My girls have participated in so many activities over the years from swim lessons, summer camp, dance, indoor soccer, camps with Shepherd University, Wee Warriors Dash, Sports Express camp with Mr. Earl, and so much more. I even took our dog there for puppy training lessons. We have enjoyed numerous kids birthday parties too. I think my girls loved the art camps the best. Thank you for all that has been offered.

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the construction of the Jefferson County Community Center in Sam Michael's Park.

In the last 10 years...

14,000+ Programs and Events were offered. 20 preschool classes and almost 200 students graduated to kindergarten! 120,000+ people have attended and utilized the Community Center.



The Easter Bunny & Santa have each visited the Community Center 10 times. Our registration system went online for easier and more accessible participation. Scholarships were awarded to countless kids who couldn't otherwise participate.

> Kids learned basketball, soccer, gymnastics, dance, karate, art, engineering, creativity, sportsmanship, confidence, and so much more.

...a perfect place to grow.

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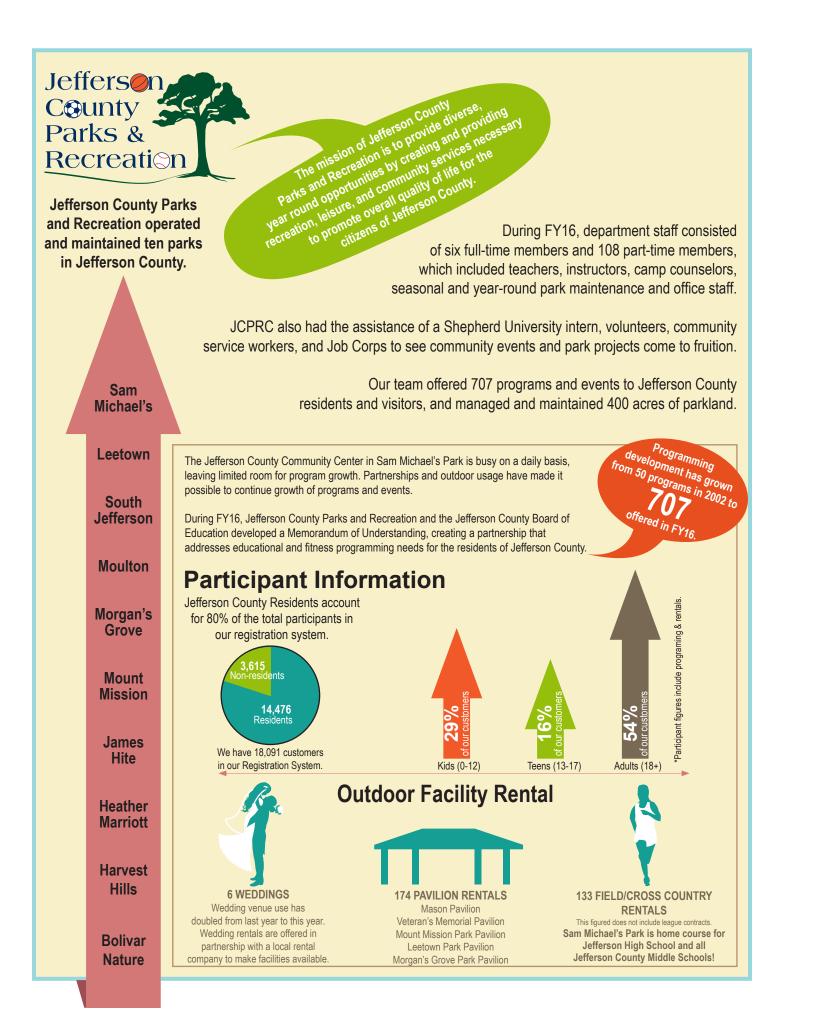












Working Together Partnerships, Sponsors and Grants





Critters and Conservation **Jefferson Rentals** Izaak Walton League Jefferson County Sheriff's Department Shepherd University Basketball Shepherd University Cheerleading Charles Town Parks and Recreation Two River's Treads The Outdoor Education Center - FLOC Freedom's Run CommuniTree Bakerton Fire Department Citizen's Fire Department Independent Fire Department Shepherdstown Community Club Eastern Panhandle Conservation District Potomac Valley Audubon Society Jefferson County Youth Soccer League Jefferson County Little League Charles Washington Little League Home Depot of Ranson Eastern Panhandle Board of Realtors, Inc. Cheers School Family Allstate - Sandi Poole - Vendt Brothers Agency Sensel Signs **Ranson Animal Clinic** Martins Food Market



The adventure of competitive gymnastics [for my daughter] began at Sam Michael's Park!

> Our favorite thing is the fireworks for the 4th of July- we look forward to it every

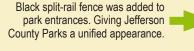


Your Bark Park is a strong asset for those of us who are pet parents. Thank you, Jefferson Co. Parks and Rec for considering all members of our family!

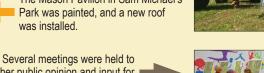
Summit Point Baseball Shenandoah Air Conditioning & Heating Bank of Charles Town - BCT **River Riders** Adventure Center **River & Trail** Kable Team Realty MVB Banking Guys Buick Dan Ryan Builders Charles Town Plumbing and Heating **RS** Ortho University Healthcare Skinner Law Firm Eastern Panhandle Area Health Education Spirit of Jefferson Charles Town Moose Lodge Huntfield Homeowners Association Summit Point Raceway Apple Tree Animal Clinic Blakeley Street Bakery Ask Neal Bros and Bras City of Ranson CVB **EPIC Soccer** Ranson Chick-fil-a and countless additional business and private donors.

Parks & Recreation **Maintenance & Progress**





The Mason Pavilion in Sam Michael's Park was painted, and a new roof was installed.

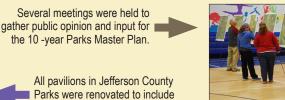




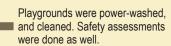
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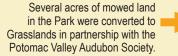
on maintenance and progress

in our Jefferson County Parks.



- All pavilions in Jefferson County Parks were renovated to include unified green roofs.
- A new basketball hoop was installed at Mount Mission Park. The project included asphalt, and court paint.





Parks were re-mulched this year,

playgrounds and flower beds.

Trees and brush were removed in a storm/flood clean-up effort at Moulton Park.

adding a new, thick layer to

Community Center.

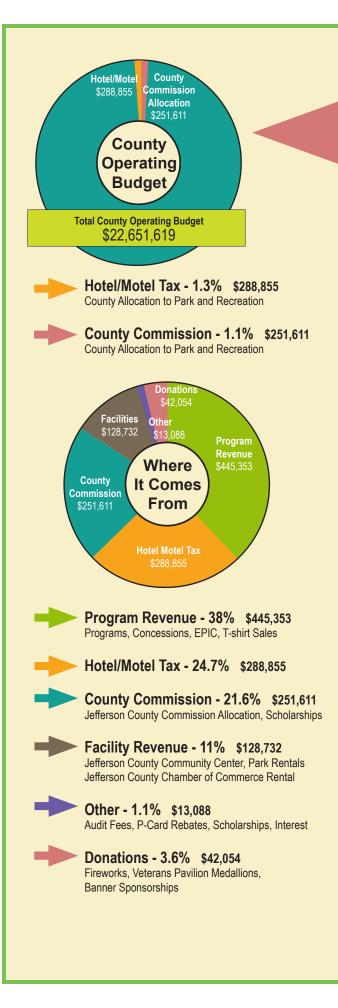
updated with new, uniform signage, creating a clear identity for our parks.

Jefferson County Parks were













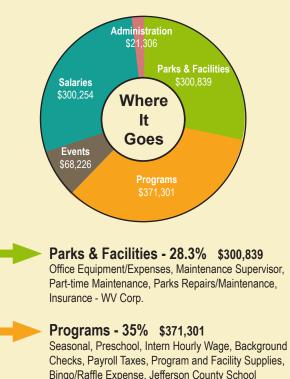






Parks & Recreation **Funding and Expenses**

For every **one dollar the Jefferson County Commission invested** in Parks and Recreation in FY16, approximately \$2.17 was generated, and reinvested in the community.



Bingo/Raffle Expense, Jefferson County School Buses, News Ads, Brochure Printing

Events - 6.4% \$68.226

Concessions, Fireworks, Teen Dance, Special Events



Salaries - 28.3% \$300,254

Salaried Employees, PEIA, Retirement, Fringe Benefits, Corbin Benefits

Administration - 2% \$21,306

Audit Fees, Bookkeeping, Cell Phones, Bank Fees, Bad Checks, Dues, Continued Education



The planning and construction of James Hite Park has been in progress over the course of several years. Ground breaking for Phase I took place in the fall of 2014, and construction continued through FY 2015, with an official grand opening anticipated in Fall 2016.



Thanks in part to a grant awarded by Freedom's Run, a 2-mile perimeter walking/running trail was opened to the public in Spring 2016. The trail has been used by leisure walkers as well as local fitness groups.

Construction of this park began thanks to partnerships and grants from various Jefferson County organizations, as well as support from the Jefferson County Commission.

The James Hite Park master plan has designated a large percentage of this park space for field sports, such as soccer and football. We look forward to further development in future phases to include baseball fields, playgrounds, pavilions, facilities and more.

Jefferson County Parks and Recreation is pleased and proud to fulfill the needs of Jefferson County families and create and maintain park spaces that promote wellness, teamwork, a love of outdoors and an active lifestyle.

Parks & Recreation James Hite Park Construction

