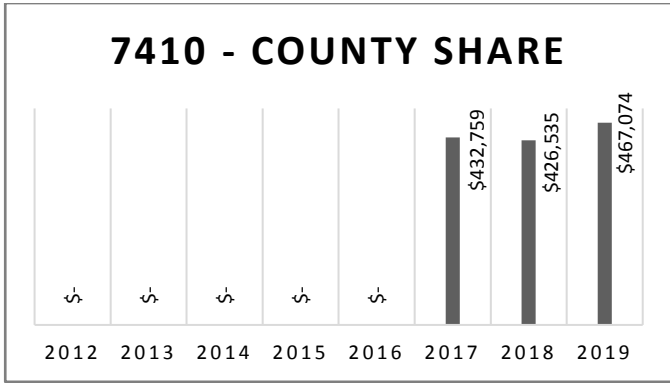


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MISSION STATEMENT

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WHO WE SERVE

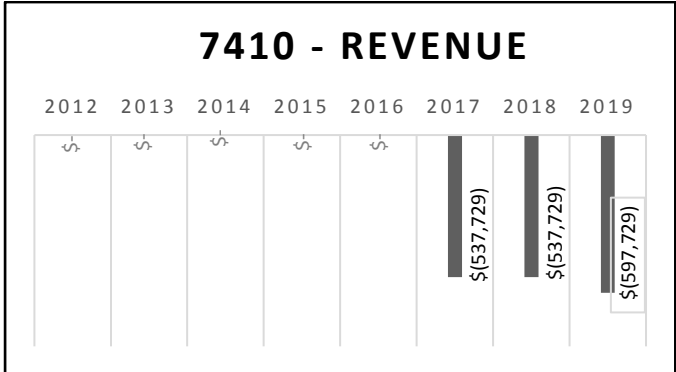
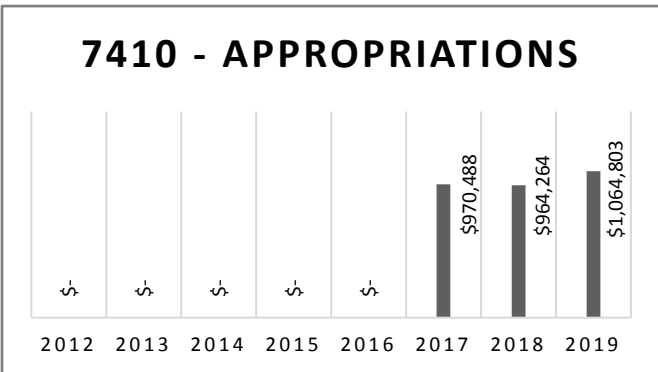
We proudly serve the children and families of Albany County by providing quality structured programs and serves.

ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

The Albany county department of recreation focus is to provide quality recreational programs for children throughout Albany county. The department is proud to partner with the sheriff’s department and the Athletic Amateur Union(AAU).

2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

We continue to work hard in providing programs for the children in Albany County. Our numbers continue to grow and the response and feedback from parents has been tremendous. This year, we added a new amphitheater, basketball court, and play structure at Lawson Lake. We also installed new fitness equipment along the Rail Trail.



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2019 GOALS AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Our goals this upcoming year is to expand our program by adding volleyball, basketball, soccer, and senior citizen and fitness programs. We also have plans to continue improving at Lawson Lake and the rail trail.

SUMMARY OF BUDGET CHANGES

The Department of Recreation has been able to take advantage of several area hockey rinks being closed down, enabling our hockey facility to rent out more time slots and in turn, generate additional revenue in 2018. This additional revenue has offsetting expenses in several budgetary lines, but in the end it is budget neutral from the perspective of our County Share. We will continue these expanded operations, as well as strategically increase our other programming options, in order to reach the greatest number of county residents possible.

The department of recreation interacts with the public on a daily basis when it comes to the various programs that we have. The most rewarding part of our interaction is that the children and parents are very grateful to County Executive McCoy for creating this department for the families in Albany County.