

## PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

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The Community Recreation Association, Inc., is pleased to submit to the Town of Dalton its Annual Parks and Recreation Report for the 2004 season.

The role that the CRA provides each year to the town is as a subcontractor that manages recreation and leagues for the town parks systems. The monies received under that budget go solely to the operation and management of these recreational activities. Our parks season starts at the beginning of April (or earlier if the snow and ice has melted) and ends when the snow and ice return some time in December. Line items under this budget include materials and supplies, park leader salaries, sports league allocations, and the administrative costs associated with the operation of the recreation and league activities.

**Pinegrove Park** – The center of the park system is Pinegrove Park with 7.0 acres, of which every square foot is utilized. It offers two basketball courts, one baseball field, two softball fields, a football field, a pavilion, concession stand, and handicapped accessible bathrooms. There are two playground structures, one designed for preschool-aged children and the other designed for elementary schoolers. A park leader is provided during the months of June, July, and August, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to noon and again from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Capital improvements at Pinegrove Park this year included repairs to the Babe Ruth baseball field and the replacement of an outfield fence.

**Chamberlain Park** – This park is located on the east side of town with 9.2 acres. It offers a small play area, two baseball fields, a concession stand, handicapped accessible bathrooms, a soccer field, and a half-court for basketball. Chamberlain Park also offers a park leader during the summer to organize children's activities. Capital improvements to this park are planned for the 2005 season and will include the installation of new playground equipment.

**Greenridge Park** – Greenridge Park is located on the south side of town, with 10.33 acres. It offers a baseball field, a soccer field, a full basketball court, and a small playground area. Capital improvements this year included the installation of new playground equipment. The old equipment was destroyed due to vandalism in the spring. Thanks to a donation from Crane & Co. and the GE Elfuns, a larger structure was installed in the fall. It is truly a tribute to this town when something so destructive happens and everyone works together to find a way to improve the situation.

**Crane Park** – This is a small pocket park, only about 100' X 100' which is suited to the neighborhood. This park offers a small amount of playground equipment such as swings, a merry-go-round, and a half-court for basketball.

The sports program is a large piece of the recreational services offered at the CRA and by the Town of Dalton. The following is a breakdown of participants in each sport.

**Programs Teams Participants****Football (fall)**

Flag Football (grades 1-4)	6	60
Pee Wee Football	1	30
Junior Football	1	30
Senior Football	1	30
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>150</b>

**Soccer (fall)**

Pre-School (coed)	6	55
K (coed)	6	62
Instructional Coed (Gr. 1 & 2)	10	110
Midget Boys (Gr. 3-5)	4	52
Midget Girls (Gr. 3-5)	5	65
Junior Boys (Gr. 6-8)	4	52
Junior Girls (Gr. 6-8)	3	40
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>436</b>

**Travel Soccer (fall)**

U-10 Boys	2	24
U-10 Girls	1	12
U-12 Boys	1	18
U-12 Girls	2	30
U-14 Boys	1	20
U-14 Girls	1	24
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>128</b>

**Travel Soccer (spring)**

U-10 Boys	2	24
U-10 Girls	2	24
U-12 Boys	1	18
U-12 Girls	2	36
U-14 Boys	1	20
U-14 Girls	1	24
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>146</b>

**Basketball**

K (coed)	5	40
Instructional Boys (Gr. 1 & 2)	7	70
Instructional Girls (Gr. 1 & 2)	4	36
Pee Wee Boys (Gr. 3 & 4)	6	54
Pee Wee Girls (Gr. 3 & 4)	4	24
Midget Boys (Gr. 5 & 6)	6	60
Midget Girls (Gr. 5 & 6)	4	40
Junior Boys (Gr. 7 & 8)	7	70
Junior Girls (Gr. 7 & 8)	4	48
Jim Duquette Sr. League (Gr. 9-12)	6	42
<b>Totals</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>484</b>

**Travel Basketball**

Pee Wee Girls	1	10
Pee Wee Boys	1	12
Midget Girls	1	12
Midget Boys	1	12
Junior Girls	1	10
Junior Boys	1	12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>66</b>

**Baseball/Softball**

Robert R. Powell Sr. Bball.(K & 1)	9	110
Coaches Pitch Sball. (Gr. 2 & 3)	4	40
Cimini Bball. (Gr. 2 & 3)	9	110
Midget Girls Sball. (Gr. 4 & 5)	4	50
Junior Girls Sball. (Gr. 7 & 8)	4	55
Mark Galusha Bball. (Gr. 4-7)	5	65
Little League Bball.	10	130
Babe Ruth Bball.	9	126
Bud Hall Coed Adult Sball.	12	140
<b>Totals</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>826</b>

Our mission in providing these services is to offer participation with a safe, educational and positive experience in which the participants learn sportsmanship, teamwork, and techniques of the game. These programs would not be possible without our valued volunteer base of 1,300. Some of these volunteers commit their time and experience in all four sports on a yearly basis. The CRA staff is truly grateful for their time and talent, as we would not be able to provide these services without them.

The other collaboration that makes these services possible is the use of facilities that the CRA is blessed with. The Dalton American Legion makes available their fields for softball and baseball. The Central Berkshire Regional School District is also supportive by allowing us to use their gymnasiums and sports fields. These collaborations are essential, since our number of participants continues to grow.