



## **Lumpkin County Parks and Recreation Department Annual Report 2019**

This past year was another great year at the Parks and Recreation Department! We had several major staff transitions at the Athletic Coordinator, Administrative Coordinator, and Maintenance Supervisor positions, and our new employees in those positions have hit the ground running and are doing well.

The Dahlonega Sunrise Rotary Splash Pad opened in May, and was a huge hit throughout the Summer, and the weather stayed warm enough to keep it open until early October! UNG worked with us to utilize their pool for the summer to teach swim lessons and have swim team practices, so our community had several options for cooling down throughout the summer.

Athletics continued to be the core of our operations, with Spring Baseball/Softball having a total of 361 participants. Basketball was our next most popular sport with 243 players. That was followed by Football with 108, Pickleball with 93, Fall Baseball/Softball with 91, Cheerleading with 70, Swim team with 50, Wrestling with 33, and Track and Field (in its inaugural season) with 18. We are proud to have expanded our offerings in recent years, and look forward to continued growth within all of our sports.

After School, Summer Camp, and Break Camps were well attended, with Mary Catherine adding Adventure Camp, Drama Camp, and Art Camp during the summer session. We had 126 different participants during these summer camps, 50 children during Break Camps, and 118 children utilizing the After-School Program. Dance classes continued to be popular, with 42 participants, and our gymnastics program resumed after a year long break, with 35 participants in its first session back. All of our facilities were extremely popular as rentals, as we rented the Timken Pavilion in Yahoola Creek Park 182 times, and rooms in the Community Center were rented 475 times.

Maintenance work around the park included construction of the building housing the splash pad equipment, a start at some invasive species removal, painting the interiors of all restrooms in the Park, as well as all day to day tasks that keep the park looking great, including mowing, edging, spraying, and maintenance at the Reservoir.

2019 was a successful and fun year, and we are all looking forward to a fantastic 2020!