



Park & Recreation 2022 Annual Report

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Park & Recreation Team

The Park & Recreation Team consist of:

- Public Works Department
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Mission, Vision, and Goals

Mission:

Improve quality of **life** by **connecting** Bondurant residents to recreational activities, outstanding facilities, superior trails, and promoting healthy lifestyles.

Vision:

Offer parks, programming, and amenities that meet the community needs. To achieve this vision, the Parks and Recreation Board and City staff will:

- Learn from the new and upcoming City Comprehensive Plan and Park Master Plan to guide the Park & Recreation vision;
- Re-diversify programming to meet all demographics, including youth, teens, adults, and seniors; and
- Find funding for additional storage, an indoor facility, and more staff for event needs.

Goals:

The Park & Recreation Board has identified the following goals in the 2013 Park, Trail and Greenspace Master Plan:

1. *Maintain or enhance current neighborhood park amenities; open shelter with picnic tables, play equipment, sidewalks, benches, trash receptacles, drinking fountains, park sign and landscape.*
2. *Enhance Mallard Pointe Neighborhood Park; add an overlook to Eagle Park.*
3. *Develop Meadow Brook Neighborhood Park; current Park Master Plan proposes a trail system connecting to Gay Lea Wilson Trail along with native planting and park sign.*
4. *Update and enhance signage throughout the community; adding plantings to the 2nd St NE & Hwy 65 city welcome sign.*
5. *Continue to enhance Lake Petocka; canoe landing, bank stabilization, security lighting, fishing dock, relocate ball field to BRSC, and additional parking.*
6. *Continue to enhance Bondurant Recreational Sports Complex; Provide additional parking.*
7. *Evaluate the Park Site Dedication per city code.*

Updated Goals from the Park and Recreation Board include:

1. *Maintain or enhance annual programming.*
2. *Continue to enhance City Park; use the 2021 City Park Master Plan to guide the progress.*
3. *Continue efforts to connect Gay Lea Wilson Trail to existing trail.*

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4. *Find funding via Iowa Economic Development Funding Assistance, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Iowa Department of Transportation, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Polk County, Prairie Meadows, and other sources.*
8. *Establish a plan for the following projects that may be incorporated into the new upcoming Park Masters Plan:*
 - a. *Increase Green Space;*
 - b. *Plant More Trees – enhance the tree canopy (The City’s Urban Forest Management Plan notes the community’s tree canopy should be expanded by 3% over the next 30 years.);*
 - c. *Incorporate an Ice Rink;*
 - d. *Incorporate a Pickleball Court;*
 - e. *Incorporate a Community Garden or pocket gardens; and*
 - f. *Storage and facility options for the Recreation Department.*

Recreation Overview

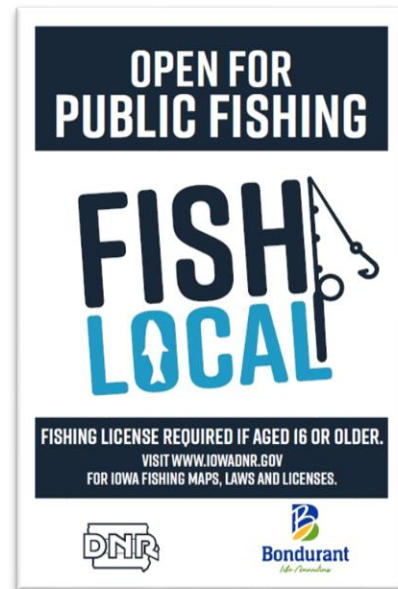
Public Fishing

Lake Petocka has been a longtime angler destination.

Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages public fishing at City owned retention ponds in Bondurant. Today Bondurant has a few public fishing options:

1. Lake Petocka;
2. Eagle Park Ponds;
3. Parkside Pond; and
4. Wolf Creek West Pond.

All public fishing areas have safe access points and Iowa DNR issued signs with public fishing regulations.



The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has stocked Lake Petocka with trout during the winter and fall seasons. In 2022, trout stock was done unannounced to not attract crowds due to the global pandemic. This is typically marketed to encourage family friendly outdoor recreational activities.

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Events & Programming

B-Safe Kids Camp

Event Description: “B” Safe Kids Camp is a three-day comprehensive safety camp for children entering kindergarten in the Bondurant-Farrar school district. Students learn many safety aspects, including fire, poison, traffic, stranger safety, and much more. B-Safe Kids Camp includes instructors from Polk County Sherriff’s Office, Bondurant Emergency Services, Blank Children’s Hospital, the Greater Des Moines YMCA, and the Bondurant Community Library.

2022 Event Reflection: This is the sixth year offering a safety camp for preschoolers entering kindergarten. It began as a camp established by the Bondurant Emergency Services staff in partnership with Polk County Sherriff’s Office.

A program satisfaction survey is collected each year and the survey results have shown 100% satisfaction. The program is limited to 20 students due to limited volunteers. Parents have suggested that this program should be open up to allow more kids to sign up, but until a good volunteer stream is established or the right volunteer that specializes in teaching young children steps up, this program will remain limited to 20 children.



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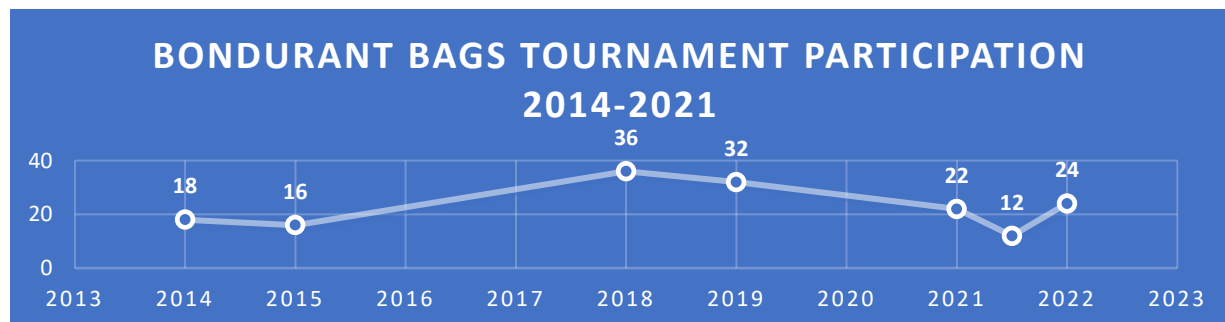
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Bags Tournaments

Event Description: The Bondurant Fall Bag's Tournament is the same day as the Reclaimed Rails Brewing Co. Oktoberfest. It may not be same as Munich, Bavaria, Germany but it will be very close. Cornhole players can pre-register their team to participate in a competitive double-elimination tournament in Bondurant's downtown district. The winner and runner-up are recognized and are given a portion of the proceeds from the registration fees.



2022 Event Reflection: Participation is volatile, but overall is a fun event to get adults outdoors to socialize, invest in Bondurant's downtown businesses, and stay active. The Scoreholio App was used, and it streamlined a lot of efforts. For example, pre-planning bracket details, announcing game play, writing bracket details on the white board, and keeping the game flowing. The app tracked which teams played, the players could keep track on their phones, and the event coordinator's only responsibility was to input scores as each team played. Most of the players were from outside of Bondurant and played professionally for SOCO Baggers or Central Iowa Baggers. The goal will be to continue to invite them back each year and host only one tournament a calendar year to grow and enhance this tournament.



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Chowder Winter Ride

Event Description: Just show up! Bring your bicycle and winter gear, then look forward to a brisk winter ride on the Chichaqua Valley Trail. Some years riders experience frigid temperatures with wind chills while plowing through snow. Others enjoy uncommon spring-like temperatures. You never know! Stop at a warming station in Berwick and return to Bondurant. Finally, celebrate the achievement of riding in a winter bike ride by eating a bowl of chowder at Founder's Irish Pub and chili at Reclaimed Rails Brewing Company.

2022 Event Reflection: This year's ride was 32 degrees and cloudy... Freezing nose drips, but no snow. Despite the cold, we still had a wonderful turnout of riders from all across the Des Moines Metro! New this year, we offered t-shirts sponsored by Bondurant Chamber of Commerce. Also, the warming station at the halfway point was held at Mally Park in Berwick offering a gazebo and outdoor heater with refreshments. Needless to say, it was MUCH needed, but wasn't enough to keep the riders in one place too long! This ride could not go off without the partnerships with Reclaimed Rails Brewing Company and Founder's Irish Pub where riders enjoyed chili and chowder... Along with some adult beverages.



The Chowder Ride kicked-off in 2017 and averaged about 71 participants. It is a good way to get people outdoors and enjoy the regional Chichaqua Valley Trail system.



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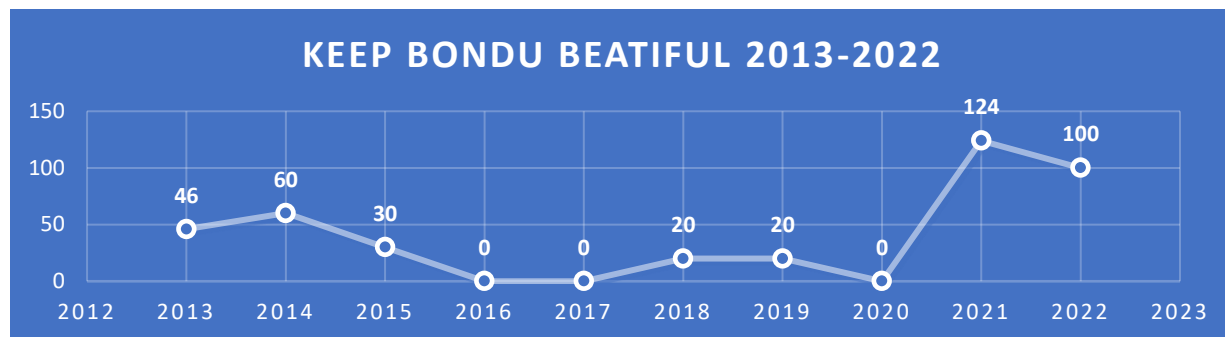
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Keep Bondu Beautiful

Event Description: April is “Keep Bondu Beautiful” month, and we celebrate by getting our city tidy. Community projects during this month encourage lowans to build pride and respect in making their communities better placed to live and work through beautification, clean-up, and recycling activities. This event allows us to take pride in our community and beautify the City we all know and love. The community will “Team up to Clean Up” and celebrate Earth Day together. Prizes are awarded for several categories including: showing team spirit, the Big Buttowski, and the Ye Olde Bag recognition.

2022 Event Reflection: Keep Bondu Beautiful was hosted on Saturday, April 16 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. A total of 100 including the Bondurant-Farrar football teams, local cub/boy scout troop and girl scout troops, the Lutheran Church of Hope, First Family Church and community members volunteered in the efforts to clean up the community. It was well attended. Metro Waste Authority donated the use of litter grabbers and high-visibility vests. Several donations were made by Casey’s General Store, Reclaimed Rails Brewing Company, and Brick Street Market and Iowa Cubs. It was a great year!



Both public Works dumpsters were full, so we may need to contract a dumpster in the future just for this event.



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Touch-A-Truck

Event Description: The Annual Bondurant Touch A Truck is an afternoon for children of all ages to touch, learn, and explore fire trucks, ambulances, police cars, tractors, dump trucks, bulldozers, race cars, and much more. This free family-centric event offers children a hands-on opportunity to explore working trucks of all types – all in one place. As well as meet the people who drive these cool trucks.

2022 Event Reflection: This was the ninth year to host a Touch-A-Truck event. There is no lack of cool vehicles to attract the crowds. This year staff reached out to the Iowa National Guards to bring in a helicopter, but they must have experienced an emergency and wasn't able to attend. Also, reached out to the Iowa Jeep group, soap box derby group, and Knoxville Speedway and weren't able to attract their cool vehicles, but will try again next year.

The number of participating vehicles was great for the number of visitors.



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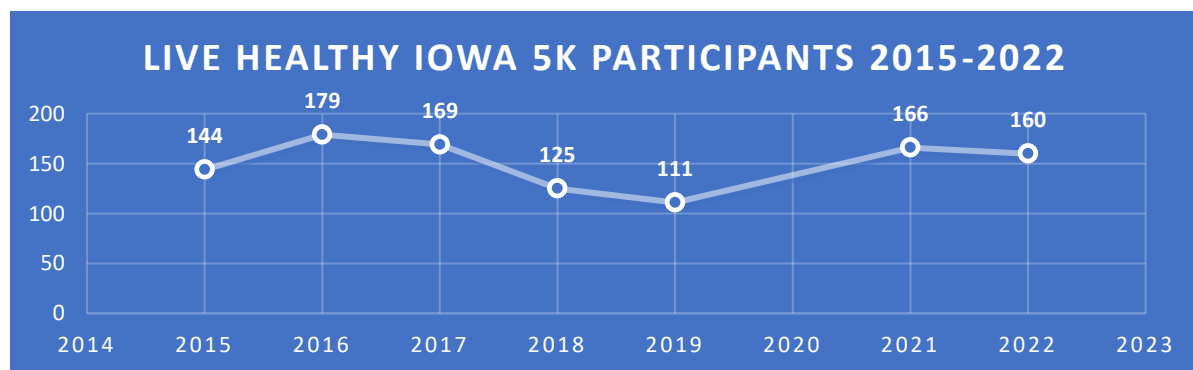
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Live Healthy Iowa 5K/1K

Event Description: The Live Healthy Iowa 5K events were created in 2013 as an opportunity to connect with Iowans locally, to support community wellness efforts, and to celebrate the completion of the 10 Week Wellness Challenge. The inaugural year garnered 1,838 participants in 10 Iowa communities. In 2019, 18 communities partnered to offer a local race event. COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the event in recent years with the 2020 races being canceled and 11 communities hosting in 2021. But 2022 had a strong comeback with 13 race sites. The Live Healthy Iowa 5K event includes a times 5K run/walk and a 1K kid's run that begins at the Bondurant Regionals Trailhead and takes off along the Chichaqua Valley Trail, then surrounds Lake Petocka heading back to the Bondurant Regional Trailhead. Participants can enjoy refreshments before and after the race, along with other entertainment. T-shirts and bibs are provided for all participants.



2022 Event Reflection: This year Bondurant Parks and Recreation Department facilitated the Live Healthy Iowa 5k/1k hosted by the Live Healthy Iowa Organization. This was Bondurant's 8th year facilitating. Bondurant is the only central Iowa site for the Live Healthy Iowa 5k/1K.



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Youth Fishing Derby

Event Description: The Youth Fishing Derby is a beginner angler program for kids up to 15 years of age. To promote families to fish. As well as providing an opportunity for the youth to capture their first fish in Bondurant's local public fishing ponds – Lake Petocka, Wolf Creek West Pond, Parkside Pond, and Eagle Park Ponds. The Youth Fishing Derby is hosted at Lake Petocka, offering early morning refreshments, recognition certificates, Iowa DNR educational flyers, and raffled prizes for participation. Many things that fishing can teach the youth:

- Fishing teaches kids survival skills.
- Fishing teaches kids patience.
- Fishing teaches kids where food comes from.



2022 Event Reflection: This is a great activity for the youth and their families to get outdoors in one of Bondurant's largest parks. There were many prizes raffled off to the participants. This year there were 67 children and family members, bringing the total to 150 people. It was a good year for fishing, as there were several kids who caught their first fish.



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Bondu Blues and Brews Festival

Event Description: This is a family-friendly event at the Bondurant's iconic regional trailhead in the heart of the Chichaqua Valley Trail system. The evening includes two Des Moines based blues bands and attendees are invited to bring their lawn chairs, blankets, friends, and family. After the opening act the homebrew competition judges reveal the homebrew winners. Bondurant's local Reclaimed Rails and Brewing Company collects homebrew submissions from all of Central Iowa – family entertainment at no charge, maybe a smiling face. Showcased along the Chichaqua Valley Trail is art from the Sidewalk Chalk Art Competition hosted by the Bondurant Community Foundation earlier in the day. The public is encouraged to participate in a people's choice vote of the art. The event includes food trucks, bounce houses, face painting, balloon animals, and ice-cold treats.

2022 Event Reflection: The Bondu Blues and Brews is in its fourth year being facilitated by the Bondurant Parks and Recreation Department. This year approximately 350 people came out to enjoy the festival. There were four vendors including, the Whimsical Wine Trailer, Egg Roll Ladies, Grandpa's Waffles, and Sweet Swirls. There were 12 homebrew entries.

The Bondu Blues and Brews Festival is presented at the iconic Bondurant Regional Trailhead, which showcases the heart of Bondurant. Under the open-air shelter Buckmiller Schwager opened the show and Bob Pace and the Dangerous Band finished out the night.

This event is the most sought event each year, as community members come together, enjoy the nice weather, and enjoy great music,



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food, and entertainment.

City staff partners this event with the Bondurant Community Foundation's Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival. Combining these events adds more interest and helps attract more participants and the City appreciates the partnership with the Foundation.

2023 Event Goals: Staff intends to pursue sponsorship funding from Polk County for the event. Also, Reclaimed Rails is working towards having Bondu Blues & Brew being a sanctioned home brew event.

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Movies in the Park

Event Description: Movies are presented at the Regional Trailhead, located in the heart of Bondurant on Main Street, off the Chichaqua Valley Trail. The City hosts the movie and popcorn no charge.

2022 Event Reflection: The Movies in the Park series is free to attend, and popcorn is served at no charge. This is a program to encourage people to go outdoors and enjoy Bondurant parks and enjoy the open green space that Bondurant offers. It was moved from Lake Petocka to the City Park after 2015 because of a mosquito nuisance. New this year, the movies in the park series were moved to the Bondurant Regional Trailhead and hosted on Saturday evenings.

Movies were hosted the last Saturday of August and September, then ended the series on the first Saturday of October. Encanto was the first showing of the year, which attracted over 75 people. The most that have attended a movie in the park is approximately 100 people when it was hosted at Lake Petocka in 2014. Attendance had been on a decline, but the attendance during Encanto was impressive. The September movie showing of The Goonies was postponed a week due to inclement weather and attendance was approximately 35 people. The final movie showing was Hocus Pocus in early October, which attracted approximately 75 people. Many people from the audience were from outside of Bondurant and wore movie themed costumes.

Also, new for 2022 was a community survey that was published in early winter that asked the community members what they wanted to see during the public movie series. In 2023 the community survey will be published again; however, it will be released in early summer.

2023 Event Goals: The idea of adding movie-themed activities to each of the movies will be discussed.

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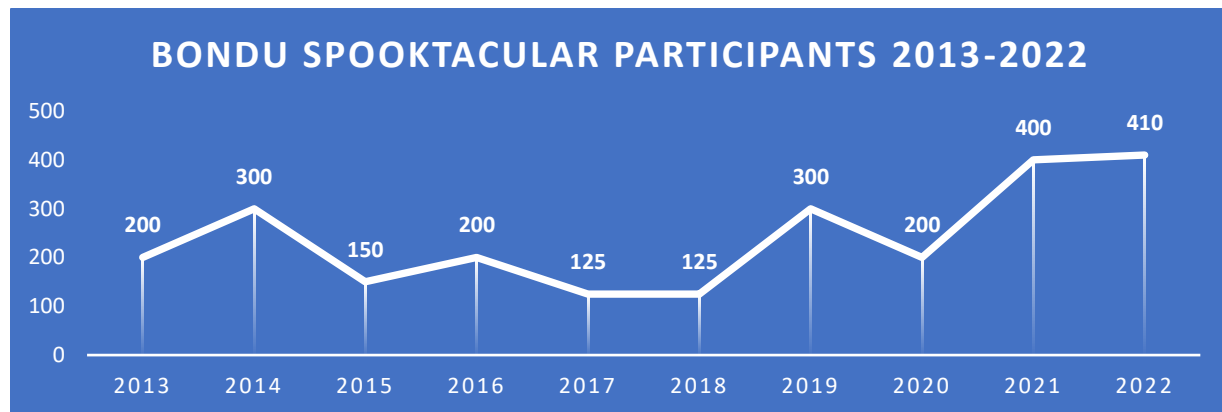
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Bondu Spooktacular

Event Description: This is a safe Halloween event at the Bondurant community City Park with various games, contests, and youth activities. There is a Costume Contest, which recognizes winners from several categories, including 4 & under, 5-9, 10-12, 13-18, and groups/families. Multiple businesses and community organizations participate in this event.

2022 Event Reflection: It was the 11th Annual Bondu Spooktacular, it is a great opportunity for community members to get outdoors and enjoy one of Bondurant's parks. It is a fun and safe Halloween celebration event for youth and families. The attendance shows how popular this event is - lines were long and booths were busy.



2023 Event Goals: Staff intends to host the event again this year, collaborating with community organizations.

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Christmas in Bondurant

Event Description: Bondurant brings “Holiday cheer for all to hear” during this magical celebration that begins with the Merry & Bright parade. This is a family-friendly, kids-appropriate parade to kick off the holiday season. It is a night parade and, due to darkness, is a candy-free event. The parade is held in the Downtown Bondurant District. After the parade, families are encourage to stop by the City’s holiday tree outside the Bondurant Community Library and watch as the tree lighting. Following is a Santa Social in the Library with youth holiday crafts or Father Christmas (AKA Santa).

2022 Event Reflection: Christmas in Bondurant has evolved over the years. The first tree lighting ceremony was hosted in 2010. The first lighted holiday parade was in 2015. I don’t know when the Santa Social began but it was prior to 2010.

City staff coordinates the Santa Social event with the Bondurant Community Library. This year, there was record-breaking attendance. Combining these events adds more interest and helps attract more participants and the City appreciates the partnership with the library.

The Tree Lighting

Ceremony has been

organized several different ways: the past few years a video parody had been published in place of an actual in-person event. This year the crowd was sparce by the end of the evening and the tree lighting ceremony was canceled. In contrast, the Merry and Bright Parade has grown in popularity.



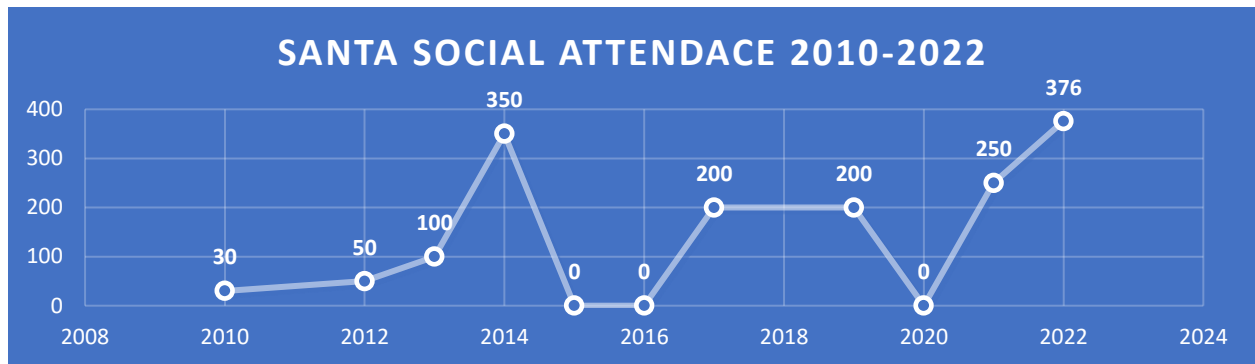
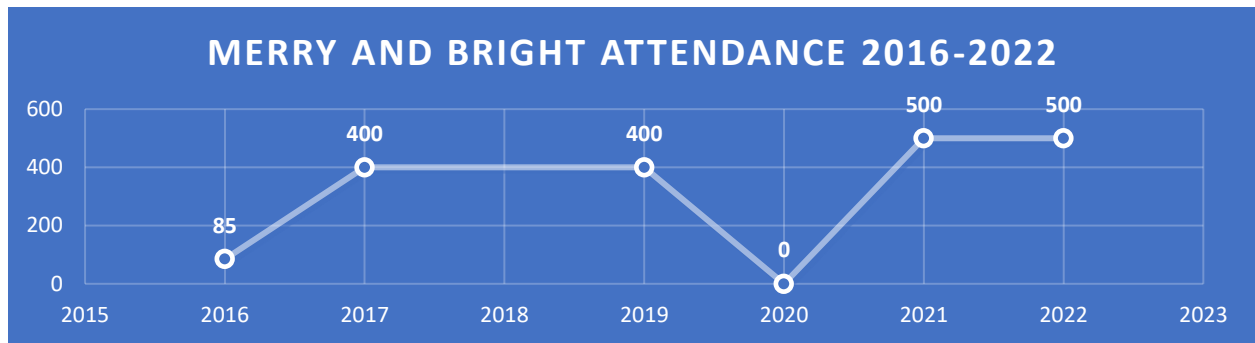
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2023 Event Goals: Planning ahead to 2023, the tree lighting ceremony will begin directly after the parade and recorded or a virtual option will be offered.

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Parks and Trails Overview

The Parks and Recreation Department focuses on improving the quality of life of Bondurant residents by connecting residents to recreational activities, outstanding facilities, superior trails, and promoting healthy lifestyles. Services include:

- Operation and management of the City's park system, which encompasses 163 acres of parkland, 14 neighborhood parks, four community parks, seven regional/special use parks, four open-air shelters, and 8.82 miles of trails;
- Operation and management of the Bondurant Cemetery, including lot sales and record maintenance;
- Programming and events for people of all ages and abilities, such as adult programs, youth programs, and special events;
- Providing learning opportunities, especially for children;
- Maintaining a volleyball and basketball court,
- Maintaining baseball/softball and soccer fields for lease at the Bondurant Recreational Sports Complex and Collison Soccer Park;
- Overseeing Park Shelters rentals for community use;
- Processing registrations, reservations, special event requests, and street closures; and
- Facilitating the activities of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Skate Park Committee, and the Tree Board.

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Park Enhancements in 2022

Pawtocka Dog Park

Staff partnered with the School District to design dog park agility obstacles and secured the following grants/donations to construct the dog park:

- \$10,000+ in private donations from the Dog Park Committee;
- \$20,000 Rural Innovation Grant;
- \$2,000 Lowe's Hometown Grant;
- \$20,000 Prairie Meadow's Community Betterment Grant;
- donation of fire hydrants from Clow Hydrant;
- \$5,000 Polk County Community Betterment Grant

The Parks & Recreation Board recommended the name and the Council officially named the park "Pawtocka" Dog Park in 2022. A ribbon-cutting or "Bone Crunching" ceremony is planned for Spring 2023.

City Park Master Planning

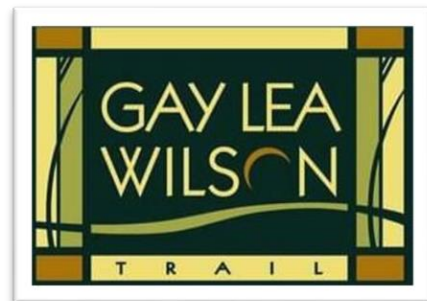
The Parks & Recreation Board and city staff worked with architects and engineers to finalize and realize schematic design plans for City Park. Early 2023, the schematic design process will be completed along with a phased construction plan.

Ditch #2 Stream Restoration and Stabilization

During the summer months, major restoration efforts were done on a portion of a stream including stabilizing the creeks banks and removing nuisance landscape, adding a trail extension from the Chichaqua Valley Trail through a residential development to 2nd Street NW including benches and water access.

Gay Lea Wilson Underpass

The Highway 65 Underpass is an essential project for the City of Bondurant and has been identified as a priority in the City's adopted capital improvement plan. The City worked for some time to secure funding, which will provide a safe way for bicyclists and pedestrians to traverse highway 65 and eventually connect the Gay Lea Wilson Trail in Bondurant and Altoona. The project is nearing the end of construction with minor landscaping and earthwork in the spring, as well as the final trail connection piece.



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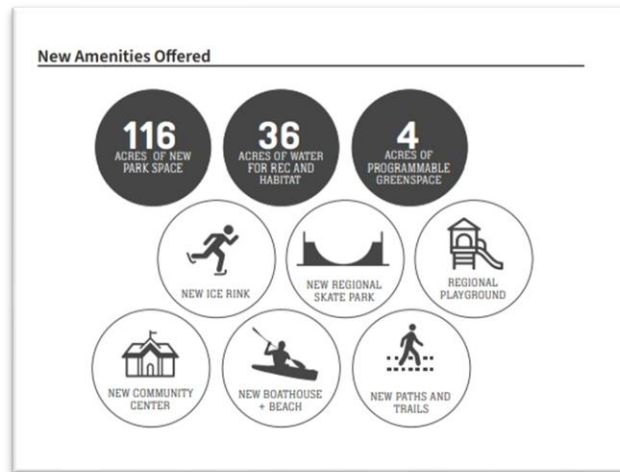
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Central Park Planning

The City Council adopted the Central District Stormwater Improvements Master Plan on November 7, 2022. The plan features a 116-acre park with a 36-acre lake as its focal point. The lake will retain stormwater for the adjacent approximately 150 acres. The lake is designed not only to retain stormwater but to enhance water quality.

Central Park will be located on the southeastern corner of Highway 65 and Grant Street S. The body of water will give kayakers a fun experience navigating the lobed-shaped lake. Recreational flex spaces are nestled throughout the park, which also boasts a network of paths and trails, a community building with views over the water, playgrounds, a boathouse, and a beach.



27th Year Recognized as a Tree City USA Community

The City of Bondurant was awarded \$29,990 in grant funding through the Iowa DNR's Community Forestry Grant Program (CFGP) to implement three tree-planting projects. The three planting project areas include:

- 3rd Street SE,
- along the Chichaqua Valley Trail (CVT) along 2nd Street NE, and
- within the Bondurant Recreational Sports Complex (BRSC).

The City's 2020 Urban Forest Management Plan notes the community's tree canopy should be expanded by 3% over the next 30 years.

During 2022 the City of Bondurant spent approximately \$32,803 in tree purchases, labor and equipment for planting, planting materials, stakes, wrapping, watering, mulching, competition control, etc. Also, approximately \$8,625 was used for pruning, insect and disease management, fertilization, watering, etc. To manage disease control approximately \$12,075 was spent on the cost of equipment, supplies, labor, etc. for tree

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removal. Approximately 30 volunteer hours were committed to the annual tree sale by the Bondurant Tree Committee.

The Tree Board's annual tree sale included 37 trees sold to private property owners in the Bondurant community, totaling a tree value of \$4,563. The City published a two-month long social media campaign educating the residents on the different tree species.

Approximately 230 trees were planted by the City of Bondurant and 14 diseased trees were removed.

The Mayor of Bondurant proclaimed an Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation for April 29, 2022.

Trees are a truly beautiful part of the natural environment, but they are also amazingly efficient machines- constantly working to make Earth a healthier planet.

Many of the trees planted in Bondurant this past year are also being used to aid in traffic calming strategies. There are targeted areas of town from which complaints commonly arise. Another initiative that city leadership has is to incorporate more street trees for aesthetic appeal and to lower the radiating heat from the pavement which helps the road last longer. Trees lower air temperatures and humidity; they can also influence wind speed. The Bondurant Recreational Sports Complex is a windy area and the more trees that are planted the more wind block the park users experience. Trees in Bondurant enhance a community's sense of pride, and ownership.

The City Council adopted the new Comprehensive plan named Building Bondurant during the September 26, 2022 City Council meeting. Chapter 8 of the Comprehensive Plan included recommendations to continue to promote the addition of new urban tree cover within the existing and new growth areas of the community. The Plan indicates that grants and other funding opportunities should be sought to help assist with the canopy expansion goal. Additionally, the Plan notes that areas with significant tree cover within the planning boundary should be kept to open space to protect this important natural resource. The Plan recommends the City Tree Board review current tree policy and subdivision regulations to identify possible amendments that would better promote tree cover in Bondurant and that the city continue to incentivize tree preservation in all new developments.

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Project	Status	Construction Timeline
Eagle Park	City staff secured a \$150,000 Facebook/Meta grant, a \$100,000 REAP grant, and \$4,000 MidAmerican Trees Please! Grant along with City funding as the grant match for the project.	Eagle Park Master Plan approved and adopted by City Council on August 15, 2022. Summer of 2023 will be the ribbon cutting ceremony.
Underpass	Approvals secured from DOT. Funding agreement adopted by City Council. Design is complete. Right-of-way acquisition complete. Bids were complete spring 2022.	Construction began in spring 2022. Work is slated to be completed by spring 2023.
Hwy 65 & Grant, Down's Property, Acquired for future Central Park Concept (Regional Park)	Complete	Fall 2020
Dog Park (Specialty Park)	<p>Donations have been accumulating from a local volunteer committee group.</p> <p>City staff secured a \$20,000 Rural Innovation Grant, \$2,000 Lowe's Hometown Grant, \$20,000 Prairie Meadow's Community Betterment Grant, and \$5,000 Polk County Community Betterment Grant for the dog park, along with the \$10,000 funding as the grant match.</p>	Spring 2023 will be the ribbon cutting or "bone crunching" ceremony

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City Park (Community Park)	Master Planning complete. Schematic Design in process.	Unknown. Once schematic design is completed, staff will work with consultant to recommend phasing of improvements to be incorporated into the capital plan.
Central Park (Regional Park)	The city council approved design contract in fall 2021. City Council adopted Central District Stormwater Improvements Master Plan on November 7, 2022.	<p>The final design for Central Park and the realignment of Grant Street S is anticipated for FY24.</p> <p>Staff will establish a phased plan of improvements to be incorporated into the capital improvements plan.</p> <p>City staff is currently working on an RFQ for engineering firms for the next step of final design for the first phase of the Central District Stormwater Improvements Master Plan.</p>
Lake Petocka Dock (Community Park)	\$50k – must obtain funding. Staff researching dock possibilities.	FY24
Skate Park (Specialty Park)	<p>This specialty park was a part of the Central Park Master Planning process. The City Council adopted the Master Plan on November 7, 2022.</p> <p>City staff secured \$10,000 in grant funding, presented at the January 17, 2023 Council meeting.</p>	Unknown. \$3.7M in funding must be obtained. A volunteer community group has formed to fundraise.

Pave Cemetery Road	\$30k – must find funding	Potentially FY26
BRSC Improvements (tentative) - Parking (Specialty Park)	<p>\$15,000 secured by Little League through the Prairie Meadow's Youth Sports and Recreational Grant</p> <p>The City is providing additional funding – approximately \$250K</p>	FY24
Additional trail and downtown/trailhead parking (expand on trail/parking currently in railroad right-of-way area)	TBD	Unknown
Additional parking for City Park (Community Park)	Land acquired in 2021. Demolition of the house on current property occurred in 2022.	Construction of parking lot timeline is unknown at this time.
Christmas Lights	Select and purchase new holiday lighting for the City.	FY24
Joint Sports Courts	Partner with Bondurant-Farrar Community School District to construct joint sports courts on School Property.	FY24 or FY25
Future Parks/Parks Improvements:		
Bluejay Landing (Specialty Park)	Pending planning	Unknown

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Harvest Meadows (Specialty Park)	Pending development	Unknown
Sankey Summit (Specialty Park)	Pending planning	Unknown
Prairie Point View Park (Neighborhood Park)	Pending development	Unknown
Parkside Park (Neighborhood Park)	Pending development. Parkside Pond was stocked with fish in 2022 and has a designated access trail.	Pending Parkside Trail to BRSC.
Top Farms Park (Neighborhood Park)	Pending planning	Unknown
Lake Petocka Trail	Repave trail	FY23/FY24
Lake Petocka Canoe Launch/Fishing Pier	Add fishing pier/canoe launch	FY24/FY25
ARTocka	Add interactive art installations around Lake Petocka	Pending funding (Staff is currently seeking grant funding)
Art, Culture, & Way Finding Master Plan	Pending planning	FY24
Ice Rink	Provide an ice rink	Staff collaborated with the Iowa Wild to have Bondurant on the list for ice rink development support

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Planned Enhancements in 2023

The City's Building Bondurant Comprehensive Plan was adopted by City Council September 26, 2022. The Parks Master Planning process is anticipated to begin in 2023 and will likely start with an Arts, Culture, and Wayfinding Master Plan.

The Park and Recreation Board will continue the Schematic Design Planning of City Park, in order to establish a phased construction plan.

Eagle Park construction will be complete by summer 2023 with expectations of a Disc Golf Course installation to follow.

The expansion of future parks in Bondurant will need to include specific planning surrounding the basic amenities and unique elements in each neighborhood park to keep our parks appealing to all. Community surveys will be gaging what Bondurant residents want to see in the parks along with community public input meetings.

The Bondurant Dog Park Committee worked hard to raise the funds that provided the match for the various grants secured by city staff. An opening event is planned for 2023.

The highway 65 underpass will offer a safe pedestrian connection from the south to the rest of the community. This project will wrap up in 2023.

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Outside Funding Sources

To help fund all of the improvements the City is undertaking in parks, the City, as well as other civic organizations with common goals, has applied for funding or received funding from donors. Below is a list of some of the secured resources for recent/upcoming projects.

FY22 & FY23 Funding Agency	Grant/Contribution	Project	Award Year	Amount/Value
Trees Forever	Trees	Fall Tree Sale	2021-September	\$5,000
DNR	Derecho Tree Grant Program	trees-Cemetery	2021-September	\$4,675
DNR	Derecho Tree Grant Program	trees-Lincoln St SE (south of Hwy 65)	2021-September	\$4,600
DNR	Derecho Tree Grant Program	trees-Deer Ridge Drive NW	2021-September	\$4,600
Facebook	Special Grant (Sustainability)	Eagle Park/Creek Access Project	2021-September	\$150,000
State of Iowa DNR	REAP	Eagle Park/Creek Access Project	2021-November	\$100,000
State of Iowa IEDA	Rural Innovation	Dog Park/joint with School	2022-January	\$20,000
IFA	Water Quality Grant	Ditch 2 Stream Stabilization project	2022-March	\$300,000
MidAmerican Energy	Regional Grant	Eagle Park	2022-March	\$125,000
MidAmerican Energy	Trees Please!	Eagle Park	2022-March	\$4,000
Land & Water Conservation Grant	Grant	Park Side Trail Connection	2022-May	\$100,000
Lowe's	Home Towns Grant	Dog Park	2022-June	\$2,000
Prairie Meadows	Community Grant	Dog Park	2022-June	\$20,000
Prairie Meadows	Community Grant (through the Chamber)	Block Party Kit	2022-June	\$15,000
Prairie Meadows	Community Grant (through BCF)	Lake Petocka Interpretive Signage	2022-June	\$1,326
Clow Valve	2 Fire Hydrants	Dog Park	2022-August	\$3,000
DNR	Tree Grant	BRSC	2022-September	\$10,000
DNR	Tree Grant	3rd St NE	2022-September	\$10,000
DNR	Tree Grant	CVT near 2nd St NE	2022-September	\$9,900
Men's Club	Bondurant Soccer Club	fencing at BRSC	2022-October	\$8,000
DNR	REAP	Park Side Trail Connection	2022-October	\$23,673
		Total:		\$920,774

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Bondurant Cemetery

There was a total of 11 burials, five monuments placed, and two plots purchased.

There are still several plots available for sale. The red dots below indicate spaces that are for sale and there are several spaces not staked.



Feedback from the public is that they would like another access road, paved roads, and fencing at the Bondurant Cemetery. During 2021 trees were added to the Bondurant Cemetery through a grant as there is no funding available in that enterprise operation to support additional expenditures. Funding for engineering for the next round of creating cemetery plots has been tentatively included in the FY24 proposed budget.

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Shelter Reservations

Bondurant has five open-air shelters. Four shelters are available for people to rent. The most popular shelters are the City Park Shelter and the Petocka South Shelter. The rental fee is \$25 per two-hour increments for residents and \$25 per two-hour increments for non-residents maxing at \$100 for the entire day. Shelter reservations are allowed from May through the end of October.

Shelter	Shelter Details
	The City Park Shelter was built in 2015 with a professional urban design. The shelter includes 6 picnic tables, electrical outlets, restroom facilities, one outdoor grill and drinking fountain -- all partially enclosed. It is in close proximity to playground equipment, a basketball court and open green space.
	The Petocka South Shelter has fresh siding updated in 2019. The shelter includes four picnic tables, three outdoor grills, electrical outlets, and public restrooms. Park equipment was installed in 2011 and public restrooms installed in 2016.
	The Petocka Volleyball Shelter near the sand volleyball court is a simple wooden shelter that includes an outdoor grill, two picnic tables, and electrical outlets.
	The Men's Club Shelter is nestled between the baseball fields and the beautiful Petocka lake view includes two grills and two picnic tables. Bondurant Recreational Sports Complex restrooms are available during baseball and softball season, otherwise there is no public restroom. In the distance, there is a picturesque pergola with a wooden swing, that's a perfect spot for relaxation.

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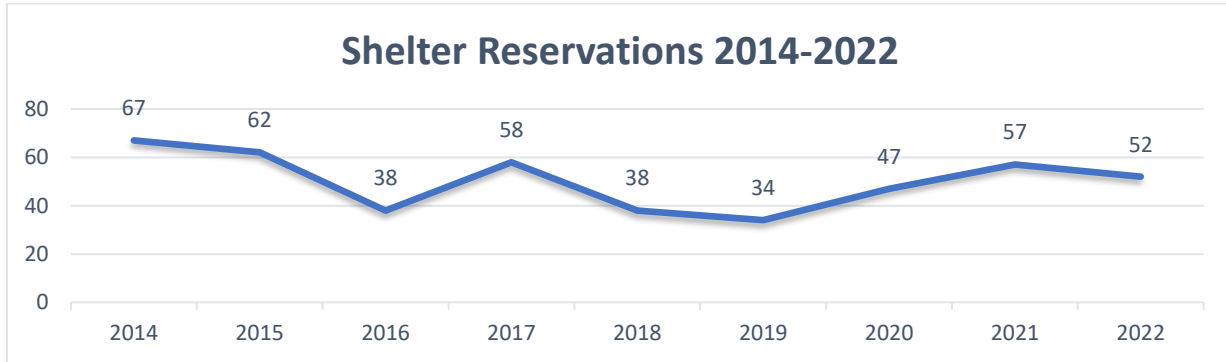
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Even though the number of shelter reservations declined the revenue increased. This means the shelters are being rented longer, but less frequently.



The 2022 Farmer's Market was held in City Park weekly for 26 weeks. The Bondurant Farmer's Market has 110 total vendors, including 15 community organizations/businesses, eight food/drink vendors, and four local musicians. They partnered with the Bondurant Parks and Recreation and Polk County Sheriff's Office by opening the season with a "Springtime in the Village" event. The Bondurant Farmer's Market also partnered with the Bondurant Men's Club during Summerfest by facilitating a 3-day market during the carnival.

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The Bondurant Community Library hosted 7 Summer Reading programs at City Park attracting over 802 attendees. They also facilitated four booths at the local Farmer's Market in City Park and attracted 81 customers, which asked questions or checkout their limited selection of books. Finally, the Bondurant Community Library hosted story time at multiple parks this season:

- 9 story times at City Park attracting 243 attendees;
- Two story times at Mallard Point Park attracting 5 attendees;
- Two story times at Efnor Estates Park attracting 14 attendees;
- Two story times at Wolf Creek Park attracting 11 attendees; and
- Two story times at Lincoln Estates Park attracting 2 attendees.

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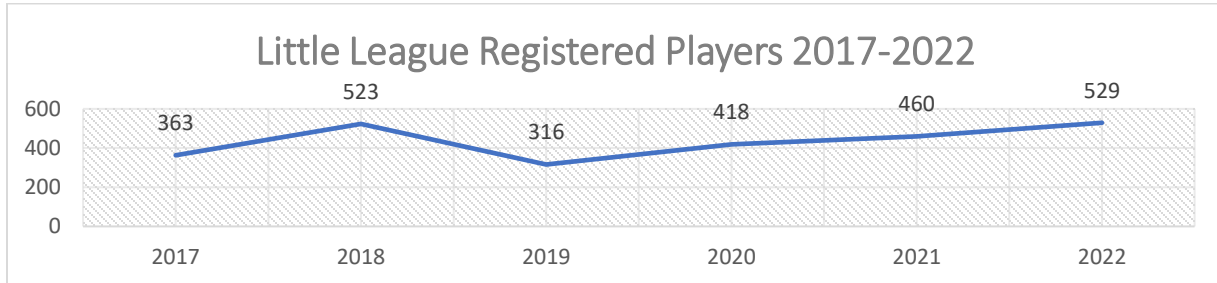
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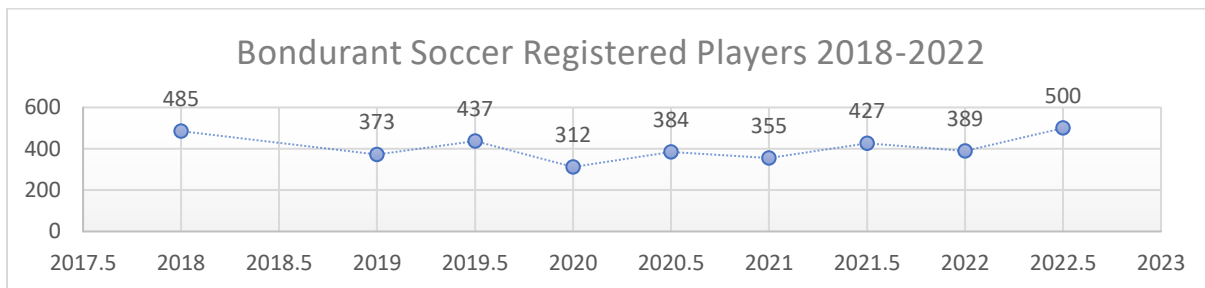
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Other Organizations

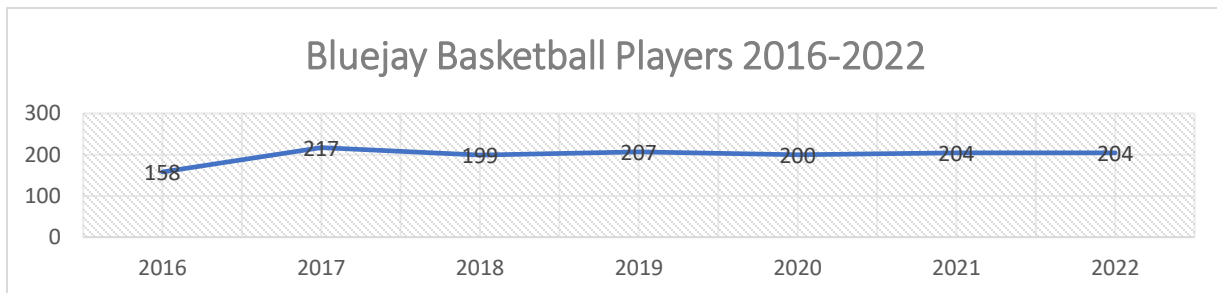
The Bondurant Little League leases the fields at Bondurant Recreational Sports Complex. Their Lease Agreement is set to expire October 31, 2023. Their registration numbers have been steady.



The Bondurant Soccer Club leases fields at the Bondurant Soccer Complex and at the Bondurant Recreational Sports Complex. Their Lease Agreement is set to expire October 31, 2026. The Bondurant Soccer Club spring season ended with 355 players registered and the fall season ended with 427 players registered.



Bluejay Basketball Club organizes a 3rd-6th grade Basketball League and leases gym space from the Bondurant-Farrar school district. This season 204 players registered which is consistent with past years.



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Facility Use

	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
Cemetery Plot Purchases	9	10	14	7	2	2
Shelter Reservations	58	38	34	47	57	52
Farmer's Market Vendors (in City Park)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	75	110
Summer Reading Program Participants in City Park	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD	802
Storytime Participants in City Park	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD	243
Storytime Participants in Neighborhood Parks	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	32
Baseball/Softball Registered Players	363	523	316	418 (season canceled)	460	529
Soccer Club Registered Players		485 (fall season)	373 (spring season); 437 (fall season)	312 (canceled spring season); 384 (fall season)	355 (spring season); 427 (fall season)	389 (spring season); 500 (fall season)
Blue Jay Basketball Club (3 rd -6 th Grade) Registered Players	217	199	207	200	204	204

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On the Horizon

As Bondurant grows, it is essential to continue to develop our parks, trails, and greenspaces, as well as offer quality programming for all ages. As such, tentatively included in the FY24 budget are parks-related positions including a Director of Parks and Recreation and a Parks Operations Specialist. The Director of Parks and Recreation will be responsible for parks planning and maintenance and overseeing all parks and recreation-related activities. The Parks Operation Specialist is a maintenance-related position. These positions are in addition to the Events and Communications Coordinator position that currently exists. The Director will lead the department comprised of these positions. Please note that these are tentatively included as action to limit city funding is again under consideration in the Legislature and could impact staffing significantly.

Summary

On April 1, 2022, the City of Bondurant achieved redesignation as an Iowa Great Place. This designation has a great deal to do with quality of life, which is in large part driven by the work done by the Parks and Recreation Board. One of the goals of the 2022 Bondurant Community Visioning Plan is to “Continue making improvements to existing parks and expand community’s park system...” To that end, the City Secured \$379,000 in outside funding towards Eagle Park improvements (construction currently underway), including native plantings as identified in the Community Visioning Plan; Finalized City Park Master Plan; Adopted Central District Stormwater Improvements Master Plan, which includes master plan for Central Park and the Bondurant Skate Park; and the City of Bondurant collaborated with the Bondurant Chamber of Commerce to secure a \$15,000 Prairie Meadows grant and a \$5,250 Polk County Community Betterment grant for a block party kit, which includes everything in a trailer needed for a block party, such as games, chairs, tents, PA system, etc. The “Rec-n-Roll Trailer” will also be used in the parks system for public events.

As we move into 2023, the City is poised to undertake multiple park enhancements, cultivating even greater excitement and participation throughout the community. Staff is excited to continue the momentum gained over the past several months.

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