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Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergarth, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report January 2025
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: February 17, 2025

Aquatic Center:

We have advertised the last two weeks for openings for lifeguards, facility assistants and assistant managers. With the applications we have already added to the verbal acknowledgement from last year's lifeguards regarding returning, we have a good number as of now. I know from previous years things have changed so I am still recruiting online, through word-of-mouth and in person at local schools. The changes in pay and schedules are positive and will attract and retain a good crew. We have contracted with Taylor Klosterman to give Red Cross training to the lifeguards, and I am working on pre-opening training classes on policy/procedures, emergency action plans and risk scenarios. With new management this year, I plan on being more involved in the day-to-day at the Dyersville Aquatic Center. The planned opening day will be Monday, May 26 to August 17th.

Summer Programs:

Registration for all sports opened February 3rd until March 3rd for baseball and softball. Residents have been reminded many times and many ways to register on time. I must let the Prairie League know by March 7th the number of teams and field availability. This year, for the first time, last week (June 23-26) for baseball D & C and all levels of softball, there will be a required Prairie League tournament. The first rounds on Monday and Tuesday will be held at communities that want to host with all the championship games held in Dyersville on Wednesday, June 25. The teams will be divided into 8-team brackets based on team strength and play to a champion. Based on the numbers from last year we will crown 16 champions.

Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Meet:

We will be opening registration for the 2025 meet soon. This year we made the decision to have the meet on a Wednesday night instead of a Saturday morning. We have had numerous kids who want to run but were scheduled to play baseball/softball that day. The track meet will be on May 14th starting at 6pm. We will also reschedule all Prairie League games for that day to a different day to give more opportunities. Last year we had over 80 participants and hopefully double that this year. Thanks to Todd Troutman and the Beckman community for letting us use their track. This is a completely free event, so all volunteers are welcome.

Sports Equipment Donation Drive:

We are starting a new program this week. Residents have been informed to collect all their used equipment and bring it to city hall this week. We will have boxes in the basement for people to leave the equipment and then I will organize it and set up to distribute it at the Social Center on Saturday, March 1st from 9am-1pm. We will take baseball, softball and soccer equipment. At this time we are not taking clothing.