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PARKS & RECREATION
carrollton



FROM THE DIRECTOR



On behalf of the Carrollton Parks and Recreation Department and the Recreation Commission, I am pleased to present the 2023 Annual Report. CPRD remains committed to our mission to be altogether active in Carrollton by preserving our parks and facilities while creating a more active and healthy community. Our outstanding staff delivers quality programs, leagues, lessons and classes throughout the year, maintains high-quality parks and facilities and collaborates with a variety of organizations to expand our services. We also host numerous events throughout the year that benefit our local economy through tourism. We work to meet the city's growing needs through planning and capital projects. As a leader in our field, Carrollton Parks and Recreation Department works diligently to provide a diverse system of high-quality public parks, recreation facilities and programs.

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023



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CITY MANAGER

David Brooks

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ECONOMIC IMPACT



More than 200 volunteers worked for our department in some capacity this year. As a non-profit organization, the Carrollton Parks and Recreation Department depends heavily on the giving nature of volunteers. They never cease to amaze us and are always available to do whatever needs to be done, from coaching to helping set-up/clean-up after special events.

We hosted our annual volunteer banquet in October, featuring a catered dinner, Volunteer of the Year presentations and a slideshow to honor our division volunteers.

The amount of money that our department saves by utilizing volunteers in our programs is tremendous. With 200 volunteers doing what would cost at least \$8 per hour for paid employees to do, we save hundreds of thousands of dollars in wages and contribute to an improved quality of life for our community. Without volunteers, we would not be able to offer all the programming we provide. Thank you, volunteers. We appreciate each and every one of you!



27 TOURNAMENTS



45 DAYS



6,483 PARTICIPANTS



18,128 SPECTATORS

Our goal is to provide our patrons a safe and satisfying visit while helping to keep our hotels and restaurants full, and our stores busy by hosting events, tournaments and meets on a regular basis.

Typically, visitors staying the night in Carrollton generate \$100 dollars of economic impact while day visitors usually spend about \$50 into the local economy.



YEAR IN REVIEW FINANCIALS

	Proposed Budget	Percentage for Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures
Administration	\$1,063,189	99.87	\$1,061,827
Parks & Facilities Maintenance	\$2,511,582	100.13	\$2,515,052
Programs	\$1,273,645	90.75	\$1,155,918
Athletics & Aquatics	\$1,255,937	87.51	\$1,099,192
Total:	\$6,104,353	95.53	\$5,831,989



AWARDS



GYMNASTICS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: CASEY CHADWICK

Casey Chadwick has served on the PAC board for six years and is currently the co-chair and co-meet chair. Casey is also instrumental in her role as a team mom. Her communication skills and friendly demeanor make her a valuable asset to our program. Casey served on our Hospitality Board for two years. She was responsible for setting up hospitality for gymnastics meets and collecting donations from local businesses. We are thankful for everything that Casey does to make Carrollton gymnastics a wonderful place for our athletes.



ATHLETICS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: LEW BLACKMAN

Lew Blackman has volunteered to coach soccer for almost 10 years now. He has never been asked to coach but if any of his children were registered to play he would volunteer to coach 1 or both of his children's teams. Lew has always told me he doesn't care to have the "best players" on his team, that he wants players that are willing to work and work hard to become better soccer players. Last spring when now one would step up to coach the 2nd U12 boys team Lew volunteered even before I asked him to coach the other team. Every player that Lew has coached has had fun while learning the sport.



THERAPEUTICS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: VICKI BROOKINGS

This year's Therapeutic Volunteer of the Year goes to Vickie Brookings. She selflessly gives her time and energy to countless others without ever being asked. If you have worked in the area of Special Education or volunteered with our program, then you undoubtedly know her name. Vickie's love and support for people with disabilities and her passion for providing meaningful socialization for people with disabilities is truly a blessing to our program. She has many standout examples of her selfless nature, her incredible work ethic and her dedication to the people with disabilities in our community. Congratulations Vickie!



PARKS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: SHAWN LAWRENCE

Shawn has been a hard-working volunteer on the Carrollton Disc Golf course for years. But especially, during the last 18 months Shawn has been instrumental in coordinating work to better the course. Spreading mulch, tree pruning, trash pick-up, cleaning out drains, repairing decks and creating structures for safety and erosion control. When we had an area that was flooding hole 2 due to heavy debris in the large pipe under the road Shawn was there working tirelessly in almost waist deep water to cut and pull the log jam out of the 60" pipe that goes under the road.



SENIORS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: DAVID CREWS

David Crews has been a member of the center for a little over a year. With his love for gardening, he jumped in and took over the upkeep of the raised flower beds and the plants in the lobby. He really has a green thumb and loves what he does. We appreciate his diligence in ensuring we have beautiful flowers for all to see.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

The Georgia Recreation and Parks Association awards from the 4th District Banquet at Clayton County Parks and Recreation Department.



**OUTSTANDING SUPPORT STAFF
ADMINISTRATION NETWORK
ANNA HARRY**



**OUTSTANDING SPECIAL EVENT
ATHLETIC/AQUATIC NETWORK
TROJAN SWIM**



**OUTSTANDING SPECIAL EVENT
PROGRAMMERS NETWORK
SENIOR POOL PARTY**



**OUTSTANDING PROGRAM/PROGRAMMERS NETWORK
SPIRIT STICK SHOWCASE**



**NETWORK PROFESSIONAL
ATHLETIC/AQUATIC NETWORK
CHERIE EMPSON**



**NETWORK PROFESSIONAL JO ELLIS
DOTTEE MORTON**

**DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL
THERA LOOLEN**



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



ADMINISTRATIVE



DESTANIE WOODARD
Administrative
Assistant II

JANICE KERR
Reservation Specialist

DREY ARNOLD
Customer Service

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

ATHLETICS & AQUATICS



ATHLETICS
ORA CHISM
Athletic Coordinator

MONICA CRAIG
Athletic Coordinator

BRADLEY MCLESTER
Program and Athletic Coordinator

CARYN SHEUFLER
Athletic Coordinator

DEMETRIS HODGES
Athletic Coordinator

TRAVARIOUS THOMAS
Athletic Aid

AQUATICS
DAVID BUSH
Bluefin Swim Team Head Coach

CHERIE EMPSON
Bluefin Swim Team Assistant Coach

ATHLETICS

CPRD offers a variety of organized sports, physical activities and games for all ages. Our programs are often competitive and organized and aim to use and improve physical ability and skills while providing enjoyment to participants and entertainment to spectators.

ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

CPRD offers a wide variety of youth and adult sports that create a healthy outlet to gain new skills, learn to work as a team and connect with positive role models. Our youth sports programs serve as developmental programs for the Carrollton City Schools.

The Athletic/Aquatic Division encompasses a wide variety of programs, including those at the Catherine Hardy Lavender Center. Participants range in age from 3 - 14. Football (tackle and flag), basketball, baseball, volleyball, lacrosse, cross country and track and field are our most popular sports. Our aquatics programs participants range in age from infants to 100+. Our Swim America swim lessons are year round, with the summer classes serving more than 500 participants. Water aerobics and lap swimming are also huge draws. The Bluefin Swim Team is beginning its fifty-first year and serves ages 5 - 18. The CHL Center, featuring a state-of-the-art fitness center and the best basketball court in town, is nearing the end of a major renovation project and will be a showcase when completed.

Activity	Participation
Girls Volleyball	40
Recreation Soccer	Spring: 290 Fall: 259
Spring Track	172
Youth Cross Country	23
Youth Basketball	400
Youth Lacrosse	42
Youth Football	256





YOUTH FOOTBALL

The 2023 youth football program surpassed 2022's participation figures. Three out of the five teams were undefeated through the entire season. Four out of the five teams secured a spot in the playoffs, with one team winning the West Georgia Youth Football League Championship.

The 8-and-under All-Star Team competed against Glynn County in Tifton for the GRPA Class B state championship. CPRD's 8-under All-Star team earned the title of GRPA Class B State Champion. This endeavor reflects the commitment and excellence exhibited by the players, coaches, and the entire CPRD youth football program.

YOUTH SOFTBALL

Carrollton Parks and Recreation girls softball program provides a fun and competitive atmosphere for girls to learn softball skills and advance their level of play. It consists of three divisions: a coach-pitch program for ages 6, 7, and 8; and a player-pitch program for ages 9 through 12. Each level operates under separate rules and objectives.

The table below is a brief summary of the 3 different recreation softball programs offered, primarily based on age.

Our girls youth softball program registered around 70 kids, who play competitively in the West Georgia Youth League against teams from surrounding communities.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

CPRD's youth basketball program teaches around 400 players, ages 5 -12, sportsmanship, fundamentals and honing their skills in 40-plus teams in competitive leagues. Boys play mostly house league games and girls play in the West Georgia Youth League against other rec departments within the surrounding communities. CPRD hosted many post season tournaments in 2023 including the Warm Up Tournament and district and state tournaments. We had both a boys team and a girls team make it to state, with the girls finishing third.

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

Girls Volleyball at CPRC is designed to keep kids moving, engaged and learning new skills. With modified court sizes and rules, our youth volleyball format is the perfect way to teach girls ages 8-14 the fundamentals of volleyball while developing their hand-eye coordination, agility, and overall athletic skills. Our Girls volleyball had around 40 participants coached by some wonderful volunteer coaches in the fall and spring months of 2023. Participants compete in the West Georgia Youth League against other surrounding area recreation departments.



YOUTH SPRING TRACK

Our youth track program teaches young athletes the proper techniques to run and skills for field events. The program is led by six coaches, including full-time workers Ora Chism and Bradley McLester and part-time and volunteer workers.

We participated in six track meets that included the GRPA State Championship at Jefferson Memorial Stadium, Jefferson, GA. The Trojan Elite competed in the state meet among 300 athletes and brought home a few pieces of hardware and PRs. Congratulations to all the athletes. These kids are amazing on and off the field!

YOUTH CROSS COUNTRY

Youth cross country athletes are coached by Ora Chism and Bradley McLester three days a week on the high school state cross country course at Carrollton Elementary School. They learn to run long distances and understand the techniques of running for cross country.

The program participated in five meets, including a middle school meet and USATF State Meet in Jefferson, GA. Sarah Mobley earned the title of 2023 GRPA State XC Champion for 8-under Girls 2K. Greyson Bragg (6th Place 2K), Lewis Vance (17th Place 2K) and Jake Mobley (4th Place 3K).

Four of our athletes competed in the USATF Georgia Association State meet held at Carrollton Elementary to qualify to compete at USATF Cross Country Junior Olympic meet. All four athletes (Sarah Mobley 6th, Greyson Bragg 14th, Lewis Vance 17th and Gemma Baskin 8th) advanced to the USATF Region meet that was held at Lakeland, Florida. Sarah Mobley placed 4th overall to advance to compete at the USATF National Junior Olympic Championship that was held in Lexington, KY.

CATHERINE HARDY LAVENDER CENTER

The Catherine Hardy Lavender Center formed many partnerships in 2023 with local organizations and individuals that share our vision of enhancing the quality of life in the West Carrollton community. We partnered with Vita Tax Preparation to provide free tax prep for local low-to-moderate income residents and seniors and with local groups to celebrate Juneteenth and hold a Davis Plaza past-residents reunion. These two events brought out 500+ people. In October, we partnered with local businessmen Fred O'Neal and Anthony Farris to host the inaugural Blues and Jazz Festival at Legends West Park. In 2023, CHL and LWP had 53 rentals, partnered with six organizations and had hundreds of children, youth and adults come through our facilities.

Activity	Participation
Billiards Club	960
Bingo Mania	30
Rainbow Summer Activities	340

CPRD 2023 GRPA STATE CHAMPIONS:

Trinitee Ackles, 9-10 Girls 400 Meters (Set new record 1:03.81)

Gemma Baskin, 11-12 Girls 1600 and 3200 (Set new record 12:32.25)

Dylan Chism, 7-8 Boys 50 Meter and Long Jump

Braylen Hagan, 9-10 Boys 100 Meter

Tyler Harris, 7-8 Boys 100 and 200 Meter

Jayden Harris, 13-14 Girls 200 and 400 Meter

Chris Hendrix, 11-12 Boys Discus

Kason Herring, 7-8 Boys Softball Throw

Tamara McKinney, 11-12 Girls 100, 200 and Long Jump

Ella McWhorter, 11-12 Girls High Jump

Deshawn Riggins, 9-10 Boys Shot Put (Set new record 30-9.50)

Harry Riggins, 13-14 Boys Discus (Set new record 127-6)

Jaidyn Rowe, 9-10 Girls Shot Put

Kobi Pinkard, Trinitee Ackles, Kopelynn Phillips and Zoey Hutton, 9-10 Girls 4 x 100 Relay

Amar Williams, Braylen Hagan, Brayden Holts and Jake Neeley, 9-10 Boys 4 x 100 Relay

David Parham, Mike Springer, Kaleb Johnson and Kymoni Jones, 11-12 Boys 4 x 100 Relay

Aszlyin Reese, Arianna Dobbin, Daysiah Johnson and Jayden Harris, 13-14 Girls 4 x 100 Relay (Set new record 50.83)

Kobi Pinkard, Trinitee Ackles, Kopelynn Phillips and Zoey Hutton, 9-10 Girls 4 x 400 Relay (Set new record 4:52.78)

GRPA STATE RESULTS:

1st Place: 24	5th Place: 15
2nd Place: 11	6th Place: 12
3rd Place: 13	7th Place: 8
4th Place: 8	8th Place: 5





AQUATICS

Lakeshore Recreation Center features a gym, fitness room, meeting rooms and is located directly on the Carrollton GreenBelt, which runs right past the center’s front door. The Lakeshore pool hosts swimming lessons for all ages, water aerobics, open swim and is the home of the Carrollton Bluefins swim team.

Activity	Participation
Basketball Admission	3
Pickleball Daily Passes	5
Fitness Center Pass	142
Lakeshore Pool Daily Admission	5,349
Midtown Water Park Daily Admission	9,265
Membership Sales	1,012
High School Swim	37

AQUATIC PROGRAMS

A wide variety of aquatic programming is offered at Lakeshore Pool, including three great water aerobics classes year round – one of which is deep water aerobics – group and semi-private swim lessons throughout the year, lifeguard training classes and it is the home of the Carrollton Bluefins swim team. This summer we had nearly 200 kids in all levels of swim lessons. CPRD also partnered with the city schools/teachers in a partnership swimming lesson program in which about 100 kids participated.

Activity	Participation
Tot & Parent Swim Lessons	30
Spring School Age Swim Lessons	44
Summer Swim Lessons	315
Lifeguard Training Class	16
Deep Water Aerobics	208
Water Aerobics	Morning: 140 Evening: 85
Halloween Pool Party	60

BLUEFINS

The Carrollton Bluefins swim team has been a fixture for more than 50 years. The goal of this year round competitive traveling swim team is to provide every member the opportunity to improve swimming skills and achieve success at his/her level of ability, from novice to national competitor. This year we traveled from University of Tennessee to Douglasville and many places in between for our meets.

One hundred and sixty swimmers and 350 spectators with nine teams participated in our Mary Ann Ives Meet. Next year we hope to hold a few more home meets.

In June, our younger novice swimmers participated in a neighborhood swim league in which we traveled on Thursday evenings to surrounding pools to swim against other novice swimmers, make new friends and have a few join the Bluefins year round team.

We had 36 swimmers attend the GRPA swim finals in Moultrie. Congratulations to Blakely Thomas, new GRPA record holder for 50 freestyle girls, 8 and Under at 31.59!

David Bush is our new head coach.

Our Junior Bluefin Program - the link between lessons and competitive swim - is offered in six-week courses throughout the year. Most of the JB swimmers join the competitive side after reaching their swim goals.

Group	Participation
Senior	16
Age Group 1	12
Age Group 2	9
Age Group 3	8
Age Group 4	17
Gold	18
Silver	22
Junior Bluefins	9 (this changes every 6 weeks)
Swim Team	111 (plus Jr’s every 6 weeks)
Swim Team Meet Attendance	160 Swimmers + 350 Spectators



LEISURE PROGRAMS



THERA LOOLEN

Superintendent of Programs

TANYA DEBICK

Carrollton Senior Center Manager

ANGELA BOLING

Senior Center Coordinator

JURENE NORTH

Senior Kitchen Manager

BERNICE SCOTT

Meals on Wheels Coordinator

JENNIFER GUNNELS

Therapeutic Coordinator

DOTTEE MORTON

Special Events Coordinator

ANDREA GONZALEZ

Head Gymnastics Coach

ANNA HARRY

Gymnastics Coordinator

PROGRAM DIVISION

The Program Division had a wonderful year. From our fitness centers, cheerleading classes and therapeutics activities to the senior center, gymnastics and special events, our safe, affordable and fun programs offer leisure opportunities to all members of the community.

SENIORS

The Senior Program provides social, educational and wellness programming for those 55 and older. Seniors can join the center for an annual fee of \$25 and gain access to all our programs, classes and trips.

Our highlights this year include the return of bi-monthly Senior Dances that were suspended due to COVID-19, two overnight trips to Branson, Missouri and Miami/Key West, Florida and our Summer Pool Party that won the GRPA District 4 Outstanding Programming Special Event.

We contract with the local area Agency on Aging to provide a fresh, nutritious, daily congregate and homebound meal program.

Activity	Participation
Art Class, Wood Carving, Knitting	1,020
Billiards	2,400
Bingo	4,980
Computer Lab	1,200
Diabetic Group	48
Nice-N-Easy Aerobics, Bike, Walking	499
Lunch Program	32,198
Line Dance Class	1,200
Karaoke & Joyful Noise Gospel Group	300
Water Aerobics Class	201
Trips- Shopping, Dinner, Day and Overnight	935
Bi-monthly Dances (5)	403





THERAPEUTICS

The Therapeutic Program provides year-round social and recreational opportunities for children and adults with an intellectual disability. We work closely with the city and county self-contained classrooms and the Carroll County Training Center to get as many individuals involved as we can. We hosted two very successful camps last summer and worked with the Police Department for Special Forces Camp. Many school classes are coming to our gymnastic room for sensory play, the training center comes multiple times a week for exercise and we started having classes to go swimming.

All students are also registered for Special Olympics and can participate in our local and state Special Olympic training and competitions. We work closely with local doctors and nurses to provide free physicals for all our 530+ participating athletes, earning more than \$21,000 for our program through SOGA's medical incentive program. We have 15 registered coaches and volunteers who have completed all requirements with the Special Olympics of Georgia. Our local track meet hosted more than 450 athletes at Carrollton High School. We also hosted local bowling Special Olympics. We took a flag football team (gold medalist), unified soccer team (gold medalist), two volleyball teams (both bronze medalists), eight gymnasts (many medals), one tennis player (bronze medalist), two softball teams (silver medalist and fifth place), 28 bocce players (many medals) and two softball skills players (gold and silver medalists) to state competitions. We are already training hard for the Winter State Special Olympics, taking four basketball teams and 20 bowlers and are especially excited about our new uniforms.

Our program hosted a Valentine dance, cookout, back to school bash, Halloween dance and family movie night. We hosted the Pre-K - 5th Grade.

Activity	Participation
Valentine's Dance	104
Cbi Field Trips to Gym	42 February
Summer Special Olympics Sports Training for Volleyball, Flag Football, Gymnastics and Soccer	57 Athletes Weekly 3/15-5/17
City Station Prom	97
Polar Plunge Special Olympics	11
Training Center Walkers	757 Walkers
Local Special Olympics Track Meet	450 Athletes, 200+ Volunteers
Hosted 1st Medfest to Special Olympic Physicals	19
End of Year Picnic	135
Summer State Special Olympics	72 Athletes 11 Coaches
Camp Spark	44
Camp Shine	28
Special Forces Police Camp	72
End of Summer Pool Party with AGW Ice Cream Truck and Chick-Fil-A	124
Cuffed for a Cause Fundraiser for SO	28
Weekly Sports Training for Fall State Special Olympics in Bocce and Softball	54
Back to School Ice Cream Bash at AGW	94
CBI Classes to Visit Gym	371
Provided Free Physicals to Students in Carroll County And Carrollton City Schools	158
Special Olympics Invitational Softball and Bocce Tournament in Douglasville	53
Fall State Special Olympics Weekend	60
Boo Bash	165
Local Special Olympics Bowling	374 Athletes Plus Teachers
Miss Sparkle	40 Participants 36 Volunteers
Weekly Sports Training for State Winter Games	35
Special Olympics Masters Bowling	28
Civitan Christmas Party	501
Merry Movie Night	82

CHEER AND TUMBLE

The 2023 cheerleading program had 85 participants. We had five teams with ages ranging from five to 12 on each team. A well-attended kick-off for cheer camp was held on July 15. We are thankful for the help we received from the Carrollton Cheerleaders. The girls learned cheers, chants, stunts and a dance for the upcoming season. There was a showcase for parents with students presenting what they learned. Our cheerleading and tumbling classes help participants gain essential skills like flexibility, coordination and balance and practice their tumbling techniques in a safe and supportive environment.

Activity	Participation
Skill Classes	65
Tumbling Camp	21
Recreation Cheerleaders	89
Recreation Cheer Camp	73
Intro	108
Level 1/Walkovers	169
Level 2/Backhandspring	220
Level 3/Tucks	70
Level 4/Flip	47
Cheer Gym	85



GYMNASTICS CLASS

The gymnastics class program is for all ages and genders, year round. Every 12 weeks, gymnasts participate in our seasonal sessions. We advanced more than 30 students to our team program. Young boys have experienced the joy of gymnastics through the Ninja program and the numbers are steadily growing.

Activity	Participation
Parent and Tot	152
Mighty 3 & 4	237
Hot Shots	125
Ninja Tots	121
Girls Progressive Level 1-4	546
Firecrackers	138
Flexette Flyers	44
Ninja Program	145
Preschool Camp	57
School Age Camp	51
Ninja Camp	51
Preschool Open Gym	434 (Recurring each Wednesday)





GYMNASTICS TEAM

Our pre-team starts training gymnasts as young as four, many of whom stay with the program until they graduate high school. The girls learn developmental drills and skills needed to progress to the next level until they can compete for high school gymnastics. Carrollton Flexettes helped pave the way for Carrollton and Bremen high schools to place in the top three in the state. Flexettes had many gymnasts qualify for state and our Level AAU 3 and Diamond teams both brought home third place state finishes. We also had many top three individual finishes in the state. Kendall New competed as a Sapphire for USA Gymnastics and placed first in all events at the state level and proceeded to take home a first place finish on vault at regionals. We had seven athletes qualify at state to compete at regionals (there are eight states in our region) and they had eight top five placings. Our team continues to grow as well as our gymnastics staff. We send our staff to a summer Georgia gymnastics conference and do many on-site training days throughout the year.

Activity	Participation
Pre-Team	15
AAU Level 3	10
AAU Level 2	10
AAU Silver	8
USAG Level 9	1
USAG Diamond	10
USAG Platinum	6
USAG Gold	13
USAG Level 7	2

SPECIAL EVENTS

This year was a record year for Daddy/Daughter and Mother/Son Dances, with more than 1,000 participants in a three-day span at the WPA Center. Due to the large number of attendees, we will host the 2024 event at the Carrollton Train Depot.

Twenty-five tournaments were held in 2023 at the East Carrollton Softball/Baseball Complex – a record high – generating more than \$87,000 in concessions revenue.

We were awarded a \$2,000 USTA grant to provide equipment for youth tennis beginners.

Parks and Rec and our partners Georgia Center for Child Advocacy will no longer be affiliated with the Darkness to Light Program. The center will partner with another group and we will be involved with the transition.

Activity	Participation
Daddy/Daughter and Mother/Son Dance	1000
Darkness To Light Training Class	75
Fall Festival	1500
Cardio Core	62
Aikido	22
Tennis Workshop	165
Bonner Fitness Center	55 (250 To 300 Attendance Monthly)
Indoor Walking	936
Volunteer Banquet	50
Breakfast with Santa	400

*No Fishing Tournaments Due to Renovation of Lake Carroll.
No Concessions this Year at Lakeshore.*

PARKS & FACILITIES



KENT JOHNSTON

Senior Superintendent-Parks, Facilities and Public Grounds

CARRIE BURNETTE

Superintendent of Parks

MICHAEL PAULEY

Parks Supervisor

RICHARD REID

Shop Mechanic

JOHN DRIVER

Field Maintenance Supervisor

JASON ROSENBERG

Maintenance Technician

WALTER SMITH

Maintenance Technician

GARY THOMPSON

Maintenance Technician

CHARLES CROFTON

Maintenance Technician

MADISON REGISTER

Horticultural Specialist

BRADY LANGLEY

Horticultural Specialist

KEVIN CHEEK

Small Equipment Operator

MARVIN HUTCHINSON

Small Equipment Operator

WILLIAM ROTH

Small Equipment Operator

BART WILLIAMS

Facilities Supervisor

KRISTIE SMITH

Facilities Caretaker

GENIA LAMBERT

Facilities Caretaker

LACIE JOHNS

Facilities Caretaker

PAM CLIFTON

Facility and Cemetery Coordinator

DARRIN PIETRZAK

Maintenance Technician

JOEL SMITH

Laborer II

MARTIVES BOYKIN

Laborer I

STEVE SUMMERLIN

Laborer I

LARRY CLIFTON

Administrative Assistant



PARKS & RECREATION

The Parks and Facilities Division had an amazing year. A highlight was the completion of Lake Carroll Park. Other park upgrades include mountain bike trails and Optimist Park improvements. Most of our time was spent in the daily maintenance of parks, facilities and public areas. Kudo's to our amazing staff members and great thanks to the mayor and council for allowing us such a great place to work.

Parks Maintenance started the season with only three mower operators and a new parks supervisor. We all pitched in to get the job done but we did have to contract out nine of our areas. By fall, we hired three more to our mowing team and a much needed mechanic.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- **25** Ball Tournaments
- **52** Annual Flower Beds Planted Twice (Spring and Fall)
- **32** Hanging Baskets Designed, Grown and Maintained For Six Months
- **11** Parks / Green Spaces Mowed Every Two Weeks
- **17** Parks / Green Spaces Mowed Weekly
- **9** (Parks/Green Spaces Contracted Out)
- **7** Building Grounds Mowed Weekly
- **1,800** Bales of Pine Straw Installed
- **5,500** Spring Annuals/Perennials Grown and Planted
- **3,200** Fall Annuals Planted
- **1500** Bulbs Planted This Fall
- **10** Large Trees Down Along GreenBelt/ Parks Cleaned Up
- GreenBelt Mowed Weekly (½ Contracted Out)

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

- New Flooring in Three Offices at East Carrollton
- New Fire Suppression System in Kitchen at Senior Center
- Led Lighting Upgrades Indoor and Outdoor at Seven Facilities
- Repainting four Offices at East Carrollton
- Installation of HVAC at Amp Bathrooms
- Repainting of Pool Deck at Lakeshore Natatorium
- Installation of French Drain around Lakeshore Concession



FEATURED PROJECTS

- ▶ Large landscaping at the new Fire Station 23 on Centennial Drive across from Central High School.
- ▶ Phase II at Lake Carroll Park was completed with three new 16'x25' pavilions with grills, a 30'x40' stage pavilion that sits over the lake and a 994-linear-foot boardwalk with three bump out seating areas, a 34'x40' sundeck, a new wider boat ramp, benches and swings.
- ▶ These new amenities join the three 16'x25' pavilions with grills, a 30'x65' pavilion with two grills and a playground from Phase I, which was completed in 2022.





SINCE 2004, THE CARROLLTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN A NATIONALLY ACCREDITED PARKS AND RECREATION AGENCY. WE WERE RE-ACCREDITED FOR THE FOURTH TIME IN APRIL 2019.



CAPRA
SETS THE STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE
for parks and recreation agencies.



We are
ONE OF 14 DEPARTMENTS
in Georgia to be
NATIONALLY ACCREDITED



206 AGENCIES FROM 38 STATES
have achieved this
MARK OF EXCELLENCE
throughout the United States

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