

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Mike Falkner, Superintendent

In 2010 the Mishawaka Parks and Recreation Department continued its mission by offering a wide range of recreational programs and events that serve the needs of the entire community. An increase in recreational programs and special events

was implemented and delivered based on the desires and needs of our community, a decrease in programming from other private local agencies, as well as interest captured from national recreational trends.

Each program and event and recreational opportunity offered in 2010 had its own specific goals and objectives. Ongoing evaluations ensure a world class level of service is being offered to the citizens of Mishawaka. While 2010 saw new recreational programming, existing program participation and facility use continued to rise. Increased participation and newly added events show that the City of Mishawaka is meeting the needs of all community citizens.



The City's Park and Recreation Board has continued its dedication and devotion to the city parks patrons as well as the Park and Recreation administration. These traits have simplified the implementation of park policy, fees and charges, as well as long range open-space and facility planning, as well as community recreational programming. The Board's continued passion and drive to meet the needs of the community is shown by the continued growth of recreational programs

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offered each year. Through its guidance, leisure time recreation and special events will continue to evolve for people of all ages, now and into the future. The Board will continue ongoing evaluations, ensuring that all facilities and parks are beautiful, clean, and safe for all to enjoy. Members of the Mishawaka Park Board are:

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Active Network Computer Software

Meeting the needs of our citizens and delivering world class service continues to be the Park Department's number one goal and objective. While most program registrations and inquiries were conducted through e-mail, walk-ins, or phone, the Park Department added an additional level of service in 2010. A new "Active Network" computer software program was installed and linked to the City's web site in the spring of 2010 allowing online registration for park programs

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and activities. The new software enables citizens the opportunity to reserve a rental facility, get a season golf, pool, or rink pass; and pay for it all online. Although not everyone has taken advantage of this new convenience, many users feel it is a great addition to the already excellent service. After implementing the Active Network software, the administration and staff knew that it would elevate the level of service and at the same time enhance efficiencies and reporting statistics, all at the click of a button. Additionally, the Active Network will reduce some unnecessary direct customer and staff interaction and allow staff the opportunity to focus on other programming tasks and offerings such as elementary sports and events such as "Let's Move Mishawaka".

Let's Move Mishawaka

The Let's Move Mishawaka initiative was started by Mayor Jeff Rea in July and was



Get moving Mayor Wood gets students active

implemented by the Mayor's Office and Park Department. This program was made possible through an annual contribution of \$50,000 from the University of Notre Dame. Let's Move Mishawaka, or its original name "Let's Move America" is a national program that was enacted by First Lady, Michelle Obama in her national campaign to encourage communities to fight the Nation's growing epidemic of childhood obesity. "Get-up, get-out, and get-moving" continues to be slogan used to encourage our youth to seek a

minimum of sixty minutes of activity each day to reduce obesity and the diseases associated with it.

The Let's Move Mishawaka program was mirrored after the First Lady's program but was made our own by dividing it into three categories including elementary athletics, after-school programs, and city wide initiatives. In September, newly appointed Mayor David Wood and former Mayor Jeff Rea kicked off the Let's Move Mishawaka campaign in Beutter Park with a city wide Health Fair and 5k run/walk. Since then, the Mayor's office and Park Department have been busy implementing and conducting a large variety of events, classes, and activities to educate and encourage our youth to get up, out, and

moving. Some of the free activities and classes at Battell Community Center consist of: Child’s Play, Yoga, Ping Pong, Tai Chi, Introduction to Pom-Pons, and Introduction to Baton Twirling. In the first month, over 122 children participated. The second part of Let’s Move Mishawaka included the after school programming. While the city is not directly involved with this effort, the YMCA and Boys and Girls Clubs were involved and had the opportunity to seek grant funding through the City of Mishawaka (Notre Dame contribution) to assist with their programs. Finally, Let’s Move Mishawaka focused on assisting in funding of the newly inherited elementary athletic programs.

Mishawaka Parks Youth Athletic Programs

Although the City of Mishawaka Parks and Recreation Department offers a large variety of youth activities, in 2010 the department added even more youth sports programs when it inherited the School City of Mishawaka’s

Elementary Athletic Programs. While the Park Department already offered youth soccer, wrestling, tackle and flag football, the new sports added in 2010 included girl’s volleyball, girl’s basketball, boy’s basketball, as well track and field for girls and boys. Inheriting the programs from School City did not mean that the schools completely abandoned the programs. It is looked upon as a partnership opportunity that will strengthen each entity. Working together with similar goals and objectives expedites the process to achieve quicker results. In fact, the number of participants signed up in each sport provides quick feedback on the quality of the program services offered.



Fourth and goal *City administrators Elementary Athletic Programs*



Side out *volleyball is popular program*

Elementary Volleyball attracted over 250 girls grades 4-6. Ninety-two kindergarten through 2nd graders signed up to play flag football. Twenty-two played 2nd grade introductory tackle football, and 242 boys played in the youth tackle football program. Wrestling attracted over 176 boys from six schools.

The British Soccer League was introduced to the community in 2010. While “Tot-Soccer” has been offered to children ages 3-6 and grades 1-6 in the past, this was the first year that we outsourced the program to provide an enhanced experience. Participants learned the skills and techniques from certified instructors. During the week-long session, the children learned

sportsmanship and the basic fundamentals of soccer at an age appropriate level. League sessions were held Monday through Friday for an hour and a half. The soccer program was taught by Challenger's International Team of Soccer Experts who have spent the last twenty years helping youth soccer organizations cater to the growing demand for soccer programs. The program was held in August at Merrifield Park. With this being the first year the Parks Department offered this opportunity we were pleased with the number of participants and believe the program will continue to grow.

For over eighteen years, the Parks and Recreation Department has offered the national NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick Competition to the youth of our community. This annual event was open to boys and girls ages 6 to 15. In 2010, eighty-five boys and girls competed and their skill at punting, passing and kicking the football was put to the test. Each participant received a certificate, and first, second, and third place winners in each age category were awarded place ribbons. In addition, the winning boy and girl from each of the five age categories was eligible to participate in the Sectional Competition which the Parks Dept hosted for the fourth year in a row. Although the department does not host the next level of competition, participants winning their age division have the opportunity to continue their advancement if they win a "Team Championship" followed by the National Championship at an NFL Playoff game. In 2010, one area competitor, 11 year old Kristina Lynch, participated in our local and sectional level competition and advanced all the way through the Team Championship to the National Championship. She became the first area competitor to win a National Championship. Providing this local level of competition gives an opportunity for our community's children to show off their skills and gain area, regional, and even national recognition.

Adult and Senior Citizen Recreation Programs

There is no doubt that 2010 focused on adding and elevating the level of recreational opportunities for the youth of our community, however adult and senior citizen recreation programs still remained a high priority and ongoing evaluations of these programs were conducted to ensure that we continue meeting their recreational needs. From Horseshoe Leagues to Slow-Pitch Softball, Mishawaka Senior Citizens stayed active participating in their activity of choice. Other senior sports and activities included volleyball leagues, ping pong, shuffle board, tai-chi, aerobics and water aerobics

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to name a few. While the seniors were staying busy competing on their own field or court, the adults in our community were also competing on the softball field and courts. In 2010 over 920 men and a combination of 450 men and women (co-ed) competed in the City's slow-pitch softball leagues. The City recreational softball leagues attracted 80 teams that competed at various parks on several different softball fields. The softball leagues began in May and were finished at the beginning of November.

Eberhart Petro Golf Course

I think by all accounts we have to consider 2010 a good year for golf operation at Eberhart Petro Golf Course. Eberhart began the season under new management and Golf Pro Rick Frye was hired in January in place of former Golf Pro Benjamin Berger. As for the golf season, we wouldn't have believed it would happen judging by the amount of snow that was on the ground in mid-February last year. However we opened on our target date of March 15th, and were able to put carts out on the course the day it opened. That led to a great start to the season through May, and it looked like we might have a record year in spite of the bad economy.



On the green golfers enjoy beautiful landscaping on the course

Unfortunately the summer did not present such ideal conditions, with some bad storms that not only dumped lots of rain on the course but also seemed to always occur on weekends. We ended up having to cancel and reschedule several outings. The unfortunate reality in the golf industry is that you just don't make up revenue from course closures due to inclement weather. Also, the abnormally warm temperatures in the summer season were less than ideal, and it reduced the amount of play.

We did have a strong finish to the season with a beautiful fall that allowed play through the end of November. We reached 29,000 rounds for the year, and earned \$525,000 of total revenue at the course. That broke down in the following manner: \$224,000 in greens fees, \$156,000 in cart revenue, \$80,000 in annual passes, and \$65,000 in concessions, with \$38,000 of that in sales of alcohol.

Golf Course Financial Summary				
	2007	2008	2009	2010
Greens fees	\$ 256,107	\$ 223,854	\$ 199,367	
Carts	\$ 163,032	\$ 151,305	\$ 129,185	
Food Sales	\$ 13,966	\$ 15,309	\$ 12,809	
Beverage	\$ 14,461	\$ 10,911	\$ 8,947	
Alcohol	\$ 29,452	\$ 39,941	\$ 33,616	
Annual Pass	\$ 98,900	\$ 83,000	\$ 74,300	
Rounds	\$ 33,000	\$ 29,000	\$ 29,000	
Total	\$ 575,918	\$ 524,320	\$ 458,224	

Our league play was once again popular, with the Club 15 and Knights of Columbus leagues leading the way with 3 and 2 weekly leagues each. The Rainbow Room league was our largest on Thursday night, while the Bayer League saw shrinking numbers this year with fewer employees at their facility. Finally, we had 3 women's leagues in the morning and 1 in the afternoon. There were a total of 11 leagues playing at Eberhart.

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We hosted numerous outings, but this area was probably the one hardest hit by the difficult economic times. Many outings didn't have the number of participants they had hoped for, which is understandable given the way many corporations and businesses struggled faced by tough economic conditions.

We had a good turnout for our Garbage Open, our event where we allow any youth in the area to come and play for free. Through a partnership with Chick-fil-A, we provided all the participants with a great lunch, and thanks to a donation from Mayor Jeff Rea we also gave each participant a sleeve of logo golf balls.

The Mishawaka Metro didn't have the number of golfers that we hoped to see, but that could have been due to scheduling the event late in the season. In 2011 we will be moving back to the second weekend in July, and also scaling the event back to two rounds, Saturday the 9th and Sunday the 10th.



Garbage in – garbage out *young golfers enjoy lunch at the GARBAGE OPEN*

Most of the comments we received from our customers offered high praise on how we raised our level of service and other changes that occurred at Eberhart in 2010. Having golf carts staged right outside the pro shop door was universally popular, and it also helped us keep track of who had what cart, and insured that all carts were paid for. We were pleased with the seasonal staff's performance throughout the season, as they were courteous and helpful to our customers ensuring that their experience while playing Eberhart was a good one. Most customers were also very positive about the course conditions through

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the season. I would concur that the course was in excellent shape with lush and well groomed fairways and smooth and true putting surfaces. As Eberhart continues to evolve from what was once a run-of-the mill, and not very well maintained facility, to its present day status makes it a popular destination for

golfers in the area. We are, in my opinion, the best golf value when considering the scenic beauty, course conditions, and pricing structure.

The goal for 2011 is to have a record year, but of course Mother Nature will have a big say in whether that takes place or not, as will the still uncertain economic conditions. There is not any doubt that we would be justified with price increases in the future, as a study that was conducted this past summer showed that we are priced well below comparable facilities in the area. The current fee structure will be studied in 2011 to determine if fees are adequate to support golf course operation and maintenance in the coming years. There are certainly projects to be done that would help our argument for needing to make more money at Eberhart. Adding cart paths around the golf course would not only protect the fairways when conditions are soft, but would also allow us to put carts out every day and not lose the revenue when no carts are allowed.

Remodeling the clubhouse to make it more functional and attractive is also needed. This is something that should be achievable without too much expenditure.

As for the course itself, extensive work was conducted daily to ensure course conditions were second to none in our immediate area. Although several trees were trimmed or removed from the course, ongoing evaluations are in place to ensure safety is a high priority. For every tree taken out, several trees were planted. The first phase of Eberhart's extensive drainage project was conducted and installed on holes 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 16. This five-year project will never eliminate the flooding problems that we sometimes encounter, however it will dramatically speed the drying period of flooded areas on our course. Floodwaters have historically hindered play and maintenance of Eberhart Golf Course. Flooding often impacts the play of golfers or results in closing the course, affecting and reducing revenues from greens and cart fees as well as negatively impacting the maintenance budget. While we cannot change the fact that a great portion of the course exists in a flood plain, we can make changes to deal with the water. This

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past summer Selge Construction was contracted to install drainage improvements to our course. In August, drain tile was installed at locations that

are known to hold water under two conditions. The first condition is the aftermath of a large flood event. In such an event the St Joseph River rises, overflows its banks, and then in time recedes leaving water and flotsam caught in low lying areas. The second condition is the effect of a large rain during dry months. In this instance rainwater gets caught in low areas creating pools. The tile installed will help drain the water from these low areas getting the course back into playing condition sooner.

Merrifield Pool

Merrifield Pool was opened on May 29, 2010 and remained open seven days a week through August 15, 2010. The daily hours of operation remained 12-4pm and 6-9pm. Out of a possible 79 days, the pool was open 77 days. Although we anticipated having fewer patrons utilizing Merrifield Pool because of the Mishawaka Avenue Bridge Project, in 2010 the attendance was 16,409 patrons, the highest attendance total in the last ten years. This was the fifth highest attendance total in the last twenty years. The highest pool attendance totals prior to 2010 were in the early 1990's, after the installation of the water slide. On average, about 48 season pass

holders attended Merrifield Pool daily. Total revenue from Merrifield receipts including season passes, concessions, lap swim and rentals totaled \$78,737.00. There were ninety-nine participants in the swim program at Merrifield for 2010, which decreased by twelve participants from 2009. Although Merrifield Pool has operated at a loss since its inception, staff has remained committed to decreasing this deficit and has made large strides over the past three years. In 2007, Merrifield Pool was in the red approximately \$225,000. This deficit has decreased to nearly \$125,000, and a plan for further reduction of this deficit is a primary goal for 2011 and beyond.



Mary Gibbard Pool

Mary Gibbard Pool was opened on June 7, 2010 and was open six days a week Monday through Saturday from 12 to 6pm. The pool closed on August 13, 2010 for a total of 54 days of operation. Sunday closures, as well as reduced hours of operation were due to the recent history of having minimal attendance on Sunday's and evening hours. Mary Gibbard Pool continues to struggle to attract patrons, and in 2010 this trend continued as we hosted only 1,605 patrons. Total attendance was down from 2009. Multiple reasons could be attributed to the low attendance. The Mary Gibbard Park area saw severe construction congestion in 2010 as crews worked through the summer on the extensive sewer, street and curb projects, making navigation to the park and pool very difficult. Gibbard Pool is also offers minimal amenities including an inoperable water slide and shallow depths. Water slide repairs of \$3,000 were put on hold for 2010 due to the ongoing debate about closing the pool and replacing it with a splashpad. This debate is still ongoing as we set priorities outlined in the Gibbard Park Master Plan of Improvements. Moreover, Gibbard Pool operated at a loss, collecting \$4,967 in revenues and recording \$25,462.10 in expenses for a net total loss of \$20,494.

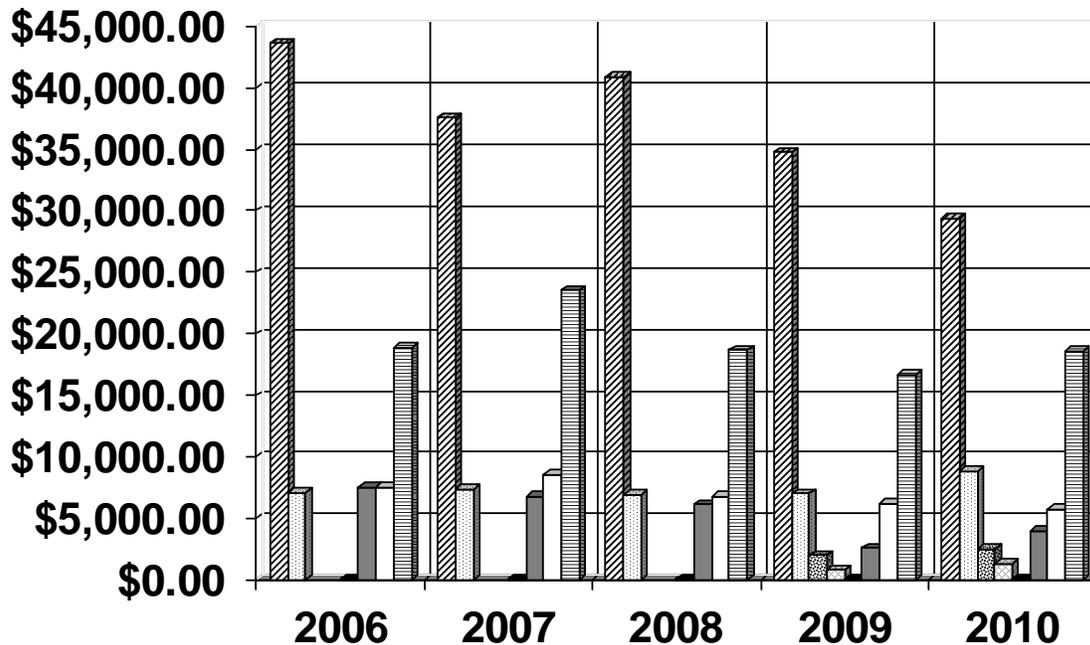
Special Events, Programs and Special Interest Classes

Recreation, sports, special events, programs, and special interest classes can be found and are offered daily through the City of Mishawaka Parks and Recreation Department. In 2010 patrons of Mishawaka visited the Battell Community Center daily to exercise, enjoy the arts in the auditorium, attend a class, or to compete in a sports league. At year end, a total of 48,388 visitors utilized and engaged in the Center's offerings and world class services.

2010 - Year End Revenue's collected for Battell Center are as follows:

1. Class fees collected	\$29,348.50
2. Room Rentals	\$ 8,870.30
3. Non-Reverting – Auditorium	\$ 2,522.06
4. Non-Reverting – Gym	\$ 1,331.40
5. Headliner Subscriptions	\$ 21.00
6. Recreation Fees (includes 1-day Bus Trips)	\$ 3,950.00
7. Miscellaneous Revenue (includes Bazaar, Newsletter advertising, Overtime Re-imbursement, Softball Sponsors, Vendor Sales,)	\$ 5,756.79
SUBTOTAL	\$51,800.05
8. Battell Center General Gift Account Revenue	\$18,614.04
TOTAL REVENUE COLLECTED	\$70,414.09

2006-2010 Revenue Comparison



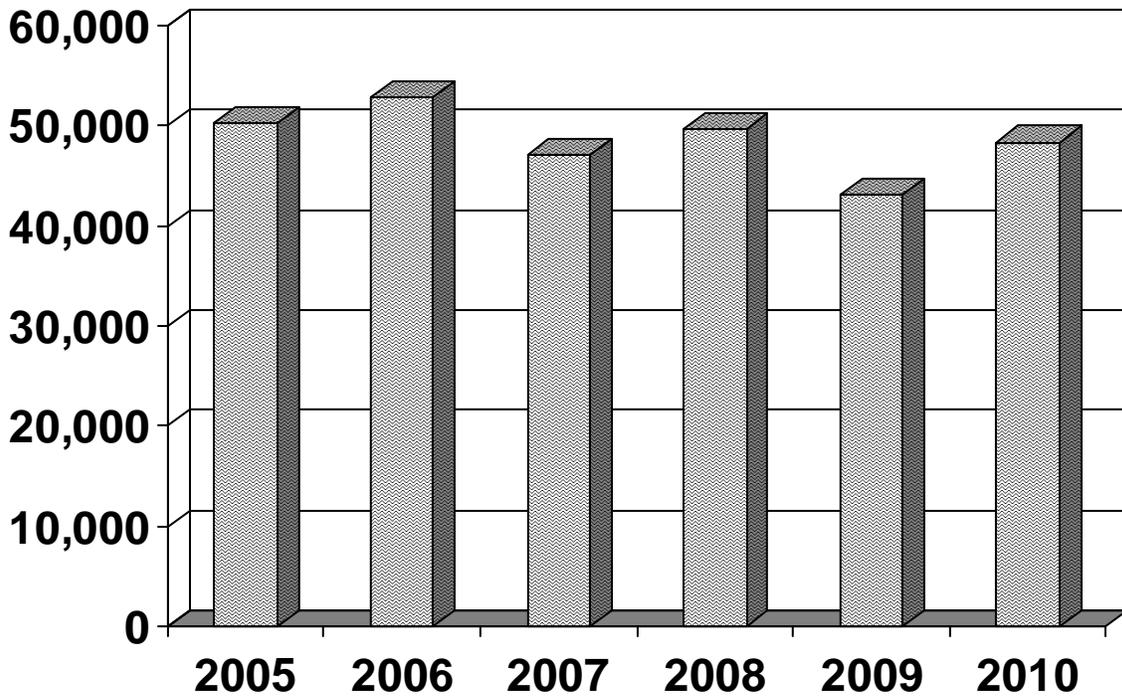
Battell Community Center

The following is an attendance report for 2010 activities, classes, and programs broken down by categories. This report depicts the usage of patron attendance at Battell Community Center for recordable activities.

1	Community Events and Functions	7,412
2	Leisure Time Activities and Sports	10,725
3	Art and Music	1,403
4	Adult Dance Classes	1,534
5	Exercise Classes	8,239
6	Kids Classes	801
7	Let's Move Mishawaka Oct-Dec	359
8	Special Events and Seminars	2,947
9	Room / Gym Rentals	3,285
10	Auditorium Show Attendance	10,029
11	Rehearsals	1,654

TOTAL BUILDING ATTENDANCE	48,388
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Comparison of Total Building Attendance



Daddy Daughter Dance

The ninth annual Daddy Daughter dance was once again huge success with 96 fathers and daughters attending this Pirate themed dance. The event was hosted in the Battell Center gymnasium and featured a full night of fun and dancing. Each little girl received an eye patch, tattoo, bandanna and a dog-tag style necklace, along with a photograph with her “special guy” on the mighty sea in a “Pirate ship”. This event generated \$1,060 in revenue.



Spring and Summer Events in Mishawaka

During spring and summer, multiple programs and events took place in our city parks including Camp Tawanchi Day Camps at Castle Manor in Merrifield Park, Bike the Bend, Memorial Day Bike Decorating Contest, the arts, Summer Concert Series, Kamm Island Festival, and Summerfest #27. The Bike the Bend event, held in May 2010 was a large event consisting of a 33 mile family bike ride in the streets of Mishawaka, South Bend, and Notre Dame. Months of planning and coordinating with the university and South Bend and Mishawaka had to take place for this first time bike ride event. The ride was a huge success attracting thousands of families and friends enjoying free rein of the city streets capped off by an after party celebration on Kamm Island. The 13th annual Bike Decorating Contest was held in conjunction with Bike the Bend. Patrons that participated had the chance to win a youth season pool pass or a family season pool pass. All contestants received a participation certificate and a goody bag full of patriotic items.

The summer concert series provided a large variety of musical concerts at three park locations, including Beutter, Battell and Eberhart Petro Golf Course deck. On any given night you could find hundreds of folks kicking back in their lawn chairs, eating their picnic dinners, and relaxing in the summer evening air. At Eberhart Deck, people enjoyed the tranquil backdrop of the St. Joe River as they listened to music. This entertainment catered to an audience of 21 and older, including full bar and kitchen service. In addition to the summer concert series, the Park Department offered a free movie night in Beutter Park on Friday's in June, July, and August. Turn-out for these movies was exceptional averaging 500 in attendance.



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The construction of the Mishawaka Ave. Bridge project, almost caused cancellation of the 2010 Summerfest event. However, after very little discussion, everyone agreed that Summerfest

continues to be the single largest city event, looked forward to by many citizens. Although the decision was made to move forward with the iconic festival, the event was moved to Kamm



Island. Many plans and preparations had to be conducted to ensure that Kamm Island was equipped and prepped to handle the massive crowds. On June 25th and 26th, the Summerfest committee experienced firsthand how massive the crowds were, as citizens packed the island to feel and experience the changed venue. The two day event was crowded but continued with the expected fun-filled activities that included the 5K Run and

Fun Walk and the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast. Food vendors, arts and crafts, Organic Market and Merchant Row were also available for everyone to enjoy. Games and Kids Activities opened at 10:00 am. The Main Stage music concert began at 1:00 p.m.

Later that night attendees were thrilled by the best ever fireworks display. Capping off Saturday was a free evening concert by “Face to Face” an Elton John/Billy Joel Tribute act.

While the Kamm Island venue was a unique experience, the Summerfest Committee felt that the island was too small and that Summerfest #28 should return to Merrifield and Crawford Parks in 2011.

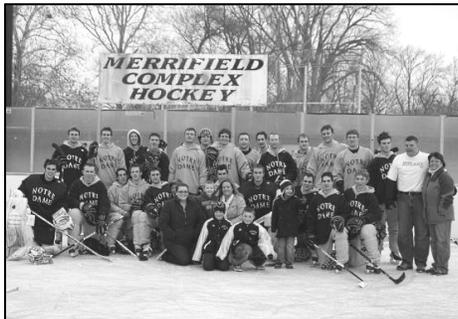
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Crawford Park

Crawford Park was dedicated on September 16, 2010 in honor of long time community volunteer Don Crawford for his support and love of our city parks. Mr. Crawford’s park encompasses the southern portion of the former Merrifield Park. Mr. Crawford was instrumental in the inception of Shiojiri Niwa and he continues his passion as a volunteer for the garden maintenance as well as guiding frequent tours to the public.

Merrifield Ice Rink

Merrifield Ice Rink opened its doors on December 1, 2009 and closed down for the season on March 7, 2010. Over 4,700 ice skaters used Merrifield rink during the season, generating \$38,902 in revenue. This total was up over \$8,000 compared to the 2008-09 season. Several marketing and special event advertisements conducted throughout the season helped increase attendance for the year. The Fourth Annual Winter Fest was held on December 4th and was a huge success. Over 500 people attended the event which included free admission, a picture with Santa, free food, hayride, and



door prizes. In addition to this great event, The Notre Dame hockey team practiced at the complex on February 12th and over two hundred people attended the open practice. Cat Country and WSBT talk radio attended the event and gave away door prizes. Both large events continue to advertise and bring exposure to one of the areas greatest assets for winter recreational fun. As these events continue to be offered each year, the facility continues to get new folks interested and coming to the facility for open skating or rental of the rink for private parties.

George Wilson Park

The Tubing Hill may be the most appreciated winter venue, finding folks of all ages flying down the snowy, frozen hills with the winter wind and snow in their face. Whether they are on the hill or taking a break by the fireplace enjoying our warming room with a cup of hot coco and a snack, George Wilson is the place to be. On any given snowy day, you will find multiple families enjoying this old fashioned wintertime fun.



George Wilson is not only home to an all-time fun winter activity but also to a warm weather activity. George Wilson is home to a nationally ranked 18-hole Disc Golf Course. The basics of disc golf are similar to that of traditional golf. Both require participants to use “drivers” and “putters”. In 2010, the course was open for play from 10:00 a.m. until dusk, from March through October.

George Wilson Park was also the home of 2010 Arbor Day celebration. In April, Mayor Jeff Rea and the children of Beiger School celebrated Arbor Day by planting 40 White Pine trees. All children received their own tree to plant at home, snacks, and an activity packet provided by the Parks Department. Notre Dame’s Center for Social Concern provided lunch and assistance for the event. The City of Mishawaka celebrated its 20th year as a member of Tree City USA.



Volunteers

Maintaining our city parks and beautifying them continues to be the highest of priorities. The Parks and Recreation Department views parks as the “landscape, or front lawn” of our City. The parks in general must continue to remain well manicured and landscaped so that our patrons feel safe, relaxed, and drawn to places where they want to recreate. In 2010 landscape services remained steady as they chipped away at a lengthy “to-do” list. Over 89 trees were planted in various parks while multiple shrubs and plants were also planted and

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pruned. Weeding continues to be an ongoing maintenance routine and although staff makes time to conduct this task daily, volunteers have become a very important part of our everyday landscape maintenance. The City has been very fortunate to benefit from the efforts of large and small groups of volunteers throughout the year. Whether they are volunteering their time at Battell Center, Merrifield Pool, Eberhart Golf Course, or parks in general, the city volunteer program escalated to new levels in 2010. While the city park volunteer groups are too numerous to list, here are examples of volunteer group activities: Mrs. Shriner's class from Beiger Elementary School planted flowers in the Rock Garden at Battell Park and around the building at Merrifield Complex. The Japanese-American Friendship Club gave Shiojiri Niwa a thorough spring cleaning. Kohl's Department store employees planted dwarf lilacs around the gazebo at Kate's Garden. Kohl's also donated \$1,500 to the City. The Center for Social Concern at the University of Notre Dame donated \$2,500 to the City for the Arbor Day Celebration. Members of the Church of Latter Day Saints spread 100 cubic yards of mulch at Beutter Park. The Mishawaka Historical Society cleaned up the flower beds and planted annuals at the Ball Band Memorial. Girl Scout Troop #45 planted annual flowers in the flower urns at Beutter Park. Students from St. Bavo's planted annual flowers at Rose Park. Last but not least, the St. Joseph Master Gardeners adopted Kate's Garden in 2010 and put extensive work and countless hours into maintaining this park.

Park Construction Improvements

Park construction improvements kicked off with the replacement of the Crawford (Merrifield) Park pavilion. Thanks to our friends from the Mishawaka Lions Club who graciously donated the \$11,000 for pavilion materials, the community was able to enjoy the newly erected pavilion, constructed by Central Services, all summer long.



Dog Park

The Central Services Department was also instrumental in the creation of our new Dog Park, located within Prickett Marina Park. This 4 acre facility is located in the northern, open grassy area and was dedicated on Saturday October 30, 2010. Due to the majority of the work being conducted in-house, construction costs were kept within the budget of \$50,000. Special thanks go to the City Planner Ken Prince for his work laying out the park and streamlining it to make it a reality. Once the city Dog Park was open to the public, dog owners did not waste any time using the facility. In fact, all city park facilities were used heavily in 2010.



Facility Rentals

Over 1,069 facility rentals were booked in 2010 encompassing pavilions, gardens, rental halls, and sports fields. Castle Manor Clubhouse again recorded the most use with 92 rentals. For the first year in many years, Twin Branch Pavilion surpassed Rose Park Pavilion with a recorded 58 rentals and Shiojiri Niwa was the most popular garden rental with 58.

