### PARKS & RECREATION



City Council February 7

#### Fees and Charges

- 44% of activities/programs experiencing an increase
- Furman Aquatic Center
  - Season Passes
    - □ 3% increase
    - □ Renewals discount reduced from 15% to 10%
    - New passes discount remains at 10%

#### Fees and Charges

- Auditorium
  - □ Simplifying fee schedule
  - □ Transitioning to non-profit and profit rates
  - □ Eliminating Ames Community Arts Council discounts
  - □ Adding a Facility Fee

### Fees and Charges

- □ Ice Arena Ice Rental Rates 3% increase
- Homewood
  - ☐ Greens Fees \$1.00 per round increase
  - Season Passes
    - □ Transition to Junior, Student, Adult, 62+, 90+, Couple, and Family
    - Increase varies

#### Department Projects

- City Wide Survey
- ADA Inventory and Transition Plan
- All Inclusive Playground and Miracle League Field
- Healthy Life Center



## Temporary Staff Wages

- □ Five Year Plan
- Increase of approximately \$100,000 in FY 18/19







#### We have the Best Volunteers

- Volunteer Coaches/Parents
- Eagle Scouts
- ISU Groups/Organizations

- Churches
  - 4H Groups
- Service Club



#### **Partnerships**

- Holub Greenhouse
- Ames Foundation
- Green Hills
- JAX Outdoor Gear
- Sylvan Learning Center
- Ames Racquet & Fitness Center
- Ames High School Volleyball Coaches



### Friends Groups

- Ada Hayden Heritage Park
  - Provided tours for mobility impaired individuals
  - Fund an Interpretive Intern
- Emma McCarthy Lee Park & Munn Woods
  - Purchased kiosk for Emma McCarthy Lee Park
- Roosevelt Park
  - Continued Sunday Summer Concert Series

# Interpretive Program at Ada Hayden



### **New Programming**

- Adult 3-on-3 Hockey Tournament
- □ Rounded Minds
  - Soccer & Spanish Introduction
  - Sports Exploration & Spanish Introduction
- Ropes Gone Wild
- Cycle Fusion
- □ K360 Fit

- Cycle Strength
- □ Sports Iowa
  - Summer Camps
  - Football Passing League



#### **Auditorium & Bandshell Events**

- Auditorium
  - Hope Lutheran Church
  - ISU Navigator's Conference
  - □ The All Iowa Arts Showcase
- Bandshell
  - Firefly Country Nights
  - ISU Parent's Weekend
  - Oktoberfest



### Scholarship Funding

- Utilize MICA guidelines
- Youth participants receive half off of registration fee for recreation programs
  - Scholarship amount absorbed in budget
  - □ Increased from 39 (FY 15/16) to 99 (FY 16/17)
- Community donations (i.e. Ames Jaycees)

#### Facility Space

- Seeking priority arrangement with Ames School District for space
- Free up Community Center Gymnasium for open recreation
- Non-City facility usage
  - Cornerstone Church
  - □ Green Hills
  - ISU Forker Pool
  - St. Cecilia Church
  - Sports Iowa



#### Turf

- Objective is to mow manicured turf areas on average every 7 to 10 days
  - Average for 2016 was 12.5 days
  - Average for 2017 was 8 days

#### No Trimming in the Parks

(2025 Initiative)

- Continuing this effort
- Daley, Duff Avenue, Hutchison, Northridge Heights, and Roosevelt Parks are virtually trim free



#### Forestry

- Update tree inventory
- Comprehensive Tree Management Plan
  - Age diversity
  - Species diversity
  - Pruning guidelines

#### EAB Response Plan Update

- Accelerated removal in the park system
- Over 400 trees removed thus far
- No treatment of trees
- Contracting removal of large trees
- Replanting

#### Structural

- Updating grilling areas around shelters
- Updating electrical controls and switching light fixtures to LED in shelters



#### Sanitation Rounds

Tri	ps	to	Resc	ource	Recov	very

<u>Year</u>	<u>Trips</u>	Tons/Trip	<b>Total Cost</b>
2014	61	0.69	\$3,359
2015	45	0.84	\$2,652
2016	37	1.19	\$2,529
2017	31	1.30	\$2,317

## Cemetery

Mini Excavator purchased for digging graves



### Right-of-Way

- Addressing hazardous trees
- Pruning new trees
- Pruning old trees
- Planting new trees AmesFoundation



