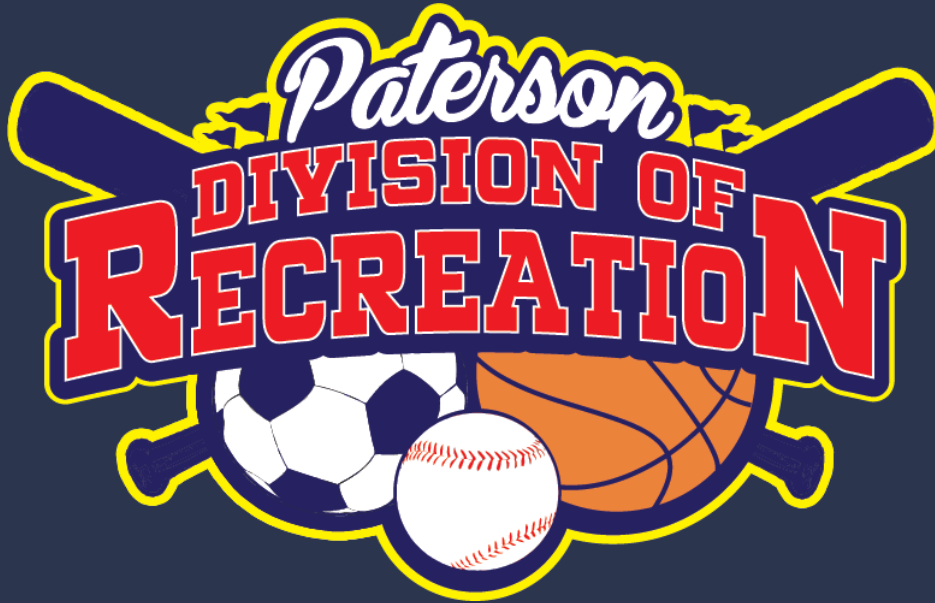




# ***Division Report***



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# City of Paterson



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## ***Mission Statement***

The Department of Recreation is committed to providing quality service to the residents of Paterson, New Jersey. We believe that the citizens of Paterson should develop an appreciation for the history, culture and contributions of the groups that contribute to the diversity of our city. Our mission is to promote excellence in the lives of each resident in the city academically, athletically and socially by providing programs that offer services for enrichment and social awareness. By adopting imaginative ideas, we will begin the regeneration of our community.



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*Division of Recreation*

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### *Department/Division Overview*

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### *Registering Participants*

The Paterson Division of Recreation staff reaches out to the community by advertising its programs on television, internet, Facebook, Twitter, providing Paterson residents, schools and churches with information about the program. Each year the number of registered program participants varies. The Paterson Division of Recreation goal is to continue reaching out to the community and provide high quality services to the children in the City of Paterson, New Jersey.

## **PROGRAMMING**

### **Winter Season**

Program	Participants
City League Basketball (Boys)	675
City League Basketball (Girls)	235
Biddy Basketball	105
Taub-Doby Basketball	330

### **Spring Season**

Program	Participants
Paterson Old Timers Youth Baseball League	900
Met League Baseball	65
Girls Softball League	145
T-Ball	85
AAU Basketball	240
Nooney's Gang Basketball Clinic	65
Transy East Track Club	45
All-Star Football Classic	60
Relay for Life	35
Autism Awareness Walk	25
Teens Step Up	75

### **Summer Season**

Soccer	130
Just June Basketball League	120
Tennis	65
Swimming	29,000
Transy East Track Club	45
5k Run/Walk	135
Basketball Camp	66
Football Camp	210
Golf	55
Vitiligo Walk	120

### **Fall Season**

Program	Participants
Football	600
Flag Football	180

Fall Basketball League	120
Fall Baseball League	90

**The following are programs run yearly. Participants of these programs do not reflect the seasonal numbers.**

Program	Participants
Boxing	30
Swimming	230
Wrestling	35

**The following are Adult based programs offered through the Division of Recreation.**

Program	Participants
Threads of Life (seniors)	20
Fit in 30 (Fitness Class)	55

**There are currently 5 programs in partnership with the Paterson Public School District**

Wrestling  
Basketball (Multiple Leagues)  
Soccer  
Tennis  
Football

**The following programs have partnerships non-profit, community based and faith based organizations. Participant numbers are reflective in seasonal breakdowns.**

Flag Football  
T-Ball  
City League Basketball (Boys)  
City League Basketball (Girls)  
AAU Basketball  
5k Run/Walk  
US Youth Games

**Over a 5 year period the Division of Recreation has serviced 170,000 participants.**



## 2019 SUMMER CAMP ENROLLMENT REPORT

Site	Total Enrollment
ST. LUKE	155
CALVARY	70
CHRISTOPHER HOPE	70
HERITAGE	72
ROBERTO CLEMENTE PARK	65
JUMPSTART	72
BOOKS AND BALLS SITES	287
SCHOOL 13	99
BUCKLEY PARK	45
ROSA PARKS	45
WRIGLEY PARK	31
EASTSIDE PARK	142
SCHOOL 26	35
SCHOOL 25	31
TOTOWA OVAL	25
PRINCESS 2 QUEENS	72
SPORTS CAMPS	517

**The total numbers of participants registered are 1,843\***

## **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

- NA

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION**

### The Sprite Process

#### **Goals**

1. To improve recreation facilities throughout the city.
  - We are constantly receiving complaints in reference to poor recreational facilities, lack or recreational facilities and availability of facilities.
  - The residents suffer from all of the above issues.
  - We need to involve local government, county government, state officials and the school district to get the funding to improve, create and upgrade our facilities.
  - It will provide recreational facilities that will better serve all of our residents. This would include upgrading some of our fields (Pennington Park Soccer Field and Westside Park) to artificial field turf. This would allow for a better maintenance plan and extended usage. This would also include a city run recreational facility. This would provide more recreation for our young adults (18-24) and extended hours.
  - The impetus of change should come from the administration, city council and the school district. This is a problem that is shared by every stakeholder in our city.
  - The upgrade and addition of recreational facilities is a “win-win” situation for administration, council and the residents. Ex. Pennington Park lower field could become five fields in one with artificial turf. You could have (2) junior soccer fields (1) regulation soccer field, (1) regulation football field and (1) softball field.
  - Everyone involved in recreation and athletics agree that we must upgrade our soccer facilities city wide. This would be useful for youth programs, high school athletics and adult programs.

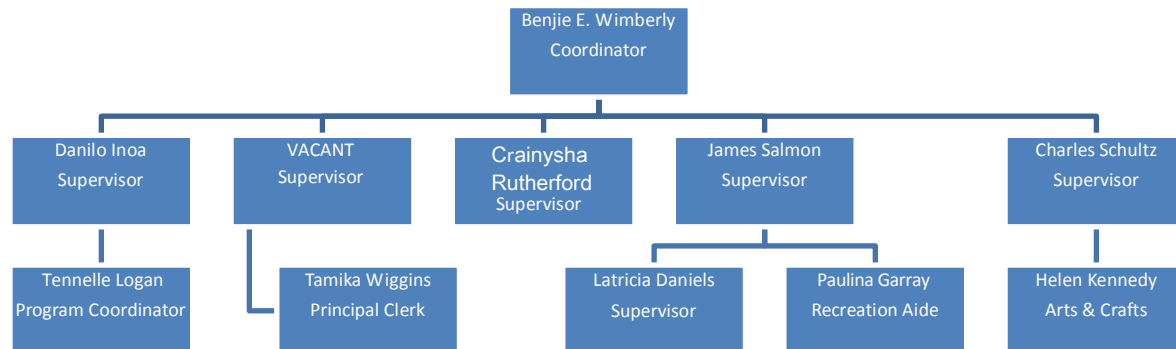
2. To improve transportation for all Division of Recreation Programs.

- We presently spend approximately \$50,000 a year on transportation for summer camps, games and recreational events.
- We presently have two fifteen passenger vans for use. We have various programs that request the vans on a daily basis. We can only provide the vans for various programs on a limited basis.
- The programs are suffering by paying for transportation to various events. Our basketball programs, soccer programs, wrestling teams, track & field teams and boxing squads travel throughout the year. Many of these events can be reached by van.
- The addition of (2) fifteen passenger van would greatly improve our transportation for summer camps, evening centers and athletic teams.
- The addition of (2) vans would be cost effective and very practical. Most cities our size and smaller have a least three vans for recreation.

3. To create the position of Deputy Director of Recreation.

- The position would assist the director in daily operations.
- The person would supervise recreation finances, permits and recreation maintenance.
- There are presently two vacancies in the Division of Recreation. We could combine these two vacancies to create this position.
- The salary should commensurate with educational background and experience.
- This would improve the daily operations of the Division of Recreation.

## DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE



## PERSONNEL

<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Job Title</i></b>	<b><i>Job Description</i></b>
Benjie E. Wimberly	Director	Responsible for the supervision of recreation. Responsible for 9 full time and nearly 400 part time and seasonal employees. Fiscal and budgetary responsibility.
Danilo E. Inoa	Supervisor	Responsible for park permits. Oversees and organizes soccer, swimming, baseball programming.
Jimmy Salmon	Supervisor	Responsible for basketball programming development.
Paulina Garray	Recreation Aide	Responsible for park permits and special projects. Support Recreational programs and activities
Charles Schultz	Supervisor	Responsible for all recreation equipment.
Latricia Daniels	Supervisor	Support for recreation programs and activities

Helen Kennedy	Art & Crafts	<p>Responsible for the development specific activities which address community needs, where applicable, within the city population, and which fit into the specific themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independence and motivation</li> <li>• Orientation and Mobility</li> <li>• Social interaction skills</li> <li>• Recreation and leisure skills</li> </ul>
Tennelle Logan	Program Coordinator	<p>Coordinates administrative or program activities involving various organizational units.</p> <p>Determines whether department activities/programs are essential and carried out economically and efficiently.</p> <p>Coordinates work necessary for planning, development, review, and implementation of cross-unit efforts, special projects, and new program initiatives.</p>
Tamika Wiggins	Accounts Payable	<p>Receives and reviews invoices from vendors, matches documents, codes and batches, assembles voucher packages for approval by appropriate managers. May perform other basic clerical duties associated with accounts payable.</p> <p>Responsible for developing resolutions and general clerical duties.</p>
Crainysha Rutherford	Supervisor	<p>Coordinate hiring process, drug testing, and orientation for summer &amp; evening program. Handle all write up &amp; follow up accordantly. Enter all Employees time into Payroll system. Assist the Director with coordination of all recreation activities including the engagement of personnel and recreation participants as well as providing guidance and instruction to staff. Assist with the coordination of activities.</p>

## ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT STATE OF DEPARTMENT

### *Policies/ Procedures*

- NA

### *Issues and Corrective Action*

<b>Issues</b>	<b>Corrective Action</b>
Chain of Command of the Division	Restructuring
More non-traditional sports activities	Seek out new ventures in such areas as dance and karate.
Further integrate technology into recreation.	Place applications and permit procedures online.
Diversify recreational programming to include non-sport activities.	Collaborate with community and faith based organizations on community improvement.

## **OPERATIONS**

### *Recommend changes required*

- Go Green by putting various recreation procedures online.
- Develop a full service recreation facility
- Increase the recreation budget to reflect the residents of the third largest city in the State of New Jersey.

## **FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS**

- NA

# PATERSON RECREATION STAKEHOLDERS:

Paterson Public Schools  
Crown Roll Leaf, Inc.  
Girl Scouts of America  
Paterson Housing Authority  
Paterson Catholic Regional H.S.  
Marcel Shipp – Arizona Cardinals  
United Presbyterian Church  
St. Augustine Presbyterian Church  
Jump Start Performing Arts  
Positive Impact  
P.A.L.  
Pioneers Basketball Club  
U.S. Youth Games  
The Record News  
Kodiak Landscape & Design  
McDonald's – Alisha Harrison, Proprietor  
William Bate – Passaic County Surrogate  
Paterson Scorpions Wrestling Club  
Barcia Brothers Fencing  
Nicholas Real Estate Agency  
Rackson Corp. – Ron Johnson, Proprietor  
Ike & Randy's Gym Boxing Club  
S&A Screen Printing  
Joe Grier Boxing Academy  
Paterson Old Timers  
Paterson Midget Basketball League  
Paterson Girls Basketball League  
U.S. Tennis Association  
Gaines Real Estate  
Community Baptist Church of Love  
Passaic County Community College  
Rutgers University  
National Football League  
United Negro College Fund  
East Main Street Grocery  
Vernon & Kay Mickens , Proprietor  
On the Job Café – Mike Jackson, Proprietor  
Gerald Hayes – Arizona Cardinals  
Mike Adams – Cleveland Browns  
Paterson Youth Instructional Football League  
Vera Ames-Garnes – Fourth Ward Alliance  
Rev. Dr. Frank Napier Jr. Scholarship Committee  
Menella's Poultry  
Y.M.C.A.  
Serenity Baptist Church  
Gilmore Memorial Tabernacle Church

Taub Foundation  
Boys and Girls Club  
Y.W.C.A.  
St. Luke Baptist Church  
Tim Thomas/ Shed Light Foundation  
N.J. Nets  
Creech Temple UHC  
Second Baptist Church  
Inner-Faith Performing Arts  
New Life Community Center  
Playaz Basketball Club  
Sparks Basketball Club  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.  
B.R.O.T.H.E.R.S. of Paterson  
Camel Judo, LLC  
Mrs. Cynthia Freeman  
Great Falls Academy  
Mr. John Setteducato  
Grand Hardware  
LaNeve's Restaurant  
R&R Sporting Goods  
R&D Promotions  
Costello Boxing Gym  
L&F Graphics  
Pop Warner Football  
Twin Valley Football  
Passaic County Golf Course  
New Jersey Parks & Recreation  
Christian Fellowship Center  
Bergen PAC  
Seton Hall University  
The Brownstone  
Sen. John Girgenti  
Grace Chapel Baptist Church