



**Date:** July 8, 2025  
**To:** Lee Smith, City Manager  
**CC:** Dan Grimmer, City Clerk  
Angie Nguyen, Administrative Assistant  
**From:** Chip Leeper, Director of Parks and Recreation  
**Re:** Quarterly Report  
**Reporting Period:** April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### **Nome Recreation Center**

The quarter started off with a Free Kid's Day on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by Kawerak's Child Advocacy Center the special event allowed any local youth free entrance in the facility in honor of April being National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Early May saw another community gathering as the Village of Solomon hosted their annual Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls event. Attendees started things off by making posters bringing attention to the alarming number of disappearances of Native Women and Girls. The posters and signs were then paraded around Nome to bring awareness of this ongoing problem.

June brought the first of several events. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, Norton Sound Health Corporation hosted a Pride Night with a community potluck geared toward the celebration of local residents of the LGBTQ+ communities and their families and supporters.

The following week on June 13<sup>th</sup>, NSHC's CAMP Department hosted a Bike Rodeo in the multipurpose room. Booths were set-up to provide information on bikes and bike safety and helmets were given out to attendees.

Lastly on June 16<sup>th</sup>, Kawerak hosted a Foster Family recruitment extravaganza that was focused on finding new families interested in fostering local youth.

April also saw the return of our co-ed adult volleyball league. In all, six teams registered in the Competitive League with Sailor Bois taking home first place. There wasn't enough interest in a Recreational League this session.

Registration for our co-ed youth softball league began in mid-May. Despite the early start registration was slow and at the deadline was sufficient enough to select teams and begin practicing.



Because of that the registration period was extended and additional players began trickling in and as of this writing there were finally enough kids to have 2 teams in each of the leagues.

We would like to give a shout-out to the Bering Sea Lion's Club for their support of the league. Additionally, we would like to also thank Charlie Weiss from Grizzly Building who is generously providing a \$10 scholarship for each player.

### **Nome Swimming Pool**

With the ending of the Nome Northstar Swim Team in early April the first two months of the quarter were fairly slow. Aside from a two-week session of Migrant Education Swim Lessons and a couple of school field trips there wasn't a ton of activity.

That changed a bit once June rolled around and Summercise began. The first session had a 3-week session (Monday-Thursdays) before going on a two-week break.

Overall this past season was a disappointment as lack of staff again hindered us offering many of our usual programs. Without senior lifeguards (Aged 21+) willing to work shifts the facility cannot reach its maximum potential.

Lead lifeguard and certified American Red Cross Lifeguard Instructor Melissa Ford hosted several classes and certified a lot of new adult guards but none of them are taking shifts.

After expressing my frustration to the City Manager, he asked me to do an audit of the pool schedule from FY 2025 to determine the amount of offered program hours. The results (found on the next page) were pretty glaring.

All said and done the pool was opened an average of 2.41 hours a day and the lion's share of those times were logged by programs not open to the public. Most disappointing was Open/Family and Lap Swims- the only programs open to youth was only available on average .46 hours a day.

The one program that was offered regularly were lap swims which only serve a very minor part of our community.

Moving forward we will again attempt to lure more senior lifeguards onto our staff but if we fail to add any meaningful numbers it will be tough to add any extra programs and make it difficult for me to recommend continuing to fund the facility.

## FY 2025 Pool Usage Audit

Month	Laps	Op/Fam/Laps	Summertime	H2O	NAC	School	NNST	Ext. HS	Swim Lessons	Total Hours	HRS./Day
July	.69	.48	.9							64.5	2.08
August	.82	.39	.13	.07						43.75	1.41
September	1.02	.25		.1	.19					47	1.52
October	1	.48		.05	.44	.32	.4	.19		89.5	2.89
November	.84	.29		.05	.05		.4	.15		55	1.77
December	.98	.66		.05	.19		.77	.24		89.5	2.89
January	1.06	.71		.07	.31		1.15	.19	.05	110	3.55
February	.98	.64		.05	.21		1.13	.16	.04	90.25	3.22
March	.84	.39		.02	.1		1.09	.19	.11	85	2.74
April	.93	.5			.33		.11	.2	.45	75.75	2.52
May	.81	.29			.12			.19	.29	53	1.71
June	.9	.4	1.4					.19	.29	80	2.67
AVG HRS./DAY	.91	.46	.2	.04	.16	.03	.42	.14	.10	AVG HRS./DAY	2.41*

### Legend:

Laps = AM Laps/Regular Lap Swim

Op/Fam/Laps = Open Swim/Family & Lap Combined

H2O = Water Aerobics

NAC = NACTEC

School = High School Swim

NNST = Nome Northstar Swim Team

Ext. HS = Extensions Home School Swim

Swim Lessons = Mom & Tot Lessons/Migrant Education Swim Lessons

“\*” Note: Total comes from the average of HRS./Day as it is more accurate. AVG H/D is 2.46 due to rounding up errors.