



City of Port St Lucie Parks & Recreation Department

# Annual Report

## October 2014 - September 2015

Excellence  Diversity  Community  Teamwork



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# Parks & Recreation Department

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### Our Mission

To enhance the quality of life by providing programs and facilities that will facilitate the residents pursuit of culture and recreation in a safe and enjoyable setting.

We will pursue the goal with an understanding of contributing to the attractiveness of the community, conservation of the environment and the social economic health of the City.

### Our Vision

We will provide pristine facilities and parks that will enrich the lives of all who enter by providing excellence in social, recreational, fitness, cultural and environmental services. These opportunities should be provided by dedicated, trained and responsible team members who are committed to providing quality programs and facilities for our residents. Our pledge is to provide Excellence in Customer Service which reflects and recognizes the diverse and unique qualities of our community.



## City Council Members



Linda Bartz  
District 1



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District 4

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# From the Director



## Sherman Conrad

Director, Parks & Recreation

### Education

Received Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation from Jacksonville State University

Attended the Revenue Program for Parks & Recreation Professionals from North Carolina University

Completed the National Public Golf Institute

### Experience

Almost 30 years of experience in local government working in the Recreation field

Has served 29 years with the City of Port St. Lucie Parks & Recreation Department, hired as Recreation Supervisor and, throughout various promotions, advanced to Assistant Director

Promoted to the Director of Parks & Recreation Department in 2011

### Professional

Certified Parks and Recreation Professional, National Recreation and Parks Association

District 5 Representative to the Administrators Section, Florida Recreation and Park Association

Florida Representative on the Southern Region Council of National Recreation and Park Association

Port St. Lucie is a community committed to quality living. This commitment has created the City's extensive park and recreation system that offers a phenomenal web of community and neighborhood parks, natural preserves and open space, pathways and trails, recreational facilities and year-round activities.

Take a walk alongside a tranquil lake, play a round of golf, sign up for a fitness class or join a softball team, take a stained glass class, go on a family picnic, grow vegetables in a community garden, listen to live music on a warm summer evening or play a live game of hoops in our indoor gymnasiums. The City of Port St. Lucie Parks & Recreation Department has a lot of everything for everyone to enjoy.

In today's busy world, it is so important that we all take time to enjoy each day, as each new day is so important to our health and well-being. Parks & Recreation is committed to ensuring that every resident has an opportunity to experience outstanding recreational facilities and park facilities that enhance our quality of life by helping us stay healthy and fit, build relationships with family and friends, and developing community pride.

In keeping with the City of Port St. Lucie's Strategic Plan, which was adopted by City Council on January 27, 2014 and updated on November 23, 2015 by Council approval, our further mission is to "provide exceptional municipal services that are responsive to the community **and to plan for smart and balanced growth while acting in a financially responsible manner.**"

This fiscal year, in keeping with the Strategic Plan's directive, we continued to celebrate outstanding Special Events such as Oktoberfest, Fall Fun Fest, Festival of Lights/Tree Lighting, St. Patrick's Day, RiverNights, and Freedomfest.

In addition to our many festivals, programs, events, and parades, we responsibly accomplished some significant improvements to our facilities and parks. Some of these projects included:

- ◆ Grand Opening of C-24 Canal Park, providing a beautiful and scenic facility and a second boat ramp allowing ocean access via the North Fork of the St. Lucie River
- ◆ Queuing Dock construction at Veterans Park @ Rivergate
- ◆ Parking lot improvements at Turtle Run Park
- ◆ Pavilion upgrades throughout many parks
- ◆ Installation of network of surveillance video cameras throughout Whispering Pines Park
- ◆ Improvement to network of surveillance video cameras at Sportsman's Park
- ◆ Improvements to Ian Zook Park
- ◆ Improvements to shelter at Charles Ray Park
- ◆ Six storage sheds added to local parks to improve operations
- ◆ Installed new gym flooring in the gymnasium at Robert E. Minsky Gym
- ◆ Improved landscaping, painting of the interior of the facility, lined parking lot, tree trimming, pressure washing exterior of facility, painting of entry walkways and added security, all done at Robert E. Minsky Gym

- ◆ Community Center improvements included roof repairs, front desk renovation, stage wood restoration, replacement of window blinds, improved WIFI, replaced VCT tile in Room A, added entrance carpet, removed and replaced flag pole, replaced carpet in Tot and CEOC Rooms, and added security
- ◆ The Junior Basketball League secured school sites for practices and games, accommodating more than 900 participants in two seasons
- ◆ Building Maintenance painted interior of City Hall
- ◆ Building Maintenance conducted tours and officially ended their maintenance of Tradition Studios, due to the sale of the facility
- ◆ Held the Grand Opening of McCarty Ranch Preserve, which is 3,100 acres of natural Florida land, and is now open to the public for passive recreational opportunities, such as walking/biking trails, horseback riding, fishing, canoeing and kayaking. The Grand Opening event, Bonfire & Hayride, was hugely popular with attendance estimated at more than 4,500
- ◆ Almost 56,000 rounds of golf were played at the Saints Golf Course
- ◆ For the fourth year in a row, the Saints Golf Course finished the fiscal year without any subsidy from the General Fund and this year enjoyed experiencing a surplus in revenue versus expenses
- ◆ The Civic Center was host to more than 332,000 visitors and more than 400 rental events
- ◆ Almost 1,400 recreation programs were offered at the Civic Center, such as the Pretty Princess Tea Party, Special Needs dances and Live Wrestling
- ◆ The Humana Fitness & Wellness Center at the Civic Center was visited by more than 59,500 users
- ◆ 2015 Summer Camp proved yet again to be a safe and fun place for youth ages 5 to 14, with more than 2,698 paid participants in the 10 weeks of camp held at both the Civic Center and Minsky Gym

Through a systematic, balanced approach to planning, development and rehabilitation of parks, natural areas and recreational facilities, we are continually working toward achieving the 2018 Goals as outlined in the City's Strategic Plan.

While the headlines in our industry read "The Times, They Are A-Changin'," and "What Is the Value of Play," we are committed to responsible and sustainable growth within our park system so that we continue to provide you, our valued guest, with quality leisure programming. We hope that you have either joined us for any or all of our accomplishments this past year, or will come out to see what your Parks & Recreation Department offers!

*Sherman Conrad*

Sherman Conrad, CPRP  
Director, Parks & Recreation



The Grand Opening of C-24 Canal Park, held on March 2, 2015, celebrated the opening of the park which offers the boating public a second boat launch facility with ocean access.



Held on April 14, 2015, the 2015 City Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was a celebration of service for our almost 300 volunteers. Honored at this year's luncheon was Maureen Puglisi, City Volunteer Specialist, for her efforts and dedication to the City of Port St. Lucie Volunteer Program.



The Grand Opening of McCarty Ranch Preserve was held on November 8, 2014, in conjunction with the Bonfire/Hayride event. More than 4,500 people joined us at this event, which celebrated the newly-opened 3,100 acre facility, offering a multitude of passive recreational amenities available to the public.



Oak Hammock Trail



Lyngate Dog Park



C-24 Canal Park Boat Ramp



McCarty Ranch Preserve



Saints Golf Course



Jessica Clinton Park

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- ◆ 47 developed or maintained park and recreational sites
- ◆ 3 indoor recreation facilities
- ◆ 1,005,449 square feet of City buildings
- ◆ 1,079 acres of developed or maintained parkland including 55 acres of athletic turf
- ◆ McCarty Ranch Preserve; 3100 acres of conservation and passive outdoor recreation
- ◆ Par 72, 18 holes, 185 acres Saints Golf Course
- ◆ 24 baseball/softball fields
- ◆ 20 playgrounds
- ◆ 22 tennis courts
- ◆ 10 outdoor racquetball courts
- ◆ 4 indoor racquetball courts
- ◆ 9 soccer fields
- ◆ 4 football fields
- ◆ 8 volleyball courts
- ◆ 2 horseshoe pits
- ◆ 34 picnic pavilions
- ◆ 5 boat ramps
- ◆ 5 multi-purpose fields
- ◆ 23 ADA restroom buildings
- ◆ 1 running track
- ◆ 8 basketball courts
- ◆ 7 walking trails
- ◆ 1 boardwalk
- ◆ 2 indoor gymnasiums: Minsky and Civic Center
- ◆ Community Center
- ◆ Civic Center
- ◆ 2 fitness centers
- ◆ Interactive fountain
- ◆ Botanical Gardens
- ◆ Mariposa Cane Slough Preserve
- ◆ Lyngate Dog Park
- ◆ C-24 Canal Park Boat Ramp
- ◆ Art Gallery
- ◆ PSL Intermodal Transit Facility-Deacon Ave.

**2,083** park reservations

**3,020** recreation programs

**6,195** work orders

**650,310**  
recreation center user participants

**454** other City users

**39,486**  
visits to the Community Fitness &  
Wellness Center

**55,993**  
rounds of golf played at the Saints Golf Course

**916.37**  
acres of parkland managed and maintained

**1,005,449**  
square feet of City buildings maintained

**3,782**  
Rentals at the Community Center,  
Minsky Gym, Civic Center and Civic  
Center Village Square

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*“We love taking Zumba with Cecilia! She’s professional, friendly and makes everyone feel welcome!”*

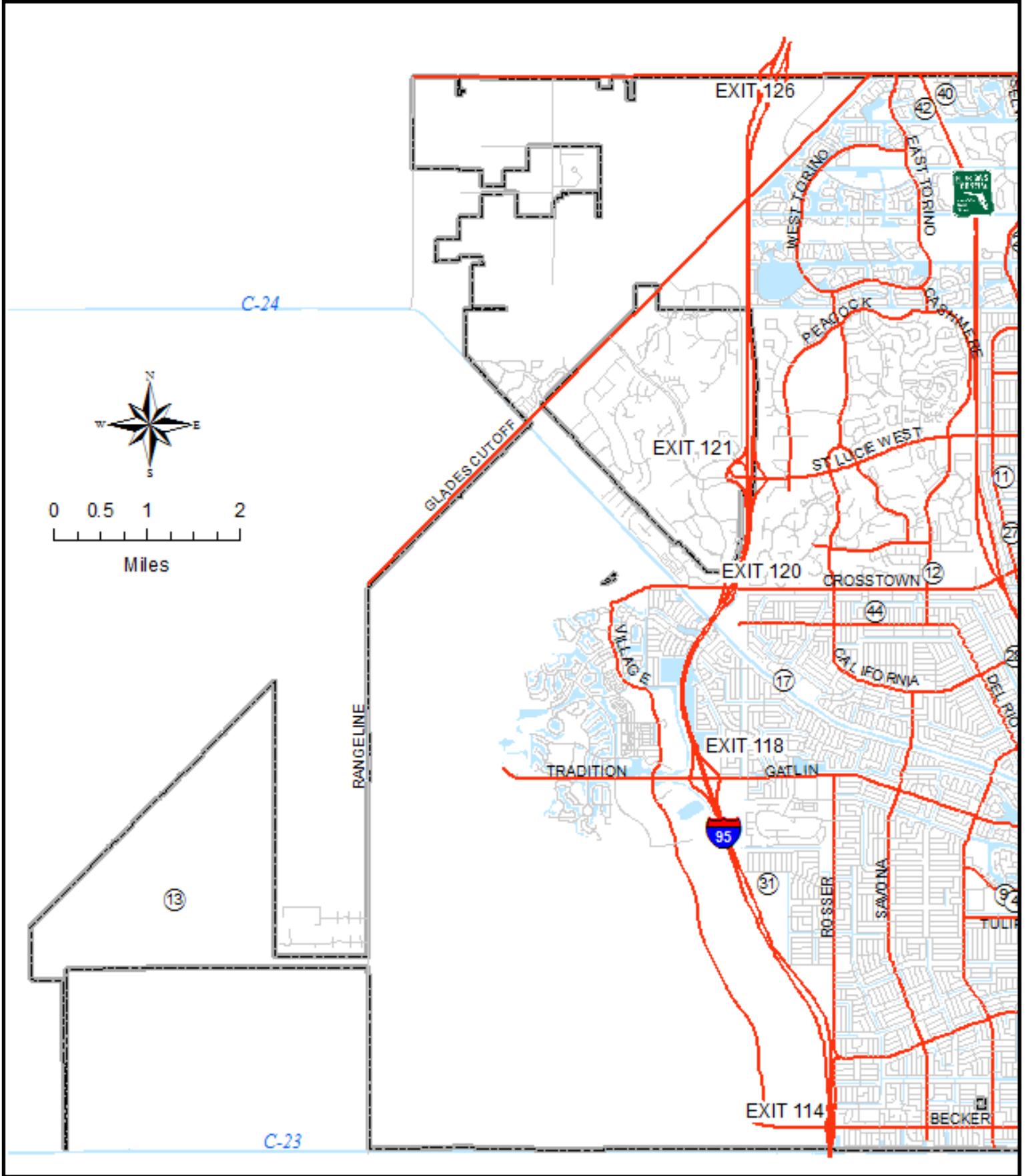
*“Kathy Parker’s Line Dance classes are awesome. She’s patient with everyone in her class, studies her material and presents it very well.”*

*“I’m a regular user of the Civic Center and have never had a bad experience. The staff has always been very friendly and helpful.”*



# City of Port St. Lucie 2014-2015 Parks & Recreation Facilities

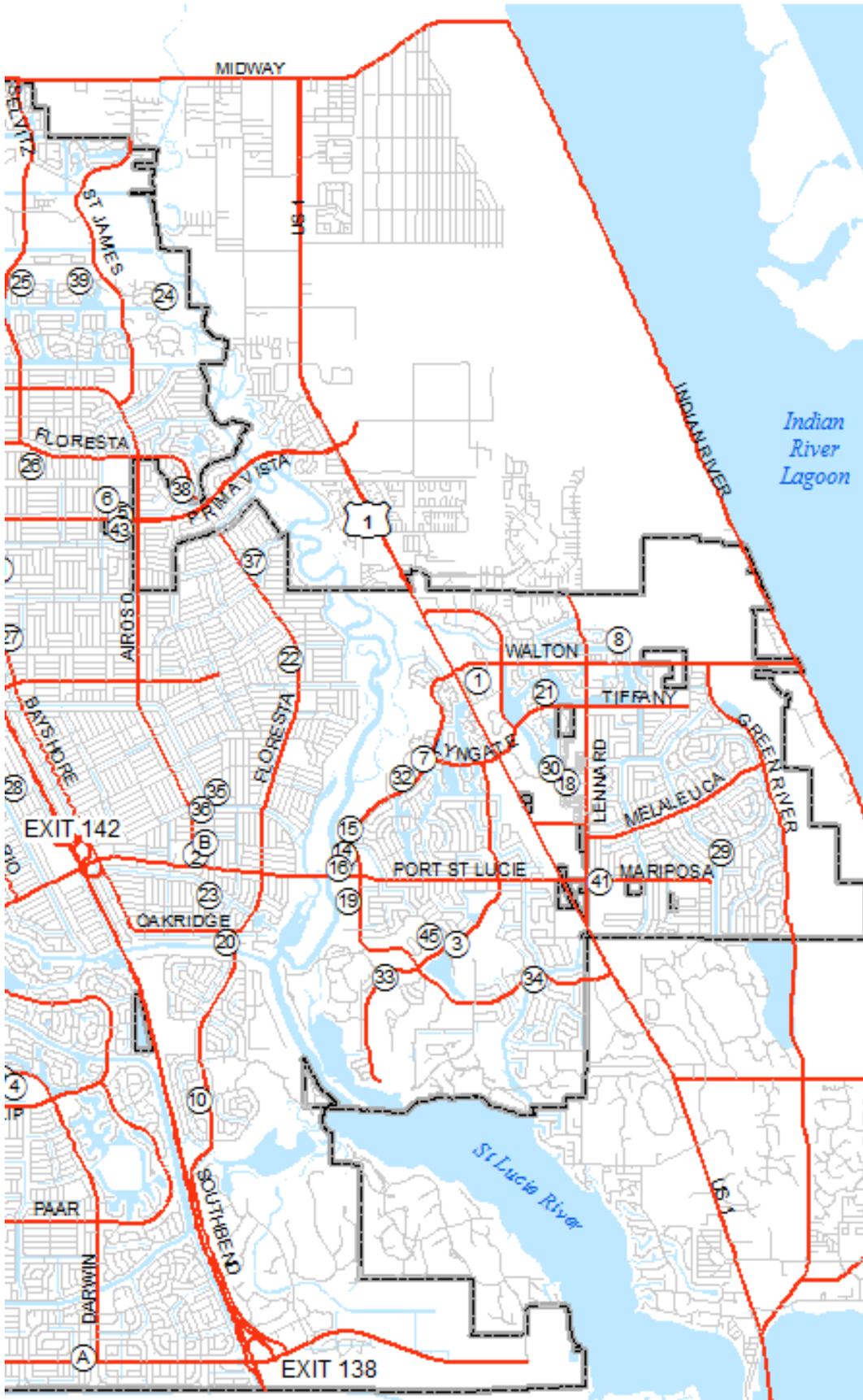
\*See Community Center Guest Services for details of site amenities



○ Parks & Recreation Facilities

□ City Limit

— Main Roads



**RECREATION CENTERS & GOLF COURSE**

1. PSL Civic Center
  - Village Square
  - Interactive Fountains
  - Parking Garage (free 700+ parking spaces)
2. Community Center and Parks & Recreation Administrative Offices
3. The Saints at Port St. Lucie Golf Course
4. Robert E. Minsky Gymnasium

**COMMUNITY PARKS:**

Developed Active Use Facilities  
 (night use and lights)

5. Sportsman's Park
6. Sportsman's Park West
7. Lyngate Park and Dog Park
8. Sandhill Crane Park
9. Whispering Pines Park
10. Jessica Clinton Park

**COMMUNITY SOCCER PARKS:**

Primary Soccer Use Facilities

11. Swan Park
12. William McChesney Park

**COMMUNITY SPECIAL FACILITIES**

13. McCarty Ranch Preserve
14. Veterans Park at Rivergate
15. Veterans Memorial Park
16. Tom Hooper Park
17. Oak Hammock Park
18. Mary Ann Cernuto Park
19. Botanical Gardens
20. C-24 Canal Park

**Neighborhood Parks:**

Active & Passive Use Facilities  
 (closed at dusk)

21. Rotary Park
22. Kiwanis Park
23. Fred Cook Park
24. River Place Park
25. Charles E. Ray Park
26. Girl Scout Friendship Park
27. Jaycee Park
28. Turtle Run Park
29. PSL Elks Lodge #2658/Friendship Park
30. Woodstork Trail
31. O.L. Peacock Sr. Park/Lake

**NEIGHBORHOOD OPEN SPACES**

Limited or No Amenities  
 (closed at dusk)

32. Midport Lake
33. Loyalty Park
34. Sandpiper Bay Park
35. Doat Park
36. Whitmore Park
37. Harborview Park
38. Gulf Stream Park
39. Ian T. Zook Park
40. Milner Tot Lot
41. Mariposa Cane Slough Preserve
42. Winterlakes Park
43. Ravenswood Racquetball Courts
44. Apache Park
45. Wilderness Park

**Other Facilities**

- (A) Treasure Coast Model Railroad Club  
 (B) PSL Intermodal Transit Facility - Deacon Ave.

# Departmental Highlights

## Building Maintenance

Building Maintenance is comprised of Carpenters, Electricians, certified HVAC Technicians, Master Plumber, and Maintenance Workers. The Building Maintenance Unit works as a team to ensure that all staff and guests are able to work and play in a clean and safe environment.

Whether it's completing routine maintenance or taking on a major project, Building Maintenance is always right around the corner to offer their expertise.

Some of the staff responsibilities include:

- ◆ Aquatics Maintenance
- ◆ HVAC
- ◆ In-house Renovations
- ◆ Maintenance of Interior and Exterior Facilities/Surfaces
- ◆ Nuisance Abatement Assistance
- ◆ Preventative Maintenance on Generators
- ◆ Responsible for ADA Compliance for the City of Port St. Lucie municipal facilities
- ◆ Emergency Services After Normal Business Hours, Weekends and Holidays

A safe place tends to be a more efficient one. Maintaining a clean and environmentally friendly area helps prevent City staff and guests of our facilities from becoming distracted and allows them to relax and enjoy themselves. Again, this Unit continues to put safety first by addressing numerous safety issues throughout the City. Building Maintenance maintained, repaired and installed many plumbing fixtures, repaired leaks, and provided ground-rough plumbing services. They provide maintenance, construction, project assistance and have completed numerous electrical repairs, new service installations and parking lot light repairs, all of which contribute to the safety of our community.



Teamwork is a huge factor in the success of this Unit. Staff communicate effectively and meet regularly to make sure that they are on the same page and picking up where the other left off. Civic Center Maintenance staff met every event set-up and successfully met all deadlines, resulting in great event turnouts and satisfied clients.

Staff is pleased to announce that the HVAC technicians have successfully maintained City wide air conditioning units and provided a total of 21 HVAC system change-outs to new units throughout the City. HVAC technicians are dedicated to providing thermal comfort and acceptable indoor air quality throughout City facilities.

Through the dedication of staff, Building Maintenance has completed various projects throughout the City. The team continues to stay current on required certifications and is always looking for ways to improve. Not only has this Unit been successful, but they take comfort in knowing that they have contributed to the success of departments City-wide.



# Departmental Highlights

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## Civic Center



One of the most significant accomplishments of the Civic Center has been reaching the City Council-directed goal of covering 50% of its expenses with revenue within five years. This fiscal year represents year four in accomplishing the Council-directed 50% goal and even exceeded the ratio to 63%. This would not have been possible without the Civic Center's dedication to providing a high level of service to its guests with limited staffing.

Many Civic Center staff members have been in place since the doors opened in December 2008. The City's successful Volunteer Program was insightfully created at the Civic Center when staff cutbacks revealed that the level of service would not

be possible with budgeted staff. From October 2014 to September 30, Civic Center volunteers have donated more than 39,205 hours, for a recognized savings to the City of Port St. Lucie of \$799,507.

*Featured activity:*

### **Pretty Princess Tea Party**

Cost: \$3.00

Every First Wednesday of the Month  
10 to 11 a.m.



With each year, the Civic Center expands the number, size, and impact of programs and events for the community. Some notable Civic Center productions included the Seafood Festival, the Treasure Coast Classic Bikini and Body Building Contest, the Treasure Coast Real Estate Expo and the Home-Based Business Expo (a cooperative event with the Building Department).

The fact that a large percentage of rental events recur annually indicates customer satisfaction. Some of the notable renters include Comcast, FPL and Carenet. Many new clients such as Balfour Beatty Construction and United Health, have discovered the Civic Center through marketing efforts which establish the Civic Center as a drive-to location, midpoint from Miami to Orlando.

This year, an operational audit was conducted for the Hospitality Unit of the Civic Center. This upheld the original vision of the Council's direction for the Civic Center. It also unveiled a vision for its future potential. Staff is excited and prepared to move the Civic Center to the next level.

# Departmental Highlights



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## Recreation/Special Events

The City of Port St. Lucie takes pride in providing pristine facilities for residents. It is their mission to enhance the quality of life by providing programs and facilities that will facilitate the residents pursuit of culture and recreation in a safe and enjoyable setting.

In efforts to fulfill this mission, staff have made several major physical improvements at the Community Center. These improvements consisted of, but are not limited to, painting the plaza, remodeling of restrooms, and installation of new carpet in the banquet room.

The Recreation Unit had another successful 10 week 2015 Summer Camp, bringing in 2,698 youth participants to enjoy a safe and fun, action-packed program offered at the Civic Center and Minsky Gym.

- ◆ 1,459 participants in the Civic Center Youth Camp
- ◆ 498 participants in the Civic Center Teen Camp
- ◆ 741 participants in the Minsky Gym Youth Camp

Special Events staff implemented new and innovative ideas to all events which have been well-received by event goers. To name a few, staff now offer a more diverse menu of ethnic foods at events, a better layout for vendors and a different “look” for the participants. Every event has experienced an increase in the amount of attendees, resulting in a 5% increase in revenue generated at events.

This year’s Bonfire & Hayride event, held on November 7, 2014 was celebrated in conjunction with the Grand Opening of McCarty Ranch Preserve. This great family event, which featured hayrides, horseback riding and kayaking, attracted approximately 4,500 participants to the Preserve.

Seeing the smiles and hearing the laughter of the community as they visit facilities and special events is affirmation that the Recreation Unit has had a successful year. There is no “I” in “Team” and this Unit continues to work together to meet their goals and provide programs suitable for all ages. A BIG thank you to Recreation/Special Event volunteers, who’ve contributed 1,891 hours to the Community Center and Special Events. The time and talent given by the volunteers is greatly appreciated by all.



# Departmental Highlights

## Robert E. Minsky Gym

As in past fiscal years, this year, athletic programs continued to experience consistent and increasing levels of participation and enjoyment. The department's youth athletic offerings focused on basic skill development and self-directed youth organizations in the community, both of which assumed responsibility for more competitive programs. Continued use of volunteers assisting staff helps to keep programming cost affordable, resulting in reasonable registration fees for families in the community.

Providing online registration and the option to register at all three recreational facilities for the vastly popular Junior Basketball Program has proven overwhelmingly successful over the past year. A statistic is representative of the success of the online efforts to ease the registration process for Junior Basketball. Upon research, 54% of Junior Basketball registrants are now being processed online. Now that the Junior Basketball program has secured school sites for practices two times a week, and Saturdays for games, staff is able to accommodate over 900 participants during both the winter and summer seasons.

Parks & Recreation continues to implement the "Kids at Hope" initiative into the Junior Basketball Program, Great Kids Program and staff continues to introduce the Recognized User Youth Leagues to this belief system that "ALL KIDS CAN SUCCEED-NO EXCEPTIONS." This year, staff participated in training workshops so they can become certified Kids at Hope trainers, who in turn, can then train new volunteers and staff.

The Parks & Recreation Department Recreation Unit underwent a deferred maintenance project at Minsky Gym. Some of the completed projects included the replacement of carpet in the offices, replacement of stall partitions in both the boys' and girls' restrooms, and the painting of the floors in both restrooms. Staff is very pleased to announce that the old bleachers that have been around since Minsky Gym opened have been replaced with brand new ones. Vinyl covering was placed on the gym walls to improve the acoustics and the aesthetics of the gymnasium and outside benches were replaced to improve "curb appeal."

Between the new gym floor that was installed last year and all of the recently completed projects, Minsky Gym now sports a brand new look.



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Staff must give credit where credit is due. Our Volunteers donated over 7,000 hours this year, with a recognized cost savings of \$161,490. Thank you to all of the Junior Basketball Coaches, Assistant Coaches, scorekeepers, and guest services volunteers who continue, year after year, to contribute to the overall success of this Unit.



*Featured activity:*

**Water Play Wednesday**

Cost: \$3.00

(Ages 5 and under with parent or guardian)

Location: Whispering Pines Park

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

# Departmental Highlights



2601 S.E. Morningside Blvd.  
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## The Saints Golf Course

The Saints Golf Course is owned and operated by the City of Port St. Lucie and was established in 2001. Located in a tranquil residential neighborhood, the Saints consists of an exceptional 18-hole championship course, driving range and practice area. The Saints clubhouse houses a fully-stocked pro shop, a rentable banquet hall, restaurant and pub. Our knowledgeable and friendly staff is ready to serve everyone's golfing needs to ensure the best value golf experience on the Treasure Coast.

The Saints Golf Course is comprised of an Operations Unit and a Maintenance Unit, both of which experienced an exciting and productive year. The Saints enjoys a loyal and mutually beneficial relationship with its 1,035 Gallery Club Members and plays host to almost 56,000 rounds of golf, making it one of the busiest 18-hole facilities in the area. Staff is proud to say that for the fourth year in a row, The Saints' has finished the fiscal year without any subsidy from the general fund and, this year, experienced a surplus in revenue verses expenses.

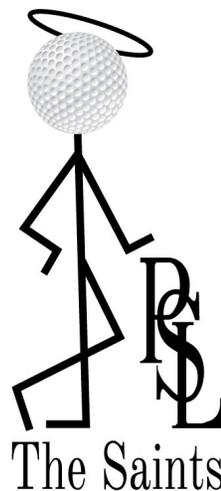
It's been one year since the renovation and upgrade of the greens to TifEagle Ultradwarf Bermuda putting surfaces. With greens conditions second to none, the Saints realized a surge in rounds and revenue. Higher numbers of rounds resulted in an overall revenue increase of nearly \$250,000. Renovation and restructuring of the pro shop, along with the introduction of new lines of merchandise, resulted in sales revenue increasing from \$65,980 to \$107,323. That's a 63% increase!

The beautiful Saints Clubhouse is home to the contracted restaurateur, The 19th Hole Grill and the Sandpiper Bay Banquet Room. The grill is open for lunch and dinner, along with a full liquor bar and nightly entertainment. The screened-in patio makes for a great locale to relax and enjoy a beverage while overlooking the practice green.



The 3,000 square foot Sandpiper Bay Banquet Room has been repainted and updated with new carpet, making it perfect for hosting meetings, dances, weddings and more.

Finally, without the Volunteer Team, The Saints would not be able to provide the superior level of service that they do. Volunteers serve in many capacities from hospitality, carts, play coordinators, player assistants, as well as providing assistance in many other areas of upkeep around the facility. Saints volunteers donated 21,945 hours with a recognized savings of \$506,271.



*"I have been a member and a player at the city-owned Saints Course for more than 5 years. I enjoy playing here because of the short driving distance from my home, the price which varies during the year, the challenge of the course, especially the front nine with the two long par 3's, the large putting green and the practice range. Most of the time the greens are slower than other courses, but the overall condition and amenities are above average. I find the staff inside the pro shop, the starters, the rangers and bag men are courteous and friendly. I recommend this course to all golfers."*



# Departmental Highlights

## Parks

The Parks & Recreation Department is proud of its beautiful and extensive park system, which is comprised of more than 40 parks and recreational facilities, all which offer a wide variety of leisure activities for the community and visitors alike. Within the Community Parks, Preserves and Neighborhood Parks, there is a diverse palette of leisure opportunities available for residents. Many parks offer a quiet plaza with covered pavilions, open space areas to admire beautiful public art and scenic observation decks overlooking the water with adjoining walking and biking trails. For the adventurous, McCarty Ranch Preserve offers an off-road native bike trail and native Florida walking/hiking trails, providing an opportunity to take photos of the natural wildlife or enjoy the great outdoors. In addition to serene parks, staff also offers athletic sports fields for nearly every athlete to participate or just be a spectator. Pledged to patriotism, and to show immense respect for honored veterans, Veterans Memorial Park offers memorials that pay tribute to various branches of the military, including a Vietnam Veterans Wall, WWII Memorial, Korean Memorial and Purple Heart Memorial.

This fiscal year, an abundance of improvement projects have taken place throughout parks, in an effort to enhance safety and ensure access to all of our beautiful facilities. In November 2014, in conjunction with the Grand Opening of McCarty Ranch Preserve, staff held the Bonfire & Hayride event at the Preserve. More than 4,500 people participated in the event and were thrilled to “open” the preserve to the public. The Preserve is 3,100 acres of largely natural Florida land, purchased by the City with plans to be used as a water storage and treatment facility. In addition to this initial use, the property also serves as an environmentally-friendly passive recreational area for all to enjoy. Residents and visitors can enjoy activities on both land and water at the Preserve. Trails have been cleared for walking, biking and horseback riding. A lake system covering more than 300 acres provides opportunities for fishing, canoeing, and kayaking. Make Port St. Lucie’s McCarty Ranch Preserve your outdoor recreation destination.

On March 2, 2015, staff also celebrated the Grand Opening of the C-24 Canal Park, which provides additional ocean access via the North Fork of the St. Lucie River. Amenities at the park include four boat ramp lanes with floating docks, eight acres with parking for 75 vehicles with trailers and 11 parking spaces for single vehicles, two queuing docks with cleats, one large pavilion, two small pavilions and restrooms.

2014 TC Palm Reader’s Choice Award  
– ‘Best Dog Park’, Lyngate Dog Park



This fiscal year also saw the construction of a new large family pavilion at Charles E. Ray Park, renovation and refurbishment of existing pavilions at Turtle Run, Kiwanis, Jaycee and Girl Scout Parks, renovation of the three volleyball courts at Sandhill Crane Park, installation of the new security cameras at Whispering Pines Park, repair and re-surface of basketball courts at Sportsman’s Park, selective removal of a large wooded area at McChesney Park East to eliminate nefarious activities, upgrade of video camera surveillance system at Sportsman’s Park, re-construction of Veterans Park @ Rivergate boat ramp docks, and renovation of Turtle Run parking lot.

Staff is dedicated to the Parks & Recreation Mission Statement, and, in this fiscal year, as in all previous years, staff committed themselves, through many activities and improvements listed above, to enhance the quality of life for residents and guests, by providing the programs and facilities that facilitate the residents pursuit of culture and recreation in a safe and enjoyable setting.

# “Why is Volunteering Important?”

It may be a pretty common mistake to think of volunteering as just something nice that people do or that only nice people do. Sure, it may make people feel great about helping, but what impact does it really have?

## Getting Things Done

Volunteers have an enormous impact on the health and well-being of communities world-wide. Think of all the ways that volunteers make a difference in day-to-day life:

- ◆ Volunteers deliver critical services
- ◆ Volunteers help to keep our neighborhoods, streets, parks, rivers, and green spaces clean and safe for everyone
- ◆ Volunteers tutor, teach, mentor, coach and support young people
- ◆ Volunteers walk dogs, pet cats, clean cages, and help with adoptions and feedings
- ◆ Volunteers educate the public on health and safety
- ◆ Volunteers take tickets at film centers and performing arts events, lead tours at museums and historical societies
- ◆ Volunteers build houses and schools, dig wells and repair infrastructure around the globe





## **By the Numbers**

Another way to measure the impact of volunteers is to take a look at statistics like hours served and the economic value of volunteer time.

Nationally, according to [www.independentsector.org/volunteer\\_time](http://www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time), 62.6 million Americans volunteered in 2013, donating 7.7 billion hours!

On a local front, the City of Port St. Lucie Volunteer Program has more than 300 active volunteers, and, in FY 2014-2015, volunteers donated 39,642 hours! To date, since the inception of the program in 2009, City volunteers have donated more than 156,919 hours of service within their Port St. Lucie community! Staff is honored to have such dedicated and giving volunteers, selflessly assisting City staff with their many duties. With such a combined force of professionalism and exceptional customer service, the City of Port St. Lucie is a much better place to work, play and volunteer.

## **The True Impact of Volunteers**

What would our cities, towns, state/provincial parks, schools, places of worship and libraries look like if volunteers simply didn't show up? What basic needs would go unmet? What opportunities to grow, learn and thrive as a society would be lost? Chances are that you will likely cross paths with a volunteer at least once, if not several, times a day, no matter where you are in the world. In the City of Port St. Lucie, we ask that, when crossing paths with a City Volunteer, simply take a moment to acknowledge that volunteer and the gift that they give the City every day.



CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE  
**VOLUNTEERS**



**Martin Luther King Jr. Family Event**



**Rivernights at Rivergate**

# Special Events



**Eggstravaganza**



**Seafood Festival**



**St. Patrick's Day**



**Daddy Daughter Dance**



**Memorial Day Service**



**Freedomfest**



**Pancakes with Santa**



**Hometown Lunchfest**



**Bonfire & Hayride**



**Veteran's Day**



**Oktoberfest**



**Fall Fun Fest**



**Festival of Lights**

# Special Awards



## Dick Kelly Award

Tracey Simpson 2007  
Demetris Collins 2008  
James Frye 2009  
Marvin Rhoden 2010  
Chris Lindgren 2011  
Tonya Taylor 2012  
Maureen Puglisi 2013  
Jan Hutcherson 2014

## Chris Lindgren Award

Parks Crew 2013  
James Frye 2014

### Dick Kelly Award, Est. 2007

This award recognizes those who serve their work unit, their department, and the community as a whole. Past and future recipients are those who dedicate their time without expecting anything in return. Recipients support many civic and cultural causes and are considered leaders, mentors and oftentimes, volunteers within their community.

### Chris Lindgren Award, Est. 2013

This award recognizes individuals who zealously dedicate and commit themselves to their job performance and those who go “above and beyond” in their daily duties. Recipients serve as role models and are a source of inspiration to others. Individuals who are loyal to the organization and to the mission of the department are designated as recipients of this award, for their willingness to pitch in and “get the job done,” regardless of possible obstacles that may arise. Past and future recipients of this award are dedicated to making a difference within their work unit, their department and the community.



# Parks & Recreation, Fiscal Year 2014-2015

## Park Reservation Fees

Fund	Revenue Account	Revenue Name	Funds Received	Grand Total
001-0003	347591	Park User Fee	\$ 41,944	
001-0003	347595	No Tax Rental	\$ 897	
001-0003	347260	Lights	\$ 2,770	
001-0003	347264	Travel Team Lights	\$ 428	
001-0003	347602	Travel Team Park User Fee	\$ 3,015	
001-0003	347603	Non-Profit Park User Fee	\$ 1,408	
001-0003	347605	No Tax Non-Profit Park User Fee	\$ 7,333	
				<b>\$ 57,795</b>

## Special Events Sponsorships

Fund	Revenue Account	Revenue Name	Funds Received	Grand Total
001-0003	347454	Special Events	\$ 56,330	
				<b>\$ 56,330</b>

## Concession

Fund	Revenue Account	Revenue Name	Funds Received	Grand Total
001-0003	347713	Civic Center Commission	\$ 33,016	
001-0003	347728	Hospitality-Food & Beverage	\$ 6,267	
001-0003	347729	Civic Center Catering-Tax	\$ 68,046	
001-0003	347730	Civic Center Catering- No Tax	\$ 25,364	
				<b>\$ 132,693</b>

## Donations/Sponsorships

Fund	Revenue Account	Revenue Name	Funds Received	Grand Total
001-0003	366905	Recreation Services	\$ 2,776	
001-0003	366912	Minsky Gym	\$ 991	
001-0003	366930	Fireworks	\$ 8,093	
001-0003	366908	Civic Center	\$ 800	
001-0003	347715	Civic Center Recreation	\$ 394	
001-0003	347725	Hospitality	\$ 6,250	
001-0003	347778	Civic Center Fitness	\$ 3,525	
001-0003	347780	Fitness Center Naming Rights	\$ 20,000	
				<b>\$ 42,829</b>

## Contributions

Fund	Revenue Account	Revenue Name	Funds Received	Grand Total
001-0003	366005	River Place	\$ 25,000	
				<b>\$ 25,000</b>

# Parks & Recreation, Fiscal Year 2014-2015

## Recreation Program Fees

Fund	Revenue Account	Revenue Name	Funds Received	Grand Total
001-0003	347211	Community Center Programs	\$ 52,331	
001-0003	347411	Community Center Drop In	\$ 8,024	
001-0003	347210	Recreation Services Programs	\$ 301,645	
001-0003	347212	Minsky Gym Programs	\$ 72,753	
001-0003	347412	Minsky Gym Drop In	\$ 6,419	
001-0003	347701	Civic Center Programs	\$ 119,854	
001-0003	347702	Civic Center Drop In	\$ 23,361	
001-0003	347703	Civic Center Personal Training	\$ 38,548	
001-0003	347776	Civic Center Recreation Memberships	\$ 310,321	
001-0003	347709	Civic Center Concert Bands	\$ 11,066	
001-0003	347777	Civic Center Fitness Programs	\$ 22,693	
001-0003	347779	Civic Center Fitness Drop In	\$ 54,283	
				<b>\$ 1,021,298</b>

## Vending

Fund	Revenue Account	Revenue Name	Funds Received	Grand Total
001-0003	369911	Community Center	\$ 370	
001-0003	369960	Recreation Services	\$ 432	
001-0003	369912	Minsky Gym	\$ 207	
001-0003	347717	Civic Center Recreation	\$ 27,778	
001-0003	347718	Civic Center Fitness	\$ 28	
				<b>\$ 28,815</b>



# Parks & Recreation, Fiscal Year 2014-2015

## Rentals

Fund	Revenue Account	Revenue Name	Funds Received	Grand Total
001-0003	347504	Special Events Stage -Non-Tax	\$ 3,521	
001-0003	347511	Community Center - Tax	\$ 108,678	
001-0003	347501	Community Center - Non-Tax	\$ 80,435	
001-0003	347512	Minsky Gym - Tax	\$ 618	
001-0003	347502	Minsky Gym - Non-Tax	\$ 19,258	
001-0003	362302	St. Lucie River Princess	\$ 2,367	
001-0003	362303	PSL Ski Club	\$ 211	
001-0003	362513	YMCA - Jaycee Building	\$ 2,200	
001-0003	362514	Treasure Coast Model Railroad	\$ 365	
001-0003	347704	Civic Center Stage - Tax	\$ 9,882	
001-0003	347705	Civic Center Stage - Non-Tax	\$ 19,878	
001-0003	347706	Civic Center Vendor Space - Tax	\$ 16,271	
001-0003	347707	Civic Center Vendor Space - Non-Tax	\$ 11,111	
001-0003	347712	Civic Center Audio Visual - Tax	\$ 9,985	
001-0003	347716	Civic Center Audio Visual - Non-Tax	\$ 4,996	
001-0003	347710	Civic Center - Non-Tax	\$ 196,648	
001-0003	347711	Civic Center - Tax	\$ 196,293	
001-0003	347954	Civic Center Box Office	\$ 65,595	
				<b>\$ 748,312</b>

**Total Parks & Recreation Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Revenues**

**\$ 2,113,072**



# Saints Golf Course, Fiscal Year 2014-2015

## Charges for Services

Fund	Revenue Account	Revenue Name	Funds Received	Grand Total
421-0003	347250	Greens Fees	\$ 1,388,207	
421-0003	347251	Driving Range Fees	\$ 50,466	
421-0003	347252	Golf Lesson Fees	\$ 5,160	
421-0003	347254	Golf Cart Fees	\$ 24,868	
421-0003	347255	Memberships	\$ 65,605	
421-0003	347460	Sponsorships	\$ 7,000	
421-0003	347462	Golf Club Rentals	\$ 3,117	
421-0003	347950	Merchandise	\$ 111,072	
421-0003	349951	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 7,303	
				<b>\$ 1,662,798</b>

## Miscellaneous Revenues

Fund	Revenue Account	Revenue Name	Funds Received	Grand Total
421-0003	362350	Concessionaire Rental	\$ 12,283	
421-0003	369985	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 40,636	
				<b>\$ 52,919</b>

**Total Saints Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Revenues**

**\$ 1,715,717**

**Total P&R and Saints Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Revenues**

**\$ 3,828,789**



# Fund 001 - Operating Fund, Fiscal Year 2014-2015

## Expenditure Summary of the Parks & Recreation Department

Department	Personal Services	Operating	Capital	Administration Charge	Grand Total
Building Maintenance	\$ 842,614	\$ 67,603	\$0	(\$194,184)	\$ 716,033
A/C Maintenance	\$ 218,465	\$ 60,016	\$0	(\$160,476)	\$ 118,005
Recreation Services	\$ 547,339	\$ 239,423	\$0	\$0	\$ 786,762
Community Center	\$ 453,016	\$ 312,236	\$ 19,794	\$0	\$ 785,046
Minsky Gym	\$ 233,566	\$ 124,923	\$ 28,980	\$0	\$ 387,469
Administration	\$ 510,075	\$ 36,358	\$ 0	\$0	\$ 546,433
Parks	\$ 2,401,659	\$ 1,481,886	\$ 618,145	\$0	\$ 4,501,690
Turf Maintenance	\$ 390,658	\$ 185,649	\$ 128,629	\$0	\$ 704,936
<b>Total Parks &amp; Recreation Budget =</b>					<b>\$ 8,546,374</b>

## Fund 421- Expenditure Summary of the Saints Golf Course

Department	Personal Services	Operating	Capital	Administration Charge	Grand Total
Maintenance 7250	\$ 324,708	\$ 426,275	\$ 30,898	\$0	\$ 781,881
Operations 7251	\$ 234,295	\$ 378,606	\$ 889	\$0	\$ 613,790
Non Departmental 4199	\$0	\$ 159,936	\$0	\$0	\$ 159,936
<b>Total Saints Golf Course Budget =</b>					<b>\$ 1,555,607</b>

## Fund 001- Expenditure Summary of the Civic Center

Department	Personal Services	Operating	Capital	Administration Charge	Grand Total
Civic Center 7500	\$ 233,632	\$ 355,289	\$889	\$0	\$ 589,810
Civic Center Maintenance 7501	\$ 484,405	\$ 143,700	\$ 29,713	\$0	\$ 657,818
Civic Center Fitness 7502	\$ 347,510	\$ 50,419	\$ 15,171	\$0	\$ 413,100
Civic Center Recreation 7503	\$ 448,034	\$ 83,196	\$0	\$0	\$ 531,230
Civic Center Hospitality 7504	\$ 397,248	\$ 211,731	\$2,004	\$0	\$ 610,983
<b>Total Civic Center Budget =</b>					<b>\$ 2,802,941</b>

# Alluring Facilities



**Botanical Gardens**



**Community Center**



**Robert E. Minsky Gym**



**Saints Golf Course**



**Civic Center**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
January 18, 2016

**Rivernights at Rivergate**  
January 22, 2016

**Seafood Festival**  
March 5, 2016

**St. Patrick's Day Event**  
March 11 & 12

**Eggstravaganza**  
March 26, 2016

**Memorial Day Service**  
May 30, 2016

**Freedomfest**  
July 4, 2016

**Oktoberfest**  
October 14, 15, & 16

**Fall Fun Fest**  
October 28, 29, & 30

**Bonfire & Hayride**  
November 5, 2016

**Veterans Day Service**  
November 11, 2016

**Rivernights at Rivergate**  
November 18, 2016

**Festival of Lights**  
December 3, 2016

# 2016 Upcoming Special Events



**We hope to see you there!**

Please visit  
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