

Parks & Recreation Department

Play, Learn & Grow

Through Battle Ground Parks & Recreation



January 2010 Monthly Report

Winter Art Workshops

The Battle Ground Parks & Recreation Department partnered with the Battle Ground Art Alliance to develop a series of winter art workshops for youth and adults. Introductory art classes were offered in several mediums including writing, jewelry making and visual arts. The following is a brief overview of the classes that were held in January.

Writing our Lives taught students the basics of story writing, in particular writing stories about their family. 3 students participated in this class.

Introduction to Fused Glass Art taught basic principles of this art form. Students made a set of three beautiful flower window plates that could be framed or hung from a window. 5 students learned how to literally bring a flower garden inside the house during the winter!

Introduction to Jewelry Design taught 5 students the basic techniques and principles involved in making a beautiful matching bracelet and earring set.

Beginning Watercolor introduced students to the fundamental principles and techniques of watercolor painting. Using simple shapes like apples, pears and leaves, students learned how to layer the colors and capture the glow associated with watercolor painting. 12 students participated in this one day, 3 hour workshop.

Special Event Rental & Permits Program

In 2009, the Parks & Recreation Department assumed the oversight and management of the City's Special Event Permits program from the Community Development Department. A new policy and fee structure for this program were developed by staff and then adopted by City Council.

Staff just completed a Special Event Permit program summary for 2009. 33 applications were reviewed and processed with 31 permits being issued. This resulted in a 62% increase in permits issued from the 19 permits issued in 2008. The following is a brief summary of the event permits issued by category

- Block Parties: 9
- Group Picnics: 11
- Festivals: 1
- Concerts: 1
- Walks/Runs/Bikes: 1*
- Sports Events: 2
- Misc: 6

*Harvest Day Run permitted as part of the Harvest Day Festival Permit

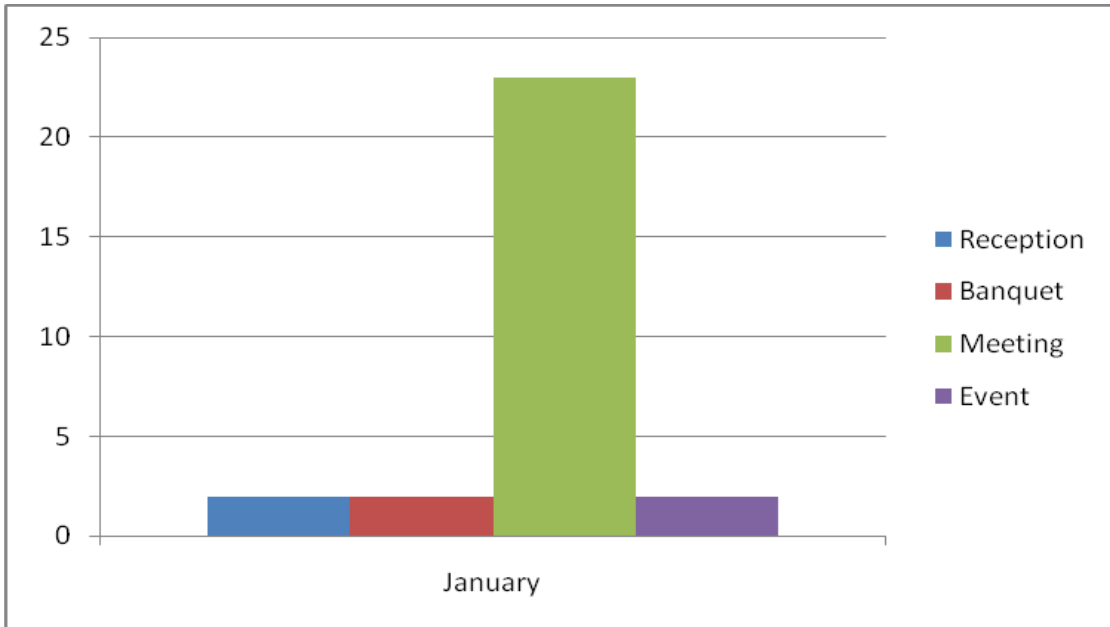
The Special Event Review Committee (comprised of at least 1 representative of each city department) recently reviewed the Special Event User Guide that was created and implemented in 2009. Staff updated the Guide which is designed to help people find and reserve space for different types of events, explains the permit process and provides a general overview of city policies and rules of use. The User Guide and Permit Application are available at the BGCC, City Hall and also on the city website under the Parks & Recreation Department Special Event & Permits section.

Park & Recreation Agency Roundtable

The BGCC was the host site of the first Park & Recreation Agency Roundtable meeting. This meeting invited Park & Rec staff or representatives of all jurisdictions to meet and begin a dialogue about programs, industry trends, budget challenges, fund development and opportunities to maximize resources, etc. The next roundtable meeting will be hosted by Washougal in early March.

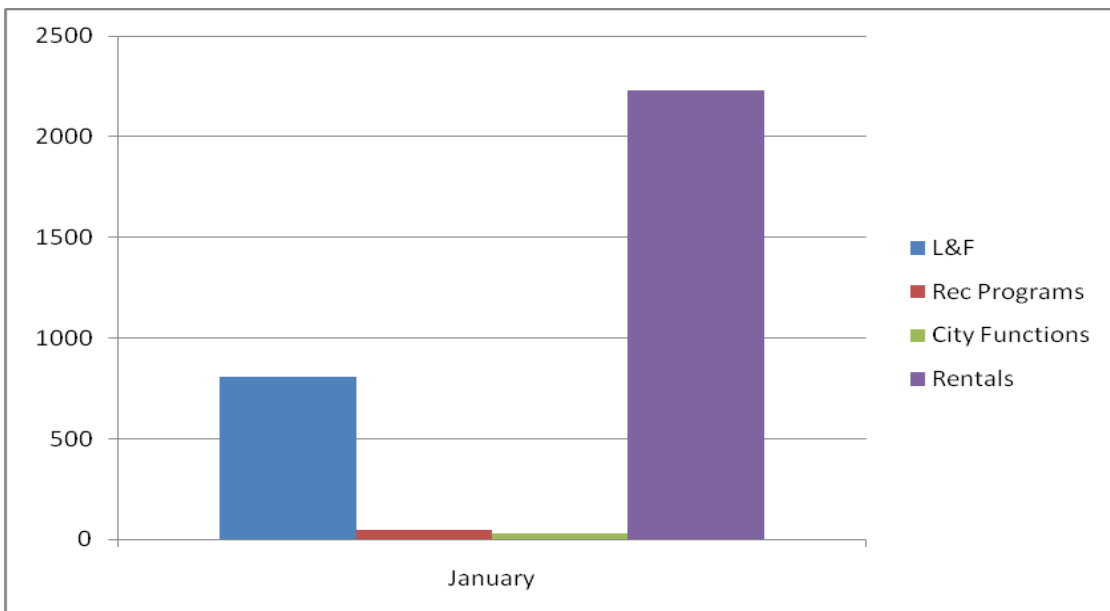
BGCC Private Rentals 2010

Month	Reception	Banquet	Meeting	Event	Totals
January	2	2	23	2	29



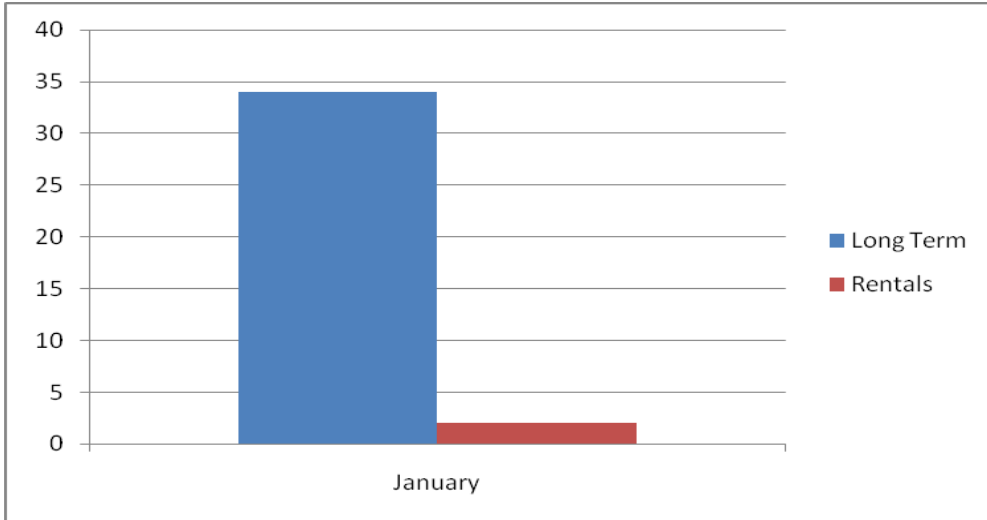
BGCC Facility Attendance 2010

Month	L&F	Rec Programs	City Functions	Rentals	Totals
January	806	48	32	2231	3117



Senior Center Rentals 2010

Month	Long Term	Rentals	Totals
January	34	2	36



Senior Center Attendance 2010

Month	Long Term	Rec Programs	Rentals	Totals
January	577	158	110	845

