



2014

Annual Report

On Target for Success

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ON TARGET FOR SUCCESS

I am pleased to present the Clarksville Parks & Recreation 2014 Annual Report. The theme for 2013 was *"Ideas into Action"* summarizing how our staff's ideas and planning produce actions and accomplishments. This report is focused more on performance measures and statistics, as we are *"On Target for Success"*.

This summary is intended to educate local elected officials, city departments, citizen leaders and the public, as well as, serve as a record of 2014. Thank you for reading our Annual Report. We are proud of our achievements but we know we have a more work to accomplish. You are always welcome and encouraged to comment, offer suggestions and learn how to get involved by e-mailing me at mark.tummons@cityofclarksville.com or calling me at (931) 645-7476.

My Best,



Mark Tummons, Director
Clarksville Parks & Recreation



MISSION

To provide a variety of positive recreational experiences to enhance life values for individuals, families and our diverse culture.

STRATEGIES

- Provide excellent customer service
- Pursue citizen input to develop services and keep customers informed of what is available
- Offer affordable programming that meets the needs of the community
- Maintain parks and recreation assets to ensure delivery of excellent service
- Produce festivals and events that celebrate our community's heritage, culture and diversity

VALUES

- Service excellence to citizens and stakeholders
- Improving citizens' lives through facilities, programming, and events based on community needs
- Protecting the community's investment in parks and recreation infrastructure.
- Utilizing networking, collaboration and partnerships to achieve outstanding results
- Inclusion and diversity in programming and our workforce
- Stewardship of our natural environment

VISION

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TRAILS (GREENWAY, BLUEWAY & BICYCLE)

FORD STREET MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL PARK

The Ford Street Mountain Bike Trail Park opened to the public on June 28. At the time, the new park consists of a 2.2-mile, advanced level trail loop designed for experienced mountain bikers. The park now provides 3.5 miles of trails. The park's maintenance staff, local COGS, IMBA/SORBA as well as volunteers contributed to the year-long project. The 3.5 miles is only the beginning as eventually the Park will have miles of trail designated for advanced, intermediate, and novice riders.

GREENWAY, BLUEWAY & BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

The Department has contracted with Lose & Associates, Inc. to develop a Clarksville Greenway, Blueway, and Bicycle Trail Master Plan. Mayor McMillan invited community stakeholders to participate on a task force to assist in the development of the Plan. The Task Force met multiple times throughout the stages of development to identify needs specific to our City. Later, in the project was expanded to include Montgomery County. The Plan is scheduled to be finalized this spring.

HERITAGE PARK GREENWAY CONNECTION

The City celebrated the official grand opening of Section I of the Heritage Park Greenway Connection with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, January 5, 2015. This 3/10 mile section is an important step in the City's plan to expand the walking trail.

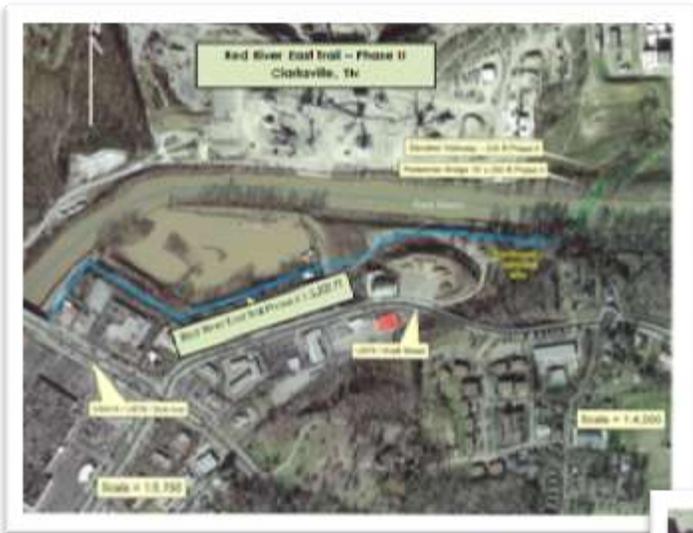
The 10-foot wide trail has been extended from the Mary's Oak Trailhead to Peachers Mill Road. Work is already under way to extend the trail along Peachers Mill Road to Heritage Park. That connection will be completed by late spring or early summer 2015.



RED RIVER GREENWAY CONNECTION

The Red River Greenway Connection is a three-phase project to connect the Riverwalk at McGregor Park to the existing Clarksville Greenway.

Phase I will connect the North Extension of the Riverwalk to the Hwy 79 / New Providence Blvd. bridge. From the bridge, pedestrians can use the sidewalk to cross the river and access Ft. Defiance Park and its trails. Construction is expected to commence in summer of 2015.



Phase II of the project will connect to the Phase I trail under the Hwy 79 Bridge and along the Red River to a proposed trailhead off Kraft Street. Appraisals of two properties that are not currently owned by the City are underway. The City has applied for grant funding to pay for this portion of the project.

Phase III will complete the final stretch of the project connected in the first two phases over the Red River and to the tail end of the existing Clarksville Greenway, behind the City's water treatment facility. When complete, this will allow residents 20 miles of non-stop pedestrian trails throughout the City.



SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS

TECHNOLOGY AT THE POOL

In 2014 the Department increased its use of technology at the pool sites. By adding computers and network connectivity, we are able to sell pool passes directly at our pools. This opportunity provides a convenience to the customer who no longer has to make a special trip to our Main Office or a community Center to purchase their passes.

GREEN CERTIFIED!

The Department received its Green Certification in July 2014 as part of a year-long process to reduce our impact on the environment. It is the intent of the Parks and Recreation Department to be at the forefront of the green movement. To reduce, waste, cost and improve efficiency we understand that a green department is a strong department. We are trusted with tax payer dollars and a deliberate effort to save money and repurposed materials go a long way.



All staff strive to maintain a program with as small a carbon footprint as possible. In doing this, we hope to encourage others to preserve what we have in man-made and natural environments.

Every aspect of building, maintaining and programming come with the least environmental impact possible. We have upgraded our lighting when feasible, switched to organic products when possible and continue to better ourselves when it comes to recycling and repurposing within the Department.

As a parks and recreation agency, the outdoors is our playground. You only have so much land, if we aren't at the forefront of the green movement we are doing ourselves and our citizens a huge disservice.



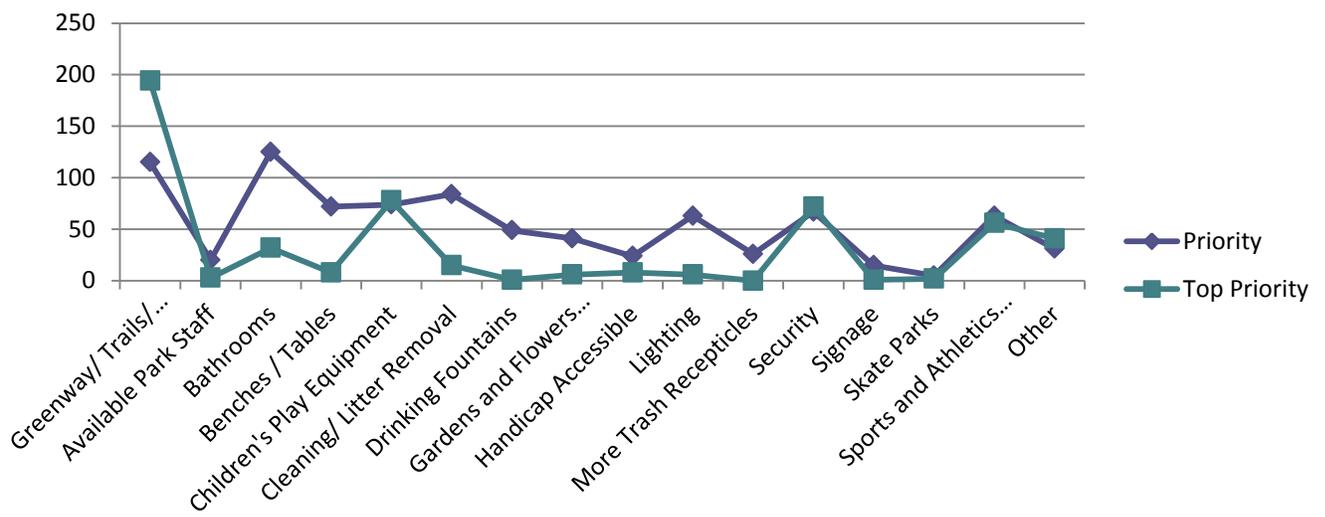
CITIZEN SURVEY

In February the Department surveyed the public to determine how we can better improve the services we provide. The survey was distributed to over 8,000 member email contacts, including local media outlets. The survey closed on March 14, 2014 with 532 respondents.

35% of respondents visit parks or recreational facilities at least once a week.

When participants were asked *why* they visit Clarksville Parks, the responses mostly include exercise and spending time with children and family. Of those that selected “other”, 49% say they visit parks for Pet Friendly Facilities. Most agree that facilities are clean, safe, and staff are friendly.

We also asked participants to identify their priorities for parks facilities. The top priorities were Greenways/Blueways/Trails, Playground Equipment, Security and Sports/Athletics Fields.



The respondents' overall opinion of Parks + Recreation's facilities were “Good”, “Very Good” or “Excellent”. When we asked for ideas of improvements, we received a lot of constructive comments. A majority were in the areas of Greenways & Trails, Athletic Facilities, Security and Recreational Programming.

PARK & FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS

NEW SPLASH PARK HAS OPENED AT EDITH PETTUS PARK

The brand new Splash Park at Edith Pettus Park, located at 345 Farris Drive, now welcomes visitors! The Splash Park Grand Opening took place May 23 with neighborhood residents and city officials cutting the ribbon to officially open the park to the public.

The Edith Pettus Park Splash Park is the largest splash park to date for the Department, which also operates splash pads at Dixon and Lettie Kendall Parks. The new splash park boasts six water features including “misting rings,” “bucket dumps,” as well as in-ground jets. The splash park also features a grassy picnic area with picnic tables.

Parks and Recreation Director Mark Tummons shared how years of wear had taken a toll on the former Edith Pettus Park and especially the pool that once sat where the splash park is located today. The department secured funding in 2010 for the addition of the splash park, a small walking trail, new backstops and ball field improvements. These renovations allow for Edith Pettus Park to once again be a vibrant and vital part of this neighborhood for many years to come.

“Without collaboration very little can be truly accomplished, and the Department of Community and Housing Development, led by Keith Lampkin has been a strong partner in the overall refurbishment of Edith Pettus as well. They have assisted with over \$150,000 in plans and surveys, additional help with curbs, the splash park engineering and the installation of the splash equipment. In addition, a security camera will be installed in the next few weeks thanks to their vision and generosity to help protect the investment we have all made. Lastly, but certainly not least, Parks and Recreation has a hardworking and knowledgeable staff and without their tireless efforts this Park would not look as it does today and be ready to cut the ribbon – thank you all,” said Tummons.



BURCHWOOD PARK

The City of Clarksville's Parks & Recreation Department conducted a community meeting to discuss the future development of Burchwood Park. Several improvements were identified. Completed in 2014 was a parking area, tree/brush removal and other maintenance items. New playground equipment has been ordered and is expected to be installed by summer 2015. The City became legal owner of the property in July 2014.

BURCHETT PARK

Volunteers gathered at Burchett Park, Sunday, September 7 to help clean-up the Park as part of the nationwide volunteer effort called "September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance". The clean-up included pavilion roof repairs, painting of playground equipment, painting of parking lot spaces, removal of old landscape timbers, and spreading pea gravel in the playground areas.



Volunteer Clarksville, Hands on Nashville, and the Department initiated this project with support from the Corporation for National Community Service. "I think about my dad every day, so this was a good way to spend a little time with him, even though he passed 14 years ago," said Eddie Burchett, who donated the land for this park years ago. "It was great to see all the volunteers helping and the park looks better already. We hope the neighborhood enjoys the Ewing C. Burchett Park for a long time. He loved playing..." Donations of labor and materials were made by Eddie Burchett Construction & Thomas Lumber. Fundraising continues with the plan to purchase a picnic table to be located under the picnic pavilion.

HELICOPTER DISPLAY

In an effort to recognize the citizens of Clarksville employed by and retired from Fort Campbell military installation and other armed forces, it is the Department's intent to install a static display of a military helicopter at Liberty Park. In November 2014, the City Council passed a Resolution supporting the City/Department's request of a decommissioned helicopter through the United States Army Donations Program.

In December, the final application was submitted. The Department expects to wait three to six years for equipment to become available. During that time, we will proceed with site plans, as well as, the pursuit of community support through in-kind donations for the placement of the equipment.

WINDOW TINTING AT WILMA RUDOLPH EVENT CENTER

Contractors were on site April 21-24, 2014 applying over 6,000 square feet of window film to the event center's glass interior. The window film was carefully considered and selected so the natural beauty of Liberty Park view could still be enjoyed from the inside of the facility while reducing the sun's influence from the outside. Since installation, the heat rejection and improved comfort inside the Wilma Rudolph Event Center has been readily evident on higher temperature days. There are high expectations for energy savings through the reduction of the necessity for facility environmental controls. The window film diminished the sun's harmful effects to interior furnishings and is expected to significantly reduce replacement costs and extend life to the exposed surfaces inside of the facility. Patrons have found a much more comfortable environment due to reduced glare and eye discomfort, which was previously experienced during events at the Wilma Rudolph Event Center.



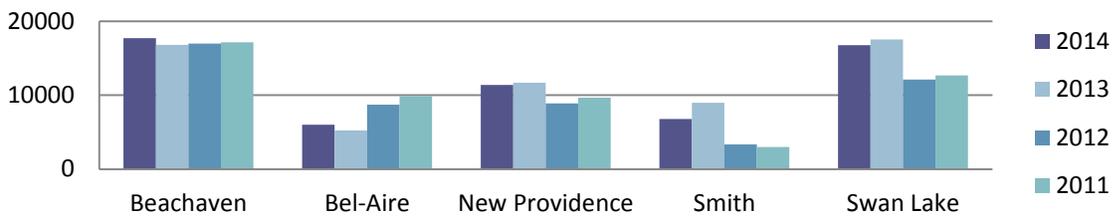
AQUATICS

OUTDOOR POOL SEASON

The City opens five (5) pools each summer from May through August. Pools offer five (5) comprehensive levels of swim lessons, as well as, Mommy & Me, Preschool, Adult and Adaptive swim lessons. Also offered are a variety of water fitness classes. In 2014 the Aquatics Team taught 180 children/adults in swim lesson classes (Mommy & Me, Preschool, Levels 1-6 & Adult)

New this season is Splash Pass! The \$20 season pass, includes access to not only the slides at Swan Lake and Bel-Aire Pools, but also the climbing walls at Beachhaven and New Providence Pools and wibits at New Providence Pool.

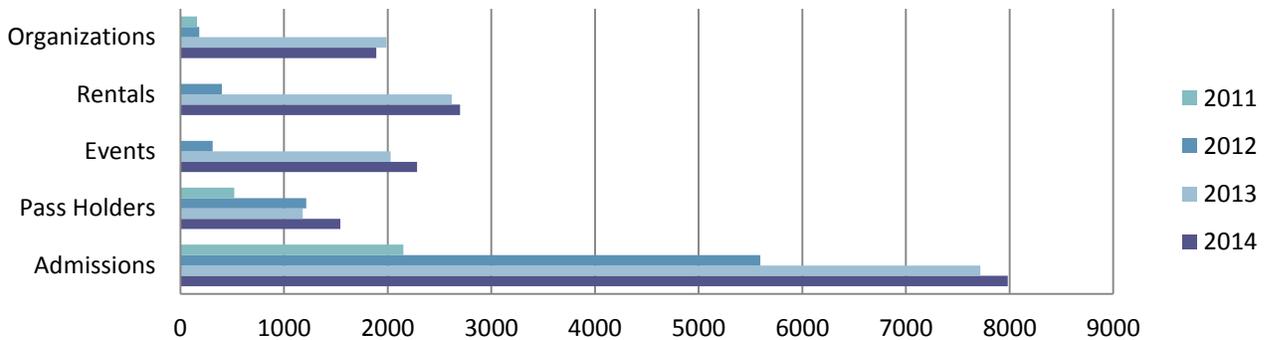
Pool Attendance Comparison



INDOOR POOL SEASON

The Indoor Aquatic Center is the only public, indoor pool in the City of Clarksville. The Indoor Aquatic Center offers swim lessons, water fitness classes, lap swim, and open swimming from October through May each year. The facility offers a locker room area with slip-resistant flooring and ADA accessible stalls.

Indoor Season Attendance Comparison



NEW! PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

Private Swim Lessons are now available by reservation at the Indoor Aquatic Center. Private Swim Lessons are the ideal option for children and adults who need one-on-one instruction. These lessons are also great for families who cannot make the times of the regular swim lessons. The lessons are available by reservation at a minimum of four 45 minutes sessions. This program just began in December 2014.

THUNDERBOLT AQUATICS CLARKSVILLE SWIM TEAM

The Thunderbolt Swim Team officially launched in August at New Providence Pool and continued at the Indoor Aquatic Center when it reopened in October. The Team currently has 50 members and we hope to see that double within the first year.

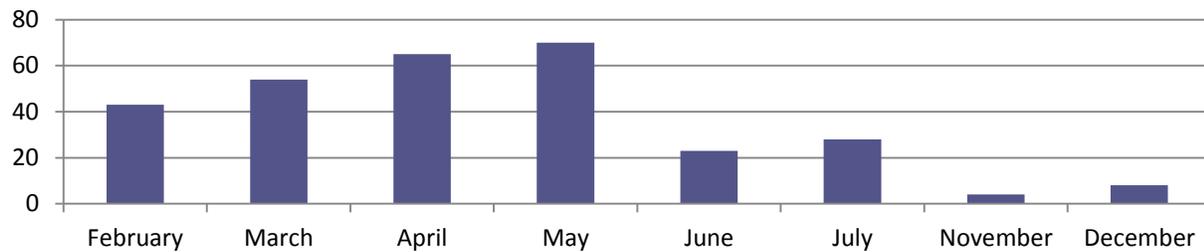
The Department hopes to partner with the Team to acquire a bulkhead to increase the number of lanes available to swimmers and better utilize our space for training. The Teams offer an opportunity to the City to increase revenue by holding swim meets.

TODDLER SPLASH

On the first Wednesday of each month, the New Providence Pool hosts a pool party for toddlers ages 1 to 5 years old. The event includes a water parade, fishing pond, penny hunt, water games, crafts and more.



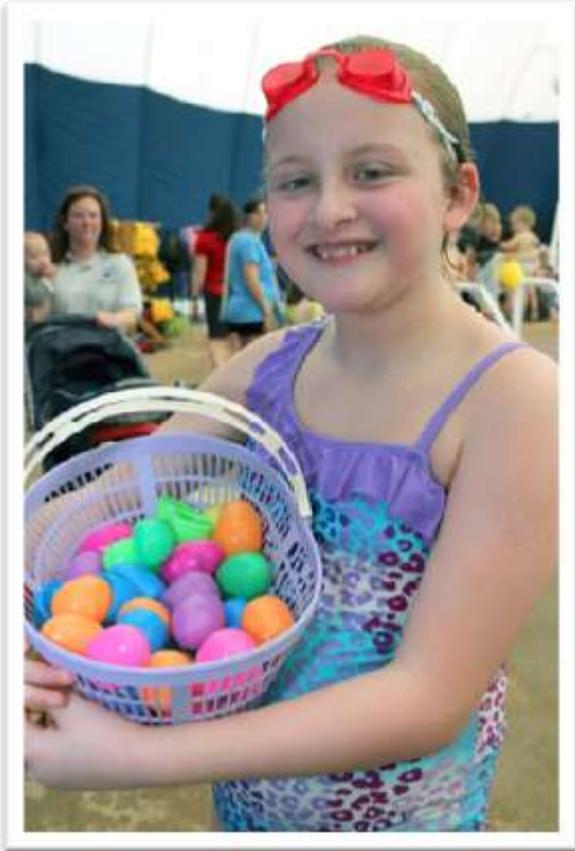
2014 Toddler Splash Participants



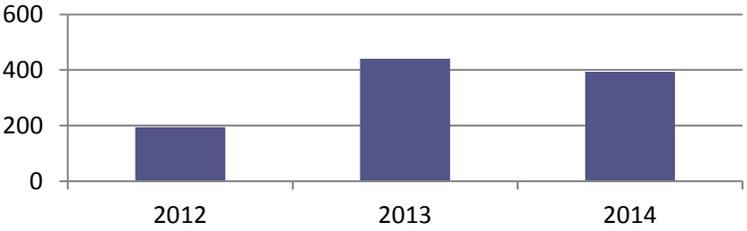
THIRD ANNUAL WETTEST EGG HUNT

The Wettest Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 12. This, not so typical egg hunt, invites kids to hunt for eggs sunk to the bottom of the pool, and floating on top of the water. Kids ages one to twelve are able to swim out and grab as many eggs as possible. The event also includes an adaptive egg hunt for those with special needs. Refreshments were served and the Easter Bunny hopped by for a visit.

This event is extremely popular. The past two years we have reach facility capacity. Additional time slots will be added to the 2015 event to increase the number of children who may participate.



Wettest Egg Hunt



SECOND ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL SPLASH

600 backpacks were provided to elementary through high school students.

Parks and Recreation is proud to offer free school supplies to youth entering kindergarten through 12th grade at the Back to School Splash. The 2013 event was held at one pool with a capacity of 300. Due to the overwhelming response from the public, in 2014 the event was expanded to two facilities, Bel-Aire Pool and New Providence Pool. Pre-registration for both events maxed out weeks before the events were held. The Department was able to offer 600 backpacks of school supplies to the students of Clarksville.

WORLD'S LARGEST SWIM LESSON™

Swimming is a life-saving skill for children and a vital tool to prevent drowning, the second leading cause of unintended, injury-related death for children ages 1-14. **Over 1,600** Clarksville youth took part, as waterparks, pools and other aquatic facilities across the world attempted to break the Guinness World Record of the World's Largest Swimming Lesson™ on Friday, June 20 at Beachaven, New Providence, Swan Lake and Smith Pools.

The World's Largest Swimming Lesson™ was created to serve as a platform to help local community aquatic facilities and the many different national, regional and state wide water safety and drowning prevention organizations work together to tell this important story on a local and national level."

ADAPTIVE FISHING DERBY

On August 23, the Department held its 2nd Annual Adaptive Fishing Derby at Bel-Aire Swimming Pool. The Special Needs Fishing Derby gave those with mental or physical disabilities the exhilarating experience of catching live fish straight out of the water. Over 40 residents ages 5 and older participated in this free event.



SPOOKY SPECTACULAR & HAUNTED SWIM

On October 18 the Kleeman Community Center and the Indoor Aquatic Center teamed up to present their second-annual Spooky Spectacular and Haunted Maze & Swim. The Spooky Spectacular's activities were held earlier in the day and included a floating pumpkin patch inside the Indoor Aquatic Center, inflatables, music provided by an onsite DJ, and vendors with games and prizes.

The Haunted Maze and Haunted Swim portion of the evening was held in the evening. This event was geared towards an older crowd. The Haunted Maze was held on the Kleeman Center grounds and the Haunted Swim featured frightful lifeguards inside the Indoor Aquatic Center.

SWIM WITH SANTA

The Swim with Santa event has become a Christmas tradition at the Indoor Aquatic Center. On December 13, **127 family members** enjoyed refreshments, crafts, and swimming.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SPLASH

The third annual New Year's Eve Splash was held December 31. **130 party-goers** enjoyed music, refreshments and free access to "The Aqua Run" wibit, "The Aqua Climb" climbing wall and giant, inflatable waterslide.

ATHLETICS

HERITAGE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

In 2014, our Maintenance and Athletic Staff began a series of improvements at Heritage Park. The scope of the project includes fence replacements, softball fieldwork, irrigation upgrades, new ball field entryway mats and seed programs. A simple drive by the facility will show the fruits of their labor. Due to ongoing repairs to softball fields, field space has been limited, thus limiting the number of participants in some of our leagues.

SWAN LAKE LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

Phase I of a three-phase project was recently completed at Swan Lake Sports Complex. The project included replacement of light poles that were in dire need of repair and the addition of “green lighting”. The new lighting has less spill-off than traditional lighting. The Department will also have the capability to turn the lights off and on remotely. These upgrades were made to one ball field. The two other fields at this facility will undergo the same upgrades, hopefully at a rate of one field per year.

ADULT SOFTBALL

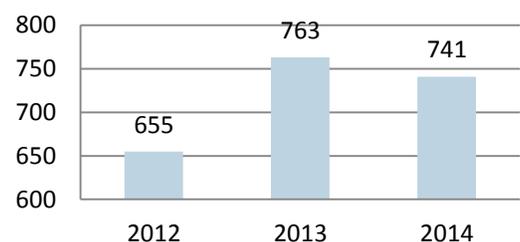
Each year the Department hosts Spring & Fall Adult Leagues at Heritage Park. The leagues are open to men, women or co-eds teams. In 2014,

- **67** teams of adults participated in our Spring League for a total of 415 games!
- **52** teams participated in our Fall Leagues for a total of 324 games.

SPRING YOUTH SPORTS

741 children participated in the Spring Youth Blastball, T-Ball, Baseball and Softball Leagues. This is the 2nd largest league in Clarksville, behind Clarksville National Little League. The league is open to youth ages 3 - 14. All 216 games were played at Heritage Park Baseball Fields during the six week season.

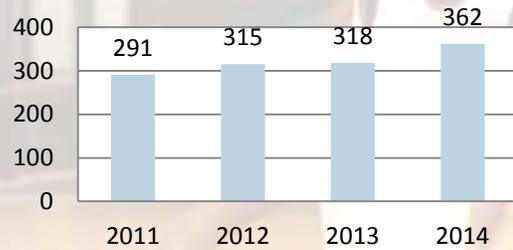
Youth Players By Year



YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

35 teams participated in the 2014 Youth Basketball Season. Over **375** youth signed up to play in the league. Our largest obstacle with this league is lack of adequate gym space. We are confident this league would grow and we could service more youth if we had access to more gymnasiums.

Youth Basketball By Year



COACHES TRAINING

Over **125 youth coaches** received the National Youth Sports coaches training. The Athletic division has made it mandatory for anyone coaching the Parks and Recreation Youth leagues to become a certified coach through NAYS training. Coaches are given the option to attend sessions hosted by the athletic staff held before each season begins, or do the training online.

OTHER CLARKSVILLE LEAGUES

- The Buddy Ball/Challenge League had 238 participants in the annual league at the Heritage Park Complex. The league was played in the fall again on Friday nights.
- The area Little Leagues had the following participation for the spring/fall. Most leagues did not play in the fall season.

Clarksville National Little League	772 participants (City leased fields)
Montgomery Central Little League	345 participants
Northwest Little League	394 participants (City leased fields)
St. Bethlehem Little League	662 participants
Woodlawn Little League	200 participants
Clarksville Girls Softball Assoc.	300 participants (City owned fields)
Clarksville Orioles—Middle School	30 participants (City leases fields)

- The Montgomery County Soccer Association League had 1938 registered participants in the spring and 2268 in the fall. MCSA games Heritage Soccer Complex.
- Over 150 participants from surrounding area middle schools participated in the Middle School Soccer Program this year at Heritage Soccer Complex.
- There were three (3) soccer tournaments held at the Heritage Soccer Complex with over 500 teams participating.
- Over 50 single soccer matches were hosted by local select clubs at Heritage Parks, as well as, two (2) clinics including the world renowned Challenger Sports Camp.



CLARKSVILLE SPORTS FESTIVAL

Clarksville Parks and Recreation hosted its fourth-annual Clarksville Sports Festival from on August 16, at the Wilma Rudolph Event. The Sports Festival is a celebration of sports and athletics in Clarksville and the surrounding area and features not only sports demonstrations and interactive areas, but also an exposition area where a wide variety of Clarksville and Montgomery County's athletic and outdoor clubs, businesses and organizations will come together in one location.

Festival-goers can rotate through over 10 sports demonstrations of their choosing to get hands on experience in learning a new sport like Parkour, Rugby, Historical Combat, Archery, Pickleball, Lacrosse, Boxing and more!

TENNESSEE PARKS & RECREATION AWARD

The Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department received a Four Star Award at the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association (TRPA) for its Clarksville Sports Festival. This award is given to the best athletics program designed to offer athletics/sports programs/activities to the public. Clarksville Sports Festival is an annual event held in August that celebrates sports and athletics in Clarksville and the surrounding area and features not only sports demonstrations and interactive areas, but also an exposition area where a wide variety of Clarksville and Montgomery County's athletic and outdoor clubs, businesses and organizations come together in one location.

SECOND ANNUAL WONDER KIDS TRIATHLON

The Wonder Kids Youth Triathlon was held on August 2. Over 450 people showed up to watch the 150 youth ages 3-12 compete in the second annual swim, bike and run event. Coastie the Coast Guard Auxiliary boat, as well as Andy the Armadillo from Texas Roadhouse was on hand to escort the participants to the pool for their first event.

Local businesses and clubs such as Academy Sports + Outdoors, Riverside Bicycle Shop, Aarons, Advanced America, Texas Roadhouse, Chick-fil-a, 5 Star Radio Group, Clarksville Women's Rugby team, and the city's own community and aquatics centers partnered up to host the event. The event brought in close to \$2,000 in sponsorship for the second year in a row.

The participants had a blast and many parents commented on how much they enjoyed the event and how much fun their children had. That's what it's all about!!



50+ OLYMPICS

Adults *at least* 50-years-old were invited to participate in Clarksville's 50-Plus Olympics. This year's event was held May 13-17 at various locations around Clarksville, to include the Pinnacle Bowling Center, Swan Lake Sports Complex, Indoor Aquatic Center at New Providence, Rossvie High School track, and the Crow & Kleeman Community Centers. **Seventy** competitors faced off for bragging rights, as well as medals in 20 challenging events. Events included shuffleboard, tennis, track, bowling, basketball free throw, table tennis, pickle ball and indoor swimming events.

36TH ANNUAL QUEEN CITY ROAD RACE

The Queen City Road Race event is a Clarksville tradition promoting fitness and fun for all ages. The 7K and 5K race route takes runners through the streets of Historic Downtown Clarksville, beginning and ending at Austin Peay State University's Foy Center, while the One Mile Movement takes you on an exciting tour of a portion of the APSU campus.

The 2014 event had a record number of participants. **Over 2,000 runners**, pre-registered for the 36th Annual Queen City Road Race. Coupled with the mild temperatures and sunny weather, race day turnout was one of the highest we have seen yet. The staging venue was much improved and we hope to return to the Foy Center for the 2015 race. Race sponsor Cumberland Bank and Trust provided race day volunteers for water stations and cheering runners on down the finish line.



ART IN THE PARK

The City of Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department is happy to announce the winners of this year's "Art on the Park" contest. The five finalists and grand prize winner will receive their framed artwork and the opportunity to paint their design on various walls of the Heritage Park Skatepark.

The grand prize winner, Emily Selby of New Providence Middle School, was awarded a \$100 gift card from Wal-Mart and a t-shirt featuring her artwork. The remaining finalists each received a \$25 gift card from Wal-Mart. Finalists include: Jasmine Robinson of Kenwood High School, Breahna Humphrey of Kenwood High School, Dakota Woodward of Northeast High School, Brizeyda Ramon Rajos of Northeast High School, and Aniseya White of West Creek Middle School.

Painting of the winning murals began October 11. This is the third "Art on the Park" contest held by the Parks & Recreation Department. The contest takes place every two years in order to beautify the Heritage Park Skatepark and deter graffiti. The contest was open to students in grades 6-12 who submitted artwork on 11" x 17" size poster board. Mural painting on the Heritage Park Skatepark was sponsored by the City of Clarksville Parks & Recreation Department, PPG Porter Paints, and Valspar.



COMMUNITY CENTERS, OUTDOOR RECREATION & YOUTH OUTREACH

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM (SYP)

The Summer Youth Program was held June 2 through July 11. This year’s theme was “Pumping up with Summer Fun!” The Summer Youth Program is a six-week day camp-type program that is offered each summer to youths, ages 6-16. Gyms at various locations are staffed with directors and assistants, who will help with playtime activities and provide free, instructional classes such as gymnastics and karate. Children ages 6-12 enjoyed our “Explorer” sites, while teens 13-16 had their very own sites for teens only at New Providence Middle School, West Creek Middle School and Moore Elementary School. The Summer Youth Program participates in the USDA Summer Lunch Program, which provides each child attending the program a nutritious lunch daily and free of charge. In addition to the fun gym activities and no-charge swimming on Fridays, a six-week tennis instruction session, Roxy Regional Theatre program, three weeks of Tumbling Camp, as well as, Beginner and Advanced Archery are offered.

SYP Money Management

Maria Jimenez, local accountant and creator of the “FUN Accounting for Preschoolers” program, issued a challenge to the children of the Summer Youth Program. Participants in the Clarksville Parks & Recreation program were given the opportunity to develop a business plan for a fictional business or profession of their choosing. Youth could work alone or together to form a “partnership” to complete the project. Over 20 business plans were submitted by the Summer Youth Program participants, but the following plans were chosen as the best of the bunch and were awarded cash prizes!

1st Place Presented by Daymar Institute	2nd Place Presented by Jimenez Consulting & Tax Services	3rd Place Presented by NCM Financial Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F.Y.E (Malaysia McLaughlin group) \$ 100.00 • Shoes of Life (Robert Gaines group) \$100.00 • Zeus Tech (Alexander Heger) \$ 50.00 • Reach Out to Others (Katelyn Schramm) \$ 50.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child’s Hospital Care (Gabrielle Vradenburg) \$ 50.00 • USA Gymnastics Summer Camp (Asia Hall) \$ 50.00 • Cute Cuts (Jamya Graves) \$ 50.00 • Dr Kevan Mehta DDS Orthodontist (Kevin Mehta) \$ 50.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoes and Hats (Ashley Gaines) \$ 50.00 • Sweet Tooth Bakery (Kayli Vradenburg) \$ 25.00 • Ashley’s Diner (Ashley Holloay) \$ 25.00

Awards were presented at the Money Management Fair on Saturday, July 12 at the Kleeman Community Center. The third annual Money Management Fair was sponsored by Baggett Heating & Cooling, Clarksville Fencing, Planter's Bank, Tim Barnes for Juvenile Judge, NCM Financial Services, McKenzie & Smiley Jewelers, and Jimenez Consulting & Tax Service. The event also featured a speech by State Representative Joe Pitts.

DREAMCHASERS

The DreamChasers program returned for another year of mentoring and fun for middle school and high school-aged members of the community. The program has expanded from three locations to five.

This year, teens enjoyed free afterschool programming at Summit Heights, the Kleeman Center, the Burt-Cobb Center, the Crow Center, and at Lincoln Homes. Dream Chasers is focused on reaching youth, ages 13-17 in a small group atmosphere. Teens can enjoy free food at each location courtesy of Mama's Southern Soul Food & Catering and talk about issues with mentors who can provide positive influences. Dream Chasers features not only small group discussion and guidance with the Dream Chasers mentors, but also presentations by guest speakers, and sporting events as well.

Dreamchaser Olympics

The DreamChasers program hosted the first-ever DreamChasers Olympics on Saturday, May 31 at the Kleeman Community Center. DreamChasers Olympics featured Around the World 3 Point Shoot Out, Top of the World, Fitness Challenge, Mummy Wrap, and Water Balloon Relay. Prizes were awarded to first-place winners in each event. Other entertainment such as a DJ playing music, and inflatables were available as well as free food!

MAYOR'S SUMMER NIGHT LIGHTS

The Mayor's Summer Night Lights Program increased from four to six sites in 2014, adding Lincoln Homes and Sherwood Park. The mission of the program is to provide recreational opportunities for youth and young adults during the summer months. During this time, many youth go unsupervised and incidents of crime are at an all-time high. Attendance has been very high this year in part to the added basketball tournaments that are very popular. The new splash park at Edith Pettus has also made for a welcome addition to cool off and attract more people to the event. Summer Night Lights ran weekly from June through July on Monday and Wednesday nights



HERSHEY TRACK N FIELD

Young athletes showcased their skills in track, long jump and softball throw in the 2014 Hershey Track & Field competition. This program was open to youth ages 9 to 14 in the Clarksville-Montgomery County area. Events for both boys and girls will be the long jump and softball throw as well as running competitions. Hershey Track & Field practices began in April at the Burt-Cobb Community Center. The local competition was held at May 10 at the Rossvie High School Track. Athletes placing first in the local competition advanced to the district competition and compete for a place in the statewide competition.

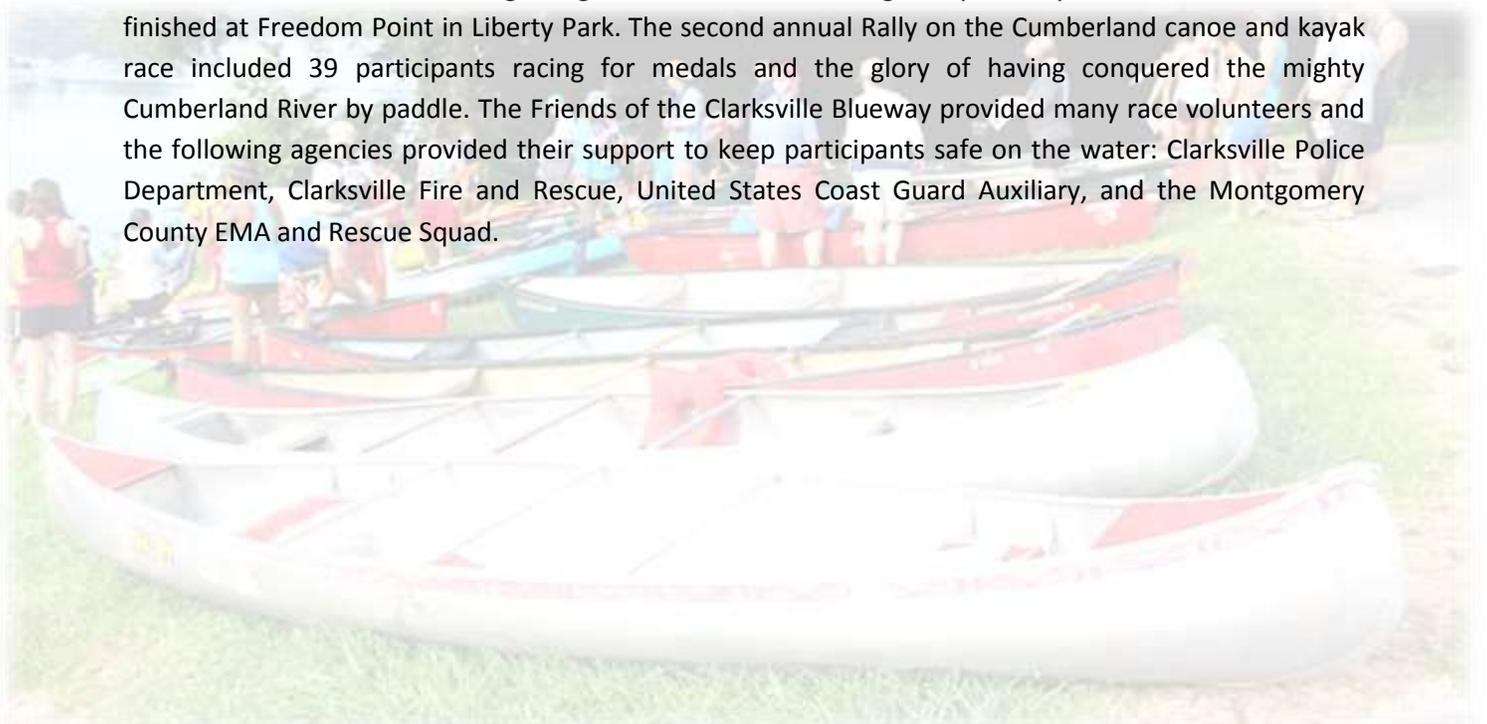


SLEEP UNDER THE STARS

Families were invited to “sleep under the stars” at two family campout event held in 2014. 12 families registered for the spring campout was held June 21 & 22. Twelve families registered for the fall event held September 13 & 14, both at Billy Dunlop Park. The family campout included an afternoon and evening of bonfire, games, ghost stories, as well as a hot dog dinner and breakfast provided Sunday morning.

RALLY ON THE CUMBERLAND

Rally on the Cumberland Canoe and Kayak Race returned for its second year on July 12 at Liberty Park. The race was held in heats beginning at 8 a.m. at the Montgomery County Conservation Club, and finished at Freedom Point in Liberty Park. The second annual Rally on the Cumberland canoe and kayak race included 39 participants racing for medals and the glory of having conquered the mighty Cumberland River by paddle. The Friends of the Clarksville Blueway provided many race volunteers and the following agencies provided their support to keep participants safe on the water: Clarksville Police Department, Clarksville Fire and Rescue, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the Montgomery County EMA and Rescue Squad.



WALK WITH ME PROGRAM

Two Clarksville Parks + Recreation's Walk with Me Tennessee Program began in 2013. The purpose behind the Walk with Me Tennessee program is to encourage citizens of Clarksville to use our local trail systems to positively impact individual health. Participating in Walk with Me Tennessee program was very easy. Participants created a free account on Healthwalkers.com to access challenges. Participants completed the challenges, and then logged their mileage on the website.

The second session of Walk with Me Tennessee was held March through May of 2014. The number of registrants increased to 198. Of the miles recorded, 39% were walked at Clarksville greenways and trails.

Overall, The Walk with Me Tennessee Program provided the Department a snapshot of how the Greenway and Clarksville Trails are used in comparison to other walking options in the community. It also provided more information on how the Greenway positively influences the health and wellness of members of the community and the surrounding areas.

FLY FISHING

Clarksville Parks & Recreation teamed up with the National Fishing in Schools Program to offer a class in basic fly fishing to youth in grades 6-12 at the Crow Community Center, September 11 through October 2. The National Fishing in Schools Program educates participants about fish, insects, aquatic environments, resource stewardship and conservation using fishing, and learning the skills of casting. This program will make learning the skills of fishing fun and easy. What makes this class unique is the use of the CasTarget system, which uses photorealistic targets. This will help participants better visualize the target, and gain a better sense of fishing.

ADAPTIVE YOGA

The NEW Adaptive Yoga Program began on July 10 at Burt-Cobb Community Center. Adaptive Yoga is a beginner yoga class for those members of the community with cognitive disabilities. Instructed by Radiant Yoga's very own Trish Nagy, participants learned useful relaxation and calming techniques. Adaptive Yoga is also an excellent way to improve fitness levels with gentle progression. The first session of the program welcomed 15 participants.



PILI OHAMA PROGRAM @ CROW COMMUNITY CENTER

The Crow Community Center offered a new program to encourage healthy lifestyles in the community. This program, intended to help with weight loss and maintaining a healthy weight, is based on the PILI Ohana Program which focuses on weight control, behavior change, social systems, and lifestyle. The program was held every other Saturday beginning November 15 at the Crow Center.

This six month program featured an initial “weight loss phase” that lasts three months, followed by a three month “weight loss maintenance phase.” Additionally, participants take part in three assessments, a baseline assessment to begin, followed by a monthly assessment of progress during the weight loss phase.

F.I.T. (FUN INTERVAL TRAINING) @ KLEEMAN COMMUNITY CENTER

The F.I.T. Program was created to build the average person into a healthier and fit person. The program brings this concept to the forefront by teaching the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. It has three levels depending on the goal of the participant. They can either build endurance, increase muscle mass or do cardio to lose weight. The Kleeman Community Center offered two eight week sessions in 2014.

KENPO SEMINAR @ CROW COMMUNITY CENTER

The Crow Community Center hosted the first-ever Kenpo-Kobujitsu Seminar and group black belt examination Friday, September 19 and Saturday, September 20. This weekend event for teens and adults at least 16-years-old was free of charge. The weekend started with a group black belt test on Friday and continued on Saturday with demonstrations and seminars on Okinawan karate. Other topics that were covered in Saturday’s seminar were empty hand forms, traditional weapon forms, and their meanings and significance.

MARTIAL ARTS @ CROW COMMUNITY CENTER

The Crow Community Center offered a new martial arts program for youth and adults beginning August 1. Bowen & Reagan Combative Arts & Fitness is a competitive martial arts class that serves students from the recreational level to the international level. Taught by instructors Donnie Bowen and Mackel Reagan, this class strives to assist each student in developing into a complete person; physically, mentally, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.



MONEY MANAGEMENT FAIR @ KLEEMAN COMMUNITY CENTER

The Kleeman Community Center hosted its third annual Money Management Fair on July 12. Families enjoyed inflatables, food and prizes at this financial literacy event. The Money Management Fair promotes financial literacy in the community starting at a young age. This fair is open to families, primarily with young children, as fun and games will be used to teach the importance of saving money and how to do so.

The Money Management Fair was sponsored by Fun Accounting for Preschoolers, Baggett Heating & Cooling, McKenzie & Smiley Jewelers, NCM Financial Services, Planter's Bank, Clarksville Fencing, Tim Barnes for Juvenile Judge, and Jimenez Consulting & Tax Service.

TIA CHI FOR ATHRITIS @ CROW COMMUNITY CENTER

The Crow Community Center hosted a new 8 week session of Tai Chi August 20 through October 8. Instructed by Stuart Bonnington, this program was open to adults of any age who may reap the benefits of Tai Chi such as better balance, increased flexibility, and reduced stress. Tai Chi relaxes and improves overall mind, body and spirit. Bonnington is certified by the Arthritis Foundation as an instructor of their Tai Chi for Arthritis program.

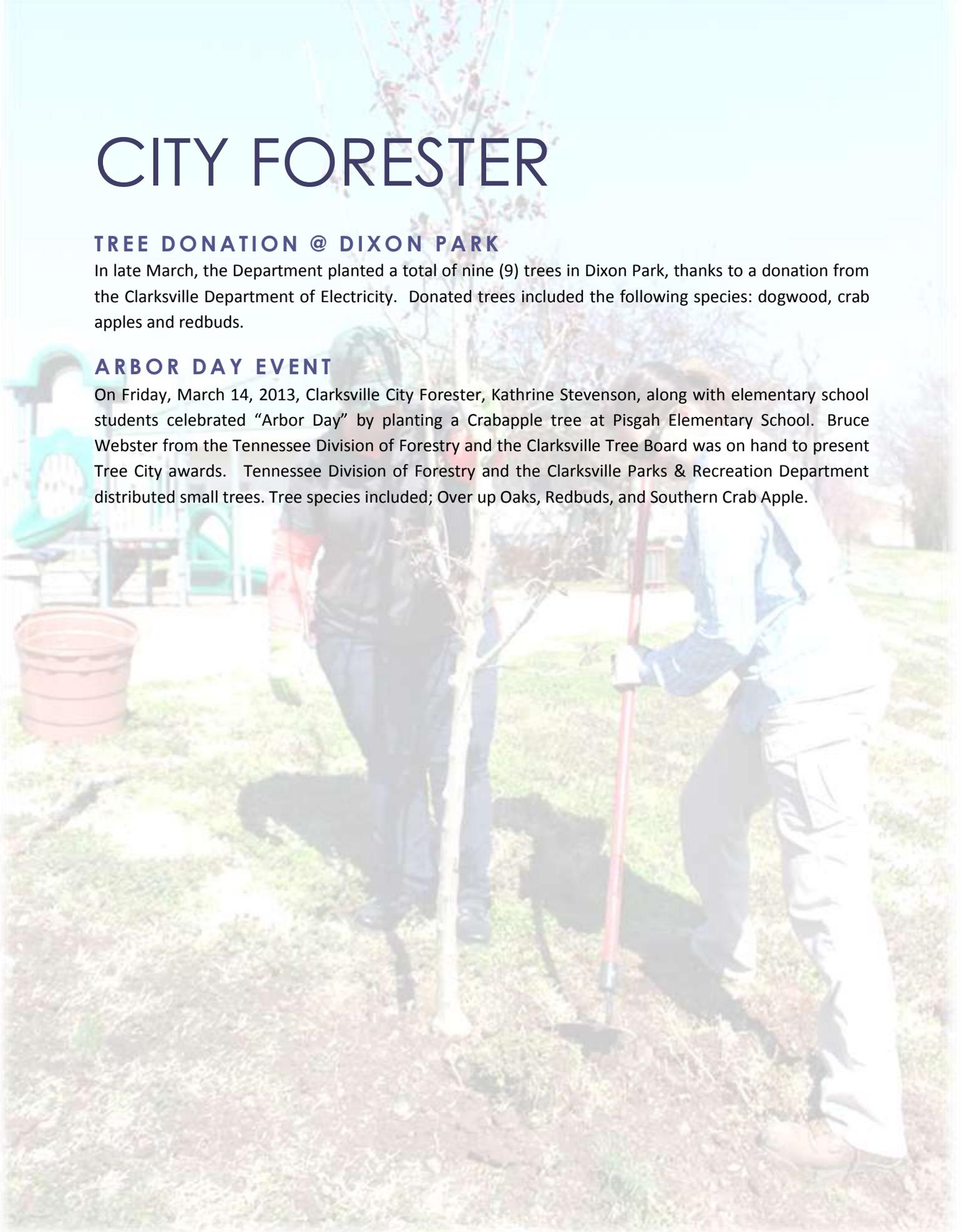
CITY FORESTER

TREE DONATION @ DIXON PARK

In late March, the Department planted a total of nine (9) trees in Dixon Park, thanks to a donation from the Clarksville Department of Electricity. Donated trees included the following species: dogwood, crab apples and redbuds.

ARBOR DAY EVENT

On Friday, March 14, 2013, Clarksville City Forester, Kathrine Stevenson, along with elementary school students celebrated "Arbor Day" by planting a Crabapple tree at Pisgah Elementary School. Bruce Webster from the Tennessee Division of Forestry and the Clarksville Tree Board was on hand to present Tree City awards. Tennessee Division of Forestry and the Clarksville Parks & Recreation Department distributed small trees. Tree species included; Over up Oaks, Redbuds, and Southern Crab Apple.



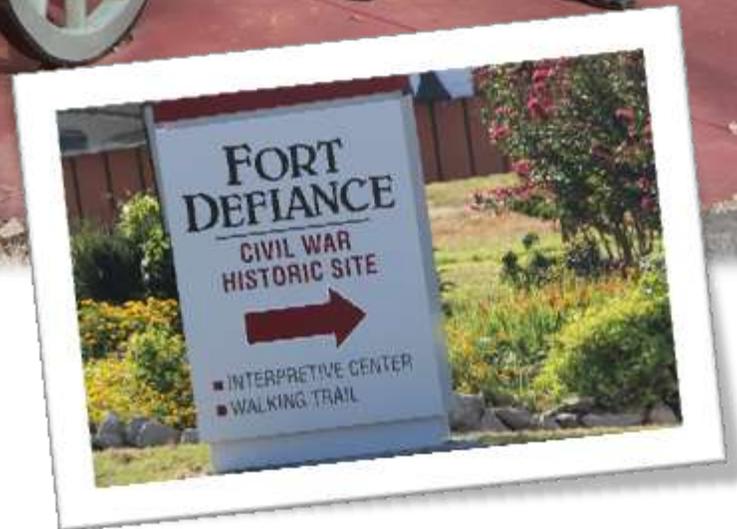


HISTORICAL

SIGNAGE & FENCING ENHANCEMENTS

New Directional signage for Ft. Defiance

Interpretive Center has been installed along New Providence Blvd. Split-rail fencing has been added to the entry of Ft. Defiance Park.



152ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE SURRENDER OF CLARKSVILLE

The Fort Defiance Interpretive Center hosted a living history weekend to commemorate the 152nd Anniversary of the Surrender of Clarksville, Saturday, February 15. Uniformed Civil War re-enactors from the 50th Tennessee Reenactment Group provided living history and musket firing demonstrations. Visitors could also tour the permanent exhibit which includes the 18-minute film, "Crossroads of Change 1861-1865". The surrender of Clarksville was a significant event in our Civil War history. Once Ft. Defiance and the city fell, there was nothing to stop Union gunboats from capturing Nashville, which was the first Confederate state capital to fall to the North. Upon the surrender, the citizens of Clarksville endured four years of Union occupation.

WAR MEMORIAL “DOUGHBOY” STATUE

In May of 2013, the World War I Memorial “Doughboy” statue was vandalized when someone broke off and removed his hand and gun. This was the second occurrence of vandalism at its location on Legion Street in Downtown Clarksville.

In 2014, funding was acquired to make the necessary repairs to the monument. The Doughboy was removed from its current location and relocated to a storage facility for repairs and refurbishment. In June, the City Council with recommendation of the Public Arts Commission voted to relocate the statue to new Tennessee State Veteran Home in North Clarksville. At its new home the City will be responsible for maintaining the statue but the Veterans Home would provide space and lighting. The Doughboy statue will stay in storage until it is moved to its new home at the State Veterans Home once construction is complete in spring of 2015.

SEVIER STATION

In April, a rededication ceremony was held at the Valentine Sevier Memorial monument to celebrate the recently refurbished at Sevier Station Park. The monument commemorates the park as part of the land deeded to Valentine Sevier in 1792. The Department partnered with the Daughters of the American Revolution Captain William Edmiston Chapter to installed interpretive signage and add new landscaping at the park.

CIVIL WAR DAY CAMP

The Camp is open to youth in the 5th and 6th grades. The Camp was so popular in its first year that a second one-week session was added to allow for more kids to participate! The camp was offered in two sessions, the first from Monday, June 2 to Friday, June 6, and the second from Monday, June 9 to Friday, June 13. Each session was held at the Fort Defiance Interpretive Center. “This is a wonderful opportunity for a student to learn about life during the Civil War and participate in activities relating to the period,” said William Parker, Historical Interpreter at Fort Defiance. The Civil War Summer Camp, instructed by Karel Biggs, focused on the American Civil War. Students will learned more about the people, events, vocabulary, songs, food, drills, clothing and flags associated with the War.



SPECIAL DISPLAYS & DEMONSTRATIONS

Civil War Artifacts

Artifacts from the American Civil War, such as weapons, accoutrements, and personal items from the average soldier were on display at the Fort Defiance Interpretive Center, April 12. In addition to the artifact display, John Walsh was on hand to answer any questions.

Medical Display

The Fort Defiance Interpretive Center hosted a medical display Saturday, May 24. The exhibit featured presentations by Mark Britton and included a collection of medical items used during the 19th century to include necessary tools for blood-letting, various surgical procedures and preparation of period medicinal products. In addition, visitors could explore the well preserved outer earthen works, powder magazine, and gun platforms.

Carbine Demonstration

The Fort Defiance Interpretive Center hosted a Civil War carbine demonstration on Saturday, November 8. During the event, Mr. George Wernke demonstrated firing techniques of numerous Civil War carbines and repeating rifles, as well as fielding questions. Discussions were held regarding equipment, shelter, rations, camp life, and women in war from that era.

CHRISTMAS IN OCCUPIED CLARKSVILLE

The Clarksville Parks & Recreation Department invited the public to experience the holidays as soldiers and civilians did in the 1860s. Visitors to the event were able to step back in time and see period decorations, visit with a nineteenth century Santa, and enjoy eggnog, cakes and caroling. The event was free and open to the public.

SMITH TRAHERN MANSION

In September 2013, we completed an historic structures report/architectural study of Smith-Trahern Mansion performed by Lyle Cook Martin Architects and funded via federal/state and private grants as well as donations. Following the study the first phase of repair work to the mansion was completed in spring 2014, which included rebuilding the chimneys, repairs to the kitchen roof, replaced scuppers, and rebuilding the deck railing and columns on the back of the house.



SPECIAL EVENTS

2ND ANNUAL CHOCOLATE AFFAIR

Tickets to Clarksville's 2nd Annual Chocolate Affair on February 8 at the Wilma Rudolph Event Center sold out again in record time. After last year's sold out event, a second event time was added to allow for an additional 100 tickets to be sold. In all, 600 tickets were sold. The Chocolate Affair, presented by the City of Clarksville and Planters Bank, featured sweet and savory treats from both local businesses like The Gingham Café and Natural Choices Botanicals, as well as some National brands like Lindt and Velata. Entertainment was provided by a live band with background music to enhance the relaxing atmosphere. Attendees had a chance to vote for the "Best Chocolate Offering" - "Best Decorated Booth" - and "Most Creative Use of Chocolate". Prizes were awarded to the winner of each category.

SPRING EGGSTRAVAGANZA

The 2014 Spring Eggstravaganza hosted over 2500 kids at Heritage Park ball fields. Children ages three to ten hunted over 20,000 eggs. After the event, we were able to recycle 75% of the initial 20,000 eggs for use at the next year's event.

FUN WITH FIDO SERIES

Due to popular demand, we increased the dog related events in 2014 to add a Dog Day at the Market. These popular events encourage patrons to get outside and active with their four legged best friends.



MOVIES IN THE PARK

On average, 900 people attended each movie held at both Heritage and Liberty Parks. In 2014 many pre-movie activities were offered and the crowds arrived earlier and earlier. Our Movies in the Park received recognition in the National Recreation & Park Association magazine, Parks & Recreation.



LIBERTY LIVE!

The City of Clarksville's Parks and Recreation Department introduced a new, outdoor concert series on Saturday, June 21, at Liberty Park. Liberty Live!, the new series, kicked off its season with Gypsy, a Fleetwood Mac tribute band. Concerts began at 6:00 p.m. and continue until 9:00 p.m. Two additional shows were held, including: Tina Brown on July 19 and Chris Robertson on August 16.



CLARKSVILLE DOWNTOWN MARKET

The market this season saw a growth in not only vendors (78 weekly), but also in customers visiting the market with an average of 2500-3000 each week. Featuring local fresh produce, baked goods, honey, milk and various arts and crafts the market has become a one-stop shop for everyone. Running from late May until late October, various themed days and other events are offered each week such as Dog Days, Go Green Day, and meet your vendor days. Onsite musicians and food demonstrators are also there each week to provide additional flair to the marketplace. We hope the Market will once again, for the fifth year in a row, be chosen as the Number 1 market in Tennessee in a nationwide contest sponsored by Farmland.org.

WARRIOR WEEK EVENTS

This annual celebration of our area military and their families continued this year and culminated in a car/truck/bike show, picnic, softball tournament and shooting competition on Saturday, June 14, at Heritage Park, 1241 Peachers Mill Rd., Clarksville. Military personnel and their families were invited to participate in activities, win prizes, play on inflatables, partake of picnic food and much more! The picnic is free, but attendees were required to show a military ID for entrance.



DADDY DAUGHTER DATE NIGHT

A memorable evening for dad and daughter couples was held on Thursday, June 19 at the Wilma Rudolph Event Center. The evening included dinner and dancing. Each daughter received a corsage and a photographer was on-site for photos.

MOTHER SON GAME NIGHT

On Thursday, July 24, mothers and sons were able to build their own board game, play giant board games and enjoy a pizza and ice cream buffet. The event took place at the Wilma Rudolph Event Center.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The City celebrated the Nation's independence this year at Liberty Park with great food, good music and the highest elevation of a fireworks show that Clarksville has ever seen.

FRIGHT ON FRANKLIN

Fright on Franklin, the City's annual Halloween festival was held Saturday, Oct. 25. This year's event featured 70 trick-or-treat booths, a haunted house, a hayride and food vendors.

The always popular, costume contest included 200+ children from infants to twelve year olds of age. Preference was given to original costumes in all age categories.



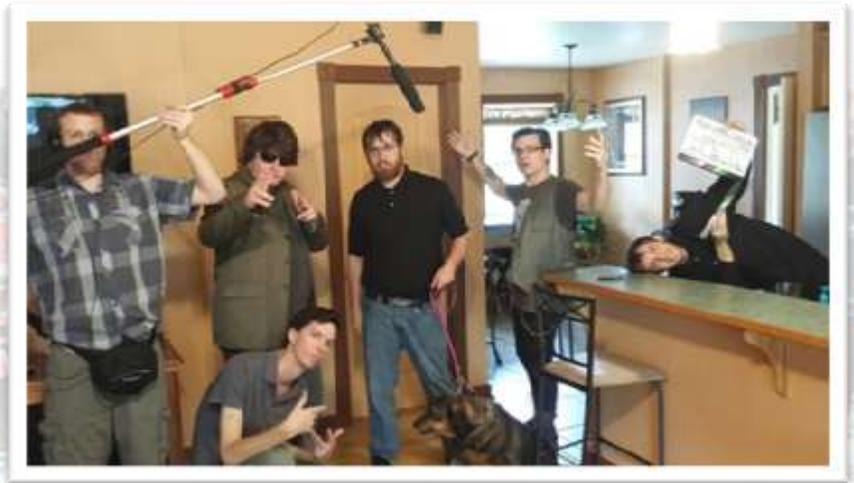
RIVERFEST

The City of Clarksville's 27th Annual Riverfest Celebration was held September 5 & 6, 2014 alongside the Cumberland River at McGregor Park. This free event features delicious food, activities for kids of all ages including Toddler Town and the Adventure Zone. Riverfest features multiple stages of live entertainment from some of Clarksville's most talented musicians as well as Saturday night's headliner, National recording Artist Tracy Lawrence.

Everyone's favorite, the Riverfest Regatta, was back again this year to see who will claim the title of the fastest boat built out of cardboard, duct tape and silicone. The Riverfest Art Exhibit kicked off on Thursday night this year with the Downtown Art Walk and includes three different categories of art from local talent that you won't want to miss.

Riverfest 52 Hour Film Festival

New this year is the Riverfest 52 Hour Film Festival, a chance for both novice and expert filmmakers to showcase their talents on the big screen using predetermined lines and props in their seven-minute movies. Nineteen teams entered the contest, which involved writing, filming, and editing a short film within a 52-hour time period. Winners received prizes including GoPro Hero3's, Amazon Gift Cards, and Western Drive My Cloud 3TB Hard Drive.



All films entered into the festival aired on sponsor, CDE Lightband's, Channel 6 and the Top 10 films will be shown prior to the main shows throughout the Clarksville Movies in the Park 2015 season!

"We are so excited that the first annual Riverfest Film Festival was such a success. CDE Lightband was honored to work with the Parks and Recreation Department to bring this event to the festival," stated Brian Taylor, CDE Lightband General Manager.

Volunteers

The ROTC program at Austin Peay State University was awarded the \$500 cash prize for providing the highest number of volunteer hours served at the 2014 Riverfest Celebration.

APSU's ROTC cadets provided a collective total of 84.3 volunteer hours during the two-day festival. A huge "thank you" to all of the nonprofit organizations who volunteered at Riverfest 2014 helped make the festival a success. Other nonprofit groups included Flourishing Families, Helping Hands, Montgomery County Drug Court Program, Puzzles for Dreams, and Hilldale Kiwanis.

HANDMADE HOLIDAYS – A CRAFTERS BAZAAR

The Department hosted its third annual holiday shopping event, known as “Handmade Holidays- a Crafters Bazaar”, featuring vendors selling holiday-themed handmade and handcrafted items on Saturday, Nov. 15 and Sunday, Nov. 16 at the Wilma Rudolph Event Center at Liberty Park. Visitors shopped from more than 60 vendors, enjoy entertainment provided by Red River Breeze and Brio, and register-to-win door prizes.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

The parade, a nighttime, lighted Christmas parade, was held Saturday, December 6 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in Downtown Clarksville and grand marshaled by Garrett Whipple. The Christmas parade is an event for local businesses, schools, and organizations to showcase their Christmas spirit. This year's theme was "A Storybook Christmas". Awards were presented to the first through third place winners in each division.

City/County	Civic/Church	Business
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st - CDE Lightband• 2nd - City of Clarksville Mayor and City Council• 3rd - Montgomery County Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st - American Heritage Girls at Grace Lutheran Church• 2nd - Clarksville National Girls Softball League• 3rd - The Door Christian Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st - Agero• 2nd - Haley Towing• 3rd - Kiddie College Childcare Center

CHRISTMAS ON THE CUMBERLAND

The City of Clarksville’s Christmas on the Cumberland created lasting memories as thousands experienced the captivating displays of over one million lights. The grand opening on November 25, featured the official lighting of the Cumberland by Mayor Kim McMillan along with special guests, Channel 4 News Snowbird and Santa Claus. Christmas on the Cumberland was open nightly through January 3, 2015.

Elf School

Think you would make a great elf? Several Christmas on the Cumberland guest tried their hand at ‘Elf School,’ complete with Christmas-themed relays and challenges. Graduates from Elf School earned a diploma and become an honorary elf!

Giving on the Cumberland

Visitors were also encouraged to help local nonprofits in need by participating in Giving on the Cumberland by taking a “request ornament” from a Christmas tree in the McGregor Park Museum and bringing their donation to the Parks & Recreation main office or to the museum December 19-20 where they were given a chance to meet the participating nonprofits.

