



**Date:** July 6, 2021  
**To:** Glenn Steckman, City Manager  
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**From:** Chip Leeper, Director of Parks and Recreation (u)  
**Re:** Quarterly Report  
**Reporting Period:** April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### **Nome Recreation Center**

After more than a year of covid-related limitations things finally started to feel like they were returning to normal at the facility. With an ever increasing number of local and regional vaccinations we were able to begin lifting capacity restrictions, social distancing and mask requirements.

With those restrictions removed traffic and admissions have been steadily increasing as people began to slowly return to their normal routines. They, like myself are eager to resume their lives as they once knew them. We can only hope to never have to return to a pandemic world.

Because of the previous mentioned protocols we were unable to offer co-ed volleyball in the spring. An attempt was made to do a bowling league but it had to be called off due to lack of interest and registration numbers. Another attempt will be made next fall for both leagues.

On a positive note many of our instructors resumed teaching their classes and we were able offer Zumba, Strong Nation, Martial Arts and Dance Fitness.

Also longtime Tae Kwon Do instructor Dan Scholten recently moved back to Nome and resumed teaching. In addition he is also teaching several Kido classes each week.

Local yoga favorite Larissa Figley came back to town and hosted a workshop in May before heading up north to work for the construction season. She is hoping to come back later in the summer or early fall and do some more classes.

The bowling alley closed for the summer at the end of May. It will resume operations in mid-September after moose hunting season ends.

Summer hours of operation took effect on Memorial Day weekend. Hours throughout June, July and August will be Mondays through Fridays from 5:30AM to 8PM. On Saturdays and Sundays the facility will be closed.



We were hoping to offer youth softball at some point in the summer but delays to the installation of the new fencing for the fields have left things up in the air.

Saunas remained closed as of this writing but will be reopening toward the end of this week. Always a popular attraction with the local population it will be a big sigh of relief once they are back in operation.

The hold-up to their reopening once covid restrictions were relaxed was some final construction work and wiring on the men's sauna that was part of the remodel needed to address a rotten sub-flooring and installation of a new heater.

### **Nome Swimming Pool**

Despite having covid-required restrictions in place for much of the quarter the pool was consistently busy for much of the period.

In April and early May the Nome Northstar Swim Team had practice each weekday. Sprinkled into that were swim classes for high school classes and the Nome Public Schools' Extensions program.

Weekend days saw a steady stream of private rentals. Since covid guidelines recommended minimizing contact between people from differing social circles we were unable to schedule any family or open swims.

In order to counter this we focused on offering private rentals to family groups. This idea became an immediate hit and space quickly filled up. In addition to the classes and weekend rentals daily lap swims were offered.

May saw swim lessons for Migrant Education enrollees. Held over two weeks the program is always popular and fills up quickly. With June came the return of Summercise.

Another longtime stalwart returned as well that month. Stroke-N-Croke, a mini-triathlon that serves as a fundraiser to the Nome Northstar Swim Team returned after a one-year hiatus.