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Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report June 2025
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: July 21, 2025

Saturday Soccer:

We drafted all of the teams for fall soccer last week. The first games will be Saturday, August 16th and will culminate with our playoffs on October 4th. We have had another nice increase in our local participants to 517 before some of the late sign-ups. That is a sizable increase from the 476 that we had in 2024. The other past years were 444 from 2023 and 413 from 2022. That is a 20% increase in Dyersville players in four years. Dyersville will have 45 teams from kindergarten through 8th grade. We will welcome about the same amount from surrounding communities. Welcoming Manchester worked very well, and we extended an offer for them to bring teams in the younger divisions if they would like. This will be the 2nd year for the all-girls league, and we decided to divide it up into two divisions. 5th/6th and 7th/8th girls will play in divisions with teams from Peosta, Epworth/Farley and Guttenberg.

Field of Dreams Tournaments:

The collaboration with the FoD team and the Park/Rec Department has been working good for the first eight weeks. There are only two weekends left of their baseball tournament. They are having two weekends on August 23/24th and September 6/7th for youth softball for the 1st time. I am excited to welcome all the softball players to town for the inaugural tournaments. There are still some learnings, especially in the bathroom responsibilities but for the most part everything has gone smoothly.

Aquatic Center:

The last date has been set for the Aquatic Center closing. The last day on August 17th will culminate with the popular Doggy Dip. We have had a great crew of guards, and the lessons we hold have taught many local kids about swimming and respecting water. Special thanks to Hayleigh Ries who has handled assistant managing chores by herself all summer. She is a great asset and hopefully will continue to run DAC for the foreseeable future. We have almost tripled the number of pool parties this year and look to add more next year especially in the mornings on the weekends.