



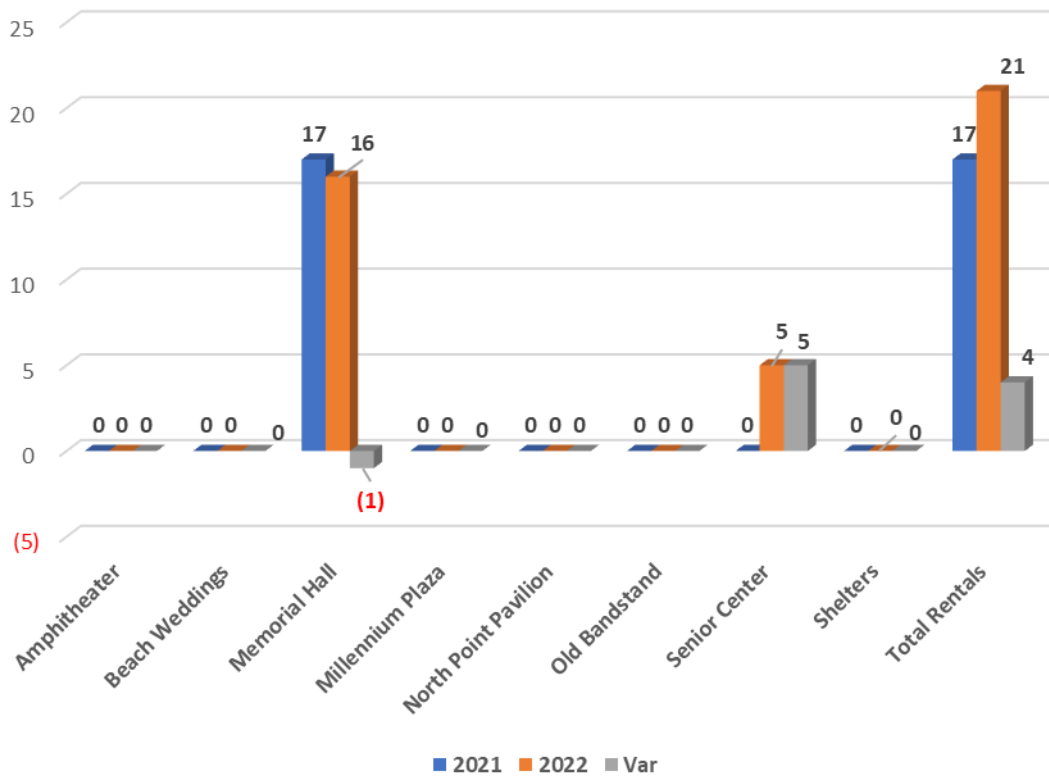
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**1st Quarter Report - 2022**  
**January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022**

**Park Office Administrative Staff Report**

◆ **Rentals**



## Senior Center Report

### ◆ Membership

1st Quarter	2020*	2022	Variance
<b>Members</b>	2,006	1,466	-540
Men	33%	33%	0
Women	63%	63%	0
Other	4%	4%	0
New Members	75	45	-30
<b>Volunteer Hours</b>			
Senior Center	0	1,357	+1,357
<b>Attendance</b>			
Events	4,236	4,236	-758
Day Trips	0	0	**

- *\* We did not have statistics for 2021 to compare to due to being closed because of COVID-19, so we used Jan, Feb, and 1/2 of March of 2020 to compare to for the statistics we were able to calculate. Volunteer hours were not able to be calculated for neither 2020 nor 2021 due to Covid.*
- *\*\*We haven't had trips since 2019 due to COVID-19*

### ◆ Programs and Events

January 11	Our wildly successful Soup Day was held this month featuring Creamy & Cheesy Broccoli
January 18	Coffee with the Mayor had about 8 members in attendance
January 18	Color Street Nails makeover featured instruction on how to apply real nail polish stick-ons to about 5 members
January 24	Popcorn & A Movie featured "Free Guy" to a full house
January 25	Card Making Class had 6 members attend who each made 3 greeting cards
February 8	Color Street Nails makeover featured instruction on how to apply real nail polish stick-o's to about 5 members
February 14	Popcorn & A Movie featured "Cruella" and was played to a small crowd
February 15	Coffee with the Mayor had a small group of members present to ask Department Heads about their respective departments
February 16	Soup Day continues featuring Italian Wedding Soup with meatballs
February 22	Card Making Class had 6 members attend who each made 3 greeting cards
March 9	The St. Patrick's Day Luncheon was a success in every way except financially. We actually lost about \$80 on this event even though we increased ticket prices by \$2 and sold 98 tickets. Notre Dame Elementary School choir provided entertainment.

- March 14 Popcorn & A Movie featured “Jungle Cruise” and was played to a small crowd
- March 15 Coffee with the Mayor had about 12 members in attendance
- March 26 Trash & Treasure Sale. Attendance was at about 50% less than normal. We attributed this to potential Covid-19 concerns, but mostly because Sticker Saturday did not happen in conjunction with our event and this was a big draw for us. We are hoping Sticker Saturday will return for 2023.
- March 31 The final Soup Day of the season featured Irish Potato with Leeks & Gouda. It was a huge success

◆ **Marketing**

- Press releases
- Advertising for Trash & Treasure Sale

◆ **Challenges**

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

◆ **2022 Goals**

- To continue to add exciting programs that will encourage seniors to maintain a healthy, active lifestyle
- To maintain the number of rentals of the facility to provide continuous, reliable funding through the use of the non-reverting fund for maintenance of the facility
- To continue to provide marketing support to the Parks & Recreation Department
- To focus on educational opportunities for seniors
- To focus on technology for seniors
- To continue pursuing remodeling efforts for the Michigan City Senior Center

***Park Maintenance Report***

- Trimmed the bottoms of several pine trees in Washington Park and cleaned underneath
- Built 19 new picnic tables and repaired 29 picnic tables
- Cleaned the ceiling beams and air ducts at Memorial Hall
- 60 hours locating the septic lines at Park Maintenance Shop due to blockage
- Removed 215 lids off of 55 gallon barrels to use as garbage cans and made drain holes
- Painted and stenciled “NO LITTERING” on 60 garbage cans
- Began extensive cleanup of the Splash Park in preparation of opening
- Several hours assisting the Zoo in miscellaneous projects and repairs

<b>YEAR 2022</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>2022</b>
BANQUET TABLES Delivered/Picked Up	36				0
BARRICADES Setup/Remove	40				0
BOLLARD Replacement/Installation	0				0

GARBAGE CANS Delivered/Picked Up	25				0
GARBAGE Collect and Dispose of (yards)	60				0
ICE RINK Labor Hours	0				0
MOVIE SCREEN Setup/Remove	0				0
PICNIC TABLES Delivered/Picked Up	0				0
RISERS Delivered/Picked Up	0				0
SNOW FENCE Installation/Removal (linear feet)	1,200				0
TENT Installation (10' x 20')	0				0
<b>MOWING (per hour)</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>2022</b>
Adams Park	0				0
Canada Park	0				0
Carroll Avenue & Michigan Blvd	0				0
City Hall (began in 2012)	0				0
Gardena Park	0				0
Hansen Park	0				0
Joe Hawkins Memorial Park	0				0
Krueger Memorial Park	0				0
Millennium Plaza and Old Lighthouse Museum	0				0
Oak Hills Park	0				0
Pullman Park	0				0
Ridgeland Park	0				0
Ruby Woods	0				0
Tall Timbers	0				0
Walker Street Park	0				0
Washington Park	0				0
Water Tower Park	0				0
Westcott Park (began in 2012)	0				0
Winding Creek Cove	0				0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>HOLIDAY LIGHTS ( per hour)</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>2022</b>
Repairs - Labor Hours	0				0
Installation - Labor Hours	0				0
Electric Installation - Labor Hours	0				0
Breakdown - Labor Hours	288				0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TRAILS UPKEEP (clearing, snow removal, inspection) - Labor Hours</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>2022</b>
Gardena Park	14				0
Hansen Park	8				0
Karwick Nature Park	0				0

Memorial Hall	10				0
Ruby Woods	0				0
Patriot Park	0				0
Singing Sands	2				
Winding Creek Cove	5				0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>LABOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (per hour)</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>2022</b>
Lakeside Correctional Facility	0	0	0	0	0
<b>LEAVES (per hour)</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>2022</b>
Adams Park	46				0
Canada Park	24				0
City Hall (began in 2012)	0				0
Emily Street	0				0
Gardena Park	34				0
Hansen Park	0				0
Henry Lake	0				0
Jernegan's Hill	0				0
Joe Hawkins Memorial Park	0				0
Krueger Memorial Park	40				0
Millennium Plaza and Old Lighthouse Museum	0				0
Oak Hills Park	24				0
Patriot Park	0				0
Ridgeland Park	0				0
Ruby Woods	0				0
Tall Timbers	0				0
Walker Street Park	16				0
Washington Park	32				0
Water Tower Park	89				0
Westcott Park (began in 2012)	0				0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SAND REMOVAL (per hour)</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>2022</b>
Clean up and removal	193				0
Build berm for winter	0				0
Level berm for spring	0				0
Beach sanitizing	18				0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SNOW REMOVAL/SALTING</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>2022</b>
	586				

## ***Golf Maintenance Department***

### **Course Maintenance**

- ◆ Spring cleanup is ongoing on both courses. Although the weather has not cooperated, we were able to mow greens and open the South Course on March 16<sup>th</sup> for the season on a weather permitting basis. We anticipate opening the North Course the beginning of April, weather permitting.

### **Education**

- ◆ Director of Golf John Marshall and Assistant Director of Golf Paul McDonnell attended a free educational seminar sponsored by Advanced Turf Solutions. Among some of the topics discussed were new chemistries being brought to the turf industry, causes for price spikes in seed and fertilizer, and ways to maximize the efficiency of your pesticide program with the rising costs.

### **Equipment**

- ◆ All 85 rental carts and all maintenance carts were serviced. All mowing equipment was serviced and detailed. All cutting heads were completely torn down, rebuilt, and sharpened.

### **Special Projects**

- ◆ We currently have a tree project consisting of removing dead and unsafe trees, as well as opening up tree canopy on various holes to help with safety and playability. We are adding new sand to the sand traps. The sand was donated by D&M Excavating. We have a group of volunteers trimming low branches on pine trees, and secured fencing along Royal Road that was falling down.

### **Other Departments**

- ◆ Four zoo carts, zoo gator, and park department carts were serviced. A Club Car Carryall not in service for years was repaired, serviced, and returned to the zoo. We were also called to repair the maintenance department's broom used for brushing sand in Washington Park.

## ***Washington Park Zoo Report***

### **◆ Education**

#### **March**

- The zoo director attended Zoom meetings regarding the new USDA Contingency Planning Requirements and the Bio-Hazard Awareness updates for Avian Influenza held by the Zoological Association of America (ZAA)
- The zoo was closed for the winter season
- Summer Camp registrations were opened to the public. We are holding the camp ratio to 15 students with 2-3 counselors.

◆ **Special Events**

**March**

- The zoo hosted a table at the Michiana Bird Society Fair in LaPorte with marketing and education materials. We also received a donation of \$470.75 from the Michiana Bird Society.

◆ **Capital Improvements and General Updates**

**January**

- Removed the holiday light displays from the Lakeshore Drive fence line and placed them into storage
- All of the zoo gas carts were taken over to golf maintenance for their yearly tune-up and mechanical repairs
- Our older Carry-All golf cart was able to rejoin the zoo fleet after being repaired by golf maintenance

**February**

- Painting, repairs, and updates continue around the zoo in preparation for opening day on April 1st
- The zoo emergency and safety plans are being updated and reviewed for upcoming staff training

**March**

- Green Leaves removed a tree that fell onto the Fallow Deer fence line and Fence Master repaired the broken fence post
- Park maintenance assisted with some work order repairs
- A meeting was held with all the contractors, architects, Park Supervisors to go over the construction plans for the Big Cat Expansion project
- The walk-in freezer had a broken fan component that was repaired under its one-year warranty by Wayne Heating
- Golf maintenance is still working on the Safari Train repairs in the hopes of reopening the attraction by Memorial Day weekend
- The zoo has developed an Avian Influenza Plan under the recommendation of the USDA and the Zoological Association of America. The disease is highly contagious and is most often spread during the wild bird migration season. Our plan will be in place at least until we get a low spread notice from the monitoring government agencies in our area.

◆ **Animal Acquisitions/Dispositions**

**January**

Birth	Bennett Wallaby	Single birth
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Death	Dom Rabbit	GI stasis

**February**

Birth	Common Marmoset	Twin birth
Birth	Three Band Armadillo	Single birth
Death	Three Banded Armadillo	Premature, failure to thrive
Death	Green Cheek Conure	Heart failure

**March**

Birth	Red Handed Tamarin	Triplet birth
Acquire	Night Heron	California zoo
Acquire	Polish Chicken	Private
Acquire	Pigeon	Breeder
Death	Cockatiel	Kidney disease
Death	Red Handed Tamarin	Infant - failure to thrive
Death	Uromastyx	Necropsy pending