



RECREATION DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT MARCH 2011

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PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Karrie Ferrell

Acting

The youth and adult acting classes were combined; two (2) adults and fifteen (15) youth participated in the program. Classes were held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Magnolia/Palmetto Room. The end of class performance was held on Friday, March 4th at 6:30 p.m. and approximately eighty (80) people attended.

Babysitting Course

The next babysitting class will be held on Saturday, May 7th. The American Red Cross will provide the instructor.

Ballet

Six (6) people participated in the ballet classes that ended March 21st. The new session of Ballet began Monday, March 28th; eleven (11) children are enrolled in the class. Classes are held Mondays at 12:30 p.m. in the High Tide/Low Tide Room. Kim Chesley-Breland, Instructor.

Dog Obedience

Kinderpuppy: March 14th

Thirteen (13) people are registered for the Kinderpuppy class. Classes are held on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. The next session of Kinderpuppy is scheduled to begin Monday, May 9th; two (2) people are enrolled for the upcoming session.

Companion Dog Obedience: March 14th

Seven (7) people are registered for the Companion Dog class. Companion classes are held on Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

Canine Good Citizenship: May 9th

One (1) person is enrolled in the Good Citizenship classes that will be held on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Susan Marrett, Instructor.

Evening Yoga

March: Twelve (12) people participated in the yoga class; three (3) people paid for the month, and all other participants paid by the class. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the High Tide/Low Tide Room. Jen Schoolfield, Instructor.

Gather Knit & Stitch

March: Eight (8) participants took part in the Gather Knit & Stitch program which is held on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the Lobby.

Guitar Lessons

March: Three (3) people are enrolled in guitar lessons that are scheduled for Tuesdays at 4:15 p.m. for ages 8-12 and at 5:15 p.m. for 13 years and older. Lee Archer, Instructor.

Gymnastics/Tumbling

March: Thirteen (13) are enrolled in the gymnastics session that started on Tuesday, February 15th; classes are held at 3:30 p.m. in the Palmetto Room. A new session of gymnastics began Tuesday, March 29th. Tricha Tapio, Instructor.

Hip Hop: Ages 5 -12

Eight (8) children participated in the Hip Hop class that ended March 22nd. A new session began Tuesday, March 29th at 6:15 p.m. with five (5) youths pre-registered. Classes are held in the High Tide/Low Tide Room. Emily Self, Instructor.

Hip Hop: Adult

March: Thirty-three (33) people participated in the adult Hip Hop class. Adult Hip Hop is an hour and fifteen minute intense dance workout. The class begins with a warm-up and continues with learning dance moves to songs. Classes are held on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the High Tide/Low Tide Room. Angel Roberts, Instructor.

Hoops & Hoop Basics

Class was cancelled due low participation. Alicia Borrelli, Instructor.

Hunter Education

No classes are scheduled at this time.

Jump Start

2011-2012 Jump Start registration began in January; participants must be four (4) years old by September 1, 2011. Eleven (11) children have registered for the Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday classes and three (3) have registered for the Tuesday/Thursday classes. Registration will continue until all spaces are filled; the maximum participation is ten (10) students per class. The Jump Start school calendar parallels the Charleston County School calendar and City of Isle of Palms' holiday calendar. Robin Lee, Instructor.

Keenagers

March: Fifty-six (56) members attended a potluck lunch in March; members enjoyed participating in a trivia game show as their monthly program. Seventeen (17) attended Lunch Bunch at Senior Tequila; fourteen (14) members participated in a Charleston Harbor Cruise and lunch at Fleet Landing. The next Keenager meeting is scheduled for April 6th at noon.

Kensington Etiquette: Ages 4-5 & 6-12

Four (4) people are enrolled in the etiquette class scheduled for March 2nd at 4:00 p.m. Participants will learn basic manners and conversational skills in a fun and interesting way. The six (6) week course is held on Wednesdays in the Magnolia Room. Kensington Etiquette of Charleston, Instructor.

Middle School Dance

The next dance is scheduled for May 13th at 7:00 p.m. Entry to the dance is \$5 at the door.

Mah Jongg

Seven (7) people played in the month of March. Mah Jongg is scheduled for Mondays from 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Participants supply materials for this activity.

Mommy & Me

On March 9th, twelve (12) mommies and children gathered, socialized and played. Mommy & Me is held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the Palmetto Room.

Salsa

No class is scheduled at this time. Lorie Sienna, Instructor.

Saturday Yoga

March: Seven (7) people have been participating in the Saturday class that meets from 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. in the High Tide/Low Tide Rooms. Jen Schoolfield, Instructor.

School's Out Activities

Monday, March 21st: Kickball Day had thirty (30) participants; participants played kickball on the baseball field. The next School's Out activities will be the week of spring break. Activities are free and supervised by Recreation staff.

Semi-Personal Training

February: Five (5) people are participating in the evening Semi-Personal Training classes held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Two (2) people are enrolled in the morning classes held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. This fitness class is an educational/fitness class that will help with goal setting, motivational strategies and skills to create a healthier lifestyle; it begins with a 10-minute health-talk followed by a 50-minutes sweat session. The next session will begin March 1st. Geri D'Italia, Instructor.

Senior Aerobics

March: Twenty-five (25) people have been participating in the Senior Aerobics class. Classes are open to all levels of exercise and are offered at the nominal fee of \$5 per class or \$30 for the month. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Judy Fischer, Instructor.

Senior Exercise

March: Sixty-two (62) active seniors participated in the classes that continue to have a waiting list; classes are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 3:00 p.m. in the High Tide/Low Tide Rooms. Judy Fischer, Instructor.

Tae Kwon Do

Youth March: Eighteen (18) participants attended youth Tae Kwon Do offered Saturdays in the Gym at 9:00 a.m. New participants can join the youth class in January, June and September.

Adult March: Thirty-nine (39) participated in the adult class offered Saturdays in the gym from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Wednesdays in the gym from 7:00 p.m. to 9:45 p.m., and Mondays in the Magnolia Room from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm. Adults can join class anytime. Dr. Jack Emmel, Instructor.

Tae Kwon Do Tournament

Tae Kwon Do Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 9th. Several hundred people will register to compete in this event. Lunch will be provided for approximately forty-five (45) judges. The tournament will start at 10:00 a.m. and end around 5:00 p.m. Carvel will be onsite Saturday afternoon to offer a lunch option for the tournament participants. Dr. Jack Emmel, Tournament Instructor.

Tennis

No classes are scheduled at this time, but will resume in the spring. Corinne Enright, Instructor.

Tiny Tots

The Tiny Tots program is full with seven (7) participants in class. Enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year is closed. Both the Monday/Wednesday/Friday and the Tuesday/Thursday classes are full with seven (7) participants, and a waitlist for the 2011-2012 school year has begun. Cathy Adams, Instructor.

Total Body Challenge (TBC)

March: Seventeen (17) people participated in the group fitness classes held Monday – Friday at 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the High Tide/ Low Tide Rooms. Pat Boyd and Angela Reinhardt, Instructors.

Yoga

March: Ten (10) people have been participating in yoga classes held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the High Tide/Low Tide Rooms from 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Pat Boyd, Instructor.

Zumba

Fifty (50) ladies participated in the Zumba class for March. Twenty (20) participants have paid for the session while all other participants are paying by the class. Participants can buy four (4) classes for \$25 or eight (8) classes for \$50; participants also have the option of paying \$8 per class. Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. in the High Tide/Low Tide Room. Dale Ellison, Instructor.

Writing Your Memoirs

Fifteen (15) people were enrolled in the Writing Memoirs class. Participants worked together to create stories and put them into a book that was published and distributed at the end of the session. The Memoirs Class held a public reading on Friday, March 18th at 6:30 p.m. that sixty (60) people attended to hear stories written by class participants. Tonya McGue, Instructor.

Miscellaneous Work:

- Created employee schedules.
- Met with staff and part-time employees.
- Conducted daily employee shift change meetings.
- Made weekly deposits for Recreation Department.
- Sent *The Island Eye News* Recreation pictures and information, when requested.
- Updated website.
- Hired new part-time employee Michael Lescord.
- Assisted with front-desk duties and class check-ins.
- Rec Trac system upgrades and maintenance work and updated information.
- Weekly public service announcement for local newspapers.
- Training of front-desk staff, Community Specialist and evening attendant.
- Working on new classes and Activity Guide for summer.
- Attended Wellness Connection “Seasonal Allergies.”
- Attended SCMIRF meeting in Columbia.
- Assisted with Camp Summershine registration.
- Assisted with “Peter Pan” auditions.

ATHLETICS

Ben Hull

Co-Ed Volleyball

Seven (7) teams participated in the Co-Ed Volleyball League. Games were played on Tuesday nights and Sunday afternoons. Regular season games began on Tuesday, January 4th. The regular season concluded in February and was followed by a double elimination post-season tournament. Reds Icehouse, captained by Corin Elg, finished the regular season in first place with a 10-2 record. King St. Grill, captained by Bob Otts, finished in second place with a 9-3 record. The regular season champions received t-shirts. King St. Grill beat Windjammer to take the post-season crown. Games were officiated by Lowcountry Officials, and staff was on-site to keep score.

Adult Spring Softball

Registration for spring softball was held January 31st - February 25th. Six (6) teams registered to play this season. The registration fee was \$425 per team. The captains' meeting was held on Wednesday, March 2nd at 5:45 p.m.; games began on Monday, March 14 and are played on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The regular season will be followed by a double elimination post-season tournament. Regular season champions will receive a trophy and t-shirts; regular season runners-up will receive a trophy; and the tournament champions and runners-up will receive a plaque. Lowcountry Officials will umpire games, while a Recreation staff member is on-site to keep score.

Adult 3-on-3 Basketball

Registration for the 3-on-3 Basketball League was held January 31st - February 25th; eight (8) teams registered to play. The registration fee was \$60 per team. The captains' meeting was held on Wednesday, March 2nd at 5:15 p.m.; games are played on Thursday evenings and began on Tuesday, March 15th. Regular season and post-season champions will receive t-shirts. Games are officiated by the players, while a Recreation staff member is on-site to keep score.

First Pitch Half Rubber Tournament

Eighteen (18) teams, traveling from Georgia, North Carolina and the Charleston area, participated in the First Pitch Half Rubber Tournament at the Isle of Palms Recreation Department. The double elimination tournament began at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 26th and ended at 7:00 p.m. Nine (9) fields were set up in an attempt to finish the tournament on Saturday. *Pineapple Express*, a team from Savannah, finished in 2nd place wrapping up \$500 in gift certificates to local businesses and restaurants. *Bombers*, a Charleston team, were the tournament champions and received \$750 in gift certificates to local businesses and restaurants. Pictures from the tournament can be found on www.iop.net; pictures were also emailed to all participating teams. Sponsors included *Gilligans*, www.halfrubber.com, *Banana Cabana*, *Charleston Crab House*, *East Cooper Sporting Goods*, *My Favorite Things*, *Wild Dunes Resort*, *Finz*, *Kick'n Chicken*, *Coconut Joes*, *Sesame Burgers and Beer*, *Bubba Gump Shrimp*, *ACME Cantina*, *Luke N Ollie's Pizza*, *Twin River Lanes*, *Jack's Cosmic Dogs*, *Hucks*, *Iacafano's*, *Bambu*, *Atlanta Bread Company* and *Windjammer*. Carvel was on-site proving drinks and food for the participants.

13th Annual Half Rubber Tournament

The 13th Annual Half Rubber Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, August 20th and Sunday, August 21st if needed. The captains' meeting/check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. with games starting at 8:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$20 per person, and teams may consist of 3 or 4 players. Sponsors for the tournament are being solicited for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Information concerning the tournament can be found on the City's website.

Youth Sports

Baseball

Registration for baseball was held January 18th – February 11th for Isle of Palms' residents; open registration began Monday, January 24th and ended February 11th. Mandatory player/parent meetings were held Tuesday, March 1st. The Fast Start meeting began at 5:30 pm; the T-Ball, Machine Pitch and Youth Baseball meeting began at 6:45 p.m. Every team leader and coach received a packet demonstrating ways to create skill drills that can be used to make practice a fun learning experience. Coaches and players received their team assignments, player information, league rules and league schedule. Youth Baseball pictures will be taken on Wednesday, April 13th.

Fast Start Baseball (3 & 4 year olds)

A parent from each team will be appointed the team leader; team leaders are responsible for planning the activities. Activities are scheduled for Saturdays and will consist of fundamental learning drills. Activity days will be held on Saturday mornings on the soccer field and begin on Saturday, March 5th. All participants will receive a medal.

T-Ball (5 & 6 year olds)

A coaches' meeting was held Wednesday, February 23rd at 5:00 p.m. Games will be played on Saturday mornings on the baseball field. Practices will be held through March with games scheduled to kick off Saturday, April 9th. Sponsors and coaches are final. Coaches umpire the games; no scores or league standings will be kept. All participants will receive a trophy.

Machine Pitch (7 & 8 year olds)

A coaches' meeting was held Wednesday, February 23rd at 5:15 p.m. Games will be played on Saturday mornings on the softball field. Practices will be held through March, and games will kick off Saturday, April 9th. Sponsors and coaches are final. Coaches umpire the games; no scores or league standings are kept. All participants will receive a trophy.

Youth Baseball (9 – 12 years old)

The skill evaluation/coaches' meeting was held on Wednesday, February 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Practices will be held through March, and games are set to kick off Tuesday, April 5th. Sponsors and coaches are final. Regular season runners-up and champions will receive trophies. Post-season runners-up and champions will receive plaques. Lowcountry Officials umpire the games while Recreation staff is on-site to keep score.

Youth Baseball Participation (as of February 18, 2011)

Fast Start Baseball	Total: 42	Isle of Palms: 15	Non Residents: 27
5/6 T-Ball	Total: 51	Isle of Palms: 29	Non Residents: 22
7/8 Machine Pitch	Total: 38	Isle of Palms: 16	Non Residents: 22
9/12 Cal Ripken	Total: 46	Isle of Palms: 37	Non Residents: 9

Baseball Homerun Derby

A Baseball Homerun Derby was offered to the Machine Pitch League (7-8 yr olds) and the Cal Ripken League (9-12 yr olds). The Derby was held on Monday, March 14th at 5:15 p.m.; eighteen (18) children participated. Two (2) homerun lines were set up in the outfield to make it possible for each age group to hit homeruns. The overall champion was Derek Sireci who received a prize bag. Recreation staff and coaches helped keep track of homeruns and supervise the children.

Friday Night Hoops

Friday Night Hoops is an opportunity for youths ages 7–12 years to participate in a basketball clinic where Scottie Frier and Recreation staff supervise, instruct and play from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The most recent Hoops session was offered on March 25th where six (6) players participated and learned the various skills of basketball. The next Friday Night Hoops will be offered on May 6th. There is a \$10 registration fee per athlete, and all participants receive a shirt, towel, magnet or duffle bag during each session.

Friday Night Hoops Participation:

November 19 th	Session Total: 17	Isle of Palms: 12	Non Residents: 5
December 3 rd	Session Total: 13	Isle of Palms: 10	Non Residents: 3
December 17 th	Session Total: 4	Isle of Palms: 2	Non Residents: 2
January 7 th	Session Total: 10	Isle of Palms: 7	Non Residents: 3
January 21 st	Session Total: 23	Isle of Palms: 16	Non Residents: 7
February 11 th	Session Total: 16	Isle of Palms: 9	Non Residents: 7
March 11 th	Session Total: 6	Isle of Palms: 5	Non Residents: 1
March 25 th	Session Total: 6	Isle of Palms: 4	Non Residents: 2

Friday Night Spikes

Friday Night Spikes is an opportunity for youth ages 7–16 years to participate in a volleyball clinic where Laura Togami and Recreation staff supervise, instruct and play from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Teens will learn and improve the fundamentals of volleyball through drills and instruction aimed at developing the whole player. The first session of Friday Night Spikes was held on Friday, March 4.

Friday Night Hoops Spikes:

March 4	Session Total: 9	Isle of Palms: 5	Non Residents: 4
March 18	Session Total: 13	Isle of Palms: 9	Non Residents: 4

Youth Dodgeball Pick Up Games

Pickup games were scheduled for March 9th, March 23rd and April 13th. The games will run from 3:45 - 5:00 p.m. This is geared for children 7-12 years old and is free to participate. Children can sign up in advance or just show up to play. Games will be played in the gymnasium. A Recreation staff member is on-site to supervise these games.

Dodgeball Pick-Up Games Participation:

March 9 th	Session Total: 31
March 23 rd	Session Total: 7

Isle of Palms Beach Run

The Isle of Palms Beach Run is scheduled for Saturday, July 23rd. The Beach Run consists of a 5K Run/Walk beginning at 8:00 a.m. and Youth Fun Runs beginning at 9:00am. The registration fee is \$20 for the 5K Run/Walk and \$5 for the Youth Fun Runs. Packet pickup will be held on Friday, July 22nd from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. at The Windjammer. The 5K Run/Walk winners will receive medals; all Youth Fun Run participants will receive participation ribbons and Carvel Ice Cream coupons. Sponsors are being finalized.

Athletic Camps

Baseball Camp (7-12 year olds)

Camp is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on June 13th – 17th. Registration began March 28th for IOP residents, and open registration will begin April 11th. Currently, three (3) children are registered for camp. The camp instructor will be by Matt Ishee. Campers will receive an IOP Baseball Camp Certificate, magnet, East Cooper Sporting Goods' gift certificate and camp shirt. Miscellaneous awards will be given throughout the week as rewards for the campers.

Rising Stars Basketball Camp (5-13 year olds)

The Isle of Palms' Rising Stars Basketball Camp is instructed by Rising Stars Staff. Half-day camp will run from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. with full-day camp running from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Camp is for children 5-12 years old. Registration began March 28th for IOP residents, and open registration will begin on April 11th. The registration fee for a half-day is \$125 and \$180 for a full-day. Currently, sixteen (16) children are registered for the full-day session, and one (1) child is registered for the half-day camp. Campers will receive a camp shirt, head band, basketball and water bottle.

Girls Volleyball Clinic (10-15 year olds)

The Isle of Palms' Volleyball Clinic is instructed by Wando High School Volleyball Coach Alexis Glover. The clinic is scheduled for July 5th - 8th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$125 and will be open to girls 10-15 years old. Registration began March 28th for IOP residents; open registration will begin on April 11th. Currently, six (6) children are enrolled, and the camp is limited to 50 participants. Campers will receive a camp t-shirt.

Boys' Lacrosse Camp (7-18 year olds)

The Isle of Palms' Lacrosse Camp is instructed by Lowcountry Lacrosse. The Boys' Lacrosse Camp is scheduled for July 18th - 22nd from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., and the registration fee is \$125 for residents and \$130 for non-residents. The camp is open to boys and girls ages 7-18 years old. Registration began March 28th for IOP residents; open registration will begin on April 11th. Currently, four (4) children are registered for the introductory session. A minimum of 15 participants is required to hold this camp. Campers will receive a 1-year membership to US Lacrosse, reversible pinny, lanyard and sticker.

Girls' Lacrosse Camp (7-18 year olds)

The Isle of Palms' Lacrosse Camp is instructed by Lowcountry Lacrosse. The Introduction to Lacrosse Camp is scheduled for July 25th -29th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; the registration fee is \$125 for residents and \$130 for non-residents. The camp is open to boys and girls 7-18 years old. Registration began March 28th for IOP residents, and open registration will begin on April 11th. Currently, no children are registered for the girls' session; a minimum of 15 participants is required to hold this camp. Campers will receive a 1-year membership to US Lacrosse, reversible pinny, lanyard and sticker.

Soccer Camp (5-13 year olds)

The Isle of Palms' Soccer Camp is instructed by Suarez Soccer School and is scheduled for August 1st - 5th. The registration fee for a half-day of camp is \$125, while the registration fee for the full-day is \$180. Registration began March 28th for IOP residents; open registration will begin on April 11th. Currently, nine (9) children are registered for a full-day of camp and five (5) for a half-day. Campers will receive a camp t-shirt.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Will McElheny

Wellness Connection

The Wellness Connection was held on Wednesday, March 23 at the Isle of Palms Recreation Department. Dr. Harper from Allergy & Asthma Consultants spoke about seasonal allergies. This was the first Wellness Connection that was open to the public; thirteen (13) city employees and four (4) members of the general public attended the Wellness Connection.

Peter Pan Auditions

Peter Pan auditions were held Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:30 p.m. and fifty-two (52) people tried out for roles. Forty-five (45) adults and children have been cast for "Peter Pan." Rehearsals start April 4th at 6:00 p.m. Jimmy Ward, Director.

Up Coming Events

Baskets and Bunnies

Baskets and Bunnies will be held Friday, April 22nd from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., and the cost is \$5.00 per participant. Everyone will have an opportunity to make and decorate Easter Baskets and marshmallow bunnies.

Yard Sale

The Annual Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 16th, 2011. Registration began in January, and fifty (50) participants have registered for this event as of March 31. Spaces will be set up from 27th to 29th Avenues along Hartnett Boulevard. Advertising will include the *Post and Courier*, the city information boards and the City E-newsletter. Goodwill Industries will be at this year's yard sale collecting unwanted items.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Charleston Jump Castle will provide inflatable games, and pony rides will be available from Lowcountry Animals, along with a face painter and a balloon artist. Carvel Ice Cream will have free ice cream for all the children. The Easter Bunny will be available for photo opportunities. Children will be divided into four (4) age divisions - 3 & under, 4 to 6, 7 to 9 and 10 to 12. The Wando Beta Club has volunteered to hide Easter eggs and distribute candy; members of the Keenager group will stuff Easter Bags with candy at their April meeting. Approximately eight hundred fifty (850) children are expected this year; over eight hundred (800) participated in 2010.

Camp Summershine

Registration began Monday, March 28th at 7:00 a.m. for Isle of Palms' residents and Monday, April 11th at 7:00 a.m. for non-residents. Several weeks of camp were full by the third day of registration. Parents received a Camp Survival Guide when they registered that explains the guidelines for the camp and the items campers need to bring each day throughout the summer. On the first day of camp, the campers will receive their camp T-shirt, as well as a camp water bottle. Each week has a theme, and the activities for the week will be focused on that theme. Some of the themes for the 2011 summer camp are, *Sweet Treat Week*, *Wet and Wild*, *Dodge This*, *Island Idol* and much more. During those weeks the campers will have the opportunity to go on field trips to Blackbeard's Cove, Splash Zone, and Carolina Ice Palace and Charleston Jump Castles come to the Camp.

.Piccolo Spoleto Sand Sculpting Contest

The annual Sand Sculpting Contest will be held on Saturday, May 28th beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Sand Sculpting t-shirt has been designed for the contest, and the first two hundred (200) people that register will be guaranteed a t-shirt. Sponsorships are being secured from local businesses including; Windjammer, Sea Biscuit, Barrier Island ECO Tours, Carvel, Charleston Battery, Twin River Lanes, and Coconut Joes. Individuals will have the opportunity to participate in one (1) of seven (7) categories this year - Children, Young Adults, Family, Adult, Most Creative, Best Architectural and Best in Show.

COMMUNITY SPECIALIST

By Christina Willson

Daily Responsibilities

- Completed opening procedures and reported damages to supervisor.
- Readied classrooms for next program when supervisors unavailable.
- Updated Department's media center as needed.
- Registered class participants, answered phones and welcomed visitors.
- Updated daily front-desk information folders.
- Monitored security cameras.
- Managed the sign-in sheets for gymnasium and Cardio Room.
- Answered questions regarding current and upcoming programs/events.
- Assisted the Director and other staff members on a regular basis.
- Prepared purchase orders for staff.
- Participated in daily/weekly staff meetings.
- Continued to post and update events and activities onto community calendars and media outlets event sites.
- Worked in Microsoft Publisher to complete following months' main and room calendars that display daily programs and activities being held.
- Organized plastic eggs for Easter Egg Hunt event.
- Showed first time visitors around Recreation Center and introduced them to all of our accommodations and programs that are available.

Other Duties

- Matched invoices to purchase orders and then filed.
- Called Keenagers/Seniors to remind them of the March meetings and activities/trips.
- Contacted dog obedience class participants to remind them of classes and to ensure they received all enrollment forms that were needed.
- Located and entered special events/newspaper articles into binder.
- Maintained lost-and-found folder and bins.
- Updated events for Recreation calendar on website.
- Completed and sent out weekly PSA's.
- Gathered and edited pictures to be used in upcoming Activity Guide.
- Organized Magnolia Room library.
- Created Summer Camp Information packets and assisted with registration.
- Contacted local machine vendors for machine repair.
- Helped to proof read and make edits to the upcoming Activity Guide.

- Gained additional media outlet contacts for event/program promotion:
 - *Where You Live- Cameron Easley-Community Web Producer, ceasley@live5news.com
 - *Newby Mom- Editor in Chief- katie@newbymom.com
 - *Jennifer Beeler-Southern Living Magazine- slonline@timeinc.com

Most Frequently Asked Questions

“Do you have a pool?”

“When does summer camp registration begin?”

“Is there a fee to use the cardio room or gymnasium?”

Most Frequent Unsolicited Comments

“This is such a beautiful facility.”

“You offer such a great variety of classes and programs here.”

“Your dog park is so well maintained.”

Front Desk Summary: Monday – Friday

Walk-ins 339

Phone Calls: 302

Open Gym Participants

Residents: 100

Non-Residents: 165

Cardio Room Usage: 368

PARKS & FACILITIES

Shelia Redmon

Housekeeping

- Performed routine housekeeping duties.
- Completed monthly safety inspections.
- Cleaned and serviced maintenance equipment.
- Replaced and refilled air fresheners and other sanitary devices.
- Sanitized ice machines.
- Supervised monthly pest control service.

Facility Preparations

- Assisted with the set-up of gymnasium and classrooms for daily scheduled programs, athletics, activities, meetings and special events.

Interior Maintenance

- Serviced and cleaned Cardio Room equipment.
- Unclogged toilets and drains as needed.
- Replaced light bulbs and ballasts as needed.
- Adjusted Magnolia/Palmetto Room floor due to cold to warm weather movement.
- Contacted Palmetto Fitness Repair for Cardio Room equipment repair estimate.
- Supervised annual and bi-annual Fire Suppression System safety inspection.
- Repaired minor vandalism and touched-up paint in gym men’s restroom.

- Adjusted all clocks and timers for daylight-savings time.
- Machine cleaned gym floor.
- Installed replacement mini-blinds in Cardio room.

Exterior Maintenance

- Inspected playground equipment and removed graffiti.
- Removed trash and debris from around the building.

Miscellaneous

- Attended staff meetings and Wellness Connection.
- Placed phone calls to and met with supply sales representatives.
- Ordered and received maintenance supplies.
- Updated the maintenance records.

PARKS & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Nick Bako

Recreation Building and Activities

- Repaired wall in lobby.
- Painted main entrance lobby.
- Painted hallway and door frames leading to break room.
- Washed all exterior windows.
- Prepared fields, as needed, for all city employee activities.
- Completed monthly reports.
- Re-wired and replaced two (2) light fixtures for the walkway lighting system.
- Assisted in monthly functions and set-up for classes and activities.
- Re-installed covers to conduit piping which houses security camera wires.
- Cleaned trash receptacle tops at entrance to building.
- Installed new U.S. flag.
- Repaired netting for Half Rubber.

Recreation Grounds

- Applied selective herbicide for clover, broadleaf and dollar weed throughout complex as needed.
- Washed walkways next to the soccer field.
- Trimmed grass and weeds as needed.
- Repaired doggy pooper-scooper dispensers.
- Turned on valves to all fountains and water supplies, as needed, for season.
- Lined for Fast Start and Home Run Derby.
- Graded area on 29th Avenue after work was completed by IOP Water Commission.
- Water-proofed conduits and junction boxes, as needed, on the multi-field.
- Replaced water trough in Dog Park.
- Applied fire ant killer spray on multi-field and soccer field.
- Applied weed killer at Dog Park and all walkways.

Playground

- Raked and leveled playground mulch as needed.
- Applied weed killer around play area.
- Hammered spikes back into ground for the border of play area.

Basketball and Tennis Courts

- Applied weed killer to courts as needed.
- Cleaned courts as needed.
- Repaired fence with piping and fence ties.
- Installed new net at the basketball court.
- Assembled new Dri-Roller.
- Re-tied windscreen at the tennis court several times.
- Re-tied tennis net at bottom due to vandalism.
- Replaced tennis net hold down clasp.

Baseball (Scalise) Field

- Prepared dugouts for upcoming season; weeded and leveled.
- Applied weed killer to areas in dugout.
- Installed temp fence for the season.
- Installed new LED number panels to the scoreboard.

Softball (Clarkin) Field

- Repainted table and bench for scorekeepers.
- Applied weed killer in dugout.
- Secured screen above backstop.

Soccer Field

- Fertilized field with 18-3-2 with weed control.
- Replaced bulbs in scoreboard several times.
- Applied 0-0-7 with dimension pre-emergent fertilizer.
- Aerated field.

Bark Park

- Replaced fence post.
- Replaced broken water pipe.
- Filled large holes as needed.

Multi-purpose Field

- Picked up debris and maintained as needed.
- Filled holes as needed after Half Rubber.

Equipment

- Repaired rope pull for the small push mower.
- Repaired Toro Groomer motor.
- Replaced backpack sprayer pump assembly.