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Parks and Recreation

2012 ANNUAL
REPORT



2012 Annual Report



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Message from the Mayor



Over the past several years, the City of Saint Paul has made many changes to how it operates in response to a tough economic environment. As a city, we have found more effective ways to deliver services with fewer resources, while maintaining the level of service our residents expect and deserve. The Department of Parks and Recreation has been a leader in looking for innovative and creative solutions to meet the ever-increasing demand placed on our parks system.



During the past year, the Department of Parks and Recreation has made tremendous gains toward making the Lowertown Ballpark a reality. The Lowertown Ballpark project will bring a world-class ballpark to downtown Saint Paul. This ballpark will be the future home of not only the Saint Paul Saints, but amateur and youth teams from across the region, and will integrate seamlessly into the surrounding neighborhood. The Department also celebrated the highly acclaimed reopening of the Como Park Regional Pool. The newly renovated pool spent a record number of days operating at maximum capacity and was awarded a “Best Of” Award from Minneapolis-Saint Paul Magazine and the Star Tribune.

While it is wonderful to celebrate all of the achievements the past year has brought, it is also important to look ahead to the projects that are scheduled in 2013. The Department of Parks and Recreation will continue to work to maintain its position as a nationally-leading parks and recreation system by bringing additional projects online, such as the Gorilla Forest at Como Park Zoo, and through our continued work on the Lowertown Ballpark. It is my privilege to present the 2012 Annual Report for the Department of Parks and Recreation. The summary of the programming, services, facilities, and activities in this report demonstrates why the Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation continues to lead the nation and represents its valuable contributions toward making Saint Paul the most livable city in America.

Sincerely,

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Christopher B. Coleman
Mayor





Message from the Director



The Saint Paul Parks and Recreation System is proud of its work to help make the City of Saint Paul the most livable city in America. We strive to make positive contributions to the dynamic and diverse communities we serve by offering innovative uses of both our natural and creative resources. In 2012, we saw the completion and opening of many long-awaited projects including Como Park Regional Pool and the High Bridge Dog Park. The Department also hosted and helped plan a number of large citywide events including the return of Red Bull Crashed Ice and the River's Edge Music Festival on Harriet Island.



After many years of planning, ground was broken on the Payne Maryland Project. This innovative project will bring together both public and private organizations under one roof and represents a model for future community center development. Major progress was made on two new exhibits set to open in 2013 at the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, Gorilla Forest and the Ordway Japanese Garden.

The Great River Passage Plan, a plan which will transform Saint Paul's Mississippi riverfront, passed several milestones on its way toward final approval. Significant progress was also made on the Lowertown Ballpark, a project which will bring baseball to downtown Saint Paul and will spur economic growth in Saint Paul's Lowertown neighborhood.

The Department also worked closely with the Metropolitan Council as an advisor and advocate for the inclusion of additional green space along Saint Paul's new Central Corridor line, which is scheduled to open in 2014. This new light rail line will not only bring new environmentally friendly transportation options to Saint Paul, but it will add much needed green space along the way.

The Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation is excited about the opportunities 2013 presents. We will continue to work on bringing high quality, high value projects and programming to residents of Saint Paul and will build upon our mission and vision of helping to make Saint Paul the most livable city in America.

We are proud of all of our accomplishments in 2012 and are looking forward to another great year of serving the citizens of Saint Paul.

Sincerely,

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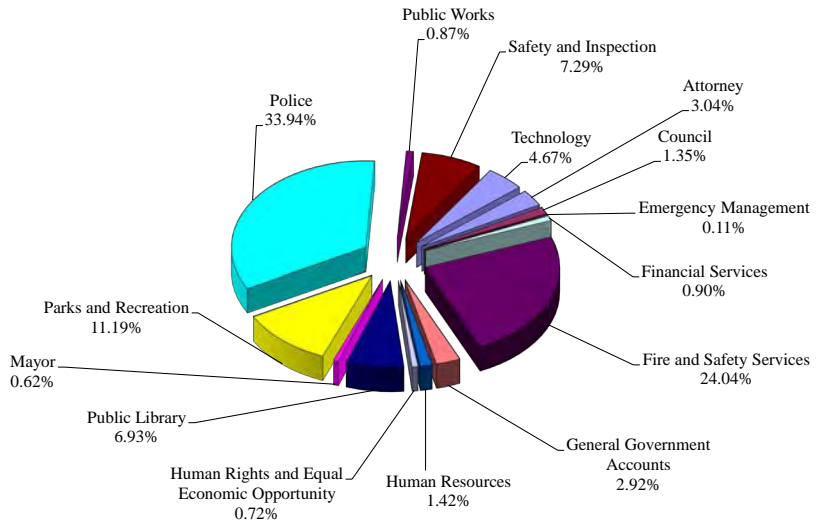
Michael Hahm, CPRP
Director

Budget Summaries



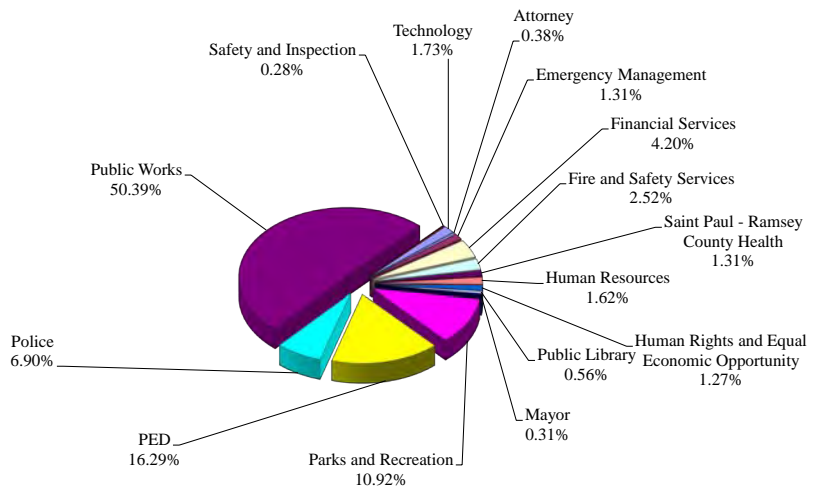
City of Saint Paul 2012 Adopted General Fund Budget \$ 229,477,497

Attorney	\$ 6,965,897
Council	\$ 3,097,800
Emergency Management	\$ 256,897
Financial Services	\$ 2,054,341
Fire and Safety Services	\$ 55,163,570
General Government	
Accounts	\$ 6,699,870
Human Resources	\$ 3,255,538
Human Rights and Equal	
Economic Opportunity	\$ 1,642,157
Public Library	\$ 15,912,869
Mayor	\$ 1,433,104
Parks and Recreation	\$ 25,667,627
Police	\$ 77,875,280
Public Works	\$ 1,999,537
Safety and Inspection	\$ 16,733,503
Technology	\$ 10,719,507



City of Saint Paul 2012 Adopted Special Fund Budget \$ 273,931,426

Attorney	\$ 1,052,418
Emergency Management	\$ 3,595,660
Financial Services	\$ 11,492,160
Fire and Safety Services	\$ 6,910,088
Saint Paul - Ramsey	
County Health	\$ 3,587,603
Human Resources	\$ 4,443,298
Human Rights and Equal	
Economic Opportunity	\$ 3,478,172
Public Library	\$ 1,539,249
Mayor	\$ 844,062
Parks and Recreation	\$ 29,907,035
PED	\$ 44,618,593
Police	\$ 18,914,132
Public Works	\$ 138,035,749
Safety and Inspection	\$ 762,199
Technology	\$ 4,751,010



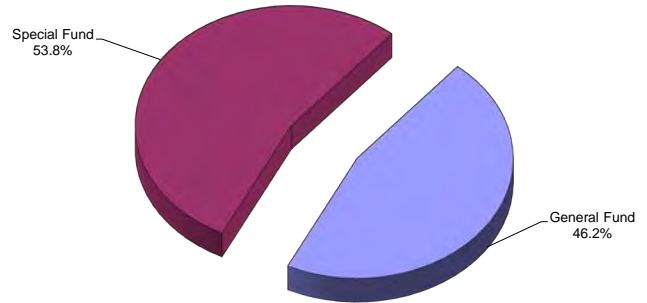
Budget Summaries



2012 Adopted Budget \$55,574,662

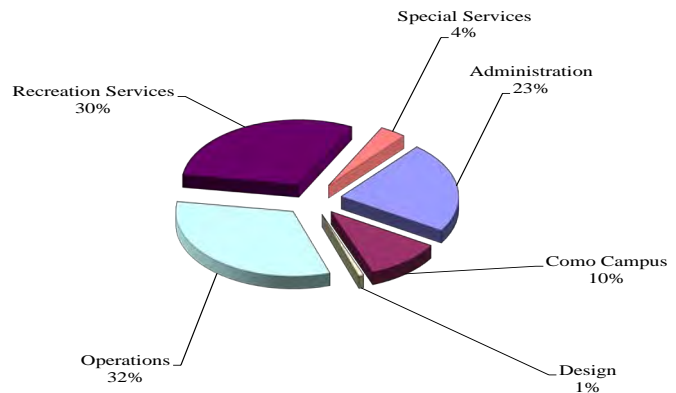
General Fund \$25,667,627

Special Fund \$29,907,035



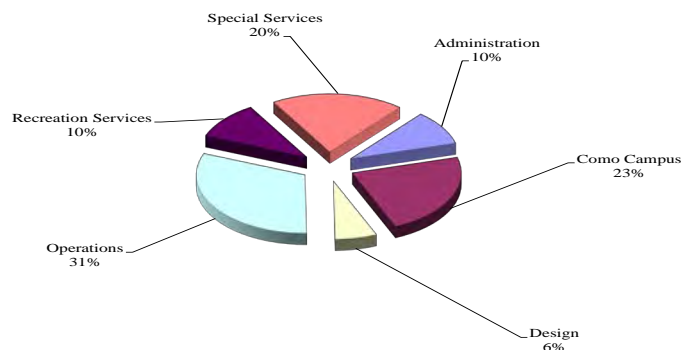
Saint Paul Parks & Recreation 2012 General Fund \$25,667,627

Administration	\$ 2,479,469
Como Campus	\$ 3,038,685
Design	\$ 203,155
Operations	\$ 9,571,695
Recreation Services	\$ 9,314,844
Special Services	\$ 1,059,778



Saint Paul Parks & Recreation 2012 Special Fund \$29,907,035

Administration	\$ 2,860,476
Como Campus	\$ 6,834,909
Design	\$ 1,861,588
Operations	\$ 9,346,669
Recreation Services	\$ 3,103,425
Special Services	\$ 5,899,968



Saint Paul Parks & Recreation



“Our Promise to You”

The staff of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation promises to cheerfully and respectfully serve you. We will provide access to quality programs at clean and safe facilities with timely and effective service. We will listen to your suggestions and concerns and respond to the best of our abilities.

Statement of Benefits of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation

- Fosters human development and supports education;
- Strengthens community image and a sense of place;
- Promotes economic development in Saint Paul;
- Protects, sustains, and revitalizes environmental resources;
- Increases cultural unity and builds community relationships;
- Strengthens safety and security; and
- Provides the essential support service for park and recreational experiences.

Mission

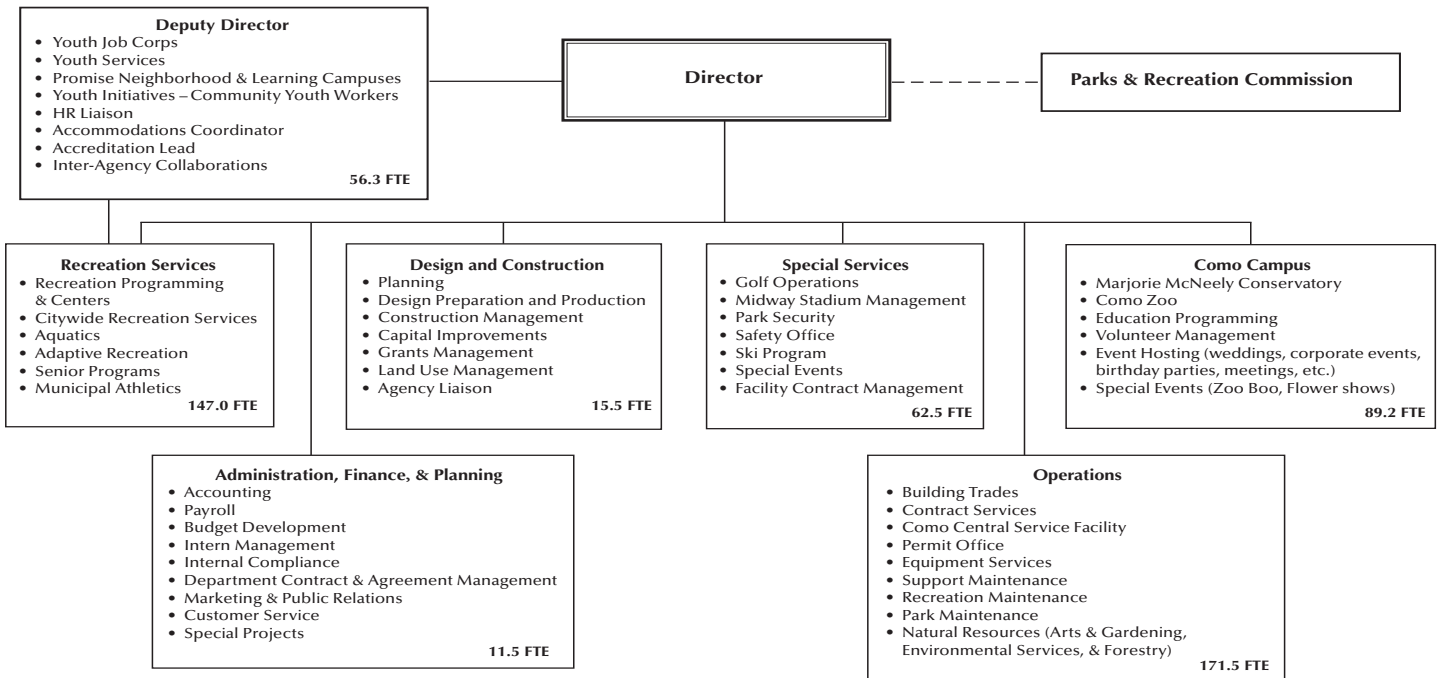
To help make Saint Paul the Most Livable City in America, Saint Paul Parks and Recreation will facilitate the creation of active lifestyles, vibrant places, and a vital environment.

Vision Statement

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation will make Saint Paul the Most Livable City in America by:

- Responding creatively to change;
- Innovating with every decision; and
- Connecting the entire city.

Organization Chart



(Total 553.4 FTE)



Parks & Recreation Commission



Purpose

The purpose of the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission is to advise City officials on matters of citywide and long range importance to the Parks and Recreation System. The Commission consists of nine Saint Paul residents appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. Members serve three-year terms. Meetings are held each month at various Saint Paul Parks and Recreation facilities and are open to the public.

Members

Andrew Trcka, Chair
Susan Bishop, Vice Chair
Erick Goodlow
Dave Haley
Dan Marckel
John Mountain
Betsy Mowry
Emily Shively
Salina Vang



2012 Adopted Resolutions

Plans

- 2012 – 2016 Department Strategic Plan
- Great River Passage Plan

Agreements

- Mailand Road Parkland Diversion
- High Bridge Dog Park Agreement
- Lowertown Ballpark Property Acquisition
- Frogtown Park and Farms Purchase Agreement

Heritage & Legacy Amendment



Arts and Cultural Heritage

Environmental Services

Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom Guide, \$7,000

The Minnesota State Legislature appropriated funding from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund to the Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) for statewide historical and cultural heritage grants. Saint Paul Parks and Recreation applied to MNHS's small grants program and was awarded \$7,000 to hire a consultant to conduct research and create a first draft of a teacher's guide to the Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom. We will seek additional funding through this grant program to finalize and produce the guide in 2014.

Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

The Minnesota State Legislature approved Minnesota Laws of 2011, Special Session, Chapter 6, Article 4, Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund appropriations for fiscal years 2012 and 2013: Grants of \$200,000 each year to the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory for programmatic development.

Como created the following six projects that interweave art, culture, and history for the guests that participate, along with increasing the number of participants and students that are exposed to the arts and culture:

- Music Under Glass and Lecture Series
- Interpretive Signage
- EdZOOcation Programs – Nature's Engineers and Lil' Explorers
- Special Exhibits
- Children's Garden and Formal Garden Planning
- Theatrical Show Presentation

Parks and Trails Fund (via the Metropolitan Council)

Volunteer Coordinator

Working to maximize and leverage volunteer resources to increase public awareness and support for Parks and Recreation, the volunteer coordinator has created and maintained a volunteer database. In 2012, it recruited more than 4,600 community volunteers for natural resource restoration events, education programs, and the Come Clean! Citywide Spring Cleanup, and recruited corporate group volunteers for large restoration events. For information on volunteer opportunities, visit www.stpaul.gov/naturalresources.

Education Coordinator

Working to grow and support a vibrant environmental education program within Saint Paul's regional parks, the education coordinator has worked with partnering organizations to increase their presence and program offerings in Saint Paul's regional parks. In addition to working with partnering organizations, the education coordinator has developed and implemented ongoing environmental education programs unique to Saint Paul regional parks including: StoryWalk, Nature Geocache, Hike It, and Snowshoe Saint Paul. Program dates, times, and locations are listed at www.stpaul.gov/naturalresources.

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund

Crosby Farm Regional Park, \$25,000

Outdoor Heritage funding was received through the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program. This project will enhance and manage approximately 30 acres of disturbed floodplain forest within the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MNRRA) in the City of Saint Paul through invasive species removal and control, and reforestation efforts. Over \$10,000 of in-kind match will be generated by the City of Saint Paul, Conservation Corps Minnesota, and community volunteers.



Heritage & Legacy Amendment



Clean Water Fund

Clean Water Funds, \$63,825

The Minnesota State Legislature directed the Board of Soil and Water Resources (BWSR) to appropriate a portion of the Clean Water Fund to be contracted for services with Conservation Corps Minnesota. BWSR contracted with the Corps to provide funded labor to watershed districts to undertake projects consistent with the goals of the Clean Water Funds. Saint Paul Parks and Recreation, partnered with the Capitol Region Watershed District, the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District, and the Lower Mississippi Watershed Management Organization to receive approximately \$63,000 in total labor services from the Corps. Project work included: shore land and rain garden improvements at Lakes Como and Phalen and Pickerel Lake.

Partnerships

Como Friends

“We inspire community generosity to advance Como Park Zoo and Conservatory as a destination where people from all walks of life can gather, learn, and enjoy the natural world.”

Como Friends adopted this new mission statement in 2012 as part of a larger strategic plan designed to guide Como Park Zoo and Conservatory’s nonprofit fundraising partner in its next five years of growth. Following the successful completion of the \$18.8 million Campaign for Como that funded both the Polar Bear Odyssey at Como Zoo and the Ordway Gardens wing at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, the board of Como Friends reached out to community members, donors, and other stakeholders to learn more about how Como Friends’ work is perceived and to set priorities for the future.

These listening sessions made clear that Como’s community sees the value of the \$35 million Como Friends has raised to benefit the Zoo and Conservatory since the nonprofit was incorporated more than a decade ago, and anticipates an even greater need for private contributions and volunteer support at Minnesota’s most visited cultural destination



in the coming years. Free admission and access for all visitors also emerged as core values that will continue to guide Como Friends’ fundraising and advocacy efforts in years to come.

In 2012, the \$2.6 million in private contributions Como Friends leveraged through memberships, individual donors, foundation grants, and corporate sponsors were invested in capital improvements, education programs that reached a half million visitors, horticultural excellence, progressive and humane animal care, cutting-edge conservation projects, and free admission for nearly two million visitors annually.

Partnerships



Saint Paul Parks Conservancy

Oxford Field Grand Opening

Members of the Saint Paul Parks Conservancy joined with dignitaries from the City of Saint Paul and representatives from the Department of Parks and Recreation in celebrating the reopening of the fields at Oxford Community Center. These fields have a storied history and have been home to many world-class athletes including Dave Winfield, Paul Molitor, Joe Mauer, and Stacy Robison.

The new fields at Oxford feature the same type of artificial turf found on professional level fields which helps keep youth motivated to play and allows for the fields to be configured for multiple sports including football, baseball / softball, soccer, and lacrosse.

Investing in high quality athletic fields, such as the fields at Oxford Community Center, has a proven track record of increasing participation by neighborhood youth. The Saint Paul Parks Conservancy is committed to raising the \$360,000 needed to complete field's lighting towers, turf markings, and water fountains.

The Saint Paul Parks Conservancy is a 501 c (3) nonprofit organized in 2008 to enhance and expand parks and recreation opportunities in Saint Paul. For more information please visit www.saintpaulparksconservancy.org.



Urban Wilderness Canoe Adventures (UWCA)

The Glacier Program, created in 2010 through the vision of Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman and with the partnerships of Wilderness Inquiry, the National Park Service, and the Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS), entered its third year. The program is designed to connect urban youth with a variety of outdoor based educational experiences. The overall mission of the program is to create a unique results driven pyramid model designed to be able to be duplicated in cities around the country. The program works to create opportunities for high school students to travel to Glacier National Park and other national parks to develop life skills such as teamwork, self-confidence, and positive relationships with peers and adults.

Saint Paul Students Experience Glacier

In 2012, 20 youth from the SPPS Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) joined staff from Wilderness Inquiry for a nine day trip through Glacier National Park.

Pyramid Growth:

Over 13,000 youth were introduced to their local waterways and the outdoors through UWCA programs which included day trips on the Mississippi River, extended trips to Glacier National Park, and the Apostle Islands National Lake Shore.

National Recognition:

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar recognized the UWCA as a national leader in connecting urban audiences with the outdoors at an event hosted by the National Park Service, the Mississippi River Fund, and Wilderness Inquiry.

Fund Raising Events

Great River Race for Student Success:

The second annual Great River Race was held in September and was an overwhelming success. The event saw 20 sponsors, 200 paddlers, and over \$60,000 raised. The money will be used to help connect youth with nature-based opportunities.



Focus on Youth Development



Sprockets Out-of-School Time Network

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation continued to play a strong leadership role in the work of the Sprockets Out-of-School Time Network.

All recreation centers holding Rec Check and Summer Blast programs used the Sprockets Database to track participation. In 2012, this system tracked 2,355 youth who attended at least one time, with an average of 284 youth attending each day over 251 days of programming.

Sixteen staff from six sites participated in Quality Matters, a combination of classroom training, use of the Youth Program Quality Assessment (YPQA) tool for program observations, and action planning designed to help organizations improve quality in their youth programs. Many more staff attended one-time professional development workshops offered by the Sprockets Out-of-School Time Network on topics such as program planning, youth engagement, racial equity, partnering with parents, and more. The Department of Parks and Recreation's Deputy Director and Youth Development and Evaluation Specialist helped guide the ongoing strategy and development of Sprockets' work through participating in the Operations Team and leading the database work.



Youth Job Corps (YJC)

The Youth Job Corps (YJC) program provided work readiness training to 809 youth and employed 471 of them through the summer. Ninety-eight percent of YJC workers reported a positive work experience and 97 percent of partners reported the program was beneficial to their site.

The State funding stream moved from a direct appropriation to a competitive grant process in 2012, which sparked YJC to develop a number of innovations that earned it a \$560,000 grant. The program introduced a new Call for Partners process to recruit a diverse array of community partners. Twenty-nine organizations provided over 90 worksites for youth across the city. In order to find a strong match between youth interests and employer needs, young people attended a Career Expo to "shop for" the various jobs available to them before submitting their top five choices through an online job bank. This process led to increased retention over the past year.

In order to promote mastery of work-readiness competencies and 21st century skills, YJC implemented use of the Employability Assessment tool, sent weekly discussion prompts to all supervisors, and provided supervisors with training on project-based learning and workplace portfolios.

The third year of the EMS Academy also saw changes with the addition of the Basic Life Support (BLS) transport service program. The BLS transport service offers an opportunity for successful graduates of the EMS Academy to continue developing their skills by providing hospital patients with a ride home or a transfer between hospitals. This program completed hundreds of runs in its first year and generated income for the transport service that supports future programs.



Focus on Youth Development



Arts Learning

Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation was again a recipient of an Arts Learning grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board. Many of our out-of-school activities are funded, in part, by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the Legacy Amendment. These grants funded partnerships with the East Side Arts Council and COMPAS to provide teaching artists in all Rec Check, Summer Blast, and KidVenture programming, as well as workshops and an Arts Coordinator position at the Canvas Teen Art Center. Over 1,500 youth worked with professional artists in our programs through this grant, including creating new murals at Conway, the Canvas, and the North End Teen Zone.

The Saint Paul Youth Commission

Seventeen high school students served as Youth Commissioners throughout the spring of 2012 focusing their efforts on youth and police relationships and access to public transit. Over the summer, seven Youth Commissioners graduated from high school, all going on to college, and ten new youth joined for the fall. The new Youth Commissioners identified access to public transit and biking and youth experiencing homelessness as key issues to address. Highlights of 2012 included establishing an annual Local Lobby Day event, where the Youth Commission met with City and County-level officials and attended a City Council meeting, as well as co-emceeding and leading a break-out session in Sprockets' first annual Network Conference.



The Canvas Teen Art Center at Hancock

In 2012 the Canvas Teen Art Center at Hancock Recreation Center focused time and energy creating and maintaining strong program partners, both in executing events and workshops. The Canvas Youth Leadership Council became active in professional exploration, including setting the programming agenda, and working with a set designer to design and build a new stage by year's end. Program highlights of 2012 included an expansion of Art Crawl. This year's Art Crawl showcased the work of 30 young artists and brought in 150 spectators. They partnered with the Hamline Midway Coalition's Heartwood Festival and Out for Equity's Youth Pride. In partnership with COMPAS, they worked to create a large mosaic mural on the west-facing exterior wall.

Japan – US Cherry Blossom Centennial Celebration



A planting and dedication of trees in Como Park was held in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the gifting of cherry trees to our Nation's Capital, Washington, D.C., by the Country of Japan on June 9 of this year.

Cherry Blossoms, known as Sakura in Japan, are the symbols of friendship, beauty, spring, peace, and happiness. The City of Saint Paul, along with the Japan America Society of Minnesota and the Saint Paul – Nagasaki Sister City Committee, were honored to accept a commemorative gift of cherry trees and plant them in Saint Paul's historic Como Park.

The City of Saint Paul was honored to be the recipient of 20 cherry trees from the country of Japan and accepted this gift, selecting Como Park's historic monument, the Mannheimer Fountain, as the setting for the cherry tree planting.

This grove of cherry trees, located within sight of the Ordway Memorial Japanese Garden, designed by the late Mr. Masami Matsuda, will be nurtured and will develop into a glow of pink spring blossoms in the coming years. It will be a place where people of all cultures and philosophies can welcome the arrival of spring, enjoy the beauty of the blossoming cherry trees and recommit efforts of international peace and friendship.

Great River Passage



The creation of the Great River Passage Master Plan continued moving toward the completion of its two year journey through an open public process toward final City Council and Metropolitan Council approval. Details of the plan have been corrected, refined, and revised following public, district council, and other agency input and comments. With final City Council approval, the City will have a 30-year plan that provides a clear vision for an ecologically sustainable, economically vital, and recreationally nourishing encounter for one of the City's most important resources, the 17 miles of Mississippi riverfront.



Administration, Finance, & Planning



- Responded to more than 15,000 customer service inquiries in 2012.
- Managed the ActiveNet registration system, which hosts 4,000 activities, 85,000 registrations, and \$3 million annually.
- Secured more than \$1.2 million in earned media by proactively promoting various Department initiatives, services, and events.
- Coordinated more than 70 public speaking events and sent more than 300 promotional electronic communications that reached more than 100,000 residents.
- Processed 23,210 employee paychecks in 2012 and managed payroll functions for over 700 employees during the offseason, and more than 1,250 during the summer.
- Processed more than 13,613 invoices and more than \$9 million in deposits in 2012.

Como Park Zoo & Conservatory

ZooNooz



Polar Bear and Harbor Seals Seek Dry Land At Como

Flooding in Duluth forced an evacuation of two harbor seals and a female polar bear from the Lake Superior Zoo. Como Zoo staff traveled to Duluth in June to bring the marine mammals back to Como Zoo. Berlin, the female polar bear, acclimated to her temporary home at Como and was known to rule the enclosure despite being only half the size of the other two polar bears, Buzz and Neil. She has since moved to the Kansas City Zoo.



Como Releases 3,000 Tadpoles in Conservation Effort

A Como zookeeper traveled to Laramie, Wyoming in July this year to participate in the Wyoming Toad Species Survival Plan meetings and toad surveys. Prior to her arrival, Como Zoo sent nearly 3,000 tadpoles to Wyoming for release in to the wild. In addition to this massive shipment, Wyoming toads were shipped to other institutions to bolster the population.

In The News

- Como Named America's 7th Most Visited Zoo
- April Fools' Day Pranks Gained National and International Attention
- Arctic Fox Kits named Cutest Baby Animals at a US Zoo (Travel and Leisure)
- Wedding at Marjorie McNeely Conservatory was featured on WE-TV's Bridezillas and highlighted on the front page of the Pioneer Press

Notable Animal Additions to Como

- Two pancake tortoises
- Nine arctic fox kits were born
- Two harbor seals from Lake Superior Zoo
- One polar bear from Lake Superior Zoo
- Four pythons were hatched
- Three female gorillas in preparation for Gorilla Forest
- Twenty emerald tree boas were born
- One ostrich
- One African Spurred Tortoise
- Gopher frogs





Como Park Zoo & Conservatory



Marjorie McNeely Conservatory



Excedra Garden Back in Working Order

The Excedra landscape renovation wrapped up in April of this year. Due to heavy rain storms in August 2010, the wall at the Excedra, near the waterfall, collapsed. A City structural engineer made the determination that not only did the wall of the pond need repair but the Excedra needed stabilization and reconstruction as well. After a long reconstruction process, guests can once again enjoy the stunning overlook of Frog Pond.



Conservatory Volunteers Honored by Local News Station

Marjorie McNeely Conservatory volunteers and master gardeners Ken Ellis and Mike Porcaro were recognized by KARE 11 News as Eleven Who Care 2012 Honorees. Ken and Mike were acknowledged at a KARE 11 ceremony for their contributions to Como's bonsai collection, which they have grown from 17 to 110 trees during the last 17 years, making it one of the top ten bonsai collections in North America.

Chipotle Edible Garden Produces 1,500 Pounds of Produce

The Chipotle Edible Garden harvested 1,009 pounds of produce for Saint Paul Recreation Centers and 509 pounds for Como Zoo animals. The 8,000 square foot garden featured over 175 varieties of plants, vegetables, fruits, and herbs. All plants were grown from seed and every plant in the garden had at least one edible part. The garden was designed for visitors of all ages, geared toward teaching guests about planting and preparing foods that can be grown at home.



Como Park Zoo & Conservatory



Campus News



Music Under Glass Returns

The “Music Under Glass” series in the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory was a crowd pleasing success. The free concert series inside the two acres of tropical gardens featured live, local musicians. “Music Under Glass” was made possible by the Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund of the Legacy Amendment.

Valentine’s Dinner Proves a Success with Couples

Valentine’s Dinner in the Conservatory was once again a huge hit with six seatings and over 330 couples enjoying their dinner in the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory. Appearances by Lancer Chef and Como’s Marketing Manager on the KARE 11 and KSTP Saturday morning shows helped the event reach record numbers.



Summer Concert Series at Como

“Groovin’ In The Gardens,” a new outdoor concert series, took place in front of the Visitor Center on consecutive Wednesdays in August and September. “Groovin’ In The Gardens” featured some of Twin Cities finest musicians. The public was invited to spread a blanket on the lawn, pack a picnic basket, and bring their dancing shoes. Food, beer, wine, and ice cream treats were available to purchase. Saint Paul Parks and Recreation’s Roaming Rec crew provided lawn games, a climbing wall, and a jump castle.

Como Gets a Laugh on April Fools’ Day

April Fools’ Day was one of the busiest days for phone calls at Como. In an effort to thwart the onslaught of April Fools’ Day prank phone calls, several April Fool Hot Lines were set-up. Special phone numbers, each with a pre-recorded message, let the caller know they had been fooled and also offered special discounted sponsorship packages pertaining to a specific animal. Close to 4,000 phone calls came into the lines and the story garnered national and international attention for the sponsorship program.



Como Park Zoo & Conservatory



Flamingo Shuttle Joins Como's Fleet

The new flamingo designed shuttle made its maiden voyage on May 31. The fleet now features flamingo, leopard, zebra, giraffe, and sunflower wrapped buses. Shuttle service runs daily through August 12 and weekends through September 30. These shuttles proved to be a great alternative to finding parking within the Como Regional Park attracting nearly 30,000 riders in 2012.

Education Programs Growing in Popularity

The education division made great strides in 2012. The new Lil' Explorer Thursdays initiative offered parents and toddlers alike a fun and educational escape from the winter each week. These events were attended regularly by close to 100 toddlers. Additionally, the birthday party and school group programs continued to grow in popularity. Birthday party bookings were up 32% and over 230 school groups attended in May, June, and August.



Megan Elder, primate keeper and international Orangutan studbook keeper, was nominated and accepted the position of Vice Chair for the Orangutan Species Survival Plan (SSP). As Vice Chair, Megan will work with the Chair to consult and make decisions on orangutan captive populations. In addition, she will learn to perform the genetic analyses from her studbook data to make breeding recommendations for master planning of the species.

Awards



The Marjorie McNeely Conservatory displayed over 40 orchids from the orchid collection at the Minnesota State Fair August 31 and September 1. This year, the show's theme was Olympics, inspired by the 2012 Summer Games. As homage to ancient Greece, the conservatory's display included white columns, rocky mountains, and foliage wreaths. The display also included colors from the contemporary Olympic flag. The orchid show is hosted by the Orchid Society of Minnesota and features a wide variety of orchid plants, artwork, and collectibles from society members.

State Fair Awards

- Best in Show
- Best Display Over 25 Plants
- 33 individual awards won
- 12 first place awards won

Como attended the Winter Carnival Orchid Show on January 26 and 27 and showed another award winning orchid display. Como exhibited 96 orchids, of which 56 were judged and 28 were awarded ribbons.

Winter Carnival Awards

- 11 First Place
- 11 Second Place
- 6 Third Place
- 3 Best of Class

The Marjorie McNeely Conservatory's Orchid Exhibit won two American Orchid Society (AOS) awards which included a Show trophy for best display, and an AOS Silver Certificate for a score of 87 points on the overall display.

Design and Construction



Lowertown Ballpark

This \$54 million project, taking the place of the Midway Stadium, will utilize an obsolete and polluted industrial site in Saint Paul's Lowertown with a new 7,000 seat ballpark. It will serve state and regional needs for youth and amateur athletics as well as the Saint Paul Saints baseball team. This publicly owned and privately supported ballpark will host over 180 events, entertain 400,000 visitors, and produce \$10 million of direct economic activity each year. The existing Midway Stadium site will become a new Port Authority business park, producing jobs and increasing local tax base.



Great River Road Scenic Byway Kiosk Opening

The National Scenic Byway system helped to fund the addition of a series of historic interpretation signs and informational / way-finding kiosks in proximity to the Great River Road Scenic Byway. The addition of these kiosks provides highly visible landmarks for the Scenic Byway, the Great River Passage, and the Saint Paul Grand Round. In September of this year, to commemorate the completion of the kiosk and signage project, a ceremonial unveiling was shared with Andy Singer, a member of the Saint Paul Bike Coalition. In addition, a solar lighting component became part of the project when Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Legacy grant funds were awarded for the project.

Highbridge Commons Dog Park

Xcel Energy completed the demolition and cleanup of its old coal fired Highbridge power plant and made 5.8 acres of the remnant land available to the City through a Development Agreement approved by the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission as well as the City Council, for the development of an off-leash dog park. The site was fenced in and planted with a dog resistant native grass seed mix. In close proximity to Downtown Saint Paul and the Upper Landing housing development, this park resource, now known as the Highbridge Commons Dog Park, has proven to be a very popular scene from the day it first opened in May of 2012.





Design and Construction

Cherokee Park Trail

Construction of a brand new shared use regional trail through Cherokee Regional Park began in 2012. The 1.3 mile trail connects this elevated bluff park to Harriet Island and Downtown Saint Paul. Bicyclists and pedestrians are able to more safely travel through Cherokee Park on an off road path and enjoy, spectacular views of Saint Paul's downtown river valley. The finishing touches to the trail will be completed early in 2013.

Furness Parkway

The Furness Parkway runs on former trolley-car right-of-way from Maryland to Larpenteur Avenues in the northeast corner of Saint Paul. The trail, located near Hayden Heights Rec Center, was partially developed in the 1980s and was finally extended to Larpenteur Avenue this fall. The 10 foot wide trail crosses a wetland by elevated boardwalk and improves recreation and neighborhood connections. Lighting is expected to be added in 2013.

Payne / Maryland Groundbreaking



The Payne / Maryland project will bring together Parks and Recreation with Saint Paul Public Libraries in a new community center and library. The former Arlington Recreation Center and Sue's Park are being combined with several other adjacent properties to form the new site. The ground breaking was held in July of 2012 with enthusiastic community turnout. Demolition and site preparation took place this fall with construction of the new building and site starting in the spring of 2013. The new facility will include library and classrooms, a fitness center and walking track, double gymnasium, and a teen center and community room, and is scheduled to open in January of 2014.



Operations



Innovate with Every Decision

- Expanded training for Parkworker III's through webinars and audio training.
- Added online shelter permitting. Of 667 shelter permits 100 were completed through online booking meaning 15% of our customers took advantage of this new change in service.
- Purchased our first battery-operated lawn mower for use at the Como Pool. This lawn mower uses no gas or oil.
- Partnered with Equipment Services to replace a gas powered engine with an electric motor and pump used for watering maintenance. 75% of our water fleet water pumps and motors are now electric.

Active Living

- Installed 20 Active Living benches at new locations within Mounds Park, Bruce Vento Trail, and Swede Hollow Park.
- Completed safety audits for 16 play areas and 5 Department staff were re-certified in playground safety.
- Re-graded 15 softball fields and 9 baseball fields, increasing playability and safety.
- Worked with Xcel Energy to create and open the seven-acre, off leash High Bridge Dog Park on Xcel property adjacent to Upper Landing Park.
- Provided logistical and staff support for numerous events, including: Kemps / Mauer, Friends of Baseball, Hearts & Hammers, Highland Fest, Rondo Days, and Hockey Day Minnesota.
- Provided custodial maintenance at 21 City facilities and grounds maintenance at 44 sites to include: 140 ball fields, 65 football / soccer fields, 12 hockey rinks, and 14 general / pleasure rinks.
- Maintained over 4,500 acres of park land and 110 miles of off road and paved trails.
- Moved / delivered 56,820 inventory items.
- Removed approximately 1,900 tons of trash; 1,050 yards of demolition debris; 1,200 yards of buckthorn / brush; and 550 yards of compost materials.
- Issued over 1,500 permits for use of various park facilities.

Connect the Entire City

- Assisted the PED Department with an NSP housing revitalization program by providing tree surveys and design recommendations for 57 properties.
- Purchased the last of five circulator buses to provide free shuttle services for the Como Campus.
- Completed the process of working with Red Bull on all maintenance issues surrounding the Red Bull Crashed Ice event.
- Completed 180 scheduled park-count observations in coordination with the Metropolitan Council.



Operations



Vital Environment

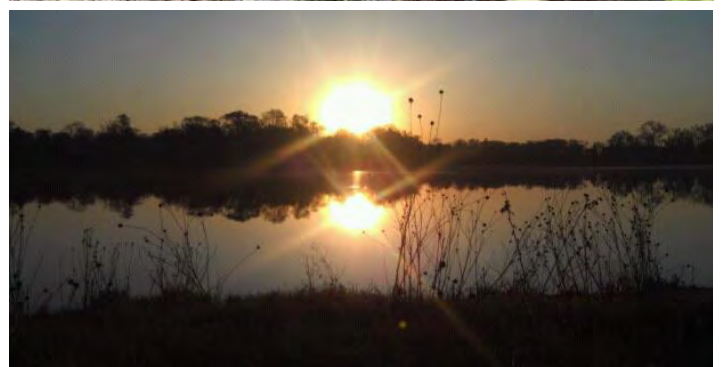
- Teacher Trainings and Interpretive Tours: 155 teachers were introduced to the Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom and received training on integrating environmental education into their curriculums.
- Environmental Services logged 11,282 volunteer hours with 4,342 volunteers in efforts throughout the city.
- Environmental Services planted approximately 7,300 trees and shrubs, 20,000 native grasses and flowers, and 68,000 floodplain tree seeds.
- In coordination with partnering organizations, Environmental Services administered approximately \$960,084 in grants and donations, including \$60,000 of in-kind professional labor to maintain natural areas in Saint Paul.
- Provided employment and education for 25 Youth Job Corps members in the Eco-Ranger program curriculum and directed another 60 youth in the Youth Outdoors program, in partnership with the Minnesota Conservation Corps.
- Installed approximately one mile of nature trails at Highwood Nature Preserve and Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom.
- Administered the annual fall deer bow hunts in Crosby Park reducing the herd by ten.
- Completed the annual citywide tree survey, identifying and facilitating the removal of 776 diseased trees and 43 dangerous trees on private property.
- Celebrated Arbor Month with the volunteer planting of 62 trees at Horton Park Arboretum in partnership with the University of Minnesota and the Friends of Horton Park, adding 22 new species to the arboretum. Also part of the Arbor Month celebration was the volunteer planting of 156 trees at the new Highbridge Commons Dog Park to research tree growth in tough urban sites
- in partnership with Xcel Energy and the University of Minnesota.
- Maintained Tree City USA status through the Arbor Day Foundation for the 32nd straight year. The program nationally recognizes municipalities that provide adequate resources towards sustaining a healthy urban forest.
- Removed 42 Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infested public ash trees and ordered the removal of over 125 private property EAB infested ash trees.
- Continued the use of pesticide treatments of EAB infested ash trees. Four hundred ash trees were injected with TreeAge®, 300 of which were in the new Summit-Dale infestation area and 100 were treated in the South Saint Anthony area.
- Continued the commitment to replant a new tree for every ash tree removed with a mixed palette of species with 999 trees planted for EAB this year.
- Removed 1,324 (non-ash tree) diseased, dead, or dangerous public trees, 3,400 tree stumps, and pruned over 11,844 public trees.
- Responded to 486 Citizen Service Office requests for service.
- Responded to and cleaned up after 24 storm events with a total cost of \$107,917.
- Planted 2,233 boulevard or park trees in addition to those replacing trees removed through the EAB program.
- Worked with the Tree Advisory Panel, now in its fourth year, to update the licensing ordinance for commercial tree service companies working in Saint Paul and to add language to Public Works construction projects that will further protect existing trees in construction zones from avoidable damage.

Operations



Vibrant Places

- Worked with Saint Paul Police and Neighborhood Housing Property Improvement Departments to identify and remove over 1,100 incidences of graffiti on parks and private property.
- Managed or co-managed over \$500,000 in Capital Maintenance upgrades to Department facilities.
- Responded to over 5,500 requests for service including masonry, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, and HVAC.
- Arts & Gardens coordinated with Public Art Saint Paul on the restoration of the Frederick Johann von Schiller sculpture. Also performed annual maintenance on 20 additional individual art pieces in nine parks.
- Worked with Purchasing to put public sculpture maintenance out for bid for an extended three-to-five year contract.
- Successfully provided and maintained 468 hanging flower baskets in the second hottest and windiest summer on record.
- Blooming Saint Paul Award nominations increased by 28% to 152 with 23 awards presented.
- Kellogg Mall Park was revamped with the help of Hands on Twin Cities and volunteers from Target Corporation.
- The PED crew provided property oversight, tree trimming, grass cutting, snowplowing, and routine maintenance services for approximately 429 PED properties across the city.
- The Summary Abatement Crew responded to 4,406 complaints and provided approximately 3,077 property abatements for City of Saint Paul Code Enforcement. They completed approximately 250 weekly trash pickups from properties across Saint Paul.
- Coordinated more than 475 volunteers who provided more than 4,350 hours of service to maintain 70 garden sites throughout the city.
- The Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department was commissioned by the Ordway Theatre to design and install the fourth International Children's Festival garden with an eleven foot tall story-time tree sculpture by Curtis Ingvaldstad.
- Planned and coordinated the 26th Annual Spring City-wide / Parks Cleanup engaging 1,527 volunteers to collect an estimated three tons of trash and debris.





Special Services



Midway Stadium

Midway Stadium hosted 188 events during the 2012 season, as compared with 165 in 2011. Of the 188 events, 86 were sponsored by the Saint Paul Saints and 102 were sponsored by the City of Saint Paul. The season went from April 5 through November 3 for a total of 213 days. The Stadium was scheduled for events for a total of 147 days meaning the facility was in use 69% of the total possible days available during the season.

The Stadium hosted 174 games during the 2012 season, an increase of almost 5% from 2011.

The facility's major tenant, the Saint Paul Saints, attracted 239,315 guests. The Saint Paul Saints hosted 53 regular season games. A portion of the State Class AA High School Baseball Tournament, which usually involves seven games played over a two-day period, was held in the facility. As a result of rain, however, only one day of the tournament was played at Midway, with more than 2,000 fans in attendance. The Stadium also hosted parts of four different high school sectional tournaments, which accounted for 20 games played within a span of two weeks.

A major event of note was the Zombie Pub Crawl held on October 13th of this year and hosted by the Saint Paul Saints. More than 12,000 zombies visited the Stadium during the nine-hour event.

During the months of September and October, the Stadium also hosted 35 recreation center youth football games.

Ski and Snowboard Program

The Parks and Recreation Department offers cross-country and downhill ski and snowboarding opportunities on Majestic Mount Como in Como Regional Park as well as groomed cross-country ski trails on Como, Highland 9, and Phalen Park golf courses.

2012 – 2013 Ski Season Participation

Downhill Ski:	608
Snowboarding:	174
Cross Country Ski:	99
Private Lessons:	31
Clinics:	71
Total	983

The 2012 – 2013 ski season had a record number of registrations, with little to no snow the Como Park Ski Center shattered the overall total record by 165 participants!



Special Services



Red Bull Crashed Ice

The City of Saint Paul hosted the Red Bull Crashed Ice World Championships January 12 – 14, 2012. Saint Paul was the only location in the United States and was one of only four stops around the world. The event was held at Cathedral Hill Park and a crowd of some 85,000 people braved the cold to attend the finals on Saturday, January 14. Crashed Ice showcases the sport of ice-cross downhill, which is a combination of hockey, boardercross, and downhill skiing, where athletes race four at a time, shoulder-to-shoulder, down a man-made ice track. Competitors are dressed in full pads, helmets, and hockey skates as they maneuver through hairpin turns, harrowing drops, and intimidating jumps, all while reaching speeds up to 40 miles per hour. Over 200 athletes competed with the top 32 United States athletes and the top 32 international athletes competing in the finals.

Wells Fargo WinterSkate



Visit Saint Paul, the City of Saint Paul, and Wells Fargo invited everyone to experience the Wells Fargo WinterSkate, downtown Saint Paul's free, outdoor, artificially chilled ice skating rink. Skaters were encouraged to experience the unique urban setting of downtown Saint Paul. Located in the heart of the city, Wells Fargo WinterSkate created a fun winter experience for visitors of all ages. The historic Landmark Center served as a beautiful backdrop for the outdoor rink showcasing Saint Paul's charming European architecture and old-world ambiance. Total attendance for the season was 24,686.





Special Services



Golf



In 2012, the Saint Paul Golf courses continued use of the Golf Performance Plan that went into effect in 2011. The Golf Performance Plan provided tools for the Parks and Recreation Department to analyze data and measure performance at all of the Saint Paul Golf courses. Using information obtained in 2011, the Department was able to compare expenditures and revenue streams and continue to review potential areas of lost revenue and ways to eliminate them.

Saint Paul's four municipal courses: Highland National, Highland 9, Como, and Phalen saw an increase in rounds in 2012 to 112,862 rounds, due to mild weather conditions and enhanced marketing initiatives. The courses opened the second week of March and stayed open through Thanksgiving in November.

Social media tools allowed the courses to reach a broad market of potential new golfers. Other marketing efforts included Family Golf, National Hot Dog Day, the Birthday Club, Highland 9 for \$9, and course listings in the Pioneer Press Golf Guide and email specials.

River's Edge Music Festival

Saint Paul's Harriet Island was the host site for Live Nation's, River's Edge Music Festival, June 23 – 24. Live Nation is the largest concert promoter in the world. Over 40,000 people attended the two day festival to see the headliners, Tool and The Dave Matthews Band. Twenty-five additional bands, including: The Flaming Lips, Sublime, and Scissors Sisters performed on the four stages located on Harriet Island, Raspberry Island, and Kelly's Landing. This was the first outdoor concert that The Dave Matthews Band has performed in the Twin Cities and the Tool show was the band's only concert in North America in 2012.



Park Safety and Security

Park Security responded to 2,449 calls for services including calls for:

- Finding lost children;
- Offering directional information;
- Responding to alarms at park facilities;
- Securing and opening gates, doors, and restrooms;
- Securing off-leash dogs;
- Directing traffic; and
- Addressing hostile encounters, issuing citations when necessary.

Park Security provided significant coverage for both Como Park Zoo Boo and Phalen Holiday Lights with 626 hours of security coverage.

The Safety Office certified 491 Parks and Recreation staff members in CPR / First Aid and 17 new CPR / First Aid Instructors.

Recreation Services



Adult Programming

Parks and Recreation's Program for Adults 50+ offered a variety of activities, trips, tours, and special events for older adults, seniors, and retirees in 2012.

- Partnerships with several organizations have enhanced the variety of programs offered. Partners in 2012 included: HealthEast, Saint Paul Public Schools Community Education Senior Program, Let's Go Fishing, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the Saint Paul Festival and the Heritage Foundation / Winter Carnival, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and Cerenity on Humboldt
- A summer picnic, sponsored by the 50+ Program and HealthEast Passport, with additional assistance from Humana, drew more than 900 participants to Harriet Island.
- The Coupon Clipping Group participated in a service project by cutting, sorting, tallying and sending over \$200,000 in coupons to 'adopted' Army bases in Belgium and Turkey.
- The 50+ Program offered more than 75 different classes, trips, tours, and activities; including a number of outdoor senior activities such as: guided walking tours, white water rafting, hikes to out-of-the-metro locations such as Barn Bluff in Red Wing, snowshoeing, fishing, and horseback riding.
- Approximately 14,700 people visited 'City Passport – a Place for People 50 and Better'. City Passport is a drop-in center cosponsored by Saint Paul Parks and Recreation and HealthEast.
- Began offering two-and-three day overnight trips.
- Staff from the 50+ Program acted as liaison to the Saint Paul Advisory Committee on Aging (ACOA). The ACOA applied for and received a \$10,000 grant from the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging. The grant moneys are being used to launch an exploratory assessment of the City's readiness to adopt a Lifetime Communities model of planning for aging in Saint Paul. The final report will be presented in the fall of 2013.

Adaptive Recreation

The Adaptive Recreation Program provides leisure services to transition aged youth (ages 14 to 22), and adults who have a cognitive and / or physical disability. Adaptive Recreation offers a comprehensive program of activities that not only provide positive use of leisure time but also promote skill development and socialization. There are typically two activities each evening, with weekend programming also being very popular. The Saint Paul Adaptive Recreation Program is the largest adaptive recreation program in Minnesota. In 2012 there were:

- More than 42,000 total hours of participation in Adaptive Recreation activities;
- More than 900 hours of service given by volunteers in a variety of activities including swim lessons, adapted bowling, crafts, fitness and dance activities, and special events; and
- Over 180 activities were offered in 2012. New activities included Four Fun Fridays, Kid & Parent Sports Sampler, Super Powers, and Yoga Dance.

Adaptive Recreation also provides inclusion services. Inclusion means that people with disabilities, especially youth, are supported in chronologically age-appropriate activities at their neighborhood recreation centers and receive the specialized instruction or accommodation, such as an aide, modified equipment, or deaf / hard-of-hearing translation services, needed to be successful. There were more than 1,200 hours of participation through inclusions by providing inclusion services.



Recreation Services

Aquatics



In 2012, the City of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Aquatics section operated the year round indoor Great River Water Park, outdoor Highland Park Aquatic Center and Phalen Regional Park Beach. Phalen Park Beach had a very successful year providing summer meals. As well, we opened the highly anticipated Como Regional Park Pool to much fanfare. The grand opening at Como Regional Park Pool drew nearly 1,000 guests. The remainder of the 2012 season continued to be a very busy inaugural season for Como Regional Park Pool and we expect a similar year ahead. With the overwhelming popularity and success of Como Regional Park Pool, we are making some adjustments onsite to continue to provide our guests the best service possible at this location.

With continued growth in programs and popularity of the Saint Paul Aquatics program, overall 2012 was a busy and successful year. Looking ahead and building off of 2012's success, the Aquatics Program for 2013 looks promising.

2012 Highlights

- 300,000 visitors
- 294 Seasonal Aquatic Memberships sold
- 35,149 Membership Usage for 3 Month / Summer Membership packages
- 103 All Facility Access Memberships Sold
- 8,113 Membership Usage for All Access Memberships
- 357 ten swim cards sold



Recreation Services



Mobile Recreation

The Roaming Rec Program provided free outdoor recreation activities during the afternoon and evening for youth, aged 6 to 17, at 21 passive parks and public housing sites throughout the summer. Total attendance was 6,382.

Summer Meals

The Summer Food Service Program, co-sponsored by Saint Paul Public Schools Nutrition Services, and supported by a \$25,000 grant from Second Harvest / Vikings Children's Fund, provided 84,858 meals to Saint Paul youth at 29 recreation centers, Roaming Rec sites, summer camps, and public libraries.

Urban Tennis

1,770 youth, aged 5 to 18, participated in daily tennis lessons and life skills training at 32 recreation sites in Saint Paul. An additional 819 youth participated in various other outreach programs.



Youth Camps

The Citywide team offered over 200 half-day and full-day camps for youth, aged 5 to 14, during the summer and over 50 camps for preschoolers and youth during the school year, days off school, and school holidays.



Take a Kid Fishing

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation received a 2012 Fishing and Boating grant from the National Recreation and Parks Association. The grant was used to provide fishing and boating experiences to youth and families. Five fishing / ice fishing events were held that drew 850 youth and adults. We also provided four weeks of canoe and fishing as part of our summer camp program, a 10 week fishing program which provided fishing experiences for participants of the 18 Summer Blast sites as well as fishing during our no-school day programs. A total of 1,740 parents and youth were served.



Music in the Parks

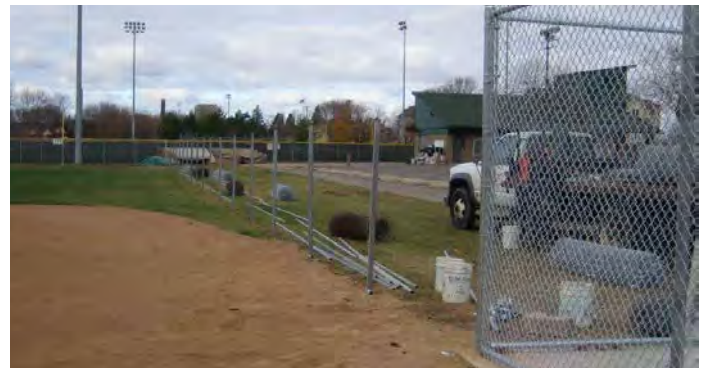
Music in the Parks offered free outdoor musical entertainment on five stages in Saint Paul during the summer months. Music in the Parks offered a variety of music for all people and age groups including jazz, pop, folk, rock, big band, and the Como Pops. Concerts were held Sundays through Thursdays at the following locations: Como Lakeside Pavilion, Rice Park, Mears Park, Raspberry Island, and the Phalen Amphitheater. Attendance for 2012 was 25,058. Music in the Parks also hosted plays for the Rosetown Playhouse, Hillcrest Community Theater, and Como Park Productions.

Municipal Athletics



Projects

- New backstop, dugouts, and safety fencing installed at Dunning South field.
- Installed new Musco Lighting at Dunning South field.
- Re-crowned infield on Rice & Arlington Field #2.
- Added pitching bullpen areas at McMurray Baseball field.
- New backstop, player dugout area, and benches installed at Palace Recreation Center Baseball Field.



Partnerships

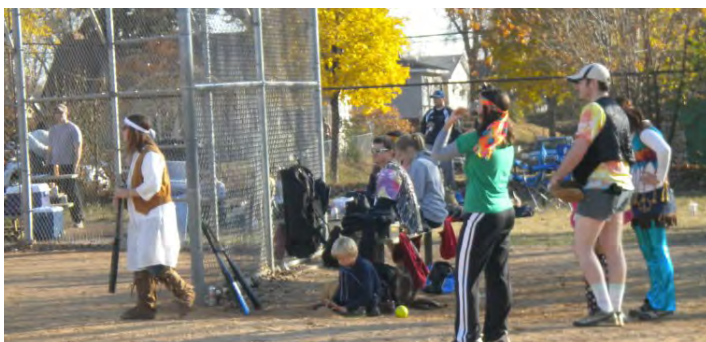
MLB / Minnesota Twins
NFL / Minnesota Vikings
JR. NBA / JR. WNBA
NHL / Minnesota Wild
USSSA Softball: United States Specialty Sports Association
NAFA Softball: North American Fast Pitch Association
MBA Baseball: Minnesota Baseball Association
MYAS: Minnesota Youth Athletic Services
MSF: Minnesota Sports Federation
American Legion Baseball
VFW Baseball
Multiple Community Business Partnerships
Tri-County Softball
Concordia University – Saint Paul
University of Saint Thomas
USA Broomball
University of Minnesota
Saint Paul Blackhawks
Saint Paul Saints Baseball
Saint Paul Pioneers Football

Grant Programs

- Minnesota Twins Community Fund Grant.
- \$75,000 annually for programming distributed to our recreation center baseball / softball program including entry fees, equipment, apparel, etc.
- \$10,000 annually for renovation of a Saint Paul baseball or softball field.
- \$3,000 annually for Tiny Twins T-Ball program.

2012 Events

Minnesota Class A Amateur Baseball Playoffs
Rice Street Festival Softball Tournament
Capital City Softball Tournament
Paul Molitor Classic Youth Baseball Tournament
Dave Winfield / Kirby Puckett 12U RBI Tournament
MSF Winter Carnival Broomball Tournament
Rookies / Harding Area Youth Softball Tournament
Minnesota Class AA State Baseball Tournament
Multiple Youth and Adult Playoffs / Tournaments
3rd Annual Halloween Bash Softball Tournament
18U & 15U RBI World Series Baseball Tournament
18U RBI World Series Fast Pitch Tournament
Capital City Youth Football Camp



Municipal Athletics



Recreational Programming

Youth

RBI Baseball and Softball Program

Participants: 1,450+

Age Groups: 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U,
15U, 18U

Basketball

Participants: 1,600+

Age Groups: 10U, 12U, 14U, 18U

Volleyball

Participants: 630+

Age Groups: 10U, 12U, 14U, 18U

Tackle Football

Participants: 800+

Age Groups: 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 14U

Fall Soccer

Participants: 1,000+

Age Groups: 10U, 12U, 14U

Indoor Soccer

Participants: 200+

Age Groups: 10U, 12U

Total participants: 5,680+

Adult

Broomball / Boot Hockey

Participants: 1,750

Touch Football

Participants: 160

Softball

Participants: 7,500

Basketball

Participants: 200

Baseball

Participants: 200

Volleyball

Participants: 180

Total participants: 9,990



Rental Opportunities

McMurray

- Soccer
- Lacrosse
- Football
- Rugby
- Gaelic Football
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Hurling
- Baseball
- Softball
- Kickball

Arlington / Arkwright

- Baseball
- Soccer

Rice / Arlington

- Softball
- Baseball
- Soccer
- Field Hockey
- Kickball
- Football
- Lacrosse
- Dunning
- Baseball
- Softball

Batting Cages

Revenue: \$77,441.81

Participants: 52,000+

Baseball/Softball Field Rentals

Revenue: \$73,855.80

Soccer Field Rentals



Officiating Program



Municipal Athletics provides the administration for employment, training, assigning, and evaluation of 300 sports officials in our youth and adult athletic programs.

- Football
- Baseball
- Softball
- Broomball
- Boot Hockey
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Volleyball

Support Group

Friends of Saint Paul Baseball is the non-profit support group that generates private dollars to help support, maintain, and improve our athletic field infrastructure related to baseball and softball. Friends generated \$125,000 and received a \$1,500,000 Star Grant in 2012.



FRIENDS
of St. Paul
BASEBALL



2012 Events

Downtown Events

- Red Bull Crashed Ice
- Hockey Day in America
- Flint Hills Children's Festival
- Saint Paul Winter Carnival
- Saint Patrick's Day Parade
- Twin Cities Jazz Festival
- Lowertown Roots Music Festival
- Concrete and Grass Music Festival
- Back to the 50's Car Show Kick Off Event
- Bike / Walk to Work Day
- Nature Valley Grand Prix Bike Event
- Ordway Summer Dance
- Music in Mears
- Amsterdam Music Series
- Wells Fargo WinterSkate Rink
- Monster Dash
- Women Rock Marathon
- Pianos on Parade
- Minnesota Half Marathon

Phalen Park Events

- Holiday Lights at Phalen
- March of Dimes – March for Babies 5K
- Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF) 5K
- Waterfest
- Triathlon

Harriet Island/ Raspberry Island Events

- River's Edge Music Festival
- Time to Fly
- July 4th Fireworks
- Wishes in the Sky
- Art Start
- Irish Fair
- Music / Movies @ Raspberry Island



Cultural Events

- Hmong International Freedom Festival
- Italian Fest
- Dragon Boat Festival
- Cinco de Mayo
- Rondo Days
- Ethiopian Finding of the True Cross Celebration
- Irish Fair

Other Citywide Events

- Zombie Pub Crawl
- Saint Paul Bike Classic
- Bare Bones Puppet Theater

Winter Carnival

- Winter Carnival





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