



# 2020

## PARKS AND RECREATION ANNUAL REPORT

City of  
Fort Collins

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Working to serve the diverse recreational needs of our community, the Recreations, Parks, and Park Planning & Development departments strive to deliver exceptional service, engaging programming and access to nature in order to promote the health and wellbeing of the Fort Collins community.

Throughout 2020, the Parks and Recreation departments continued to serve the community by providing places to recreate and gather safely and finding innovative solutions to traditional programming.

Parks and trails remained open, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, as they proved integral to the community's mental and physical health. In staying open, trail counts reported a 26% increase from 2019, as community members searched for ways to get outdoors. Golf also became a popular activity, with all three courses able to remain open with safety guidelines in place.

From March to June, Northside Aztlan Community Center was converted into an emergency shelter. Heritage Park, the park next door to the community center, was utilized as a temporary outdoor shelter to aid in reducing the spread of COVID as well.

To assist school-aged children with remote learning, Camp FunQuest Learning Journey was launched. Children were supervised by licensed childcare employees while attending their online learning.

Recreation's Day Camps division also secured \$43,000 in CARES Act funding to recover costs from lost Reduced Fee revenue, increase staffing levels for lower ratios in classrooms, and purchase necessary classroom furniture and instructional materials.

Parks and Recreation worked together to bring a modified Fourth of July Celebration to the community. Activities included hot air balloons, an airplane and vehicle parade, chalk drawing contest, pop-up concerts, music from the Fort Collins Symphony, and a regional fireworks display.

The Parks & Recreation Master Plan underwent an intensive public engagement process, allowing for the community to review and comment on the future of parks and recreation in Fort Collins. The plan, along with supplemental documents and videos, can be viewed online at [ourcity.fcgov.com/parksandrec](https://ourcity.fcgov.com/parksandrec).





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RECREATION

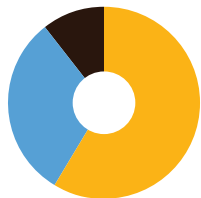
TOTAL FACILITY VISITORS

450,297

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

567,641

RECREATION FINANCES



2020 Funding Sources	
Revenue:	\$2,916,000
KFCG:	\$1,522,000
General Fund:	\$515,145



Revenue Generators	
Ice Programs:	\$777,087
Youth & Child Development:	\$387,985
Sports:	\$361,372
Aquatics Programs:	\$333,985



Expenses	
Ice Programs:	\$371,091
Aquatics Programs:	\$357,436
Sports:	\$264,805
Youth Programs:	\$264,365
Fitness:	\$153,759

2020 RECREATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Virtual programming was on the rise in 2020. Recreation provided many online program opportunities including.
- Drop-in reservations were required at some facilities, like The Farm, EPIC, and Mulberry Pool. The community utilized online platforms to reserve lap lanes or timed visits which enabled patrons and staff to adhere to County Health guidelines pertaining to Covid-19.
- A new electric vehicle was purchased to reduce the carbon footprint of the Recreation Department.
- The social wing was renovated to have a new coffee lounge complete with a bean to cup coffee machine for all to enjoy.
- Funtime Preschool Program received state childcare license.
- Treatsylvania sold out within one hour of registration.
- The traditional Holiday Artisan Market was held virtually through the month of November.

REDUCED FEE PROGRAM



Reduced Fee Funds:  
**\$190,000**



Applications Approved:  
**977**  
Households



Reduced Fee Passes Issued:  
**2,426**



Reduced Fee Facility Visits:  
**16,190**



## 2020 PARKS

### PARK STATISTICS

1,722	..... shelter reservations
2,860	..... total games/practices (baseball, football, frisbee golf, kickball, lacrosse, soccer, softball)
39	..... total large events
84,277	..... rounds of golf played
26	..... miles of holiday light strands
1	..... mile of new paved trail
7,700	..... holiday trees chipped into 89 tons of mulch
500	..... vehicles/trailers loaded with free mulch recycled
225	..... trees sold through Community Canopy Project
3,550	..... cu/yds of mulch ground
1098	..... wreaths placed for Wreaths Across America

### 2020 PARKS HIGHLIGHTS

- Parks budget was reduced by \$467,114 to assist with the City's cost recovery efforts.
- Awarded Clean Air Champions Award by the Regional Air Quality Council for efforts to reduce lawn and garden equipment emissions. 55% of Parks' handheld landscape equipment is now electric.
- Library Park playground replaced through partnership with Poudre River Library District and asset management program
- Spring Creek Trail and Rolland Moore Park received bridge replacements through the asset management program
- Nature in the City Grant was awarded for the Spring Canyon Community Park Ponds Improvement Project
- Non-essential watering stopped three weeks early to assist with the water mitigation efforts, in response to the Cameron Peak Fire
- Assisted with Cameron Peak Fire support camp at the Old CSU Hughes Stadium site, in partnership with CSU
- Emerald Ash Borer detected in north Fort Collins in May. Response plan quickly developed with phased treatment approach throughout the next three years.



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## PARK PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

**7** ..... community parks

**43** ..... neighborhood/pocket parks

**45** ..... miles of paved trail

**971** ..... acres maintained

**55,000** ..... trees maintained

**2** ..... cemeteries

**3** ..... golf courses

**2,570,433** ..... trail counts

**135,000** ..... sq ft flower beds

**100** ..... acres of medians maintained

**45,000** ..... flowers planted

**10** ..... Recreation facilities

**3** ..... Indoor Pools

**1** ..... Outdoor Pools

**2** ..... Ice Rinks

## 2020 PARK PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Eastside Park improvements completed in partnership with First United Methodist Church
- Twin Silo Park awarded Honor Award from Colorado Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and Columbine Award for New Park Design by Colorado Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA)
- Successful first cyclocross season at Rossborough Park
- Completed one mile of paved trail between Lincoln Middle School/Lancer Drive and the Poudre Trail

## GET SOCIAL WITH US!

### 2020 E-newsletter subscribers:

Recreation .....	<b>34,821</b>	Golf .....	<b>1,856</b>
Senior Center .....	<b>4,845</b>	Pickleball .....	<b>1,829</b>
ARO .....	<b>2,800</b>	Youth Programs.....	<b>1,593</b>

### SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS



@ParksandRecFC

**10,311**

**2,916**

**2,870**

@FortCollinsGolf

**1,784**

**716**

**297**



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