



2015



# City of Eagle Parks and Recreation Annual Report

## **Executive Summary**

- A draft of the first Eagle Parks and Recreation Master Plan that used a statistically valid survey of the citizens of Eagle, public meetings, stakeholder meetings, reviews by Parks and Pathway Committee and City Council has been presented to City Council for their action.
- Hired a full time Trail Coordinator to help guide and direct the trail program for the City of Eagle. Trails and trail issues were identified as some of most important services provided by the City of Eagle.
- Since the importance of trails was identified as a highly valued item in the draft of the Eagle Parks Master Plan, a grant was applied for and awarded to Eagle Parks and Recreation from the National Park Service which will provide technical assistance through their Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program to assist us in the creation of a city-wide trail master plan. This will begin an 18-24 month process of developing a city-wide trail master plan that will become part of the Eagle Parks and Recreation Plan.
- Operated a full year of recreation classes for all ages including the mailing of three seasonal activity guides to all residents of Eagle.
- Planned and operated the following community wide events: Eagle Fun Days, Eagle Country Christmas, Harvest Fest, Eagle Car Show, Eagle Fun Run and the Gazebo Concert Series which served thousands of citizens and guests.
- Assumed management and operational responsibility for the Eagle Saturday Market and begun the process of evaluating it for changes and improvements.
- Completed 29 major projects with a value of \$724,456.
- Volunteers contributed over 780 hours of labor to Eagle's trails in 2015 which is almost 100 eight-hour days.
- Improved the presentation and viewing experience in Eagle City Council Chambers by adding 4 large screen displays, 8 staff/council viewing screens and a new presentation display screen for public lead presentations.
- Finished a city wide street tree survey that identified all of the public trees, their species and current condition.
- Did safety improvements to playground areas at Friendship and Orval Krasen Parks and added updated playground equipment at Orval Krasen Park.
- Added a professionally designed and installed bicycle skill park at Ada/Eagle Sports Complex.

- Created the Community Enhancement Coordinator position to do Community Events.
- Paved over 2000' of Greenbelt pathway along the North side of the North channel of the Boise River east of Edgewood Street.
- Added directional and distance signage along the Greenbelt from Garden City limits to Ballentyne Road a distance of approximately three miles.
- Created a sports field management plan for Guerber Park which included scheduled aeration, top dressing, over seeding, fertilizing and mowing. The plan was created through an irrigation audit and soil analysis which lead us to improve the irrigation system in the park by installing an irrigation control system that will help us monitor and adjust the watering of the field and park.
- The proposed Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge alongside the North Channel Eagle Road Bridge was accepted as a Project Development Program with COMPASS. This bridge will provide access for pedestrians and bicyclist to downtown Eagle from the south side of the river.

**Parks and Pathway Development Commission**

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**Parks and Recreation Staff**

Mike Aho-Director

Christina Coats-Administrative Assistant

Dave Rioux-Maintenance Specialist

Wayne Hancock-Maintenance Specialist

Caitlin Straubinger-Recreation Coordinator

Jenessa Hansen-Community Enhancement  
Coordinator

Steve Noyes-Trails Coordinator

## Parks

- Improved playground areas at Friendship Park and Orval Krasen Park by replacing railroad tie retaining walls with concrete.



**Playground Friendship Park before construction**



**Playground Friendship Park during construction**

- Landscaped along the roadside at Guerber Park.



**Guerber Park roadside-before**



**Guerber Park roadside-after**

- Started the Guerber Park rehabilitation which included upgrading the sprinkler system, performing an irrigation audit, performing deep tine aeration, top dressing and overseeding, and a soil analysis.



**Overseeding Guerber Park**



**Irrigation audit Guerber Park**

- Repaired the trail around Merrill Park.



**Merrill Trail-before**



**Merrill Trail-after**

- Added new playground equipment at Orval Krasen Park.



Comment from Eagle resident about new equipment

*“I wish to thank you on the new piece of equipment just installed in this park, my wife has lived across from it and I have been here 5 years. This is the first time I can remember a constant sound of kids playing. So far the park has come back to life.”*

- Completed trail work at Sports Complex on the old 4 cross trail and finished a new downhill trail.



**Trail work Ada/Eagle Sports Complex**

- The Eagle BMX track was reconfigured by volunteers.



**Volunteers work on the BMX Track**

- Water bottle fill stations and drinking fountains added at the Ada/Eagle Sports Complex.



**Water bottle fill station at bathrooms**



**Water bottle fill and drinking fountain by the skate park**

- Designed and had built the new bike skill park at Ada/Eagle Sports Complex.



**Staging for Skill Park construction**

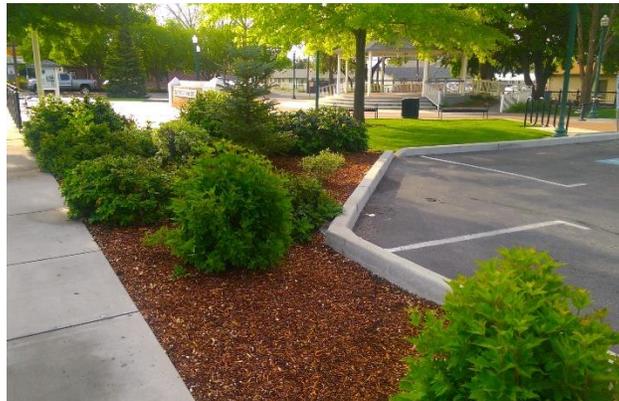


**Skill Park element**

- Improved landscaping around Heritage Park and Sports Complex.



**Heritage Park-before**



**Heritage Park-after**

- New security cameras were installed at the Ada/Eagle Sports Complex.
- Completed the new fence surrounding the new Skill Park at Ada/Eagle Sports Complex.

## Trails

- Repaired trail alongside Highway 44.



**Trail repair work alongside Highway 44**

- The proposed Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge alongside the North Channel Eagle Road Bridge was accepted as a Project Development Program with COMPASS.



**Rendering of pedestrian/bike Bridge on Eagle Road**

- Oversaw paving of over 1200' of the Greenbelt Trail on the north side of the Boise River just east of Merrill Park.



**New Greenbelt pavement**



**Greenbelt paving work**

- Rebuilt the retaining wall on the eastside of the Stierman Trail.



**Stierman Wall-before**



**Stierman Wall-after**

- Oversaw the completion of the Greenbelt connection from Edgewood Lane and the construction of a temporary public parking area.



**New public Greenbelt access**

- In cooperation with COMPASS installed electronic counters on trails to help determine the number of trail users.



**Location of trail counter**

- Soil Sement, a polymer based liquid, was successfully used in new trail construction, as well as the restoration of existing trails, to reduce surface wear, erosion and long term maintenance costs.



**Installing Soil Sement**

- Cut and removed over 25 downed trees on paved and unpaved trails.



**Tree across Greenbelt**



**Hauling tree out**

- Purchased an ATV with a blower to clear debris from the Greenbelt more thoroughly, more often, while spending fewer labour hours.



**ATV with blower**

- Supervised an Eagle Scout Project that involved removing over ¼ mile of rusted barbed wire along the side of the Mace Trail.



**Scouts removing barb wire**

- A cooperative effort with COMPASS began to accurately document the trail system in the Eagle Area of Impact.



**Draft of trail map**

- Received an award of technical assistance from the National Park Service in October to assist our effort in trails master planning.
- The Eagle/Boise Area was awarded the International Mountain Bike Association's Gold Ride Center in 2015. This is a very prestigious honor, and the Ada/Eagle Bike Park played a key role in the award.
- Received the easement over the Monroc Road so the Greenbelt Trail could be paved the entire length from Eagle Road to Lucky Peak.
- Repaved, sealed and patched the neighborhood trails in Palemetto and Stierman.

## Programs and Events

- Local Cub Scouts planted a tree as part of Eagle's 22<sup>nd</sup> Arbor Day celebration. Councilman Ridgeway was on hand to read the proclamation.



**Tree planting at Orval Krasen Park**

- Held the first Custom Car Show held at Eagle City Hall in September to help raise money for the Youth Scholarship Fund.



**Classic cars at Eagle City Hall**

- Events at Ada/Eagle Sports Complex included the Idaho Enduro Series season opener, Waffle Cross Cycle Cross Races, and Idaho High School Racing League event.



**Idaho High School race league**



**Waffle Cross race**

- Produced the Gazebo Concert Series which included 7 different artists on the last Thursday of the month from April-October.



**Gazebo at Heritage Park**



**Audience at Gazebo Series**

- In cooperation with the Eagle Museum operated the Harvest Fest at Heritage Park.



**Pumpkin decorating**



**Music and vendors**

- Operated and organized Eagle Country Christmas.



**Music at Country Christmas**



**Carriage rides Country Christmas**

- Operated Family Fun Night, Eagle Fun Run, Music Entertainment, Cornhole Tournament, and the Fireworks show for Eagle Fun Days.



**Family Fun Night during Eagle Fun Days**

- Operated a full year of recreation class for all ages including the mailing of three seasonal activity guides to all residents of Eagle.



**Recreation Activity Guides 2016**

- Offered a total of 145 recreational programs for all ages with 663 people enrolled.



**Preschool Sports**



**Adult Coloring Class**

- Operated 11 weeks of youth summer camps including sports camps, themed camps, and preschool camps.



**Archery at Summer Camp**



**Summer Camp 2015**

- Created revenues of \$39,831 in recreation programs.

## Volunteers

- With volunteer labor from Bank of Cascades Day of Caring event installed 32 wayfinding signs from Garden City limits to Ballentyne along the Greenbelt.



**Volunteers at Day of Caring**



**Signs installed during Day of Caring**

- Brownie Scouts contributed on two occasions to clean a section of greenbelt and raise funds for the Eagle Parks and Recreation Youth Scholarship Program.



**Brownies cleaning the Greenbelt**

- Eagle area Webelos Scouts volunteered to help clean up the Greenbelt.



**Webelos cleaning the Mace Trail**

- Supervised an Eagle Scout Project on the trails of the Ada/Eagle Bike Park.



**Eagle Scout project at Ada/Eagle Sports Complex**

- The Boise State Construction Management Program volunteered to help improve the trails at the Ada/Eagle Sports Complex.



**Boise State volunteer project at Ada/Eagle Sports Complex**

- Students from Cherry Gulch Boarding School spent a few days staining fences at the Ada/Eagle Sports Complex.



**Volunteers painting a fence**

- The Ada County Sheriff's Labor Detail made a significant contribution to the trails at the Ada/Eagle Sports Complex Bike Park.



**Sheriff's Labor Detail at Ada/Eagle Sports Complex**

### **Facilities**

- In collaboration with Annie Lloyd from our IT Department, completed City Council Chambers upgrade that included 4 new public viewing screens, 8 staff/council view screens, new control interface, and public podium presentation tablet.



**Council Chambers Upgrade**

- Improved the landscaping around Eagle Library.



**Before**



**After**

- Created and installed a new outside sign for the Eagle Senior Center.



**Old sign**



**New sign**

- Moved into a new warehouse which added workspace for seasonal and field staff from 2,160 square feet to 4,320 square feet.



**New warehouse**

- In collaboration with Annie Lloyd from our IT Department completed City Hall conference room upgrades which included an interactive display panel, new whiteboards and projector.
- Added a Fire Alarm System in the Eagle Senior Center.
- Improvements in the Library included a new conference room and floor covering for the public computer use area.

### Other

- Added new sitting areas at Library and Heritage Park.



**Library**



**Heritage Park**

- Created and built the “Moment Board” which is a way for the public to voice their opinion on topics.



**Moment Board at Country Christmas**

- Purchased new trucks for Park Department and Water Department including a commercial grade snow plow.



**New Park Department truck**

- Refurbished Eagle overhead sign on Eagle Road.



**Installing Sign**

- Watered and maintained 40 Flower Baskets throughout downtown Eagle from May-October.



**Downtown flower basket**



**Wayne putting up flower baskets**

- Hired Steve Noyes as the City of Eagle's fulltime Trail Coordinator.



**Trail Coordinator-Steve Noyes**

- The responsibility of managing and operating the Eagle Saturday Market was assigned to Eagle Parks and Recreation.



**Eagle Saturday Market-Heritage Park**

- Completed structural tree pruning at Sports Complex, Orval Krasen Park, City Hall, Library, and Heritage Park.



**Structural Pruning-Library**

- Inventoried all the street trees and publicly owned trees in the City of Eagle. The inventory included species identification and a conditions report on each tree.
- Created the Community Enhancement position which oversees community events, Saturday Market, and city wide art projects.
- Christina Coats was hired to fill the Administrative Assistant Position which was vacated when Jenessa Hansen was moved to the Community Enhancement Coordinator.

## **Goals for 2016**

- Continue plans and development of a dog park which was identified as a priority by the citizens in the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- Finish paving of the Greenbelt east of the Monroc Service Road which will complete the paving of the Greenbelt from Eagle Road to Lucky Peak, a distance of over 20 miles.
- Start the public process of the Eagle Trail Master Plan.
- Begin construction of the Highway 44 pedestrian underpass at Dry Creek which will connect residents north of Highway 44 to the Boise River and the Greenbelt. Funding for this project was received through a Transportation Alternative Program grant.
- Improve management and operation of the Eagle Saturday Market by increasing the number of vendors and expanded promotions to draw more customers.
- Identify potential sites west of Eagle Road that could be used for parks that have the space to include sports fields. This item was identified as important in the Draft Parks Master Plan by the citizens of Eagle.
- Add three additional community wide special events:
  - Trail Eggxtravaganza - An Easter egg hunt event along the trails in Eagle for children.
  - Yappy Hour-A temporary dog park in Merrill Park for dogs and owners to socialize, enjoy music, drink and food.
  - Trail Treasure Trek-A family focused scavenger hunt hike on Eagle trails.

## **Acknowledgements**

The City of Eagle Parks and Recreation Department has a hard working and dedicated team of outstanding individuals. All of the accomplishments of 2015 were a team effort of Dave Rioux, Wayne Hancock, Jenessa Hansen, Caitlin Straubinger, Steve Noyes and Christina Coats. These six people are the heart and soul of our Department and I am honored to be part of this great team. All of the wonderful things we did this year were because of the support of Mayor: Jim Reynolds, Council President: Stan Ridgeway, Council Members: Mary McFarland, Mark Butler, and Jeff Kunz.

The staff of Planning/Zoning, Building, Water, Clerk's/Treasurers office, Information Technology, Eagle City Library, Eagle Museum, Eagle Senior Center, Eagle Police and Eagle Fire Department have all been essential support and team members for the things we have accomplished in 2015. Guiding us through this year has been the Parks

and Pathway Committee of President Randy Zollinger, members Dan Friend, Don Stockton, Marc Grubert, Scott Marshall, Lynn Moser and Charlie Baun. Countless volunteer hours from the Parks and Pathway Committee have allowed us to achieve the projects we have throughout this year.

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**Eagle Parks, Recreation and Trails Team**