

2023 Second Quarter Report

City of Wenatchee Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department

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Apple Capital Swim Meet

INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to present the 2024 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Second Quarter Report. In this report you will find a summary of the activities completed by department staff and volunteers during the months of April, May and June. 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 Ronning, Megan Kassebaum, Clementine Belanger

Permanent Staff

Caryl Andre	Recreation Supervisor	Jordan Brooks	Park Maintenance I
Cammy Coble	Administrative Assistant	Jason Compton	Park Maintenance II
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Eric Janzen	Park Maintenance II	Tom Lewis	Cemetery Operations
Sydney McElroy	Recreation Coordinator	Jeff Pulver	Cemetery Lead
Rob Richards	Park Maintenance Supervisor	Nathan Schwikendorf	Park Maintenance II



Left to Right: Catie, Cammy, Caryl and Sydney

Temporary Staff

AQUATICS

Izzy Black	Jaelynn Burns
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Norah Endsley	Aiden Grigsby
Anna Hirsch	Payton Kelly
Teague Monahan	Penelope Moore
Sage O'Keefe	Siri Von Reis
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Madeline Sutton	Vivian Trefry
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MAINTENANCE

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ECOLOGY CREW

Deymian Harper
Baye Niang
Elliot Posenjak

RECREATION

Stacy Apolinar	Loren Baltrusch
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Areanna Carreon	Jadyn De Jean
Samantha DeLay	Owen Floyd
Ava Gallie	Molly Jackson
Jasmine Jahr	Ethan Kamphaus
Kaylee Pearsons	Landon Perry
Corin Rumley-Wells	Shannon Salter
Tori Shaw	Jordan Sherman
Madeline Sutton	Anna Wallace
Nathan Wallace	Everett White
Liam White	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 Parks and Recreation Department including: Personnel, budget management, facility use, policy and procedure development and those other items that do not normally fall within one of the main Department functional areas.

HIGHLIGHTS

The following are highlights from the second quarter of 2024:

- Participated in a variety of ongoing meetings including: department directors and staff meetings, City Safety Committee, Wenatchee Valley Sports Foundation, Administrative Assistants Committee, City Council, Elements Committee, Homeless Approach Strategy, Public Works Committee, Technology Committee and Finance Committee, and City Council meetings.
- Updated the City website, Intranet site, Active site, Elements site, and social media page.
- Prepared agenda materials, meeting minutes and provided staff support for Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission meetings.
- Finalized and distributed the first quarter report and weekly department reports. Prepared the second quarter report.
- The Arbor Day proclamation was read by the City Council.
- Worked with the prosecutors office on restitution stemming from a Hale Park tagging incident from August 2023.
- Completed Tyler software training.
- Prepared and submitted billings to the Washington State Department of Transportation for work by the Sellar Bridge.
- Ordered a memorial bench and associated signs.
- Interviewed and hired temporary maintenance, aquatic and recreation staff.
- Participated in Washington Recreation and Parks Association administrators meetings.
- Assisted the Street Department with interviews.
- Scheduled and conducted first aid training for seasonal staff.
- Mediated issues between two community gardeners.
- Continued working with the security camera vendor to reset the camera passwords for improved security.
- Researched and provided information to the City Attorney on possible code changes to address ongoing issues including restroom loitering, concessions, unpermitted camping, shopping carts and distribution of food and other merchandise and personal waste. Prepared agenda and presentation materials for a code update relating to camping and shopping carts. The City Council approved ordinances updating the camping and shopping cart code sections.
- Notified event organizers of recreational vehicle parking restrictions.
- Catie Hoffmann began work with the City. Provided orientations and training.
- Participated in a Placer.ai meeting.
- Promoted programs and projects on NCWLife, La Nueva and KPQ.
- Compiled public records request information about Lighthouse for NCWLife.
- Assisted the Icicle Fund with Phase One Environmental Consulting process.
- Updated the Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission Handbook.
- Coordinated spraying of Whitetop with Chelan Douglas Land Trust on the Foothills North Property.
- Updated the small and attractive asset inventory list.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- Learned of an unpermitted special event promoted for Lincoln Park with vendors and bands etc. Endeavored to track down the event organizer.
- Worked with GIS, Finance and Community Development to develop a draft map as an illustration of potential code changes regarding camping following the Spokane model.
- Reached out to Washington Cities Insurance Authority and asked them to review our inflatable play equipment policy. Updated the policy.
- Participated in the Police Chief, Information Technology and Public Works Director selection processes.
- Assisted the Arbor Day Committee with seedling sale promotions.
- Began assembling information for the 2025 budget.
- With Finance, investigated a potentially fraudulent purchase on a city credit card.
- Recreation staff chauffeured the Misawa delegation during their visit.
- Received a video about an open dialogue on glyphosate, human and planetary health from a community gardener that would like the City to discontinue the use of herbicides and pesticides.
- A person stopped by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department office looking to pick up a new red sleeping bag. Catholic Charities sent him to us and told him we were handing them out.
- Received a complaint from a person at the Cascadian who said that we are taking away their human rights because the construction at the Convention Center removed the grass area where her dog goes to the bathroom. The gravel hurts her dog's feet.
- Assisted the Police Department with participant waivers and program development.
- Continued providing open space management expertise to the Chelan Basin Conservancy.
- Met with the school district Athletic Director to discuss 2025 facility use.

- Assisted Wenatchee PRIDE to complete their Special Event Permit application.



- Met with the security camera company to help them beta test new security camera systems.
- Attended inadvertent discovery of cultural resources or human remains for field staff training to satisfy Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation requirements.
- The City Council approved the appointment of Clementine Belanger to the Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES



Above: St. Joseph Church Service in Lincoln Park.
Below: Starlight Swim Meet in Pioneer Park.



RESERVED PARK AND FACILITY USE

Processed facility reservation requests and special event permit applications. The following is a summary of special event permit applications received, and reserved park uses during the second quarter.

PICNIC SHELTER OR STAGE RESERVED USES

PARK AREA	USES	ATTENDANCE
Centennial Park Stage	4	320
Kiwanis Methow Park Kiosko	3	135
Hale Park Shelter	0	0
Lincoln Park Stage	4	340
Lincoln Park Large Shelter	44	1,840
Lincoln Park Small Shelter	12	24
Pennsylvania Park Shelter	5	120
Saddle Rock Gateway	5	450
Pioneer Park Fireplace Area	11	280
Rotary Park South Shelter	25	992
Rotary Park North Shelter	52	2,366
Washington Park Shelter	28	1,250
TOTALS	193	8,117

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)
- La Terraza de Main Street (Centennial Park, 1 day)
- Leavenworth Bird Fest (Kiwanis Methow Park, 1 day)
- St. Joseph Service (Lincoln Park, 1 day)
- Right to Life Rally (Centennial Park, 1 day)



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

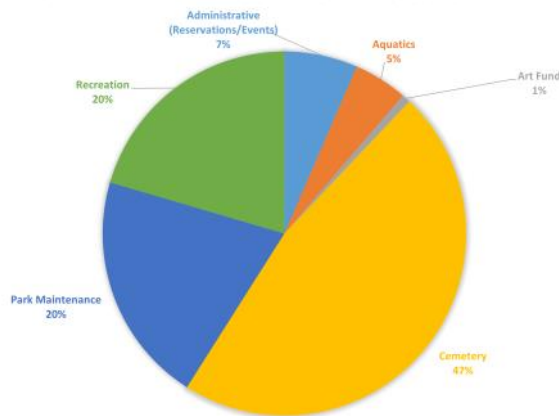
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE COMPARISON

The table below is a comparison of all department revenues and expenditures for the first half of the year.

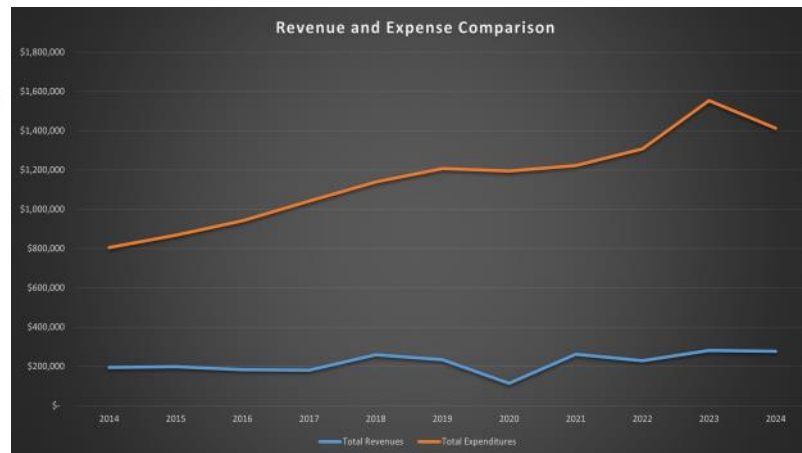
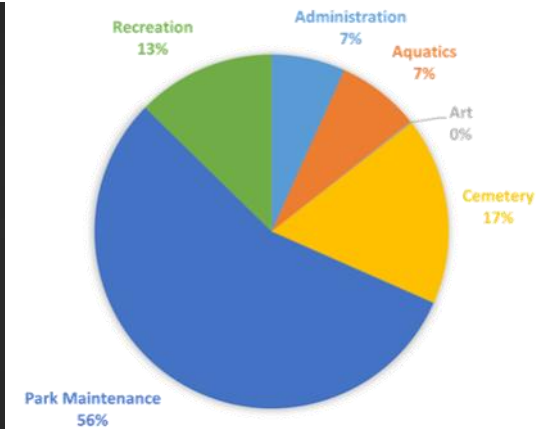
REVENUES												BUDGET	% RECEIVED
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		
Art Fund Contributions - 1%	\$ 27	\$ 30	\$ 107	\$ 267	\$ 463	\$ 139	\$ -	\$ 1,255	\$ 1,815	\$ 1,340	\$ 2,092	\$ 33,500	6.20%
Cemetery - Grave, Crypt & Niche Sales	\$ 50,053	\$ 47,040	\$ 46,509	\$ 33,899	\$ 43,271	\$ 29,019	\$ 17,251	\$ 86,410	\$ 48,083	\$ 67,600	\$ 67,680	\$ 90,000	75.20%
Cemetery Liners, Markers & Vase Sales	\$ 21,985	\$ 24,163	\$ 19,765	\$ 17,657	\$ 17,832	\$ 20,569	\$ 3,640	\$ 15,664	\$ 16,296	\$ 18,305	\$ 19,040	\$ 37,000	51.46%
Cemetery Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 273	\$ 290	\$ 625	\$ 780	\$ 322	\$ 173	\$ 196	\$ 905	\$ 725	\$ 5,344	\$ 1,228	\$ 10,100	12.16%
Cemetery Service Fees	\$ 42,711	\$ 33,503	\$ 26,605	\$ 29,362	\$ 37,730	\$ 32,835	\$ 22,967	\$ 33,452	\$ 36,353	\$ 34,079	\$ 42,100	\$ 62,000	67.90%
Miscellaneous Park Revenues	\$ -	\$ 784	\$ 853	\$ 1,568	\$ 637	\$ 5,326	\$ 1,350	\$ 2,160	\$ 4,125	\$ 2,200	\$ 3,183	\$ 3,600	88.42%
Park Maintenance Charges	\$ 35,701	\$ 42,382	\$ 37,987	\$ 28,525	\$ 92,845	\$ 54,763	\$ 31,284	\$ 67,394	\$ 42,204	\$ 62,406	\$ 56,856	\$ 125,000	45.48%
Picnic Shelter Rentals	\$ 7,094	\$ 6,813	\$ 5,492	\$ 7,278	\$ 9,047	\$ 8,242	\$ 378	\$ 8,978	\$ 9,976	\$ 12,061	\$ 13,317	\$ 15,500	85.91%
Pool - Swimming Lessons	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,849	\$ 4,383	\$ 8,170	\$ 5,122	\$ 5,718	\$ -	\$ 3,701	\$ 4,055	\$ 15,163	\$ 9,691	\$ 23,000	42.13%
Pool Admissions	\$ 4,803	\$ 6,495	\$ 2,326	\$ 7,490	\$ 6,912	\$ 4,050	\$ (148)	\$ 1,431	\$ 507	\$ 3,454	\$ 1,410	\$ 15,000	9.40%
Pool Rentals	\$ 1,700	\$ 2,080	\$ 3,759	\$ 4,240	\$ 4,226	\$ 3,042	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 1,880	\$ 3,420	\$ 2,168	\$ 18,000	12.04%
Recreation Programs Fees	\$ 18,434	\$ 24,028	\$ 33,395	\$ 40,701	\$ 39,449	\$ 43,926	\$ 17,636	\$ 38,460	\$ 42,887	\$ 53,687	\$ 56,706	\$ 57,500	98.62%
Special Event Permits	\$ 920	\$ 1,128	\$ 1,220	\$ 378	\$ 470	\$ 1,660	\$ (400)	\$ -	\$ 760	\$ 1,340	\$ 1,573	\$ 1,100	143.00%
TOTAL	\$ 193,701	\$ 198,585	\$ 183,026	\$ 180,315	\$ 258,326	\$ 209,462	\$ 94,154	\$ 260,110	\$ 209,666	\$ 280,399	\$ 277,044	\$ 491,300	56.39%

EXPENDITURES												BUDGET	% USED
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		
Administration	\$ 136,326	\$ 150,990	\$ 180,291	\$ 138,697	\$ 135,791	\$ 195,722	\$ 187,997	\$ 193,854	\$ 188,258	\$ 137,301	\$ 95,297	\$ 232,510	40.97%
Aquatics	\$ 42,944	\$ 45,545	\$ 51,281	\$ 70,138	\$ 62,175	\$ 68,543	\$ 42,966	\$ 85,093	\$ 106,546	\$ 122,608	\$ 107,378	\$ 369,890	29.03%
Art	\$ 12,254	\$ 11,742	\$ 1,065	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,870	\$ -	\$ 1,336	\$ 3,437	\$ 75	\$ 2,022	\$ 15,000	13.48%
Cemetery	\$ 141,681	\$ 142,056	\$ 132,309	\$ 148,553	\$ 207,859	\$ 164,861	\$ 194,141	\$ 174,425	\$ 189,276	\$ 239,529	\$ 241,921	\$ 595,350	40.64%
Park Maintenance	\$ 404,629	\$ 452,799	\$ 473,886	\$ 525,308	\$ 563,200	\$ 576,433	\$ 591,927	\$ 585,297	\$ 640,115	\$ 827,747	\$ 787,221	\$ 1,960,190	40.16%
Recreation	\$ 47,862	\$ 53,043	\$ 89,179	\$ 144,792	\$ 151,902	\$ 138,495	\$ 114,508	\$ 163,268	\$ 170,188	\$ 226,111	\$ 179,029	\$ 570,520	31.38%
TOTAL	\$ 785,696	\$ 856,175	\$ 928,011	\$ 1,027,488	\$ 1,120,927	\$ 1,148,924	\$ 1,131,539	\$ 1,203,273	\$ 1,297,820	\$ 1,553,371	\$ 1,412,868	\$ 3,743,460	37.74%

REVENUES



EXPENSES



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 highlights from the second quarter of 2024:

- Recruited, interviewed, selected and trained lifeguards for the season.
- Met with Velocity to coordinate the Apple Capital and Starlight Meets. The Apple Capital Meet was held May 31 - June 2 and attracted over 950 swimmers from across the western United States. The Starlight Meet was held June 21 - 23 and had over 630 swimmers compete.



ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT

Event	Length of Event	Visiting Team Rooms	Visitor Guests	Visitor Coaches	Officials	Room Nights	Total Economic Impact
Apple Capital	3 days	854	2,198	34	29	2,751	\$651,168
Starlight	2 days	578	1,502	30	27	1,270	\$305,654



AQUATICS

- Numerica Credit Union is sponsoring Friday recreation swims this summer. They will be paying for everyone's admission to the pool.
- Conducted swimming lesson registration. The first session of swimming lessons filled the first day registration was open. Swimming lessons got underway. 606 people have registered for the first two sessions.
- The pool regular season opened on June 15.
- Met with Velocity to discuss Apple Capital and the facility use agreement extension.
- Ejected two 12 year olds for fighting during a public swim. One also punched a lifeguard.
- Closed the pool during an electrical storm.

**Swim here for free every Friday!
1 and 3 p.m. sessions**

NUMERICA

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AQUATICS: CITY POOL PLUMBING AND LINER PROJECT

- The pool plumbing and liner project was substantially completed. Work this quarter included: Tile, plaster gutter cover, water inlets, ladder and railing installation; final pipe connections completed; pool deck restored; expansion joints inlaid; painting finished; fence repaired; diving board pads re-installed; plaster broomed during the cure period and water chemistry balanced for use. Prepared and submitted State grant billings and reports. The Department of Commerce grant was closed.
- Coordinated the May 22 re-opening.



AQUATICS: CITY POOL PLUMBING AND LINER PROJECT



ARTS & CULTURE

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

HIGHLIGHTS

The following are highlights from the second quarter of 2024:

- Relocated the 4,600 pound Granite Fern Flower sculpture from the old PUD headquarters to Pennsylvania Park one morning at 3:00am.



- Working with the local Audubon group on Bird Fest and the possibility of adding interpretive signs/murals in Kiwanis Methow Park to compliment the existing migratory bird murals.

- Met with the Millennium Plaza artist and touched up the paint of the sculpture.

- Tracked down maintenance information from the manufacturer of the Centennial Park clock to address paint pocking issues and obtain restoration information.



- Coordinated sculpture removal from the Convention Center ahead of the construction project. Removed the sculptures and bases.

- Working with GIS to update the art map.

- The first Tardeadas Program was held.

- Met with Adele Wolford to discuss a number of items.



- The first Art Cart Program of the season was held. Over 70 people attended.



- Updated and distributed Community Art Support Grant materials.

- The Riverfront Park artwork was relocated to the Public Services Center. It should be reinstalled at the end of August.

- Endeavored to clean the graffiti off of the Perfect on Petra bronze sculpture without ruining the patina.



P'SQUOSA PLAZA

- Met with Kevin Pettelle to walk the P'Squosa Plaza site and finalized sculpture details. The clay maquette now resides at the department offices. Provided the notice to proceed for the full size bronze sculpture.



- Participated in P'Squosa River Connections meetings and presented the project.

- Met with the Wenatchi Advisory Group to provide a project update and discuss the dedication event.

- Prepared and sent monthly project updates to Wenatchi Tribe representatives.

- Attended the First Salmon Ceremony in Leavenworth to get contacts for the plaza dedication ceremony.

- Continued pre-construction coordination with the plaza contractor. Reviewed material submittals. Construction is scheduled to begin July 1.

ARTS & CULTURE

PIONEER PARK MURALS

- Finalized the project schedule, details and approach with the muralist. Provided additional building detail. Worked with a pollinator conservation specialist and native plants expert to provide information about pollinators. Coordinated painting opportunities for the Wenatchee Valley College mural class, Pioneer Middle School and Wenatchee High School and also elected officials. The project is almost complete.



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

Highlights from the second quarter of 2024 include:

- There were 58 services and 1 disinterment this quarter.
- Poured concrete bases for upright markers.
- Began seasonal maintenance.
- Niches and graves are almost at capacity. Additional niche walls will need to be purchased and the section M roadway will need to be constructed soon to add capacity.
- Creating computerized irrigation maps for reference.
- Exploring other suppliers for vaults and headstones as our regular vendors are both going out of business.
- Applied herbicide.
- One of the mowers broke which put mowing behind schedule.
- Mowing is behind due to a broken mower.
- Began trimming for the first time to be ready for Memorial Day.
- Finalized details of historic cemetery grant contract with the State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. The City Council approved accepting the grant and the project got underway. Designed and ordered the sign and kiosk. Submitted a cemetery grant progress report. Prepared the inadvertent discovery plan and submitted it to the State. Received the notice to proceed.
- Completed the first headstone trimming of the year.
- The Cemetery was short staffed due to an employee medical issue.
- Placed and removed flags for Memorial Day.
- Assisted the parks crew lay sod in Pioneer Park. Re-seeded the area at the Cemetery where the sod was removed.



MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the second quarter of 2024 included:

- Worked with downtown businesses on their proposed Hedeem Plaza changes.
- Turned on domestic water service in all of the parks for the season.
- Prepared Memorial Park for the Vietnam Memorial Event, Apple Blossom and Pridefest and restored the park following the events.
- Began mowing for the season.
- Finished converting the Lincoln Park irrigation to the Irricloud system.
- Finishing painting park signs.
- Turned on and repaired irrigation citywide.
- Applied pre-emergent herbicide to park areas.
- Investigated lighting and electrical issues in Rotary Park at the flag plaza.
- Received a report of a cracked tree downtown. Investigated, and removed the tree.
- Pruned trees citywide.
- Moved tables for the Apple Blossom pancake feed and provided additional event support.



- Worked with Applearians on changes to the rose garden in Memorial Park.
- Worked with Public Works to try to get the failing Pioneer Park lighting system to work.
- Pressure washed the Centennial Park clock and human waste from the restrooms and stage.
- Installed a historical sign in Centennial Park for the Museum to replace the vandalized sign.
- Planted flower baskets, pots and seasonal beds. Hand watering them on a twice daily basis.
- The replacement memorial tree for Centennial Park and the other vandalized tree at Kiwanis Methow Park arrived and were planted.
- Interviewed, hired and trained seasonal maintenance candidates.
- One staff attended crane certification training.
- Worked through a problematic pump issue on the Lincoln Park irrigation.
- Installed flags downtown for Armed Forces Day and Flag Day.
- Applied fertilizer to park areas.



MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

- Conducted a preconstruction meeting with the Lincoln Park sidewalk contractor. Prepared the area for the new sidewalk connection and relandscaped the area following the work.



- Removed a dead tree from Pioneer Park and large downed limb from Memorial Park.
- Prepared the area in Pioneer Park outside the pool mechanical room for paving. Repaired a waterline and rerouted irrigation. The Street Department paved the area. Removed damaged turf and cut and installed sod from the Cemetery. Installed a curb.



- Removed a weed tree from Pioneer Park.
- Diagnosed and repaired a water leak downtown.
- Retrieved truckloads of limbs that came down wind events. One leader landed on a truck downtown and a tree snapped in the Hale Off Leash Area.



- Painted over graffiti on the south side of the George Sellar Bridge.
- Assisted the Cemetery remove Memorial Day decorations.



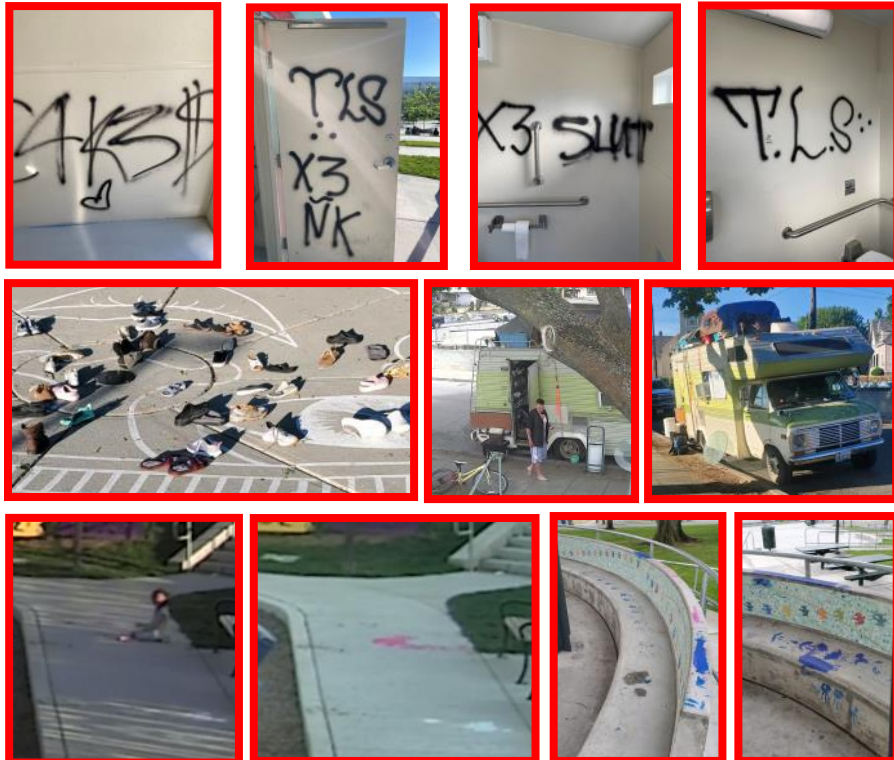
- Repaired two vandalized park benches at the top of Saddle Rock, two in Lincoln Park and one in Hale Park.
- Pressure washed and patched the concrete in the park wading pools to prepare for the season.
- Followed up on the status of the shipment of new trees for those run over on 5th Street. They will be replanted in the fall.
- Moved the first street planters back into the roadway.
- Ordered and installed replacement valves for the Rotary Splash Pad features. A no longer manufactured filter regulator on the Rotary Splash Pad cracked. Worked to identify and obtain a replacement part. Ordered and tried three parts that were recommended replacements by the supplier and splash pad designer however they did not work. Contacted the manufacturer in Austria directly. From the manufacturer, located a supplier in that had the last three in the United States in their warehouse. Ordered the parts and also developed a work around in the event that the part does not work.
- Repaired multiple areas of cut fence at Salvation Army and Sellar Bridge.
- The Lincoln Park splash pad actuator and mother board arrived and were installed. Continued to chase power relay and other electrical issues caused by the vandalism. Repairs were made and the splash pad is now operational.

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 second quarter of 2024.

KIWANIS METHOW PARK

- There were multiple incidents with drug users in the restrooms.
- The park was painted with pink, white and blue paint.
- The restrooms continue to be problematic with persons locking and residing within.
- People were doing their laundry and dishes in the drinking fountains.
- The restrooms were tagged.
- Someone broke the irrigation clock.
- An RV took up residence at the park.
- People are tearing down the construction fence daily to access the closed field.



HALE PARK

- Reported eighteen new camps along the river. Coordinated response and cleaned the areas.
- The skate park was tagged.
- A memorial bench was vandalized.
- The fence was cut multiple times.
- The picnic shelter was tagged.
- Received complaints about people living and doing drugs in the restrooms.



DAMAGE, VANDALISM AND OTHER INCIDENTS

CENTENNIAL PARK

- A person broke the memorial tree in half in the park.
- Someone attempted to kick in the new restroom doors.

WASHINGTON PARK

- Received a complaint that the park trash cans were too far away from where the person was sitting to use.
- Someone smashed the new information/schedule sign.

PENNSYLVANIA PARK

- People sleeping in the top of the children's play area unleashed a profanity laced tirade at park personnel. The people were seen on video being dropped off by car, and looking in vehicles the night before and were still there later in the day after they were asked to leave. Police were called to assist.
- Someone stuffed the toilets and sinks in the restrooms full of play area fall material making them inoperable.



RAINBOW PARK

- Three campers were trespassed for turning off the irrigation valves, damaging the grass and plants.
- Removed a gallon jug of human waste from the park.

SADDLE ROCK

- Reviewed camera footage to try to identify a suspect that dumped construction and household debris at the trailhead.
- The electric vehicle charging station was vandalized.
- A bench was tagged.
- A memorial bench at the top of Saddle Rock was vandalized.
- Someone drove through a fence at the trailhead.



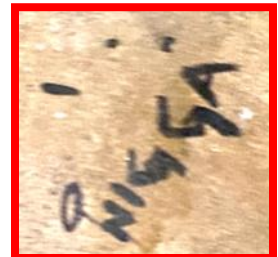
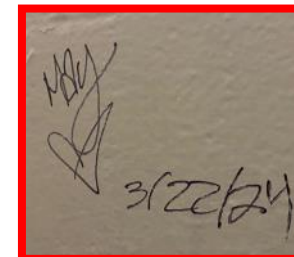
ROTARY PARK

- The restrooms, picnic shelter, park bench and trash cans were tagged. The tagger can be seen on video taking selfies of himself in front of the tagging. Case Number 24W05175.
- A mirror was unbolted and stolen from a restroom.



PIONEER PARK

- The toilet paper in the restrooms was set on fire.
- The restrooms were tagged multiple times.
- The skatepark was tagged.
- Removed loiterers from the restrooms on multiple occasions.
- The restrooms were vandalized with toilet paper dispensers kicked in, general trash and eggs thrown around.
- Someone dumped tires and wheels in the park.
- Ten sprinkler heads and one valve box were destroyed in the park during the Apple Capital Swim meet.



DAMAGE, VANDALISM AND OTHER INCIDENTS

MEMORIAL PARK

- An incident occurred with a person in the park who had their belongings spread across the park, claimed they had an injury, refused medical service when offered, proceeded to curse staff and impeded staff's ability to complete their work.

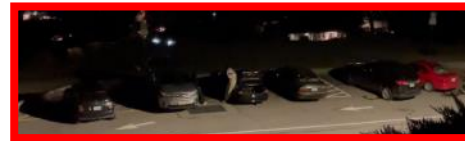
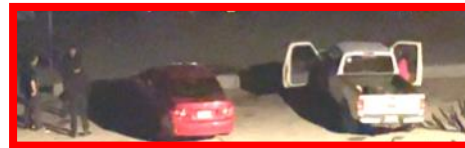
LINCOLN PARK

- The restrooms are vandalized on an almost daily basis with soap dispensers torn off the walls, graffiti, toilets plugged to the extreme which required calling in a plumber to repair. The floor and sinks were used to deposit feces. A sink was broken and the restroom stall partitions were carved. Closed the restrooms to repair the damage and received complaints that the restrooms were closed. Someone tore the "closed due to vandalism" signs off as well.
- Two park benches were vandalized.
- A person broke off and damaged the Splash Pad actuator and one of the spray features. This also caused the motherboard and power relays to short out. The repair cost is estimated at \$10,000. Spent significant time investigating and downloading the video to identify a potential suspect. Provided the information to Police-case number is 24W08212.
- There was an increase in persons in the park who appear to be under the influence.
- Investigated an injury claim from the playground.
- Received complaints of a man masturbating in the restroom and in his truck. He was in the park for several weeks.
- Removed a crack pipe from the restrooms.



OTHER AREAS

- A grave was vandalized at the Cemetery.
- A double semi drove through the Riverside Drive landscaping and got stuck. We obtained their insurance information for the damage.
- The Perfect on Petra sculpture and plaque were tagged. The plaque was destroyed.
- Received complaints from a neighbor about nighttime noise and partying at the Skyline Drive Overlook between 10pm and 3am. They would like the overlook closed. The overlook is posted as open daylight hours only. Increased contracted security patrols and making facility changes.



- The Rock and Roll on a Skateboard sculpture in Riverfront Park was vandalized with the monkey cut off. The PUD recovered the bronze monkey.
- Staff were verbally assaulted by motorists while installing the flags downtown.



DAMAGE, VANDALISM AND OTHER INCIDENTS

- A person affixed a hammock and a pallet structure to the Welcome to Wenatchee sign by the Sellar Bridge offramp.

- The Thurston underpass was tagged.

- An older man drove through the center median on 5th Street and took out two trees and some shrubs.



- The crew estimates that it retrieves and disposes of an average of 5-6 abandoned shopping carts a week. Developed a tracking system in the Elements program to determine where they are coming from and better document the quantities.

- A camp under the Wenatchee River Bridge on the southbound lane, south side was discovered. Alerted WSDOT and the State Patrol as a portion of the bridge had to be shut down to respond.



- Continued trespassing a trailer that was moving from park to park. It was last seen off the roadway without a license plate up Pitcher Canyon.



- Park staff recovered a bike from a thief that was headed south toward the Sellar Bridge. The bike belongs to the son of a water department employee and was stolen from Winco the day before.

- Someone destroyed a downtown flower pot.

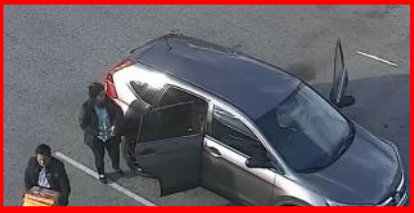
- The newly planted flowers in the First Street planters were pulled out and stolen on a daily basis. At least seven planters had plants removed. Identified a suspect from a video provided by a downtown business. The suspect was later seen in Lincoln Park stripping wires. Called Police. He was trespassed from all parks for 45 days.



GEORGE SELLAR BRIDGE/LIONS LOCOMOTIVE PARK

- The bridge was tagged multiple times.
- A person spray painted a bike, the grass, sidewalk and fence in the park.
- A car crashed into the park.
- A person was seen tearing out wires from the irrigation valves. Police were called and he was trespassed from the park for 45 days. An individual used a riding lawn mower, loppers and other equipment damaging the landscaping in the park.
- A person dropped off pizzas to the people in the park. Staff cleaned up the trash and food that was left.
- Several sprinkler heads were broken and sidewalks are routinely blocked.
- Received daily complaints about trash, blocked sidewalks and campers on and under the George Sellar Bridge.
- On average, staff removed one 5 yard dump trailer or truck load of trash each week which totaled over 50,000 pounds of trash this quarter.
- Coordinated clean up of the encampments south of the Sellar Bridge with the Washington State Department of Transportation. There were multiple cars, recreational vehicles, and over 15 tents. Among other things, witnessed a person smoking meth, interrupted a drug deal, and another person getting a tattoo. Of the over 40 people there, Wenatchee Rescue Mission made contact with 30 individuals offering shelter and other services to assist. During that time the their team distributed 17 doses of Narcan. All contacts were made aware that the Rescue Mission had open low barrier beds and were offered immediate shelter. One person who was exited from Safe Park for theft was informed they could return. All individuals were told about the tiny shelters. 11 asked to be placed on the waitlist (Most were intact couples or had pets). Staff removed 15 dump truck loads of debris the day of the cleanup and an additional dump truck load the following day and another load two days later as people had ignored the no trespassing postings and returned. In sum, over 19,125 pounds of debris was removed. The individuals moved back to Lions Locomotive Park and other usual locations (under the bridge, Hale Park, in the storm swale, adjacent to FedEx). Began receiving citizen complaints about drug use and other issues almost immediately.
- Police reported a person was shot in the eye with a pellet gun at the camp by Salvation Army.
- A person had parked their car on the grass landscape strip, running over irrigation by Platt/Sellar Bridge and was distributing food. Maintenance staff stopped and asked him to move off the grass. He became confrontational.
- The park fence and George Sellar Bridge was cut in several locations. The cost of repairs was over \$7,000.

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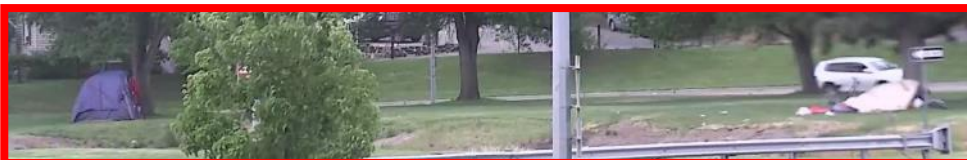
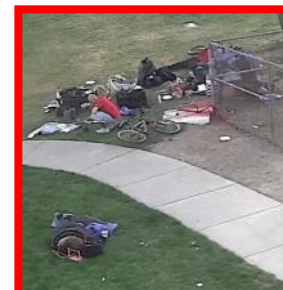
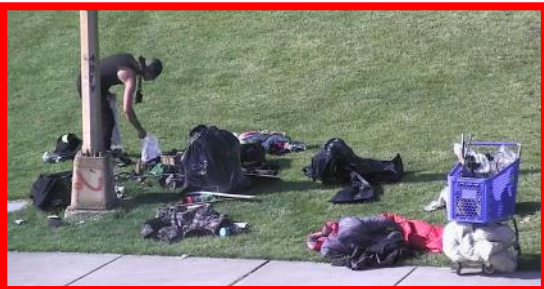
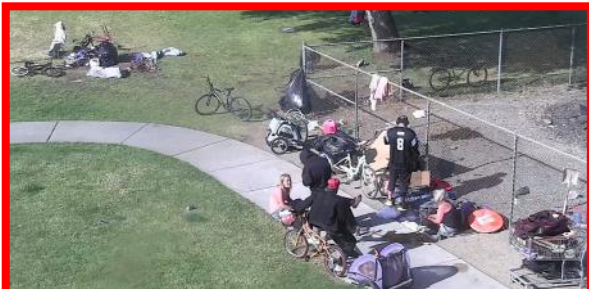
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THE ESTIMATED COST OF VANDALISM

Park maintenance staff track the costs associated with responding to vandalism and other incidents. The following is the estimated response cost for the first half of the year.

Staff	\$32,144.06
Supplies and Materials	\$7,885.24
Equipment	\$12,244.00
Contracted Services	<u>\$15,300.80</u>
Total Estimated Cost	\$67,574.10

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 and 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.



Maintenance worker Aiden getting ready to tackle the human waste spread around the Lincoln Park restroom.



The June 23 wildfire burned through one of the city properties adjacent to Castlerock.

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 highlights from the second quarter of 2024:

- Met with the Street Department and reviewed Skyline Drive and Rotary Park parking striping plans. They striped the lots. As expected, the parallel parking striping and signing at Skyline was not effective. Endeavoring to procure materials to make additional modifications to the area to address neighbor concerns.



- Assisted the Chelan Douglas Land Trust with final Jacobson Traverse construction items. Completed a construction inspection.
- Received notification that our two Washington Invasive Species Council grant applications to provide boot brush stations at Kenzie's Landing and Saddle Rock were successful. Prepared materials, reviewed the draft signs and ordered the brush stations.
- Met with the Rotary Club to discuss their ongoing desires for Rotary Park.
- Met with engineering to discuss the North Wenatchee Avenue Project and impacts to Rainbow Park.

- The fence behind the restrooms in Pennsylvania Park was installed.
- Participated in State Recreation Conservation Office Advisory Committee meetings.
- Reviewed and scored State Lands Development Grant applications.



- Met with the Chelan Douglas Land Trust several times to learn about their new vision and a separate meetings to discuss their projects, accessible trail design on the mining partners property, the Gordanier and Bighorn Ridge acquisitions and the master agreement.
- Wenatchee High School reached out again about building mountain bike course/trail at Saddle Rock.

- Participated in an Evergreen Communities Steering Committee meeting to finalize the details of a statewide forestry recognition program.
- KRCI was the low bidder for the Riverfront Park Project. Participated in pre-construction meetings. Construction began on June 3 and will continue until Summer 2025.
- Prepared and submitted a State Recreation Conservation Office grant progress report for the Bighorn Ridge Project.
- Continued working with the State and preparing documents to close out the Foothills Regional Recreation Area Grant Project. Recorded the deeds of right for the East Jacobson and Volkmann properties.
- Prepared information and with the State Recreation Conservation Office for a letter of support for the NEPA permit for the Clark Bridge extension project
- Reviewed and provided comment on the Confluence Parkway plans.
- Assisted the Leavenworth Museum with a Wenatchi Tribe Project.
- Received notification that the \$15,776 grant application to help fund the Kiwanis Methow Park backstop project was successful. Construction began and should be finished by the end of July. Prepared and submitted a grant status report.
- Coordinated the repair of vandalized fencing at the George Sellar Bridge for the Washington State Department of Transportation and also on private property.
- Met with the Wenatchee Racquet and Athletic Club (WRAC) and Chelan Douglas Land Trust to discuss the Jacobsen Preserve Trailhead and the WRAC's expansion plans.



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 the second quarter of 2024.

SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS

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. Spring sports include: Soccer, swimming, and track and field. 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 this quarter included: Apple Blossom Food Fair Trip, BBQ and Bingo Night and Garden Party.



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.



ATHLETICS



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.

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.

Adult, Drop-In Volleyball

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

RECREATION

Skyhawks Multi-Sport 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 was for ages 6-12.



Skyhawks Cheer Tots

Children in these high energy classes learn more than just cheer concepts; they also explored personal expression, agility, rhythm, and teamwork. The program was for ages 2 to 5 and held at Pioneer Park.

Skyhawks First Down Tots

First Down Tots is a development program uses a variety of fun games to engage kids while teaching the sport of football and developing fundamental skills. The goal is to build fitness, muscle coordination, football fundamentals and create a love of the game. There is no tackling or blocking at this level. The camp was held at Pioneer Park and was for ages 2-5.



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 Cheerleading Camp

This class teaches young athletes the essential skills to lead the crowd and support the home team! Each participant learned cheers, proper hand/body movements and jumping techniques. There is no stunting, just a big focus on fun while each cheerleader learns important life skills such as teamwork and leadership. The program concludes with a final cheer performance. For ages 6-12.

Skyhawks Soccer Tots

These soccer-themed motor skill classes are very easy for youngsters to get into. Younger age groups focus on developing motor skills and self-confidence; older classes focus more on developing core soccer skills and personal focus, and introduce 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/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.



Skyhawks Soccer Camp

This camp teaches young athletes technical skills and sport knowledge required for their next step into soccer. Areas of focus are dribbling, passing, shooting and ball control. By the end of the program, participants learned new life skills such as teamwork and sportsmanship, made new friends and improved their soccer skills.

Summer Day Camp

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



RECREATION

Gardening Seminars

The free, monthly gardening seminars were held at the Okanogan Community Garden and hosted by community Master Gardeners.

Park Wading Pool Program

The park wading pool program is held at Washington, Kiwanis Methow and Pennsylvania Parks. It began on June 24 and runs through mid-August.



ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Special Needs Social Program was awarded an \$8,500 grant by Chelan Douglas Developmental Disabilities Council to fund the program for another year.
- Solicited sponsorships and made preparations for the Tardeadas Program.
- Registration opened for Summer and Fall programs.
- Prepping supplies for summer programs.
- Met with 30 Master Gardeners to provide background on the community garden and coordinate gardening seminars.
- Conducted first aid, CPR and programmatic training for summer staff.

- Our Special Olympics Cheerleaders performed at the WHS Soccer game
- Met with Skyhawks to discuss 2025 programs.



RECREATION PARTICIPATION

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
After School Program	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	116	-
Artful Endeavors	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drop in Volleyball	-	-	-	-	287	453	191	65	265	374	294
Fall/Spring Into Fitness	18	9	6	-	5	7	-	22	7	13	
Friday Night Concerts	1,350	2,125	1,750	1,050	1,147	1,350	-	1,030	890	1,020	
Gardening Seminars	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Guided Nature Hikes	42	412	219	105	32	-	-	-	-	27	-
Halloween Carnival	2,500	5,000	5,000	4,600	4,600	4,600	1,280	2,200	2,500	2,500	
Hiking and Nature Camp	-	-	38	9	11	12	-	11	15	15	10
Indoor Playground	238	186	746	650	432	1,266	695	86	131	566	318
Movies in the Park	900	800	500	-	1,050	1,200	584	579	450	450	
Polar Plunge	76	62	57	31	74	60	70	4	-	-	50
Row and Paddle Camp	16	17	17	11	13	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skyhawks Sports Camps	146	219	294	211	166	217	-	309	502	507	
Snow Shoe Hikes For Families	-	-	32	36	37	55	40	-	-	69	32
Special Needs Social Program	1,229	1,281	1,552	626	530	452	408	434	485	153	55
Special Olympics Sports	251	262	231	226	185	208	90	86	158	129	61
Special Olympics Winter Games	5,098	3,841	3,897	4,198	4,500	3,900	-	-	-	4,200	4,500
Spring Break Camp	-	-	-	-	18	18	-	11	-	-	-
Summer Day Camp	443	504	464	482	455	456	50	242	115	393	90
Swimming Lessons	881	767	720	775	796	970	-	615	656	848	301
Tardeadas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	450	225
Wading Pool Program	4,684	4,783	4,228	3,065	2,325	4,021	-	945	1,480	1,755	125
Winter Flake Festival/Bundle Up Fest	1,120	1,200	900	800	1,889	2,200	1,800	-	2,000	2,000	1,100
Women's Volleyball	76	80	73	81	87	79	75	-	67	90	85
Youth Recreation Basketball League	106	108	126	134	128	122	-	-	63	81	
Youth Tennis Lessons	40	33	23	19	9	12	-	24	33	32	
Youth Track	102	123	-	101	129	120	-	103	63	66	65
TOTALS	19,316	21,812	20,873	17,227	18,905	21,778	5,283	6,766	9,880	15,854	7,311

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. 2024 is through the end of June.