00	$ -
TOTAL	**$ 154,965**	**$ 407,122**	**$ 382,373**	**$ (24,749)**
DIFFERENCE	**$ (27,838)**	**$ (83,990)**	**$ (57,490)**	**$ 26,500**

Recommendation/Action Required:

The memo was provided for your information.

Memo

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To: Park Commission Report

From: Derek Mayden, Superintendent of Parks, Buildings, and Grounds

CC: Justin Stuart, Director of Parks and Recreation

Date: January 7, 2025

North Pole Trail of Lights – That's a wrap!!!! A lot of time and effort went into the 28 days of the North Pole Trail of Lights. Every day at work seemed like a brainstorming session of what we could do to get better, what could be done bigger, and what fresh idea had to be brought to the table. We had very few complaints or negative comments made and the comments that were made in that manner were addressed typically the next day. We worked on sound off and on and concluded heavy, damp nights caused our audio issues. We are in the process of building a waterproof "decoration" of sorts that can sit by the tree and house the sound system. We had very few call outs of items not working, a gfci repair here and there and that was about it. Overall, what a huge success, what a great event for our community, and the outpouring of positivity on social media was quite impressive.



Parks Maintenance Renovation – Our team is extremely excited to get our renovation under way at Pink Hill Maintenance Shop. The building will be going through office renovations, break room renovations, and a MUCH needed restroom and locker room upgrade. Our team has been working diligently to get items removed and taken out of the office and break room spaces to prepare for demolition.

Hidden Valley Turf Install and Bathroom Renovation – Hidden Valley is receiving multiple upgrades as we speak. The turf on the softball fields is under way as the fields have been dug out and are currently working on soil stabilization and dimensions of the arc of the field so that base grade can be installed before getting the carpet laid onto the field. The bathrooms are also under renovation. All items in the restroom facilities have been removed and demoed to prepare for all new plumbing fixtures, flooring, and partitions. The walls have been painted and the epoxy style flooring is laid in all bathrooms. They will sit for just a few weeks while we wait on the new plumbing fixtures to arrive and be installed by contractor.

Maintenance Standards Met in December		
Task	**Completion Percentage**	**Days Completed**
Trash and Recycling	80%	8/10
Preventative Field Maintenance	0%	0/4
Restrooms	72%	10/14
Mowing	0%	0/4
Inspections	0%	0/11
Preventative Application (Liquid or Granular) *Next app – February 2024	0%	0/1

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TO: Park Commission
FROM: Kelli Votypka, Recreation Superintendent
SUBJECT: November Park Commission Report
DATE: January 7, 2025

Youth Sports- There are 103 teams participating in youth recreation basketball and 21 competitive basketball leagues. Our partnership with Blue Springs School District has been going well with the use of the elementary and middle school gyms for practice. No practices were held during winter break.

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Adult Sports – Currently there are 16 teams for winter basketball league and 24 for indoor pickleball. Both leagues are maxed on registration numbers.

Special Events- Cosmic bingo was a huge success in November. There were requests to host Cosmic Bingo or other themed events throughout the year. Staff will be looking into other opportunities.

Camp – Winter Break Camp was a success with an average of 25 campers per day over 6 days.

Vesper Update – The Site Council held their Italian Dinner fundraiser on Oct. 4. New card tables that were order this summer arrived and are actively being used. On Oct. 18 Vesper Hall held their annual Health Fair with 26 vendors and free breakfast. New programs are Ping Pong, Shuffleboard and Stepping On-Fall Prevention.

November 2024

Meals Program

	2023	**2024**
Congregate Meals	1352	1613
HDM	921	517

Room Rentals

	2023	**2024**
Small Room	0	2
Multi-Purpose Room	0	0
Entire Building	2	

Transportation

	2023	**2024**
Site Transportation	252	244
Community Route	104	171

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TO: Park Commission
FROM: Matthew Asikainen, Superintendent of Fieldhouse & Aquatics
SUBJECT: January Park Commission Report
DATE: January 2, 2025

Carson Ross Community Recreation Complex-
Winter is here and with New Years Resolutions we are already busy this month. Memberships units were at 2,759 at the end December compared to this time last year at 1,864. Day Passes are still a good option for those occasional users or those choosing not to join with a membership. In November we sold 1,382 compared to 2,539 the year before. December we sold 1,654 compared to 2,371 the year before. We are seeing a lot of new memberships as expected this time of year and hope to offer a facility that our members choose to be a part of year-round with all the new amenities and activities we have added since the opening of Blue Surf Bay Waterpark. We offered a Holiday Membership sale at the end of the 2024 that allowed people to pay for January and February up front and get March for free, we had 11 households take advantage of this sale. We also offered a college winter pass option which gave college students home on break access for December and January for the price of one month with 29 taking advantage of that offer.

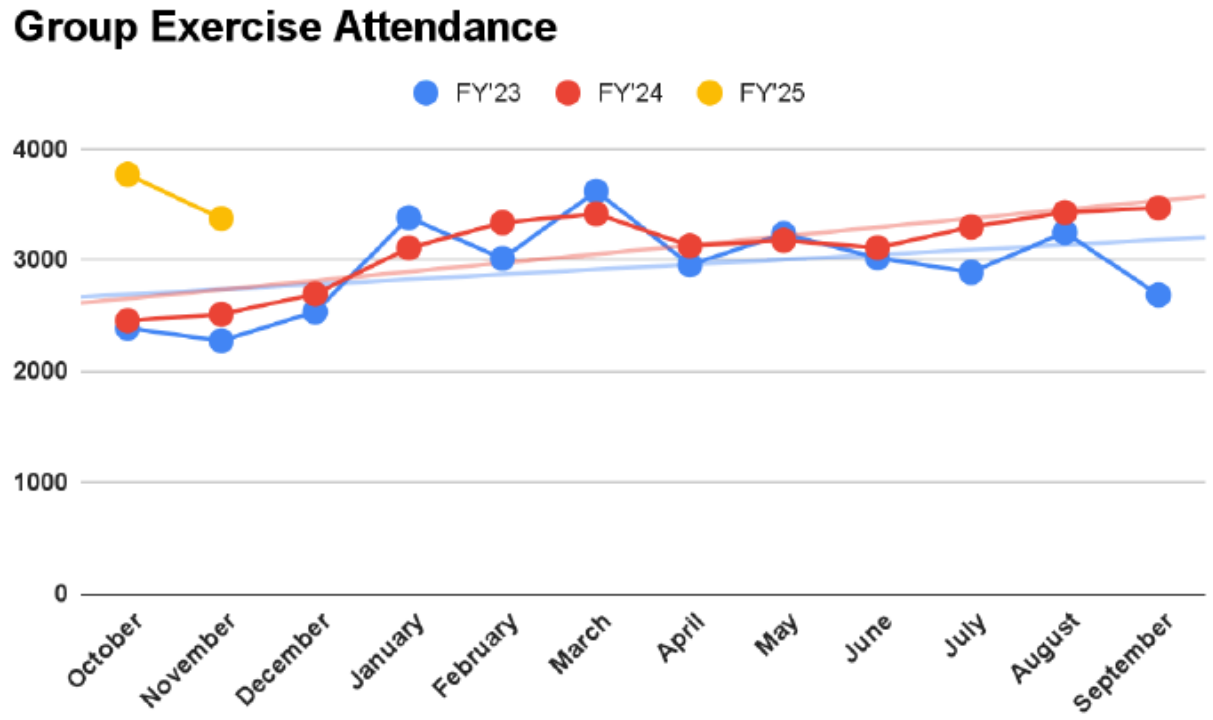
Aquatics – Blue Surf Bay Waterpark rang in the New Year with the first annual Noon Years Eve Ball Drop. Swim lessons are starting back up in the New Year and will run continuously through the summer. We are working hard on planning for the summer with some exciting programs on the way. And of course, we are celebrating Shark Week this summer with a lot of fun activities planned already.

Sports- Little All Stars Basketball and Cheerleading is starting up for the winter currently 150 enrolled compared to 117 last year. Adult Basketball league and Pickleball Leagues are starting up in January as well with sold out leagues for this winter for both.

Fitness –Fitness classes in November were popular with 3,372 total class participants. With the start of Aqua Fitness classes we saw an increase but even without that we did not see the decline like we had the previous year which reflects our higher membership number. Personal training was still popular this month with 61.5 hours of training logged from our clients. The CRCRC saw the first ever Indoor Triathlon on December 8 with 15 participants. There was a lot of positive feedback and we are already looking to do this program again next year. We held The Gauntlet in December which consisted of five days on increasingly harder work outs. We had 8 participants that all completed the challenge. We have our 2nd Annual Trim to Triumph program starting January 6. This program is geared towards meeting your goals and overall body composition instead of a traditional weight loss program.

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Below is a graph that shows how class participation compares to previous fiscal years:



Facility Rentals- We are filling up on our available space for rentals and are evaluating requests as they come in. We have to balance member use and rental space as we always have, but with increased membership we need to be careful to keep access to our members for the facility. We have the Hispanic Soccer League returning this year that play on Sundays as well as other regular groups that use our facility.

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TO: Park Commission
FROM: Justin Stuart, Director
SUBJECT: January 2025 Park Commission Report
DATE: January 2, 2025

Public Art Commission: The PAC is in the process of selecting artists for the 2025 Temporary Art Exhibit "Wonder". The exhibit will be held along Moreland School Road between 7 Hwy and Liggett Rd. Artists finalists will be interviewed at the January PAC meeting. The current "Seasons" Temporary Art Exhibit will come to a close at the end of March. The PAC is interested in potential purchase of one of the pieces of art and is in negotiations with the artist currently to come to an agreed upon price.

Sales Tax Projects Updates: Several Parks Sales Tax Projects are currently in the works or will be starting soon. More information on the status of each project will be provided at the Park Commission meeting.

Gold Medal Award Submission: The National Gold Medal Award honors public park and recreation agencies and state park systems throughout the United States and armed forces recreation programs worldwide that demonstrate excellence in long-range planning, resource management and innovative approaches to delivering superb park and recreation services with fiscally sound business practices. The National Gold Medal Award Program is managed and governed by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA) in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).
Staff has been working over the last couple months on our submission. The deadline for submitting the required information is March 2025. It is our intent to complete the responses by the end of January for review by others within the city to assist us in submitting the best information possible.

FY2025-26 Budget: Staff will begin preparations for developing the FY2025-26 budget over the next four months. The process begins with the Capital Improvement Program and then followed by the operational budget development. The process takes about 6 months for staff to complete, before it is provided to City Council for approval.

Southwest Park: Staff has been working with Stantec to develop plans for the extension of 12th Street as part of the City's Street Improvement Bond that was passed in 2024. The extension of 12th St is crucial to the development of Southwest Park. We hope to start design work in late 2025 with construction to follow. With cost increases experienced over the last couple of years, we will need to update the projected costs of the park construction to determine if we can still build the entire scope of the project.

Blue Springs Police Calls for Service 2024

	2024 1st Qtr.	2024 2nd Qtr.	2024 3rd Qtr.	2024 3rd Qtr.	Totals
Baumgardner	0	1	3	2	6
Blue Springs/Gregory O. Grounds Dog Park	7	8	2	4	21
Blue Springs Park	0	1	0	0	1
Burrus Old Mill Park	20	24	34	8	86
Central Park	0	0	0	0	0
Fieldhouse	10	17	12	6	45
Franklin Smith School Park	7	7	4	2	20
Hidden Valley Park	20	13	13	15	61
James Walker School Park	1	1	1	0	3
Keystone Park	31	24	11	8	74
Lake Remembrance	0	0	0	0	0
Pink Hill Park	27	14	7	10	58
Roscoe Righter Park	1	0	0	1	2
Rotary Park	27	8	18	6	59
Stonecreek Park	0	0	0	0	0
Valley View Park	1	0	1	0	2
Ward Park	20	18	6	8	52
Wilbur Young Park	25	25	16	6	72
Willow Tree Park	0	0	0	0	0
Woods Chapel Park	17	10	1	2	30