

**City of Albany
Recreation and Parks Department,
Civic Center, and Auditorium
FACT SHEET**

Mission Statement:

The Department is to provide recreation with excellent, diverse, and comprehensive parks, facilities and programs in a well-maintained and safe environment, easily accessible to all citizens through a system of neighborhood and community parks, with well-trained and qualified staff.

By the Numbers:

• Number of Parks	76
• Acres of Parkland	825
• Facilities, Buildings & Structures	30
• Civic Center	146,415 sq. ft & 10,240 seats
• Municipal Auditorium	965 seats
• Number of Employees	64 Full-Time Approximately 150 Seasonal
• Operating Budget FY 12	\$ 6.2 Million

Parks and Recreation Facilities:

- Riverfront Greenway Trail – 2.4 miles
- 1 Aquatic Facility with a 25yd pool and Spray Park – Carver Pool and Spray Park
- 1 18-hole Municipal Golf Course – Flint River Municipal Golf Course
- 2 Municipal Cemeteries – Oakview, Riverside

Parks and Recreation Facilities con't:

- 13 Baseball/Softball complexes with a total of 30 fields – Carver, 8th Ave, Gillespie, Louise Tompkins Memorial, Sherwood, Paul Eames, Gordon, Henderson Community Ctr, Ken Gardens, Highland, Shackelford Park, Turner, Tallulah Massey
- 4 Community Centers – Bill Miller, Henderson, Lockett Station, Thornton
- 1 Wellness Center – Jackson Heights Fitness and Wellness Center
- 6 Indoor Basketball Courts – Bill Miller, Henderson, Lockett Station, Carver Gym, Tuner Gym, Thornton
- 7 Outdoor Basketball Courts – Webb, Grove, Joe Malone, Oakhill, C.W. Heath, Gordon
- 6 Tennis Facilities with a total of 25 courts – Carver Sports Complex, Albany HS, Dougherty HS, Monroe HS, Westover HS, Tift Park
- Riverfront Skateboard Park
- 35 Playgrounds – 8th Ave, 5th Ave, Avalon, Baldwin, Blaylock, C.W. Heath, Carver Sports, Davis, Dellwood, Eugamar, Evergreen, Gillespie, Gordon, Grove, Hawthorne, Hilsman, Jefferies, Joe Malone, Ken Gardens, Lakewood, Lansing, Louise Tompkins, Oakhill, Odum, Palmyra, Perth, Rawson Circle, Shackelford, Shadowlawn, Sherwood, Tallulah Massey, Tift, Turner, Waddle, Webb
- J.H. Gray Senior Citizens Center
- Ken Gardens Fishing Pond
- 2 Racquetball Courts – Turner Gym
- 3 Weight Room Facilities – Carver Gym, Tuner Gym, Jackson Heights
- 3 Ceramic Centers – Henderson, Bill Miller, Thornton
- 4 Walking Tracks – Grove, Tift, MLK, Hilsman
- 7 Pavilions to rent within parks – Tift, Ken Gardens, C.W. Heath, Tallulah Massey, Gordon, Shackelford, Baldwin
- 4 Boat Ramps – Cromartie, Radium, Tuner, Cox
- Bocce Courts and Horseshoes – Tift
- Ray Charles Plaza

Amenities within 76 Parks:

- Playgrounds
- Shelters
- Picnic Tables and Grills
- Basketball Courts
- Softball/Baseball Fields
- Open Fields

Special Events:

- Family Days
- Easter-Eggstravaganza
- National Trails Day
- Independence Day
Fireworks
- Play Day
- Fishing Rodeos

Youth Sports and Activities:

- Outdoor Football and
Cheerleading
- Indoor Football
- Dixie Baseball
- Afterschool Open Gym
- Girls' Club - Ladies in the
Making

Adult Sports and Activities:

- Basketball
- Softball
- Kickball
- Flag Football
- Aerobics
- Wellness Classes
- Zumba
- Square Dancing
- Special Olympics -
Basketball, Volleyball,
Tennis, Bocce, Softball
- Beep Baseball and Kickball
- Bowling for People with
Disabilities
- Open Gym

Senior Programs:

- Grandparents Club
- Senior Citizens Prom
- Valentine Bingo
- Christmas with
Grandparents
- Grandparent/Child Dance

Recent Events at the Civic Center & Auditorium:

- Home of the PIFL Champions – Albany Panthers – 6 home games
- Home of the Albany Symphony Orchestra
- Home of the ABA Albany Shockwaves
- Keith Sweat – attendance: 4652
- WWE – attendance: 4425
- Bill Cosby – attendance: 4411
- Rickey Smiley – attendance: 2979
- Young Jeezy & 2Chainz – attendance: 1304
- Steve Harvey – attendance: 5585
- Quail Unlimited Celebrity Hunt & Benefit Concert – attendance: 2328
- Georgia Peanut Conference – attendance: 1650
- SummerFest with Tony, Toni, Tone & Al B. Sure – attendance: 514
- Albany State University Commencement – attendance: 5000
- Albany Technical College Commencement – attendance: 5000