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**CENTRALIA PARK BOARD  
ANNUAL REPORT TO BOARD OF ALDERMAN  
2010-11 OPERATING YEAR**

**CENTRALIA MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL:**

The Centralia Municipal Swimming Pool opens on Memorial Day and Closes on Labor Day.

The pool had a total of 20,871 swimmers this year. We were open 84 days for an average attendance of 248.

Our Water Safety Instructor held 5 - two week sessions of Red Cross Swim Lessons with a total of 194 participants and a Lifeguard Class and re-certification Lifeguard Class with 10 participants.

A total of 138 swimmers joined the Centralia Hurricanes Swim Team this year. The team is a member of the Mid-Missouri Swim Conference and participated in 6 away swim meets and we hosted 5 home swim meets.

A total of 50 private pool parties were booked. These are held after our regular day ends at 7 PM.

A free swim time for senior citizens was held each Friday morning from 10 to 11 AM with 15 participants.

Our Water Safety Instructor held a water safety program at the pool for the "Parent's As Teachers" program.

Boy Scout Troop 90 used our pool for completion of some of their Merit Badges.

The Centralia High School physical education classes used the pool for class time during the first 7 days of school in August.

**CENTRALIA BALL FIELDS:**

152 Summer League games for baseball, softball, instructional t-ball and whiffle ball was sponsored by the Optimist Club and played on our ball fields.

The Senior and Junior Babe Ruth Teams played their games on the North baseball field.

A Softball Clinic hosted by Coach Jill Angell and the Centralia High School girls softball team was held at Nathan A. Toalson Bicentennial Park ball fields for the youth of Centralia, CBMS players, and CHS players.

A Softball Mini Camp hosted by Coach Jill Angell and the Centralia High School girls softball team was held at Nathan A. Toalson Bicentennial Park ball fields and City Recreation Park South ball field for 3 days and played 28 softball ball games with 16 out of town softball teams attending.

One Private tournament was held at the City Recreation Park South Field in July.

The High School Softball Team practiced and played home games at Nathan A. Toalson Bicentennial Park ball fields.

Middle School Softball Team practiced and played games using the City Recreation Park South field and Nathan A. Toalson Bicentennial Park ball fields.

Both the High School and Middle School hosted all day Softball Tournaments at Nathan A. Toalson Bicentennial Park ball fields.

The High School Baseball Team practiced and played home games on City Recreation Park North field.

#### **CENTRALIA CITY PARKS AND CITY SQUARE:**

279 Shelter and City Square/Gazebo reservations were book last year. This included a large group from Kraft Foods of Columbia who reserved the South Shelter on two weekends for their employee year end picnic.

The Centralia Intermediate School used Nathan A. Toalson Bicentennial Park for class recess time.

All Chance Elementary, Centralia Intermediate School, and Chester Boren Middle School end of the year picnics were held in the Centralia Parks and Shelters again this year.

The Missouri Department of Conservation used the Centralia Recreation Park to sponsor a conservation day for all Centralia 2nd grade students.

The Annual Anchor Festival was held on June 4 through June 6 in the City Square. We provide all the picnic tables, bleachers, and trash barrels. Our employees also provide clean up of the park grounds during the three days.

July 4th activities were held in the City Parks with the annual Bell Ringing Ceremony, sponsored by the GFWC Sorosis Club, being held in the City Square and the evening fireworks display, sponsored by the City of Centralia, held in the City Recreation Park.

We provided assistance to the Centralia Chamber of Commerce with labor and materials for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual BBQ Contest held in and around the City Square. Also provided trailer for stage and sound equipment during the BBQ for a fund raising Zumbathon.

We provide delivery and then pick up of picnic tables, bleachers, trash barrels, etc to numerous groups and individuals through out the spring, summer and fall. Examples: bleachers delivered to Centralia Cemetery for the Memorial Day VFW Program, bleachers delivered to the Centralia Fair Grounds for use during the Demolition Derby, bleachers delivered to the New Beginnings Church for "Biker Sunday", and bleachers and picnic tables delivered to the Battlefield site.

#### **ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF CENTRALIA CITY PARKS**

The Centralia Park and Recreation Department, under the direction of the Park Director, maintain the City Parks as follows:

Mow and trim City Recreation Park, Nathan A. Toalson Bicentennial Park, Jaycee Park, and the City Square. Mow and trim City Water Plant, East and West water towers, and railroad right a ways.

We drag and maintain all ball fields in all parks for a total of 5 fields and provide field marking equipment and powder for ball games.

The Park Department operates concessions stands located at City Recreation Park, Nathan A. Toalson Bicentennial Park, and at the Centralia Municipal Swimming Pool as a source of revenue.

Employees open/close and clean restroom (10 total) daily at all parks.

Employees pick up trash from 55 barrels located through out the parks twice per week during high usage time in summer months and as need during the off season time.

Employees provide general maintenance of all park facilities as needed to keep the Centralia Parks looking good for all activities of our community.

**CENTRALIA RECREATION CENTER :**

As of March 15, 2011 we had a total of 2084 members and our total attendance for the year was 61,500.

During the second year of operation, we have provided various sponsored activities as follows:

Various fitness classes (aerobics, Zumba and yoga) for all fitness levels have been held.

We have sponsored Adult Co-Ed Volleyball league.

We provided the facilities for the Optimist Club Basketball League practices and games during the month of December, January, and February.

During the 9 months that school is in session, we provide an after school "Kids Club" for children ages 8 and up.

In November, 2010 we added an AED Unit to the Recreation Center and trained our employees on the operation of this unit.

**EMPLOYEES:**

We employed Jim Enlow as Park Director to lead a seasonal staff at the Park Maintenance Department of 3 full time and 3 part time park maintenance employees, 1 part time Secretary/Maintenance employee, 3 Assistant Pool Managers, 8 Lifeguards and 7 basket checker/concession employees at the Centralia Municipal Swimming Pool. At the Centralia Recreation Center, we employee 1 part time custodian, 5 part time Receptionist/Clerical employees, 4 Aerobic/Zumba Instructors, 1 director and 3 assistants for Kids Club.

In March, 2010 Jim and Janey Enlow requested to be relieved of their duties with the Park Department at the end of March 2011 so they can retire. A new park director and secretary search began in 2010. Tad Dunn was hired and began training on Oct. 1, 2010. Jim Enlow officially retired on March 31, 2011 as Park Director but will continue to be employed as a consultant until the end of August, 2011. Andrea Owens was hired in March, 2011 as a replacement for the Secretary position and began her training.

We would like to thank the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, and City Staff for their continued support and help this past year.

Respectfully yours,



Mike Kinkead, Park Board President

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