

2023 Annual Report



**City of Wenatchee
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department**

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INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to present the 2023 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

Lyle Markhart, Ryan Harmon, Kasey Koski, Nick Rohrbach, Sean Koester, Darci Mattioda, Megan Kassebaum

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	Chris Gooch	Park Maintenance
Josiah Graham	Park Maintenance	Josh Holcomb	Park Maintenance
Tim Herdt	Park Maintenance Lead	Ricky Lange	Park Maintenance
Eric Janzen	Park Maintenance	Tom Lewis	Cemetery
Sydney McElroy	Recreation Coordinator	Jeff Pulver	Cemetery Lead
Rob Richards	Park Maintenance Supervisor	Nathan Schwikendorf	Park Maintenance



*Recreation Leaders
Owen, Sam and Shannon*

Temporary Staff

AQUATICS

Norah Bauman	Issabella Black
Leif Broxon	Jaelynn Burns
Trenton Calloway	Lola Dietzman
Ian Eifert	Margaret Eifert
Aiden Gribbsby	Anna Hirsch
Payton Kelly	Olivia Knott
Violet Madson	Max Meadows
Teague Monahan	Elora Neer
Aurelia Ribellia	Helen Schumaker
Lindsay Sutton	Jenna Thrapp
Vivian Trefry	Emma Wendorf
Logan Wolverton	

MAINTENANCE

Aiden Cockrum
Bryan Contreras
Soren Haynes
Spencer Heimbigner
Carsen Paine
Justin Rasmussen
Connor Sherman
Max Webb

STUDENT INTERN

Cameron Wheeler

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Bridgette Barker
Emily Hensley

RECREATION

Chloe Andrewjeski	Stacy Apolinar
Loren Baltrusch	Lauren Black
Austin Bromley	Logan Busch
Areanna Carreon	Daeja Carlson
Maite Carrera	Megan Creek
Jadyn DeJean	Samantha DeLay
Owen Floyd	Ava Gallie
Jasmin Jahr	Monica Miller
Bethany Morgan	Kai Pefferman
Tyler Reams	Shannon Salter
Madi Sterling	Jenna Thrapp
Andrew VanderSchalie	Nathan Wallace
Everett White	Logan Wolverton
Cooper Young	

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 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 functional areas.

HIGHLIGHTS

The following are some of the highlights from 2023:

- Participated in a variety of ongoing, in person and remote meetings including: department directors, administrative assistant and staff meetings; Statewide and North Central Washington aquatics and parks and recreation administrative meetings; Washington State Special Olympics; Elements Workgroup; City Safety Committee; Wenatchee Valley Sports Foundation; Riverfront Park Technical Design Committee; TREAD; City Council; Planning Commission, 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.
- 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.
- The Arbor Day proclamation was read by the City Council.
- Worked with Wenatchee Valley College on a Biology class field experience to be held on several city owned foothills properties.
- Recruited, selected and trained seasonal staff.
- Assisted with public records requests.
- Prepared a park inventory and replacement cost spreadsheet for the Finance Department and Insurance.
- Received a phone call from a person wanting to bring their Hedgehog to Lincoln Park.
- Assisted the City of Everett as they would like to utilize our vandalism reduction program as a model for their City.
- Received a compliment about the Special Event Permit Planning Guide from Confluence Health who coordinated an employee event.
- Met with the Fleets Division to discuss the vehicle replacement schedule for 2022 and 2023.
- Provided a tour of park facilities and additional documentation for the Washington Cities Insurance Authority assessor.
- Reviewed electric park maintenance equipment to get ahead of potential future bans on gas powered equipment that is starting to occur in other areas of the Country.
- Assisted PRIDE with event logistics for their 2023 event.
- Recreation staff traveled to Spokane for the Washington Recreation and Park Association annual conference.
- Met with Together for A Drug Free Youth to discuss a potential partnership project and grant support which if successful, would provide funding for our temporary staff.
- Exploring a potential partnership with the Growing to Give organization.
- Summer recreation staff completed first aid, CPR, defensive driving, bloodborne pathogen and programmatic training.
- Attended new accounting system meetings.
- Assisted the City of Poulsbo with facility use agreement expertise.
- Prepared annual employee evaluations.

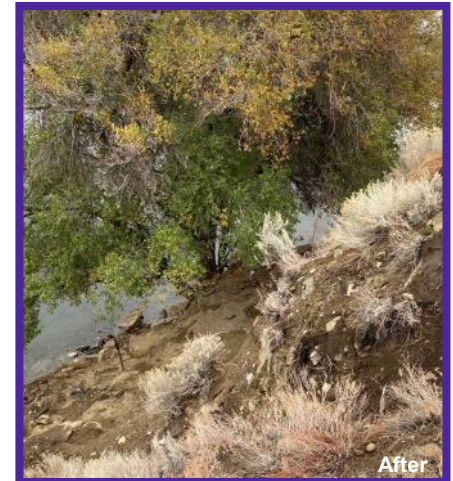


ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- Met with the Broadview Neighborhood representatives to listen and help resolve their concerns.
- Provided a copy of our program pricing plan to Pen Met Parks to use as a model for their organization.
- Provided expertise to the City of Everett on automatic gates.
- The City Council confirmed the re-appointment of Megan Kassebaum as the student member and re-appointed Kasey Koski and Darci Mattioda to the Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission.
- Finalized the lease agreement for a replacement copier.
- Participated in a Washington Cities Insurance Authority orientation meeting.
- Assisted the WSD coordinate the Shrub Steppe Saddle Rock Program.
- Met with Jim Snyder to discuss a variety of projects. Completed follow up.
- Prepared the annual Consumer Price Index memo for Pinnacles Prep.
- Completed Advanced Defensive Driving Techniques training.
- Assisting Triple Crown with baseball tournament logistics.
- Tracked down the author of ongoing, anonymous complaint letters.
- Designed and ordered memorial bench plaques.
- Ordered replacement trash receptacles.
- Worked to resolve personnel issues.
- Prepared the annual fee adjustment memo for Parque Padrinos. Assisted them with coordinating their special events and programs.
- Assisted the Arbor Day Committee with meeting logistics.
- Responded to a person who was looking for an original window from the old St. Joes Church.
- Hosted a meeting with potential concession vendors to explain the application process, answer questions and assist them to get established.
- Prepared and provided information to Jerri Barkley about Saddle Rock and the trail revitalization project.
- Attended Civilian Response to Active Threat Trainings.
- Modified staffing due to Covid exposures.
- Reviewed and provided comment on proposed State Recreation Conservation Office Conversion Policy changes.
- Met with stakeholders to discuss the sports marketing position.
- Reviewed and provided comment on the Business Continuity Plan.
- The internal posting for the replacement Park Maintenance Worker positions closed. Josh Holcomb was the only internal candidate and filled one vacant position. An external recruitment was conducted and Joe Graham was selected to fill the vacancy.
- Hosted a Pinnacles Prep student intern.
- Assisted Finance with asset management information.
- Met with Pride Fest organizers to assist with 2023 event logistics.
- Assisted the IS Department troubleshoot the Council Chamber AV system.
- Prepared agenda materials, minutes and provided staff support for Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission meetings.
- The City Council read the Parks and Recreation Month proclamation.
- Met with the State auditors, reprieved and provided them with requested information.

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- Requested price quotes from security companies to provide security personnel at the parks during the Wading Pool Program hours due to ongoing safety concerns/issues. Secured the service and they provided the service through mid August.
- Met with the Finance Director, IT Director and the Fleets Manager to discuss the 2024 budget. Prepared and submitted the 2024 department budget request. Conducted staff budget meetings.
- Continued assisting the City of Poulsbo with splash pad expertise.
- Ordered a schedule sign for the Lincoln stage to reduce user conflicts.
- Participated in a AFSCME union contract negotiation meetings.
- Assisted the City of Ephrata with fee structure guidelines.
- Received training on Microsoft software updates.
- Continued working with event coordinators for the Cherry Festival at Kiwanis Methow Park to ensure they had the required permit documentation.
- Continued working with the Washington State Department of Transportation to finalize the agreement for Sellar Bridge maintenance. The City Council authorized the Mayor to sign the \$200,000 maintenance grant agreement.
- Met with the Wenatchee Downtown Association to discuss downtown landscaping and provide background on a number of issues.
- Attended a GoRequest training.
- Participated in sports tourism meetings with the Chamber of Commerce.
- Participated in P'Squosa River Connections Committee meetings.
- Attended WCIA parks risk management/liability forum.
- Assisted Chelan County Sheriff Department with an investigation.
- Assisted the Wenatchee School District with planning of their second grade field experience event.
- Discussed issues along the river with State Parks, WSDOT and PUD in an effort to open communications for a consolidated approach for a response. Arranged and conducted a boat tour of the shoreline with Douglas County Solid Waste. Followed up with the Community Development Department, Washington State Department of Transportation, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, human service providers and PUD. Met with Community Development, Finance Department, Attorney and Police to discuss the riverfront and cleanup activity. Reached out to hazardous waste response companies for price quotes for cleanup and coordinated the cleanup. Debris ranged from a sleeper sofa, several queen size and other mattresses, sex toys, broken television sets and other former electronic devices, tables and chairs, bike parts, fencing, soiled clothes, human waste and building materials. 2,240 pounds of metal was recycled and 15,000 pounds of trash was disposed of. Exploring ways to help limit the amount of source material that is available.



- The Director was appointed to the State Evergreen Communities Recognition Steering Committee. Participated in meetings.
- Continued working with attorneys on potential litigation.
- Reviewed CDC and other standard operating procedures to develop a procedure for potential exposures to fentanyl as staff comes in contact with that and other drugs.

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- Prepared an Instagram policy and procedure and forwarded the draft to the City Attorney for review.
- Assisted several organizations with event planning for 2024.
- Prepared a presentation for the employee breakfast.
- Assisted East Wenatchee Police Department with security camera information.
- Participated in a Washington Recreation and Park Association meeting to set the program for the 2024 annual conference.
- Assisting the City of East Wenatchee with 2024 Misawa planning.
- Assisted Public Works coordinate the south yard encampment response. The crew removed, 2,000 pounds of scrap metal, 6,860 pounds of trash
- Assisted the City of Ephrata with differential fee policies and procedures.
- Assisted the City of Olympia with Park Naming policies and procedures.
- Relocated offices from City Hall to the Public Services Center.
- Assisting a person wishing to coordinate a trail run event in 2024 and CVCH that is working on a sled give away event.



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 the year. It does not include reserved uses for City sponsored recreation programs and events such as Skyhawks Sports Camps and the Summer Concert Series or uses on a first come—first served basis.

PICNIC SHELTER OR STAGE RESERVED USES

PARK AREA	USES	ATTENDANCE
Centennial Park Stage	5	530
Kiwanis Methow Park Kiosko	8	345
Hale Park Shelter	0	0
Lincoln Park Stage	24	1,970
Lincoln Park Large Shelter	49	2,240
Lincoln Park Small Shelter	17	364
Pennsylvania Park Shelter	4	48
Saddle Rock Gateway	9	430
Pioneer Park Fireplace Area	4	340
Rotary Park South Shelter	23	805
Rotary Park North Shelter	120	5,486
Washington Park Shelter	62	2,670
TOTALS	325	15,228

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, 3 days)
- Confluence Health Event (Kiwanis Methow Park, 1 Day)
- Pride Fest (Memorial Park, 1 Day)
- Shrub Steppe Saddle Rock Program (Saddle Rock, 5 days)
- National Night Out (Washington, Rotary Parks—1 day)
- Cherry Festival (Kiwanis Methow Park—1 day)
- Girls on the Run (Rotary Park, 24 days)
- Dia De Los Muertos (Kiwanis Methow Park, 1 day)
- Second Grade Field Experience (Saddle Rock, 5 days)

Photos at left: (clockwise starting at upper left: Pride Fest, Starlight Swim Meet, Apple Blossom Festival, Shrub Steppe Saddle Rock Program.)

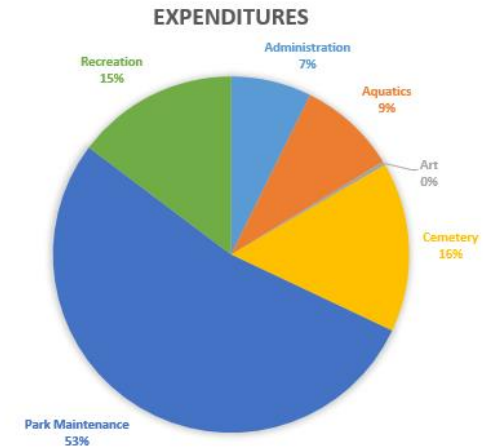
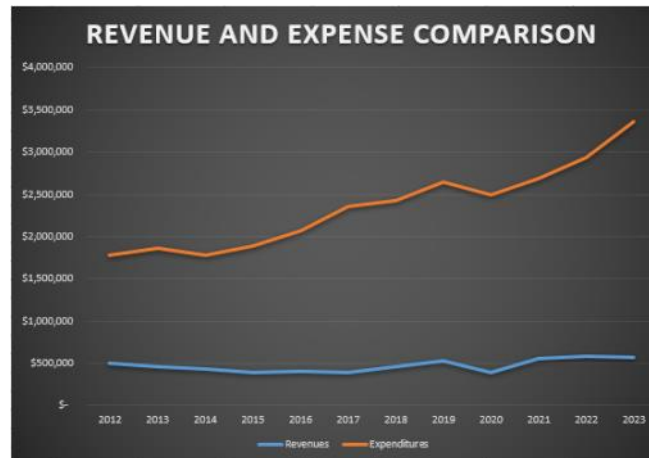
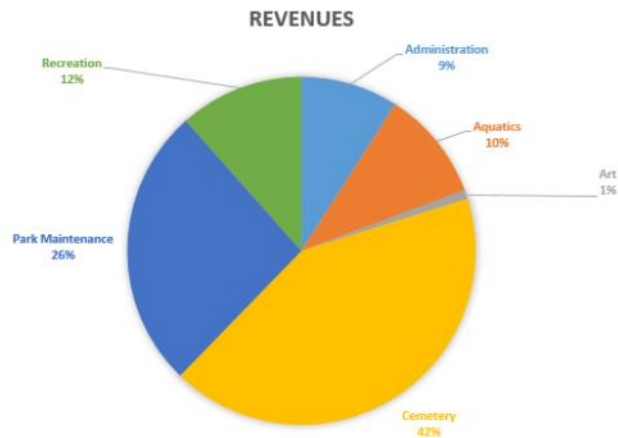
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE COMPARISON

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

REVENUES												
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Art Fund Contributions - 1%	\$ 20,447	\$ 16,422	\$ 19,736	\$ 9,944	\$ 202	\$ 6,067	\$ 1,262	\$ 1,099	\$ 2,545	\$ 1,466	\$ 3,586	\$ 4,619
Cemetery Service Fees	\$ 65,875	\$ 64,632	\$ 78,195	\$ 68,665	\$ 56,887	\$ 54,954	\$ 71,554	\$ 76,001	\$ 68,676	\$ 80,110	\$ 76,663	\$ 71,647
Grave, Crypt and Niche Sales	\$ 71,535	\$ 77,097	\$ 104,960	\$ 82,133	\$ 87,853	\$ 66,157	\$ 66,638	\$ 77,806	\$ 86,711	\$ 151,213	\$ 118,880	\$ 113,837
Liners, Markers and Vase Sales	\$ 50,758	\$ 46,407	\$ 48,211	\$ 48,807	\$ 40,387	\$ 34,875	\$ 44,188	\$ 38,477	\$ 28,821	\$ 46,382	\$ 50,746	\$ 39,927
Miscellaneous Parks and Recreation Fees	\$ 174	\$ 577	\$ 392	\$ 1,061	\$ 853	\$ 1,018	\$ 596	\$ 5,376	\$ 1,300	\$ 4,110	\$ 39,613	\$ 32,200
Other Cemetery Revenues	\$ (2,213)	\$ 623	\$ 566	\$ 716	\$ 1,615	\$ 1,210	\$ 824	\$ 2,230	\$ 13,352	\$ 1,131	\$ 3,133	\$ 13,880
Park Maintenance Charges	\$ 94,401	\$ 77,049	\$ 76,611	\$ 78,573	\$ 101,703	\$ 111,040	\$ 161,483	\$ 124,899	\$ 160,778	\$ 151,128	\$ 119,055	\$ 148,797
Picnic Shelter Rentals	\$ 7,841	\$ 10,400	\$ 11,064	\$ 9,239	\$ 8,954	\$ 10,454	\$ 12,896	\$ 15,497	\$ (146)	\$ 15,425	\$ 15,450	\$ 17,906
Pool Admissions	\$ 18,194	\$ 15,621	\$ 16,272	\$ 16,548	\$ 17,588	\$ 16,822	\$ 17,182	\$ 20,610	\$ (137)	\$ 9,824	\$ 16,239	\$ 18,150
Pool Rentals	\$ 8,465	\$ 12,603	\$ 13,928	\$ 13,484	\$ 14,414	\$ 15,370	\$ 14,192	\$ 15,064	\$ -	\$ 9,694	\$ 14,728	\$ 15,474
Recreation Programs Fees	\$ 40,816	\$ 37,512	\$ 38,229	\$ 39,428	\$ 45,358	\$ 55,027	\$ 48,770	\$ 55,440	\$ 4,190	\$ 45,665	\$ 57,735	\$ 65,595
Special Event Permits	\$ 1,620	\$ 1,365	\$ 920	\$ 1,308	\$ 1,400	\$ 738	\$ 1,429	\$ 2,740	\$ (590)	\$ 290	\$ 1,140	\$ 1,340
Swimming Lessons	\$ 18,255	\$ 24,059	\$ 23,897	\$ 23,670	\$ 21,343	\$ 19,715	\$ 19,555	\$ 29,152	\$ -	\$ 19,559	\$ 20,368	\$ 24,826
TOTAL	\$ 396,168	\$ 384,367	\$ 432,981	\$ 393,576	\$ 398,557	\$ 393,447	\$ 460,569	\$ 464,391	\$ 365,500	\$ 535,997	\$ 537,336	\$ 568,198

EXPENDITURES												
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Administration	\$ 277,303	\$ 270,101	\$ 270,668	\$ 300,253	\$ 360,542	\$ 277,797	\$ 314,429	\$ 404,021	\$ 378,647	\$ 370,008	\$ 395,678	\$ 246,392
Aquatics	\$ 132,281	\$ 129,960	\$ 147,259	\$ 125,832	\$ 138,152	\$ 158,819	\$ 165,034	\$ 207,635	\$ 91,738	\$ 224,958	\$ 278,855	\$ 300,538
Art	\$ 26,997	\$ 24,714	\$ 24,594	\$ 13,355	\$ 8,765	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 4,870	\$ 1,268	\$ 1,545	\$ 3,437	\$ 11,385
Cemetery	\$ 275,011	\$ 279,497	\$ 286,384	\$ 278,841	\$ 289,319	\$ 399,580	\$ 336,321	\$ 361,859	\$ 390,745	\$ 369,460	\$ 393,511	\$ 518,604
Park Maintenance	\$ 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	\$ 1,791,217
Recreation	\$ 118,734	\$ 121,452	\$ 122,180	\$ 156,824	\$ 193,361	\$ 312,692	\$ 328,510	\$ 308,900	\$ 234,303	\$ 355,909	\$ 381,959	\$ 495,351
TOTAL	\$ 1,633,523	\$ 1,716,496	\$ 1,745,712	\$ 1,867,055	\$ 2,035,664	\$ 2,307,388	\$ 2,391,206	\$ 2,538,200	\$ 2,362,659	\$ 2,657,336	\$ 2,911,226	\$ 3,363,487



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2023 BUDGET COMPARISON

The tables below are comparisons of department revenues and expenditures for 2023 compared to the original budget amounts. Overall, revenues finished the year above what was budgeted and expenses were below what was budgeted.

Revenues

REVENUE SOURCE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Art Fund Contributions - 1%	\$ 32,000	\$ 4,619	\$ (27,381)
Cemetery Service Fees	\$ 60,000	\$ 71,647	\$ 11,647
Grave, Crypt and Niche Sales	\$ 85,000	\$ 113,837	\$ 28,837
Liners, Markers and Vase Sales	\$ 35,000	\$ 39,927	\$ 4,927
Miscellaneous Parks and Recreation Fees	\$ 26,800	\$ 32,200	\$ 5,400
Other Cemetery Revenues	\$ 2,600	\$ 13,880	\$ 11,280
Park Maintenance Charges	\$ 100,000	\$ 148,797	\$ 48,797
Picnic Shelter Rentals	\$ 14,000	\$ 17,906	\$ 3,906
Pool Admissions	\$ 15,000	\$ 18,150	\$ 3,150
Pool Rentals	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,474	\$ 5,474
Recreation Programs Fees	\$ 52,500	\$ 65,595	\$ 13,095
Special Event Permits	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,340	\$ 340
Swimming Lessons	\$ 19,000	\$ 24,826	\$ 5,826
TOTAL	\$ 452,900	\$ 568,198	\$ 115,298

Expenses

DIVISION	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Administration	\$ 392,270	\$ 246,392	\$ (145,878)
Aquatics	\$ 357,500	\$ 300,538	\$ (56,962)
Art	\$ 34,000	\$ 11,385	\$ (22,615)
Cemetery	\$ 556,820	\$ 518,604	\$ (38,216)
Park Maintenance	\$ 1,843,760	\$ 1,791,217	\$ (52,543)
Recreation	\$ 549,130	\$ 495,351	\$ (53,779)
TOTAL	\$ 3,733,480	\$ 3,363,487	\$ (369,993)

BUDGET NOTES

- Aquatic revenues were strong despite the pool closing two weeks early to accommodate the pool construction project.
- Cemetery revenues are beginning to decline following the spike during Covid. It is anticipated that revenues will continue to fall unless additional capacity is obtained.
- Recreation program fees continue to return to normal levels following Covid participation reductions.
- Continued escalation of vandalism and transient activity in the parks resulted in increased repair and response costs. To remain within the adopted budget, reductions in other areas of operations were implemented. More information on park vandalism and incidents is contained on pages 22-28.



Tagging at Kiwanis Methow Park

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.

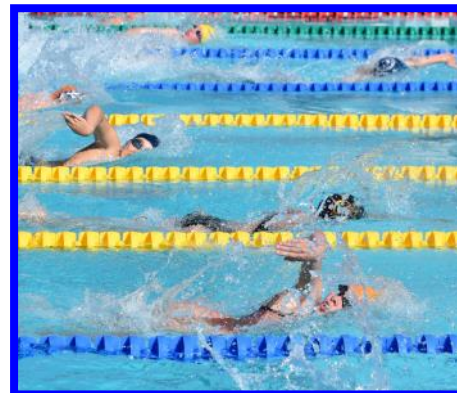
HIGHLIGHTS

The following are some of the highlights from 2023:

- At a City Council meeting, Velocity swimming presented the City with pool rescue and safety equipment valued at over \$2000.
- Seasonal draining, cleaning and other preparations were completed.
- Moved the Recreation Coordinator work station to the pool for the season.
- Staffed a drowning prevention booth at the Apple Blossom Youth Day.
- Received a write-up in the WHS bulletin about our partnership project with the school district.
- The pool was filled and opened for swim team and rental use on May 22 and the regular season on June 17.
- Recruited, interviewed, selected, trained and supervised summer staff.
- Together for a Drug Free Youth purchased 100, ten visit passes to donate.
- Met with Velocity to discuss the 2023 season.
- Prepared the annual Consumer Price Index memo for Velocity.



- The pool hosted the Apple Capital Swim Meet. Over 950 swimmers from across the Pacific Northwest participated.



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- Updated the pool procedure manual.
- The pool hosted the Starlight Swim Meet. Received an email from Velocity:

“The Pool Staff was fantastic to work with! Ian did a great job working through a lightening delay and assisting to tents and other item from blowing away. Oliva was great too and offering to help and assist.

We have had 2 wonderful meets and your crew/staff is an asset and an essential part of this success.

We cannot wait for next year!!!!”



- Provided comment on the SEPA for the pool boiler project.
- Led the statewide aquatics chapter of the Washington Recreation and Park Association.
- Co-taught a lifeguard training class at Eastmont as a staff recruitment strategy.
- Worked with a group to potentially bring a Water Polo Tournament to Wenatchee.
- Participated in North Central Washington and State aquatics meetings.
- Prepared annual billings for user groups.
- Working with Numerica Credit Union on a potential sponsorship where they will pay for everyone's admission to the pool on Fridays in 2024.

- 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 in 2020 due to Covid requirements. The pool closed for two weeks in 2022 due to mechanical issue and two weeks early in 2023 to accommodate construction.

Pool Use Statistics

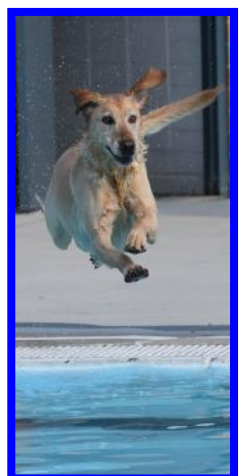
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Recreation Swim	6,696	7,435	3,936	-	6,450	6,120	6,109
Lap Swim	806	1,016	1,317	-	1,624	1,167	1,307
Lessons	848*	656	615	-	970	796	775
TOTALS	8,350	9,107	5,868	-	9,044	8,083	8,191

* 46% City of Wenatchee residents, 54% non-City residents.



- Adjusted operations due to lightning.
- Participated in the State Technical Advisory Committee meeting to update the Washington Administrative Code regarding aquatic facilities.
- Discussed an emerging operational issue with the City Attorney.
- The pool season concluded with the Doggie Paddle Swim. A record 78 dogs attended.
- The pool season concluded for the year. Winterized the portions of the facility not impacted by construction.

AQUATICS



AQUATICS: POOL PLUMBING AND LINER PROJECT

This project replaces the under pool circulation system, plaster and tiles.

- Reviewed the construction submittals and finalized the logistics plan.
- Reached out to the Department of Commerce to ensure that the grant funding through their agency was re-appropriated for the current biennium. Prepared a grant progress report and billing.
- Coordinated and held project preconstruction meetings and bi-weekly construction progress meetings. Continued following up with the State Department of Health on the status of the permit. The application was submitted on May 10, 2022 and the permit was received on January 24, 2023. Followed up with project contractors. The contractor mobilized on site and construction commenced, demolition was completed, the pipe arrived and was installed. Some cracks in the existing pipe were discovered when it was unearthed.
- Prepared and submitted Recreation Conservation Office grant progress reports, billings and a scope change request for the project.
- The City Council approved awarding bid alternate item two. Met with contractors and coordinated the work.



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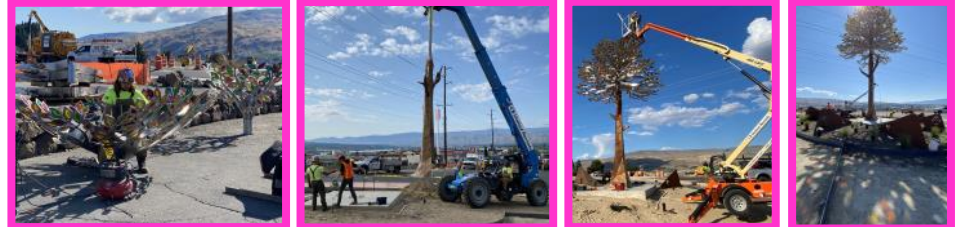
The City of Wenatchee provides arts and cultural facilities, programs and services in an effort to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors. The **Arts and Culture Division** strives to promote and encourage public programs to further the development and public awareness and interest in 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 2023:

HIGHWAY 2 ROUNDABOUT ART

- The City Council approved the maintenance agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for the project. Completed follow up work.
- The City Council approved the interlocal agreement with the Chelan PUD for the project. Completed follow up work.
- Worked with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) project engineers, Chelan County PUD and the artist and city staff on multiple aspects of the project including: utility engineering, the required Public Art Plan, construction coordination, utility permit applications, maintenance agreements and turbine fin images. The art plan was approved by WSDOT. Participated in multiple follow up meetings. The foundation was installed, art fabricated and art and landscaping installed.
- Secured contracted maintenance for the landscaping.

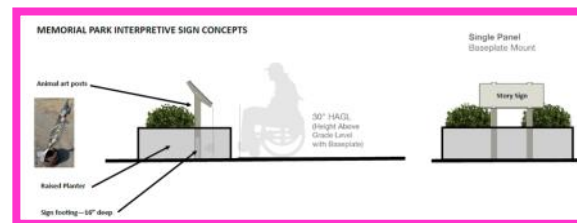
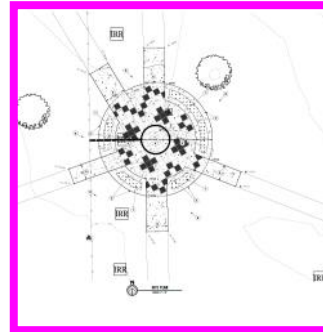


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MEMORIAL PARK P'SQUOSA PLAZA PROJECT

- Reached out to the prospective artists identified for the project. All of the artists expressed their interest in participating. Staff and the artists discussed the specific project element scopes. Draft art agreements were prepared by staff and provided to the City Attorney for review. One of the selected artists had to drop out due to scheduling commitments and so a second round of reviews was completed to identify potential artists. The art agreements were reviewed by the City Finance Committee review. Met with the Finance Director to discuss project budget. Finalized artist agreements with Kevin Pettelle, Swede Albert and Jud Turner. The City Council approved the agreements. Completed follow up work with the artists.
- Spoke with the Leavenworth Museum and Wendell George regarding the wording for the Tribal background signs.
- Provided monthly project updates to the Wenatchi Tribe Advisory Group.
- Participated in the Public Services Committee meeting to provide an project update and receive feedback.
- Met with Wenatchi Tribe Area Advisor, John Sirios to discuss the project. He was very excited about the concept that was presented
- Located basket images created by Bernadine Phillips as inspiration for the paving pattern in the plaza.
- City staff met on site with electric engineers to review the required utility relocation.
- Prepared and distributed a press release for a material donation event, conducted the event and continued working with Jud Turner on the sculpture and other details. His sculpture of Chief John Harmelt's horse Quilmiakin is finished and work is underway on Chief Harmelt.
- Received approval and finalized the engineering contract for the plaza portion of the project. Met with engineers to refine scope. Survey work was completed. Reviewed and finalized documents and the project was out to bid. The bid package was sent to 591 contractors on the small works roster. Prepared and issued Addendum #1. The bid deadline passed for the with no bids submitted. The project is set to rebid in 2024.
- Coordinating interpretive sign base details with Swede Albert. Once the sign wording is approved fabrication of the bases will commence.

- Prepared a Colville Tribe Research Permit application and the draft interpretive signs for Tribal review. Working with the Colville Language Department on specific wording.
- Recruited tribal models for one of the sculptures and worked with Kevin Pettelle to confirm the design process, sculpture goals, timeline and philosophy. Coordinated the modeling for the bronze sculptures and initial modeling and scanning of the models for the mother-daughter sculptures was completed.
- October 13, 2025 has been targeted for a dedication ceremony and celebration.



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OTHER ITEMS

- The City Council accepted the donation of the sculptures: Ironworks, Sphere Pilot House, Slab Gate and Rozanne's Tango. Completed follow up work with the donors. Coordinated the retrieval of the sculptures from Walla Walla. Ironworks was installed at Hale Park.



- Met with Adele Wolford to discuss a number of art items.
- Repaired the clock in Centennial Park.
- Worked with Terry Valdez to coordinate the drop in Art Cart Program that was tied into the park wading pool program.



- Provided additional information and follow up for the PUD on the Riverfront Park project art removal and placement.
- Assisted Public Works to try to resolve issues with the Reflections sculpture.
- Ordered the movie rights and coordinated the Movies in the Park. They were held in Lincoln Park on September 9 and 16.



- Prepared the pedestal and relocated the Preening sculpture to City Hall.
- Updated the city website and created new page for By Line Time and the Hosey sculptures. Prepared plaque proofs, QR codes and ordered plaques.



- Prepared art relocation plans for the Convention Center ahead of the construction project. Excluding the fountain, there are twelve sculptures at the Center.
- Restocked art walk brochures and prepared an interim art walk brochure.

- Cleaned and polished the sculpture collection.
- Exploring repair options for the Kiwanis Methow Park fence art.
- Worked with Rufus Woods on a potential short term art installation.



- Met with Adele Wolford to discuss a number of items including the potential donation of a sculpture from the Beauty of Bronze called Rozanne's Tango. The City Council accepted the donation and it was installed at the Convention Center.



- Relocated Heifer Head from Memorial Park to the pedestal at 240 North Wenatchee Avenue and Life's a Ball from the Convention Center to Memorial Park.
- Assisted the Chelan County PUD with art donation policies and procedures and art relocation expertise.
- Assisted the cities of Chelan and Ellensburg with potential art donations.
- Prepared the draft call to artists for the Pioneer Park Mural Project.

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- The Summer Concert Series was held from July 7 through August 4 in Lincoln Park.



- Coordinated details of a Make a Difference Day art cleaning project. 70 volunteers cleaned 59 sculptures.
- The Tardeadas Program was held in Lincoln Park July through September.



- Continued preparing a art collection maintenance manual.

- Prepared and distributed quarterly art newsletters.

- The park maintenance crew poured the pedestal base and installed the Sphere Pilot House sculpture in Chase Park.



- Foothills Magazine published an article on the Highway 2 Easy Street Roundabout. Provided them with additional information.



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 2023:

- Sold grave plots, niches and coordinated services. There were 118 services at the Cemetery this year. In some cases, Staff had to jackhammer the sod out to prepare gravesites.
- Initialized the irrigation system for the season, repaired brakes, battled ongoing hydraulic issues, and winterized the system at the end of the season.
- Pulled knapweed and burned goatheads from the hillside.
- Poured concrete and installed temporary markers.
- Set headstones.
- Began mowing for the season.
- Applied herbicide.
- Placed flags for Memorial Day and removed flags and decorations following the service.
- Pruned trees and shrubs, removed hazardous trees and planted eight trees.
- Assisted the City of Yakima with Cemetery Maintenance Worker interviews.
- Raised sunken headstones and filled low spots around the Cemetery.
- Worked with a contractor to repair the damaged fence.



- Preparing an estimate to insulate the shop to allow staff the ability to more effectively conduct winter work.
- Cleaned and disposed of 40 years of items not needed in the shop.
- Staff completed pesticide applicator training.
- Trimmed over 21,000 headstones three times. It takes roughly a month, working full time to trim them all.
- Adjusted staffing due to FMLA leave and vacations.
- On May 1, 2020 Washington State became the first state in the country to allow composting of human remains. (WAC 246-500-055). Received the first composted human remain burial request. Researched the legislation and best practices, reached out to composting companies and other communities to develop a burial procedure.
- Prepared and submitted a Historic Cemetery Grant application to provide funding for new cemetery section signs and information kiosk. Met with GIS to determine if they can assist with mapping.
- Continued working with engineers to finalize the Section M expansion plans.



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 maintains 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 providing significant construction support for the projects contained later in the report and responding to vandalism, highlights included:

- Initialized irrigation and repaired multiple breaks throughout the City. Winterized the system at the end of the year.
- Applied herbicide and pesticide in park areas and streetscapes.
- Cleaned parks and other areas from winter.
- Ordered and planted seasonal flowers.
- Assisted with tree/stormwater issues on Riverside Drive.
- Ordered and planted 22 trees in Washington, Lincoln and Pioneer Park.
- The Public Services Center irrigation line was cut again from the work on Pershing Street.
- Ordered and installed six more dog waste stations for Lincoln, Pioneer and Washington Parks with funding provided by the storm water utility.
- Routine maintenance fell behind and incurred overtime costs due to short staffing.
- Brought in a contractor to perform maintenance on the Kiwanis Methow Park field turf. There are many repairs that will need to be made due to the way the field was originally glued together.



- Prepared Memorial Park for Apple Blossom. Fertilized, repaired irrigation and restored the park following the event.
- Mowed and trimmed weeds at Castle Rock to prepare for wildfire season.
- Installed the Rotary Park play area shade structure and got the splash pad up and running. Removed and stored the shade following the season.
- Pressure washed all park picnic shelters.
- Met with organizers and prepared Memorial Park for Pride Fest and Pioneer Park for the Apple Capital Swim Meet.
- The Rotary Park splashpad chemical pump failed. It was repaired the same day without operational interruption.
- Prepared Lincoln Park for hydroseed and then again for sod when the hydroseed failed.
- Removed the silt fence that was left at the top of Saddle Rock from the remediation project. Replaced catch basin grates on one of the drains.
- Repaired the problematic irrigation at the old fire station.



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- Prepared the park wading pools for the season and trained staff.
- Assembled and installed the memorial bench for Linda Haglund purchased by Apple Blossom.
- Renovated the Police Department parking area landscaping.
- Coordinated a spring tree planting with Wenatchee Rescue Mission.
- Responded to snow and ice events.
- Pruned downtown trees, cleaned the streetscape and distributed pots for seasonal flowers.
- Removed leaves.



- Fabricated a rack for the side by side to accommodate water and spray tanks.
- Staff completed pesticide training.
- Shortened the fence around the irrigation filters at Pioneer Park to make it more difficult for people to climb on the restroom roof.
- Constructed shelving in the Public Services Center maintenance bay to increase storage capacity.

- Installed, removed and cleaned downtown flags for Labor Day and Presidents Day.
- Removed hazard trees in Pioneer and Lincoln Park and downtown.
- Repaired the wall across from City Hall that was pushed over during snow removal activities.
- Met with the Wenatchee Downtown Association former and new director several times.



- Replaced a bench on Saddle Rock.
- Prepared park restrooms for the season, painted interiors, trim and re-sealed the floors.
- Installed the plaques on memorial benches and installed the benches in the Rotary Peace Pole Plaza and Chase Park.
- Assembled and installed picnic tables in the new Lincoln Park picnic shelter and poured and installed stand alone picnic table pads in the park.
- Worked with Widner Development on replacement of the Riverfront Drive street trees.



- Prepared the Day Drive trailhead gate for the season and winterized it at the end of the year.
- Pruned trees on Orondo and Riverside Drive.
- Repaired the Kiwanis Methow Park kiosko ceiling.
- Painted the Centennial Park stage and restroom trim.
- Placed and anchored new trash receptacles in the parks and those salvaged from the PUD in parks.
- Worked with Platt Electric as seven of the park lights in Kiwanis Methow Park failed. Replacement was covered under warranty and the lights were replaced.
- The backordered light fixtures for the Hale Park skate area arrived six months after they were ordered and were replaced. Those were also under warranty.
- Continued troubleshooting the Lincoln Park irrigation system, addressed drainage issues around the splash pad and the areas where the grass won't grow. Prepped the areas and coordinated the planting of sod. Assembled and installed the soccer goals.

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- Prepared the site at Rotary Park for a memorial bench that had to be relocated from the Peace Pole Project. The Street Department paved the area.
- Modified a storm drain grate on the Maiden Lane Temporary access road to lessen liability to the City.
- Painted the Memorial Park sign.
- Repaired the vandalized light pole bases in Kiwanis Methow Park.
- Began re-landscaping the Amtrak parking area.
- Spent significant time repairing damaged irrigation along Worthen Street from the various construction projects.
- Edged walkways in park areas.
- One of the two park mowers completely broke down and is beyond repair. The second mower also broke down. A replacement mower is on order.

- Removed the ineffective raised beds in Kiwanis Methow Park. We are planning on repurposing the material in 2024 at the Russell Street property.



- Started crews earlier in the day as needed to avoid the excessive heat.

- Assisted the Street Department with interviews.

- Cleaned Rainbow Park from Walmart trash.

- Pruned and removed lavender from the Public Services Center.

- Installed a new irrigation clock at Lincoln Park for the ballfields.

- Park Maintenance worker Jerred Gardner was honored by the Downtown Association with the Heart of Downtown Award pictured here with 2023 Apple Blossom Queen Scarlette Cron.



- Some of the plastic components of the Pennsylvania Park play area have cracked. Ordered replacement parts.

- Re-painted the Saddle Rock restroom interiors.

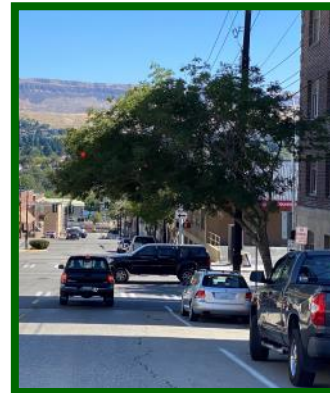
- Updated park inspection sheets.

- Designed, ordered and installed shoreline no trespassing signs for the habitat preservation areas.



- Moved the First Street planters to the road in the spring and back to the sidewalks for the winter.

- Blew out water lines and winterized the splash pads.



- Removed a tree on Yakima Street that was growing in the powerlines and also blocking the visibility of the traffic signal.

- Added fall material to the park play areas.



- The Little Library at Rotary Park was re-installed after it was rebuilt.

- Investigating a potential water leak in Memorial Park.

- Installed the Christmas tree for the Wenatchee Downtown Association.

- Reviewed the City/Amtrak/Link maintenance agreement from 1997 to determine if it needs to be updated.

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.

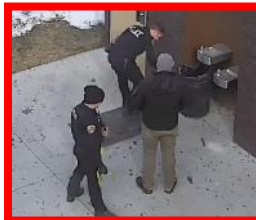
LOWER CASTLE ROCK NATURAL AREA

- The Castle Rock trailhead was tagged several times by three individuals. Reviewed and provided video to the Police Department.



PENNSYLVANIA PARK

- Suspicious, potentially explosive objects were found outside the restrooms. Police were called. Reviewed video footage, investigated to determine when the items arrived and provided video to the Police Department.
- Someone unbolted parts of the play equipment.
- Removed drinking and intoxicated people from the park several times.
- Reported an abandoned RV left by the park for more than two weeks.
- Removed people that had taken up residence in the play equipment.
- Assisted Police with collection of surveillance footage to identify a suspect in the stabbing incident in the park.



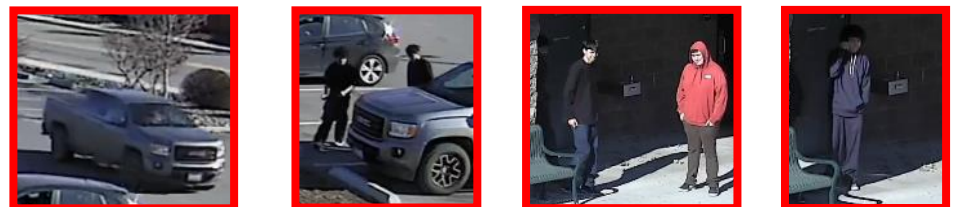
WASHINGTON PARK

- The adjacent property was tagged twice. The blue paint looks like it was done by the same people that tagged Pioneer Park and Hale Park.
- The restrooms were tagged several times.



ROTARY PARK

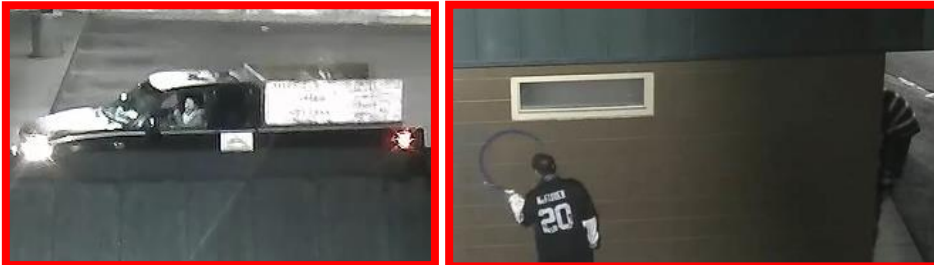
- The restrooms were tagged by the same people that painted the Castle Rock restroom. The vehicle and suspects were identified. The vehicle is a grey/blue late model, double cab, GMC Canyon. Reviewed the video and provided the information to the Police.



DAMAGE, VANDALISM AND OTHER INCIDENTS

HALE PARK

- The restrooms were tagged. Video and information about the taggers was provided to the Police Department. While emptying trash in Lincoln Park a few weeks later, staff saw the truck that was involved in the tagging incidents drive down Crawford Street. Staff followed the truck and obtained photos of the license plate. The plate was provided to the Police Department. The vehicle belongs to Tierra Landscaping.



- Three vehicles were seen doing donuts and jumping curbs in the parking lot.
- On three consecutive days someone packed the toilets in full of plastic, cans and other debris so they became inoperable. Staff had to hand dig the debris out.
- There were multiple reports of drug users in the park.
- The restroom flushers were broken beyond repair.



- From January through September, cleaned and removed 31 dump truck loads of debris from the area south of the off leash area. In October, removed an additional 15,000 pounds of trash and 2,040 pounds of scrap metal from the shoreline.

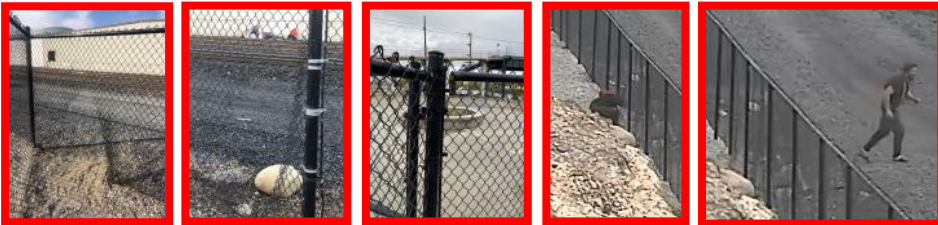


- The restroom, signs, skate park, play equipment and picnic shelter were tagged at least once a week. Just a few examples are below.



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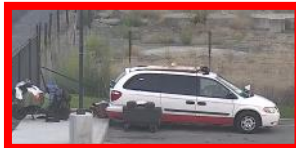
- The park fence along the train tracks was cut on almost a daily basis and brackets broken by those residing along the river. A few examples are below.



- The restroom locks were damaged and people had taken up residence inside.
- The restroom trash cans in both restrooms were set on fire and melted.
- The play equipment was vandalized several times.
- Continued to address transient issues and received multiple complaints from citizens about human waste, garbage and safety concerns. In talking with regular visitors, off leash area use diminished significantly due to fear for their safety from aggressive campers and drug users.



- There were four large fires along the riverbank.
- Reached out to the Police Department, Rescue Mission and Community Development about large encampments along the river, excavations and a tunnel that was reportedly dug under the off leash area.
- Among other things, someone drove through the drainage swale in what appears to be a prostitution transaction gone awry. Alerted the Police Department and provided video. Six days later the van (with a naked person in the front seat) was still in the park. Alerted the Police Department.



- A person was taken by ambulance from the shoreline by the dog off leash area.
- There were several reported drug deals and overnight campers in the park. The collection of vehicles that were in the park for more than two weeks was reported to the Police Department.
- The park was tagged on several surfaces including all sides of the restroom, the light poles, the park signs, play equipment, skate park and landscaping. A Police report was filed and video and photos provided. The Police Department identified two of four suspects from Kennewick and Pasco.



DAMAGE, VANDALISM AND OTHER INCIDENTS

PIONEER PARK

- The restrooms were tagged on the same morning by the individuals in the Tierra Landscaping vehicle that painted Hale Park restrooms.
- The restrooms were tagged. The suspect was identified as a Pioneer Middle School 8th grader. Provided information to the School Resource Officer. Staff was subpoenaed to appear in court for an April graffiti incident. Interviewed by the defense attorney and provided additional materials. The case was dismissed.
- While providing a facility tour to the Washington Cities Insurance Agency Adjuster and driving by the park, called Rivercom to report seeing a person shooting a pellet gun at people in the park.
- The play equipment was tagged several times.
- The restroom doors were vandalized.



KIWANIS METHOW PARK

- Someone shoveled part of the multi-use field, digging up the field turf again. We may have to look at replacing the short west side fence with a taller/gated fence so it can be locked in the winter to help prevent the ongoing damage.
- The park restrooms, tables, light poles and other flat surfaces were tagged multiple times.

- The play equipment was vandalized several times.
- Another tree in the park was carved. The tree that had the bark stripped in 2022 is declining and will need to be replaced.
- Continued to have issues and received complaints of people locking themselves in the restrooms making them unavailable for the rest of the public.
- Continued to have issues with people bathing in the wading pool.
- There was a gang related beating in the park. Provided video to the Police.
- People were seen dumping 5 gallon buckets of human waste down the wading pool drain.
- Reviewed security camera footage to assist the Police Department with a shooting investigation. Downloaded and provided the video to the Police Department.
- A section of the field turf was torn out.



DAMAGE, VANDALISM AND OTHER INCIDENTS

LIONS LOCOMOTIVE PARK

- Sprinkler heads were broken repeatedly.
- Responded to complaints of human waste on the walkways.
- Someone drove their car through the park and crashed into a tree.
- Transients that were aggressively harassing staff were trespassed out of the park.
- There were several fires under the bridge.
- Removed a dump truck load of trash every other day from the park. Human waste and trash issues continued throughout the year.
- Maintenance staff contacted Rivercom for an unresponsive individual. The person was revved and became combative with staff, interfering with their ability to continue their work. Police were called.
- A person was scalping the grass with a push mower over several weeks. They also broke irrigation valves, tore out the wires and caused the water to continuously run.
- Someone jumped the fence and got into the irrigation filter area causing damage. Obtaining price quotes to add a roof to fully enclose the fenced area to hinder further access.
- There were several ongoing incidents of people living in the park.
- Identified the people delivering food to those under the George Sellar bridge and provided the information to the Police Department so they can be encouraged to deliver the food to the shelters instead.
- A staff person was assaulted by a person living in the park.
- The park and bridge were tagged on an almost daily basis.



LINCOLN PARK

- A person broke the ignition and started a contractor's backhoe. They drove around and dug up several areas of the park. Police were notified. Reviewed and provided video to them along with suspect description.
- Someone stole over \$7,200 worth of splash pad equipment from the park and also cut the wires on controller.
- Several picnic tables were unbolted in an attempt to steal them.
- The restroom drinking fountain was vandalized the first day it was open for use.
- The restrooms are being damaged daily. Some of the damage included: The toilet paper dispensers were broken, paper taken or thrown around the restroom, people urinating and defecating everywhere except the toilets, graffiti and carving the stall doors, large quantities of needles and drug paraphernalia left throughout the restroom, someone attempted to blow up the restroom with fireworks on more than one occasion.
- The restroom and picnic shelter were tagged multiple times.
- People had taken up residence in the restrooms and in tents by the baseball fields.
- Many sprinkler heads were broken.
- There was an incident involving guns in the park and a separate incident with a person swinging a machete.
- The play equipment was vandalized.
- There were issues with people bathing in the splash pad.



DAMAGE, VANDALISM AND OTHER INCIDENTS

- Removed a five gallon bucket of needles from the baseball field area.
- Multiple RV's, derelict vehicles and trailers parked around the perimeter of the park were reported to the Police.
- Someone shot off fireworks on the soccer field in September.
- People rode bikes through and trampled the new grass seed.
- Someone broke the restroom key lockbox.
- One morning at 2:04am someone drove over the curb on the Mission Street Parking lot and through the park grass, exiting into the Crawford parking lot. They attempted to drive through the soccer field and left the park heading west on Crawford then south on Methow. Sprinkler heads and grass were damaged.



- The splash pad and irrigation vent were vandalized.
- Someone dumped a TV, tire and other debris at the Crawford parking lot entrance.
- At the new picnic shelter, staff caught up to a car driving through the park. Staff asked them to park in the lot where upon the person became belligerent, swearing and threatening staff. Cameras also recorded them driving through a closed driveway, moving a barrel out of the way with their car so they could get through.
- Removed people that had taken up residence in the restrooms the first day they it was opened for the season.



- Garden soil was stolen from the Okanogan Street Community Garden construction site.
- The Special Olympics trike and competition bike were stolen from the storage area at the Public Services Center. An additional Special Olympics bicycle was stolen from a different locked storage area.
- Removed drug users from the City Hall main floor and second floor restrooms. Closed the first floor restroom for blood and other debris cleanup.
- The Day Drive trailhead gate controller was vandalized.
- The Cemetery fence and turf was damaged and repaired twice from vehicles leaving the roadway.



- Assisted Appleatchee and Dry Gulch respond to a problematic/belligerent/aggressive person that they desired to have trespassed from their properties for illegal trail building and other issues.
- Investigated reports of a tent and trash on the mining partners property by Saddle Rock and the Foothills North Natural Area. Cleaned it up and informed Police.
- Someone repeatedly kicked the Rozanne's Tango sculpture at the Convention Center, breaking the welds.
- Someone wiped off all the wording on the Spirit Flight sculpture plaque in Memorial Park.
- Coordinated response and cleanup a growing encampment on 1108 Crescent Street.
- The Centennial Park restroom doors were kicked in and damaged.



OTHER AREAS

- The Skyline Drive Overlook was tagged.

DAMAGE, VANDALISM AND OTHER INCIDENTS

- Two people stole the duck chlorine dispenser from the City Hall fountain. There were also other mental health incidents in the fountain.



- The south Wenatchee welcome sign and sidewalk were tagged.
- A person lit one of the first street planters on fire.



- The pedestrian bridge pilings, bridge deck and internal bridge parts were tagged several times.
- Received a complaint about an encampment at the Balsamroot Trailhead on the Foothills North Natural Area.
- The Thurston Street underpass was tagged several times.



THE ESTIMATED COST OF VANDALISM

In 2023, park maintenance tracked the costs associated with responding to vandalism. The following are conservative figures as the cost tracking efforts is more refined over time.

Staff	\$18,534.16
Supplies and Materials	\$19,195.24
Equipment	\$7,700.00
Contracted Services	<u>\$146,114.90</u>
Total Estimated Cost	\$191,544.30

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 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 and contracted security.



- There was a fire at the encampment by the south yard. Assisted the Facilities Division with cleanup of the area.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

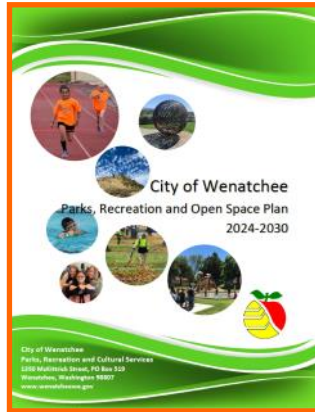
The **Planning and Development** function of the Department includes responsibility for planning for the future growth of the parks and recreation system. Major activities include: Determining land acquisition and facility development needs, comprehensive and capital planning, obtaining financing to 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 2023:

PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- Prepared plan background information and draft chapters for the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Comprehensive Plan update.
- Prepared, promoted and tabulated the results of the community survey.
- Met with GIS to discuss mapping assistance and Public Works to discuss utilities. Prepared the maps.
- Presented the update at a City Council work session and Planning Commission meeting.
- Forwarded the preliminary draft sections of the plan to the State Policy and Planning Specialist for review and comment. They commented: "Everything looks great, meets our Manual 2 requirements, and I would have no issue with approving this for both recreation and conservation grant programs once it comes to me in final form." There is also new State policy language which may allow the City to extend the grant eligibility window beyond six years.
- Worked with the Community Development Department to make sure the plan update is incorporated into the overall City Comprehensive Plan.
- The plan was recommended for adoption by the Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission and the City Council adopted the plan.
- Prepared documents and submitted the plan to the State for acceptance. Because of our relationship with them, the State completed their review of our PROS plan and approved it. The city is now grant eligible through October 12, 2029.



SADDLE ROCK

- Continued working with Link to establish a "call-in" box. Met on site to discuss.
- Met with the Land Trust to discuss annual work plans and review and discuss the scope and the Saddle Rock trail planning process. Participated in trail planning meetings and received and reviewed the draft Saddle Rock Access plan.
- Followed up with the Department of Ecology on the Remediation Project. The public comment period was completed on May 19 with the No Further Action order issued shortly thereafter. Inspected the silt fence remaining from the project and removed it. Followed up with the contractor on the final voucher for the project. The City Council accepted the project as complete. Prepared and submitted a grant billing. The project was closed out.

RIVERFRONT PARK

- Met on site with the Riverfront Park design team and PUD staff to continue the plan refinement process. Participated in bi-monthly design meetings. Discussed splash pad operations with the PUD. Participated in the pre-application meeting.

FOOTHILLS REGIONAL RECREATION AREA PROJECT

- Continued working with the Land Trust on the final property acquisition. Received State approval on a scope change to swap properties due to ownership issues. Coordinated preparation cultural resource reports to address new state requirements.
- Received approval from the State for the six month time extension for the project.
- The purchase sale agreement for the final property is scheduled for City Council consideration in January 2024.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

LOWER CASTLE ROCK CONVERSION

- Continued follow up with the State and the archaeologist on cultural resources report.
- The State cultural resources clearances were finalized. The State Recreation Conservation Office Director approved the conversion request. Worked with the City Attorney to resolve title issues. Reviewed and provided comment on the Deed of Right.
- Continued working with the State and City Attorney on the conversion to satisfy additional State requirements. Resolved title issues, prepared and recorded an easement, prepared maps, prepared and recorded two deeds of right and finalized the grant amendments.
- The conversion was approved by the State.

OTHER PARK AREAS AND ACTIVITIES

- At their request, prepared presentation materials and attended a City of Chelan City Council work session to provide information about the City's work in the Wenatchee foothills. Prepared and provided additional follow up information.
- Discussed two potential partnership projects with Cascadia Conservation District.
- Worked with the PUD, Apple Blossom and electrical contractor to swap out power meters so electrical usage data may be collected to efficiently design park power upgrades.
- In anticipation of the Recreation and Conservation Office grant award for the Bighorn Ridge Project, prepared project milestones and match forms. The project was featured in the Washington Wildlife Recreation Coalition press release about the State WWRP grant program budget. The City Council accepted the grant for the project. The grant was executed.
- Participated in P'squouse River Connections monthly group meetings.



- Worked with a number of entities to obtain trail count data for the loop trail. A count from several locations was conducted from May 10-14. During this time 2,574 people traveled on the trail through Hale Park.
- Provided a letter of support the Land Trust for a grant application to the PUD.
- Met with the Museum's architect/landscape architect team and attended the preapplication meeting regarding their desires for Centennial Park.
- Met with the School District Superintendent and the Mayor to discuss high school softball fields.
- Reviewed and provided comment on the Red Hawk Heights development re-submittal. Continued assisting the Community Development Department with development review. Participated in the hearing.
- Worked with Cascadia Conservation District to develop a facility use agreement for the Saddle Rock Gateway interpretive garden. Assisted with the coordination of the planting project. They planted 42 plants and added rock mulch in the demonstration area.
- Notified residents of dust control work on the Maiden Lane Temporary Extension
- Coordinated the landscaping repair project at Lions Locomotive Park with the contractor. The sod portion of the project was completed. Some additional landscaping work on the steep slopes is anticipated to be completed in the future. The project was funded by a grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- Prepared reports and submitted an invoice to close out the Washington State Department of Transportation grant agreement. Prepared a \$200,000 proposal for 2023-25 which will fund additional landscaping work, maintenance and security, debris removal, and purchase and install of vandal proof irrigation valve boxes. Received notification that the grant was approved. The City Council accepted the grant. Prepared and submitted the first billing.
- Assisted the City of Port Townsend with dog park expertise and park design process and planning.
- Provided a tour of city park facilities to the new State Recreation Conservation Office project manager and auditor.
- The State Comprehensive Parks and Open Space Plan was adopted by the National Park Service and State ending the 2 year planning process.
- Reviewed, provided comment and participated in plan review meetings for the Convention Center Project.
- Met with the Land Trust and a property owner that is adjacent to Bighorn Ridge who may be interested in donating property.
- Prepared a landscaping plan for the traffic circle at Island View and Riverside Drive for potential implementation in 2024.
- Prepared and submitted the Tree City USA application. Received notification from the Arbor Day Foundation that the Tree City USA application for 2022 was successful.
- Met with the Fire District Chief to discuss their proposed work on city properties.
- Met with Community Development to discuss vegetation management along the shoreline by Hale Park. Designed permanent regulatory signs for the shoreline and met with the PUD to discuss a joint response strategy.
- Prepared and submitted Recreation Conservation Office grant reports and billings.



- The director was selected to represent the City in the State's Natural Climate Solutions Program.
- Confirmed measurements and attempted to obtain quotes for the Skyline Drive Overlook striping work. No quotes were received.
- Assisted the Community Development Department with the low barrier shelter project.
- Prepared a draft facility use agreement with the Rotary Club for the pollinator garden.
- The Request for Qualifications deadline passed for the Park Electrical Plan Project and General Engineering Support. Four submittals were received for the electrical project and six for the engineering. Prepared evaluation sheets provided the statements of qualifications to the evaluation committee for scoring. Contacted electrical engineers and support engineers to inform of selections for the projects. Prepared agreements and supplemental information. Met with Ztek and toured Washington, Chase, Pioneer and Memorial Parks to discuss and refine the project scope. Met with Pacific Engineering to discuss the various engineering projects and finalize the scope of work for the project agreement. Met with Apple Blossom to discuss Memorial Park electrical plans. Worked with the electrical engineer and finalized electrical plans for Memorial, Washington, Pioneer and Chase Parks and met with Pacific Engineering to review progress and finalize the Pioneer Park, Cemetery and Washington Park engineering projects.
- Provided the draft ordinance to the City Attorney to modify the City code and allow angle parking on Wilson Street by Washington Park. It was approved by the City Council.
- Met with Public Works to discuss storm water and sewer projects and the potentially to involve the Flood Control District in a project to proactively help mitigate Sage Hills Gateway area flooding issues. The County wasn't interested.
- Met with Evergreen Mountain Bike and the Wenatchee School District to refine the mountain bike skills park concept.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- The fence replacement on the east side of the sport court in Kiwanis Methow Park was completed. It raised the height from three feet to eight feet.
- Met with the Chelan Douglas Land Trust and discussed funding, current and future projects with their new Executive Director.
- Reviewed a potential planting grant as a partnership project with the Land Trust.
- Met with Appleatchee to address their complaints.
- Received the approved Land and Water Conservation Fund Boundary Map for Kiwanis Methow Park that was submitted to the State for signature in March 2021.
- Attended a 2023-2024 Community Forestry Assistance Grant webinar to explore the potential of a grant application to assist with the update the City tree inventory. Prepared and submitted the application.
- Reviewed and provided comment on the Chelan Douglas Land Trust annual work plan for the City's foothills properties.
- Finally received the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant boundary map for Hale Park from the State. It was submitted for signature in March 2021.
- Assisted the Storm Water Division with fecal contamination information created by the Cascadian residents and their pets.
- Prepared and submitted the Arbor Day proclamation.
- Participated in a Northwest Studio Reimagine Plan Meeting.
- Worked with the National Arbor Day Foundation and prepared and submitted a \$310,000 grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Program for tree planting, shoreline stabilization, updated inventory, a canopy coverage analysis and management plan preparation. If successful the work would occur from 2024-2026.



- Prepared the draft RFQ for shoreline engineering work to get in front of the 2024 project.
- The department director was recommended by the State Recreation Conservation Office to serve on the Washington State Department of Ecology Puget Sound National Estuary Program Stormwater Strategic Initiative Lead Team related to Accelerating the Distribution and Effectiveness of Stormwater Parks. They also heaped on some praise: "Dave Erickson, Director of Wenatchee Parks, probably has the most prolific and effective experience at getting parks built in the modern (grant funding / extensive reviewing, permitting, etc.) world." Participated in several meetings. Reviewed and provided comment on the draft Request for Proposals and evaluation for the program.
- Provided a tour of the Pioneer Park and Lincoln Park projects to the RCO compliance auditor to satisfy our annual inspection requirements. Also discussed the Clark Bridge Extension Project to determine if a conversion would be required.
- Met with Community Development to discuss their homeless outreach position to assist with the development of a position description.
- Received grant compliance inspection reports from the State for Hale, Rotary, Pioneer Park, Saddle Rock, Lincoln Park and Lower Castlerock. They all were deemed well maintained and compliant with all grant conditions.
- Met with the State Department of Natural Resources Eastern Region Forester.
- Chelan County reached out for park construction assistance and support as they haven't constructed a park before and are working on the Malaga Community Park.
- Exploring a potential partnership project with the Rotary Club.
- Continued working with the Land Trust on trail design for the Jacobson/Saddle Rock connector.

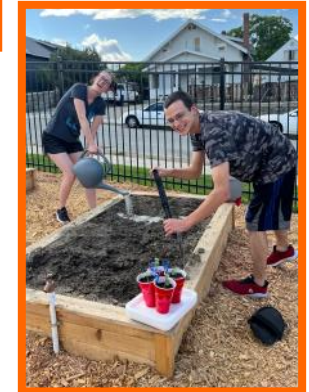
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: ROTARY PARK PROJECTS

- Added metal flashing to the south picnic shelter
- Discussed with a different manufacturer exploring renovating the Rotary splash pad filtration system in an effort to resolve ongoing issues.
- Rototilled, raked, and added irrigation and repaired leaks in the Peace Pole Plaza area. The Rotary Club added additional topsoil around the plaza. Raked it out to prepare for hydroseeding. The area was hydroseeded.
- Held pre-construction meetings and coordinated construction with the contractors and staff on the sport court project. Work included: crack sealing the court, repairing and removing damaged asphalt, importing and compacting crushed rock, paving the court and trail, installing fence, benches and the net sleeves for the posts, adding the surface coating and lines, designing and installing signs, planting shrubs and a tree and creating a drainage swale.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: OKANOGAN COMMUNITY GARDEN

- Located a company that creates raised garden beds. Ordered, received and installed the beds.
- Re-confirmed the dimensions of the garden area, updated the layout plan. Met with concrete contractors to obtain bids for the sidewalk.
- Ordered ADA surfacing and the garden shed.
- Construction of the community garden was completed and it was opened for use on May 25. Work was completed by city crews and contractors and included: Jackhammering out bedrock that was in the way of the new walkway; installing the new sidewalk; installing weed barrier, rock mulch, and wood mulch; installing the water system; installing the park entry and regulatory signs; constructing the trash enclosure, message center and the garden shed; adding gate hardware and seasonal planters.
- Prepared and distributed press releases and reservation packets and accepted reservations for plots.
- All 50 of plots were reserved.
- Receiving requests for an additional similar garden at the north end of town.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: LINCOLN PARK

- Despite the fences, barricades and signs (which were taken down daily by residents) and media releases stating the park was closed for construction, the park was heavily used on a daily basis.
- The Utilities Division repaired a storm drain catch basin and drain line in the Crawford Street parking lot that hasn't functioned in over 30 years.
- Park maintenance crews constructed the disc golf tee boxes and installed the course signs. They also installed additional picnic table concrete pads and assembled and installed picnic tables, dog waste stations, trash receptacles and park benches.
- Participated in an State Recreation Conservation Office grant webinar and prepared and submitted a grant application and associated materials for the baseball fields. Prepared a resolution authorizing the application and the City Council approved the resolution.
- Met with Wenatchee Youth Baseball to discuss the Baseball Field Project and their desire for a fourplex.
- The splash pad equipment was installed and mechanical system tested. Concrete sections were replaced to address concerns. Attended training on the mechanical systems. Followed up with engineers on the operational permit documents. The documents were provided to the State Department of Health for review. Prepared and submitted the Chelan Douglas Health District permit for the splash pad and participated in their inspection. It passed and began operating on June 20. Revised the concrete apron to resolve drainage issues.
- Landscape preparations were made and the sod and hydroseed were planted. The hydroseed was applied a second time to address areas that didn't grow. After a second unsuccessful attempt the soil was replaced and sod planted.
- Reached out to Senators Murray and Cantwell, Representative Goehner and Steele, Senator Hawkins, County Commissioners, State Recreation Conservation Office and Rotary to prepare and finalize the park re-opening program. The park was officially re-opened on May 23.
- Installation of the play area equipment was completed. Park maintenance crews installed weed barrier and over 800 yards of fall material.
- Prepared grant final reports and billings. The final grant report and billings for the Youth Athletic Facility and Washington Wildlife Recreation Program grant were approved by the State.
- Worked through issues with the pump park paving and stolen equipment.
- Coordinated preparation of the final archeological monitoring report. Received the report and provided it to the State. The State rejected the report. Returned it to the archaeologist for correction. The project was approved.
- Irrigation installation, modification and testing was completed.
- Construction was finished with the following work: A segment of sidewalk was installed; sod on the soccer field was planted; the restroom and stage were painted; the picnic shelter roof was installed; the pump park was seal coated; the electrical system was installed and inspected; the drinking fountains and bollards were installed; the restroom fixtures were installed and tested and the windows glazed; the parking lot was striped and signed.
- Obtained the construction as-built plans.
- Responded to citizen complaints including: the splash pad is not running, the play area fall material is too low and too soft, the fall material must be changed immediately to poured in place surface, the park is not ADA accessible, construction project took too long, there aren't enough park benches or trash cans.
- Ordered and installed schedule signboards for the new shelter and stage.
- The project was featured on the State Recreation Conservation Office's homepage.
- The project was accepted by the City Council as complete. Followed up with the State on items to close out the grants and the contractor to complete the required paperwork to close out the project.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: LINCOLN PARK



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Pictured left to right: Arts, Recreation and Parks commission chair Ryan Harmon, City Councilmember Jose Cuevas, Senator Brad Hawkins, and Mayor Frank Kuntz at the dedication event.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: KENZIE'S LANDING

- Completed a walkthrough of and prepared a punch list of items to repair or complete. Coordinated trail connection and kiosk construction work with the Land Trust. Work concluded and the project was substantially complete and accepted by the City Council. Work included: electrical installation, curb and asphalt corrections; striping; sign installation and other items. City crews installed the security cameras, changed restroom locks, installed signs, trash receptacles and completed other details. The final inspection was approved.
- Prepared materials for the dedication. Discussed with the Clennon Family, reached out to the State, and prepared the program. The dedication and opening was held on April 21.
- Continued working with the state on final grant billings and report. The report and billings were approved.
- Continued working with the contractor to wrap up paperwork on their end. Filed the Notice of Completion with the Employment Securities Division, Department of Revenue and Labor and Industries.
- Received compliment on the trailhead from Wenatchee Outdoors:
"I want to compliment all those involved for a beautiful job. The paving, parking, toilet, picnic area are all big wins but I was also impressed with the little flourishes -- Kenzie's story and ... the dog water fountain! Appreciate the good work you did on this project -- and the many other ways you've supported all the trails and trailhead work in the Wenatchee Foothills. Our immediate access to trails (via trailheads) and the Land Trust's the City's work in keeping our foothills undeveloped and available to the public benefit all of us living here."



Former CDLT Director Curt Soper



Bart Clennon



Mayor Frank Kuntz



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 2023.

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department serves as the primary coordinator of recreation programming and services for special populations in the community. Programs are designed to provide engaging social, athletic and fitness activities for individuals with developmental disabilities. The programs were made possible through the receipt of grant funding.

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. Sports include: Soccer, cycling, swimming, track and field, golf, alpine skiing, cross country skiing, snowboarding, basketball, cheerleading, figure skating, bowling, speed skating, and softball. Athletes participated in local, regional and State competitions.



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 included: Apple Blossom Food Fair Trip, Valentines Dance, cosmic bowling, bingo, summer dance, trip to the Autumn Leaf parade, movie nights, Halloween Dance, Thanksgiving, and Christmas and Garden Party.



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.

Youth Track and Field

The Youth Track and Field Program was held at the Wenatchee High School Track from May 8 through June 3. The program was open to 7-10 year old boys and girls.



Adult, Drop-In Volleyball

The drop-in program was held on Wednesday evenings from 8:00-10:00pm at Foothills Middle School.

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.



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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.

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.



Guided Snow Shoe Hikes For Families

This program continued to be very popular with registration at capacity. The hikes were led by City and Land Trust staff and held at Squilchuck State Park over three weekends in January.



Guided Community Hikes

In September and October, trail guides led four one to two mile hikes in the foothills to introduce participants to the local trails and the natural environment.

Skyhawks Outdoor Basketball

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.

Park Wading Pool Program

The park wading pool program is held at Washington, Kiwanis Methow and Pennsylvania Parks. It began on June 26 and ran through mid-August. The program was enhanced with an art cart program coordinated by Terry Valdez.



Skyhawks Mini-Hawk Camp

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

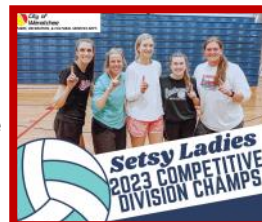


Skyhawks Outdoor Basketball/Swim Camp

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 for young athletes. This camp also included swimming at the City Pool. For ages 7-12.

Women's Volleyball League

The Women's Volleyball League was held at Foothills Middle School Tuesday nights from 8:00-10:15pm. The league ran from March through April.



Skyhawks Multi-Sport/Swim Camp

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 and was for ages 6-12.

RECREATION

Skyhawks Multi-Sport Camp

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Skyhawks Soccer Tots

These soccer-themed motor skill classes are very easy for youngsters to get into. Younger age groups focused on developing motor skills and self-confidence; older classes focused more on developing core soccer skills and personal focus, and introducing an element of light competition. This camp was for ages 18 months to 5 1/2 years old.

Skyhawks Baseball Tots

Baseball Tots focused on fine and gross motor skills as well as body control. All the basics such as throwing, catching, hitting and running control were taught. This camp was for ages 2 to 5 1/2 years old.

Skyhawks Multi-Sport Tots

This multi-sport class used age-appropriate games and activities to explore balance, hand/eye coordination, fitness, sport skills and child development. This camp was for ages 3 to 5 1/2 years old.

Skyhawks Pickleball Camp

This pickleball program combined FUN, FITNESS, AND SKILL development - with making new friends. The camp taught the rules of the game and basic technical skills. It was for ages 7-12.

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 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 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 Soccer / Swim Combo Camp

This camp focused on dribbling, passing, shooting, and ball control. By the end of the camp players 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. It was for ages 7-12.

Skyhawks Outdoor Volleyball Camp

This program takes 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.



Skyhawks Outdoor Basketball Multi-Sport Combo Camp

In this camp, children were taught the skills needed to be a better athlete. The focus was on respect, teamwork and responsibility. Each day was started with a 'skill of the day', and progressed into drills and games. It was for ages 7-12.

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 focused 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. It was for ages 7-12.

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 morning and concluded each day with a variety of other sports to introduce participants to other activities. It was for ages 7-12.

RECREATION

Skyhawks Beginning Golf / Swim Combo Camp

This camp build the confidence of entry level players though teaching proper technique. 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 7-12.

Skyhawks Pickleball Multi-Sport Camp (Dodgeball, Capture the Flag, Ultimate Frisbee)

This multi-sport camp was designed to introduce young athletes to a variety of different sports in one setting. Athletes learned the rules and essentials of each sport through skill-based games. By the end of the week, participants walked away with knowledge of (2 or 3) new sports along with vital life lessons such as respect, teamwork, and self-discipline. It was for ages 7-12.

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 held November through March, Monday through Thursday mornings from 10:00-12:00pm at City Hall.



After School Program

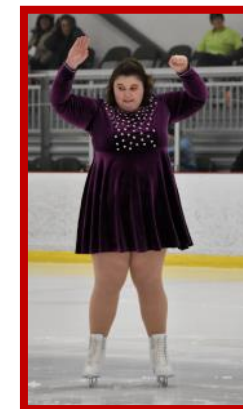
A new, drop-in after school program was held from Kindergarten through 5th graders, Mondays through Thursdays from 3:30-5:00pm at Pinnacles Prep starting in October.

Washington State Special Olympics Winter Games

The Winter Games were held March 3-5. Athletes from across the Pacific Northwest competed in basketball, alpine and Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, cheerleading, figure and speed skating.



The games attracted 1,400 athletes and coaches, volunteers and family members and friends to the Wenatchee Valley. The Jan Holder Olympic Town started the weekend at the Convention Center. Following the opening ceremonies at the Town Toyota Center, athletic competitions were held at Wenatchee and Eastmont School District gyms, Mission Ridge, Leavenworth Fish Hatchery and the Town Toyota Center



RECREATION

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 21 and featured: vendors, petting zoo, and hay rides.



Merry Maids Halloween Carnival

The event is designed to provide a safe, distanced way to celebrate Halloween. Costumed participants trick or treated at a number of decorated booths with carnival games at the Convention Center. It was held from 3:00-6:00pm on October 31st. Over 2,500 kids plus their parents attended



Additional Divisional Activity

- Prepared and distributed the Summer Activity Guide.
- Registered participants for programs.
- Adjusted programming due to Covid exposures, lightning, staffing shortages and poor air quality.
- Participated in a meeting in Chelan to assist them to establish a Special Olympics program in their community.
- Recruited, interviewed, selected, trained and supervised recreation staff.
- A fundraiser for Special Olympics was held at the Super Oval. A little over \$2,600 was raised.
- Applied and received a \$1,000 grant from the Community Foundation and a \$200 grant from Target for the After School Program.
- Reached out to the Master Gardeners to discuss offering monthly gardening seminars at the community garden beginning in 2024.
- Prepared a number of radio advertisements for summer programs. Together for a Drug Free Youth sponsored the ads.
- Our Special Olympics cheerleader got to perform with the Wenatchee High dance team at a soccer game.
- Received a replacement Special Olympics tricycle and bicycle for those that were stolen.
- The Cop on Top fundraiser event for Special Olympics was held. \$1,200 was raised with great participation from Quincy Police Department, Douglas and Chelan County Sherriff and the Fire District.
- The Special Needs Social Program was awarded an \$8,500 grant by Chelan Douglas Developmental Disabilities Council to fund the program for another year.
- Met with Mission Ridge regarding Special Olympics Winter Games in 2024. They are going to charge \$53,000 to allow the event to be there.
- Participated in a Career Fair at Wenatchee Valley College.



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>	<u>2023</u>
ATHLETICS											
Youth Track	88	102	123	0	101	129	120	0	103	63	66
Youth Tennis Lessons	32	40	33	23	19	9	12	0	24	33	32
Youth Recreation Basketball League	115	106	108	126	134	128	122	0	0	63	81
Skyhawks Sports Camps	137	146	219	294	211	166	217	0	309	502	507
Women's Volleyball	75	76	80	73	81	87	79	75	0	67	90
Drop in Volleyball	0	0	0	0	0	287	453	191	65	265	374
AQUATICS											
Swimming Lessons	883	881	767	720	775	796	970	0	615	656	848
OUTDOOR PROGRAMS											
Guided Nature Hikes	0	42	412	219	105	32	0	0	0	0	27
Hiking and Nature Camp	0	0	0	38	9	11	12	0	11	15	15
Wading Pool Program	0	4,684	4,783	4,228	3,065	2,325	4,021	0	945	1,480	1,755
Row and Paddle Camp	0	16	17	17	11	13	0	0	0	0	0
Snow Shoe Hikes For Families	70	0	0	32	36	37	55	40	0	0	69
SPECIAL EVENTS											
Halloween Carnival	2,500	2,500	5,000	5,000	4,600	4,600	4,600	1,280	2,200	2,500	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	2,000
Special Olympics Winter Games	4,671	5,098	3,841	3,897	4,198	4,500	3,900	0	0	0	4,200
Movies in the Park	600	900	800	500	0	1,050	1,200	584	579	450	450
Friday Night Concerts	2,622	1,350	2,125	1,750	1,050	1,147	1,350	0	1,030	890	1,020
Tardeadas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	450
Independence Day Celebration	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS											
Special Needs Social Program	1,257	1,229	1,281	1,552	626	530	452	408	434	485	153
Polar Plunge	62	76	62	57	31	74	60	70	4	0	0
Special Olympics Sports	229	251	262	231	226	185	208	90	86	158	129
Fall/Spring Into Fitness	18	18	9	6	0	5	7	0	22	7	13
Artful Endeavors	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOUTH RECREATION											
Spring Break Camp	0	0	0	0	0	18	18	0	11	0	0
Summer Day Camp	437	443	504	464	482	455	456	50	242	115	66
Indoor Playground	112	238	186	746	650	432	1,266	695	86	131	566
After School Program	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	116
TOTALS	22,641	19,316	21,812	20,873	17,227	18,638	21,656	5,283	6,766	9,880	15,527

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 and in 2023 one session was cancelled to accommodate construction.