



PARKS & RECREATION

CITY OF MASCOTTE | QUARTERLY

First Quarter | 2026



Thank You!

A big thank you to all the businesses that supported and partnered with the City of Mascotte as we celebrated our 100th year. We're grateful for every contribution. We would also like to highlight the businesses that joined and sponsored our Mascotte Past, Present, and Future events: Orlando Health/South Lake Hospital, Woodward & Curran, Rubio's Food Stores, ServiTax, GFL, Halff, South State Bank, Marco's Pizza, The Chamber of South Lake, Marian Gardens, Taylor Morrison & Crawford, and Modica & Holt.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Zumba | Mondays & Thursdays
@ 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Saturday, February 21st
Black History Celebration
@ 1:00PM - 5:00PM

Saturday, March 21st
Sports Complex Ribbon Cutting
@ 10:00AM - 1:00PM

*See City website for more details

Special Moments from 2025

This year, the Parks and Recreation department has committed to keeping the yearly events going strong and making them better each year. We are looking to add new programs and educational opportunities for the community to take part in.

The Centennial events, Trunk or Treat, Hometown Holiday, Donuts w/ Santa, and the Light up Parade were some of the most well-attended events this past year. (See more photos on the last page)



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Vendor Spotlight: Maggie – Zumba

Hey there! I'm Maggie, an adventurous German. When I experienced my first Zumba® Fitness class in my mid-forties, the realization hit me that this was a life-changing phenomenon. The fusion of dance and fitness, the vibrant atmosphere, and the calorie-burning exhilaration transformed my perception of exercise. The joy and energy I felt inspired me to become an instructor. Since March 2016, I've expanded my horizons, mastering the roles of a Zumba® Fitness and Zumba Gold® Instructor. In 2024, I completed the Mindful Wellness Coach Certification, further enhancing my ability to support others in making positive lifestyle changes and achieving their wellness goals.

I teach Zumba Gold® followed by 10 minutes of Guided Meditation at the Mascotte Civic Center on Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30 pm. I invite you to join us for an exhilarating experience. Trust me, it's like a party in every class, and your first class is FREE!

Key Features of Zumba Gold:

- Lower Intensity: Slower pace and lower impact than traditional Zumba® but easily modified for higher impact
- Easy-to-Follow: Choreography simplifies original moves, focusing on balance, coordination, and range of motion
- Target Audience: Ideal for active older adults, beginners, or those returning to exercise.
- Benefits: Improves cardiovascular fitness, balance, coordination, strength, and flexibility.
- Fun & Social: Uses Latin and world music to create an engaging, feel-good fitness experience.

What's New In Town

We would like to welcome H&M Cattle and Utility Repair Experts to the city!

H&M Cattle is a great place to get freshly cut meat and great knick-knacks to complete your home, and some awesome milkshakes!

Utility Repair Experts are great to call if you have any issues with any of your utilities working incorrectly.

Park Updates

Sunset Lake Park - Sunset Lake Park is located on S. Sunset Blvd. The park features a fishing pier, a kayak launch site, gazebos, and benches for community use.

Mascotte Sports Complex - The Sports Complex is located at 750 Park Road. The complex features new lighting, a baseball and softball field with dugouts, and spectator benches. Additional amenities include an updated soccer field, a retention pond with a walking path, and more. The complex also has a designated area for food trucks and vendor events. Join us for the ribbon-cutting event on March 21st, 2026, from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.





Message from the Mayor

As we share our very first newsletter, I'm reminded how special it is to be part of this community. It's the people, the friendships, and the shared moments that truly make this place feel like home. I look forward to continued connection, growth, and many more opportunities to come together. Thank you for all you do to make our community strong.

At the City of Mascotte, our mission is to deliver responsive, equitable, and high-quality services that enhance the well-being of all residents while fostering a culture of collaboration and continuous improvement.

WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

While our area just experienced a record cold freeze, warmer weather is just around the corner.

Florida has temporarily been dethroned as the lightning capital of the world, but is in second place.

- Lightning can strike within a 10 mile radius.
- 90% of lightning victims suffer with long-term disabilities and injuries.

WHEN THUNDER ROARS, GET INDOORS!

MASCOTTE PD'S 3 THINGS TO REMEMBER

1 Scams & fraud continue to impact residents of all ages.

- Never give personal or banking information over the phone to unsolicited callers
- Be cautious of social media marketplace transactions, meet in well-lit public areas
- The Mascotte Police Department parking lot is available for safe exchange zones

2 If you see something unusual, trust your instincts & call it in.

- Unknown persons checking car doors or walking through yards late at night
- Vehicles circling a neighborhood repeatedly
- Individuals attempting to open gates, sheds, or parked cars

3 Vehicle burglaries often happen because cars are left unlocked.

- Always lock your vehicle, even when parked at home.
- Remove valuables (wallets, firearms, laptops, purses).
- Never leave firearms unsecured inside vehicles.



Message from the City Manager

The City of Mascotte is proud of the incredible team members and dedicated volunteers who work every day to bring meaningful events, programs, and services to our residents. As a small but vibrant community, our residents are at the heart of everything we do, and your involvement and support are what make Mascotte such a special place.

Recently, the City Council adopted a new citywide mission statement that reflects our shared values and commitment to you:

“The City of Mascotte is committed to serving our community with integrity, transparency, and dedication to excellence. Guided by a commitment to residents, we will strive to uphold the highest standards of accountability and professionalism, empowering every department to operate effectively, ethically, and with mutual respect. Our mission is to deliver responsive, equitable, and high-quality services that enhance the well-being of all residents while fostering a culture of collaboration and continuous improvement.”

Like other cities across Florida, over the past several years, Mascotte has experienced rapid growth. Through that growth, our commitment remains unchanged: to always do our very best to meet the expectations outlined in this mission and to serve our community with care, purpose, and pride.

A great example of this commitment is the work of Fredrick Wellington, our Parks and Recreation Coordinator. With the help of our Communications Specialist, Maricarmen Wajda, the two of them continue to work hard to find new and creative ways to bring events and programs to Mascotte, while also improving how we share that information with the public.

For those of you who may not have heard the news, the City of Mascotte has a mobile app designed to keep you connected. Visit your phone’s app store and search for **MyMascotte**. The app provides easy access to upcoming events, the city calendar, meeting agendas, utility billing, and much more, all right at your fingertips.

Thank you for being an engaged and valued part of our community. We look forward to continuing to serve you and to building an even stronger Mascotte together.

Thank you,

Annamarie Reno



2026 EVENTS

January

- 1/4, 1/7, 1/11, 1/14, 1/18, 1/21, 1/21, 1/25, 1/28 - Zumba, 6:30-7:30pm
- 1/23 - Groveland & Mascotte Community Cleanup Day, 9am

February

- 2/1, 2/4, 2/8, 2/11, 2/15, 2/18, 2/22, 2/25 - Zumba, 6:30-7:30pm
- 2/6 - CPR/First Aid Class, 10am-2pm
- 2/13 - Valentine's Day Youth Dance 7pm-9:30pm
- 2/21 - Black History Celebration, 1pm

March

- 3/2, 3/5, 3/9, 3/12, 3/16, 3/19, 3/23, 3/26, 3/30 - Zumba, 6:30-7:30pm
- 3/18 - HOLCA Resource Fair, 5pm-8pm
- 3/21 - Sports Complex Ribbon Cutting 10am-1pm
- 3/21 - Petting Zoo at AMB Outpost

April

- 4/2, 4/6, 4/9, 4/13, 4/16, 4/20, 4/23, 4/27, 4/30 - Zumba, 6:30-7:30pm
- 4/11 - Hop Into Autism Awareness & Easter Egg Hunt, 12pm-4pm
- 4/25 - Career and Job Fair, 10am-2pm

May

- 5/4, 5/7, 5/11, 5/14, 5/18, 5/21, 5/25, 5/28 - Zumba, 6:30-7:30pm
- 5/2 - Cinco de Mayo, 2pm-6pm
- 5/16 - CPR/First Aid Class. 10am-2pm

June

- 6/1, 6/4, 6/8, 6/11, 6/15, 6/18, 6/22, 6/25, 6/29 - Zumba, 6:30-7:30pm
- 6/6 - Summer Youth Dance, 7pm-9:30pm

July

- 7/2, 7/6, 7/9, 7/13, 7/16, 7/20, 7/23, 7/27, 7/30 - Zumba, 6:30-7:30pm
- 7/18 - Summer Youth Dance, 7pm-9:30pm

August

- 8/3, 8/6, 8/10, 8/13, 8/17, 8/20, 8/24, 8/27, 8/31 - Zumba, 6:30-7:30pm
- 8/1 - Mascotte Police Department's 5th Annual Back-to-School Bash & Backpack Giveaway (TBD)
- 8/8 - Financial Literacy Workshop, 10am-12pm
- 8/22 - Back to School Youth Dance, 7pm-9:30pm

September

- 9/3, 9/7, 9/10, 9/14, 9/17, 9/21, 9/24, 9/28 - Zumba, 6:30-7:30pm
- 9/19 - Health and Resource Expo, 10am-3pm
- 9/26 - CPR/First Aid Class, 10am-2pm

October

- 10/1, 10/5, 10/8, 10/12, 10/15, 10/19, 10/22, 10/26, 10/29 - Zumba, 6:30-7:30pm
- 10/2 - Mascotte Police Department's Cruiser for the Cause, 7pm-10pm
- 10/16 - Starbound Trunk or Treat, 5pm
- 10/24 - Family Halloween Party, 7pm-9:30pm
- 10/29 - Trunk or Treat, 5pm-7pm

November

- 11/5, 11/9, 11/12, 11/16, 11/19, 11/23, 11/30 - Zumba, 6:30-7:30pm
- 11/7 - Founders Day, 12pm-4pm

December

- 12/7, 12/10, 12/14, 12/17, 12/21, 12 - Zumba, 6:30-7:30pm
- 12/3 - Hometown Holiday, 6pm-9pm
- 12/5 - Donuts with Santa, 9:30am
- 12/5 - Hometown Holiday Parade, 6:30pm

*Event details are subject to change. Visit www.cityofmascotte.com for the latest information



As we move into a new quarter, Parks & Recreation remains dedicated to creating spaces and programs that bring our community together. Our parks, trails, and activities offer opportunities to stay active, connect with neighbors, and enjoy the natural beauty that surrounds us. Whether you're joining a class, attending a community event, or simply spending time outdoors, you are helping strengthen the heart of our community. Thank you for your continued support and participation— we look forward to another season of growth, play, and shared experiences.

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We want to hear from YOU!

If there is something you would like to discuss or see in the Parks & Recreation quarterly newsletter, please contact Community@cityofmascotte.com with **“What’s Up Parks & Rec”** in the subject line.



Hometown Holidays

Christmas Parade

Cinco de Mayo

Trunk or Treat

Centennial Future Celebration
MASCOTTE, FL
Centennial Future Celebration
Cultural Food Festival
Saturday November 8, 2025

Centennial Future Celebration

Volunteer Appreciation Banquet

Donuts with Santa

Family Halloween Party

Black History Celebration

Autism Awareness

Cruiser for the Cause

We love our Mascotte community!