



Henry County Parks and Recreation Annual Report 2010



ADMINISTRATION

The Henry County Parks and Recreation Department is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all the citizens of Henry County by providing quality recreation and athletic programs, opportunities, special events, facilities and amenities. In addition, our Therapeutic Recreation programs offer the special populations residents of Henry County the opportunity to participate in competitive sporting events as well as organized outings, socials and creative activities that enhance emotional, spiritual, social, physical and cognitive abilities. This annual report provides an overview of the accomplishments of Henry County Parks and Recreation for the calendar year of January 1 through December 31, 2010.

There are 27 parks located throughout Henry County that are maintained by Parks and Recreation, five city parks and one state park, all of which are strategically located throughout the county to be just minutes away for residents to enjoy. We also operate historic sites as a great way to get out and learn about our heritage while exploring nature.

The Henry County Recreation Advisory Board is a five-member board appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The board normally meets on the third Tuesday of each month which consists of the following: Mrs. Carla Daniel, Chairperson, District I; Mr. Danny Dill, District II; Mr. Doug Coffey, District III; Mr. Terry Sanders, Vice-Chairman, District IV and Mr. William Bates, District V. The fiscal year 2010 budget authorized a staff of 56 full-time positions and 129 temporary/part-time positions in Parks and Recreation.

The Parks and Recreation Department consists of 1,300 acres of park land featuring 66 baseball and softball fields, 13 football fields, 15 soccer fields and 22 tennis courts. It also boasts 8.4 miles of walking trails, 28 playgrounds, a dog park, paintball complex, BMX track, disc golf course, roller hockey rink, a Sunshine Field complex, an Event Center, and even a recreation center that features an indoor walking track, two basketball courts and several classrooms. Under SPLOST III, the Fairview Recreation Center had its Grand Opening Ceremony this year. More than 33,000 youth and 14,000 adults participated in organized recreation athletic programs while 7,000 enrolled in its classes and activities and 3,000 participated in Therapeutic recreation. Parks and Recreation offers a day camp program over the summer and school breaks for area youth which serves more than 11,000 children and addresses a clear need in the community.

The Jason T. Harper Event Center hosted numerous events including: Taste of Henry in April, the Meals on Wheels Walk, the British Invasion Oldies Concert, Henry County's Employee Luncheon and McDonough Youth Association's Sport Pictures in May, Army concert in June to benefit the Historical Veterans Military Museum and the Rodeo in September. The Event Center also hosted the 4-H Horse Shows and the Henry

County Auction. The Extension Agency held a Farmer's Market June through October. Day Camps utilize this facility during the school breaks and the summer.

State Route 81 and Lake Dow Road traffic signal and intersection improvements began in October. Henry County has worked to expedite this date. The Heritage Park entrance is near this intersection.

Home to the HCPRD Youth and Adult Basketball leagues, JP Moseley also offers Aerobics, Yoga, Gymnastics, Self-Defense, Line Dancing and Music classes. The variety of meeting rooms and newly refinished basketball courts have allowed JP Moseley to host various public events throughout the 2010 calendar year including: Wheel Chair Basketball Tournaments, Wheel Chair Hand Ball Tournaments, Bull Martin's Basketball Camp, AAU Training, Youth and Teen Camps (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer, Thanksgiving and New Year). Private rental events such as birthday parties, family reunions, bridal and baby showers, Christmas parties and business training sessions filled out the calendar.

The South Eastern Primitive Rendezvous was held in late March shortly before the Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt. The Simply Southern Jubilee was held in April. Students attended field trips in May. Tour operators toured Nash in May and June. This facility also hosts day camp for 13 weeks and is the home to the dog obedience and karate classes.

The Locust Grove Recreation Center is used for Therapeutic Recreation Programs and events throughout the year. The facility was rented out for 11 birthday parties and reunions and four weddings in the Sanctuary. There were also 17 Therapeutic division special events. The Sanctuary is used each Sunday for Anchor Church services.

While SPLOST III revenues continued to lag behind projections due to the economy, Henry County found a way to ensure that a much-anticipated capital improvement project slated for Locust Grove was realized. The Locust Grove Conference Center was converted into a Senior Center that will double as a Community Center, giving citizens of all ages greater access to this beautiful facility. The 15,322 square foot building includes a large, elegant banquet hall capable of seating 380 people and a catering kitchen with a serving line capable of accommodating the senior center once a 540 square foot addition is complete. The flexible meeting spaces downstairs will make ideal activity rooms for the seniors. The Grand Opening for the Locust Grove Event Center will be held on February 13, 2011.

HCPRD continued to sell bricks for the Veteran's Wall of Honor throughout the year. In 2010, 66 4x8 bricks, 14 12x12 bricks and 2 benches were sold. This monument hosted the Memorial Day and Veteran's Day Ceremonies as well as had three tour groups to visit the wall. Approximately 5,000 people visited the Veteran's Wall of Honor. A new donation program was set up for the upkeep of the Wall and \$209.00 was sent by local citizens.

Henry County Parks and Recreation hosted its Third Annual Hall of Fame Banquet in October to honor individuals who contributed their time, talent, or resources over the years that served as the foundation for the outstanding programs and amenities that Henry County Parks and Recreation offers today. District I Commissioner Warren Holder served as the Master of Ceremonies over an evening that inducted 8 new members into the Hall of Fame, recognized 36 Special Olympics Athletes. Those nominated for the Hall of Fame are people who changed the face of their community for the better through their efforts of volunteerism and their vision of recreation to better serve the citizens of Henry County. Those individuals were Ralph

Allen, Raymond Bailey, Gary Barham, Joseph Martin, Richard McBrayer, Harvey Thurmond and Buster Smith.

Volunteers for Henry County Parks and Recreation Department's Therapeutic Recreation were given special recognition for their efforts of volunteerism in the Circle of Friends, Special Olympics and Sunshine League programs. Those recognized include Terry Brooks, Deborah Brown, Cindy Carter, Connie Dodgen, Jim Hagelthorn, Donna Johnson, Larry Johnson, Kathy Simpson and Babbie Spain.

HCPRD had a tremendous impact on Henry County's economy in 2010. There were more than 37 large tournaments played in Henry County involving 1,171 teams that played a total of 2,646 games. These totals include the CSA World Series that was held in July and the Super NIT Baseball tournaments.

July is National Parks and Recreation Month and our department celebrated by hosting or attending several events throughout the month. These included the Georgia Independence Day Festival, Day Camps and the Roberto Clemente AABC World Series, Mr. & Miss Special Henry County Pageant, Special Olympics Master's Bowling Competition, and GRPA District Swim Meet. Davina Ford compiled a "July is Parks and Recreation Month" scrapbook to commemorate this month.

The Community Service Program allowed inmates and probationers the opportunity to pay their debt to society if they were unable to meet the fine imposed by doing roadside litter pickup and departmental assistance, routine janitorial duties at parks, recycling center and county buildings. They disposed of 27,480 lbs of trash from Panola Woods, helped move Elections into their new building, moved auction items to storage, assisted with setup for several large functions at the judicial center and provided light duty assistance to several departments. For the year, these inmates and probationers worked a total of 71,350 hours, cleared 2,428 miles of County roads and disposed of 249,140 pounds of trash.

HCPRD is a member of GRPA, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion, preservation and advocacy of the Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services profession. Participation with GRPA includes serving on GRPA committees, participating and hosting adult basketball and adult softball tournaments, hosting a sixth district meeting, attending day camp workshops, sending teams to compete in youth track, hosting a youth basketball tournament, sending swimmers to compete at a State competition, sending staff to its annual conference, and staff taught sessions at the conference. Assistant Director Kenny Morris and Program Coordinator Kathy Hunt both received awards from the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association for Distinguished Professional in Facilities and Grounds Section and Distinguished Professional in the Programmers Section for the Year.

HCPRD recognized volunteers publicly at the 2010 United Way Henry Volunteer Recognition Dinner held at the Merle Manders Conference Center.

HCPRD participated in the 12th Annual Hands on Henry Day, sponsored by Leadership Henry and Henry County Chamber of Commerce. For this event, thousands of volunteers come together to make our community a better place, including 195 who completed projects at Henry County park facilities such as landscaping beautification, maintenance, entrance sign improvements, garbage pick-up, painting and playground equipment repair. The 2010 sites included North Mount Carmel Park, Fairview Library, Richard Craig Park, SPLOST Annex, Windy Hill Park and Hidden Valley Park.

Total number of background checks processed by the Department in 2010 was over 1,000.

HCPRD is a Partner in Education, a program sponsored by the Board of Education and the Henry County Chamber of Commerce that links businesses and schools in an ongoing commitment to strengthen and enrich educational opportunities for students. HCPRD teamed up with the Board of Education to provide AAASP, adapted sports programs for students with physical disabilities to enhance educational outcomes. The Board of Education provided transportation for AAASP and HCPRD Camp programs that take place during school breaks. HCPRD utilized 14 Board of Education gymnasiums to provide a youth basketball program during the winter months. HCPRD utilized the Stockbridge High School Track for our youth track program. The Department also held tours at parks and provided use of the picnic shelters for school field trips. Hidden Valley Park's cross country track was utilized by Stockbridge High School.

HCPRD Staff was available for information booths and to speak with schools, clubs, and civic organizations to share information

about Henry County Parks and Recreation's programs & services. In 2010, those groups included the CVB tourism expo held at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Ola Middle School Health Fair, Fallen Heroes Day, Smith Barnes Elementary, the Kiwanis Club, Eagles Landing and Patrick Henry High Schools, the Henry County Disability Center, Leadership Henry, National Night Out, the Geranium Festival and Locust Grove Days Festival.

PAINTBALL

The 2010 paintball season wrapped up with several improvements to the Paintball Park by improving and rebuilding the buildings, adding two Cessna airplanes, and 50 large spools to the playing surface, giving us a scenario field that rivals any other in the nation. The Department opened the Hyperball Field and the Woodsball Field, resulting playing in fields for just about any desired scenario from Infantry style woods to urban warfare and tournament play! The rental Paintball gun inventory was increased by 20 professional guns.

The Henry County Paintball Breakout Teams went to the podium at every tournament they entered and also participated in the Georgia 3-Man Championships. Henry County's team placed first in the GFOA five man event, and second place in the PSP Young Guns National event.

The facility is State-of-the-Art and capable of hosting National events and local recreational play simultaneously. 2009 was a good year for the facility and 2010 looks even better! Come visit and see what paintball has to offer, from individual recreational players and parties for your office or birthday groups to National Tournaments. See you at the field!

YOUTH ATHLETICS

HCPRD offered youth track and field with a total of 130 boys and girls ranging in age from 5-14. We sent 80 participants to the GRPA District 6, Class A track meet in Macon. From here, about 30 boys and girls advanced to the State track meet in Augusta. The track program had an end of the year banquet and a medal was provided to all of the participants.

Nine swimmers went to the GRPA District 6, Class A swim meet held in Macon. These same swimmers also advanced to the two day State Swim meet held in Carrollton. The following Youth Associations registered participants for Spring and Fall baseball and softball: North Henry Youth, McDonough Youth, Locust Grove Youth, Hampton Youth, and Ola Youth. Fairview Youth offered baseball. North Henry, McDonough, and Locust Grove offered fall football and cheerleading, in which HCPRD assisted in the pre-season weigh-in at the Jason T. Harper Event Center. North Henry also offered a Spring Football league. McDonough Youth registered participants for their Spring and Fall inline Hockey league. The Henry County Soccer Association registered participants for their Spring and Fall league as well. BMX continued their season throughout the year.

HCPRD had a total of 834 registered athletes for youth basketball. The Locust Grove Recreation Center and 14 Henry County schools were used for practices and four middle schools, along with the J.P. Moseley Recreation Center, were utilized for the games. The J.P. Moseley Recreation Center was used to host some GRPA District games and four teams advanced to the State tournament held in Griffin, Savannah, Rome and College Park.

ADULT ATHLETICS

Adult athletics consisted of the following sports: Spring and Fall Softball, Fall Flag Football, and Summer and Winter Basketball. Each of the sports registered teams and were allowed to play in the GRPA District 6th Tournaments. Those teams that placed at the District level advanced to the State level.

The adult athletic section also hosted Henry County Parks and Recreation Department's annual Halloween Havoc and the Christmas One Pitch Tournaments. For the Halloween Havoc One Pitch, teams were asked to dress in Halloween costumes and bring bags of candy that were used for the Trick or Treating held at the Fall Festival. Teams were asked to pay a team fee for the Christmas One Pitch tournament, with all proceeds going to purchase toys for A Friend's House and Connecting Henry.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

The Therapeutic Division consists of: Special Olympics Trainings, Competitions, Social outings with the Circle of Friends Group, Fundraisers, Wheelchair Sports, Public Relations, AAASP, Developmental Services Programs, Annual Trips, and Festivals. The staff also helps with all departmental events and or activities that take place throughout the year. Exercise and Arts/Crafts classes are offered through out the year. Also, we offer TR Fitness Challenge promoting exercise, and good health practices for our Special Needs population. This year, the Locust Grove Recreation Center has undergone construction, and we now, have a new gym floor in which we are thrilled about and have started Special Olympics Practices/Wheelchair Sports events in the gym. A new workout area and elevator will be put in for our use.

Special Olympics

This year, Special Olympics began with training for Indoor Winter Games, which was held in January. We had 7 basketball teams, and one floor hockey team, to compete at the Indoor Winter Games. This was the first year, for us to have a floor hockey team, and we look forward to many more years of success with the team.

We were also able to take 10 youth athletes to the games to compete in Basketball Skills. In February, we were able to take 12 athletes, and 5 coaches, to the Annual Southeast Skiing Competition in Boone, North Carolina. Also, the Special Olympics Tennis Team, traveled to Dothan, Alabama to compete in a tournament, and also to Norcross for the yearly Special Pops Tennis Tournament. We had athletes that participated in Masters Bowling, Summer Games, and Fall Games. Also, we were able to attend softball tournaments to prepare for competition.

Special Olympics Youth Program

2010 proved to be another great year for our growing youth program. We continued to encourage our current participants to help spread the word and bring in new faces. Due to the use of our continued Special Olympics skills practices (basketball, soccer, aquatics, and softball), we were able to help continue developing and encouraging the fundamental skills needed to successfully compete in organized sports. One family in particular had the opportunity to witness their child compete and receive their very first Special Olympics medal! In addition to the benefits of Special Olympics, we also used various outings and social events throughout the year.

Wheelchair Sports Program

2010 was a great year for Henry County Wheelchair Sports! We continued our partnership with Henry County Schools to offer the AAASP program that included the sports of Handball and Basketball, and we hosted the AAASP 2010 Wheelchair Handball Championships on November 13th that consisted of eight teams from across Georgia.

The adult program continued the Henry Havoc tennis team that attended eight tournaments to include The Geranium Festival tournament held here in Henry County. The Geranium festival wheelchair tennis tournament was named the 2010 USTA Southern Wheelchair Tennis Tournament of the Year.

During the summer the 2nd annual Henry County Adaptive Sports Summer Camp was held and received the Innovative Program Award from Georgia Parks and Recreation Association.

Circle of Friends - Adults

The TR division kept the Circle of Friends group very busy throughout the year. Highlights included our 4th annual Lock-in at Locust Grove Recreation Center, with 43 participants enjoying a fun filled evening. The Circle of Friends group participated in several festivals and celebrations throughout the year. Each month the group had a special event. During the summer months, the group participated in an annual trip to the mountains and was able to stay in a nice cabin in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Also, the Circle of Friends Guys group took their first Camping Trip to High Falls, and had a great time. The girls were able to have a Slumber Party and enjoyed evening full of games, and music. A Halloween party was held in conjunction with The People First group at Nash Farms. A nice Thanksgiving Luncheon was held, as well as a celebration for Christmas. The COF Friends members also took a Day Trip to Southern Belle Farms. The members also went Christmas Shopping in Lithonia, Georgia. The activities and social events total over 15 events throughout the year, averaging one or two per month, including the fundraisers, and festivals.

Circle of Friends – Youth

A Winter Jam Activity Day, an outing to the Georgia Aquarium, a Halloween youth movie night, and participation in the spring and Fall Sunshine League were amongst the activities for the youth. Some of our youth participants also came out to attend a few of the Circle of Friends Holiday parties. These social events serve as a useful tool to help improve the social interaction and individual independent skills of our youth. Overall, it was an eventful and memorable year for the program. We happily welcomed 7 new athletes and families to the program and look forward the program's continued growth and opportunities!

Sunshine League

The league continues to grow with more athletes being added each year. There were 8 teams, involved in the league this year. The Therapeutic Division helped the volunteer director with paperwork, uniforms, and communication with coaches and parents. The TR staff was present at each game, and an end of the year celebration was held at the JT Harper Event Center, with over 250 athletes.

Therapeutic Awards

The Therapeutic Division received two awards this year. The Wheelchair Tennis Program was awarded 2010 Tennis Program of Year, for work accomplished through the Geranium Wheelchair Tennis Tournament, and also the Wheelchair Sports Camp, received an award for the most "Innovative Camp of the Year" through GRPA. The Therapeutic Coordinator, received the first ever award from Atlanta Motor Speedway, "It is what it is Award" for her volunteer efforts for the Speedway Charities.

Sponsorships and Donations

Our Special Olympics Program received donations from Wal-mart, Arabia Temple #7, Atlanta Motor Speedway Children's Charities, Publix, F and F Flooring, People First, Kelly Calvo, Bankers Dashboard, Toppan, USTA, Southern Crescent Tennis Association, and Microsoft Matching grant. There were also many anonymous donors. We appreciate the support from all of our donors.

Public Relations

The Therapeutic staff spoke at local schools for Career Day and to the Kiwanis Club; Booths were set up at the Geranium Festival, Fall Festival, and GID Fest. Wheelchair Sports were also introduced to local high schools. Henry County's government access Channel TV 14 and Henry County's Weekly newsletter has been a great source of support and community awareness. The Henry County Website and weekly update recognized our Therapeutic Recreation Program several times throughout the year.

DAY CAMPS

Henry County Parks and Recreation offered Day Camp for school breaks at different sites throughout Henry County. Day camps were offered for mid- winter break, spring break, fall break, and Thanksgiving Camp. This year we also held camp for the 2 days in November that school was out. This year winter break camp was 3 weeks in length as opposed to 1 week offered in the past. Camps were held at Fairview Activity Center in Fairview, Heritage Park in McDonough, J.P. Moseley Recreation Center located in Stockbridge, Locust

Grove Recreation Center in Locust Grove, and Nash Farm Park located in Hampton. Field trips consisted of Chuck E. Cheese's, Dauset Trails, Jump- N- Play, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Atlanta Braves tour, the Circus, Remote Control Club to just to name a few. We utilized Nash Farm Park to hold several events during the year. Some examples were an Easter Egg Hunt, Inflatable's, Face Painting and Karaoke, Carnival Days, and Winter Wonderland. During each of the week long camps we offered the campers a free snack and each of them received t-shirts to reflect the camp theme. 488 campers attended over the 2010 school year. Our staff ratio was 1 counselor to every 10 campers and camp times were 7:30am – 6:00pm each day.

We also offered Summer Camp and Teen Camp. These 2 camps ran from June 1, 2010 – July 2 and July 12 – 30, 2010. Camp locations consisted of Fairview Activity Center, Heritage Park, J.P. Moseley Recreation Center, Locust Grove Recreation Center, and Nash Farm Park. We offered swimming at High Falls State Park, Movie days at each site, and a water event each Friday. Field trips were to the World of Coke, The Georgia Dome, Noah's Ark, Cubihatcha Outdoor Center, Carnival Days at Nash Farm Park with Inflatable's and a cook out, The Atlanta Motor Speedway and That Puppet Guy. We had 511 campers participate in at least 1 week of the 8 weeks of Camp.

Teen Campers had season passes to Six Flags and Six Flags Whitewater. They also went to Atlanta Motor Speedway, Malibu Grand Prix, Helen Tubing and Turner Field to name a few. There were 88 campers that participated in at least 1 week of the 8 weeks of camp. These two camps had a total of 87 staff members which consisted of 14 year olds as a Counselor in Training to Counselors and Supervisors beginning at the age of 17. Each week we offered special treats for the campers. We made slushes that were sold for .50 cents and used the profits to hold a pizza party, pajama party, and special treat days. 2011 will be an even better year for our camps and campers, so 2011, here we come!

Please note that we had to decrease the number of field trips this year due to the increase in fuel prices for the busses.

RECREATION PROGRAMS

The department emailed 4,000 flyers that advertised all of the Department's Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter activities four times a year to all emails registered in the Recreation online system. In addition to these flyers, the department also developed an award winning wall calendar that included everything from registration dates to special events for the year.

Parks and Recreation staff developed and maintains a page on Facebook. This outlet of communication with the public was successful and by the end of the year, there were 627 fans on the Department's page. The Communications Department tallies the number of times our website pages are viewed. Within the year, the Department's website pages were viewed 51,568 times.

HCPRD offered nine adult programs that included dog obedience, step aerobics, exercise programs and line dancing. Along with karate and golf lessons, the Department added new programs for youth that included Zumba classes. In 2010, we began the project of renovating six tennis courts.

In 2010, more than 1,000 lessons were given to students eager to learn piano, flute and guitar. These lessons were taught at the J. P. Moseley Recreation Center, Heritage Park and the Locust Grove Recreation Center.

Along with taking lessons, the students also participated in a Christmas Recital in December and a Spring Recital in May.



The department held its Fourth Annual Photography Contest. The idea behind the contest was to receive pictures of people enjoying our parks and use them in our catalogs, website and calendars. There were more than 100 pictures turned in for the four subject categories: Nature and Wildlife, Sports and Action, On Location, and General. All the pictures were taken in one of the County's parks or during one of the Department's events. There was first, second, third and honorable mention in each of the above mentioned categories.

Programming Awards

In November, the Henry County Parks and Recreation Department received an award from the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association for The Publication Award for Multi-Event for the 2010 Calendar.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Special Events department works to create fun family events that encourage outdoor recreation and bring families together. March and April were very busy months as we prepared for the Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt.

The 4th Annual Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt was held in March and, with the help of Radio Disney, thousands of children showed up to participate. They had their picture taken with the Easter Bunny, played on the inflatable slide, made Easter crafts, had their faces painted and tried very hard to find the prize egg in the dark. A petting zoo and a helicopter, which dropped the eggs onto the field, added to the fun.

Students from Luella Middle School learned about dance, civilian life and a day in the life of a Civil War soldier when they took a field trip to Nash Farm again in early May. The CVB brought the Atlanta Metro Travel Association members to Nash Farm to inform tour operators and planners who may be interested in adding this venue to their itineraries. AMTA groups came once in May and once in June, were treated to a tour of the Veteran's Museum and a history of Nash by a costumed interpreter. Eagle's Landing High School and Community Christian School used Nash Farm Park for their Cross Country track meets.

For the first week of September, Nash Farm played host to the 145th anniversary of the Battle of Atlanta over Labor Day weekend. Over 5,000 people came from across the country – even descendents of those who had actually fought in the Battle of Lovejoy Station. Parks and Recreation also participated in the Henry County Police Department's National Night Out, a crime and drug prevention event designed to strengthen community partnerships with local law enforcement agencies.

Visitors to the Fall Festival in October enjoyed hayrides, inflatables, a costume contest, a pumpkin carving contest, shopping and trick-or-treating around the historic village. Local talented singers and dance groups provided the entertainment.

A Heritage Christmas at Heritage Park had to be rescheduled twice due to bad weather but we were finally able to entertain the public with the lighting of the Heritage Tree, pictures with Santa, hayrides, caroling, entertainment from local dance studios and The Regulars, and writing Christmas cards to our troops. Radio Disney came out and played games with the kids and gave away awesome prizes.

Due to the downturn in economy, HCPRD suspended three special events: Haunted Trail (Terror on Heritage Hill), Rock-n-Roll Chili Bowl and Folktales and Moonlight.



Our Special Events had several sponsors and in-kind donation that included the following:




- ❖ All Star Trophies,
- ❖ BJ's Wholesale Club,
- ❖ CiCi's Pizza,
- ❖ City of Hampton,
- ❖ Dick's Sporting Goods,
- ❖ J & T Environmental Services,
- ❖ Kiwanis Club,
- ❖ Liliana Mejia, D.D.S,
- ❖ Meadows & Macie, P.C.,
- ❖ Nestle,
- ❖ Publix,
- ❖ Red Oak Turf,
- ❖ Richard Fitzpatrick,
- ❖ Richard Jeffares,
- ❖ Robinson, Whaley, Hammonds & Allison,
- ❖ SERVPRO,
- ❖ Three Dollar Café,
- ❖ Truett's Grill and
- ❖ Walker & Associates




The Maintenance section of our Department was also very busy during the year. Not only did they maintain the 25 County Parks but also:





- built 20 sign frames for new park and pavilion signs,
- assisted with Heritage Senior Health Event,
- assisted with the events held at the Jason T. Harper Event Center and the Wall of Honor,
- prepared for softball, baseball and soccer tournaments,
- prepped and raked dirt for the Rodeo held at the Jason T. Harper Event Center,
- prepped Windy Hill Park for the Annual Henry County Fair,
- oversaw sod projects,
- implemented chemical program that included fertilization, weed control, athletic fields and municipal buildings,
- set up tables and chairs for Sheriff Department’s event and
- two employees attended pesticide training class.

PARKS

Parks	Maintained By	Park Acreage	Athletic Fields	Outdoor Courts	Support Facilities	Walking Trials (Miles)
Alexander Park	City/County	12.5	4		3	0.3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Painted restrooms • Removed and cut four power poles • Cleaned out drainage ditch with Storm water; designated a channel • “one way” and “do not enter” signs installed 					
Avalon Park	City/County	20	3		2	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aerated and top dressed three football fields • Fixed gutters at hockey arena • Repaired metal roof on back side of hockey arena • Addressed maintenance issues with City of McDonough on concession and inline Hockey facility • Installed 300 ft clear safety wall at Hockey Rink 					
Big Spring Park	City/County	15	2	1	3	0.2
Cochran Park	County	20	8		7	0.4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installed new dugout roofs on field 7 • Built new score box for field 6 • Repainted all foul poles • Spread infield mix on all fields • Installed new gutters on all buildings • Installed new lights on exterior of community building • Installed new metal door and frame on storage building 					

Fairview Activity Center	County	8				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Painted inside classrooms and community room • Replaced all outside lights at Fairview Activity Center • Built new front porch on the Fairview Activity Center 					
Fairview Recreation Center	County					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under construction 					
Franklin Rape Park	County	4	2		2	0.3
Henry County Soccer Complex	County	26	10		3	0.2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aerated and top dressed six soccer fields 					
Heritage Park	County	129	4		4	0.9
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aerated and top dressed softball fields with 80 tons of sand • Replaced lights at Wall of Honor • Painted inside of office building, hallways and classrooms • Aerated, hydro seed and spread straw between fields • Spread 250 bales of pine straw • Replaced all flags at Veterans Wall 					
Hidden Valley Park	County	115	9	3	5	0.3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebuilt pitchers mounds on fields 2 – 9 • Spread infield mix on all fields • Installed new home plates, bases and pitching rubbers on fields 2 – 9 • Laid 10,000 sq ft of sod around field 6 • Installed new lights on pavilion • Installed new alarm systems for both concessions • Pressure washed, provided general clean up, painted inside and out, replaced light fixtures, removed carpet and changed doors and locks on the two rental houses • Painted restrooms and replaced nine toilet paper dispensers • Painted all exterior doors • Replaced seven light fixtures under rental pavilion • Built two new batting cages • Put up fence with gate at service road 					
Jason T. Harper Event Center	County					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built 150'x130' corral fence • Removed old rodeo corral • Worked with Department of Transportation to haul dirt and screen dirt for Rodeo, etc. 					
J.P. Moseley Park	County	179	5		2	1.4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembled and installed 12 new picnic tables • Aerated and top dressed four football fields • Laid 60,000 sq ft of sod in football parking lot medians • Anchored new trash cans at football pavilions • Landscaped parking lot, islands and medians • Watered new sod every day by hand with fire hoses • Repainted storage building • Aerated and applied Hydroseed and straw between softball fields • Painted restrooms • Built five shade shelters at disc golf course • Pressure washed vandalism area • Added signage • Added pavilions to football complex 					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added two scoreboards to bring the total to four Top dressed four fields with Bio Earth 					
J. P. Moseley Recreation Center	County					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheduled and refinished two gymnasium floors and the aerobics room Repaired roof leaks 					
Joel McClendon Memorial Park	City/County		4			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtained build out costs General clean up, laid new pine straw in islands and around trees 					
Locust Grove Conference Center	County	10				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spread 169 bales of pine straw 					
Locust Grove Recreation Center	City/County					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repaired/improved upstairs gymnasium safety railing 					
Mickie D. Cochran Park	County	12.4	1	3	4	0.3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roofing repairs to pavilion Replaced fascia board Painted restrooms Painted picnic tables Aerated and applied Hydroseed and straw 					
Nash Farm Park	County	204			5	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poured and spread 26 x 14 concrete slab Torn down and rebuilt front porch of Museum Graded gravel driveway Installed alarms on museum and caretaker's house Renovated and installed air condition in Activity Barn Cleaned siding on all buildings Poured 24'x20' concrete slab Reroof two pavilions Built 10'x12' storage shed 					
North Forty Park	City/County	40	7		3	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spread 601 tons of infield mix on baseball fields Replaced and painted fascia board on baseball concession Aerate, seed and straw between baseball fields 					
North Mt. Carmel Park	County	129	2		2	0.3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Built wooden pressure treated fence around playground Aerated and top dressed four soccer fields Aerated and applied Hydroseed and straw around the park Painted restrooms Applied seed and straw Unveiled Adopt a Park sign by the Boy Scouts Held a Volunteer Day Project for Bible Baptist – during which the fence was painted, planters were cleaned out, flowers were planted and pine straw was spread 					

North Ola Park	County	11	4		2	0.3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poured two 71'x16' concrete slabs for batting cages • Set new foul poles on 4 fields • Poured 10'x10' concrete slab for grill area • Replaced rotten fascia board and painted concession stand • Pressured washed pavilion, all walkways and concrete • Painted concession stand, wooden fence, bulletin board and trim on storage buildings • Installed new picnic tables at concession stand • Poured six 20'x8' bleacher pads 					
Pates Creek Nature Preserve	BOE/County	12	1		3	0.7
Patrick Henry Ball Field	BOE/County	5	2			
Red Tail Hawk Airport	County	39			1	
Richard Craig Park	City/County	26	7	13	6	0.8
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installed/anchored new trash cans on tennis courts 1 – 6 • Spread 100 tons of infield mix on baseball fields and set new foul poles • Installed new dugout roofs to fields 6 – 9 • Replaced storm damaged roofing shingles to all buildings • Began renovations on Community Building to become a Tennis Center for 16 tennis courts 					
Sandy Ridge Park	County	34	1	3	2	0.7
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installed four picnic tables and trash cans under softball pavilion • Installed new foul poles on field 1 • Poured 20 yards of concrete for batting cages • Installed two 56'x12' batting cages and 12' high fencing and netting • Spread 200 yards of mulch at new playground • Constructed 980 ft of wooden fence at new playground • Constructed two 12'x12' shade structures and picnic tables • Laid 10,000 sq ft of sod around new playground • Seeded, applied straw and built cross tie steps • Landscaped softball entrance • Built walking bridge and painted shade shelters • Primed and painted two pavilions • Added a regional playground • Top dressed, aerated and over seeded new parking areas 					
Warren Holder Park	City/County	40	8	2	2	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installed new ice machine in the baseball concession • Spread 80 tons of infield mix on baseball fields and installed new foul poles • Repaired all score boxes, painted and repaired 2nd floor meeting room • Built new score boxes at fields 7 and 9 • Aerated and top dressed four football fields • Installed 100'x30' net in left field of the 13/14 field • Installed new backstop net to the 11/12 field • Aerated and over seeded football fields • Painted restrooms 					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Painted meeting room and replaced exit lights in building Repaired all electrical fire damage 					
Windy Hill Park	County	30	5	1	5	0.5
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constructed new woods paintball course Moved dirt for Remote Control Car Racing Track Constructed obstacle course for Sheriffs Department 					

GROUNDS

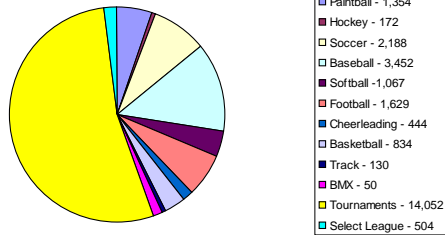
The Grounds Section maintains 32 County Buildings by applying chemicals and over 2,000 bales of pine straw. They also did the following:

- Prep ground and laid 20,000 sq.ft of sod at the Sherriff's Department,
- Aerate and overseed islands with Bermuda grass at the Administration Building,
- Planted 25 Trident Maple Trees at Henry Parkway Connector,
- Landscaped at the Recycling Center front entrance and
- Stabilized soil, prep and seeded at the Police Department on Stroud Road.

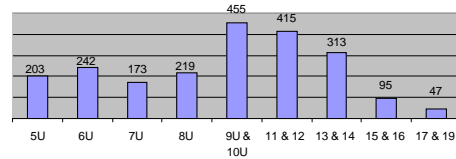
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911 Tower		Administration Building	
Miscellaneous		Miscellaneous	
Routine	4	Routine	4
Aubrey Harvey Building		Auction Building	
Miscellaneous		Miscellaneous	
Routine	4	Routine	4
Credit Counseling Center		DFAC's	
Miscellaneous		Miscellaneous	
Routine	4	Routine	4
Election's/Registrar		Firing Range	
Miscellaneous		Miscellaneous	
Routine	4	Routine	4
Friend's House		Health Department Building	
Miscellaneous	7	Miscellaneous	
Routine	4	Routine	4
Heritage Village		Impound Lot #2	
Miscellaneous		Miscellaneous	
Routine	4	Routine	4
Juvenile Court		Juvenile Probation Court	
Miscellaneous		Miscellaneous	
Routine	4	Routine	4
Library - Cochran		Library - Hampton	
Miscellaneous		Miscellaneous	
Routine	4	Routine	4
Library - Locust Grove		Library - McDonough	
Miscellaneous		Miscellaneous	
Routine	4	Routine	4

Picnic Shelters		Magistrate Court	
Miscellaneous		Miscellaneous	
Routine	4	Routine	4
MR Center		Police Department/Police Training	
Miscellaneous		Miscellaneous	
Routine	4	Routine	4
Probate Court		Senior Center - Heritage	
Miscellaneous		Miscellaneous	
Routine	4	Routine	4
Senior Center - Hidden Valley		Sheriff's Department/Jail	
Miscellaneous		Miscellaneous	
Routine	4	Routine	4
SPLOST Building		Library - Fairview	
Miscellaneous		Miscellaneous	
Routine	4	Routine	4
State Court Building		Department of Motor Vehicle	
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Henry County Judicial Center		Administration Building Median	
Miscellaneous		Maintenance	
Routine	4	Routine	4

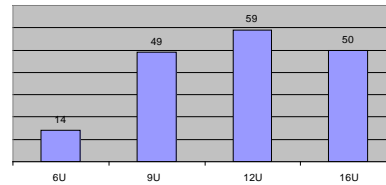
Overview Youth Athletic Participants = 26,176



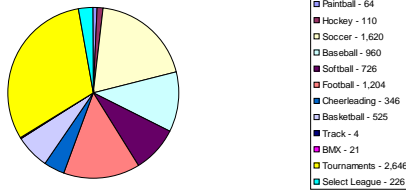
Soccer Participants = 2,162



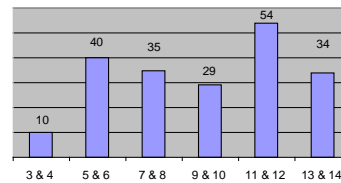
Hockey Participants = 164



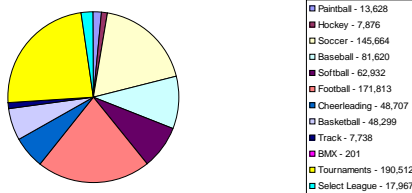
Overview Youth Athletic Games = 8,452



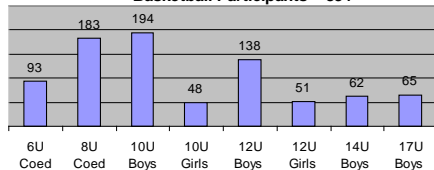
Fairview Baseball = 201



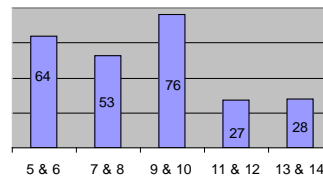
Overview Youth Athletic Total Visits = 796,957

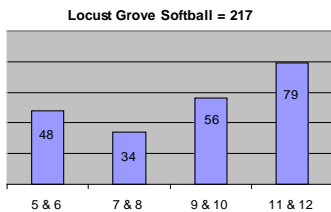
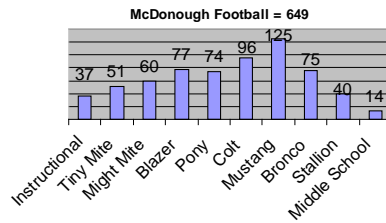
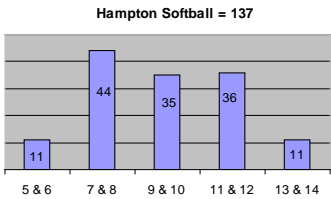
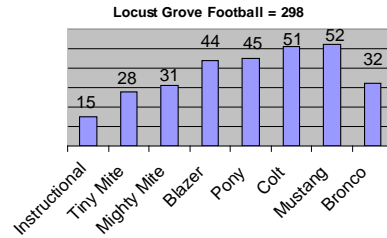
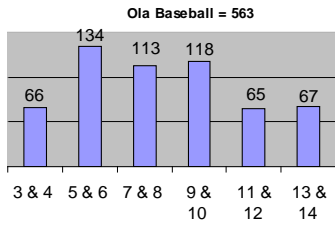
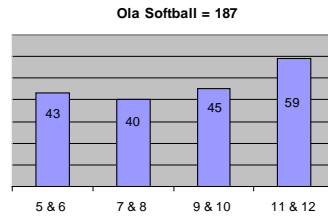
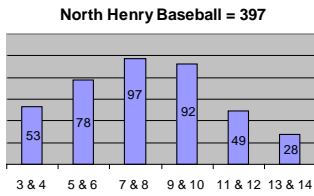
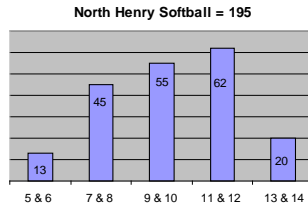
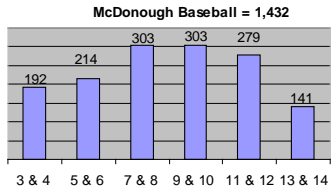
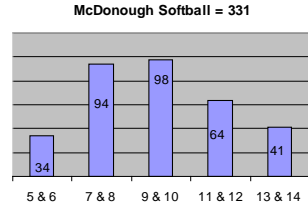
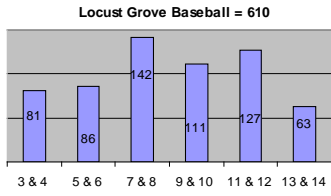


Basketball Participants = 834

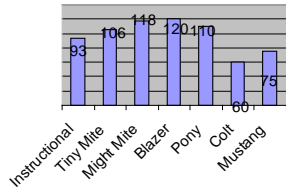


Hampton Baseball = 248

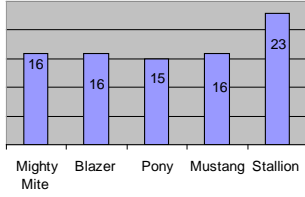




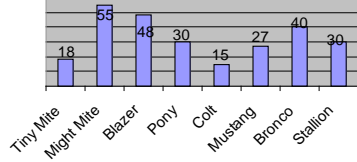
North Henry Football = 307



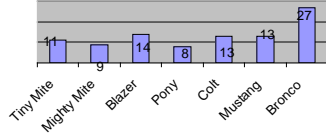
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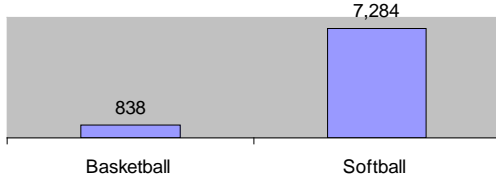
McDonough Cheerleading = 263



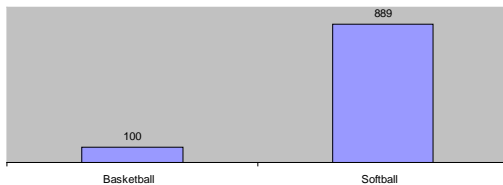
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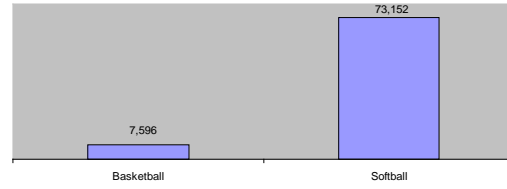
Adult Athletics Participants = 8,122



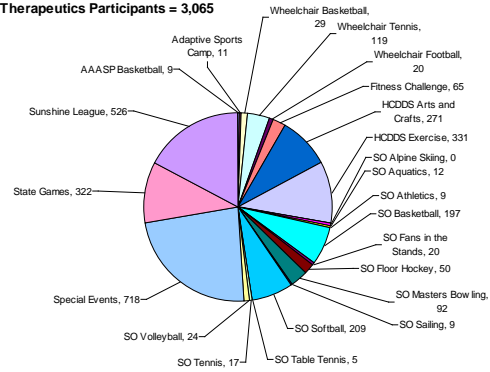
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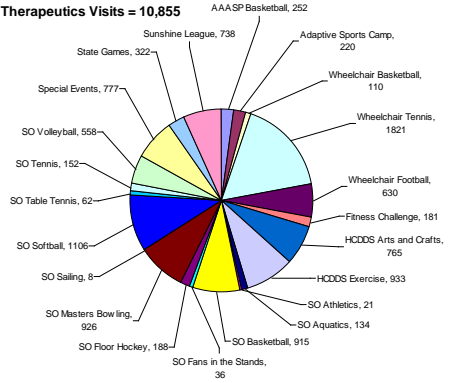
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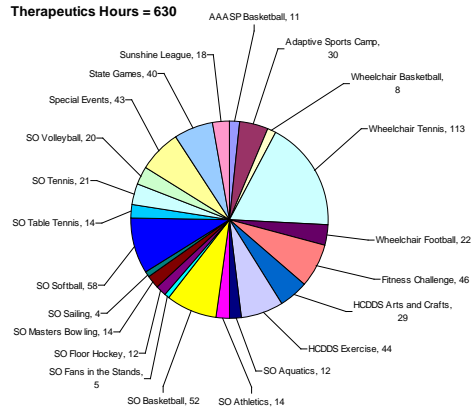
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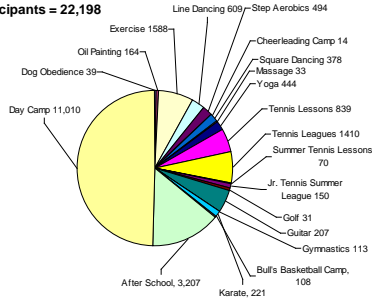
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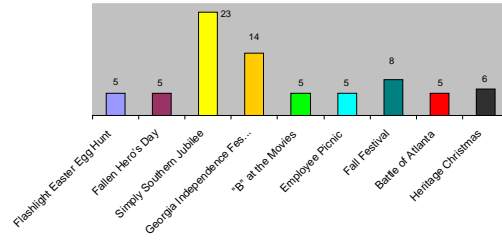
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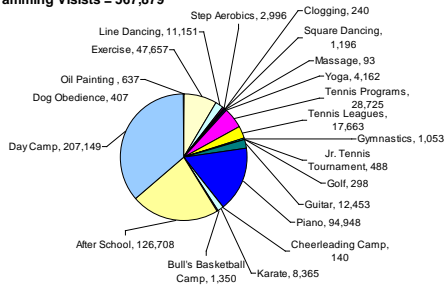
Program Participants = 22,198



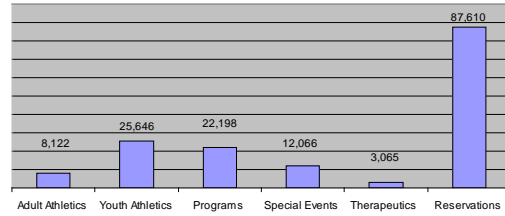
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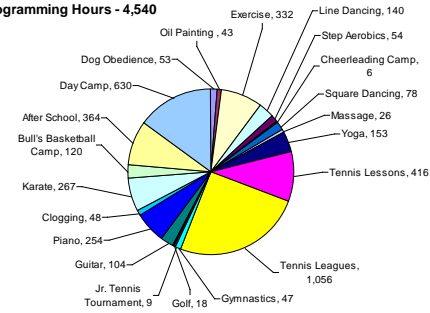
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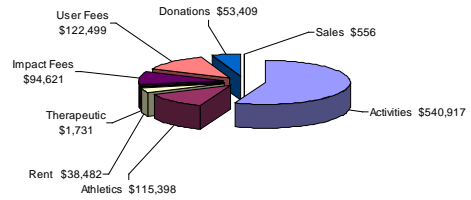
Participant Overview = 158,707



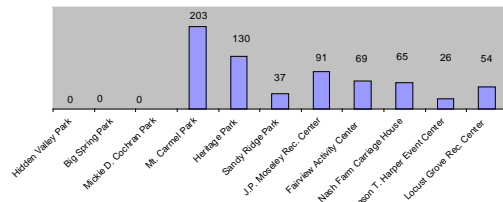
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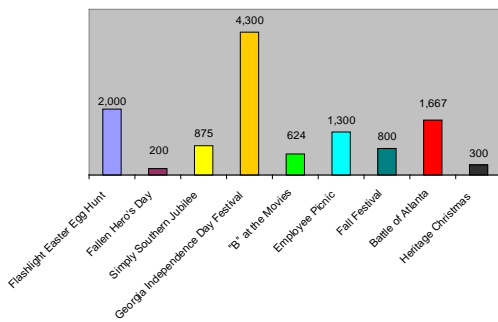
Revenue = \$967,613



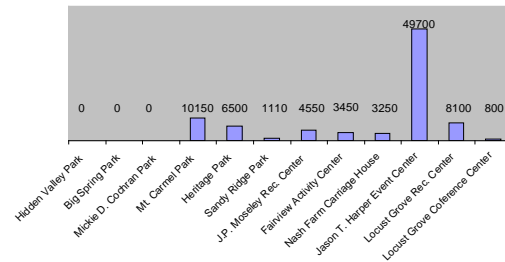
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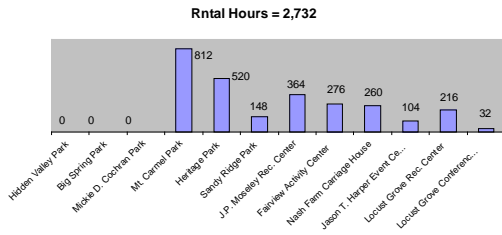


Special Events Participants - 12,066



Rental Visits = 87,610





Henry County Parks and Recreation

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Michael Cupp – Maintenance Specialist Tech II

Bryan Dixon - Maintenance Specialist Tech II

Walter Lacewell - Maintenance Specialist Tech II

Bill Dodgen – Building Maintenance Tech II

Keith Ayers – Maintenance Specialist Tech I

Bryan Bonner - Maintenance Specialist Tech I

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Jason Strong – Maintenance Specialist Tech I
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James New – Maintenance Seasonal
Michael Collins – Maintenance Aide
Day Camp Employees – 50
Tennis Employees – 8
Youth Basketball Employees – 8
Paintball Employees – 4

Adult Softball Employees – 3
Adult Basketball Employees – 3
Park Recreation Specialist Employees – 6

Past Employees

Michael Frasier – Recreation Specialist
Mark Mortimer – Recreation Specialist
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Dustin Higginbotham – Maintenance Specialist Tech I
Josh Green – Maintenance Specialist Tech I
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