



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

**RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT**

The Recreation Department is located at 3430 N. Main St. at the Flag City Sports Complex. Our staff consists of a Recreation Manager, Lisa Mansfield, four full time employees, and 23 seasonal employees.

The Recreation Department currently oversees programming for Adult Slow Pitch Softball, Learn-to-Skate skating program and Keep Active, Keep Healthy.

Adult Slow Pitch Softball

Our Adult Slow Pitch Softball program has been providing a fun and competitive league for over 30 years. The league has two seasons, summer and fall. The league consists of a men’s division, and a co-ed division. The softball program is sanctioned by USA Softball and follows the rules set forth by USA Softball, with a few rule modifications to increase local interest. This past summer we had 9 men’s division teams, and 19 co-ed division teams. In the fall, we had 12 men’s division teams, 4 women’s division teams and 11 co-ed teams.

Learn-to-Skate

Our Learn-to-Skate program, designed for people of all ages and skating abilities. We offer quality instruction on many comprehensive skill levels using the Learn to Skate USA curriculum. Professional instructors conduct classes in a positive atmosphere, making learning to skate a fun experience for recreational, hockey, or figure skaters. This program expanded in 2016 to offer additional instructional classes on top of existing classes, and to provide class times for homeschool groups. We added a Wednesday evening class to our regular Saturday afternoon and Homeschool classes. We also added a Power Hockey class to assist the youth hockey players in their skills.

Session	Description	Attendance
Session 1	Beginners – Intermediate (ages 5-16) & Adult – Saturday afternoon	14
Session 1	Beginners – Intermediate (ages 5-16) & Adult - Wednesday evenings	10
Session 1	Homeschool, Beginners – Intermediate (Ages 5-18)	5
Session 2	Beginners – Intermediate (ages 5-16) & Adult – Saturday afternoon	21
Session 2	Beginners – Intermediate (ages 5-16) & Adult – Wednesday evening	16
Session 2	Homeschool, Beginners-Intermediate (Ages 5-18)	14
Session 3	Beginners – Intermediate (ages 5-16) & Adult – Saturday afternoon	28
Session 3	Beginners – Intermediate (ages 5-16) & Adult – Wednesday evening	16
Session 1	Power Hockey	9
Session 3	Homeschool, Beginners (Ages 5-18)	13



### Keep Active, Keep Healthy

This program highlights different parks throughout the city with organized activities such as kickball, whiffle ball, and an obstacle course to name a few activities. This program is free to attend with the purpose of providing structured activities to encourage kids and adults to “Ditch the devices”, get outside, and be active. We collaborate with Hancock Public Health, who provides information about healthy nutrition options.

### Shelter Houses

The Recreation Department also oversees the rental of Shelter Houses at Riverside Park, the Shelter House at Miracle Park and the rental of the Millstream Art Plaza. We oversee the scheduling of the shelters and collecting the rental fees. There were 372 shelter house rentals in 2023 and the Miracle Park Shelter was rented three times in 2023.

In addition to the programming, the Recreation Department oversees the scheduling and maintenance of the Flag City Sports Complex that consists of The Cube Ice Arena, The Marathon Diamonds, Roethlisberger Football Field, and the Blanchard Valley Health Systems Miracle Park.

### The Cube

The Cube is one of only three ice arenas in Northwest Ohio and is the home ice for the Findlay High School Varsity and Junior Varsity Hockey program, Findlay Silver Blades Figure Skating Club, Gliding Stars adaptive skating program, Findlay Amateur Hockey Association (FAHA), and the Findlay Adult Hockey program. In addition to these user groups there are open skate seasons available to the public to take advantage of for recreational skating. Public skate is popular with teens and families alike. Admission and skate rental prices remained the same in 2023 at \$6 and \$3 respectively.

Off the ice, the Recreation Department operates the concession stand during hockey games, skating competitions, ice shows, and public skate sessions.

At The Cube, we have three meeting rooms that can be rented. This past year they were rented 84 times.

During our Public skate sessions, we also offer Birthday Party Packages. The party package includes a private party room, pizza, pop, skate rental, and ice-skating. During 2023, we have hosted 52 birthday parties, 29 of those just in the last four months of the year.

### The Marathon Diamonds

The Marathon Diamonds is a lighted 5-field baseball/softball complex. It is the home field for the University of Findlay Baseball and Softball programs, Findlay Girls Fast pitch Softball, Findlay Youth Baseball, Findlay Diamond Dawgs Travel Baseball, and Findlay Blackhawks Travel Softball. The Diamonds is a highly used facility starting in March with the start of collegiate games and going through mid-October to the end of fall leagues. This past year, we hosted 23 weekend tournaments, in addition to regular season games of our user groups.

### The Roethlisberger Football Field

The Roethlisberger Football Field is the premier football field for the Findlay Youth Football Program. It currently hosts youth from grades 3 through 8.

### Blanchard Valley Health System Miracle Park

This facility is an all-inclusive baseball field and playground. This field, designed to provide opportunities for children with disabilities to play baseball, regardless of their abilities. The playground allows children of all abilities to develop strong sensory and motor systems that are so vital to their future.