

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

# 2010 Annual Report



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON  
parks and recreation



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# Message from the Mayor

2010 was another terrific year for the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department. Our nationally recognized Parks Department continued to offer innovative, inclusive programs that attract record numbers of attendees. As always, the dedicated parks staff worked hard to provide the best possible recreational opportunities for children and adults.

Perhaps the best example of the City's commitment to quality recreation is the B-Line Trail. Phase I of the trail was completed in 2009 and has proven to be a true asset to the community as residents gained access to one of Bloomington's most prized alternative recreation and transportation thoroughfares. Phase II is well underway and we can't wait for the community to experience one of the most family-friendly resources in the city. The second phase of the project will expand the trail by 2.4 miles and add a limestone pedestrian bridge at Grimes Lane and Patterson Drive. The B-Line Trail continues to be the most significant economic development project on the City's agenda and maintains its high level of importance to the community.

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

2010 was also the first full year of operation for the Twin Lakes Recreation Center. The state-of-the-art facility proved to be very popular by providing free blood pressure testing, fitness assessments, personal training from motivational instructors and many other health and wellness related programs. The TLRC is truly a place for families and individuals to exercise and/or participate in any number of sports leagues and exercise classes.

The weekly Farmers' Market, the largest open air market in Indiana, drew record crowds last year, and remains a Saturday morning tradition for both residents and visitors. Our Farmers' Market truly provides the full experience. Locally grown produce, annual and perennial plants, and a broad variety of food can all be purchased directly from friendly, local farmers. Participants also enjoy the local entertainment, tantalizing scents of fresh produce and warm foods, all adding to the social experience and inviting atmosphere.

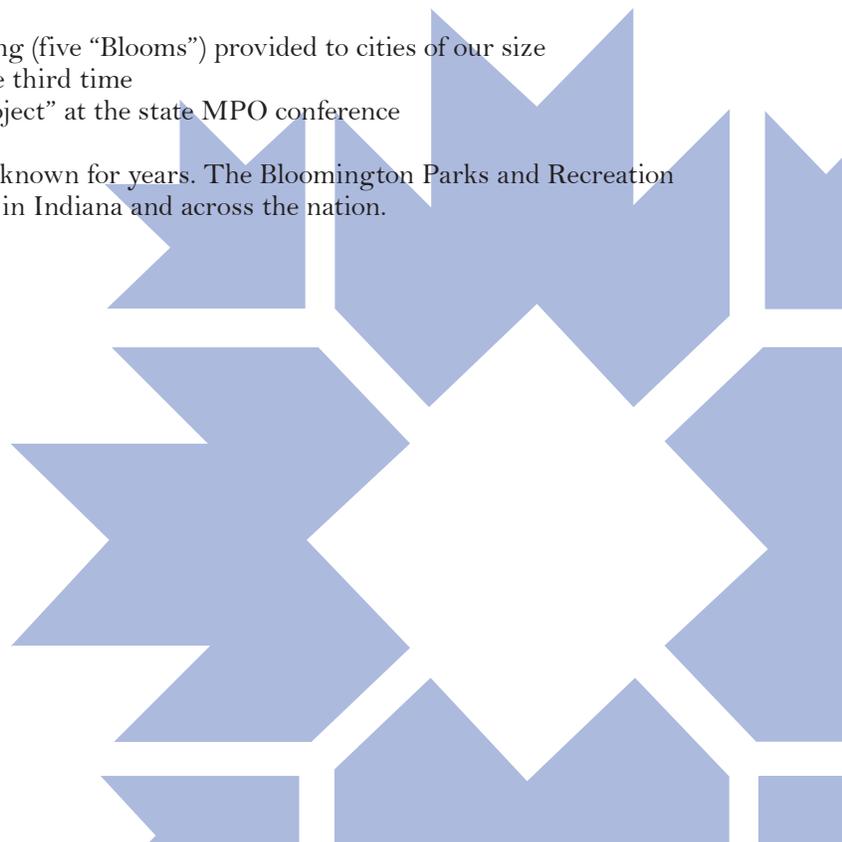
Finally, I'd like to take a moment to mention a few of the awards the City's Parks and Recreation Department received during the last 12 months.

- America in Bloom Award, receiving the highest ranking (five "Blooms") provided to cities of our size
- Bloomington recognized as a Playful City USA for the third time
- B-Line Trail named "Outstanding Transportation Project" at the state MPO conference

These awards and accolades confirm what so many of us have known for years. The Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department continues to set standards for Parks departments in Indiana and across the nation.

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. We are proud to be an Accredited (2001, 2006), Gold Medal-winning (2007) agency that professionally serves our community's parks and recreation needs. We continued to provide over 1,000 programs to our community based on their expressed interests. In addition, we have responded to our citizen's highest facility priorities based on feedback we received from our 2001 and 2006 Citizen Attitude and Interest Surveys. The following is a summary of some of the significant Department projects accomplished in 2010.

## B-Line Trail

Phase II, the remaining 2½ miles of the trail from Second Street to Country Club and Rogers Street to Adams Street, of the B-Line Trail is under construction and will be completed in the late summer of 2011. The mayor has proclaimed this project as "the most significant economic development project on the City's agenda." We are pleased our department is viewed as a key element to the economic development of our community via our role in this important initiative.

## Jackson Creek Trail

The first phase of the Jackson Creek Trail was constructed in 2010. This leg of the trail connects Jackson Creek Middle School and Childs Elementary School with three parks (Goat Farm, Sherwood Oaks, and Olcott Park) while serving several local neighborhoods. The trail has been recognized as a Safe Route to School and is already accommodating school and recreational use. A grand opening celebration was held October 5. Construction of future phases of the Jackson Creek Trail are contingent on available funding.

## America in Bloom

The Department was approached by local realtors in 2008 to consider entering a national beautification contest called America in Bloom. The America in Bloom organization sent two independent judges in June to evaluate our community in eight different criteria areas including Floral Displays, Heritage, Urban Forestry, Tidiness, Landscaped Areas, Turf & Groundcover, Environmental Effort, and Community Involvement. The resulting, unique partnership with the Bloomington Board of REALTORS culminated in Bloomington's recognition as an America in Bloom national award winner for the population category of 50,000 to 100,000. The award was presented at the America in Bloom National Symposium held September 30 through October 2 in St. Louis, Mo. In addition, Bloomington was awarded the overall Urban Forestry Criteria Award, beating out 26 other cities from around the country for the honor.

## USA/ASA Girls' 12-Under Fastpitch National Softball Tournament

The Girls' 12U Fastpitch National Tournament was the 19th national softball tournament in Bloomington since 1993. These tournaments, presented in partnership with the Bloomington Monroe County Convention and Visitors Bureau, have generated in excess of \$15 million in economic impact for the community. A record 101 teams for this age group tournament participated in this event. The estimated economic impact of \$1.5 million was a significant boost for local businesses. The tournament staff received the James Farrell ASA Award of Excellence from the Amateur Softball Association.

The Board of Park Commissioners and our staff greatly appreciate our citizen's continued interest and support of parks and recreation activities. We look forward to another outstanding year of offering services that positively impact your quality of life in 2011.

Sincerely,



Mick Renneisen, Administrator



Parks and Recreation Department Administrator Mick Renneisen at the National Softball Tournament Opening Ceremonies, August 2010.

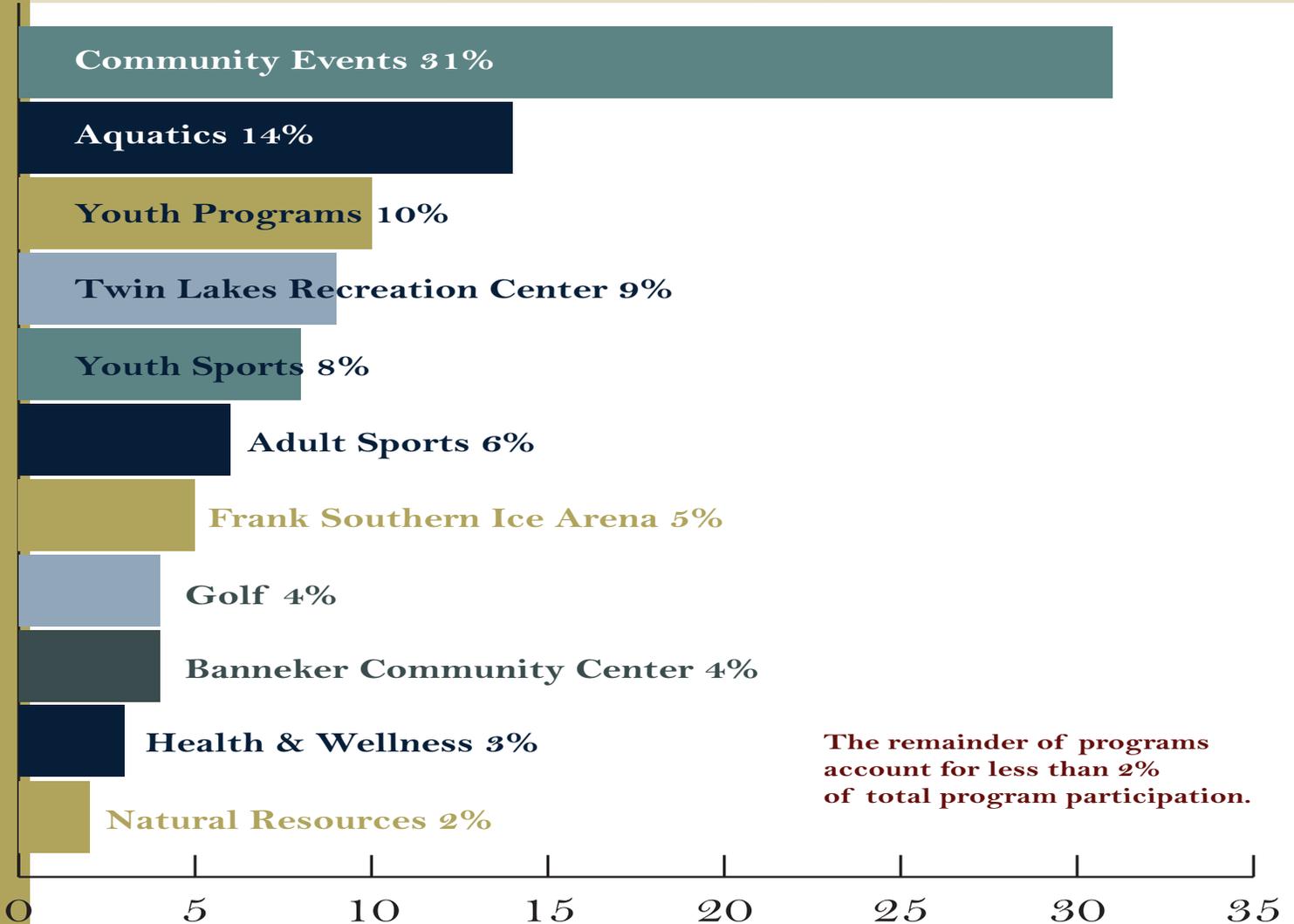
# City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation

## 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.....	258,340	Twin Lakes Recreation Center Adult Services .....	12,662
Twin Lakes Recreation Center .....	70,379	Operations.....	13,417
Aquatics .....	112,622	Rhino's Youth Center.....	3,810
Youth Programs.....	80,649	Adult Programs .....	5,596
Youth Sports.....	65,218	Inclusive Recreation .....	261
Adult Sports.....	52,488		
Frank Southern Ice Arena.....	40,828	2010 Total Participations .....	833,504
Golf Services .....	33,444	An increase of 58,890 participations (7.6%) over 2009.	
Banneker Community Center .....	33,928		
Health & Wellness .....	23,662	2009 Total Participations .....	774,614
Natural Resources.....	16,202		

### Program Participation Percentage by Program Area



City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation

# Condensed Financial Summary

for the year ended December 31, 2010

	2010 Revenue	2010 Expenditures
Tax Proceeds & Miscellaneous	\$5,259,167	
Administration Revenue	\$86,300	
<b>Subtotal—Tax &amp; Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	<b>\$5,345,467</b>	
Adult Programs	\$57,780	\$129,399
Adult Sports	\$421,286	\$684,062
Aquatics—Bryan Park Pool	\$261,525	\$313,653
Aquatics—Mills Pool	\$34,495	\$126,422
Banneker Community Center	\$83,460	\$407,959
Community Events	\$42,794	\$316,783
Community Events—Farmers’ Market	\$81,650	\$151,244
Community Relations	\$6,002	\$327,460
Frank Southern Ice Arena	\$241,474	\$405,779
Golf Services	\$803,578	\$786,489
Health & Wellness	\$11,659	\$24,259
Inclusive Recreation	\$6,118	\$129,564
Landscaping/Cemeteries/Urban Forestry	\$20,557	\$686,642
Natural Resources	\$36,026	\$320,050
Operations	\$68,303	\$1,303,870
Rhino’s Youth Center	\$402	\$96,237
Twin Lakes Recreation Center	\$892,769	\$687,923
Youth Programs	\$168,280	\$339,901
Youth Sports	\$89,093	\$324,579
<b>TOTAL Program Revenue/Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,327,251</b>	<b>\$7,562,276</b>
Capital Related/Capital Expenditures	\$298,776	\$1,434,717
<b>TOTAL Revenue/Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,971,494</b>	<b>\$8,996,993</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.*

- Installed limestone retaining wall at Bryan Park. It was constructed in the new box culvert along Henderson Street.
- Facilitated the mold remediation project at the Allison-Jukebox Community Center.
- Installed drainage along the southern end of the north parking lot on Henderson Street at Bryan Park.
- Installed new water lines to the Waterfall and Sycamore shelters at Lower Cascades park.
- Replaced roof on historic well house at Lower Cascades Park near the Waterfall Shelter.
- Installed water lines for new garden at Rev. Ernest D. Butler park.
- Performed grading and stone installation to facilitate the new Community Orchard at Winslow Woods Park.
- Removed and repaired pole-mounted art pieces in the Showers Common parking lot.
- Poured new tee pads for disc golf course at Crestmont Park in a joint project with the Bloomington Disc Golf Club.
- Installed wooden guardrails along Old State Road 37 in Lower Cascades Park. More sections will be added in 2011.
- Installed water jets to push algae downstream in Miller-Showers Park retention ponds.
- Constructed fencing along Polly Grimshaw Trail next to Park Ridge Park.
- Cut back large amount of vegetation around group shelter at RCA Community Park.
- Implemented 'low mow' and 'no mow' areas at various locations to reduce costs and promote sustainability.
- Completed construction of the Jackson Creek Trail connecting Olcott and Sherwood Oaks Parks extending to the roundabout at Rogers Road and High Street.
- Resurfaced selected areas along Bloomington Rail Trail.
- Installed new archway/sign over shelter at Building and Trades Park while working closely with Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association.
- Installed new waterlines to facilitate new construction of Rev. Ernest D. Butler Park Gardens.
- Installed seven new doors on barn at Goat Farm.

## Operations 2010 Program Activity (includes Landscaping, Cemeteries, & Urban Forestry)

Cemetery Services	36
Urban Forestry—Arbor Day	200

### Shelter Rentals

Henderson—Bryan	89
North—Bryan	62
Woodlawn—Bryan	84
Building Trades	28
Sycamore—Lower Cascades	88
Waterfall—Lower Cascades	68
Young Pavilion—Olcott	41
Lions Den—Upper Cascades	67
RCA	13
Group—RCA	19
Twin Lakes Lodge	103
Winslow Woods	31

<b>Total 2010 Rentals</b>	<b>929</b>
<b>Shelter Rental Attendance</b>	<b>13,417</b>

### Program Revenue

General Fund	\$22,107
Non-Reverting	\$66,753
<b>Total 2010 Revenue</b>	<b>\$88,860</b>

### Program Expenses

General Fund	\$1,954,395
Non-Reverting	\$36,118
<b>Total 2010 Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,990,513</b>



# Urban Forestry

Planted 271 trees in public areas—

- 100 trees on City streets
- 171 trees in City parks

Removed 148 hazard trees—

- 85 from City streets
- 63 from City parks

- Conducted annual Arbor Day Ceremony in conjunction with the planting of fruit trees in the Bloomington Community Orchard at Winslow Woods Park October 9.
- Awarded Tree City USA status by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 27th 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 the Monroe County Master Gardeners Garden Show.
- Completed the City of Bloomington Tree Care Manual with the Bloomington Tree Commission. It is posted online at [bloomington.in.gov/treecare](http://bloomington.in.gov/treecare).
- Awarded the Urban Forestry Criteria Award from the America in Bloom national competition.
- Continued to produce revenue and recycled wood products for City facilities through the Urban Wood Waste Recovery Program.

# Landscaping

- Assisted volunteers in the cleanup of White Oak Cemetery
- Cleanup of vacant lot on the east side of White Oak Cemetery
- Established new landscape plots at Miller-Showers Park and Farmers' Market Plaza on the B-Line Trail
- Landscape plantings and preparations for the America in Bloom national competition
- Substantial time allocated for landscape maintenance and watering during the late summer drought.

**Planted:**

- 18,000 tulip bulbs
- 5,000 crocus bulbs

# Cemeteries

## Cemeteries 2010 Activity

**Rose Hill Cemetery**

Lot Sales (cremation ground lots)	2
Mausoleum Niche Sales	1
Interments	16
Inurnments	12
Disinterments	3

**White Oak Cemetery**

Lot Sales	6
Interments	2



# Natural Resources

Conducted environmental education programs for 5,898 participants. These programs included:

- Leonard Springs Nature Day—Provided 840 MCCSC sixth-grade students with an experiential environmental science program during the program's fifth year. Volunteers contributed over 700 hours to the facilitation of this program.
- Griffy Lake Nature Day—The second year for this environmental science program included 282 MCCSC fourth-grade students.
- Naturalist at the Market—Provided information and activities related to our local environment for 1,599 visitors to the Bloomington Community Farmers' Market.
- Green Cleaning Product education—Provided information on environmentally friendly cleaners to 135 participants at National Night Out and the Health and Safety Fun Fair.
- Crestmont Earth Club—Met once a week with an average of 10 children per week at Crestmont Boys and Girls Club in June and July. Program topics included trees, bats, reptiles, and nature art.
- Griffy Lake boats were rented 3,105 times for a total of 3,782 hours.
- Replaced the Griffy Lake boat dock with an accessible, floating dock and canoe/kayak launch.
- Replaced skylights and roofs of boat house and storage building at Griffy Lake.
- Completed two raingarden plantings at Griffy Lake.
- Drew a record 150 participants in the Bike to Work Day event.
- Cleared three acres of invasive bush honeysuckle from Lower Cascades Park.
- Citizen Scientist program enrolled 23 volunteers who completed 167 hours of service.
- Adopt A Trail—103 volunteers spent 587 hours maintaining City trails.

## Natural Resources 2010 Program Activity

### Griffy Lake

Annual Boat Launch Permits	44
Boat Rentals	3,105
10-Rental Pass/Misc. Rentals	13
Daily Launch Permits	445
Bike to Work Day	150
Earth Week/Earth Club	259
Educational Events	5,898
Environmental Resources Advisory Council (ERAC)	34
Great Outdoors	442
Green Cleaning Products education	135
Griffy Lake Nature Day	624
Group Visits	710
Leonard Springs Nature Day	1,739
Naturalist at the Market	1,599
Scout Programs	100
Volunteers	905
<b>Total 2010 Participations</b>	<b>16,202</b>

### Program Revenue

General Fund	\$863
Non-Reverting	\$35,164
<b>Total 2010 Revenue</b>	<b>\$36,027</b>

### Program Expenses

General Fund	\$301,913
Non-Reverting	\$18,137
<b>Total 2010 Expenses</b>	<b>\$320,050</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.*

- Combined attendance at Bryan Park Pool and Mills Pool spiked 24% over 2009. The hot, dry summer helped increase both traffic and duration of stay.
- Total revenue was up 18% from 2009 levels.

## Aquatics 2010 Program Activity

Training Hours	184
Special Events	128
Fee Waiver Admissions	3,626

### Bryan Park Pool

Admissions	58,384
Waterslide	20,951
Swim Lessons	1,736
Season Passes	1,173
Pool Rental Attendance	3,110

### Mills Pool

Admissions	22,561
Aqua Fit	15
Season Passes	164
Pool Rental Attendance	590
<b>Total 2010 Participations</b>	<b>112,622</b>

### Program Revenue

General Fund	\$170,311
Non-Reverting	\$125,709
<b>Total 2010 Revenue</b>	<b>\$296,020</b>

### Program Expenses

General Fund	\$375,490
Non-Reverting	\$64,585
<b>Total 2010 Expenses</b>	<b>\$440,075</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

- More than 600 youth participated in each of two sessions of Bloomington Youth Basketball. Players ranged in age from preschoolers to high school.
- Hosted USA/ASA Girls' 12-Under Class A Fast Pitch Northern National. The tournament was the largest recorded for this age group with 101 teams entered. The tournament also received the ASA Award of Excellence.
- The Girls' Fast Pitch program continued to be strong with more than 300 participants.
- Winslow Sports Park renovations put a new shine on a park that hosts more than 700 summer baseball players.

### Youth Sports 2010 Program Activity

#### Youth Sports

Babe Ruth Baseball	15,732
BJLBA Youth Baseball	28,453
Cutter Soccer	3,804
Indiana Select	562
Jackson Creek Football	3,870
Girls' Fast Pitch Softball	3,510
MCCSC Sports	8,131
Rentals	1,156
<b>Total 2010 Participations</b>	<b>65,218</b>

#### Program Revenue

General Fund	\$53,484
Non-Reverting	\$35,609
<b>Total 2010 Revenue</b>	<b>\$89,093</b>

#### Program Expenses

General Fund	\$292,484
Non-Reverting	\$32,095
<b>Total 2010 Expenses</b>	<b>\$324,579</b>

## Adult Sports

- The summer adult softball tournament series showed an increase in events for the first time in several years. The department hosted the Dudley Series and several invitationals.
- Adult softball league participation remained stable with 260 teams participating in 2010.

### Adult Sports 2010 Program Activity

Softball	45,790
Softball Tournaments	4,860
Tennis Lessons	1,772
Tennis Tournaments	66
<b>Total 2010 Participations</b>	<b>52,488</b>

#### Program Revenue

General Fund	\$106,297
Non-Reverting	\$314,989
<b>Total 2010 Revenue</b>	<b>\$421,286</b>

#### Program Expenses

General Fund	\$376,678
Non-Reverting	\$307,384
<b>Total 2010 Expenses</b>	<b>\$684,062</b>

# Frank Southern Ice Arena

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

## Frank Southern Ice Arena 2010 Program Activity

Adult Hockey League	2,036
Blades Hockey	1,921
Figure Skating Program	1,304
Hockey Initiation	479
IU Figure Skating	555
IU Hockey	3,357
IU Learn to Skate	702
Learn to Skate Program	3,258
MCCSC	542
Public Skating Admissions	11,746
Rentals/Birthday Parties	1,045
Youth Hockey	13,428
Special Events/Lunar Skate	455
<b>Total 2010 Participations</b>	<b>40,828</b>

### Program Revenue

General Fund	\$156,065
Non-Reverting	\$85,409
<b>Total 2010 Revenue</b>	<b>\$328,710</b>

### Program Expenses

General Fund	\$360,931
Non-Reverting	\$78,193
<b>Total 2010 Expenses</b>	<b>\$439,124</b>

- The Frank Southern Ice Arena lobby roof collapsed during summer rains in 2009. After a year of planning, settling insurance claims, and finally construction, the renovated lobby opened in October 2010. New design features created a more welcoming appeal, and include:
  - industrial look with more lighting and new flooring
  - new sound system and improved heating
  - new rental skates
- Design, mechanical, electrical and construction costs totaled approximately \$500,000. Insurance covered approximately \$400,000.
- The arena experienced record attendance for the beginning of the 2010 season.

# Golf

## Golf Services 2010 Program Activity

Rounds Played	30,419
Adult Season Pass	161
Family Season Pass	27
Senior Season Pass	167
Junior Season Pass	63
Range Ball Buckets	2,076
Hook A Kid on Golf	55
Junior Golf	476
<b>Total 2010 Participations</b>	<b>33,444</b>

### Program Revenue

General Fund	\$653,731
Non-Reverting	\$149,847
<b>Total 2010 Revenue</b>	<b>\$803,578</b>

### Program Expenses

General Fund	\$640,944
Non-Reverting	\$145,546
<b>Total 2010 Expenses</b>	<b>\$786,490</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.*

- Weather was a significant challenge for golf in 2010. Several rainy weekends, combined with high summer temperatures, resulted in an overall decrease in revenue of 6% over 2009's record revenue year.
- There were 40 group outings in 2010, up from 30 outings in 2009.
- Served 55 children in the Hook A Kid on Golf program, an increase of 15 youth over 2009.



# 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

- Completed year two of a grant from the Summer Star Foundation to cover the co-pay for Foundation scholarships for qualifying campers.
- Resumed Kid City Break Days at the Allison-Jukebox Community Center.
- Program Coordinator Tim Pritchett earned Wilderness and Remote First Aid teaching certification through the American Red Cross to offer WRFA classes to adults, and to youth over the age of 13 years.
- Started the Teen Hiking Club in 2010 as an after-school alternative. Participants hiked in local city, state, and national forests.
- Kid City remained the only American Camp Association accredited day camp in Bloomington.
- Completed the first-ever summer teen trip to the Garden of the Gods and Shawnee National Forest in Illinois.

### Facility—Allison-Jukebox Community Center

- Completed the academic year hosting of the new Bloomington Project School.
- Repainted main activity rooms and foyers.
- Coordinated recycling program and pickup through the City's Sanitation Department.
- Completed mold remediation project for the facility.

### Rhino's Youth Center

- Developed college portfolio component in each of the after-school programs.
- Received private monetary donations for the purchase of two Apple iMac computers.
- Instructed new weekly Youth Radio variety hour entitled "Mixed Nuts" in which youth discuss current topics and interview community leaders.

### Youth Programs 2010 Program Activity

First Aid Training/Staff Training	410		
Break Days	241		
CITs	343		
Drop-ins	3,925		
Kid City Camps—Total	4,953		
Other Programs & Classes	200		
Project School	61,700		
Rentals	8,632		
Rhino's	3,810		
Winter Shelter	445		
<b>Total 2010 Participations</b>	<b>84,659</b>		
		<b>Program Revenue</b>	
		General Fund	\$924
		Non-Reverting	\$167,356
		<b>Total 2010 Revenue</b>	<b>\$168,280</b>
		<b>Program Expenses</b>	
		General Fund	\$179,401
		Non-Reverting	\$160,501
		<b>Total 2010 Expenses</b>	<b>\$339,902</b>



*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.*

# Banneker Community Center

- Secured a second year partnership with the Community Foundation to receive a 20-hour per week Family Resource Center staff member in order to offer free family program Monday through Friday.
- Participated in Bloomington Bikes Week; partnered with Bloomington Hospital and Healthcare System and Summit Elementary School to host Bike Rodeo and provide bike safety education and helmets to children.
- Continued to work with the Twin Lakes Recreation Center staff to run the Bloomington Youth Basketball program, which included three seasons of basketball for grades pre-K through eight.
- Partnered with Fairview Elementary School to continue the Banneker at the View After School program. The program is held at Fairview from 3:15–6 p.m. and has homework help, snack, field trips, recreation activities as well as transportation home. Attendance ranges from 40 to 50 participants daily.
- Conducted a summer food service program that provided free lunch and supervised activities at Crestmont Park. The program served 1,427 lunches with an average of 45 participants daily. Also provided free dinner at the Banneker Community Center during the summer months through the same program, serving 1,552 dinners. The food vendor for both meals was Foodworks, Inc.
- Organized a free, three-day basketball clinic at Twin Lakes Recreation Center for 90 youth in grades 3 through 8. The clinic was sponsored and run by Jared Jeffries of the Houston Rockets, and by Chris Ward.
- Coordinated the Sport Shorties Fall Ball program at the Twin Lakes Recreation Center with 96 participants.
- Coordinated two sessions of the Sport Shorties Soccer program at the Twin Lakes Recreation Center and had 15 participants in each session.
- Continued the very successful Planes, Trains, and Daddymobiles class where fathers and their children have fun building and working together on a take-home project.
- Conducted a variety of popular classes for preschoolers at the Twin lakes Recreation Center and the Banneker Community Center.
- Held annual Children’s Expo with a “Healthy Heart” theme. The event included 42 exhibitors, entertainment and free health care information for children and their parents. More than 400 participants attended, and 96 took part in the health screenings.
- Conducted Learn to Ride program in both the spring and fall program seasons. Classes continue to fill and additional classes were added. This program received support from Raymond Hess from the City of Bloomington Planning Department.

## Facility

- Provided rental space for a variety of neighborhood organizations.
- Installed new counter tops and new laminate flooring in the kitchen.
- Secured contractor to install new handrails along stairwell inside the building.

## Banneker Community Center 2010 Program Activity

After-School Programs	5,979
Attendance at Rentals	1,632
Basketball-All Participations	2,659
Children’s Expo	411
Drop-ins	3,859
Family Resource Center	3,820
LEARN Homeschool/Head Start	944
Martial Arts	1,886
Playgroups	408
Programs	4,439
Preschool Events	299
Sports Shorties	3,300
Special Olympics	1,313
Summer Food Service Program	2,979
<b>Total 2010 Participations</b>	<b>33,928</b>

### Program Revenue

General Fund	\$924
Non-Reverting	\$82,536
<b>Total 2010 Revenue</b>	<b>\$83,460</b>

### Program Expenses

General Fund	\$323,868
Non-Reverting	\$84,091
<b>Total 2010 Expenses</b>	<b>\$407,959</b>



# C Community Events

*The Community Events 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 offers to the Bloomington community.*

- Obtained re-certification for the second time as a Playful City USA from KaBOOM!
- Trick or Treat Trail successfully moved to RCA Community park.
- Festival of Ghost Stories moved back to Bryan Park.
- It did not rain for the Independence Day Parade!
- Downtown window decorating contests were held in conjunction with the Independence Day Parade and the Canopy of Lights.
- The Community Gardens sold out with a waiting list despite almost doubling the size of the Willie Streeter Gardens. Construction began on the new gardens at Rev. Ernest D. Butler Park with an opening date scheduled for spring 2011.
- Farmers' Market (Tuesday and Saturday) attendance increased 29% to accommodate more than 218,000 customers. This surpassed all attendance records in the history of the Market. Sixteen events and 82 performances were held in conjunction with the Market.
- 2010 was the first full year with the B-Line Trail and Farmers' Market Plaza on the B-Line Trail open. Farmers' Market customers embraced the space, adding to the social aspect of the Market and increasing prepared food sales.
- Homegrown Indiana Farm Tours offered three guided visits to area farms.
- More than 450 dogs swam during Drool in the Pool.
- The Performing Arts Series offered 39 concerts, one theatrical production and five movies free of charge in various parks throughout the community.

## Community Events 2010 Program Activity

A Fair of the Arts	4,890
Community Gardens	3,130
Community Play Day	25
Drool in the Pool	1,358
Egg Scramble	350
Evening with the Stars	1,516
Farmers' Market—Saturday	213,944
Farmers' Market—Tuesday	4,100
Fall Event	818
Holiday Market	7,829
Independence Day Parade	10,000
Performing Arts Series	7,965
Other Events	2,415
<b>Total 2010 Participations</b>	<b>258,340</b>

<b>Program Revenue</b>	
General Fund	\$1,232
Non-Reverting	\$123,211
<b>Total 2010 Revenue</b>	<b>\$124,443</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>	
General Fund	\$392,319
Non-Reverting	\$75,708
<b>Total 2010 Expenses</b>	<b>\$468,027</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.*

- Initiated new Rhythm and Drumming program for individuals with disabilities.
- Received \$8,000 grant from the National Inclusion Project to fund Counselor IIs in Kid City Summer Camp.
- Utilized volunteer Leisure Companions in Rhythm and Drumming, Bloomington Youth Basketball, and Swim Lessons.
- Partnered with Special Olympics—Monroe County to provide year ‘round sports programs to people with intellectual disabilities.
- Inclusive Recreation Coordinator Amy Shrake attended the National Institute on Recreation Inclusion, Let’s All Play training and completed webinar trainings on the new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Inclusive Recreation Coordinator Amy Shrake participated in community outreach including the Down Syndrome Family connection Buddy Walk, ADA Indiana Steering Committee, Disability Info Fair, SRSC Family Night and MCCSC Transition Fair.
- Consulted with Natural Resources area on the installation of a new boat dock with an accessible canoe launch at Griffy lake.

### Inclusive Recreation 2010 Program Activity

Kid City	116
Nature Days	4
Specialized Music Program	67
Sports Programs/Lessons	74
<b>Total 2010 Participations</b>	<b>261</b>

<b>Program Revenue</b>	
General Fund	\$308
Non-Reverting	\$5,810
<b>Total 2010 Revenue</b>	<b>\$6,118</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>	
General Fund	\$124,069
Non-Reverting	\$5,495
<b>Total 2010 Expenses</b>	<b>\$129,564</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.”*

- People’s University, the innovative adult leisure education program which facilitates classes offered by community members for community members, continued to expand and diversify class offerings in 2010. New classes included Dinner Made Easy: An Introduction to Freezer Meals; The Perfumed Garden: Growing Roses Successfully; Roller Skating; Beginning the Ukulele; and Soldering Made Simple.
- Of special significance was the creation of a free class, offered each semester, designed to recruit instructors: How to Teach for People’s University.

### People’s University 2010 Program Activity

People’s University	5,018
Lake Monroe Sailing	578
<b>Total 2010 Participations</b>	<b>5,596</b>

<b>Program Revenue</b>	
General Fund	\$308
Non-Reverting	\$64,493
<b>Total 2010 Revenue</b>	<b>\$64,801</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>	
General Fund	\$57,472
Non-Reverting	\$64,905
<b>Total 2010 Expenses</b>	<b>\$122,377</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 2009. Amenities include five basketball courts, a turf field, a fitness area with strength equipment and free weights, a cardio studio, a mirrored exercise studio, 1/5-mile indoor track, and meeting rooms. The department offers programs, through the TLRC and other facilities, that help make Bloomington a healthy, active community.*

- Continued upgrades and improvements to the facility, including:
  - Renovated the old Subway restaurant space into the new Cardio Studio
  - Painted fitness area upstairs and the aerobics room downstairs
  - Installed guardrail along drive from upper to lower parking lot
  - Installed new high bay fluorescent lights throughout the facility
  - Installed new HVAC control system for more efficient operation
  - Installed door in the fitness area upstairs to control access
- Implemented an annual summer shutdown in August
- Expanded concession services in May to include fresh sub sandwiches and other items through the front desk, resulting in more than \$7,000 in sales.
- Initiated use of RecTrac software for membership sales and tracking.
- Introduced new group exercise classes, including Circuit Circus, Mystery Fit, Running 101, Hip Hop Hooray!, Pilates and Ab Blast.
- Purchased 12 new pieces of cardio equipment and five new pieces of strength training equipment.
- TLRC averaged 673 daily participant visits.

## Twin Lakes Recreation Center 2010 Program Activity

Adult Basketball	11,500
Adult Flag Football	530
Adult Volleyball	4,355
After School Edventures	1,016
Attendance at Rentals	1,829
G.O.A.L. Program	480
Group Exercise Classes	9,998
Jazzercise	897
Personal Trainings	2,616
Presentations	1,722
SilverSneakers®	5,990
Tournaments	7,930
Turf Rental (in hours)	1,070
Turf Time for Toddlers	78
<b><u>Memberships</u></b>	
Student	155
Adult & Senior	372
Family	461
Two Person	294
Silver Sneakers®	509
Daily Admissions	5,915
<b><u>Adult Activities</u></b>	
Activity Participations	11,310
Senior Expo	950
Volunteers	402

### Program Revenue

General Fund	\$616
Non-Reverting	\$892,394
<b>Total 2010 Revenue</b>	<b>\$893,010</b>

### Program Expenses

General Fund	\$25,977
Non-Reverting	\$661,946
<b>Total 2010 Expenses</b>	<b>\$687,923</b>



# T rails

*All City of Bloomington trails offer an alternative means of transportation, a place to be active, and represent a long-term commitment to connect public facilities by routes that do not require vehicles.*



## Jackson Creek Trail

- Phase I construction took place in 2010. This part of the trail, approximately 6/10 mile, connects Jackson Creek Middle School and Childs Elementary School with the Goat Farm, Sherwood Oaks Park, Olcott Park, and several area neighborhoods.
- The \$327,295.25 cost for trail construction was 100% funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
- The Trail is similar in design to the Clear Creek Trail with a 12' asphalt pavement width, landscape plantings, rain garden drainage features, and site amenities such as park benches and a drinking fountain.
- The Jackson Creek Trail has been recognized as a "Safe Route to School."
- Grand opening celebration held October 5.
- Construction of future phases is contingent on available funding.

## B-Line Trail

- 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.
- 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.
- 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, 2009.
- Project bidding to complete construction of the remaining 2.41 miles of the B-Line Trail took place February 24. Tri-County Builders of Bedford, Ind. submitted the low bid of \$3,949,839.
- A keystone part of Phase II, the pedestrian bridge over Grimes Lane, was placed in November.
- Trail grading and the installation of light poles continues on the trail section through the former railroad switchyard property to Country Club Drive.
- Work is anticipated to begin in early 2011 on the Rogers Street to Adams Street section of the Trail.
- Completion of all work on the B-Line Trail is scheduled for late summer 2011.



### 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-FC. Tucker**  
20 elm trees

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

**Twisted Limb Paperworks**  
Bench

**Karen Kingsbury**  
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, 20 objectives, and 133 strategies.
- Staff completed 80% of Strategic Action Plan tasks identified for 2010.

## Significant Accomplishments

- CAPRA re-accreditation—the Commission for the Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) visitation team came to Bloomington the week of November 29. The department complied with all 36 Fundamental Standards and passed 96 percent of the remaining 108 standards. The team recommended that the department be awarded re-accreditation status. The final accreditation interview takes place March 18, 2011.
- Staff made the transition from Oracle financial reporting system to New World. The New World system will allow more convenient reporting and efficient tracking of budget expenditures and income.
- The Community Relations area produced a total of 371 different marketing pieces to promote department programs, classes and events.
- 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 2010 was \$6,259,810, and for 2011 is \$6,727,166.
- 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 January 7, 2011.



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## pecial Services

### Volunteers

- A total of 150 individuals completed the Department's comprehensive volunteer orientation, which thoroughly trains volunteers to be important ongoing assets to the Department.
- Worked with 99 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 5,017 list subscribers.
- Nominated outstanding department volunteers Dave Everton and Marcia Meyer for the City of Bloomington's Be More Award.

### Sponsors

- Obtained \$7,776 in monetary, service, and in-kind sponsorships from 154 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	814	5,798
Operations Division	959	4,006
Sports Division	91	978
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,864</b>	<b>10,782</b>

# B

## RAVO Award Recipients

*Presented monthly to outstanding volunteers*

**February**—Ivy Tech's ECED 101, Health Safety and Nutrition for Young Children, Children's Expo

**March**—Bloomington Indiana Grotto, Adopt-a-Trail

**April**—Sarah Cote, Ivy Tech Instructor, Natural Resources

**May**—Adam Sater, Bloomington Youth Basketball

**August**—Robin Schapker, Girls Fastpitch Softball

**September**—Gretchen Scott, Bloomington in Bloom initiative

**October**—The Cemetery Committee of Monroe County History Center, White Oak Cemetery

**November**—Mara Flynn, Farmers' Market

**December**—Katie Bartunek and Ijah McCully, Willie Streeter Community Garden



December BRAVO Award winners Ijah McCully (L) and Katie Bartunek (R) with Garden Supervisor Jessica Williams.

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## arks Partner Award Recipients

*Presented seasonally to outstanding sponsors*

**Winter/Spring**—Bloomington Iron and Metal, Inc.  
Bloomington Youth Basketball sponsor

**Summer**—Elder Care Connections, Inc.  
Senior Expo sponsor

**Fall/Winter**—Kleindorfer's Hardware  
Allison-Jukebox Community Center and Baneker Community Center sponsor

# Partnerships and Collaborations

*The Parks and Recreation Department entered into 52 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 2010:*

- Active Living Coalition
- American Red Cross
- Arthur Murray Dance Studio
- Babe Ruth Baseball Association
- Barnes and Noble Booksellers
- Be Glass
- Bloomingfoods Market and Deli
- Bloomington Blades High School Hockey
- Bloomington Blades Youth Hockey Association
- Bloomington Commission on Sustainability
- Bloomington Cooking School
- Bloomington Environmental Commission
- Bloomington Figure Skating Club
- Bloomington Hospital and Healthcare System
- Bloomington Junior League Baseball Association
- Bloomington Kitchen Incubator
- Bloomington Lifelong Learning Coalition
- Bloomington Organic Gardeners Association
- Bloomington Soccer (Chris Doran)
- Center for Sustainable Living
- City of Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development Department
- City of Bloomington Utilities Department
- Comprehensive Health Issues Committee
- Downtown Bloomington Inc.
- Food Works for Middle Way House
- Hilltop Garden and Nature Center
- Hinkle-Garton Farmstead
- 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 Parks & Recreation
- 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 Partnerships
- The Project School
- Rhino's Youth Center
- Richland Bean Blossom School Corporation
- Special Olympics Indiana Monroe County
- Sweet Claire Gourmet Bakery
- The Ryder Film Series
- White River Co-op
- Worm's Way
- Wylie House Museum
- YMCA of Monroe County, Inc.

## Staff Milestones

### *Milestones of Service for 2010*

#### **15 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Chris Truelock, Sports Coordinator  
Steve Cotter, Natural Resources Manager

#### **20 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Renee Langley, Bookkeeper  
Daren Eads, Facility Coordinator

#### **30 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Carl Retzlaff, Laborer

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## Grants and Awards

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

<b>American Recovery and Reinvestment Act</b> .....	\$47,457.81
Jackson Creek Trail construction	
<b>National Inclusion Project</b> .....	\$8,000
Let's ALL Play grant for community awareness about inclusion	
<b>Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County—Olcott Endowment Fund</b> .....	\$8,744
Scholarships for children to participate in Parks and Recreation Department programs	
<b>Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County</b> .....	\$6,024
Latimer Woods/Brown's Woods	
<b>Indiana Department of Education</b> .....	\$5,265.36
Summer Food Service Program at the Banneker Community Center	
<b>The Raymond Foundation</b> .....	\$5,000
Leonard Springs Nature Days	
<b>Summer Star Program</b> .....	\$5,000
Griffy Lake Nature Days	
<b>Summer Star Program</b> .....	\$3,780
Summer camp scholarships	
<b>Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County</b> .....	\$2,376.74
Leonard Springs Nature Days	
<b>Bloomington Bicycle Club</b> .....	\$1,480
Bloomington Bikes Week	
<b>Indiana State Department of Agriculture Farmers' Market Cost Share</b> .....	\$1,000
Cost share program for Farmers' Market promotion and marketing	
<b>Boston Scientific Foundation</b> .....	\$505.85
Weather station for Kid City Summer Camp	
<b>National America in Bloom Community Designation—Population Class 50,000–100,000</b>	
America in Bloom	
<b>Urban Forestry Criteria Award—all population classes</b>	
America in Bloom	
<b>Outstanding Transportation Project—B-Line Trail</b>	
Indiana Metropolitan Planning Organization	
<b>Engineering Excellence Merit Award—B-Line Trail</b>	
Indiana Branch of the American Council of Engineering Companies	
<b>Public Improvement Award—B-Line Trail</b>	
Downtown Bloomington Inc.	
<b>Best Uniquely Bloomington Attraction Award—B-Line Trail</b>	
Bloomington Monroe County Convention and Visitors Bureau	
<b>Farnsworth Award for Best Youth Entertainment Feature—Youth Radio Program</b>	
Public Access Providers	
<b>Outstanding Tree Board—Bloomington Tree Commission</b>	
Indiana Urban Forest Council	
<b>Playful City USA Designation</b>	
KaBOOM!	
<b>Tree City USA—27th consecutive year</b>	
National Arbor Day Foundation	
<b>James Farrell ASA Award of Excellence—National Softball Tournament</b>	
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  
 Tim Fulton.....Sports Facilities Supervisor  
 Lee Huss.....Urban Forester  
 Beverly Johnson.....Recreation Programs Manager  
 Julie Ramey.....Community Relations Manager  
 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  
 Kirsten Prange.....Membership 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  
 Elizabeth Tompkins.....Natural Resources Coordinator  
 Chris Truelock.....Youth Sports Coordinator  
 Dee Tuttle.....Sports Coordinator  
 Marcia Veldman.....Program/Facility Coordinator

## OFFICE STAFF

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

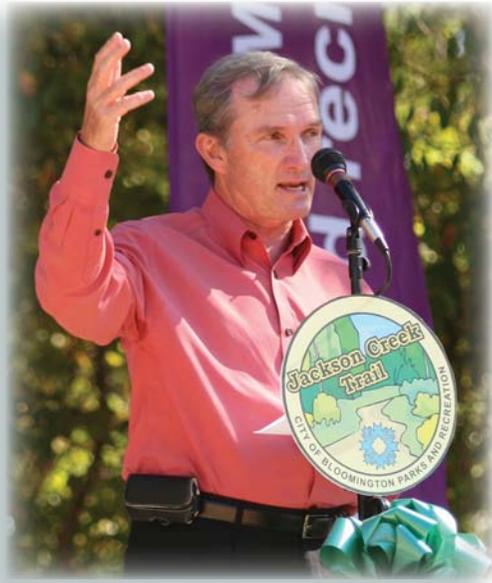
## OPERATIONS STAFF

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  
 Mike Hollingsworth.....Laborer II  
 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



Board of Park Commissioners President  
John Carter at the Jackson Creek Trail  
Grand Opening, October 2010.

Another year has passed by and I am writing my fourth letter for the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department Annual Report. The great thing about this little assignment is reviewing all the accomplishments and events that took place in 2010.

The USA/ASA Girls' Class A 12-Under Fastpitch National Softball tournament was a great hit (pun intended) in August, although it was really hot. More than 100 teams participated, making this one of the largest tournaments Bloomington has ever hosted. Kudos go to all the staff for the long hours and trying environment.

The Farmers' Market continues to grow in so many ways. It is the place to be on Saturday mornings. The number of attendees per day has doubled in the past seven years to about 6,000 people. The Market Advisory Council is a strong body that has represented the vendors, the community and the department very well.

The department staff is always able to function incredibly well whenever the need arises. Partnerships with organizations like Bloomington Hospital and Rhino's for kids and young adults or business sponsors for the summer music performances in parks around town show a dedication to the community and enhances our quality of life. Bloomington garnered the city a first place in the America in Bloom competition and the department staff had a big hand in the year-long project. For the third year in a row Bloomington was recognized for its ongoing commitment to play when it was again selected for Playful City USA designation. The partners in this endeavor were the Monroe County YMCA,

Monroe County Community School Corporation, and Bloomington Parks and Recreation.

Parks and Recreation staff continue to have an outstanding commitment to the community through the programs, services and events. They may create events (Drool in the Pool), co-sponsor an event or activity (hockey leagues) or manage an activity like adult softball leagues. They garner grants from organizations like the National Inclusion Project, which partnered with the department for the third year to allow children with disabilities to fully participate in Kid City summer camp over the summer. The partnership included training, consulting, networking, and an award of \$8,000.

From the City of Bloomington Web site, this news bite: "The city's B-Line Trail gathered kudos from state officials this month as it was named the year's Outstanding Transportation Project in the State of Indiana by the Indiana Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) during their annual conference in Jeffersonville, Ind., September 16." Speaking of trails, the opening and dedication of the Jackson Creek Trail occurred on a glorious afternoon in early October. Mayor Mark Krusan and INDOT officials were able to participate in the event with many students from nearby Childs Elementary School. Students use the new trail to bike and walk to school daily.

Quickly approaching is another opportunity for the public to tell the department about parks—what they use, when they use it, what they would like to have access to, and so on. A new Citizen Survey will be distributed at random to members of the Bloomington community in 2011. If you receive one, please be sure to complete it and give us your opinion.

Bloomington truly has a Gold Medal Award winning Parks and Recreation Department and it is the people in the department that are its lifeblood. They all make Bloomington a great place to live. I do not need to mention the Park and Recreation Foundation for providing vital resources to the department for scholarships first and foremost, but also for providing community members a way to give back to their community. Thanks, everyone, and go recreate!

John Carter, President  
Board of Park Commissioners

**Mayor**  
Mark Kruzan

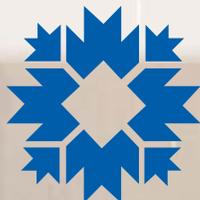
**Director**  
Mick Renneisen

**Board of Park Commissioners**  
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Art Lotz  
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Jane McIntosh  
Pat Mulholland



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**  
parks and recreation

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

