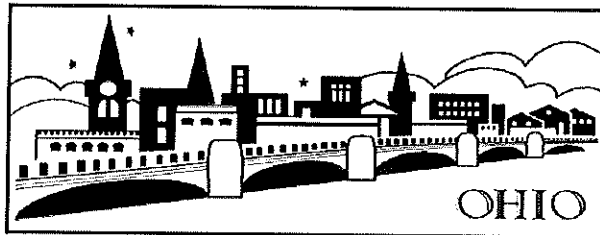


FREMONT COMMUNITY
RECREATION
COMPLEX

2014 ANNUAL REPORT



FREMONT
Parks and Recreation

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FREMONT COMMUNITY RECREATION COMPLEX

The Fremont Recreation Department employs 4 full-time staff members and a part-time/seasonal staff of over 70. This is a decrease of 13 part-time since 2010.

2014 marked the "14th Year Anniversary of the Fremont Community Recreation Complex". Revenues totaled \$819,112.78. *Overall expenditures were nearly \$50,000 LESS than budgeted.*

The Fremont Recreation Department manages, maintains and actively programs: 9 ball fields, 14 shelter houses, 4 multi purpose fields, 4 basketball courts, 3 seasonal concession stands and the award winning Fremont Community Recreation Complex.

RECREATION PROGRAMS

Over 1,300 adult and youth participated with the help of over 70 coaches, in organized sports and other activities in 2014. Some of these programs included:

Kinderskills	Youth Softball	Adult Softball
Summer Rec Camp	Youth Baseball	Adult Sand Volleyball
Swim Lessons	Adult Volleyball	Adult Basketball
Water Babies	Aqua Stride	Aqua Aerobics
Splash Camp	Senior Bingo Bunch	Group Exercise Classes
Pinochle Club	Healthy Heart Club	Youth Basketball
Free Throw Contest	Punt Pass Kick	Soccer Shoot
Indoor Soccer	Outdoor Soccer	Homeschool Phys Ed.
Mommy & Me	Learn to Skate	First Tee Golf
Ice Hockey Basics	Hockey Clinics	Learn to Swim
Senior Hoop Shoot	Skate with your Date	3 on 3 Basketball
Youth Volleyball	Co-Rec Kickball	Volleyball/Soccer Clinics

ANNUAL AND DAILY PASSES

Passes to the Fremont Community Recreation Complex continue to be the greatest source of revenues for the Department. During the course of the year, the Fremont Community Recreation Complex had about **1,600 Annual Pass holders at any given time. These pass holders used the complex a total of 39,674 times. An increase of 5928 from 2013.**

Many patrons of the Complex chose to purchase a Day Pass each visit for use of the facility during that specific day. **A total of 32,015 Day Passes** were purchased during the course of the year. **Total combined attendance for 2014 for Day Pass and Annual Pass holders was 71,689.** This does not include the thousands who came as spectators or participants in rentals and special events.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The Fremont Recreation Center is a hot spot for seniors. We have Senior Bingo Bunch, Pinochle, Annual Senior Hoop Shoot, Senior Luncheons, Healthy Heart Walking Club and much more! Currently we have an **average of 45 seniors drop in DAILY** to work out with our affordable pricing of \$1.00 R/\$1.50 NR. We also have over **300 ANNUAL** senior memberships. *We also employ local seniors at our front desk and as gym attendants.*

During 2014, the Fremont Parks and Recreation Department continued with its mission of being a positive part in our community. Partnerships grew with groups including

- Sandusky County Positive People
- Sandusky County Community Health Improvement Plan
- Local Girl/Boy Scouts
- Local 4-H Clubs
- ProMedica Memorial Hospital
- Firelands Counseling
- Hi-Society
- WSOS
- Summer Migrant Program
- Sandusky County Youth Leadership
- British Soccer Camp
- Goodwill Industries
- Fremont Little League
- Toledo Walleye
- ..as well as numerous local churches.
- Community Blood Drives
- Hospice ProMedica Memorial Hospital
- Sandusky County Health Department
- Fremont City Schools
- The Flatlanders Bike Club
- SC Asset Development Team
- The Prevention Partnership of SC
- Family and Children First Council
- Liberty Homeless Shelter
- NorthCoast Showtime Basketball
- Fremont Country Club
- Fremont Batting Range
- Local Service Clubs

SPONSORSHIPS

We received a generous amount of sponsorship from the community for our youth programs- some are listed below: Rotary Club, The UPS Store, Elks Lodge #169, Kiwanis Club, Fremont Federal Credit Union, Fraternal Order of Police, Exchange Club of Fremont, AAA, Fremont Eagles Hall, Jenesis Salon, DPM Automotive, Timothy Sauber (Dentist), Commercial Glazing Systems, Edward Jones, ProMedica Memorial, Crown Battery, Wendt Key, Automatic Fire Protection, Andrew Peterson DDS just to mention a few. This does not account for the 41 community businesses who participated in the GO project discussed below.

GRANTS

In 2014 the Fremont Community Recreation Complex was awarded the Sandusky County Park District Grant in the amount of \$3,055 for a new diving board and lane lines for the swimming pool. We also were able to benefit largely from the grant the Elks Lodge #169 received for \$2,000 which was put to use at our annual Splash and Jam. The FYHBA also was the recipient of a grant to purchase new and much needed hockey equipment. This equipment totaled nearly \$10,000.

NEW IN 2014

SERVICE GROUPS

The Fremont Recreation Center hosts the Elks Hoop Shoot, Punt Pass and Kick and the Elks Soccer Shoot annually. In 2014 we also collaborated with the Elks to take our annual Splash and Jam to a whole new level. We were able to make this a **free community event** for 250 people to swim, enjoy a cookout, bouncy house and many other family activities.

FIRST TEE GOLF PROGRAM

This year we introduced the First Tee Golf program in partnership with the Fremont Country Club. The program was called Drive and we were one of the first places in the country to have it. We had to purchase equipment, program, and naming rights to be part of the Lake Erie First Tee Program. The cost was covered by sponsors through different types of advertising. There were nine kids that participated in the 4 week program that aged in range from 6-14yrs old.

JR. SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL

For the summer of 2014 the Fremont Community Recreation Complex brought back the Girls Jr. Slow Pitch Softball program. This program was done away with a couple of years ago but we have hopes of getting the participation back up and the girls back on the fields for some fun, structured recreation.

U.S. FIGURE SKATING

The Fremont Community Recreation Complex is now affiliated with the U.S. Figure Skating network. All of our instructors are U.S. Figure Skating certified and those who participate in the lessons will also be affiliated with the network.

STAR NETWORK

In 2014 the Fremont Community Recreation Complex became affiliated with the S.T.A.R. Network in order to increase our knowledge of the ice rink and summits going on in the area. This membership fee was paid for by the FYHBA who are active members in the Network.

CO-REC KICKBALL

Co-Rec Kickball was brought back as a fall adult league this year. We were able to get 4 teams participating in this active Friday night league. We will continue this league in 2015.

BRITISH SOCCER CAMP

The Fremont Community Recreation Center hosted the British Soccer Camp this summer near East Side Park. This is a national organization that puts on soccer camps throughout the country. We were privileged to be selected by this organization to host their soccer camps and hope to see them back in 2015.

GOODWILL

Goodwill Industries hosted a large Job-Fair event here at the Rec Center. There were nearly 30 vendors ready to interview and help prepare those candidates looking for a job in the area. This rental filled our gymnasium with community members and businesses.

AAU NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT EVENT

In 2014 this relationship exploded into a national spotlight. Along with the AAU practices and tournaments we hosted a **CERTIFIED NATIONAL EXPOSURE EVENT** for college coaches. This enabled local athletes to be scouted and seen by colleges from all over the US. In 2015 we already have plans to grow this program adding another season and a boy's league.



GO! OUT AND GET HEALTHY PROJECT

GO! Program: A collaborative effort between local business agencies, county parks, hospitals, the health department, schools and recreation centers to create a healthier Sandusky County. The largest community wellness program to ever come to the county.

Back Story: A group of community leaders began meeting in August of 2013, following the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) project, which identified Obesity/Wellness, Mental Health and Prescription Drugs as the 3 levels of concern in Sandusky County. The Obesity/Wellness group's goal was to develop a plan geared toward awareness of obesity/wellness throughout the county.

Project **GO!** was developed and decided to launch in April of 2014 to run in conjunction with the FCS Family Fitness Month. GO would be a county wide event concentrated at children through distribution of the schools but open for all ages to participate. 41 community sponsors jumped on board donating prizes and/or hosting events.

A total of 15,000 GO Cards and instructional pamphlets were distributed throughout the county- 10,000 to schools. 552 community members returned completed cards. The event information was given to the following media outlets: Lifestyles magazine, The News Messenger, Sandusky Register, Clyde Enterprise, Bellevue Gazette, WFRO, Toledo Blade, 13abc, WNWO and the Port Clinton Radio. The program was also presented at the safety council meeting which led to area businesses using the program in house for wellness incentives. GO was also made into a Chamber Business Challenge for the Sandusky County Chamber members.



Throughout this process we were able to see the huge amount of community support to help increase wellness and decrease obesity throughout the county.



PROJECTS OF NOTE

- Lighting Upgrade in gymnasium- Rebate to be received for nearly \$5,000.
 - This project gave over \$10,000 to local businesses
- Sound system replaced in ice rink
- Parking Lot leveled in handicap area
- Equipment added to Free Weight Area and Cardio Area (treadmill, bike, lateral-x, elliptical)
- Software upgrade up and running
- Credit Cards accepted in house and online
- Online portal created to register for programs on our new website
- 10% discount added to programs for annual members
- Refunds given to parents who coach youth sports
- Facebook has grown to over 750 likes and over 1,000 visits

PUBLIC SERVICES

FITNESS FLOOR AND TRACK

Use of the Fitness Floor and Track continues to increase consistently on an annual basis. In 2014, new cardio machines were added to the fitness floor as well as various other attachments were added to the "Stretching and Toning Area." The biggest change in the weight area was the addition of the Free Weight Room. We believe this addition attributed largely to the \$16,500 increase in admissions revenue from 2012-2013. **This raise in admissions continued for 2013-2014 at a \$4,000 increase from 2013.**

WALKING PASSES

These passes allowed patrons who were only interested in using the Walking Track to purchase a punch card at a lower rate per visit than a Daily Pass.

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP RELATIONS

The Fremont Recreation Center currently has membership relations with the following businesses: this does not include corporations we offer discounted rates. Promedica Memorial, Artiflex, Whirlpool, Crown Battery and Curwood.

REDUCED PASS APPLICATIONS

In 2014, reduced passes were again offered. Reduced Pass Fee's are available to families living within the Fremont City School District and are eligible for the free or reduced lunch program within the schools. Because of the program, many community members could become pass holders and make positive use of the Fremont Community Recreation Complex.

PUBLIC SWIMMING

The Swimming Pool at the Fremont Community Recreation Complex was in operation for another season. Attendance at the Complex from June to mid-August was **5059** patrons. Even with record cold temperatures and rainfall during the summer of 2014, swimming lessons and aerobics classes were also offered in the pool drawing participants from toddlers to seniors. Family Swim and Lap swim were also offered throughout the week nights.

OPEN GYMS

Open Gym time is available daily at the Fremont Community Recreation Complex. Adult Basketball continues to regularly draw a crowd, especially on Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons.

Sunday mornings have grown into an open gym/clinic for, at times, 40 children dropping-in to work on basketball skills lead by our staff. These children come from all over the area for 2 hours of clinic drills.

PUBLIC SKATING

Public Skating times for all members of the community are set aside from November to March. Friday and Saturday nights continued to be extremely busy with nights of over 350 kids. Due to the number of kids, police presence was added again this year to ensure the safety of all patrons and families.

CHEAP SKATES

Cheap skate was again held on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. This hour and 20 minute slot from 12:00pm-1:20pm was a fun family time in the ice rink. Admission and skate rental was only \$2 which allowed large crowds to enjoy some affordable family recreation time on the ice.

FAMILY SKATES

These skates designed for the beginner skaters of the family and required that an adult accompany all children, were held on Saturday evenings. Family Skates drew an average of 100 participants per night.

-In addition to family skates we also hosted seasonal favorites including Skate with your Date, Thanksgiving Skate, Skate with Santa and End of the Year Skate. All which drew in a great family crowd.

ADULT AND YOUTH DROP IN HOCKEY

Drop In Hockey was consistently popular for both age groups. Adult Drop In was held for those over the age of 18. Adult league continued to grow in 2014 taking up two nights of Adult League games.

REC CAMP

Rec Camp runs for 10-12 weeks throughout the summer. There were 39 kids involved this summer totaling 159 visits. Each week is planned out by our counselors complete with a theme, craft and field trip. This year the kids traveled to the Hayes Presidential Center Museum and House tour, the old jail, Dairy Queen and Woody's just to name a few. Theme weeks ranged from Christmas in July to your favorite super hero. Each week newsletters were sent home with the parents letting them know all the fun that was had!

TEAM BUILDINGS

Numerous team buildings were put on at schools as well as hosted for adult and youth groups. Our staff comes together to put on this half day event and teach the basics and importance of team-building through different obstacles.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVES

Quarterly blood drives were held with the American Red Cross. This is a community event that is extremely important to those in need and will continue throughout 2015.

ANNUAL GIRL SCOUT CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

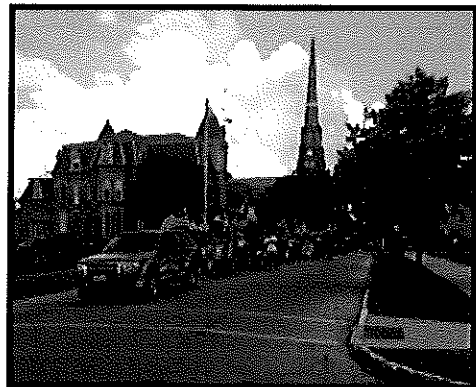
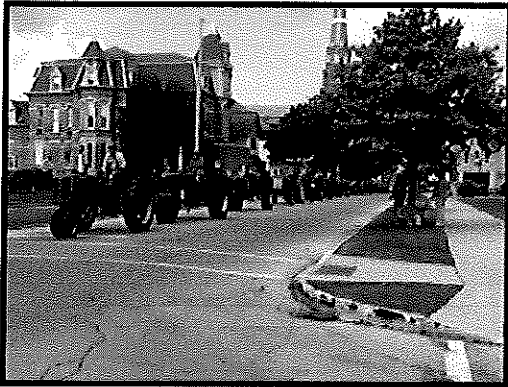
The tradition continued with the local girl scouts lighting the Christmas tree at the city fire department. This drew a large crowd for carols, cookies and a visit from Santa and his Elf. This year the tree was decorated in purple lights to symbolize domestic violence awareness.

SAND OTTERS EVENTS

The Fremont Recreation Swimming Pool is also home to the Fremont Sand Otters Team. Their team practiced in the mornings and held multiple meets throughout the summer. The swim meets brought in thousands of spectators from all over Ohio.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Each summer you can count on the Fremont Community Recreation Staff to arrange and manage the downtown 4th of July Parade. 2014 was no different, with nearly 30 entries the 4th of July parade was a hit as spectators filled the streets before enjoying a dip at the pool. The Recreation Center remains open from 1pm-5pm for those who would like to have a family swim or workout before the annual fireworks.



EVENTS/RENTALS

Renters of these parts of the Complex included: church organizations and schools for volleyball and basketball games, Scouting groups, team basketball and volleyball practices, WSOS, home school groups and others. These rentals do not include the large amount of pavilion/shelter rentals we receive yearly for family reunions, weddings, birthday parties, etc.

In addition, the complex hosted a number of large-scale rentals during the course of the year.

These large-scale rentals included:

Goodwill Job Fair

Goodwill Industries hosted a large Job-Fair event here at the Rec Center. There were nearly 30 vendors ready to interview and help prepare those candidates looking for a job in the area. This rental filled our gymnasium with community members and businesses.

Rexam Annual Egg Hunt

Rexam again rented our facility for their 2 day employee/family Easter egg hunt and get together. There were Easter decorations covering over half of the gymnasium creating a fun family filled event and egg hunt for the Easter Season.

Camp Fearless

Again in 2014 we partnered with ProMedica Memorial Hospital, Hospice- Camp Fearless summer camp. These campers went through team building activities and enjoyed the swimming pool throughout their camp. Rec Center Staff also traveled to Clyde to participate in the Clyde based camp.

Sandusky County Builders Association Home Show- Approximately 3,500 visitors attended the show during the course of the weekend. This is held annually the first weekend in March.

Run Walk and Roll Against Bullying-In partnership with the Family and Children First Council we hosted our 2nd Annual Anti-Bullying 5k. **This brought over 350 children out for a great event centered around bullying prevention.** We had a great turnout from everyone in the county.

HOCKEY TEAMS/RENTALS

FYHBA, Ross and Eastwood call the FCRC "home" as they play their season. They rented out the ice rink throughout the season hosting games and practices totaling over \$7000/month of rink revenue. These partnerships also bring hundreds of spectators from hours away enabling the Fremont Recreation Complex to show off its award-winning facility. FCRC also hosted "Try Hockey for Free" event for the community in

conjunction with FYHBA clinics. Areas of travel to the ice rink range from the Columbus, Cleveland and Toledo areas.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Numerous Birthday Parties were hosted at the Fremont Community Recreation Complex throughout the course of the year. Two different party packages were offered to the public: the "Jubilee" and the "Extravaganza". Both party packages included choices on refreshments and also included use of the Gymnasium, Ice Rink or Swimming Pool. We have also added a "Build Your Own" which allows the patron to structure the birthday party to their specific needs. This has been a huge hit!

AAU TOURNAMENTS

New in 2013 we developed a relationship with the NorthCoast AAU team. This packed our gym on Sundays with local and visiting AAU teams. This increased our concession sales and rentals as well as gave us an opportunity to show off our award winning facility. **In 2014 this relationship exploded into a national spotlight. Along with the AAU practices and tournaments we hosted a CERTIFIED NATIONAL EXPOSURE EVENT for college coaches. This enabled local athletes to be scouted and seen by colleges from all over the US. In 2015 we already have plans to grow this program adding another season and a boy's league.**

COMMUNITY HEALTH

YOUTH JOBS/COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Fremont Recreation Center employes a number of high school and recently graduated students. We are a starting point for their careers and give them reason to stay local. They learn job skills, responsibility and create lasting relationships and connections. Those who need community service hours are also welcome to complete their hours volunteering at the Fremont Recreation Center.

SCHOOL/HOMESCHOOL RESOURCE

The Fremont Recreation Center collaborates with Fremont Ross and St. Joe for a number of activities throughout the year. From learning based to field days the youth and school administrators utilize the recreation center frequently. We host field days, team builders, math challenges, early summer swim, clinics for the high school sports teams and many other activities. When the schools are tight on space we also provide the court space for basketball, tennis, softball, volleyball and track. The Fremont Recreation Center is also home to Fremont Ross Hockey in the winter and Fremont Sand Otters Swim Club in the summer.

The high school teams are also involved with our youth programs. During the season high school players are invited to help coach and host a clinic for our in-season youth programs. This creates a mentor/mentee relationship for our youth programs participants.

Homeschooled children also utilize our homeschool program for their physical activity credits. We serve homeschool kids all the way to Bellevue with the ice rink for homeschool skates.

CPR TRAINING FOR EMPLOYEES

CPR is an essential training for Rec Center employees. All full-time staff members attended the training as well as the majority of the part-time employees. In 2015 all employees will complete the training to ensure we are able to give the public the best service and safety possible.

CITY WELLNESS PROGRAM

A more comprehensive wellness program was begun to increase the overall wellness of our city employees and over time lower health care costs. Free equipment orientations and workout designs given by Certified Personal Trainers were offered to all city employees and their families with activation of their rec center pass. Monthly newsletters and free aerobics classes were also offered.

POLICE AND FIRE TESTING

Every two years the police and fire departments have to do physical agility and written exams for future candidates for hire for each department. For the past 2 exams the Fremont Recreation Center staff has led the way by administering and hosting the examination. These tests close down the building for the day to the public and takes

anywhere from 8-12 hours to complete due to the high number of applicants. With proper training the staff is able to administer the physical agility test to all applicants at no additional cost to the city.

SPLASH AND JAM –ELKS LODGE #169 SPONSOR (\$2,000)

