

RECREATION DIVISION REPORT

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Heritage Park Concert Series

The Heritage Park Concert Series on July 22 featured **Cirrus Falcon**. Approximately 500 people were in attendance. Then on August 3, beginning with a light sprinkle, **Scraps of Brass** entertained a crowd of 300. Our final concert is on August 17. Billy Croft & the Five Alarm will be playing. The concerts this year are being sponsored by **First Merchants Bank** with the **Munster Historical Society** is providing concessions.

Munster Community Pool

We have had two special nights at the pool since the last report. On Monday, July 28, we were to host our second **CSRI Night**, but with cold weather we postponed it under the following night. It was still on the cool side; however, 50 special needs attendees and their family members enjoy an evening of swimming. Our next event was National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5. All Munster residents with an ID were able to swim for free. We had over 830 swimmers at the pool.

	2014	2013	2012
Pool Coupon Books thru 7/31	\$ 21,125.00	\$ 20,935.00	\$ 20,015.00
Pool Season Pass thru 7/31	\$ 64,760.00	\$ 77,060.00	\$ 87,235.00
Pool Daily Admissions thru 7/31	\$ 64,397.00	\$ 63,031.00	\$ 76,564.00
Pool Programs (season/2014 to-date)	\$ 25,908.00	\$ 32,968.00	\$ 39,555.00
Pool Rentals (season/2014 to-date)	\$ 13,028.00	\$ 11,791.00	\$ 9,799.00
TOTALS	\$ 189,218.00	\$ 205,785.00	\$ 233,168.00

RECREATION HIGHLIGHTS

Leisure Education

The **Intro to Digital Camera Techniques** class hosted by South Shore Arts had 6 registrants. The class started on July 11 and goes until August 8.

Special Events

Dueling Pianos, was held on Friday, August 1, for the 4th year. There were 17 pre-registrations and 101 on-site. Attendance was lower this year due to the weather and possibly the fact that we've had this concert four years in a row. We will be doing something different in 2015.

The Grape Escape took place for the fifth year on Saturday, July 19. With Buck Creek Winery, Easley Winery, Madison County Winery, and (new addition) Windy Ridge Vineyard & Winery in attendance, the event was a huge success! Entertainment by The Crawlpuddies, Mike & Joe, The Day Nine, and Robert Feddersen filled the air with tasteful music throughout the festival. The food vendors, artists and crafters, and business vendors were all pleased with the attendance.

The **Movie in the Park** on Monday, July 21, was **The Wizard of Oz**. There were close to 250 attendees. This resulted in record sales of popcorn, candy, and drinks. This was due in part to the fact that specially marked candy bars included a day pass to the pool. There were five lucky winners. Susan's School of Dance also entertained an hour prior to the movie.

The second **Music in the Park** performance took place on Friday, July 18; **Echos of Pompeii**, a Pink Floyd tribute band, performed with the **Bucket Seats with David Blix**. The beer tent was open along with Maria's Buena Cocina serving popular Mexican dinners and What's Up Dog selling hotdogs and other concession items. The last concert will be **American English** on Friday, August 15.

"Pooch"apalooza is being held on Sunday, August 17. This event will coincide with our weekly **Farmer's Market** as well as the **33rd Annual Summer Arts & Crafts Fair** which will be held on Saturday & Sunday, August 16 & 17.

Summer Recreation

Camp staff has had a struggle with **disciplinary issues** this summer. At this point, three children have been expelled from camp due to inappropriate behavior. We have never had to deal with as many discipline problems as we have this year. For a lot of the camp staff being new, they are on top of the write-ups and keeping the parents updated.

Camp registration increased this year compared to past years. The final field trips for the camp were: **Adler Planetarium, FunFlatables, Indiana Dunes Beach, AMC Theatres and Jak's Warehouse.**

For the **2015** summer camps, the disciplinary policy will be reviewed/updated and more staff (and subs) will be hired. A **parent meeting** before camp begins is also being pondered. All financials from Summer Camp and Sports Camps will be included in the September report.

Tennis

Adult and youth tennis class registrations are booming and we have been receiving many positive comments as the first session just ended.

"My daughter has learned a lot of basics from this program and the instructor as well as the staff have been GREAT with all of the children. I stay and walk for every lesson and I really pay attention." -- **Daughter in 10-13 year old lessons**

“This is a wonderful program and our girls love coming. The staff makes this program fun and rewarding. Coach Dave goes out of his way to help the kids and make each one feel good about their abilities. I highly recommend this program. It is rewarding for our children and builds their confidence and skills in the sport of tennis.” -- **Parent of 3 children in the 6-9 year old lessons**

“This program is great. Coach Dave and his staff are extremely knowledgeable and know how to keep the class running. I’ve learned so much from this class and look forward to learning more in the 2nd session.” -- **Agnes Nahnsen in Adult Drill and Play**

Trips and Travel

Day trips this month have included **Chicago Architectural Cruise** (38 passengers), **Four Winds Casino** (39 gamblers) and the **Chicago Cubs Trip** (25 sports fans). Upcoming day trips include: **Chinatown, Cedar Creek, Four Winds Casino, “The Game’s Afoot” (Lunch and Show at Drury Lane)** and a **Mayflower Travel Show**. Registrants on our multi-day trips in August include two to **Colorado** and one to **Yellowstone**. There are several more registered through the end of the year.

Youth Education

Summer Enrichment finished up on Monday, July 7. All classes and tutoring sessions were held at Elliott Elementary School. There were 406 participants registered overall. Classes included ‘Delicious and Nutritious Foods,’ ‘Beginner Chess,’ ‘Sign Language,’ and more.

Susan’s School of Dance classes from June 9 - July 24 recently finished. Overall, 26 participants registered with us.

Youth Sports

The **Chicago Bulls Basketball Camp** was a hit with 26 registered. Positive feedback was received via phone calls. The **Chicago White Sox Training Center** has 18 kids registered.

All American Basketball Academy had 19 enrolled in camp. This camp was down in registration compared to years past, but it added a video preview of step work and shot form that the participants could view to work on at home.

The August **Challenger British Soccer Camp** had a great week of weather! The final numbers for this camp will be included in the September Board Report.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF COMPLETED PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	R	NR	REVENUE	EXPENSE	VARIANCE + OR (-)
Chicago Architectural Cruise	8	28	\$ 178.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 158.00
Four Winds Casino Trip	18	21	\$ 1,223.00	\$ 807.00	\$ 416.00
Ice Cream Bingo Party**	44		\$ 44.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 34.00
Pinochle Ice Cream Party**	17		\$ 17.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 12.00
Summer Enrichment	406		\$ 32,898.00	\$ 18,412.56	\$ 14,485.44
Train, Wines, Northern California	1	0	\$ 328.90	\$ 25.00	\$ 303.90
Android	4	0	\$ 160.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 140.00
Challenger British Soccer (June)	41	3	\$ 2,945.00	\$ 1,835.00	\$ 1,110.00
Girl's Volleyball League	7	9	\$ 1,280.00	\$ 486.10	\$ 793.90
The Grape Escape	979		\$ 12,938.00	\$ 7,691.84	\$ 5,246.16
Medicare 101*	7	7	\$ 250.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 230.00
Yoga and Breathing	10	3	\$ 460.00	\$ 299.00	\$ 161.00
Excel Basics	2	2	\$ 280.00	\$ 207.00	\$ 73.00
ZUMBA	7	5	\$ 1,353.00	\$ 765.00	\$ 588.00
Chicago Bulls Basketball School	21	5	\$ 5,474.00	\$ 4,275.00	\$ 1,199.00
Chicago White Sox Training	6	12	\$ 3,562.00	\$ 3,012.00	\$ 550.00
Afternoon Sports Camps	48	18	\$ 2,548.00	\$ 849.50	\$ 1,698.50
Summer Fireworks Cruise	16	23	\$ 272.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 247.00
TOTAL			\$ 66,211.00	\$ 38,765.00	\$ 27,446.00

*Brochure Ad **Ice Cream Party provided by Dyer Nursing and Rehab.

KEEN-AGERS HIGHLIGHTS

Keen-Ager Highlights for the Month - There are currently 376 Keen-Ager members and we are accepting 2014 membership renewals and new members every day. The annual **Ice Cream Bingo Party** was held on Thursday, July 17. A total of 47 Keen-Agers registered for the event. We also had a **Pinochle Ice Cream Party** which was held on Wednesday, July 16. A total of 17 Keen-Agers registered for this event. Both events were sponsored by the **Dyer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center**. The staff of the center provided ice cream, toppings, and paper products.

SOCIAL CENTER & HERITAGE PARK

Eleven rentals are scheduled at the Social Center the month of August. This does not include the three not-for-profit groups that rent the Social Center on a regular basis. There is one rental scheduled at the Social Center for September so far. There are four weddings scheduled for August, ending the season at Heritage Park Gazebo. The comparison of rentals in **2014** to **2013** is as follows:

Facility	2014 to-date	2013 year total
Social Center	76	89
Heritage Park	13	16