

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

# 2009 Annual Report



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON  
parks and recreation





# Message from the Mayor

The City's nationally recognized Parks and Recreation Department is one of Bloomington's true treasures, and I am grateful for the hard work of the Parks staff that yielded so many important accomplishments in 2009.

Throughout the past year, we have emphasized our commitment to invest in ourselves and our future. The B-Line Trail is a perfect example of this philosophy. On June 29, the first leg of the B-Line was officially opened to the public, signaling major progress on the most important economic development project on the City's agenda. Construction moved more quickly than even we anticipated thanks to the tireless efforts of the Parks Department, their vision and the overwhelming confidence shown them by several state agencies contributing to the project.

Currently, the final leg of the B-Line is being designed, and the entire project is expected to be completed in 2011. In December, the City finalized the purchase of the 27-acre McDoel Switchyard property, five parcels of green space that will ultimately serve as a spectacular park along the Trail. Community involvement in and support of the project has been wonderful, and we are looking forward to more milestones as the project nears completion.

Bloomington Mayor Mark Kruzan presides over the dedication ceremony of the Evan Farrell sculpture on the B-Line Trail in July 2009.

Just as the B-Line Trail represents an investment in the preservation of Bloomington's high quality of life, the acquisition of the Twin Lakes Recreation Center (TLRC) was a major step taken in 2009 as we sought to enhance recreational opportunities across the community. The facility, which offers fitness assessments, personal training, and a variety of memberships to fit any budget, is one of the most state-of-the-art in Indiana and will provide Bloomington with exciting events and wellness opportunities for years to come.

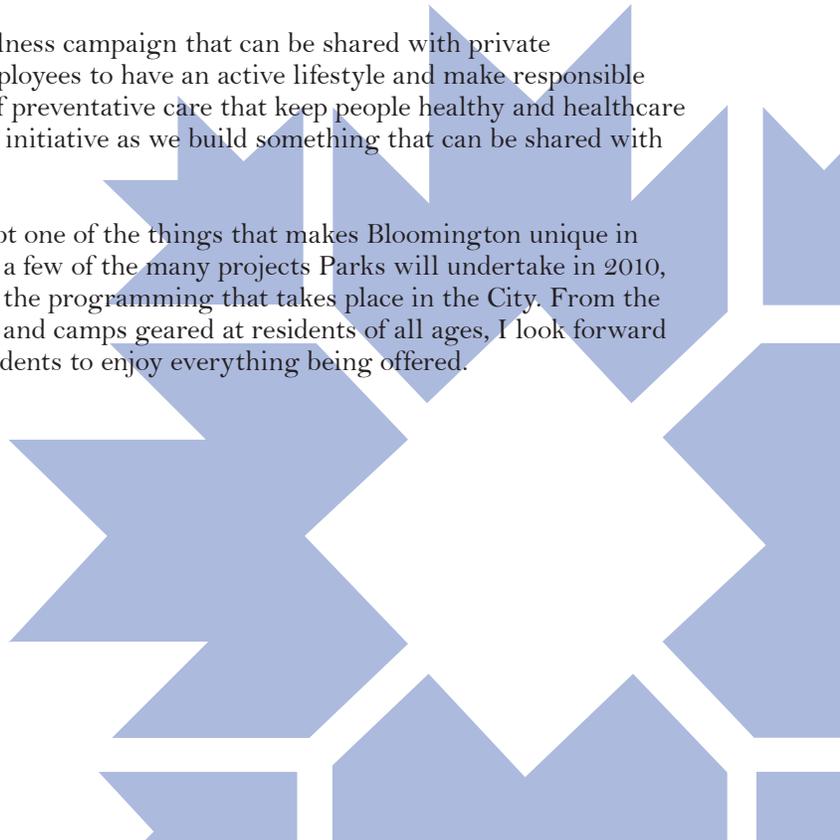
Both the B-Line and the TLRC are critical long-term projects, and our Parks Department will focus greatly on ensuring their success. Additionally, Parks is partnering with local businesses and residents on the America in Bloom contest initiative. Our local campaign, Bloomington in Bloom, includes a series of community beautification efforts that showcase Bloomington as part of this nationwide competition.

City Parks is also leading the way in crafting an employee wellness campaign that can be shared with private organizations throughout Bloomington. Encouraging City employees to have an active lifestyle and make responsible fitness and nutrition choices is essentially creating the types of preventative care that keep people healthy and healthcare costs low. As a result, Parks is thrilled to be spearheading this initiative as we build something that can be shared with the community.

The City's Parks and Recreation Department is without a doubt one of the things that makes Bloomington unique in Indiana and across the Midwest. While I have mentioned only a few of the many projects Parks will undertake in 2010, the reality is that the department is responsible for so much of the programming that takes place in the City. From the weekly Farmers' Market to the numerous recreational leagues and camps geared at residents of all ages, I look forward to another year of spectacular Parks events and encourage residents to enjoy everything being offered.

Yours Truly,

Mark Kruzan, Mayor  
City of Bloomington



# Message from the Administrator

The City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for over \$50 million in City assets. Our department manages more than 2,300 acres of property including 40 park sites, a golf course, an ice arena, two pools, three community centers, three natural resource properties, 13 ball fields, 22 tennis courts, 19 basketball courts and approximately 30 miles of trails. Over 1,000 programs and services are provided to our community through the support of the Mayor, City Council, Board of Parks Commissioners and most importantly, our citizens.

2009 was historic in many ways for the department. It has been a year of significant, large-scale projects and acquisitions in one of the most challenging economic environments we have experienced in decades. That these accomplishments were achieved under these conditions is a tribute to our community's interest in parks and recreation services.

## Acquisition of the SportsPlex—Twin Lakes Recreation Center

The opportunity to acquire an existing 100,000 ft<sup>2</sup> indoor recreation center was presented to our department in 2009. A series of steps had to occur in fairly rapid progression, including acceptance of an offer to purchase. Approval of the purchase by the City administration, the Parks Board and the City Council was given prior to the public sale of revenue bonds to purchase the SportsPlex on May 15. In addition, a \$250,000 renovation was completed in time for an August 29 Open House featuring NBA basketball player Jared Jeffries, Indiana University Men's Basketball Coach Tom Crean, and Mayor Kruzan. Our department, and the Bloomington Community Park and Recreation Foundation, took advantage of the opportunity to establish a close working relationship with the newly formed Jared Jeffries Foundation. We look forward to the further development of this new partnership during 2010.



Parks and Recreation Department Administrator Mick Renneisen at the Twin Lakes Recreation Center Open House, August 2009.

## B-Line Trail

Completion of Phase I of the B-Line Trail was celebrated with a grand opening on June 26. Design of the remaining 2.41 miles of the trail is complete, and construction is anticipated to begin in 2010. We are pleased our department is viewed as a key element to economic development in our community via our role in this important initiative.

## CSX Switchyard

Following years of negotiation, the 27-acre McDoel Switchyard property was acquired on December 18. Future plans call for the development of a community park in addition to the extension of the B-Line Trail through this site. The total area for future development, including previously purchased parcels, is more than 56 acres.

## Bloomington Adult Community Center Lease

The acquisition of the SportsPlex allowed the department to move senior services out of the aging BACC building. It also allowed the department to lease the BACC to the Project School, which then undertook a \$500,000 renovation to the building. The department continues to own the BACC and uses the facility when it is not being used by the Project School. Future plans call for additional expansion of the BACC by the Project School, which will further improve this City-owned asset.

Any one of the above projects is a considerable achievement for a given year; that all of them were accomplished in one year is unprecedented. The completion of many other projects and programs made 2009 a truly historic year.

We know Bloomington residents place a high value on parks and recreation services. We're pleased to be able to offer a wide variety of award-winning services that have such a positive impact on the quality of life in Bloomington. The department was first accredited by the Commission for the Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies, or CAPRA, in 2001 and was re-accredited in 2006. The department will apply for re-accreditation in 2011. Accredited agencies have demonstrated not only that they meet the 156 standards for a quality operation but also that they have the professional competence, commitment, and community support to complete the rigorous process of accreditation.

On behalf of the entire staff of the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department, thanks for your continued interest and support. We hope you keep enjoying the services we proudly provide for our community.

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Mick Renneisen, Administrator

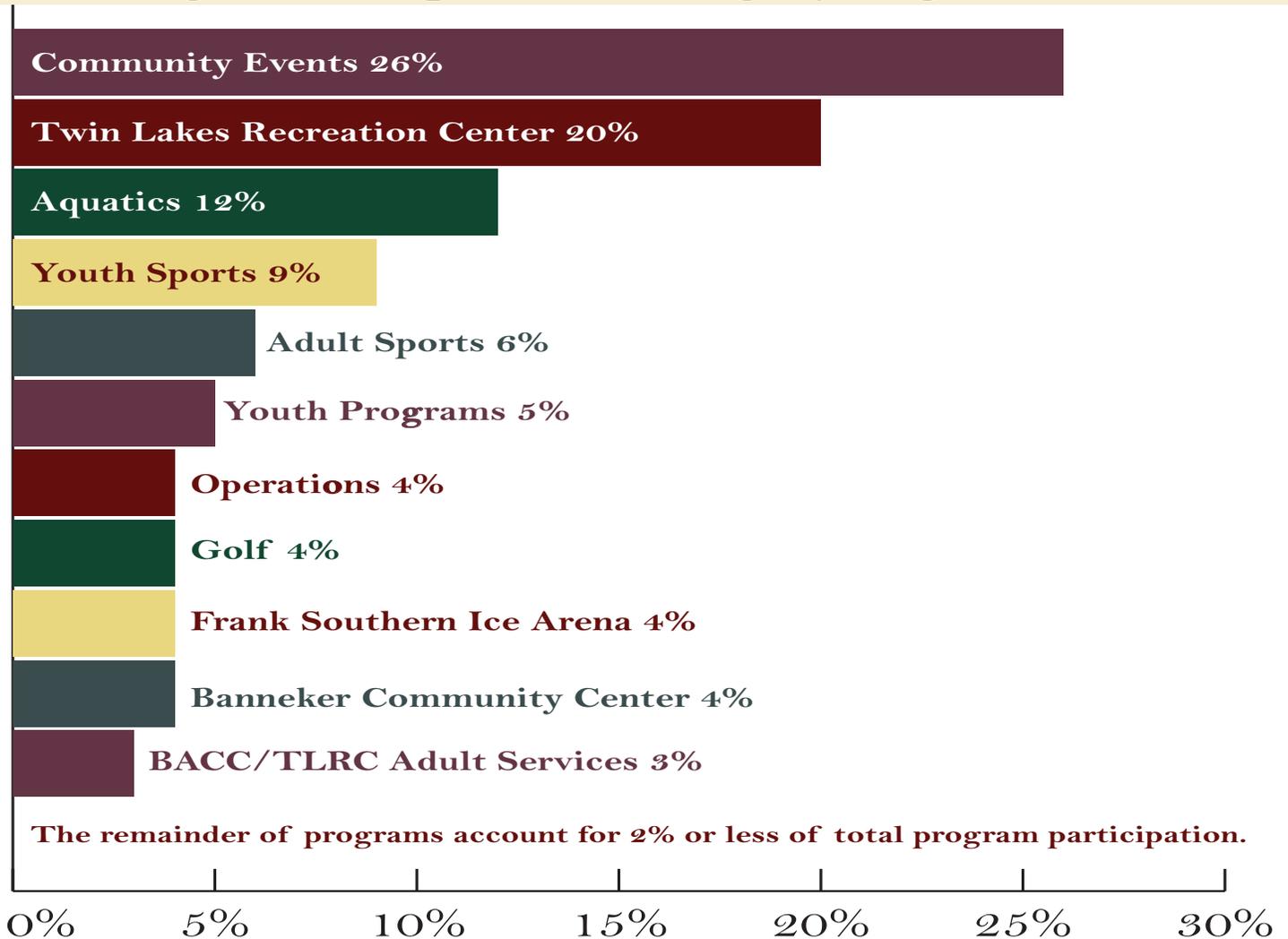
## City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation

# Program Participation

Participation is defined as the number of people times the number of visits/activity to a specific program or service.  
The numbers below do not include any estimate of the number of visits to City parks or trails.

Community Events .....	197,973	Natural Resources .....	12,147
Twin Lakes Recreation Center .....	151,951	Health & Wellness .....	11,795
Aquatics .....	93,626	Rhino's Youth Center .....	3,594
Youth Sports .....	68,730	Adult Programs .....	3,398
Adult Sports .....	46,917	Inclusive Recreation .....	1,063
Youth Programs .....	36,314		
Operations .....	34,025	2009 Total Participations .....	774,614
Golf Services .....	30,804	An increase of 97,886 participations (14%) over 2008.	
Frank Southern Ice Arena .....	29,798	2008 Total Participations .....	676,748
Banneker Community Center .....	27,996		
Bloomington Adult Community Center/ Twin Lakes Recreation Center Adult Services .....	24,483		

### Program Participation Percentage by Program Area



City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation

# Condensed Financial Summary

for the year ended December 31, 2009

	2009 Revenue	2009 Expenditures
Tax Proceeds & Miscellaneous	\$7,550,677	
Administration Revenue	\$49,373	
<b>Subtotal—Tax &amp; Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	<b>\$7,600,050</b>	
Adult Programs	\$56,463	\$137,282
Adult Sports	\$374,533	\$629,573
Aquatics—Bryan Park Pool	\$213,489	\$300,047
Aquatics—Mills Pool	\$27,349	\$112,133
Banneker Community Center	\$64,163	\$408,091
Bloomington Adult Community Center	\$25,557	\$181,282
Community Events	\$39,688	\$299,106
Community Events—Farmers’ Market	\$72,127	\$163,449
Community Relations	\$5,423	\$292,842
Frank Southern Ice Arena	\$328,710	\$561,406
Golf Services	\$915,769	\$1,152,192
Health & Wellness	\$35,396	\$92,182
Inclusive Recreation	\$11,037	\$125,267
Landscaping/Cemeteries/Urban Forestry	\$26,645	\$621,491
Natural Resources	\$63,366	\$331,670
Operations	\$46,193	\$1,342,240
Rhino’s Youth Center	\$224	\$103,771
Twin Lakes Recreation Center	\$455,235	\$320,579
Youth Programs	\$192,411	\$356,182
Youth Sports	\$94,962	\$346,537
<b>TOTAL Program Revenue/Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,048,740</b>	<b>\$7,877,322</b>
Capital Related/Capital Expenditures	\$6,450,000	\$6,442,917
<b>TOTAL Revenue/Expenses</b>	<b>\$17,098,790</b>	<b>\$14,320,239</b>

\*unaudited financial data



# Operations & Development

*The Operations Division is responsible for maintenance, security, sanitation, capital improvements, planning, construction, and development of all City parks and natural areas, facilities, trails, and greenways. It is also responsible for beautification of parks and public areas, including landscaping, the administration and maintenance of Rose Hill and White Oak Cemeteries, and urban forestry. This Division is also responsible for the establishment, management, and enhancement of City-owned natural resources properties including Griffy Lake Nature Preserve, Wapehani Mountain Bike Park and Leonard Springs Nature Park. Natural resources staff offer outdoor recreational, educational, and volunteer opportunities.*

- Constructed new playground and installed sidewalks and benches at Park Ridge East Park.
- Constructed new playground and installed sidewalks, benches and shade structures at Sherwood Oaks Park.
- Installed new culverts and other drainage improvements on trail at Winslow Sports Park.
- Repaired roof deck and installed new roofing on the Woodlawn Shelter at Bryan Park.
- Made improvements to pier and repaired waterfall pump system at Miller-Showers Park.
- Completely remodeled restroom facilities at the Sycamore Shelter in Lower Cascades Park to create two unisex restrooms.
- Demolished the old restroom facility by the Waterfall Shelter at Lower Cascades Park.
- Completely remodeled the restroom facility to create two unisex restrooms at Rev. Ernest D. Butler Park.
- Expanded Willie Streeter Community Gardens at Winslow Woods Park.
- Constructed new shelter next to the playground at Building and Trades Park.
- Installed new concrete, wheelchair-accessible parking spaces and new sidewalks around the boathouse at Griffy Lake.
- Demolished “Tennis Hut” restroom building at Winslow Sports Park tennis court; poured new concrete plaza area and installed tables and benches to facilitate the new restroom facility.
- Renovated the “Coal Room” at the Banneker Community Center, turning it into a storage area. Also installed historical sign, improved landscaping, and established new turf in areas affected with the limestone wall reconstruction project.
- Repainted stairs at Leonard Springs Nature Park.

## Operations 2009 Program Activity (includes Landscaping, Cemeteries, & Urban Forestry)

Cemetery Services	72
Headstone Workshop	200
B-Line Trail Grand Opening	400
Urban Forestry—Arbor Day	200

### Shelter Rentals

Henderson—Bryan	82
North—Bryan	61
Woodlawn—Bryan	90
Building & Trades	18
Sycamore—Lower Cascades	66
Waterfall—Lower Cascades	72
Young Pavilion—Olcott	53
Lions Den—Upper Cascades	77
Thomson	9
Group—Thomson	21
Twin Lakes Lodge	139
Winslow Woods	33

<b>Total 2009 Rentals</b>	<b>1,593</b>
<b>Shelter Rental Attendance</b>	<b>32,432</b>

### Program Revenue

General Fund	\$34,540
Non-Reverting	\$38,299
<b>Total 2009 Revenue</b>	<b>\$72,839</b>

### Program Expenses

General Fund	\$1,913,534
Non-Reverting	\$50,196
<b>Total 2009 Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,963,730</b>



## Urban Forestry

Planted 388 trees in public areas—

- 283 trees on City streets
- 105 trees in City parks

Removed 125 hazard trees—

- 105 from City streets
- 20 from City parks

- Conducted annual Arbor Day Ceremony at University Elementary School April 24.
- Awarded Tree City USA status by the Arbor Day Foundation for the 25th consecutive year. Bloomington was the first Indiana city to be named a Tree City USA in 1984.
- Provided Bloomington residents and homeowners with information about the emerald ash borer through a public information program.
- Continued to produce revenue and recycled wood products for City facilities through the Urban Wood Waste Recovery Program.
- Received a total of \$7,494.54 in contributions to the Bloomington Tree Fund.

## Landscaping

- Provided landscaping at over 80 locations throughout the City.
- Planted 500 flats of annual flowers at over 25 locations.
- Spread over 400 yards of mulch to control weeds and conserve water.
- Installed landscaping borders at the McDoel Neighborhood sign, Bryan Park sign (plus additional landscaping), Mills Pool, and the Allison-Jukebox Community Center.
- New landscaping on Phase I of the B-Line Trail included 24 large flower pots with year-round plantings, trees in the WonderLab Plaza, and the Third Street bridge north of REALTOR Plaza.
- Created new landscape bed at Animal Care and Control.
- Installed diverse plantings on the east and west sides of the stage at Third Street Park.
- Created large landscape bed north of Eighth Street, on the east side of the B-Line Trail.
- Planted perennials and roses around the B-Line Trail signature sculpture, “Bloomington Banquet.”
- Replanted the traffic calming area at Sixth and Rogers Streets.

### Planted:

- 300 peonies at Rose Hill Cemetery
- 6,000 tulip bulbs, 2,500 hyacinth bulbs, and 1,000 crocus bulbs

## Cemeteries

- Provided cemetery operations services at Rose Hill and White Oak Cemeteries.
- Maintained 4,400 cemetery plots.
- Uncovered original limestone culverts in Section J at Rose Hill Cemetery.
- Replaced downspouts on Rose Hill Mausoleum.
- Hosted and co-sponsored “R.I.P.—Restoration-Instruction-Practice” Workshop with the Monroe County History Center. Workshop participants repaired and/or restored 24 gravestones.
- Reset and repaired headstones at Rose Hill Cemetery.



# Natural Resources

Conducted environmental education programs for 3,711 participants. These programs included:

- Leonard Springs Nature Day—Provided 1,826 MCCSC sixth-grade students with an experiential environmental science program. Volunteers contributed over 700 hours to the facilitation of this program.
- Griffy Lake Nature Day—The pilot year for this environmental science program included 590 MCCSC fourth-grade students.
- Naturalist at the Market—Provided information and activities related to our local environment for 267 visitors to the Bloomington Community Farmers' Market.
- Cub Scout Programs—Conducted Scout programs on topics such as weather, boating, caves, and emergency preparedness for 139 Scouts.
- Crestmont Earth Club—Met once a week with an average of 15 children per week at Crestmont Boys and Girls Club in June and July. Program topics included bird watching, mammals, and insects.
- Earth Week Celebration and Sustain Bloomington—A celebration and exhibition of local sustainable businesses and practices, held in April and October, in Peoples Park. Both events drew a total of 400 participants.
- Griffy Lake boats were rented 4,309 times for a total of 5,156 hours.
- Replaced boardwalk to boathouse with a concrete sidewalk and improved the accessible parking area at Griffy Lake.
- Added two rain gardens to the Griffy Lake boathouse parking lot to help slow runoff and decrease sediment entering Griffy Lake.
- Completed shoreline erosion plan for Griffy Lake.
- Removed three acres of bush honeysuckle from Lower Cascades Park.
- Enrolled 23 volunteers in the Citizen Scientist program. The volunteers completed a total of 200 hours of service.
- Oversaw trail maintenance work by 53 Adopt A Trail volunteers, who spent a total of 160 hours maintaining trails in City parks.

## Natural Resources 2009 Program Activity

### Griffy Lake

Annual Boat Launch Permits	45
Boat Rentals	4,309
10-Rental Pass/Misc. Rentals	54
Daily Launch Permits	615
Cub Scout Programs	139
Earth Week/Earth Club	235
Educational Events	2,220
Environmental Resources	
Advisory Council (ERAC)	38
Father's Day Fishing Weekend	25
Griffy Lake Nature Day	590
Group Visits	744
Hikes/Walks/Paddles	116
Leonard Springs Nature Day	1,826
Naturalist at the Market	267
Sustain Bloomington	250
Volunteers	674
<b>Total 2009 Participations</b>	<b>12,147</b>

### Program Revenue

General Fund	\$437
Non-Reverting	\$62,930
<b>Total 2009 Revenue</b>	<b>\$63,367</b>

### Program Expenses

General Fund	\$269,540
Non-Reverting	\$62,129
<b>Total 2009 Expenses</b>	<b>\$331,669</b>



# Sports

*The Sports Division is responsible for providing formal and informal sports programs and services for the adults and youth of our community. These activities are provided at Department facilities such as Cascades Golf Course, Frank Southern Ice Arena, Twin Lakes Sports Park, Winslow Sports Complex, and a variety of other Department-owned and operated facilities. In addition, facilities are utilized in a cooperative agreement with Monroe County Community School Corporation.*

# Aquatics

*The Aquatics program plans, coordinates, and facilitates recreational swimming, formal lessons, private rentals, special group use, and advanced aquatic and personal safety training for the Bloomington community and its visitors.*

- Overall, business and visits were down 20% in 2009.

## Aquatics 2009 Program Activity

Training Hours	1,165		
<b>Bryan Park Pool</b>			
Admissions	47,343		
Waterslide	17,924		
Swim Lessons	4,000		
Season Passes	974		
Pool Rental Attendance	2,756		
<b>Mills Pool</b>			
Admissions	18,688		
Swim Lessons	85		
Season Passes	191		
Pool Rental Attendance	500		
<b>Total 2009 Participations</b>	<b>93,626</b>		
		<b>Program Revenue</b>	
		General Fund	\$141,517
		Non-Reverting	\$99,319
		<b>Total 2009 Revenue</b>	<b>\$240,836</b>
		<b>Program Expenses</b>	
		General Fund	\$343,333
		Non-Reverting	\$68,848
		<b>Total 2009 Expenses</b>	<b>\$412,181</b>



*Adult Sports plans, coordinates, and facilitates adult sports for the Bloomington community at Twin Lakes Sports Park, local tennis courts and in various MCCSC facilities.*

*Youth Sports plans, coordinates, and facilitates operations for Winslow Sports Complex, Rev. Butler Park, Frank Southern Ice Arena, and Bryan Park ball diamonds. These facilities host Bloomington Junior League Baseball, Babe Ruth Baseball, Girls, Inc. Softball, and MCCSC baseball and softball events.*

## Youth Sports

- Over 600 youth participated in each of two sessions of Bloomington Youth Basketball. Players ranged in age from preschoolers to high school.
- Hosted ASA Girls' 10-Under Class B Fast Pitch Northern National (16 teams) and the ASA Girls' 18-Under Class A Fast Pitch Northern National (45 teams). The tournaments were run simultaneously, and both received the ASA Award of Excellence.
- Renovated the senior side concessions building at Winslow Sports Park. The renovation included a new roof, storage, new fixtures, doors and partitions, and painting inside and out.

### Youth Sports 2009 Program Activity

#### Youth Sports

Babe Ruth Baseball	11,482
BJLBA Youth Baseball	29,628
Indiana Select	712
Jackson Creek Football	3,640
Girls' Fast Pitch Softball	7,093
Monroe County Youth Soccer	4,460
Youth Softball Tournament	7,451
Rentals	4,264
<b>Total 2009 Participations</b>	<b>68,730</b>

#### Program Revenue

General Fund	\$56,020
Non-Reverting	\$38,943
<b>Total 2009 Revenue</b>	<b>\$94,963</b>

#### Program Expenses

General Fund	\$307,354
Non-Reverting	\$39,183
<b>Total 2009 Expenses</b>	<b>\$346,537</b>

## Adult Sports

- Resurrected an adult volleyball program that did not exist when the Twin Lakes Recreation Center was purchased. The first session, conducted in fall 2009, included seven teams.
- The acquisition of the Twin Lakes Recreation Center was a major effort for the entire Parks and Recreation Department.

### Adult Sports 2009 Program Activity

Basketball	848
Dodgeball	768
Softball	39,088
Softball Tournaments	2,957
Jazzercise	1,200
Tennis Lessons	1,960
Tennis Tournaments	96
<b>Total 2009 Participations</b>	<b>46,917</b>

#### Program Revenue

General Fund	\$112,510
Non-Reverting	\$262,023
<b>Total 2009 Revenue</b>	<b>\$374,533</b>

#### Program Expenses

General Fund	\$352,379
Non-Reverting	\$277,193
<b>Total 2009 Expenses</b>	<b>\$629,572</b>

# Frank Southern Ice Arena

## Frank Southern Ice Arena 2009 Program Activity

*Frank Southern Ice Arena provides recreational and organized ice skating to ice enthusiasts from Bloomington and surrounding communities.*

Adult Hockey League	1,389
Blades Hockey	1,664
Figure Skating Program	1,034
Hockey Initiation	418
Ice Show/Holiday Skate	480
IU Figure Skating	911
IU Hockey	2,638
IU Learn to Skate	465
Learn to Skate Program	2,415
Open House	150
MCCSC	186
Public Skating Admissions	8,627
Rentals/Birthday Parties	156
Stick & Puck/Pick-up Games	148
Youth Hockey	5,407
Special Events/Lunar Skate	3,710
<b>Total 2009 Participations</b>	<b>29,798</b>

### Program Revenue

General Fund	\$166,943
Non-Reverting	\$161,767
<b>Total 2009 Revenue</b>	<b>\$328,710</b>

### Program Expenses

General Fund	\$371,851
Non-Reverting	\$189,556
<b>Total 2009 Expenses</b>	<b>\$561,407</b>

- A May storm that dropped nine inches of rain caused the Ice Arena lobby roof to cave in. The Arena remained open, although operations were altered. Rebuilding the lobby took the remainder of 2009 and is not scheduled for completion until summer 2010.
- The Bloomington Community Park and Recreation Foundation purchased new acrylic dasher boards for the ice arena.

# Golf

## Golf Services 2009 Program Activity

Rounds Played	26,817
Adult Season Pass	174
Family Season Pass	45
Senior Season Pass	203
Junior Season Pass	62
Range Ball Buckets	3,133
Hook A Kid on Golf	40
Junior Golf	250
Rental Attendance	80
<b>Total 2009 Participations</b>	<b>30,804</b>

### Program Revenue

General Fund	\$733,973
Non-Reverting	\$181,796
<b>Total 2009 Revenue</b>	<b>\$915,769</b>

### Program Expenses

General Fund	\$990,700
Non-Reverting	\$161,492
<b>Total 2009 Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,152,192</b>

*Cascades Golf Course has the objective of maximizing public play with a balance of leagues, tournaments, youth programs, and golf outings. Many youth programs are conducted during the year, including the Junior Program, Hook A Kid on Golf Tee Level, Skills Challenge and Challenge League.*

- Set an all-time record for gross revenue collected, exceeding 2008 revenues by 4%.



# Recreation

The Recreation Division is responsible for programs, events, and services specially designed for preschoolers, youth, teens, adults, senior adults, and participants with varying degrees of ability. These activities are held at Department facilities such as the Allison-Jukebox Community Center, Banneker Community Center, Twin Lakes Recreation Center, and Showers Common. A number of programs are facilitated through partnership agreements with other community organizations.

## Youth Programs

Youth Programs is responsible for programs and services designed for preschoolers, youth, and teens. These activities are held at the Allison-Jukebox Community Center, Rhino's Youth Center, and satellite sites.

### Programming

- Traveled to North Carolina for the first department whitewater rafting trip with teens.
- Received grant from Summer Star Foundation to cover the co-pay for Foundation scholarships for qualifying campers.
- Program/Facility Coordinator Tim Pritchett obtained Wilderness First Aid, CPR/First Aid/AED Instructor, and Leave No Trace Trainer Certifications.
- Partnered with Hoosier Heights Indoor Climbing Gym to offer teen rock climbing trips throughout the school year.
- Acquired an accessible bus for the Department's vehicle fleet.
- Moved Kid City Break Days to the newly renovated Twin Lakes Recreation Center.
- Grew participation in Teen X-treme and College for Kids camp programs over 2008 numbers.

### Facility

- Held daily lunchroom for the Bloomington Project School at the Allison-Jukebox Community Center for the 2009-10 academic year.
- Became a rotating site for the Bloomington Interfaith Winter Shelter by hosting homeless shelter on Sunday nights during the winter months of 2009-10.

### Rhino's Youth Center

- Expanded Rhino's Youth Center Screenprinting program from one to two afternoons per week.
- Rhino's Youth Video program won the national Tobacco Free Kids Kick Butts Day PSA contest.
- Introduced Traditional Bookbinding class as part of Rhino's Teen Art Workshop series in conjunction with Pygmalion's.

### Youth Programs 2009 Program Activity

First Aid Training/Staff Training	374
AJB Afterschool	591
Birthday Parties	1,742
Break Days	568
CITs	505
Drop-ins	5,550
Kid City Camps—Total	5,634
Other Programs & Classes	200
Project School	17,030
Rentals	3,884
Winter Shelter	236
<b>Total 2009 Participations</b>	<b>36,314</b>

#### Program Revenue

General Fund	\$437
Non-Reverting	\$191,974
<b>Total 2009 Revenue</b>	<b>\$192,411</b>

#### Program Expenses

General Fund	\$149,677
Non-Reverting	\$206,505
<b>Total 2009 Expenses</b>	<b>\$356,182</b>



# Banneker Community Center

- Partnered with the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County to hire a 20 hour/week staff member for the Family Resource Center. As a result the FRC offered free family programming Monday through Friday.
- Partnered with Bloomington Hospital and Healthcare System and Lakeview Elementary School to host a Bike Rodeo and provide bike safety education and bike helmets to children.
- Created, in conjunction with the Twin Lakes Recreation Center staff, a Skilled and Developmental League for the Bloomington Youth Basketball program. This program replaced the SportsPlex and Banneker basketball leagues.
- Partnered with Fairview Elementary School to continue the Banneker at the View After School Program. The program, held at Fairview, provides homework help, snacks, recreation activities, and transportation home for participants. Between 30 and 40 children participated daily.
- Partnered with the Monroe County Community School Corporation to conduct a summer food program that provided free lunch and supervised activities at Crestmont Park. A total of 1,427 lunches were served to an average of 45 participants daily. A free dinner was provided at the Banneker Community Center as well during the summer months through this program. A total of 1,552 dinners were served with the support of Foodworks, Inc.
- Organized a free, three-day basketball clinic, sponsored and run by Jared Jeffries of the New York Knicks, for 115 youth in grades 3–8.
- Conducted a wide variety of classes for preschoolers at both the Twin Lakes Recreation Center and the Banneker Community Center.
- Held annual Children's Expo in February. The event included 40 exhibitors, free entertainment, and free health screenings for preschool-age children. Over 400 people attended, and over 80 children took part in the health screenings.
- Offered free preschool programming throughout the year.
- Conducted the "Learn to Ride" bicycling program in both the spring and fall.

*Benjamin Banneker Community Center is a multi-purpose facility that offers year-round programs and services for citizens of all ages. Amenities include a gymnasium, kitchen, library, and game hall. Programs include special events, drop-in activities, special interest classes and activities, summer programs and camps, and a variety of other services.*

## Facility

- Provided rental space for a variety of organizations.
- Installed new carpet on the third floor of the Banneker Community Center.
- The Coal Room was repaired and improved into a usable, dry storage space.
- A volunteer group donated time on the Martin Luther King Day of Service to build and paint recycling containers in the kitchen and Coal Room. The group also helped start a recycling program that resulted in a bi-monthly pickup of recycling from the curb.
- Hired a new part-time janitor to clean at the Banneker Community Center.

## Banneker Community Center 2009 Program Activity

Adult/Senior Volleyball	889
After-School Programs	5,026
Attendance at Rentals	1,312
Basketball-All Participations	4,219
Children's Expo	400
Drop-ins	3,184
LEARN Homeschool/Head Start	520
Martial Arts	1,893
Playgroups	471
Preschool Events	1,382
Programs	890
Sports Shorties	3,600
Special Olympics	1,231
<b>Total 2009 Participations</b>	<b>25,017</b>

<b>Program Revenue</b>	
General Fund	\$468
Non-Reverting	\$63,695
<b>Total 2009 Revenue</b>	<b>\$64,163</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>	
General Fund	\$319,272
Non-Reverting	\$88,818
<b>Total 2009 Expenses</b>	<b>\$408,090</b>



# C Community Events and Cultural Arts

*The Community Events and Cultural Arts area provides an eclectic mix of cultural and outdoor activities and year-round events to provide enjoyment, education, and a sense of community for the diversity of people who make Bloomington their home. Special events and programs, Theater in the Park, art fairs, Performing Arts Series, Evening with the Stars movie series, Farmers' Market, Community Gardens, and the Holiday Market are examples of the diversity in programming and projects Community Events and Cultural Arts offers to the Bloomington community.*

- Hired Program Specialist Lysie Burton and Program/Facility Coordinator Bill Ream to fully staff the Community Events area by the end of 2009.
- Hosted the Indiana Park and Recreation Association State Conference in January, in conjunction with the other Divisions of the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Obtained re-certification as a Playful City USA from KABOOM!
- Changed the location of the rummage sale event "Junk in the Trunk" and hosted 43 different vendors.
- Staff was prepared for the second consecutive rainy Fourth of July Parade with staff ponchos.
- Expanded the Willie Streever Community Gardens from 100 to 180 rental plots.
- Partnered with Mother Hubbard's Cupboard to develop new community garden site at Rev. Ernest D. Butler Park.
- Hosted the fourth annual Drool in the Pool for dogs and their owners at Bryan Park Pool.
- The Holiday Market continued as the Community Events area's largest one-day event.
- The Bloomington Community Farmers' Market welcomed the opening of the B-Line Trail, which provided additional space at the Market and improved Market access for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- The Bloomington Community Farmers' Market was one of 12 Markets in the U.S. to host the Toyota Farm to Table Tour August 29. The Market experienced a record high customer count on the day of the event, the Department received \$5,000 for hosting the event, and local chefs and farmers were paid by Toyota to participate in tastings.
- The Performing Arts Series offered over 40 concerts, two theatrical productions and six movies free of charge in various parks throughout the community during the summer months.

## Community Events and Cultural Arts 2009 Program Activity

A Fair of the Arts	4,171
Community Gardens	1,527
Community Play Day	50
Drool in the Pool	1,220
Egg Scramble	350
Evening with the Stars	813
Farmers' Market—Saturday	154,386
Farmers' Market—Tuesday	4,614
Festival of the Falls	1,479
Fourth of July Parade	7,000
Holiday Market	9,167
Performing Arts Series	11,348
Other Events	1,848
<b>Total 2009 Participations</b>	<b>197,973</b>

### Program Revenue

General Fund	\$468
Non-Reverting	\$111,348
<b>Total 2009 Revenue</b>	<b>\$111,816</b>

### Program Expenses

General Fund	\$368,504
Non-Reverting	\$94,051
<b>Total 2009 Expenses</b>	<b>\$462,555</b>



# Inclusive Recreation

*The Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department is committed to an inclusive approach to recreation. Inclusion is about choice—the choice of individuals with disabilities to recreate in the least restrictive environment with peers without disabilities. We encourage everyone to participate in all activities of their choice with or without reasonable accommodations.*

- Held the Specialized Aquatic Program for the second year for eight participants.
- Grew the Specialized Music Program from 6 participations in 2008 to 82 participations in 2009.
- Received a \$10,000 grant from the National Inclusion Project. This grant supported the hiring of a Head Counselor II for Kid City Summer Camp inclusion, resulting in increased participation levels by campers with disabilities.
- Utilized volunteer Leisure Companions in Sport Shorties, Bloomington Youth Basketball and tennis lessons.
- Partnered with Special Olympics Indiana-Monroe County to provide sports programs to people with cognitive and developmental disabilities.
- Inclusive Recreation Coordinator Amy Shrake participated in a number of community outreach programs and resource fairs, including the Midwest Symposium on Therapeutic Recreation, Down Syndrome Family Connection Disability Information Fair, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of Indiana Steering Committee.

## Inclusive Recreation 2009 Program Activity

After School Adventure	35
Community Events Programs	5
Kid City	125
Programs at Banneker	816
Specialized Music Program	82
<b>Total 2009 Participations</b>	<b>1,063</b>

<b>Program Revenue</b>	
General Fund	\$1,561
Non-Reverting	\$10,881
<b>Total 2009 Revenue</b>	<b>\$11,037</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>	
General Fund	\$114,522
Non-Reverting	\$10,745
<b>Total 2009 Expenses</b>	<b>\$125,267</b>

# People's University

*People's University provides affordable classes at convenient community locations in a wide variety of subject areas. Offering lifelong learning opportunities in a relaxed environment, People's University encourages community members to "take time to learn something new—just for you."*

- Expanded and diversified class offerings with new classes including Bollywood Dancefit, Gardener's Latin, Starting a Speciality Food Business, and For the Love of Tortillas.
- Created, in collaboration with the Natural Resources area, a series of classes in sustainable landscape design.
- Developed G.O.S.T.—Grow Organic Special Topics—in response to requests for continuing education opportunities in organic gardening.

## People's University 2009 Program Activity

People's University	2,930
Lake Monroe Sailing	468
<b>Total 2009 Participations</b>	<b>3,398</b>

<b>Program Revenue</b>	
General Fund	\$156
Non-Reverting	\$56,037
<b>Total 2009 Revenue</b>	<b>\$56,463</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>	
General Fund	\$66,882
Non-Reverting	\$70,400
<b>Total 2009 Expenses</b>	<b>\$137,282</b>



# Twin Lakes Recreation Center

The Twin Lakes Recreation Center, a 100,000 ft<sup>2</sup> indoor sports, recreation, and fitness facility, was purchased by the department in May 2009. Amenities at the TLRC include five basketball courts, a turf field, a fitness area with cardio equipment and free weights, a mirrored exercise studio, 1/5-mile indoor track, child care area, and meeting rooms. The department offers programs, through the TLRC and other facilities, that help make Bloomington a healthy, active community.

- Offered a wide range of new group exercise classes, including Zumba, Kickboxing, and Boot Camp.
- Upgraded the 2,000 ft<sup>2</sup> fitness area and weight room, including the purchase of a treadmill and cable cross machine.
- Collaborated with area organizations including Bloomington Hospital, Active Living Coalition, Comprehensive Health Issues Committee, Safe Routes to School, and Monroe County Community School Corporation to promote health and wellness in the Bloomington community.
- Bloomington native, former Indiana University star and professional basketball player Jared Jeffries pledged annual donations to the Parks and Recreation Department, beginning in 2009 with a \$25,000 contribution to be used toward acquisition of the Bloomington SportsPlex.
- Purchased the Bloomington SportsPlex, and 10 acres surrounding the facility, on May 15 for \$5.5 million.
- Re-named the facility the Twin Lakes Recreation Center and held a free, community-wide Open House on August 29.
- Removed existing turf on indoor field and installed new turf.
- Painted front of building exterior.
- Repaired and replaced lighting over courts.
- Installed new Best Lock key system for all building access doors.
- Repaired drywall on and painted entire lower level.
- Scrubbed and waxed floors on lower level.
- Measured and leveled all basketball goals on all courts.
- Reconfigured steps from upper to lower parking lots.
- Cut back outside vegetation, put down gravel, and improved drainage along the front and side of building.
- Added to landscape around building with plants already in stock.
- Installed ceramic floor tiles in building vestibule and main entrance area.
- Installed FRP wall coverings along hallways throughout main level.
- Completely renovated main floor restrooms.
- Painted hallway floors on main level.
- Refinished all court surfaces.

## Twin Lakes Recreation Center 2009 Program Activity

Adult Basketball	848
Adult Volleyball	906
Group Exercise Classes	3,069
Personal Trainings	1,441
Silver Sneakers®	1,827

### Memberships (as of 12/31/09)

Student	219
Adult	809
Family	147
Two Person	218
Senior	48
Silver Sneakers®	502
Daily Admissions (5/15 through 12/31)	3,206

### Adult Activities

#### (at the former BACC and at the TLRC)

Activity Participants	7,857
Facility Visits (drop-ins)	2,956
Finance/Health Seminars	543
Meal Provisions	7,952
Meetings	248
Rentals	3,054
Senior Expo	1,115
Volunteers	758

### Program Revenue

Non-Reverting	\$455,078
<b>Total 2009 Revenue</b>	<b>\$455,078</b>

### Program Expenses

Non-Reverting	\$304,136
<b>Total 2009 Expenses</b>	<b>\$304,136</b>



# B-Line Trail

*The B-Line Trail is located in the heart of downtown Bloomington and within the Bloomington Entertainment and Arts District. It functions not only as an alternative transportation thoroughfare and linear park for recreation and fitness, but also as a popular downtown gathering place. Plazas located along the B-Line provide opportunity for theater, music, speeches and public art.*

- Mayor Mark Kruzan announced on April 3, 2008 that contractor Tri-County Builders Co. Inc. of Bedford was selected to construct the first .61-mile part of the B-Line Trail. The bid amount was \$2,983,675.
- Tri-County Builders broke ground on the trail May 20, 2008. A special groundbreaking ceremony was conducted by the City of Bloomington the same day.
- The City received three grants totaling more than \$4 million for construction of Phase II of the B-Line Trail. These grants, plus a \$950,000 earmark from Congressman Baron Hill, helped expedite Phase II of the trail design.
- A Grand Opening Ceremony was held June 26, 2009 to mark the completion of Phase I and the official opening of the B-Line Trail. An estimated 250 people braved the 90 degree temperatures to celebrate the opening of the Trail.
- The Parks and Recreation Department held two open-house format public meetings to unveil Phase II design plans and answer questions about Phase II construction.
- "Animal Island," a collaborative work by artist Joe LaMantia and clients and staff of Stone Belt Arc, was installed on the B-Line Trail at 223 W. Sixth Street and was dedicated on October 8, 2008.
- The limestone sculpture "Figured Base" by artist Mike Van Vooren was donated by Irwin Union Bank and installed on the Trail in 2009.
- A cultural exchange mural, "Worlds Apart: Always Connected", created in collaboration with Mayan youth from Guatemala, was painted on the Cornerstone Information Systems building along the B-Line Trail between Kirkwood Avenue and Fourth Street on July 14.
- "Dancing Spirit," an abstract kinetic metal sculpture created by local artist Mark Walls, was donated by Cem and Vicki Basman and Emma Loveland in memory of local musician Evan Farrell, and was dedicated along the Trail between Eighth and Rogers Streets on July 24.
- The B-Line Trail's signature artwork sculpture, "Bloomington Banquet" by artist Dale Enochs, was installed at the Farmers' Market Plaza on the Trail, and was dedicated in a ceremony on August 6.
- F.C. Tucker/Bloomington, REALTORS® celebrated its 20th anniversary in Bloomington by partnering with the City to plant 20 elm trees along the B-Line Trail. The first tree was planted near Rogers Street in a ceremony on August 14.
- The Bloomington City Council approved a measure to purchase the 27-acre McDoel Switchyard, the southern terminus of Phase II of the B-Line Trail at Grimes Lane, for \$400,000 on December 9.
- Project bidding to complete construction of the remaining 2.41 miles of the B-Line Trail is scheduled for February 24, 2010.

## B-Line Backers

**Bloomington Board of REALTORS®**  
REALTOR Plaza

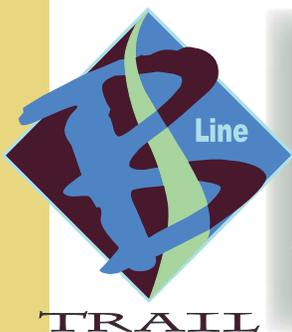
**Bloomington Hospital**  
Drinking fountain for people and pets  
Fitness Equipment (Phase II)  
Benches (Phase II)

**First Appraisal Group, Inc.**  
Two flower pots

**John West-F.C. Tucker**  
20 elm trees

**Kelley School of Business/Indiana Business Research Center**  
Bench

**Twisted Limb Paperworks**  
Bench



*The City of Bloomington developed the B-Line Backers program inviting business owners, community organizations and individuals to contribute to the overall uniqueness and beauty of the B-Line Trail while marketing their products, services, and interest in the community.*



# Administration

*The Administration Division implements policy as set forth by the Board of Park Commissioners. Under direction of the Department Director, Division Directors manage Recreation Services, Sports, and Operations and Development. The Office Manager, Business/Special Projects Manager, Bookkeeper and Clerical Staff provide financial and clerical support for all activities. The Community Relations Manager and staff coordinate promotions, marketing, sponsors, and volunteers.*

## **Comprehensive Plan**

Implemented a new five-year plan for 2008-2012. The plan was completed in conjunction with Leisure Vision/ETC Institute of Olathe, Kan. and GreenPlay, LLC of Boulder, Colo. Leisure Vision conducted a Senior Survey in April 2006 and a Citizen Attitude and Interest Survey in December 2006. The results of these surveys were used by GreenPlay to complete the new Comprehensive Plan. Conclusions from the Executive Summary of the Plan include:

- The Bloomington community highly uses and is extremely satisfied with the City's Parks.
- Satisfaction levels with the City's indoor facilities could be greatly improved.
- Bloomington residents are very well informed about the City's park and recreation programs.
- The community's highest needs for park and recreation facilities include walking and biking trails, small neighborhood parks, nature centers, and green space.
- Needs not being met include indoor fitness facilities.
- It is important to the community that the City continue to focus on developing neighborhood parks, trails, and indoor facilities while improving and maintaining existing facilities.

## **Strategic Action Plan**

Staff and the Board of Park Commissioners identified a series of goals, objectives and strategies, with input from the community, as part of the Comprehensive Plan process. This working document drives the Department's planning decisions and serves as the Department's report card to the community. The current Strategic Action Plan represents initiatives from the 2008-2012 Comprehensive Plan.

- The 2008-2012 Strategic Action Plan consists of 18 major goals, 19 objectives, and 214 strategies.
- Staff completed 80% of Strategic Action Plan tasks identified for 2009.

## **Significant Accomplishments**

- The Butler Park garden site was approved by the Board of Park Commissioners in February.
- The Department's Comprehensive Plan goals were incorporated into the City's Strategic Action Plan, presented by Mayor Mark Kruzan at the State of the City address in May.
- The Department worked with City administration to sustain adequate operating and maintenance funding for parks and recreation in order to sustain the level of service currently provided to the community. General Fund budget for 2009 was \$6,916,322, and for 2010 is \$6,490,496.
- The Project School leased the former Bloomington Adult Community Center for 10 years in April. The Project School will expand the facility by 5,000 ft<sup>2</sup> and complete \$1 to \$1.2 million in improvements. The Parks and Recreation Department has access to the facility for programming use on nights and weekends.
- Cost recovery goals were established for all program areas for 2009, and will be reviewed by staff and the Board of Park Commissioners at the annual budget retreat in June 2010.
- Established a partnership with Indiana University's Human Biology 401 class in the first wide-scale watershed protection project to take place in Bloomington.
- The new B-Line Backers and Adopt A Median programs were put in place.
- The five-year Capital Improvement Plan was updated in December for the years 2010 through 2014.
- Annual staff retreat was held December 11.



# Special Services

## Volunteers

- A total of 143 individuals completed the Department's comprehensive volunteer orientation, which thoroughly trains volunteers to be important ongoing assets to the Department.
- Worked with 85 service learners who represented various schools of academia from Indiana University, Ivy Tech Community College and Monroe County Community School Corporation.
- Grew Web-based volunteer database to efficiently house, update and correspond with 4,027 list subscribers.

## Sponsors

- Obtained \$83,830 in monetary, service, and in-kind sponsorships from 166 different businesses and individuals for Parks and Recreation programs and events.

## Parks and Recreation Department Volunteers

Program Area	# of Volunteers	# of Hours
Recreation Services Division	790	5,743
Operations Division	672	2,877
Sports Division	31	869
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>9,489</b>

# BRAVO Award Recipients

*Presented monthly to outstanding volunteers*

**January**—Danielle Urschel, Rhino's Youth Center Screenprinting Workshops

**February**—Dave Everton, Leonard Springs Nature Day

**April**—Dr. Whitney Schlegel's HB 401 Capstone Class

**May**—Erin Fleser, Banneker at the View

**July**—Bob Moss, Leonard Springs Nature Day

**August**—Kevin Marzahl, Wapehani Mountain Bike Park

**September**—Eric Eads, Fourth of July Parade and Twin Lakes Recreation Center

**October**—Tonia Matthew, Bryan Park Creek Maintenance Days

**November**—Marcia Meyer, Bloomington Community Farmers' Market

**December**—John Cantwell, Hook A Kid on Golf Scholarship Program



September BRAVO Award winner Eric Eads (R) and his father, Daren Eads.

# Parks Partner Award Recipients

*Presented seasonally to outstanding sponsors*

## Winter/Spring—Osmon Chiropractic Center

Osmon Chiropractic Center was an active sponsor during the Winter/Spring program season, sponsoring the Children's Expo, Egg Scramble and Hoosier Hustle. They also participated in other City events such as the Senior Expo and the Health and Wellness Fair. Brandon Osmon and his wife Kellie opened their business in January 2008 with a vision of improving the health and vitality of the local community. Community service and philanthropy are definite drivers of their practice. They are a site for Volunteers in Medicine and are constantly doing promotions that support local charities. The Parks and Recreation Department thanks Osmon Chiropractic Center for valuing our Department, and for helping us offer quality programs and events emphasizing wellness.

# Partnerships and Collaborations

*The Parks and Recreation Department entered into 49 partnership and cooperative service agreements to maximize available resources and avoid duplication of services. The Department is proud to partner and collaborate with these organizations in 2009:*

- Arthur Murray Dance Studio
- Barnes and Noble Booksellers
- Be Glass
- Bloomingfoods Market and Deli
- Bloomington Area Arts Council
- Bloomington Blades High School Hockey
- Bloomington Blades Youth Hockey Association
- Bloomington Cooking School
- Bloomington Figure Skating Club
- Bloomington Lifelong Learning Coalition
- Bloomington Organic Gardeners Association
- Boxcar Books
- Buskirk-Chumley Theater
- Center for Sustainable Living
- City of Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development Department
- Chris Doran
- F.C. Tucker/Bloomington, REALTORS
- Food Works for Middle Way House
- Paul Gillard
- Hinkle-Garton Farmstead
- Hoosier Heights Indoor Climbing Facility
- Hoosier Hills Food Bank
- Indiana University School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation
- Interfaith Based Coalition
- Ivy Tech Community College—Bloomington
- Jazzercise, Inc.
- Lake Monroe Sailing Association
- Monroe County Civic Theater
- Monroe County Community School Corporation
- Monroe County Cooperative Extension Service
- Monroe County United Ministries
- Mother Hubbard's Cupboard
- Old National Bank
- Panache School of Ballroom and Social Dance
- Plant a Row for the Hungry
- Pinnacle Marketing
- The Project School
- Redbud Hills
- Rhino's Youth Center
- Special Olympics Indiana Monroe County
- Subway Real Estate
- The Ryder Film Series
- Tim Terry Jewelry
- Wachovia Securities
- Walnut Street Sampler Studio
- White River Co-op
- Worm's Way
- Wylie House Museum
- YMCA of Monroe County, Inc.

## Staff Milestones *Milestones of Service for 2009*

### **5 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Todd Fleener, Golf Programs Coordinator  
Amy Shrake, Inclusive Recreation Coordinator

### **10 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Chris Lamb, Athletic Fields Working Foreman

### **15 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Dennis Helms, Motor Equipment Operator  
Judy Seigle, Office Manager

### **20 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Jim Roach, Sports Facilities Supervisor  
John Turnbull, Sports Division Director

### **35 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Mark Thrasher, Golf Course Superintendent

# Grants and Awards

*The Department actively pursues grant opportunities to supplement funding received through other sources.*

**Indiana Brownfields Program/Indiana Finance Authority .....** **\$400,000**  
Remediation grant for the B-Line Trail

**National Inclusion Project .....** **\$10,000**  
Let's ALL Play grant for community awareness about inclusion

**Lake & River Enhancement Program, Indiana Department of Natural Resources .....** **\$6,750**  
Control of invasive aquatic plants at Griffy Lake

**Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society .....** **\$150**  
Field trip transportation grant for Leonard Springs Nature Day training

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act .....** **\$2,057,000**  
B-Line Trail

**Transportation Community System Preservation/Federal Highway Administration .....** **\$889,200**  
B-Line Trail

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act .....** **\$374,752**  
Jackson Creek Trail

**Monroe County Children Matter/Community Alliance to Promote Education .....** **\$20,020**  
Family Resource Center Coordinator

**Indiana State Department of Agriculture Farmer's Market Cost Share .....** **\$1,000**  
Cost share program for Farmers' Market promotion and marketing

**Bloomington Community Park and Recreation Foundation .....** **\$9,142**  
Scholarships from the Olcott Youth Endowment Fund

**Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County .....** **\$1,262**  
Foundation Reserve Fund

**Amateur Softball Association Board of Directors Northern Territory Representative**  
Mick Renneisen, Administrator, Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department

**One of 41 Sports Destinations to Watch**  
SportsEvents Magazine

**Engineering Excellence Merit Award—Indiana Branch of the American Council of Engineering Companies**  
B-Line Trail Phase I

**Playful City USA Designation—KaBOOM!**

**Indiana Park and Recreation Association Chair Elect, Community Section**  
John Turnbull, Sports Division Director

**Tree City USA—National Arbor Day Foundation**  
25th Consecutive Year

**James Farrell ASA Award of Excellence—National Softball Tournament**  
Amateur Softball Association

# Staff

*The Department has a professional and connected staff of long-standing members of our community dedicated to providing quality parks, recreation and sports services.*

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mick Renneisen.....Department Director  
 Paula McDevitt.....Recreation Services Director  
 John Turnbull.....Sports Director  
 Dave Williams.....Operations and Development Director

## PROGRAM SUPERVISORS/MANAGERS

Rebecca Barrick-Higgins.....Community Events Manager  
 J.D. Boruff.....Operations Superintendent  
 Jason Calhoun.....Golf Facilities Manager  
 Steve Cotter.....Natural Resources Manager  
 Jay Davidson.....City Landscaper/Sexton  
 Cheryl Elmore.....Business/Special Projects Manager  
 Lee Huss.....Urban Forester  
 Beverly Johnson.....Recreation Programs Manager  
 Julie Ramey.....Community Relations Manager  
 James Roach.....Sports Facilities Supervisor  
 Judy Seigle.....Office Manager  
 Mark Sterner.....Sports Area Manager  
 Mark Thrasher.....Golf Course Superintendent

## COORDINATORS/SPECIALISTS

Leslie Brinson.....Program/Facility Coordinator  
 Lysie Burton.....Program Specialist  
 Lindsay Buuck.....Health/Wellness Coordinator  
 Ellen Campbell.....Graphic Designer  
 Bradley Drake.....Program Specialist  
 Barb Dunbar.....Operations Division Coordinator  
 Daren Eads.....Program/Facility Coordinator  
 Kim Ecenbarger.....Special Services Coordinator  
 Todd Fleener.....Golf Programs Coordinator  
 Rob Gilchrist.....Aquatics/Sports Coordinator  
 Kristy LeVert.....Program Specialist  
 Sarah Nix.....Program/Facility Coordinator  
 Tim Pritchett.....Program/Facility Coordinator  
 Bill Ream.....Program/Facility Coordinator  
 Karen Serfling.....Program Specialist  
 Briana Schunzel.....Membership Coordinator  
 Amy Shrake.....Inclusive Recreation Coordinator  
 H. Michael Simmons.....Program Specialist  
 Angie Smith.....Natural Resources Coordinator  
 Elizabeth Tompkins.....Natural Resources Coordinator  
 Chris Truelock.....Youth Sports Coordinator  
 Dee Tuttle.....Sports Coordinator  
 Marcia Veldman.....Program/Facility Coordinator  
 Anna Weigand.....Program/Facility Coordinator

## OFFICE STAFF

Lara Burns.....Customer Service Representative  
 Renee Langley.....Bookkeeper  
 Brenda McGlothlin.....Customer Service Representative  
 Lesilyn Neely.....Customer Service Representative

## OPERATIONS STAFF

John Barnes.....Master MEO  
 Henry Dyer.....Construction Working Foreman  
 Don Foddrill.....Facilities Working Foreman  
 Curtis Gilstrap.....Cemeteries/Landscaping Working Foreman  
 Rickey Hardin.....Working Foreman  
 Dennis Helms.....MEO II  
 Don Hollingsworth.....Equipment Maintenance Mechanic  
 Dan Kluesner.....Sports Laborer  
 Ted Ladyman.....Laborer II  
 Chris Lamb.....Athletic Fields Working Foreman  
 Rick Owings.....Custodian  
 Keith Parr.....Equipment Maintenance Mechanic  
 Kevin Prince.....Laborer II  
 Carl Retzlaff.....Laborer II  
 Larry Richardson.....Laborer II  
 Dennis Robertson.....Master MEO  
 John Schoonover.....Laborer II  
 Rob Turpin.....Operations Crew Leader



*City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation:  
 Winner of the 2007 National Gold Medal Award  
 for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management  
 from the National Recreation and Park Association.*

# Message from the Board of Park Commissioners

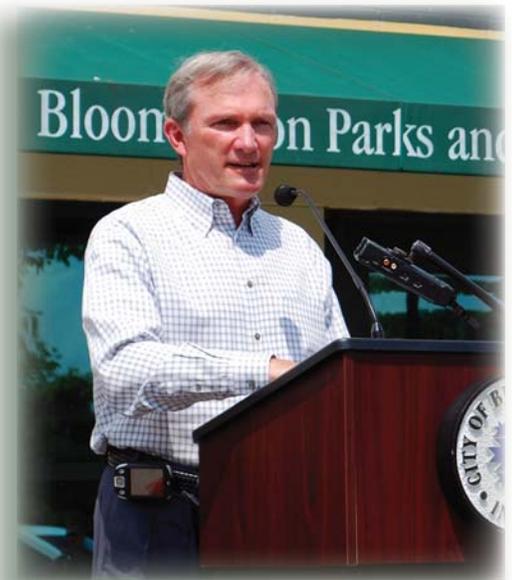
As I looked over the list of activities and events for the Parks and Recreation Department for 2009, I was astounded at the magnitude and variety. The number of significant acquisitions, openings, changes and partnerships was hard to believe. First and foremost was the Twin Lakes Recreation Center (TLRC). Wait a minute—what about the opening and dedication of the B-Line Trail, or the purchase of the McDoel Switchyard?

What really struck me after looking over the Administrator's list of accomplishments for 2009 was all the hard work that was done by the Parks and Recreation Department staff. There is plenty of preliminary work to do when considering a purchase or analyzing a gift/donation of property or planning a new program or establishing a new partnership. Then, once the building/program/venue is established there are hours and hours of work to make it program-ready, to deliver the service.

So, as you look through this annual report, think about all the time and effort that goes into making all these events and programs so successful. Our Parks and Recreation Department creates programs for the community. This is an award-winning department. Next time you see a Parks and Recreation Department employee, tell them "Thank you!" for all their hard work.



John Carter, President  
Board of Park Commissioners



Board of Park Commissioners President  
John Carter at the Twin Lakes  
Recreation Center Open House,  
August 2009.

## MISSION

The City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department will provide essential services, facilities and programs necessary for the positive development and well-being of the community through the provision of parks, greenways, trails and recreation facilities while working in cooperation with other service providers in the community in order to maximize all available resources.

## VISION

We strive to provide the highest quality parks, recreation services and greenspace to enhance the quality of life for our community.

## VALUES

diversity ♦ service ♦ respect ♦ stewardship ♦ quality  
accountability ♦ progressive ♦ responsive

*City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation would like to express a special thank you to all of our partners for their outstanding support over the last year.*

**Mayor**  
Mark Kruzan

**Director**  
Mick Renneisen

**Board of Park Commissioners**

John Carter, President  
Jane St. John, Vice President  
Les Coyne  
Joe Hoffmann

**Bloomington Community Park  
and Recreation Foundation**

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Jennifer Staab  
Karin St. John  
James Weigand  
Carol Weiss-Kennedy  
Sue West

**Emeritus Members**

Ted Deppe  
Steve Ferguson  
Art Lotz  
Don Martin  
Jane McIntosh



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