

CHAPTER – 6 ARTS/RECREATION/ AND BEAUTIFICATION GOALS

6.1 Introduction

Huntington City has an ongoing commitment to enhance the quality of life in the community by providing parks and recreational facilities, promoting civic beautification, and fostering a rich cultural environment.

6.2 Parks

The City Park has long been the primary Outdoor Site for community events and offers restrooms, Concessions facilities, and two large pavilions. The Lions Park, on 100 South, offers a pavilion, Restrooms, a splash pad, and children's playground.

The annual Heritage Days celebration has outgrown these facilities and is now primarily conducted on the spacious grounds of Canyon View Middle School. The Huntington State Park, adjacent to the City, offers beaches, fishing and water sports. Two additional City-owned sites have been proposed for park and recreational development: the area near the North Loop Road adjacent to the Rodeo Grounds; and the Green's Grove area on East Center Street.



6.3 Recreation

Huntington City maintains youth baseball, softball, and soccer fields, as well as a skate board facility. The Rodeo Grounds on Highway 31 include a well-maintained arena, grandstand, pavilion, concession facilities, and a children's playground. The Emery County Recreation Complex offers tennis and pickleball courts and ball fields for youth and adult recreation. The City's North Trail, a paved walking/ running/ biking trail, extends from the County Recreation Complex to the Huntington State Park. Additional trails have been proposed. The city's Buckhorn trail shares the same trailhead as the North Trail at the complex and goes around the perimeter of Buckhorn Resort and JN Auto, before it connects back into the North trail.

6.4 Arts and Entertainment

The Heritage Days festival includes several days in July and includes a rodeo, parade, professional entertainment, concessions, and other activities. The City also sponsors several family-centered seasonal activities throughout the year. A website (huntingtonut.com) and newsletter provide information about City services and events.

6.5 Civic Beautification

Huntington City is committed to creating and maintaining a visually pleasing civic environment. Major improvements in recent years include new street lighting on Main Street, attractive and informative signs at City entry-points, a visitor information kiosk inside the Main Street ADA Compliant Restroom, and improvements to the City Cemetery. Numerous street-level and elevated planters transform our spacious Main Street into an avenue of flowers each summer. A volunteer Beautification Committee has contributed to these accomplishments as well as encouraging and recognizing citizens in their efforts to beautify their homes and yards.

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1: Provide for parks and recreation facilities and services to enhance residents' quality of life and to attract visitors.	A: Continue to expand and improve parks and recreation facilities.	1: Create new park and recreation facilities on North Loop Road by seeking grant funding, leveling the site, providing parking, developing recreational trail-heads, pickleball courts, and other recreational facilities. Future additions will be trails, disc golf course, ice skating rink, etc.	1-5 years	City council
		2: Create new recreational trails as appropriate.	1-5 years	City Council
		3: Explore plans for best use of Green's Grove property.	5-10 years	City Council
	B: Continue to support organized recreational programs to meet the needs of citizens.	1: Regularly assess the needs and demand for recreation programs.	Annually	City Council
		2: Work with County Recreation District Board to ensure efficient use of facilities.	Ongoing	City Council
2: Provide cultural programs and facilities to enrich the lives of residents.	A: Support organized cultural events with a goal of providing low-cost opportunities to residents.	1: Regularly assess the need and demand for cultural programs.	Ongoing	City Council
		2: Coordinate with local schools and with other communities.	Ongoing	City Council

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3: Continue efforts to make Huntington a more attractive community.	A: Continue to extend civic beautification efforts beyond Main Street.	1: Enlist cooperation of businesses, schools, and other entities to beautify their buildings and grounds.	Ongoing	City Council
		2: Give increased support and recognition to citizens for improving their homes and yards.	Ongoing	City Council
	B: Expand both voluntary and code-enforcement efforts to reclaim blighted areas.	1: Partner with civic and other organizations to accomplish community clean-up projects.	Annually	City Council
		2: Actively enforce zoning and public health and safety regulations.	Ongoing	City Council, Zoning Administrator