

# 2022 Annual Report

City of Wenatchee  
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department

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# INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to present the 2022 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Annual Report. In this report you will find a summary of the activities completed by department staff and volunteers during the year. The Department's vision of partnering with the community to provide innovative and high value parks, facilities, programs and services that promote an engaged and healthy community may be seen in the outcome areas of:

- Strengthening community image
- Protecting environmental resources
- Increasing cultural unity
- Supporting economic development
- Facilitating community problem solving
- Providing recreational experiences
- Fostering human development
- Promoting health and wellness
- Increasing self esteem and reliance

## Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission

Lisa Adan, Morgan Mott, Darci Mattioda, Nick Rohrbach, Lyle Markhart, Kasey Koski, Ryan Harmon, Sean Koester

### Permanent Staff

Caryl Andre	Recreation Supervisor	Jordan Brooks	Park Maintenance
Cammy Coble	Administrative Assistant	Jason Compton	Park Maintenance
Arturo Contreras	Park Maintenance/Cemetery	David Erickson	Department Director
Marcelino Estrada	Park Maintenance	Sarah Fitzgerald	Recreation Coordinator
Jerred Gardner	Park Maintenance Lead	Tim Herdt	Park Maintenance
Josh Holcolm	Park Maintenance	Ricky Lange	Park Maintenance
Eric Janzen	Park Maintenance	Tom Lewis	Cemetery
Sydney McElroy	Recreation Coordinator	Charlotte Mitchell	Capital Projects Manager
Jeff Pulver	Cemetery Lead	Saun Raftery	Park Maintenance/Cemetery
Rob Richards	Park Maintenance Supervisor	Nathan Schwinkendorf	Park Maintenance



From L to R: Sarah, Cammy, Caryl, Sydney

### Temporary Staff

#### RECREATION

Chloe Andrewjeski	Loren Baltrusch
Alejandra Beltran Maldonado	John Bromiley
Austin Bromley	Logan Busch
Daeja Carlson	Evan Coble
Benjamin Collins	Megan Creek
Samantha DeLay	Samantha DeVries
Sakota Gallagher	Pasiko Huichiani
Karina Lagunas	Bethany Morgan
Kai Pefferman	Tyler Reams
Krissy Richerson	Madi Sterling
Jenna Thrapp	Andrew VanderSchalie
Spencer VanderSchalie	Nathan Wallace
Everett White	Hanna Wilkens

#### MAINTENANCE

Drew Bergan
Kahler Cannon
Jacob Christensen
Chandler Holaday
Carsen Paine
Justin Rasmussen
Max Webb

#### STUDENT INTERN

Maria Sanchez-Escalera

#### AQUATICS

Izzy Black	Leif Broxon
Trenten Calloway	Stephanie Critchell
Jenna Daley	Lola Dietzman
Brooklyn Dressel	RaeAnne Dressel
Madelyn Eaton	Ian Eifert
Margaret Eifert	Benjamin Grigsby
Zane Hernke	Payton Kelly
Emma Knott	Olivia Knott
Ben Madson	Lauren Marquis
Olga Murillo	Rosie Ramos
Helen Shumaker	Lindsay Sutton
Wyatt Vander Merwe	Emma Wendorf
Cameron Wheeler	Logan Wolverton

# WHY PARKS & RECREATION?

A strong park and recreation system is essential for a thriving community. There are a many different benefits that can be accrued from participation in City of Wenatchee recreation activities or visiting city parks or open space areas. We can relax and enjoy the beauty of a sunset. We can spend time with family or friends. We can experience new activities and opportunities. There is a limitless number of benefits that can be found within such experiences. Most of these values and benefits fall within one of four major categories: Individual, Community, Environmental, Economic.

## INDIVIDUAL BENEFITS

**Parks and Recreation provide opportunities for living, learning, and leading a full and productive life as well as avenues for purpose, pleasure, health and well being.** Other more specific individual benefits include:

- Full and meaningful life
- Sense of accomplishment
- Life Satisfaction
- Psychological well being
- Problem solving and decision making
- Quality of Life
- Creativity and adaptability
- Personal development and growth
- Sense of adventure
- Balance between work and play
- Personal appreciation and satisfaction
- Self esteem and self reliance
- Physical health and maintenance

## ECONOMIC BENEFITS

**Parks, recreation and open space are not mere expenditures but and investment in the future well being of individuals and groups as well as the continued viability of communities and the world.** Other benefits include:

- Economic stimulant
- Revenue generator
- Reduced healthcare costs
- Enhanced land values
- Reduced vandalism and crime
- Catalyst for tourism

## COMMUNITY BENEFITS

**We live and interact within families, work groups, neighborhoods, communities, and the world. Recreation and parks play an integral role in providing opportunities for these types of interactions.** Other more specific benefits include:

- Strong, vital involved communities
- Community pride
- Reduced alienation
- Social bonding
- Connected families
- Support for youth
- Reduced delinquency
- Understanding and tolerance
- Ethnic & cultural understanding & harmony
- Lifelines for the elderly
- Outlets for conflict resolution

## ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

**Providing and preserving parks and open space enhance the desirability of an area as well as contribute to the safety and health of its inhabitants.** Other more specific benefits include:

- Environmental health and protection
- Stress reduction
- Clean air and clean water
- Catalyst for relocation
- Source of community pride
- Preservation of open space
- Physical health and wellbeing
- Enhanced property values
- Protection of the ecosystem

# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

**Administrative Services** is responsible for the activities and actions involved in operating the Parks and Recreation Department including: Personnel, budget management, facility use, policy and procedure development and those other items that do not normally fall within one of the main Department functional areas.

## HIGHLIGHTS

The following are some of the highlights from 2022:

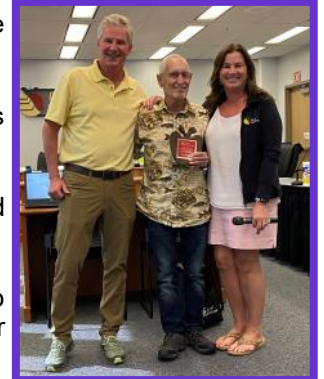
- Participated in a variety of ongoing, in person and remote meetings including: department directors and staff meetings; Statewide and North Central Washington Covid and aquatics meetings; Washington State Special Olympics; Chelan County Trails Committee; City Technology Committee; City Hall Steering Committee; Records Management Workgroup; State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Update Committee; City Hall Move Logistics Committee; Washington Recreation and Park Association Aquatic Chapter; Elements Workgroup; City Safety Committee; Wenatchee Valley Sports Foundation; Riverfront Park Technical Design Committee; TREAD; City Council; Public Works Committee; and Finance Committee meetings.
- Updated the City web site, Intranet site, Elements program, Active site and the social media page.
- Prepared and distributed weekly, quarterly and annual reports.
- Attended special event liability training and made changes to forms and policies to adhere to new insurance requirements.



- The new Saddle Rock Link stop was dedicated.
- Provided a tour of city park areas and an overview of services and policies to the Washington Cities Insurance Authority risk assessor.
- Met with the Finance and Information Systems Directors and prepared the 2023 budget request.

- Provided expertise to the City of Longview and Quincy on park stewardship programs.

- Worked with the school district to coordinate the 2nd grade Saddle Rock field experience.
- The City Council recognized Special Olympics volunteer Jim Haney.
- Notified media about programmatic and operational changes due to extreme heat.
- The City Council recognized the Interact Club and Chelan Douglas Land Trust for their donations for the Kenzie's Landing Project.



- Made operational adjustments due to Covid in participants and staff.
- Prepared materials to facilitate the removal of temporary staff from payroll.
- Assisted a person wishing to start a skateboard camp at Kiwanis Methow Park on weekends.
- Prepared employee evaluations.
- Met with the Health District to review the park wading pools and splash pad.
- Participated in a west coast parks and recreation association webinar about homelessness in parks.
- Prepared agenda materials, minutes and provided staff support for Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission meetings. The Commission along with the Mayor and City Council toured Lincoln Park, Rotary Park, the Cemetery and Kenzie's Landing.



# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- Assisted Wenatchee Pride with the coordination of their 2022 event. Had several discussions with the County to assist them resolve an issue they created. Conducted an after event meeting with Wenatchee Pride. Working with them on event logistics for 2023. They are planning their event for June 3 at Lincoln Park.



- Discussed current and future Lincoln Park plans with Wenatchee Youth Baseball.
- Notified program participants and the media of the department's move to City Hall. Scanned documents and digitized photos and slides and moved operations.
- Met with the Finance Director to discuss 2022 project budgets.
- Assisted a group from Los Angeles wishing to film parts of a movie in Wenatchee.
- Participated in sports marketing meetings.
- Worked with two groups that may potentially assist with the community garden raised bed construction and also Lincoln Park play area fall material installation.
- The City Council proclaimed July as Parks and Recreation month.
- Assisted the City of White Salmon with volunteer policy expertise.
- Prepared an distributed a park vandalism summary report.
- Worked with the Police Department to review and provide video footage of several incidents near parks.
- Participated in the PAC meeting at Wenatchee High School.
- Participated in a job fair at the high school.



- The Arbor Day proclamation was read by the City Council.
- Assisted Linda Haglund with brainstorming Downtown Association Conference breakout sessions.
- Assisted the City of Sunnyside with expertise about scholarship programs.
- Participated in Parks Risk Management training.
- The Shrub Steppe Saddle Rock Program was cancelled due to snow and sloppy trail conditions.
- Participated in a homeless housing meeting.
- Worked with a vendor for Centennial Park.
- Coordinated an after school program at Saddle Rock with Cascade Columbia Fisheries and Mission View Elementary.
- Met with Together for a Drug Free Youth.
- Presented park project updates at Rotary Club meetings.
- Assisted the Library and YMCA to explore conducting a number of programs in Memorial Park.
- Assisted Facilities with their efforts to try to find a location for the Apple Blossom Carnival.
- Assisted Parque Padrinos with coordination of their Cherry Harvest Festival.
- Participated in Goathead Warrior meetings.
- Recruited, interviewed, selected, trained and supervised temporary staff.
- Sean Koester, Kasey Koski and Darci Mattioda were appointed to the Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission. Lyle Markhart was re-appointed to the Commission.

# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- Hosted a hike up Saddle Rock for 5th grade students from Orondo.
- Interviewed and selected an intern with a landscape architecture background that split their time between Public Works and the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Departments.
- Participated in a fleet replacement meeting with Public Works.
- Assisted the Small Miracles Program with their use of parks for the summer.
- Reviewed the new State Labor and Industries outdoor heat/air quality rules and provided it to supervisory staff.
- Provided security camera expertise to the City of Richland.
- Provided the annual Consumer Price Index memo for Pinnacles Prep.
- Provided expertise to the City of Mercer Island on a variety of policies and programs.
- Operations had to pivot due to positive Covid cases in administrative staff and close-contact exposures involving recreation, administrative and the aquatic staff.
- We were notified that since we've added Pennsylvania Park to Google Maps in February 2017, it has received over 1,700,000 views.
- Coordinated park security services for the summer.
- The Governor visited Kiwanis Methow Park.
- Prepared refunds for program and facility cancellations.
- Prepared presentation materials and made a presentation to the Kiwanis Club.
- Promoted programs, projects and services on La Nueva, KPQ, KOHO, Sunny FM, NCWLife, La Zeta and Z Country, in the Wenatchee World and through a variety of electronic and social media sites.
- Assisted Apple Blossom with scholarship application reviews.
- Participated in the Rock Island Relicensing Technical Advisory Group engagement workshops.
- Reviewed and provided comment to the Information Services Department on the Business Continuity Plan.
- Reviewed and compiled police calls for service data for park areas for 2021. Thank you to the Police Department for providing the rough data.
- Worked through and resolved a personnel issue.
- Assisted Pinnacles Prep with the community garden program. Discussed their middle school and high school expansion project and their quest for funding.
- Assisted the City of Bonney Lake with school/city program and facility use agreement expertise.
- Reviewed and provided comment on the draft vaccination and testing policy.
- Participated in the introduction meeting with Washington Cities Insurance Agency.
- Talked with the PUD about potentially partnering on encampment cleanup along the Columbia River.
- The internal posting for the five open park maintenance positions was completed. Outside recruitment was conducted. Reviewed applications, scheduled interviews, prepared interview packets, interviewed candidates and made offers of employment to the top four. Nathan Schwinkendorf, Jason Compton, Marcelino Estrada and Arturo Contreras were selected. Conducted orientations.
- Assisted Confluence Health on a potential special event.
- The department director was appointed to the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program State Lands Development Advisory Committee.
- Through a review of credit card statements, found two cases of fraud. Identified a potential suspect and worked with the credit card company and Police to resolve.



# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- Reviewed and provided comment on the draft WSDOT encampment cleanup agreement.
- Met with the Mayor's office to discuss Parque Padrinos and proposed programs and events. Prepared a Facility Use Agreement. The agreement was approved by the City Council. Talked with local Trust for Public Land (TPL) representative to endeavor to mitigate issues Parque Pardininos and Seattle TPL created with the State regarding Kiwanis Methow Park.
- Discussed the encampment at the end of Worthen Street with the Police Chief and Mayor's office.
- Participated in a Washington Recreation and Park Association Covid/supply chain meeting.
- Recreation Coordinator Sarah Fitzgerald began employment with the City. Conducted orientations.
- Participated in email archival training.
- Assisted the Arbor Day Association with their seedling distribution event.
- Assisted Chelan County with Ohme Garden background.
- Taught a class in park design to groups of students at Pinnacles Prep.
- Completed cyber security training.
- Provided information to the State for a federal grant audit. The audit was approved.
- Participated in a Career Fair at WVC.
- Assisted the cities of Leavenworth, Chelan and Cashmere and the State Recreation Conservation Office on a variety of topics.
- Received training on the City Hall Audio Visual system.
- Assisted the State Recreation Conservation Office with policy development.
- Completed fleet management software training.
- The City Council approved amending the Wenatchee Municipal Code changing the size of the Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission.
- Met with Human Resources to coordinate the online application process for temporary staff.

## RESERVED PARK AND FACILITY USE

Processed facility reservation requests and special event permit applications. The following is a summary of those special event permit applications received, and reserved park uses during 2022. It does not include reserved uses for City sponsored recreation programs and events such as Skyhawks Sports Camps and the Summer Concert Series.

### PICNIC SHELTER OR STAGE RESERVED USES

PARK AREA	USES	ATTENDANCE
Centennial Park Stage	23	2,075
Kiwanis Methow Park Kiosko	10	500
Hale Park Shelter	0	0
Lincoln Park Shelter	0	0
Pennsylvania Park Shelter	5	100
Pioneer Park Fireplace Area	16	215
Saddle Rock Gateway	20	785
Rotary Park South Shelter	60	2,468
Rotary Park North Shelter	154	7,295
Washington Park Shelter	100	4,069
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>17,507</b>

### SPECIAL EVENT/CONCESSION PERMIT APPLICATIONS

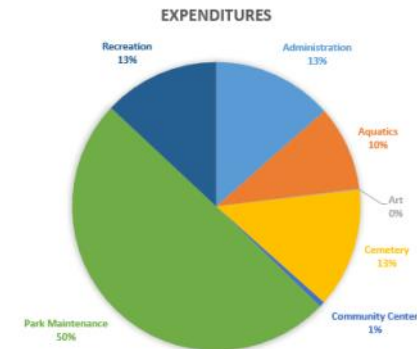
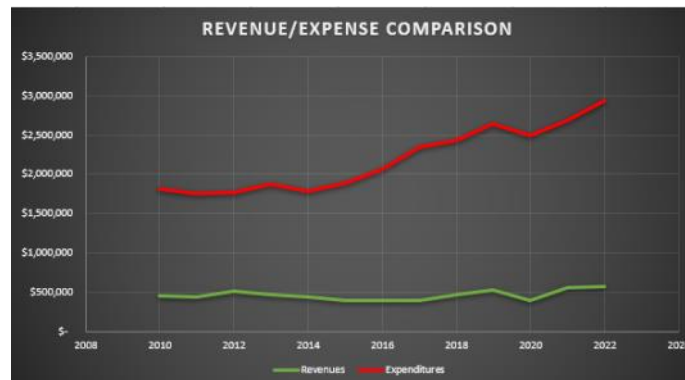
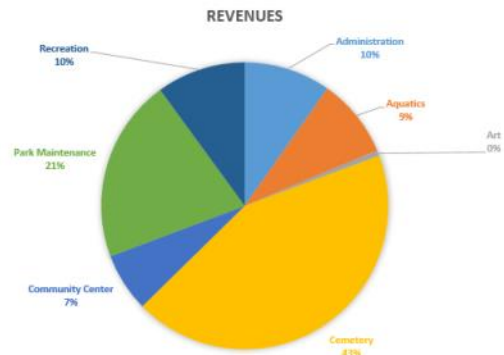
- Apple Blossom Festival (Memorial Park, 16 days)
- Apple Capital Swim Meet (Pioneer Park, 3 days)
- Starlight Swim Meet (Pioneer Park, 2 days) - Cancelled
- Pride Fest (Memorial Park, 1 Day)
- Pro Choice Rally (Memorial Park, 1 Day)
- Juneteenth Event (Centennial park, 1 day)
- Shrub Steppe Saddle Rock Program (Saddle Rock, 5 days)
- Community Health Fair (Kiwanis Methow Park, 1 day)
- Girls on the Run (Rotary Park, 24 days)
- Wenatchee Valley Corvette Club Show (Centennial Park, 1 day)
- National Night Out (Pioneer, Washington, Rotary, Pennsylvania Parks, 1 day)
- Cherry Festival (Kiwanis Methow Park, 1 day)
- Pride Fest (Application—Lincoln Park 2023)
- Second Grade Field Experience (Saddle Rock, 5 days)
- Dia de los Muertos (Kiwanis Methow Park, 1 day)
- Yoga at the Park (Memorial Park, 16 days)
- CDLT Workshops (Saddle Rock—3 days)

# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE COMPARISON

The table below is a comparison of all department revenues and expenditures.

REVENUES													
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Art Fund Contributions - 1%	\$ 25,279	\$ 25,151	\$ 20,447	\$ 16,422	\$ 19,736	\$ 9,944	\$ 202	\$ 6,067	\$ 1,262	\$ 1,099	\$ 2,545	\$ 1,466	\$ 3,586
Cemetery Service Fees	\$ 56,445	\$ 61,712	\$ 65,875	\$ 64,632	\$ 78,195	\$ 68,665	\$ 56,887	\$ 54,954	\$ 71,554	\$ 76,001	\$ 68,676	\$ 80,110	\$ 76,663
Community Center Leases	\$ 49,169	\$ 59,739	\$ 74,737	\$ 48,550	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,109	\$ 14,291	\$ 12,000	\$ 37,800
Community Center Rentals	\$ 61,876	\$ 29,822	\$ 32,917	\$ 26,865	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,451	\$ 8,944	\$ 582	\$ -
Grave, Crypt and Niche Sales	\$ 62,427	\$ 59,691	\$ 71,535	\$ 77,097	\$ 104,960	\$ 82,133	\$ 87,853	\$ 66,157	\$ 66,638	\$ 77,806	\$ 86,711	\$ 151,213	\$ 118,880
Liners, Markers and Vase Sales	\$ 41,862	\$ 30,790	\$ 50,758	\$ 46,407	\$ 48,211	\$ 48,807	\$ 40,387	\$ 34,875	\$ 44,188	\$ 38,477	\$ 28,821	\$ 46,382	\$ 50,746
Miscellaneous Parks and Recreation Fees	\$ 4,437	\$ 375	\$ 174	\$ 577	\$ 392	\$ 1,061	\$ 853	\$ 1,018	\$ 596	\$ 5,376	\$ 1,300	\$ 4,110	\$ 39,613
Other Cemetery Revenues	\$ 1,198	\$ 825	\$ (2,213)	\$ 623	\$ 566	\$ 716	\$ 1,615	\$ 1,210	\$ 824	\$ 2,230	\$ 13,352	\$ 1,131	\$ 3,133
Other Community Center Revenues	\$ 2,626	\$ 879	\$ 1,734	\$ 727	\$ 114	\$ 169	\$ 474	\$ 938	\$ 1,572	\$ 2,027	\$ 1,743	\$ 281	\$ 322
Park Maintenance Charges	\$ 61,103	\$ 69,840	\$ 94,401	\$ 77,049	\$ 76,611	\$ 78,573	\$ 101,703	\$ 111,040	\$ 161,483	\$ 124,899	\$ 160,778	\$ 151,128	\$ 119,055
Picnic Shelter Rentals	\$ 8,065	\$ 8,725	\$ 7,841	\$ 10,400	\$ 11,064	\$ 9,239	\$ 8,954	\$ 10,454	\$ 12,896	\$ 15,497	\$ (146)	\$ 15,425	\$ 15,450
Pool Admissions	\$ 21,608	\$ 19,104	\$ 18,194	\$ 15,621	\$ 16,272	\$ 16,548	\$ 17,588	\$ 16,822	\$ 17,182	\$ 20,610	\$ (137)	\$ 9,824	\$ 16,239
Pool Rentals	\$ 9,605	\$ 12,319	\$ 8,465	\$ 12,603	\$ 13,928	\$ 13,484	\$ 14,414	\$ 15,370	\$ 14,192	\$ 15,064	\$ -	\$ 9,694	\$ 14,728
Recreation Programs Fees	\$ 36,856	\$ 39,197	\$ 40,816	\$ 37,512	\$ 38,229	\$ 39,428	\$ 45,358	\$ 55,027	\$ 48,770	\$ 55,440	\$ 4,190	\$ 45,665	\$ 57,735
Special Event Permits	\$ 1,458	\$ 1,080	\$ 1,620	\$ 1,365	\$ 920	\$ 1,308	\$ 1,400	\$ 738	\$ 1,429	\$ 2,740	\$ (590)	\$ 290	\$ 1,140
Swimming Lessons	\$ 14,792	\$ 16,347	\$ 18,255	\$ 24,059	\$ 23,897	\$ 23,670	\$ 21,343	\$ 19,715	\$ 19,555	\$ 29,152	\$ -	\$ 19,559	\$ 20,368
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 458,806</b>	<b>\$ 435,596</b>	<b>\$ 505,556</b>	<b>\$ 460,509</b>	<b>\$ 433,095</b>	<b>\$ 393,745</b>	<b>\$ 399,031</b>	<b>\$ 394,385</b>	<b>\$ 462,141</b>	<b>\$ 528,978</b>	<b>\$ 390,478</b>	<b>\$ 548,860</b>	<b>\$ 575,458</b>
Grants (From year of application)	\$ 287,668	\$ 18,864	\$ 1,555,500	\$ 19,500	\$ 1,606,632	\$ 203,326	\$ 1,930,000	\$ 16,449	\$ 3,181,192	\$ 1,323,978	\$ 959,750	\$ 123,968	\$ 1,793,500
EXPENDITURES													
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Administration	\$ 290,157	\$ 281,003	\$ 277,303	\$ 270,101	\$ 270,668	\$ 300,253	\$ 360,542	\$ 277,797	\$ 314,429	\$ 404,021	\$ 378,647	\$ 370,008	\$ 395,678
Aquatics	\$ 156,141	\$ 153,380	\$ 132,281	\$ 129,960	\$ 147,259	\$ 125,832	\$ 138,152	\$ 158,819	\$ 165,034	\$ 207,635	\$ 91,738	\$ 224,958	\$ 278,855
Art	\$ 16,454	\$ 31,880	\$ 26,997	\$ 24,714	\$ 24,594	\$ 13,355	\$ 8,765	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 4,870	\$ 1,268	\$ 1,545	\$ 3,437
Cemetery	\$ 271,058	\$ 254,623	\$ 275,011	\$ 279,497	\$ 286,384	\$ 278,841	\$ 289,319	\$ 399,580	\$ 336,321	\$ 361,859	\$ 390,745	\$ 369,460	\$ 393,511
Community Center	\$ 122,559	\$ 135,824	\$ 138,188	\$ 149,218	\$ 39,503	\$ 24,705	\$ 35,038	\$ 43,367	\$ 36,090	\$ 101,445	\$ 136,001	\$ 29,531	\$ 17,880
Park Maintenance	\$ 805,752	\$ 772,121	\$ 803,197	\$ 890,772	\$ 894,627	\$ 991,950	\$ 1,045,525	\$ 1,157,000	\$ 1,245,412	\$ 1,250,915	\$ 1,265,958	\$ 1,335,456	\$ 1,457,786
Recreation	\$ 152,960	\$ 119,419	\$ 118,734	\$ 121,452	\$ 122,180	\$ 156,824	\$ 193,361	\$ 312,692	\$ 328,510	\$ 308,900	\$ 234,303	\$ 355,909	\$ 381,959
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,815,081</b>	<b>\$ 1,748,250</b>	<b>\$ 1,771,711</b>	<b>\$ 1,865,714</b>	<b>\$ 1,785,215</b>	<b>\$ 1,891,760</b>	<b>\$ 2,070,702</b>	<b>\$ 2,350,755</b>	<b>\$ 2,427,296</b>	<b>\$ 2,639,645</b>	<b>\$ 2,498,660</b>	<b>\$ 2,686,867</b>	<b>\$ 2,929,106</b>





# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

## 2022 BUDGET COMPARISON

The tables below are comparisons of department revenues and expenditures for 2022 compared to the original budgeted amounts. Overall, revenues finished the year above what was budgeted and expenses were below budget.

# Revenues

REVENUE SOURCE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Art Fund Contributions - 1%	\$ 30,500	\$ 3,586	\$ (26,914)
Cemetery Service Fees	\$ 60,000	\$ 76,663	\$ 16,663
Community Center Leases	\$ 30,000	\$ 37,800	\$ 7,800
Community Center Rentals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grave, Crypt and Niche Sales	\$ 90,000	\$ 118,880	\$ 28,880
Liners, Markers and Vase Sales	\$ 35,000	\$ 50,746	\$ 15,746
Miscellaneous Parks and Recreation Fees	\$ 1,000	\$ 39,613	\$ 38,613
Other Cemetery Revenues	\$ 900	\$ 3,133	\$ 2,233
Other Community Center Revenues	\$ 100	\$ 322	\$ 222
Park Maintenance Charges	\$ 145,000	\$ 119,055	\$ (25,945)
Picnic Shelter Rentals	\$ 14,000	\$ 15,450	\$ 1,450
Pool Admissions	\$ 17,500	\$ 16,239	\$ (1,261)
Pool Rentals	\$ 12,000	\$ 14,728	\$ 2,728
Recreation Programs Fees	\$ 50,000	\$ 57,735	\$ 7,735
Special Event Permits	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,140	\$ 140
Swimming Lessons	\$ 19,000	\$ 20,368	\$ 1,368
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 506,000</b>	<b>\$ 575,458</b>	<b>\$ 69,458</b>

Continued escalation of vandalism in the parks resulted in increased repair and response costs. To remain within the adopted budget, reductions in other areas were implemented.

More information on park vandalism and incidents is contained on pages 20-26.



## BUDGET NOTES

- Aquatic revenues were lower than anticipated due to a two week closure during the season due to pool mechanical issues.
- Park Maintenance revenues ended below budget as Public Works requested billings be reduced due to utility revenue issues.
- Administration expenses were higher due to a change in salary and benefit costs.

# Expenses

DIVISION	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Administration	\$ 345,620	\$ 395,678	\$ 50,058
Aquatics	\$ 279,510	\$ 278,855	\$ (655)
Art	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,545	\$ (5,455)
Cemetery	\$ 440,220	\$ 393,511	\$ (46,709)
Community Center	\$ 28,040	\$ 17,880	\$ (10,160)
Park Maintenance	\$ 1,601,360	\$ 1,457,786	\$ (143,574)
Recreation	\$ 469,570	\$ 381,959	\$ (87,611)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,171,320</b>	<b>\$ 2,927,214</b>	<b>\$ (244,106)</b>

# AQUATICS

The City of Wenatchee operates the City Pool in an effort to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors by providing safe and healthy opportunities for aquatic instruction, recreation, fitness, and safety education. The **Aquatics Division** strives to offer innovative programming that reflects current societal trends, technology, and research findings in a safe, aesthetically pleasing and family friendly environment.

## HIGHLIGHTS

The following are some of the highlights from 2022:

- The following is a comparison of pool attendance for the season. It does not include swim meet, special event or rental participation. The pool was closed for two weeks due to mechanical issues which impacted attendance.

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Recreation Swim	7,435	3,936	0	6,450	6,120	6,109	5,656
Lap Swim	1,016	1,317	0	1,624	1,167	1,307	1,374
Lessons	656*	615	0	970	796	775	720
Totals	9,107	5,868	0	9,044	8,083	8,191	7,750

\* 45% City of Wenatchee residents, 55% non-City residents.

- Programmed the registration system for swimming lessons and registered participants. There were 217 registrations for session one with almost all classes at capacity. Then, after the boiler problem, ended up cancelling the first session and contacted and issued refunds to participants.



- After 6 weeks of operation, the pool boiler failed. A four-inch long crack developed inside a cast iron piece inside the heating core. Worked with the Facilities Division to attempt to locate a replacement part/boiler and explore other temporary repair options. Alerted pool users and modified operations. Velocity cancelled the Starlight Meet. A bypass piping system was created to allow the water to continue to circulate and be treated. Talked with multiple media outlets and also responded to the State and Senator Hawkins. A temporary fix was devised and was installed.



- The Health Department performed an annual inspection of the pool. They said everything looked great.
- Modified operations to respond to extreme heat.
- The pool hosted the Summer Swim League Championship meet and Apple Capital Swim Meet.



- Provided a copy of our fecal accident policy and procedure to the City of Leavenworth as they had an issue but no response plan.
- Recruited, interviewed, selected, hired and trained temporary staff.





# AQUATICS



- Ordered a new cash register and pool vacuum as the old ones were beyond repair. Purchased a second register after the new register was stolen.
- Updated forms, procedures and the employee handbook.
- Conducted the Doggie Paddle Swim. 59 dogs participated.
- Updated and fabricated pool and facility regulatory signs to meet current Washington Administrative Code guidelines and also provide Spanish language versions.

- Met with Velocity to discuss the season, meet their new coach and other items. Prepared the annual CPI fee adjustment memo.
- Researched and prepared a summary of recently completed aquatic centers with a similar scope as to what is proposed for Pioneer Park in the future.
- Provided the City of Cashmere with pool operations and project bidding expertise.
- Met with the Finance Department and the Mayor's office to discuss the pool liner/plumbing project.
- Appeared on NCWLife to discuss the Apple Capital meet, the pool season and liner project.
- Prepared, submitted and presented a \$225,000 Chelan County Lodging Tax grant request for the pool liner and plumbing project. The request was not funded.
- Participated in Washington Recreation and Parks Association Aquatics meetings.



- Met with Velocity to coordinate Apple Capital Meet details. The meet was held the first weekend in June and attracted 874 swimmers from around the pacific northwest.
- Prepared and submitted a Public Power Benefit grant application for the pool project. Provided follow-up information. The request was not funded.
- Coordinating a regional drowning prevention network.
- Assisted the City of Leavenworth and also the City of Cashmere with pool operations and project funding expertise.
- Removed gutter drain covers and cleaned out debris, muck and moss. Adjusted water intake to improve water circulation. Discovered some additional issues and developed a repair plan. Cleaned and prepared the pool office for the season. Coordinated annual operations maintenance tasks with the Facilities Division.
- Prepared and submitted a \$533,500 State Capital Budget request for the pool liner and plumbing project. Followed up with Senator Hawkins and Representatives Goehner and Steele. The request was approved. Worked with the Department of Commerce on grant contract details. The City Council accepted the grant. Participated in a Department of Commerce Grant Workshop for the allocation.

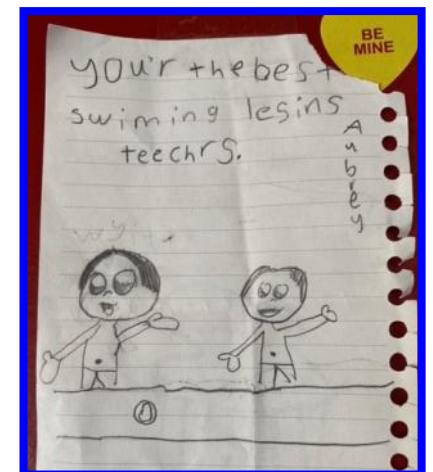




# AQUATICS

- The City Council accepted the \$350,000 State Youth Athletic Facility Account Grant for the pool liner and plumbing project. Worked with the State Recreation Conservation Office on a \$350,000 Youth Athletic Facilities grant cost increase request. Assisted with the preparation of their staff report and presentation materials. The Recreation Conservation Funding Board approved the request to modify the cost of the project and added \$350,000 to the project. Followed up with the State regarding the grant contract amendments for the cost change, scope change and time extension. Prepared and submitted Recreation Conservation Office grant progress reports for the pool project.
- The tribal review period expired for the pool project with no comments received.
- Received approval from the State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation to move ahead with the pool project.
- The Recreation Coordinator obtained Lifeguard Instructor Certification to enable us to train and certify our own lifeguards.
- Prepared and solicited qualifications from pool engineers from the small works roster for the plumbing and liner project. Scored the submittals and selected the top firm, Schemata Workshop. Prepared the contract and conducted a kick off meeting. Engineering got underway. The 60%, 90% and 100% plans were received and reviewed and approved by the State. The floor cut out was completed to help determine pipe and bottom depth. Preparation of bid documents and specifications was completed and the project put out to bid. Conducted the pre-bid meeting. Prepared the State Department of Health permit application. Answered questions from contractors about the project. Prepared materials and completed follow up work related to the bid. One bid was received from a qualified company. Followed up with the State and Mayor as the bid was well over the estimated budget. The City Council rejected the bid. Followed up with the contractor and engineers. Worked with the pool engineers on a contract amendment to address the re-bidding of the project. The project went out to bid again. Conducted the pre-bid meeting. Completed follow up on the State Department of Health permit application. The pool project bids were opened. Received one bid again. The City Council awarded the pool project construction contract to The Pool Company. Prepared the contract and followed up with the contractors. Construction will begin in July 2023.

- Concluded operations for the season and prepared the facility for the winter.



# ARTS & CULTURE

The City of Wenatchee provides arts and cultural facilities, programs and services in an effort to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors. The **Arts and Culture Division** strives to promote and encourage public programs to further the development and public awareness and interest in the visual and performing arts and to act in an advisory capacity with the artistic and cultural development of the city.

## HIGHLIGHTS

The following are some of the highlights from 2022:

- The Summer Concert Series was held in Centennial Park on Friday nights from July 8 through August 12. Promoted the shows and worked with sponsors.
- Re-stocked art walk brochures at location several times throughout the year.
- Followed up with a gentleman from Seattle that would like the City to purchase artwork from a friend of his for Beebe Bridge Park.
- Assisted the Engineering Department with the SR 285 Banners. Coordinating with the artist.
- Following up with the potential mural painters for the Lincoln Park restroom.
- Met with Public Works to discuss the treatment plant digester project. The related fence project was added to the arts capital plan.
- Met with NCW Art Alliance representatives to provide information and discuss Our Valley Projects.
- Installed a new base stone map for Labyrinth.
- Prepared a sculpture cleaning manual.
- Met with the Facilities Division to discuss artwork installation for new City Hall.
- Relocated the Gathering of Owls from the Wenatchee World building grounds to Wenatchee Avenue across from Centennial Park.



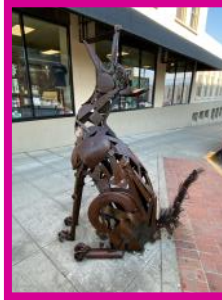
- Worked with an individual that is looking into establishing an arts festival.
- Coordinated a group of 20 volunteers from Windermere and over 100 people from a local church who cleaned the sculptures in the art collection.
- Prepared and distributed an art adoption newsletter.
- Met with Terry Valdez to discuss a potential art program that we would tie into the Park Wading Pool Program.
- Met with the PUD to coordinate art program items of mutual interest.
- Coordinated moving sculptures from the Public Services Center to City Hall.
- Repaired the Pre-math and Humpback sculptures.
- The Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission recommended acceptance of the donation of the By-Line Time sculpture and the City Council accepted the donation. Followed up with the donor and explored potential sites with Adele Wolford and Rufus Woods. Identified a new location, removed the sculpture and installed it adjacent to the Convention Center.



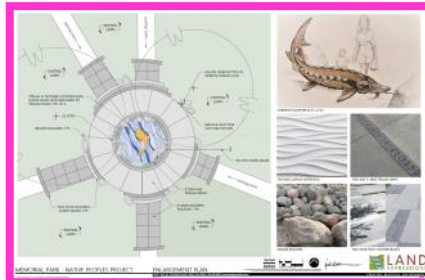


# ARTS & CULTURE

- Met to coordinate sculpture cleaning and cleaned the collection. Torched, polished and re-waxed bronze sculptures.
- Opened registration, promoted and held the Drive-in Movie and Movie in the Park events. The Lego Movie was postponed due to hazardous air quality but was shown on September 24 on the Foothills Middle School Field. The movie Encanto was shown on September 17 in the Sage Hills Church parking lot.

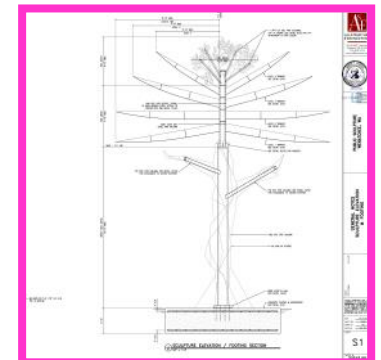
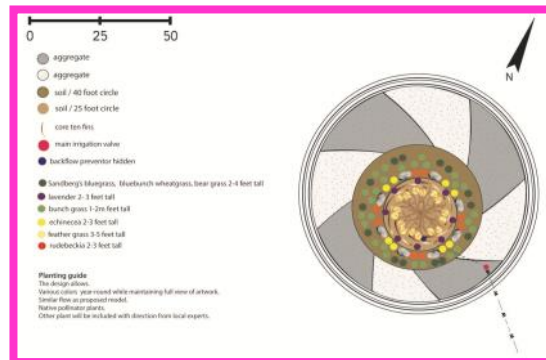


- Prepared and distributed the Native Peoples Project Call to Artists to over 475 individuals and firms. Prepared evaluation materials. The Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission recommended selecting the team of Land Expressions/Hazen Audel for the project and the City Council approved the recommendation. Prepared the contract and the project commenced. Conducted the project kick off meeting, input session and follow up meetings with the designers. Endeavored to involve the tribes in the process. Received the initial concepts. They were rejected. Followed up with Councilmember Kulaas and the designers and continued attempts to provide direction. After a discussion, the Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission unanimously approved extinguishing the agreement with the design team for failure to perform and separate the project into three phases, design, engineering and construction. Prepared and sent the termination letter and met with the Mayor's office to develop a strategy. Received a response from the Native Peoples Designers regarding the contract termination. They said they were never informed of any



discussions regarding the project. Located and reached out to a Colville tribal artist to determine if they would be interested in the project. Their style seems to fit the vernacular of other sculptures in the City collection and their previous work seems to fit with the identified goals of the project. Received a response and although they really like the project, unfortunately their health won't allow them to participate. Continued to reach out to the Colville Tribe and discuss the project.

- The initial submittal deadline for the Hwy 2/Easy Street Roundabout Project passed. Four submittals were received. Assembled, and provided scoring materials to the Evaluation Committee. The four were narrowed to three artists who were invited to develop the concept art. The concepts were submitted for public review. Created an online public comment survey tool, press releases and evaluation materials for the review committee to score and evaluate the concepts. Followed up with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the Chelan County PUD. The artists presented their concepts at a public meeting. Compiled social media, phone and email comments and provided them to the Committee. Tabulated evaluation scores and prepared materials for City Council consideration and followed up with the artists. CJ Rench was selected by the City Council for the project. Prepared the contract materials and the design was prepared. Met with ten members of the Federal Highway Administration and WSDOT to discuss the project. Prepared the required Art Plan, refined the concept and engineering was finalized. Reached out to the artist creating the symbols for the North Wenatchee Avenue banners for possible incorporation into the turbine fins for consistency. Continued working with the artist, WSDOT and the PUD to complete the powerline sway analysis and coordinate the art portion of the schedule construction. Received PUD approval for the location and height of the art. Continued following up with WSDOT on a variety of project details.





# CEMETERY

Cemetery staff are responsible for overall operations, including landscape installation and maintenance, burial service setup, grave, niche and crypt sales, burials marker setting and any other operational task necessary for the 34 acre Wenatchee Cemetery (which includes a mausoleum with interior and exterior crypts and niches) and the Home of Peace Mausoleum on South Miller Street. Staff works with local and out-of-area funeral directors and families directly to accommodate the needs of those utilizing the Cemetery.

The Cemetery derives its revenues from three sources including fees for services provided by the staff, the sale of graves, crypts, niches, markers and other items and interest earnings from the Cemetery Endowment Care Fund. For many years the three traditional revenue sources have not been adequate to cover the cost of operations.

## HIGHLIGHTS

The following are some of the highlights from 2022:

- There were over 125 services at the Cemetery this year.
- Completed routine maintenance tasks including mowing, fertilizing and leaf and snow removal.
- Reviewed rolling tents, obtained price estimates and ordered a tent.
- Poured and set temporary monuments.
- Met with the Finance Department to discuss a vendor past due balance and strategy for collection and continued services.
- Beginning the process to address storm water issues.
- Repaired graves from winter damage and added sod to winter burial areas.
- Prepared the irrigation system for the season. Dismantled and re-assembled the pump house and prepared for water. Located and repaired an irrigation leak outside the pumphouse. Winterized the system.
- Assisted the Facilities Division of Public Works with the lunchroom project.
- Updated the Cemetery brochure and prepared a Spanish version.
- Set headstones and leveled graves.



- Assisted placing flags for Memorial Day and removing them after the event.
- Reviewed above ground fuel storage tank regulations and explored the potential to add a diesel tank for equipment.
- Planning for the addition of stairway railings for the mausoleum.
- Trimmed the headstones three times. It takes about three weeks for the three staff members, working full time to trim all 20,000+ markers.
- Completed pesticide applicators training.
- Removed artificial decorations from graves.
- The fence was repaired from a previous interaction with a vehicle.
- Removed tree stumps.
- Mud flows from flash floods ended up around the mausoleum. Cleaned and restore the areas.



# MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

The **Maintenance and Operation division** is responsible for the care of the City's park system including 21 City park areas and the landscaping at various locations throughout the City. The division plants and maintains over 100 floral baskets in the downtown core and prunes, maintains and decorates over 300 trees along downtown arterials and maintains the landscaping around city buildings, landscaping along roadways and the Convention Center and Cemetery.

In the winter, the division is responsible for snow and ice control for the walkways within the parks as well as all of the sidewalks that adjoin City properties. The parks crew also clears the snow and ice at all of the City's buildings.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Along with routine maintenance items such as cleaning trash and restrooms, mowing, trimming, fertilizing, applying herbicide and pesticide, pruning, leaf and snow and ice removal, the following are some additional highlights from 2022:



- Installed the replacement drinking fountain in Washington Park.
- Received a complaint that the parks were being mowed during the day when people were there.
- Repaired an irrigation line in the Walnut Street swales that was damaged from a power pole being hit. It was 10 feet below the sidewalk level.
- Converted the Rotary Park irrigation clock to the irricloud system. Repaired a bad low voltage switch.
- Obtained quotes for the Lions Locomotive Park landscaping project. Met and reviewed the project with the Washington State Department of Transportation. The east side of Wenatchee Avenue was completed with the juniper removed and replaced with irrigated turf.
- Exploring fabricating and installing a railing for Kiwanis Methow Park to protect a steep slope and lessen liability. Finished planting shrubs and modified irrigation. Scheduled the replacement of fence on the east side of the sport court to lessen liability.
- Planted the replacement street tree on Riverside Drive.
- Cleaned the hillside by Dolco.
- Assisted the Facilities Division replace the Pioneer Park restroom doors.



- Removed two dead street trees downtown.
- Prepared Pennsylvania Park for the addition of a light pole for the security camera. The concrete footing for the pole, as installed, the wires pulled and the pole, light and camera installed. Restored disturbed grass areas.
- Adjusted all sprinkler heads, times and coverage in all parks to stay ahead of wind and high temperatures.
- Rewired the irrigation pump at Lincoln Park as the electrical burned out and also repaired a mainline break.
- Cleaned the planting bed by the Chase Park sign and installed new weed fabric, plants and rock mulch.
- Located and repaired a leak at the Public Services Center. It was caused by a root that infiltrated and filled the main carrier pipe then broke both lateral lines.
- Assisted the PUD with Riverside Drive irrigation issues.
- Met with the Fleets Division to discuss one of the two mowers which only goes forward and also vehicle replacement. Ordered replacements.
- Hauled fill dirt to cover the excavation area from the sewer line replacement in Lincoln Park.
- Pennsylvania Park had an irrigation line break which created a large void under the grass. Implemented repairs.



# MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

- Moved valves and irrigation lines to prepare Rotary Park for the Peace Pole and Pickleball Projects.



- Installed the 1st Street planters for the season. On average they are run into once a week by vehicles. Added soil amendments to help retain moisture.

- Prepared the Rotary Park Splash Pad for the season and implemented multiple repairs during the year. Replaced the baffles and removed, rebuilt and re-installed the pumps.

- Installed new irrigation at Rainbow Park to provide better coverage.

- Installed a footing and the salvaged light pole from Lincoln Park to the Mission Street parking lot to replace the pole that was damaged by a vehicle.

- Met with the Greater Wenatchee Pollinator Garden work group interested in developing pollinator gardens in parking areas for a Make a Difference Day Project. Assisted them implement the project.

- Repaired a water main break in Pioneer Park.

- Conducted maintenance staff meetings.

- Repaired irrigation along Riverside Drive from the treatment plant project.

- Prepared the sites for the Lincoln Park disc golf tee boxes and installed six of the boxes. The remaining three will be installed in 2023.



- Installed and then removed and stored the play area shades for the season.

- Installed, maintained and then removed the downtown flower baskets.

- Responded to snow. There were dozens of limbs down and a powerline down in Pioneer Park. Closed park areas to use as much as possible.



- Planted and installed annuals in baskets and planters.

- Cleaned along the parade route before and after Apple Blossom and transported tables and trash cans to and from Triangle Park for the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast.

- Prepared Memorial Park for Apple Blossom, repaired broken irrigation and restored and fertilized the park following the event.

- Met with memorial bench donors to finalize the locations. Ordered benches and plaques, poured concrete pads and installed benches.

- Cut down grass and weeds by the Castle Rock water tank to reduce wildfire fire potential.

- The City Council approved the maintenance agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for their right of way. Met with WSDOT staff to discuss the agreement details and implementation. Had follow up meetings with multiple other departments. Prepared and submitted billings.

- Prepared Pioneer Park for the Apple Capital swim meet.

- Salvaged sod from Lincoln Park and planted it in Lions Locomotive and Kiwanis Methow Parks and repaired a spot in one of the baseball field outfields.





# MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS



- Met with contractors and obtained quotes for the Washington Park sidewalk project. Removed the old sidewalk and prepared the area for concrete, inspected work and restored the area.
- Worked with the contractors to repair electrical service to the Lincoln Park irrigation pumps after the lines were cut.
- Charged the irrigation lines in all areas and repaired breaks. Blew the system at the end of the season.
- Removed rock from Kiwanis Methow Park and planted the areas with grass.
- Met with GIS to review the ability to map using the tablets for WSDOT billing purposes.
- Recruited, selected and trained temporary maintenance staff.
- Participated in flood, wildfire, heat, playground safety, pesticide application and air quality training.
- The Lincoln Park irrigation pump broke due to mud from a flash flood. It was removed and repaired.
- Prepared Memorial Park for Pride Fest.

- Replaced the irrigation clock at Chase Park as it failed.
- Finalized the plant order, picked up the plants for the 5th Street median and planted. Modified irrigation where possible. Found concrete in the planter where it looks like a cement truck washed out their truck into the median.
- Serviced vehicles and equipment.
- Removed everything out of the Lincoln restroom storage to prepare for the demolition. Imported soil for the baseball fields.
- Pruned downtown plants and cleaned planting beds during the night.
- Rebuilt the irrigation filter system at the Public Services Center.
- Ordered, received and installed new trash receptacles for Memorial Park.
- Removed the dugouts and player benches from the Lincoln Park baseball fields. Ordered replacement benches and constructed the new dugouts.
- Organized and cleaned the shop. Created secure tool storage.
- Pressure washed and painted the park restrooms.
- Repaired the back box for the chipper truck.
- Added fall material to park play areas.
- Added new irrigation in areas of Kiwanis Methow Park.
- Prepared the area, poured the slab and installed bike racks at Pioneer Park.



# MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

- Poured a concrete pad inside the train fenced area at Lions Locomotive Park and relocated the irrigation cabinet inside the fence in an attempt to help limit vandalism.
- Added a trash receptacle by the picnic table behind the old fire station across from City Hall.
- Received a complaint about leaves from Rotary Park blowing across Western Avenue and dog, children and disc golf hazards from people using the park. The person would like a fence installed along the east side of the park.
- Installed irrigation around the peace pole in Rotary Park.
- Repaired the Washington Park irrigation main line.
- Worked nights to clean downtown for the revitalize downtown conference.
- Set up downtown holiday decorations.
- One staff member completed CDL training.
- Installed park benches on Saddle Rock.
- Two staff completed National Playground Safety Inspector Certification training.
- Worked overtime to clear debris and mud from the drainage on Lester Road from a flash flood.



- The Rotary Park pickleball court contractor damaged the neighbors irrigation line and drove over the park irrigation. Crews responded and repaired on overtime. Followed up with the Rotary Club and eventually took over the project due to a number of issues. Completed demolition work. The tree was removed and stump ground out. Repaired contractor damage, installed the retaining wall and backfilled behind it, and installed the first portion of fence. The project is scheduled to conclude in 2023.



- Constructed the first phase of the Okanogan Street Community Garden. Installed water system, rough graded the site, installed street trees, irrigation and sod and the fence.



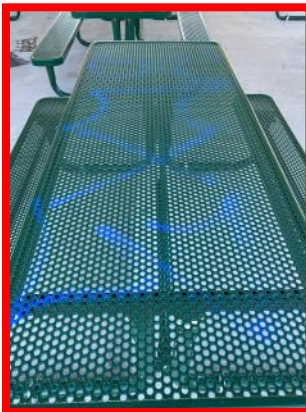


# DAMAGE, VANDALISM AND OTHER INCIDENTS

Unfortunately, all park areas regularly experience a significant amount of vandalism and other incidents that require department staff attention. In many cases, vandalism occurred on a daily basis and was repaired by maintenance personnel. The following is a summary of **some** of what was reported during the year.

## LINCOLN PARK

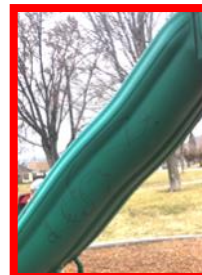
- The trash from the people living in trailers/RV's next to the park was increasingly difficult to keep up with.
- Staff removed an aggressive transient that was verbally harassing park contractors and throwing cantaloupe sized rocks at them and their equipment while shouting "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes".
- Provided information to the Police about a scammer who was promoting a fictitious event at Lincoln Park and collecting money from vendors.
- More than once, someone left 5-gallon buckets of human waste in the park.
- A person started the mini-excavator drove around the splash pad area, dug in several places and left on foot carrying items.
- Observed persons racing mini-bikes through the park.
- On multiple occasions people stole materials from the construction site and on a separate incident, broke into the construction trailer.
- There was a dog attack at the park in which a pit bull from one of the trailers camped next to the park attacked another dog in the park. The Humane Society responded and removed the aggressor.
- The shelter, restrooms and concession building were tagged on a weekly basis.



- A light pole outside the Mission Street parking lot was run into. Removed and replaced the damaged pole and repaired wiring.
- Someone vandalized the irrigation system on a daily basis over several weeks.
- Removed debris from the two recreational vehicles that were towed away from adjacent to the park. An example of some is shown above.

## CHASE PARK

- The play equipment was tagged.





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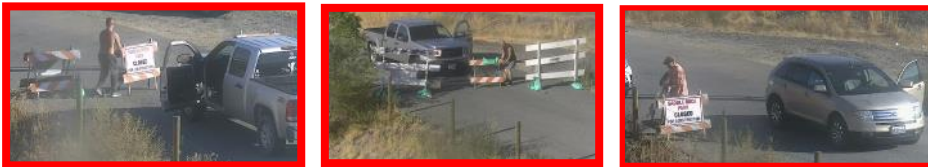
## PENNSYLVANIA PARK

- The play equipment was vandalized. Staff was able to implement repairs.
- The restrooms and other surfaces were tagged.
- The first day the restrooms were open and several times throughout the year, staff evicted drug users that had taken up residence.



## SADDLE ROCK

- Reported to the Police multiple instances of people either moving or destroying the barricades and trespassing into the closed construction site. They also damaged the fence at the trailhead.
- The restrooms and picnic shelter were tagged multiple times.



## CASTLE ROCK

- The restrooms, picnic tables and picnic shelter were tagged multiple times.



## ROTARY PARK

- Cleaned mud and repaired the Rotary Park splash pad following the flash flood/lightning events.
- The restrooms received significant tagging on multiple occasions.
- The play equipment was vandalized. The repair cost was \$2,000.
- The fence by the basketball court was run into again. Ironically, it was run into by the same person that hit it last year while putting a coat on their dog. Fortunately no one was hurt. They paid for repairs.
- The splash pad was tagged.
- A restroom sink was demolished.



## CENTENNIAL PARK

- The restrooms were vandalized when they were open for use. Fixtures were destroyed and the restrooms tagged.
- A person broke into the secured area behind the restroom and set up a camp.
- A person kicked in the restroom doors requiring them to be replaced. The repairs were estimated at \$4,600.

# DAMAGE, VANDALISM AND OTHER INCIDENTS

## HALE PARK

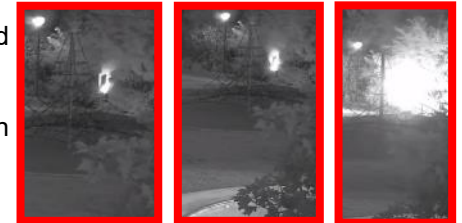
- The fence was cut on a 24 times in the south end of the off leash area and near the pedestrian bridge from people going to/from the camp by the Salvation Army and along the river to East Wenatchee. They could walk around the fence approximately 200 yards to the north. Scheduled and implemented repairs to the fence.



- There were three fires south of the off leash area along the river. Staff extinguished one of them and Fire Department put the others out.
- The restrooms were vandalized almost every day they were open. Signs were broken off of the walls, the toilet flusher was destroyed. Repainted the interiors several times due to daily tagging and graffiti.
- Someone packed the off leash area drinking fountain full of sand.
- The park had significant tagging on virtually all surfaces on almost a daily basis.



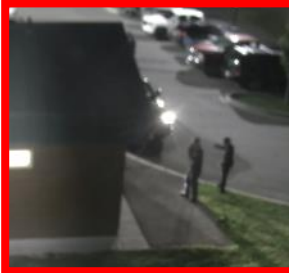
- The play area equipment was vandalized twice. Ordered replacement parts.
- Received complaints about the encampment south of the off leash area.
- Someone cut down a tree in the off leash area and threw it over the fence to an encampment along the river. We removed the stump.
- Received a complaint that a transient person was defecating in the off leash area and not cleaning it up
- The irrigation was vandalized multiple times.
- Someone lit a dog waste station on fire. Staff extinguished it.
- The park benches were vandalized.
- The skaters had another unpermitted event and dumped the charcoal from a barbecue on the ground damaging the turf and other areas.
- A call was made to Rivercom about a person that needed assistance in the restroom. Aid responded, broke down the locked door and found an empty restroom. The restroom was locked and signed as closed due to vandalism. Unfortunately, someone had also stolen the signs. The person in distress was seen on camera entering the restroom and then leaving an hour and fifteen minutes later, throwing up several times in the picnic shelter before staggering off south through the park before aid had arrived. The cost to repair the restroom damage is estimated at \$6,000.





# DAMAGE, VANDALISM AND OTHER INCIDENTS

- A person attempted to drive through the park again. Staff that responded to the restroom issue stopped him from doing so. He was told again that it is against the law to drive in the park. The person then unleashed a profanity laden tirade, verbally assaulting staff which was witnessed on speaker phone as staff was on a call to their supervisor at the time. Staff contacted the Police who responded. The person was ejected from the park for 45 days.



## LIONS LOCOMOTIVE PARK

- Someone vandalized the irrigation multiple times and broke the irrigation controller.
- The underpass, sidewalk, trees and other objects were tagged on almost a daily basis.



- Removed buckets of human waste and truck loads of trash from park residents on an almost daily basis.
- Individuals pulled up the newly planted sod in the park.
- A vehicle drove through the park damaging irrigation. The driver was identified and the vehicle located later at the Hospitality House. Staff talked to the driver who denied driving in the park until he was informed there were photos at which time he admitted he was delivering pizzas to the homeless people in the park. Police were notified. We saw the same person driving through the park again on a different day at 3:45am. Police responded and took them and another person away. They were back in the park the next day.



- On multiple occasions contacted Police to assist with aggressive transients in the park.
- People unbolted and attempted to steal a picnic table multiple times.
- Daily trash, debris and hazardous materials continue to increase and be an issue from the people living in the park.
- Witnessed a fight between two people that involved a log and a fire extinguisher.



## WASHINGTON PARK

- The restrooms were tagged. On a separate incident, someone smeared feces around the restroom surfaces. Someone also smashed the restroom exterior venting.
- Fifty feet of the new sidewalk in the park was vandalized requiring the sections to be removed and replaced.
- The fence was cut.





# DAMAGE, VANDALISM AND OTHER INCIDENTS

## KIWANIS METHOW PARK

- Someone pulled out the newly planted shrubs.
- The multi-use field was damaged from people shoveling it.
- The park was tagged on a nearly daily basis.
- Someone stole the bottom rail on part of the fence that surrounds the multi-use field.
- Someone shot the play equipment.
- The first day the restrooms were open, staff evicted drug users that had taken up residence. This continued throughout the year.
- A ring of bark from around a tree in the park was stripped which will most likely kill the tree. A second tree was also damaged on another day.
- A resident stole the street cone that was protecting the vandalized piece of play equipment. They attempted to burn the cone with other trash at their home. The Fire District responded and extinguished the fire. The vandalized piece of play equipment had to be removed.
- The light pole bases from the majority of park lights were removed and stolen. Purchased and installed replacements at a cost of \$900.
- A person unlocked the restrooms several times allowing vandalism and other issues to occur. Reviewed security camera footage and identified a suspect. They were using a knife to pry the door open. Staff modified the door to prevent further access.
- On several instances people were seen on the roof of the restroom building, smoking and drinking.
- The play equipment and irrigation was vandalized.
- Someone tore the field turf on the multi-use field several times and in multiple areas. Staff and a contractor repaired the damage.
- The park wading pool program shut down early one day due to Police activity in, and adjacent to the park.

- Called the Police for assistance with a lady who appeared to be under the influence and causing a disturbance at the wading pool program. Police responded and took the person away.



# DAMAGE, VANDALISM AND OTHER INCIDENTS

## PIONEER PARK

- The skate park, park sign, restroom and pool buildings were tagged almost every other day by multiple individuals. One of the Pioneer Park taggers was identified by park staff, contacted by the SRO, trespassed from the park for 45 days and malicious mischief charges filed. Thanks to SRO Natalie Steele for her assistance on this case.
- People were on the roof of the restrooms several times.
- Two individuals broke a window into the pool office, stole several items and swam in the pool in the middle of the night. They also broke into the park restroom storage area.
- Someone was lighting the toilet paper on fire (daily) in the restrooms. One afternoon, park maintenance staff witnessed three girls igniting the paper in the men's restroom. Staff followed them and called Rivercom. Police arrived 30 minutes later. The girls were trespassed out of the park for 45 days.
- A group of kids attempted to break into the restrooms. Downloaded the security camera video to try to identify them. When open, the restrooms have been vandalized daily.





# DAMAGE, VANDALISM AND OTHER INCIDENTS

## MISCELLANEOUS AREAS

- Assisted Public Works with the clean up the encampment near the Salvation Army. 22,000 pounds of trash was removed.
- Assisted blocking streets following the shooting on Methow Street.
- Responded to a street tree hit by a car on Chelan Avenue.
- Responded to a tree that fell on to a car on Riverside Drive during a wind storm and another broken tree that was vandalized.
- Received regular complaints about drug users and aggressive transients in the parks.
- The irrigation controllers were damaged by the people occupying the Thurston Street underpass.
- A truck crashed into two trees on Yakima Street.
- Someone cut the locks from the Special Olympics cycling bike storage and stole two of the bikes. They were stored in the Row and Paddle Club area at the bottom of 5th Street. Police were notified.
- Continued addressing homeless trash/debris issues. Had an incident with aggressive people at the Amtrak lot wanting to fight maintenance staff.
- Received a report of ATV's driving around the foothills trails.
- Repaired the damaged Bienvenidos sign.



- Someone drove through the Day Drive trailhead gate, damaging the gate and motor attachment.



## THE ESTIMATED COST OF VANDALISM

In 2022, park maintenance staff began tracking the costs associated with responding to vandalism. The following are conservative figures as cost tracking gets more refined.

Staff	\$8,669.12
Supplies and Materials	\$23,431.77
Equipment	\$6,233.00
Contracted Services	<u>\$73,341.52</u>
Total Estimated Cost	\$111,675.41

**Staff** costs are the salary and benefit costs of employees to respond or repair the damage. They are based upon time reporting. Administrative costs are not included.

**Supplies and Materials** are the items needed to repair damage or respond to the vandalism. Examples include graffiti remover, replacement fixtures or play equipment repair parts. It does not include the cost of door replacement for Hale, Centennial and Pioneer Park restrooms as those costs were incurred in the Public Work Facilities Division budget.

**Equipment** is the cost the department is charged to utilize equipment to repair the damage.

**Contracted Services** are those items that require outside, specialized assistance to complete the repairs. It does not include the additional \$9,650 for contracted security services.



# PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

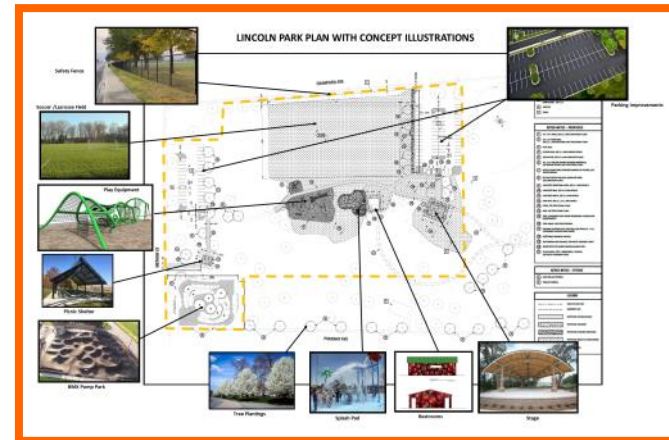
The **Planning and Development** function of the Department includes responsibility for planning for the future growth of the parks and recreation system. Major activities include: Determining land acquisition and facility development needs, comprehensive and capital planning, obtaining financing to implement the projects through grants or other means, conducting specific park area and special studies and completing development project bid specifications.

## HIGHLIGHTS

The following are some of the highlights from 2022:

### LINCOLN PARK

- Prepared and submitted a \$10,000 RMSA Loss Control Grant for the project. Received notice that the grant was successful. Ordered materials funded by the grant. Prepared and submitted the final grant report and billing.
  - Received notice that our \$8,000, 2018 Lions Club Kingston Memorial Grant for Lincoln Park was funded. Ordered materials funded by the grant.
  - Met with the disc golf club representative, walked the course, finalized the layout, established pars for holes and designed and fabricated tee and course signs.
  - Contacted the contracted archaeologist to coordinate project monitoring and site inspections. Resolved issues surrounding trash from the old landfill to the satisfaction of various entities of the State and Health District.
  - Prepared and finalized the unanticipated discovery plan for the project and provided it to the State.
  - Prepared and submitted grant billings and progress reports to Chelan County and the State for the project.
  - Prepared and received a grant extension request for the Recreation Conservation Office grants to keep the project viable through the end of the year.
  - Prepared an engineering contract amendment to change the end date to match the project end. The City Council approved the amendment.
  - Met with Community Development to coordinate the CDBG fund transfer and provided required documentation.
- The City Council awarded the construction contract to KRCl. The City Council also approved change order number 1 for the project.
  - Scheduled and held the pre-construction meeting. Received the notice to proceed from the State. Construction commenced. Conducted weekly progress meetings. Construction activity included: Demolishing and removing the old restroom; reconfiguring and repairing irrigation damaged during the demolition phase; water, electrical and sewer line installation; play area and splash pad construction; restroom, picnic shelter and stage construction; pump park construction; soccer field construction; trail paving and landscaping. Due to supply delays and weather, construction will extend into spring 2023.
  - Located and repaired a leak in the canyon storm drain pipe.
  - Worked with contractors to get the splash pad permit ready for submission to the State Department of Health. Submitted the application. Prepared and submitted a variance request. The variance was approved. One week shy of 11 months from its submittal, the splash pad permits were approved. The splash pad parts were ordered.





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## LINCOLN PARK

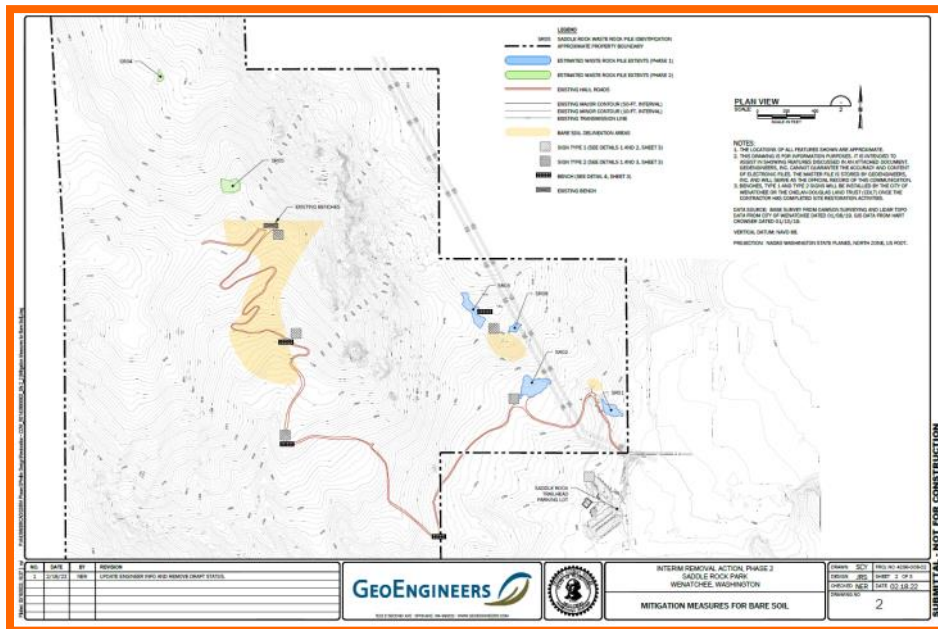




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## SADDLEROCK REMEDIATION

- Received the Saddle Rock Remediation Phase Two drawing set and specifications. Reviewed the plans and worked through construction schedule details. The City Council approved the contract amendment with GeoEngineers for construction management. The project went out to bid. Six bids were received by the deadline with the lowest responsive bidder, Hurst Construction was awarded the contract by the City Council. Met with project engineers and Department of Ecology staff.



- Conducted the pre-construction meeting and site walk.
- Met with the contractors and project engineers on site to review trail grading and storm water flow.



- Roughly 120 truckloads of waste rock were removed and trail and habitat restoration work was completed. The site was graded to improve storm water flow, habitat areas hydroseeded and planted with 2,000 perennials, benches installed and the trail surface improved with water bars and all-weather surface.

- Met with the Land Trust to review construction.
- The trailhead had to be closed as there were issues of people not adhering to the construction closure and creating negative dump truck/pedestrian interactions.
- Saddle Rock was re-opened at a ribbon cutting on October 27th.

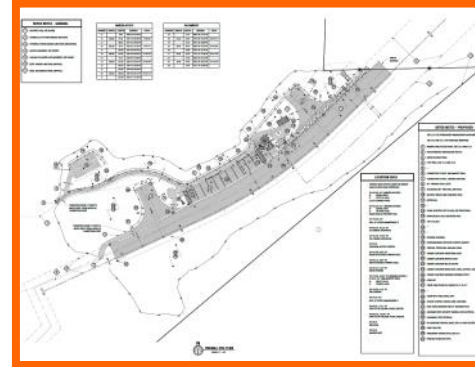




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## KENZIE'S LANDING

- Made a presentation to the High School Interact Club about the project. They raised \$22,099.06 for the project and also provided volunteer assistance with planting.
- Met with the Clennon Family to discuss the project.
- Designed and fabricated the interpretive, memorial, funding recognition and regulatory signs.
- Prepared and submitted grant billings and progress reports.
- Finalized the project design and construction was put out to bid. Seven bids were received by the deadline. The City Council awarded the construction contract to Olin Excavation.
- Received the Notice to Proceed from the State and building permit from the City.
- Conducted the Pre-Construction Meeting.
- Prepared an engineering contract amendment to change the end date to match the project end. The City Council approved the amendment.
- Construction commenced with utility installation, grading, stormwater, retaining work, shelter construction, hydroseeding of disturbed areas, fence installation, site furniture and electric vehicle charging station installation, restroom installation, and paving. The project was substantially completed with some minor details left to finish early next year when the area re-opens for use. It will be dedicated in April 2023.
- Met with the Department of Ecology on site due to an anonymous complaint. Ecology stated that the project is well maintained, had no issues and closed the unfounded complaints.
- Coordinated and conducted volunteer events to re-plant the site.
- Met with the property owner at the end of Maiden Lane, conducted and reviewed a survey and prepared and recorded a temporary storm water easement.



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## MAIDEN LANE TEMPORARY EXTENSION PROJECT

- Prepared the project SEPA and building permit. They were approved. The notice to proceed for the project was issued.
- Finalized the plans and the project went out to bid. Bids were opened. Two bids were received. The City Council awarded the construction contract to Hurst Construction.
- Met with the contractor to work through storm water issues. Construction was completed. It included grading, installation of storm water infrastructure, crushed rock and asphalt surface treatment and hydroseeding of disturbed areas.



## LOWER CASTLE ROCK NATURAL AREA CONVERSION

- Prepared maps and legal description for the conversion.
- Continued working with the State Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) on the conversion request. Provided additional replacement property information and followed up with the City Attorney on the property acquisition for the required replacement property.
- Assembled and provided information to the RCO to meet the new requirements for a Waiver of Retroactivity for a conversion.
- Prepared and submitted for consideration the Property Assessment Checklist and Hazardous Substances Certification forms for the replacement property.
- Ordered and received the phase one environmental site review and cultural resources reports and submitted them to the RCO.
- Met with the RCO and our archaeologist to discuss the conversion to address tribal concerns. They indicated that if the cultural resources decision is reached by the end of the year they could have the decision memo ready for consideration in January 2023.

## MINING PARTNERS PROPERTY ACQUISITION

- Coordinated the environmental review of the property. The City Council approved the purchase sale agreement. Continued working with the City Attorney on the acquisition. The 114.5 acre acquisition was completed.





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## RIVERFRONT PARK

- The PUD Board approved the amendment to the services agreement with Greenworks and a related amendment to the interlocal agreement between the PUD and the City for the Riverfront Park Project. The City Council also approved the agreement. Reviewed and provided comment on the preliminary and final scope of work.
- Participated in design team meetings, open houses and site visits with the designers.
- Reviewed and provided comment on the preliminary concept and 30% plans.
- Met with the Mayor's office and PUD to discuss project management.
- The City Council approved the master plan and incorporated it into the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan.



## BIGHORN RIDGE ACQUISITION

- Met with the Bighorn Ridge property owners and the Land Trust on the potential grant project. The City Council authorized submitting a grant application to the State for the project and Chelan County, the State Botanist and State Fish and Wildlife Department provided letters of support. Conducted site reconnaissance. Prepared and submitted a waiver of retroactivity request. Ordered and received the appraisal. Finalized and submitted the \$750,000 RCO Office grant application. Prepared materials and presented the application at the technical review and evaluation meetings. The application ranked 3rd in the State for acquisition projects and 16th out of all the 60 projects. This means it will likely be funded in 2023.



## FOOTHILLS REGIONAL RECREATION AREA ACQUISITION

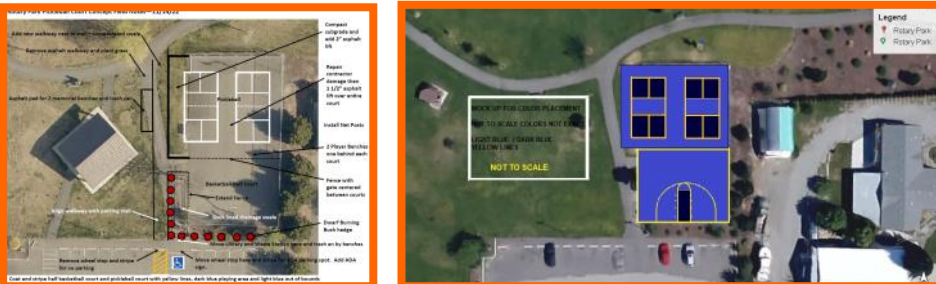
- The boundary line adjustment for one of the parcels was completed.
- The Land Trust Board approved the grant match and also the property donation of the East Jacobson property.
- The Land Trust received a \$175,000 anonymous donation for the project.
- Ordered and received the review appraisals, cultural resources and environmental reports for two of the properties.
- Prepared and submitted grant progress reports and billings.
- Prepared and provided the donation documents to the Land Trust for review. The City Council accepted the donation. The 16.5 acre East Jacobson acquisition was finalized and recorded.
- Worked with the Land Trust to preparing the purchase/sale agreements and also an amendment. The City Attorney reviewed the agreements. The acquisition of one of the properties was reviewed by the City Council Public Works and Finance Committees and the City Council approved the purchase sale agreement.
- The acquisition of the 414 acre Volkmann property was finalized and recorded.
- Prepared and submitted grant extension request to extend the project through the end of 2023.



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## ROTARY PARK PICKLEBALL COURT AND PEACE PLAZA PROJECTS

- Worked through project details and assisted the Rotary Club with the peace plaza project.
- Prepared a draft funding agreement and provided it to the City Attorney for review. Finalized the agreement.
- Conducted the pre-construction meeting and project construction was completed for the Peace Plaza Project. The dedication ceremony was held October 21.
- After some unfortunate contractor issues, the City took over construction of the pickleball courts. Demolition was completed, the net posts were ordered, and the retaining wall and portion of the fence were installed. Paving, drainage, additional fence and court surfacing is planned to occur in the spring of 2023



## OKANOGAN STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN

- Prepared and distributed a Request for Qualifications for final engineering for the project. Answered questions from consultants. Evaluated the submittal and the City Council awarded the contract to the Berger Partnership. Negotiated the scope of work and fees with the consultants for the project. After making little progress over fees and discussing the project, discontinued working with the consultant and prepared the plans internally. Met with the water department to discuss the water connection, coordinated landscaping with park maintenance. Designed and ordered regulatory signs and purchased the street trees. The first phase of construction was completed. Phase two is planned for 2023.



## OTHER PARK AREAS

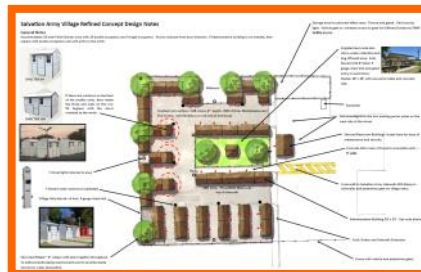
- Updated the Capital Facilities Plan.
- Reviewed and provided comment on the mitigation bank agreement draft for the Community Development Department and prepared additional programmatic materials. Met with Community Development, Finance, and City Attorney to discuss the code changes.
- Received a call from a Lions Club member wanting to construct a kitchen, restrooms and picnic shelter at Lions Locomotive Park so they can sell ice cream and concessions.
- Ordered a memorial bench for Chase Park. The manufacturer indicated that the bench won't be shipped until next summer.
- Updated park inventory information and provided it to the Finance and GIS Departments.
- Participated in Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program State Parks Project Evaluation Committee meetings and evaluated grant applications.
- Assisted Link with street tree selection for Columbia Station.





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- Provided expertise to a Chelan conservation group and City of Chelan hoping to acquire the Chelan Butte. Prepared a presentation for 2023.
- Assisted Public Works with dirt disposal from the drying bed project.
- Evaluated Request for Qualifications for the Parkside Renovation Project for the Facilities Division.
- Met with the Queens Court developers and the Community Development Department several times about their public benefit requirement.
- Assisted the PUD with pickleball court information.
- Provided advice to the City of Ferndale about park entry signs and revenue sources for parks.
- Provided expertise on disc golf course design to the City of Lacey.
- Met with Wenatchee School District personnel to discuss their desire for a partnership project to create a mountain bike skills park/trail/course. Reviewed potential sites with them.
- Received another informal request for the City to purchase part of the Wenatchee Racquet and Athletic Club property.
- Reached out to the PUD about their energy efficiency program and if it can be used to replace light poles and fixtures in the City parks.
- Reviewed and provided comment to the Land Trust on their draft Request For Qualifications for cultural resources work in the foothills. Reviewed and provided comment on their proposed contract.
- Met with the museum to discuss their renovation plan and potential impacts to Centennial Park.
- Provided Oak Harbor with splash pad expertise.
- Reviewed a draft Request For Qualifications for the Mayor's office for the low barrier shelter project. Assisted Community Development with the project.
- Assisted the City of Camas with policy concerning e-bikes and drones.
- Met with the Newberry PTA parents to assist them with logistics for their planned playground replacement project.
- Met with the Community Development Department to review the Red Hawk Heights subdivision. Prepared a comment letters. Participated in follow up meetings with a number of departments to discuss the subdivision and Castle Rock trailhead parking replacement.
- Continued working with the PUD and Chelan Douglas Land Trust on the Homewater Property permit. Received notification that FERC approved the request to authorize additional trails. This has been in process since 2017 and will finally transfer responsibility for trail management on the Preserve to the Land Trust.
- Negotiated a discount and ordered the security cameras as budgeted for Rotary and Lions Locomotive Parks as well as the cameras for the Kenzie's Landing trailhead. The discount allowed for cameras to be added to Pennsylvania and Washington Parks. Ordered the cameras and worked with the manufacturer on the fabrication. Coordinated installation.
- Met with Doug Merrill and the Community Development Department about his proposal to create a driving range, pitch and putt facility on school district property. Met with Community Development to review zoning and other issues. Scheduled and held follow up meetings.
- Assisted Link with promotion of their proposed bus stop for Saddle Rock. Met with Link and provided location and design details.
- Participated in the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan meetings. Reviewed and provided comment on the plan and provider and tribal surveys.
- Received notification that our 2021 Tree City USA application was successful. Prepared and submitted for consideration the 2022 Tree City USA application.
- Met with the Trust for Public Land to discuss Twin Peaks/Horse Lake Mountain and Kiwanis Methow Park.
- Worked with the Land Trust on wayfinding signs for foothills trails and annual work plans. Also assisted them with cultural resources assessments.
- Prepared and advertised a Request for Qualifications for electrical plan preparation for four park areas.



# RECREATION

The City of Wenatchee provides safe, quality leisure services in the most cost effective manner possible to the community. The **Recreation Division** is striving to provide a comprehensive offering of recreation opportunities for all ages and ability levels within its budgetary means. The following provides information about the programs offered during 2022.

## Summer Day Camp

The Summer Day Camp Program was open to 1st to 5th grade participants. It began in mid-June and ran through mid-August. The camp was held at the Assembly of God Church and included daily field trips.



## Indoor Playground

Indoor Playground is a popular program designed for toddlers and their parents to play and socialize in a warm place during the cold winter months. The program is typically held November through March, Monday through Thursday mornings from 10:00-12:00pm at City Hall. The program was modified to a reservation based program in the spring to allow for distancing and to minimize Covid exposures for staff and participants. It returned to normal operations in the Fall.

## Hiking and Nature Camp

The Hiking and Nature Camp was held during Spring Break. It was for 3rd through 5th grade participants. Participants traveled to various locations around the Wenatchee foothills for day hike experiences.



## Park Wading Pool Program

The park wading pool program is held at Washington, Kiwanis Methow and Pennsylvania Parks beginning at the end of June. It ran through mid-August. Security guards were added to the Kiwanis Methow Park pool to help address safety issues.

## Youth Basketball Program

The Youth Instructional Basketball program is a fun, introductory basketball program for children in third through fifth grades. The program is designed to teach and basketball skills and techniques. The program was held October through December in Wenatchee School District gymnasiums.



## Youth Tennis Lessons

Youth Tennis Lessons are designed for the novice player ages 7 and older. Lessons focused on tennis fundamentals including ground strokes, serve and volley-play. Lessons were held at Walla Walla Point Park over a two week period this Summer.

## Youth Track and Field

The Youth Track and Field Program was held at the Wenatchee High School Track from early May through early June. The program was open to 7-10 year old boys and girls. This was the 30th year of the program.





# RECREATION

## Adult, Drop-In Volleyball

The drop-in program was held on Wednesday evenings from 8:00-10:00pm at Foothills Middle School. The program was modified as needed to adhere to the latest Covid requirements.



## Women's Volleyball League

The Women's Volleyball League was approved for gym use by the School District. It was held at Foothills Middle School Tuesday nights from 8:00-10:15pm. The league ran from March through April. Per the school district policy, everyone except those actively playing were required to wear masks.

## Skyhawks Stem and Basketball Camp

This program combined STEM-based activities with sports instruction and a focus on life skills such as teamwork and sportsmanship. Participants got the opportunity to explore the science behind basketball with modules centered around technology, science and innovation including ball design, calculating distances and angles, velocity, acceleration and more. Participants also learned the fundamentals of basketball through drills and scrimmages. The camp was for ages 6-12.

## Skyhawks Outdoor Basketball Camp

This fun program was designed for beginning to intermediate athletes who wanted to improve their passing, shooting, dribbling and rebounding skills. Participants received a basketball and t-shirt. It was for ages 6-12.

## Skyhawks Flag Football Camp

The camp taught boys and girls skills on both sides of the line of scrimmage including the core components of passing, catching and defense—all in a fun and positive environment. It was for ages 6-12.



## Skyhawks Tiny-Hawk Camp

Designed for beginning players, this camp focused on dribbling, passing, shooting and ball control. By the end of the camp participants learned new life skills such as teamwork and sportsmanship, made new friends and improved their skills. The camp was for ages 3-4 and held at Rotary Park.

## Skyhawks Soccer Camp

The camp taught young athletes the fundamental skills of soccer through fun games and exercises. Participants tested their new expertise in skills and strategy through interactive group activities and scrimmages. It was open to boys and girls ages 6-12.

## Skyhawks Beginning Golf Camp

Boys and girls learned the fundamentals of swinging, putting and body positioning in this camp. Using the SNAG (Starting New At Golf) system, instruction was simplified so that young players can make an effective transition onto the golf course. All equipment was provided. The camp was for ages 5-11.



## Skyhawks Mini-Hawk Camp

The Mini-Hawk program helped young children explore soccer, baseball, and basketball in a day camp setting. There is no pressure, just lots of fun, while young athletes participated in all three sports through unique Skyhawks games. The week long camp was held at Rotary Park. It was for ages 4-7.

## Skyhawks Multi-Sport Camp

This multi-sport program was developed to give children ages 7 to 10 a positive first step into athletics. The essentials of baseball, flag football and soccer were taught in a safe, structured environment with lots of encouragement and a focus on fun. The camp was held at Pioneer Park.

## Skyhawks Outdoor Volleyball Camp

This program took the energy and excitement of this team sport and puts it together into one fun-filled camp. All aspects of the game were taught through drills and exercises that focus on passing, setting, hitting and serving. This co-ed program was designed for the beginner to intermediate player and incorporated essential life-lessons such as teamwork and sportsmanship. It was for ages 6 to 12.

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## Skyhawks Outdoor Basketball/Multi-Sport Camp

This camp taught the skills participants need to be a better athlete. Sport specific staff focused on respect, teamwork and responsibility. Each day started with a 'skill of the day', and progress into drills and games making for an unforgettable camp experience for young athletes. The camp was for ages 6-12.

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## Skyhawks Flag Football/Multi-Sport Camp

The camp taught skills on both sides of the line of scrimmage including the core components of passing, catching and defense—all in a fun and positive environment. The camp provided football specific programming in the mornings and concluded each day with a variety of other sports to introduce participants to other activities. For ages 6-12.

## Skyhawks Multi-Sport / Swim Camp (Baseball, Flag Football & Soccer)

This camp introduced athletes to a variety of sports in one setting. Athletes learned the rules and essentials of each sport through skill-based games and scrimmages along with life lessons such as respect, teamwork, and self-discipline. This camp also included swimming at the City Pool. For ages 6-12.

## Skyhawks Soccer/Swim Combo Camp

This camp focused on dribbling, passing, shooting, and ball control. By the end of the camp participants learned new life skills such as teamwork and sportsmanship, and improved their sport skills preparing them to play for the playground or league play! This camp also included swimming at the City Pool. For ages 6-12.

## Skyhawks Outdoor Volleyball/Swim Combo Camp

This co-ed program was designed for the beginner to intermediate player. It incorporated essential life-lessons such as teamwork and sportsmanship with drills that focus on passing, setting, hitting and serving. Athletes enhanced their skills through scrimmages aimed at developing the whole player. This camp also included swimming at the City Pool. For ages 6-12.

## Skyhawks Beginning Golf/Swim Combo Camp

This camp built the confidence of entry level players though teaching proper techniques. To assist in this, the camp utilized equipment designed for beginning golfers, including oversized plastic club heads and mini tennis balls. This camp also included swimming at the City Pool. It was for ages 5-11.

## Skyhawks Outdoor Basketball/Swim Combo Camp

This camp focused on respect, teamwork and responsibility. Campers started each day with a 'skill of the day', and progressed into drills and games making for an unforgettable camp experience. This camp also included swimming at the City Pool. For ages 6-12.



## Bundle Up Festival/Youth Sports and Activities Fair

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department partnered with the Wenatchee Downtown Association to celebrate winter recreation opportunities in the Wenatchee Valley by hosting The Bundle Up Fest at the Pybus Public Market. The event was held on January 29 and featured: vendors, petting zoo, and hay rides. The event was modified to reduce the potential for Covid exposures.

## Polar Plunge

The Polar Plunge was cancelled this year by Special Olympics as it was tied into the Washington State Special Olympics Winter Games.





# RECREATION



## Merry Maids Halloween Carnival

The event was designed to provide a safe, distanced way to celebrate Halloween. Participants came in costume trick or treated at a number of decorated booths outside of the Convention Center. It was held from 3:00-6:00pm on October 31st.

## Fall Into Fitness

The Fall Into Fitness Program is a walking program for persons with developmental disabilities. It is held twice a week in the afternoons along the Apple Capital Trail from September through Mid October.

## Washington State Special Olympics Winter Games

Due to Covid issues and concern for participant safety, the Washington State Special Olympics Winter Games were cancelled by the State. Completed follow up with volunteers, facilities and funding agencies.

## Special Olympic Sports

Special Olympics was founded on the belief that all individuals with cognitive disabilities can benefit from athletic activities. The City coordinates several Special Olympic sport programs for local athletes. These sports include: Soccer, cycling, swimming, track and field, golf, cheerleading, basketball, bowling, alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, speed skating, figure skating, snowboarding, and softball. Swimmer Grace VanWell was selected and competed at the Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando. She won the gold medal in the 50 meter Butterfly. Created and hosted a Special Olympics, Eastern Washington Cycling Invitational event.



## Spring Into Fitness

The Spring Into Fitness Program is a twice a week, walking fitness activity. The program was held on Tuesday and Thursday late afternoon along the Apple Capital Recreation Loop Trail from April through May.

## Special Needs Social Program

The award winning, Special Needs Social Program is supported through a grant from the **Chelan Douglas Developmental Disabilities Program**. The program provides a recreational opportunities for individuals to build relationships and participate in community events. Activities occur approximately twice each month at locations around the Wenatchee Valley. Programs offered this quarter were modified to adhere to Covid guidelines for the health and safety of staff and participants. Activities included: Applesox game; Bingo Nights; trip to the Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Festival Parade; Apple Blossom Food Fair Trip; Easter Egg Hunt; Gateway Cinemas Trip; Spring Dance; Sweetheart Dance (drive through event); Movie Night (Drive through event); take home arts and craft kits; St. Patrick's Day event; Halloween dance, Thanksgiving Potluck and Christmas with Santa.



## Additional Divisional Activity

- Interviewed, selected and trained temporary recreation leaders.
- Participated in State Special Olympics meetings.
- Appeared on Mike Magnotti's show on NCWLife to discuss programs.
- Met with Outdoors for All about a potential partnership project.



# RECREATION



- \$6,000 was raised for Special Olympics from the 50/50 raffle at the Wenatchee Super Oval.
- Registered participants for Spring and Summer Programs.
- Updated the Summer Day Camp Parents Guide.
- Updated all Special Olympic athletes medical documentation.
- Participated in a Youth Fair at Rocky Reach Dam.
- Presented a \$8,500 grant request to the Chelan Douglas Developmental Disabilities Board for the Special Needs Social Program. The grant request was successful.
- Implemented the Covid response plan due to positive Covid cases among participants and staff. Prepared notification letters, called all participants and sanitized equipment, facility and vehicles. Adjusted staff schedules. Modified program plans for the remainder of summer to help mitigate future exposures.
- Attended the Lions Club meeting and provided a recreation program update.
- Prepared and distributed the Summer Activity Guide and individual program flyers.



- Modified programs to respond to extreme heat, lightning, unhealthy air quality, park security, staffing shortages and Covid issues.
- Cleaned and stored supplies from programs.
- Met with Pinnacles Prep to discuss after school program possibilities.
- Met with Mission Ridge and Special Olympics to discuss the Winter Games.
- Working with Town Toyota to coordinate skating lessons next Summer.
- Applied for Lodging Tax Advisory Committee funds for the Special Olympics Winter Games.





# RECREATION PARTICIPATION

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>ATHLETICS</b>										
Hershey Track and Field/USA Track/Rec Track	88	102	123	0	101	129	120	0	103	63
Youth Tennis Lessons	32	40	33	23	19	9	12	0	24	33
Youth Recreation Basketball League	115	106	108	126	134	128	122	0	0	63
Skyhawks Sports Camps	137	146	219	294	211	166	217	0	309	502
Women's Volleyball	75	76	80	73	81	87	79	75	0	67
Drop in Volleyball	0	0	0	0	0	287	453	191	65	161
<b>AQUATICS</b>										
Swimming Lessons	883	881	767	720	775	796	970	0	615	656
<b>OUTDOOR PROGRAMS</b>										
Guided Nature Hikes	0	42	412	219	105	32	0	0	0	0
Hiking and Nature Camp	0	0	0	38	9	11	12	0	11	15
Wading Pool Program	0	4,684	4,783	4,228	3,065	2,325	4,021	0	945	1,480
Row and Paddle Camp	0	16	17	17	11	13	0	0	0	0
Snow Shoe Hikes For Families	70	0	0	32	36	37	55	40	0	0
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>										
Halloween Carnival	2,500	2,500	5,000	5,000	4,600	4,600	4,600	1,280	2,200	2,500
Winter Flake Festival/Bundle Up Fest	1,100	1,120	1,200	900	800	1,889	2,200	1,800	0	2,000
Special Olympics Winter Games	4,671	5,098	3,841	3,897	4,198	4,500	3,900	0	0	0
Movies in the Park	600	900	800	500	0	1,050	1,200	584	579	450
Friday Night Concerts	2,622	1,350	2,125	1,750	1,050	1,147	1,350	0	1,030	890
Independence Day Celebration	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS</b>										
Special Needs Social Program	1,257	1,229	1,281	1,552	626	530	452	408	434	485
Polar Plunge	62	76	62	57	31	74	60	70	4	0
Special Olympics Sports	229	251	262	231	226	185	208	90	86	158
Fall/Spring Into Fitness	18	18	9	6	0	5	7	0	22	7
Artful Endeavors	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0
<b>YOUTH RECREATION</b>										
Spring Break Camp	0	0	0	0	0	18	18	0	11	0
Summer Day Camp	437	443	504	464	482	455	456	50	242	115
Indoor Playground	112	238	186	746	650	432	1,266	695	86	131
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>22,641</b>	<b>19,316</b>	<b>21,812</b>	<b>20,873</b>	<b>17,227</b>	<b>18,638</b>	<b>21,656</b>	<b>5,283</b>	<b>6,766</b>	<b>9,776</b>

2020-22 attendance was impacted by Covid capacity restrictions and cancellations. One session of swimming lessons was cancelled in 2022 due to pool mechanical issues.