



**GILLEY POOL**

The Civic Center is the epicenter of recreational activity in the city of McMinnville. The facility offers just about everything, including basketball, tennis, weight training, fitness classes, an outdoor pool, walking trail, and ball fields for baseball, softball, kickball, and more.

With construction beginning during the term of former McMinnville Mayor J.W. Anderson, McMinnville Civic Center was built for \$1.2 million and was envisioned as a venue for conventions, concerts, athletics and meetings. The Civic Center officially opened July 12, 1975. Its grand opening was heralded by thousands of spectators and music by the Oak Ridge Boys.

The entertainment history of the Civic Center is rich. From legendary performers such as Loretta Lynn, George Jones, Tim McGraw and Alan Jackson, to our very own hometown heroes, the Civic Center stage has seen some of the very best that Tennessee has to offer.

The Civic Center is still home to some major gatherings such as an annual visit from the circus and the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, but its use as an entertainment venue has been minimized, especially since the opening of Park Theater in

May 2015.

Today, the Civic Center houses the offices of McMinnville Parks and Recreation. The facility has multiple rooms to rent for organizational meetings, conferences, birthday parties, and other group functions.

The main gymnasium holds up to 3,500 people. It houses basketball courts used for basketball play and other sports leagues such as youth indoor soccer and adult volleyball. An indoor tennis court and a wellness center are also available for admission.

Scott McCord is the director of Parks and Recreation which oversees the Civic Center. Justin Scott is assistant director. The Civic Center may be reached by calling 473-1212.

The Gilley Pool, McMinnville's largest attraction, opens Memorial Day weekend and stays open through Labor Day weekend. This pool features a zero-entry area with slides, spray cannons, water and spray features.

For the competitive swimmer, there are 25- and 50-meter lanes and a 13-foot diving area with two diving boards. Daily admission is \$4 (regardless of age). Season passes are available. Gilley Pool is overseen by aquatics director Matt McCulloch.



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