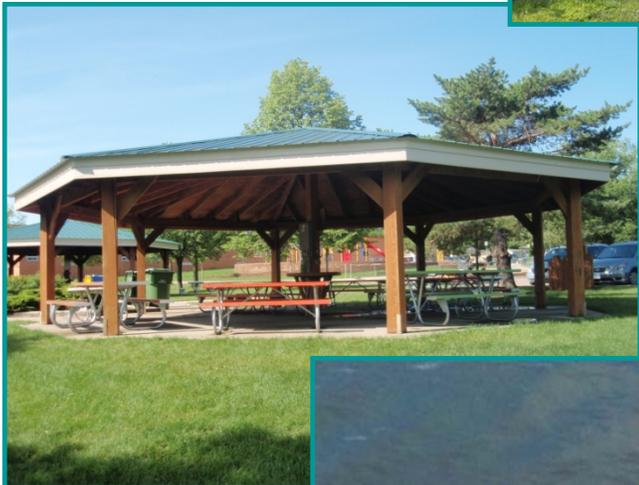
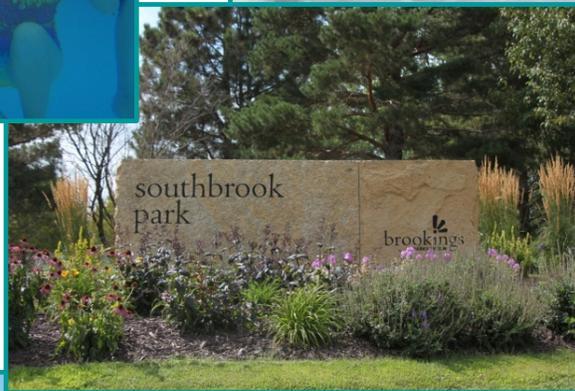


# 2015 ANNUAL PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY DEPARTMENT REPORT



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Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department

## 2015 ANNUAL DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

### Brookings Department of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry

Brookings City Council Members and citizens of Brookings:

It was another active year for the department on several fronts as the department continues its mission of providing quality recreation programming for residents and visitors of all ages, quality facilities that help contribute to make Brookings unique for both active and passive use, and valuable partnerships with many individuals and organizations throughout the community that help us with our mission.

The Department is responsible for 24 parks, six of which are shared as school playgrounds with the Brookings School District and one of which is a nature park, a double-sheet ice arena, a single-gymnasium recreation/public use center, outdoor pool and aquatic center, campground, golf course, community gardens, senior center, and more than seven miles of walking/biking trails. Each of the parks contains a wide variety of recreational amenities to accommodate outdoor activities and help bring quality to life in Brookings. The department's Forestry Division is responsible for growing, maintaining, and eradicating diseases of our urban forests. The department has 21 full-time employees and a cadre of part-time and seasonal employees ranging from park maintenance workers to lifeguards and recreation program assistants. The full-time staff break-down is: Director (1), Office Manager (1) Recreation Program Managers (2), Park Maintenance (10), Forestry Maintenance (4), Golf Course Maintenance (2), Mechanic (1).

Here are some notable highlights from 2015:

There were a number of **staffing** changes in the department. Director Pete Colson resigned in August to take a new opportunity in Sitka, Alaska. He was replaced by Daniel Brettschneider, the former Recreation Supervisor for the Lakeville (MN) Department of Parks and Recreation. Dan joined the team in December. Long-time Office Manager Margaret Dempster retired in late 2014 and was replaced by Christi Weidemann in January. Chase Ellis resigned from the Recreation Division to accept a new opportunity in Utah and was replaced by Park Maintenance Technician Mitch Pederson. Mitch's position was filled by hiring Stephen Hartung in the maintenance division. Matt Stock resigned as a golf course supervisor from Edgebrook Golf Course and was replaced by Greg Redenius who joined our team from the Brookings Country Club. Josh Baumann was elevated to a Park Supervisor position and Bill DeBlonk's Park Supervisor position was modified to provide dedicated oversight and supervision of the Larson Ice Center. Traci Saugstad was elevated to a part-time permanent position to provide improved and expanded programming services to senior citizens at the Brookings Activity Center. Finally, the Edgebrook Golf Course saw a new clubhouse manager with the first year of a three-year contract with Moen Management for clubhouse services.

The department experienced its usual list of equipment replacement and park maintenance items but several other **capital facility improvements** are noteworthy. First, the sixth and final phase of the Dakota Nature Center was completed with the capstone being interpretive and informational kiosks on the trail system. This multi-year, \$3.6 million amenity is one of the signature facilities of the park system. The project was completed this year with the opening of the three-level, mountain bike area.

Second, the community undertook a feasibility study to investigate the possibility of providing a Recreation Center for Brookings. The City Council appointed a citizens committee that began work in April and provided their final report to the City Council and public in November. The report suggests recreational space that includes gymnasiums, tennis courts, turf surfaces, racquetball courts, walking/running track, and the necessary amenities to support these features. The report suggests an indoor aquatic facility be phased in the future. In December, the City Council included financing provisions for the facility in a long-range capital financial plan and directed staff to proceed with development planning.

Third, Edgebrook Golf Course undertook an extensive drainage improvement project on the front nine holes to correct a chronic flooding and drainage problem. Some drainage modifications were also made to the executive course. The front nine closed for the season after Labor Day and work commenced. The project was completed in December which included new and replaced drain tile system, new and modified ponds, and open swale drainage provisions. The front nine is scheduled to open in April with the back nine although some of the 'rough' areas will need to be roped off to facilitate grass growth. In addition, over 100 trees were planted at the golf course to replace several trees removed due to disease, wind damage, or interference with the drainage improvement project.

Fourth, major park improvements were made with playground installation or expansions to Valley View Park, Sexauer Park, and at the new Dakota Prairie Elementary School playground/park in partnership with Brookings Public Schools to provide our sixth and newest combination facility with the school district. The Department is partnering with two SDSU fraternities on fundraising for playground equipment to be installed in 2016 in Indian Hills Park.

Fifth, the department utilizes the old Armory building downtown as a recreation center as it has one sub-standard gymnasium. While the building has historical significance, its structural integrity is deteriorating and is in need of significant structural work. In mid-2015, the City Council directed staff to prepare a Request for Proposals to private persons who might be interested in acquiring the Armory for an adaptive re-use as some other purpose. As such, the building will cease being used by the Department and other arrangements will need to be made to replace gymnasium space. At the time of writing this report, the outcome is not yet known of the future of this building and its association with the Department.

Other departmental highlights included:

- The department received a \$93,000 grant from the Department of Environment Natural Resources for playground equipment at Valley View Park.
- The department received another award for Tree City, USA for our commitment to enhancement and expansion of our urban forests.
- The NAHL hockey team, Brookings *Blizzard* completed their three-year contract with the 2015 hockey season and renewed for one year for the 2015-2016 hockey season.
- Closed the east slope of Larson Hill to sledding due to safety and liability concerns amid the number of injuries and accidents in prior years. Provided a replacement sledding hill at the Dakota Nature Park as an alternative.
- The department continues to make incremental progress on achieving ADA compliance to all existing playgrounds and facilities in accordance with a comprehensive plan.
- The department partnered, for the second consecutive year, with an SDSU fraternity and the Brookings Rotary Club to plant 80 boulevard trees in various neighborhoods. This program is slated to continue in 2016.

The pages that follow are prepared by various staff persons of the department and provide important and interesting data about the services, programs, and opportunities the department has provided for 2015. I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, the Golf Course Advisory Board, and the Ad Hoc Recreation Center Planning Committee for their dedication and commitment to the community and the department's mission. I would also like to express my personal appreciation to the departmental staff, whom carried on their work and duties diligently without the benefit of a departmental director for a major part of the year.

I hope you find the information informative and helpful. The department looks forward to another exciting year of providing recreation and leisure programming and services in 2016.

Jeffrey W. Weldon  
City Manager/Acting Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, & Forestry

# 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

## BROOKINGS PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY 2015 ADVISORY BOARD

Steve Berseth	Sean Binker	Beau Bordewyk	Brian Brunner
Erik Dahl	Brittany Kleinsasser	Erika Saunders	Trent Sorbe

## INDOOR RECREATION CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE (AD HOC)

Mark Binkley	Becka Foerster	Dan Hansen	Jennifer Johnson
Justin Sell	Brittany Kleinsasser	Matthew Vukovich	Gus Theodosopoulos
Randy Soma			

## 2015 PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY EMPLOYEES

Daniel Brettschneider, Director (new employee December 2015)  
Peter Colson, Previous Director (left August 2015)

Christi Weidemann, Office Manager (new employee January 2015)  
Margaret Dempster, Accounting Officer (retired January 2015)

Darren Hoff, Recreation Manager (promoted July 2015)  
Mitch Pederson, Recreation Manager (new position July 2015)  
Chase Ellis, Recreation Superintendant (left June 2015)

Allen Kruse, Parks & Forestry Superintendant

Paul Erickson, Parks Supervisor  
Bill deBlonk, Parks Supervisor  
Josh Bauman, Parks Supervisor (new position November 2015)

Paul Laleman, Parks Technician  
Nick McGinnis, Parks Technician  
Ross Shafrath, Parks Technician  
Stephen Hartung, Parks Technician (new employee August 2015)

Pat Ammann, Building Trades Specialist  
Brett Torgrude, Building Trades Technician

Mark Bren, Mechanic/Shop Supervisor

Larry Maag, Forestry Supervisor  
Chris Engbrecht, Forestry Technician  
Ryan Burggraff, Forestry Technician  
Lucas Dahl, Forestry Technician

Bruce Hovelson, Golf Course Superintendant  
Greg Redenius, Golf Course Supervisor (new employee April 2015)  
Matt Stock, Golf Course Supervisor (left February 2015)

## PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Allyn Frerichs Trail System (approximately 7 miles) – walking/biking trail

Brookings Prairie – outside city limits, south on Main Ave. two miles, west one mile.

Camelot Park

Dakota Nature Park

Dwiggins/Medary Park (skate park, Bob Shelden baseball/football field, 4 youth baseball/softball fields,  
1 teener baseball field)

EdgeBrook Golf Course (18 holes, driving range, putting green, short course, walking trail)

Fishback Soccer Park – 10 full size soccer fields (1 lighted stadium field)

Fishback/Rotary Green Spaces

Gustafson Pond

Hillcrest Park (Hillcrest Aquatic Center, Hillcrest Tennis Courts, Lion's Picnic Shelters)

Indian Hills Park – Arrowhead Lake

Indian Hills Park - South

Larson Ice Center

Larson Park (18 hole disc golf)

Lions Park

Moriarty Park

NorthBrook Park: (Chittick Community Gardens, University Plains Cart Track,  
Big Sioux Bowmen Archery Range)

Pioneer Park

Recreation Center

Sara Renae Park

School Park Playgrounds:

Camelot Intermediate School

Central Elementary

Hillcrest Elementary

Medary Elementary

Mickelson Middle School

Sexauer Park & Campground

SouthBrook Pump Park

SouthBrook Softball Park – 5 softball fields

Southside Park

Valley View Park

## RECREATION PARTNERS

To meet the recreational needs of the community, the Parks & Recreation Dept. has created recreation partnerships with many organizations. These organizations supply countless volunteer hours as well as dollars to supply recreational opportunities and facilities to the community. The following organizations are groups that are supported in part by the Park & Recreation Dept. through subsidies or facility use, to meet the recreation needs of the community.

Brookings Ice Skating Association  
Brookings Figure Skating Club  
Brookings Swim Club  
Brookings Wrestling Club  
Brookings Futbol Club  
Brookings Friends of Baseball  
Brookings Soccer Association  
Brookings Softball Association  
Brookings Fast Pitch Softball Association  
Brookings Basketball Association  
Brookings Youth Football  
Brookings Tennis Club  
Brookings Youth Fast Pitch Softball Association  
Brookings Arts Council  
Brookings Community Band  
Brookings Tae Kwon Do Club  
Brookings Activity Center  
EdgeBrook Golf Association  
Big Sioux Bowmen  
4-H Shooting Sports  
Dakota Plains Kart Club  
South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks  
Brookings School District  
South Dakota Art Museum  
Science Visions, Inc.  
Prairie Striders  
Special Olympics Brookings  
South Dakota Education Campus of Brookings  
South Dakota State University  
Outdoor Adventure Center of South Dakota

# PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

## LARSON ICE CENTER

**2013 operation:** January 1-March 19, July 30-Dec 31  
 233 days of operation  
 2,097 hours of use

**2014 operation:** January 1- March 30, July 26-Dec 31  
 248 days of operation  
 2,232 hours of use

**2015 operation:** January 1-April 12, July 24-Dec 31  
 261 days of operation  
 2,349 hours of use



Participants:	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>	
	248	245	257	youth hockey
	32	26	32	Figure Skating Club
	194	203	115	BPRD skating instruction
	5,156	5,983	7,616	open skate/private rental

## HILLCREST AQUATIC CENTER

### Safety:

The total number of in-water rescues for the summer 2015 season: 23

The total number of out-of-water rescues or assistance for the summer 2015 season: 3

During 2015, HAC hosted the Brookings Swim Club regional meet.

### Operations:

**2013 operation:** May 25-August 25                      91 days of operation  
**2014 operation:** May 24-August 24                      86 (4 days were closed due to cold)  
**2015 operation:** May 26-August 23                      84 (5 days were closed to weather)

**2013 Estimated total attendance:** 33,234 (avg. 386 people per day)  
**2014 Estimated total attendance:** 34,879 (avg. 405 people per day)  
**2015 Estimated total attendance:** 31,367 (avg. 373 people per day)

		<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>
<b>Season Passes/Daily Admissions:</b>	Individual Season Pass	526	567	520
	Family of 3 Season Pass	406	44	391
	Adds to Family of 3 Pass	385	407	334
	(no season ticket)      Paid Daily Admissions	13,801	10,693	11,977

*Cost recovery was 48% for the 2013 season.*

*Cost recovery was 46% for the 2014 season.*

*\*Cost recovery was 53% for the 2015 season.*

\*Revenues/Direct Expenses (not including CIP items)

## EDGEBROOK GOLF COURSE

**2013 Operation:** April 21-October 31      194 days of operation  
**2014 Operation:** April 6-October 31      208 days of operation  
**2015 Operation:** March 19-November 3      229 days of operation

### **2013 Recorded Rounds Played**

Played on Season Ticket: 9-hole: 2,673; 18-hole: 609; short course: 782  
 Played on Greens Fees: 9-hole: 3,884; 18-hole: 2,190; short course: 782  
 Total (9-hole equivalent): 10,920

### **2014 Recorded Rounds Played**

Played on Season Ticket: 8,986 (includes 9, 18 and Par 3) 280 rounds booked online and through the app  
 Played on Greens Fees: 9-hole 2,783; 18-hole 2,403; short course 743

### **2015 Recorded Rounds Played**

Played on Season Ticket: 11,276 (includes 9, 18 and Par 3) 373 rounds booked online and through the app  
 Played on Greens Fees: 9-hole 3,126; 18-hole 8,150; short course 891

### **Golf Course Season Tickets Sold**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Family	12	4	17
Individual	83	94	92
Couple	10	20	58
Youth	10	6	6
Young Adult	23	21	17
Senior	25	40	40
Senior couple w/ Cart	N/A	N/A	2
Young Adult Couple w Cart	N/A	N/A	1
Add. Family	5	3	N/A
Golf Cart	22	17	N/A
<b>Total:</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>233</b>

## HILLCREST TENNIS COURTS

<b>2013</b>	<b>Income</b>	
	League Fee Sales	\$2,757.00
	<b>Expenses</b>	
	League Director	<u>\$1,622.25</u>
		\$1,134.75
<b>2014</b>	<b>Income</b>	
	League Fee Sales	\$2,523.36
	<b>Expenses</b>	
	League Director	<u>\$1,658.25</u>
		\$ 856.11
<b>2015</b>	<b>Income</b>	
	League Fee Sales	\$2,336.00
	<b>Expenses</b>	





**SEXAUER PARK CAMPGROUND**

<b>2013</b>	<b>Income</b>		
	Camping pads \$20; Tents \$10		<b>\$15,073.80</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>		
	Water/Sewer	\$ 620.32	
	Electricity	<u>\$1,738.79</u>	
		\$2,359.11 →	<u>\$ 2,359.11</u>
			\$12,714.69
<b>2014</b>	<b>Income</b>		
	Camping pads \$20; Tents \$10		<b>\$13,371.35</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>		
	Water/Sewer	\$ 678.22	
	Electricity	<u>\$1,666.41</u>	
		\$2,344.63 →	<u>\$ 2,344.63</u>
			\$11,026.72
<b>2015</b>	<b>Income</b>		
	Camping pads \$20; Tents \$10		<b>\$17,737.00</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>		
	Water/Sewer	\$ 670.00	
	Electricity	<u>\$2,028.00</u>	
		\$2,698.00 →	<u>\$ 2,698.00</u>
			\$15,039.00



**RECREATION ACTIVITY SUMMARY (Direct Cost-Labor Only)**

**RED CROSS SWIMMING**

<b>2013</b>			
	Level 1-6 and Guard Start		
	<b>Total Participants:</b>	912	Income: <b>\$26,648.00</b>
	Wee Wader		
	<b>Total Participants:</b>	125	Income: <b>\$2,750.00</b>
	<b>Expenses:</b>	<u>\$20,739.44</u>	
		\$ 8,658.56	
<b>2014</b>			
	Level 1-6 and Guardstart		
	<b>Total Participants:</b>	873	Income: <b>\$23,528.00</b>
	Wee Wader		
	<b>Total Participants:</b>	132	Income: <b>\$3,960.00</b>
	<b>Expenses:</b>	<u>\$19,275.00</u>	
		\$ 8,213.00	

**2015**

Level 1-6 and Junior Lifeguarding Course

**Total Participants:928** Income: \$ **28,622.00**

Wee Wader

**Total Participants:149** Income: \$ **3,373.00**

Expenses: \$25,695.00

\$ 6,300.00

**AQUA AEROBICS**

**2013 Total Participants: 6** Income: \$ **150.00**

**2014 Total Participants: 9** Income: \$ **172.00**

**2015 Total Participants: 21** Income: \$ **514.00**

**LIFEGUARD TRAINING CLASS**

**2013 Total Participants: 13** Income: \$2,340.00

Expenses: \$1,775.00

\$ **565.00**

**2014:** Class was cancelled due to lack of registrations.

**2015 Total Participants: 6** Income: \$1,110.00

Expenses: \$1,110.00

\$ **0.00**

**HORSEMANSHIP**

**2013 Total Participants: 45** Income: \$ 5,020.00

Expenses: \$ 5,020.00

\$ **0.00**

**2014 Total Participants: 43** Income: \$ 4,889.11

Expenses: \$ 4,889.11

\$ **0.00**

**2015 Total Participants: 59** Income: \$ 5,390.00

Expenses: \$ 907.00

\$ **4,483.00**

**TENNIS INSTRUCTION**

Youth Tennis participants: 2013 137 2014 155 2015 172

Adults participants: 8 6 6

Income: 2013 \$3,592.00 2014 \$3,891.00 2015 \$4,483.00



Expenses:	<u>\$3,172.87</u>	<u>\$3,586.00</u>	<u>\$3,897.00</u>
	<b>\$ 419.13</b>	<b>\$ 305.00</b>	<b>\$ 586.00</b>

### GOLF INSTRUCTION

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Youth participants:	76	96	200+ (First Tee)
Adult participants:	11	10	NA

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Income:	\$2,584.00	\$3,468.28	\$9,341.12
Expenses:	<u>\$2,584.00</u>	<u>\$3,468.28</u>	<u>\$9,341.12</u>
	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

### KICKSTART SOCCER

<b>2013 Kickstart Soccer:</b> 83 participants	Income:	\$1,992.00
	Expenses:	<u>\$ 804.62</u>
		<b>\$ 1,187.38</b>

<b>2014 Kickstart Soccer:</b> 92 participants	Income:	\$2,203.80
	Expenses:	<u>\$ 804.62</u>
		<b>\$ 1,399.18</b>

<b>2015 Kickstart Soccer:</b> 67 participants	Income:	\$1,597.00
	Expenses:	<u>\$ 715.00</u>
		<b>\$ 881.00</b>

### BASEBALL/SOFTBALL (City Program)

#### 2013

T-Ball	107 participants 9 teams	Income: \$ 2,354.00
Pee Wee	174 participants 13 teams	Income: \$ 3,828.00
Slowpitch Softball	49 participants 4teams	Income: \$ 1,862.00
Sponsorships		<u>Income: \$ 1,300.00</u>
		Total: \$ 9,344.00
		Expenses: <u>\$ 3,905.50</u>
		<b>\$ 5,438.50</b>

#### 2014

T-Ball	127 participants 12 teams	
Pee Wee	127 participants 12 teams	
Slowpitch Softball	49 participants 4 teams	
		Income: \$11,051.42
		<u>Expenses: \$ 3,454.00</u>
		<b>\$ 7,597.42</b>

#### 2015

T-Ball	83 participants 9 teams	
Pee Wee	206 participants 19 teams	
Slowpitch Softball	53 participants 4 teams	
		Income: \$9,845.00
		<u>Expenses: \$4,599.00</u>
		<b>\$5,246.00</b>

## STRIDER CAMPS

<b>2014</b>	15 Participants	Income: \$ 603.00	
		Expenses: \$ 277.50	
		<b>\$ 326.00</b>	
<b>2015</b>	40 Participants	Income: \$ 1,800.00	
		Expenses: \$ 526.50	
		<b>\$ 1,273.50</b>	

## SPECIAL EVENTS

February	2013 Dakota Nature Park Fishing Derby	68 participants	no income
	2014 Dakota Nature Park Fishing Derby	42 participants	no income
	2015 Dakota Nature Park Fishing Derby	10 participants	no income
May/June	2013 Hershey Track Meet	42 participants	no income
	2014 Hershey Track Meet	33 participants	no income
	2015 Hershey Track Meet	discontinued by Hershey	
June	2013 Pitch, Hit & Run	10 participants	no income
	2014 Pitch, Hit & Run	9 participants	no income
	2015 Pitch, Hit & Run	7 participants	no income
June/July	2013 Fishing Fridays	21 participants	\$315.00
	2014 Fishing Fridays	36 participants	\$540.00
	2015 Fishing Fridays	37 participants	\$555.00
June/July	2013 Intro to Kayaking (2)	16 participants	\$240.00
	2014 Intro to Kayaking (2)	22 participants	\$330.00
	2015 Intro to Kayaking (2)	13 participants	\$195.00
June/July	2013 *Teen Nights	26 participants	\$130.00
	2014 *Teen Nights	23 participants	\$175.00
	2015 *Teen Nights	cancelled due to weather	\$0.00
July	2013 Punt, Pass & Kick	12 participants	no income
	2014 Punt, Pass & Kick	7 participants	no income
	2015 Punt, Pass & Kick	0 participants	no income
July	2013 Tennis Carnival /Watermelon Feed	15 participants	no income
	2014 Tennis Carnival /Watermelon Feed	18 participants	no income
	2015 Tennis Carnival /Watermelon Feed	25 participants	no income
August	2013 Water Carnival	48 participants	no income
	2014 Water Carnival	53 participants	no income
	2015 Water Carnival	35 participants	no income

August	2013 Soggy Doggy Day	218 dogs	donated to Humane Society
	2014 Soggy Doggy Day	222 dogs	donated to Humane Society
	2015 Soggy Doggy Day	214 dogs	donated to Humane Society

August	2013 Brookings Color Dash	425 participants
	2014 Brookings Dye & Dash	260 participants
	2015 Brookings Dye & Dash	80 participants



**CO-ED KICKBALL LEAGUE**

<b>2013 Participants:</b> 15 teams	Income:	\$ 750.00
	Expenses:	\$ 90.00
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		\$ 660.00
<b>2014 Participants:</b> 15 teams	Income:	\$ 598.00
	Expenses:	\$ 90.00
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		\$ 508.00
<b>2015 Participants:</b> 14 teams	Income:	\$ 654.00
	Expenses:	\$ 90.00
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		\$ 564.00



**FIGURE SKATING LESSONS/INSTRUCTORS**

<b>2014 Income/ Lessons:</b>	\$6,150.00
Expenses/Lessons Instruct:	<u>\$5,821.00</u>
	\$ 329.00
<b>2015 Income/ Lessons:</b>	\$4,580.00
Expenses/Lessons Instruct:	<u>\$6,260.00</u>
	<b>-\$ 1,680.00</b>



**OPEN GYMS**

<b>2013 Income:</b>	\$ 3,927.00 court rentals
<b>Expenses:</b>	<u>\$ 7,666.33</u>
	<b>-\$ 3,739.33</b>
<b>2014 Income:</b>	\$ 3,785.00 court rentals
<b>Expenses:</b>	<u>\$ 6,891.00</u>
	<b>-\$ 3,106.00</b>
<b>2015 Income:</b>	\$ 2,800.00 court rentals
<b>Expenses:</b>	<u>\$ 7,328.00</u>
	<b>-\$4,528.00</b>

**ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUES**

<b>2013 Men:</b>	26 teams	Income:	\$ 5,200.00
		Expenses:	<u>\$ 1,710.31</u>
			\$ 3,489.69
<b>2014 Men:</b>	27 teams	Income:	\$ 5,400.00
		Expenses:	<u>\$ 1,850.00</u>
			\$ 3,550.00
<b>2015 Men:</b>	26 teams	Income:	\$ 5,200.00
		Expenses:	<u>\$ 1,680.00</u>
			\$ 3,520.00



## ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES

<b>2013 Men's Fall Teams:</b>	1	Income: \$	160.00
<b>2013 Men's Winter Teams:</b>	1	Income: \$	160.00
<b>2013 Men's combined F/ W Teams:</b>	9	Income: \$	2,700.00
<b>2013 Women's Fall Teams:</b>	7	Income: \$	1,120.00
<b>2013 Women's Winter Teams:</b>	5	Income: \$	800.00
<b>2013 Women's combined F/W Teams:</b>	17	Income: \$	5,100.00
<b>2013 Co-ed Teams:</b>	24	Income: \$	<u>4,800.00</u>
			\$ 14,840.00

Expenses: \$ 7,551.50  
**\$ 7,288.50**

<b>2014 Men's Fall Teams:</b>	3	Income: \$	480.00
<b>2014 Men's Winter Teams:</b>	3	Income: \$	480.00
<b>2014 Men's combined F/ W Teams:</b>	7	Income: \$	2,100.00
<b>2014 Women's Fall Teams:</b>	3	Income: \$	480.00
<b>2014 Women's Winter Teams:</b>	4	Income: \$	640.00
<b>2014 Women's combined F/W Teams:</b>	16	Income: \$	4,800.00
<b>2014 Co-ed Teams:</b>	23	Income: \$	<u>4,600.00</u>
			\$ 13,580.00

Expenses: \$ 6,825.00  
**\$ 6,755.00**

<b>2015 Men's Fall Teams:</b>	1	Income: \$	160.00
<b>2015 Men's Winter Teams:</b>	2	Income: \$	320.00
<b>2015 Men's combined F/ W Teams:</b>	7	Income: \$	2,100.00
<b>2015 Women's Fall Teams:</b>	5	Income: \$	800.00
<b>2015 Women's Winter Teams:</b>	6	Income: \$	960.00
<b>2015 Women's combined F/W Teams:</b>	17	Income: \$	5,100.00
<b>2015 Co-ed Teams:</b>	23	Income: \$	<u>4,600.00</u>
			\$ 14,040.00

Expenses: \$ 6,699.00  
**\$ 7,341.00**

<b>2013 Sand Volleyball Teams:</b>	33	Income: \$	1,155.00
		Expenses: \$	<u>0.00</u>
			<b>\$ 1,155.00</b>

<b>2014 Sand Volleyball Teams:</b>	28	Income: \$	1,120.00
		Expenses: \$	<u>0.00</u>
			<b>\$ 1,120.00</b>

2015 Sand Volleyball Teams: 32      Income: \$ 1,280.00  
 Expenses: \$ 0.00  
**\$ 1,280.00**

**ELEMENTARY INTRAMURALS (No participation fees)**

	<b>2013 Expenses</b>	<b>2014 Expenses</b>	<b>2015 Expenses</b>
	<b>-\$1,087.87</b>	<b>-\$ 1,625.00</b>	<b>-\$1,831.00</b>
Flag Football:	39 participants	42 participants	22 participants
Volleyball:	95 participants	122 participants	95 participants
Boys Basketball:	56 participants	53 participants	25 participants
Girls Basketball:	42 participants	Combined with boys	28 participants

**HIGH SCHOOL INTRAMURALS (No participation fees)**

**2013 Expenses:** \$5,090.31    **2014 Expenses:** \$5,634.00    **2015 Expenses:** \$4,014.00

	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>
Basketball:	100	110	80
Mat Ball:	120	120	100
Pin Dodge Ball:	140	144	100
Volleyball:	--	43	--
Water Polo:	40	24	--
Four Square:	8	4	--
Ping Pong:	4	--	--
Badminton:	8	--	--
Indoor Soccer:	20	62	42
Wiffle Ball	--	--	48

**BROOKINGS (SENIOR) ACTIVITY CENTER**

**2013 Membership: 243**                      **2014 Membership: 211**                      **2015 Membership: 224**

	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
½ time Program Coord	\$12,813.50	\$11,297.44	\$12,894.00
Part-time Custodian	\$ 5,766.44	\$ 6,378.75	\$ 7,258.00
Dance Mgr.	\$ 2,626.27	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
	\$ 21,206.21	\$17,675.94	\$ 20,152.00
<b>Income:</b>			
Custodian Reimbursement from Activity Center	\$ 9,078.37	\$ 6,378.75	\$ 7,258.00
	<b>-\$ 12,127.84</b>	<b>-\$ 11,297.44</b>	<b>-\$ 12,894.00</b>

**MISC. EXPENSES**

		<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>
Seasonal Office Assistant	Expense:	\$ 8,144.76	\$7,755.23	\$6,473.00
School Custodial Reimbursement	Expense:	\$ 1,515.57	\$1,354.38	\$2,521.89

## DAKOTA NATURE PARK

Revenue:	Building Rentals	Equipment Rental	Recreation Classes
2014	\$3,450.00	\$ 8,955.00	\$ 1,657.00
2015	\$6,533.00	\$12,067.00	\$ 2,486.00

2015 was the 2<sup>nd</sup> full year of operations at the Dakota Nature Park {DNP}. The large majority of building rentals during 2015 were business retreats and a large number of SDSU groups during the months of August and September. The recreation department held kayaking classes and strider camps during the summer months.

The DNP has been fortunate to have been the recipient of several Eagle Scout projects over the past few years. In 2015 an eagle scout constructed 14 bird/wood duck houses and installed them in various locations around the park with the help of the parks maintenance staff. One more eagle scout project from 2015 has been pushed back to 2016 calendar year is the construction of a kayak/canoe launch that will be placed near the new boat house that is also being constructed in house by our building trade staff.

We have held numerous free events from plant identification, animal tracks, and bird banding with SDSU ornithologist Dr. KC Jensen. Dr. Jensen has also been a big hit with banding of the Northern Saw Whet Owl that migrates through the Brookings area each fall and spring. Dr. Jensen is one of 3 certified ornithologists in the entire state and with the help of many volunteers has made the DNP a hotspot for birding in the eastern half of the state. His birding log will help establish a running record of what species of birds, raptors, and migratory waterfowl are making the DNP their home.

With the generous donation from an anonymous person the Larson Nature Center has been given a full life size mount of a Great Horned Owl. The owl was named “Whoodini” by the local 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will be the parks unofficial mascot. Whoodini will be a great asset for our educational programming and also a great conversational topic at the Nature Center. Dr. Jensen and other volunteers have identified and been tracking a live great horned owl that will hopefully stay within the park and nest its eggs in February of 2016.



**Northern Saw Whet Owl**



**“Whoodini”**

## OTHER ACTIVITIES:

**Pete Colson:** Former Director Pete Colson served on the Brookings Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Board and spoke frequently to a variety of service clubs and SDSU classes on department subjects. Our Director, **Dan Brettschneider**, who started in December 2015, looks forward to working with these groups in 2016!

**Darren Hoff:** Darren is on the South Dakota Parks and Recreation Board as the Activities Chair. He was in the 2015 Leadership Brookings class sponsored through the Brookings Chamber of Commerce. He is the department liaison for many of the parent-run sport associations. He also works part-time security at the Swiftel Center.

**Mitch Pederson:** Mitch serves on the City's Lean Committee, he is also a member of South Dakota Parks and Recreation Association and the National Parks and Recreation Association. Mitch recently joined the Brookings Wild Life Federation and the South Dakota Wild Life Federation. He also is an adjunct professor for Recreation Facility Management program at SDSU.

# **PARKS AND FORESTRY DIVISION**

## **PARKS DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Downtown landscape, including flower baskets, Streetscape and Christmas decorations
- Other city areas: Activity Center, Culture Arts Building, Library, Rec Center, Police Dept, Veteran's Memorial, Fire Dept., 72-Hour Parking, Brookings Prairie
- Hillcrest Aquatic Center
- Larson Ice Center
- Playground inspections and repairs in all parks and schools
- Park signs and plantings
- Five retention ponds (growing in number)
- Douglas Chittick Community Gardens
- Sexauer Campground
- Fifteen Parks
- Allyn Frerichs Trail System
- Dakota Nature Park
- Restrooms throughout the parks system
- Twenty-one ball fields
- Ten soccer fields
- One football field and ten other practice fields of varying sizes
- Irrigation systems in all parks, schools, city areas, downtown and the community gardens.
- Fishback and Rotary Green Spaces

## **SHOP SUPERVISOR'S GENERAL AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

- General maintenance and repairs on all department vehicles, including over 100 vehicles, mowers, tractors, loaders and large trucks.
- General maintenance and repairs on all small equipment, such as rototillers, weed-eaters, leaf-blowers and chainsaws.
- Builds and repairs metal structures. Performs general machinist duties.
- Arranges all warranty work for machinery that cannot be repaired in-house.

## **BUILDING TRADES' GENERAL AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Build shelters and other additions throughout the parks.
- Install playground equipment.
- Repair and maintain buildings and structures in the parks.
- Repair items and provide small construction services to other city departments.

## **FORESTRY DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Remove diseased and hazardous trees in boulevards and parks.
- Prune all city trees on boulevards and in parks (an estimated 15,000 trees).
- Remove stumps, clean and fill.
- Plant trees in new developments and replace trees that were removed on boulevards and parks.
- Clear power lines for Brookings Municipal Utilities.
- Compiling tree inventory.

- Maintain three tree nurseries.
- Large machinery operations (bucket trucks, loaders) for parks projects.

2015 Parks & Forestry Projects <u>Completed</u>	Building Trades	Parks Department	Forestry Department	Contractors
Install new playground systems at Valley View Park	•	•		•
Replace approach at Soccer Park				•
Reseal floors at Nature Center	•			
Re landscaped Hillcrest corner	•			
Install signage for the south side entrance of HAC		•		•
Install lights at HAC		•		•
Reseal & paint pool at HAC		•		
Finish painting & assembling spray feature at HAC before opening		•		
Purchase skid steer (with snow blower), paint striper, pickup & two one -tons (with flat beds)		•		
Replace old electrical boxes & run water to camping pads at Sexauer Campground		•		•
Replace two light poles & lights at Softball Complex	•	•	•	•
Put in volleyball courts at Camelot & Pioneer Parks		•		•
Remove barb wire fence on east side of DNP		•		
Put in sump boxes at Pioneer Park		•		
Landscape Brookings sign at Pioneer Park		•		
Fix basketball standards at McClemons Park		•		
Create flower beds at log cabin & Brookings sign		•		
Install sump boxes in at Pioneer Park		•		
New garbage cans at Larson's Disc Golf		•		
Check mulch in all beds throughout parks & signs and add if needed		•		
Plant additional perennials on Main & 6 <sup>th</sup> Street		•		
Add gravel to Pioneer Park on the west end for Arts Festival		•		•
Spray & plant prairie grass at DNP		•		•
Replace floor scrubber at LIC		•		
Purchase a lift that can be brought up to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> level at the LIC		•		
Clean up south fire station next to DNP		•	•	•
Purchase ¾ ton truck & stump cutter for Forestry			•	
Finish the tree e-inventory			•	
Utilize trees that need to be moved out of the nurseries			•	•
Laid 800 yards of sod at soccer complex		•		
Put up Nature park signs	•	•		
Purchased new mower	•			
Replace water tower at Sexauer Park				•
Replumbed water meter pipes and built shed over them at Community Gardens	•			•
Add more bike trail overlays				•
Install freon leak detection system at LIC				•
Install fan regulators at LIC				•
Overhaul compressor at LIC				•

Built cabinets in Zamboni room for tools and storage		•		
Built cabinets for skates		•		
Cleaned and repainted benches in six locker rooms		•		
Repainted red rink floor		•		
Replace dehumidifier motor		•		
Went through all of Bisa and the Blizzards storage rooms to declutter them		•		•
Built racks for ice logos and stencils		•		
Removed 48 diseased Elms on the Blvds			•	
Marked 90 private diseased Elms			•	
Removed 10 private diseased Elms			•	
Did over 3 weeks of line clearance			•	
Removed over 175 damaged or hazard trees in parks blvds or alleys			•	
Cleared 6 blocks of alleys which involved trimming removals stump grinding			•	
Trimmed 15 blocks of trees for chip sealing			•	
Trimmed another 200 trees throughout the city			•	
Ground out and cleaned and filled over 300 stumps			•	
Planted over 100 trees at the nature park			•	•
Planted around 75 trees at Edge brook golf course			•	
Planted over 300 blvd trees			•	

<b>2016 Parks &amp; Forestry Anticipated Projects</b>	Building Trades	Parks Department	Forestry Department	Contractors
Remodel or replace bathrooms at Sexuar Park		•		•
Replace bathrooms at Pioneer Park		•		•
Upgrade Hillcrest volley ball court		•	•	
Build case for owl and build some other furniture for Nature Center		•		
Plant trees on east side of Larson Parks hill			•	
Plant more trees at Nature Park			•	
Purchase all CIP items	•	•	•	
Replace two more light towers at softball complex	•	•	•	
Drill test wells for Soccer complex				•
Resurface more of the bike trails		•		•
Relandscape at Hillcrest picnic shelters		•		
Work with group to build mountain bike trail at Nature Park		•	•	•
Build boat house at Nature Park	•			
Reseal outside of Nature Center		•		
Shingle golf cart sheds	•			
Install Indian Hills playground	•			•
Re paint racquet ball courts		•		
Add fill to east side of hill at the Nature Park for sledding		•	•	
Roof for Bob Sheldon maintenance shed	•			

## OTHER ACTIVITIES:

**Al Kruse:** Al serves on the City's Lean Committee and on the board for the SD Arborist Association. Additionally, he is a certified arborist and a member of the International Arborists Association.

**Larry Maag:** Larry serves on the City's Safety Committee.

**Bill deBlonk:** Bill serves on the City's Lean Committee.

**Josh Bauman:** Josh serves on the City's Lean Committee.

## THE YEAR AHEAD

We are excited moving into 2016! We will strive to “**Create Community through People, Parks and Programs**”. We encourage the community and visitors to explore what Brookings Parks, Recreation & Forestry department has to offer. Here's a peek at the year ahead:

- **People** - Staff members saw many personnel changes in 2015 and staff did a tremendous job taking on additional responsibilities in order for the department to be successful in 2015. With the combination of experienced staff members and new staff members in place for 2016 we will strive to be ambassadors to the community in order to showcase what the community has to offer. We will focus on improving our relations with customers and partners within the community.
- **Parks** - Highlights for 2016 include a new restroom facility at Pioneer Park, renovation of the restroom facility at Sexauer Park, continued softball field lighting improvements at SouthBrook Park, new tree plantings throughout the parks system and a new storage boathouse at Dakota Nature Park.
- **Programs** - We will collaborate with our partners in 2016 on multiple special events including Frost Fest, Dye and Dash, Halloween Bike Parade, and other special events that are hosted by partners. We will continue to offer programming for all ages and abilities and will be taking action to add, improve or eliminate programs based on historical data and new trends emerging in programming.

**Did You Know** – In 2016 Bruce Hovelson our Golf Course Superintendent at EdgeBrook will be celebrating his 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary working at the golf course. What a milestone, congratulations to Bruce!

**Did You Know** – We were the recipient of the Wellmark Wellness grant in 2015. This grant has been used to purchase numerous recreation equipment that has enhanced the recreational offerings for the community. This year's portion of the grant was used aid in the funding of the first tee program at EdgeBrook Golf Course as well as a pump track that was constructed at the Dakota Nature Park.

**Did You Know** - It takes 10,600 gallons of water to make 1 inch of ice on a 200 foot by 85 foot rink. The water is applied in layers by first misting water on to form a tight bond with the concrete. Then, the lines are painted on to the ice. Once the paint is sealed in with several more mist coats of water the flood hose is brought out to put water on at rate of around 1/32nd of an inch per coat. On average it takes around 50 coats of water to get the ice to a safe thickness for people to skate on.

# 2015 YEAR IN REVIEW

**TREES MAINTAINED**  
**15,000**



**TREES PLANTED**  
**475**

**53,000+**  
ENGAGEMENTS THROUGH  
BPRD OFFERINGS

**100+** Programs Offered

ACRES OF PARK AND REC  
LAND FOR  
RESIDENT USE  
**640**

**207**  
TWITTER  
FOLLOWERS



**24** Parks

**1** Safety Team  
Committee Member

Lean Team  
Committee Members **4**

**30+** COMMUNITY  
PARTNERS

**370** AVERAGE DAILY  
POOL ATTENDANCE

**EMPLOYEES**

FULL-TIME

**21**

**145**

PART-TIME/  
SEASONAL

**\$93,000** GRANT FROM  
DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENT  
NATURAL RESOURCES

**1,883**



FACEBOOK  
FOLLOWERS