

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



# Improving lives through...



**21**

recreation, aquatic, and ice centers



**9** indoor pools

**9** outdoor pools



**42**

regional parks

**24** neighborhood parks

**5** recreation center parks

**2,496** park reservations

**231** additional open space acres

**2**

indoor field houses



**1** sports office

**1** employee fitness center

**2,149,217** recreation participants

**1,297,068** recreation center visit

**6**

golf courses



**410,291** golf rounds

**1,150** Junior Golf participants

**33**



adaptive programs

**1,276** youth with disabilities participated in programs

**1,106** adults with disabilities participated in programs

**1**



historic working farm

**10,153** field trip students

**1,534** farmhouse tours

**28** farmers'/local artisan markets

**4**



ice sheets

**3,499**

Learn-to-Skate youth



**150+**

miles of trail



**4**

licensed childcare programs

**4,040** children enrolled in childcare

...people, parks, and play

# OUR MISSION

**“Improving lives through people, parks and play”** was in full effect in 2022 and our annual numbers confirm what our team knows firsthand: people love to recreate — indoors and outdoors — countywide.

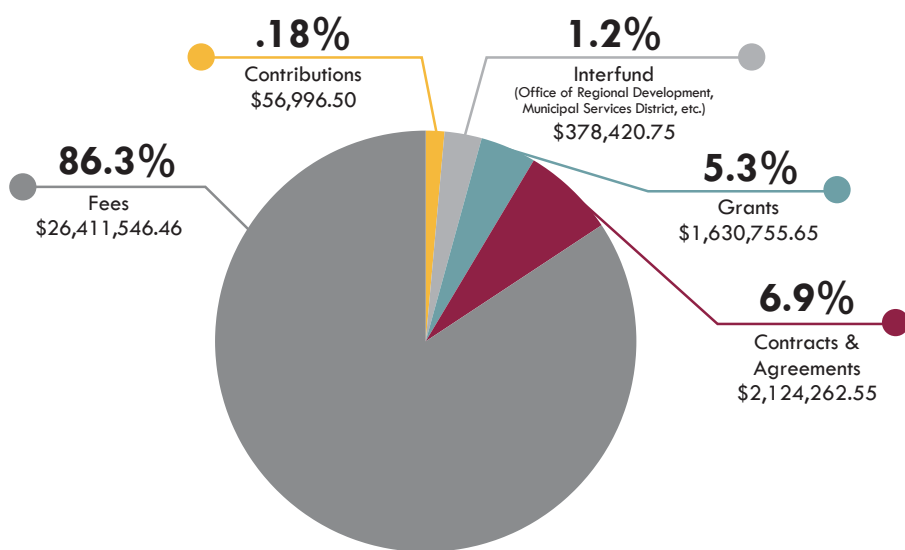
More than 4.5 million people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities actively engaged in our services and benefitted from our diverse amenities this year. We experienced record-breaking golf numbers, visits at recreation and ice centers increased, Wheeler Historic Farm hosted thousands of community members at a multitude of events, nature enthusiasts experienced guided educational activities because of our outdoor program, and the community’s love for and use of parks, trails, and open spaces continued to grow.

The positive experiences of 2022 have us looking forward to 2023 and the many possibilities it will bring. In the new year, and in years to follow, we will continue to take proactive measures to reduce water use, implement smart-water management at all properties, rethink design to ensure our amenities can be enjoyed for decades to come, and get “back to basics” to offer introductory activities for everyone.

**Martin Jensen**, *Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation Director*

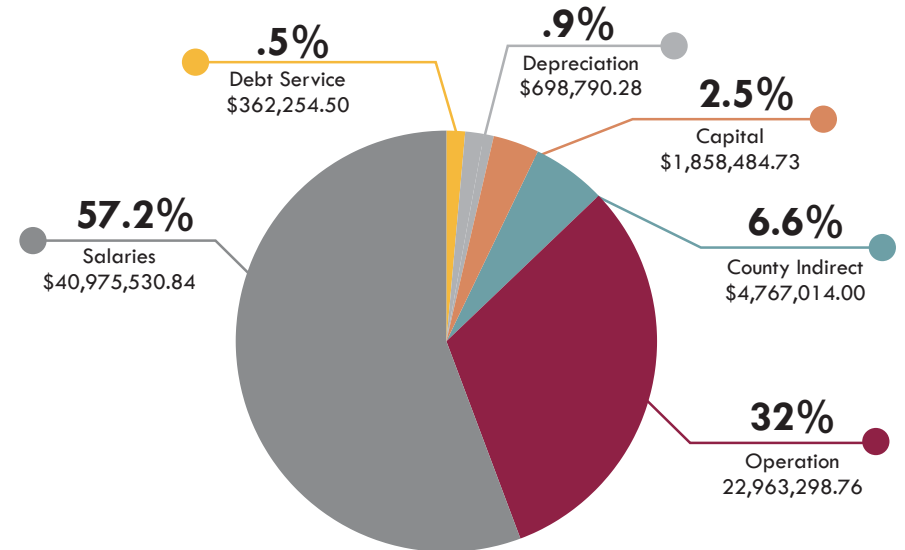


# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



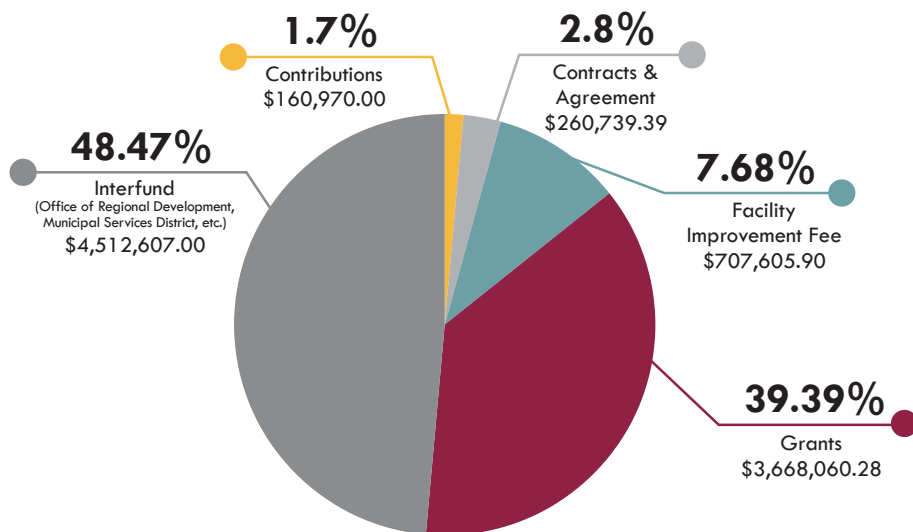
## OPERATING REVENUE

Total: \$30,601,981.91



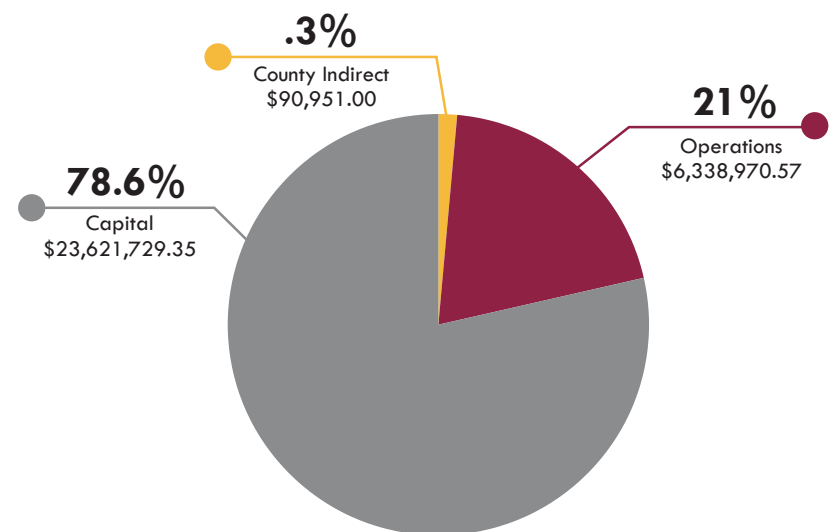
## OPERATING EXPENSES

Total: \$71,625,373.11



## CAPITAL PROJECT REVENUE

Total: \$9,309,982.57

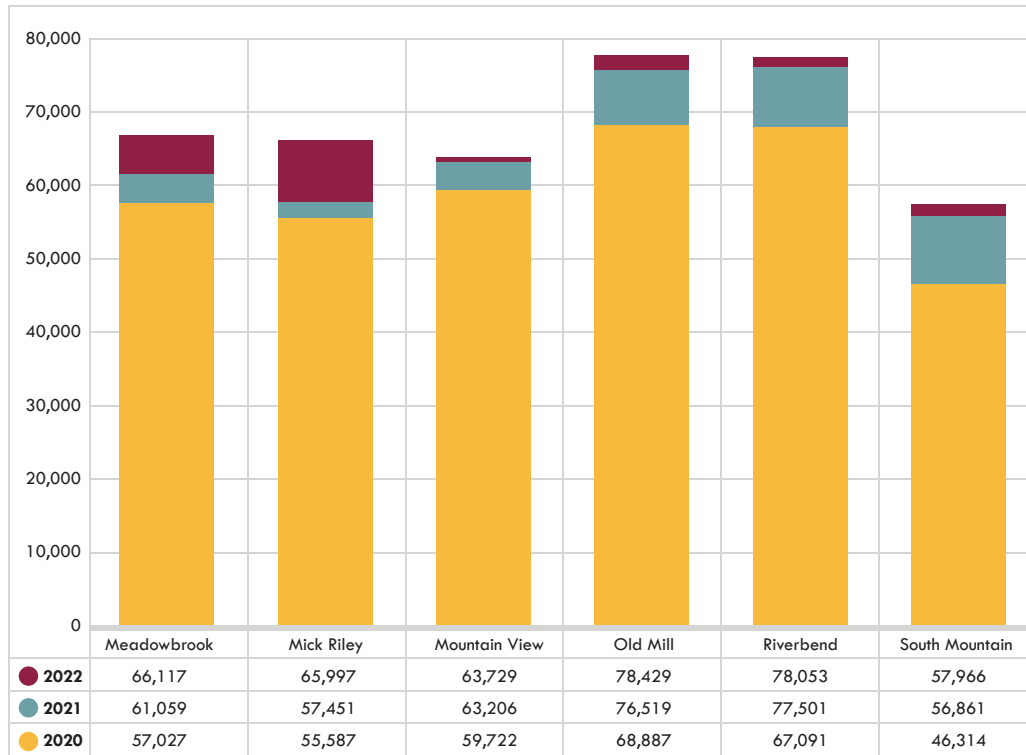


## CAPITAL PROJECT EXPENSES

Total: \$30,051,650.92

# GOLF COURSES

Record-breaking rounds and revenue:



## Junior Golf

**1,150**

Junior Golf participants

**841** Clinics

**222** Camps

**87** Leagues



**410,291** Total Rounds

**\$10,017,025** Revenue



# WHEELER HISTORIC FARM

A beloved community gathering and learning space  
for people of all ages, abilities, backgrounds, and interests.



**1,534**  
Farmhouse tours

**10,153** field trip students

**33,233** wagon rides

**2,065** milking demonstrations

**165** horse and summer camp participants

**1,500** birthday party participants

**2,141** volunteer hours

## Farmers Market

**133**

small businesses/local artisans

**23** Sunday Markets

**4** Winter Markets

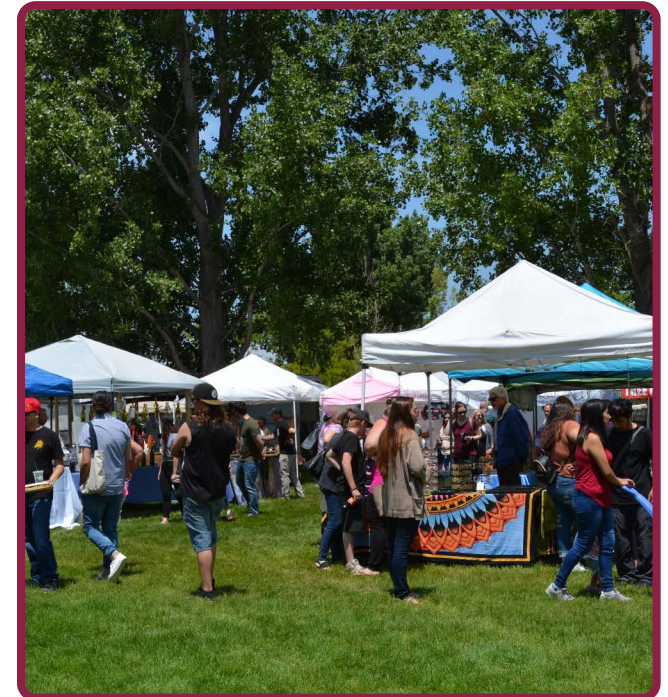
**1** Holiday Market

**\$8,599**

SNAP tokens

**\$5,695**

Double Up Food Bucks



Several animals live on the farm and they are loved by thousands of visitors.

**11** Horses

**7** Cows

**7** Peacocks

**2** Ponies

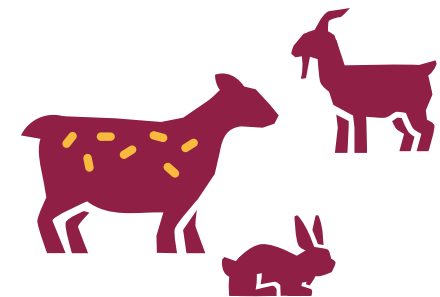
**5** Goats

**20** Chickens

**1** Donkey

**8** Sheep

**2** Rabbits





**Parks, trails, and other outdoor spaces are great, no-cost tools for residents to improve their physical and mental health.**

— *Sarah Kinnison, Salt Lake County Health Department Health Educator and Founder of Park Rx Utah*

# IMPROVING SPACES AND PLACES

Working collaboratively across all teams we actively improve and preserve spaces and places to enhance user experience and to expand recreation opportunities countywide.



## Funding sources include:

- Tourism, Recreation, Culture, and Convention (TRCC)
- 2016 Zoo, Arts, and Parks (ZAP) Bonds
- Grants
- Facility Improvement Fees (FIF)
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

## Annual projects include new builds, improvements, and renovations.

This year, ARPA funds allowed us to begin infrastructure improvements including replacing and/or updating several irrigation systems with smart water management technology and piloting synthetic turf at Murray Fields.

## Master planning for 2025–2034 is underway.

Public involvement is key to the master plan process to ensure accessible, equitable, sustainable, and quality design for everyone.



# OUR TEAM

 **5,024**  
employees

**334** merit employees

**4,690** temporary employees

More than **1.5 million** hours worked

**20,819** work orders completed for parks, trails, and open spaces

## Staff Summit

From increasing connections among team members to reigniting passion for the work we do, our annual Staff Summit is an excellent forum for fostering greater collaboration and understanding between colleagues, developing professional skills, as well as for providing invaluable insights into our priorities for the coming year.

**250** attendees | **24** topics



## County Years of Service Milestones

**30**

Garin Lamph

**25**

Jon Fraughton  
Charles Gilmore  
Wade Olsen  
Ron Preece  
Meridee Syme

**20**

Angelo Calacino  
Ryan Colemere  
Art Lovato  
Bess Thompson

**15**

Kellen Jensen  
Martin Jensen  
Nikki Kilpatrick  
Robynn Peterson  
Andrea Sorensen

**10**

River August  
Bryce Rypien  
Trace Wright

**5**

Anna Bostrom  
Chelsea Day  
Renuka Karki  
Patty Kitrell  
Leoni Raihauti  
Suzanne Rivas-Valle  
Elizabeth Sollis  
Jerad Steed

# 2022



## WINS AND RECOGNITION

- Visits and participation at recreation centers **met or exceeded pre-2020 levels**
- Began **construction of multi-user trails** at Butterfield Trailhead Regional Park in Butterfield Canyon
- **Record-breaking golf participation** resulting in a \$10 million revenue
- **Salt Lake City Sports Complex** got a small **makeover** in two ice-skating specific spaces, and a **celebrity reveal** thanks to Nathan Chen and CBS' Secret Celebrity Renovation
- **Completion of bond projects** which protects the County's bond rating — \$90 million investment
- **Public/private partnership** with Siempre Event Center at South Mountain Golf Course





# WINS AND RECOGNITION

- Hosted a **national wheelchair football tournament** in partnership with Move United
- Secured an **additional 231 acres of public open space**
- Ongoing **construction of two (2) regional parks:** Bingham Creek and Pioneer Crossing
- Near completion of Parley's Trail which supports **state, county, and city trail connectivity goals**
- **Full rosters** for our Junior Golf program
- **Record number** of learn-to-skate enrollments
- **Opening of the 6,315 square-foot Outdoor Education Center** at Wheeler Historic Farm that features indoor and outdoor classrooms, a pavilion, and demonstration and teaching gardens
- **Increased community engagement** through monthly emails, active on line/social media presence, ongoing surveys specific to user experience, and outreach events
- Mayor and Council investment/approval of **\$5 million for 2023 open space and trail maintenance needs**

- Partnership with Larry H. & Gail Miller Foundation to **renovate and rename the softball complex at Big Cottonwood Regional Park in honor of the late Larry Miller:** Larry H. Miller Softball Complex at Big Cottonwood Regional Park
- Hosted two days of **USA Hockey's Try Hockey for Free Day**
- Arts, Parks and the Utah Skies partnership with Clark Planetarium and Arts and Culture to **connect park visitors with the wonders of space through public art installations** at Taylorsville Recreation Center, Pleasant Green Park, and Yellow Fork Canyon Trailhead
- Collaboration with Utah STEM Action Center to **promote early math learning through an interactive, bilingual campaign** at Wheeler Historic Farm
- Countywide recruitment campaign to **ensure our staffing needs meet the community needs**
- **Acord Ice Center celebrated 25 years** of public service
- Ongoing **smart-water management and conservation** to balance an extremely dry climate with much-needed outdoor recreation
- **Recognition of Gale Dick's lifelong environmental preservation efforts** with a plaque installed at Mount Olympus Trailhead



## In addition to these wins, Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation received the following recognition:

- Utah Recreation and Parks Association's **2022 Outstanding Facility (over 50,000) Award for outstanding and unique achievements in the design and development** of Draper Recreation Center
- **Urban Design Utah 2022 Legacy Award for Reclaiming + Catalyzing** Hidden Hollow and the Draw at Sugar House Park
- **Salt Lake City Weekly Best of Utah 2022:** Best Running Trail, Jordan River Parkway (1st place) and Dimple Dell (3rd place); Best Bike Path, Jordan River Parkway (1st place) and Parley's Trail (2nd place); Best Hike Path, Bonneville Shoreline Trail (1st place); Best Public Golf Course, Mick Riley Golf Course (3rd place)
- Utah Construction & Design **2022 Most Outstanding Project in the Community/ Cultural category:** Wheeler Historic Farm Outdoor Education Center



# BOARDS & LEADERSHIP

Our dedicated board members support us throughout the year and continue to provide valuable insight specific to indoor and outdoor recreation, as well as to open space opportunities across the valley.

## PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Connie Burgess	Carl Fisher	Kristi Swett
Jaren Cooper	Robynn Masters	John Warnas
Jerry Cordova-Ong	Mont Millerberg	Lynette Wendel
Bryce Dunford	Danny Schoenfeld	
Chris Hill	Soren Simonsen	

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## SUGAR HOUSE PARK AUTHORITY

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Toby Hazelbaker	Holly Nichols	Taylor Weavil

## BINGHAM CREEK REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Colby Hill	Angela McGuire	Wayne Johnson
Martin Jensen	Wendy Thomas	
Patrick Leary	Don Tingey	

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Nate Blouin	Bennion Gardner	Sarah Reale
Carrie Butler	Deborah Gatrell	Rhetta McIff
Benjamin Cook	Angela Gong	J. Kael Weston

## SALT LAKE COUNTY MAYOR

Jenny Wilson

## SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

David Alvord, *District 2*  
Jim Bradley, *At Large C*  
Arlyn Bradshaw, *District 1*  
Steve DeBry, *District 5*  
Laurie Stringham, *At Large A*  
Ann Granato, *District 4*  
Aimee Winder Newton, *District 3*  
Richard Snelgrove, *At Large B*  
Dea Theodore, *District 6*

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

Robin Chalhoub, *Director*  
Joey McNamee, *Associate Director*

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*Division Director*  
Martin Jensen

*Associate Division Director of Administration and Finance*  
Andrew Keddington

*Associate Division Director of Community Engagement*  
Liz Sollis

*Associate Division Director of Golf*  
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*Associate Division Director of Parks, Trails, and Open Space*  
Patrick Leary

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Doranne Pittz

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