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Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report July 2025
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: August 18, 2025

Flag Football:

We are going into our 3rd year of NFL 3rd/4th grade flag football and 2nd year for the 1st/2nd grade division. We will have 10 total teams playing at Westside field #1 and both Candy Cane fields on Monday evenings starting September 8th. We had a nice increase in the younger age so we were able to spread the players into 6 teams and will play 5 vs 5 this year. This change will give all kids the opportunity to touch the ball and be more involved in the game. Watching these little guys run around is entertaining to say the least. The kids in the older group have all played for at least one season so the games should be better since every kid understands the skills needed and how to run plays.

Aquatic Center:

The Aquatic Center last day was Sunday, August 17th and ended with our annual Doggy Dip with pets allowed to enjoy the pool. Pool attendance this year was about average but higher than 2024. The weather was favorable but there wasn't that long hot stretch without the threat of thunderstorms. There was a large uptick in adult swimmers in the early hours and over the noon hour. I think the changing of the individual fees and morning schedule contributed to this. We started with over 20 lifeguards and had more flexibility in scheduling than we have had in the past. The assistant manager Hayleigh Ries has stated her desire to come back next year and we have some plans to make Dyersville Aquatic Center more popular in 2026.

Candy Cane Park:

If you have driven past Candy Cane Park in the last couple months especially after one of the heavy rains, you have noticed the pool of water that takes over the swing set and the sidewalk to the shelter. We have plans to grade that whole area and give the rainwater a chance to exit the park. The plan is to start work on that project this fall in time for next spring/summer. With the addition of the dog park, pickleball courts, bocce courts, the 15 trees planted there, upgraded sand volleyball courts and adequate parking, Candy Cane Park will continue to be a popular place for exercise, leisure and gatherings.