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Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report January 2025
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: February 16, 2025

Aquatic Center:

We have been advertising the last two weeks for openings for lifeguards, facility assistants and assistant managers. The deadline for applications is April 1st, and the lifeguard certification class is set for April 26th. About 15 of the crew from 2025 have verified that they will return. I would like to add at least five more for this summer. We had a total of 21 throughout last summer and that number worked. The lifeguards that wanted full hours could get them and the ones with other commitments could be worked around. The opening day will be Memorial Day, May 25th to close with the Doggy Dip on August 17th. The manager of last year, Hayleigh Ries is returning and has a year of experience under her belt. She has some ideas for parties and special events for this summer that will breathe some excitement to DAC. The floor coating for the offices and locker rooms will be done soon, and the shade structures will be a great addition.

Bocce:

We have made some improvements to our bocce pit that is on the south end of the pickleball courts in Candy Cane Park. City staff helped with drainage and Terry Menke made a scoreboard to be installed in April. I was surprised at the Thursday game afternoon that many retirees don't know how to play or have even heard of bocce. The plan is to have two days a week in May for people to come down to the pit and I will teach everyone how to play and foster a league to hopefully starting in June. I feel this activity is great for less mobile residents to get outside, get some exercise and add another social group for our senior members. I will coordinate with the library and other organizations that have programming for that group.

Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Meet:

Registration will open for our Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Meet held Wednesday, May 13th at Beckman HS starting at 6pm. This is a completely free event open to anyone from the area for kids aged 3-14. We start with two field events then the track races from a 50yd dash to a mile run. The first and second finishers in each race earn the opportunity to race at the state meet held in at a site to be determined in June. The schedule change from Saturday to Wednesday helped increase the participants by 50% and we have rescheduled Prairie League baseball/softball games from that day to reduce conflicts for this year. Last year we had over 126 competitors from as far as an hour away attend and hope to increase that again this year. I will work with Todd Troutman and Ryan Devereux to plan this year's meet.