

RECREATION COMMITTEE
9:00 a.m., Monday, May 4, 2015

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held at 9:00 a.m., Monday, May 4, 2015 in the City Hall Conference Room, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Buckhannon and Harrington, Chair Carroll, Administrator Tucker, Recreation Director Page, Assistant Administrator Dziuban and City Clerk Copeland; a quorum was present to conduct business.

1. Chair Carroll called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the press and public were duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

2. **Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

MOTION: Councilmember Buckhannon moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 6, 2015 as submitted; Councilmember Harrington seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Citizens' Comments** – None

4. **Departmental Report for April 2015** – Director Page

Director Page stated that classes were drawing to a close for the summer; they will start again in September. Those who were coming to the Recreation Center to line dance decided they wanted a leader/instructor; one was found, and the group gathers monthly to enjoy line dancing. Senior exercise classes continue to go well. A Tae Kwon Do tournament was held on April 18th; the sixty-three (63) participants came from North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, California and South Carolina. Tennis lessons have ended for the season while the instructor is on maternity leave; classes will resume in the middle to the end of summer. Yoga classes continue to have good participation at all classes. Forty-two (42) seniors attended the April luncheon; *Backporch Storytellers* told stories as the meeting's entertainment; the last Keenagers' lunch will be tomorrow until they pick up again in September. Sixteen (16) employees and one (1) Councilmember attended the "Minute to Win It" wellness activity on Friday, April 24th. On Thursday before the Easter Egg Hunt, twenty-three (23) children decorated eggs using an assortment of dye colors and stickers; over seven hundred (700) children searched for Easter eggs on Saturday before Easter. Middle School dances have not lost favor since one hundred ninety-nine (199) youths attended the April 1 dance. The Yard Sale on Saturday, April 25th went well; the rain held off until about 10:30 a.m., and, by then, most shoppers had purchased their new treasures. Summer and athletic camps start next month; all slots filled for Camp Summershine and Wee Camp. "Music in the Park" will be held on Saturday, May 9th assuming the rains stay far away from shore; music will be provided by Yeehaw Junction and John Emil, and Long Island Café will offer food. The Piccolo Spoleto Sand Sculpting Contest will be on Saturday, May 30th at Front Beach beginning at 9:00 a.m. Adult athletics including softball, 3-on-3 basketball, 6 vs 6 soccer and table tennis have gotten underway. The 17th Annual Half Rubber Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, August 15th and Sunday, August 16th, if needed; tournament information has been posted to the City's website. Baseball for children five (5) to twelve (12) years of age continue their games until May. The Isle of Palms Beach Run has been scheduled for Saturday, July 25th; it will consist of 5K/10K runs, 5K walks and Youth Fun Runs. This year, for the first time, the walkers will be timed like the runners; three hundred plus (300+) people are expected to participate.

Director Page reported that Robert Asero has been hired as Parks and Grounds Supervisor to replace Nick Bako; he is a native of New Jersey where he was in the landscape business. He knows how to work on the machinery and is very knowledgeable about turf, and he is fitting in well.

5. **Old Business** – None
6. **New Business** – None
7. **Miscellaneous Business**

Administrator Tucker mentioned that members have copies of the newest version of the budget; the primary change is the significant “hit” to the Hospitality Tax and Municipal Accommodations Tax funds for the FY16 expenses for the managed beach access parking program.

Next Meeting Date: 9:00 a.m., Monday, August 3, 2015

8. **Adjourn**

MOTION: Councilmember Buckhannon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 a.m.; Chair Carroll seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

May – July 2015

STAFF: Norma Jean Page, Recreation Director
Karrie Ferrell, Assistant Director (Programs)
Aaron Sweet, Recreation Supervisor (Athletics)
Robert Asero, Parks & Grounds Supervisor
Andy Sinwald, Recreation Supervisor (Special Events)
Shelia Redmon, Parks & Facilities Specialist
Holly Norton, Community Specialist

ATHLETICS

Aaron Sweet

Athletic Events

Isle of Palms Beach Run

The Isle of Palms Beach Run was held on Saturday, July 25th; it consisted of 5K/10K runs, 5K walk and Youth Fun Runs; the 5K/10K events started at 8:00 a.m., and the Youth Fun Runs started around 9:00 a.m. The registration fee was \$30 for the 5/10K Run and Walk and \$10 for the Youth Fun Runs; registration prices increased after the June 12th deadline to \$35 for the 5K/10K events and \$15 for the Youth Fun Runs. Moisture wicking t-shirts were given to all race participants who registered on or before Friday, June 12th. Packet pick-up was held on Friday, July 24th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at The Windjammer. The 10K and 5K Run/Walk winners received medals, overall winners were given plaques & gift certificates, and all Youth Fun Run participants received participation ribbons and ice cream vouchers to Island Ice Frozen Yogurt. Approximately 400 runners/walkers participated in this event.

17th Annual Half Rubber Tournament

The 17th Annual Half Rubber Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, August 15th and Sunday, August 16th if needed. The captains' meeting/check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m., and games will begin at 8:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$25 per person, and teams may consist of 3 or 4 players. Sponsors for the tournament include: *East Cooper Sporting Goods, Mex1 Cantina, Home Team BBQ, Barrier Island Eco Tours, Banana Cabana, Atlantic Bread Company, My Favorite Things, Hymans Seafood, Wild Dunes Resort, Coconut Joe's and Cinnebarre.* Tournament winners and runners-up receive team prizes. Tournament information has been posted on the www.halfrubber.com along with the City of Isle of Palms website.

Adult Sports

Adult Spring Softball

Five (5) teams participated in the spring league. *Windjammer Gappers* were the regular season champions and received moisture wicking t-shirts; *Seaworthy* won the tournament championship and received a trophy plaque and moisture wicking t-shirts. Charleston Officials umpired the games, while a Recreation staff member helped keep score and supervised the league. This spring league concluded on June 24th; the next league will begin in September.

Adult Spring 3 on 3 Basketball

Twelve (12) teams participated in the spring league. *The Lakers* were the regular season champions and received moisture wicking t-shirts; *Windjammer* won the tournament championship and received moisture wicking t-shirts. Games were officiated by the players and two Recreation staff members were on-site to keep score and supervise the league. This spring league concluded on June 23rd, and the next league will begin in September.

Adult Spring 6 vs. 6 Soccer

Six (6) teams participated in the spring league. *Home Team BBQ* won the regular season championship and received moisture wicking t-shirts; *Home Team BBQ* also won the tournament championship and received moisture wicking t-shirts. Games were officiated by referees assigned from *Paragon Assigning*, and a Recreation staff member helped keep score and supervise the league. This spring league concluded on June 23rd, and the next league will begin in September.

Adult Spring Table Tennis Singles League

Nine (9) participants participated in the spring league. Peter Dilling won the regular season championship and Ted Kinghorn was the tournament champion; both received embroidered moisture wicking t-shirts. Games and scores were kept and recorded by the players and Recreation staff. This spring league concluded on May 12th, and the next league will begin in September.

Youth Sports

Volleyball League Play

Volleyball League Play is an opportunity for youth, in grades 4th – 8th, to participate in a volleyball league. On Thursday nights, Laura and Kraig Togami instruct and play from 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Participants sign up for 4 sessions at a time, and the fee is \$40 for residents and \$45 for non-residents.

May 7 th – May 28 th	4 th - 5 th grade = 22	Isle of Palms: 6	Non-residents: 16
May 7 th – May 28 th	6 th - 8 th grade = 25	Isle of Palms: 6	Non-residents: 19
May 7 th – May 28 th	Varsity = 0	Isle of Palms: 0	Non-residents: 0

Volleyball Spike Nights

Spike Nights is an opportunity for youth, in grades 4th – 8th, to participate in a volleyball clinic. On Tuesday nights, Kreg Togami instructs and plays scrimmage games from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; the fee is \$10 for residents/non-residents.

July 28 th	Session total: 2	Isle of Palms: 0	Non-residents: 2
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Fast Start Soccer

Registration began July 27th for Isle of Palm's residents; open registration will run August 3rd – August 21st. The registration fee is \$20 for Isle of Palms' residents and \$25 for non-residents. The parent/player meeting for Fast Start will be held Thursday, September 3rd at 5:15 p.m. Game/activity days will be held on Saturdays. Recreation staff will be on-site to bring out equipment and supervise the activity.

5/6yr old Soccer

Registration began July 27th for Isle of Palms' residents, and open registration will run August 3rd – August 21st. The registration fee is \$30 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. The coaches' meeting will be held on Monday, August 31st at 5:00 p.m.; the parent/player meeting will be held Thursday, September 3rd at 5:45 p.m. Practice begins in September and will be determined by coaches. Participants will receive a team jersey; children need shin guards, soccer socks and cleats. Children will receive a participation award at the end of the season; staff is on-site to supervise the games and practices. Coaches referee their own games.

7/8 yr old Soccer

Registration began July 27th for Isle of Palms' residents, and open registration will run August 3rd – August 21st. The registration fee is \$30 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. The coaches' meeting will be held on Monday, August 31st at 5:30 p.m.; the parent/player meeting will be held Thursday, September 3rd at 6:15 p.m. Practice begins in September and will be determined by coaches. Participants will receive a team jersey; children need shin guards, soccer socks and cleats. Children will receive a participation award at the end of the season. Staff is on-site to supervise the games and practices. Coaches referee their own games.

9-12 yr old Soccer

Registration began July 27th for Isle of Palms' residents, and open registration will run August 3rd – August 21st. The registration fee is \$30 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. The skill evaluation/coaches meeting will be held on Monday, August 31st at 6:00 p.m., and the parent/player meeting will be held Thursday, September 3rd at 6:45 p.m. Practice begins in September and will be determined by coaches. Participants will receive a team jersey; children need shin guards, soccer socks and cleats. Regular season champions and tournament champions will receive medals following the season. Staff is on-site to supervise the games and practices. Mike Flato and Paragon Assigning staff will referee league games.

Youth Athletic Camps

Rising Stars Basketball Camp (5 – 9 year olds) & (10 – 14 year olds)

The Isle of Palms' Rising Stars Basketball Camp was held June 15th – 20th. Half-day camp ran from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., and full-day camp ran from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The registration fee for a half-day camper was \$125 and for a full-day, \$180; non-residents added \$5. Campers received a camp shirt, basketball and other prizes. Thirty-two (32) children participated in the full-day session and twenty (23) children participated in the half-day camp.

GenMove Camp (5 - 13 year olds)

The GenMove Camp was held June 22nd – June 26th. The registration fee was \$125 for residents and \$130 for non-residents; a total of ten (10) children participated in the camp.

Girls Volleyball Camp (10 - 15 year olds)

The Isle of Palms' Volleyball Clinic was instructed by Wando High School Volleyball Coach Alexis Glover. The clinic was held July 6th - 10th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The registration fees were \$125 for residents and \$130 for non-residents; nineteen (19) girls participated in the camp. All campers and staff received a camp shirt.

Boys Lacrosse Camp (7 - 18 year olds)

The Isle of Palms' Lacrosse Camp was instructed by Lowcountry Lacrosse. The boys' lacrosse camp was held July 20th – 24th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., and the registration fee was \$125 for residents and \$130 for non-residents. Twenty-one (21) children participated in the camp; campers received a reversible pinny.

Suarez Soccer Camp (5 - 13 year olds)

The Isle of Palms' Soccer Camp will be instructed by Suarez Soccer School. The camp is scheduled for August 3rd – August 7th; the registration fee for a half-day (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) of camp is \$125, and the registration fee for the full-day of camp, (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) is \$180 for residents; non-residents will add \$5. Currently, thirteen (13) children are registered for a full-day of camp and eight (8) for a half-day. Campers will receive a camp T-shirt.

Get Your Spike On (10 - 16 year olds)

The Get Your Spike On Camp is instructed by Kreg and Laura Togami. The four (4) day clinic is scheduled for August 10th – 13th, and the registration fee is \$80 for residents and \$85 for non-residents. Currently, eleven (11) children are enrolled in camp; the camp is limited to 30 participants. All campers will receive a volleyball camp T-shirt.

Miscellaneous

- Supervised School's Out activities on May 13th, June 10th and July 15th.
- Assisted with the setup for Music in the Park.
- Assisted with the setup for the Piccolo Spoleto Sand Sculpting Competition.
- Worked the Piccolo Spoleto Sandcastle Competition.
- Assisted with the setup and cleanup of the Keenagers luncheon.
- Signed up participants for classes/programs offered by the Recreation Department.
- Covered the Front Desk as needed.
- Updated information boards at the Connector and Breach Inlet.
- Assisted with various house cleaning duties.
- Assisted with various room and equipment set up procedures for Recreation programs.
- Worked with the Director on the IOP Connector Run.

PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

Karrie Ferrell

Ballet

No classes were held over the summer, but they will resume in September. Kim Chesley-Breland, Instructor.

Boater Education

Fifteen (15) people attended the May 2nd Boater Education Class, and twenty-five (25) people participated in the Boater Education Class on Saturday, July 25th. Classes are taught through DNR.

Boot Camp

Four (4) people have been participating in boot camp. Classes are held Monday/Wednesday/Friday. 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m., and all participants have been paying for the session. Pat Boyd, Instructor.

BOSU Training/Core & More

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Five (5) people are participating in the class, and fees are \$64 for Isle of Palms' residents and \$69 for non-residents, as well as \$10 walk-ins. Isle of Palms' employees can take the classes for free as a part of the Employee Wellness Program. Jeromy Miller, Instructor.

Gather Knit & Stitch

Five (5) 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.

Gymnastics

Classes will resume in September. Tricha Tapio, Instructor.

Jump Start 4-year old Pre-K Program

The Jump Start class held an end-of-year program on Thursday, May 21st; they performed a skit and a poem for their parents and received a t-shirt and a certificate of participation. The Jump Start class will be combined with Tiny Tots for the 2015-2016 school year. Instructor, Robin Lee retired in May 2015 after instructing the Jump Start program since 1996. Cathy Adams will be the instructor.

Little Lotus Yoga

Five (5) children participated in the May session of Little Lotus Yoga. Classes were not scheduled for June – August. Classes will resume in September. Jennifer Rogers, Instructor

Line Dancing

Line dancing is held on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Tadpole Room; class size has been steadily increasing since it started in March. Approximately, ten (10) people are coming regularly to line dancing. Trisha Leonard, Instructor.

Mah Jongg

Six (6) people participated in Mah Jongg that is held on Mondays at noon in the Tadpole Room.

Mini Minnows

Ten (10) children participated in the afternoon play group during the month of May. Classes were not held June – August but will resume in September. Cathy Adams, Instructor.

Mommy & Me/Daddy & Me

Ten (10) participated in the toddler and parent play group that met on May 13th. The play group did not meet June – August but will resume in September.

Semi-Personal Training

Semi-personal training classes have been consistent over the summer months; both morning classes were full with six (6) participants. The evening class was steady with four (4) dedicated participants. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Geri D'Italia, Instructor.

Senior Aerobics – Over 50 Fitness

An average of ten (10) seniors have been participating in the class for the months May - July. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The session is \$50 per month or a \$7 drop-in fee. Judy Fischer, Instructor.

Tae Kwon Do

Youth Participation: May - July: Four (4) children have been participating in the youth classes held on Saturdays in the gym at 9:00 a.m. Participants can join the class at any time.

Adult Participation: May - July: An average of twenty (20) adults have been participating in Tae Kwon Do for the months of May – July. Classes were offered Saturdays in the gym at 11:00 a.m., Wednesdays in the gym at 7:00 p.m., and Mondays in the Magnolia Room at 6:30 p.m. Adults can join classes at any time.

Tai Chi/Qigong

An average of five (5) people have participated in Tai Chi classes held on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Palmetto Room; the class has a \$10 walk-in fee. Connie Cossetti, Instructor.

Tennis

Tiny Tennis: July 6 – August 13: Six (6) children are participating in the 3:30 p.m. classes for 3-4 year olds, and three (3) children are participating in the 4:00 p.m. class for 5-6 year olds.

Beginner & Intermediate Tennis: July 6 – August 13: Four (4) beginner tennis players are participating in the 4:30 p.m. class, and five (5) intermediate tennis players are participating in the 5:30 p.m. class. The fall session will begin in September. Corinne Enright, Instructor.

Tiny Tots 3-year old Pre-K Program

The Tiny Tots participated in an end-of-year celebration on Thursday, May 21st; they performed three (3) poems/songs for parents and received t-shirts and certificates for their participation. The 2015-2016 Tiny Tots program is full with twelve (12) children enrolled in classes Monday – Friday; to participate, children must be 3 years old by September 1, 2015. Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11th at 10:00 a.m., and classes will start Monday, August 17th. Tiny Tots and Pre-K programs will follow Charleston County School District calendar. Cathy Adams, Instructor.

Total Body Challenge (TBC)

Ten (10) to fifteen (15) people participated in the morning workout classes in May – July; classes were held Monday – Friday at 8:00 a.m. in the High Tide/Low Tide Room. Pat Boyd and Angela Reinhardt, Instructors.

Wellness Walkers

On Fridays at 3:00 p.m., an average of seven (7) seniors are participating in the Wellness Walkers program. The walking group will meet in the lobby of the Recreation Center and enjoy socializing while they walk at least one (1) mile – a total of nineteen (19) laps around the gym.

Yoga - Afternoon

Five (5) people participate in the classes, which are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the High Tide/Low Tide Room from 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Pat Boyd, Instructor.

Yoga - Evening

Evening yoga classes were held on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. with an average of eight (8) participants during the months of May - July. All participants paid by the class. Jen Schoolfield, Instructor.

Yoga - Morning

An average of eighteen (18) people participated in yoga classes in May – July; classes were held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:15 a.m. in the High Tide/Low Tide Room. Pat Boyd, Instructor.

Yoga – Saturday

An average of fifteen (15) people participated in the Saturday yoga class from May – July, and classes were held on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Palmetto Room. Jen Schoolfield, Instructor.

Zumba

Zumba classes had an average of twenty-seven (27) participants in the months of May – July. Participants had an option of four (4) classes for \$25 or eight (8) classes for \$50, or participants can pay \$8 per class. Classes were held Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. in the High Tide/Low Tide Room. Dale Ellison, Instructor.

Upcoming Events for September – December 2015

Babysitting Course

The American Red Cross will hold a Babysitter course for children ages 11-15 years old on Saturday, September 12th from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 a.m. Participants will need to register through the American Red Cross.

I am an Artist

An after-school artist program will be offered through *Back Porch Art*; classes will be offered for children ages 5-10 years old. Participants will learn techniques for creating works of art. Children will take a home clay project, custom wood painted art and painting boards; the first session is scheduled for Wednesdays, September 23rd – October 28th; the theme will be Happy Fall Y'all. Diana Connors, Instructor.

Beach Education Series

Barrier Island Ecology: Friday, September 18th, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

This first class will be an interactive family activity that will study the relationships between organisms and their environment. Participants will build a Barrier Island out of sand, collect animals in the swash zone and use a seine net to collect fish. Those that wish to participate must sign up at the Isle of Palms' Recreation Center. The program is \$10 per person and will be held at the Isle of Palms County Park on the Isle of Palms, and parking fees will be waived for registered participants. The program will be led and instructed by CCPRC Environmental Education staff.

Coastal Litter, Debris and Wildlife in SC: Tuesday, September 22nd, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

This class is an educational overview of wounded nature and the methods of remedial clean up. There will be discussions regarding the impact that plastic and other debris has on wildlife along the coast of South Carolina. This is a free educational seminar and will be held in the Magnolia Room at the Recreation Center. The program will be presented by Wounded Nature – Working Veterans.

Barrier Island Birding: Saturday, November 21st, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

An interactive family beach activity that will study native birds. Those that wish to participate may sign up at the Isle of Palms' Recreation Center; the program is \$10 per person and will be held at the Isle of Palms County Park. Parking fees will be waived for registered participants. The program will be led and instructed by CCPRC Environmental Education staff

Photography 101

Photography 101 will be held Thursday, September 24th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Room. Photographer and photography teacher Lisa Young will hold a workshop to help beginners get away from the auto setting and start to see what a digital camera can really do. Participants must bring their digital SLR camera to workshop; the class is \$35 residents/ \$40 non-residents, and participants must pre-register for workshop.

Miscellaneous Work:

- Completed Activity Guide May – August 2015.
- Updated website and calendar with Activity Guide Dates May – August.
- Updated and set up Rec Trac with summer programs and camps.
- Worked with the Police Department in setting dates for Kids & Cop program.
- Scheduled upcoming summer program schedules with instructors.
- Set up classrooms for programs and camps
- Undertook housekeeping responsibilities for building and classes.
- Assisted the Director with building maintenance, cleaning supplies and equipment.
- Maintained room schedules to accommodate programs/classes/camps.
- Maintained payments and payment sign-in sheets for participants.
- Developed weekly employee work schedules.
- Weekly Recreation deposits and collection reports.
- Assisted with Music in the Park on Saturday, May 9th.
- Assisted with Sand Sculpting Competition on Saturday, May 30th.
- Attended CPR certification training on Tuesday, June 2nd.
- Assisted with Dodgeball Activity on Wednesdays, June 10th and July 15th.
- Attended Website Redesign meeting on Thursday, June 25th.
- Substitute-taught Boot Camp, Total Body Challenge and Yoga on Friday, June 26th.
- Assisted with camps and sports camps for the months of June & July.
- Worked the fireworks show on Saturday, July 4th.
- Substitute taught Boot Camp Friday, July 17th.
- Assisted with Beach Run set up and race day activities.
- Worked with the Director on the IOP Connector Run.
- Worked on Activity Guide September – December 2015.
- Updated website and calendar with Activity Guide Dates September - December.
- Assisted the Police Department with National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 4th.
- Established room scheduling for September – December 2015.
- Participated in the Employee Wellness Program.
- Assisted with planning for Half Rubber Tournament.
- Assisting with the planning of the Community Wellness Fair, September 24th.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Andy Sinwald

Keenagers

The Keenagers senior social group potluck lunch meeting was held on May 6th at 12:00 p.m. Participants brought a covered dish entrée or dessert to share, and forty-one (41) people attended the meeting. The Coastal Belles singing group performed for attendees, and the Recreation staff served ice cream to attendees. The Lunch Bunch group met at East Coast Wings & Grill on May 13th. The first meeting of the 2015-2016 year is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2nd.

Music in the Park

On Saturday, May 9th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Recreation Department hosted a free Music in the Park event. Due to the threat of inclement weather, the event was moved inside the Recreation Center to the gymnasium; one hundred fifty (150) attendees enjoyed musical performances by *John Emil* and *Yeehaw Junction*. Local restaurant *Long Island Café* served crab cake sliders and beverages throughout the afternoon.

Piccolo Spoleto Sand Sculpting Competition

The 27th Annual Piccolo Spoleto Sand Sculpting Competition was held on Saturday, May 30th at 9:00 a.m. on Front Beach. Forty-five (45) teams participated in the competition in the categories of: Adult (21 and older), Family (at least one adult & one young adult or child), Young Adult (ages 15-20), Children's (ages 14 and under), Best Architectural, Most Creative, and Best in Show – Overall. Awards were given to the top three (3) entries in each category. Awards that were given included gift certificates to local restaurants and businesses, engraved shovels and cutting boards, a corn hole set, and a bicycle. Participating sponsors included: *Windjammer*, *Harris Teeter*, *Morgan Creek Grill*, *Sea Biscuit*, *My Favorite Things*, *Splash*, *Banana Cabana*, *Coconut Joe's*, *The Dinghy*, *Acme Lowcountry Kitchen*, *Sky Zone*, *Isle of Palms Marina*, *East Cooper Sporting Goods*, *Long Island Café*, *Marco's Pizza*, and *IOP Beach Chair Co.*

Employee Wellness Program

In cooperation with existing instructors, a group of exercise classes are offered to City employees at no charge. The classes are also available to the general public with a nominal walk-in fee; these classes are held at the Recreation Department. Classes offered include BOSU, Semi-Personal Training, Total Body Challenge, Yoga and Zumba. Employees are encouraged, through the wellness newsletter and reminder emails to continue their fitness mile record-keeping and their exercise programs in the Cardio Room and to attend the instructional classes available to them. The next Employee Wellness Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6th at 8:30 a.m.

Summer Camp

From June 8th – July 31st, the Recreation Department provided weekly summer camps for children ages 3 – 12. Eight (8) camp counselors lead games, crafts, and activities for sixty-five (65) children every week. Camp Summershine took field trips to the *Barrier Island Eco Tour*, *South Carolina Aquarium*, *Splash Zone*, *Sky Zone*, *GloZone*, and *Big Splash Day at The RiverDogs*. Special activities for camp included a pirate story teller, guest appearance by a Disney princess, laser tag, visitors from *Center for Birds of Prey* and *South Carolina Aquarium*, face painter, and jump castle water slides.

Upcoming Events

Isle of Palms Community Wellness Fair

The Isle of Palms' Community Wellness Fair will be held on Thursday, September 24th from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The City of Isle of Palms applied to the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority for a Preventative Worksite Screening, which was approved; this screening will include free flu shots, blood work, a health risk appraisal, height and weight measurements, blood pressure and lipid panels. After the screening, employees will receive a confidential report with their results that will include recommendations for improving their health. A registration form will be distributed to City employees, including all the information regarding the screenings. Once the registration forms are received, employees will be assigned an appointment time just as in previous years. East Cooper Medical Center will offer free blood work to residents and neighbors; residents who wish to have blood work are encouraged to sign up ahead of time. Local health and wellness vendors are being contacted to provide information, demonstrations, or offer samples during the event.

Middle School Dance

The first Middle School Dance of the school year will take place on Friday, September 18th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. A valid school ID is required at the door for entrance; if students attend a school where no school ID is issued, tickets must be purchased in advance at the Isle of Palms' Recreation Department. Admission is \$5.00 per person; the Recreation Department will provide a DJ, concessions, and a jump castle for the event.

Ghostly Tide Tales

The Ghostly Tide Tales will be on Friday, October 16th from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The 28th Avenue beach access path will be lit with tiki torches, and fire barrels will be located on the beach to provide warmth. This event is not theatrical and is not designed to scare children or adults; the stories told are child-friendly. Hot chocolate will be served by the Recreation staff.

Halloween Carnival

The annual Halloween Carnival is scheduled for Saturday, October 31st from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Entertainment options for the event are being contacted and scheduled. Costume contests begin at 5:30 p.m.; all participants in the costume contest receive a prize; and the top three (3) winners in each category will receive an additional prize. The age groups for the costume contest are 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 event is free.

Holiday Street Festival

The 4th Annual Holiday Street Festival will be held Saturday, December 5th from 2:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. on Front Beach. Entertainment will include carnival rides, jump castles, balloon artists, live music, Santa Claus, and the lighting of the tree. Local businesses and organizations will be on the street selling/advertising their products and services.

OTHER WORK PERFORMED

- Updated information boards at Connector and Breach Inlet.
- Participated in CPR/AED certification course.

- Worked on Fall 2015 Activity Guide.
- Signed up participants for classes/programs offered by the Recreation Dept.
- Assisted with the IOP Beach Run.
- Assisted with housekeeping duties.
- Worked with Director on the IOP Connector Run.

COMMUNITY SPECIALIST

By Holly Norton

Daily Responsibilities

- Completed evening procedures and reported damages to supervisor.
- Set up 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/contacts.
- Developed classroom and monthly activity calendars.
- Showed first-time visitors around Recreation Center and introduced them to the opportunities and programs that are available.
- Assisted with housekeeping duties as needed.

Other Duties

- Located and placed special events/newspaper articles into binder.
- Maintained lost-and-found folder and bins.
- Completed and sent out weekly PSA's.
- Completed and sent out real estate PSA.
- Updated news calendars on local news websites.
- Updated website with new activity guide information.
- Made signs for gym closing and cancelled classes.
- Helped with social media events.
- Updated class schedules for June, July & August.
- Updated free t-shirt information.

- Created blue banner for sand sculpting contest & 4th of July.
- Sent out upcoming events to the Island Eye News.
- Created weekly reviews for the front desk.
- Helped make race packets for IOP Beach Run.
- Helped with IOP Beach Run registration and clean up.

PARKS & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Robert Asero

Recreation Building and Activities

- Completed monthly reports.
- Assisted with Keenagers.
- Assisted in monthly functions as needed. (Sand Sculpting, IOP Beach Run).
- Replaced bulbs in lights on the front porch.
- Replaced bulbs in lights in the lobby.
- Fixed ceiling tiles in the gym.
- Re-glued base molding in the hallway.
- Filled twenty-six (26) sand bags for Hurricane preparations.
- Reviewed hurricane preparations, shutter and flood panel installation procedures.

Recreation Grounds

- Weeded and applied herbicide to all beds around the building.
- Cleaned trash receptacle tops at front entrance.
- Cut weeds and cleared ditch on 27th and 29th Avenue.
- Applied fire ant spray as needed on fields and walkways.
- Trimmed bushes and plants as needed.
- Removed trash from receptacle.
- Lined soccer, softball, and baseball fields as needed.
- Pulled weeds from beds around building as needed.
- Edged all walkways weekly.
- Trimmed of all bushes around property.
- Applied Round Up to weeds around curbs and drainage pipes.

Playground

- Hammered pegs into place at the playground perimeter.
- Applied weed and fire ant killer as needed.
- Raked playground mulch.
- Re-leveled playground.
- Performed monthly inspection of playground.

Basketball and Tennis Courts

- Installed fence ties near basketball courts.
- Sprayed for fire ants.
- Re-tied basketball nets.
- Adjusted windscreens before and after storms.
- Cleaned courts daily.
- Deeply edged basketball courts in preparation of resurfacing.
- Supervised progress of resurfacing to basketball and tennis courts.
- Re-attached fence to post and removed rusted pole.

Baseball (Scalise) Field

- Sprayed for fire ants as needed.
- Edged baseball field.
- Lined the fields for scheduled games.
- Touched up paint on dugouts.
- Scarified edge of field and edged with edger and re-leveled.
- Removed temporary fencing in the outfield.
- Removed bases and plugged holes.
- Removed and relocated rules sign closer to the baseball field.
- Applied fertilizer and insect control.
- Mowed field 2 times per week due to heavy growth.
- Increased time on irrigation.
- Cleaned and re-installed broken hose on the water fountain.

Softball (Clarkin) Field

- Applied weed and fire ant killer in dugouts.
- Lined the fields for scheduled games.
- Cleaned debris and leaves from under the bleachers.
- Trimmed trees above dugout.
- Trimmed trees around scoreboard.
- Reworked infield as needed.
- Increased time on irrigation.

Soccer Field

- Mowed and lined for soccer games
- Adjusted watering times on sprinklers.
- Cleaned drainage ditch at the field.
- Applied weed killer to broadleaf weed.

Bark Park

- Made repairs to fence post.
- Filled holes as needed.
- Filled scoopers as needed.
- Cleaned leaves and debris from park.
- Repaired in front of the Bark Park.
- Applied ant killer.

Multi-purpose Field

- Picked up debris and maintained area as needed.
- Sprayed for fire ants.
- Filled holes as needed.
- Applied weed control
- Spot sprayed for broadleaf weeds.
- Adjusted irrigation heads.

Equipment

- Washed truck.
- Replaced gas tank on blower.
- Adjusted throttle on Toro.
- Changed and sharpened blades on Z-master (mower).
- Washed Toro, golf cart and mower.
- Repaired filters on the line trimmer.
- Repaired and cleaned 21 inch mower.

Other

- Lined Palm Boulevard weekly and as needed.
- Mowed Palm Boulevard weekly.
- Mowed, trimmed and groomed 28th Avenue beach access for summer camp.
- Cut and cleaned drainage ditch on both sides of Lauden Ave.
- Trimmed and removed debris, garbage and sand from walkway beside public restrooms (Front Beach) for sand sculpting event.
- Cut, trimmed and cleaned beach accesses from 1st to 21st.
- Cut, trimmed and cleaned beach accesses from 21st to 43rd.
- Cut, trimmed and cleaned beach accesses from 44th to 53rd.
- Cut, trimmed and removed debris on Waterway Boulevard.
- Cleaned debris from center islands on Palm Boulevard at 21st Avenue and applied weed killer.
- Removed electrical connections, irrigation control and lighting for installation of new information board at Breach Inlet.
- Cleaned palm tree debris on Palm Boulevard after palms were pruned.

- Picked up trash and debris on Palm Boulevard.
- Mowed 21st beach access and cleaned vines off of palm trees along Palm Boulevard.
- Re-cut beach accesses from 21st through 38th.