

## City of Kotzebue - Parks and Recreation

### November 2024 Report

**Staff:** Program Coordinator's last day was 29 October. The vacant position is currently being advertised. In addition, we are interviewing applicants for the attendant positions.

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC):** The third PRAC meeting was held on 26 September. Five of the seven members were present.

#### Upcoming Special Events:

1. **Veteran's Day Potluck:** Monday, 11 November, 1100-1300.

**Boat Harbor:** The Parks and Recreation Department is currently coordinating harbor improvements / outdoor activities.

1. **Ramp Extensions:** A contractor has been selected for improvements to ramp extensions. The dock extensions will begin within a few weeks.
2. **Safety / Environmental Equipment:** Pads and booms have been ordered to facilitate containment and removal of petroleum-based spills.
3. **Ice Skating:** The Parks and Recreation Department is coordinating with the Kotzebue Fire Department for surface preparation for ice skating activities in the small boat harbor.

#### Youth Center:

1. **Rentals:** The Youth Center has been booked many weekends and occasionally with multiple renters on the same day.
2. **Youth Nights:** The Parks and Recreation Department is currently coordinating with Maniilaq and IRA to potentially host regular youth nights at the Kotzebue Youth Center.
3. **Boiler Room Floor:** The boiler room will require replacement if a suitable contractor can be hired to do the work. We would expect to conduct repair operations during the summer.
4. **Swing Dance Class:** The Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with Chukchi campus to provide a swing dance class opportunity for Kotzebue residents.
5. **Toddler Time:** Toddler Time continues Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00-11:30 am. Both Nikaitchuat School and individual parents / toddlers participate with an average of about 20 children each session for October. . Also, special toddler time is allocated to home-school students/residents on a case-by-case basis.

#### Armory:

1. **Schedule and Staffing:** The Armory gym is under normal operations, but we are short an attendant to cover the hours. The Director and Assistant Director cover the gym times.
2. **Equipment:** Three new pieces of gym equipment have been procured and provided for residents at no cost to the city.

**Open Gym {School}:** Open Gym Basketball is currently on-hold due to after-school usage and night-time use. We have coordinated with the School Advisory Board and JNES for use of the JNES gym. JNES gym availability is forthcoming.