

# City of Findlay

Christina Muryn, Mayor

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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To Honorable Mayor and City Council:

The Recreation Department is located at 3430 N. Main St. at the Flag City Sports Complex. Our staff consists of a Recreation Administrative Supervisor, Lisa Mansfield, five full time employees, one part time employee, and 21 seasonal employees.

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

### 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, and has a men's division, and a co-ed division. The softball program sanctioned by USA Softball follows the rules set forth by USA Softball, with a few rule modifications to increase local interest. This past summer we had 18 men's division teams, and 15 co-ed division teams, and in the fall, we had 16 men's division and seven co-ed division 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 home school groups.

Session	Description	Attendance
Session 1	Tot (Under 5)	1
	Beginner (Ages 5-16)	4
Session 1	Homeschool	15
	Bridge class	1
Session 2	Tot (Under 5)	7
	Beginner (Ages 5-16)	7
	Intermediate	2
	Adult (Ages 17 & up)	2
Session 2	Homeschool	20
	Bridge class	7

<b>Session</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Session 3	Tot (Under 5)	6
	Beginner (Ages 5-16)	11
	Intermediate	3
	Adult (Ages 17 & up)	3
Session 3	Homeschool	12
	Bridge	7
Summer Camp	Beginner (Ages 5-16)	6
	Intermediate/Advanced	7
Holiday Camp	Tot (Under 5)	1
	Beginner (Ages	8

## Lacrosse

With the help of volunteers teaching basic Lacrosse skills, we had 11 register for spring outdoor and 10 for fall outdoor. We continue to work on growing interest in the lacrosse program.

## Keep Active, Keep Healthy

The Keep Active, Keep Healthy summer program is now in its third year. 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. This year we also collaborated with the YMCA of Findlay who provided us with inside space allowing us to expand the program throughout the winter months.

## Shelter Houses

The Recreation Department also oversees the rental of Shelter Houses at Riverside Park, and rental of the Millstream Art Plaza. We oversee the scheduling of the shelters and collecting the rental fees. There were 282 shelter house rentals in 2019 and the Millstream Art Plaza, which was rented one time.

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, 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 prices remained the same at \$5 and skate rental

prices remained the same at \$3. Two of our most popular Public Skate sessions is Skate with Santa that had 214 attend and our New Year's Eve skate that had 315.

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 77 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 2019, we hosted 17 birthday parties.

### 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, 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 19 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. Electrical upgrades have been completed, which allows for power within the building located at the field.

### 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.

Respectfully submitted,



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