



Parks and Recreation Department

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Joe A. Smith, Mayor
North Little Rock City Council Members
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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department, I want to take time to thank you for all of the support you have given us. Your willingness to work with us this year, as in the past, has helped make 2016 one of the best we have ever had.

We also have great plans for next year. Attached is a list of some of the major accomplishments we have had the opportunity to make happen, and exciting projects we are already working on for next year.

The 1,600 acres in Burns Park are enjoyed by so many people. We are proud to represent the city with our premier park, which is one of the largest municipal parks in the United States.

Please feel free to call or write any time as your input is important to me. Our dedicated employees want to continue to make Parks and Recreation a great and progressive department in our city.

I am requesting that the list of accomplishments and upcoming projects list be placed on your December 12, 2016 City Council agenda as a communication.

Sincerely,

Terry C. Hartwick
Director of Parks and Recreation

Attachment

STATE OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR 2016

ADDITIONS, IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Heritage Room: Renovated old golf course clubhouse for meeting space. First rental was April 2016 and 89 rentals have been made to date.

Stone Links Facility: Renovated old clubhouse for meeting space. First rental was June 2016 and 36 rentals have been made to date.

RV Park: Added new sites, signs and cleaned the area. 1,000 reservations have been made this year to date.

Burns Park: New equestrian parking lot
New maps and signs throughout the park
New roofs on the pavilions
Replacement of disc golf baskets on the Blue Course
Added concrete pads to the dog park
Clean-up from record flood
Lighting effects (starlights)

Burns Park and Area: Sweeper/vacuum for trail maintenance

Golf Course: Installed pond fountain, upgraded clubhouse and #4 restroom, tree trimming, # 1 and #10 tees. Resurfacing cart paths. 14% revenue increase over 2015 to date.

Big Rock Quarry/Emerald Park: Start on ropes adventure course and assessment

Community Center: Electronic information signs in the Community Center lobby, and outside marquee
Renovation of the Large Meeting Room, kitchen, restrooms and new paint in other areas
Added 22' Christmas tree for the plaza/parking area

Glenview Recreation Center: Splash pad elements ordered and restroom replaced

Rose City Recreation Center: Took over operations and programs

Sherman Park: Renovation of pool

Military Heights Park: Fence, pavilion, swing, landscaping and sidewalks added

Idlewild Clubhouse: Inside renovations, new roof, ADA sidewalk and parking spaces

Idlewild Park: Two (2) Expression swings

North Shore Riverwalk Park: Updated restrooms

Design of Play-by-Play eNewsletter and sending to over 1,800 email addresses

Design of new department logo

Record revenues received

Awards:

- **Festival/Event of the Year:** Country by the River
- **Burns Park Tennis Center:** Won Clean Conscience Tennis Ball Recycling Contest

Events:

- Held the first concert in the park since 1992 (and more will follow)
- Raising funds for the ADA Playground, including a fundraiser with Mike Anderson at Tip Off Club Luncheons
- Received the IVY award

UPCOMING FOR 2017:

Burns Park: Replacement of disc golf baskets on the Red Course

Burns Park: Additional ADA playground fundraisers with big names

Burns Park: Work to complete grant to renovate restrooms and add walkways

Golf Course: Continuation of resurfacing golf paths and restroom renovations

Funland: Additional rides

Big Rock Quarry/Emerald Park: Construction on ropes adventure course

Community Center: New weights and fitness equipment
New electronic sign at corner of intersection

Holman Hall: Improvements for rentals

Crestview Park: Fence

Stonelinks: Two (2) Cricket pitches

Stonelinks and North Heights Recreation Center: Playgrounds

Acquiring the **Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum**

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