



# 2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT & 2014-15 CALENDAR

## *Enriching Lives Connecting Communities*

## *"Dedicated to Enriching Lives and Connecting Communities through Diverse Recreational Opportunities."*

This is our mission statement. It's amazing how one sentence can mean so much. Everything we do as an agency: whether it's conducting town hall meetings; offering t-ball during the fall; fixing a light bulb; or constructing an adult activity center on Garners Ferry Road, refers back to our mission statement. Our staff aims to develop a meaningful relationship with each and every person who walks through the door of a recreation center or steps foot on an athletic field. The experience begins with exceptional landscaping, clean facilities, excellent customer service, knowledgeable staff and first rate programs and activities.

Over 100,000 people visit our facilities annually and the following pages of this annual report will reflect how dedicated the staff of RCRC is in enriching their lives through diverse recreational opportunities.

With warmest regards,



*James Brown III, Executive Director*

### **2012/2013 Board of Commissioners**



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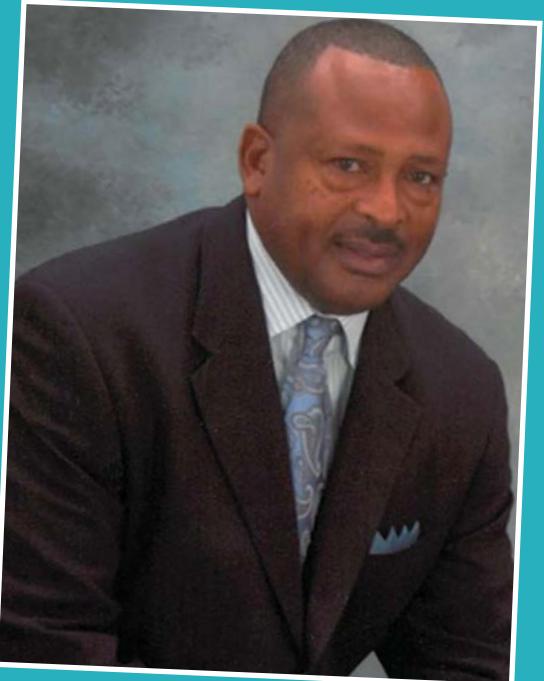


**Wilbert Lewis**  
*Commissioner*



**George D. Martin Jr.**  
*Commissioner*

# January 2014



*"Leave all the afternoon for exercise and recreation, which are as necessary as reading. I will rather say more necessary because health is worth more than learning."*

Thomas Jefferson

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**Green Tip:**

*Choose recycled products made with recyclable packaging.*

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New Year's Day  
All RCRC Facilities Closed

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33rd Annual Snowman Run  
Caughman Road Park  
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Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday  
All RCRC Facilities Closed

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Regular Board Meeting  
Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm

# PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

As always, our Property Management Division has been busy going above and beyond the general maintenance requirements of the agency. In addition to routine maintenance items, the District Maintenance, Turf, Facility Repair, and Construction Sections successfully completed over 2,850 requests for maintenance services during the past year. Caughman Road and Friarsgate Parks received major upgrades which included such items as gym floor replacement, new basketball goals, construction of storage areas, gym divider curtain systems, updated restroom facilities, new paint, new doors/hardware, new VCT flooring, light fixtures, ceiling replacement, new scoreboards, etc.

Seventeen other facilities were given upgrades as well to bring them up to RCRC standards. These upgrades were park specific and included such improvements as new paint, VCT flooring, new picnic tables, sidewalk replacement, new park benches, and base cove replacement in gyms. New park signs have been installed at 10 park sites with new lighted marquee signs installed at Killian and Hopkins Parks.

An unfortunate circumstance became a reality for the agency this year. Repeated theft of the Commission's HVAC systems became a major issue when exterior units were stolen from several park sites. Property Management Construction

and Facility Repair Sections designed, constructed and installed over 45 security cage units to protect those sites thought to be most at risk. Facility Repair also installed watch dog security alarm systems to HVAC units at 6 sites.

Property Management Sections have also worked hard during the past year on upgrades to many parks with landscaping, and infrastructure replacement projects to include the installation of new irrigation systems and turf at park recreation center buildings.

Existing operational programs have been maintained and in many cases updated to help manage the increased work load that has developed with the addition of new park facilities. A new "Fleet Management System" with a new database has been developed to assist Fleet Services with the maintenance and upkeep of Commission vehicles and construction and turf equipment. A new "Inventory System" has been developed to provide a means to purchase items in bulk where applicable to reduce the annual cost of many routinely purchased supplies.



# February 2014

*"People who cannot find time for recreation are obliged sooner or later to find time for illness".*

John Wanamaker

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**Health Tip:**

Be active for at least 2½ hours a week. Include activities that raise your breathing and heart rates and that strengthen your muscles.

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All RCRC Facilities Closed

St. Valentine's Day

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Regular Board Meeting  
Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm

# BOND UPDATES

During the past year many of the Phase One and Phase Two Bond Construction Projects were completed. The following projects were completed during the past year:

**Phase One Projects to include:** Bluff Road Park Recreation Center, Friarsgate Park Renovations and Athletic Field Lighting and Caughman Road Park Renovations.

**Phase Two Projects to include:** Crane Creek Gymnasium, Garners Ferry Adult Activity Center, Garners Ferry Technology Center, Meadowlake Park Concession Stand/Press Boxes and Park improvements and the Richland County Recreation Headquarters/Maintenance Complex.

As Phase One and Two Construction Projects of the Bond come to an end, Phase Three is entering design and development. Many thanks to all Property Management Sections as it truly was a team effort to make so many park improvements happen over the past year. Also, big thanks go to the Parks Department for all the gracious help in coordinating league play to accommodate park improvements. This was a difficult process that could not have been accomplished without everyone's help. We now have many updated facilities to show for this effort that will provide years of service to our communities.

Upcoming Phase Three Projects include: Kelly Mill Sports Complex, Gadsden Park Community Center, Hopkins Park Community Center, Ridgewood Park Community Center, Blythewood Park renovations, North Springs Community Center and baseball field, Royal Pine Community Park, Candlewood Park, 4 Lower Richland Community Parks, Perin Thomas Community Center, New Castle/Trenholm Acres Community Center and Eastover Park Pool.



*If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf.*

Bob Hope

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**Green Tip:**

Inflate car tires to the proper amount of air to improve gas mileage and reduce gas consumption.

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Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm

St. Patrick's Day

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45th Annual Cottontail Festival  
Sesquicentennial State Park  
10:00 am-2:00 pm

# PROGRAMMING

## Camp Wow

Camp Wow was a full day, 10-week summer camp adventure. Children participated in arts and craft activities, welcomed guest speakers and took part in educational field studies. This program was a huge success this summer. There was a significant increase in registration and activities and parents were happy to have a safe and structured environment for their children while they were at work. Hot and healthy lunches were served daily to the campers by School of Hope and their staff. The campers enjoyed coming to camp and participating in fun activities. Snacks were provided as well. The hot lunches that were served were a tremendous help to the parents.

Campers enjoyed a variety of activities, such as swimming, going to the movies, NFL Play 60 fitness challenge, bowling and other activities. We ended the summer with The Right Choice Jam which was held at Denny Terrace Gym. This event was specifically for our middle school age campers. The event featured a DJ, a motivational speaker, and a Video Game Truck for entertainment. The campers were provided with pizza for lunch. Additionally, each site held an end of the summer party for the campers.

## Afterschool

The Afterschool Program consists of five (5) sites. They are held at Blythewood, Caughman Road, Forest Lake, Northsprings, and Polo Road parks. Our afterschool staff assists our campers with their homework, arts, crafts, and other school related activities. The campers also engage in fitness and health activities to stay physically active. The campers will continue to be provided with hot meals and snacks as part of the program.

## Adaptive Recreation

### Camp Sunshine

Registration for Camp Sunshine increased this summer. Over 50 participants were registered for this special needs camp. The participants spent the summer going bowling, swimming, watching movies, and doing arts and crafts. Both sessions were in full gear and the staff was just as excited and energized as the campers.



## Challenger Football

Soon after Camp Sunshine ended, The Challenger Flag Football League began. This is a free program offered to boys and girls with special needs. This program is sponsored by a grant from the Carolina Panthers Football Organization. The boys play football and the girls are the cheerleaders. Throughout the season the team traveled to Greenville, SC, Charlotte and Durham, NC to participate in games against other recreation agencies. At the end of the season each participant was recognized with a trophy, certificate, and goodie bag which included a Carolina Panthers towel, socks, and other team goodies. Serving approximately 30 special needs individuals and their families, the league was a huge success.

## Evening Program

The Adaptive Recreation Department also offers evening programs for the Special Needs population. These programs are designed to promote community awareness and social and daily living skills to those in attendance. Aull Manor Group Home, Lutheran Family Services, The Mentor Network, and the Midland Center are currently attending the evening programs. Participants engage in arts and crafts, playing games and watching movies. A light snack is provided.

*“Turn resolutely to work, to recreation, or in any case to physical exercise till you are so tired you can’t help going to sleep, and when you wake up you won’t want to worry.*

# April 2014

B. C. Forbes

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**Health Tip:**

Wear helmets, seat belts,  
sunscreen, and insect repellent

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Lexington/Richland 5  
Spring Break begins

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Easter Sunday

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Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm

Earth Day

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Richland 1, Richland 2 &  
Lexington/Richland 5  
Spring Break ends  
Good Friday

# OUR PARKS

Families that got rained out for our Annual Cottontail Festival and Egg Hunt got a second chance to celebrate Easter at Bluff Road Park. On March 30, 2013 Bluff Road Park held an Easter Carnival and Egg Hunt. There were several carnival style stations for the children to play and enjoy such as Tug-O-War, Putt Putt Golf, Sack Racing, and bounce houses to name a few. We had tattoo and craft stations as well. This year's Egg Hunt had a fun twist as many of the plastic eggs contained toys and fun prizes. We also raffled off two huge Easter baskets that brought broad smiles to the faces of the winners. There were over 150 children in attendance and they really enjoyed all of the different stations and activities that were provided for this event. Next year we intend to offer an Easter Egg Hunt bigger and better than the one held this year!

In our effort to increase awareness of chronic health concerns, each park decided to "adopt" a health issue and raise awareness in their own unique way. Blythewood Park chose to commemorate Glaucoma Awareness Month on Monday, January 28, 2013 by hosting the Vision for the Future event. The park partnered with Carolina Vision and Glaucoma Center to provide free eye pressure exams, which are used to show signs of glaucoma. Blythewood Park had a great turnout with over 75 people in attendance.

Bluff Road Park chose to honor Breast Cancer Awareness Month and hosted its first for Hoop for Life Basketball tournament on October 20, 2012. Breast Cancer is the most common cancer among women and the park wanted to help those who are battling this terrible disease. Surrounding communities were brought together with the goal of educating men and women about Breast Cancer and early detection.

For the event's entertainment, two extremely talented women's teams came together in competition with expectations of taking home the game winning trophy and bragging rights of being the first team to ever win the Hoop for Life game trophy. The talent pool of these two teams consisted of women who have played semi-professional basketball overseas and schools such as: University of South Carolina, Hampton University, Benedict College, and Duke University. The winning team, sponsored by the Richland County Recreation Foundation, fought to win the game with a final score of 50-49.



The crowd was entertained by a DJ, and a spectacular half-time performance of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" by the Shaw Modeling Agency. Through sponsorships and donations, Bluff Road Park raised over \$500 for the Palmetto Health Foundation.

Caughman Road Park held a Back to School Cookout and school supply giveaway on August 11, 2012. The event was a huge success! Many families enjoyed food, entertainment and the kids got lots of needed school supplies. The Dirty South Motorcycle Club and Rodney Starks of P. Entertainment Group prepared and provided everyone with hotdogs and burgers free of charge. Families packed the gymnasium as bags full of goodies and school supplies were being prepared for distribution. Though the weather was rough, C & C Soul Line dancing and Zumba with Sharon put on a wonderful and interactive performance for all in attendance. The kids got to show off their moves in a dance contest and they definitely enjoyed the bounce houses. Giving back to the community in any shape, form or fashion is contagious, and we never know who is accepting a gift and what effect it may have on them. That is why RCRC strives to make every effort to give back to the communities we serve.

# May 2014

*"If bread is the first necessity of life, recreation is a close second."*

Edward Bellamy

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**Green Tip:**

Reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost to reduce your weekly trash contribution to one bag or less.

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National Memorial Day  
All RCRC Facilities Closed

Last Day of School  
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All RCRC Facilities Closed

# ATHLETICS

## Track and Field

RCRC Track club participants competed in two very challenging track meets during the month of May. Youth ranging in age from 9 to 14 years competed to advance to the Hershey District Track Meet scheduled for June. The State Hershey District Meet, which was composed of runners from the Central Division, was held at Lower Richland High School on May 18th. RCRC Track runners qualified for an astounding 54 of 96 slots for the June 1, State Hershey Track Meet in Mt. Pleasant, SC. The Hershey's Track & Field Games are the largest youth sports program of its kind in North America, with hundreds of thousands of young athletes competing every year. Everyone has the opportunity and skills to be among the 480 athletes who qualify to compete at the North American Final, however, only the best of the best actually make it. The Hershey's Track & Field Games have produced many Olympic medalists and competing athletes and we are proud to have had athletes who strived to be the very best.

## LinRick

Despite the challenging weather conditions, Linrick had a very successful year. The course continues to be one of the top public courses in the area and has hosted a multitude of golf fundraisers. This year we hosted the SCJGA Columbia City Championship (*pictured right*) that had nearly 100 junior golfers as well as the 1st Tee Program which is a youth development program introducing the game of golf and its inherent values to young people. The program helps shape the lives of young people by reinforcing values such as integrity, respect and determination through the game of golf.

## Richland County Tennis Center

### Juniors

RCRC Youth Tennis League/Clinic continues to be one of our favorite programs. It is a 6 week low cost program to introduce kids to the game of tennis. Between 2012 - 2013 we had over 60 kids to participate in this youth enrichment program. RCRC also hosted four sanctioned tournaments for



juniors, with over 200 hundred children participating. RCRC continues to offer clinics for children of all ages throughout the county, which also includes our popular summer clinics.

### Adults

RCRC hosted around 200 tennis teams last year, which would include approximately 2000 individual players. In our continued effort to connect communities, the Richland County Tennis Center hosted its 7th Annual Chili Challenge, which is one of our most popular events and attracted 110 participants. Work-out Wednesdays is one of the many Adult Tennis Programs that are offered. This program was so popular a Work-out Thursday had to be created to accommodate for more players. Adult beginner classes are also available as a way to introduce new players to the game. We also provide team clinics and, of course, private lessons for those who like the one-on-one attention. RCRC Tennis strives to offer programs for all levels and ages of play.

# June 2014

*"The nation behaves well if it treats its natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased, and not impaired, in value."*

Theodore Roosevelt

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Regular Board Meeting  
Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm

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Showtime Carousel  
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10:00-11:00 am  
Denny Terrace CC

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**Health Tip:**

Get 7-9 hours of sleep each night. Make sure kids get more, based on their age.

# SAFETY, SECURITY & AQUATICS

## Aquatics

We're proud of the three pools we manage.

Our newest and biggest pool is St. Andrews! This past fiscal year was our first year of operation. This pool is broken down into four sections ranging from 15 inches to 6 feet deep; an infant, toddler and main swimming area along with lap swimming lanes. Overall, this pool is 5,612 square feet, and can accommodate over 300 swimmers.

Trenholm Park Pool is the oldest of our pools. Built in 1971 in the center of Forest Acres! It has a surface measurement of 3,300 square feet, and holds 172,260 gallons. The depth is 12 feet at the deep end, and 3.5 feet at the shallow end and can facilitate 200 swimmers at one time.

Hopkins Park Pool was built in 1979 behind the old Hopkins Park Gym. It has a surface measurement of 2,625 square feet, and holds 106,115 gallons. It is 9 feet deep at the deep end and 3 feet deep at the shallow end and can accommodate 150 swimmers at one time.

This past summer we only opened the pools to the public 4 days a week, which allowed us to reduce our aquatics labor by over 60% thus saving the Commission \$50K.

## Safety, Security & Risk Management

The Safety and Security Department's goal is to implement and coordinate all aspects of safety for our employees and patrons. The department oversees employee safety training, certifications and risk management. We have Automated External Defibrillators' at each park and worksite, and have four First Aid Instructors on staff.

One of the key functions of the Safety and Security Department is the strong relationship we maintain with our local law enforcement agencies. We keep an open line of communication with all of the law enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction on and around our sites. Many of our parks have a Richland County Sheriff's Deputy assigned as a Community Action Team Officer. We have made office space available



for these specially trained officers. Having their presence in our facilities shows the commitment we have to safety and education and Sheriff Leon Lott's dedication to Community Oriented Policing.

Other agencies that we work closely with are the Midlands Chapter of the American Red Cross, South Carolina OSHA office, State Accident Fund, Richland County Emergency Services, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC), South Carolina Homeland Security and the Insurance Reserve Fund. All of these agencies assist the Commission with proper training and certification courses. At present, our Director of Safety and Security and Safety Manager are both trained and certified as First Aid Instructors, State Defensive Driving Instructors, Certified Playground Safety Inspectors, and Certified Aquatics Facility Operators.

# July 2014

*"Physical fitness is not only one of the most important keys to a healthy body, it is the basis of dynamic and creative intellectual activity."*

John F. Kennedy

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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | <b>Green Tip:</b><br>Adjust sprinklers to water only the<br>lawn and not the house, sidewalk,<br>or street. |    |

Showtime Carousel  
Columbia Marionette Theatre  
10:00-11:00 am  
Denny Terrace CC

Regular Board Meeting  
Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm

# COMMUNITY RELATIONS

## Information Technology

When the RCRC IT Team learned that the agency was getting a new headquarters building we knew we had quite a big project ahead of us. We also knew that moving and merging two buildings together would give the agency an opportunity to update some of our equipment and a chance to streamline our means of communication. All of the existing file servers and E-mail servers from Shakespeare were migrated into a new virtual server system that is highly secure and robust. A new voice over IP phone system was installed along with cisco layer 3 switches to accommodate the VOIP system as well as the virtual network. IT also assisted in the design and layout of the security system at the new headquarters facility.



## Volunteer and Internships

Each year millions of volunteers support the great work of park and recreation agencies nationwide. RCRC is no exception. During the past year RCRC had nearly 200 volunteers and 4 interns give back close to 6400 hours of their time to help with various activities and events around the county. RCRC strives to offer our volunteers and interns a quality and meaningful experience. Volunteering is a precious commodity and we are thankful to have those individuals who choose to give back to us each year.



## Communications

Part of “Connecting Communities” is communicating with them. In order to serve our constituents we must first make sure our message reaches them. The way we communicate with our patrons and the communities we serve is as diverse as the populations and areas we serve. RCRC has such a vast age-range and large area to cover, that it is imperative that we stay up-to-date on all forms of communication. Our website is our most important tool when informing the public about the agency’s programs and activities. Besides our front line staff, our website is the first place patrons go to get park information. We continue to update and improve the look and usability of our website and welcome feedback from our customers on how to make it better. It is our goal to make the site as easy as possible to navigate so that patrons can easily search and find the programs offered by their local park. Along with our website, we actively work to increase the outreach of our monthly e-newsletter, TimeOut. We collect contact information and email addresses at each of our events so that we can ensure that we are reaching everyone. We also utilize social media, as it is a fun and interactive way to reach our public, quickly and easily. Our patrons have the opportunity be our “fan” on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

# August 2014

*“To enjoy the glow of good health, you must exercise.”*

Gene Tunney

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**Health Tip:**

Help kids and teens be active for at least 1 hour a day. Include activities that raise their breathing and heart rates and that strengthen their muscles and bones.

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*First Day of School  
Richland 1 &  
Richland/Lexington 5*

*First Day of School  
Richland 2*

# SPECIAL EVENTS

RCRC hosts several “signature” events during the year. These events have a county-wide appeal and are generally implemented on a larger scale than our general programs. Over the summer, the Special Events department revived the favorite summer enrichment program, Showtime Carousel. The bi-weekly artistic showcase featured performances by an African drum and dance troupe and a hilarious performance by our partners at the Columbia Children’s Theatre. Showtime Carousel is a very popular program that exposes children of all ages to the wonders of local performing artists.



We also continued a wonderful holiday tradition with our popular Breakfast with Santa. Over 175 smiling faces were treated to breakfast from Chick-fil-A along with fruit from Edible Arrangements, photos with Santa and a special performance of The Christmas Doll by the Columbia Children’s Theatre.

Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, our annual Cottontail Festival had to be canceled this year, however, that opened the door for us to offer a brand new event; Freedom Friday. Freedom Friday was held at Saint Andrews Park on June 7th, the last day of the school year. Students from all over the county came out with their families to enjoy ice cream from Marble Slab, play video games, create arts and crafts, duel it out in the inflatables and learn all about butterflies from our partners at Clemson Extension. The event was a wonderful success with over 200 people in attendance.



*“It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.”*

Mahatma Gandhi

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*Regular Board Meeting  
Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm*

*27th Annual Midlands Area Senior Games, September 15-19*

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**Green Tip:**

Plant in the fall when conditions are cooler and rainfall is more plentiful.

# FINANCE

The Commission is funded through county property taxes with the exception of LinRick Golf Course, which is funded through fees and services generated at the golf course. Property taxes and all recreation bonds are approved by Richland County Council.

The Commission had an operational budget of \$13,835,297 (\$13,422,093 in 11/12) and ended the year with a balance in the undesignated General Maintenance and Operations Fund of \$5,233,107 (\$5,047,825 in 11/12).

The General Fund reflects all financial activity of the agency for the exception of LinRick Golf Course.

The fund had a total final operating budget of \$13,039,093 (\$12,622,787 in 11/12), with actual expenditures including direct costs of programs of \$13,479,208 (\$13,197,571 in 11/12).

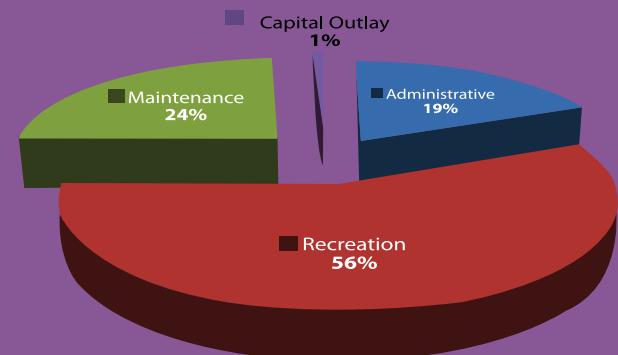
Total revenue recorded in the General Fund was \$13,384,923 with 87.43% from property taxes, 11.41% from programs, and 1.16% from interest, grants and other sources.

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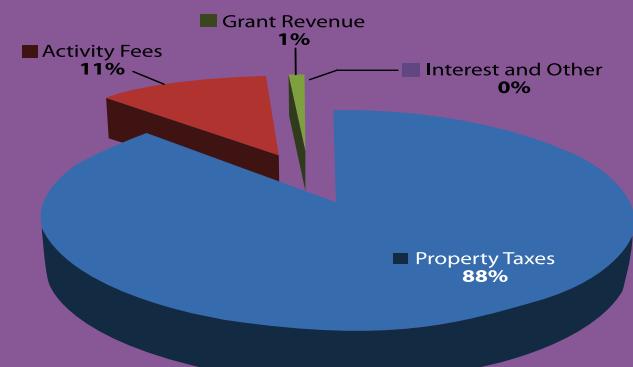
Other sources of revenue included \$145,508 in interest, grants and other sources. These additional resources were used to fund special activities and programs offered by the Recreation Commission and for park improvements.

The total operating budget for the year for LinRick Golf Course, a separate proprietary fund, was \$808,067. Receipts from greens fees, rentals, pro shop, driving range, and concessions for the year in the LinRick Fund increased to \$826,792.

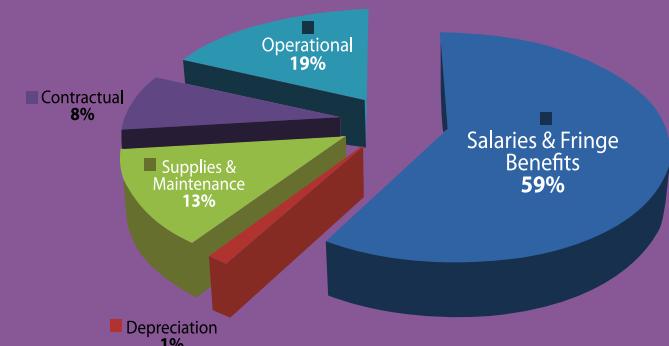
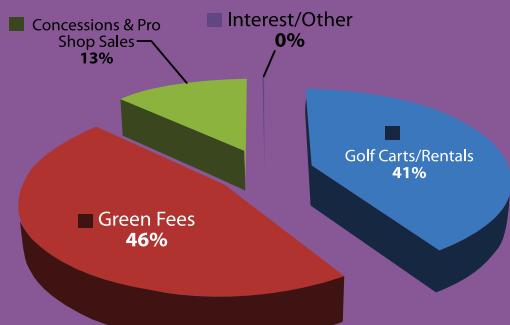
## PROPRIETARY FUND (RCRC Expenses)



## GENERAL FUND (RCRC Revenue)



## PROPRIETARY FUND (LinRick Golf Course Revenue)



*"The first wealth is health."*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

# October 2014

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**Health Tip:**

Schedule an appointment with your health care provider to discuss what screenings and exams you need and when you need them.

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Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm

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North Springs Park  
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Halloween

# FOUNDATION

This year the Foundation increased its efforts to reach the community and raise awareness of the benefits of parks and recreation and the services provided by Richland County Recreation Commission. The purpose of the Foundation is to provide additional financial support to RCRC for programming, special services and facility improvements that assist in maintaining the stability and continued operation of the agency.

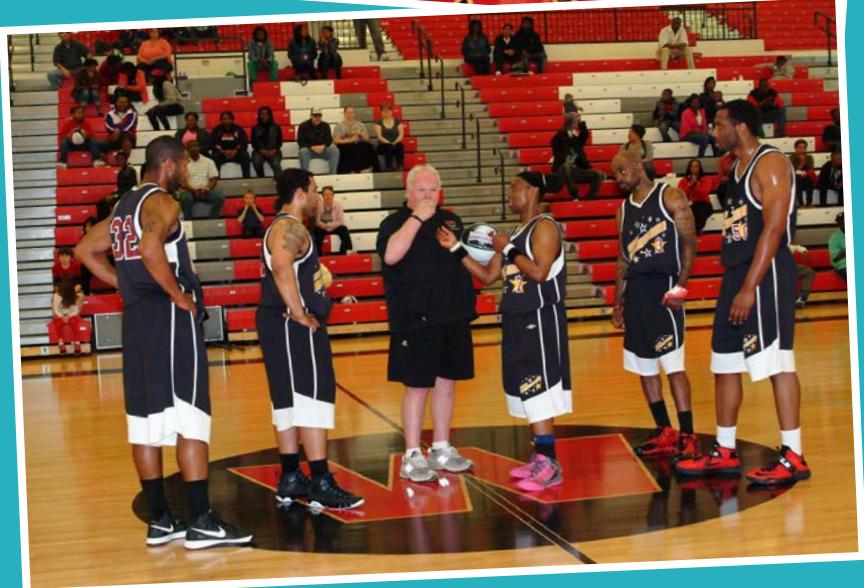
Through the continued generosity of some in our business community we are able to provide scholarships for children and seniors that need financial assistance. Those scholarships can be used for programs, classes or athletic leagues run by the Recreation Commission. It is imperative that RCRF partners with businesses and individuals who understand and share the same passion for the social and physical health of the community.

The highlight of the year was our fun filled FUNraising celebrity basketball game between the Harlem Ambassadors and the Richland County Recreation Rebounders. The Ambassadors all-star team took on the Recreation Rebounders, a team of Columbia's local celebrities, including retired NBA and NFL players, coaches, radio hosts, media personalities, law enforcement and local government officials.

Another fundraiser for the foundation is the Buy-A-Brick campaign to fill the courtyard of the new RCRC Administration building with personalized bricks from people and businesses who have supported the agency over the years or used our facilities. The bricks are a continuous source of funding and a way for people to have their names etched in stone for many years to come. All of the proceeds raised by the Foundation go directly to programming, services and infrastructure needs.

*“Earth provides enough to satisfy every man’s needs, but not every man’s greed.”*

Mahatma Gandhi



# November 2014

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**Green Tip:**

Turn off the electric stove top several minutes before the required cooking time, as a pot can maintain enough heat for cooking after it is turned off.

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Veterans Day  
All RCRC Facilities Closed

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Regular Board Meeting  
Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm

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Thanksgiving Holiday (26-28)  
Richland 1, Richland 2 &  
Richland/Lexington 5

Thanksgiving Day  
All RCRC Facilities Closed

Day after Thanksgiving Day  
All RCRC Facilities Closed

# EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Appreciation is a fundamental human need. Employees respond positively to appreciation expressed through recognition of their good work, because it confirms their work is valued. The Richland County Recreation Commission employs 175 full-time staff and approximately 200 seasonal and part-time staff. It is important to the agency to highlight and recognize our staff for their outstanding performance. Year round park staff plan and implement programming. Our custodial and maintenance staff keep our parks clean on the inside and the grounds well maintained on the outside. For the wonderful job that they do, each quarter an RCRC employee is chosen by their co-workers to be the Employee of the Quarter. We also end each year with the coveted Employee of the Quarter Award. Our honorees this year demonstrate the pride and dedication that our staff take in their work.

## Custodians of the Quarter (July 2012-June 2013)

Tommy Adams, Meadowlake Park

Clarence Nelson, North Springs Park

Clifton Johnson, St. Andrews Park

Stephan Mitchell, Garners Ferry Adult Activity Center

Herman Green, Forest Lake Park

Leroy Muldrow, Hopkins Park

Wayne Stroman, Denny Terrace Community Center

Alvin Colter, Killian Park

Marion Stokes, Caughman Road Park

Donald Frierson, Blythewood Park



## 2012-13 Employees of the Quarter

Kasey Wilson, Director of Finance (top left)  
Demetria Goodwin, Director of Programming (top right)

Sean Middleton, Park Manager, Forest Lake Park (bottom left)

William Daugherty, Director of IT (bottom right)

## 2012 Employee of the Year

Tavares Hanks, Graphic Designer/Webmaster



*"I've searched all the parks in all the cities and found no statues of committees."*

**Gilbert K. Chesterton**

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Winter Begins

Winter Break (Dec. 22-Jan. 2)  
Richland 1, Richland 2 &  
Richland/Lexington 5

Christmas Eve  
All RCRC Facilities Closed

Christmas Day  
All RCRC Facilities Closed

Day after Christmas  
All RCRC Facilities Closed

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### Health Tip:

Work to manage the stress in your life. Balance work, home, and play, get support from family and friends, stay positive, and take time to relax.

# GOING GREEN

The RCRC Green Team with the help of RCRC staff worked very hard over the last year to become better stewards of our environment and improve the agency's effort to be a green business. Our five member green team meets on a regular basis to discuss future and current events and over the last year we implemented a number of initiatives to help our agency reduce/reuse/and recycle!

The RCRC Green Team created a partnership with Sonoco Recycling to recycle paper products. We work very hard to collect and compile paper from multiple park sites and community centers around the county. Since our partnership began we have collected and recycled over 11,600 pounds of paper (almost 6 tons)!

In November of 2012 RCRC implemented a program called "Bag it Up". This program encouraged employees and park patrons to bring in their magazines and plastic bags to be recycled. As a result of this one day event, RCRC was able to recycle 180 pounds of magazines and 12 pounds of plastic bags.

Keeping our communities clean is a big priority for the RCRC Green Team. During the past year, RCRC participated in the Great American Clean-Up through Keep America Beautiful. We held clean-ups at Caughman Road Park, Blythewood Park, Friarsgate Park and an area along Decker Boulevard. We had a total of 60 employees and community members participate and we collected 63 pounds of trash.

With education and initiatives like these, the RCRC will continue taking steps to eliminate waste and protect our environment!



# January 2015

*"Exercise should be regarded as tribute  
to the heart."*

Gene Tunney

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**Green Tip:**

*Use organic cleaning products like vinegar, borax, and baking soda.*

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New Year's Day  
All RCRC Facilities Closed

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34th Annual Snowman Run  
Caughman Road Park  
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Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday  
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# HEALTH & WELLNESS

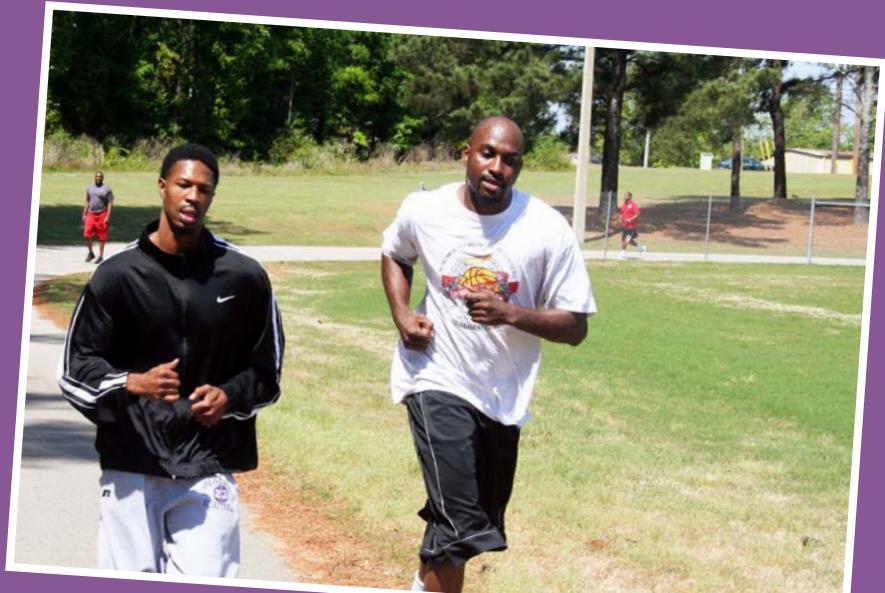
The Wellness Committee was established in an effort to enrich the lives of RCRC staff. The committee attempts to motivate and stress the importance of health and wellness to the agency's employees through various events and informational tips throughout the year. By offering health publications and events we want employees to acknowledge risks that could render a healthy lifestyle, and help them start thinking about making changes that lead to a happy, healthier life. One major event organized by the committee was the "Pounds for Cash" weight loss challenge which took place from January until April. Employees paid a participation fee that made up the cash prize to the two top winners that lost the most weight. The group as a whole lost more than 150 pounds. The committee also established "Wellness Salad Wednesdays." Each week the committee sent out an email to the entire staff reminding them to forego the fast food drive thru and instead, choose a healthy salad. Employees were even encouraged to take a photo of their healthy meal and email it for everyone to see. The committee also sponsored, "Fruit Salad Friday" which was another way to encourage healthy meal choices.

In February 2013 the committee held an employee health fair that offered screenings for various conditions such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, etc. There was a "Wellness Walk" in April that consisted of employees coming out to one of our parks to run, jog, or walk during their lunch hour. After exercising, employees were treated to a delicious salad bar. In May the

City of Columbia.  
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committee sponsored a wellness basketball game against the

Our elite basketball athletes gave the City of  
run for their money and won! In an effort to  
promote stress relief as a means to good  
health, employees were treated  
to a "Massage Monday" event  
a relieving massage to any  
employee that wanted to  
take a 15-20 minute break.



# February 2015

*"Exercise is the chief source of improvement in our faculties."*

Hugh Blair

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Regular Board Meeting  
Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm

### Health Tip:

In order to get a good night's sleep, make sure your bed is comfortable and use it only for sleeping and not for other activities, such as reading, watching TV, or listening to music. Remove all TVs, computers, and other "gadgets" from the bedroom.

# FACILITY INVENTORY

## DISTRICT 1:

- Ballentine Community Center:  
1009 Bickley Road, Ballentine 29063, 781-2031
- Denny Terrace Community Center:  
6429 Bishop Avenue, Columbia, 29203, 754-6720
- Denny Terrace Gymnasium:  
6429 Bishop Avenue, Columbia, 29203, 754-5290
- Dutch Fork Tennis Center:  
113 Friarsgate Boulevard, Irmo, 29063, 732-3220
- Friarsgate Park:  
1712 Chafford Road, Irmo, 29063, 732-3220
- Jordan Memorial Boat Ramp:  
611 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, 29201, 741-7272
- LinRick Golf Course:  
356 Camp Ground Road, Columbia, 29203, 754-6331
- Marley Drive:  
2224 Broad River Road, Columbia, 29210
- Olympia Neighborhood Park:  
1050 Olympia Avenue, Columbia, 29201, 741-7272 ext. 103
- Perrin-Thomas Neighborhood Park:  
1010 Andrews Road, Columbia, 29201, 741-7272 ext. 103
- Pine Grove Community Center:  
937 Piney Woods Road, Columbia, 29210
- Ridgewood Neighborhood Park:  
805 Crest Street, Columbia, 29203, 741-7272 ext. 103
- Serenity Neighborhood Park:  
403 Riley Street, Columbia, 29203, 741-7272 ext. 103
- St. Andrews Park:  
920 Beatty Road, Columbia, 29210, 772-6598
- St. Andrews Pool:  
920 Beatty Road, Columbia, 29210, 551-2225
- Upper Richland Community Center:  
280 Camp Ground Road, Columbia, 29203, 754-9778

## DISTRICT 2:

- Adult Activity Center:  
7494 Parklane Road, Columbia, 29223, 462-9995
- Anna Boyd Neighborhood Park:  
633 Anders Street, Columbia, 29203, 741-7272 ext. 103
- Crane Creek Gymnasium:  
7405-B Fairfield Road, Columbia, 29203, 754-1662
- Crane Forest Neighborhood Park:  
1202 Peachwood Drive, Columbia, 29203, 741-7272 ext. 103
- Forest Lake Park:  
6820 Wedgefield Road, Columbia, 29206, 787-5000
- Meadowlake Park:  
600 Beckman Road, Columbia, 29203, 754-4463
- RCRC Administrative Office:  
7473 Parklane Road, Columbia, 29223, 741-7272
- Richland County Tennis:  
7500 Parklane Road, Columbia, 29223, 788-3001
- James E. Clyburn Technology Center:  
7492 Parklane Road, Columbia, 29223, 462-0064
- Sharpe Road Neighborhood Park:  
501 Sharpe Road, Columbia, 29203, 741-7272 ext. 103
- Summerhill Neighborhood Park:  
210 Durango Avenue, Columbia, 29203, 741-7272 ext. 103
- Trenholm Park:  
3900 Covenant Road, Columbia, 29204, 787-0216
- Trenholm Pool:  
3900 Covenant Road, Columbia, 29204, 782-1976

## DISTRICT 3:

- Blythewood Park:  
126 Boney Road, Blythewood, 29016, 691-9786
- Kelly Mill Road:  
521 Kelly Mills Road, Elgin, 29044
- Killian Park:  
1424 Marthan Road, Blythewood, 29016, 754-7980

## • North Springs Park:

1320 Clemson Road, Columbia, 29229, 736-6070

## • Polo Road Park:

730 Polo Road, Columbia, 29223, 736-1657

## • Rimer Pond:

2225 Rimer Pond Road, Blythewood, 29016

## DISTRICT 4:

### • Bluff Road Park:

148 Carswell Road, Columbia, 29209, 776-8698

### • Caughman Road Park:

2800 Trotter Road, Hopkins, 29061, 783-0400

### • Caughman Tennis Center:

2800 Trotter Road, Hopkins, 29061, 783-0400

### • Crossroads Community Center:

2750 McCords Ferry Road, Eastover, 29044, 353-3266

### • Eastover Park:

1031 Main Street, Eastover, 29044, 353-7137

### • Gadsden Community Center:

1660 South Goodwin Circle, Gadsden, 29052, 353-3677

### • Garners Ferry Adult Activity Center:

8620 Garners Ferry Road, Hopkins, 29209, 647-1324

### • Garners Ferry Technology Center:

8614 Garners Ferry Road, Hopkins, 29209, 695-5077

### • Garners Ferry Sports Complex:

8620 Garners Ferry Road, Hopkins, 29209, 741-7272 ext. 102

### • Hopkins Adult Activity Center:

150 Hopkins Park Road, Hopkins, 29061, 776-2778

### • Hopkins Park:

150 Hopkins Park Road, Hopkins, 29061, 783-9374

### • Hopkins Pool:

150 Hopkins Park Road, Hopkins, 29061, 783-6559

### • Starlite Neighborhood Park:

4300 La Clair Drive, Columbia, 29209, 741-7272 ext. 103

# March 2015

*“Show me a healthy community with a healthy economy and I will show you a community that has its green infrastructure in order and understands the relationship between the built and the unbuilt environment.”*

**Will Rogers, Trust for Public Land**

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## Richland County Recreation Commission

### Contact



RICHLAND COUNTY RECREATION  
FOUNDATION



The Richland County Recreation Commission was created by an act of the South Carolina legislature in 1960. The Commission's mission and vision are direct, yet very passionate about improving quality of life of people and adding value to communities:

**Mission:** Dedicated to enriching lives and connecting communities through diverse recreational opportunities.

**Vision:** To be recognized as a leader in park management and the delivery of quality recreation programs in order to better promote health and improve the quality of life in Richland County.

About the Richland County Recreation Commission: Parks, open spaces, recreation programs and facilities are proven to create healthy communities, reduce crime, attract business, raise economic levels, increase real estate and property values, and encourage tourism.