From the Director...

We hope you enjoy our February Newsletter! This edition is packed with updates on several of the winter projects we have going on in our park, league registration dates and a recap of our winter sports. We are especially proud of our Raptors Sports League Athletes! We are getting geared up for one of the busiest spring and summer seasons in the history of our Parks Department and we can’t wait to get started! See ya’ at the Park!
Registration:
February 19—March 27, 2020
Register Online at www.hendersonvilleparks.org
Or in person at the Parks Department

Practice & League Play:
April—May
CITY CHAMPS!

2019 High School Individual
"Team Lorenz"

2019 High School Open: Competitive
"Lakers"

2019 High School Open: Recreational
"Sugar Daddies"
2020 R.A.P.T.O.R.S BASKETBALL

Reaching Athletic Potential Through Organized Recreational Sports
Beech High School Baseball Play Day — March 7

Hendersonville High School Commando Classic — March 9-14
Drakes Creek Park

Beech Bash Middle School Baseball Tournament — March 20-21
Drakes Creek Park

GMB PreSeason Cowboy Classic — March 21-22
Drakes Creek Park

Station Camp Middle School Play Day — March 27-29
Drakes Creek Park

TN Game 7 11th Annual Appreciation Tournament — March 28-29
Drakes Creek Park

Hendersonville High School PBR Tournament — April 3
Drakes Creek Park—Field 3

Founded in 1951, Babe Ruth Baseball League was created for ballplayers ages 13-15 who wished to continue their baseball playing experience beyond the age of 12. This is where players get their baseball cleats muddy for the first time on standard 90’ diamonds under Official Baseball Rules used by Major League Baseball. In this division, teams are eligible to enter tournament competition and move along the tournament trail, culminating in a World Series. For more information regarding this year’s Spring Babe Ruth league, contact Wade Evans at wevans@hvilletn.org or go to our website www.hendersonvilleparks.org

Registration: February 24 – March 25
Teams: $625 or Individual: $125
SPRING 2020

KICKBALL

REGISTRATION DATES
FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 25

LEAGUE PLAY: APRIL-JUNE

$315 PER TEAM

REGISTRATIONS CAN BE DONE:
- ONLINE
  HTTP://REGISTRATION.HENDERSONVILLEPARKS.ORG/
- AT THE PARKS DEPARTMENT OFFICE M-F 8-5PM

OFFICE: 615-822-3898

FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT: WEVANS@HVILLETN.ORG
SPRING 2020

ADULT SOFTBALL
OPEN, COED, CHURCH,
AND WOMEN'S OPEN

REGISTRATION DATES:
FEBRUARY 24- MARCH 25TH
COST: $695 PER TEAM

REGISTRATIONS CAN BE DONE:
- ONLINE HTTP://REGISTRATION.HENDERSONVILLEPARKS.ORG/
- AT THE PARKS DEPARTMENT OFFICE M-F 8-5PM

OFFICE: 615-822-3898

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ADULT OPEN ULTIMATE FRISBEE
SPRING 2020

REGISTRATION DATES
FEBRUARY 24TH - MARCH 25TH
COST-$300 PER TEAM

LEAGUE PLAY
APRIL 1ST - JUNE 10TH

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The "Jameson Wharton" Sportsmanship Award was introduced in 2019, as an annual award program that seeks to recognize two recipients competing across all Hendersonville parks leagues who demonstrate characteristics of leadership, positivity, integrity and respect that “honor the game.” Below are the 2019 recipients.

**Denny Barts**

**Hendersonville Official**

“He encourages every batter, makes a point of letting every player know when they made a great play on the field, and gives advice on how to do even better. He makes sure that he calls the game fairly and you can tell that he is out on the field because he loves the game and wants to help others love it too.”

- Honor the Game Certificate of Recognition

“I have been around sports either as a coach, a spectator, and umpire or a coach for sixty years and I have heard a lot of very successful coaches say that heart can not be taught. You either have it or you don’t. I’m hear to tell you that Denny Barts has a lot of heart and I’m very proud to call you one of ours.”

- Sid Albert, Hendersonville Officials Association

**2019 Civitan (7 & 8 year-old) Tackle Football Team**

This team demonstrated all the pillars of the Honor the Game program including respecting their coaches, playing with heart, and respecting other players. This team additionally had an undefeated season.

“On September 21st, the Titans were playing the Percy Priest Ducks and during that game the coach of the opposing game indicated that there was a player with special needs that didn’t usually get to play and had not scored a touchdown. When the players found out about this player and about how much he loves football they were all in on a plan to help him score a touchdown. They demonstrated that what matters most is kindness and inclusion.”

- Thom Golden, Honor the Game Co-founder
Hendersonville Parks and Recreation

**Park Projects**

**Sander’s Ferry — Shelter 8 Playground Renovation**

**Drakes Creek — Fixing Drainage by Field 4**

**Drakes Creek — Civitan Meeting Room Renovations: New Floor!**

**Tennis Building Changing Rooms: Partitions Added**

**Drakes Creek — Basketball Backboard work**


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**Park PROJECTS**

- **Temporary Fence Reel Rebuild at Maintenance Shop**

- **Drakes Creek Park: Sign Landscaping**

- **Drakes Creek Park Field 3 Dugout Renovations**

- **New Robot Painter and Trailer**

- **Veteran’s Park: Inline Hockey Rink Repairs**
Penny Simmons has worked for the Parks Department in several capacities over the years. Fifteen years ago, Penny first began working as a Gym Supervisor for the Parks basketball program. This led to her also being involved with helping in the Park’s annual Fishing Rodeo and RAPTORS special needs sports. She has contributed as a scorekeeper and has been a tremendous help to Parks Admin at City Hall by filling in with the front desk from time to time. Outside of being on staff with the Parks Department, she has also worked the food concessions at Drakes Creek Parks for several years through Civitan.

Before her involvement with Parks, Penny obtained her Music Degree from Cumberland University and began her first job at Cumberland as a Receptionist/Reservation Coordinator. Later she spent 16 years working at Lifeway Christian Resources Corporate office in Nashville, TN in the Member Services/Credit Union Department.

Penny was born and raised in Hendersonville. "My parents moved here when there was one gas station," describes Simmons. Those who work in the Parks Department or frequent the Parks regularly know Penny as one of the friendly faces of youth sports and someone that can be counted on for help. When asked why she loves helping with so many activities in the Parks she said, "I love the closeness that we have. I love to see how the kids improve in sports from week to week and I enjoy being around people in the community. I have formed many friendships through the Parks.”

Outside of her regular Parks routine, Penny admits that she loves to travel but explained that her favorite thing is watching sports and spending time with her closest friends. We are very thankful to have Penny on our team.