



## Parks & Recreation Department May Accomplishments

### Aquatics:

- Proclaimed Drowning Prevention month and staff focused on public education.
- Staff certified 12 new Lifeguards to begin working at the Aquatic Center. This season's recruiting has led to the most lifeguards ever hired.
- The team wrapped up a MONDA swim programming with over 629 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade students learning valuable water safety skills.
- The team welcomed the new Aquatics Maintenance Specialist, who has hit the ground running to ensure a safe season.

### Recreation:

- 253 attendees enjoyed the KILCK band perform at Concert in the Park. The event was supported by four (4) food trucks and the North Port Art Center had beer and wine available for sale.
- North Port's Got Talent, Baby Ballerinas and Rising Stars were all big hits with programs at full capacity.
- Kids to Parks Day, a National Parks & Recreation initiative, showcased many of North Port's parks and allowed guests to enjoy donuts, some basketball, and a free archery class.

### Maintenance:

- The Garden of the Five Senses had 20 hazard trees removed, the walking trail was repairs as well as worn playground surface areas.
- Narramore Softball fields, Butler Soccer fields and Larry Thoennissen fields all had improvements done.
- An ADA grill was installed at Pine Park.

### Current items of focus

- Budget Workshops
- Ian repairs (scout house, DWP, gymnasium)
- ADA transitions in parks
- WMS Survey
- CAPRA,
- Fee increases
- Transparency dashboard update

### Current Agenda Items for Commission

Joan Morgan appointment  
Prohibition of Smoking in parks  
July Parks & Rec Month