



Bowling Green

Parks & Recreation

*Foundation*

2021  
Annual  
Report

# Comments from Foundation Trustee President, Enrique Gomezdelcampo



Thank you for supporting Bowling Green Parks through your membership in the park's foundation. Throughout this past year (2021), our parks have provided a place where you can recharge, relax, exercise, and enjoy without having to worry about what pandemic restrictions were in place. Shown by the maintained high attendance to our parks, we seem to have recognized the importance of parks for our general well-being.

Our main fundraiser event of the year, the Party for the Parks (formerly known as Wine & Cheese Social), took place in person, but at a later date than usual to minimize pandemic-related issues. It was also the first time it happened at the new Veteran's Building at City Park. We improved some of the amenities and changed some others. It was a successful fundraiser, grossing over \$21,000 for the parks. This coming year, the Party for the Parks will take place at its usual date in late September.

As you may know, the Spirit of the Foundation Award was presented last year during the Party for the Parks instead of during the Member's Breakfast. The Foundation's trustees decided to continue to do this as the Party for the Parks event gives more exposure to the recipient and the Foundation. Expect a new awardee this coming September.

With your support, the Foundation was able to support the new shelter at Carter Park, created the Splash Fund to assist families with annual pool pass purchases, continued its support for plantings and maintenance at Simpson Garden Park, and funded the Wintergarden feasibility study, as well as the educational brochure for the Parks levy campaign.

**Now more than ever, the Foundation needs your help in supporting our BG Parks. The pandemic has had a financial impact not only on the parks' budget, but also on the Foundation's. Last year, we were only able to have one fundraising event, and we attracted few new members. Please encourage your friends to join us and participate in our fundraising events.**

Thank you for supporting our parks, and remember that in BG residents are no more than 1.5 miles from a park.

—Enrique

# Simpson Garden Park Endowment

Toledo Community Foundation      \$121,492

Mutual Funds      \$492,243

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**Total:      \$613,735**



# Cash Accounts

Wintergarden Grows	\$1,024
Building on Nature	\$14,008
Undesignated Funds	\$58,229
Sun Dial Memorial	\$13,042
Nature Preserve Fund	\$11,660
Pickle Ball Fund	\$8,655
Ridge Park	\$9,621

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**Total: \$143,626**

# 2021 Income



Party for the Parks (net)	\$13, 972
Membership Drive	\$11,909
Conrad Trust	\$11,184
Simpson Endowment	\$35,688
Sun Dial Memorial	\$13,042
Wintergarden Nature Preserve	\$7,207
Pickle Ball Fund	\$8,655

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**Total: \$141,318**



# 2021 Expenditures

Simpson Garden Park	\$52,409
Carter Park Shelter	\$38,853
Nature Preserve	\$2,018
P & R Programming	\$11,891
Pool Splash Fund	\$6,706
City Park	\$4,533

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**Total**

**\$125,359**



# Letter from BG Parks and Recreation Director, Kristin Otley

As we all look forward to more “normal” times, it is good to reflect back on 2021 which I would call a hybrid year. It felt sort of normal for BG Parks & Recreation, we were able to bring back some programs and events that we could not safely do in 2020. However, some programs still could not be held safely and a lot of the ones that we could hold had to be modified in some form. With modified programs and lower rentals of facilities comes lower revenue. Increased use of the parks themselves continued from the surge of 2020 which created a definite strain on our budget. The silver lining of this was YOU (and continues to be). THANK YOU for your continued support, not only financially but by your kind words to our staff, your volunteer hours & your presence at our events. We could not do all that we do without all of your support. You are truly “Enhancing Lives Daily”!

—Kristin W. Otley, CPRP