

City of Craig Parks & Recreation Department

Annual Report 2017

Message from the Director

2017 proved to be a very challenging year. Early last year our long time Aquatics Manager, Sylvia Griffiths retired. As you know Sylvia put endless hours into her profession and kept our aquatics facility afloat for years. In my 34 years as a parks and recreation professional I have never worked with anyone that was more dedicated and more conscientious than Sylvia. She agreed to stay on long enough to train her replacement but shortly after Sylvia officially left our new manager decided to leave as well. In addition our park's small equipment operator that was responsible for Woodbury Park decided to pursue another career. Because of budget concerns both vacated positions were frozen leaving the rest of the staff to pick up the slack.

As usual our staff responded and made the best of the summer hosting several baseball tournaments at Woodbury Park, kept up with daily park's maintenance needs, organized and coordinated the 17th Annual Whittle the Wood Rendezvous, hosted a state wide swim meet and continued to operate the pool in a safe and friendly environment.

Some accomplishments to note were the completion of the bathrooms in Breeze Park which allowed us to close out our DOLA grant, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan DOLA Grant award, the continued work towards the development of the Yampa River Diversion Park Project and the reformation of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Enclosed you will find a synopsis of our adult and youth programs, the senior trips, the aquatics season and the Center of Craig use.

We are fortunate to have professional and confidant staff that serves as excellent stewards of the property, programs and activities in the Craig Parks and Recreation Department.

Dave Pike

Parks & Recreation Director

Our mission is to provide a variety of safe, modern and affordable parks and recreation facilities and activities that will enhance the quality of life by promoting good health and well-being for all citizens and visitors in the city of Craig.

Craig Parks & Recreation by the Numbers

1 Lap Pool

1 Wave Pool

1 Community Center

2.1 Miles of Trails

2 Volleyball Courts

2 Lighted Tennis Courts

2 Lighted Pickleball Courts

3 Seasonal T-Ball/Coach Pitch Fields

3 Baseball Fields

3 Seasonal Football Fields

4 Basketball Courts

5 Seasonal Soccer Fields

5 Covered Picnic Shelters

8 Parks Areas

8 Playground Structures

94 Youth Employed



Recreation Division at a Glance

In 2017, expenses for the Recreation Division were slightly higher than years past due to rising equipment costs and personnel wages. Also adding more programs than in years past attributed to the increase in overall expenses. A cost analysis for all youth athletic programs suggested that an increase in registration fees would be needed to help offset the expenses for all youth sports programs. In early 2017, an increase of \$5.00 per registration on youth athletics was implemented bringing registration fees from \$40 to \$45, thus creating a balanced budget.

There were many positive community collaborations as well as new programs over the past year. Here are a few key highlights from the 2017 year:

- **Bicycle Rodeo-** A **(NEW)** and free event for children ages 6-14. With the help of The Memorial Hospital and the Craig Police Department we offered an excellent bike safety program. CPD gave valuable bicycle safety tips for youngsters to navigate the outside world more safely. TMH purchased helmets that were given to participants at the event.
- **Crafty Kiddos -** A **(NEW)** program that provided a great opportunity for children throughout the summer to explore their creative side and explore various crafting techniques to children ages preschool to 5th grade.
- **Colorado Bike to Work Day-** A **(NEW)** event encouraging the community to hit the open road on their bicycle instead of driving their vehicles to work.
- **Gardening & Horticulture Workshop-** Craig Parks & Recreation Department, Moffat and Routt County Extension and Master Gardner Program gave presentations on horticulture topics that pertained to Northwest Colorado landscapes. Some of the horticulture topics included; tree and turf care needs and gardening tips. This past year's workshop had the highest participation numbers with more than 30 people attending this FREE workshop.
- **Baseball Clinic-** CNCC baseball athletes and coaches traveled from Rangely to Craig and put on a tremendous clinic for local players instructing them on baseball fundamentals and proper mechanics. They do a great job instructing the players while having fun!
- **MCHS Soccer Clinic-** Soccer team members provided great learning opportunities as well as valuable soccer skill sets for players.
- **MCHS Basketball Clinic & Standardization Plan-** In 2016, the Recreation Department reached out to MCHS Head Coach Kennley Nebbeker, to instruct a basketball clinic for 3rd-6th grade youth basketball. Both organizations worked together that year to come up with a vision as well as future goals for youth basketball. A standardization program was conceived that would assist young players with their skill development. The vision behind the plan is to give coaches a reference guide or practice plan so they are all familiar with the goals and philosophy of our program. All coaches are given a handout/practice plan at the beginning of the season and throughout the season refer back to it using it as a reference guide to make sure fundamental steps are learned. The 2017 basketball season was the first year the Recreation Department implemented the plan and it has been well received thus far.

Below is a breakdown of participation totals as well as revenue and expenses for each program.

All expenses include; part-time employee wages, uniform and equipment costs

YOUTH SPORTS

Program	Participation Number	Revenue	Expense
K-2 nd Basketball	80	\$3,600	\$2,571
3 rd -6 th Basketball	130	\$5,850	\$4,618
T-Ball	65	\$2,925	\$3,680
Coach Pitch	54	\$2,430	\$3,680
Craig Youth Baseball	75	\$4,875	\$3,680
Softball	97	\$4,850	\$3,680
3 rd -6 th Football	81	\$5,265	\$4,725
Soccer	241	\$10,845	\$6,045
	TOTAL	\$40,640	\$32,680

ATHLETIC CLINICS/CAMPS

Program	Participation Number	Revenue	Expense
Volleyball Camp	31	\$930	\$460
Spartan Baseball Clinic	22	\$550	\$402
MCHS Soccer Clinic	58	\$1,450	\$822
	TOTAL	\$2,930	\$1,684

ADULT SPORTS

Program	Participation Number	Revenue	Expense
Fall VB League	12 Teams	\$4,040	\$3,110
Spring League	11 Teams	\$3,880	\$4,070
Dodgeball	8 Teams	\$2,250	\$1,333
	TOTAL	\$10,170	\$8,513

TOTAL REVENUE \$53,740

TOTAL EXPENSES \$42,877

Seniors on the Go at a Glance

In 2017, Parks and Recreation Department's Seniors on the Go program saw a total of 85 participating seniors. Those seniors range in age from 55 to 94 years old. Our program consisted of 17 trips throughout the year with seven of those being offered as overnight excursions. Expenditures totaled \$10,983 with \$10,400 in total revenues collected. Expenditures do not include salaries for the employee(s) attending the trips but the revenues generated do cover per diem costs for the employees such as hotel rooms, meals, ticket to events (if applicable) and gas for the van.

Each year we take suggestions from our seniors on what they would like to see and do. Some trips are taken annually like the Yampa River float trip, gambling in Blackhawk and visiting the Old Town Hot Springs in Steamboat. Each year we also offer two traditionally free events the summer BBQ and the tour of Christmas lights around town, both of which are always a hit. New trips last year included a visit to the John Denver Memorial and Betty Ford Alpine Gardens as well as a train ride on the Cumbres & Toltec scenic railroad located in southwest Colorado. Finally we capped off the year with our annual Christmas Party which included lunch at the Clarion Inn & Suites and an "Ugly Sweater" contest. A lot of suggestions were received from our participants for the 2018 Seniors on the Go program which we predict will draw an even larger number of active seniors.

2017 Trips

***Blackhawk/Central City
Bishop Castle/Garden of the Gods
Yampa River Float
Betty Ford Alpine Gardens
Bear Lake, ID. /Garden City, UT.
Korbel Lunch, Mt. Werner
Cumbres Toltec R.R./Great Sand Dune
Old Town Hot Springs
Grand Junction Parade of Lights***

***Miners Alley Playhouse
Summer BBQ
John Denver Memorial
Rifle Falls Picnic
Blackhawk/Central City
Saratoga, WY.
Hahn's Peak Roadhouse
Annual Christmas Party
Christmas Lights Tour***



Aquatics at a Glance

The summer of 2017 was both hot and stormy. That combination is always a challenge for an outdoor swimming facility. That along with changes in management and equipment issues may be what the aquatic community remembers most about the summer. On the other hand, there were many great things happening at the Craig Swimming Complex in 2017.

First and for most, is the fact that there were no major incidents. Everybody who visited the complex for programming and recreational swimming returned home safe and sound. The aquatics staff most of whom are teenagers were able to keep everybody safe and the complex a float during a tempestuous time in their young lives. Hats off to them!

We continued to collaborate with our many partners in and out of the community this includes the Moffat County School District, The Craig Sea Sharks, The Boys and Girls Club, Grand Futures, the community of Hayden (Totally Kids) for both swim lessons and recreational visits, the community of Baggs for swim lessons, Steamboat Ski Corp., and Steamboat Parks and Recreation, who bring us visitors from their summer camp programs. Unfortunately, due to mechanical issues we weren't able to host the highly anticipated annual Craig/Steamboat Horizons party in the wave pool in August.

We also formed a new partnership with the Senior Social Club and Northwest Colorado Health who are now sponsoring our senior and evening water aerobics classes. The support of these two groups has helped to make water aerobics available to more of the underserved members of the community at a reduced cost.

2017 Special Events

Craig Sea Sharks Annual Swim Meet

Splash Party

Hayden Community Party

Baggs Community Party

Dive in Movie

Family Moonlight Swim

Moonlight Water Aerobics



Craig Municipal Pool by the Numbers

10 Private Parties

6 Adult Pool Passes

20 Student Pools Passes

23 Family Pool Passes

46 Child Pool Passes

164 Visits from Totally Kids

228 Visits from Steamboat Parks & Recreation

258 Visits from Ski Corp

713 Visits from Boys & Girls Club

900 Visits from MCSD Spring Swim Students

1,080 Craig Sea Shark Visits

1,600 Water Aerobic Visits

3,024 Swim Lessons Taught

13,242 Recreational Swim Visits

