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# Annual Report

**Sanford Parks**

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# Welcome

On behalf of the City of Sanford Parks Department, we are proud to present our Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024 to 2025. This report highlights the programs, projects, and accomplishments that have strengthened our community throughout the year. Parks are more than just open spaces; they are essential services that support the health, safety, and well-being of every resident. From providing spaces for recreation and gathering to supporting environmental sustainability and public health initiatives, our parks play a vital role in enhancing the quality of life across Sanford. As we look ahead, we remain committed to maintaining, improving, and expanding these spaces to ensure that every member of our community has access to safe, welcoming, and vibrant parks.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to build a stronger, healthier, and more connected Sanford through our parks.

## Our Vision

The City hopes that its parks will encourage community members to spend time together engaging in outdoor activities. The overarching goal of the parks program is to improve Sanford's overall sense of community and our residents' quality of life.

# Meet Our Team



**Caroline Jeffries**  
Administrator



**Tim Hall**  
Supervisor



**Merlin Luna**  
Park Technician



**Kara McBryde**  
Park Technician

# 2024/2025 Commission Members:

John Cotton Dean

Mark Lyczkowski

Albert W. Roethlisberger

Derek Borrell

Crystal Williams

Carson Wilson

Robert L. Bridwell

Chadburn Spivey

## Sanford Parks Commission

The Sanford Parks Commission is an advisory group composed of dedicated citizens who are passionate about enhancing our community's parks and recreational opportunities. Members serve as advocates for the creation, development, and use of municipal parks, representing the diverse needs and interests of park visitors, neighbors, and residents.

The Commission acts as a vital forum for discussion and collaboration, serving as a bridge between the community, park management, and city leadership. Through this role, members provide valuable input, promote initiatives that enrich the city's park system, and help ensure that Sanford's parks continue to meet the needs of all who use them.



# Community Engagement



Big Rig Adventure

Busking in the 'Boro



Beach Bash

# Current Projects



Improved drainage at  
Kiwanis Family Park  
playground



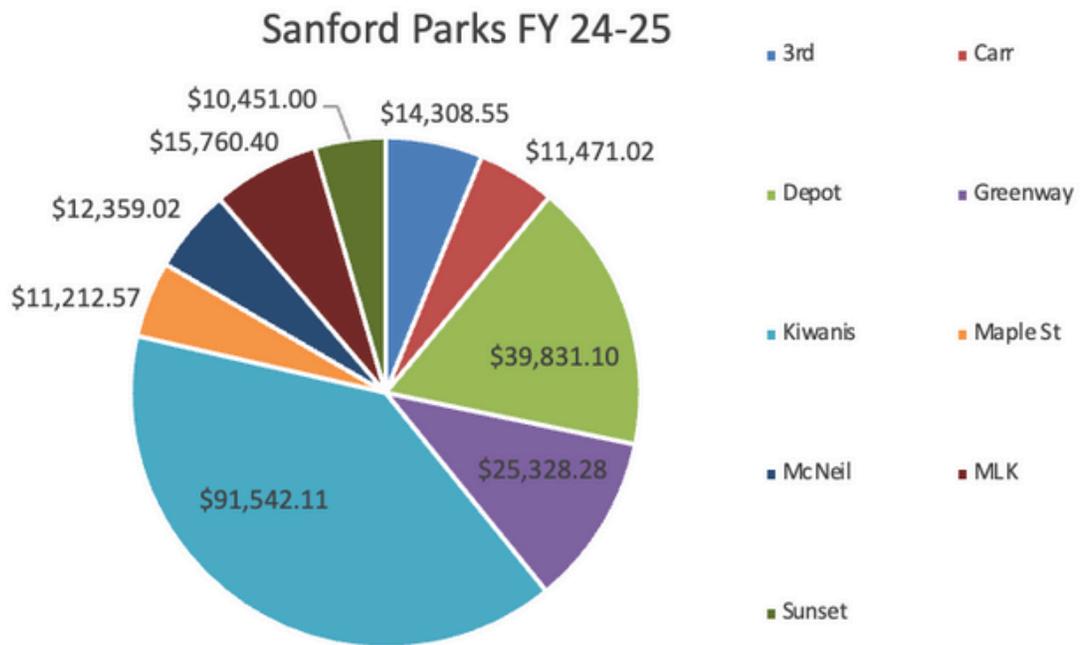
3rd Street Park  
Tree Installation for the  
Sanford Sesquicentennial

Movie Screen Installment at  
Kiwanis Family Park



# Budget Spending

Park	Labor	Equipment	Materials	Total	Total cost %
3rd	\$ 5,984.00	\$ 1,092.00	\$ 7,232.55	\$ 14,308.55	6%
Carr	\$ 5,584.00	\$ 1,074.00	\$ 4,813.02	\$ 11,471.02	5%
Depot	\$ 24,584.00	\$ 4,617.00	\$ 10,630.10	\$ 39,831.10	17%
Greenway	\$ 8,080.00	\$ 1,563.00	\$ 15,685.28	\$ 25,328.28	11%
Kiwanis	\$ 49,728.00	\$ 9,240.00	\$ 32,574.11	\$ 91,542.11	39%
Maple St	\$ 5,696.00	\$ 1,071.00	\$ 4,445.57	\$ 11,212.57	5%
McNeil	\$ 5,344.00	\$ 1,002.00	\$ 6,013.02	\$ 12,359.02	5%
MLK	\$ 4,198.40	\$ 762.00	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 15,760.40	7%
Sunset	\$ 3,664.00	\$ 687.00	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 10,451.00	4%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 112,862.40</b>	<b>\$ 21,108.00</b>	<b>\$ 98,293.65</b>	<b>\$ 232,264.05</b>	<b>100%</b>



# Looking Ahead

## Walter McNeil Park Revovation

Thanks to a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant, the City of Sanford is preparing to begin major renovations at Walter McNeil Park in the coming year. This funding will allow us to transform the park into a more welcoming, inclusive, and engaging space for the surrounding community.

The planned improvements include new playground equipment, shaded seating areas, accessible walkways, and enhanced landscaping. These updates will create a safer, more enjoyable park experience for families and residents of all ages.

This project is the result of strong community collaboration and thoughtful planning, and we're excited to bring these ideas to life. Construction is anticipated to begin in the coming year, and we look forward to delivering a refreshed neighborhood park that reflects the needs and hopes of the people who use it most.



## Expanding Community Engagement Through Programming

In the year ahead, the City of Sanford Parks Department is focused on expanding our programming to deepen community connections and activate our public spaces in new ways. We're planning a variety of free, family-friendly events aimed at bringing neighbors together and increasing access to recreational opportunities.

From pop-up events in neighborhood parks to themed movie nights, seasonal celebrations, and hands-on arts activities, our upcoming calendar is designed to reach more residents across the city. We're also exploring partnerships with local organizations and community groups to co-host events that reflect the diverse interests of our community.

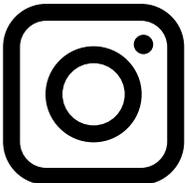
These efforts build on the momentum of successful past programs and reflect our ongoing commitment to making parks a place for everyone. With fresh energy, new ideas, and a growing sense of collaboration, we're looking forward to a year of stronger community engagement and shared experiences.



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