

Children's Fountain

Mission Statement

To provide a free-of-charge splash park for children to enjoy while visiting Bayfront Park.

Description of Operations

The Donna M. Steigerwaldt/Jockey International Children's Fountain is a 7,200 s.f. splash park located within the City's Bayfront Park on the Sarasota shoreline. The splash park is provided free of charge to children every day of the week for seven months of the year (the park is not open in the winter). The Fountain utilizes potable City water which re-circulates at a minimum of 650 gallons/minute. The fountain water is pumped from a 4,000 gallon underground storage tank through a filter and chemical treatment system before returning to the fountain to be jetted out. The concrete fountain is decorated with animal sculptures that were sculpted by local Sarasota artists, and the animals are re-glazed semi-annually to maintain their attractive colors and assure safety. Hourly water monitoring is required to assure compliance with health and safety regulations, and periodic inspections by the Sarasota County Health Department have resulted in continuous reports of 100% compliance. The fountain has a maximum occupancy of 120 splashers and remains a favorite location for children's birthdays and childcare field trips.

CITYWIDE PRIORITIES

PRIORITY - Operational Focus

Strategy

Operate the Children's Fountain as a safe, clean, and enjoyable environment.

Objective

-To monitor water quality hourly during fountain open hours and maintain chemicals at proper levels.

-To strive to keep fountain open as scheduled with the exception of weather events.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

| Description | Unit | FY 2012 | FY 2013 | FY 2014 | FY 2015 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Effectiveness Measure | | | | | |
| Water testing samples meeting compliance | Percent | 99% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Unexpected closures for repairs | Number | 8 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Health Dept. Inspection compliance | Percent | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Cost Center Expenditures By Category

| | FY 2013 Actual | FY 2014 Budget | FY 2015 Continuation | FY 2015 Issues | FY 2015 Totals |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Personnel | 36,357 | 37,403 | 38,362 | 0 | 38,362 |
| Operating Expenditures | 25,046 | 31,142 | 34,455 | 0 | 34,455 |
| Totals | 61,403 | 68,545 | 72,817 | 0 | 72,817 |

Personnel Summary

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|------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Actual Positions | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.00 | 0.20 |
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Revenue Summary

| | FY 2013 Actual | FY 2014 Budget | FY 2015 Continuation | FY 2015 Issues | FY 2015 Totals |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Other Miscellaneous Revenues | 140 | 200 | 2,000 | 0 | 2,000 |
| | 140 | 200 | 2,000 | 0 | 2,000 |