



Parks and Recreation Department

**City Council Report
February 2021**

City Council Meeting of March 15, 2021

The Aquatic and Fitness Center ended February 2021 with 2154 packages compared to 3068 last year. COVID19 continues to have an impact on our memberships however, we continue to see an increase in group fitness class participation and are starting to see members returning to AFC. Several new classes have been added to the schedule and a Lifeguard class was completed this month. More Lifeguard classes will be made available this spring.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Packages as of January	2646	2656	2834	3057	3018	2064
Packages as of February	2666	2661	2899	3039	3068	2154
Packages as of March	2589	2682	2840	2954	COVID	
Packages as of April	2421	2489	2710	2844	COVID	
Packages as of May	2412	2464	2687	2819	2268	
Packages as of June	2467	2575	2755	2811	2119	
Packages as of July	2441	2549	2729	2814	2031	
Packages as of August	2358	2495	2692	2752	1894	
Packages as of September	2330	2442	2601	2724	1890	
Packages as of October	2324	2614	2709	2819	1966	
Packages as of November	2382	2566	2705	2799	2025	
Packages as of December	2361	2602	2745	2804	2013	

Member check-in:

February 2021: 16,763

February 2020: 26,915

Aquatic Programs

- There were 1369 participants in the water exercise classes, 2005 lap swimmers, and 989 whirlpool users.

February Events

- Dolphin Swim Team 55 swimmers
- Private lessons continue (32)
- Masters Swim Team continues
- Jr Guard 24 swimmers
- Group swim lessons start 34 registered
- AFC staff (42) completed CPR/AED/First Aid training
- Lifeguard Certification 6 participants
- Lifeguard Instructor re-cert class 9 participants

March Planned events

- Continue Group Lessons/Dolphins/Masters
- Masters Swim Meet Charleston

Fitness Programs

- February 2021 Land class participation: 1918
141 classes for the month
Class average: 13.6
- February 2020 Land class participation: 5324
242 classes for the month
Class average: 22.00
- Total orientations: 2
- Les Mills Virtual On Demand participation: 457

Child Watch & Activity Program

- Averaged 3 participants in the morning program Total – 54 visits
- Averaged 5 participants in the evening program Total – 99 visits
- After School averaged 22 kids per week
- Academic & Fitness Champion Program 21 kids per week
- Students returned to school full time February 8th
- 11 kids are registered and participating in both programs

Customer Service

- 156 Annual total Memberships sold
 - 53 new annual
 - 103 renewed annual
- 163 people joined monthly

Athletics

- Spring sports registration started on February 8, 2021 for baseball, softball, and soccer and will end on March 5, 2021.

Sports Tourism

- Fastpitch Dreams Classic (softball) began on February 27 and will run through March 12. 20 teams are participating this year including teams from SC, NC, OH, PA, IL and MS.
- Carolina Forest High School will play their home soccer matches at the Park and Sports Complex due to renovations being done on their field.

Upcoming

- USA Prep Basketball March 4-6, 2021 expected 25-30 teams
- NTBA Basketball March 12-14, 2021, expected 25-30 teams
- Tier 1 Fastpitch March 20-21, 2021-13 teams registered to date
- USSSA Baseball March 27-28, 2021- 50 teams registered to date

Beach Services

- Repairing beach boxes
- All beach service trucks will be sent in for preseason maintenance
- Completing rehire paper work and new hire as well
- Staffing interviews underway
- Beach Service employment positions posted for Beach Rental Attendant extended season and seasonal, Beach Italian Ice Attendant as well as Concession Supervisor
- Receiving beach wheel chair reservation requests

Parks and Grounds

Non-Routine Projects and Activities

Parks and Beach

- Pre-season Beach access renovations and cleanup at 25th S, 6th SD, 5th N, 9th S
- Fence repair at McLean Park

Recreation and Special Events

- Pre-season Field renovations and bumper installation at Central Park dugouts
- Interview and hire 4 special event workers
- Finalize dismantle and storage of GCLS tunnels

Medians and Right of Ways

- Hazard and sight triangle encroachments addressed and corrected at intersection OD Sandcrest and Strand, 17/Sea Mountain interchange, and hedge along Bay Street/2nd Ave N
- Complete cleanup of banks of Belle Park lake 9th-11th S.
- Prepare for winter planting activities
- Irrigation repairs and mapping
- Mulch medians at Ye Olde Kings Hwy, Phyllis and Ye Olde intersection, 31st N water tower, 50th N parking lot, Shorehaven ROW, 3rd north lot, Blockade Runner median, and LRNR medians.
- Install Blue Star Monument at intersection of Hwy 17 and Edge Parkway – team with Driftwood Garden Club

Custodial

- Off-Season deep cleaning and renovating to seasonal and non-seasonal facilities

Landscape Maintenance

- Begin landscape renovations at J Bryan Floyd Community Center, finish trimming at Municipal Complex

Park and Sports Complex

- Pre-tournament landscape renovations at soccer complex
- Post emergence weed control at meadow
- Infield laser grading

Other

- Quarterly safety meetings for Landscapes, Park & Sports Complex, ROW, and NMB Park & Sports Complex Crews
- Safety, arborist, and pesticide applicator training

Upcoming Projects

- Heritage Shores Revetment, dock rebuild, and living shoreline
- Paving of NMB Park & Sports Complex Maintenance Facility
- Winter Planting
- Contract mulching