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# Recreation and Leisure in Modern Society

NINTH EDITION

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## Social Functions of Community Recreation

# Objectives

- Discuss the factors that provoked a new emphasis on community benefits.
- Identify and discuss each of the 10 functions including:
  - The requisite elements of each
  - The role of the recreation professional in each

# Introduction

- Community
  - A significant clustering of people who have a common bond
    - Residents of a city or neighborhood
    - Employees of a company
- Societal benefits of organized recreation
- Organization into specific functions

# Community Recreation Functions

- Function 1: Enriching the Quality of Life
  - Providing pleasurable and constructive leisure opportunities
  - Provision of services to residents of all ages, backgrounds, and classes

# Community Recreation Functions (cont'd)

- Function 2: Contributing to Personal Development
  - Contribution to physical, social, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual development
  - Promotion of family cohesion and well-being

# Community Recreation Functions (cont'd)

- Function 3: Making the Community a More Attractive Place to Live and Visit
  - Improve the physical environment
  - Provide a network of parks and open spaces
  - Redesign and rehabilitate run-down urban areas
  - Foster positive environmental attitudes and policies

# Community Recreation Functions (cont'd)

- Function 4: Provide Positive Opportunities for Youth Development
  - Provide challenging programs that offer constructive alternatives
  - Programs should be goal oriented with a youth development purpose

# Community Recreation Functions (cont'd)

- Function 5: Improving Intergroup and Intergenerational Relations
  - Improve relations among racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds
  - Improve relations between different generational groups
  - Share recreational and cultural experiences

# Community Recreation Functions (cont'd)

- Function 6: Strengthening Neighborhood and Community Ties
  - Involvement in volunteer or service programs
  - Enhancement of civic pride and morale
  - Social and human capital

# Community Recreation Functions (cont'd)

- Function 7: Meeting the Needs of Special Populations
  - Serving those with mental or physical disabilities
  - Provide therapeutic recreation services through treatment and/or community programming

# Community Recreation Functions (cont'd)

- Function 8: Maintaining Economic Health and Community Stability
  - Acting as a catalyst for business development
  - Source of community or regional income and employment
  - Keeping neighborhoods a desirable place to live and do business

# Community Recreation Functions (cont'd)

- Function 9: Enriching Community Cultural Life
  - Promote fine and performing arts and special events
  - Supporting historic sites, folk heritage customs, and community arts

# Community Recreation Functions (cont'd)

- Function 10: Promoting Health and Safety
  - Promote community health and safety
  - Provide leadership training and certification courses
  - Provide supervision or regulation of high-risk activity