



Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, Inc

2023 Calendar Year Annual Report

To the City of Rockville

Background

The Foundation is a nonstock, charitable corporation operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation's purposes include:

- To help fund recreation, park and open space needs in the City of Rockville;
- To provide financial support to improve park properties and facilities, purchase equipment and other amenities; and
- To raise funds and solicit contributions, grants and other financial support to accomplish the goals described above; and
- To support, assist and coordinate with the City's officials, including those within the Recreation and Parks Department, to accomplish the goals described above.

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees, three of whom may be appointed by the Mayor and City Council of Rockville. The following Trustees served during 2023:

Vincent "Chip" Boylan	President
Cathleen Shannon	Vice President
Kevin Bradley	Treasurer Transitioned to Trustee
Alice Welch	Treasurer Replacing Mr. Bradley
Marilyn Peifer	Secretary
Julie Palakovich Carr	Trustee
Ron Watkins	Trustee
Diane Kilcoyne	Trustee
Anna-Marie Gallart	Trustee

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Trustees receive no compensation for their service and were required to adhere to the Foundation's Conflict of Interest Policy.

The terms and conditions of the relationship between the City of Rockville and the Foundation were established with a 2010 Memorandum of Understanding.

Recreation and Parks Department staff serve as liaisons with the Foundation, and at least one staff member attends every Foundation Trustee meeting. In 2023, these liaisons were:

- Christine Henry, Deputy Director
- Elisabeth Deal, Development and Marketing Manager

2023 Significant Activities

Organized and hosted RRPf 15th Anniversary Event at Croydon Nature Center, which included highlighting the top 15 accomplishments (including Nature Center sponsored hike at RedGate Park).

Created and printed a new Foundation brochure.

Reached out to City Council members regarding RedGate Park with ideas for use of the land and fundraising for its development.

Community Achievement Award recipients were selected and presented with awards at a Mayor and Council meeting. The award winners were:

- Scott DeGasperis and Ray Van Ryzin for their work at the Croydon Creek Nature Center; and
- Matt Verdell and Matt Fryer for their work on Skate Jam events at the Rockville Skate Park.

Hometown Holidays

Staffed two beverage booths with Board members and community volunteers for the duration of the City's Hometown Holidays celebration weekend.

Offered and funded free Uber rides for those who may have over imbibed at the event.

Antique & Classic Car Show

Operated the Beverage, Donuts and Snacks Booth.

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Suds & Soles 5K

Provided volunteers to set up, staff and clean up a Water Station at the Road Runners Suds & Soles 5K race in downtown Rockville.

Antique & Classic Car Show

Operated the Beverage and Donuts Booth for the event.

Fiscal Donations

Supported Rockville Recreation and Parks at their annual staff breakfast with ten \$20 gift cards (in accordance with the ethics policy limit) won by randomly selected staff.

Provided \$3,375.75 funding (Peifer Fund) for the purchase of shirts for Rockville's Youth Track and Field program for the MARPSA Regional Track Meet.

Swim Center Renovation Funding:

Set up, organized and planned the program for Rubber Ducky Derby in July of 2024 to raise funds for the Swim Center outdoor recreation pool renovation. Worked to get sponsors, prizes, etc.

Fundraising Efforts in the Community

Held a Fund Raiser at a Chipotle restaurant location in Rockville.

Held a Year-End Campaign to raise funds via direct mail.

Sought and received volunteers for our events from the City's Recreation and Parks Advisory Board and other citizens.

Financial Information

The Foundation utilizes the following two accounts for all receipts and disbursements:

General Account; and

Peifer Account (Account established to manage the funds donated by Foundation Trustee Marilyn Peifer in honor of her late husband Ken Peifer, a long-time Sports Supervisor with the City's Recreation and Parks Department. The fund is to be used to ensure that all kids, especially underprivileged ones, can participate in City sports/activities.)

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Fund	January 1, 2023 Balance	December 31, 2023 Balance
General Fund:	\$52,637.68	\$52,313.62
Peifer Fund:	\$23,671.97	\$20,296.22

Submitted by:

Vincent "Chip" Boylan

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