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Annual Report

Sanford Parks

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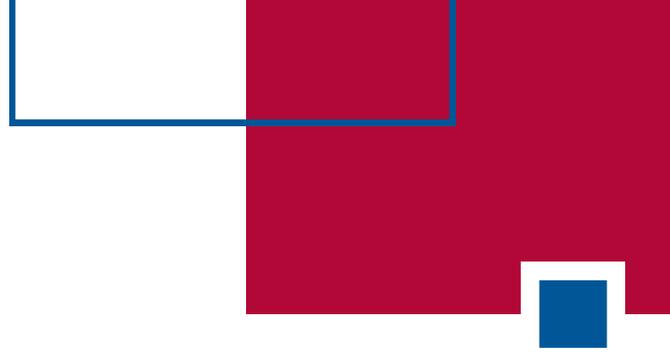
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Welcome



We are proud to present the City of Sanford Parks and Grounds Department’s Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023–2024. This report highlights a year of progress, community connection, and continued commitment to enhancing the quality of life in Sanford through our parks, green spaces, and recreational initiatives. Within these pages, you’ll find an overview of our dedicated team, the vision that drives our work, updates on key projects, community engagement efforts, and a transparent look at our budget and impact. We invite you to explore the accomplishments of this past year and see what’s ahead as we continue to grow and serve the Sanford community.



Our Team

Parks and Grounds Administrator

Nick Fortune

Parks Supervisor

Tim Hall

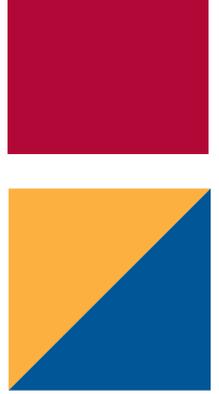
Park Technician(s)

Araceli Zavala

Merlin Luna

Parks Commission

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The Sanford Parks Commission serves as a dedicated advisory board to the City of Sanford's Parks and Grounds Department, helping to guide the growth and enhancement of our parks system. Throughout the 2023–2024 fiscal year, the Commission continued to play a vital role in shaping policy, supporting community engagement, and ensuring that Sanford's public spaces reflect the needs and values of our diverse community.

Commission members provided input on upcoming projects, improvement plans, and park programming, while also serving as liaisons between the public and the department. Their guidance was instrumental in advancing initiatives that promote accessibility, environmental stewardship, and inclusive recreation across all neighborhoods. The Parks Commission remains a key partner in our mission to provide safe, welcoming, and vibrant outdoor spaces for all residents to enjoy.

Members

John Cotton Dean

Mark Lyczkowski

Albert W. Roethlisberger

Derek Borrell

Crystal Williams

Carson Wilson

Robert L. Bridwell

Chadburn Spivey

Community Engagement



Neon Night



Egg-A-Palooza



Current Projects

Master Plan Adoption

CITY OF SANFORD

COMPREHENSIVE PARKS, RECREATION + GREENWAYS PLAN
ADOPTED MARCH 19, 2024



Parks Kiosk Signs



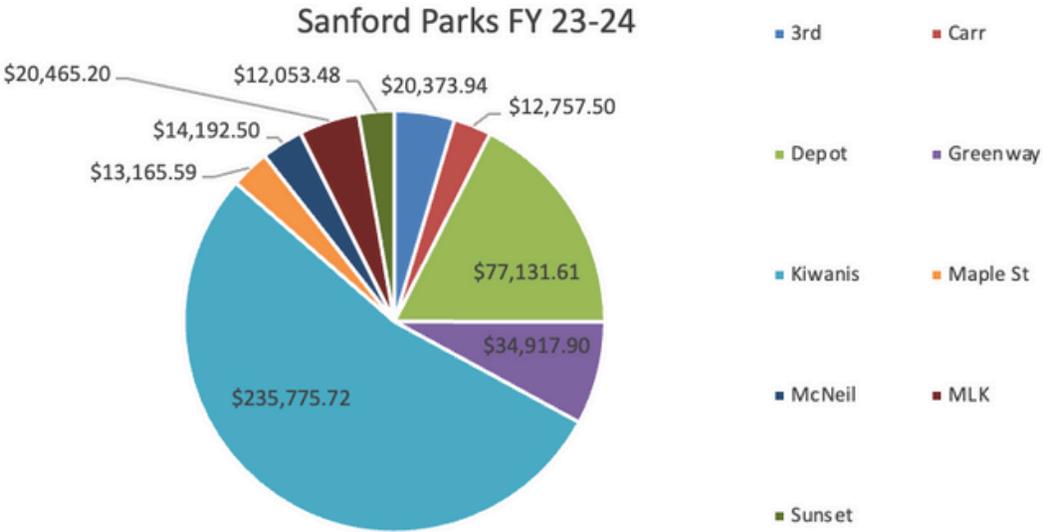
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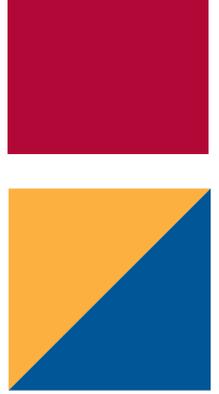
Budget Spending

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Park	Labor	Equipment	Materials	Total	Total cost %
3rd	\$ 7,149.44	\$ 1,307.04	\$ 11,917.46	\$ 20,373.94	5%
Carr	\$ 6,525.44	\$ 1,244.04	\$ 4,988.02	\$ 12,757.50	3%
Depot	\$ 29,312.00	\$ 5,514.00	\$ 42,305.61	\$ 77,131.61	17%
Greenway	\$ 10,717.44	\$ 2,027.04	\$ 22,173.42	\$ 34,917.90	8%
Kiwanis	\$ 68,954.88	\$ 13,837.08	\$ 152,983.76	\$ 235,775.72	53%
Maple St	\$ 6,829.44	\$ 1,277.04	\$ 5,059.11	\$ 13,165.59	3%
McNeil	\$ 6,733.44	\$ 1,271.04	\$ 6,188.02	\$ 14,192.50	3%
MLK	\$ 5,216.00	\$ 949.20	\$ 14,300.00	\$ 20,465.20	5%
Sunset	\$ 5,085.44	\$ 968.04	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 12,053.48	3%
Grand Total	\$ 146,523.52	\$ 28,394.52	\$ 265,915.40	\$ 440,833.44	100%



Looking Ahead



New Movie Screen at Kiwanis Family Park

In the coming year, we're excited to roll out a new permanent movie screen at Kiwanis Family Park. This long-anticipated addition that will enhance our ability to host outdoor programming and bring people together in creative ways.

This new amenity will allow us to expand our popular movie night series and add more opportunities for evening events in one of Sanford's most visited parks. With dedicated infrastructure in place, we'll be able to offer higher-quality, more consistent programming without the setup limitations of mobile equipment.

The movie screen will serve as a flexible resource for a variety of events, from family films and themed nights to community gatherings and partner-led programming. We look forward to seeing families spread out on the lawn, enjoying free entertainment under the stars, and making lasting memories right here in their neighborhood park.

Putting the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Into Action

This spring, the City of Sanford officially adopted a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan, a guiding document that outlines a clear and community-driven vision for the future of our parks, facilities, and programs.

With the plan now in place, we are excited to begin the work of turning its recommendations into reality. The plan includes improvements to physical spaces such as park upgrades, new amenities, and accessibility enhancements. It also outlines thoughtful programming ideas designed to increase community engagement, expand recreation access, and better serve all residents.

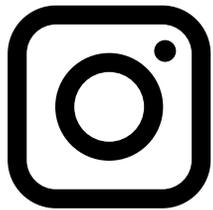
We look forward to using this roadmap to guide our priorities, support future investments, and strengthen our commitment to equity, sustainability, and connection throughout the entire system. The work begins now, and we are energized by the opportunity to make a lasting impact one step at a time.



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