

2017 Annual Report

BLUFFTON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Presented by: Pam Vanderkolk, Superintendent

January

Weekday Walkers - 386 (for season)	Homemade Card Class - 5
Crochet Lessons - 9	Theater Thursday - 36
Tot Time - 109 (for season)	Open Gym - 985 (for season)
Rock Steady Boxing - 19 registered / average 10-14 attend each class	

February

Stuff & Fluff – 51	Tot Block Party - 17
Chilly Chili Run – 177	Crochet Lessons – 8
Mother/Son Dance – 124	Daddy/Daughter Dance – 344
Theater Thursday – 29	Homemade Cards - 4

March

Spring Coloring Contest – 72	Tot Gold Hunt/Bank Tour – 32
Theater Thursday – 28	Card Class – 7
Stuff & Fluff (max) - 34	

April

Belle Princess Tea Party - 215 (max)	
Theater Thursday – 32	Senior Exploration – 50
Laundry Soap Sales - 87 (profit \$537)	Easter Egg Hunt - 325+
Underwater Egg Hunt - 139 swimmers and 75 spectators	
Special Olympics - 217 registered, but cancelled due to storms	

May

Summer Striders – 25	Swim Lessons – 184
Pee Wee Swim Lessons - 16	Theater Thursday – 18
Homemade Card Class – 8	Women Self Defense Class – 40
Spring Bike Tour of Parks – 62	Grandpa & Me - 67
Teacups & Tutus - 36	Noodles with Nana - 41 (max)
Yarn Bombing - 11 participated	

June

Old Time Baseball game - 35	Craft Club - 26, 26, 32, 38
Chicks Run – 276	Tot Clay Day – 50
Art in the Park – 63, 35, 36, 58	Loom Hot Pad -24
Kool-Aid & Canvas - 8	Jr. Kool-Aid & Canvas - 9
Tennis Lessons – 517 for summer	Bowling - 25
Bead Happy Jewelry - 92	Egg Drop Challenge – 23
Tot Lego Day - 28	Youth Basketball - 12
Tot Chalk it Up – 31	3D Coloring – 16
Designer Hair Ribbons – 28	Wood Kit Crafts - 26
Tech Take a Part Day – 27	Finger Nail Art – 21
Touch-A-Truck – 735	Pee Wee Painters - 36
Lunch & Learn Electricity - 105	City Challenge - 98 people/35 teams
Tot Bubble Day – 48	Paper Sculpting - 27
Tot Nature Hunt - 37	Culinary Kids (Spanish) - 11

June (continued)

Fuse Bead Magnets – 19
Tot Balloon Day – 26
Shaving Cream Fight - 70
Glow Yoga - 21
Bubble Dash - 90
Pickleball - 12 avg
Dinosaur Dig - 44
Matchbox Car Play Day - 90
38th Infantry Band Concert - 102
Worry Dolls - 17
Drawing - 33
Yoga in the Park - 17, 19
Escape Room - 28 (max)

Card Making Class – 7
Theater Thursday – 29
Funky Flip Flops – 41
Abstract Organic Sculpture - 15
Foam Party - 475+
Rock Painting - 155
Animal Explorers - 90
Mini Cheer - 61
Casey James Concert - 300 (rain!)
Zentangle Coloring - 2
Squish & Sculpt – 33
Jr. Escape Room - 25 (max)

July

Creepy Crawlies - 19
Tot Fire Dept. visit – 47
Tot Water Blob Day - 24
Summer Striders II – 9
Homemade Cards – 4
Tot Ice Excavation – 39
Secret Life of Pets Movie - 109
Kehoe Concert - 175 (Stacy Stork Band)
Kehoe Concert - 263 (Biff & Cruisers)
Lego Batman Movie - 144
Wet Wacky Wednesday – 85, 33, 111, 93
Balloon Animals - 11
Book Sculpting - 16

Community July 4th Celebration - 300+
Kehoe Concert - 200 (Jennie Devoe)
Art in the Park - 62 (others rained out)
Iron Kid Triathlon – 100 rescheduled/rain
Reed Basket Making - 20
Robotics Encounter - 13
Finding Dory Movie - 163
Rogue One Movie - 110
Hungry Human Game - 32
Angry Bird Slingshot - 48
Wood Grain Art - 13
Build & Battle Catapults - 41
Theater Thursday - 32

August

Kehoe Concert – 100 (Woomblies)
Adult Triathlon – 78
Theater Thursday – 50
Archery - 35
Giant Slip & Slide / Squirt Gun Fight- 274

Wet Wacky Wednesday – 95
Kehoe Concert – 200 (NE Indiana Jazz Workshop)
Homemade Card Class – 5
Slow Roll Bike Ride - 82

September

Fall Coloring contest – 39
Harvest Hustle 5K – 110
Fall Senior Exploration – 45

Yoga Wine Down - 32
Homemade Card Class - 7
Theater Thursday – 31

October

Tot Fire Dept. visit – 41
Card making class – 7
Great Pumpkin Hunt/Star Gazing – 460+
Autumn Adventure – 1,632

Theater Thursday – 36
Crochet Class - 14
Pumpkin Dunkin – 161
Employee Cookout - 68

November

Tot Post Office tour – 14
Homemade Card Class - 6
Crochet Class - 14
Soccer camp - 26

Theater Thursday – 20
Adult Volleyball League - 4 teams
Zombie Run 5K - 98

December

Tot Candy Cane Hunt - 10
Winter Wonderland – 288
December Dash 5K - 86
Whiskers & Walk - 14
Theater Thursday - 40
Gingerbread House Contest - 29

Paws & Claus – 88 humans, 50 dogs
Winter Coloring contest – 134
Candy Cane Dash - 14
Santa’s Mailbox – 165
Card Class - 5

3,369 Free Summer Lunches served by BHMSD - 948 at Roush Park and 2,112 at Washington Park,
PLUS - 309 at Touch-a-Truck event for grand total of: 3,678 served

Grants received: \$15,409.00

Volunteers: 212 Total hours: 1,285 (approximate figures)

Participants: 15,406 estimated

Improvements made: \$187,126.45

Income:

Roush #1 Concessions - \$15,073.65
Roush # 2 Concessions - \$2,980.50
Jefferson Concessions - \$2,211.10
Pool Concessions - \$13,889.40
Pool Admissions - \$21,273.25 / Pool visitors - 11,291 / 69 days
Pavilion Rentals - \$2,780.00
Washington Park (inside) - 18 rentals, (outside) 17 rentals
Roush Park pavilion - 5
Lion’s Park pavilion - 2
Wabash River Pavilion - 1
Kehoe gazebo - 4 rentals
K-9 Kommons Members - 97 / Income: \$915.00
Pool rentals - 25 / Income \$6,510.00
Gym visitors - 1,023
Gym memberships:
City employees: 30 Single: 112 Family: 105 Total: 247 Income: \$13,344.00

COMPLIMENTS:

Allison: Tot time was fun and must have worn Emma out because she napped 2 hours earlier than the norm!

Sheila: Great pics! I love seeing the Dad's in their costumes! Priceless memories for these young ladies! Great job!
(Daddy Daughter Dance)

Jessica: Thanks for the fun night! (Underwater egg hunt)

Kristen: We would love to be signed up for the series. Thank you so much for all the work that you put in to creating so many community events!! (Summer tot time events)

Thank you for a wonderful time last night. Both of my granddaughter has such a great time. I appreciate all of the great activates you provide for us. An awesome job again Brandy! (Noodles with Nana)

Yarn Bombing post:

Sheila: I love this! Send your artist to Vera Cruz Park! lol

Shirley: Have to drive by and see!!! Cool!!!

Brandi: Love this!

Sarah: Love it!!

Nola: Awesome to see the bright yarn designs as you drive by!

Melissa: I love this so much! Every time I drive by it makes me smile!

Jennifer: I was there Sunday. Elaina had her Sunday party there. It was cool to see.

Lindsay: My 3 year old loved this, thank you for doing such wonderful events. (Foam party)

We took our grandson to the Touch a Truck yesterday and we were amazed at how many different trucks and vehicles were there...my grandson is only 2 but he had a blast being able to sit in the trucks and touch things...very awesome idea....thanks for the great day!

Marsha: Wow. I have never seen anything like this before...looks like fun! (Foam party)

Elizabeth: Foam party at the splash pad today! One of the many reasons I love living in Bluffton again is because of the awesome parks and recreation department!

Pamela: Casey James was amazing as always! Thank you Bluffton Parks for doing such a great job keeping us informed about the changes after the rainstorm. We drove about 600 miles from NC to catch the show & enjoyed it so much! Check out Casey's new album #StripItDown on iTunes if you didn't get a chance to hang out after the show & buy one, excellent music!

Nick: Great night and show(s)! I am still hearing a lot of compliments from people who were in attendance. Hopeful for more great shows in the future!

Thanks for inviting Casey to play & for a great show! It was very well organized & worth every mile.

Tammy: Really enjoyed this race. Hope you do it again!! (City Challenge)

Stephanie: My nephews went to this event today and had a fantastic time! Thank you! (Giant Angry Bird Sling Shot)

Joann: Jaden Payne at Park's Dept. Angry Bird Giant Sling Shot activity! Our Park's Dept. is awesome!

Nancy: A beautiful day to celebrate our awesome trails with friends. Thanks to all who made these trails possible and organized this fun event. (Slow Roll Bike Ride)

Lisa: I'm so excited about the walking trail being paved!!! Thanks @BlufftonParks for helping our community to be healthy!!! (Roush Park)

Hi! I brought my boys to the fire department and they loved it! Thank you for organizing this. I am consistently impressed with the Bluffton Parks Department! (Tot FD visit)

Ted: Great job last night. Fun event and the shelter house with the decorations, fires, and food was a perfect post race setting. (Zombie Run)

Brian: What a blast, BTW that rabbit still has me freaked out!!!! (Zombie Run)

Brad: Great race! (Zombie Run)