

Recreation Director's Monthly Report / December 2025

Recreation Department Programming

The past month was a busy and active period for the Recreation Department, highlighted by holiday celebrations and seasonal programming. The annual Tree Lighting event was well attended despite a change in weather, demonstrating strong community support. The Sparkle in the Park light display continues to grow, with increased participation from residents contributing displays and donations. While the Holiday Parade was unfortunately cancelled, staff are exploring the opportunity to host a parade in February or March to help kick off the new year. Additionally, planning and registration are well underway for spring and summer programming.

Community Center Programming

The Community Center continues to work toward increasing daytime participation. New program ideas were piloted during the past month, and although attendance was lower than anticipated, staff gained useful feedback to help guide future offerings. Efforts will continue to refine programming and identify opportunities to better engage residents during daytime hours.

Program Highlights & Participation

Youth programming remained active during the past month, with basketball enrollment offered for both boys and girls in grades 1–3. The girls' basketball program is currently in session and will continue through mid-February, while the boys' program is scheduled to begin shortly. These programs provide age-appropriate skill development and structured recreational opportunities for young participants.

Community Center Highlights & Participation

Adult programming continued to grow, particularly in fitness and wellness. A new cardio drumming class was introduced and has seen strong participation and positive interest, indicating enthusiasm for innovative fitness offerings. Staff will continue to build on this momentum by evaluating additional programs that support active and healthy lifestyles.

Community Engagement & Feedback

Community engagement remained strong throughout the month, with positive feedback received during holiday events. Residents particularly enjoyed the craft and vendor fair, as well as other seasonal celebrations, and expressed appreciation for the variety of activities.

Facilities & Operations Update

Facility usage continues to be strong, with residents / nonresidents touring the Pavilion and reservations coming in as expected. Open shelters, as well as the 161 and Community Center, are already being booked for graduation parties and other celebrations, keeping the spaces lively and well-utilized. With the pool currently closed, staff are using this time to complete larger maintenance and repair projects, ensuring it is ready for the upcoming season and continues to provide a safe, high-quality experience for residents.

Financial Snapshot

The Recreation Department and Community Center continue to refine budgeting practices to ensure programs and facilities provide the best value for residents while remaining mindful of spending. Staff are reaching out for community support through donation efforts, while carefully monitoring regular monthly expenses—such as internet and IT support—which represent a sizable portion of both the Recreation Department’s and Community Center’s budgets. Looking ahead to 2027, we hope these recurring operational costs will be considered in funding allocations to support sustainable program planning and delivery.

7. Looking Ahead / Upcoming Initiatives

In the coming month, the department will focus on launching winter programs, expanding family-friendly offerings, and exploring new recreational opportunities based on community input.

Closing Statement

The Recreation Department continues to receive positive feedback regarding program accessibility and variety. Residents have shared interest in expanded evening and family-oriented programming, which staff will consider in future planning. We will also continue exploring ways to increase daytime participation at the Community Center and, if needed, adjust hours to better accommodate residents’ schedules, such as offering programs starting in the early afternoon. The department remains committed to providing high-quality, inclusive programs that enhance quality of life for all residents, and staff appreciate the council’s continued support and guidance.