

Spokane Parks ~ the lasting legacy.

2013 Annual Report



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Parks & Gardens

About the Duncan Garden Fountain in Manito Park

As shown on the cover: Long time Spokane business leader and hotelier, Louis Davenport served on the Spokane Park Board from 1908 until his death in 1951. The granite fountain in the center of the

Renaissance-style Duncan Garden was a gift from Mr. Davenport's widow, Verus, and their son, Louis II, to celebrate Mr. Davenport's love of Spokane's city parks.



About the Holiday Lights Floral Display

Spokane is known for its specialty gardens and an annual feature in the Gaiser Conservatory adjacent to Duncan Garden is the magnificent Holiday Lights floral display provided by The Friends of Manito. An estimated 30,000 lights make up the show that is held each year in the days prior to Christmas. This year attendance counted between 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. showed 11,685 attendees over the 10-days. This exceeds the record set the previous year of 9,700.



Restoring the Coeur d'Alene Park Gazebo

Coeur d'Alene Park in Browne's Addition has the distinction of being the first public park in Spokane. It is well known for its picturesque gazebo used for concerts, neighborhood events and family activities.

The current gazebo is a replica of the original. Over the years, the gazebo suffered from the effects of weather and vandalism. A significant restoration and repair project was undertaken and completed this year. Crews worked on both structural and aesthetic improvements to maintain the historic character of the structure and make it more durable and resistant to the effects of time.

Comstock Park Celebrates 75 years

Originally dedicated in 1938, the Comstock Park neighborhood held a re-dedication celebration this year to mark the park's 75 year history. Designed by landscape architect Harold T. Abbott, his work included not only the design but also management to completion of the project. He later served as president of the Park Board. Comstock Park was one of six locations to receive funding from the 2007 Park Bond for a new outdoor aquatics center.





Letter from the Director



Dear Citizens:

What a great year 2013 was for Spokane Parks and Recreation. We implemented a budget that was more than a million dollars less than the previous year. We called it a budget reset. We aligned our expenses to available revenue while still growing our fund balance, made strategic investments and added to our reserve accounts. We pulled it off with our great staff and a hard working Park Board.

Often in times of challenge certain people rise to the top and perform at a level beyond what is expected of them. Several Parks and Recreation Staff, Park Board Members, and the Chair of the Riverfront Park Master Plan Advisory Committee did just that.

On the staff side, Sam Song, acting Recreation & Entertainment Director, stepped up to that position mid-year 2013 with creative energy and saw Riverfront Park through one of its better years for customer service and revenue. Jerry Unruh, who was promoted to Recreation Supervisor II, guided our recreation programming through increased revenue and accountability. Garrett Jones, Landscape Architect, oversaw a huge list of improvement projects to our parks and was key to the Centennial Trail Improvements west of Riverfront Park. Rebecca Madany, Finance/Budget Director, worked with a subcommittee of the Park Board to create and implement a new financial reporting format. Adriano Eva, Recreation Supervisor I, organized new softball leagues that increased use of our sports complexes and brought in new revenue. This is just a sampling of the great staff working in Parks and Recreation.

On the Park Board side, President Randy Cameron went above and beyond in strengthening our relationships with the Mayor, City Council, and stakeholders throughout the community. In particular, Randy worked hard to make sure the Board kept moving forward and did not stall on policy, budget or project decisions. Dr. Selinger as Vice President brought in dynamic creative ideas for the Riverfront Park Master Plan. Andy Dunau as the Finance Committee Chair kept us focused on achieving our 2013 budget targets, creating our 2014 budget, growing our reserves, increasing our fund balance and creating a revenue stabilization fund. Chris Wright spent many hours reviewing land/project related contracts for Parks, chaired the Riverfront Park Committee, and was the lead Board Member working on the Riverfront Park Master Plan. Susan Traver chaired the Recreation Committee and took on tough assignments like the transition of the Under the Freeway Skate Park; and Ken Van Voorhis chaired both the Land Committee and the Urban Forest Tree Committee. These are all volunteers who have given many hours for the betterment of Spokane Parks and Recreation.

Mayor Condon created the Riverfront Park Master Plan Advisory Committee chaired by Ted McGregor in early 2013. Ted has shown amazing interest and drive to reinvest in Riverfront Park. The Advisory Committee led by Ted will recommend a 20-year Riverfront Park Master Plan to the Board in March.

I'm fortunate to be in the company of such hard working and dedicated employees and citizen volunteer leaders. Next time you run into these folks please tell them "well done."

Sincerely,

Leroy Eadie
Spokane Parks and Recreation Director





Riverfront Park ~ The Lasting Legacy

As Spokane prepares to celebrate Expo Plus 40, it also provides an opportunity to celebrate the initiative and leadership that was so crucial in getting the ball rolling to stop urban blight and restore the downtown.

The city had plans to improve the community but needed someone to institute those plans.

King Forrest Cole (his real name) was the consultant hired to develop the plan and mobilize the community to turn things around. His most significant and lasting endeavor involved convincing the Spokane community to host the World's Fair.



But more than that he helped convince major industry and business partners that the railroad yard adjacent to the city downtown, and for the most part covering up the Spokane River, had to go. That location would serve as the site for the World's Fair. Afterwards, it would provide a marvelous new park in the heart of the city.

Cole's work ethic was legendary. "I'm only interested in getting things done," he said. "The key to a successful program is to get people involved and do things. I suggested we have a world's fair, not for the sake of having a fair, but as another way to revitalize the city."

The Olmsted Brothers predicted that the City would one day reclaim the downtown riverfront, and it did just that in grand style with Expo '74, converting old railyards into a treasured urban park.

On May 4, 1974, Spokane's Expo '74 World's Fair opened to the public. For nearly four months Spokane welcomed the world's visitors when it served as the smallest city at that time to conduct a World's Fair.



2013 Riverfront Park

Accomplishments

Spokane's Riverfront Park is considered one of the most scenic urban parks in the nation. With over 100 acres to explore, much of it located on an island, residents and visitors alike are known to marvel at the magnificent Spokane Falls and River, the Expo '74 Pavilion, 1902 Clocktower, 1909 Loeff Carrousel, the Sculpture Walk which includes the Riverfront Rotary Interactive Fountain, giant Red

Wagon, Garbage Eating Goat, Vietnam Memorial, Centennial Trail bike path, Havermale Point and inviting meadows and conservation areas.

Riverfront Park attraction attendance was up in 2013 with Internet ticket sales

accounting for 4,940 of the tickets sold, up 92% from the same period last year.

Riverfront Park had over 710,000 recorded attraction uses including:

- The SkyRide Over the Falls (78,039)
- 1909 Loeff Carrousel (219, 887)
- Giant Screen IMAX Theatre (31,434)
- Pavilion Amusement Rides, & Tour Train (458,164)
- Ice Palace (40,000+)
- Mini-Golf (22,230)

Riverfront Park continues to host the region's largest and well attended events. More than 60 public events were held at the park in 2013 including:

- Hoopfest (\$39 million impact)
- Bloomsday (\$14 million impact)
- Pig Out in the Park (\$4.7 million impact)
- In addition: First Night, Jr. Lilac Parade, Armed Forces Torchlight Parade, Clear Channel Kids' Day, Royal Fireworks Concert, Unity in the Community, BOBFest (Battle of the Bands), Gathering at the Falls Pow Wow, SpokeFest, OutSpokane Rainbow Festival, Inland NW Craft Beer Festival, Youth Symphony Performance, the "Spirit Fest" Third Day Concert, and many others.
- In addition to the public events held in Riverfront Park, Group Sales coordinated with 376 unique groups for shelter and attraction rentals, weddings, birthdays and a variety of catered events.
- Seven major catered events added to final group catering revenues of \$33,300, a 45% increase from 2012.
- The Dwight Merkel Sports Complex Concessions operated by Riverfront Park achieved a greater than 9% gross revenue increase during the 2013 summer season.





- The Ice Palace maintained more than 12 different regular user groups including:
 - ~ The Inland Empire Amateur Hockey Association
 - ~ Coeur d'Alene Youth Hockey Association
 - ~ Gonzaga University Hockey Club
 - ~ Spokane Youth Sports Association Hockey
 - ~ Spokane Parks and Recreation
 - ~ Therapeutic Recreation
 - ~ Gonzaga University activities

- Park Security responded to 3,944 calls for service in 2013.
- The Lot #5 Broadview Dairy demolition project was completed in January, on time and on budget.
- The brand new Fountain Café opened in late April and posted gross sales of \$156k.
- Parking Revenue increased 18% (\$237k to \$281k), and an additional 57 civil infractions resulted in \$25k of revenue.



- In April, the Riverfront Park Fountain Café and restroom facility opened for business and proved to be a very popular gathering spot for the summer.
- Huntington Park, adjacent to Spokane City Hall, was built by Washington Water Power (now Avista) just prior to Expo '74 as part of the reconstruction of the Monroe Street Dam. Renovation of the site is now well under way and will better integrate a new section of the Centennial Trail through Kendall Yards.
- The East Havermale Island renovation, including access to power and water was completed. The area is now open for public use and private rental, inviting visitors to enjoy a premiere scenic view of the river.
- The former site of the Carrousel Grille was renovated and enhanced for weddings and small groups.
- Asphalt improvements were completed in parking lot #1, between the Theme Stream and Central Meadow. and at the entrance to Canada Island.
- Theme stream renovation, including a new bridge, is underway.
- The pathways and seating areas in the Pavilion received new matting for the summer and skating seasons.





Future

Riverfront 2014 Master Plan



The City of Spokane Parks & Recreation Department formally launched the first two steps in a comprehensive citizen participation program aimed at engaging the public in phase two of the Master Plan process for Riverfront Park – a web page dedicated to the Master Plan itself, and a video outreach program that can be accessed either within the Park via posted QR Codes or directly from the web page.



On March 19 Mayor David Condon, Park Board President Randy Cameron along with Parks & Recreation Director Leroy Eadie announced Riverfront Park would move forward with the much-needed facelift of Riverfront Park with Ted McGregor chairing the Master Plan Citizens Advisory Committee.

The Riverfront Park Master Plan 2014 aims to highlight Riverfront Park as a vibrant expression of city pride that provides enriching and memorable experiences. Riverfront Park is our living heritage, connecting Spokane's historical roots, and our city's natural beauty with our present culture.

Riverfront Park should be a connector – linking north and south, bringing community together at the river and providing meeting places that celebrate our history, our bio-region and each other.

The primary purpose of Master Plan 2014 is to detail and finalize the strategies outlined in Phase I, completed in 2012, and to guide the growth and development for Riverfront Park for the next 40 years.

The Master Plan webpage, www.riverfrontparkmasterplan.org provides information on everything from the goals and principles of the Master Plan to important upcoming events, and ways that citizens can directly participate in the process.



www.riverfrontparkmasterplan.org



Park Operations

Accomplishments

- Submitted “Roadmap to the Future” master plan documents that were successfully received and accepted by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office as required for grant funding opportunities.
- Designed and installed six new swings and play surfaces at Corbin, Ruth, Glass, Franklin, Nevada and Westgate Parks.
- Completed sidewalk improvements at Fairview Park.
- Developed plans for playground improvements at Peaceful Valley Park.
- Designed and constructed playground improvements at Emerson Park which included new swings, a slide and other stand alone features.



- Re-paved parking lot on south side of Franklin Park.
- Assisted with design and construction support for the completion of the Centennial Trail through Kendall Yards.
- Automated irrigation along Division Street in Franklin Park.
- Replaced several large pieces of park maintenance equipment.
- Completed phase two of the Harmon Park Electrical Enhancement Project.
- Provided design and construction support for improvements to the Upper Manito Picnic Shelter.
- Completed the Centennial Trail connection from Veterans Court into Riverfront Park.
- Completed the design and construction for the Manito Park sidewalk along 25th Ave.
- Completed design and construction of the Coeur d’Alene Park Gazebo.
- Completed the design and contracting for the Camp Sekani Privacy Shelter.
- Administered two Eagle Scout projects including landscape improvements and bench installations.
- Completed construction of a Hoopfest basketball court at Liberty Park.
- Assisted in the completion of the Dwight Merkel storage building facility.
- Participated in the I-90 Gateway project design team.
- Absorbed Park Planning and Project Management Division into Park Operations.



On September 26 an official ribbon-cutting was held to mark the extension of the Centennial Trail west through Kendall Yards.

- Designed and installed new park furniture at the Latah Creek Viewpoint.
- Renovated Lincoln Park restroom building and landscaping.
- Repaired and replaced sidewalks at Sky Prairie, Dutch Jakes, and Cowley Parks.
- Replaced roof and modified electrical service at Park Bench Café in Manito Park.



On August 15 the Coeur d'Alene Park Gazebo was officially dedicated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.



- Filled all vacant full time positions including Park Facilities and Grounds Foreperson, Landscape Architect, Laborer I, two Park Caretakers, Park Equipment Specialist, Irrigation Specialist, and Gardener II.
- Assisted in the design and specification for the CSO project at Underhill Park.
- Participated in the Management Team for the Huntington Park and City Plaza Project.
- Provided project management support for the Avista Power House repainting project and the lower theme bridge construction project.
- Completed Comstock entrance landscaping project in anticipation of the centennial event and renovated the flag pole.



- Installed retaining rocks at Sandifur Bridge.
- Installed new electrical lines and plumbing at Sky Prairie Park.
- Complete soccer field turf rehab project at Loma Vista.
- Installed new irrigation pump at Ben Burr Park.
- Provided support for large special events at Coeur d'Alene, Liberty, Harmon, Riverfront, Manito, Finch Arboretum, and Audubon parks.
- Extended the rock terrace along Tekoa below the entrance to Manito Parks' upper playground.
- Completed plans for renovation of the Gaiser Conservatory central house.
- Completed renovation repair work on the half of the Rose Hill pergola most in need of repair.

Golf

Accomplishments

Total Rounds played in 2013 = 143,678

Downriver

- Downriver's new mower has made the turf more aesthetically pleasing. The configuration of the mower allows Downriver to stripe the roughs.
- The restroom remodel on the 5th hole has been completed.
- Downriver's Pink Flags supporting Breast Cancer Awareness was well received.

Esmeralda

- Esmeralda's "July is for Juniors" events were a big success.
- The "Bring a Friend" promotion increased the Ladies 18 hole club by over 10%.
- The pilot program of "Beginner's Golf League" on Sunday nights was a success. It allowed new golfers the opportunity to play 5 holes on the course with an instructor.
- Esmeralda had the largest "Patriot Day" event to date.

Indian Canyon

- The 26th Annual Rosauer Open brought in approximately \$125,000 in donations for the Vanessa Behan Nursery.
- The re-evaluation of the maintenance goals has improved the course to be the best it has been in 30 years.

Creek at Qualchan

- On October 16th The Creek at Qualchan paid off the bond and held a "Mortgage Note Burning" event featured a nice celebration for staff and golfers alike.
- The Creek at Qualchan is continuing to work with First Tee to build a practice course for junior golfers.
- The Department of Natural Resources performed fire protection measures and thinned out the brush alongside the course.

2013 Revenue

Golf Fees and Charges	2,999,200
Other Revenue	11,800
Revenue Total	3,011,000

2013 Expenditures

Salary and Benefits	1,300,600
Supplies and Services	1,238,000
Capital Outlay	84,200
Expenditure Total	2,622,800

Net Revenue 388,200

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Urban Forestry

Accomplishments

Trees are intrinsically connected to our lives – from the air we breathe to the value of our homes, the food we eat to the success of our business, and the water that we drink to our shady afternoon respite. Urban Forestry’s mission is to enhance the benefits provided to the citizens of Spokane through quality management, maintenance, protection and planting of public trees. Through stewardship of Spokane’s urban forest, we aspire to connect people to the world of trees, and in doing so connect them to the strength of their own roots, the glory of their presence in this world, and the infinite reach of their influence.

Stewardship By the Numbers

356 Trees Planted

74 by Urban Forestry staff
182 by Street Tree Permit
100 by partnership

1,849 Trees Pruned

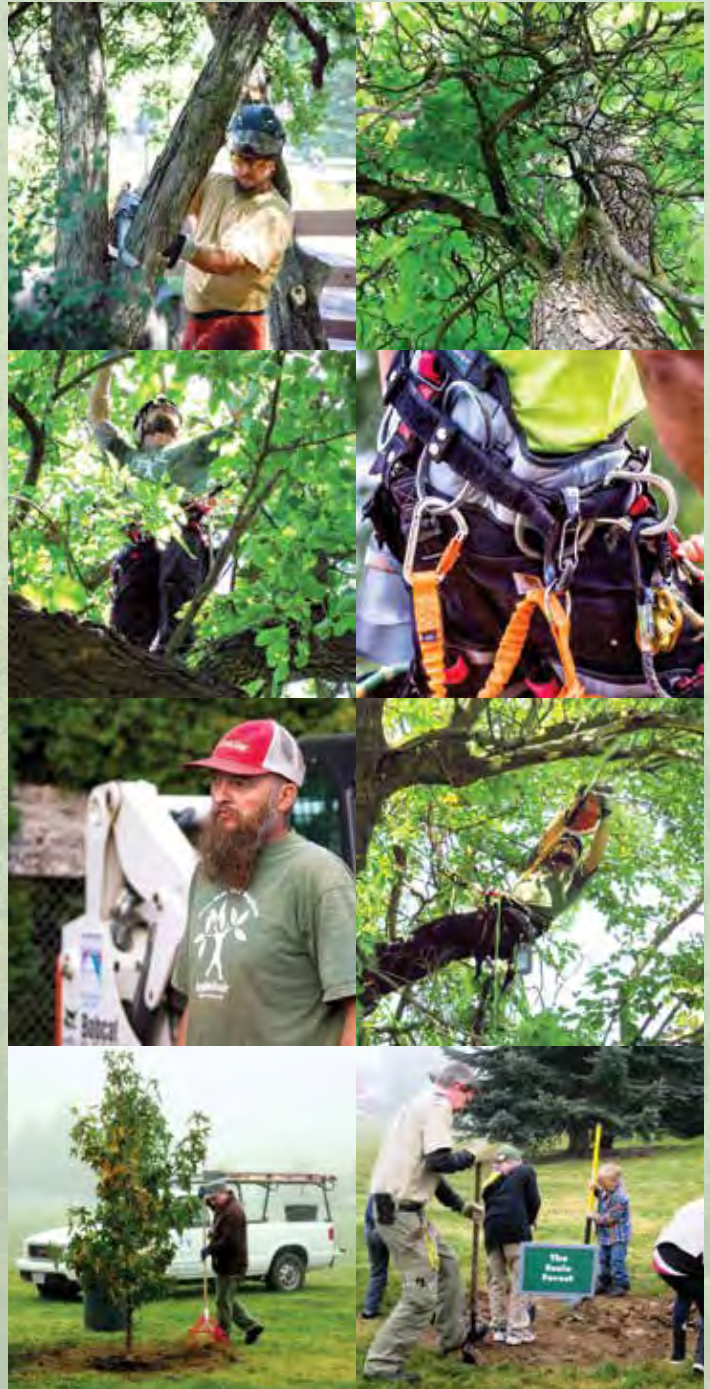
611 by Urban Forestry staff
1,238 by Street Tree Permit

624 Trees Removed

417 by Urban Forestry staff
207 by Street Tree Permit

Major Projects and Grants

- Completed Street Tree Inventory and Resource Analysis.
- Completed Forest Health & Fire Risk Improvements on 180 acres of conservation land.
- Park Tree Inventory in-progress (WDNR grant-funded).
- Tree Stewardship Guide publication in-progress (Washington Department of Natural Resources grant-funded).
- Celebrated the 10th consecutive year as a Tree City USA.
- Qualified for the Tree City USA Growth Award.



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Recreation

Accomplishments

Therapeutic Recreation (TRS)

- Received \$1,000 scholarship grant from Spokane Parks Foundation. TRS was able to help nine participants attend activities, primarily for Funshine Day Camp.
- Received \$1,000 adaptive ski equipment grant from Spokane Parks Foundation.
- Heather Comer, Powderhound skier, came back from Korea with a gold and bronze medal and one 5th place ribbon. She represented the United States at the Special Olympics World Winter Games.
- TRS took nine participants to Farragut State Park for a four day camping trip. This was a first time for this trip and it will be offered again.
- The Track and Field program doubled in size with 52 in attendance.
- Blue Waxer John Bell placed in his age category amongst non-disabled peers in the community Nordic race, Langlauf, held at Mt. Spokane.
- Booked 200 more registrations in Spring/Summer 2013 than Spring/Summer 2012 in part due to a separate summer brochure.



Outdoor Recreation

- Youth Adventure Day Camps had 74 registrations for the five weeks of fun and brought in revenues of \$12,642. The program is looking to expand into a teen adventure program next year. We have applied for grants this year, working with the Riverside St. Park Foundation, to offer scholarships to underserved youth in our 2013 adventure programs.
- Combined Art, Outdoor and Personal Interest programs into one program while continuing to offer a variety of affordable, quality recreational activities and meet revenue goals. The programs had 3,805 participants, with total revenues of \$189,427, running at 74% capacity.
- Partnered with Mountain Gear and Riverside State Park during the summer to host the 1st Stand Up Paddle Board race series for Spokane. The event will continue into 2014 as it was a great success!
- Purchased new sports equipment including paddles, personal floatation devices, canoes and kayaks.
- Created a Riverside State Park Programs brochure highlighting many great collaborative activities between Spokane Parks and Recreation and the State Parks.



Sports Facilities

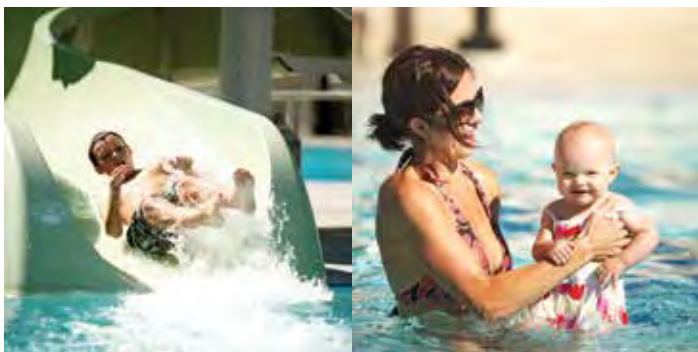
- In the middle of the second quarter of operation we experienced a change in staffing. Our Maintenance Foreperson decided to move laterally to Park Operations to fill a vacant position there and Randy Nelson was promoted from the position of Irrigation Specialist. It has been a positive transition and Randy brings great turf and irrigation knowledge along with a frugal, yet creative attitude to facility maintenance.
- Completed construction of the Pole Building at Dwight Merkel for storage of maintenance equipment.
- Installed the Softball Hall of Fame board and hosted the dedication ceremony.
- Rebuilt two fields at Franklin Park.
- Hosted many large tournaments including the 4-A High School Regional Finals girls fast pitch tournament which had live television coverage by SWX & Q6 TV, the ASA 16-U Western Nationals girls fast pitch tournament and Spike and Dig outdoor volleyball tournament.



Corbin Art Center

- Offered 44 summer camps over a seven week period for children ages 3-11. Registered 533 children at a 96% capacity rating.
- Coordinated with the University of Idaho Upward Bound Program, Hutton Elementary School PTA and the Boy & Girl Scouts of America to offer individually designed culinary, clay and art programs. Over 120 kids participated in these events.
- Corbin Art Center became a City of Spokane Guest Free Wi-Fi location, allowing participants, renters, instructors, etc. the ability to go online while at the center.
- Coordinated with the City's IT Department to convert CAC to Comcast High Speed cable Internet set up.
- Researched and completed a market analysis on Birthday Parties being offered in the Spokane area and adjusted pricing to be competitive and affordable while maintaining high quality standards.





Aquatics

- Swimming lesson revenue grew by 24.7%.
- Aqua Zumba and Aqua Fit had a successful revitalization this year with 310 participants.
- The annual Doggie Dip grew to 262 dogs, up from 174 the previous year.
- Total revenue from programming increased by 33.5%.
- Received three grants to provide free swimming lessons this year totaling \$11,200. This is up from \$2,000 just 3 years ago.

Athletics

- The Adult Softball Leagues were successfully implemented with 84 teams registering for the inaugural Spring season and 24 teams registering for the Fall season.
- The Athletic programs experienced an overall growth in 2013 with 355 adult sports teams registering to play in a variety of sports such as Softball, Volleyball, Soccer, Flag Football, and Curling.
- The Athletic programs have increased revenue by over \$100,000 this year compared with last.
- Implemented a new Adult Flag Football Tournament, the “Flag Football Mayhem,” with traveling teams from Canada and Seattle coming to play in Spokane.



Centers, Services and SYSCA

Spokane Parks and Recreation affiliates itself with a number of non-profit community organizations benefiting older adults and young children. We greatly appreciate our relationship with these centers and their individual recreation programs:

- Corbin Senior Center
- East Central Community Center Youth Program
- Hillyard Senior Center
- Mid-City Senior Center
- Northeast Youth Center
- Peaceful Valley Community Center
- Project Joy Senior Entertainers
- Sinto Senior Center
- Southside Senior Center
- West Central Community Center Youth Program

The centers are non-profit organizations officially represented by Spokane Youth & Senior Center Association (SYSCA).

SYSCA was formed in 2012 and its main focus is to work collectively to represent the thousands of citizens who partake in the programs and services SYSCA organizations provide.

The primary goal of SYSCA is to educate the public on the importance of sustaining adequate levels of park funding for recreational services for senior and youth programs in the City of Spokane.

SYSCA by the Numbers

Participant Hours	1,191,829
Value of Volunteer Hours	\$1,728,110
Fundraising	\$653,852
Total Dollar Value	\$2,381,962

Marketing/ Communications

Accomplishments

- Issued 233 news releases and provided media management of reporters' requests and various projects and issues department-wide.
- Worked with advertising agency The Quinn Group, to develop strategies and promotions for various department programs and services with a priority goal of cross-promoting all divisions to enhance revenue generation.
- Produced 52 issues of Staff Update, a digital publication distributed weekly to staff and Park Board members. It also serves as a department update for key City personnel including the Mayor, City Administrator, Council President & Council members.
- Worked with City Cable Channel 5 to produce "Walk in the Park," the department's bi-monthly program broadcast on demand.
- Managed the monthly Internal Communications Committee, designed to generate ideas and projects to improve communications in the workplace.



Out & About with Staff

All Parks and Recreation facilities and programs are managed by a talented and energetic staff of 79 full-time employees, augmented with several hundred dedicated seasonal workers.



Awards & Recognition

- Riverfront Park’s TV commercial “Date Pass” won first place in the “Brass Ring Award for Marketing Excellence” in the television commercial category from the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions.
- Spokane’s Manito Park ranked 15th top park in the U.S. by TripAdvisor’s Traveler Choice 2013 Awards.
- The Spokane Falls SkyRide named one of the top gondola rides in the world in 2013 by travel magazine, Conde Nast Traveler. The SkyRide was the only American gondola included in the list.
- Gary Lindeblad, head professional at Indian Canyon Golf Course, was inducted into the Inland Northwest Sports Hall of Fame.
- Spokane Mayor’s 2013 Urban Design Award of Merit for the Fountain Café in Riverfront Park
- Spokane Parks and Recreation’s Therapeutic Recreation Services (TRS) participant Heather Comer won two medals and one ribbon at the 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in South Korea with a gold in Super G, a bronze in Giant Slalom and 5th place in Slalom.

20th Annual Inlander “Best of 2013” Awards:

- Riverfront Park: Best Public Art, 1st 2nd 3rd for The Red Wagon, The Joy of Running and the Garbage Goat; 1st Best place to spend an afternoon with kids; 2nd Best Playground
- Manito Park: 1st Best Playground; 3rd Best place to spend an afternoon with kids

KREM “Best of Spokane” Awards 2013:

- Riverfront Park Carrousel: 1st in Local Flavor / Landmark
- Riverfront Park: 1st in Local Flavor / Place to People Watch

Spokane Coeur d’Alene Living magazine “Best of the City” 2013 for Golf:

- Gold Award to Downriver
- Silver Award to Indian Canyon.

Celebrated the 10th consecutive year as a Tree City USA

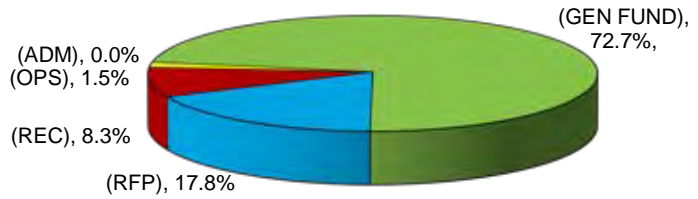
- Qualified for the Tree City USA Growth Award



Finance/Budget

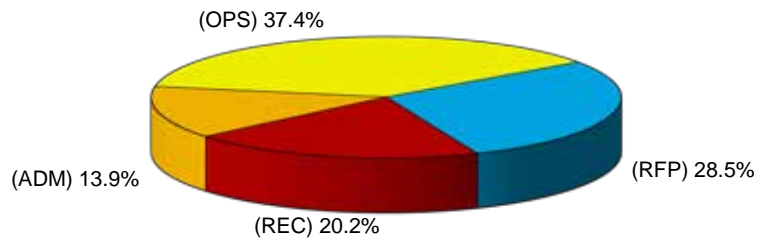
Accomplishments

- Designed and prepared new monthly financial reports for all Park Board Committees. Reports include graphs, summary and detail reports and data by function level.
- Prepared timely payroll despite being without an Account Clerk I for two months. A big thank you to Alyce Millhorn who put in the extra time needed to make this happen.
- Cheryl Miller assisted with additional clerical duties before the hiring of new Clerk III. She also did a terrific job smoothing the transition of Parks customer service to My Spokane.
- Provided financial assistance and reports for the Riverfront Master Plan process and the IMAX six month season.



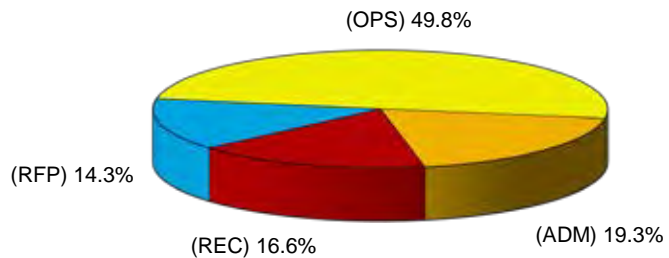
2013 REVENUE

Category	Percentage	Amount
GENERAL FUND	(GEN FUND) 72.4%	12,526,500
RIVERFRONT	(RFP) 17.8%	3,084,600
RECREATION	(REC) 8.3%	1,429,800
PARK OPERATIONS	(OPS) 1.5%	257,600
ADMINISTRATIVE	(ADM) 0.0%	6,200
REVENUE TOTAL	100.0%	\$ 17,304,700



2013 EXPENDITURES

Category	Percentage	Amount
PARK OPERATIONS	(OPS) 37.4%	6,588,000
RIVERFRONT	(RFP) 28.5%	5,025,200
RECREATION	(REC) 20.2%	3,550,400
ADMINISTRATIVE	(ADM) 13.9%	2,457,500
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	100.0%	\$ 17,621,100



2013 NET EXPENDITURES LESS REVENUE

Category	Percentage	Amount
PARK OPERATIONS	(OPS) 49.8%	6,330,400
ADMINISTRATIVE	(ADM) 19.3%	2,451,300
RECREATION	(REC) 16.6%	2,120,600
RIVERFRONT	(RFP) 14.3%	1,815,700
NET TOTAL	100.0%	\$ 12,718,000

(Excluding General Fund)



By The Numbers

2.5 million guests

Visited Riverfront Park for more than 60 permitted activities including major regional events such as Bloomsday, Armed Forces Torchlight Parade, Hoopfest, 4th of July Celebration, Unity in the Community, Clear Channel Kids Day, Pig Out in the Park, OktoberFest, First Night Celebration and many others

655,415

Number of users served at Riverfront Park attractions as follows:

Pavilion Amusement Rides and Tour Train	296,702
1909 Loeffl Carrousel	199,593
SkyRide	69,621
Ice Palace	41,200
Giant Screen IMAX Theatre	27,496
Mini-Golf	20,803

143,678

Rounds of golf played at the City's four golf courses

104,021

Number of visitors to the City's Aquatic Centers

65,605

Hours rented at 28 elementary schools (28,984.5 hours), 28 city parks (19,406.5 hours), three sports complexes (12,827.74 hours) and four youth baseball parks (5,146.5 hours)

14,413

Number of registrations in the City's 449 swim lesson classes

11,685

Evening attendance for the Manito Park Gaiser Conservatory Holiday Lights 10-day annual floral display

2,995

Approximate number of participants in returning athletic programs:

Curling	173
Flag Football leagues and tournaments	1,527
Adult Soccer	540
Volleyball leagues and tournaments	612
Ultimate Frisbee leagues and tournaments	62
Open Gym Volleyball	794

2,745

Number of invoices paid

1,849

Trees Pruned by Urban Forestry

977

Number of Accounts Receivable invoices processed

955

Number of reservations issued for scheduled park events included:

Manito meeting room	300
Finch Arboretum - Woodland Center	57
Shelters with movable tables	386
Manito weddings/gardens	44
Special events permits	159
Finch Arboretum - Weddings	4

Note: Based on park usage and inquiries, approximately 360 additional small events (50 people or less) were held in City parks in 2013 in addition to scheduled events noted above.

624

Trees Removed by Urban Forestry

599

Number of background checks ran

419

Number of purchase orders issued

376 unique groups

for Riverfront shelter and attraction rentals, weddings, birthdays and a variety of catered events were also hosted. This included:

Carrousel rentals	56
Shelter rentals	75
Birthday parties	90
Weddings	16
Ice rentals	227
Other activities	215
Total location rentals	680

356

Trees Planted by Urban Forestry

278

Number of budget transfers

262

Canine participants in end-of-season Doggie Dips

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Park Improvements at Fairview Park
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Latah Creek Viewpoint Bench
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Arboretum Care Endowment
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Hoopfest

Basketball Court at Liberty Park

Manito Park

Associated Garden Club – 4 Grills

Recreation

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Riverfront Park's Fourth of July Celebration

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Park Board

The Spokane Park Board was created in 1910 and granted power by Article V of the City Charter to layout, establish, purchase, procure, accept and have the care, management, control, and improvement of all parks grounds and parkways controlled by the City of Spokane and used for park purposes. The Charter also mandates eight percent of the City's annual expenditures be earmarked for Parks and Recreation. Additional funding comes from fees and charges for programs and services. The City's golf courses are operated as an enterprise fund and are not supported by tax dollars.

Park Board meets on the second Thursday of each month, 1:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall.



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