

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Our mission is to provide the entire community with the highest quality Park and Recreation services, delivered in a professional and friendly manner. We achieve our mission by offering different programs, activities, and events for our entire community.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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ROBERTS PARK OFFUTTS PARK JOHN CONNER NATURE PRESERVE J. LONG MEMORIAL 2ND ST. PARK **INDUSTRIAL PARK** FRAZEE PARK SOCCER COMPLEX **BASEBALL COMPLEX** RIVER'S EDGE CANOE LAUNCH RIVER'S EDGE **CLIO FOUNTAIN ROBERTS BARK PARK** LONGWOOD BRIDGE JAMES ROBERTS BUILDING JOHN H. MILLER BUILDING AMPHITHEATER AND RACE TRACK **RED CROSS AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS OPEN AIR SHELTERS ROBERTS PARK FAMILY AQUATICS CENTER**

PROGRAMMING

SUMMER DISCOVERY
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LIVING WELL, AGING WELL

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Park Board



Left to Right: Sasha Henderson, Amy Hammons, Angie McMullen, Julie Fisher, Ann Kirschner, Vane Lashua

The Board of Connersville Parks and Recreation aims to share their opinions and perspectives on the City's Parks and Recreation programs, facilities, and services. Board members are to establish Park policies with the Director and approve all changes to the Park policy.

The 2024 Parks and Recreation Board roles are as follows: Amy Hammons, President; and Angie McMullen, Vice President.

The Connersville Parks Department and its Board operate under the provision of the "Indiana Parks and Recreation Law" IC 36-10-3, in accordance with Connersville City ordinance.

Minutes and agendas from each of the 2024 meetings of the Connersville Parks and Recreation Board can be found on the Connersville Parks Department website: https://www.connersvillecommunity.com/connersville/city-departments/parks-recreation/. You can also watch the meetings live on our local CityTV 3 on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 pm or at: youtube.com/localtv3.



Roberts Park



Babe Ruth
Baseball Complex



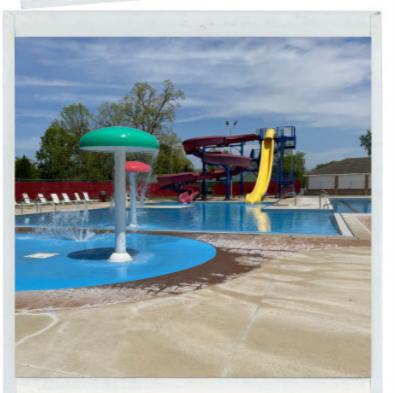
John Conner Nature Preserve



J. Long Memorial 2nd Street Park



Nickel Plate Trail



Aquatics Facility



Veterans Memorial
Soccer Complex



Offutts Park



Frazee Park



Clio Fountain



Rivers Edge Park



Industrial Park



In January 2024, the Fayette Community Foundation approached the Park Superintendent with a grant opportunity through Eli Lilly, aimed at funding a comprehensive five-year Master Park Plan. Partnering with HWC Engineering, Fayette Community Foundation, and Connersville Parks and Recreation, we dedicated countless hours to gathering data and conducting research to craft a strong grant proposal. We successfully secured funding and began developing the plan. Throughout this process, citizens played an active role, participating in an online survey, public meetings, and stakeholder luncheons. The mission statement, vision, and long-term goals were reaffirmed, while new five-year goals and an action plan were established. This dynamic planning process will guide park development and activities through 2030, ensuring continued progress and long-term excellence.

Goals for Excellence

Human Resources

- A Park Board that provides strong leadership and fosters cooperation between itself, the Superintendent, the Mayor, the City Council, and the Board of Public Works.
- A qualified, committed Park Staff that is motivated and customer-oriented, whose skills are recognized and valued at the Parks Department.
- An administration that provides good management and follows adopted plans.
- Takes pride in the appearance and cleanliness of the parks and facilities.

Funding and Financial Management

- A long-term financial plan that enables careful financial management.
- Adequate long-term funding that includes a consistent level of tax support, creative new funding sources, and partnerships with businesses and private donors, all supported and led by the efforts of the Park team.

Organizational Relationships

- A park system that develops community pride, is user-friendly, provides great customer service, and is supported by citizens through public/private partnerships.
- We have great relationships and collaboration with businesses, local government agencies, and the school corporation in our community.

Physical Resources and Services

- Our goal is to implement system-wide improvements that create inviting spaces, fostering a healthy, family-friendly atmosphere in all of our parks.
- We offer a summer kids' camp that combines educational opportunities with exploration, local business partnerships for engaging classes, and learning programs, providing enriching experiences for youth in our community.
- Our "Living Well, Aging Well" program is designed for those 50+ and promotes healthy living, physical activity, and social engagement. Thanks to our partnership with Reid Health Community Benefits, we're able to offer these wonderful activities.
- Our youth sports programs encourage physical activity, social development, and create fun, educational environments for children.
- We provide rental facilities perfect for weddings, parties, and special events.



Our Vision



J. Long Memorial 2nd Street Park "2024 Community Day of Sharing"

Planning and Growth

- A strong commitment to planning that responds to community desires and results in multi-year plans that can be realistically implemented and funded.
- A park system that works to achieve goals set in our Park Master Plan.
- 2024 completion of Longwood Bridge
- 2025 set completion for J. Long Memorial 2nd Street Park
- 2025 plans for work at River's Edge Park, Offutts Park, and Roberts Park along with park trail systems will connect citizens to parks and community businesses.



Longwood Bridge

Community Needs/Issues

The highest needs and priorities based on community input are as follows:

- Safe walking trails throughout Roberts Park and connectivity from Roberts Park to Nickel Plate Trail.
- Walking trails that provide connectivity throughout the north side of the City of Connersville.
- Nature trails throughout John Conner Nature Preserve.
- On-going maintenance
- Rivers Edge development
- Upgrade playgrounds system-wide
- Upgrade tennis and basketball courts systemwide
- Inclusive playground at Roberts Park



J. Long Memorial 2nd Street Park



Since January 2023, Marla Steele has served as Superintendent of Parks and Recreation. Under her leadership, the Parks administration and staff team have worked together to best serve the leisure needs of Connersville citizens in accordance with the Department's Mission.

Organization

The Department is composed of the following divisions: Administrative Services, Park Operations, Aquatics, Summer Discovery Camp, Sports and Recreation Services



Park Employee Appreciation week "Thank you pictures from Discovery Camp Kids"

Park Operations 2024

Responsibilities are as follows: park and facility maintenance, facility rentals, trails, natural resources, family aquatic center, Discovery camp, Living Well, Aging Well, park beautification, community events, risk management and safety

Managers	Grace Williams was hired in January as Assistant Superintendent
Key Personnel Changes	 Tess Montgomery resigned from evening/weekend clerk in May Rachel Williams was hired as evening/weekend clerk in May Wilma Flynn was hired in April as the Restroom/Trash Attendant Shaine Capps was hired as summer grounds crew in May In September he was hired on as part-time maintenance. In December he was promoted to full-time maintenance. Mike Alcorn resigned in July Mitchell Jordan transferred from the Street Department to full-time maintenance in July Mitchell Jordan resigned in November
Aquatics	This division is responsible for aquatics and concessions. Continuing with seasonal employment trends the aquatics area hired: • Grace Williams became the new Aquatics Director • 3 Pool Managers • 15 Pool Lifeguards • 15 Concession Workers / Guest Relations



Grounds Crew	8 Seasonal Grounds Crew members were hired
Summer Discovery	 Logan Neukam became the Director 3 Managers were hired: returning Scott Caldwell and Tess Montgomery. Baylie Wilson was hired as a new manager 13 counselors







Roberts Park Bark Park

Bark Park- Hours 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Membership: \$12 per year per dog

Pet owners will receive a passcode to gain access to the Park. The passcode will change each year. You must re-register each year at the John Miller Community Center office.

Dog Park Rules & Regulations

- 1. No dogs showing aggression towards other dogs or people can enter the Dog Park.
- Owners must always maintain control over dogs immediately removing threatening or aggressive dogs. No mounting.
- 3. Owners must pick up after their dogs and dispose of waste in an appropriate container.
- 4. No more than two (2) dogs per person in the park at one time.
- 5. No puppies four (4) months and under. Puppies are not fully vaccinated and are vulnerable to disease and injury.
- 6. Any dog over the age of four (4) months must be healthy, vaccinated, permitted and wearing identification tags prior to use of the Dog Park area.
- 7. No female dogs in heat are allowed.
- 8. No toddlers or small children are allowed in the Dog Park area. Children under 16 are strongly discouraged in the park without adult supervision. Children should not run with or chase the dogs while in the park.
- 9. No food or food products are allowed, whether intended for human or dog consumption.
- 10. Please remove pinch (prong) collars and spike collars from dogs before entering the park.
 Other dogs can be injured while playing.
- 11. No wolves or wolf hybrids are allowed.
- 12.Owners must supervise their dogs closely and cannot leave the Dog Park area without their dogs.
- 13. Please pay attention to the body language of other dogs to protect yourself and your dog.
- 14. If you feel that you or your dog is in danger, simply leave the park and report the situation.
- 15. All rules governing Roberts Park apply.
- 16. Off-leash in the fenced area only. All dogs must remain leashed until inside the Dog Park area. When leaving the Dog Park area you must re-leash your dog before exiting.
- 17. Keep gates closed at all times.
- 18. Fill holes and stop dogs from digging.





In Memory of a loved one

Dedicate a tree

In memory of a loved one

Commemorate the loss of a relative, loved one, or a special friend by planting a living memorial tree that could last for years.

How to participate

All you have to do to participate is contact the Parks Department, fill out a donation form, donate \$175, recommend a city park for the tree's home, and select the type of tree you

would like planted.



Dedicate a bench

In memory of a loved one

Commemorate the loss of a relative, loved one, or a special friend by dedicating a park bench.

<u>How to participate</u>

All you have to do to participate is contact the Parks Department, fill out a donation form, donate \$1,300, recommend a city park for the bench's home, and the staff will order your bench and place it in a special location.





Roberts Park Gacilities

Roberts Park is located at 2900 Park Road. Roberts Park has six open-air shelters, four rental facilities, two horse barns, and Amphitheater with a race track. Roberts Park also offers a large playground area, restrooms, tennis courts, basketball courts, pickleball courts, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits and a dog park.

Reservations and rentals for any facility operated by the Connersville Parks & Recreation Department can be made at the Parks Office located in Roberts Park at the John Miller Community Center. Rental Rates are effective for 2025.

Roberts Park Amphitheater

Deposit	\$150
Amphitheater Grandstand Rental	\$300
Track area only	\$1,000
Amphitheater Grandstand & Track area	\$1,300



Our outdoor amphitheater can serve many types of events; it includes grandstand seating that is covered, a stage area, and concession room and ticket booths. The grandstand also overlooks a tractor-pull track and horse track.

History- In the early years of Roberts Park a group of citizens decided an Amphitheater needed to be built on the hillside beside the new track. In 1908, concrete was poured and a steel structure was built at a cost of \$7000. The new terraced floor had space for 3000 chairs. In 1940, one of the last projects built by the WPA was the stone wall at the entrance of the Amphitheater. The horse track and grandstands were built in 1909; the horse barns in 1910 and judges stand in 1920.

James Roberts Building- Seating up to 300 people

Deposit	\$50	
Hourly Rental	\$45.00 per hour	
Full Day Rental	\$400 with \$150 Dep	oosit



The Roberts Building offers a full kitchen with an icemaker and fridge, men's and women's restrooms a stage with dressing rooms off to each side, seating for guests, and tables & chairs.

History- Roberts Memorial Building was built in 1936 by the Works Progress Administration (WPA). The WPA was a federal relief program established to create jobs during the Great Depression. The program provided jobs to millions of unemployed people to carry out public works projects.

Administration Building - Seating capacity 50

\$60 Daily Rent \$25 Deposit



History- The Administration Building was built in 1934 from bricks salvaged from East 5th Street between Eastern and Central

building offers a sink, refrigerator,

The Administration building offers 16

tables and seating for up to 50 guests. The

restroom, and microwave and is heated.

5th Street between Eastern and Central Avenues when the brick pavement was replaced with concrete.

Red Cross Building- Seating capacity 25

\$40 Daily Rent \$25 Deposit



The Red Cross building offers a refrigerator and microwave, restroom, heat and seating capacity for up to 25. We have 7 tables and 25 chairs.

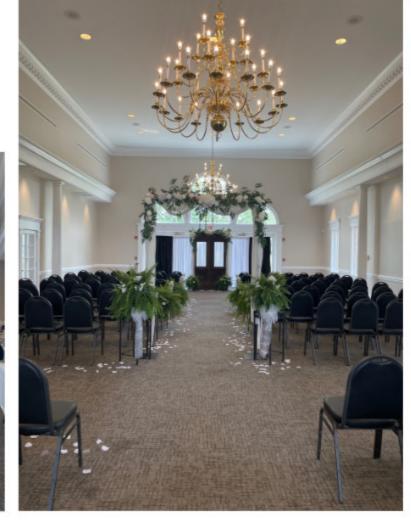
Roberts Park Gacilities



John H Miller Building







Banquet Hall

Seating Capacity 240 \$50 Deposit

\$40 per Hour for 100 guests or less \$250 for 100 guests or more 0-4 hours \$350 for 100 guests or more 4-6 hours \$150 deposit (more than 100 guests)

Gymnasium

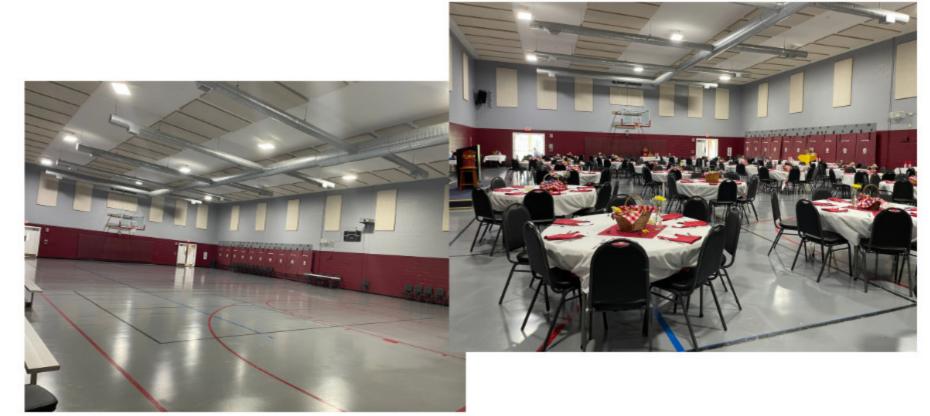
Seating Capacity 300 \$50 Deposit \$40 per Hour for 100 guests or less \$250 for 100 guests or more 0-4 hours \$350 for 100 guests or more 4-6 hours \$150 deposit (more than 100 guests)

Conference Room

Seating Capacity 30 \$50 Deposit \$15.00 per hour

Whole Building Rental

\$900 with a \$150 Deposit





Roberts Park Gacilities

Open Air Shelters

Pavilion

Seating Capacity 300

\$85 per day

*has electricity, sink and water spigot

Covered Bridge Shelter

Seating Capacity: 50

\$25 per day

*has electricity

Park Road Shelter

Seating Capacity: 50

\$35 per day

*has electricity, grill & water spigot

Tennis Court Shelter

Seating Capacity: 20

\$25 per day

*does not have electric or water

Liberty Building Shelter

Seating Capacity: 200

\$30 per day for Half, \$55 per day for whole

*has water spigot and electricity

Lions Club Shelter

Seating Capacity: 50

\$30 per day

*does not have electric or water

Longwood Covered Bridge

\$65 per day



Roberts Park Family Aquatic Center



The aquatics center strives to provide a high-quality recreational experience in a safe and family-friendly atmosphere. We strive to reach our goals each year and those goals include: impeccable customer service, improved staff training, and improvements to the appearance of our facility. By having these goals, it allows us to reach for the best overall experience for our patrons and to increase employee retention for future years.

STAFFING

The aquatics center includes managers, lifeguards, concession workers, guest relations, maintenance, and grounds crew. In 2024 we had a total of 40 employees.

- 1 Pool Director
- 2 Office Staff
- 1 Pool Maintenance
- 2 Grounds Crew
- 3 Managers
- 16 Certified Lifeguards
- 5 Guest Relations
- 10 Concessions Crew

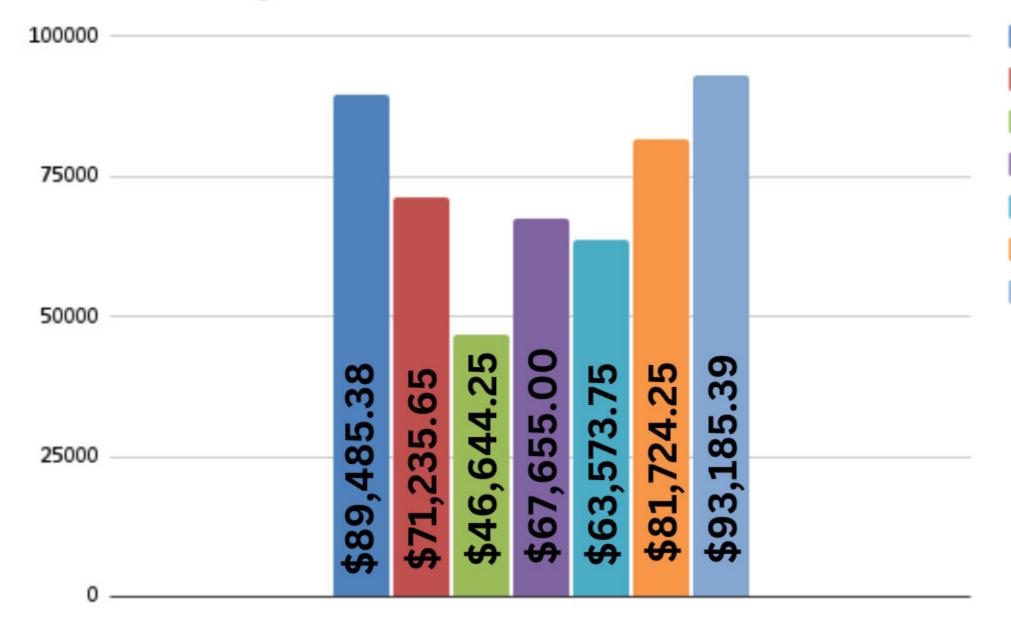
2024

2023

2022

2021







Roberts Park Family Aquatic Center

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Operational	Days	Season	Average Daily	Kona Ice	Pool	Pool Passes	Swim Lessons	Private	Concession
Days	Closed	Attendance	Attendance	Donations	Concessions	Sold	Attendance	Parties	Stands
78	2	10912	138.13	\$1,422.88	\$31,393.50	\$3,970.00	48	65	11,695



48 Swimming Lessons Participants

65 Private Pool Parties

40 Pool Employees

41 Lap Swim Participants

26 Living Well, Aging Well Participants

Discovery Camp





Roots Blower did

a course on

STEM activities.

They taught the
campers how to
generate electricity

from lemons.

Winner of our T-Shirt design contest

Carrie Pfeiffer from
Purdue Extension Office
taught food nutrition to
our campers each week/
They learned how to
prepare healthy snacks.

Programs, Sports & Events

Connersville Parks and Recreation provides a wide variety of activities, sports and event opportunities to meet the needs of the community. This includes group and individual programming which ensures that all patrons receive personal, social, environmental and economic benefits. The Parks Department Staff are committed to creating new and exciting recreation opportunities for the community to enjoy.

The Parks Department offers a number of diverse programs for all ages. Youth and adults have the opportunity to participate in programs such as basketball, soccer, baseball, softball, discovery camp, swimming lessons, walking, pickleball, shuffleboard, chair yoga, line dancing, and much more. These programs continue to expand and grow annually.

Sports Participants

Youth Spring Soccer

- Kids ages 3-14 years old
- Participants 420
- Volunteers 60
- Volunteer Hours 1,260

Youth Baseball/T-ball/Softball

- Kids ages 3-16 years old
- Participants 399
- Volunteers 80
- Volunteer Hours 1,680

Fall Soccer

- Kids ages 3-14 years old
- Participants 273
- Volunteers 50
- Volunteer Hours 1,050

Boys Basketball

- Kids grades 1st-6th
- Participants 197
- Volunteers 35
- Volunteer Hours- 735

Girls Basketball

- Kids grades 1st-6th
- Participants 82
- Volunteers 16
- Volunteer Hours- 336

Adult Basketball

- Men's League 120
- Church League 80

Adult Co-Ed Softball League

- Adult Co-Ed League 91
- Church League 56









Programs, Sports & Events

Special Events

Bunnies and Brownies

Bunnies and Brownies was held on March 21, 2024. The event featured photos with the Easter Bunny, games, activities and refreshments. March 23, 2024, we had Breakfast with the Easter Bunny featuring photos, games, breakfast and painting.

- Total participants 300
- Breakfast total 18

Renaissance Fair

In partnership with the Farmers Market, we had our 2nd Renaissance Fair at Roberts Park on October 12, 2024. The event featured, vendors from all over Indiana, face painting, Highland games, food trucks, bounce houses, and a movie under the stars.

- Total participants 100
- Total vendors 35

First Responders Trunk-or-Treat

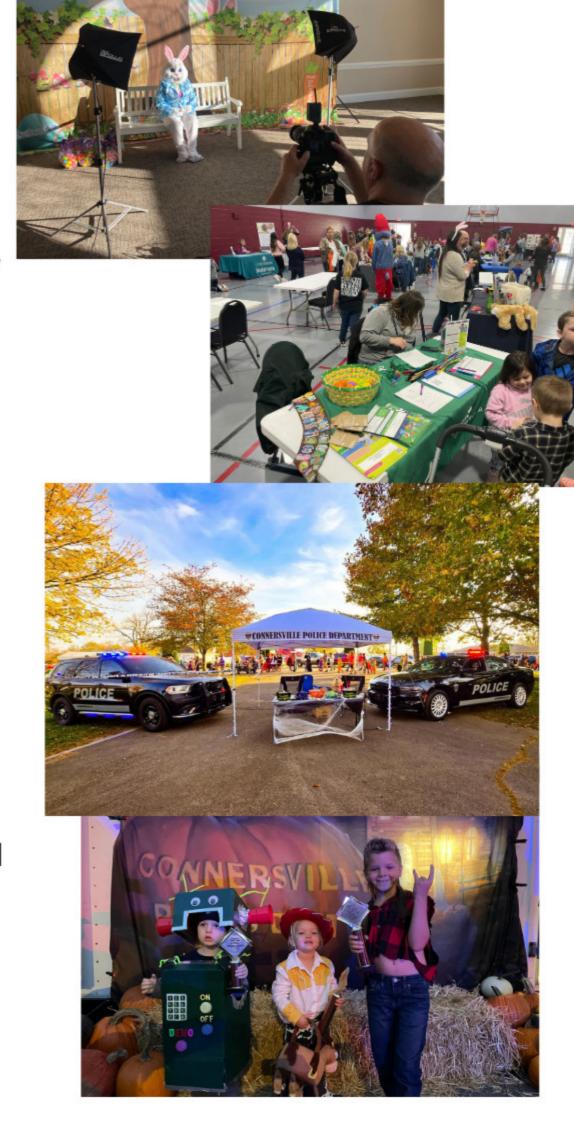
In partnership with the First Responders, we held our 2nd Trunk-or-Treat. It was a huge success and everyone had a great time.

- Total participants 2,161
- Total vehicles 50
- Total of individuals passing out candy 100+

Christmas in the Park

We held our 2nd Christmas in the Park event that featured photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, carriage rides, booths with activities for the kids, and treats. We also announced the winners of the Peoples Choice awards for best light display.

- Total participants 196
- Total booth/businesses 20
- Christmas Light Display participants 26



Living Well, Aging Well

There are many ways to create positive change in our community, though determining the most effective approach can sometimes feel challenging. When deciding which programs to offer, it is important to consider key factors such as county health snapshots and health rankings. These insights guide our decision-making and allow us to offer programs that address the specific needs of our community. One such program is Living Well, Aging Well, which aims to support the mental and physical health of individuals aged 50 and over. This multifaceted program is designed to provide a variety of engaging activities year-round, focusing on promoting both mental well-being and physical health for this age group.

Through fun and interactive experiences, the program encourages active participation and fosters a

healthier, more connected community.





Total # of participants for each activity

Walking: 514 Pickleball: 212

Shuffleboard: 138

Line Dancing: 68

Chair Yoga: 63

Cornhole: 20

Cards & Conversations: 114 Extension Office Classes: 5

Monthly Meetings: 9

Singo Bingo: 97

Price is Right: 4

Open Swim: 26

Free Popcorn Fridays: 2

Health Screenings: 5





- Open Gym Walking
- **Pickleball**
- Shuffleboard
- Line Dancing
- Chair Yoga
- Cornhole
- Cards & Conversations
- Extension Office Class: Benefits of Low Sodium **Diets**
- Extension Office Class: Living Well Today
- Extension Office Class: Plant-Based Diet
- Monthly Meetings
- Singo Bingo
- Price is Right
- Open Swim

Health Screenings: Neighborhood Health Center

Free Popcorn Fridays





Financials & Funding

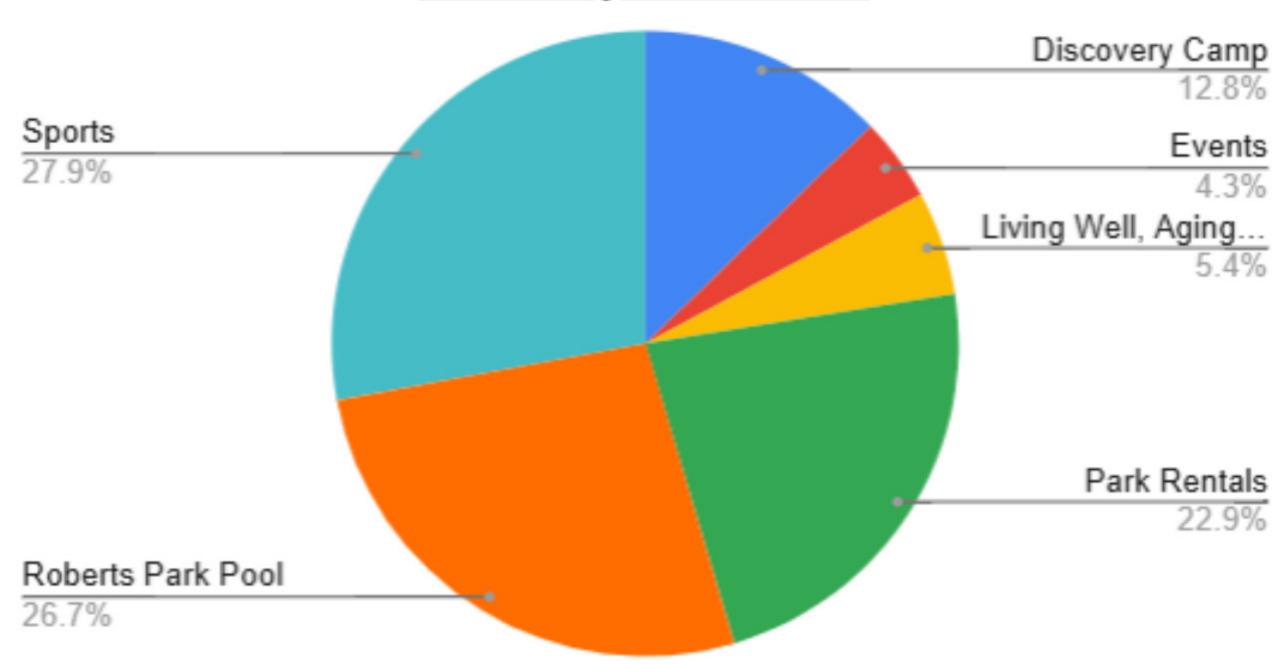
<u>Program Revenue</u>

The following chart is an itemization of total revenue generated by the Department in 2024 for programs and services:

Discovery Camp	\$45,224		
Events	\$15,362		
Living Well, Aging Well	\$19,000		
Park Rentals	\$81,314		
Roberts Park Pool	\$94,589		
Sports	\$98,851		
Total	\$354,340		



2024 Program Revenue



Sponsorships & Collaborations

The Department continues to work collaboratively with governmental agencies, local organizations, and area businesses to better serve the citizens of Connersville. Organizations we worked closely with in 2024 include:

Special Events

- Bunnies & Brownies, Breakfast \$850
 - SILVER LEVEL \$500
 - Reid Health Community Benefits
 - **BRONZE LEVEL \$250**
 - The Haven Youth & Young Adult Ministries
 - FRIENDS OF THE PARK under \$250
 - Mike's Cycle & Auto
 - Union Savings & Loan
- Renaissance Fair -\$1,440
 - SILVER LEVEL \$500
 - Reid Health Community Benefits
 - FCN Bank
 - **MOVIE SPONSOR \$395**
 - Luke's Barber Shop
 - FRIENDS OF THE PARK under \$250
 - BAM Fitness
 - Anonymous
- First Responders Trunk-or-Treat \$1,050
 - SILVER LEVEL \$500
 - Reid Health Community Benefits
 - **BRONZE LEVEL \$250**
 - Hopkins Insurance Agency
 - FRIENDS OF THE PARK under \$250
 - Ohio Valley Gas
 - Union Savings and Loan
 - Firefly Children & Family Alliance

Christmas in Roberts Park \$6,250

PLATINUM LEVEL \$2,500

Hydro Sapa Extrusions

SILVER LEVEL \$500

- Alquina Church
- Reid Health Community Benefits
- FCN Bank
- Union Savings and Loan
- Whitewater Valley REMC
- Whitewater Valley Railroad

BRONZE LEVEL \$250

- Natco Credit Union
- Hopkins Insurance Agency

FRIENDS OF THE PARK under \$250

- Seven Mountains Group
- Combs Custom Flooring
- Fohls & Sons Flooring
- Whitewater Canal Byway

FRIENDS OF THE PARK IN-KIND DONATIONS

- Combs Custom Flooring
- Fohls & Sons Flooring
- Whitewater Valley REMC
- Fayette County Soil & Water



Sponsorships & Collaborations

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Sport Sponsors

- PLATINUM LEVEL \$2,500+
 - Kona Ice- Jeff Gabbard
 - Reid Health Community Benefits

GOLD LEVEL \$1,000

- Natco Credit Union
- CK Fasteners
- Firefly Children & Family Alliance
- Majestic Care
- Moore HVAC & Electrical
- · L. Wood Electric
- Hydro Sapa Extrusions
- Hill Fi
- Pizza King
- FCN Bank
- Roots Blower
- Wings Etc.
- Whitewater Eye Center
- Union Savings & Loan

SILVER LEVEL \$500+

- Yaryan Eye Care Center
- Tim's Muffler & Auto Outlet
- Store N Go
- Environmental Grid Solutions
- State Farm-Cindy Bernzott
- Enjoy Fitness
- Wilson Lawson Myers Insurance
- First Financial Bank
- IUOE Local 103
- Carstar Gulleys
- Goughs Auto & Tire Center
- Holmes Insurance Group
- R Home Improvement

BRONZE LEVEL \$250+

- El Caballo Blanco
- KW Flatbeds LLC
- Ronan Manufacturing LLC.
- L Squared Custom Services
- PTC Ministries
- Coach Line Motors
- Trigger Point Therapy
- McDivitts Farm Market
- Chicago's Pizza

FRIENDS OF THE PARK under \$250

- Taylor Home Center
- Natasha Lutterbie-Beignet
- Rosie Moffett



Sponsorships & Collaborations

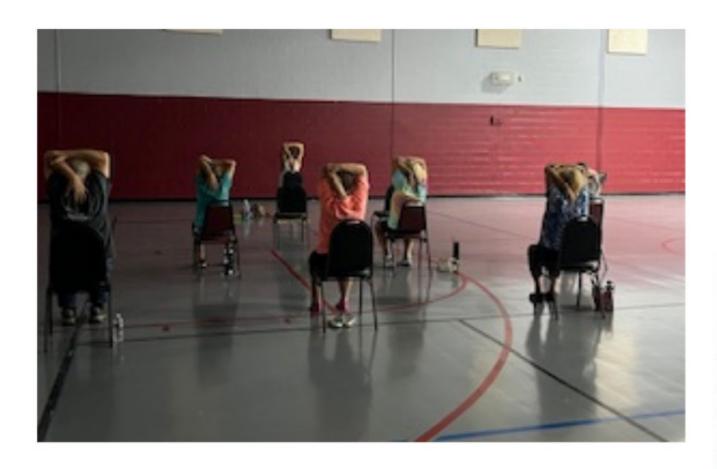
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FRIENDS OF THE PARK

- Healthy Fayette County
- Discover Connersville
- Fayette County Farmers Market
- Local TV3
- Fayette Community Foundation
- Purdue Extension Office
- Fayette County Free Fair
- Whitewater Career Center
- Whitewater Adult Education
- Connersville Veterinary Clinic
- Indiana Department of Natural Resources
- Shook Construction

- Indiana Parks and Recreation Association
- Fayette County Public Library
- Firefly Child and Family Alliance
- Neighborhood Health
- Reid Health
- Sarah Grubbs Yoga Instructor
- Becky Flannery Line Dancing Instructor
- Fayette County School Corporation
- Kona Ice- Jeff Gabbard
- Fayette County Soil and Water
- First Responders of Fayette County and City of Connersville













Improvements

The following improvements were made in the Connersville Parks and Recreation system during 2024:

ROBERTS PARK

- Longwood Bridge completion
- New tables, chairs, and storage cart
- New fountain in the garden
- Office supplies, computer for assistant director
- Mulch
- Added electricity to Miller Building storage garage
- Chimney & Brick repair to Roberts Building
- Police Station remodel
- Administration building new flooring, fresh paint
- Pool-new umbrellas, lounge chairs, lawn games
- Clean out Hillside Shed
- Horse Barn 1- fresh coat of paint
- New indoor soccer goals for the gym
- New indoor shuffleboard courts
- New indoor cornhole boards
- New Pickleball Nets
- Portable Scoreboard
- New 85"TV for Living Well activities

John Conner Nature Preserve

Fitness Trail designed by Levi Marszalek

<u>Additional Improvements</u>

- Industrial Park- clean up the building and paint the outside, fresh playground mulch
- John Conner Nature Preserve- opened in the spring of 2024
- Clio Fountain- fresh landscape
- Nickel Plate Trail- clean up
- Soccer Complex- New goals, Video Cameras installed
- Offutts Park- fresh playground mulch
- Began completion on J. Long Memorial 2nd St. Park
- Dodge Trucks including snow plow & salt box

Fitness Trail designed by Levi Marszalek



J. Long Memorial 2nd Street Park



Roberts Park Garden Fountain



Dodge Truck with plow



Longwood Bridge at Roberts Park



Roberts Park Pool Yard Games





Pool Volunteers: 4 lifeguards provided training to new employees before/after shift hours





Sports Volunteers: 250



Living Well, Aging Well: 8 members from the Pickleball Club helped new players learn the game of Pickleball



Board Members: 6





Ways to give



Cash Gift



Gifts in Honor,
Memory & Special
Occasions



Planned Giving



In-Kind Support

Inspiring generations to connect with our Parks

The success of the Connersville Parks has been made possible by the rich history of public and private partnerships that provide park land and recreational opportunities for all ages. With your support, we continue to ensure that our community is a great place to live, work and play.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Premier Level \$10,000

Booth at all events

Business featured on our website with link to your website

Business logo on banners/signs

Business logo on all shirts

Recognition of business logo on all email

newsletters and Park app

Business logo on social media

Recognition in Annual Report

Business logo on event registrations and flyers

<u>Gold Level \$1,000+</u>

Business name on Banner at 2 events of your choice

Business recognition on email newsletters

Business name on social media

Business logo in Annual Report

Business name on 2 event registrations and flyers of your choice.

Bronze Level \$250+

Business recognition on all email newsletters
Business name in Annual Report
Business name on 1 event registration and flyer of your choice

Platinum Level \$2,000+

Booth at all events

Business logo on all event banners/signs

Business logo on website

Recognition of business on all email

newsletters

Business logo on social media

Recognition in Annual Report

Silver Level \$500+

Business name on Banner at 1 event of

your choice

Business recognition on email

newsletters

Business name in Annual Report

Business name on 1 event registration

and flyer of your choice

Friends of the Park \$249 and below and In-Kind

Business name on 1 event registration and flyer of your choice

Business name in Annual Report

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