

Recreation Department
2012 Annual Report



2012 Recreation Full Time Staff:

Lu Draper, Superintendent Recreation/Community and Facilities
Pat Wright, Recreation Administrative Supervisor
Mike Gallaher, Grounds Worker IV/ Facility Operation Manager
Nicole Flugga, Activities Coordinator/Programs
Dee Yoxtheimer, Clerk
Levi Butler, Activities Coordinator/Maintenance

2012 Seasonal Staff CUBE and Diamonds:

9- Customer Service Attendants
5- Skate Guards
4- Skate Instructors
4- Casual Labor (field and facility maintenance)

PROGRAM, FACILITIES & SERVICES

Adult Slow Pitch Softball

For over 27 years, the city has offered a fun and competitive adult slow-pitch softball program. The city provides two sessions each year, spring and fall. The American Softball Association (ASA) sanctioned league hosted 131 teams in 2012, participating in Men's B, C, D division, Co-Ed B, C, D division.

Spring and Summer Season – (86 teams) - 41 men's teams and 45co-ed teams

Fall Season (45 teams) - 19 men's teams, 26 co-ed teams.

Tri-County Umpire Association

We contract for umpiring services with Tri-County Umpire Association for all adult softball.

Skate with Santa Claus

The sixth annual holiday event at the Huntington Bank Arena attracted over 100 children and their parents. They enjoyed ice-skating to Christmas music, doing crafts and cookie decorating, Eating cookies, popcorn and hot cocoa and especially meeting and taking pictures with Santa.

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First Night Out Celebration

The CUBE once again proved to be a safe haven for our area youth to ring in the New Year! Over 400 skaters enjoyed the annual giant CUBE drop in the arena and lobby of balloons. Admission was \$10 per person, which included admission, ice skate rental, five hours of ice-skating, music, games, snacks and other festivities.

Birthday Parties at the CUBE

In 2012, 47 birthday party packages were sold and enjoyed by over 560 party attendees, at the CUBE, package includes private party room, pizza, soda, skate rental and ice skating.

Meeting Room Rentals

Community groups at the CUBE rented 184 rooms in 2012

Shelter House Rentals at Riverside Park

The Recreation Department continued with the duties of securing shelter house reservations and fee collections in 2012. 282 Shelter houses were reserved in 2012 and over 150 shelters were used by non-profit organizations – which chose the comfort and ambience of Riverside Park, Band Shell, and shelter houses for their fund-raising events.

The Allen P Dudley Memorial Band Shell continued to host Wednesday evening FREE Concerts in the Park during the summer months in cooperation of the City of Findlay, Hancock Park District and local area businesses.

The CUBE

The CUBE exceeded all expectations during the 2011 – 2012 season, more visitors enjoyed the CUBE's activities both on and off the ice for youth, adults and families. The CUBE now has 2- ice seasons per year; September – March followed by an 8 week summer session in May and June.

New scoreboards courtesy of Coca-Cola hangs at both ends of the rink in Huntington Bank Arena.

2012 Ice Season kicked off with an "Ignite the ICE" open house in conjunction with FAHA, Silver Blades, Gliding Stars, Findlay High School Varsity and JV Hockey and the City of Findlay's recreation department. Free skating and lessons were available, along with informational tables promoting on ice activities, a swap meet and used equipment sale were also part of the kick-off to the ice season. The event was attended well and will be an annual event.

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Findlay High School Hockey

The CUBE is home to Findlay High School Varsity and JV hockey teams, from Captain Practices in the off-season to practice and games during season – we are PROUD to be home to the FINDLAY TROJANS!

Findlay High School, Coach Joe Longo and staff held a summer hockey clinic for area youths in 2012.

Silver Blades Figure Skating Club

Silver Blades Celebrates Its 38th Year of Skating Excellence in Hancock County, Silver Blades is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing quality figure skating to the Findlay -Hancock County region. Silver Blades began in 1974 when the Hancock Recreation Center, now the CUBE, was built to house events that promoted skating and other recreational activities. Since that day, the Silver Blades Figure Skating Club has continued to grow due to the support of the community, the Recreation Department, and by the excitement generated by club members. Silver Blades is the only Figure Skating Club in Northwest Ohio that has an Annual Ice Skating Show, "Ice Classics".

Silver Blades Figure Skating Club along with the Findlay Recreation Department is affiliated with the Ice Skating Institute (ISI). Silver Blades Figure Skating Club, currently has approximately 100 members, ranging between the ages of 4 and 18. Silver Blades Figure Skating Club hosts the annual Silver Blades Ice Classic, a Holiday Ice Show and ISI competition in November. This year's competition hosted 150 skaters from the Tri-State area for the weekend.

Gliding Stars – Findlay Chapter

Gliding Stars, Inc. was originally founded in 1994 by Elizabeth M. O'Donnell. Ms. O'Donnell is an accomplished figure skater who turned her talents toward providing an extensive program of adaptive ice skating for people of all ages and challenges. She did this so they could experience a part of normal life and the life-changing effects of regular exercise, social interaction, teamwork, family sharing, and a few hours of fame during the end-of-season Ice Extravaganza performance, a fan favorite!

Findlay Amateur Hockey Association

The Findlay Amateur Hockey Association or FAHA was established in the 1960's as the area's youth hockey organization. The Hancock Recreation Center, or The CUBE, as it is known today, was not built at this time and players skated out of Bowling Green, Ohio's ice arena. The following year, players traveled to Lima to use their ice facilities. Finally, the Hancock Recreational Center was open. Currently, FAHA uses the CUBE for their ice needs. FAHA is sanctioned through the USA Hockey organization.

FAHA hosts a "Winter Freeze House Tournament" for three divisions: Mini-Mite/Mite/Squirt, over two weekends in February. Many teams from in and around Ohio and surrounding states travel to The CUBE to compete in this USA Hockey sanctioned tournament.

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Findlay's Men's Hockey League

The Findlay Men's Hockey League is a non-profit association that brings together Adult players from all over Northwest Ohio to play organized spring, fall and winter league hockey games at the CUBE. The Findlay Men's Hockey League offers four (4) levels of play, which allows everyone, from the experienced player down to the first time skater, the chance to play the great game of ice hockey.

Public Skating

Public skating continues to be very popular with teens and families alike. The CUBE promotes family and youth participation during the afternoon public skate sessions, while evening sessions cater to the teenagers. Admission remains the same since 2006, \$5 admission/skate rental \$2 (free skate rental during weekend afternoon family sessions).

Monday thru Friday Daytime Ice Rink Schedule

Mom & Tot 10a – 11a

Adult Only Skate 11a – 12p

Drop-In Adult Hockey 12p – 1:30p

Weekend Public Sessions

Friday and Saturday Evening (time varies due to FHS home hockey games)

Saturday afternoon – 1p-2:50p

Sunday afternoon – 12p-1:50p

School Holiday – 2p-4p**ICE RENTAL RATES 2012**

<i>Classification</i> Explanation of pricing policy for each group	Prime Hours Mon - Thursday 4p-10p, Fri-Sun 8a-11p Holidays and Weekends	Non – Prime Hours Mon – Thurs 8a – 4p Mon – Thurs after 10p
Ice Partners (300 plus hours)	\$200	\$180
Ice User (225-299 hours)	\$220	\$200
Ice Renters (224 hours or less)	\$240	\$220

FAHA-408 hours, Silver Blades– 400 hours, FMHL-380 hours, Gliding Stars-30 hours

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Learn to Skate Sessions

WeSkate Learn to Skate program instructed by Skate Pro Shelly Bressler and her coaching staff is always a very popular event at the CUBE. The sessions are created to be affordable for all and a great learning experience for youth and adult alike. Rather, it is recreational skating introduction to figure skating or ice hockey; we tailor the program to the needs of each individual. Free Public Skate immediately following the skate lesson is also included.

Off Season Cube Activities

Every event brings a new experience for the CUBE and our community. The CUBE may be hosting a Mixed Martial Arts Contest one weekend, an Ice Skating Extravaganza the next, or a concert for the young and young at heart.

Some of Our Dry – Floor Events at the CUBE

- WFIN/WKXA Leisure Living Home Show
- The Arts Partnership Concert Series
- Mixed Martial Arts
- Findlay Publishing Wedding Showcase
- Back to School Summer Slam
- Picadilly Circus

The Marathon Diamonds

Take me out to the ballgame! Over 900 games were played at this premier facility for league play, tournaments, and The University of Findlay's spring and fall seasons of baseball and softball at the Marathon Diamonds. Coaches, teams, and fans enjoy five lighted infields (four skinned, one grass) separate admission gates, built-in bleachers, concessions and exceptional grounds keeping.

2012 Highlights at The Marathon Diamonds Include

Youth Baseball - Diamond Dawg Travel Teams

Home Games and Tournaments
 Flag City Challenge
 Triple Play Challenge
 Baseball Blast

Girl's Fast-Pitch Softball

Home Games and Tournaments
 Flag City Fire Cracker
 Greg Miller Memorial Tournament
 ASA – U-16 State Softball Tournament

Young Miss Softball Association

Regular Season games
 All – Star Games
 League Championship Games

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Baseball Players Association Tournament (BPA) @ Marathon Diamonds

Sundown Showdown
I-75 Tournament

Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) @ Marathon Diamonds

- District Baseball Tournament

Findlay Youth Baseball @ Marathon Diamonds

- Regular Season Games
- City League Championship tournament
- All-Star Game and Tournament
- 4 Tournaments including the Nations Great Lakes Region Ultimate World Series.

Hancock County Girls Fast pitch Softball League @ Marathon Diamonds

- Regular Season Games
- 4 Tournaments including the 16U State Championships

University of Findlay @ Marathon Diamonds

- Men's Baseball spring and fall programs
- Ladies' Softball spring and fall program
- GLIAC year-end Women Softball Tournament

Other Activities i@ Marathon Diamonds includes:

- Wolves Baseball Tournament,
- Special Olympics Regional Competition

Nations World Series Ultimate Baseball Tournament (Findlay Youth Baseball)

Over 40 travel baseball teams gathered to represent their community and to play a schedule that included over 100 baseball games during the Great Lakes Regional Ultimate World Series Tournament at Marathon Diamonds. The activities began with the annual parade of teams, followed by a skills contest and players social and pin trading event. Many of the teams participating are from a distance and approximately 75% of teams utilize area hotel and motel rooms.

Hancock County Girls Fast pitch Softball League

The Marathon Diamonds is also home to ASA, U-16 Girls STATE Fast Pitch Softball Tournament, where 60 of the best teams from throughout Ohio took to the field in Findlay Ohio for this annual event. 2012's roster was the single largest STATE fast pitch tournament in history and the largest event at the Marathon Diamonds.

Flag City Youth Football Complex

Conversations began in early 2010 between private and public entities to establish a timeline for the construction of a Youth Football Facility to be located in the northeast corner of the Flag City Multi-Sports Complex, near the CUBE. (cont.)

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(cont.) Construction started in the spring of 2011, with anticipation of opening the field in the fall of 2013. Construction costs for this facility's were provided by private funds. The finished product will be gifted to the City of Findlay.

Rotary Arena and Soccer Complex

The Rotary Arena and Soccer Complex is a grand example of how public and private investors can work seamlessly to build a facility locally. After the relocation of four softball fields to other areas within the city, this soccer facility became a reality. The complex consists of two premier lighted soccer fields in concert with 18 auxiliary soccer fields. Hancock Soccer Association currently hosts the Fall Classic Recreational Soccer Tournament and Flag City Classic Tournament. Additionally, several large soccer tournaments are in the works to be held at Rotary Arena. This in turn will go a long way in making Findlay an outstanding destination to host soccer events and continue to impact our local economy.

Swale Park

Due to the relocation of 4 softball fields from Emory Adams Park to Swale Park, the Swale took on a new look and gained new primary users. Young Miss Softball in cooperation with the City of Findlay Parks and Recreation Department gave Swale Park a small over-haul with some much needed clean-up, minor fence repairs, relocation of fences and base anchors, bleachers and dug out repairs which has now created a nice, usable, safe facility for girls slow pitch softball during their regular season and baseball during special tournament.

Facility Inventory

The City of Findlay has numerous fields and facilities that are utilized by our recreational partners and visitors alike year around. From in-line skate parks, sand volleyball courts, tennis courts, walking tracks, playgrounds, baseball, softball, football and soccer fields to an ice rink and swimming pool – the City of Findlay's Parks and Recreation has many facilities to be proud of. For a complete listing of parks and facilities visit our website at www.findlayohio.com

Park and Recreation Rules

"Rules and Regulations Governing the Recreational Use of City Park Properties and Recreation Facilities" are available on the Findlay City website: www.findlayohio.co; under Recreation.

For pricing on facility and field rentals, shelter house information and forms, field permits, special event permits, Park and Recreation Rules and Regulations, Field/Facility Inventories, calendar of events all can be found on the City's website www.findlayohio.com under Recreation.

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