

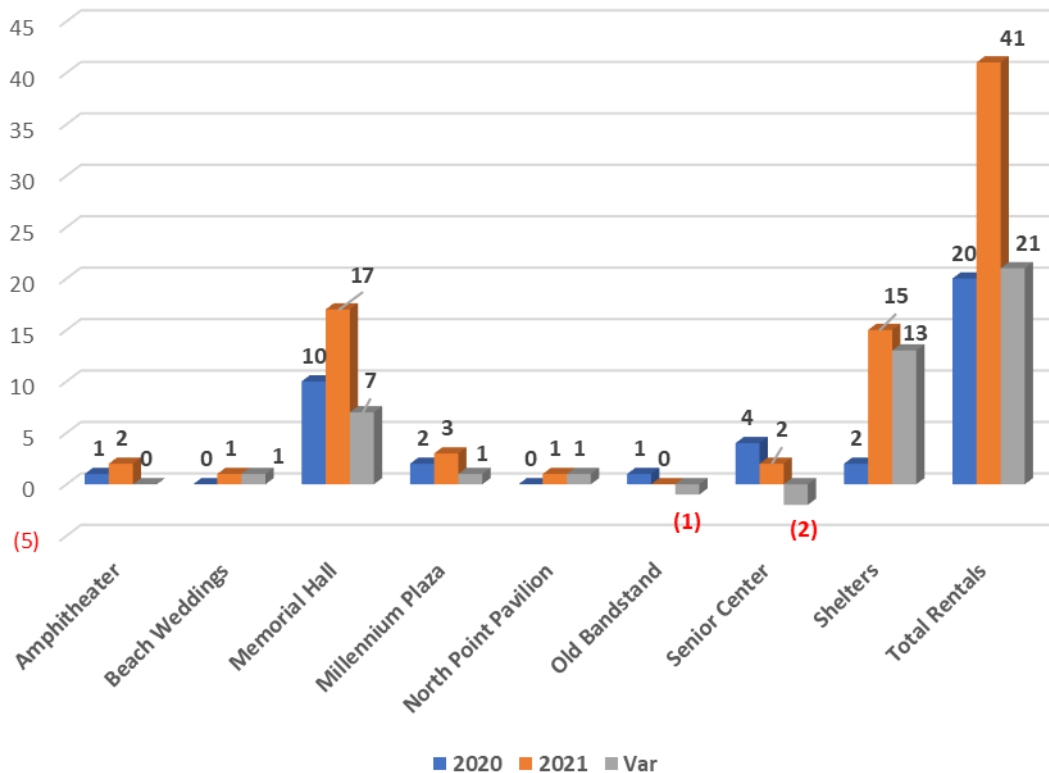


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3rd Quarter Report - 2021
July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021

Administrative report submitted by Assistant Superintendent Shannon Eason

◆ **Rentals**



◆ **Beach Management**

- Water Quality Testing and Notification
 - IDEM grant \$28,750
 - Water quality testing began on May 16, 2021 and ended on September 7, 2021

WASHINGTON PARK

Washington Park	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020	2020	2021	2021
Total Samples	339		339		339		345		342	
Total Exceedances	18		18		18		27		15	
Total Actions	12		9		12		22		10	
1-234 OPEN	101	89%	104	92%	101	89%	93	81%	104	91%
234-999 ADVISORY	12	11%	6	5%	12	11%	15	13%	10	9%
1,000 CLOSED	0	0%	3	3%	0	0%	7	6%	0	0%

STOP 2 AT CALIFORNIA AVENUE

Stop 1 California Avenue	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020	2020	2021	2021
Total Samples	339		339		339		345		342	
Total Exceedances	18		6		8		10		15	
Total Actions	12		4		5		6		8	
1-234 OPEN	101	89%	109	96%	108	96%	109	95%	106	93%
234-999 ADVISORY	12	11%	4	4%	5	4%	4	3%	8	7%
1,000 CLOSED	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	2%	0	0%

STOP 7 AT BEACHWALK

Stop 7 Beachwalk	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020	2020	2021	2021
Total Samples	113		113		113		115		114	
Total Exceedances	5		3		4		4		6	
Total Actions	5		3		4		4		6	
1-234 OPEN	108	96%	110	97%	113	96%	111	97%	108	95%
234-999 ADVISORY	5	4%	3	3%	4	4%	4	3%	5	4%
1,000 CLOSED	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%

◆ Grant Projects

- Old Bandstand Preservation Project
 - Project Total \$200,000
 - Lake Michigan Coastal Program Grant \$100,000
 - Barker Welfare Foundation Grant \$ 50,000
 - Unity Foundation of LaPorte Count \$ 45,000
 - Michigan City Historical Society \$ 5,000
 - Design in Engineering fall/winter 2021-2022
 - Estimated completion August 2022
- Sheridan Beach Erosion Control and Public Access Project (beach mats)
 - Project Total \$ 89,000
 - Lake Michigan Coastal Program Grant \$ 44,500
 - City Match \$ 44,500
 - Marram grass to be planted November 2021
 - Close out grant December 2021

- Trails & Greenway Grants
 - Singing Sands Phase III (all segments)
 - Professional Engineering \$863,025
 - Federal TE Grant \$690,420
 - MC Redevelopment Commission match \$172,605
 - Singing Sands Phase III-B (segment 1 of 4)
 - Construction \$888,862
 - Federal TE Grant \$740,718
 - City Match \$148,144
 - Construction begins October 2021
 - Substantial completion October 2022
- Water Tower Park Renovation Project
 - Project Total \$500,000
 - Community Development Block Grant \$250,000
 - Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant (applied for) \$250,000
 - Grant award expected May 2022
- National Park Service Trails, Rivers & Conservation Assistant Program (offers technical planning assistance, no funding)
 - Wildlife observation platform on west end of Singing Sands Trails
 - Stakeholders
 - Michigan City Park Department
 - National Park Service
 - NIPSCO
 - Indiana Audubon Society
 - Michigan City Public Art Committee
 - The Bike Stop Cycling Club

◆ **Parking Operation**

DAILY PARKING OPERATION	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	VAR
Revenue	515,389	586,557	538,411	360,739	886,488	525,749
Payroll Expense	63,904	55,715	54,636	40,442	40,587	145
FICA	4,889	4,262	4,180	3,094	3,105	11
Printing/Paper Expense	1,804	2,230	1,847	640	947	307
Misc. Expense	536	1,000	1,000	390	1,000	611
Net	444,255	523,350	476,748	316,173	840,849	524,676
Labor % of revenue	13.35%	10.23%	10.92%	12.07%	4.93%	-7.14%

Car Fee	\$7	\$8	\$8	\$8/\$15	\$15	
Other Fee	\$14	\$15	\$15	\$15/\$3 0	\$30	

CATEGORY	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	VAR
RESIDENT	13,995	13,389	13,382	5,061	11,354	6,293
LAPORTE COUNTY	1,001	1,130	1,228	811	1,312	501
NON-RES INDIANA	130	150	184	194	85	(109)
NON-RES OUT OF STATE	5	3	4	0	4	4
SR CTR MEMBER	429	386	443	59	241	182
REPLACEMENT	2	14	4	1	21	20
CYCLE/TRAILER RESIDENT	471	477	446	193	422	229
TOTAL STICKERS	16,033	15,549	15,691	6,319	13,439	7,120
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>40,972</u>	<u>43,708</u>	<u>49,146</u>	<u>31,345</u>	<u>48,649</u>	<u>17,304</u>
PRINTING EXPENSE (Stickers)	2,477	3,158	2,412	2,311	2,731	420
PAYROLL EXPENSE	5,964	8,894	4,786	2,065	4,975	2,910
NET	32,531	31,656	41,948	26,969	40,943	13,974

Recreation report submitted by Superintendent Ed Shinn

2021 Summer Youth Baseball

Youth baseball ended with the smiling faces of 280 total participants. Young athletes who were happy to be playing again after a year without hearing the crack of the bat. The Recreation Department is planning some improvements for next season. Our department is fortunate to have hired Eric Williams, Administrative Assistant. Mr. Williams has a strong passion for sports. He began his employment late in the 2021 season and analyzed the current structure of our league. Some of the improvements he has planned for next season are the following:

Replacing and repairing old and damaged equipment. Many of the helmets are in need of repair or are no longer safe to use. The catcher protective equipment has yet to be fully evaluated, but based on the findings thus far we would expect to find some of the same needed repairs or replacements.

Providing rental equipment through the Equipment Exchange Program. This program will allow registered participants to check out equipment such as bats, shoes, mitts, etc. that they may need to participate but may not be able to afford.

Improving evaluation day by recruiting more volunteer evaluators with qualifications. These evaluators will not be affiliated with any team playing in the league to ensure that teams are evenly balanced in terms of talent, an issue we faced in the 2021 season.

Requiring coaches to become “A” certified through USA Baseball. This level of certification is free of charge and covers topics such as first aid, abuse awareness, a “Pitch Smart” course, and a “Confident Baseball Coach” course.

Hosting free developmental clinics at the beginning and end of the baseball season. These clinics will help players to develop and maintain skills necessary as they look to become better and stronger players.

Providing more umpires to ensure that we do not have a shortage. We would like to research the possibility of beginning a youth umpire program.

Our recreation team hosted a successful skills clinic last month. Not a large turnout, however, with talented instructors, the youngsters received very good instruction and an extensive workout. Participants were also awarded caps and tee-shirts. Lunch was served after two hours of baseball. The kids were happy, the parents were thankful, and the clinic was free of charge.

2021 Summer Softball season

Administrative Assistant Eric Williams reports:

The 2021 Summer Softball season was a huge success. In total, we had 22 teams register across the three divisions. The Tuesday Big Bat division was won by the Oddballs. Garwood Orchards took home the Thursday Men’s title, and Creekside Bar and Grill came out victorious in the Sunday Co-Ed League. These teams also were able to win the end of season tournament, thus earning themselves sweatshirts and plaques. A huge thank you to our head umpire Cary Krachinski for his continued dedication and his assistance in another successful summer of softball.

2021 Fall Softball

Director of the Adult Softball Program Cary Krachinski reports:

The transition to pay at the plate this fall has worked out well. Umpires have been happy with the change. We have had zero problems with the change, every team has respectfully paid before each game starts just like we stated in our 2021 Softball Packets.

5K Bolt for Heart Run/walk

President & CEO Franciscan Health Michigan City Dean Mazzoni reports:

This year Franciscan Health, in partnership with Bolt for the Heart, will hold our 3rd annual Bolt for the Heart 5K and 10K Family Run/Walk. This year’s “**Hallowrun**” will be held on Saturday, October 30 (day before Halloween), and will feature a costume contest, a Trunk or Treat event provided by local police officers from LaPorte and Michigan City, and a police helicopter at

Washington Park for the kids to admire and observe. Proceeds from this event will go toward the purchase of life saving AEDs that will be placed in LaPorte Country patrol cars.

What makes this year’s run critical is our goal to place a total of 85 additional automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) in 30 LaPorte patrol cars, and 55 Michigan City patrol cars. The previous two annual Bolt for The Heart events netted a total of 62 AEDs, making this year’s goal daunting, but obtainable.

The Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department is proud to hold this spectacular event in Washington Park.

Senior Center report submitted by Senior Center Director Tara Miller

◆ **Membership**

3rd Quarter	2020	2021	Variance
<i>Members</i>	2,006	1,759	(247)
Men	33%	33%	0
Women	63%	63%	0
Other	4%	4%	0
New Members	0	98	98
<i>Volunteer Hours</i>			
Senior Center	0	0	0
<i>Attendance</i>			
Events	0	0	0
Day Trips	0	0	0

◆ **Marketing Report**

- Press releases

◆ **Challenges**

- To encourage existing members to take advantage of the events that we offer to give them the most enjoyment out of their membership

◆ **Attendance**

- 3rd Quarter 2020 – Closed due to Covid
- 3rd Quarter 2021 – We did not track attendance this quarter since our former assistant, Georgiana Timm hand counted attendance. We will not track volunteer hours or attendance at all in 2021 however, our new computer system will begin tracking in January 2022.

◆ **Events**

- July 1 The South Shore Seniors Investment Club resumed meetings here at the Center
- July 1 We resumed blood pressure checks through First Light Home Health
- July 22 We held our Sloppy Joe Dinner (previously known as the Spaghetti Dinner), and while it was less than usual attendance, we still managed to sell 80 tickets
- July 27 The Senior Moments Band performed their last concert here. They have decided not to return due to personal reasons.
- Aug 10 D & D Cabaret (harpist Debra Sawyer and pianist David Lahm) performed for a small audience of members
- Aug 24 Card Making Class, scheduled monthly through December debuted with nearly 10 members attending
- Sept 7 Our member Steve Kowalczyk held a “Music Around the World” performance featuring accordion selections from Poland, Germany, France, etc.
- Sept 14 The Senior Center was among over 20 participants in the Senior Resource Fair held at Uptown Social
- Sept 21 “The Guinness Mystery” was presented by Bruce R. Johnson, Historic Board member in LaPorte County to a full house of 58 members. This presentation recounts the gruesome details of Belle Guinness and her murderous killing spree.
- Sept 28 Coffee with the Mayor resumed to a good crowd of about 30 members

◆ **2021 Goals**

- To continue to add exciting programs that will encourage seniors to maintain a healthy, active lifestyle focusing specifically on education, technology & social media
- To increase attendance at our events and to encourage seniors who are not yet members of the Center to become members
- To continue pursuing marketing opportunities for the Park Department
- To continue pursuing necessary renovations on the Senior Center

Park Maintenance Report submitted by Maintenance Director PatRick Voltz

- Cleaned, sanded and painted park entrance gates
- Repaired sprinkler and irrigation systems at Memorial and Millennium Parks
- Tore down the old ticket booth at Patriot Park
- Trained Rick Miscik (new maintenance foreman)
- Assisted the zoo in several miscellaneous projects and repairs

PROCESS - 2021 3rd Quarter	2020	2021	VAR
BANQUET TABLES Delivered/Picked Up	0	0	0
BARRICADES Setup/Remove	100	156	56
BOLLARD Replacement/Installation	0	0	0
GARBAGE CANS Delivered/Picked Up	100	160	60
GARBAGE Collect and Dispose of (yards)	540	680	140
ICE RINK Labor Hours	0	0	0
MOVIE SCREEN Setup/Remove	0	0	0
PICNIC TABLES Delivered/Picked Up	190	386	196
RISERS Delivered/Picked Up	0	0	0
SNOW FENCE Installation/Removal (linear feet)	2,400	10,120	7,720
TENT Installation (10' x 20')	0	0	0
MOWING (per hour)	2020	2021	VAR
Adams Park	20	32	12
Barker Mansion (began 06/30/15)	0	0	0
Canada Park	12	16	4
Carroll Avenue & Michigan Blvd	28	26	(2)
City Hall (began in 2012)	15	39	24
Emily Street (at Hansen Park)	0	0	0
Gardena Park	65	69	4
Hansen Park	17	18	1
Henry Lake	0	0	0
Jernegan's Hill	0	0	0
Joe Hawkins Memorial Park	9	13	4
Krueger Memorial Park	20	25	5
Millennium Plaza and Old Lighthouse Museum	20	10	(10)
Oak Hills Park	12	20	8
Police Department (began in 2012)	0	0	0
Pullman Park	40	44	4
Ridgeland Park	10	6	(4)
Ruby Woods	5	4	(1)
Tall Timbers	18	12	(6)
Walker Street Park	14	13	(1)
Washington Park	538	390	(148)
Water Tower Park	12	16	4
Westcott Park (began in 2012)	20	21	1
Winding Creek Cove	25	17	(8)
TOTAL	900	791	(109)

HOLIDAY LIGHTS (per hour)	2020	2021	VAR
Repairs - Labor Hours	40	200	160
Installation - Labor Hours	0	0	0
Electric Installation - Labor Hours	0	0	0
Breakdown - Labor Hours	0	0	0
TOTAL	40	200	(160)
TRAILS UPKEEP (clearing, snow removal, inspection) - Labor Hours	2020	2021	VAR
Gardena Park	10	12	2
Hansen Park	10	8	(2)
Karwick Nature Park	0	0	0
Memorial Hall	20	25	5
Ruby Woods	15	0	(15)
Patriot Park	0	0	0
Winding Creek Cove	20	16	(4)
TOTAL	75	61	(14)
LABOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (per hour)	2020	2021	VAR
Lakeside Correctional Facility	0	0	0
SAND REMOVAL (per hour)	2020	2021	VAR
Clean up and removal	150	290	140
Build berm for winter	0	0	0
Level berm for spring	0	0	0
Beach sanitizing	50	297	247
TOTAL	200	587	387

Golf Maintenance Department submitted by Greens Superintendent John Marshall

◆ **Weather**

Low rainfall amounts continued along with high temperatures and high humidity. We received only 5.65 inches of rain the entire third quarter compared to 6.2 inches of rain in the second quarter.

◆ **Irrigation**

Our current irrigation totals are sure to be a record of gallons pumped from our retention ponds. Water was so critically low we were forced to turn on our recharge well to replenish our water supplies.

3rd Qtr	2020	2021	Variance
South Course gallons	11,014,000	28,836,000	17,822,000
North Course gallons	3,894,000	6,849,119	2,955,119
Total gallons	14,910,020	35,687,140	20,777,120

◆ **Equipment**

We recently had to replace the engine on our sand trap rake. We are in the process of transferring more money into our repair parts fund so we may continue to make critical repairs to equipment.

◆ **Special Projects**

We are beginning fall aerification to tees, fairways, and high-traffic areas, as well as overseeding the tees

◆ **Financial Report**

REVENUE	2020	2021	VAR
3rd Quarter	\$373,853	\$360,421	(\$13,432)
REVENUE	2020	2021	VAR
01 Personal Services	\$135,735	\$114,495	(\$21,240)
02 Supplies	\$55,203	\$58,537	\$3,334
03 Services	\$29,738	\$33,273	\$3,535
Total Expense	\$220,676	\$206,305	(\$14,371)
NET	\$153,177	\$154,116	\$939

◆ **Other Departments**

- Repaired lifeguard ATV twice
- Repaired zoo golf
- Repaired parking operation golf cart
- Replaced the clutch Patriot Park's workman

◆ **Course Maintenance**

- Putting greens have been mowed 100 consecutive days, and 172 times year to date
- Fairways continue to be mowed daily
- Tees are mowed 3 times per week
- Rough is mowed on a daily basis

Washington Park Zoo Report submitted by Zoo Director Jamie Huss

◆ **Education**

July

Summer Zoo Camp classes were canceled due to staffing and COVID-19

August

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September

None

◆ **Special Events**

July

All events and rentals were canceled, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and statewide 50% capacity restrictions

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Great Lakes Grand Prix WHM team owner and driver Billy Mauff presented another generous donation of \$12,000 for the feline house expansion project

The zoo staff was interviewed for a PBS channel "Around the Town" community television show

September

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The Zoo Director and Park Superintendent attended a meeting with the Michigan City Community Enrichment Board to submit our annual report on the completed 2021 projects and our plans for 2022. We also accepted a \$100,000 check for 2022 improvements.

The Michigan City Coast Guard Station completed a special climb up to the Observation Tower in remembrance of all those who lost their lives in the 9/11 tragedies

The zoo welcomed grandparents with free admission on Grandparents Day

The Zoo Director and Park Superintendent attended a meeting with the Michigan City Exchange Club to give a community project update

◆ **Attendance**

Month	2020	2021	Variance
July	7,223	29,585	22,362
August	6,647	18,813	12,166
September	7,300	10,817	3,517
Total	21,170	59,215	38,045

◆ **Revenue and Expense**

REVENUE	2020	2021	VAR
3rd Quarter	\$130,839	\$387,656	\$256,817
REVENUE	2020	2021	VAR
01 Personal Services	\$122,184	\$129,678	\$7,494
02 Supplies	\$23,648	\$23,334	(\$314)
03 Services	\$58,365	\$45,936	(\$12,429)
Total Expense	\$204,197	\$198,948	(\$5,249)
NET	(\$73,358)	\$188,708	\$262,066

◆ **Capital Improvements and General Updates**

July

The historic "spring well" near the Observation Tower's lower gate was restored by three of our wonderful volunteers Jim, Bob, and Ken

Fulltime keeper Kaley Gibson resigned her position so that she could return to school

The education van and the dump truck had routine oil changes and tire check services donated by long-time zoo supporter Fred DeVries at DeVries Tire Company

We entered the Shirley Heinze Land Trust's "Bringing Nature Home" contest which awards community landscapes that focus on native plants to provide safe and natural habitats for pollinators and wildlife.

August

We repainted the Upper Aviary interior building, the outside of the classroom, the Red Barn fence, THE Discovery Center restrooms, and other areas of the zoo

The replacement pump for the River Otter waterfall was installed

The concession stand and the Wings of Wonder Aviary had to close early for the season due to the lack of seasonal staff

The Observation Tower closed due to the county rising into the orange level for COVID-19 cases

Bids were accepted by three heating and air conditioning companies to replace the two broken units in the Treehouse Gift Shop building

We welcomed Colleen Vana as the new full time animal care keeper

September

The zoo applied for, and was awarded, two Power for Good grants from the LaPorte County Unity Foundation to purchase and install a public viewing window for the Australian Walk About exhibit animal barn and a set of patio doors for the African Tortoise barn to replace the current barn doors so that it can be an all-season house for the Sulcata Tortoise

We completed a grant update for the awarded 2021 funds and submitted three requests for 2022 projects to the Otto and Margaret Zack Charitable Trust

We started the planning and decorating for the 2021 Boo at the Zoo event with some necessary COVID-19 changes to keep everyone safe

The 2000 education van was placed on the list for recommended removal from the Park Department fleet due to extensive rust and mechanical issues that are too costly to repair

We are partnering with the art club at Marquette High School to have them complete some new "Boo at the Zoo" woodcut decorations

Zoo Director Jamie Huss was nominated to run for the Zoological Association of America's (ZAA) Code of the Ethics Committee which is voted on by other association members and will be chosen in December 2021

We welcomed volunteer students from Valparaiso University who participated in the United Way of Northwest Indiana community "Give Back Day" event to help complete some fall clean-up projects

The Animal Care Clinic outdoor holding barn and runs have been completed

◆ **Animal Acquisitions/Dispositions**

July

Birth	Golden Handed Tamarin	
Death	Domestic Rabbit	Unknown – baby, possibly failure to thrive
Death	Peafowl	Advanced age

August

Death	Golden Handed Tamarin	Inconclusive, was under medical care
Death	North American Porcupine	Euthanized for heart disease

September

Acquired	Three ducks	Donation
Transfer	Four rabbits	Rescue group
Death	Domestic Ferret	Euthanized – Decline in health due to gland disorder
Death	Pekin Duck	Egg rupture
Death	Three Cattle Egrets	Age related, inconclusive
Death	Two parakeets	* Euthanized, yolk stroke * Tumor