



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation staff, I'm pleased to present the 2022 Annual Report. Each year our staff works hard to provide the best programs, athletics, facilities and events for people of all ages in Rome and Floyd County.



We hope this report tells a story of how hard our staff works and continues to deliver the best activities and programs.

Sincerely,

Todd Wofford
RFPRA Director

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation Authority is to provide high quality, diverse, and accessible programs, services, and facilities that enhance the quality of life for all ages, cultures and abilities.

ON THE COVER

Riverview Park saw lots of upgrades and improvements thanks to funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. The renovation includes new lighting at both baseball and football fields, new fencing, new paint and best of all a new playground, as shown on the cover. The playground is such a big hit for parents with younger children, who are not yet participating in our programs.

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF

Admin Division

Brooke Turner, Office Manager
Breelynn Brooks, Admin Specialist

Special Services Division

Lindsey Jones,
Special Services Manager

Mina Garcia,
Special Services Coordinator

Chloe Schuttinga,
Team Head Coach

Western Division

Brock Coogler, Division Manager

Adam Weaver,
Asst. Division Manager

Shane McElwee, Crew Leader
Enoch Statham, Crew Leader
Jim Bridges, Crew Leader
Eric Carr, Equipment Operator

Sports Division

Jeremiah Blanton,
Sports Manager

Blake Lambert,
Asst. Sports Manager

Adam Mull,
Sports Coordinator

Faith Mount,
Sports Coordinator

Pam Hobbs,
Admin Specialist

Central Division

Kevin Baker, Division Manager

Damon Purdy,
Asst. Division Manager/Mechanic

Greg Holmes,
Crew Leader/Electrician

Open, Crew Leader
Chuck Hyde, Crew Leader
Jay Salinas, Equipment Operator

Recreation Services Division

Jim Alred,
Recreation Services Manager

Tammy Bryant,
Asst. Rec. Services Manager

Bradley Kirk,
Recreation Coordinator

Sami Spangler,
Recreation Coordinator

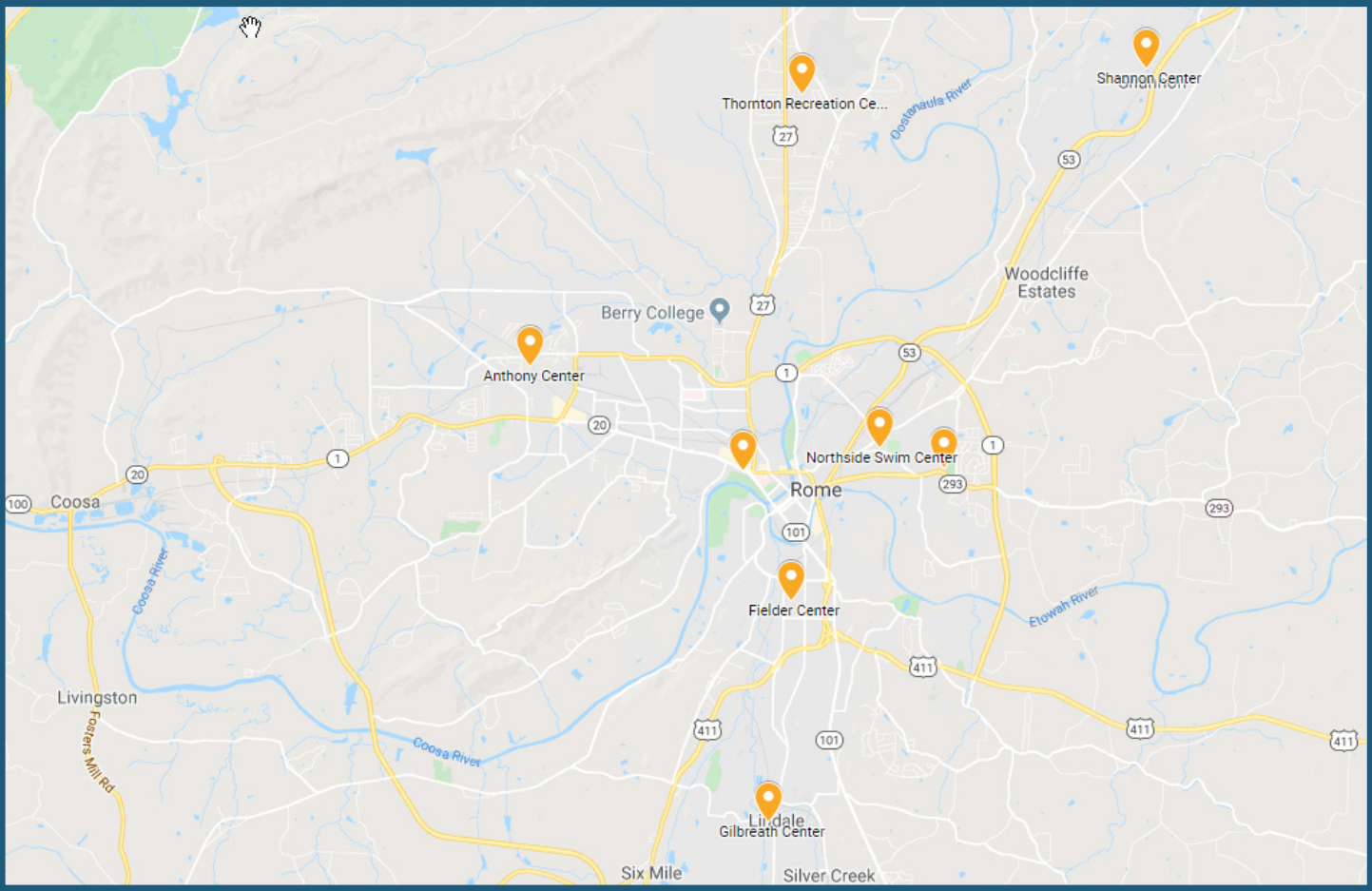
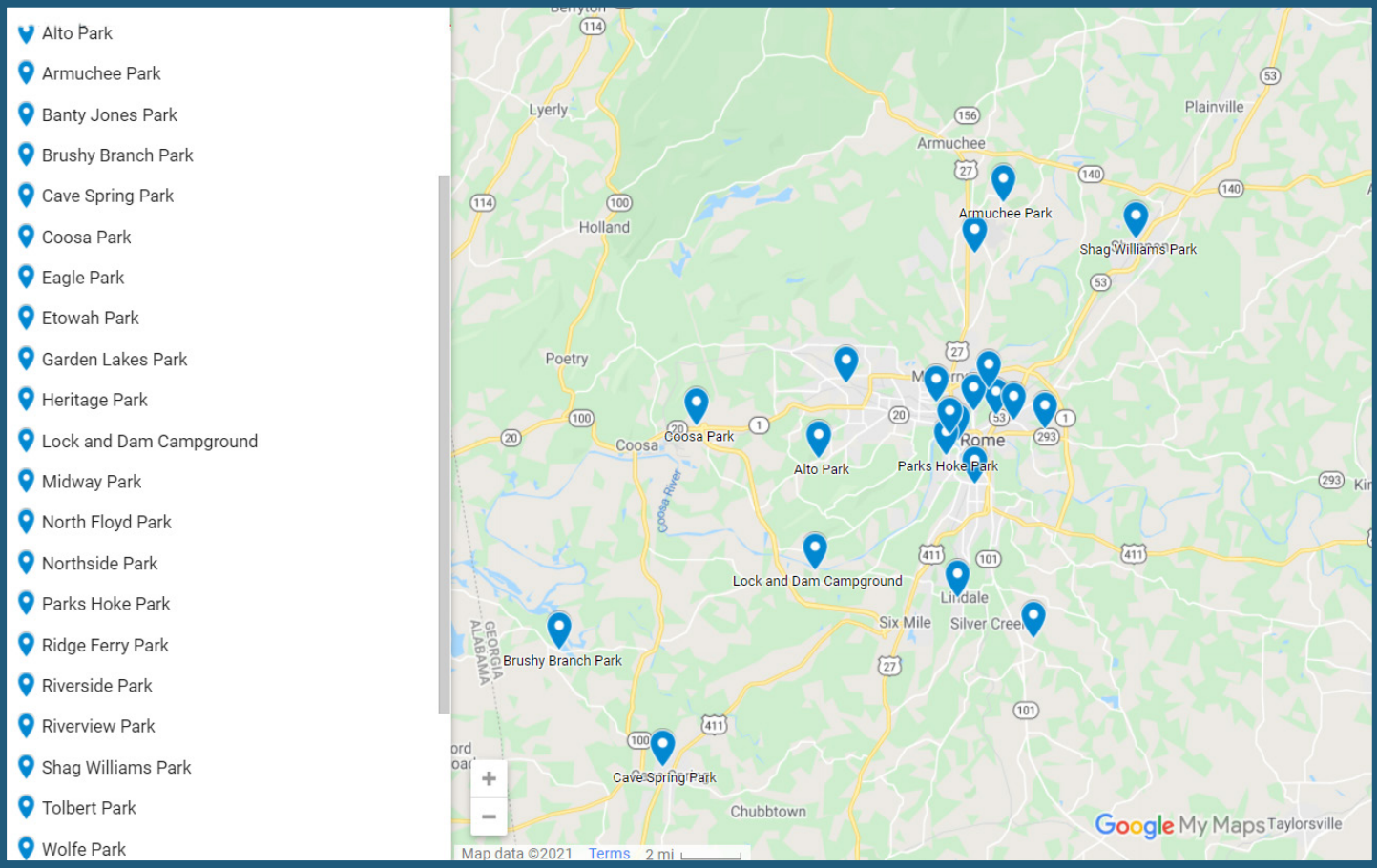
Eastern Division

John Davis, Division Manager

Steven Hand,
Asst. Division Manager

Maxie Rayburn, Crew Leader
Brett Clements, Crew Leader
Russell Barwick, Crew Leader
Bradley Cooper, Equipment Operator

RFPRA PARKS



RFPRA FACILITIES

2022 CITY ARPA PROJECTS

Project	Location	Budget	Status	Cost
Renovations and New Playground	Riverview Park	\$750,000	Complete	\$742,500
Pool Renovations	Northside Swim Center	\$105,000	Complete	\$105,000
Upgrades and Sealing of Parking Lot	Main Office	\$21,000	Complete	\$21,000
New Playground	Heritage Park	\$70,000	Complete	\$73,000
Stage Painted	Ridge Ferry Park	\$66,000	Complete	\$12,000
Total		\$1,012,000		\$953,500

CITY PROJECTS - SPLOST 2017

Project	Location	Budget	Status	Cost
Paving	Ridge Ferry	\$30,000	Awaiting approval	
Covered Basketball Courts and Bathroom Shelter	Parks Hoke	\$400,000	In progress	\$702,455
		\$430,000		\$702,455

2022 CITY CAPITAL PROJECTS

Project	Location	Budget	Status	Cost
Motor for pool side	Northside Swim Center	\$3,000	Complete	\$2,343.50
Rubber at the pool	Northside Swim Center	\$6,400	Complete	\$6,246.45
Spray Stacker at the pool	Northside Swim Center	\$13,000	Complete	\$10,825.00
Sod for dog park	Ridge Ferry	\$3,000	Complete	\$2,770
Compressor for HVAC	Main Office	\$3,000	Complete	\$2,628
New doors and frames	Northside Swim Center	\$26,000	Complete	\$24,400
Water Fountain	Ridge Ferry	\$1,200	Complete	\$1,110
Elevator motor	Main Office	\$14,400	Complete	\$13,698
Cameras	Various	\$3,000	Complete	\$2,473
Sand for Volleyball Courts	Ridge Ferry	\$1,500	Complete	\$1,210
Misc.: Grass seed	Various	\$500	Complete	\$200
Total		\$75,000		\$67,904.13

COUNTY PROJECTS - SPLOST 2017

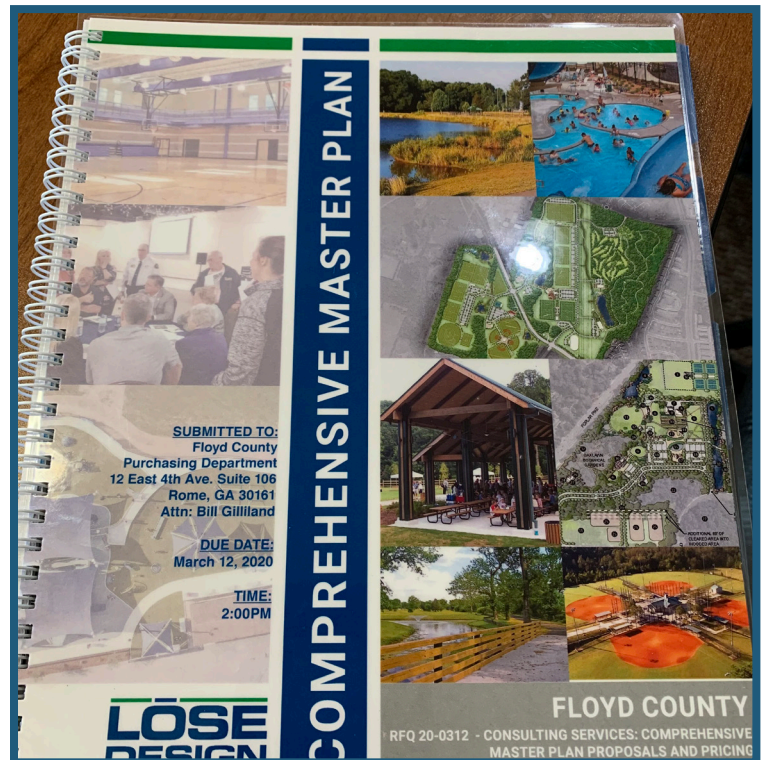
Project	Location	Budget	Status	Cost (as of 10/31)
Skate Park Improvements	Etowah Park	\$150,000	Complete	\$154,890
Replace/Add Boat Docks and Engineering	Lock and Dam	\$125,000	In progress	\$279,500
Bonded Rubber	Shag Williams Park Midway Park	\$65,000 \$39,600	Complete	\$73,540
Kitchen and Bathroom Upgrades	Parker Center	\$50,000	Complete	\$105,190
Total		\$429,600		\$613,120

2022 COUNTY CAPITAL AND NON CAPITAL PROJECTS/EQUIPMENT

Project	Location	Budget	Status	Cost (as of 10/31)
Needs Assessment	All Parks	\$118,000	In progress	\$77,001
Driving Range Building and Putting Green Project	Etowah Park	\$59,000	Complete	\$86,925
Pressure Wash Exterior	Thornton Center	\$10,000	Complete	\$4,200
Infield Mix	All Parks	\$24,000	Complete	\$18,200
Equipment – Pit Blocks, Vault Table, Cheese Mat	Gymnastics	\$10,115	Complete	\$10,015
	Total	\$221,115		\$196,341

COMPLETED PROJECTS AND UPGRADES

- Removed the old playgrounds from Heritage and Riverview Parks.
- Hosted District Basketball at Thornton and the Gilbreath center.
- Had Thornton center exterior pressure washed.
- Removed old ramps and equipment from skate park.
- Poured new concrete at the Bob Moore kick flip skate park.
- Put out infield mix at Etowah, Riverview, Alto, North Floyd, Lindale and Shannon park baseball fields.
- Prepped and laid sod at the dog park at Ridge Ferry park.
- Painted skate park walls, light poles, and bleachers.
- Put new sand in the volleyball courts at Ridge Ferry park and installed new nets.
- Took down basketball goals at Parks Hoke to start construction of new covered basketball courts and pavilion with restrooms.
- Refurbished picnic tables from lock and dam and relocated to Upper Alto.
- Removed mulch from playgrounds at Riverview, Heritage, Midway, and Shannon parks prepping for pour in place playground surfacing.
- Installed new LED lights at all city facilities.
- New playground installed at Heritage and Riverview Park.
- Paint Riverview score booth and entrance ways.
- Rayburn Electric finished light install at Riverview Park.
- Installed LED lights and exhaust fans at Alto Park
- Pressure washed tin barrier at Etowah park and Banty Jones park
- Replaced septic pump at Riverview football.
- Painted inside of the parker center. Completed renovations at the Parker center.
- Removed old fencing from Riverview park to get ready for new fencing. Replaced old fencing at Etowah park on field 2.
- Removed stumps and debris from the side of the driving range.
- Dismantled old driving range building so trailer could be moved in to place at Etowah park.
- New putting green installed at Etowah park.
- Installed new skate equipment at the Bob Moore skate park.
- Planted 6 new crepe myrtles at Etowah Park



Lose Design was awarded the bid for the comprehensive plan.



ROME ORTHOPAEDIC CENTER
& SPORTS MEDICINE

TRUETT'S

SPORTS CLINIC



Alarm Systems
Amerigroup
Basic Ready Mix
Benjamin F. Edwards
Berry College
Bowen & Associates, Inc.
Brown & Brown Insurance
Cantanzano Insurance
Care Source
Carver & Carver
Chick-Fil-A
Chris's Cotton Candy
Country Girl's Southern Grub
D&B Sweet Like Me
Dr. Mark Floyd
El Arco
Elder's Ace Hardware
Exchange Club
First Bank Mortgage
Floyd County Sheriff's Office
Floyd County Schools
Floyd Medical Rehab
Ford, Gittings & Kane
Gene Richardson Magistrate Court
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Georgia Machine Works
Georgia Northwestern Technical College
Greater Rome CVB
Greene's Jewelers
Heritage Automotive Group
Heritage First Bank
Hi-Tech Signs
High Voltage Signs LLC



YMCA OF ROME & FLOYD COUNTY



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF NORTHWEST GEORGIA



Hometown Headlines
J. Supply Company
Jimmy Shiflett Masonry
Knight's Jewelers
Longhorn
Lowe's
Mahli's Uni-Pop
Morgan & Hunt Oil
Petland
Pinson's Construction
Pinson Family
The Pool Store
Proctor-Keene Chiropractic Clinic
Relentless Chiropractic
River City Bank
Rome-Floyd E.C.O Center
Rome Braves
Rome City Police
Rome City Schools
Rome DDA
Seo's Martial Arts
Stonebridge Golf Course
Sugar Valley Kettle Corn
Synovus
Tallatoona
Talley Insurance Services
T-Mobile
Three Rivers Exterminating
Toles, Temple & Wright
Underhill CPA
United Community Bank
Vamos Tacos
Ware Mechanical

PROJECTS AND UPGRADES



The office at the Driving Range at Etowah Park was replaced with a newer, larger office at the beginning of 2022.



Renovations of the skate park that was part of the 2017 SPLOST project were completed in March 2022. The skate park was renamed to Bob Moore's Kick Flip Skate Park in honor of Bob Moore.



Multiple playgrounds were installed throughout 2022. Above is a snapshot of the new playground at Heritage Park.



The Charles Parker Senior Center received a makeover during 2022 with renovations of the kitchen and both restrooms inside the facility.



Before the 2022 swim season, the Northside Swim Center received major facelifts including painting the deck, slide, offices, doors and more.



With the help of ARPA money, Riverview Park saw plenty of facelifts with new LED lights, shades over the spectator bleachers, new paint and new fencing around the ball fields.

EVENTS

LEPRECHAUN-A-THON



More than **600** runners and walkers, ranging in ages from two to 78, mingled at Bridge Point Plaza decked out in their best St. Patrick's Day attire in preparation for the 2022 edition of Leprechaun-a-thon presented by BODYARMOR.



Participants enjoyed a foam party consisting of more than **500** gallons of foam on the Town Green at the end of the finish line.

BACKYARD BBQ BASH



Smokers and grills filled Ridge Ferry Park on the evening of Friday, April 29 as **11** businesses, friends and families from all around Rome and Floyd County put their best meat to the test in front of a panel of judges and the general public to taste and vote on who has the best BBQ. Sampling bracelets sold out within **2** hours of the gates opening.

500
pounds
of meat

60
team
members

1,500
people's
choice
votes

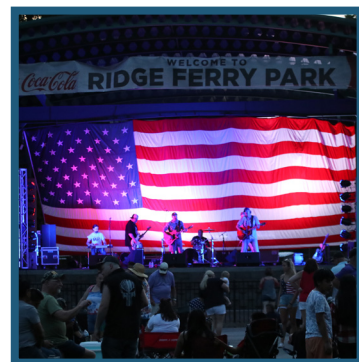
PATRIOTIC PARTY IN THE PARK



AdventHealth

Redmond

Fireworks lit up the sky at Ridge Ferry Park on the night of July 4 with a 20-minute show sponsored by AdventHealth Redmond. KneckDown took the stage before the big celebration honoring our nation's independence. About **1,785** fireworks shells were shot that could be seen for miles and miles throughout Rome and Floyd County. More than **4,000** people filled the park that night



Sno cones
sold out
before
fireworks
began

575
American
Flags
handed out

Sold
30 water-
melons

EVENTS

PITCH, HIT AND RUN

Every year, RFPRA hosts Major League Baseball's competition, Pitch, Hit and Run, for the local youth baseball and softball players. Twenty local boys and girls ages eight to 14 competed in the local competition. Out

of the **20** participants, **five** advanced to compete in the regional level competition in Cincinnati, OH and Tampa, FL. Loxley Pilgrim from the 10U girls division advanced all the way to the finals of the competition and got to showcase her skills at MLB's World Series in Houston, TX finishing **second** overall.



ROME-FLOYD SPORTS HALL OF FAME BANQUET



After a year long hiatus, the 2021 Rome-Floyd Sports Hall of Fame Class and 2021 seniors had their chance to shine on the stage once again on July 23 at the Krannert Center at Berry College. Families, friends, coaches and former teammates filled the ballroom to honor the new class and scholarship recipients. The 2022 seniors were also awarded their scholarships provided by ROC and the Pinson Family at the ceremony.

300
tickets
sold

28
students
recognized

5
new Hall
of Fame
members

HALL OF FAME GOLF TOURNAMENT

Teams of four gathered together at Meadow Lakes Golf Course on the morning of July 22 to raise money for the Rome Orthopaedic Center Outstanding Senior Athlete Award. Local schools, Floyd County employees and a handful of Hall of Fame members formulated the six teams.

6 teams
24 golfers
18 holes
played



THE WILLARD NIXON GOLF TOURNAMENT



PRESENTED BY
ROME ORTHOPAEDIC CENTER

Friday, July 22, 2022
9:00 AM Shotgun Start
Meadow Lakes Golf Course

All proceeds from the tournament benefit the Rome Orthopaedic Center Outstanding Senior Athlete Award Scholarship. The scholarship recognizes male and female college bound seniors from each high school in Rome and Floyd County. These students are selected based off of their athletics, academics and community achievements.

\$100 Hole
Sponsor

\$300 Team
Entry Fee

\$375 Team +
Hole Sponsor

EVENTS

TRUCK OR TREAT

The 2022 edition of Truck or Treat brought more than **2,000** people to Ridge Ferry Park as the event returned to an in-person offering.

**21
vendors**

**50,000+
pieces of
candy
handed out**

**587
mascot
hugs**



CHILI-FEST

Families, businesses, churches and friends filled in Ridge Ferry Park on Friday, November 4 in preparation for the 2022 Chili-Fest presented by Courtesy Ford of Rome. Arts and crafts vendors and food trucks set up shop for both Saturday and Sunday, while the chili cook off and car show took over most of Saturday.

**170
gallons
of chili**

**83
team
members**

**1,700
people's
choice
votes**

**49 arts
and crafts
vendors**

**4
food
trucks**

**52 cars
for car
show**



FORD
COURTESY
OF ROME

EVENTS

CANDY CANE HUNT

As part of Downtown Rome's Rome for the Holidays, RFPRA partnered with the DDA to host the Candy Cane Hunt sponsored by Coca-Cola, where kids ages 10 and under picked up thousands of candy canes as fast as they could.

**13,050 candy canes scattered
across the Town Green**



PLAYTIME WITH SANTA



Santa Clause along with his elves, Parky and Rex, greeted hundreds of kids at Ridge Ferry Park for Playtime with Santa on Saturday, December 8 while handing out basketballs, footballs and soccerballs.

**800 balls handed out to kids
two weeks before Christmas**

YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

**89 fish
caught**

**15,384
Legos
used**

**181
campers
for
Lego-Nerf
and
Kid v Wild
Camp**

**Anonymous
donation of
\$10,000
to
Camp
Goodtimes**



SPECIAL POPULATIONS

CHALLENGER SPORTS

Participation is slowly increasing after recovering from the pandemic. Special Olympics is set to return in the Spring of 2023. Players participated in baseball, bowling and basketball this year.

60
participants
for all
sports



21 games
played for
challenger
baseball

\$700 raised for Floyd County
Special Olympics at the
Chili-Fest Car Show



SENIOR PROGRAMS



One of our active adults, Betty Blackwell, celebrated her 100th birthday at the Charles Parker Senior Center in October. She married the love of her life, Hubert in

1941.

She has

three children,

three grandchildren and

four great grandchildren.



The Charles Parker Senior Center closed down for upgrades to the bathrooms and kitchen. The center was closed for almost two months but the senior programs continued at our other facilities around town.

Whether it's enjoying Georgia Mountain Music, stepping into Silver Sneakers or playing Bingo with Fielder Friends, many different programs are happening weekly for our active seniors throughout Rome, Floyd county and surrounding communities.



**1,600
hours of pool
at the
Senior Center**



NORTHSIDE SWIM CENTER



**33
pool
rentals**

**4
rain
days**

**4,768 pool
admissions**

RENTALS

**1,035 total rentals for 2023
Including pavilions, facilities, fields, activity rooms and
more.**

25 pavilions

**10 activity rooms
and banquet rooms**



SPECIAL SERVICES

LOCK AND DAM

With upgrades and a few facelifts from last year, the Lock and Dam Park and Campground continued to sky rocket. Camping rentals alone brought in more than **\$180,000** for 2022 with peak months including July and September. Rentals for the 2023 camping season began booking October 1.

**4,500 loads
of laundry
washed
and dried**

**2,800
parking
passes
sold**

**\$15,000 of
worms and
minnows
sold**



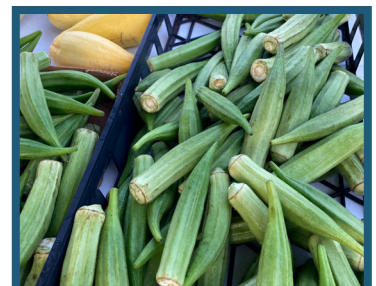
FARMERS MARKET

The 2022 Farmer's Market saw more vendors and new vendors than previous years. Saturdays averaged **27** vendors and farmers each week, while Wednesdays averaged **8** every week. The market was popping during the summer months of June and July until school started back in August.

RIDGE FERRY PARK FARMERS MARKET



**WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS
JUNE 4 - OCTOBER 1
7 A.M. - 11 A.M.**



RECREATIONAL GYMNASTICS



Recreational gymnastics numbers picked up after recovering from the COVID shut down in 2020. Since June, more classes have been offered at one time. Beginning in 2023, new classes for different ages will be offered for those who need more work on skills before advancing to the next level. The peak number of classes we offered this year was **45** with **257** kids enrolled in one month.

1,800
participants
during Tot
Time

230
gymnastics
birthday
parties

1,100
participants
during Open
Gym



COMPETITIVE GYMNASTICS



The Rome Aerials Gymnastics Competitive Team has been progressing since returning from COVID. The team sits at a total of **27** girls and pre-team has a total of **17** girls.

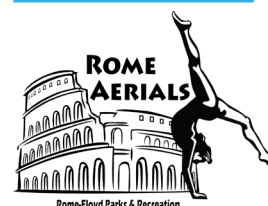
Since June, many girls, who participate in recreational classes, are showing huge potential to be brought up to the competitive team.



30
State
Championship
Qualifiers

3
Regional
Qualifiers

1
Regional
Champion



YOUTH SPORTS

BASKETBALL



2021-2022 Season
904 participants
100 teams



Participation Numbers:
Baseball: 580
Softball: 106
T-Ball: 133

450
total
volunteer
coaches



SPRING SPORTS



FALL SPORTS



ZERO
rainouts
this fall
sports
season

994 participants in football,
cheerleading,
baseball, softball, t-ball and
volleyball





240
participants
in Adult
Softball for
the spring
and fall
seasons

1,125 runs
scored
in adult
softball
games



CONCESSIONS



671
Chick-Fil-A
sandwiches
sold

2,482
Dasani
Waters
sold

1,375
Nachos
sold

2,137
sno cones
sold

197
Bojangles
biscuits
sold

22,272
caffeinated
drinks sold





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