



Pineville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
January 15th, 2021
No Meeting due to COVID-19
1000 Johnston Drive

AGENDA & Update

1. Parks and Recreation Department Updates:

- a. Kristy's Retirement: Kristy's last day was Tuesday, December 29th. We had a department lunch with her and then held a public party from 1pm-4pm. Thank you to all board members who came to her tree dedication. She was very moved and appreciated everything. The dedication plaque has been installed on the wall of the stage behind tree. A big thank you to Lorraine Haynes for organizing the plaque and card. Kristy will be greatly missed!!
- b. Jordan Williams has been named the interim director for Parks and Recreation. We hope that turns permanent!
- c. New Budget: Jordan will start comprising ideas/items for the new budget that will start July 1. Heaters in the outside restrooms will definitely be on the list since we did not get them in the previous budget.
- d. Events Update:
 - Light the Night Drive Thru: Due to COVID-19, we were unable to do the normal Tree Lighting. Do on December 4th, we held a drive thru event in the BJCC parking lot. We decorated the center and greenery with lights and blow-up decorations. We had several stops throughout the drive thru: Santa's mailbox, candy canes, s'mores, reindeer food, hot chocolate, craft bags, and Santa! We had a packed house. The line at one point went all the way down Johnston to 51. We gave out everything! It was terrific. We got a lot of nice compliments about the event being safe and fun. Pineville Communications sponsored the s'mores and Hope Soccer sponsored the candy canes. The Pineville Fire Department transported Santa on the fire truck!

- Scavenger Hunts: We had to get creative for safe activities for families to engage in due to COVID-19. So, we orchestrated two scavenger hunts, one at Lake Park and one at Jack Hughes Park. We created a map and instructions for families to search the parks for hidden bells or reindeer. Each park had a hidden word that the families had to unscramble. Then they emailed us to let us know the secret word. We had a lot of fun with this and the families did too. We had a lot of participation and three families in each hunt won prizes by a random draw.
- Virtual Gingerbread House Contest: So many families already create Gingerbread Houses, so we thought it would fun to have a contest. Pineville Communication sponsored so we let them judge and get the prizes together. All the families had to do was submit their houses by email. We had 3 families win prizes.

e. Upcoming Senior Events:

- Popcorn Drive Thru: We are trying to get these senior drives thru going with more people coming through. January 19th is National Popcorn Day so we wanted to treat ALL seniors who come through some popcorn and a soda pop. We are going to try and do one of these each month.
- Senior Valentines Drive Thru: Due to COVID-19, we cannot hold the annual Senior Valentines Banquet. In its place, we are going to do a drive thru lunch on February 12th. The boxed lunch will more than likely be from Jersey Mikes or McAlisters. It will contain a ham or turkey sandwich, chips, and cookie. We hope to get as many signups as possible so the seniors have something to look forward to. We will also be handing out goodie/treat bags to each senior. We will also still be doing the raffle from the people who sign up.
- Pound Cake Drive Thru: March 4th is National Pound Cake Day, so we will serve the seniors pound cake and beverage.

f. Upcoming Events:

- Valentines Scavenger Hunt: We plan to do what we did in December for more holidays. This hunt will run February 1-14.
- St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt: This hunt will run March 1-17.

g. reCREATE Grab N Go Kits: We have still been doing these craft/goodie kits. Some of the themes included two Christmas bags, superhero, western, and pirates. They are still popular since the kids are still out of school. We are at least planning to do them through Valentines Week. If the kids go back to school, then we more than likely stop them.

2. Athletic Program Updates:

- a. Pineville Soccer: We are not going to hold the tot soccer in the spring. With COVID-19, it seemed safer to skip another season since this is a close contact sport.
- b. PCAA: Registration started January 1st and will continue through beginning of February for the Spring season. Fingers crossed they get to start on time. Waivers will still need to be signed for COVID-19 by all participants.

Next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting – February 16th, 2021