



RECREATION DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT OCTOBER 2012

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ATHLETICS

Ben Hull

Adult Sports

Adult Fall 3-on-3 Basketball

Registration for the 3-on-3 Basketball League was held July 30th – August 24th. Ten (10) teams are participating this fall season. Games are played on Tuesday evenings, and the season began Tuesday, September 18th. Chem South is in first place with a 6-0 record; Barrier Island Boys is following closely behind with a 5-1 record. The final regular season game is scheduled for November 13th. A single elimination tournament will be held following the regular season; regular season and tournament champions will receive champion shirts. Teams call their own fouls; score and time are kept by Recreation staff.

Adult Fall 6 vs 6 Soccer

Registration for the 6 vs. 6 Soccer league was held July 30th – August 24th. Games are played on Tuesday evenings, and five (5) teams signed up to participate this fall season. The season started Tuesday, September 18th, and the final regular season game is scheduled for November 20th. Sneakers Miraflores is currently in first place with a 4-0 record; a single elimination tournament will follow the regular season. Regular season and tournament champions will receive t-shirts. Games are officiated by Joey Gorman or Jay Frye, while a Recreation staff member is on-site to record the outcome of the match.

Adult Fall Table Tennis Singles League

Registration for the Singles Table Tennis League was held July 30th – August 24th. Games are played on Tuesdays from 10:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Ten (10) participants have signed up to play in the league. The season started on Tuesday, September 18th, and the final regular season game is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13th. Table One is set up for league matches; Table Two is set up for anyone wanting to get a league pickup game. Ted Kinghorn and Michael Carroll are currently tied in first place with a 6-0 record. The regular season champion and tournament champion will receive a shirt; a double elimination tournament will take place following the regular season. Games and scores are kept and recorded by the players and Recreation staff.

Adult Winter CO-ED Volleyball

Registration is scheduled for November 5th – November 30th. The Captains' Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 4th at 5:30 p.m., and the league fee is \$250 per team. League practices have been scheduled for Tuesdays and Sundays through the month of December; games will be played on Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons beginning in January. A single or double elimination tournament will follow the regular season. Regular and post-season champions will receive shirts. Score will be kept by Recreation staff, with games being officiated by Lowcountry Officials and Margo Shisler.

First Pitch Half Rubber Tournament

The First Pitch IOP Half Rubber Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd and Sunday, March 24th, if needed. Lights will be turned off at 10:00 p.m. sharp on Saturday. The Captain's

Meeting/check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. and games will begin at 8:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$20 per person; 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

Fast Start Soccer

The season ended on October 13th. The program consisted of eight (8) teams with a total of seventy-one (71) players – twenty-eight (28) Isle of Palms residents and forty-three (43) non-residents. Team leaders received a skills packet at the beginning of the season to assist with ideas. Participants received medals following their last activity day.

5/6 Soccer

The season ended on Monday, October 29th. Games were played on the multipurpose fields #3 and #4 on Monday nights at 5:30 p.m. Volunteer coaches received a skills packet at the beginning of the season to assist with coaching ideas. The participants had fun and learned the game of soccer. Games were officiated by coaches; no scores or season standings were kept. All participants received trophies for their participation.

7/8 Soccer

The season will end on Wednesday, November 7th. Games will be played on both ends of the large soccer field on Wednesdays nights at 5:30 p.m. Volunteer coaches were given a skills packet at the beginning of the season to assist with coaching ideas. The score clock is used to keep time for the games. Games are officiated by coaches, but no scores or league standings are kept. All participants receive trophies for their participation.

9/12 Soccer

The regular season ended on Monday, October 22nd. *Beachside Vacations* coached by Tommy Freeman, won the regular season championship; *Palmetto Anesthesia of Charleston*, coached by Norm Brahen, finished as the regular season runner-up. Regular season runners-up and champions were awarded trophies for their participation. A single elimination tournament began on Thursday, October 25th, and the championship game was held on Monday, October 29th where *Kindred Hospital of Charleston* defeated *Dunes Properties* in a hard fought game. Tournament runners-up and champions received plaques. Jay Frye and Joey Gorman officiated soccer games; Recreation staff was on-site to manage the scoreboard.

Soccer Registration

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| Fast Start ¾ yr Soccer | Total: 71 | Isle of Palms: 28 | Non-Residents: 43 |
| 5/6 yr Micro Soccer | Total: 44 | Isle of Palms: 25 | Non-Residents: 19 |
| 7/8 yr Micro Soccer | Total: 44 | Isle of Palms: 31 | Non-Residents: 13 |
| 9/12 yr Youth Soccer | Total: 60 | Isle of Palms: 35 | Non-Residents: 25 |

Soccer Player/Parent Rivalry Match

The Soccer Parent versus Player game was held on Tuesday, October 23rd at 5:30 p.m. Twenty-four (24) parents and children participated in the match. This was a hard fought battle that

finished in a tie. All participants were given a free Jack's Cosmic Dogs coupon for their participation.

5/6 Basketball

Registration is being held October 15th to November 9th. The registration fee is \$30 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. The Coach's Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14th at 5:00 p.m. The mandatory parent/player meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 27th at 5:00 p.m. Coaches and sponsors are being secured. The season will start on Monday, January 7th; picture day is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15th. No scores or league standings are kept, and all participants will receive a trophy at the end of the season.

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9/10 Basketball

Registration is being held October 15th to November 9th. The registration fee is \$30 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. The skill evaluation will be held Tuesday, November 13th at 5:00 p.m. followed by a coach draft. The mandatory parent/player meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, November 27th at 5:00 p.m. Coaches and sponsors are being secured. The season will start on Thursday, January 10th, and Picture Day is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15th. Scores and league standings will be kept, and regular season champions and runners-up will receive trophies at the end of the season. A single elimination, post-season tournament will follow the regular season, and post-season champions and runners-up will receive plaques. Lowcountry Officials officiate the games with Recreation staff is on-site to keep score and the books.

11/14 Basketball

Registration is being held October 15th to November 9th. The registration fee is \$30 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. The skill evaluation will be held Tuesday, November 13th at 6:15 p.m., followed by a coach draft. The mandatory parent/player meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, November 27th at 5:00 p.m. Coaches and sponsors are being secured. The season will start on Thursday, January 10th, and picture day is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15th. Scores and league standings will be kept, and regular season champions and runners-up will receive trophies at the end of the season. A single elimination, post-season tournament will follow the regular season, and post-season champions and runners-up will receive plaques. Lowcountry Officials officiate the games with Recreation staff is onsite to keep score and the books.

Basketball Registration: (as of 10/29/12)

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| 5/6 Yth Basketball Total: | 19 | Isle of Palms: | 12 | Non-Residents: | 7 |
| 7/8 Yth Basketball Total: | 43 | Isle of Palms: | 29 | Non-Residents: | 14 |
| 9/10 Yth Basketball Total: | 28 | Isle of Palms: | 22 | Non-Residents: | 6 |
| 11/14 Yth Basketball Total: | 14 | Isle of Palms: | 9 | Non-Residents: | 5 |

Rising Stars Basketball Clinic

This instructional youth basketball clinic is scheduled for Monday, December 3rd at 5:00 p.m. Three (3) participants are currently enrolled. This basketball clinic will focus on coaching techniques, as well as enhancing the individual skills of each participant. Coaches were given a packet that included multiple ideas, plays and a set practice schedule.

Spike Nights

Spike Nights is an opportunity for youth ages 5–16 years to participate in a volleyball clinic. On Thursday nights, Laura Togami will instruct and play from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Registrants sign up for 4 sessions at a time. The fee is \$40 for IOP residents and \$45 for non-residents. The next session will be held October 4th – October 25th.

Spike Nights Participants:

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| August 9 th – 30 th | 5 p.m. | Session Total: | 1 | Isle of Palms: | 0 | Non-Residents: | 1 |
| August 9 th – 30 th | 6 p.m. | Session Total: | 9 | Isle of Palms: | 3 | Non-Residents: | 6 |
| September 6 th – 27 th | 5 p.m. | Session Total: | 2 | Isle of Palms: | 0 | Non-Residents: | 2 |
| September 6 th – 27 th | 6 p.m. | Session Total: | 6 | Isle of Palms: | 1 | Non-Residents: | 5 |
| October 4 th – 25 th | 5 p.m. | Session Total: | 5 | Isle of Palms: | 3 | Non-Residents: | 2 |
| October 4 th – 25 th | 6 p.m. | Session Total: | 11 | Isle of Palms: | 1 | Non-Residents: | 10 |

Youth Dodgeball Pick-Up Games

Games are scheduled once a month on Wednesdays from 4:00- 5:00 p.m. This is geared for children 7-12 years old and participation is free. Children can sign up in advance or just show up to play; games take place in the IOP gymnasium. The most recent pick-up games were held October 17th with nine (9) children participating, and the next session will be held on November 7th. Two (2) Recreation staff members are on-site to supervise these games.

Dodgeball Pick Up Games Participation:

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| June 13 th | Session Total: | 12 |
| July 11 th | Session Total: | 10 |
| August 8 th | Session Total: | 18 |
| September 19 th | Session Total: | 15 |
| October 17 th | Session Total: | 9 |

Wellness Wacky Golf

City Wellness Wacky Golf games were scheduled for Monday, October 1st at 4:00 p.m. This was for City employees and was free of charge. Nine (9) holes were played at the Wild Dunes Links Golf Course. Teams of four (4) players were formed, and no golf experience was required. A total of sixteen (16) employees participated. A pizza party followed golf on the back deck of the Links Clubhouse.

PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

Karrie Ferrell

Babysitting Course

The next babysitting course is scheduled for Saturday, February 16, 2013. Instruction by the American Red Cross.

Ballet

Class is scheduled to end on November 5th. Kim will be on maternity leave through the holidays. Ballet will resume in January, 2013. Kim Chesley-Breland, Instructor.

Boater Education

The next Boater Education will be held Friday, January 18, 2013. Instruction by Department of Natural Resources

BOSU Training

Wednesday/Friday 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. October: Ten (10) people participated in the morning class, and all are paying by the class.

Monday/Wednesday 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. October: Eight (8) participants paid by the class.

Tuesday/Thursday 4:15pm – 5:15pm October: Cancelled, no participation. Classes will resume in November.

Saturdays 8:30am – 9:30am October: Cancelled, no participation. Class will resume in November. Classes are \$64 for Isle of Palms residents and \$69 non-residents or a \$10 per class walk-in fee. Isle of Palms' employees can take the class for free as a part of the Employee Wellness Program. Jeromy Miller, Instructor.

Coffee Corner

Participants taking part in Coffee Corner are Gather and Knit, Mah Jongg, Tiny Tots and Jump Start parents and participants of the senior exercise class.

Dog Obedience

Kinderpuppy: October 29th

Eight (8) people are participating in the current session of Kinderpuppy. The next session is scheduled for January 2013.

Intro to Nosework: October 29th

Seven (7) people are participating in the session of Introduction to Nosework class. Susan Marett, Instructor.

Gather Knit & Stitch

October: Eight (8) women have been attending the Gather Knit & Stitch program that is held on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the Lobby.

Guitar Lessons

October: One (1) person participated in guitar lessons for October. The next session is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6th at 4:15p.m. Lee Archer, Instructor.

Gymnastics/Tumbling

Nine (9) people have been participating in the Gymnastics program. The session started Tuesday, October 16th; the next session is scheduled for January 2013. Tricha Tapio, Instructor.

Holiday Happenings

Holiday Happenings is for children ages 3 – 5 years old. Children will bring a lunch and enjoy holiday-themed projects. Six (6) preschoolers participated on Wednesday, October 24th for Halloween projects. Upcoming dates include: November 14th for Thanksgiving and December 12th for Christmas. Each activity is \$20 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Participants must pre-register. Cathy Adams, Instructor.

Hunter Education

Twenty (20) people participated in the Hunter Education class on Friday, October 26th. The next class will be held Monday, February 18, 2013; participants must register through SCDNR. Instruction by Department of Natural Resources.

Jump Start

Eight (8) preschoolers are enrolled on Monday/Wednesday/ Friday, and five (5) are enrolled on Tuesday/Thursday. Enrollment remains open for the Tuesday/Thursday session of Jump Start. Robin Lee, Instructor.

Keenagers

Fifty-six (56) Keenagers attended the Halloween themed meeting on October 3rd. Members dressed for a costume contest; every participant received a goody bag. Eric Lavender attended the meeting to tell Lowcountry Ghost Stories. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7th at noon.

Kid's Night Out

Twenty-nine (29) children participated in the Kid's Night Out activity scheduled on Friday, October 12th where they watched a movie, played games and were given pizza and water for dinner. The next activity is scheduled for Friday, December 14th from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., and one (1) person has registered. The activity is supervised by Recreation staff.

Kid's Yoga

Three (3) people participated in the Kid's Yoga class for October. The next session of Kid's Yoga is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7th; no one has signed up for the upcoming session. Mary Moore, Instructor.

Little Dragons Karate

No one participated in the October session of Little Dragons; the next session is scheduled for January 2013. This is a Karate class for children ages 3-5 years old; participants will learn martial arts skills, team work and good manners. Debbie Garelli, Instructor.

Living Well

Living Well was cancelled due to a lack of participation. Instructor provided by Lowcountry Senior Center.

Matter of Balance

Class was cancelled due to a lack of participation. Instructor provided by Lowcountry Senior Center.

Middle School Dance

The next middle school dance is scheduled for Friday, November 9th.

Mah Jongg

Six (6) people played Mah Jongg in October. Mah Jongg is scheduled on Mondays from 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Participants supply materials for this activity.

Mexican Train

No one participated in October.

Mommy & Me/ Daddy & Me

Eighteen (18) parents and children participated in Mommy & Me/Daddy & Me; the activity will take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Personal Training

One on one or small group training is available. Participants need to call the Recreation Department to set up an appointment with the instructor. Three (3) people are currently participating in personal training. Jeromy Miller, Instructor.

Photography Contest

Winning photos will be used in the Activity Guide and on the Website. This contest is for Isle of Palms residents. Four (4) photos can be entered in the following categories: IOP Lifestyle (cityscape, people, activities); IOP Natural (landscapes, plants); IOP Wild (animals, pets) and IOP Rec (grounds, sports, activities and events); all photos will become property of the city. Four (4) people have submitted photos. Entry Form and Model Release Forms can be found on www.iop.net, and pictures need to be emailed to Karrie Ferrell before Friday, November 9th.

School's Out Activities/Spring Break

Activities are scheduled on teacher work days and school holidays. Thirty (30) people participated in the pumpkin painting at 10:00 a.m. and eleven (11) participated in wiffleball/kickball at 1:00 p.m. Upcoming dates and activities include: Monday, November 19th basketball & relays, November 20th dodgeball, Friday, December 21st dodgeball/snowball fight, December 27th basketball, Friday, December 28th relays & tag. Activities will be held from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. and are supervised by Recreation staff.

Semi-Personal Training

October: Four (4) people are participating in the 9:30 a.m. session of Personal Training. Both the 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. classes have six (6) people enrolled; classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Geri D'Italia, Instructor.

Senior Aerobics

October: Nineteen (19) seniors attended aerobics; seven (7) seniors paid for the month, and all others paid by the 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

Fifty (50) seniors are participating in the Senior Exercise Class. The class continues to have a waiting list. Classes are held on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 3:00 p.m. in the High Tide/Low Tide rooms. Judy Fischer, Instructor.

Senior Wellness Workshops

Personal Trainer Judy Fischer has started teaching wellness workshops for a more in-depth explanation of fitness and wellness topics. Classes include Balance and Memory, Flexibility & Mat Class and Stability Ball Workshops. Twenty-three (23) seniors participated in the Balance and Memory workshop on Thursday, October 11th. The next workshop will be held on Thursday, November 15th at 2:00 p.m.

Story Time Yoga

Parents and children enjoy a story while moving through yoga poses based on the theme of the book; parents bring a yoga mat. Classes are held once a month starting in September. Two people participated in the October 16th session of Story Time Yoga. The next class is schedule for Tuesday, November 20th; currently no one is registered. Mary Moore, Instructor.

Tae Kwon Do

Youth Participation: October: Six (6) participants have signed up for classes that are held on Saturdays in the gym at 9:00 a.m. New participants can join the youth class in January, June and September.

Adult Participation: October: Fifteen (15) adults are participating in the classes that are 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 p.m. Adults can join classes anytime.

Tennis

Tiny Tennis: October: Nine (9) participants are playing in the Tiny Tennis class. Tiny Tennis is for children 3 – 5 years old; a low compression ball and smaller net and court are used to teach the fundamentals of tennis. The next session of Tiny Tennis starts Monday, November 26th. Currently seven (7) people are enrolled in the class.

Youth Tennis: September: Six (6) participants are playing in the youth tennis class. Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. The next session is scheduled to start Monday, November 26th.

Adult Tennis: September: Seven (7) people are participating in the adult tennis program. Classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. The next session of tennis is scheduled for November 27th. Corinne Enright, Instructor.

Tai Chi/Qigong

Tai Chi was added to the list of program classes in September. Tai Chi is an ancient form of meditative, low impact activity originating from China; Tai Chi has mental, emotional and physical benefits to its practice. The activity helps reduce hypertension, stress, anxiety and depression; physical benefits include flexibility, joint health, lower body strength and balance. Class is held on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Magnolia/Palmetto Room at a cost of \$10 per person. Five (5) people have been participating. Instructor Connie Cossetti.

Tiny Tots

Six (6) participants are enrolled in the Monday/Wednesday/Friday class, and seven (7) are enrolled in the Tuesday/Thursday class. Cathy Adams, Instructor.

Total Body Challenge (TBC)

October: Twenty-six (26) people participated in morning aerobics; classes are 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.

Tween/ Teen Yoga

Six (6) pre-teens and teenage girls have been participating in class. The next session is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7th at 4:45 p.m.

Yoga - Afternoon

October: Five (5) people participated in the class. Classes were held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the High Tide/Low Tide Rooms from 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Pat Boyd, Instructor.

Yoga -Evening

October: Ten (10) people have participated in the evening yoga class. Classes were held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Mary Moore and Jen Schoolfield, Instructors.

Yoga – Morning

August: Ten (10) people participated. Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m. in the High Tide/Low Tide Room. Pat Boyd, Instructor.

Yoga – Saturday

October: Nine (9) people participated in the class which was held on Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. in the Palmetto Room. Jen Schoolfield, Instructor.

Zumba

October: Fifty-one (51) people participated; eleven (11) paid for the month, and all others paid by the class. Participants can attend 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 from Memory

Seven (7) people are participating in the Writing from Memory. Classes started Tuesday, September 18th at 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Classes were extended three weeks at the request of members and the instructor. The class will participate in a public reading at the end of the session to share class works. Sara Thomason, Instructor.

Miscellaneous Work:

- Created employee schedules.
- Processed time cards for employees and instructors.
- 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.
- Assisted with front desk duties and class check-ins.
- Set up classrooms for programs and special events.
- Training of part-time staff with evening desk duties.
- Assisted with bulletin boards and Information Center
- Hired and met with instructors for future classes and opportunities.
- Prepared for SCMIT training on Thursday, October 4th.
- Attended Recreation Committee meeting on October 11th.
- Assisted with Ghostly Tide Tales; Friday, October 19th.
- Assisted with the Halloween Carnival; Wednesday, October 31st.
- Revised room schedules and calendars to accommodate classes.
- Prepared and contacted instructors for upcoming event dates – Presidential Elections on November 6th and Thanksgiving holiday.
- Working on January – April 2013 Activity Guide.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Will McElheny

IOP Connector Run

The annual IOP Connector Run and Walk for the Child was held Saturday, October 6th with over one thousand (1,000) registered participants representing over 26 states. Recreation staff attended monthly meetings and worked closely with the Board of Director throughout the year. Mayor Pro-tem Ryan Buckhannon welcomed the participants and started the race.

Employee Wellness

The Employee Wellness Committee met on Thursday, October 18th to discuss upcoming activities and events for employees. The group also discussed the 2012 Wellness Fair and made suggestions for 2013.

Ghostly Tide Tales

The Isle of Palms Rec Department brought back the “Ghostly Tide Tales” which was held on October 19th from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Participants met at the 28th Avenue beach access and followed a trail of tiki torches that guided their way to the beach. Six (6) fire barrels were placed on the beach to provide warmth and the right atmosphere for the tales. Over one hundred (100) people attended and enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate. Eric Lavender was the guest storyteller who was dressed as a pirate and told local haunted stories. This event was free and suitable for all ages.

Pumpkin Painting

Pumpkin painting was held on October 26th beginning at 10:00 a.m. Children that participated paid five dollars (\$5.00) and were given one (1) pumpkin and plenty of supplies to decorate their pumpkin in any fashion they could imagine. Candy was available for the children to get in the “holiday spirit”. Thirty-one (31) children pre-registered for this activity.

Halloween Carnival

The Annual Halloween Carnival was held on Wednesday, October 31st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; over seven hundred (700) children and parents attended this free event. The Halloween Costume Contest began at 5:30 p.m. All participants in the costume contest received a prize, and the top three (3) winners received an additional prize. The age groups for the costume contest were ages 1 year and under, 2-3 years, 4-5 years, 6-7 years, 8 years, 9 years, 10 years, 11-12 years and 13 years and older. The Halloween Carnival games and entertainment were broken up into different areas; the jump castles were placed in the Magnolia/Palmetto as well as the Low Tide/High Tide room; the face painter/balloon artists/photo booth were placed in the lobby; the temporary tattoo booth was in the Cardio Room; the haunted maze was in the Minnow/Tadpole Room; carnival games and costume contest was in the gym. The Isle of Palms Exchange Club sold concessions during the Halloween Carnival, and every year we are fortunate to get the help from the Citadel Cadets and the Wando High School Beta Club.

Upcoming Events

Holiday Craft Workshop

The Holiday Craft Workshop is schedule for Thursday, November 15th beginning at 4:00 p.m. Children ages fifteen (15) and under are invited to decorate holiday ornaments; all materials will be provided. Participants must pre-register by Friday, November 9th for a fee of \$5 for residents and non-residents.

Letters to Santa

Letters to Santa had such a good response last year that we're bringing it back this year. Children in the area will have a chance to personally write a letter to Santa and place it in the North Pole Mailbox in the lobby of the Isle of Palms Recreation Department. Once Santa has received all the letters, he promises to respond by Christmas.

Holiday Street Festival

The annual Tree Lighting Festival will be held on Saturday, December 8th, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This year the event will be an afternoon festival on Ocean Boulevard where island businesses will have the opportunity to display their products and restaurants can serve menu items. So far the following businesses have committed to participate in the street festival; *Acme Cantina, The Boat House, Morgan Creek, Luke n' Ollies, My Favorite Things, Coconut Joe's, The Windjammer, Splash, Hucks, Banana Cabana, IOP Garden Club and Salon and Company.* The festival will also include carnival rides for children and adults to include a photo trailer, Ferris wheel, super slide, climbing wall, inflatables and face painting. Santa Claus will make appearances throughout the day. The Palm Trees and Christmas Tree will be lit at 6:00 p.m.; Ivie Froehler will assist Mayor Cronin in lighting the Christmas Tree. Entertainment will be provided and include the following local bands: *Sol Driven Train, Fowlers Mustache, Scotty Frier Band, Jef Wilson* and the Moultrie Middle School Chorus.

Santa's Cookie Workshop

The Cookie Workshop will be held on Wednesday, December 14 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Magnolia and Palmetto Rooms. The Isle of Palms Recreation Department anticipates over hundred (100) children to register for this event; the children will get to decorate five (5) cookies with unlimited supplies of icing, chocolate and candy.

Information Board

Recreation Staff continues to update the Information Boards at the Connector and Breach Inlet. Both boards are in need of repair; annually both signs are cleaned, painted by the Recreation staff and the warped and cracked plastic strips are replaced. At the request of the Recreation Director, the sign company that built and installed the existing boards was contacted to price out repairs to the existing boards. Mahony Signs advised it would cost just as much to repair the boards as it would to replace them. Staff felt as though this would be the right time to investigate cost for replacing the signs with electronic LED boards; therefore, sign vendors were contacted. A meeting is scheduled Thursday, November 1st at 10:00 a.m. with a sign vendor and staff members from various departments had the opportunity to address concerns related to the electrical, flood and zoning codes, computer system and compatibility issues, and a comprehensive budget to include the hardware, software, maintenance and electricity. Douglas Kerr contacted SCDOT and was advised that an encroachment permit would be required.

COMMUNITY SPECIALIST

By Christina Willson

Daily Responsibilities

- Completed opening procedures and reported damages to supervisor.
- Set-up classrooms for programs 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/contacts.
- Created calendar and room schedules.
- Showed first time visitors around Recreation Center and introduced them to the opportunities and programs that are available.
- Assisted with updating and maintaining the Recreation portion of the City website.
- Monitored coffee station for refills and clean up as needed.

Other Duties

- Matched invoices to purchase orders and then filed.
- Located and entered special events/newspaper articles into binder.
- Maintained lost-and-found folder and bins.
- Completed and sent out weekly PSA's.
- Provided Resort Quest/Wild Dunes/Dunes Properties with upcoming monthly activities and programs for distribution to their clients/renters.
- Contacted vending machine operators to report problems or refill requests.
- Completed housekeeping duties when specialist was unavailable.
- Participated in Employee Wellness activities.
- Contacted class participants to let them know about changes in class schedules.
- Updated Gymnasium/Cardio Room bulletin boards with upcoming classes/event flyers.
- Advertised upcoming events on various event websites at no cost to city.
- Helped decorate the Recreation Center for Halloween.
- Participated in the "Pink Out" preparation of the Recreation Center.
- Created blue banner for Halloween Carnival.
- Participated in SCIMT "Back Safety Training."
- Called "Keenagers" to notify them that the trip for October had been cancelled.
- Assisted with Youth Basketball registration resident/Non-residents.
- Called class participants to notify them of class cancellations.
- Assisted in the preparations for the Halloween Carnival.

Most Frequently Asked Questions

- “How much does it cost to use your cardio room?”
- “Do you rent out any of your facilities?”
- “Do you have a weight room?”

Most Frequent Unsolicited Comments

- “You guys really go all out for Halloween!”
- “These Halloween decorations are awesome!!”
- “Ghostly Tide Tales was such a fun time. I hope you do it again next year”

Front Desk Summary: Monday – Friday

Cardio Room Usage:

| | |
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| September | 334 |
| October | 345 |

Open Gym Participants:

| | | | |
|-----------|-----|---------------|-------------------|
| September | 356 | Residents 174 | Non-residents 182 |
| October | 237 | Residents 113 | Non-residents 124 |

Phone Calls:

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| September | 354 |
| October | 387 |

Walk-Ins:

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| September | 526 |
| October | 772 |

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 inside pest control service.

Facility Preparations

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

Interior Maintenance

- Cleaned and serviced Cardio Room equipment.
- Unclogged toilets and flushed drains as needed.
- Replaced light bulbs and ballasts as needed.
- Drained and reset float switch in drain pan of Unit #10 High Tide HVAC.
- Contacted Berkeley Heating & Air concerning scheduling and completion of repair services needed for the Gym unit #L1.
- Replaced concession ice machine exhaust fan.
- Annual high-level detail dusting in Gym & Lobby.
- Steam cleaned pre-school area carpets.
- Adjusted and secured loose gym ceiling tiles.
- Reinstalled MEN's room showerhead and hose.

Exterior Maintenance

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

Miscellaneous

- Attended staff meetings.
- Placed phone calls to and met with supply sales representatives.
- Ordered and received maintenance supplies.
- Updated the maintenance records.
- Assisted with Halloween decorating and seasonal events.
- Attended City employee Wellness training class.
- Made and distributed large yellow bows for City Hall.

PARKS & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Nick Bako

Recreation Building and Activities

- Completed monthly reports.
- Set-up and broke down for The Ghostly Tide Tales on the beach.
- Assisted in monthly functions, Keenagers and set-up for upcoming events.
- Helped with setup and breakdown of the IOP Connector Run.
- Prepared Halloween event displays and games for the Halloween Carnival.
- Removed debris from gutters and downspouts around the bldg.

Recreation Grounds

- Cleaned rocking chairs outside of building and spray painted with exterior white.
- Repaired fencing at soccer, tennis and the softball area with fence-ties as needed.
- Trimmed crepe myrtles near softball field.
- Sprayed for fire-ants as needed at several locations.
- Applied weed killer around building.

Playground

- Leveled playground area at swings and other activity areas as needed.
- Replaced stopper on the Track Rider.
- Trimmed shrubs at playground area.
- Removed gum from the large slide on the playground.
- Tightened base of see-saw into cement with bolts already in place and lubed iolite bushings for noise.
- Installed new cap onto Little Tikes equipment.

Basketball and Tennis Courts

- Routinely cleaned courts as needed.
- Wire-tied windscreen up for pending storm.
- Re-wire-tied tennis court windscreen due to heavy winds.

Baseball (Scalise) Field

- Touched up dugouts.
- Raised home plate on the field for proper height after adding baseball mixture clay to field.
- Groomed field.
- Trimmed shrubs at Scalise monuments.

Softball (Clarkin) Field

- Applied weed killer in dugout.
- Groomed field.
- Raised Pitcher's mound after adding baseball mixture clay to field.
- Installed bulbs into scoreboard as needed.

Soccer Field

- Checked and made some repairs to sprinklers in the field.
- Lined fields on soccer field blue and white/pink.
- Applied Topchoice fire ant, mole, and cricket control as needed.
- Filled field as needed with topsoil and sand mixture.

Bark Park

- Filled holes as needed.
- Filled scoopers as needed.
- Repaired ropper to doggie scoopers and painted.

Multi-purpose Field

- Picked up debris and maintained as needed.
- Rewired, tied and stapled temp fencing for soccer as needed.
- Lined field for practice and play white/pink.

Equipment

- Replaced well pump contact relay for proper water pressure on the soccer field.
- Washed truck and golf car.
- Replaced blades in the Z-Master.

Other

- Lined Palm Boulevard as part of “white line fever.”
- Repaired wiring at Front Beach Ladies room.
- Trimmed and groomed 28th Avenue beach access for Ghostly Tide Tales.

Operations**Overtime:****October****10.25 hours**

Kid’s Night Out, Ghostly Tide Tales, Pumpkin Painting, Soccer games and tournament, Player and Parent Rivalry Soccer Match, IOP Connector Run and the Annual Halloween Carnival.

Building was available 377 hours

Youth Pick-up Game:

Dodge Ball

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

9 Children Participated

School’s Out Activity:

Wiffle Ball/Kick Ball Friday, October 26, 2012

11 Children Participated

Information Boards:

| | # Times Boards were changed | Amount of Time |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| September | 10 Times | 9.75 hours |
| October | 8 Times | 7.50 hours |