

Baytown Parks and Recreation Department

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City of Baytown

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Baytown Parks and Recreation Department is to foster lifetime involvement in and an appreciation of public space and recreational activities. Our Department is dedicated to Baytonians – continually striving to not only meet, but exceed community expectations – making Baytown a better place to live, work and play.

The Baytown Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members and the Parks and Recreation Department staff are again pleased to present the Department's Annual Report to the Mayor, Council Members and City Management. This report is presented in its traditional format and continues to serve as:

1. The Department's collective view of the past year's activities
2. A progress / status report on most of our current programs and plans
3. A brief overview of our plans for the upcoming year

This report is made pursuant to Ordinance No. 885, adopted in September 1967, which states that, annually, the Board shall make a study of the parks and recreation facilities and policies of the City, and make recommendations concerning any changes, modifications or improvements.

The Parks and Recreation Department enjoyed another busy and successful year that was highlighted by the opening of the Travis School Park Inclusive Playground, upgrades to several parks including McElroy and Jenkins Parks and the total reconstruction of all three boat ramps and fishing piers. The Aquatics Division continues to break records in both attendance and revenue as both Pirates Bay and Calypso Cove are at, or near, capacity daily. The Department also hosted another large crowd at the annual July 3rd and 4th Celebration despite the challenging weather.

The Department was saddened with the loss of two long time volunteers to the city and especially the Parks and Recreation Department. Wayne Gray, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board chairman for the past 50 years passed away in August. Assistant Chief Bernard Olive, with the Baytown Fire Department and a fixture during the annual Christmas Parade and the 4th of July celebration, passed away in April. Both are missed.

Cover Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman - Amber Rico climbs on the new playground equipment at the ribbon cutting of the William Travis Park Inclusive Playground.

Hurricane Harvey eased into Baytown on Saturday night, August 26th and sat on top of Baytown and the Houston area for the next five days bringing over 60 inches of rain and caused extensive flooding to Baytown.

The Community Center was opened as a temporary shelter on Sunday morning and received high water vehicles and school busses that dropped of drenched people with nothing but what they had on. A skeleton crew of Parks and Recreation employees used every resource available to assist the



evacuees. Several volunteers arrived to assist the operation including the Faith Family Church of Baytown that virtually took over the shelter operation. The church members used social media to enlist help that included food, water, blankets, towels and personal supplies. The Health Department provided their new animal evacuation trailer and an animal control officer to man the animal shelter for the evacuees. The Community Center was home for 170 evacuees on Sunday night and was moved to Memorial Baptist Church on Monday. Parks and Recreation was liaison for four shelters during the event.

The Hurricane flooded Roseland Park, including the park pavilion, with several feet of water for over a week. The storm destroyed the boat ramp and left the park unusable with over a foot of silt all over the park. It took several months before the park could be reopened due to the silt. The Pavilion will be demolished in the near future. The storm also caused damage to the Baytown Nature Center and silted in the Bayland Marina basin and channels. The marina basin and related channels will be dredged later this year.

Pirates Bay Water Park continued its popularity from the past eight seasons despite 40 rain days during the season and the final two, usually very busy weekends, impacted by Hurricane Harvey. During the 2017 season, 173,434 guests passed through the gates at Pirates Bay which was an increase of 5,122 guests from 2016. 1,134,409 guests have visited the park since its opening. If projections are on target, staff anticipates over 190,000 visitors through the gates during the 2018 season.

Calypso Cove, located at N.C. Foote Park, also was affected by 42 rain days and Hurricane Harvey but saw a slight increase in the total number of visitors by 144 resulting in a total of 19,578 visitors. Calypso Cove has welcomed 127,753 guests during the first seven seasons. If projections are on target, staff anticipates a record of over 22,000 guests during the 2018 season.

The Parks and Recreation Department hosted the 2018 Annual Texas Recreation and Park Society East Region Workshop in January. The hurricane themed event drew over 200 delegates from all around the Southeast Texas despite a record ice storm that shut down the Houston area for two days prior to the workshop. The workshop was a full day of educational sessions, vendors and networking.



The Parks and Recreation Department planted 252 trees in various parks and medians. Over 1,300 one to five gallon size trees were given to citizen during the annual Arbor Day Celebration. The Department renovated four medians in West Baytown, transforming deteriorating gray asphalt medians into colorful living gardens, completely changing the appearance of the intersections.

The Recreation Division's goal is to offer exciting and diverse activities, programs, and sporting leagues for all of the citizens of Baytown to enjoy. The recreation division organizes programs, classes and athletic leagues that include youth and adult karate, Zumba, self-defense, adult softball, flag football, kickball, soccer, youth summer track and more while simultaneously handling the rentals and daily operations of the Community Center, park pavilions and athletic fields. In 2018, the Recreation Division continued to add multiple new family friendly events to Town Square and surrounding parks by partnering with other organizations such as Sabor of Mexico, Roosters Steak House, Lee College and more. Key additions over the past year include Christmas Movie Nights, Arena Soccer, FootGolf, and free Town Square fitness classes including zumba, pound, and yoga.



The second year of programming for Town Square on Texas Avenue continued to revitalize the downtown area. The monthly Farmer’s Market, weekly exercise classes, and special events continue to grow and gain support from Baytown’s citizens and other departments within the city. That collaboration has ultimately lead to multi-department events such as the 2018 food truck and chalk art festival, and the “Better Block” project that transformed an adjacent abandoned lot to a unique umbrella covered hideaway perfect for photos.

On October 7th, the 12th Annual Grito Fest was held at Bicentennial Park. The event featured the popular Fito Olivares along with Grupo Alcanzable and Mariachis Azteca. Between acts the H.O.L.A Ballet Folklorico of Houston entertained the crowd with traditional costumes and dance. Festival goers enjoyed a Grito Competition, Salsa and Jalapeno Eating Contest, and an Accordion Competition. An estimated crowd of 5,000 attended the festival.



The Department was challenged with stormy weather at this year’s Annual 3rd and 4th of July Celebration at Bicentennial Park. The 3rd of July concert started with the Ricky Davis Classic Band taking the stage. However, a strong thunderstorm rumbled through the park prior to the headliner taking the stage that was accompanied by high winds and blowing rain that destroyed several vendors’ pop-up tents and threatened the cancellation of the much anticipated Dennis DeYoung and the Music of Styx performance. However, the rain slowed and the band took the stage almost two hours late and provided a short show much to the delight of over 500+ fans that braved the storm.



The morning of the 4th of July brought heavy rain to the Houston area, cancelling all the areas 4th of July celebrations except for Baytown. Just as predicted, the weather cleared around 3 o'clock and Shane Smith and the Saints took the stage as scheduled. Attendance was light but grew as the weather improved throughout the evening. Texas Music star Roger Creager and Baytown's Brent Brunson preformed a George Strait tribute with the Ace in the Hole Band headlining the event. The concert was followed by the traditional fireworks show.

The first step in constructing a future Recreation Center began in late Spring. Staff contracted with Burditt Consultants, LLC to perform a Recreation Center Feasibility Study. The study, scheduled for completion in September, 2018, will include the review of current recreational facilities, site analysis, community engagement (including stakeholder discussions), surveys, and town hall meetings. The study will also consider market analysis, programming, and concept scenarios, and ultimately provide a conceptual design and opinion of probable cost. A Recreation Center has been a goal and need for the Department for several years and was included in the Playbook 2020 plan.



The Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Education and Recreation Center and Baytown Nature Center continue to offer outstanding programs to GCCISD and Baytown area students with the Back to the Bay, Wetlands Ecology and Liquid Science Programs. The award-winning Nurture Nature Series draws visitors from across the state to the Baytown Nature Center on a monthly basis, and Gator Tales and Tyke Hike programs target our preschool citizens. The *Wade Into Wetlands* Summer Science Camp continues to fill to capacity, as do the Winter Holiday and Spring Into Nature camps. This year the Baytown Nature Center hosted five half-day summer science camps to complement the ten hosted at the Wetlands Center. The Wetlands Center continued with its tradition of hosting an overnight tent camping experience during summer camp, with campers enjoying stargazing at George Observatory and camping out at Brazos Bend State Park in Needville. The Wetlands Center hosted the 1st Annual Butterfly Bonanza in partnership with Gulf Coast Monarch Project (GCMP), replacing BNC's SeedFling WingDing, which was cancelled due to Hurricane Harvey. Over 200 people attended, learning about pollinators, participating in a butterfly parade, and making butterfly-themed crafts.

EPIC (Environmental Protectors Initiating Change), the Wetlands Center's after-school teen club, travelled to the Texas A&M University Soltis Research Center and the Center for Tropical Studies Palo Verde Research Station in Costa Rica for a week-long international conservation and ecotourism experience. Six high school students, along with Wetlands Center staff, a GCCISD elementary science specialist, and Parks and Recreation Director learned about Costa Rica's progressive measures toward conservation and ecotourism. They were able to pass their education experience along as they led a group of local high school students in water testing activities in a rainforest river. EPIC raised part of their funds for the trip with their second annual Spooktacular event which hosted 200 people at the Wetlands Center.



The Baytown Nature Center educational programs continue to provide opportunities for outdoor activities and scout workshops. The Back to the Bay Program allows area high school students to practice their water testing and analysis skills, as well as their ability to catch and identify marine life in cast nets and seine nets. The Nature Center attendance remains steady as visitors have discovered it is not only a prime location for fishing and birding but also for kayaking, biking and hiking. Staff offers a guided Full Moon Night Hike each month on the Saturday closest to full moon. Participants walk the trails and look for the Nature Center residents that only come out at night such as owls and coyotes. Scout workshops and overnight campouts have become regular weekend activities. The annual Nurture Nature Festival was moved temporarily to the Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Center because of rain, but even with inclement weather and a change in venue the event brought out close to 2,000 folks to learn about wildlife and nature in the Texas coastal region.

The Wetlands Wagon Outreach Program often finds Wetlands Center and Baytown Nature Center staff on the road throughout Texas promoting both facilities and the City of Baytown as an environmentally friendly destination. The Wetlands Wagon partnered with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department again this year to promote the Wetlands Center and the Baytown Nature Center in Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio. The addition of the "Cleaner Energy, Brighter World" sustainable energy mobile exhibit gives the Wetlands Center one more tool to promote responsible environmental stewardship.

Awards

Texas Recreation and Park Society

Planning Excellence Award

The Gene and Loretta Russell Park Master Plan

The city of Baytown Parks and Recreation Department and Burditt Consultants were awarded the Planning Excellence Award from the Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) for developing the Gene and Loretta Russell Park Master Plan. The department was awarded the March 1st TRAPS Institute & EXPO Annual Awards Ceremony in Waco.



The award recognizes any statewide park, recreation or leisure service organization for displaying professional analysis, principles and value in planning.

The department created a phased development approach for the Gene and Loretta Russell Park, including preliminary public opinion of probable costs and additional detail. The City of Baytown's Parks and Recreation Department and donors Gene and Loretta Russell were the guiding force developing the multi-purpose, family oriented park.

Texas Recreation and Park Society - East Region

Maintenance Award

Three Wheel Trash Wagon

The Parks Division received the 2017 TRAPS East Region Maintenance Award at the Annual TRAPS East Region Workshop in Baytown on January 18, 2018.

The Baytown Parks and Recreation Department repurposed a Bunker Rake that was used to maintain the City's softball fields. The Department was challenged to speed up the removal of litter on major streets and highways. With that issue in mind, the Parks

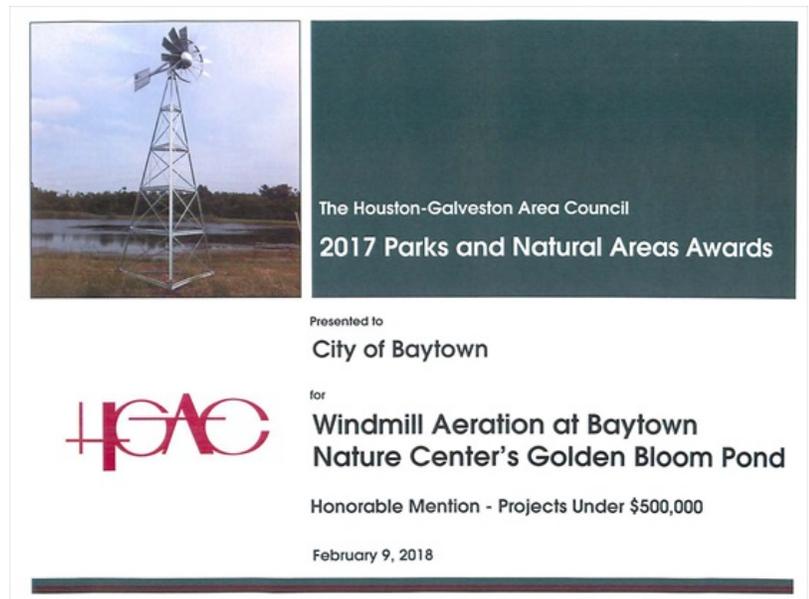


Division's foremen came up with a very innovative solution that has sped up the litter removal process allowing for more efficient ways of utilizing our personnel. Parks employees removed the rake and hydraulic attachments and welded a frame in front of the unit large enough to hold a 55 gallon plastic barrel on the three wheel vehicle. Employees then cut a 55 gallon plastic barrel in half and carved two U shaped notches into the trash can. The notches provided the operator a way to safely and quickly remove litter from the litter stick and continue working. The unit allows the litter crews to focus on heavy litter areas, and allows for one worker to remove litter along open Right of Ways, improving the safety and efficiency of the entire crew.

**Houston-Galveston Area Council
2017 On-the-Ground Projects Under
\$500,000**

Windmill Aeration at Baytown Nature Center's Golden Bloom Pond – Award shared with Covestro

The Baytown Nature Center's "Windmill Aeration at Golden Bloom Pond" project received an Honorable Mention from Houston-Galveston Area Council for their 2017 Parks and Natural Areas "Projects Under \$500,000". This project was designed and installed by Covestro summer interns to increase oxygen content in the Golden Bloom freshwater pond, improving habitat for fish, plants and birds.

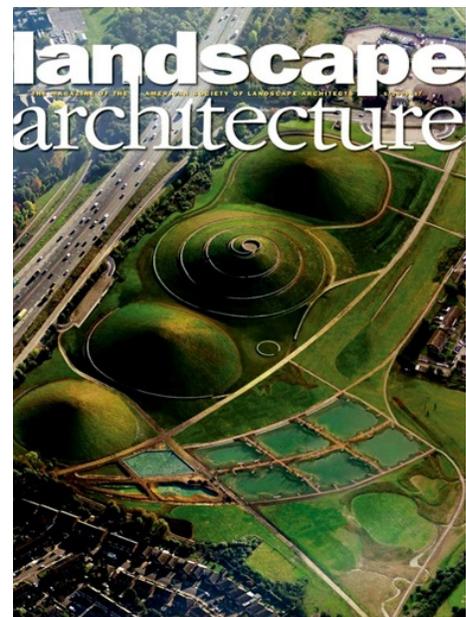


Publications

The Parks and Recreation Department was honored to have Town Square featured in an article that appeared in the September 2017 edition of Landscape Architect and Specifier News Magazine. The two page article, "Town Square Park – Baytown, Texas" was written by Bryan Janhsen with Knudson, LP. The article described the process, challenges and success of the new family entertainment venue.

The publication and article is listed below.

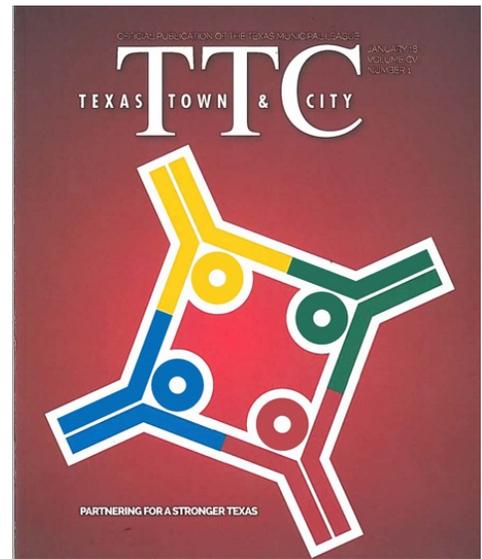
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The Parks and Recreation Department was honored to have the Gene and Loretta Russell Park Master Plan featured in an article that appeared in the January 2018 edition of Texas Town & City Magazine. The one page article, “Gene and Loretta Russell Park” described the process and the master plan for the future park.

The publication and article is listed below.

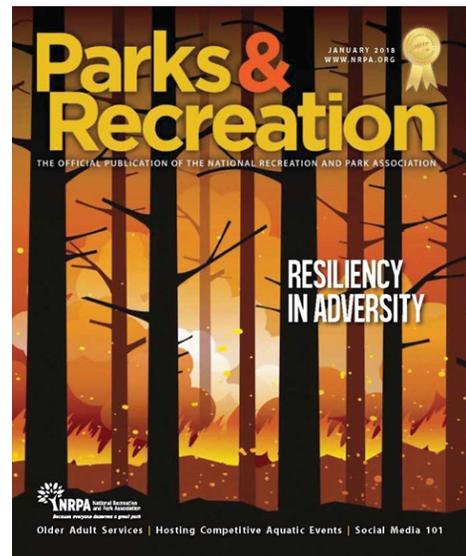
Project Profile – Baytown, Texas. “Gene and Loretta Park”. Texas Town & City Magazine January 2018: Volume CV (Number 1) Page 21, Print.



The Parks and Recreation Department was honored to be included in the January 2018 issue of National Recreation and Park Association’s Parks and Recreation magazine in an article titled “Resiliency in the Face of Adversity”. The six page article described how Parks and Recreation agencies across the country stepped up in the face of natural disasters. It discussed ways that agencies providing for their citizens and coworkers over and beyond their normal duties.

The publication and article is listed below.

Rich Dolesh and Cort Jones. “Resiliency in the Face of Adversity”. Parks and Recreation Magazine January 2018: Pages 38 - 43



In Memorial

The Parks and Recreation Department lost two friends this past year. Both were long time volunteers and dedicated to making the city of Baytown a better place to live, work and play.

Wayne Gray, December 4, 1929 – August 15, 2017

Wayne was a proud graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, Lee College and the University of Houston. Wayne was a life-long entrepreneur, and his early job as a soda jerk in a drug store set him on a course to owning ten drug stores. Over his lifetime, he also owned three Hallmark stores, a book store, four jewelry stores, a nursery, and even a black-light poster shop in 1969. He worked from the age of ten to eighty-seven, including 23 years as a chemist for Exxon. Wayne was a Lee College Regent from 1986 through 2016,



serving four times as Chairman. Over half the buildings on the campus were built during Wayne's tenure on the Board of Regents.

Wayne served 50 years and was a founding member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and was Chairman of the Board for the last 48 years. Beginning in 1966, he oversaw the parks system growth from 1 park to a system of 44 parks. Wayne missed only one meeting in fifty years.

Bernard Olive, June 27, 1949 – April 5, 2018

Assistant Chief and Fire Marshal Bernard Olive, Jr., was a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and San Jacinto College and attended the Bush School of Government at Texas A&M University, receiving a certificate of completion in Leadership Development for Integrated Emergency Response. He was a veteran of the United States Army as a medic with the 565th Medical Ambulance Co., former City of Baytown Emergency Management Coordinator, and past president of the Battleship Texas Volunteers. Bernard was the most tenured member of the Fire Department having been with the city just shy of 49 years.



Bernard was a fixture at the Annual Christmas Parade and proudly drove Santa Claus down Texas Avenue in a vintage 1947 Mac Fire Truck. Bernard was also responsible for organizing and participating in every 4th of July parade in the city since the first one in 1975. Bernard and his Firecracker cook team provided meals for staff, volunteers and entertainers during the annual 4th of July celebration. During the now two-day event, Bernard's "Hill" was a refuge for tired and hungry staff who were always greeted with a smile and good and filling meals, always including something special such as jalapeño poppers or cobbler and ice cream.

Retirements

The Department said good bye to Terry Gordon, a long time Parks employee this past December. Terry started her career with the Department in 1978, as a crewleader before leaving for East Texas to assist with the operation of their family farm in the early 1990s. Terry came back to the city in 1997, and was hired as the horticulture crewleader responsible for maintaining the city's landscape areas and did so for the past 20 years.



Terry was a trusted loyal employee who always gave her opinion. If you didn't want her honest option, you better not ask. Terry's personality and "institutional knowledge" of the park system are greatly missed.

Special Recognition

The Board expresses its sincere appreciation to the Mayor, City Council Members and City Management for their support of the Department, as well as to allied groups including Friends of the Baytown Nature Center, Friends of the Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Education and Recreation Center, The Bay Area Heritage Society, The Baytown Historical Preservation Association, Lee College, Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District, the Baytown YMCA, The Rotary Club of Baytown, The Kiwanis Club of Baytown, Historic Goose Creek Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Baytown Chamber of Commerce, Baytown Lions Club, Baytown Optimist Club, Evening Pilot Club and the Pilot Club of Baytown. Collectively, these groups, organizations and others contribute a great deal to the success of many of the Department's programs and events. The Board would also like to acknowledge the numerous contributions of volunteers, businesses and industries noting that it is not possible to recognize them all individually, while conceding that we could not be successful without them.

We would like to thank Sherman Eagleton and all of Harris County Constables from Precinct 3 for their help with the Christmas Parade, Grito Fest and the 3rd and 4th of July Celebrations. A special thanks to Major David Jones and Sergeant Richard Miranda for their assistance in the assigning and coordinating the deputies.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank several local industries for their contributions of money and labor during the past year. Most notable are ExxonMobil, Covestro, Air Products, Chevron Phillips LP, Lowe's, Home Depot, Awards and Engraving, Community Resource Credit Union, Beacon Federal Credit Union, and Randy Casey State Farm. Without their support of the Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Education and Recreation Center, the Baytown Nature Center and several special events, many of the activities that are provided to the public would not be possible.

The Department would also like to thank the Texas Avenue merchants that have embraced the new Town Square and have participated or sponsored several events at the new Town Square including Como En Mexico and Rooster's Steak House.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our utmost appreciation to several City Departments including Information Technology Services, Public Works and Engineering whose employees have provided noteworthy assistance to the Department this year. The Traffic Control staff has helped with many events during the year, most notably the Town Square Events, Grito Fest and the 3rd and 4th of July events. A huge thank you is due to the Police, Fire, Communications and Health Departments for their support and assistance with numerous events including this year's July 3rd and 4th Celebration and Grito Fest.



Special thanks go out to Chief Keith Dougherty and his staff, including Lieutenant Glenn Slaven and Corporal Russell White. A special thank you to Fire Chief Kennie Dobson, Assistant Chiefs Victor Medrano and Dana Dalbey for their assistance in planning and coordinating a variety of activities for the July 3rd and 4th Celebration including the parade and providing meals to event staff, volunteers and entertainers.



A special thank you to Public Works employees Blanca Rubio and Tim Bellard for braving Hurricane Harvey's flooded freeways to secure much needed supplies from the American Red Cross warehouse and delivering to the Community Center on the night of August 27th. The load of cots, blankets, towels and personal supplies saved the day for the 170 temporary residents at the Baytown Community Center.

We would like to thank the Health Department for stepping up during the disaster for providing the Animal Evacuation Trailer and caring and friendly staff for the evacuees with animals. Their contribution to the relief and peace of mind of evacuees with their best "friend" was immeasurable.



The Department would like to recognize and think the assistance of several area churches that stepped up during Hurricane Harvey to assist with sheltering and providing supplies during the five day flood event, Faith Family Church, Memorial Baptist Church, Celebration of Life Church and Temple Emanuel Church. These volunteers went over and beyond the call of duty for our citizens.

The Parks and Recreation Department sends out a special thank you to the Baytown Police Department for providing weekend security at the Pirates Bay Water Park.



We also would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make this past year a success, especially the annual Daddy and Me Dance and the Summer Track program. We would like to especially recognize the volunteers that worked in preparation for the 12th Annual Grito Fest. A special thank you as well goes to Whataburger, Ron Craft Chevrolet- Cadillac, Golden Corral, Chick-fil-A, Design Ventures, BDI Resources, Bonito Michoacán Meat Market, San Jacinto Methodist Hospital, Evening Pilot Club of Baytown, Baytown GMC Buick, Starbucks Baytown, HEB, Joey's Glass, Fuller's Tire, Highlands Knights of Columbus, 1ST Photo and all the many sponsors and volunteers for the annual Special Olympics Track Meet. Thanks also go to the numerous volunteers that help staff during the various programs at the Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Education and Recreation Center and at the Baytown Nature Center.

We would also like to recognize the Human Resources Department for going over and beyond the call of duty, with all they do to assist in the recruitment, staffing and training of over 350 lifeguards, cashiers, concessions and maintenance employees in the Aquatics Division.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to express their gratitude for the staff at the Sterling Municipal Library for their assistance proofreading this Annual Report.

A special thank you goes to the Parks and Recreation Department staff for providing innovative and cost-effective quality activities and for putting in long hours, many of which are on the weekend or after normal work schedules. The staff continues to strive to make Baytown a better place to live and work.



The remainder of this report describes in more detail the status of our projects and programs. It also notes a number of completed improvements and concludes with a review of a few specific goals for the upcoming year.

Parks

Completed Projects

- A. **Champions Little League Park Walking Trail** – Formerly known as East Little League Park, a new 2,000 foot concrete trail was installed along the top of the detention pond looping the park. Residents have used the top of the pond as a place to walk since construction of the detention pond in 1986 but were limited to good weather conditions and a narrow foot path. The new all-weather trail provides year round usage of the now heavily used trail.



- B. **Goose Creek Trail - Laredo Street Improvements** – A new 1,560 feet of trail was installed along the east side of Laredo Street in the Central Heights neighborhood. The trail was split as it exited the woods at Chesapeake Street and continued split to Texas Avenue. The new six foot wide trail replaced the existing sidewalk that was in disrepair much to the delight of the residents. The project replaced multiple driveways and improved drainage along Laredo Street.

- C. **Restroom Improvements at McElroy Park** - A new restroom facility was installed at McElroy Park near the spray park. The restroom will be open to park users year round. The new pre-fab restroom was installed in March prior to the opening of the spray park for the 2018 season.



- D. **Sports Complex Covered Playground** – New playground equipment was installed between the fields at the Adult Softball fields. Park staff repurposed a galvanized steel shelter from the abandoned little league fields at Westwood Park to provide shade and protections from foul balls on the new playground. Netting was also installed around the perimeter of the shelter to further provide foul ball protection. The playground is a welcomed new amenity for softball teams with families providing a safe place for children to play.

E. **Travis School Park Special Needs Playground** - A second inclusive playground was constructed at Travis School Park. Like Bowie School Park, Travis School Park and the City have an existing joint use agreement for the park. This playground is slightly different than Bowie as it is designed to address the needs of hearing and vision impaired children. GCCISD Special Education Staff worked closely with Baytown Parks and Recreation Staff in the development of the concepts and solutions. In addition to financial contributions from the City, the Rotary Club of Baytown, GCCISD, the Lions Club and the Kiwanis Club participated either monetarily, through volunteering or both.

A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on Tuesday, October 17th.



F. **Republic of Texas Plaza Improvements** - Park staff received a request from the Baytown Historical Preservation Association Society to improve the trail system and drainage at the Republic of Texas Plaza. The BHPA said that some of the pathways would be covered with water for days following a rain, causing visitors to either get muddy or skip visiting. The issue was resolved by replacing the walkway with a new eight foot wide concrete trail and drainage issues were resolved by cutting in a swale to push the water to the pond.

G. Baytown Nature Center Covered Spectator Area - Park staff repurposed a galvanized steel shelter from the abandoned little league fields at Westwood Park to provide shade and protections from the weather at Tracey's Theater at the Baytown Nature Center. The structure covered the existing Cedar seats but also left room to place bleachers during events.



H. Cricket Field Bleacher Shelter at the Sports Complex - Park staff repurposed a galvanized steel shelter from the abandoned little league fields at Westwood Park to provide shade and protections from the weather over the existing cricket field bleachers. Cricket continues to be a growing sport in Baytown and the addition is a nice touch for the park.

I. Evergreen Park Improvements – Parks staff has been hard at work turning an old golf course into a traditional park. This past year, staff focused on the installation of a new FootGolf course, replacing the aging irrigation system for the golf portion of the park and the complete renovation of the clubhouse.

- Staff worked with professional FootGolf players to lay out the new course. Park crews installed the 18 tee boxes and 21-inch cups needed for the new course. A tournament was held in May to introduce the new sport to Baytown. The course is one of only two courses in the Houston area and the only one that is free. FootGolf is an excellent way to exercise and have fun at the same time. Signage for each “hole” will be installed during the fall of 2018.
- A new irrigation system was installed to provide water for the golf portion of Evergreen Park. The system will provide programmed watering on the old

18th hole, the practice putting green, chipping green and driving range tee box. The new system uses city water and replaces the old lake pumps and well and provides a scheduled irrigation routine for the turf.

- The complete renovation of the Evergreen Clubhouse began this year. The project includes the removal of the cupola, expanding the main room, and renovations to the restrooms and kitchen. The renovated clubhouse will be a rental facility that is planned to attract weddings, galas and fundraisers as well as a park rental pavilion for family and group events.



Staff is working with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to draft new policies that may include alcohol use and rental fees. The policies will be presented to city council during the fall. The project is expected to be completed in December 2018.

- J. **Hurricane Harvey** - Hurricane Harvey wreaked havoc on several of Baytown's parks including Baytown's first park, Roseland Park. The majority of the damage to Roseland Park was due to the deposition of silt (2 ft. in some areas), the flooding of the Roseland Rental Pavilion (5ft. of water in building), and damage to the boat ramps. The fishing piers and observation deck at the Baytown Nature Center were destroyed due to high water from the San Jacinto River. Park staff spent several months getting the parks back in order and delayed a lot of projects. Currently all City parks are back in order except for the Roseland pavilion which will be demolished.



Despite the flooding and damage to park facilities, the Department felt it necessary to get heavily used facilities back up and running as quickly as possible following the storm to provide a sense of normalcy. All spray parks except for Roseland Park and most playgrounds were back open within a week of the storm.

Beautification Projects

- A. Arbor Day** - Arbor Day was celebrated on Friday, April 27th at the Town Square. Over 1,300 one to five-gallon size trees were given away throughout the day, including Live Oak, White Ash, Cedar Elm, Sweet Gum, Sycamore, Loblolly Pine, Yaupon, Bald Cypress, Pecan, Bur Oak, Water Oak, and Texas Avenue Live Oak trees. The trees were either grown from seed at the Parks and Recreation Department's tree farm or donated seedlings from the Apache Corporation. Restoration of natural trees is a key component of efforts to enhance and beautify the appearance of a community. Staff also created descriptions for each tree type to assist residents in the proper care and maintenance of their new trees.



- B. City Bridge Painting** - The Parks staff was tasked with improving the aesthetics of the bridges throughout town. Parks crews painted the Texas Avenue/Goose Creek Bridge as part of another project in 2015, and it has made a huge difference in the appearance of the street. The Municipal Development District funded \$50,000 the past two years to paint as many bridges as possible. This year parks crew was able to paint the Highway 146 and 565 bridges with savings from previous years. The chain link safety barriers have also been replaced where needed. Park crews plan to continue the project until all the bridges in Baytown receive a fresh coat of paint. This project has made a tremendous improvement in the appearance of the City's streets.

C. Park Trees - The Department planted 252 trees, some of which were grown at the Department's tree nursery. The majority of the trees were planted at Travis, Roseland, and McElroy Parks and the Bayland Boat Ramp parking lot.

D. Roseland Tree Planting – One Hundred 30-gallon size trees were planted at Roseland Park in December. These trees were generously donated by the Baytown Rotary Club. Despite the wet, cold weather, there was a strong turnout from the public after a push via Facebook. Approximately half of the tree planters were from the Baytown Fire Department. All 100 trees were planted in less than two hours!



E. Fred Hartman Bridge Gateway Landscaping - The landscape at the gateway was installed by Nasascape Landscaping, marking the completion of the project. Plants include knockout rose, dwarf pampas grass, dianella, and vitex.



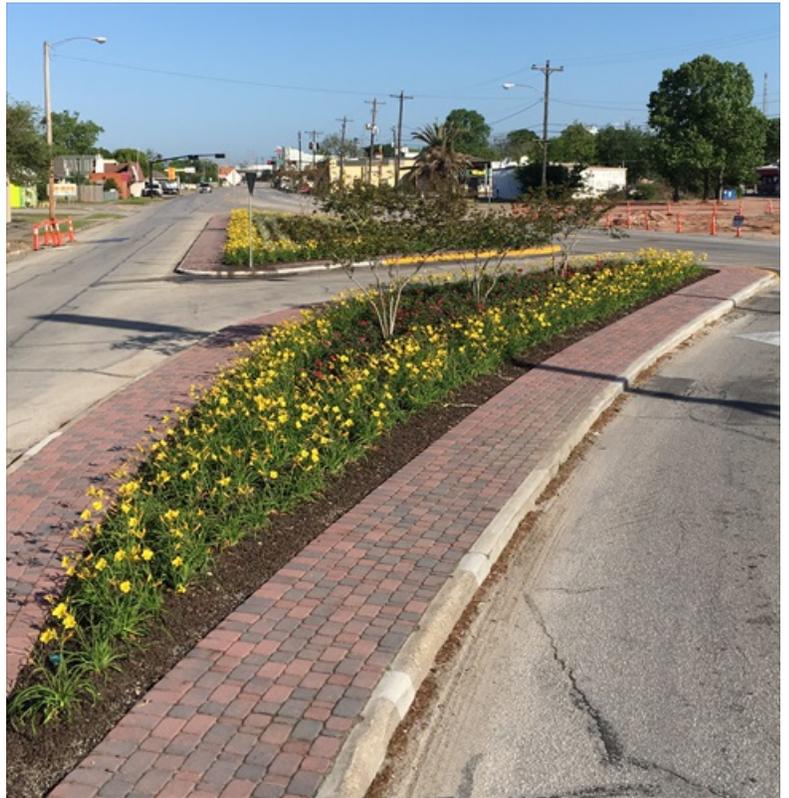
F. San Jacinto Boulevard Roadway Design, Landscaping and Public Art - In 2016 the City of Baytown began construction for a new north/south roadway that will parallel Garth Road to the east. The road, to be known as San Jacinto Boulevard, will run from I-10 near the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District (GCCISD) Administration Building to the intersection of Cedar Bayou Lynchburg and Bush Road.

Kimley-Horn and Associates are designing the boulevard, which will boast a heavy amount of landscaping and public art. A roundabout at the intersection with Hunt Road will contain a larger-than-life-size sculpture of Sam Houston on his horse pointing toward the San Jacinto Monument. David Adickes designed and is constructing the sculpture. Mr. Adickes is the same artist who built the large statue of Sam Houston, located along I-45 in Huntsville. He is also responsible for several other "larger than life" sculptures in the Houston area and across the country. Mr. Adickes' statues are distinguished by their huge size and excellent attention to detail; also all are white or mostly white in color. Baytown's sculpture is expected to be set in August of 2018.

G. Goose Creek Trail Crew - A two-person Trails crew was created at the start of the 2018 fiscal year. The new crew helps maintain the 5.7 mile stretch of trail including mowing, weed eating and litter removal along the length of the trail. Since implementing this crew, the trail aesthetics have improved tremendously and patrons of the trail have been pleased with the results. The response time to service request have been substantially reduced along the trail allowing for graffiti etc. to be cleaned in a day where previously it was handled as a crew was available. The new crew gives the trail a daily presence that also helps the security aspect of the trail, handling any issue that comes up during their drive through the trail. The crew has been able to enhance the jewel that is the Goose Creek Trail and improve the experience of anyone who visits it.



H. Median Improvement - The focus of the median improvements moved from major street medians to the renovation of existing asphalt medians this year. Park crews teamed with the Public Works Department to improve the West Main/Market Street intersection and Bayway/Market intersection medians. Public Works crews removed the asphalt and three feet of existing road base from the four medians and provided water taps at each. Parks crews then contracted to have a four foot wide ribbon of pavers installed around the perimeter of the medians. The medians were then filled with quality bed mix and planted using colorful knockout roses, Dianella, day lilies and crape myrtles. A drip irrigation system was also added. Park crews topped the plants with recycled rubber mulch that will help reduce maintenance of the medians.



A similar project began this summer on the narrow medians on Garth Road south of Park Street. Public Works crews are removing the existing asphalt medians and are installing colored stamped concrete, leaving a three foot wide bed in the center of the medians. Public Works is also providing water taps to the future landscape beds. Park crews will fill the landscape bed sites with quality bed mix and plant and irrigate the new beds. The project will be completed in the fall.



The Department also planted and irrigated several large trees in the Hunt Road medians near the new HEB store.

These projects have made a significant impact on the appearance and image of the City's thoroughfares.

- I. TxDOT Right of Way Maintenance** – The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Right of Way Mowing Program was developed to alleviate the number of complaints caused by the lack of TxDOT contractors' mowing major highways. Started in January 2009, the program continues to be a success and staff has added broadleaf weed control to continue to improve the appearance of Spur 330, Business 146 and Highway 146.

The Department continued the City's commitment to freeway appearance this past year. One day each month, the Parks crew removes litter from the right-of-way along Spur 330, Highway 146 (Hartman Bridge to Cedar Bayou Bridge) and Business 146.

TxDOT reimburses the City for three of the mowing cycles and for the monthly litter removal.

A new two-person TxDOT Right of Way maintenance crew is included in the 2019 budget to take charge of litter removal especially ahead of the median mowing and weed-eating, trim and clean along guard rails and sign poles, and maintain areas that the tractor mower cannot mow.

Grants and Special Projects

I. San Jacinto Waste Pit Grant

The San Jacinto Waste Pit site is a 14 acre area located on the west bank of the San Jacinto River immediately north of the I-10/San Jacinto River Bridge.

Harris County and the State of Texas each received about \$10 million as a result of a lawsuit against the companies violating several codes and acts and conspiring with one another to violate those codes regarding the Waste Pit site. As part of a long-term effort to assess and mitigate environmental impacts from toxic waste pits along the San Jacinto River near I-10, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Harris County used the remaining \$10 million for grant opportunities that provide new or expanded public recreation and access facilities along the river, plus fund environmental awareness and education efforts.

Of the three grant applications submitted by the Department in March 2016, two were funded including the purchase of future parkland on Tabbs Bay and the complete renovation of all of the City's three boat ramps and the reconstruction of the five fishing piers at Britton and Bayland Parks.

- A. **Baytown Boat Ramps Repair and Improvements** - \$1,634,415. The project included the complete renovation of the public boat ramps at Roseland Park, Bayland Park and the Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Center. The renovations included parking and lighting improvements as well. The project also includes fishing pier renovations at WC Britton Park.

Resource Planning Associates were selected to plan, design, and engineer and obtain the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) permits needed to renovate all three boat ramps and fishing piers. Four separate permit applications were submitted as required by the ACE. Municipal Development District funded new kayak launches that were installed at Roseland Park and Bayland Park Boat Ramps during the renovation project.



Improvements included replacing the lighting at all four sites with new LED fixtures. The project improved the lighting levels and will save on electrical cost.

Improvements to the Bayland Park “Buddy McBride Boat Ramp” included the removal of the existing milled asphalt parking area at the Buddy McBride Boat Ramp, leveling and compacting the subgrade and replacement with six inch thick concrete. The project also included constructing two grass medians, planting of trees in the newly created medians and restriping the lot. Both Roseland Park and the Wetlands Center parking lots were restriped.



Crawley’s Shoreline Construction was awarded the construction contract for the renovation project. Since the Roseland Park boat ramps were partially destroyed during Hurricane Harvey, construction started on those ramps first. The Roseland Park ramps were closed immediately following the storm and were reopened in January 2018. Construction then moved to Bayland Park’s Buddy McBride Boat Ramps starting in February. The Bayland ramps re-opened in April. The project moved to the Wetlands Center. All five fishing piers at Britton Park and Bayland Park were completely reconstructed as the floating docks were replaced with a fixed T heads piers. All the docks received a new “Flow thru” deck that will allow rising water to pass through the deck and reduce damage from floods.

- B. Evergreen Bluff Land Acquisition** - \$467,000. The land acquisition of a 21+ acre future waterfront property added a significant tract of land for future generations to enjoy. The city had requested a total of \$3 million including both the acquisition and development of the property; however, the development portion of the project was not funded.

The 21.3311 acre tract fronting Evergreen Road and Tabbs Bay and Galveston Bay was acquired on December 13, 2016. The grant included a topographic survey, environmental survey and archeological study that will all be used in the future planning and development of the park. The topographic survey and the environmental survey were both completed in 2017.

The archeological survey was completed by Moore Archeological Services and accepted by the Texas Historical Commission. The Department received the final report in February 2018. The land may have historical significance since it is very near the location of the Ashbel Smith homestead. The consultant reported several very interesting finds on the property and documented the information with the Texas Historical Commission. Future development of the park may be required to have further archeological investigation before construction can start as there may be significant historical value to parts of the property and the City may need to work around them.

- C. **Grant Closeout** – Both of the above projects are expected to be closed out with Harris County and the Texas Parks and Wildlife in early fall 2018.

II. **Baytown Nature Center**

Day of Caring Projects - The Friends of the Baytown Nature Center, ExxonMobil staff and Parks crews worked on several projects at the Baytown Nature Center for the United Way Day of Caring.

Improvements included:

- Painted walls and decking of Tracey’s Theater
- Installed ‘No Fishing’ and ‘Natural Area’ signs
- Spread decomposed granite on trails
- Spread decomposed granite in Crystal Bay Butterfly Garden
- Installed a small footbridge in the Children’s Nature Discovery Area

III. **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department – Recreational Trails Grant – Cary Bayou Trail Phase III** - Staff received a \$44,044 grant to construct 3,940 feet of new trail at Jenkins Park.

Jenkins Park was expanded in 2007 with the purchase of an additional 56 acres of land. With the additional parkland, the City of Baytown has constructed a five acre dog park and a disc golf course. The proposed Cary Bayou Trail Phase III project will add an additional 3,940 feet of trail made from decomposed granite, providing a natural surface walking/jogging trail loop around the newly acquired 56 acres. The project will also add a short connection to Crosby Cedar Bayou Road, allowing future connectivity to the planned Blue Heron Park trail at the end of Blue Heron Parkway.

The trail will be designed and constructed by City of Baytown Parks and Recreation Department employees and will include signage and benches. The decomposed granite will provide a soft, user friendly surface. The proposed construction will utilize in-house labor, which will be the City’s match for the project. The trail itself will be eight feet wide, with a milled asphalt base and a decomposed granite overlay for the wearing surface matching the existing 11,513 feet of trail in the heavily used 100 acre Hollaway-Jenkins Park. When complete,

there will be nearly three miles of multi-use trail for park visitors to enjoy.

The Recreational Trails Grant has been approved by the Texas Department of Transportation and construction is expected to begin this fall.

IV. Jenkins Park – Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Grant – The City of Baytown received a \$500,000 matching grant for improvements and upgrades to Walter Jenkins Park.

Staff applied for a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Outdoor Grant in October 2015. Improvements planned for the park include a covered basketball court, an arena soccer pitch, a spray park, playground, picnic shelters, fitness equipment, connecting trails, two practice pony league size baseball fields and other park amenities. The City's match came from Aquatic Bonds, Municipal Development District funding and in house labor.

Construction began fall 2016 with the Public Works Department's installation of a six-inch water main into the park from the new twelve-inch water main along Crosby Cedar Bayou Road. Limited water supply has hampered the growth of Jenkins Park since the property was acquired in the early 70s. The new water line is a tremendous improvement to the water quality, availability and water pressure to the park.

Construction of the new spray park and restroom began in January 2017. The triangular shaped 5,000+ square foot spray park has a wetlands theme complete with cattails, an alligator slide, a shore bird dumping bucket and other wetlands-related features. The spray park has five Coolbrellas with picnic tables and benches.



Jenkins Park also received a new pre-fabricated restroom, pre-engineered and constructed to local standards and codes. The restroom was delivered, set on a site near the new spray park and was in operation for opening day.



The outside of the building has an exposed truss frame as well as a rock wall façade. Inside the restroom are stainless steel fixtures with air hand dryers and fully washable restrooms. The restrooms are also equipped with a CMS system that automatically unlocks the door at 5 AM and locks the doors at close of park at 10 PM. The system also has the capability to reduce vandalism by shutting off the water during a vandal event as well as notifying the Department if someone attempts to sleep in the facility overnight.

The spray park and the restroom opened in early spring 2017 and are the City's match for the grant.

A new lighted and covered basketball court was completed replacing the much smaller open air court. The old court was repurposed into a covered fitness area, complete with several outdoor pieces of fitness equipment. Both the new basketball court and the fitness area are heavily used all day and during inclement weather.

A new "arena" soccer pitch was completed during the spring as part of the grant project. The new lighted 6v6-size pitch is lighted, and the first city facility to have an artificial turf playing surface. The field turf, complete with all the needed lines for play, has allowed continuous use of the pitch even in rainy conditions. A scoreboard was added to enhance league play. The court is available to anyone that wants to play except during scheduled league and tournament nights.

Construction will begin later this summer on the few remaining components of the grant that include two baseball/softball backstops, connecting trails and other park amenities. The project is expected to be completed before the end of the year.



- V. **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department - Waiver of Retroactivity for the Gene and Loretta Russell Park** – the acquisition of the additional 17 acres adjacent to the Gene and Loretta Russell Park presented an opportunity to leverage the purchase as a possible Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Outdoor Grant match. Since the purchase was prior to the application, the City was required to request a “Waiver of Retroactivity” with TPWD to use the purchase value up to \$500,000. Staff applied for and received a Letter of Retroactivity from TPWD Recreation Grants in May just prior to the purchase closing. The waiver allowed the city to purchase the property and hold it for up to two years before being required to apply for an acquisition and development grant using the value of the property as the city’s grant match. The staff at the TPWD Recreation Grants Division moved very quickly to provide the waiver.

TPWD has extended the waiver deadline to August 31, 2019.

- VI. **Gateway 3 – I-10 and SH 146** – Keep Baytown Beautiful and the City of Baytown won the prestigious the Keep Texas Beautiful – 2018 Governor's Community Achievement Award. The award provides \$270,000 for a community project. The third gateway has been selected as the City’s project. Funding and construction of the project goes through the Texas Department of Transportation. Knudson LP was selected to design and coordinate the project for the City. Knudson designed the other two gateways. The project kicked off design in July; plans are expected to be completed by the end of the year and construction to begin during the fall of 2019.



- VII. **MD Anderson Cancer Center and ExxonMobil - “Be Well Baytown”** - The Parks and Recreation Department was awarded a grant to help reduce skin cancer by reducing sun exposure for employees and park visitors. The \$259,850 grant will provide sunscreen dispensers, hats for Parks Crew, shade structures at Roseland and McElroy Parks, shade trees, and sun awareness signage. The project will begin this summer.

Proposed 2019 Projects

Several major park improvement projects are proposed for the upcoming year:

- I. **Municipal Development District (MDD) Funded Projects**
- A. New Parks Service Center (Site Map Located in the Appendix)
 - B. Bayland Marina and Channels Dredging
 - C. Ward Road Park Loop Trail
 - D. ExxonMobil EPA Tree Planting Project

- E. Goose Creek Trail Heads
- F. Jenkins Park Drainage and Water Line Improvements
- G. Hollaway Park Tennis Court Renovation
- H. Central Heights Park Basketball Court Roof
- I. City Wide Landscaping
- J. Jenkins Park Dog Park Lighting
- K. Goose Creek Stream Cleanup
- L. Baytown Sports League Improvements

II. City of Baytown Budget Capital Projects

- A. Goose Creek Trail Wayfinding, Signage and Benches
- B. Replacement Play Equipment

III. Ongoing Projects

- A. Evergreen Clubhouse Renovation
- B. Eddie Huron Park Lighting
- C. Firefighter Memorial Repairs
- D. Painting of Bridges



Recreation

2017 – 2018 Program Summaries

Playhouse in the Square – Lee College Performing Arts Department and the Baytown Parks and Recreation Department teamed up once again to offer a free family friendly showing of the comedy melodrama *Perl on the Mighty Mississippi* at Town Square on September 28, 2017. Because the play was a melodrama, Parks and Recreation crews were on hand giving out free popcorn for the audience who were encouraged to boo and hiss the villain, and throw popcorn at the actors leading to a great night of fun.



Grito Fest –The 2017 event was another success with a peak estimated crowd of over 5,000 event goers at Bicentennial Park on Saturday October 7th. Mariachi Perla Tapatia kicked off the event with live music at 4:30 p.m., followed by Grupo Alcanzable at 6:15 p.m. then headliner Fito Olivares y La Pura Sabrosura at 8:15 p.m.



2017 Highlights included Baytown’s Patrol Officer, Angel Puga, winning the accordion competition with a borrowed accordion, Ricardo’s Mexican Grill winning the green salsa contest for the 3rd year in a row, and newcomer Iguana Joe’s winning the red salsa in their first ever Grito Festival competition.



Baytown Veterans Day Ceremony

– It is customary to perform ceremonies honoring veterans on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the year. The date and time are significant because it was precisely at that time on that date in 1918 that World War I officially ended. It’s also the reason the Baytown Parks and Recreation Department partners with the VFW Post 912 to honor all Veterans at Bicentennial Park. The 2017 keynote speaker was retired navy Captain James Mehrmann who served 30 years, participated in



three Vietnam tours and was in active duty during the Lebanon Crisis and Operation Desert Storm. Captain Mehrmann started his speech with, “Welcome home my comrades-in-arms from Vietnam.” He works with veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder through the PTSD Foundation of America and spoke of his own problems with PTSD, as well as those in his family.

Christmas Parade - The annual Christmas Parade scheduled for Thursday, December 7th had to be canceled due to rain. This was a huge disappointment to the recreation staff due to the tremendous amount of effort made to improve the event from previous years. Improvements included barricading both sides of Texas Avenue from the Brunson Theater past Town Square to improve safety and allow parade participants to move more freely around heavily crowded areas, adding “parade marshals” within the parade to prevent gaps between entries, and adding free bounce houses, children activities and a giant 16’ x 8’ screen at Town Square to broadcast live video from the judges stand during the parade. The Parks and Recreation will reuse the same “Christmas Texas Style” theme for 2018 and look at ways to avoid a complete cancellation due to weather in the future.

Art Show – The 2017 Annual Art Show was held on Friday, December 1st at the Baytown Community Center. The recreation staff had a total of 26 professional artists enter the show, and collected over 800 pieces of handmade artwork from GCCISD students. Winners were presented awards by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chairman Billy Barnett at a short reception following the gallery viewing times. We also would like to thank Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Member, Carmen Torres for once again helping with the event.



Christmas Movie Night - Although temperatures were in the low 40's, the Parks and Recreation Department estimated over 300 people came out with jackets and blankets to an all new event at Town Square. "The Polar Express", the original "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (cartoon version), and "Elf" were all shown free of charge on a 16'x8' LED screen on Friday, December 8th. Event goers also enjoyed complementary fresh popcorn and hot chocolate provided by Councilman Charles Johnson.



Snow Day – The Baytown Parks and Recreation Department hosted their 3rd Annual "Snow Day" at Town Square event on Saturday, January 13th. An estimated crowd of over 1,000 people enjoyed 75 tons of snow that was divided into four large eight foot slides, four smaller bunny hills, and two general play areas. The event continues to be one of the most attended events at Town Square. 2018 saw a new "Chainsaw Battle", where two artists battled in a "Baytown chainsaw ice sculpture contest". The two artists and their DJ used the crowd as judges to determine the champion. The winner carved a full City of Baytown sculpture complete with the Fred Hartman Bridge, Oil Derrick, and refinery towers.



Ballroom Dances – Dances were held on the third Friday of each month. Participants enjoyed dancing the Fox Trot, Mambo, Tango, Swing, Cha Cha and more. Each month an average of forty participants attended.

Sports Expo - On January 20th- 21st the Parks and Recreation Department held the annual Youth Sports Expo at the Community Center. This expo gave the local youth sports programs a chance to distribute information and register participants all in one location Recreation staff take the opportunity to update the participant contact information, as well as renew the contracts of the Baytown Little League and Girls Fastpitch Softball Association (GFSA). Associations in attendance were as follows:

Returning Programs from 2017

Girls Fast Pitch Association
Baytown Ponies Teenage Baseball
Optimist Youth Football
Baytown Little League
Dirty Bay Aquatics
Baytown Saints Soccer Club
Baytown Summer Track
Bay Area Chargers Football

First Time Attendees

Baytown Stingrays Lacrosse
ANA Basketball Academy

Daddy and Me - Ticket went on sale and flyers were delivered to all GCCISD campuses, for the annual Daddy and Me dance on January 8th. Due to the recent success, 2018 marked the first time the event was divided into two nights, allowing over 2,000 dads and daughters to participate in the Hawaiian luau themed night of fun. Dancing and singing hula dancers twirling fire sticks greeted each couple as they entered the doors of the decorated community center. Participants feasted on mini sandwiches, luau themed juice boxes, and fruit skewers. Also, 2018 brought on multiple new sponsors such as Kroger, HEB, Whataburger, Subway, Luna's, El Toro, Showbiz Cinemas, as well as long time sponsors Beehive Florist, The Party House, Wetland Center, Baytown Nature Center and Pirates Bay.



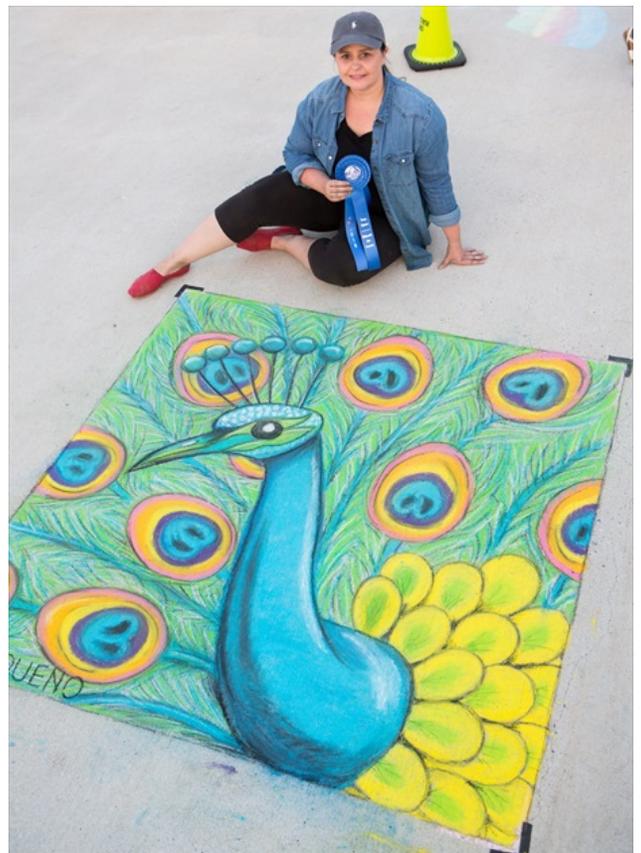
Easter Egg Hunt / Food Truck Preview

Review - The Baytown Parks and Recreation Department had 40,000 Easter Eggs on site for its 3rd annual Town Square Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24th. Event goers were able to color custom “Town Square Easter Bags”, play in bounce houses sponsored by MardiBirds, slide down a three story fiberglass slide from Texas Born Amusements, and sample a variety of Food Trucks that will take part in the upcoming Food Truck Festival on April 28th. Trucks in attendance were: Foreign Policy, Luv Me Tender, The Cuban Spot, D’Lish Curbside bistro, Nom Mi, and Berry Ice.



The egg hunting was divided by age and had limited entries to ensure safety for all participants. Infant photo areas, toddler only areas, and larger hunts all started every half hour beginning at 11:30am.

Food Truck and Chalk Art Festival – Baytown Parks and Recreation teamed up with Baytown Tourism Department to host the first Sidewalk Art Contest Saturday, April 28th at Baytown’s Town Square as part of the 2nd Annual Food Truck Festival. Ten artists entered the contest and three were chosen based on people’s choice. Patrons could pay \$1 per ticket to vote for their favorite artwork. Each artist had a box next to their artwork to collect the tickets. The money raised for the contest supports the Art League of Baytown’s Rising Stars program, a special needs art class for adults. Tina Pequeno’s Peacock won the first place people’s choice award, Rosa Valdovinos’ Wolf Howling won second place and Jesse Nunez’ portrait of a girl won third place.



While enjoying the art, patrons listened to the music of local favorites The Mambo Jazz Kings while trying out a plethora of food trucks, including first time visitors Southern Taste, Melt on Wheels, Bayou City Eats. Returning favorites from last year’s event included the Cuban Spot, Foreign Policy, Offbeat EatZ, and Berry Ice.

Lastly, there were also plenty of activities for children that included a designated area to draw and color custom coloring sheets to hang from the Town Square fence. The “Play Well” Lego crew was also at the festival giving a preview of the upcoming Lego Camps being held at the Baytown Community Center later in the summer.

Brown Bag Lunch Series –

The 2nd annual Brown Bag Lunch Concert Series took place each Friday in March 2018, beginning on March 2nd. The free concert series took place at Town Square from noon - 1:30.

Citizens were encouraged to come out and bring their own lunch, or visit with event sponsors Roosters BBQ to purchase a \$5 lunch special on each day.



Performance Lineup

- March 2nd *Phineas Reb (Bluegrass/Folk)*
- March 9th *Gary Michael Dahl (Guitarist/Vocalist)*
- March 16th *Liz Talley (Country/Rock)*
- March 23rd *Landon Bullard (Texas Country)*
- March 30th *Howard McMichael (Steel Drum)*

Special Olympics - The 37th Annual Baytown Special Olympics Track and Field Meet took place at Lee High School’s Pete Sultis Stadium on Saturday, April 21st. This event is one that we are very thankful to have the opportunity to host every year. The event ran smoothly as we held off an afternoon of bad weather, and received very positive feedback from numerous teams and coaches. In 2018 we had 227 registered athletes from 13 different teams, competing in 21 different events. Below is the list of participating teams:

Returning Teams

- Sheldon All-Stars
- Rogers Rams
- Houston Express
- Texas City Stings
- Texas City Sting Brigade
- Westside Wolves
- Cullen Cougars
- Goose Creek Streakers

New Teams

- Alvin Express
- H-Town Elite Ballers
- Cypress Champions
- Space Center Rockets
- Treasures of Joy



Community Yard Sales – The event scheduled twice annually, May and September, met with tremendous success. Each sale features 40 – 10 foot x10 foot, 22 – 25 foot x 25 foot booths and two food vendors. Staff raffled off various door prizes that included a free spot at the next yard sale, Whataburger swag bag, gift cards and a family pass to the Baytown Nature Center.

Memorial Day Ceremony – On Monday, May 28th communities across the nation honored the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. Baytown honored all soldiers at Veterans Memorial Plaza at Bicentennial Park. The ceremony began at 11 a.m. “The ceremony is for veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice to our country,” said Jerry Johnson, master of ceremonies. “Veterans Day is to celebrate all veterans in our nation while Memorial Day is specifically to honor the ones who were killed in action or otherwise still missing in action.” The service featured the Baytown Veterans Honor Guard followed by a performance of the National Anthem by Haley and Michael Toppeto of Sea Scout Ship 93. Lilly Morgan recited the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation given by Donald Cunningham. Following the invocation was 2018’s guest speaker, Lynn Jardinico, from the Chapter President of Houston Gold Star Mothers. Representatives of VFW Post 912 and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 922 then read the names of local soldiers killed while serving our country to the almost 300 spectators in attendance.

Memorial Wreaths were provided from the following: *American Legion Post 323, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 126, Daughters of the American Revolution, Pilot Club of Baytown, Evening Pilot Club of Baytown, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Rotary Club, POW/MIA wreath, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 922, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 912, Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Unit 912.*

3rd and 4th of July Celebration - Torrential rainfall didn’t stop Baytonians and Dennis DeYoung from enjoying a memorable shortened concert during the 2018 July 3rd celebration. While thousands of event goers at Bicentennial Park on Tuesday, July 3rd enjoyed the Ricky Davis Classic Band, the weather intensified before headliner Dennis DeYoung could take the stage, and safety became the main priority. After MC Lloyd Lively told the crowd to take shelter storms rolled in and almost rained out the event. However, almost 2 hours later, the celebration continued with a few hundred people still on hand to enjoy the music of Styx.

The rain continued most of the night, but stopped on Wednesday in time for the July 4th celebration and parade that featured the late



Bernard Olive as the honorary Grand Marshal. His classic fire truck with his family members was in the parade in his honor.

Following the parade, Shane Smith and the Saints started the live music at 4pm followed by Corpus Christi - born Roger Creager at 6pm. Baytonian Brent Brunson whose shows comprise George Strait's hits with his eight-member "Ace in the Hole Band" finished out the musical lineup.



Farmers Market - The Baytown Parks and Recreation Department hosted the 2nd year of Farmers Market on Texas Avenue in front of Town Square starting Saturday September 16, 2017, and held each 3rd Saturday from September to May. All items sold at the Baytown Farmers Market must be grown or made within a 120 mile radius of Town Square and adhere to all state and local health codes. Each market continued to grow and saw vendors selling a wide variety of good and products such as soap, honey, micro greens, mustard greens, turnip, kale, pickles, basil, onions, cactus, tangerines, lemons and baked goods such as scones, biscotti, bundt cake, toffee, and cobblers. In addition to the products, each market featured local bands or musical acts and free Parks and Rec grab bags featuring sunglasses, water bottles, Town Square event schedules, and more. The Recreation Division will again work with the Health Department to add multiple new vendors for the next year.



Evergreen FootGolf Course - With the land that was obtained by the City of Baytown at the old Evergreen Golf Course, the Baytown Parks and Recreation Department has now installed the first free FootGolf Course alongside the already established Disc Golf Course at the new Evergreen Park located at 1530 Evergreen Road. This 18-hole course was officially opened to the public on May 12th. In its current state, the course has 18 holes with long and short tees, marked as black/orange respectively. Evergreen is one of only two FootGolf Courses in the Greater Houston Area registered with the American FootGolf League, and the only one that is free for public use. It is estimated that you will walk 2.5 to 3 miles each time you play all 18 holes at the Evergreen FootGolf Course.

Senior Recreation Center - The seniors continue to enjoy the weekly programs each month including Bridge, Quilting, Bingo, Dominoes and Cards. The monthly dances with live bands are always popular. Each quarter, the seniors host a luncheon where they plan new and exciting activities for the months ahead. President David Weber continues to offer monthly casino trips that are always fully attended.

Athletics Programs - The City of Baytown strives to provide its citizens with a number of options for both recreational and competitive athletics. In the past year the City of Baytown has built on the leagues that were already in place and brought multiple new leagues to all new facilities. Currently, the City of Baytown offers leagues on a weekly basis with a current enrollment of 65 teams, or 1,300 individuals, visiting our facilities on any given week. Among our existing Adult Programs are Men's 7v7 Soccer, Adult Men's/Coed Slow-Pitch Softball, Coed Kickball, and new this year is the 6v6 Arena Soccer Leagues at Jenkins Park. All leagues are sanctioned by the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) and the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF). Each league operates on an 8-10 game schedule, followed by a single elimination tournament at the end of each season to decide the overall league champions.

As previously mentioned, new this year the City of Baytown has opened a 6v6 Arena Soccer facility at Jenkins Park. This facility has artificial turf, walls around the outside, and is sized smaller than a standard soccer field. At this facility the City hosts both weekly leagues as well as a round robin, King of the Hill style tournament every Friday night. The new facility has become very



popular with the public, and it is estimated that over 200 individuals use the facility on any given evening.

In addition to all the current leagues that the City offers, staff also works extensively with outside organizations to bring Softball Tournaments to the Wayne Gray Sports Complex nearly every weekend. These organizations include The Senior Softball Association, 24/7 Softball, Amateur Softball Association (ASA), Global Sports Authority (GSA), National Softball Association (NSA), and Circuit Tournament Softball. Throughout 2017-2018 the Wayne Gray Sports Complex has hosted 53 tournaments with a total attendance of approximately 11,000 athletes and spectators visiting the Sports Complex on the weekends annually. The City of Baytown athletics staff also hosted three softball toy drive tournaments during December collecting over 200 toys which were donated to local Baytown charities.



Baytown Summer Track Program - The 2018 season began on April 30th and ended at the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) Summer Games at College Station, Texas on July 29th. This year the program was led by 6th year Head Coach Leon Smith, returning Assistant Coaches Teclesha Blanchard, Kerwin Lewis, Daniel Stagg, Daneille Smith, and Chirell Frank, as well as new assistant coach Xavier Ruben. The Summer Track program registered 106 athletes from ages 5-18. The program involved practicing four days a week at Sterling High School as well as weekly circuit meets at various surrounding communities including Galena Park, La Porte, Deer Park, Texas City, Beaumont and Pasadena. The Baytown Summer Track Team hosted their circuit meet on July 10th at Lee High School. An estimated 500 athletes and spectators were in attendance. All the participants ran at the TAAF regional meet on July 6th and 7th in Galena Park, Texas.



2018 TAAF Summer Games were held July 26th- 29th in College Station, Texas. The Olympic-style competition for amateur athletes includes events in a number of sports including track, swimming, softball, bowling, tennis, gymnastics, boxing, golf, flag football, volleyball, baseball and soccer.

The Baytown Track Team was able to send 36 state qualifiers to the TAAF Summer Games to participate in 40 events. Of those 36 qualifying athletes, six made it to the finals in six events. Athlete Christopher Powell, age 14, took home the gold medal in the 400 meter dash, as well as the silver medal in the 200 meter dash.

Leisure Programs –Baytown Parks and Recreation leisure programs utilize rooms at the Community Center as well as the park facilities throughout the City of Baytown. Recreational staff works to offer as many new and exciting programs around the Community Center’s full rental schedule. Currently, we offer Cooking Classes, Fitness Classes, Youth and Adult Karate, Chair Yoga, Pound, and much more.

Staff is continuously growing, expanding and adding programs and activities throughout the year by listening to the needs and interests of the public. We are very fortunate to work with qualified instructors in our community that share the same values and goals of our department and who are willing to offer their time and effort. Programs offered or expanded this year were as follows:

Children/Youth:

- **Karate** – The youth and adult karate classes taught by David Lange at the Community Center continue to be one of the best attended and most requested classes offered. Mr. Lange has brought a professional attitude that shows in his full classes each session.
- **Letters to Santa** – Another new program for the 2017 – 2018 year was the addition of the new “Santa Mailbox” at Town Square. The custom made red box complete with the Town Square logo was installed at the front on the park, just in time for our first ever Christmas Movie Night and remained at the park throughout the holiday season. The box gave everyone a way to send a letter directly to Santa himself. Everyone who wrote a letter received a custom handwritten replay from one of Santa’s helpers.
- **Rock Paint Party** - partnered with local group Baytown Rocks with purpose to spread happiness, love & inspiration through the simple gesture of painting rocks & "hiding" them throughout the community for people to find. Donath Garden Works donated all of the rock and PARD supplied all the art supplies. 80 total



- **Lego Workshop** - Free Introduction to Lego Summer Camps enabled 40 participants to explore concepts in physics, architecture, mechanical and structural engineering. They worked on inventive solutions in a fun-filled context supporting the growth of young minds through hands-on, minds-on learning.
- **Cake Décor Workshop** - Intro to Summer Cooking Camps- Customers were invited to learn buttercream piping and decorating techniques with Chef Ouindetta Thomas of Cooking with Class. Participants rotated through stations to learn to mix icing, write script and perform other decorating techniques. Each participant left with fully decorated character cake. All supplies were provided, participants were not asked to pay fees. 25 total
- **Kids Yoga** – This program offered to help the youth stretch their bodies and calm their minds. It featured a gentle, enjoyable exercise that builds resilience, coping skills and self-confidence. 10 total
- **Summer Programs at the Community Center:** These targeted students age 4 - 17 promoting fun through STEM education. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. STEM is important because it pervades every part of our lives. Science is everywhere in the world around us.
 - a. **Lego Minecraft** - YOUNGER kids –Playwell TEKnologies introduced the students to the amazing world of Minecraft™ with its unique characters recreated in LEGO® bricks, allowing students to create their own exciting Minecraft™ stories.
 - b. **Lego Minecraft Master** -OLDER kids- Students added motorized projects.
 - c. **Slime Camp** - In a week's time students made many variations of this polymer even edible. They learned the chemical properties while measuring ingredients for each slime recipe all created in a fun environment.



- d. **Veterinarian Camp** - Participants explored instruments used by vets and the kinds of animals they take care of. They viewed x-rays, explored anatomy, made models and learned how to tell whether an animal is sick all while learning lots of useful information about household pets, barnyard animals, zoo mammals, aquatic animals and backyard critters.
- e. **Cooking Camps** - Instructor Chef Win provided participants a cooking experience with the sense of achievement and self-sufficiency, math skills, making household chores fun, and working in a group setting



- i. International Meals- Sushi, Tamales, Sir Fry, Egg Rolls- 8 total
 - ii. Character Cakes and Cake Pops- decorating with icing and baking- 12 total
 - iii. Cookies and French Macarons- 28 total
 - iv. Weeknight Meals- Chicken 3 ways, 1 pan meal, 10 total
 - v. Dessert Favorites- scratch brownies, apple pie, peach cobbler, no bake deserts-15
 - vi. Baking- Cakes/Cookies/Pops- 12
- f. **Barbie/Fashion Designer** - Fastforward Kids featured basic sketching techniques, coordination colors for the best effect and mixing textures and patterns for perception and scale
- g. **Drone Jr.** -Participants took to the skies and to become honorary junior drone pilots.
- h. **First Aid for Kids** -English and Spanish speaking students learned and developed hands-on first aid and CPR skills through scenarios featuring true life emergencies
- i. **Star Studded Dance Squad** - A free dance team that learned new dance moves and performed during the annual 4th of July parade. The class was taught by Recreation attendant Sirena Gonzalez.
- **Camp Harvey** - City of Baytown employees' children were allowed to come and have a good time while not worrying about the stresses of what was going on around them. This also allowed their parent employees to work without having to worry about their children's care while schools and daycares were closed.

Adults:

- Self-Defense Class – 2 per year 75 total
- Pound Fitness Class
- Monthly Baytown Photo Club Meeting
- Monthly Adobe Photo Editing Meeting
- Public Speaking
- Adult Cooking Classes
 - a. Sushi 101
 - b. Steak and Shrimp
 - c. Rosette Cake Decor

Town Square Fitness

- Free Fitness Classes at Town Square
 - a. Pound
 - b. Dance Fitness
 - c. Yoga
- Fitness Classes for City Employees
 - a. Yoga
 - b. Core & More – DVD Work out
 - c. Work In Progress – DVD Work out
- Proposed 2019 Events/Programs
 - a. Pop up Playground- for parks that do not have playground equipment. We bring the fun through recycled and donated materials.
 - b. Art Classes
 - c. Knit and Be Social
 - d. Farmers Market Kids- Cooking with Class
 - i. Entrepreneurship
 - ii. Customer Service
 - iii. Savings
 - iv. Community Involvement
 - v. Marketing
 - e. Love Notes to Baytown- visitors write notes to Baytown

Remaining Programs for 2018

- Grito Fest – Saturday, October 6th
- Veterans Day Ceremony – Sunday, November 11th
- Christmas Parade – Thursday, December 6th
- Baytown Art Exhibition & Reception – Friday, December 7th

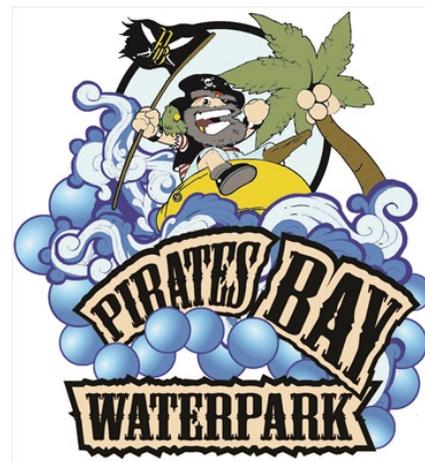


Aquatics

The Aquatics Division enjoyed another great year as the Pirates Bay Water Park and Calypso Cove welcomed 193,012 guests to the two facilities during the 2017 season. Attendance was on track to finish over 200,000 for the first time until Hurricane Harvey plowed through Baytown in late August killing attendance the last two weekends of the year, including the traditionally busy Labor Day weekend. Both parks continue to be at or near capacity every day

Staff worked on several off season projects to “keep the park new” including painting the blue and green slides and tower, refinishing the slides, replacing the riding surface of the FlowRider, replacing the filter media in the FlowRider filter system and replacing the canopy of slide tower number 1.

Both pools at Calypso Cove were replastered, the filter media was replaced in both filter systems and the play structure was completely refurbished including painting to keep everything looking new.



The Aquatics Division is set up as a self-supporting enterprise fund with revenue paying for all operational expenses including personnel, utilities and routine maintenance for both Pirates Bay and Calypso Cove. The operating costs for the two facilities have no impact on the City’s operations budget. Funds remaining after all expenses are set aside for future capital maintenance costs. The maintenance account has been very helpful the past few years as the park is starting to show its age and need additional care between seasons to continue to have a “fresh” look and to replace expensive pumps and equipment as needed. The fund was especially valuable following Hurricane Harvey to repair a flooded pump pit.

The Aquatics Division includes four full time employees and 361 seasonal employees that staff the two waterparks. Beginning in January, the aquatics staff hired and trained over 350 local employees in various positions from lifeguards and concession operators, to ticket takers and custodial workers. The 2018 season saw, approximately 46% of lifeguards and 36% of guest services staff returned from the 2017 season providing continuity on the staff. Three employees returned for their seventh year at the park. The lifeguards are all certified through the Red Cross in Waterpark Lifeguarding, First Aid, CPR, Oxygen Administration and AED usage. Staff is trained on the large slides and rides including the FlowRider. The aquatics staff is cross-trained to work at both Pirates Bay and Calypso Cove.

During the 2017 summer season, the Aquatics Division expended \$1,425,304.88 in personnel costs to 361 high school and college students that worked at Pirates Bay and Calypso Cove. The City’s aquatics facilities continue to be an excellent opportunity for summer employment for our youth.

Staff continued to come up with new and innovative ways to advertise the water park. The Parks and Recreation Department ran a commercial across the greater Houston area on Comcast Cable. The City also utilized Houston and Beaumont area radio stations, scoreboard advertisements, website ads, advertising at the new Showbiz Cinema Theater, along with traditional print ads in local and Houston area newspapers and magazines, as well as state-wide publications. The Department also utilizes Facebook and Twitter (@pbwaterpark) along with the City of Baytown's websites: www.baytown.org/piratesbay and www.baytown.org/calypsocove.

Pirates Bay and Calypso Cove were impacted by Hurricane Harvey in two ways. First, both Pirates Bay and Calypso Cove were closed as the storm approached on Friday, August 25th prior to the storm hitting on Saturday, August 26th. The last weekend is generally one of the biggest attendance weekends of the year. Secondly, Pirates Bay sustained major damage as a major pump pit was flooded; damaging four pumps and requiring the entire electrical system had to be replaced. Additionally, the computer systems that operated the Aqua Loop and Aqua Drop were damaged, as was the controller for the FlowRider.



The Parks and Recreation Department felt it necessary to get some semblance of normalcy following the flood and pushed to open Pirates Bay for the Labor Day weekend. Due to the number of employees that were impacted by the storm, the Department did not have enough employees to staff Calypso Cove. Pirates Bay opened with limited rides for the weekend. What normally would have been a 6,000 guest weekend turned into 1,000 very grateful guests.

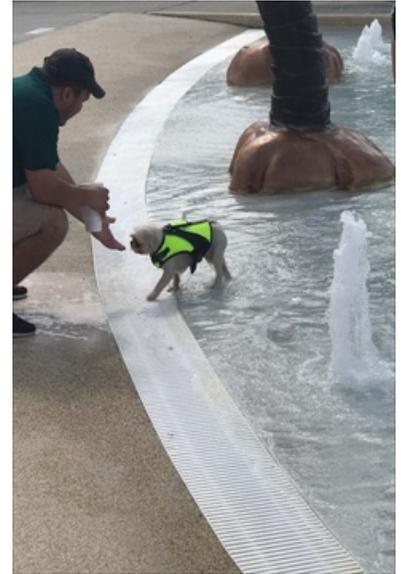
Pirates Bay Water Park - The Pirates Bay Water Park continued its popularity from the first eight seasons drawing visitors from all over southeast Texas and beyond. The expansion completed in 2014 added much needed capacity that reduced the long entrance lines; however, the popular waterpark is at or near capacity from Thursdays through the weekend. The addition of the Aqua Loop and Aqua Drop slides prior to the 2017 season provided a new “thrill” ride experience to



the park. The 57 foot tall slide tower is designed for three different thrill rides including an Aqua Loop and an Aqua Drop slide. The slide tower is designed for a future addition of a Flat Line Loop slide.

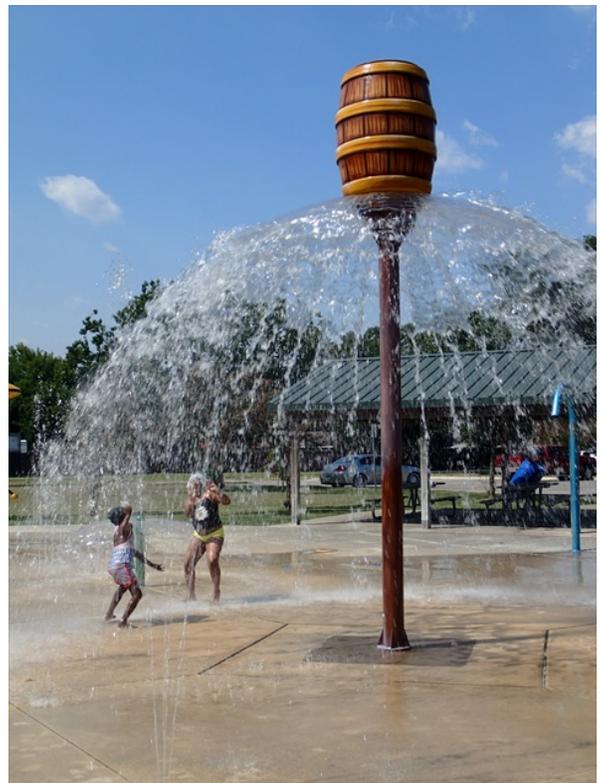
Staff continued several successful programs including swimming lessons, FlowRider lessons, Dive-in Movies, Doggie Beach Bash and the Itty Bitty Beach Party. The Itty Bitty Beach Party is open to little pirates up to age 5 and their parents once a week from 8:00 to 10:00 AM.

Special Pirates Night - In a partnership with Goose Creek CISD Special Education and Baytown Parks and Recreation, Pirates Bay has continued to host a monthly special needs night. On these nights, the park is open from 8 - 10 PM exclusively for special needs children and their families. For the award winning event, the park has 25 additional guards that are in the water serving as park ambassadors who interact with the kids and their families. The event has received great reviews from parents. The event continued to be very successful as we had 1,796 guests attend the three events.



Doggie Beach Bash - Pirates Bay hosted its first ever Doggie Beach Bash on September 23rd. Admission was \$10 per person which also allowed the admission of two dogs. Guest were limited to select areas of the park, including the front beach, back beach and wave pool. Due to popular demand, staff also opened the lazy river. Hurricane Harvey hampered our advertising and affected our attendance, as many were still in recovery mode. A total of 28 people attended.

Calypso Cove – Calypso Cove is a smaller Caribbean-themed water located at N.C. Foote Park on West Main. Attendance for the 2017 summer season was exceeding expectations until Hurricane Harvey cut the season’s last two weekends. The park still had 19,578 visitors for the season, averaging 204 visitors a day.



Spray Parks and Splash Decks - The popular facilities are open from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Monday through Saturday and from 12:00 noon until 8:00 PM on Sundays. The facilities will be open daily until November 4th. All six spray parks will reopen for the 2019 season on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at 10:00 AM.

McElroy Park Spray Park – The McElroy Park Spray Park opened for its seventh season on March 10th. The large 4,511 square foot spray park features three large picnic shelters, sixteen picnic tables, large family size grills, connecting trails and a 20 space parking lot.

Pelly Park Splash Deck – The Pelly Park Splash Deck opened for its seventh season on March 10th. The very popular splash deck served the Pelly area neighborhoods during the long hot summer.

Bergeron Park Splash Deck – The Bergeron Park Splash Deck opened for its eighth season on March 10th. The very popular splash deck served the West Baytown neighborhood during last summer’s extremely hot weather cooling off kids of all ages.

Roseland Spray Park – This city’s first spray park opened for its 16th season this spring.

Central Heights Park Splash Deck – The Central Heights Park Splash Deck opened for its fifth full season on March 10th. The project was funded by the Community Development Block Grant. The project funding was secured thanks to the hard work of the neighborhood and has been a nice addition to the popular neighborhood park.

Jenkins Park Spray Park – The Jenkins Park Spray Park opened for its second season on March 10th. The very popular wetlands-themed spray park features several fun spray features including an alligator slide, cattail shaped spray features, a dumping bucket, water wickets and slithering snake. The area also features five shade canopies, picnic tables and nearby playground and restrooms.



Environmental Programs

Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Education and Recreation Center

- A. The Wetlands Center suffered minor damage during Hurricane Harvey, with a foot of water flooding the exhibit hall. Floors were cleaned, animal substrate was replaced, soaked items were discarded, and the air conditioner was replaced to mitigate rust damage. The Wetlands Center hosted kids from the Parks and Recreation Department’s “Camp Harvey” for a tour and animal meet and greet. The Wetlands Center also played host to Covestro’s Toy Party for children affected by Hurricane Harvey.
- B. The Wetlands Center conducted the “ExxonMobil Wetlands Ecology Program” (19th year) and “Covestro *i*³ Program (18th year) for 1,700 Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District (GCCISD) 5th grade students. Students participated in educational activities at both the Wetlands Center and Baytown Nature Center (BNC). Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)-aligned activities center around wetland ecosystem awareness, marine debris and biodegradation timelines, estuary modeling, animal adaptations, scientific methods and use of microscopes, life cycles and metamorphosis, and live animal biology. Barbers Hill sends their 5th graders to the Wetlands Center for the Wetlands Ecology Program as well.
- C. The “The Rotary Club of Baytown Liquid Science Program” for GCCISD 7th graders was conducted for the 10th year. Approximately 1,760 GCCISD 7th graders participated in the program, which focuses on water sampling and analysis, watersheds and pollutant awareness, abiotic and biotic parameters affecting an ecosystem, and the aquatic ecosystem requirements and biology of blue crabs. The addition of a stream table exercise modeling the effects of erosion and deposition and a dichotomous key activity to identify marine organisms continues to make this program a favorite for Goose Creek students. The Rotary Club of Baytown continues to sponsor the program.
- D. The Wetlands Center partnered with the Wildlife and Ecology class from GCCISD’s Stuart Career Center for students from Lee, Sterling and Goose Creek Memorial (GCM) High Schools. Students met weekly at the Wetlands Center to learn about human impact on the environment, wildlife management principles, macroinvertebrates and water quality analysis, and field methods in environmental science.



- E. Chevron Phillips again sponsored the *Wade Into Wetlands* Summer Science Camp for the 18th year. The program grew even bigger this year as the Wetlands Center hosted ten camps and the Baytown Nature Center hosted five camps. This year the Wetlands Center's camp offerings included "Deep In The Swamp", "Music Makers" and "Eggs-traordinary" for 1st - 3rd graders; "Animal Planet", "Reel It In!", "Blast From the Past" and "Do You Believe In Magic?" for 4th - 6th graders, and "Framed", "Stargazers" and "Oceans '18" for 7th - 10th graders. We continued our tradition of overnight tent camping with the older kids at Brazos Bend State Park, where attendees enjoyed an evening of stargazing at the George Observatory. The Baytown Nature Center increased its offerings and hosted "Get Buggy" and "Young Naturalist" for 1st - 3rd graders, "Wilderness Survival" and "I Spy" for 4th - 6th graders, and "The Amazing Race" for 6th - 10th graders. The Friends of the Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Education and Recreation Center awarded \$7,200 in low income and academic scholarships, and the Friends of the Baytown Nature Center awarded academic scholarships to campers attending the BNC camps. Private donors sponsored eight campers from La Porte's Boys and Girls Harbor to attend Wetlands Center camps.
- F. Wetlands Center staff conducted the 9th Annual Spring Break Camp for 4th - 6th grade students. Students had a great time with "Green Planet" camp, learning about recycling and other green practices. Field trips included Discovery Green, Water Works Education Center, Seeding Galveston Organic Farm, Waste Management Recycling Center, and Houston's Green Building Resource Center.
- G. Wetlands Center staff hosted educational field trips for pre-schools, churches, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, home-schoolers, public and private schools within and outside of GCCISD (elementary through high school), Lee College and other area colleges, daycares and senior citizen groups. School districts attending Wetlands Center programs include Channelview ISD, New Caney ISD, Barbers Hill ISD, Crosby ISD, Liberty ISD, and Houston ISD.
- H. The Wetlands Center welcomed GCCISD's STEAM Graduation Ceremony, with 90 attendees celebrating and enjoying the efforts of five local elementary school teams presenting their science, technology, engineering, art and math projects.



I. The Wetlands Center’s after-school teen club, EPIC (Environmental Protectors Initiating Change), travelled to the Texas A&M University Soltis Research Center and the Center for Tropical Studies Palo Verde Research Station in Costa Rica for a week-long international conservation and ecotourism experience. Six high school students, along with Wetlands Center staff, a GCCISD elementary science specialist, and the Parks and Recreation Director learned about Costa Rica’s progressive measures toward conservation and ecotourism. They were able to pass their education experience along as they led a group of local high school students in water testing activities in a rainforest river. EPIC raised part of their funds for the trip with their second annual Spooktacular event which hosted 200 people at the Wetlands Center.



J. EPIC Club continued to grow as students from each of Baytown’s high schools met weekly to discuss contemporary environmental issues and ways to be involved in the community. Each month the club participates in a local event (i.e. shoreline cleanup, trash pickup, volunteering at Nurture Nature and Butterfly Bonanza Festivals, Rotary Tree Planting) as they strive to make a difference in their environment. They also designed and built a “Give Trash the Boot” float for Baytown’s “Christmas Texas Style” Christmas Parade to promote recycling awareness in Baytown.

K. The Wetlands Center continues to host monthly meetings for community groups. Houston Galveston Area Council, Hill of Rest Cemetery Board, Rotary Club of Baytown, Goose Creek Country Club Garden Club, Covestro, and Beta Sigma Phi have all gathered at the Wetlands Center. Baytown Bert, aka Bert Marshall, hosted a geocaching workshop and snake identification class with a Harris County Precinct 2 Naturalist. The Wetlands Center also hosted ExxonMobil Annuitant meetings for several months since their Community Center meeting room was being utilized by FEMA post-Hurricane Harvey.

L. The Wetlands Center continues to host Texas Parks and Wildlife Hunter Education workshops. Jose Flores, with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), teaches the workshops in both English and Spanish.



M. The Wetlands Center hosted the 1st Annual Butterfly Bonanza in partnership with Gulf Coast Monarch Project (GCMP), replacing BNC's SeedFling WingDing, which was cancelled due to Hurricane Harvey. Over 200 people attended, learning about pollinators, participating in a butterfly parade, and making butterfly themed crafts.



N. Wetlands superintendent partnered with Lee College instructors for a 3rd year hosting Lee College biology and education students at the Soltis Center, Texas A&M University's Research Center in San Ysidro, Costa Rica. The superintendent served as staff hydrologist, and taught hydrologic cycle, properties of water, rock cycle science and macroinvertebrate organisms of tropical aquatic systems ("bug picking") to Lee College and local students.

O. Wetlands Center and BNC staff presented a session called "EPIC Soltis Center Conservation Trip" at the East Region Texas Recreation and Parks Society's Workshop in Baytown. Staff also served as room hosts for three Environmental Education sessions.

P. Wetlands Center and Baytown Nature Center staff and volunteers represented Baytown at many outreach events across the state, including:

- NatureFest at Jesse Jones Park in Humble
- Galveston Bay Foundation's Bay Day at the Kemah Boardwalk
- Texas Forest Service's Woodland and Wildlife Festival in the Woodlands
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Take Me Outdoors Houston Festival at Discovery Green Park
- Fort Worth Mayfest (with TPWD)
- State Fair of Texas in Dallas
- Rotary Club of Baytown's Catfish Festival at Royal Purple Raceway
- Boy Scout Learning for Life Event in Texas City
- Houston Zoo Educator Day
- Sheldon Lake Halloween In The Park
- Lee College Welcome Week, Fall Fiesta, Career Madness Day and STEM Day
- Harris County Earth Day at Deussen Park in Humble, TX
- Harris County WaterWorks Week in Humble, TX
- Baytown Special Rodeo
- Crosby ISD Kindergarten AgVenture Days

- Holy Rosary Catholic School Nature Day in Rosenberg, TX
- Area 5 Mini-CAST Educator's Conference in Orange, TX
- Mont Belvieu Spring Outdoor Celebration
- Crocodile Encounter's Croctoberfest in Angleton
- Fiesta de los Ninos in San Antonio (with TPWD)
- Artist Boat's World Ocean's Day Festival in Galveston
- GCCISD Career Night
- Clear Lake Water Authority Workshop
- Sienna Plantation Fur-Afair
- Covestro Energy Trailer at Houston Livestock Show
- Covestro Energy Trailer at Industry in Science Teacher Workshop in Houston
- Venom Experience Herp Show in Conroe
- GCCISD Education Foundation GOSH Tournament in Kingwood
- Village Apartments of Baytown
- Harris County Precinct 2 multiple locations

Outreach activities also included onsite student classes at local libraries, churches, and many visits to GCCISD schools and preschools in Baytown. GCCISD and other local schools also hosted the Wetlands Wagon exhibits at numerous fall and spring festivals, career days, and family science nights.

Q. The Center participated in the City of Baytown's 4th of July Celebration with its portable catfish tank. Festival attendees enjoyed catching the channel catfish, which were relocated to Russell Park Pond after the event.

R. Wetlands Center and BNC promoted programs at the Conference for Advancement of Science Teachers at the George R. Brown Convention Center during their annual conference. This event is a great way to reach Houston area science teachers.

S. Gator Tales, the preschool program at the Wetlands Center, continues to meet in the summer and winter. Kids have story time, then meet live animals and participate in an activity or do a craft. Weekly sessions include hands-on nature activities to introduce reptiles, insects, spiders, fish, and many other nature-based topics. Parents/grandparents attend with their children. Gator Tales serves as a good complementary program to Tyke Hike, which is held at the Baytown Nature Center during the spring and fall.



T. Birthday parties continue to be a popular Saturday event at the Wetlands Center. Promotional flyers advertise “Wildest Birthday Party in Town,” which includes two hours of room use, tours of the Wetlands Center exhibits, an activity based on the party theme, and a chance to touch and handle the Wetlands Center’s live animals.

U. The Friends of the Wetlands Center hosted their annual fund-raising gala, “View of Burnet Bay”, at the home of Mike Davis. Approximately 225 people attended and the event raised close to \$22,000. These proceeds help fund extra staff hours and summer science camp scholarships at the Wetlands Center.

V. The “Land of Milk and Honey” beehive continues to thrive, with volunteer Clarence Shepherd, a local beekeeper, helping to maintain the hive’s health. Additional hives at the Baytown Nature Center supply honey which is bottled as thank-you gifts for volunteers and guests.

W. The Friends of the Wetlands Center and Lee College continued their partnership to provide educational interns for the Liquid Science Program. Selected students teach and/or assist with education stations during the Liquid Science Program and receive a \$500 scholarship funded by the ExxonMobil Lee College fund for their next semester.



X. Four issues of the Wetlands Center’s newsletter, “Marsh Matters,” were written and published. Most subscribers are now receiving the newsletter by email. Current issues are also linked to the www.baytown.org website for public enjoyment. Both the Wetlands Center and Baytown Nature Center are on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest and receiving positive comments from the general public.

Y. Superintendent taught “Angler Education”, “Wildlife 101”, “Water, Water, Everywhere” and “Nature’s Art” at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department’s “Becoming an Outdoor Woman” Conferences at Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood, Texas and Camp El Tesoro in Granbury, Texas. These workshops are a great outreach opportunity for Wetlands Center and Baytown Nature Center.

Z. BNC Naturalist and Wetlands staff hosted scout workshops for Webelos, Brownies, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cadets and Girl Scouts at the Wetlands Center.

AA. Superintendent and Mr. Eddie Gray were guests of Dayton's KSHN Radio Station for their morning talk show. Show topics were the Wetlands Center programs, summer camps, and history.

BB. Scouts Drayton Kinder completed his Eagle Scout badge requirements at the Wetlands Center and BNC. He built and installed a cabinet and display shelf for the Wetlands Center's pelt collection and outreach tubs.

CC. Jingle the Elf returned to the Wetlands Center in December. Each day a new adventure with Jingle and/or Sprinkles the Reindeer was posted on the Wetlands Center and BNC FB page as a way to promote the facilities. Jingle also hosted a "Pictures with Jingle" session to raise funds for Wetlands Center animal food.



Baytown Nature Center

A. The Naturalist and BNC staff continue to host educational field trips for scout groups, bird watching clubs, seniors groups, church groups, universities (College of the Mainland, Lee College, Lamar University, Texas A&M University at Galveston), public and private schools (both Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District (GCCISD) and other districts), area summer camps (Deer Park) and tourists to promote the natural resources and cultural history of the center. BNC staff also spoke in the community, with talks at ExxonMobil, Lee College, Kiwanis, Katy Canoe and Kayak Club, Rotary and other local groups.

B. "Tyke Hike," BNC's preschool program and part of ExxonMobil's "Discovering Nature's



Secrets” program, continued during the spring and fall. Weekly sessions included hands-on nature activities introducing reptiles, insects, spiders, fish, and many other nature-based topics. Parents/grandparents attended with their children.

- C. “Nurture Nature Series” continues at BNC on the first Saturday of each month. Topics this year included Bike Rodeo, Kayaking, Nature Photography, Reptiles, Wilderness First Aid, Winterizing for Wildlife, Birding, Geocaching, and Angler Education. Guest speakers and Baytown Nature Center/Wetlands Center staff present the topics.

- D. BNC hosted its 1st Family Outdoor Campout, which included a campfire cookout, full moon hike, midnight movie at Tracey’s Theatre, and night fishing till 2:00 a.m. Plans are underway for future campouts, as this one was a fun success!



- E. The Full Moon Hike program continues as a successful monthly event. An average of 25 people are attending and walking the trails to see what BNC has to offer after dark. So far, coyotes, raccoons, bats, snakes, fireflies, and opossums are the most common nocturnal creatures spotted. Screech owls trilling in the night are also crowd favorites!

- F. BNC hosted the annual North American Butterfly Association Butterfly Count, with results posted on their national website. Also hosted the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count. National exposure on these events promotes BNC as an ecotourism site.



- G. The BNC presented the 7th year of “Back to the Bay” high school biology program. This program complements the Wetlands Ecology Program and the Liquid Science Program from the Wetlands Center. Select 9th and 10th grade biology students from GCCISD travel to the BNC to participate in water analysis, seining and cast netting for species identification, introduction to invasive and exotic species, and a historical perspective on human impact on the local environment. This year we added a nature scavenger hunt to the curriculum. The program is funded by ExxonMobil through the school district. Several other area schools have also participated with the Back to the Bay Program.
- H. Scout interest in workshops and camping at BNC remains strong. The BNC Naturalist host workshops for Webelos, Brownies, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Royal Rangers, and Daisy Groups. Several troops have camped overnight at BNC.
- I. The 7th Annual Nurture Nature Festival was moved to the Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Center because of rainy, cold weather. Even with rain, wind, and cold, the event drew close to 2,000 visitors. The 50 exhibitors on hand braved the weather to offer information and activities including fishing, archery, wildlife shows, animal adoption, and rock wall climbing. TPWD was once again on hand with their Get Outside programs, and Lee College joined the fun for the first year with several STEM activities for festival visitors.
- J. BNC hosted several community service groups, including ExxonMobil college co-op interns, who cleaned shoreline, cleared brush and trees from trails, spread granite on trails, weeded the butterfly garden and other beds, and completed minor construction and repairs.
- K. BNC’s “Windmill Aeration at Golden Bloom Pond” Project received an Honorable Mention from Houston-Galveston Area Council for their 2017 Parks and Natural Areas “Projects Under \$500,000”. This project was designed and installed by Covestro summer interns to increase oxygen content in the Golden Bloom freshwater pond, improving habitat for fish, plants and birds.
- L. Monthly bird counts continue on the third Thursday of every month at BNC. These are led by volunteer and wildlife photographer, David Hanson. Results from the bird counts are published on TexBirds website and Houston Audubon’s website, with pictures taken by the Hansons. This is great exposure



for BNC in the local birding community. Sightings of rare birds (i.e. brown boobies) guarantee an increase in attendance at BNC.

M. The Raven Chapter of the “Order of the Arrow” district again chose the Baytown Nature Center as the site of their “Tap Out Ceremony” and “Ordeal”. Thirty-five candidates cleared trails, built two footbridges for San Jacinto Point, and cleaned the shoreline.

N. The Ani-Lati Chapter of the Boy Scouts’ “Order of the Arrow” returned to the Baytown Nature Center for their annual “Ordeal”. Projects for the sixty candidates included shoreline cleanup, fishing bench construction and installation, removal of old fencing at Westwood Park, construction of native bee houses and construction of monofilament line recycle stations.

N. Staff from ExxonMobil’s BTEC facility chose the Baytown Nature Center as their project site during United Way’s Day of Caring. With the help of Parks crews, volunteers painted Tracey’s Theater, installed signage in the natural area, spread granite on trails and in the Butterfly Garden, and installed a small footbridge in the Children’s Area. Several of the Friends of BNC also helped out.

O. BNC again served as a host site for Rivers, Lakes, Bays and Bayous’ Trash Bash event. Chevron Phillips and Covestro served as site sponsors, and Sterling High School Go Green Club cooked for the 90 volunteers who showed up to clean both BNC shoreline and Goose Creek Trail.



P. BNC Naturalist attended American Wilderness Leadership School in Wyoming as a recipient of a scholarship from the Safari Club International. Naturalist returned as a certified archery instructor and is planning to implement an archery program in the future.

**Baytown Nature Center
Five Year Comparison of Annual Attendance and Revenue
April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2018**

	April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014	April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015	April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016	April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017	April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018
Day Permits Sold	24,556	26,599	43,219	27,636	33,124
Revenue	\$73,668	\$79,797	\$100,969	\$94,752	\$107,131
Annual Individual Passes Sold	312	305	355	142	109
Revenue	\$6,240	\$6,100	\$6,010	\$4,260	\$3,270
Annual Family Passes Sold	151	153	223	167	168
Revenue	\$7,550	\$7,650	\$9,615	\$10,855	\$10,920
Total Annual Revenue	\$87,458	\$93,547	\$116,594	\$109,867	\$121,321

Recommendations

1. Continue to incorporate the recommendations of the *Playbook 2020, The Strategic Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the City of Baytown, Texas*.
2. Continue to demonstrate sensitivity to the community's needs through the involvement of citizens in the planning and development of facilities, programs and policies.
3. Work to incorporate the recommendations of the *Imagine Baytown – Community Based Strategic Plan*.
4. Begin implementation of the *Gene and Loretta Russell Park Master Plan*.
5. Begin implementation of the soon to be completed *Recreation Center Feasibility Study*.
6. Continue support for “Quality of Life” initiatives, community appearance and economic development projects.
7. Continue to acquire CDBG funds for the development/renovation of target area parks.
8. Continue to provide adequate annual funding for quality maintenance and operation of the Department.
9. Enhance the promotional and marketing efforts for all special events and programs, as well as Town Square, Pirates Bay, Calypso Cove and the Baytown Nature Center.
10. Expand athletic program offerings and partner with area facilities to broaden our participation base.
11. Continue to submit tournament bids for future, TAAF and USSSA softball and flag football tournaments on the regional, state and national level.
12. Continue to implement the recommendations of the *Aquatic Facilities Master Plan*, as well as the *Pirates Bay Expansion Master Plan*.
13. Work to secure future parkland that will correspond to the future growth of the City especially east of Cedar Bayou.
14. Expand the recreation and educational programs offered to attract all age groups.
15. Continue to improve and expand the environmental, recreational and educational programs of the Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Education and Recreation Center and the Baytown Nature Center.
16. Work to complete the goal of the Goose Creek Trail to connect Bayland Park to I-10 and the San Jacinto Mall.

17. Continue to improve the City's image and tourism through the City's environmental and recreational opportunities, by hosting and promoting special events that increase the exposure of our facilities in an effort to attract visitors to Baytown.
18. Enhance the Parks and Recreation Department's section of the City's website, as well as improve the appearance and the interactive usability of the Pirates Bay, Calypso Cove and Baytown Nature Center sites.
19. Update the *Trails Master Plan* and continue to expand the City's *Sidewalk Master Plan* to make Baytown a walkable community.
20. Continue progressive park planning and recreational programming by offering the newest activities and amenities throughout the city's parks.
21. Continue to work with the "Be Well Baytown" initiative to further improve community health awareness.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Billy Barnett, Chairman
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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members

(Left to Right) Michelle Bitterly, Chairman Billy Barnett, Howard Hunt,
Gregory Griffin and Agustin Loreda
(Not Pictured) Vice Chairperson Carmen Torres and Kevin Jones



Parks Division Staff



Aquatics Staff



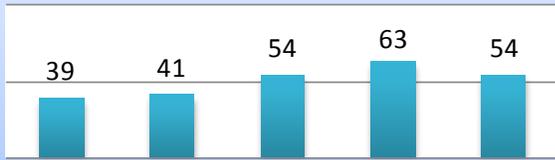
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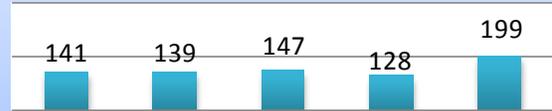
Recreation Division Stats

Special Events Total Per Year



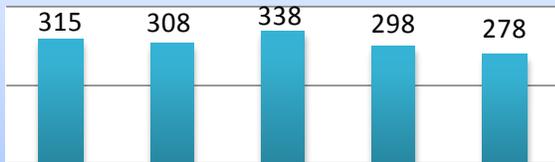
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Leisure Program Total Per Year



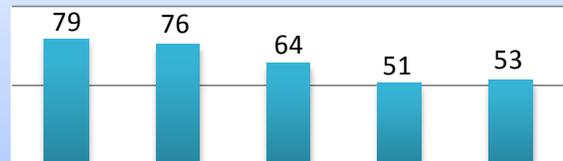
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Athletic League Teams



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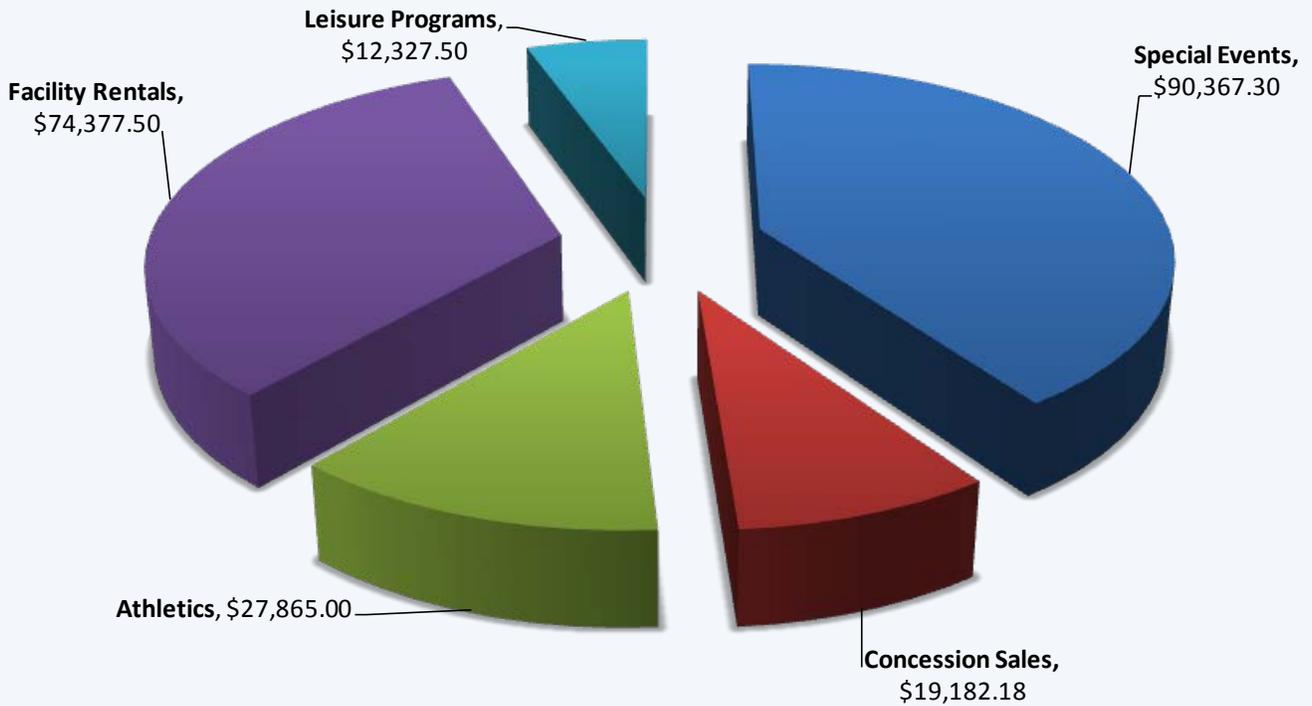
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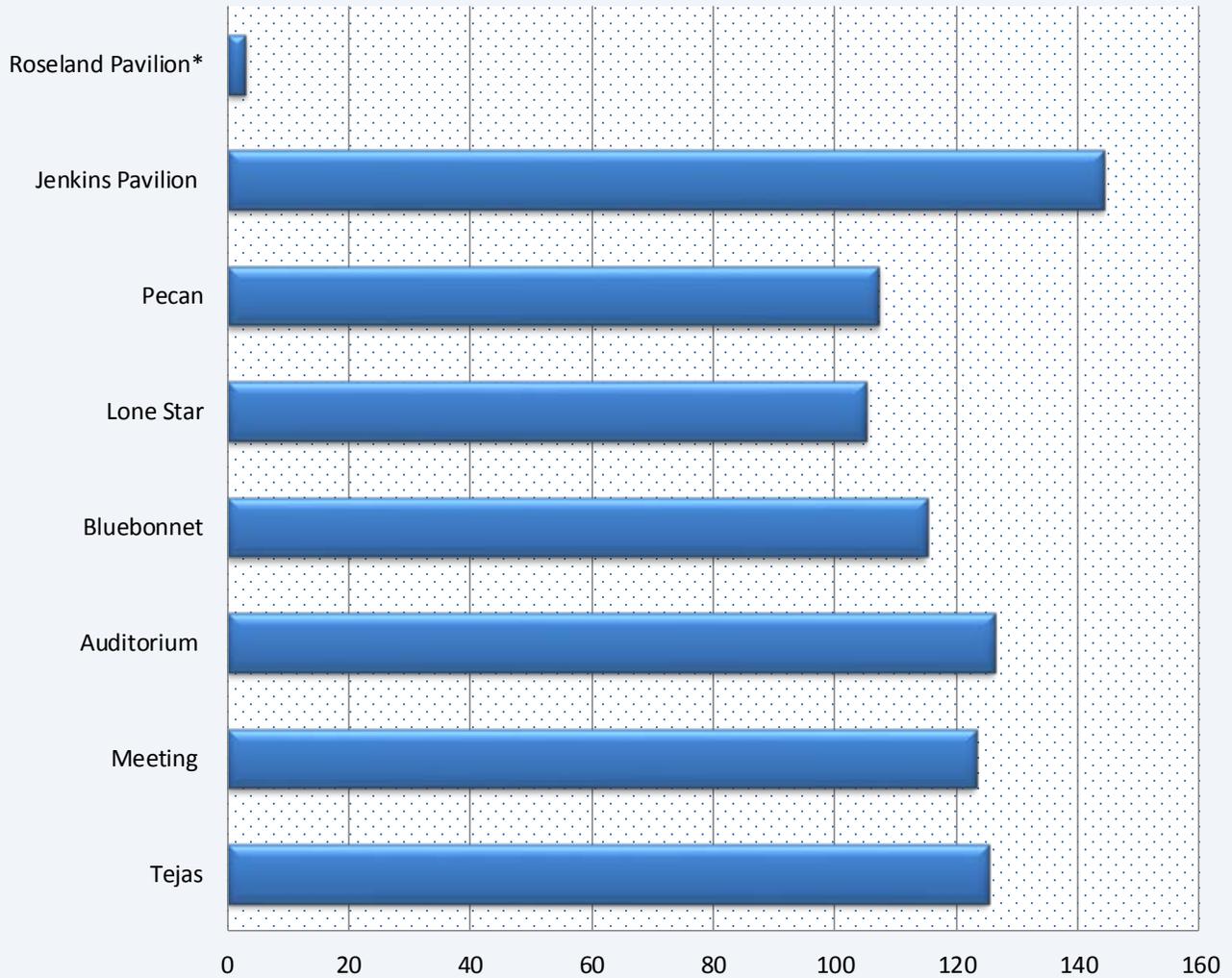
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*Totals through July 2018

2017 - 2018 Account Revenue*



Total Rental Per Room**



	Tejas	Meeting	Auditorium	Bluebonnet	Lone Star	Pecan	Jenkins Pavilion	Roseland Pavilion*
■ Rental Per Room	125	123	126	115	105	107	144	3

Roseland Pavilion was damaged beyond repair during Hurricane Harvey on 8/25/17

**Rental total as of 07/30/18

Pirates Bay Water Park Attendance Summary 2010 - 2017 Seasons

Pirates Bay Water Park



Daily Attendance Summary	Daily Attendance							
Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number of Days Open	74	102	115	110	106	95	96	103
Monday	6,930	15,926	13,301	14,321	20,681	22,519	19,969	16,292
Tuesday	6,220	13,232	10,037	11,147	14,800	15,792	14,202	15,400
Wednesday	5,561	12,283	11,626	12,355	17,040	16,891	17,284	17,500
Thursday	7,154	13,046	12,489	15,267	17,657	23,202	22,298	16,438
Friday	10,171	16,236	16,098	19,072	19,503	23,794	24,244	26,015
Saturday	19,518	32,418	31,965	34,604	40,648	39,513	39,240	44,486
Sunday	15,022	27,556	23,010	26,542	35,702	31,814	31,075	37,303
Total	70,576	130,697	118,526	133,308	166,031	173,525	168,312	173,434
Average Per Day	954	1,281	1,031	1,212	1,566	1,827	1,753	1,684
Attendance Goal Per Day	480	600	794	887	1,701	1,684	1,771	1,844
Above/Below Goal	474	681	237	325	(135)	143	(18)	(160)

Total Revenue	\$ 1,048,030	\$ 1,652,730	\$ 1,819,113	\$ 2,041,054	\$ 2,977,577	\$ 3,376,927	\$ 3,224,920	\$ 3,289,873
Average Revenue per Day	\$ 14,163	\$ 16,203	\$ 15,818	\$ 18,555	\$ 28,090	\$ 35,547	\$ 33,593	\$ 31,941
Average Dollars Spent per Guest	\$ 14.85	\$ 12.65	\$ 15.35	\$ 15.31	\$ 17.93	\$ 19.46	\$ 19.16	\$ 18.97
Days Closed Due to Bad Weather	2	0	3	0	0	4	1	3
Rainy Stormy Days	3	14	19	19	34	30	32	40

Calypso Cove Attendance Summary 2010 - 2017 Seasons



Daily Attendance Summary	Daily Attendance						
Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number of Days Open	74	89	85	87	88	87	96
Monday	2,452	2,051	2,256	2,083	2,195	2,345	1,884
Tuesday	Closed	1,635	1,994	1,873	1,786	1,802	2,133
Wednesday	2,350	1,954	1,971	2,038	1,753	2,409	2,320
Thursday	2,138	2,082	2,165	2,102	2,389	2,441	2,273
Friday	2,212	2,313	2,409	2,243	3,458	3,384	3,721
Saturday	3,334	3,048	4,121	5,101	4,857	4,028	4,358
Sunday	3,331	2,529	3,143	3,363	4,012	3,025	2,889
Total	15,817	15,612	18,059	18,803	20,450	19,434	19,578
Average Per Day	214	175	212	216	232	223	204
Attendance Goal Per Day	200	200	200	194	191	207	183
Above/Below Goal	14	(25)	12	22	41	16	21

Total Revenue	\$ 84,638	\$ 78,215	\$ 89,927	\$ 87,761	\$ 93,318	\$ 90,690	\$ 86,111
Average Revenue per Day	\$ 1,144	\$ 879	\$ 1,058	\$ 1,009	\$ 1,060	\$ 1,042	\$ 897
Average Dollars Spent per Guest	\$ 5.35	\$ 5.01	\$ 4.98	\$ 4.67	\$ 4.56	\$ 4.67	\$ 4.40
Days Closed Due to Bad Weather	1	2	2	2	6	4	6
Rainy Stormy Days	8	16	15	32	22	21	42

2018 Aquatics Attendance Summary May 5 – July 31, 2018

	Pirates Bay Water Park	Calypso Cove
		
Daily Attendance Summary	Daily Attendance	Daily Attendance
Monday	15,755	1,760
Tuesday	11,793	1,657
Wednesday	12,389	1,436
Thursday	13,426	1,625
Friday	20,229	2,984
Saturday	36,777	3,787
Sunday	27,507	2,747
Total	137,876	16,096
Average Per Day – 71 / 65 Days	1,942	248
Projected Attendance - 99 /93 Days	192,258	23,064

Park Service Center Project Site Plan

