



Recreation Division 2025 Annual Report

July 15, 2026

Agenda

1. Who is the Recreation Division

2. What We Did in 2025

3. 2026 Update



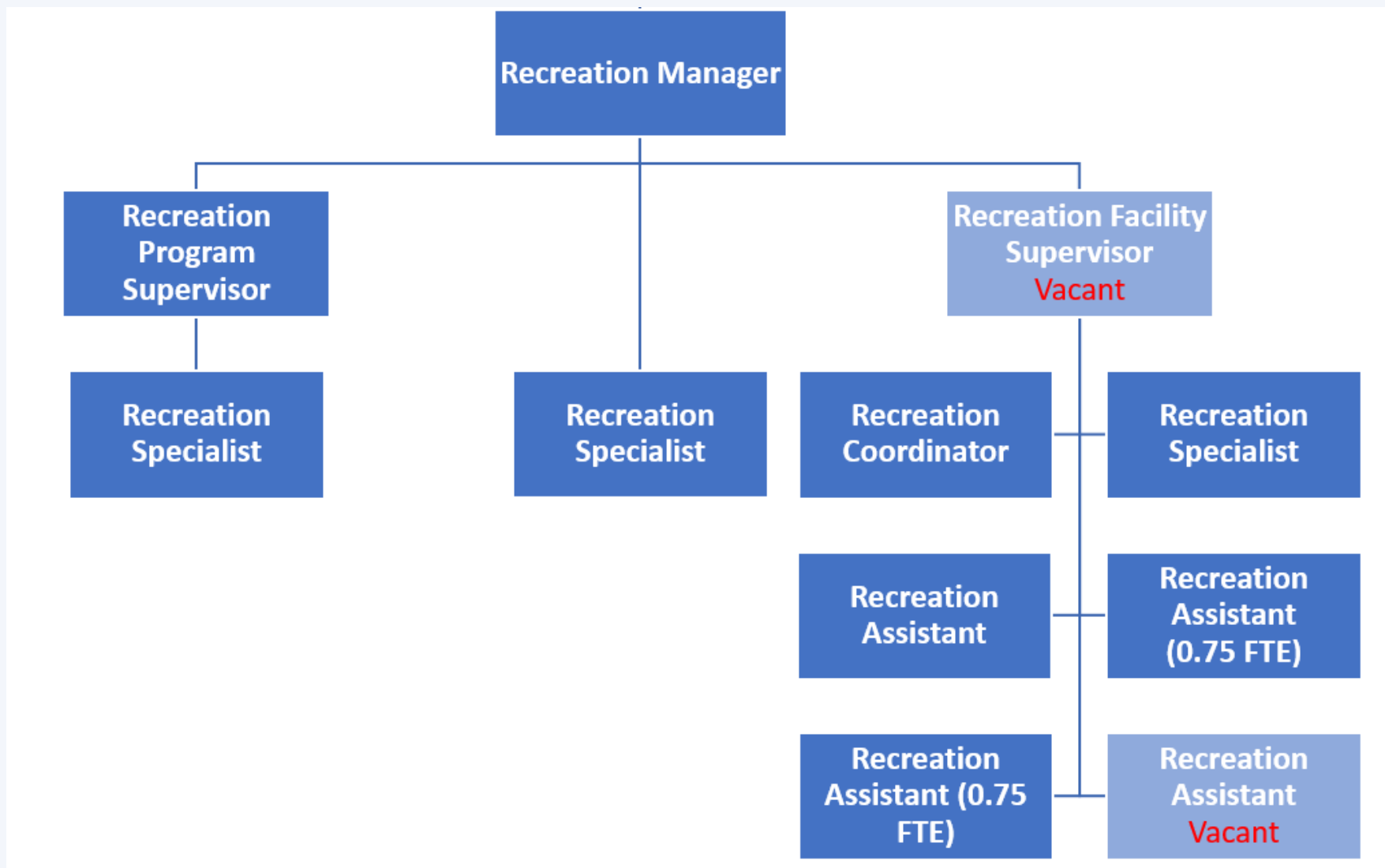
Who We Are

We are a team of 10.5 full-time and part-time staff who:

- Strive to deliver life improving recreation services.
- Focus on creating access and opportunities for all community members.
- Connect community members and neighborhoods together.
- Support community organizations.
- Consistently seek improvement.



Who We Are



Administration: What We Did

The Administration Functional area is responsible for **developing the division budget, prioritizing resources, developing policies**, establishing and reviewing the **Division's Work Plan** and supporting **city-wide emergency operations**.

Administration Functional Area Outcomes:

- Developed and presented the [2024 Recreation Division Annual Report](#).
- Restructured staff responsibilities to support MICEC expanded hours/rental volume.
- Coordinated SeaFair traffic and access support at Groveland Beach.
- Coordinated the opening of Jake Jacobson Pickleball Courts.
- Collaborated with MI Rowing program for 2026 summer camp offerings.
- Supported Park Zone development.
- Coordinated development Sport Court Allocation and Use Policy.



Administration: What We Did

The Administration Functional Area also provides staff support to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Arts Council.

Parks and Recreation Commission Outcomes:

- Recommended Park Zone development regulations to City Council.
- Received annual report from King County Library System.
- Attended Roanoke Park ribbon cutting and Jake Jacobson Pickleball Courts dedication.

Arts Council Outcomes:

- Recommended the 6-Year Workplan for Art in Public Places to City Council.
- Discussed opportunities for public art integration for Deane's Children's Park.
- Provided input on updates to the Pergola and operational uses.



MICEC: What We Did

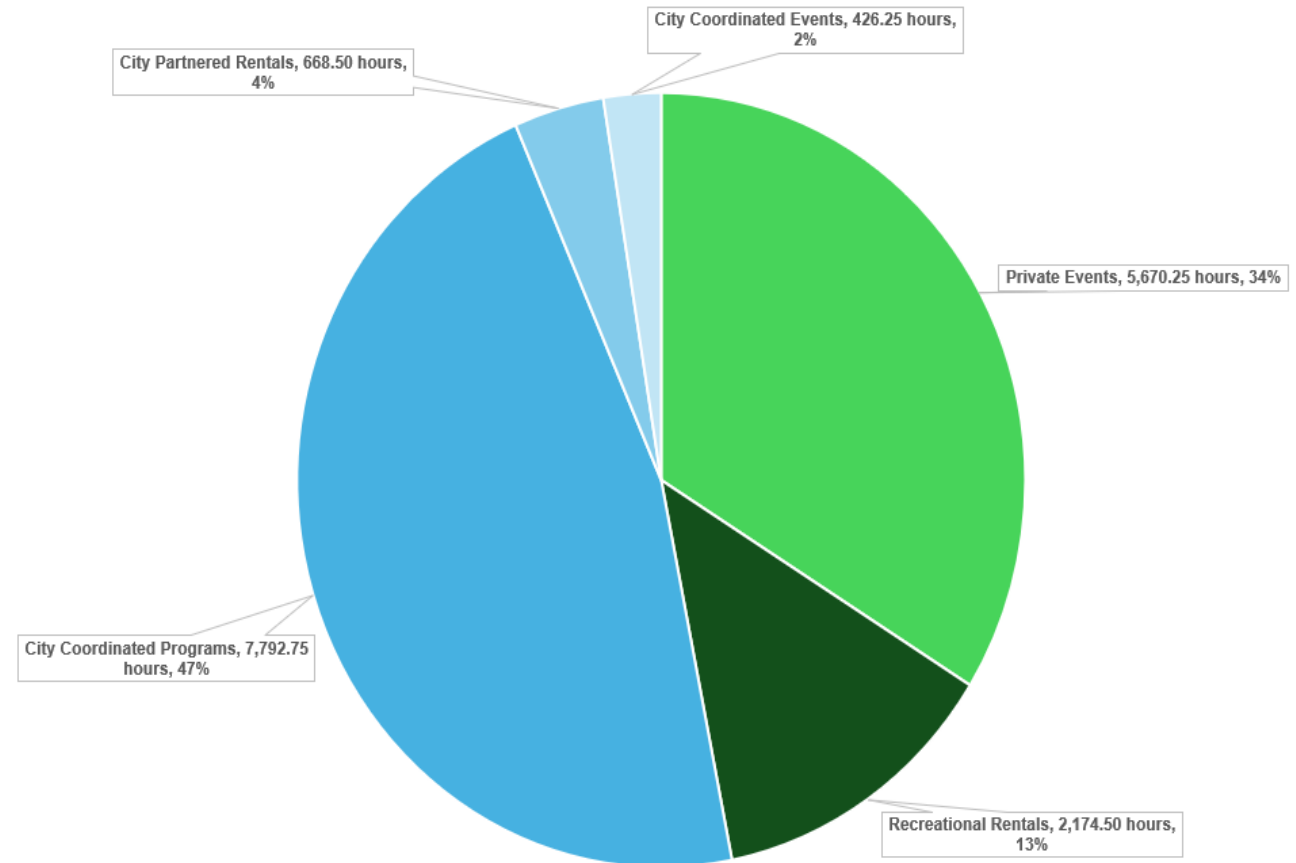
- Offered Spring Break free drop-ins for resident youth.
- Further implemented non-traditional work schedules to meet facility demand.
- Collaborated with multiple partners to provide access to the facility including MI Sister City Association, MIVAL, Mercer Island Chinese Association.
- Maintained and expanded relationship with MISD's Pathways program.
- Collaborated with multiple City Departments for community engagement and emergency support.



MICEC: What We Did

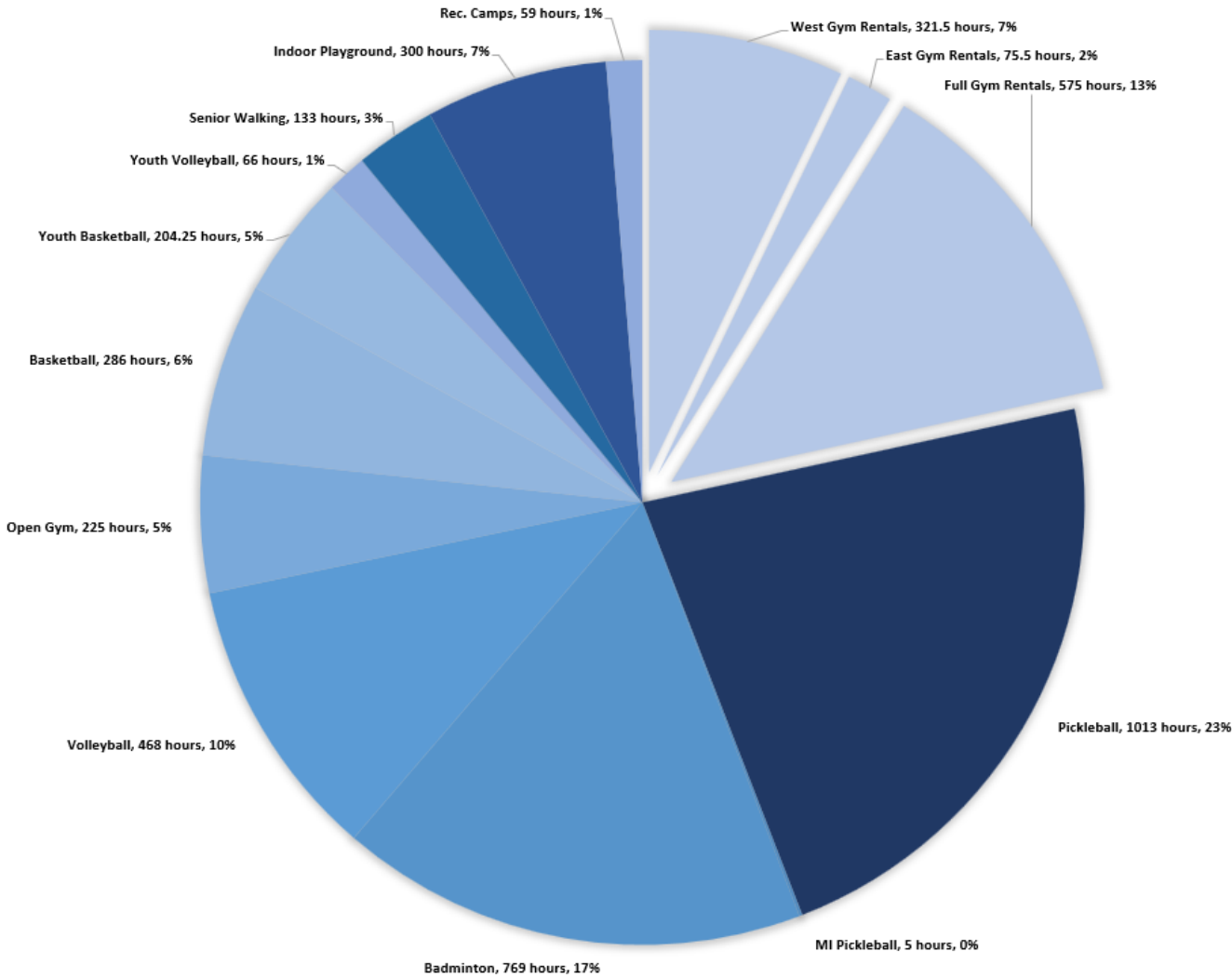
- **2,251 bookings totaling 8,029.75 total hours.**
 - +372 City Business bookings
- **1,712.25 City Business hours**
 - Primary meetings
 - Does not include use of Slater Room
- **15,688 participants for drop-in sports.**
 - Resident participation increased by 9% to 50%
- **8,346 visitors to our fitness center.**
 - Increase of 1,706 participants
- **Offered 10 unique drop-in activities.**
 - Pickleball, SAIL, volleyball, basketball, indoor playground, open gym, senior walking, badminton, youth basketball, youth volleyball.

2025 MICEC Facility Usage Based on Category



MICEC: What We Did

2025 GYM SPACE USAGE



Programs/Events: What We Did

City Coordinated Events:

- Shakespeare in the Park (15)
- Mostly Music in the Park (6)
- Summer Celebration
- Town Center Trick or Treat
- Illuminate MI Lights
- Tree Lighting
- Argosy Christmas Ship
- Family Holiday Party
- Family Movie Night
- Senior Resource Fair
- Leap for Green
- PRIDE in the Park
- Juneteenth



Sponsored Special Events:

- MIPA Playdates
- Rotary Leaf Art
- Art Uncorked
- MISD Field Days
- Tai-Chi in the Park
- Little League Opening Day Ceremony
- CMI Recycle Event
- Emergency Management Field Day
- CMI Paws on Patrol

Coordinated Programs:

- SAIL Senior Fitness
- Music Together
- Family Sing Alongs
- OSHER
- MIVAL Art Classes
- Petals Art Club
- P-Patch
- Summer Camps



Partnered Events:

- Blood Drives (4) (Bloodworks NW)
- Chamber of Commerce Holiday Market
- Menorah Lighting (Chabad Mercer Island)
- Toy Drive (Girls Scouts)
- Lunar New Year (MI Chinese Assoc.)
- Mid-Autumn Festival (MI Chinese Assoc.)



Outdoor Facility Rentals

Picnic Rentals: 168

- 66 more than 2024

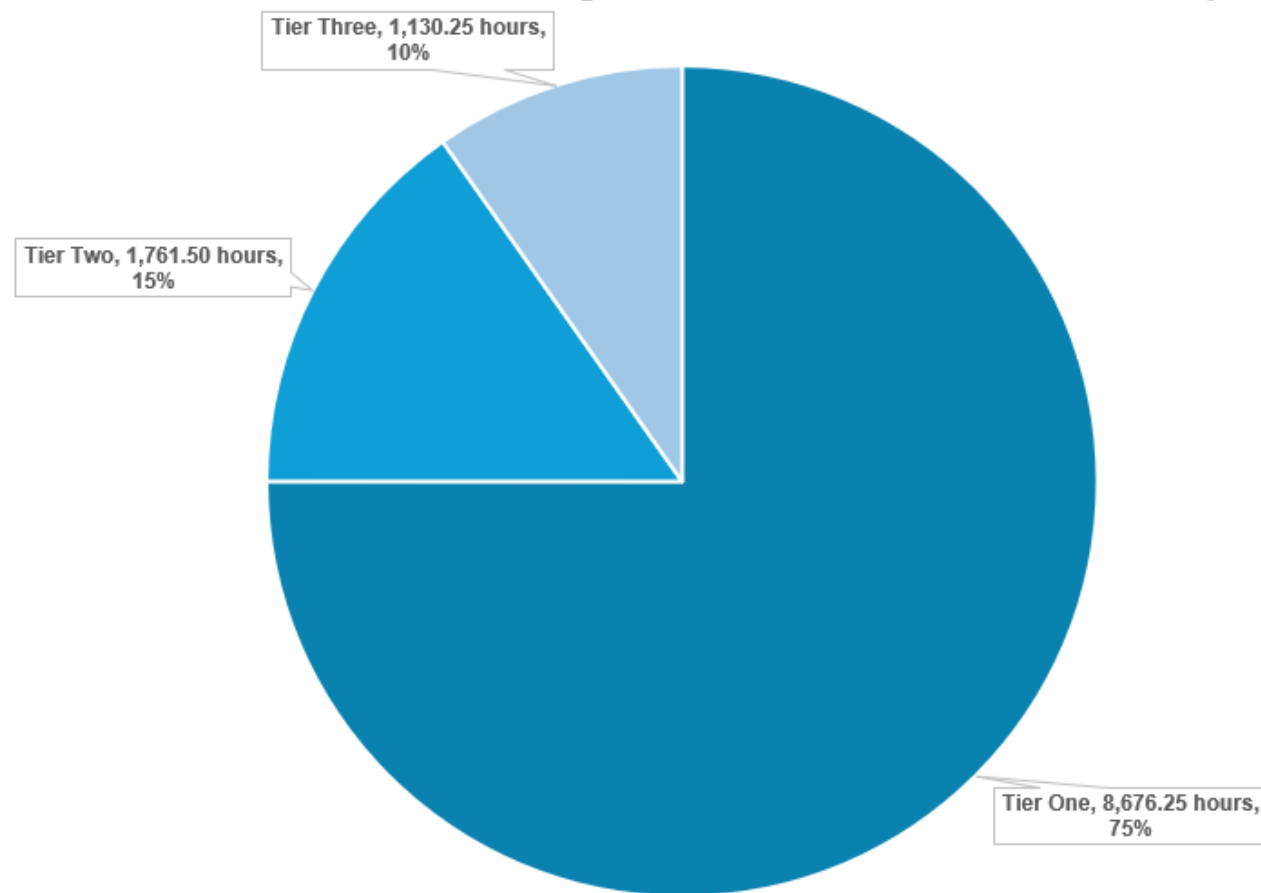
Athletic Field Rentals:

- 11,568 hours
 - 15% increase in hours from 2024
- 3,941 bookings
 - 17% increase in bookings from 2024

Permitted 34 events in the parks

- 10 Private Events and 3 First Amendment Events.
- 21 events permitted through the Special Event Sponsorship program.

Athletic Field Rentals Usage based on Prioritization of User Groups



2026 Preview

- This past April, the Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Department was formed to better align programming, facilities, and parks and open space operations.
- In April, Division celebrated 18 different Earth Month events in place of the single Leap for Green event.
- **Collaborating with Emergency Management to address potential 2026 World Cup impacts.**
- **MICEC rental revenue projections remain on track to meet budgeted revenue goal.**
- **MICEC generated \$102,788 in rental revenue in May, the highest monthly total ever!**
- MI Rowing Club Summer Camp begins June 22nd alongside with 9 other camp organizations.
- **Athletic field revenue is currently booked at approximately 90% of last year's year-end total.**
- Updated Athletic Facilities Allocation and Use Policy is scheduled to be enacted for Fall/Winter Season.
- **Approximately 67% of our drop-in and fitness room participation are Residents.**
- Collaborating with various organizations and partners to offer Special Events.



Questions?

