

HPR NEWSLETTER

SUMMER/EARLY FALL EDITION

3RD QUARTER
JULY, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

LAST DAY OF POOL
8-8-21

DUCK RACE
8-8-21

YOUTH VBALL
REGISTER UNTIL
8-20-21

HPR-KLEINSCHMIDT
RODEO: 9-11-21

COUNTRY FAIR
9-18-21

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Higginsville Parks and Recreation
Newsletter

Around the Walking Track

Recent Higginsville Newspaper Article on Director Dan Rumsey

Dan Rumsey, Park Director for Higginsville is our fourth profile of city leaders/department heads.

Dan was born in Cleveland, OH in 1970, and shortly thereafter (1973) was living in Higginsville, Missouri where he was raised. After graduation from Higginsville high school he attended CMSU where he earned his BS in Commercial Art/Graphic Design.

In 1993 he went to work with an awards and sign company where he worked until 1995, (All Star Awards). By 1995 he was hired by Gill Studios in Lenexa KS, a large promotional products printing company to do marketing and product development. He married Stacey (Wilson) and they resided in Lees Summit, Mo; he worked at Gill Studios for the next 23 years.

In 2003 he and his wife moved back to Higginsville where they raised . until applying for and being selected to become the Park Director for Higginsville. At that time we lived in Lees Summit, married Stacey (Wilson)

In 2003 they moved back to Higginsville, where they raised three children - Taylor now with Black and Veatch engineering firm; Rachel Sophomore, Mo State University, Springfield, and Mason, now a Senior at Higginsville high school.

During these years, he coached my children in every sport imaginable with the support of my wife Stacey, involved in park programs and the Little League board for nine years; he was elected to the school board in 2012 where he still serves today. Dan shared, "In 2018 the Parks and Rec Director position came open, and I sent out my first resume for a full time position in over 23 years, after being encouraged to run by several friends, one being my good friend Benton Williams! After being selected as Director I picked the brains of Brian Welborn, and Jon DeHaven, with over three pages of questions in trying to learn everything I could."

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HAC Duck Race

Buck A Duck



Race Date: August 8th!

**Pay a Buck for a Duck...
Good Luck!**

**Top 2 Placers - Individual Swim
Passes for 2022 Season!**

**3rd & 4th Place - \$50 Swim
Pass (10 Free Swims 2022)!**

**5th Place - 4 Pack -
4 FREE 2021 RODEO PASSES!**

**6th Place - 2 Pack -
2 FREE 2021 RODEO PASSES!**

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Dan went on to say, " My goals with Parks is to not only maintain what we have now, but build on programs, youth and adult, as well as add to the facilities and amenities. I would love one day to perhaps see a brand new Community Center. That is part of the vision, for now working on infrastructure of things like the Senior Center, and adding to Fairground Park along with working on a new amphitheater/shelter, and new amenities at Edgewood Park, and McCord's Park."

Dan also told us of something that has just come about; the approval of an 18 hole Disc Golf Course at Confederate Park. According to Dan, this is the first joint collaboration of local and State Parks and Rec. The timetable for development is a work in progress, but hopefully sooner than later.

We asked Dan about this past 'pandemic year'; he shared, "Regarding Covid and the past year of pandemic concerns, where are things? It was bad, really bad, and challenging. I think we are 'mostly fully back'. We made it through basketball and into soccer, and now Little League is happening. Pool to open with fewer restrictions if any.

New programs put in place so far and planned are Future Stars K-1st Grade basketball, Short Set 2nd-3rd grade Volleyball, Slow Pitch Softball is back, with plans to have the Tiny Tots programs for 3 year olds (H.I.P. Kids - Huskers in Progress) which will encompass Soccer, Basketball, and Tee Ball."

We asked Dan for some wrap up thoughts and/or words. He shared, "Our wonderful park system in Higginsville is made possible by the commitment of progress from the citizens and stakeholders, through years of hard work by caring staff members, the vision of previous directors, the support of dutiful park board members past and present, and the cooperation between city departments, the chamber of commerce, civic organizations, and Lafayette County C-1 school district."

Thank you coaches & helpers for running FOUR camps for HPR this summer!

Volleyball, Baseball, Tennis, Softball!

So Awesome!

RODEO SPONSORS ALWAYS WELCOME

POOL CLOSÉS 8-8-21

SUMMER FUN

K B P G A T
 B L G H P L K A L C V C
 T H H B O R U I D Y N L L A V I F P
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- LIVESTOCK
- HORSES
- SPORTSCAMPS
- TENNIS
- VOLLEYBALL
- BASEBALL
- SOFTBALL

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 HPR STYLE!
 HPR/KLEIN-
 SCHMIDTS**

**SEPT. 11
 KIDS 12 &
 UNDER
 FREE!**