

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT - 2022

Programs

All City programs are up and running and continue to see an increase in numbers

1. Summer Camp at three sites with a total of 300 participants which was an increase of 50 campers
 2. Halloween on Howard – 38 vendors participated in the drive down Howard and goodies were give to 500 children in a two-hour span
 3. Annual Harrison County/City of Biloxi Halloween Bash was held in October. Total participation was 500 and our usual participation is 600
 4. Senior Thanksgiving Breakfast was held in November. Total participation was 200 this year with the Fire department cooking the meal and police department serving it.
 5. Special Needs Thanksgiving Family Dinner was held in November with 200 participants
 6. Senior Christmas Party was held in December with 75 seniors participating
 7. Children’s Annual Christmas parade was held in December and participation was average with lighting of the Town Green, visit with Santa and a dance routine by Kelli’s Step.
 8. Woolmarket Christmas Parade was held this year with participation numbers in parade and viewing were 3000 plus
 9. The Christmas parade for Ward 2 was canceled due to weather but Santa and a toy give away was moved to the Kroc center were Movers and Shakers gave away 500 toys to those in need.
 10. Special need Christmas saw an increase of 50 participants with total of 175
 11. Special Needs and Seniors Cruisin Dance in September
 12. Special Needs Halloween which saw an increase of 50 for a total of 175
10. Pickleball continues full speed ahead with tournaments, league play and mentoring classes being held (see attached for number breakdown)
11. The qualifying Ms. Senior Games were held with a total of 700 participation. Events held were volleyball, swimming, darts, shuffleboard, basketball, ping pong, corn hole, beach volleyball, track and field, triathlon, speed walking, 5k and 10k,

bocce ball and pickle ball which the numbers were the highest we seen at 185 participants.

Sports

Sports for 202d started with Baseball and softball in February through May. Participation numbers for softball was 125 and baseball was 550 with an average

Football/Cheerleading was held in September through October with a total of 250 participants with a loss of 50 cheer leaders and 75 football players

Basketball which registered in December 2021 and league play starting mid-January 2022 and ending in March has a total of 165 players

Soccer which registered 700 players ages 4-19 which was up by 50 from previous years.

All Sports leagues with exception of basketball are played at the AJ Holloway Sports Complex which includes plans in to turf fields and improve drainage. (Mayor should have plans)

Rentals

Gruich – hosts weddings, dinners, sports events, conferences, family reunions, Mardi Gras Balls -

Snyder – hosts pickleball, weddings, reunions, dinners, graduation parties, Biloxi School events, youth basketball, fitness, walking track, and holiday programming for seniors and special needs (

Hiller Pavilion – hosts weddings, company picnic, birthday parties, etc. (

Point Cadet Pavilion - which offers a playground and splash pad as well as the pavilion hosts weddings, conferences, birthday parties, family reunions, festivals, etc... **Number of rentals held at Plaza have increased by 50%**

Town Green – hosts weddings, receptions, festivals, outdoor holiday events, family reunions, etc...

Woolmarket City Center –opened in January for parties, graduations, seminars, etc. We saw a 75% increase in rentals

Causeway Park pavilion – hosts birthday parties, family reunions, etc... There were numerous events held last year and we are continuing to advertise the rental of this site

Civic Center – the Civic Center was moved to P & R in July of 2021 During this time, the wall paper was reattached and installed as needed. the baseboards were be painted and carpet replaced in dressing rooms and green rooms as well as painting of the walls (see attached numbers)

Aquatics

This division offers the Natatorium and Snyder Pools. Both pools were opened on a full-time basis Monday through Friday. The participation numbers for Natatorium which includes swim meets and training are 34,000 and Snyder was 8500

Natatorium Improvements

Replaced sand and gravel in pool pump filter

Parks/Playgrounds/Ballfields

All parks and playgrounds were opened all year. We saw a spike in attendance at the parks. Hard to monitor the numbers, but I visually saw more attendance than usual and the National Recreation & Parks Association also stated that there was an uptick in families attending parks. There are 16 parks/playgrounds and 20 Ballfields.

2022 Park improvements

Eagle Point Park in Woolmarket, offers a multi-purpose field, walking track, pickleball and basketball courts. In 2022 a pavilion and playground equipment were installed.

Savarro Park – new playground equipment was installed and grounds prepared for installation of fencing and a dog park

Businessman Park – new playground equipment was installed

O'Reily Park – new fitness equipment was installed

Beck Park – new shade structure and fencing around the parking lot was installed

Popps Ferry Park - included a new surface installation for the playground equipment

Recreation Facilities

Snyder Center – offers gym use for basketball and pickleball, walking track multipurpose room, weight room, meeting rooms, and cardio room. Yearly attendance which included senior and special needs event, rentals and pickleball was 34000

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
ANNUAL REPORT – FACILITY USAGE RENTALS
TO INCLUDE CITY FUNCTIONS, CITY PROGRAMING AND PICKLE BALL
JANUARY 2022-DECEMBER 2022
TINA COWART/RESERVATIONIST**

Covid19 was still happening during this year. This accounts for low numbers throughout the year.

JANUARY 2022

Gruich Center	44
Donal Snyder	23
Hiller Pavilion	1
Saenger Theatre	0 Closed
Point Cadet Grounds	0
Causeway Pavilion	0
WoolMarket City Center	1
Total	<hr/> 69

FEBRUARY 2022

Gruich Center	24
Donal Snyder Center	28
Hiller Pavilion	0
Saenger Theatre	0 Closed
Point Cadet Grounds	1
Causeway Pavilion	0
WoolMarket City Center	0
Total	<hr/> 53

MARCH 2022

Gruich Center	11
Donal Snyder Center	21
Hiller Pavilion	0
Saenger Theatre	0 Closed
Point Cadet Grounds	3
Causeway Pavilion	0
WoolMarket City Center	4
Total	<hr/> 39

APRIL 2022

Gruich Center	3	
Donal Snyder Center	10	
Hiller Pavilion	1	
Saenger Theatre	0	Closed
Point Cadet Grounds	2	
Causeway Pavilion	0	
WoolMarket City Center	0	

Total

 16

MAY 2022

Gruich Center	12	
Donal Snyder Center	5	
Hiller Pavilion	1	
Saenger Theatre	0	Closed
Point Cadet Grounds	8	
Causeway Pavilion	1	
WoolMarket City Center	0	

Total

 27

JUNE 2022

Gruich Center	22	
Donal Snyder Center	13	
Hiller Pavilion	2	
Saenger Theatre	0	Closed
Point Cadet Grounds	17	
Causeway Pavilion	1	
WoolMarket City Center	0	

Total

 45

JULY 2022

Gruich Center	18	
Donal Snyder Center	15	
Hiller Pavilion	1	
Saenger Theatre	0	Closed
Point Cadet Grounds	13	
Causeway Pavilion	0	
WoolMarket City Center	0	

Total	<hr/> 37	
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AUGUST 2022

Gruich Center	4	
Donal Snyder Center	6	
Hiller Pavilion	1	
Saenger Theatre	0	Closed
Point Cadet Grounds	5	
Causeway Pavilion	0	
WoolMarket City Center	0	

Total	<hr/> 15	
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SEPTEMBER 2022

Gruich Center	4	
Donal Snyder Center	7	
Hiller Pavilion	0	
Saenger Theatre	0	Closed
Point Cadet Grounds	6	
Causeway Pavilion	0	
WoolMarket City Center	0	

Total	<hr/> 17	
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OCTOBER 2022

Gruich Center	13	
Donal Snyder Center	4	
Hiller Pavilion	0	
Saenger Theatre	0	Closed
Point Cadet Grounds	10	
Causeway Pavilion	1	
WoolMarket City Center	0	
Total	<u>28</u>	

NOVEMBER 2022

Gruich Center	9	
Donal Snyder Center	51	
Hiller Pavilion	1	
Saenger Theatre	0	Closed
Point Cadet Grounds	3	
Causeway Pavilion	0	
WoolMarket City Center	2	
Total	<u>66</u>	

DECEMBER 2022

Gruich Center	30	
Donal Snyder Center	41	
Hiller Pavilion	0	
Saenger Theatre	0	Closed
Point Cadet Grounds	0	
Causeway Pavilion	0	
WoolMarket City Center	2	
Total	<u>73</u>	

GRAND TOTAL: 475

**Event Summary: CIVIC CENTER
YEARS- TOTALS / Final**

MONTH	TOTAL # OF EVENTS	TOTAL # OF GUEST	NONPROFIT	COB SPONSORED	COB	Standard	Deposit	Fees
2017	76	26335	18	18	5	34	\$ 23,605.00	\$ 158,392.50
2018	79	31392	18	16	14	30	\$ 16,150.00	\$ 150,190.00
2019	85	32902	19	18	13	36	\$ 21,710.00	\$ 169,005.00
2020	29	13800	3	2	0	21	\$ 11,800.00	\$ 89,765.00
2021	52	22560	9	11	4	26	\$ 14,720.00	\$ 123,825.00
2022	77	38120	13	9	4	51	\$ 17,660.00	\$ 194,175.00
Yearly Totals:	398	165109	80	74	40	198	\$ 105,645.00	\$ 885,352.50

CITY OF BILOXI PICKLEBALL STATISTICS 2022

Visitors		
	Non- Tournament Tournament	
Night Stays*	2742	122
No. in Party	407	95
Hotel/Motel	296	62
Casino	237	60
Cond/VRBO, AirBnB	950	
RV	558	8
Family/Friend	629	10
<p>*According to the Longwoods Study for Coastal MS in 2019, the average per expenditure for overnight visitors to Coastal MS is \$207. Non-tournament visitors economic impact is estimated at \$567,594.</p>		

Daily Participation		Annual Total
<u>Donal Snyder Community Center (pickleball is the single largest activity at the Center)</u>		
45 player average daily (41 hours weekly scheduled play)		12,739
<u>Popp's Ferry Recreation Complex Pickleball Courts (open play daily from dawn to 10 pm)</u>		
40 player average daily		14,560
Total Player Participation		27,299

Pickleball Training Program	
Donal Snyder Community Center (total annual)	209
Popp's Ferry Recreation Complex Pickleball Courts (total annual)	104
Harrison County Sheriff Department Brave Camp (2 sessions)	40
Mentorship Program (5 sessions with average 28 players per session)	140

Event Participation	
SMPDD Agency for Aging Health Fair & Pickleball Training (220 total attendees)	
MS Senior Olympics (207 players)	
VA Behavioral Health & Whole Health Fair at GCVHCS Biloxi (120 attendees)	
City of Biloxi Veterans Outreach Program with 8 outpatients throughout 2022 and 5 in-house Veterans (3x weekly after restart late December 2022)	
Ladder League (12-week period with average 23 players per week)	