



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

**RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**

The City of Findlay Recreation Department operates from the Flag City Sports Complex and is led by Recreation Manager Lisa Mansfield. The department is supported by four full-time employees and 23 seasonal staff members who collectively oversee recreation programming, facility scheduling, operations, and maintenance.

Throughout 2025, the Recreation Department continued to expand programming opportunities, increase community engagement, and maintain high utilization across all facilities within the complex.

Recreation Programming

Learn-to-Skate

The Learn-to-Skate program continues to serve participants of all ages and skill levels using the nationally recognized Learn to Skate USA curriculum. Professional instructors provide quality instruction in a positive and structured environment for recreational skaters, figure skaters, and hockey players.

The program offers Saturday afternoon classes, Wednesday evening classes, homeschool sessions, and specialized Power Hockey skill development classes.

2025 Participation by Session

- **Session 1 Total Participants: 75**
- **Session 2 Total Participants: 79**
- **Session 3 Total Participants: 107**

Session 3 demonstrated significant growth, particularly in traditional Saturday and Wednesday classes, reflecting increased community interest and strong program momentum.

Keep Active, Keep Healthy

The Keep Active, Keep Healthy program encourages youth and adults to stay active through free, structured recreational activities hosted at parks throughout the city. Activities include kickball, whiffle ball, obstacle courses, and other outdoor engagement opportunities designed to promote physical activity and reduce screen time.

In 2025, the department partnered with the Findlay Hancock Public Library through the “Summer Connect” initiative, expanding the program by adding seven additional events. This collaboration strengthened community engagement by integrating recreation, health education, and literacy programming.

Shelter House & Facility Rentals

The Recreation Department manages the scheduling and rental of:

- Riverside Park Shelter Houses
- Miracle Park Shelter
- Millstream Art Plaza

In 2025:

- **299 shelter rentals** were recorded
- **Miracle Park Shelter was rented 5 times**

Additionally, The Cube meeting rooms were rented **86 times** throughout the year.

Flag City Sports Complex Facilities

The Cube Ice Arena

The Cube remains one of only three ice arenas in Northwest Ohio and serves as home ice for:

- Findlay High School Varsity and Junior Varsity Hockey
- Findlay Silver Blades Figure Skating Club
- Gliding Stars Adaptive Skating Program
- Findlay Amateur Hockey Association (FAHA)
- Findlay Adult Hockey League

Public Skate sessions continue to be a popular recreational offering for families and teens. Admission and skate rental rates remained unchanged in 2025 at \$6 and \$3 respectively.

Additional Highlights – 2025

- Concession operations during games, competitions, ice shows, and public skate sessions
 - **52 Birthday Party Packages hosted**, including 22 in the final four months of the year
 - Continued strong facility utilization by user groups and the general public
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Marathon Diamonds

The Marathon Diamonds is a five-field, lighted baseball and softball complex that remains one of the region's most active outdoor athletic facilities.

Primary users include:

- University of Findlay Baseball and Softball
- Findlay Girls Fastpitch Softball
- Findlay Youth Baseball
- Findlay Diamond Dawgs Travel Baseball
- Findlay Blackhawks Travel Softball
- Flag City Sluggers (inaugural season)

In 2025:

- **21 Flag City Sluggers home games** were hosted
- **23 weekend tournaments** were conducted
- Regular season play ran from March through mid-October

The Diamonds continue to generate significant community traffic and regional tournament activity.

Roethlisberger Football Field

Roethlisberger Football Field serves as the primary competition field for Findlay Youth Football, hosting athletes in grades 3 through 8.

The field also supports the Hancock County Special Olympics Football Teams, reinforcing the department's commitment to inclusive athletic opportunities.

Blanchard Valley Health System Miracle Park

Miracle Park is an all-inclusive baseball field and playground designed to provide children with disabilities the opportunity to participate in baseball and recreational play regardless of ability level.

The playground promotes sensory development, motor skills, and inclusive interaction, serving as a vital community asset for families across the region.

2025 Overview

In 2025, the Recreation Department:

- Expanded program participation in Learn-to-Skate
- Strengthened community partnerships through Summer Connect
- Maintained high facility utilization across all complex assets
- Increased birthday party bookings late in the year
- Hosted 23 tournaments and supported multiple home organizations

The Recreation Department remains committed to providing high-quality recreational programming, maintaining exceptional facilities, and fostering community engagement throughout Findlay.