

Parks & Recreation Department

Play, Learn & Grow

Through Battle Ground Parks & Recreation



December 2009 Monthly Report

Christmas Tree Lighting & Visit With Santa

On Friday evening, December 4th, the Battle Ground Community Center hosted the 20th annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and a visit with Santa. Over 200 people attended the ceremonies and joined the Battle Ground High School Jazz Choir in Christmas Carols as they eagerly awaited Santa Claus to arrive by Fire Truck. Amidst candy canes and Christmas carols, Santa threw the switch and lit the tree marking the beginning of the holiday season. Soon after, kids and families made their way into the Community Center to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

This event is jointly hosted by the City of Battle Ground, the North County Community Food Bank, Clark County Fire & Rescue and the Battle Ground Chamber of Commerce.

Community Pancake Breakfast

On Saturday morning, December 5th, City Council with the help of several volunteers, hosted the 1st annual Community Pancake Breakfast at the BGCC. This newly created annual event served over 150 people and provided a breakfast buffet of pancakes, eggs and sausage. All proceeds' for this event benefitted the North County Community Food Bank. In its inaugural year, the pancake breakfast raised over \$4,000. Several of the larger donations were made in order to reach the goal of seeing both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor get their heads shaved! Both men were good sports as they sat in front of a large audience while clippers made fast work of the job.

Winter Art Classes Scheduled

A series of art workshops and classes for youth and adults will be offered this January at the Battle Ground Community Center. These classes are a result of a partnership between the BG Parks & Recreation Department and the BG Art Alliance as

part of their in-kind services agreement for facility rental use. Art activities being offered include Writing Our Lives, Creative Drawing, Introduction to Origami, Introduction to Fused Glass Art, Introduction to Jewelry Design and Beginning Watercolor. Class details and an activity registration form can be found on the City website and at the BGCC.

Senior Scene

The Winter 2010 edition of the Senior Scene is now available on the City website, with flyers available for pick-up at the BGCC. This quarterly publication highlights senior programs and activities available in the Battle Ground area.

Facility Rental Highlights

Senior Center: The Senior Center is the host site for 12 long term rental groups. The groups include several church and bible groups, BG Art Alliance, American Cancer Society, Pampered Chef, Clark County Farm Forestry, Crystal Springs HOA, Senior Pinochle Club and the newest rental group VFW Bingo. VFW Bingo has resumed play at the Senior Center starting in December 2009. Bingo is offered every Monday and Thursday evenings and the 1st Saturday of each month. Program details are highlighted in the current Sr. Scene publication.

Battle Ground Community Center: After its first complete year of operation, the BGCC has hosted 304 rentals with over 17,514 attending the various rental functions held here. Rentals include 25 wedding receptions, 12 club/organization banquets, 1 art show, 231 meetings and workshops. Weight Watchers has renewed their long term rental of the BGCC on Monday mornings and evenings.

The Loaves & Fishes senior lunch program has served 8,858 lunches, and delivered 7,774 Meals on Wheels from the BGCC kitchen.

A YEAR IN REVIEW!

2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The following is a brief overview of activities and items that the Parks & Recreation Department staff has accomplished in its first year as an official City Department.

Parks Division

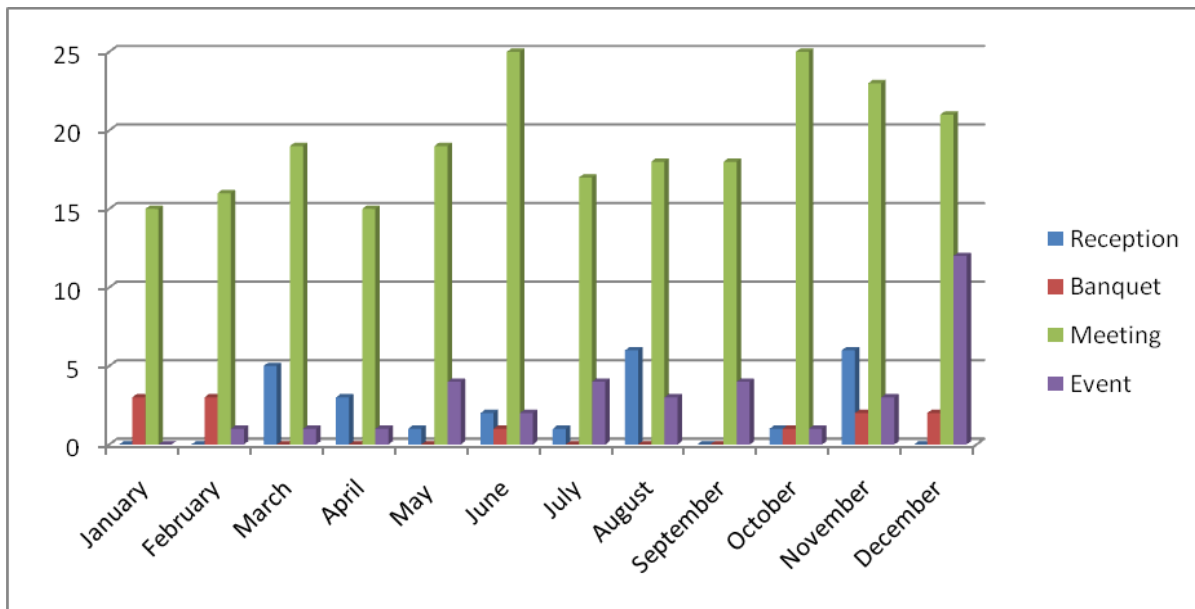
- ***Secured 2 DNR parcels***
 - 30 acres at Tukes Mountain
 - 80 acres NE of Tukes
- ***Chelatchie Rails & Trails Project***
 - Working with Vancouver & Clark County staff in trail funding and development from Fairgrounds Park to Battle Ground Lake State Park
- ***Park Volunteer Program***
 - Developed partnership with CPU Stream Team on Woodin Creek restoration project
 - Developed partnership with BG Boy Scout Troop for Eagle Scout & Community Service Projects that will enhance local BG parks
 - Developed partnership with Community Church groups for volunteering at special events and park litter pick-up and minor landscaping projects
- ***Park Donations***
 - GFWC donation of 5 custom bike racks for Old Town business district
 - Private donation from BG resident for a Memorial tree and bench at Kiwanis Park
- ***Contracts & Leases***
 - Negotiated Rose Float Lease
- ***Enhanced Level of Park Maintenance Service***
 - Expanded work schedule to 7 day a week coverage for maintenance service during the Peak Season (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Weekend)

Recreation Division

- ***Inaugural year of Parks & Recreation Department***
 - Opened Battle Ground Community Center
 - Opened Flex Building
 - Assumed oversight of Sr. Center
- ***Policy Development***
 - Special Event Permit program
 - Non-Discrimination in Sports program policy
- ***Established a Rental & Permit Program***
 - Transferred oversight of Special Event Permits to Parks & Rec Department
 - Developed Special Event Permit User Guide and permit application
 - Developed Special Event Review Committee
- ***Youth Recreation Programs***
 - Developed & implemented a travelling Summer Playground Program that served over 1,300 local youth
 - 10 week program held at 6 parks each week
 - Weekly themed arts & crafts and activities
- ***Adult Recreation Programs***
 - Partnered with Clark College Continuing Education for cooking classes
 - Partnered with Battle Ground Art Alliance to offer youth and adult art workshops for Holiday & Winter sessions 2009-2010
- ***Senior Recreation Programs***
 - Developed and publish a Quarterly Newsletter the "Senior Scene"
 - Developed & implemented the Mad Hatters Club
- ***Community Special Events***
 - Developed & implemented Free Community Events
 - "Fright Night" Halloween party for youth and families
 - Christmas Tree Lighting & Visit with Santa
 - Summer Outdoor Movie
 - Fall Farm Fun Community Play Day
- ***Fund Development***
 - Received \$4,000 grant from Parks Foundation to support the Summer Playground Program

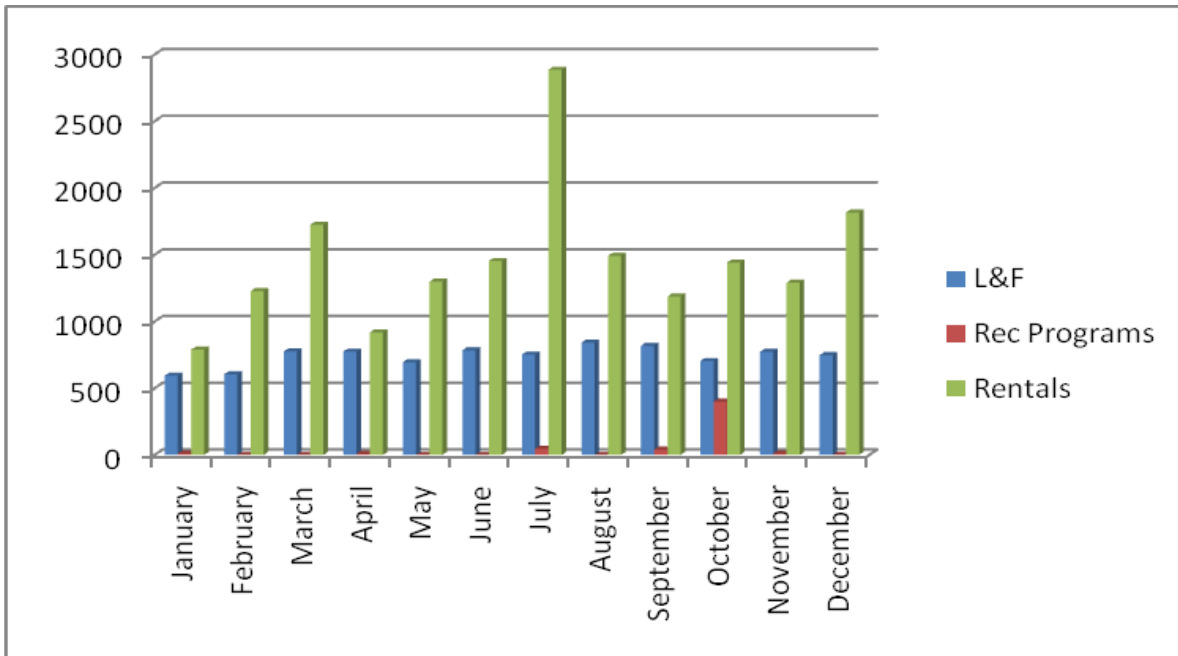
BGCC Rentals 2009

<u>Month</u>	<u>Reception</u>	<u>Banquet</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Totals</u>
January	0	3	15	0	18
February	0	3	16	1	20
March	5	0	19	1	25
April	3	0	15	1	19
May	1	0	19	4	24
June	2	1	25	2	30
July	1	0	17	4	22
August	6	0	18	3	27
September	0	0	18	4	22
October	1	1	25	1	28
November	6	2	23	3	34
December	0	2	21	12	35
Totals	25	12	231	36	304



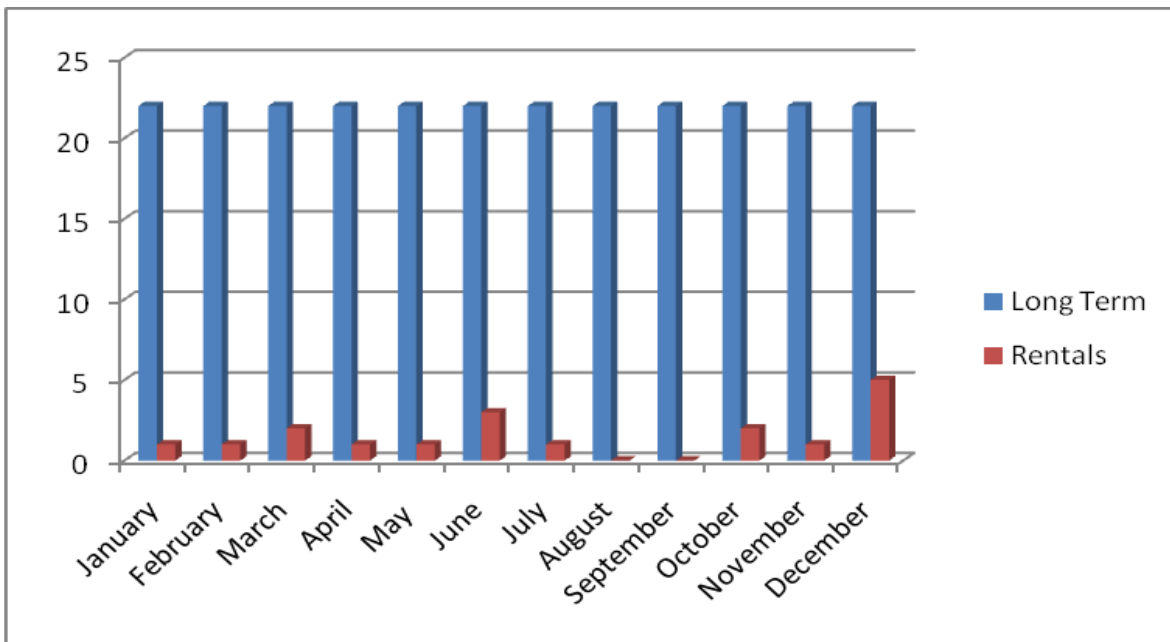
BGCC Attendance 2009

<u>Month</u>	<u>L&F</u>	<u>Rec Programs</u>	<u>Rentals</u>	<u>Totals</u>
January	594	10	789	1393
February	604	0	1227	1831
March	775	0	1723	2498
April	774	8	917	1699
May	694	0	1298	1992
June	784	0	1452	2236
July	752	46	2885	3683
August	840	0	1491	2331
September	817	40	1186	2043
October	703	400	1440	2543
November	773	9	1290	2072
December	748	250	1816	2814
Totals	8858	763	17514	27135



Senior Center Rentals 2009

<u>Month</u>	<u>Long Term</u>	<u>Rentals</u>	<u>Totals</u>
January	22	1	23
February	22	1	23
March	22	2	24
April	22	1	23
May	22	1	23
June	22	3	25
July	22	1	23
August	22	0	22
September	22	0	22
October	22	2	24
November	22	1	23
December	22	5	27
Totals	264	18	282



Senior Center Attendance

<u>Month</u>	<u>Long Term</u>	<u>Rec Programs</u>	<u>Rentals</u>	<u>Totals</u>
January	577	134	60	771
February	577	142	30	749
March	577	146	150	873
April	577	140	50	767
May	577	156	50	783
June	577	140	150	867
July	577	139	80	796
August	577	134	0	711
September	577	140	0	717
October	577	144	85	806
November	577	140	90	807
December	577	144	400	1121
Totals	6924	1699	1145	9768

