

# Parks & Recreation Department

*Play, Learn & Grow  
Through Battle Ground Parks & Recreation*



## APRIL 2010 Monthly Report

### **Kiwanis Park Water Feature**

Spring is here and summer is just around the corner! That means the parks will be bustling with activity as kids and families visit their neighborhood parks and playgrounds. Kiwanis Park, located at 422 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, is the only park that offers a spray water feature for kids to play in. It is located near the playground and has 5 fountains of water that spray up out of the ground allowing the kids to splash and play. Just tap the top of the post to activate the spray feature.

Operating hours will be 10am – 8pm utilizing the following schedule:

- Weekends Only: May 1 – 23
- Daily: May 29 – September 6
- Weekends Only: September 11 - 26

*The fun is here....all you have to do is bring your towel and sunscreen! ☺*

### **Comcast Cares Volunteer Program**

Comcast Cable company provided a volunteer park clean-up day on Saturday, April 24, at Florence Robison Park North. This volunteer project is part of the company's Comcast Cares Community Program which works with local agencies to identify an annual work project. Approximately-50 volunteers participated in this one day effort to weed, trim, clear out blackberry bushes and enhance the streetscape in front of the park. **Thank you Comcast...**we appreciate the time that your employees and their families took to help make a positive difference in our community!

### **Veterans Memorial Project Update**

The Park Advisory Board's April meeting was held at Kiwanis Park. Members walked the proposed site of the Veterans Memorial Project to get a better "lay of the land" and how the Memorial would fit at the site. Next steps were identified including developing a project timeline, completing a final concept design and implementing a donation and fundraising strategy.

PAB members, John Meier and Sharilyn Hidalgo, attended a pre-application meeting with City staff to go over the design details and requirements that the City would have in regards to design and construction.

Staff has partnered with the Parks Foundation to set up a project account. The Parks Foundation will act as the fiduciary agent by collecting and processing all of the donations. Donations received thus far are for in-kind services:

- AKS Engineering has donated their professional services for completing the project design and survey work
- Columbia West Engineering has donated geotechnical engineering services for the retaining wall design and some construction testing and inspections.



## Youth Programs & Services

Over the past year, staff has met with several local organizations and groups who provide some level of youth programs and activities. Staff found that there were a lot of programs available, but there was a lack of awareness of who was doing what, when and where! This soon turned into an opportunity to invite these groups and others to a first ever community wide round-table discussion on youth programs and services.

The first meeting was held on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Battle Ground Community Center with BG Parks & Rec, BG Library, Rock Solid Teen Center, Four Square Church and Starting Grounds Church in attendance. This initial meet and greet meeting was an opportunity for each organization to share what their current youth programs and activities are, what program opportunities and challenges they face, and a vision of what they would like to do in the future. Everyone in attendance was surprised to learn how many youth programs and activities are actually being offered in our service area. We also discovered that we had a lot in common including budget and staffing challenges, lack of marketing and promotions, and even program capacity issues.

Through this dialogue, there was a great deal of synergy generated, and the group felt it worthwhile to continue to meet. We discovered that by working together we could have a greater impact on the youth of our community. At our second meeting we discussed the need for creating greater community awareness of what is available. Staff will explore options for developing a community calendar of summer youth programs and activities and methods of distribution.

The group representatives have also expressed interest in possibly forming a type of Youth Development Coalition. The Coalition would establish goals and strategies to help better serve our community on a more global level. Broad goals that have been identified thus far include:

- Create awareness of programs and activities available to youth and teens in our community
- Expand and/or enhance program and service delivery
- Maximize local resources through partnerships.

## Senior Scene News

**Fundraising Campaign!** The Senior Advisory Board recently approved a fundraising campaign for 2010 to purchase and install electronic door openers for the Battle Ground Community Center. With the large contingent of seniors that attend the Loaves & Fishes Senior Lunch Program on a daily basis, there is a need for the electronic touch pad door openers. Although the current doors meet ADA standards, the people using walkers and motor scooters need a more user friendly style door. The Senior Advisory Board is looking to retro-fit a main lobby door and a door in the Lewis River room which are the two access points used most often by the senior population. The Senior Advisory Board will work with City staff on the project requirements, specifications and installation.

**Mad Hatters about town!** For April, the Mad Hatters had lunch at Chililiscious.....and delicious it was! From chili dogs to chili quesadillas, the group did not leave hungry! The Mad Hatters were pleasantly surprised to find that the owner had heard we were coming for lunch and had already moved several tables together to accommodate the group. As always, fun and good eats was had by all!

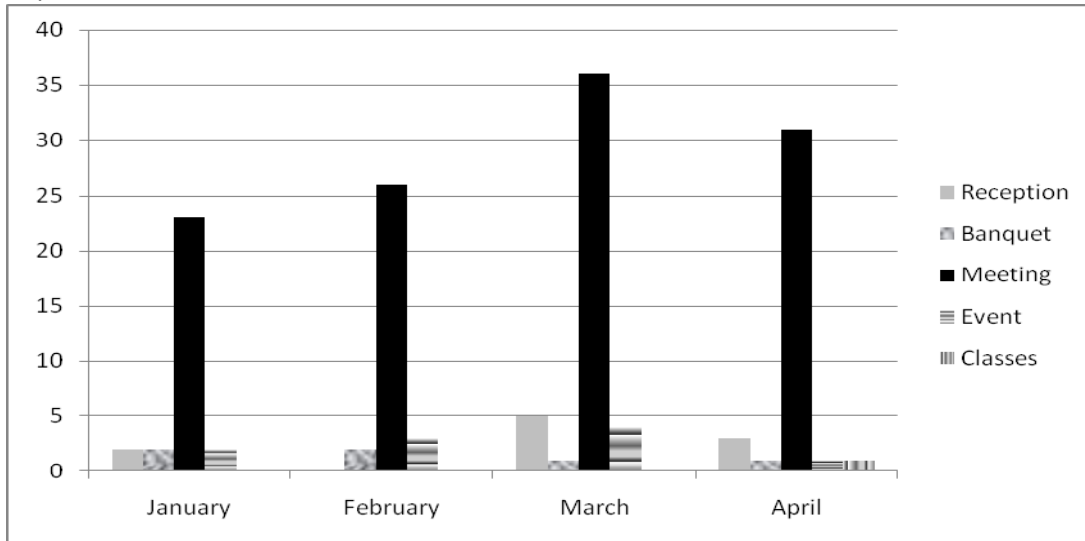
## Quarterly Facility Rental Report

The Battle Ground Community Center has had a brisk first quarter in the rental business. The following is a brief comparison of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2010 versus 2009.

Month	2010 Rentals	2010 Revenue	2009 Rentals	2009 Revenue
January	29	11,805	18	8,497
February	31	14,298	20	13,480
March	46	16,173	25	5,446
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>\$42,276</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>\$27,423</b>

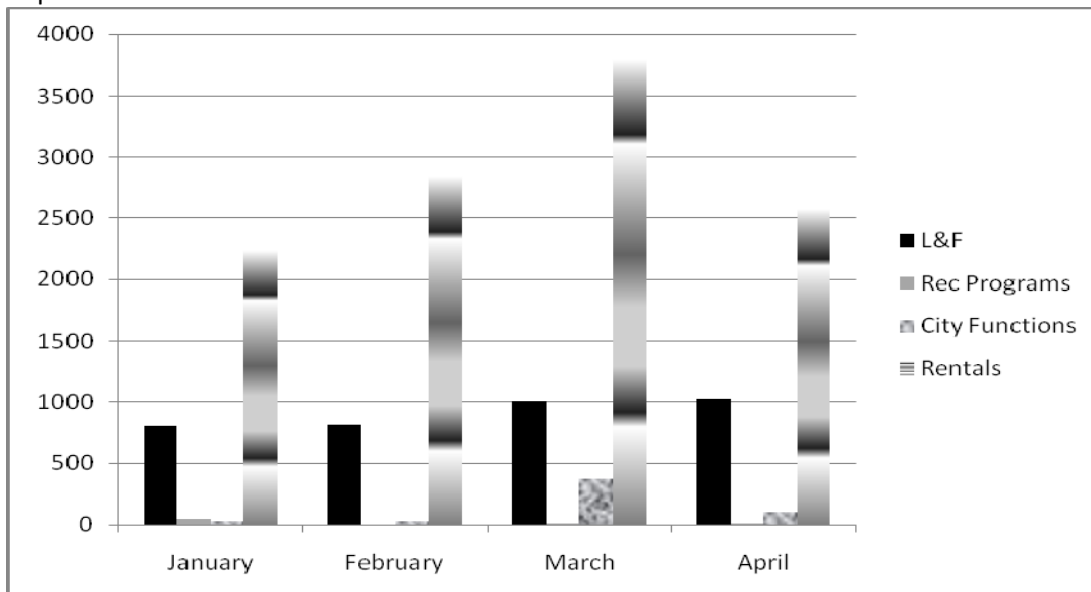
## BGCC Rentals 2010

Month	Reception	Banquet	Meeting	Event	Classes	Totals
January	2	2	23	2	0	<b>29</b>
February	0	2	26	3	0	<b>31</b>
March	5	1	36	4	0	<b>46</b>
April	3	1	31	1	1	<b>37</b>



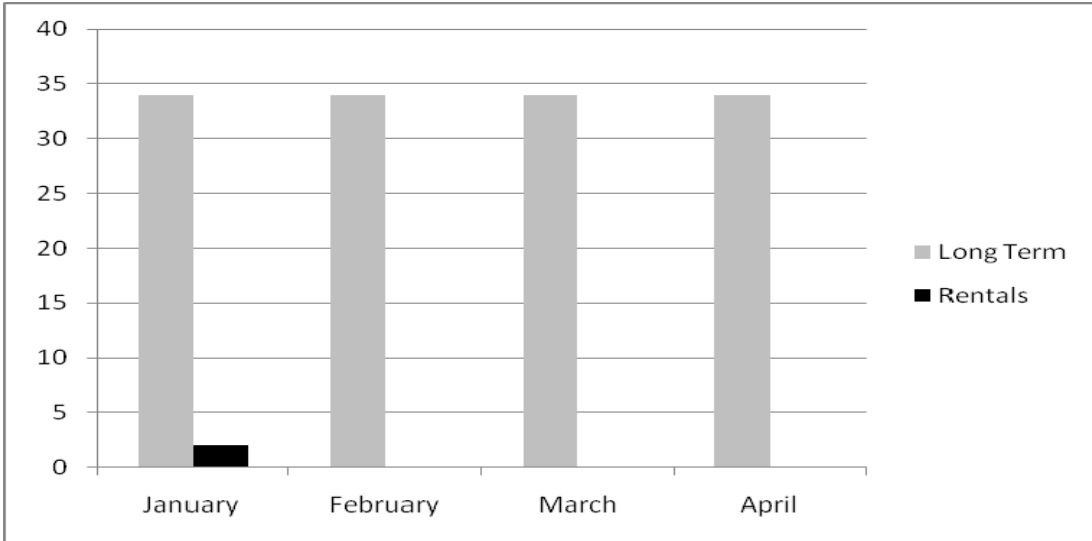
## BGCC Attendance 2010

Month	L&F	Rec Programs	City Functions	Rentals	Totals	MOW Deliveries
January	806	48	32	2231	<b>3117</b>	528
February	816	0	29	2836	<b>3681</b>	385
March	1009	14	373	3791	<b>5187</b>	329
April	1024	9	102	2572	<b>3707</b>	431



### Senior Center Rentals 2010

Month	Long Term	Rentals	Totals
January	34	2	<b>36</b>
February	34	0	<b>34</b>
March	34	0	<b>34</b>
April	34	0	<b>34</b>



### Senior Center Attendance 2010

Month	Long Term	Rec Programs	Rentals	Totals
January	577	158	110	<b>845</b>
February	577	177	0	<b>754</b>
March	577	165	0	<b>742</b>
April	577	150	0	<b>727</b>

