

# City of Corvallis Parks & Recreation Department



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# City of Corvallis

## 2020 Vision Statement Support

- **Parks and Recreation supports the following elements:**
    - An environmentally-aware community with distinctive open space and natural features, protected habitats, parks and outdoor recreation;
    - Rich in the arts and recreational opportunities, celebrating the talents and culture of the people who live here;
    - Committed in its support for children and families;
    - A community that values and supports quality education throughout the age continuum;
    - Known for its comprehensive health and human services, and for its services for the elderly and disabled;
    - Home...a good place for all kinds of people to live and to lead healthy, happy, productive lives.
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# Parks & Recreation

## Mission

- *“Corvallis Parks and Recreation preserves and creates a community heritage by providing places and programs designed to enhance the quality of life.”*
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# Parks & Recreation

## Primary Activities



## ***Parks and Natural Areas***

### **Preserve and Build Neighborhoods**

- 56 Sports fields and courts, 28 playgrounds, a skate park and 439 acres of dog off-leash areas in 7 parks, a fenced dog park
- 1,800 acres of developed parks and natural areas

### **Environmental Stewardship**

- 1240 acres of Natural areas, 22 miles of trails, and 13,000 Urban Forest trees (includes street trees)

### **Community Connection**

- Over 8,000 hours of volunteer opportunities
  - Sustainability and environmental education
  - Support for community events; DaVinci Days, Red, White, & Blues Festival, Corvallis Fall Festival, Farmers Market
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## Primary Activities



### ***Recreation Services***

#### **Improve Community Health Through Recreation**

- Over 2,800 recreational, educational, & active living programs annually, with more than 95,000 registrations
  - After School programs for youth
  - Seasonal events; Parades, Penny Carnival, All City Halloween Party, Garden Tours
  - Bilingual youth soccer
  - Community Gardens
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## Primary Activities



### ***Recreation Services***

### ***Senior and Community Center***

- 50+ program offered 554 programs last year, with 6,515 participants and 74,000 visits
- Fitness focused classes include: Yoga, Tai Chi, Strength & Endurance, Hiking & Kayaking
- Over 8,300 volunteer hours ranging from leading hikes to preparing taxes for low income residents

### **Aquatic Center**

- Osborn Aquatic Center has more than 204,000 visits annually
- 4,600 kids are taught how to swim annually
- 1,113 programs annually with 48,270 registrations
- Bilingual swimming lesson
- Swimming lessons for people with learning and physical disabilities

### **Facility Management**

- Majestic Theatre
  - The Arts Center
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### ***Recreation Services***

#### **Teen-building future leaders**

- ❑ Youth Volunteer Corps- learn to serve others. Build community while building self-esteem
- ❑ Youth Parks Corps- learn job skills, build trails while building self-esteem
- ❑ Youth Recreation Corps- learn job skills, teach kids while building self-esteem

#### **Community Connection**

- ❑ After school programs that provide healthy opportunities through positive role models
  - ❑ Develop and maintain partnerships through effective collaboration
  - ❑ Prevent obesity, promote health and wellness
  - ❑ Connect people of all ages to diversity through human interaction
  - ❑ Over 24,000 volunteer hours annually
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## Facility Rentals

- ❑ Picnic shelters, Community rooms, Rose Garden, Riverfront Commemorative Park plazas, Central Park plaza, Sports fields
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## Benefits



### Parks and Recreation Keeps Corvallis Safe

- ❑ **Youth Safety:** According to the Center for Disease Control, drowning is the second leading cause of injury-related death for children ages 1 to 14. **Parks and Recreation's Aquatic Center works hard to prevent drowning deaths in our community by teaching over 4,600 children swimming and water safety lessons annually.**
  - ❑ **Youth Health:** Children without access to places to play suffer higher levels of obesity, diabetes, asthma, anxiety, and depression. **Parks and Recreation's youth recreation program and neighborhood parks, keep kids healthy.**
  - ❑ **Youth Crime Prevention:** Peak hours for violent juvenile crime are from 3-6pm. These are also the hours when kids are most likely to drink alcohol or use drugs. **Parks and Recreation's after school program keeps kids safe.**
  - ❑ **Senior Health:** Being a part of a social network is one of the most dependable predictors of mental and physical health and longevity. **Many factors that contribute to successful aging can be found at Parks and Recreation's Senior Center.**
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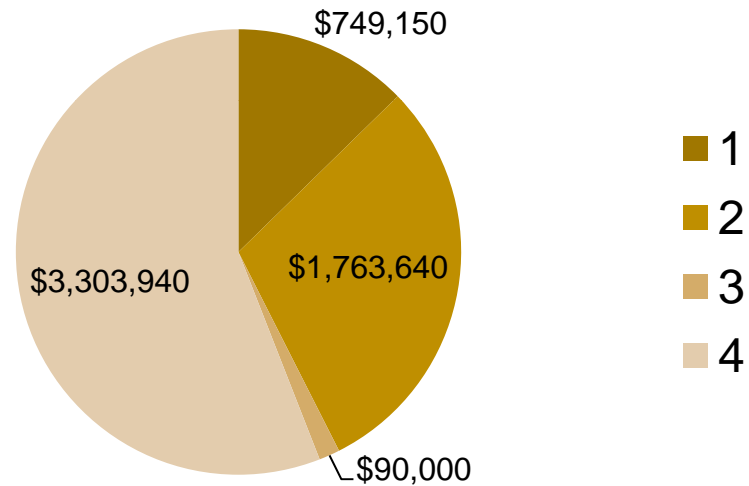
# Parks & Recreation FY 12-13 Budget

1. \$749,150 Current  
Levy

2. \$1,763,640 Fees

3. \$90,00 ROW Tree  
paid through  
water bill

4. \$3,303,940  
Property Tax



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## Recent projects



- Managed 3 demonstration projects for water-wise, pesticide free landscape areas
  - Reduced the Department budget by \$600,000 through various service reductions
  - Implemented on-line registration system
  - Won the Tree City USA award
  - Won the Governor's Award for Youth Program of the year
  - Developed and Supported the Arts and Culture Commission
  - Supported the goals of the City Council, Civic Beautification and Urban Forestry Commission and the Parks, Natural Areas and Recreation Board
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# Parks & Recreation Funding Beyond Property Tax Dollars

- Partnered with Benton County Health Department and developed the Healthy Kids/ Healthy Communities Program to reduce youth obesity amongst Latinos. Funded with a \$400,000 grant
  - Received grant funding for the Youth Park Corps, Youth Volunteer Corps, and family assistance programs
  - Received grant funding for enhancements to the Avery Park Rose Garden, Art Center Plaza rehabilitation, Marys River Natural Area Board Walk replacement project, Tunison Park Playground rehabilitation project, Chip Ross Natural Area Stewardship Plan, Willamette Park Picnic Shelter and Avery Park Dinosaur Bone rehabilitation project
  - Completed a Community Gardens Master plan through grant with Benton County
  - Completed the Herbert Farm Natural Areas Management Plan
  - Increased volunteerism throughout the Department
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# Corvallis Parks & Recreation *“Friends, Fun & Fitness”*





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## Contact Information

- Corvallis Parks & Recreation Department welcomes your feedback and ideas

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