As the director of the Carrollton Parks and Recreation Department, it is a pleasure to present our 2018-2019 Annual Report. Our department continues to deliver on its mission to build healthy communities through people, parks and programs. Without the continuous support and assistance of the city administration, mayor’s office, city council, our Parks and Recreation Commission and our Volunteer Nation, we would not be able to achieve the accomplishments presented in this report. We are also fortunate to have the support and dedication of the staff. I am lucky to be in the company of such hard-working employees – they are the face of the department. Next time you run into them, please tell them “job well done.” We value our partners in the community: foundations, community-based organizations, volunteers, neighboring municipalities and corporate sponsors. These connections have enabled our department to be creative in service delivery and allowed us to maximize our resources. As you will see throughout this report, we impact the lives of children, adults, seniors and people with disabilities in extraordinary ways. We consider it a privilege to be able to contribute to an improved quality of life for our entire city. Thanks again for the support!

Sincerely,

Peter Maierhofer
Director, Carrollton Parks and Recreation Department
770-832-1161 // pmaierhofer@carrollton-ga.gov

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FROM THE DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT RE-ACCREDITATION

At the beginning of 2019, the goal for our department was to get re-accredited by the National Recreation and Park Association. This was the fourth time the department has gone through this grueling process. We were accredited in 2004, 2009, 2014 and, officially, we were re-accredited in September, 2019. As the president of NRPA said, “Your agency is the second smallest agency in the United States to be nationally accredited. That, in itself, says a lot about the commitment your staff has as well as your recreation commission and elected officials on the importance of parks and recreation in your community.” By completing the 151 standards set forth by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), our department has demonstrated a desirable practice set forth by experienced professionals in the field of parks and recreation. These standards are the benchmark for the level of training in our industry. Carrollton is one of ten departments in the state to be nationally accredited. Throughout the United States, 170 parks and recreation departments from 38 states have achieved this mark of excellence. We are fortunate that the citizens of Carrollton continue to support a robust parks and recreation department.

Your agency is the second smallest in the United States to be nationally accredited. That in itself says a lot about the commitment your staff has as well as your recreation commission and elected officials on the importance of parks and recreation in your community. – President of the National Recreation & Park Association
STATE AWARDS

DOTTEE MORTON
Dottee Morton was presented with a GRPA Presidential Citation at the state conference in Dalton. The citation was given by President Randy Spivey for Dottee’s service as chairperson of the GRPA State Awards Committee. Dottee also won the 2019 GRPA Mike Daniel Award. This is the highest program award you can win in the state. This award is given to a person who has continuously provided outstanding programming to a community. If you have ever attended our Daddy/Daughter or Mother/Son dances, Touch a Truck or our Fall Festival on, you understand why Dottee won this award. Our department, community and our association are better because of her.

TOM SUTTON
Tom Sutton was named the Special Olympics Therapeutic Coordinator of the Year in May, 2019. He received this prestigious award at the Special Olympics State Games in front of thousands of participants from throughout Georgia.

TIM MCDONALD
Tim McDonald won the GRPA State Volunteer of the Year Award for his commitment to the special needs programs we offer. Our Volunteer Nation is the backbone of our department. It is quite an honor to have a volunteer from your department win this prestigious award.

SENIOR CENTER
The Carrollton Senior Center won the GRPA Programmers Network Outstanding Program Award for the Not So Newlywed Game. Danielle Jenkins accepted the award on behalf of our department. Many of our seniors that take part in our high-level programming will tell you that Danielle, Lisa Deming and Angela Boling are the most amazing people that they have ever met.

DISTRICT AWARDS

KENT JOHNSTON
Kent Johnston, our Superintendent of Parks and Facilities, won the GRPA 4th District Distinguished Professional Award. What an honor for Kent to be recognized by his peers for his outstanding leadership in our profession. For more than 20 years, Kent has made an incredible impact on parks, our Carrollton GreenBelt and continual upgrades to our facilities.

SAMANTHA HUDSON
Program Coordinator Samantha Hudson won the GRPA 4th District Outstanding Program Award for ProCheer. In the last few years, Samantha has put competitive cheer in Carrollton on the map throughout the state. Her enthusiasm and competitive drive have made this an excellent program for our community.

SHIRLEY HEWITT
Shirley Hewitt, who works in our administrative office, was awarded the GRPA 4th District Outstanding Support Award. Shirley has been a staple within our department for more than 15 years. She is the first smiling face you meet when you come into our office to sign up for programs.
YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE
More than 350 volunteers worked for our department in some capacity throughout the year. As a nonprofit organization, the Carrollton Parks and Recreation Department depends heavily on the giving nature of volunteers who contribute to an improved quality of life for our community. The financial benefits of volunteers are staggering. Without volunteers, we would not be able to offer all the programming we provide throughout the year.

Without our Volunteer Nation, it would cost the City of Carrollton $1.5 million a year out of the general budget to pay volunteers minimum wage ($7.25 an hour). Thank you, volunteers!

MERCEDES CADET: SENIOR PROGRAMMING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Mercedes Cadet is a jack of all trades and the 2019 Volunteer of the Year for the Carrollton Senior Center. She helps the seniors with chair exercises, teaches them to play cards and assists them by handing out lunches and cleaning up spills. Mercedes is a big cheerleader for the Senior Center and she is always there to help out, lend encouragement and make people smile. She said she loves coming to the Senior Center and that she believes it enhances the quality of life for the participants.

Left to Right: Commission Chair Glen McGinnis, Commissioner Tonya Pittman, Commissioner Tanita Teagle, Senior Center Manager Danielle Jenkins, Volunteer of the Year Senior Programming Mercedes Cadet, Commissioner Ricky Walker, Director Peter Maierhofer.

CHAD CARTER: ATHLETIC VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
A born and bred Trojan who participated in just about every athletic program CPRD had to offer during his youth, Chad is a constant supporter of CPRD through volunteer coaching and mentoring and is an unwavering advocate for our agency. Chad understands that the foundation of competitive sports in this community starts right here at CPRD.

Left to Right: Commission Chair Glen McGinnis, Commissioner Tonya Pittman, Assistant Superintendent John Layng, Volunteer of the Year Athletics Chad Carter, Commissioner Tanita Teagle, Commissioner Ricky Walker, Director Peter Maierhofer.
JAY AND STEFANIE WOOD: BLUEFIN VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR
The Carrollton Bluefin swim team struck gold when the Wood family joined. Not only are their two daughters team players, they learned it from their excellent hands-on, team-oriented parents. They both volunteer many hours at Bluefin swim meets and special events. Stefanie and Jay Wood are our Carrollton Bluefin Volunteers of the Year.

Left to Right: Commission Chair Glen McGinnis, Commissioner Tonya Pittman, Commissioner Tanita Teagle, Volunteer of the Year for the Bluefins Jay and Stefanie Wood, Head Swim Coach John Pepper, Commissioner Ricky Walker, Director Peter Maierhofer.

JAMIE WYNN: GYMNASTICS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
The Volunteer of the Year for the Carrollton Flexettes gymnastics team, Jamie Wynn, is also known as the Great Communicator. She coordinated the filling of the Little Free Pantries with donations from the team. Through her assertive communication skills, she helped one of our coaches, Dante Sipp, find a kidney. 11 Alive News and Cheryl Preheim spread the word about Dante needing a kidney and the call was answered through “Brave Conquers Fear.” What a giving spirit.

Left to Right: Commission Chair Glen McGinnis, Commissioner Tonya Pittman, Commissioner Tanita Teagle, Volunteer of the Year Gymnastics Jamie Wynn, Head Gymnastics Coach Ali Trent, Commissioner Ricky Walker, Director Peter Maierhofer.

JANET WATERS: THERAPEUTIC VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Janet Waters coaches soccer, basketball and softball for Special Olympics and has been involved in our therapeutic programs for years. She has a unique way of teaching the rules of all sports to her participants. You will not find a more prominent advocate for keeping kids and adults socially and physically active than Janet Waters.

Left to Right: Commission Chair Glen McGinnis, Commissioner Tonya Pittman, Commissioner Tanita Teagle, Volunteer of the Year Therapeutic Programming Janet Waters, Therapeutic Coordinator Thomas Sutton, Commissioner Ricky Walker, Director Peter Maierhofer.

NICOLE WYATT: CHEERLEADING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Nicole Wyatt has dedicated countless hours to our recreation cheerleading program, coaching year after year, even after her child aged out of the program. She has been an enormous help to the program in various ways, including helping with picture day and guiding Samantha through her first season as recreation cheer coordinator. Her leadership, service, help and positive attitude have made a tremendous impact.

Left to Right: Commission Chair Glen McGinnis, Commissioner Tonya Pittman, Commissioner Tanita Teagle, Volunteer of the Year for Recreation Cheerleading Nicole Wyatt, Cheerleading Coordinator Samantha Hudson, Commissioner Ricky Walker, Director Peter Maierhofer.

BLAINE CHAMBERS AND JIMMY KIERBOW OF EMC CORPORATION: PARKS AND FACILITIES VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR
This summer we had a bit of a crisis on our hands. The protective netting around one of our ballfields at East Carrollton Park started rotting and developed large holes. To replace this netting is a major project that requires three bucket trucks and a coordinated effort among team members. Jimmy Kierbow, Blaine Chambers and other crew members from Carroll EMC, started the project early one morning and finished that afternoon. These guys did a great job and saved us a lot of money. Many thanks go to these team members and Carroll EMC for their long term support of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Left to Right: Commission Chair Glen McGinnis, Commissioner Tonya Pittman, Commissioner Tanita Teagle, Volunteer of the Year Parks and Facilities Maintenance, Blaine Chambers, Jimmy Kierbow, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities Kent Johnston, Commissioner Ricky Walker, Director Peter Maierhofer.
Tourism in our community depends heavily on the tournaments, meets, parks and major recreation facilities operated by the Carrollton Parks and Recreation Department. This past year, we hosted 44 tournaments and meets that brought in millions of dollars to our local economy. The substantial economic impact our department provides generates direct earnings, jobs and tax revenues for Carrollton. As you can see on the following pages, our staff is committed to providing quality programming and hosting events that most towns our size would not even consider. It is a privilege to contribute to an improved quality of life for our community.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT - $9 MILLION**

The following pages feature tournaments, meets and special events our department hosted on weekends throughout the year, which brought in $9 million to our community.

Our goal is to keep our hotels and restaurants full, and our local stores busy by hosting all these tournaments and meets each year.
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**Totals for 2018-2019**: 12,803 participants and 40,520 spectators.
### YEAR IN REVIEW FINANCIALS

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**SAVINGS OF $1,038,527.40**

### PROPOSED BUDGET: $5,724,632.00

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### Camps

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### PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

- **Athletics**: 17,356
- **Aquatics**: 46,382
- **Leisure Programs**: 17,861
- **Therapeutics**: 4,833
- **Seniors**: 31,870

### FACILITY & PARK RENTALS

- **7,863 Revenue**: $130,771.00

### SPECTATORS AT SPECIAL EVENTS

- **118,302**
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SUPPORTING THE TEAM

Our Mission: To provide comprehensive, diverse leisure programs, parks and facilities. Enhancing the quality of life of our citizens.

Our Vision: Shaping the future by preserving our past, and discovering new horizons within diverse leisure programs, athletics, parks and facilities for our community.
Senior Meal Programs
The Carrollton Senior Center has always provided congregate meals and home delivered meals, Monday through Friday. This year, the Senior Center started providing frozen meals for $1 for members to take home on nights or weekends. Funding for this program is reimbursed through Three Rivers Area Agency on Aging.

Overnight Trips
In September, 2018, the seniors went on a “Canyon Country” trip to Arizona, Utah and Nevada. In April, 2019, 40 seniors went on a trip to Tunica and Memphis.

Not So Newlywed Game
In June, the Not So Newlywed Game was hosted for the first time at the Senior Center. Four couples participated and the men wore bow ties while the women wore garters and veils. Members that watched the game were served with a delicious dinner and homemade wedding cake. This new program won the GRPA State Programmers Network Outstanding Program of the Year Award.

Gymnastics Team
The Carrollton Flexettes had a great 2018-2019 season! We had 30 girls place in the Top 5 at the Georgia State Championships. Carrollton had seven regional qualifiers this year. This means those seven girls were in the top 20 percent of their level at the Georgia State Championships. All of the girls worked hard this season and many accomplished the goals they set over the summer. We cannot wait to see what the 2019-2020 season holds.

Gymnastics Classes
Our class numbers are growing in every session. We introduced our new Ninja Tot class in April and it was a big hit. Ninja Tots is for ages 3 and 4 who want to become the ultimate ninja warrior. Each participant receives a ninja slap bracelet at the beginning of each session. The students work on kicking, punching, strength and agility during their 45-minute class.

Gymnastics Field Trips
The gymnastics facility hosted 15 field trips last year. Most of the field trips are for special needs classes, but we do host pre-k classes as well. We hosted field trips for the following schools: Carrollton Elementary, Carrollton Junior High, Carrollton High School, Central High School and Bremen First Baptist Church Pre-K.
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS  | LEISURE PROGRAMS DIVISION

PROCHEER CARROLLTON
ProCheer Carrollton entered 34 kids in six competitions throughout three states during their 2018-2019 season. Georgia, Florida and Alabama all had the pleasure of seeing ProCheer Carrollton turn up the heat and take home first place wins. The biggest win of the season was the National Championship, won in Pensacola by our Level 1 Peacock Team in April. Tryouts for the 2019-2020 team produced four total teams, doubling the enrollment of the program to 63 athletes.

CONCESSIONS
This year we hit a record high with a total revenue of $67,885 being generated from three different concession stands at East Carrollton Softball/Baseball Complex, East Carrollton Recreation Center Gym and Lakeshore Park.

DARKNESS TO LIGHT
This year we had more than 150 volunteers attend the Darkness to Light Child Sexual Abuse Class. This class is mandatory for all department volunteers. We also have each volunteer do a national background check during this class and we discuss risk management situations for coaches and how to handle every situation.

TOUCH A TRUCK
This event’s numbers have doubled since last year. We had more than 750 kids and adults attend this event. This is our second year to partner with the Carrollton Home Depot. Local merchants bring in commercial vehicles for the kids to see and explore a kids workshop, inflatables, hotdogs and popcorn, all at no charge to the community.

INTRODUCTION TO CARROLLTON SPECIAL OLYMPICS
Over the past year, our Therapeutic Program has worked to introduce new sports based on our athletes’ interests and provide new opportunities. Two sports we successfully implemented and competed in at the State Special Olympics were Senior Masters basketball and the introduction of flag football.

CARROLLTON SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRACK MEET
The Special Olympics Track Meet was hosted at Central High School on March 26, 2019. This year’s theme was “Where Everyone Is a Star.” Despite cooler weather, our 250-plus athletes, competing from 30 classrooms, enjoyed various track and field events.

2ND ANNUAL CAMP SHINE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS
Our second annual Camp Shine involved 25 adults above the age of 22 from the Carroll County Training Center, Residential Services and throughout the county. We had three-day camps, June 5 - 7.

CAMP ISLAND BREEZE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN
Camp Island Breeze Therapeutic Day Camp in June not only grew in size, but was our best yet. Our group took trips to Stone Mountain, Chattanooga and Newnan. We hiked up Stone Mountain, took a trip on the Tennessee River, swam and, of course, ate good food all week.

7TH ANNUAL MISS SPARKLE PAGEANT
The 7th Annual Miss Sparkle, our special needs pageant, was held on November 9 at the Carrollton High School Mabry Arts Center with 39 girls and 14 gentlemen participating. Peter Maierhofer was the emcee for the show. Our theme this year was “Arabian Nights.”
**Youth Cross Country**
The cross country program has continued to excel. This year, we competed in the AAU Cross Country Organization. We had 10 athletes participate at the national meet that was held at Victor Ashe Park, Knoxville, TN. Savannah Ledbetter earned the title of All-American in the 15-16 girls age group.

**Youth Spring Track**
Our youth track has truly blossomed. We continue to bring home GRPA state champions. Last year, we had two state champions: Adilynn Anderson in the 8-Under Girls Long Jump and 4 x 100, and the 8-Under Boys Relay Team (Kyon Crowder, Cameron Jones, Omavi Smith and Greyson Walthall). This year, we had two more state champions: Tamara McKinney in the 8-Under Girls 50 meter dash and 4 x 400 and 10-Under Girls Relay Team (Jayden Harris, Madeline Jernigan, Daysiah Johnson and Laylah Virgil).

**Adult Volleyball**
The Adult Volleyball program continues to grow. We offered the program for the first time this spring. Each season, we gain new teams in the league.

**Rainbow Summer Day Camp**
Rainbow Summer Day Camp continues to be a favorite activity for youngsters, ages 5-12. Through our partnership Carrollton City Schools, we are able to provide summer meals, including breakfast and lunch, to every youngster enrolled in our summer program.

**Youth Soccer**
The Rec, Academy and Select Soccer program continues to thrive and have great success, especially on the select side, with teams advancing to finals at tournaments and finishing first or second in their division. There were six select teams that competed in the State Cup Tournament Memorial Day weekend. Three of them made it to the next weekend for the Semis and Finals. Our ’06 and ’04 boys made it into the finals, but came up just short. Our ’04 boys had a free pass to the regional tournaments.

**Youth Baseball**
We had a great year with our baseball program. Our fall numbers continue to increase and we added the 3-4 age group this year. Significant changes are coming to our baseball program in 2020, with the partnership with Canes Southeast Baseball.

**Youth Basketball**
Youth Basketball had record numbers in 2019. We played boys basketball in-house, to the delight of our parents. We were awarded the 2019 10U GRPA State Tournament where our host team made a strong showing.
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS  |  ATHLETICS & AQUATICS DIVISION

Youth Football
2019 was another excellent year for our football program. Retention rates continue to stay above national averages and our participants are excited to learn and grow in the sport. We will continue to participate in GRPA state tournaments and will send three all-star teams to compete in mid-December with the hopes of bringing another state championship to CPRD.

Summer Flag Football
May to mid-June saw more than 200 kids participate in our inaugural summer flag football league. Participants were grouped by age, and split evenly each week by ability. This new program brought such wonderful support and excitement from parents that we predict substantial growth for 2020.

Youth Lacrosse
Youth Lacrosse continues to be a very successful and on-the-rise program for CPRD. It has changed hands to become Southern Crescent Lacrosse under the direction of Mike Muetzel. He and his staff have done a great job revamping this program to give it more hype and get more parents involved in coaching and more kids to participate.

Girls Volleyball
Girls Volleyball had another fantastic showing in the Fall of 2018 and the Spring of 2019. We hosted the GRPA State Volleyball Tournament with more than 15 teams from all over the state. We were state champions for the third year in a row.

Bluefins
The Bluefin Swim Team, along with the Junior Bluefins, participated in the West Georgia Swim League this summer and finished the summer league season undefeated. We had a world class swimmer, Megan Kingsley, give a stroke clinic at the Lakeshore facility to our swimmers. Our USA Swimming long course qualified seven swimmers in Age Group State, and one qualifier in Senior State. We had eight fifth place or better finishes at GRPA State. We also had one age group sectionals qualifier and one senior sectionals qualifier.

Swim Lessons
Swim America Swim Lessons continues to be one of the CPRD's most successful programs. We have close to 500 kids that come through this year-round program. Great instructors, a high success rate and loads of fun and enthusiasm bring back many repeat customers.

Midtown Water Park
Midtown had a successful summer. Hundreds of patrons filled the waterpark every day, from May-August. There was hardly a day that went by where every possible party, camp or group slot wasn’t filled.

Water Aerobics
Morning, Evening, and Deep Water Aerobics continue to grow by leaps and bounds. Detric Ridley and Kristin Whitaker do a tremendous job with all of these classes and their attendance grows monthly. The workouts are fun, yet challenging enough for each participant to come away with a great workout.
RENOVATIONS TO FACILITIES

The Catherine Hardy-Lavender Center received a significant interior facelift. The walls were painted throughout, the gym ceiling was painted, bleacher seats were replaced and new floors were installed in most of the building. New furniture, pool tables, chairs and other amenities were purchased to replace old, worn items and to give the space a more modern feel.

The Stallings Center floors were sanded and re-poly-coated. This process required the building to be shut down for a couple of weeks until all the offices, halls and meeting rooms were completed. The entire roof of the Stallings Center was stripped of old material then a new roof was installed. We had been fighting that leaky roof for years.

Lakeshore Gym and Pool had new high-efficiency LED lighting installed in each area. The pool made the biggest impact as each time one of the existing lights went out, we needed to rent a lift to replace it. LEDs are very long-lasting and the reduced energy cost will pay for the cost of the new lights over the next few years.

THE CARROLLTON GREENBELT

The GreenBelt requires constant maintenance and sometimes a good bit more. In July, 2018, we had a quick deluge of rain that flooded lakes and retaining ponds and caused severe erosion along parts of the trail. Areas behind McIntosh Plaza and along Southwire Lake required extensive repairs. Donations covered all costs. Dead tree removal is also an on-going process.

We had a very wet year along the GreenBelt. From fall into early spring, we had flooding along the trail at the usual low spots near the Alabama Street trailhead and Laura’s Park. Amazing features along the trail:

See the buffalo installed near the Buffalo Creek Nature area. Ben Demayo built it, and we installed it. You don’t get to see a buffalo every day.

Always be on the lookout for wildflowers. The wet summer of 2018 allowed these Cardinal flowers to flourish near Ayers Dairy.
BEAUTIFICATION
In our ongoing process to keep the city green and beautiful, we grow flowers, we plant trees and we work with nature to leave some areas alone so that wildlife can happen naturally. The plants we use in our spring flower beds are grown in the greenhouse, as are the hanging baskets on the square. This year, 17 new trees were installed in various parks and parking lots around the city.

FACILITIES AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE
The main objective of the Parks and Facilities Division is the care and upkeep of all our parks, greenspaces, buildings and outdoor facilities. The staff of this division works hard and takes pride in the fact that we can do our regular work and still have time for some of the special projects that make it all worthwhile.
Maintains and Operates

- 425 Acres of Land
- 18 Miles of the Carrollton GreenBelt
- 8 Tennis Courts
- 23 Athletic Fields
- 5 Basketball Courts
- 9 Playgrounds
- 21 Parks

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350+ Volunteers and a Fiscal Value of $1.5 Million Per Year

50+ Community Partners, Combining Resources, Saving Money

2019 Nationally Accredited Agency

Won 6 Awards in 2019 with the Georgia Recreation and Park Association

$221,000 Grant for our Senior Center

$6,000 Grant for Meals for our Veterans

Operate Seven Major Community Facilities

1. Stallings Community Center
2. WPA Center
3. Newly-Renovated Catherine Hardy Lavender Center
4. Lakeshore Recreation Center
5. East Carrollton Recreation Center
6. Carrollton Senior Center
7. Bonner Recreation Center

125 Jobs Part-Time and Seasonal Created Annually

67% of Revenue Generated from Taxes.

33% of Revenue Generated from Fees. National Average 27%

81 Scholarships Awarded to Underprivileged Children

More than 100,000 Recreation Participants

800+ Recreation Programs

One of 170 Departments Nationally Accredited

Over 7,800 Rentals in 2019
Since 2004, the Carrollton Parks and Recreation Department has been a Nationally Accredited Parks and Recreation Agency. This past May, we were re-accredited for the fourth time.

Additional benefits of CAPRA Agency Accreditation include:

- Recognition of excellence in services and practices
- Means of Accountability and responsiveness to the public
- Boosts efficiency and encourages teamwork
- Builds a platform for ongoing improvement

Thank you for the community support.