



# Parks and Recreation 2025...



# Mission Statement

- ▶ The Mission of the Department of Parks and Recreation is to enhance the public's overall physical and recreational needs by promoting the quality of life, reinforcing positive recreational programming through coaching, teaching, mentoring, and preserving park lands.
- ▶ Encouraging and providing an overall quality, shared park experiences for all patrons, by maintaining safe, clean, and esthetically pleasing environments at all City of Jackson parks and designated green spaces.



## Bonds & Grants

### Livingston Park

- Debris Removal
- Disc Golf (tentatively October 2024),
- Fence repaired
- Underbrush mulched.

### Pete Brown Golf Course

- Tree removal, irrigation, 55 new golf carts, greens mower, sand barrier (September 2024),
- Remodel of clubhouse and pro shop

### Lake Hico / Northgate Park

- Repaired sprinkler pad
- Installed new wooden fence around park
- Planted new greenery
- Repaired restroom facilities
- Repaired major water infrastructure

### Buddy Butts Park

- Buddy Butts Go-Kart Track



# Athletics Programs

## Adult Basketball

- ▶ Total Teams 18
- ▶ Total Participants 228

## Youth Basketball

- ▶ Total Teams 30
- ▶ Total Participants 323

## Adult Softball

- ▶ Total Teams: 5
- ▶ Total Participants: 115





## Aquatics

For the year 2024 Parks had 4 swimming pools, 2 splashpads, and 1 sprinkle pad

**That's four additional water features than in the past four previous years.**

Successful this year in having an influx of lifeguards and pool managers.

## Action Plan:

- **Seek financial grant assistance.**
- **Seek partnerships with local organizations, businesses, and churches with the intent of full restoration.**
- **Conduct a feasibility assessment to convert to Skate Park**



# Programming Activities

- ▶ Boys Basketball Camp
- ▶ Girls Basketball Camp
- ▶ Praise Dance Explosion
- ▶ Dance Production: Princess & The Frog
- ▶ Flipping Out Tumbling
- ▶ Easter Egg Hunt
- ▶ Summer Program
- ▶ Juneteenth Kids Festival
- ▶ Fit Lot Fitness Program
- ▶ Fireworks Extravaganza





# Zoo Events

- Boo at the Zoo
- Zippty Zoo Day
- Ice Cream Safari
- Back-To-School Drive  
(partnered w/ Constituent Services)

## Action Plan:

- Continue to explore animal exchange
- Repair exhibits
- Conduct and provide additional activities such as concerts and other family activities
- Fishing rodeo
- Family picnics
- Wi-Fi services throughout the Zoo





# PARK MAINTENANCE DIVISION

57 Parks

72 Athletic Ballfields

1 Botanical Garden (Mynelle Gardens)

Innovative and exciting new programs were offered to schools & community. Also, wedding fees were reduced, which increased our number of rentals.

First ever youth botanical garden camp. We are pleased to announce that we had 52 participants.

**There has been a 61.7% decrease in 311 calls for park services.**





# Golf

- ❑ Tree removal
- ❑ Irrigation
- ❑ 55 new golf carts
- ❑ Greens mower
- ❑ Sand barrier (September 2024),
- ❑ Remodel of clubhouse and pro shop
- ❑ Host eight (8) tournaments – three (3) more than previous years
- ❑ Looking to reimagine Grove Park Golf Course (Administration has committed to a total revitalization of the Grove Park area)
- ❑ Upgrade for Buddy Butts and Grove Park Golf Courses



# REQUEST LIST

- Seven (7) new heavy duty crew trucks
  - We have aged vehicles some averaging 10 years or older to carry and pull heavy equipment.
- \$100,000 for security cameras to address security issues and decrease vandalism throughout our community centers and gymnasiums, and parks.
  - **There has been a 48.3% reduction in 311 services calls for JPD in areas where the cameras are installed at parks and facilities.**
- \$75,000 to address tree and debris removal after inclement weather and mitigation.
- \$80,000 for additional equipment.



# REQUEST LIST

Working with Grants Department to obtain Federal State monies to address and mitigate our infrastructure for update and repair needs.

\$1.3 million to revitalize Grove Park

- Baseball Fields
- Lighting
- Tennis court
- Golf Course
- Playground area
- Concession stands
- Pool
- Restroom facilities

\$65,000 to remodel and repair Mynelle Gardens  
Westbrook House

THANK YOU