

## **COACH TB THOMAS SPORTS CENTER**

- On December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Parks & Recreation department hosted a free basketball camp through the
  Florence Wildcats with 43 participants. As a remaining part of their contract from last season, this was
  a community outreach event for the Wildcats to provide drills and conditioning sets with seasoned
  athletes.
- The Parks & Recreation department is now under the Public Services department with Director, Russell Slatton.
- The fitness room at Coach TB Thomas Sports Center had a facelift in anticipation of an influx of people
  joining the facility in January. Grounds Maintenance staff painted and staff chose motivating artwork to
  inspire the members.
- The basketball gym was rented for a Bridal Expo on December 3 and a Christmas Party on December
- The Darlington County Recreation & Tourism department held their Annual Senior Citizen Christmas party on December 6. Nearly 200 guests travelled from Lamar, Society Hill, and Darlington to participate.
- Currently, we are negotiating contract details with the Carolina Thunder in preparation for the next
  Eastern Carolina Basketball Semi- Pro League. We will host all of their home games as well as an
  exhibition game. We have received interest from the Eastern Carolina Basketball Semi-Pro League to
  host conferences playoffs and finals again.

## **BURRY PARK**

• Staff continues to clean Burry, Byerly, Pride, and Lawton daily and blow pinestraw and leaves off concrete areas and playground.

## **BYERLY PARK**

- Held Arbor Day tree planting on December 19 at the new dog park location.
- Staff has been and continues to work on removal of excessive sand buildup on our baseball/softball infield skins and replacing the sand material with infield clay.
- Staff continues to winterize the facility.

## **LAWTON PARK**

- Coordinated 10 rentals and 12 tours for the Lawton Park pavilion.
- The facility experienced an elevator problem but it has been corrected.