" The Future Looks Bright "

Richland County Recreation Commission

2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT & 2018-19 CALENDAR

Enriching Lives Connecting Communities

To our supporters, partners, patrons, and team members.....

The Future Looks Bright

Our place in the Richland County Community is marked by smiles and cheers, friendships, excitement, adventure and achievement.

Though faced with challenges throughout the year, the Recreation Commission has seen tremendous achievement. The Commission welcomed a new seven-member board to help lead the agency to great things. Our dedicated staff made significant strides in moving the agency forward and ensuring that Richland County Residents continue to enjoy the life-enhancing opportunities that we provide each day.

The successful operation and management of the Recreation Commission takes a huge team approach. From our board of commissioners to our professional staff to our volunteers and partners, one thing remains the same..... our team is dedicated to enhancing lives and connecting communities in Richland County!

The future of recreation and parks in Richland County looks bright and we thank you for your continued support.

Tara M. Dickerson, Chief of Staff

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JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 *New Year's Day* *All RCRC Facilities Closed* *Winter Break Ends* *Richland 1, Richland 2 &* *Richland/Lexington 5*	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 *Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday* *All RCRC Facilities Closed*	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 *Regular Board Meeting* *Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm*	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Construction, Facility Repair and Custodial:
The Construction, Facility Repair, District Maintenance, & Custodial Departments work hard each year to ensure that our facilities are well maintained and properly cared for. In addition to routine maintenance items, Property Management successfully completed over 1,700 requests for maintenance during 2016-17.

Property Management maintains all of the 72 buildings located on our sites throughout the county, including preventative maintenance, repairs, construction and cleaning:

- This year 30 new soccer goals were placed at Polo Road Soccer Complex.
- A major water line repair was completed at Caughman Road Park.
- Over 12 HVAC units were replaced throughout the county in parks and community centers.
- The Adaptive Recreation Department at Denny Terrace received much needed upgrades with new floors, cabinets and painting.
- New chemical dispenser systems were installed at all of the sites for the custodians to help implement more efficient use of cleaning supplies.
- A new well was installed at Gadsden Park Community Center.
- New baby changing stations were installed in restrooms throughout the county.
- VCT flooring was replaced at North Springs Park.
- A new 1000 gallon grease trap was installed at Tremholm Park in the concession stand.

FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 *Groundhog Day*	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 *Ash Wednesday* *St. Valentine's Day*	15	16	17
18	19 *President's Day* *All RCRC Facilities Closed*	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 *Regular Board Meeting* *Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm*	27	28			

PROGRAMMING

Adult Services:
RCRC's Senior Programs connect communities one senior at a time through monthly luncheons, senior trips, dances and special events. Our programming methods continue to build on socialization while promoting health awareness with events like Strong to the Finish Walk/Relay, Salad Bar Lunches, Get your Greens On Fruit & Vegetable Boxes and Disco Dances.

Adaptive Recreation:
The Adaptive Recreation Department offers day and evening programs, Walk-It-Out Club, a variety of arts, crafts, movies, sports, game room activities and Veterans Line Dance for our Veterans. The Walk-A-Mile in My Shoes is a one mile walk that raises awareness about the special needs population; several sponsors continue to support this effort to expound on the theme of the Adaptive Recreation Department…" Our events and programs are 'adaptive' so that everyone 'plays' according to their 'ability'. The goal of Adaptive Recreation Department is to offer an all-inclusive environment offering programs like Kickball, Fancy Feet Soccer, Challenger Football, Rising High and Wheelchair Basketball; all of these programs are designed to enhance mobility skills, boost self-esteem and build confidence in individuals with special needs.

Community Centers & Adult Activity Centers:
In an effort to enhance and encourage healthy lifestyles and awareness, the adult activity centers and community centers hosted annual health awareness events. These events, which are held throughout the year, offered patrons the opportunity to participate in seminars, healthy eating demonstrations, fitness walks and other events which promote healthy living.

Community Health Awareness Programs are ways in which RCRC reaches various communities through programs like: Domestic Violence Community Awareness seminars, Flu Shots, National Nutrition, Blood Pressure Awareness seminars, National Physical Fitness and Walk with Ease programs. Participation in Arthritis Exercise and Line Dancing continues to increase and are enjoyed by the participants at several community centers. The Arthritis Exercise classes are free and teach the patrons to enjoy exercising a variety of ways both sitting and standing. The classes are taught by RCRC staff, who are certified Arthritis Exercise professionals.

Afterschool and Summer Camps:
The Afterschool and Summer Camp Department received grant monies from the University of South Carolina and The Department of Social Services. The grant monies received were awarded for accepting children who participate in the ABC voucher program. The money was used to purchase supplies for the Afterschool and Summer camps (ex. recreational balls, games and arts/crafts items). More than 480 children attended summer camps throughout Richland County.

During the summer, the campers enjoyed trips to the State House, Riverbanks Zoo, bowling and Ft. Jackson Water Park. The afterschool and summer camp programs receive daily meals and snacks from the School of Hope in collaboration with the summer feeding program. The Clemson Extension Nutrition Education Program talked to the children about healthy eating and did healthy cooking classes at several of the sites.

Technology Centers:
A variety of classes are offered throughout the year (i.e. Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Publisher and Microsoft Power Point). The technology centers continue to introduce new and upcoming technology to patrons to include the Introduction to Computers I & II, Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Access, Publisher and Resume development workshops. The centers also offer assistance with completing online applications. Both facilities offer copying, faxing and printing services for a fee.

MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 *Daylight Savings Time Begins*	12	13	14	15	16	17 *St. Patrick's Day*
18	19 *Regular Board Meeting* *Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm*	20 *Spring Begins*	21	22	23	24 *49th Annual Cottontail Festival* *North Springs Park* *10:00 am-2:00 pm*
25 *Palm Sunday*	26	27	28	29	30 *Good Friday*	31 *First Day of Passover*

OUR PARKS

3 Pillars Strong; Programming with a Purpose

Richland County Recreation Commission Parks Department is proud to provide activities promoting health and wellness, conservation and social equity. On March 25, 2017 Caughman Road Park held a health and wellness event for the community. "For The Love of You Health Fair" was held to bring awareness of health issues that plague the Lower Richland and surrounding communities. This was achieved by partnering with strong community organizations such as Palmetto Health, Counts Chiropractic Family and Wellness Center, and Blue Choice Health Plan of South Carolina to ensure program participants received top notch health screenings and educational information. Caughman Road Park is a staple in the Lower Richland community offering many sports, activities, and programs that promote physical fitness. Educating, improving and promoting physical fitness is one of the goals of RCRC's programming.

The annual partnership with Keep the Midlands Beautiful ***"Grinding of the Greens"*** program keeps thousands of Christmas trees from ending up in area landfills; provides useful mulch for yards, gardens and public spaces throughout the Midlands. The ***"Grinding of the Greens"*** program is an excellent example of RCRC's environmental commitment to conservation and recycling.

Social equity is another National Recreation and Parks Association *(NRPA)* pillar, which our Parks Department fulfilled, by offering ***"Back 2 School Bash"*** and ***"Back 2 School with a Splash"*** community events. Nearly six hundred children registered for these free events across the county. The events were held at North Springs Park, Hopkins Park, Trenholm Park and St. Andrews Park. Free school supplies were distributed at every site and patrons enjoyed food, games and music. The back to school activities provided an excellent way to showcase many of the exciting park programs offered, promoted the importance of education, health and wellness and enhanced social equity with-in the community. The Parks Department incorporates the NRPA's three pillars: Health and Wellness, Conservation and Social Equity to guide programming as RCRC continues connecting communities, enriching lives, and enhancing the quality of life for Midland residents.

APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 *Easter Sunday* *April Fool's Day*	2 *Richland 1, Richland 2 & Richland/Lexington 5 Spring Break begins*	3	4	5	6 *Richland 1, Richland 2 & Richland/Lexington 5 Spring Break ends*	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 *Regular Board Meeting Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm*	17	18	19	20	21
22 *Earth Day (observance)*	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

RECREATION

Recreation:
The RCRC Recreation Department provides community sports, athletics and outdoor recreation to our patrons. RCRC provides competitive leagues and tournaments. RCRC also provides instruction through classes, clinics and coaching.

Tournament Facilities:
The Kelly Mill Sports Complex held its grand opening in 2016.

During the year, RCRC hosted twelve weekend tournaments. The Kelly Mill Sports Complex attracted baseball and softball tournament teams from all over the East Coast.

Organizations such as GameDay USSSA, Top Gun, Freedom Sports and World Fast Pitch held tournaments at the state-of the-art Kelly Mill Sports Complex bringing in hundreds of visitors to Richland County.

Basketball Leagues and Tournaments:
RCRC hosted the South Carolina SCAP winter basketball tournaments for boys aged 7 & 8 and 9 & 10 held at St Andrews Park. Girls aged 9 & 10 were held at Caughman Road Park. RCRC's summer basketball program held at North Springs Park, Caughman Road Park, Blythewood Park, Killian Park, Polo Road Park, St. Andrews Park, Crane Creek Gym, Denny Terrace Gym, Friarsgate Park, Trenholm Park and Meadowlake Park was a tremendous success with over 1,600 youth participants.

LinRick Golf Course:
RCRC's LinRick Golf Course continues to attract players by combining quality, beauty, and affordability. LinRick Golf Course is located on 257 acres of picturesque terrain, eight ponds, and rolling hills. This 18-hole course and excellent for players of all ages and abilities.

LinRick played host to many charitable golf outings this year. These outings helped raise thousands of dollars for local charities. LinRick also played host to numerous high school golf matches and a SCJGA summer event. LinRick provided in excess of 25,000 rounds of golf in 2016.

MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 *Confederate Memorial Day* *All RCRC Facilities Closed*	11	12
13 *Mother's Day*	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 *Regular Board Meeting* *Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm*	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 *National Memorial Day* *All RCRC Facilities Closed*	29	30	31		

SAFETY, SECURITY & AQUATICS

Safety and Security:
The primary goal of RCRC's Safety and Security Division is to oversee all aspects of the agency's safety and security efforts for the wellbeing of all patrons and employees. Along these lines RCRC has installed Automated External Defibrillators at each or our parks, community centers and administrative offices and have trained staff on the proper use of these devices in emergency situations. The division is responsible for coordinating and scheduling employee safety training, certifications and risk management functions. As part of our emphasis on safety and prevention, RCRC provides staff with First Aid/CPR/AED training classes. We also provide Defensive Driver training classes to all employees who drive agency vehicles in addition to providing numerous OSHA required training classes for our employees.

At present, our Division Head of Safety, Security and Aquatics as well as the Safety Manager are both trained and certified as First Aid Instructors, State Defensive Driving Instructors, Certified Playground Safety Inspectors and Certified Aquatics Facility Operators. The Safety, Security and Aquatics Division conducts safety inspections of all playground systems across the agency and makes needed improvements, adjustments or renovations to keep our patrons safe.

RCRC has established a Safety Committee made up of employees from across the agency. The committee is chaired by the Safety Manager and meets quarterly to review incidents and accidents and make recommendations to executive management to reduce or eliminate future occurrences.

One of the key functions of the Safety and Security Division is to maintain close collaborations with local law enforcement and fire departments. In building this strong relationship, we keep an open line of communication with all of the law enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction on and around our sites.

Other agencies that we work closely with include the South Carolina Westinghouse Facility, Midlands Chapter of the America Red Cross, South Carolina OSHA office, State Accident Fund, Richland County Emergency Services, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), Department of Social Services (DSS), South Carolina Homeland Security and the Insurance Reserve Fund. All of these collaborative efforts assist the agency with preventing incidents and accidents and assist the agency with proper training and certifications.

Aquatics:
Richland County families enjoyed another fun and safe swimming season. RCRC's aquatics program is a wonderful recreational and healthy option if you are trying to get a break from the summer heat or wanting to learn to swim for the first time. With four pools located across the county there is a nearby aquatics option for you. Our newest fully accessible state of the art pool located at Eastover Park is utilized daily by an average of 50 neighborhood children. Our largest pool at St. Andrews Park boasts an average of 300 swimmers per day! Other swimming options include Trenholm Park located in the center of Forest Acres and averages 150 swimmers each day. Hopkins Park Pool located in Lower Richland averages 40 swimmers per day.

Aquatics is also an integral part of RCRC's 10-week Summer Camp curriculum. Summer Camp participants have an added benefit of using aquatics facilities at all four pool locations. In order to better utilize resources and while providing a high level of services, pools were open to the public 4 days a week during the summer. By making these adjustments RCRC was able to reduce aquatics labor costs by 60% thus saving RCRC and tax payers $50,000.

JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 *Last Day of School Richland 1*	6	7 *Last Day of School Richland 2*	8 *Last Day of School Richland/Lexington 5*	9
10	11	12	13	14 *Flag Day*	15	16
17 *Father's Day*	18 *Regular Board Meeting Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm*	19	20	21 *Summer Begins*	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Community Relations:
The Community Relations Department primarily handles website management, communication, material design, advertising and advertising design, brand development management publications, social media operations as well as Volunteerism and Community Service. Volunteers are a vital aspect of our agency and we work with teens ages 18+, church groups, community organizations and businesses.

Volunteer and Internships:
National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve. Volunteerism empowers individuals to find their purpose, to take their passion and turn it into meaningful change.

President Richard Nixon established National Volunteer Week with an executive order in 1974, as a way to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers. Since then, the original emphasis on celebration has widened; the week has become a nationwide effort to urge people to get out and volunteer in their communities. Every April, charities, hospitals, and communities recognize volunteers and foster a culture of service.

On April 27, the Community Relations Department hosted our 3rd Annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. Mr. Simeon Miles, a Public Health and Premedical Student at University of South Carolina was the guest speaker. We honored and recognized our volunteer coaches, general volunteers and interns.

Many Richland County Recreation Commission volunteers donate their time to help better the community they live in and the people that live in it. When they choose to do this they not only help others but they are also helping better themselves. Volunteering can give you the opportunity to try something new, gain experience, develop skills, improve your career prospects, build confidence and meet new people. Volunteer work is as important to your health as well as your resume. A history of volunteering demonstrates your commitment to the community and a willingness to work for the betterment of others.

Each year our agency relies heavily on volunteers. During the past year RCRC had over 92 volunteers and 2 interns give back close to 4,765 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 those individuals who choose to give back to us each year.

Information Technology:
Several things were on the agenda for the Information Technology Department this year. The year began with high speed internet upgrades throughout the commission. Our three connected locations which are the RCRC Headquarters building, James E Clyburn Technology Center and the Garners Ferry Sports Complex Metro E internet connections were upgraded to a faster and higher tier. Also, several parks that were previously using DSL services were upgraded to AT&T U-verse.

The IT department later did a series of network and computer upgrades. Computer upgrades started at the RCRC Headquarters building and will continue throughout the agency. The upgrades include the latest versions of Microsoft Office and Windows.

Lastly, since technology is progressing at such a rapid pace, networking items such as routers, switches and DVR surveillance systems are being upgraded and replaced throughout the agency as new devices become available.

JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 *Independence Day* *All RCRC Facilities Closed*	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 *Regular Board Meeting* *Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm*	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

SPECIAL EVENTS

Showtime Carousel:
This annual performing art series featured folktale storytelling, puppetry and magic shows. Performances byJohn Tudor the Magician kicked off the series by gracing the children with his many magic tricks. The Columbia Marionette presented the classic story of Cinderella but with a preppy interpretation. Sarah Dippity graced us with her mesmerizing magical performances. Porkchop Productions presented Aesop's classic fable of The Tortoise and the Hare. This summer event drew hundreds of children and continues to be a popular summer program.

Breakfast with Santa:
This familiar holiday treat was held at Richland Fashion Mall which included holiday arts and crafts, face painting and balloon art. The children are always eager to meet Santa and take photos while sharing their Christmas wish list. Breakfast was provided by Chick-fil-A. The morning events concluded with a theatrical stage play entitled "Holiday Cinderella" which was presented by The Columbia Children's Theatre.

48th Annual Cottontail Festival:
This yearly family tradition draws over 500 people in attendance each year for our Easter celebration at North Springs Park. The day featured games, crafts, music, live bunnies, egg hunts and special appearances of Mr. Cottontail himself. Vendors that participated were Blue Choice Health Plan, Palmetto Arcade, Southern Pride Rabbit and Cavy, Emerald Artistry, Nick Propst Balloons, Richland County Kids Print and Mounted Patrol, Richland Fire Department and EMS, and Air Fun Rentals. The event concluded with a puppet show entitled "Build it Better with the Three Little Pigs presented by The Columbia Marionette Theatre followed by the egg hunts.

Midlands Area Senior Games:
The 29th Midlands Area Senior Games is a week of recreational activities sanctioned by the South Carolina Senior Sports Classic which is held in September. This event gives the seniors a chance to be athletic, competitive and show their strengths. There were over 115 seniors who participated in senior games which includes a wide range of events from track & field, table tennis, target shooting, and bowling just to name a few. We are dedicated to providing opportunities for our senior citizens to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle.

AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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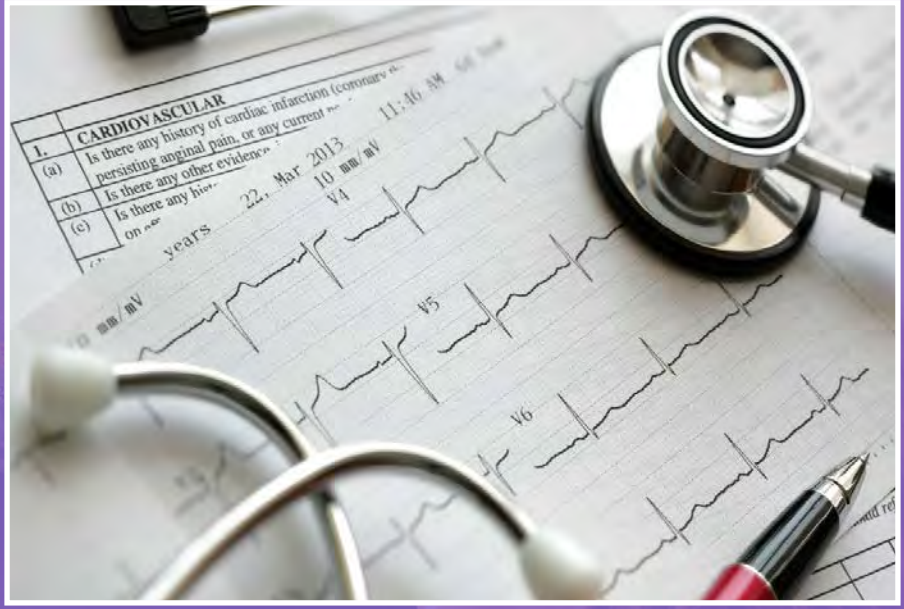
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources Division:
The Human Resources Division is responsible for the Recruitment, Employee Benefits, Compensation, and Employee Relations functions for the agency. Human Resources provides consistent and professional service to our 148 full-time employees and approximately 200 additional seasonal and part-time staff. Through consolidation of departments and responsibilities the agency reduced 20 full-time positions over the past two years (a 12% reduction) and is functioning more efficiently and effectively.

Recruitment:
Human Resources supported a successful summer camp program by recruiting and hiring well-qualified staff. Human Resources assisted the Programming Department with the annual summer camp audit which includes an audit of staff credentials, education, compensation, training, required background checks, employee physicals, TB and drug screens. Human Resources assisted with filling various full-time positions within the agency such as: Building and Grounds Workers, Adult Activity Manager, Superintendent of Repair and Construction, Agency Compliance Officer and the Executive Director search.

Benefits:
Human Resources conducted training for all full-time staff on their annual Enrollment benefits options. Benefit options for all fulltime staff include deferred compensation options, Colonial Life, AFLAC, health, dental, life insurance and vision coverage. Many employees participated in self-service enrollment online using MyBenefits and MyFBMC. Human Resources assisted in implementing various new employee benefit enhancements in 2016 and provided education sessions to staff – in an effort to promote the health and well-being of employees. New benefits such as Addiction Recovery Support, PEBA Perks – no co pay enhancements, Blue CareOnDemand - online doctor office visits and Patient-Centered Medical Home – initiative that will improve employee health and lower costs and MyHealth Toolkit for members of the State Health Plan - to help employees manage their health benefits.



Compensation:
Re-established a 3% across the board cost of living increase for all fulltime staff for the first time since FY 2011/2012. Compensation surveys are being planned for the up-coming fiscal year.

Employee Relations:
During the year, Human Resources partnered with South Vocational Rehabilitation for job shadowing and placement of part-time staff. Human Resources facilitated the revision of the Nepotism policy and conducted a nepotism audit. Driving record audits and education audits were also conducted.

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 *Labor Day* *All RCRC Facilities Closed*	4	5	6	7	8
9 *Grandparent's Day*	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 *Regular Board Meeting* *Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm*	18	19 *Yom Kippur*	20	21	22 *Fall Begins*
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

31st Annual Midlands Area Senior Games, September 10-14

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 through Richland County Council.

The Commission had an operational budget of $15,070,125 ($13,273,059 in 2015/2016 and ended the fiscal year with a 25% fund balance increase in the undesignated General Maintenance and operations fund of $7,327,474 ($5,883,914 in 2015/2015).

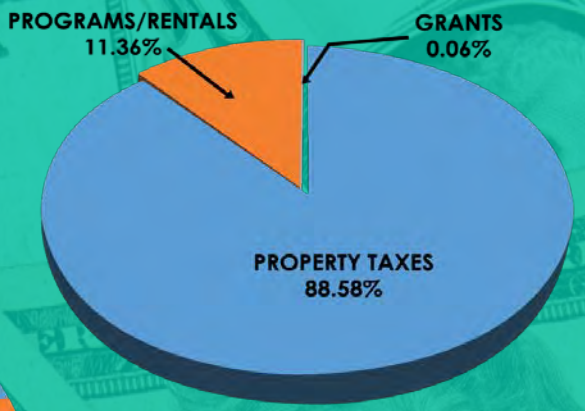
The General Fund reflects all financial activity of the agency with the exception of the LinRick Golf Course

Total revenue recorded in the General Fund was $15,386,665 with 88.58% from property taxes, 11.36% from programs and rentals, and .06% from grants. Of total revenue, property taxes generated $13,629,417, program fees and rentals generated $1,747,512.

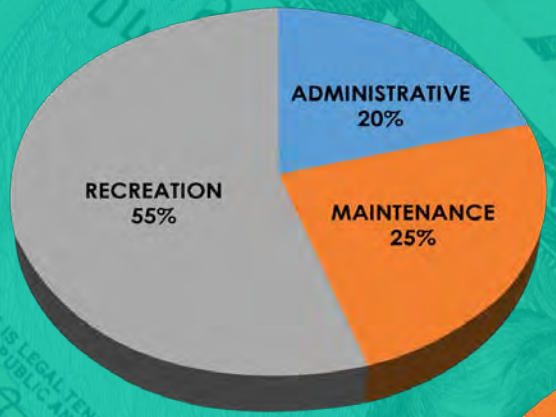
Other sources of revenue included $9,736. These grant resources were used for after school, day camp and other programs offered by the Recreation Commission.

The total operating budget for LinRick Golf Course, a separate proprietary fund was $820,000. Receipts from green fees, rentals, pro shop, and driving range for the fiscal year in the LinRick fund increased from the prior year by 3%, $753,039 for 2016/2017 ($731,119 in 2015/2016)

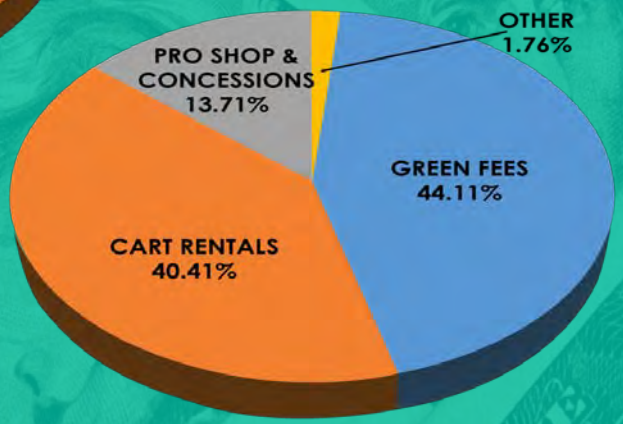
The agency is in its third year of the online registration system that allows patrons to register online for classes, trips, and activities without having to visit a facility. This service offers convenience and flexibility for the community we serve.



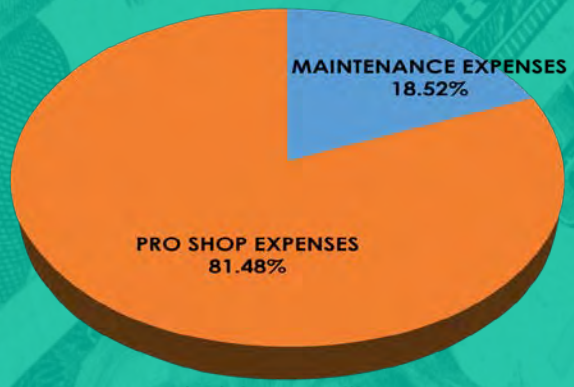
RCRC General Fund Revenue



RCRC General Fund Expenses



LinRick Revenue



LinRick Expenditures

OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 *Columbus Day*	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 *Regular Board Meeting* *Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm*	16 *National Boss's Day*	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 *Halloween*			

FOUNDATION

The Richland County Recreation Foundation(RCRF) continues to be a pillar in the community. The Foundation provides funding and programming opportunities to the Richland County Community. During the 2016-2017 year, RCRF continued to offer opportunities through the Afterschool Program and Summer of Adventures Day Camp scholarships. We have contributed to a plethora of Richland County Recreation Commission programs such as a dementia workshop, the Crane Creek Back to School Bash, Senior Health Fairs and a host of other community events. New exercise equipment was purchased as well for the Adult Activity Center.

The Richland County Recreation Foundation secured sponsorships from WellCare and Innersole for back to school events and the Adaptive Recreation's "Walk-A-Mile in my Shoes" event. We received grants from the Carolina Panthers, Tri-County Electric Cooperative and International Paper and Richland County. Throughout the year we continued to receive contributions from the Employee We Care Campaign, Gregory Electric, Central Community Foundation and the Governor's Cup Road Race. Richland County Recreation Foundation annually participates in local fundraisers with the Central Carolina Community Foundation's "Midlands Gives," the Belk Charity Sale and Amazon Smiles.

As Richland County Recreation Foundation continues to flourish in the community, we look forward to creating new and innovative programs, scholarships and opportunities to the Richland County community. In the last year, RCRF received a total amount of contributions in the amount of over $65,000. These grants, sponsorships and donations allow RCRF to uphold our mission, vision and keep the community first.

NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 *Daylight Savings Time Ends*	5	6 *Election Day*	7	8	9	10
11	12 *Veterans Day (observed)* *All RCRC Facilities Closed*	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 *Regular Board Meeting* *Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm*	20	21 *Thanksgiving Holiday (21-23)* *Richland 1, Richland 2 &* *Richland/Lexington 5*	22 *Thanksgiving Day* *All RCRC Facilities Closed*	23 *Day after Thanksgiving Day* *All RCRC Facilities Closed*	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

NRPA 3 PILLARS

Proven Impact: Your Local Parks Addressing National Issues
The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) has identified three key ways that local parks make a significant impact in solving the nation's toughest issues. By ensuring there is Social Equity in all programs and activities; providing Health and Wellness opportunities; and engaging in effective Conservation practices, local parks are uniquely positioned to positively affect their communities.

NRPA's Three Pillars Defined

Social Equity

Ensuring all people have access to the benefits of local parks and recreation. True to the very philosophy of public parks and recreation is the idea that all people – no matter the color of their skin, age, income level or ability – has access to programs, facilities, places and spaces that make their lives and communities great.

Health and Wellness

Leading the nation to improved health and wellness through parks and recreation. America continues to feel the strain of a serious health crisis affecting adults and young alike. One in which we are plagued by poor nutrition, sedentary lifestyles, and unhealthy habits. But there is a solution with little to no cost and is available in nearly every town, city and community – local parks and recreation.

Conservation

Protecting open space, connecting children to nature, and engaging communities in conservation practices. Core to the mission of public parks and recreation is the preservation of natural resources and the promotion of good conservation and stewardship practices. In today's world, where conservation and environmental stewardship is on everyone's minds, public parks and lands are viewed as essential to protect open space and preserve nature – our land, water, trees, open space, wildlife.

Richland County Recreation Commission (RCRC)

As the first nationally accredited parks and recreation agency in the state of South Carolina, RCRC has an obligation to bring the national conversation to the local level. We do that every day through our mission statement, "Dedicated to Enriching Lives and Connecting Communities through Diverse Recreational Opportunities." NRPA's "Three Pillars" will assist our agency in telling the story of how the programs, services and activities that we offer are addressing serious national issues right here in our own community. The programs and activities you find in this program guide are more than classes, but gateways to enriched lives and connected communities. Throughout the guide you will find symbols that will identify a program that meets the criteria of each or all of the "Three Pillars". Enjoy becoming part of the conversation.

DECEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 *Breakfast with Santa* *10:00 am-12:00 pm* *St. Andrews Park*
2 *First Day of Hanukkah*	3	4	5	6	7 *National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day*	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 *Regular Board Meeting* *Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm*	18	19	20	21 *Winter Begins*	22
23	24 *Christmas Eve* *All RCRC Facilities Closed*	25 *Christmas Day* *All RCRC Facilities Closed*	26 *Day after Christmas* *All RCRC Facilities Closed* *Kwanzaa begins*	27	28	29
30	31					

FACILITY INVENTORY

Richland County Recreation Commission

DISTRICT 1:

- **Ballentine Community Center:**
1009 Bickley Road, Ballentine 29063, 781-2031
- **Denny Terrace Gymnasium:**
6429 Bishop Avenue, Columbia, 29203, 754-5290
- **Dutch Fork Tennis Center:**
113 Friarsgate Boulevard, Irmo, 29063, 732-3220
- **Friarsgate Park:**
1712 Chadford 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, 741-7272 ext. 188
- **Olympia Neighborhood Park:**
1050 Olympia Avenue, Columbia, 29201, 741-7272 ext. 188
- **Perrin-Thomas Park Community Center:**
1030 Andrews Road, Columbia, 29201, 400-1206
- **Pine Grove Community Center:**
937 Piney Woods Road, Columbia, 29210, 213-1296
- **Ridgewood Park Community Center:**
805 Crest Street, Columbia, 29203, 735-8132
- **Serenity Neighborhood Park:**
403 Riley Street, Columbia, 29203, 741-7272 ext. 188
- **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. 188
- **Crane Creek Gymnasium:**
7405-B Fairfield Road, Columbia, 29203, 754-1662
- **Crane Forest Neighborhood Park:**
1202 Peachwood Drive, Columbia, 29203, 741-7272 ext. 188
- **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. 188
- **Summerhill Neighborhood Park:**
210 Durango Avenue, Columbia, 29203, 741-7272 ext. 188
- **New Castle-Trenholm Acres Community Center:**
5819 Shakespeare Road, Columbia, 29223, 735-7033
- **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, 741-7272 ext. 188
- **Kelly Mill Sports Complex:**
171 Bombing Range Road, Elgin, 29044, 741-7272 ext. 188
- **Killian Park:**
1424 Marthan Road, Blythewood, 29016, 754-7980
- **North Springs Park Community Center:**
1320 Clemson Road, Columbia, 29229, 788-3193
- **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 Drive, 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
- **Eastover Pool:**
1031 Main Street, Eastover, 29044, 353-3175
- **Gadsden Park Community Center:**
1668 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. 188
- **Hopkins Park Adult Activity Center:**
144 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. 188

JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 *New Year's Day* *All RCRC Facilities Closed*	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 *Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday* *All RCRC Facilities Closed*	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 *Regular Board Meeting* *Adult Activity Center - 6:00 pm*	29	30	31		

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.

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 the 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.

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