

### **2013 Recreation Full Time Staff:**

**Lu Draper**, Superintendent Recreation/Community and Facilities  
**Mike Gallaher**, Grounds Worker IV/ Facility Operation Manager  
**Dee Yoxtheimer**, Clerk  
**Levi Butler**, Activities Coordinator/Maintenance

### **2013 Seasonal Staff CUBE and Diamonds:**

**12- Customer Service Attendants**  
**4- Skate Guards**  
**4- Skate Instructors**  
**4- Casual Labor (field and facility maintenance)**

## **PROGRAM, FACILITIES & SERVICES**

### **Adult Slow Pitch Softball**

For over 28 years, the city has offered a fun and competitive adult slow-pitch softball program. The city provides two sessions each year, spring and fall. The American Softball Association (ASA) sanctioned league hosted 130 teams in 2013, participating in Men's B, C, D division, Co-Ed B, C, D division.

**Spring and Summer Season** – (78 teams) - 41 men's teams, 33 co-ed teams and 4 women teams.

**Fall Season** (45 teams) - 19 men's teams, and 21 co-ed teams.

### **Tri-County Umpire Association**

We contract for umpiring services with Tri-County Umpire Association for all adult softball.

### **Skate with Santa Claus**

The seventh annual holiday event at the Huntington Bank Arena attracted several children and their parents. They enjoyed ice-skating to Christmas music, decorating cookies, and Eating cookies, and taking pictures with Santa.

### **First Night Out Celebration**

The CUBE once again proved to be a safe haven for our area youth to ring in the New Year! 2013 was over 400 skaters enjoyed our 5th year for the annual giant CUBE balloon dropping. Admission was \$10 per person, which included ice skate rental, five hours of ice-skating, music, games and other festivities.

### **Birthday Parties at the CUBE**

In 2013, 29 birthday party packages were sold and enjoyed by approximately 348 party attendees, at the CUBE, package includes private party room, pizza, soda, skate rental and ice skating.

### **Meeting Room Rentals**

Community groups at the CUBE rented 87 rooms in 2013

### **Shelter House Rentals at Riverside Park**

The Recreation Department continued with the duties of securing shelter house reservations and fee collections in 2013. 295 Shelter houses were reserved in 2013 and over 70 shelters were used by non-profit organizations – which chose the comfort and ambience of Riverside Park, Band Shell, and shelter houses for their fund-raising events.

The Allen P Dudley Memorial Band Shell continued to host Wednesday evening FREE Concerts in the Park during the summer months in cooperation of the City of Findlay, Hancock Park District and local area businesses.

## [The CUBE](#)

The CUBE exceeded all expectations during the 2012-2013 season – more visitors enjoyed the CUBE's activities both on and off the ice for youth, adults and families. The CUBE now has 2- ice season per year September – March followed by an 8 week summer session in May and June.

New rubber flooring was added to the arena's skater entry.

## [Findlay High School Hockey](#)

The CUBE is home to Findlay High School Varsity and JV hockey teams, from Captain Practices in the off-season to practice and games during season – we are PROUD to be home to the FINDLAY TROJANS! Findlay High School, Coach Joe Longo and staff held a summer hockey clinic for area youths in 2013.

## [Silver Blades Figure Skating Club](#)

Silver Blades Celebrates Its 39th Year of Skating Excellence in Hancock County, Silver Blades is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing quality figure skating to the Findlay-Hancock County region. Silver Blades began in 1974 when the Hancock Recreation Center, now the CUBE, was built to house events that promoted skating and other recreational activities. Since that day, the Silver Blades Figure Skating Club has continued to grow due to the support of the community, the Recreation Department, and by the excitement generated by club members. Silver Blades is the only Figure Skating Club in Northwest Ohio that has an Annual Ice Skating Show, "Ice Classics".

Silver Blades Figure Skating Club along with the Findlay Recreation Department is affiliated with the Ice Skating Institute (ISI). Silver Blades Figure Skating Club, currently has approximately 100 members, ranging between the ages of 4 and 18. Silver Blades Figure Skating Club hosts the annual Silver Blades Ice Classic, a Holiday Ice Show and ISI competition in November. This year's competition hosted 150 skaters from the Tri-State area for the weekend.

## [Gliding Stars – Findlay Chapter](#)

Gliding Stars, Inc. was originally founded in 1994 by Elizabeth M. O'Donnell. Ms. O'Donnell is an accomplished figure skater who turned her talents toward providing an extensive program of adaptive ice skating for people of all ages and challenges. She did this so they could experience a part of normal life and the life-changing effects of regular exercise, social interaction, teamwork, family sharing, and a few hours of fame during the end-of-season Ice Extravaganza performance, a fan favorite!

## [Findlay Amateur Hockey Association](#)

The Findlay Amateur Hockey Association or FAHA was established in the 1960's as the area's youth hockey organization. The Hancock Recreation Center, or The CUBE, as it is known today, was not built at this time and players skated out of Bowling Green, Ohio's ice arena. The following year, players traveled to Lima to use their ice facilities. Finally, the Hancock Recreational Center was open. Currently, FAHA uses the CUBE for their ice needs. FAHA is sanctioned through the USA Hockey organization.

FAHA hosts a "Winter Freeze House Tournament" for three divisions: Mini-Mite/Mite/Squirt, over two weekends in February. Many teams from in and around Ohio and surrounding states travel to The CUBE to compete in this USA Hockey sanctioned tournament.

## [Findlay's Men's Hockey League](#)

The Findlay Men's Hockey League is a non-profit association that brings together Adult players from all over Northwest Ohio to play organized spring, fall and winter league hockey games at the CUBE. The Findlay Men's Hockey League offers four (4) levels of play, which allows everyone, from the experienced player down to the first time skater, the chance to play the great game of ice hockey.

## [Public Skating](#)

Public skating continues to be very popular with teens and families alike. The CUBE promotes family and youth participation during the afternoon public skate sessions, while evening sessions cater to the teenagers. Admission remains the same since 2006, \$5 admission/skate rental \$2 (free skate rental during weekend afternoon family sessions).

### Monday thru Friday Daytime Ice Rink Schedule

Mom & Tot 10a – 11a

Adult Only Skate 11a – 12p

Drop-In Adult Hockey 12p – 1:30p

### Weekend Public Sessions

Friday and Saturday Evening (time varies due to FHS home hockey games)

Saturday afternoon – 1p-2:50p

Sunday afternoon – 12p-1:50p

School Holiday – 2p-4p

### **ICE RENTAL RATES 2013**

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<b>Classification</b>	<b>Prime Hours</b>	<b>Non – Prime Hours</b>
Explanation of pricing policy for each group	Mon - Thursday 4p-10p, Fri-Sun 8a-11p Holidays and Weekends	Mon – Thurs 8a – 4p Mon – Thurs after 10p
Ice Partners (300 plus hours)	\$200	\$180
Ice User (225-299 hours)	\$220	\$200
Ice Renters (224 hours or less)	\$240	\$220

FAHA-408 hours, Silver Blades– 400 hours, FMHL-380 hours, Gliding Stars-30 hours

### Learn to Skate Sessions

WeSkate Learn to Skate program instructed by Skate Pro Shelly Bressler and her coaching staff is always a very popular event at the CUBE. The sessions are created to be affordable for all and a great learning experience for youth and adult alike. Rather, it is recreational skating introduction to figure skating or ice hockey; we tailor the program to the needs of each individual. Free Public Skate immediately following the skate lesson is also included.

During the Summer Ice we had a Summer Skating Clinic for the beginner skaters thru ISI Freestyle 4. This Summer Skating Clinic takes part from Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Daily activities include group skating lesson, group routine practice, and organized fun & games, concluding with a skating show on Friday.

### Off Season Cube Activities

Every event brings a new experience for the CUBE and our community. The CUBE may be hosting a Mixed Martial Arts Contest one weekend, an Ice Skating Extravaganza the next, or a concert for the young and young at heart.

### Some of Our Dry – Floor Events at the CUBE

- Backyard Mission
- Wedding Reception
- Mixed Martial Arts
- Findlay Publishing Wedding Showcase
- Art Partnership Concerts

### The Marathon Diamonds

Take me out to the ballgame! Over 900 games were played at this premier facility for league play, tournaments, and The University of Findlay's spring and fall seasons of baseball and softball at the Marathon Diamonds. Coaches, teams, and fans enjoy five lighted infields (four skinned, one grass) separate admission gates, built-in bleachers, concessions and exceptional grounds keeping.

### 2013 Highlights at The Marathon Diamonds Include

#### Youth Baseball - Diamond Dawg Travel Teams

Home Games and Tournaments  
Flag City Challenge  
Triple Play Challenge  
Baseball Blast

#### Girl's Fast-Pitch Softball

Home Games and Tournaments  
Flag City Fire Cracker  
Greg Miller Memorial Tournament  
ASA – U-16 State Softball Tournament

#### Young Miss Softball Association

Regular Season games  
All – Star Games  
League Championship Games

#### Baseball Players Association Tournament (BPA)

Sundown Showdown  
I-75 Tournament

### Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA)

- District Baseball Tournament

#### Findlay Youth Baseball

- Regular Season Games
- City League Championship tournament
- All-Star Game and Tournament

#### University of Findlay

- Men's Baseball spring and fall programs
- Ladies' Softball spring and fall program
- GLIAC year-end Women Softball Tournament

#### Other Activities included

- Wolves Baseball Tournament,
- BPA tournaments
- Special Olympics Regional Competition

### [Nations World Series Ultimate Baseball Tournament \(Findlay Youth Baseball\)](#)

Over 40 travel baseball teams gathered to represent their community and to play a schedule that included over 100 baseball games during the Great Lakes Regional Ultimate World Series Tournament at Marathon Diamonds. The activities began with the annual parade of teams, followed by a skills contest and players social and pin trading event. Many of the teams participating are from a distance and approximately 75% of teams utilize area hotel and motel rooms.

### [Hancock County Girls Fast pitch Softball League](#)

The Marathon Diamonds is also home to ASA\_U-16 Girls STATE Fast Pitch Softball Tournament, where 60 of the best teams from throughout Ohio took to the field in Findlay Ohio for this annual event. 2013's roster was the single largest STATE fast pitch tournament in history and the largest event at the Marathon Diamonds.

### [Flag City Youth Football Complex](#)

Conversations began in early 2010 between private and public entities to establish a timeline for the construction of a Youth Football Facility to be located in the northeast corner of the Flag City Multi-Sports Complex, near the CUBE.

Construction started in the spring of 2011, with opening the field in the fall of 2013. Construction costs for this facility's were provided by private funds. The finished product was gifted to the City of Findlay.

### [Rotary Arena and Soccer Complex](#)

The Rotary Arena and Soccer Complex is a grand example of how public and private investors can work seamlessly to build a facility locally. After the relocation of four softball fields to other areas within the city, this soccer facility became a reality. The complex consists of two premier lighted soccer fields in concert with 18 auxiliary soccer fields.

Hancock Soccer Association currently hosts the Fall Classic Recreational Soccer Tournament and Flag City Classic Tournament. Additionally, several large soccer tournaments are in the works to be held at Rotary Arena. This in turn will go a long way in making Findlay an outstanding destination to host soccer events and continue to impact our local economy.

### [Swale Park](#)

Due to the relocation of 4 softball fields from Emory Adams Park to Swale Park, the Swale took on a new look and gained new primary users. Young Miss Softball in cooperation with the City of Findlay Parks and Recreation Department gave Swale Park a small over-haul with some much needed clean-up, minor fence repairs, relocation of fences and base anchors, bleachers and dug out repairs which has now created a nice, usable, safe facility for girls slow pitch softball during their regular season and baseball during special tournament.

### [Facility Inventory](#)

The City of Findlay has numerous fields and facilities that are utilized by our recreational partners and visitors alike year around. From in-line skate parks, sand volleyball courts, tennis courts, walking tracks, playgrounds, baseball, softball, football and soccer fields to an ice rink and swimming pool – the City of Findlay's Parks and Recreation has many facilities to be proud of. For a complete listing of parks and facilities visit our website at [www.findlayohio.com](http://www.findlayohio.com)

### [Park and Recreation Rules](#)

"Rules and Regulations Governing the Recreational Use of City Park Properties and Recreation Facilities" are available on the Findlay City website: [www.findlayohio.co](http://www.findlayohio.co); under Recreation.

### [Contact Us](#)

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### [Recreation Office and Hours](#)

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