



Employee Spotlight



Tami Waring, Golf Course Manager

Tami has been with the Bartow Golf Course since May 2019 Her favorite quote is "Great things are done by a series of small things brought together." – Vincent Van Gogh.

Says Tami: "I LOVE to get creative with food and enjoy cooking and hosting. Otherwise, I'm in the pool, reading a book or traveling. I have been to many countries, with my favorite being Adelaide, Australia, where I ended up in a game of tug of war with a kangaroo who wanted my jacket!"



CHRISTINA HIELSCHER, CITY LIBRARIAN

Christina has been with the City of Bartow since September 2020 and enjoys the variety of her job as well as seeing the community enjoy the Library's programs and services.

Says Chris: "I enjoy hiking, going to concerts, and, of course, reading." Interestingly she has lived in three of the four corners of the US - Florida, Vermont and Washington.



Kyle Lasek, Parks and Recreation Manager

Kyle has been with the City of Bartow since September of 2023 and enjoys working with our team to find new ways for people of all ages to recreate and helping kids create memories at our facilities

Says Kyle: "When not at work you can find me on a golf course or by the pool reading a book. I am not hard to find in crowd standing at 6'10!"

Bartow Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts

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HOLIDAY HOURS

MEMORIAL DAY (MAY 27)

Offices and facilities closed

JUNETEENTH (JUNE 19)

Offices and facilities closed

INDEPENDENCE DAY (JULY 4)

Offices and facilities closed

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Meets monthly at the City Hall Commission Chambers on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm

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Meets Quarterly at the City Hall Commission Chambers on the fourth Wednesday (January, April, July, October) at 5:30_{PM}



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BARTOW NOW

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ON THE COVER: The playground at Nye Jordan Park is a hit with Bartow children and parents alike. While you're there, check out the new climbing wall!



Carver Recreation Center



520 S. Herbert Dixon Blvd.

Carver Recreation Center is the site of recreation programming, including youth and adult sports, Summer Camps and specialty classes, as well as staff offices for the Recreation Programming Division.

Indooramenities include two gymnasiums, a multipurpose room (East/West Room) and a kitchen.

Outside there are racquetball and basketball courts, a playground, a multipurpose field, a small pavilion and a large pavilion with picnic tables.

Community Garden

A community garden also is located on the Carver Recreation Center grounds. The garden allows residents to grow and harvest fresh produce and other plants, enjoy outdoor exercise and learn about horticulture.



Residents can submit an application for a plot in the garden. For more information, call 863.534.0161.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

The Bartow Civic Center



2250 S. Floral Ave.

The Parks and Recreation Division Main Office is located at the Civic Center.

The facility is available for event rentals, including for weekly and monthly meetings of local civic groups.

Rentals

The Civic Center has a large multi-purpose room (Assembly 1) that can be rented for weddings and other celebrations, large meetings and a variety of special events. Assembly 1 has a stage and adjacent kitchen.

There also is a medium multi-purpose room (Assembly 2) that is primarily used for meetings. This room has a divider that opens to the large multi-purpose room to use as an additional space for large special events. This room can also access the kitchen.

In addition, there are four small multipurpose rooms (Spence Room, Game Room, Teen & Adult Lounge), which also are available for rent.

OUTDOOR COURTS

Outside the facility, there is a Tennis Complex with eight courts, half of which have lights for evening play. There also is a sand volleyball court and a racquetball court.

There are both women's and men's locker rooms in the Civic Center.

POLK STREET COMMUNITY CENTER

1255 W. POLK ST.

Polk Street Community Center offers an outdoor basketball Court, a baseball field with a concession and press box, a pavilion and two playgrounds.

The facility also houses a Fitness Center / Weight Room which is open to members from 2 - 7PM Monday through Friday.

Polk Street is available for rental. For more information, call 863.534.0145.







ат Carver Recreation Center and Polk Street **Community Center**

Have a BASH this summer - Bartow style! Bartow Bash Summer Camp runs weekdays for seven weeks, except for the Juneteenth (June 19) and July 4th holidays.

Bartow Bash is for children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Campers will enjoy arts and crafts, structured games, indoor and outdoor play, snacktivities and more! Each week, campers will embark on exciting field trips to explore the best of what our community has to offer!

Pay only for the weeks needed or play all summer long. Registration is first come, first served.

Cost: \$65 per week per child Time: 7:30AM - 5:30PM Dates: June 10 – July 26

Register at Bartowrec.recdesk.com



FAMILY ARTS AT GAME NIGHT THE REC

SERIES

Community Center

All programs 6-7:30рм

June 5 - Family Feud July 10 - Music Bingo August 21 - Cornhole Tournament

Looking for some family fun? Round up your loved ones and join us for Family Game Night! Each night will feature a new game. This is the perfect way to spend quality time with family and make new friends in the community!

For more information or to register please visit Bartowrec.recdesk.com



Mondays, May 13 - June 24 from 3:30 - 5PM For student artists in grades 8 - 12

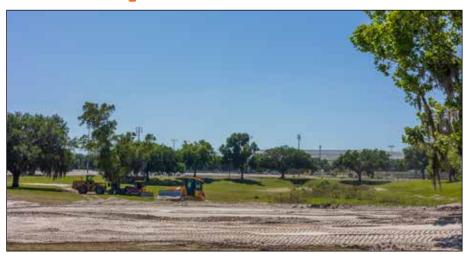
Unleash your creativity with our exciting art program designed just for you! Join us for a series of fun and engaging art

workshops tailored for students in grades 8 through 12.

Students will be able to experiment and learn different art techniques from painting, drawing, and sketching as well as mixing colors and techniques to mixed media abstracts. This program is limited to 25 students.

For more information or to register, please visit Bartowrec.recdesk.com

Big Things are Happening in Bartow Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts



THE DEPARTMENT IS PARTNERING WITH POLK COUNTY TOURISM & SPORTS MARKETING TO INSTALL FOUR NEW ADULT SOFTBALL FIELDS AT BARTOW PARK 555.

By Jason Hargrove, Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts

he Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department is currently engaged in many wonderful programs and improvement projects. We know that having functional and enjoyable parks, facilities and activities improves the quality of life for our city residents and visitors. Please take a moment to read about special projects that are underway in Bartow.



New fencing at the RC track

The Department is partnering with Polk County Tourism & Sports Marketing to install four new adult softball fields at Bartow Park 555. Construction of these fields is being done by Rodda Construction and the work and improvements are coming along great. In the end, we will have four adult softball fields that can be used for adult leagues such as softball and kickball. The fields also will be used to host youth softball tournaments/games. Completion of this project is scheduled for October.

We also are replacing several fence areas around our parks and facilities. The RC Track at Bartow Park 555 got a new fence, and we also replaced the one around the football playing field at 555. Replacement of fencing at Mary Holland Park entrance and the backstops at Pittas Baseball Complex should take place soon.

Speaking of the Pittas Baseball Complex, we have replaced the majority of the old lights with new LED fixtures. This should be complete by the end of May. Along with the new LED lights, we installed a Horticultural program for the baseball fields, along with other athletic fields around the City. This process will allow us to properly maintain the health of the fields and keep them looking green and ready to play on!

The Bartow Golf Course is one of the top facilities in the City. In March the course hosted more than 200 rounds of golf on multiple days. Earlier this year we started repaving our golf cart paths to ensure a smoother ride for patrons.

We also have purchased some new equipment to streamline processes in several areas. A new aerator is helping keep our golf course healthy and green and several new golf carts have been added to our fleet.

Perhaps most exciting is a new Robotic Ball Picker, a completely autonomous golf ball collecting robot that will eliminate this tedious task from our staff's workload.



The new aerator at the Golf Course

And we now have a Turf Tank, which automatically lines athletic fields according to dimensions set in a tablet. The Turf Tank allows staff to focus on other areas while it preps the field for games.

Our Public Library is going strong with programs and activities for all ages. The Library has also gone Fine Free, allowing more people to enjoy this facility. Our City Librarian and her staff provide programs to keep the community involved and anxious to return.



THE LIBRARY'S BACKYARD

If you've ever taken in the scenic vista that is the backyard of the Library, you'll be happy to know that a walking trail is planned to allow visitors to enjoy the remarkable view and to connect the facility with nearby Mary Holland Park.

Bartow Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts is committed to ensuring that every resident has an opportunity to experience outstanding recreational and educational activities to enhance our quality of life, build relationships, and develop a sense of community pride.

CITY OF BAR



BARTOW PARK 1105 S. County Rd. 555 95 acres



BARTOW CIVIC PLAZA 200 E. Davidson Rd. 1 acre



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HACK LAKE East Lake Dr.



HAMILTON PARK 950 S. Oaklawn Dr. .24 acres



MANN Mann Road & | 2 acr



MLK GAZEBO PARK 1555 MLK Jr. BLVD. .34 acres



MLK PARK 2005 E. MLK BLVD. .36 acre



MOSAIC 1865 S. Broa 8.87 a



RICHLAND MANOR PARK 920 Bear Creek Dr. 2.39 acres



SUMMERLIN PARK

@ WILSON LAKE

1150 S. Jackson Ave.

10.28 acres



WABAS 990 E. Wa 1 ac

TOW PARKS



CE PARK LINTON ST. cres



FORT BLOUNT PARK 105 N. Broadway Ave. 1 acre



OVER THE BRANCH PARK 715 W. Polk St. .93 acre



LAKE EL Paso Ave.



MARY HOLLAND PARK 2015 Shumate Dr. 117.43 acres



MCLEOD PARK 970 W. McLeop St. 2.61 acres



PARK pway Ave. cres



NYE JORDAN PARK 1165 S. Orange Ave. **3.48** acres



PITTAS PARK 2250 S. Floral Ave. 4.5 acres

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- (LIGHTED) Baseball Fields Pavilions (LG)
 - **BasketBall courts**
- (Lighted) Ваѕкетваць
- **BBQ** GRILLS
- **Concession stand**
- FISHING
 - FOOTBALL FIELDS

- Pavilions (sm)
- **PICKLEBALL**
- Picnic Tables
- **PLayground**
- Restrooms
 - RC Car Track

- **Soccer FIELDS**
- Softball fields
- Stage
- **Tennis courts**
- VolleyBall
- Walking Trails
 - Water Feature

ATHLETICS

LEAGUES

Adult Co-Ed Basketball League

Men and women, 18+ years Wednesdays, July 10 – August 21 from 6 – 8pm Carver Recreation Center

Looking to showcase your skills on the court? Join our exciting Adult Basketball League and compete against other teams in a fun and competitive environment!

Teams will play a five week season with a two week playoff. Don't miss out on your opportunity to play on our recreation league.

Registration opens May 20 at Bartowrec.recdesk.com



Adult Co-Ed Basketball Tournament

Men and women, 18+ years June 22 from 8:30AM – 1PM Carver Recreation Center

Do you have what it takes to be the next champion? Gather your team and compete in our exciting basketball tournament, featuring eight teams battling it out for glory on the court!

Space is limited so don't miss your chance to register. All players on each team must register individually, ensuring that everyone is ready to hit the court.

Registration opens May 1 at Bartowrec.recdesk.com



Adult Co-Ed Volleyball League

Tuesdays, May 7 – June 18 from 6– 9PM Carver Recreation Center

Looking for a fun and friendly volleyball league? Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, our recreational league is perfect for players of all skill levels! Our league consists of 5 weeks of games followed by a 2-week playoff, giving you plenty of opportunities to showcase your skills and have a great time on the court. Join us for an exciting season of volleyball action! Register online at *Bartowrec.recdesk.com*



August 10 at 9am Carver Recreation Center

Get ready to dodge, duck, dip, and dive at our Free Dodgeball Tournament! Form a team with friends or join as a free agent and we'll place you on a team. Either way, get ready for a day of fun, competition and camaraderie. Co-ed, 18+ years of age.

Registration opens June 1 at *Bartowrec.recdesk.com*.



Pickleball Club

July 12 – August 23 Friday from 10AM – noon Nye Jordan Pickleball Courts

Calling all pickleball enthusiasts! Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, our club is the perfect place to meet fellow players, improve your skills, and have a blast on the court!

Our club welcomes players of all ages

and skill levels. Whether you're looking for friendly matches or competitive play, you'll find a welcoming community of players eager to share their love of Pickleball.

Don't miss out on the fun! Join our pickleball club today and discover why pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports in the country.

Registration opens on May 20 at Bartowrec.recdesk.com.

Middle School eSports Club

Thursdays, from 5 - 8PM at the Bartow Civic Center

Middle school boys and girls are invited to challenge friends and classmates in a variety of video games. All games are rated "E" for everyone. Games will be monitored by Parks & Rec staff. First come, first served, but everyone gets a turn. New games will be added periodically.

Pre-registration and parental required. Register consent online at Bartowrec.recdesk. com/Community or on site.

This program will be held in the Game Room at the Civic Center.

WELLCARE **DANCEHALL FIT DANCE CLASS**

Carver Recreation Center Tuesdays at noon

Looking to stay active and learn some new moves? Join our dance class specially designed for seniors! Discover the joy of dance while getting fit and improving your balance and flexibility.

Whether you're a beginner or have some dance experience, our classes cater to all levels. Learn dancehall dancing techniques and groove to your favorite tunes in a supportive and friendly environment.

Our experienced instructors will guide you through each step, ensuring you have a great time while improving your overall health and well-being.

For more information or to register, please visit Bartowrec.recdesk.com

MONDAY LINE DANCERS

Mondays from 8AM - noon Bartow Civic Center

Get ready to kick up your heels and join our Senior Line Dancing class! This class caters to seniors 55+ who want to put a little "pep in their step."

Line dancing is not only great exercise but also a wonderful way to improve coordination, memory, and balance — all while having a great time with friends!

Join us for a toe-tapping, hip-swaying good time! No partner or experience required—just bring your enthusiasm and get ready to dance the morning away!

For more information or to register, please visit Bartowrec.recdesk.com



SENIORS ON THE MOVE

Monday through Thursday from 2 - 5PM

at Carver Recreation Center

Seniors on the Move is a program for adults 55 years of age and older. It is designed to get older adults moving and on the go.

Come celebrate your golden years with games, exercise and other activities.



Bartow Public Library



Join us for our Summer Reading Program

Children and teens who participate in summer library programs enjoy engaging activities that promote literacy development and encourage exploration and curiosity. Summer library programs can help avoid the "summer slump" and encourage lifelong learning for the entire family. Sign up for the Summer Program to get a reading log. At the end of each week, patrons can show their log to receive a free book, and those who read more than three hours each week will have the chance to win an additional prizes.



JUNE

science and magic." See him on June 26 at

FRIDAY, JUNE 7 FROM NOON TO 3PM Summer Kick Off Party

> FRIDAY, JUNE 14 AT 10AM Super Summer Show Gatorland

SATURDAY, JUNE 15 AT 2PM Summer Music Series Mark Kroos, guitarist WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 AT 10AM
Super Summer Show
Spheres Bubble Show

FRIDAY, JUNE 28 AT 1PM
Family Movie Matinee
Disney Pixar's Onward

JULY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 AT 10AM
Super Summer Show
Menestrelli Dog Show

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 AT 10AM Super Summer Show Katie Adams, puppetry

FRIDAY, JULY 19 AT 1PM
Family Movie Matinee
The Mitchells vs. the Machines

SATURDAY, JULY 20 AT 2PM
Summer Music Series
Robin Brooke, singer/songwriter

THURSDAY, JULY 25 AT 6PM
Summer Music Series
Teen Talent Showcase

FRIDAY, JULY 26 FROM 1 – 3PM End of Summer Party



Bartow Public Library

2150 S. Broadway Ave.

Hours

Monday - Thursday

9AM - 8PM

Friday and Saturday

9AM - 5PM

Sunday closed

863.534.0131
BartowpublicLibrary@gmail.com



Regular Programming

FOR ALL AGES

GAME NIGHT

Tuesdays from 4:30 – 6:30pm



Have fun with the whole family playing a variety of board games!

FOR ADULTS

LET'S GET CRAFTING

Thursdays, June 6 and August 8 5:30 – 7:30PM

Adults can craft too! All supplies provided. Contact library to register.

GET MOVING

Tuesdays, 9:30 - 10:30AM

Enjoy a variety of senior focused activities, like strength training, pilates, cardio, and dance!

CHAIR YOGA

Fridays, 9:30 – 10:30AM Build strength, mobility, reduce stress, and improve your overall wellness.

YARN OVER BROADWAY

Mondays, 6 – 7рм

Bring your own projects to our fiber arts club or help make blanket squares to donate to Warm Up America.

BOOK CLUBS

Novels After Noon

1st Wednesday of the month, 3 – 4рм

Do you like to read? Do you enjoy lively discussions about books? Then join along as our book discussion group reads a new book each month and then meets to review and discuss it.

NOVELS AT NIGHT

3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 - 7:30PM

Don't know what to read next? Join our evening book club and broaden your literary horizons! Each month pick a book inspired by the new theme and tell us about it.

FOR 'TWEENS AND TEENS

TEENS GET CRAFTING

3rd Thursday of the month, 2 – 4рм Ages 11-18

Discover your new hobby with our monthly craft in a relaxed space!

For teens ages 13 and older.

TEEN ANIME CLUB

2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month from 1 - 3PM

For teens ages 13 and older.

Young adults welcome to join! Make new friends while watching and discussing anime and making anime-inspired arts and crafts.

FOR CHILDREN

LEGO CLUB

2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from 3:30 – 4:30pm

Bring out your inner architect with our monthly build challenges. Your creation will be displayed in the library. Ages 5-18

Songs & Stories

Thursdays, 11 – 11:30am Enjoy stories, songs, puppets, and crafts! Ages 3-5

BOOK BABIES

Thursdays, 10 – 10:30am Up to age 2

Enjoy nursery rhymes, finger plays, songs, and bubbles! For babies up to two years of age.

POKEMON CLUB

2nd & 4th Saturday of the month, from 11AM – noon

Trade cards and battle! All school ages welcome.

ONCE UPON A CUENTO

3rd Saturday of the month from 11AM – noon Stories in Spanish and English. For all ages.

KIDS GET CRAFTING

3rd Wednesday of the month, from 3:30 – 4:30pm

Cut, glue, paint and draw your way to a new creative outlet! Ages 6-10

Paws to Read

3rd Saturday of the month, from 10 – 11AM

Read aloud to a dog and receive a friendly lick and a free book! For beginning readers and dog lovers of all ages.

Note that there will be no teen or children's programming in May



The Bartow Public Library will be participating in FREE COMIC BOOK DAY on Saturday, May 4.

Stop by the library between 10AM and 4PM and receive five

free comics of your choice as well as a take-home craft and a snack to go! Many thanks to MAIN STREET COMICS & MEMORABILIA for their generous assistance.

*While supplies last



In 1919, Tampa engineer Harry Knight was awarded the contract to build Bartow's golf course on land that had been a dairy farm. The nine-hole course opened later that year.

In 1925, the citizens of Bartow approved a bond of \$50,000 to purchase the holdings of the Bartow Golf Club, as well as another 100 adjoining acres, in order to construct an additional nine holes. The new 18-hole links-style golf course officially opened on the morning of December 4, 1926.

Today, the par 72 Bartow Golf Course, located at 190 Herbert Dixon Blvd., features four sets of tees ranging from 5,200 yards to 6,600 yards. There are no homes between you and the tee – just Mother Nature.

Make a Reservation

Especially during peak season, reserve your tee times at least a week in advance by calling 863.583.9183 or go to bartowgolf.com. The Bartow Men's Golf Association plays every Wednesday and Saturday with a 7AM tee time. The cost to play with the Association is \$20 per game, plus a cart and green fee.

Lessons available

Both Youth and Adult lessons are available with Golf Pro Chris Reddoch. The one-hour sessions are \$25 for those under 18, and \$40 for golfers 18 and older.

The beauty of the oaks and peaceful wildlife mixed with the challenging greens and winding dog legs scattered with water hazards throughout makes Bartow Golf Course, or "The Tow" as it is known, a diamond in the rough.



Golf Rates May thru August		
18 holes w/cart	\$25	
18 holes walking	\$18	
9 holes w/ cart	\$15	
9 holes walking	\$12	
cart fee	\$15	
range balls (sm)	\$5	
range balls (lg)	\$8	

PRO SHOP

The Bartow Pro Shop is fully stocked with the latest in golf fashion, accessories and equipment.

Some of the top brands available are Ping, Callaway, Titleist and Taylor Made. We carry both men and women's apparel.

Our staff can help you with gift selections and gift card purchases. The Pro Shop is open seven days a week from 7AM - 6PM

For more information, call 863.533.9183



and MULLIGANS BAR & GRILL

Owned and operated by the City of Bartow, Mulligans Bar & Grill is located at the Bartow Golf Course. Mulligans features lunch, drinks and bar bites for before or after play.

Take advantage of the Sports Bar atmosphere and enjoy our bar menu from 3 - 6PM. Check out the monthly specialty drinks that feature both alcoholic & non-alcoholic libations.

Mulligans is available to rent for parties and special events. Our expert staff of catering and event professionals provides the highest levels of service excellence and the utmost attention to detail.

Special events

Follow the Golf Course on Facebook – facebook.com/TheT0W – to find out about all the specials happening throughout the summer at Mulligans. Here are some of the many on tap...

MAY 25 - Cookies are on the house in honor of Cookie Monster's birthday!

JUNE 7 - Get a free doughnut with any food or beverage purchase to celebrate National Doughnut Day!

JUNE 15 - Raise a glass to World Martini Day with \$5 martinis from 11AM until 8PM.

JUNE 17 - Martinis not your thing? How about \$1 root beers all day in honor of Root Beer Day?

JUNE 25 - Get lured in between 11AM and 3PM by a \$12.50 Catfish sandwich lunch special with coleslaw and a drink on National Catfish Day.

Go to bartowgolf.com/events/ or call 863.533.1668 for info.





BAR & GRILL HOURS

Open seven days a week 11AM-7PM

Lunch Menu Available 11AM – 3PM

Bar Menu Available 3 – 7_{PM}



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Immediate openings for:

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- Firefighters
- ELECTRICIANS
- GROUNDSKEEPERS
- and more...



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