

CITY OF HENDERSON
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Annual Report | Fiscal Year 2022



Message from the DIRECTOR

This past year and a half has been an exciting time for the City of Henderson Parks and Recreation Department as we saw many programs and services return to full operations. Throughout the past year our dedicated team of professionals worked hard to restore the programs and services our residents love and rely upon. It was wonderful to see our community gathering at many of our hometown favorite events such as WinterFest, St Patrick's Day Parade and our Fourth of July celebration where more than 22,000 families enjoyed games, food and fireworks! It is so great to see the number of attendees at special events hosted by the city approaching and surpassing in some cases pre-pandemic levels. As we've journeyed through this road to recovery, we met many of our goals while continuing to be challenged by nationwide staffing shortages, supply chain delays and COVID-19 exposures and quarantines.

Many accomplishments are highlighted in this year's report. We are very proud of the fact that we attained NRPA's Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies Accreditation for the 20th year solidifying the fact that we meet national standards of best practice. In addition, we are so proud to be one of four finalists for the National Gold Medal Plaque for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management. The American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association honors communities in the United States with this award who demonstrates excellence in parks and recreation through long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development and agency recognition.

Completion of The Harry Reid Union Pacific Railroad Trail created a continuous, lighted non-motorized, multi-use 12-mile recreational corridor through the center of Henderson. The corridor provides opportunities for residents and visitors to walk, sit, ride bikes, and generally enjoy the outdoors, while providing linkages to destinations such as parks, schools, downtown, Nevada State College campus, and other city and active trails.

Another milestone was the completion of the I-215 Trail bridge allowing pedestrians, joggers, and bicyclists to avoid traffic and hazards while continuing along the I-215 trail at its intersection at Pecos.

Two parks were completed this year, Attesa Park in Inspirada and Union Village Park off Galleria Drive. These parks, along with the 67 other parks in our system, help us meet our goal of a park within a 10-minute walk of every resident. We are currently at 73% of this goal!

We also have new parks either under construction or starting soon including: Montagna Park in Inspirada, Dundee Jones Park off Jeffreys St, Drake St Park (our first Community Garden), HOME Park (our first all abilities park), and several parks in the Cadence area. The next couple of years will be very exciting.

Even with all this development, what is on our minds is water conservation. We are committed to building sustainable and environmentally responsible parks while continuing to provide premier recreational amenities for our residents. One of our largest efforts include a multi-year project to remove non-functional turf (if the only person walking on it is someone mowing it, it will be removed) and replacing the areas with drought tolerant landscaping and amenities. In addition, we are designing all future parks with water conservation in mind, educating our community on how to be water smart when selecting plant material and trees and researching other sustainable practices.

Our team truly cares about the future and sustainability of parks and recreation in Henderson and will continue to not only strive towards excellence but leave a legacy for our entire community.



Shari Ferguson
Parks and Recreation Director

By the Numbers

Average **OVER 350,000** participants per year in afterschool programs



220+ MILES of trails



16  **DOG PARKS**

69 CITY PARKS 

34,827 meals served TO RESIDENTS 

 **21** CONSECUTIVE YEARS CAPRA accredited

73% of residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park/trail



389 Volunteers DONATED

5,089 HOURS of time



6 RECREATION CENTERS

2 SENIOR CENTERS



47 multipurpose fields



58 baseball/softball fields

Parks and Recreation INTRODUCTION

The City's Parks and Recreation Department is the only agency in Nevada to currently hold national accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), successfully passing all 154 accreditation standards. The Parks and Recreation department has been accredited for 21 years. The department won the National Recreation and Park Association's Gold Medal Award for Excellence in the field of Park and Recreation Management in 1999 and 2014 and has been a finalist seven times. Residents enjoy having premier parks and recreation facilities within a half-mile or 10-minute walk of every resident.

Purpose Statement

- To provide diverse and innovative recreation and cultural opportunities through premier parks, trails, facilities and by protecting natural resources

Core Services

- Strategic Planning and Support
- Parks, Trails and Open Space Management
- Recreation and Community Services

The Department supports the following City Strategic Priorities:

- Livable Communities
- Quality Education

The Parks and Recreation Department facilitates the following boards and commissions:

- Blue Ribbon Commission on Educational Excellence and Youth Opportunity
- Commemorative Beautification Commission
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
- Henderson Arts Council (not council appointed)

Strategic Planning & SUPPORT

- Strategic planning and support encompass several different functions that the Administration Division oversees. Capital planning, financial analysis, compliance, and accreditation, as well as policy management ensures continuous operational improvement for the department.
- Workforce training and development, and technological services support the daily operations. Grant procurement and sponsorship outreach aid in securing alternate funding sources, while marketing functions promote department events.

Goals

- Increase access to public recreation by increasing the percentage of residents within a 10-minute walk of parks, trails, and open spaces
- Enhance a diverse and inclusive community
- Expand health initiatives to increase educational and access opportunities to foster community fitness, health, wellness and nutrition
- Ensure safety in parks and recreation facilities
- Be fiscally sustainable
- Be good stewards of our natural and historical resources
- Attract, cultivate and retain an effective and dynamic workforce
- Invest in asset infrastructure management

Parks, Trails & Open Space MANAGEMENT

- Parks, trails and open space management provides stewardship of municipal parks, trails, landscaping, and open space areas in over 1,966 acres of developed park land, open space, trails, and civic grounds. Henderson's parks and trails inventory includes 69 parks, trailheads, and more than 230 linear miles of trails. There are several streetscapes also maintained as part of this core service area, as well as 105 lighted and non-lighted sports fields. Other related programs from this core service include a municipal forestry program that manages an inventory of over 30,000 trees with an economic value of \$60 million; and a water systems group that manages irrigation application through the Maxicom software program.
- We also have new parks either under construction or starting soon including: Montagna Park, Dundee Jones Park, Drake Street Park, HOME Park and the Cadence Parks.

HOME Park

The City of Henderson is creating an adaptive use park, sports park and community center located at the southwest corner of Stephanie Street and Russell Road, immediately west of the Russell Road Recreation Complex on the border of Henderson and Clark County.

The nearly 8-acre Henderson Outdoor Multiplay Environment, or HOME Park, will be the first unique sports and recreational facility specifically designed to serve individuals of all abilities in Southern Nevada.

Facilities will be ADA accessible and open to people of all ages and abilities to encourage and learn appreciation for what makes everyone different.

The broad range of sports and recreational activities programmed for the complex will enable people to discover new strengths and build confidence.

At full build out, the facility will include a baseball/beepball field, soccer, basketball courts, tot lot, water feature, a community center, trails, and activities that encourage users of to learn about the natural environment.



MONTAGNA Park under construction



DRAKE STREET Park

Drake Street Park is a proposed 3.5-acre park adjacent to John C. Kish Boys and Girls Club near the intersection of North Major Avenue and Boulder Highway in east Henderson. The park will be constructed in two phases, and phase 1 will include the City’s first public community garden as a key element. Phase 2 will include amenities such as: an outdoor classroom, playground, splash pad, open turf grass area, restroom, shaded picnic areas, and other typical park amenities. Phase 1 is currently under construction with an anticipated completion of January 2023.

The image is a detailed site plan for Drake Street Park. It shows the layout of various amenities and their locations relative to surrounding streets and existing structures. The plan includes a legend with 16 numbered items and a design summary section.

Legend

- 1 Full-Tree Line, Pathmaker Walking Loop
- 2 2-6 Playground with Shade Shelter
- 3 8-12 Playground with Shade Shelter
- 4 Processing Station, Interactive Elements and Deline
- 5 Water Play
- 6 Outdoor Classroom with shade shelter and stage
- 7 Resonable Community Garden barrier-walled garden
- 8 Community Garden barrier-walled garden with accessible path
- 9 Community Gardens Entry Feature with wildflower planter and "seed wall"
- 10 Shared Storage Shed
- 11 Main Park Entry
- 12 Turf Grass
- 13 Restroom
- 14 Parking Lot Covered traffic with angled parking, additional parking to be accommodated along Drake Street
- 15 Resonable Picnic Area with shade tables and covered picnic games
- 16 Veggie Fence
- 17 Custom Garden-Themed Shade Shelters located inside of community gardens for garden users
- 18 Planter with Garden-Themed Sculptural Elements
- 19 Landscape Area
- 20 Remove existing modular retaining wall and fence, and regrade park, or reworked to provide full accessibility into park

Design Summary

The entire site includes a wooded garden and walk as full full connects all of the park's major design elements. To the west, a perimeter edge fence should delineate the park from the rest of the site. The park area should be divided into several zones and accessible shared picnic beds with opportunities to connect to shared storage shed and covered seating areas, an outdoor classroom adjacent to the community gardens and a walkway from the proposed parking lot. The eastern half of the park features all age play area with shade tables, picnic area, and a playground area. The western edge of the park is a construction area inside the parking lot, a community garden and a portion of the park's phase 2 construction. The park area, playground, outdoor classroom, picnic area, and restroom and phase 2 would include the 2nd year and 3rd year and other play area.

Page-Footer: Drake Park | Master Plan Concept 12.02.2019

DUNDEE JONES Park

Located on the northeast corner of West Horizon Ridge Parkway and Jeffreys Street, Dundee Jones Park is comprised of 6-acres of park space. The fly-fishing themed park is named in honor of Dundee as a remembrance of all he has done for the City of Henderson Parks and Recreation Department. Amenities include a plaza area with group shade, restroom, playground, and splash pad, an “adventure” dog park, fitness equipment, two pickleball courts and other typical neighborhood park amenities. The park is currently under construction with an anticipated completion of March 2023.



PARKSCORE #20

Henderson prides itself on its commitment to provide residents and visitors with award-winning parks and trails. And we're not the only ones to recognize these efforts. Our City parks were ranked #20 of the 100 most populated U.S. cities according to the Trust for Public Land's ParkScore index. The ranking is based on a survey of 525 cities and measures how well they are meeting the community's need for parks. The Trust's ParkScore index is the national gold standard for the comparison of park systems in the nation. Published annually, the index measures park systems according to five categories: access, investment, amenities, acreage, and equity. This honor recognizes our continuing efforts to enhance quality of life in Henderson through our 69 meticulously maintained parks and the fact that 73% of our residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park.

Henderson ranked #20 in the nation for our parks!



Recreation & Community SERVICE

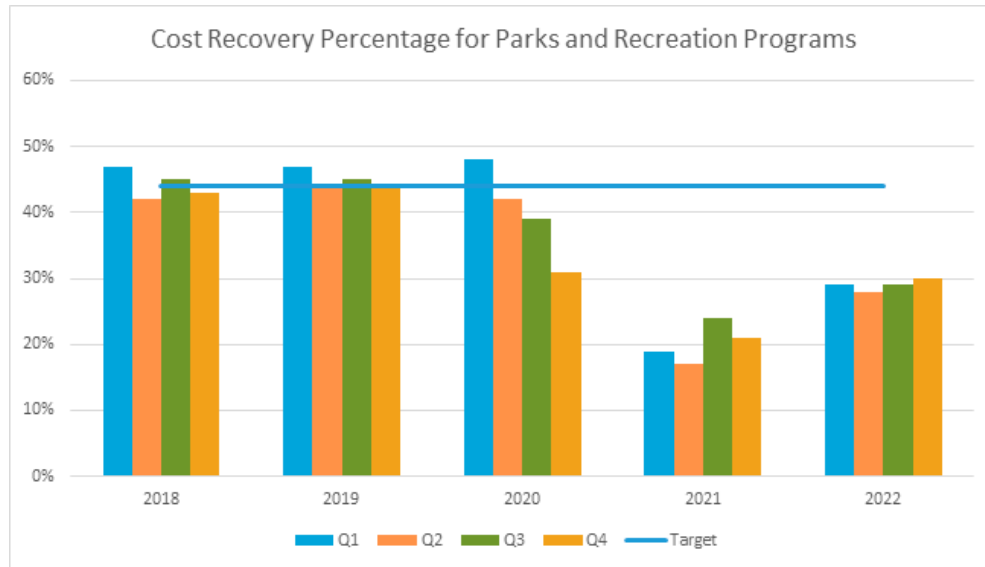
Recreation and community service provides the community general recreation offerings such as special interest classes (e.g.; dance, cooking, etc.), drop-in and monthly fitness classes, youth and adult sports, and aquatic programs through the department's recreation centers, pools and special sports facilities. Outdoor recreation programs include the Henderson Trail Watch volunteer program, walking and hiking, archery, BMX, rock climbing, community fun runs, and park and trail reservations. City residents ages 50+ are offered programs such as health screenings, outreach, tax assistance, volunteer opportunities and nutrition programs. For those with disabilities, several adaptive and mainstreaming activities are offered. Preschool, elementary school-aged children and teens benefit from programs such as ABC Etc. preschool, Safekey/Teen Scene, Battle Born Kids, Battle Born Teens. Recreation and community service programs in Fiscal Year 2022 include:

- The City of Henderson partnered with the National Football League and the Boys and Girls Club on a refurbishment project at Wells Park in conjunction with the 2022 Pro Bowl. Along with turf replacement and equipment repainting, a mural was installed at the park to celebrate the diversity of the surrounding community. Participants of the event also packed care bags for community members impacted by domestic violence and inscribed positive message promoting inclusion and acceptance, which was displayed at a local organization that supports the LGBTQ+ community.
- USA Artistic Swimming Masters Championships (formally known as Synchronized Swimming): This event was held October 21-24 and hosted over 120 athletes throughout the weekend including the USA national team and national duet who previewed their new choreography for the Worlds Championships in December.
- Silver Springs Recreation Center Fashion Show & Art Fair: This outdoor and indoor event offered activities throughout the facility as well and in the “backyard” at the Pittman Wash Trail and the Silver Springs Amphitheater, including a fashion show and arts and craft fair.
- Sunday Jazz Series at the Bird Viewing Preserve offered attendees live jazz music, a wine walk, and plenty of time to stroll along the paths or take a complementary cart tour around the preserve.
- Camp 911 was created to offer youth in the Henderson community an opportunity to learn about the various aspects of law enforcement and emergency services, leadership skills and emergency preparedness. It also emphasized the importance of making good choices and being a good citizen.

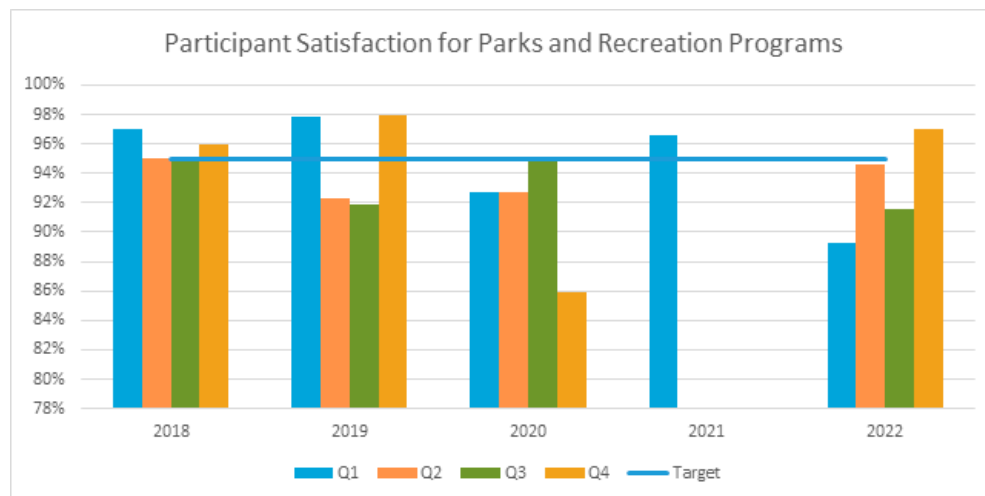


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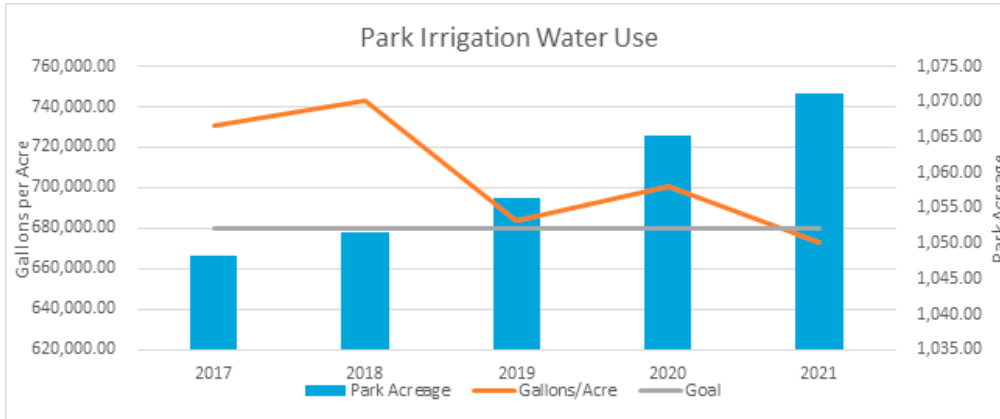
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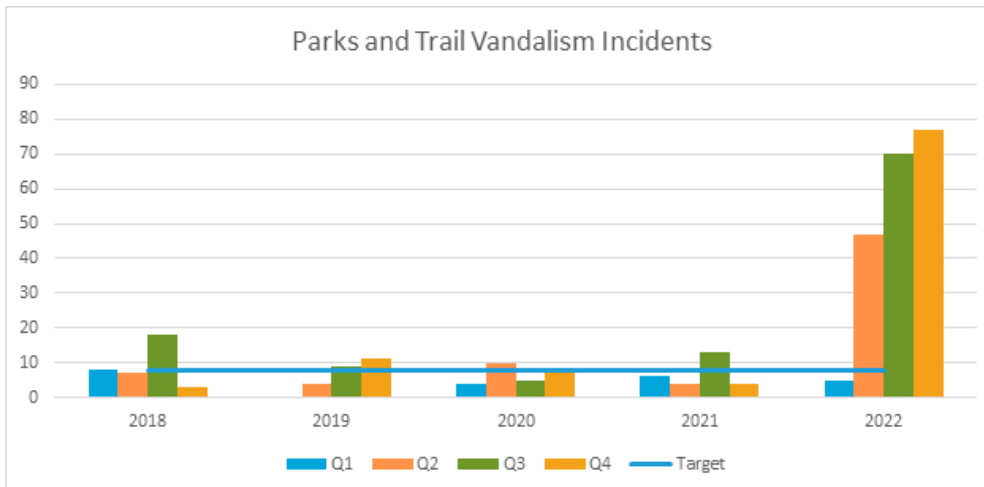
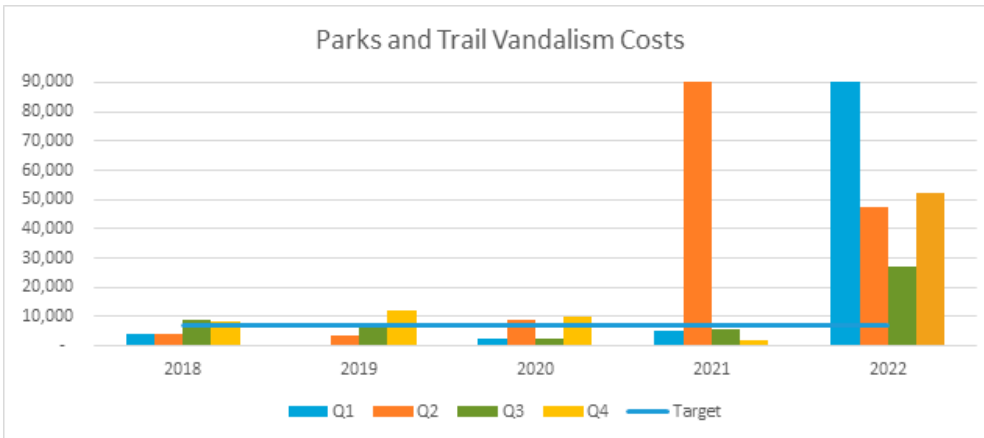
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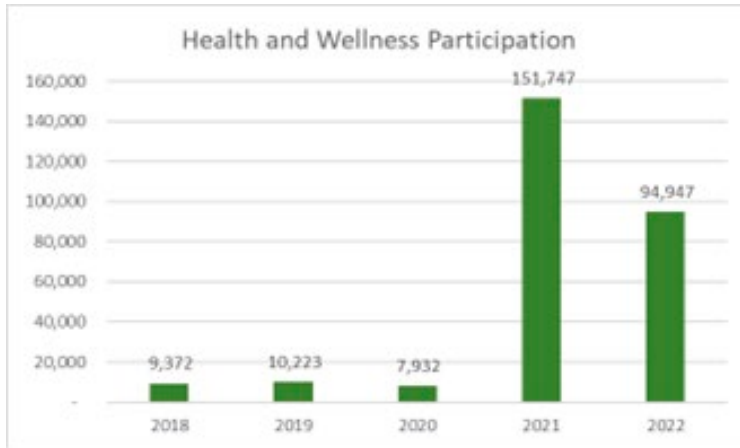
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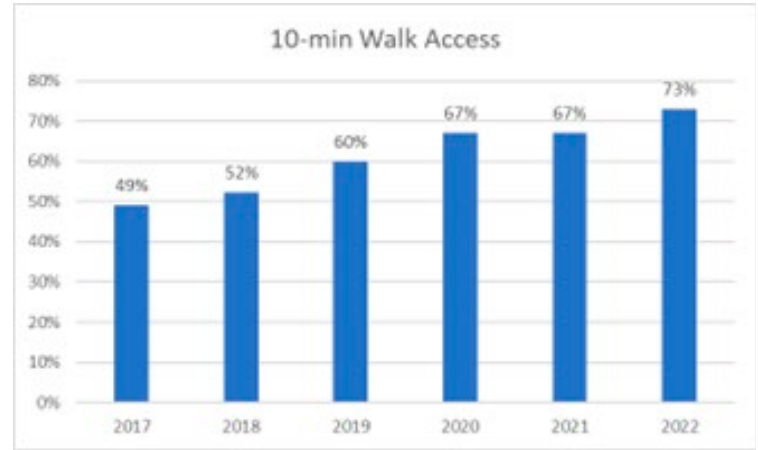
Fitness programming

- Increase the number of fitness, nutrition, and health program enrollments



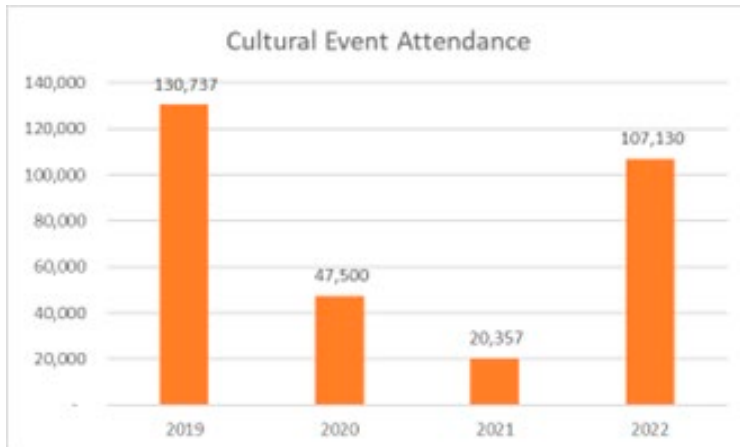
Residents within a 10-min walk of park

- Increase the % of residents that live within a 10-minute walk of a city park and/or trail



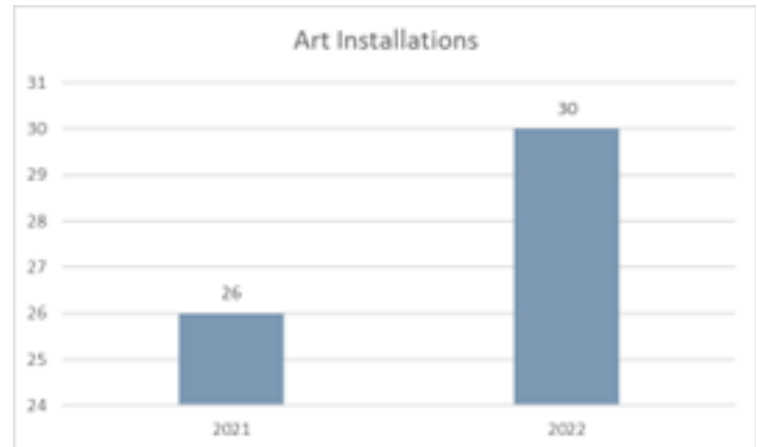
Cultural event attendance

- Increase the number of attendees at special events hosted by the City



Art installations

- Increase the number of art installations around the City



OUR VISION

TO BE AMERICA'S PREMIER COMMUNITY

OUR MISSION

Provide services and resources that enhance the quality of life for those who live, learn, work, and play in our city.

OUR VALUES

We are **DRIVEN** with **INTEGRITY** through **COLLABORATION** to achieve **EXCELLENCE**.

OUR PRIORITIES

- Community Safety
- Liveable Communities
- Economic Vitality
- Quality Education
- High-Performing Public Service

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Livable COMMUNITIES

Livable Communities is one of the City's strategic priorities. Henderson prides itself on being a welcoming, connected, and vibrant community, intentionally designed to offer a range of housing choices, a clean environment, easy access to transportation, outstanding municipal services, healthcare, and a host of recreational amenities and cultural events.

- Park Planning established triggers (one center for every 36,000 residents) for the development of new senior centers and recreation centers. This will ensure that all residents have access to recreational amenities.
- To support the health of residents, Parks and Recreation offers wellness clinics at Downtown Senior Center, in partnership with Touro University. A partnership with Roseman University provides access for health screenings at Downtown and Heritage Park Senior Centers.

Murals and art installations

- Eight murals: Nevada State College, Lovelady Brewing Company, City Lights Art Gallery, Downtown Recreation Center, TSK/Public Works, Boyd Boys and Girls Club, Water Street Parking Garage, and Smith's Grocery Store
- Two Youth Art Exhibits and Receptions
- Four Art Gallery Showcases at City Hall



53 special and cultural events with 124,085 attendees

- St. Patrick's Day Festival and Parade 2022 - 55,600 attendees
- Country in the Park 2022 - 3,500 attendees
- Ho'olaule'a 2021 - 5,000 attendees
- Dirty Dozen Brass Band - 113 attendees



Quality EDUCATION

Quality education is one of the City's strategic priorities. Our residents consistently rank education a top community priority and the City of Henderson has responded by actively supporting student achievement at our local schools.

Preschool classroom redesign

The new preschool furniture and learning stations not only meets National Association for the Education of Young Children accreditation requirements but was also designed to look and feel like Clark County School District kindergarten classrooms to facilitate a smooth transition from preschool to kindergarten.



ABC ETC. Preschool at Valley View Recreation Center

Grant to offer free tuition

Through the Licensed Child Care & Out-of-School Time Providers American Rescue Plan Act Stipend, free preschool, before- and after-program care, and Campfire Kids were offered for all students from January-September 2022.

Field Trips at the Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve

The Bird Viewing Preserve hosted four school field trips. Students learned about species of birds, the food chain, and migration.



APPLE Reading minutes

10,694 students participated in the APPLE (All People Promoting Literacy Efforts) Partnership reading program through Safekey sites. Elementary and middle school students read a total of 1,799,315 minutes during the school year. The elementary school with the most minutes read was Kesterson (391,875 minutes) and the middle school with the most minutes read was Greenspun (92,095 minutes).

Author Adventures

Traveling books and characters visited 35 Safekey sites in this new program. As the characters rotated from site to site, each program added a page or two to the story – creating the adventure specific to the characters. Pages were collected at the conclusion of the school year and are being arranged to create one large book that will be printed and sent out to sites for future readers.

Henderson Reads Book Festival for Young Audiences

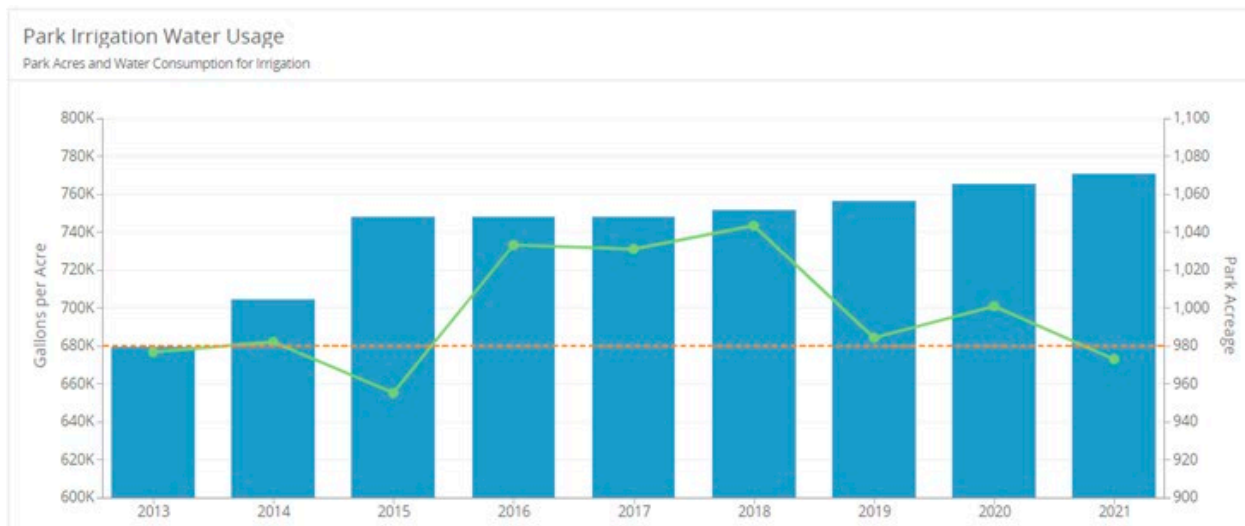
A stupendous literary showcase featured over 12 acclaimed picture book, middle grade, and young adult authors. Authors visited Henderson schools and shared their readings and presentations with students. In total, the authors educated 380 students about the art of storytelling, on writing books, book illustrations, overcoming adversity as an immigrant, and envisioning a glorious future.



CONSERVATION

Turf Conversion Activities

- Since 2003 the City of Henderson has removed 2.1 million square feet, or 47 acres, of nonrecreational turf for an annual water savings of 115 million gallons. The city completed a 2019 SNWA turf conversion project, converting fescue turf to hybrid Bermuda turf. This conversion totaled 1,066,764 square feet turf and saved an additional 23 million gallons of water per year.



- Over the next five years, the City will remove turf from an estimated 51 park locations and complete turf to turf conversions at 26 park locations. The total water savings over the next five years will be an additional 150 million gallons of water for a grand total of 288 million gallons of water saved annually.
- Current turf removal projects are scheduled for Anthem Hills Park, Haley Hendriks Park, River Mountain Park, and Rodeo Park. 118,937 Sq feet of turf will be removed, saving an estimated 55 gallons per square foot resulting in 6.5 million gallons of water saved annually.
- Projects continue in summer 2022 with turf conversions at the following parks: Acacia, Allegro, Burkholder, Dos Escuelas, Mountain View, River Mountain, Silver Springs, Sunridge, Trail Canyon, Whitney Ranch, Weston Hills, and Vivaldi Parks with a total square footage of 868,725. This will save 20 gallons per square foot resulting in 17.5 million gallons of water saved annual.



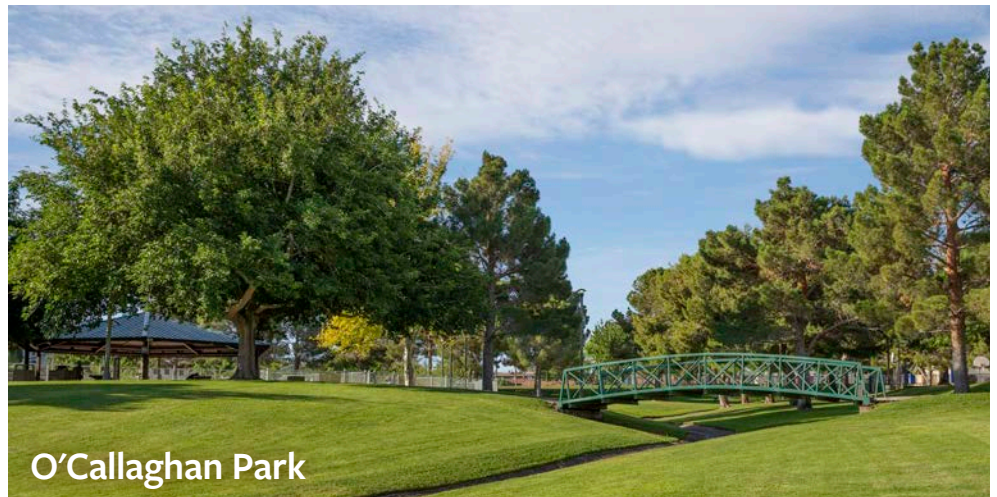
*O'Callaghan Park
During and After*



*Turf to Turf
Vivaldi Park*

Tree Canopy Study

The City of Henderson conducted a tree canopy study resulting in 19.6% tree canopy coverage in our parks. This study has set the baseline for moving forward. The total carbon sequestered annually in our parks is 370 tons. This number will also be a baseline for moving forward.



O'Callaghan Park

Migratory Bird Mud Flats

Conservation is especially important in the drought affected desert. Several unique initiatives have been introduced in recent years. In 2021 the Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve coordinated with the Water Reclamation Facility, the Red Rock Audubon Society and UNLV to adjust the water level in one of the containment ponds to allow for a transitory habitat for shorebirds, demonstrating a 60% increase in shorebird sightings during the adjustment period. The Park Planning division formally updated design standards to include natural vegetation requirements from developers submitting community master plans.

Wells Pool Solar Power

Wells Pool converted to solar power from natural gas as part of a statewide solar initiative, conserving natural resources and extending the swim season by 16 weeks; this increased learn-to-swim programs, open swim, and provided a practice location for a high school swim team.

Arbor Day Celebration – School Site Program, Since 1992

Our school site programs are available to every Henderson elementary school's fourth grade classes. The programs consist of talks and activities scheduled at the host school. The city's Parks staff and municipal forester offer support by reading the Arbor Day proclamation, sharing Arbor Day history, providing trees for planting at the schools, and hosting other activities that celebrate trees and the benefits they provide. This year we had 14 elementary schools, which included 1365 fourth graders, participate in the annual Arbor Day drawing contest. Each student received a drawstring backpack containing a 100% biodegradable bamboo pot, one peat pellet, marigold seeds, bottle cap sprinkler head and an arbor day themed activity and coloring book.

Winners of the Annual Arbor Day poster contest:

- 1st place, Natalie Pivinius - Gibson Elementary
- 2nd place, Caterina Zerla - Gibson Elementary
- 3rd place, Kaylen Yium - Wolff Elementary



Christmas Tree Recycling

The department hosts an annual Christmas Tree Recycling program, which is led by a Valley-wide committee comprised of local government agencies, nonprofits, and businesses. The committee has worked to keep Christmas trees out of Southern Nevada's landfills since 1998. Recycling trees helps to ensure the sustainability of the community by saving landfill space. When chipped into mulch, cut trees become valuable organic material used in tree rings throughout the city. The mulch conserves soil moisture and keeps plants healthy. This program also reduces the annual cost of buying mulch from vendors. In FY 2022, over 3,050 Christmas trees were recycled, generating a total of 17.25 truckloads of mulch.



DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

- Park Planning developed all-gender bathroom designs for future park development and retrofitting existing comfort stations. All new parks will have a standard design for gender neutral restrooms. Dundee Jones Park will be the first one built.
- 80% of events held within the City's redevelopment district were free to attend. Cultural events ranging from Juneteenth to the Aki Matsuri Japanese Festival showcased rich cultures from all over the world as well as local Nevada artists.
- Parks and Recreation partnered with The Center, the Boys and Girls Club and the NFL for a park beautification project at Wells Park. The Center led a youth activity for participants to post positive messages in the park.
- Therapeutic Recreation staff support individuals with disabilities so that they can fully participate in all recreation programs. 317 participants received inclusion services between January 2021 and June 30, 2022.
- Girls United provides an all-girl leadership experience to ensure all-girl activities help build necessary leadership skills for success. Designed for girls ages 12-18 the program focuses on empowerment, leadership, life-skills, and service. Girls engage in community activities and explore topics of gender roles, anti-bullying, self-image, leadership, and confidence. The belief in building communities allows girls to see the difference they can make in their lives and others. The activities reinforce each girl's ability to discover, connect, and take action.
- Weekly open gym for wheelchair basketball was established in March 2022. A grant from the Nevada Department of Veterans Services provided funding for sport wheelchairs that will be available for disabled veterans to use during open gym.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Move with the Mayor nationwide initiative

- Move with the Mayor encourages residents to protect and improve their health and to make their communities more active and accessible. Mayors are using Move with the Mayor messaging, policy recommendations, and other tools to empower and protect community members from COVID-19 and improve cardiovascular health and health equity.
- The City of Henderson received the Gold Medal from the National Forum for our participation in 2021.

Fitness court at Cornerstone Park

- The Fitness Court is an outdoor bodyweight circuit-training system featuring a series of full-body exercises that can be completed in just seven minutes. Seven movements in seven minutes is a simple yet powerful workout created for a range of athletic abilities, and is optimally performed on the Fitness Court. Additionally, shade structure was installed to allow year-round use of the Fitness Court.



Fitness court at Cornerstone Park

COVID POD locations information

- January 2021 began with emergency directives on vaccine support across the community for health care workers, first responders and those 70+. Over 50,000 vaccines were administered with the department's assistance at several locations including Sun City Anthem Community Center, Heritage Park Senior Facility, and the Galleria Mall.
- Parks and Recreation, Henderson Fire Department, Information Technology, Southern Nevada Health District and Community Ambulance collaborated to offer community testing at the Heritage Park Senior Facility every Friday for six weeks and administered a total of 1,165 tests.

Fitness programming attendance

- 151,747 participants in FY21 and 133,478 in FY22, this includes enrollment in fitness, cooking and health and wellness classes and swimming and fitness center use.

Health and Wellness Inclusion

- The annual Healthy Henderson Health Fair was relocated to a more accessible venue (Downtown Recreation Center) for the housing insecure community (80% of attendees were without residence). In partnership with UNLV and Touro University, free vaccines and medical screenings were provided.
- The Neighbor-to-Neighbor program focuses on homeless resources by distributing hygiene kits, underwear, socks, dog food, and other essentials. A partnership with the Fire Department's Community Resiliency Center and UNLV provided in-person outreach assisting with housing placement.

Tru Fit Physical Therapy

- TRU Physical Therapy offers physical therapy appointments at Heritage Park Senior Facility as well as wellness workshops to groups of seniors. TRU also partnered with Mayor March to host a Move with the Mayor session that focused on balance for our seniors.

Emergency Shelter

- The department provided American Red Cross emergency shelter in June 2021 to provide residents relief from scorching temperatures. Meals were also provided along with an emergency pet trailer, the only one of its kind in Nevada.

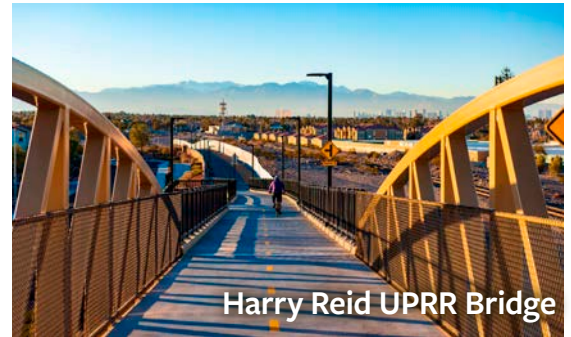
NEW FACILITIES

Water Street Plaza

Water Street Plaza is the City's premier entertainment destination. The outdoor venue hosts a variety of special events including festivals, concerts, sports viewing parties and other community-related programs. The plaza contains an intimate amphitheater, viewing area for a 42-foot-wide digital screen, a splash pad, playground, shade structures, and artwork.

The Harry Reid UPRR Trail

- Residents can now travel by trail from northwest Henderson to Boulder City and through Lake Mead National Area
- 4.5 new miles of The Harry Reid Union Pacific Railroad Trail links Acacia Park, the Arroyo Grande Sports Complex and Cornerstone Park as it runs along the railroad tracks.
- Trail joins River Mountain Loop Trail, Amargosa Trail, and Pittman Wash



Attesa Park

- Fifth park in Inspirada
- 4.9-acre multi-use area includes playground, basketball courts, and dog park

Union Village Park

5.8-acre park in Union Village community boasts an amphitheater, bocce ball courts, dog park, horseshoe pits, and playground



I-215 Trail bridge

- 12-foot-wide paved asphalt multi-use trail bridge spanning the Pecos Road and I-215 intersection
- Allows pedestrians, joggers, and bicyclists to avoid traffic and hazards while continuing along the I-215 trail

HONORS, AWARDS & SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HONORS

- #BetterSportsForKids Quality Program Provider designation 2021/2022. Our sports programs are a home run! This designation reflects our commitment to a safe, quality youth sports environment for the families and the community we serve.
- WalletHub ranked the City of Henderson 26th out of 100 cities for 2021's Best Cities for Recreation, examining basic living costs, the quality of parks, the accessibility of entertainment and recreational facilities and the weather
- Henderson ranked 10th out of 100 cities for STORAGECafé's Best Cities for Active Lifestyles study, citing metrics for walkability, outdoor livability, options for bicycling, the accessibility and cost-effectiveness of gyms and overall health
- LawnStarter ranked City of Henderson 2nd out of 93 cities for 2022's Best Dog Park Cities based on access, quality and climate.
- LawnStarter ranked Henderson 6th out of 97 cities for 2021's Best Dog Park Cities based on climate factors and dog park access and quality
- Forbes's Best Cities for Dogs 2021 ranked Henderson 1st out of 100 largest US cities for its 19 dog parks, 91% of rental units allowing pets, 29% of rentals having pet play areas and 8% or rentals having pet washing/grooming stations.
- Tree City USA – 32 years committed to growing the city's urban canopy. Led by the Arbor Day Foundation, with partners at USDA Forest Service and National Association of State Foresters, it provides the foundational framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their tree cover.
- Better Cities for Pets Designation – since 2019 - a leader in creating pet-friendly communities and make the many benefits of pet ownership accessible to more people



AWARDS

- The Downtown Senior Center’s social engagement program, “You’ve Got a Friend in Me” has been selected by engAGED: The National Resource Center for Engaging Older Adults to be featured on the engAGED Social Engagement Innovations Hub! The Innovations Hub is a searchable online database engAGED developed to facilitate the sharing and replication of best and promising social engagement practices that help address social isolation, and we are excited to feature your organization’s innovative program. Each day throughout National Senior Center week, patrons were provided opportunities to stay active and social while playing games that focused on socialization activities. Raffle tickets for prizes were provided for every task completed. Sponsorships and donations provided all the prizes.

SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- National Fitness Campaign – Fitness Court at Cornerstone Park – first outdoor fitness court in Henderson featuring artwork by Keith Haring
- TOBY (The Outstanding Building of the Year) Award at the 2022 BOMA Nevada Awards - Valley View Recreation Center
- CAPRA Accreditation
- NRPA Gold Medal Finalist
- Morrell Park field conversion and homerun fence install completed
- New Sports Programs – Adult Softball Fall Women’s League, Adult Cornhole League, Henderson Tennis Open at Whitney Mesa High School Girls Volleyball Spring League, Adult Roller Hockey League, Adult and Youth Floor Hockey League



STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Premier Leadership Academy Graduates – Chuck Ashby, Melanie Hollingshead, Chris Vasquez, Amie Wojtech
- Kara Fox – NRPA two-year Supervisor Management School graduate
- Kendal Kerbrat – received Co-Partnership Award for her work in organizing Operation Toy Hero with Henderson Fire, Police, and Emergency Operations Center
- Erin Straight – received Bachelor of Science degree in Parks and Rec Management
- Scott Wade – Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI)
- Nicole Bayreder - obtained Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP) certification
- Alex Crocker – obtained Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP) certification
- Danielle Perry – obtained Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP) certification



Premier Customer Service Winners 2021

NEVADA RECREATION AND PARK SOCIETY (NRPS) AWARDS

Jingle All the Way

- Program of Excellence Award- Active Adult 50+

Water Safety Swim Clinic

- Program of Excellence Award- Aquatics

Battle of the Bands

- Program of Excellence Award- Community/Neighborhood Special Event (101-1,000)

Operation Toy Hero

- Program of Excellence Award- Co-Partnership

Sights and Sounds of the City

- Program of Excellence Award- Cultural

Emergency Child Care

- Program of Excellence Award- Pandemic Response
- Jordyn Wright - Young Professional of the Year



STAFF IN ACTION

Nevada Recreation and Parks Society Board Members

Chuck Ashby - President Elect & Conference Committee Member

Kendal Kerbrat – Member at Large (South) & Communications Committee Member

Other Organizations

Shari Ferguson – Member of the Southern Nevada Regional Sports Coalition

Shari Ferguson and JJ Moyes – NRPA Accreditation visitors/mentors:

- 2022:
 - Avondale, AZ
 - Medford, OR
- 2021:
 - Dallas, TX
 - Dublin, OH

National Certifications Awarded

Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP) certification: Chuck Ashby, Nicole Bayreder, Corinne Buckles, Alex Crocker, Valerie Derrick, Ray Everhart, Shari Ferguson, Craig Fuller, Xanie Gann, Melanie Hollingshead, Michele Howard, Kendal Kerbrat, Ted Lockamon, JJ Moyes, Kirk Niemand, Jeannette Palmer, Danielle Perry, Julian Ramos, Michelle Shaffer, Angela Summers, Amie Wojtech, Jordyn Wright.

Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS): Cassie Jemison

Certified Park and Recreation Executive (CPRE): Lisa Tovar

46 - number of promotions

Years of Service – Full-time Staff

5 Years: Meghan Brown, David Castle, Julien Green, Bradley Hopkins, John Liberatore, Anthony Pizano, Taylor Ray, Brian Reeves, Patrick Rothwell, Brian Santiago, Robert Smith, Christopher Vergari, Jason Welbourne, Richard Winter

10 Years: Shari Ferguson, Cameron Haynes, Leslie Neal, Joann Nesti, Robert Strehlow

15 Years: Rayna Booker, Richard Emde, Michael Glass, Michele Howard, Ashley Koch, Randy Lamb, Joyce Mallari, Curt Mitchell, Tyler Stewart, Karie Teruya, Earl Turner, Dorothy Tuthill, Chris Vasquez, Robert Wilcox

20 Years: Corinne Buckles, Corey Clark, Valerie Derrick, Charlene Ham, Russell Herman, Kip Louthan, Jon Marzolf, Kurt Paumen, Julian Ramos, Michael Vergari, Gregory Wade, Chris Weakland, David Wray

25 Years: Gregory Green

30 Years: Harry Mortenson



Years of Service – Part-time Staff

5 Years: Gage Adams, Omar Alvarado, Julia Barfield, Justin Cagle, Joshua Catello, Pauline Christian, McKenna Cooley, Oswald Corona, Alexander Coroneos, Courtney Couey, Henry Forte, Dylan Gacovino, Kaylie Garcia-Sanchez, Patrice Garrison, Christopher Grant, Thomas Grogan, Emily Hafen, James Hatch, Jayonna Hatcher, Brian Heikkila, Kanoelani Henriques, Alice Hill, Elizabeth Jarvis, Ashlee Lampkey, Carlee Lawson, Noah Maatouk, Diane Macfarlane, Holly Majewski, Darra Marcus, Ana Martinez, Marco Matias, Gina Morton, Elijah Moyes, Daisy Ochoa, Jake Pettitt, Lilibeth Rafanan, Audrey Ream, Nakia Reyes, Kaitlyn Shaw, Courtney Tuenge, Isabella Watkins, Benjamin Winn, Kohl Velado, Cristal Zelaya-Penafiel

10 Years: Bonnie Adams, Terrance Cook, Roberto Cota, Bernadette Martinez, Aubrielle Westover

15 Years: Laurie Chacon, Kimberly Clark, James Cook, Rosa Cordova, Shane Gormley, MiriannaBrenda Mitchell, Adriana Passantino, Anthony Radovcich, Barbara VerPlanck

20 Years: Jonathan Brewer, Linda Groft, Gerald Ross

25 Years: Kenna Dunner





Bark In The Park, Cornerstone Park



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