



Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report July 2026
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: August 17, 2026

Brazilian Soccer Camp:

A Brazilian Soccer Camp was held at Westside Park last week. The camp counsellors were all from Brazil and held a very popular camp. The camp was Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm with an hour camp for the younger kids after. Their organization handles all the registrations and planning. We just rented the area for the camp. This camp was the 1st to be held in Iowa and had over 40 participants. It was the largest camp for that group this year. We rented the space for them at a per-participant rate and the counsellors organized a coach camp for our youth coaches since over 25 attended for the whole week. I checked the camp out a couple times and helped the counsellors send the group off on the last afternoon. The teachers were awesome and every kid that attended had a wonderful time learning about soccer and getting some world geography and culture lessons in addition. We are planning on having that organization back next year around the same time.

Flag Football:

This year will be our 4th year of flag football pairing with NFL Flag. In 2025 we had 66 kids from 1st-4th grade in our program and this year we will have 80. They will play on Monday nights for six weeks starting September 14th at Westside Park for the older group and on the outfields of the two Candy Cane diamonds for the younger league. We have multiple coaches that have coached a few years already and I think the program will continue to grow. There will be six teams in the 1st/2nd grade division and four in the 3rd/4th division.

Park Storm Damage:

The high wind event that hit last Tuesday affected the fence surrounding Westside Park field #1. Heier Fencing is coming to assess the fence and will repair the bent support poles. Most of the individual fence sections broke away as they were designed to do and stayed mostly intact. Also, we lost both shade structure tarps that were in the playground by Xavier School. The smaller one had a replacement tarp ordered. We now have to order another for the damaged one. We are planning to fence off the area where the new grass has been planted to let that mature.

