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Subject: Parks and Recreation Department Quarterly Report (October – December 2023)

Nome Recreation Center

Even with the lack of snow the past few months blustery winter weather has driven many local residents into our facility to meet their recreational wants and needs.

For the youth this meant packing the place during open gyms. For the adults it was the weight room, instructed classes and sports leagues that allowed them to get their sweat fix.

Things got started in October with our Co-Ed Adult Volleyball League. Played on Mondays, Thursdays and a few Tuesday nights this past season attracted 9 teams across two divisions- Competitive for the more serious players and Recreational for the exercise seeking crowd.

After two months of play and a postseason tournament Ivory Plug after finishing the regular season in second place rallied to take home the crown in the competitive division; meanwhile Aces took the top spot in the recreational bracket after finishing the regular season undefeated.

The volleyball stanchions were immediately stowed and basketballs brought out as we began City League Adult Basketball play in early November.

Played on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays the league was composed of three divisions: Women (4 teams); Men's A (3 teams); and Men's B (4 teams). After playing a 6-week schedule the league will take a break for the holiday season.

Heading into the break Janet's and Q-Trucking were battling it out with the former posting a 5-1 record to edge out the latter (record 4-2) for the top spot in the Women's Division.

In the Men's A Division Rough Country ran roughshod over the competition and raced into the winter intermission with a record of 6 wins and 1 loss. Trailing closely behind was CNC Sherman with a 4-2 record.

NSHC Ballers led a fairly balanced Men's B Division with a 4-2 record and look to fight off second half charges from Bering Air and Beah's that both finished tied for second with identical 3-3 records.

After a two-week break the second half of the season will resume in January and run through late February/early March.



In addition to the leagues outlined above we also hosted some other events. The first one was an Indigenous Peoples Celebration on October 9th. It was jointly co-hosted by Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) and the Native Village of Solomon.

Festivities involved singing, dancing, potluck and an amazing fashion show. A variety of kuspuks, mukluks, jewelry and hats made by local sewers and artists were on display much to the delight of the capacity crowd attending the event.

The Nome Volunteer Fire Department hosted their annual Winter Carnival on the traditional first Saturday of December. As is typical the carnival attracted throngs of people to the facility to play games, bingo and eat food supplied by a variety of organizations fundraising for their respective causes.

Nome Swimming Pool

The ongoing construction in the pool's mechanical room continued. The plan was to have Polar Pools come to Nome the week of December 18th-22nd, to complete the piping system and attempt to temporarily reuse one of the old pump isolation flex boot in order to get the system flowing with water and begin to process of bringing the pool up to temperature.

Unfortunately, once they arrived and picked up their freight from the airlines they discovered that the shipper somehow managed to snap off three custom-made fittings from their pipe. As these are specialty fittings available only from the manufacturer new ones had to be ordered with a two-week lead until they were shipped out.

Not having the fittings meant they couldn't connect the entire plumbing system and couldn't begin circulating and heating the pool water. The trip wasn't a total loss as they still were able to:

- Hang the new pipe and so that when the replacement parts arrive, they will be fusion welded onsite;
- Install one of the old flex boots to get the system running.
- Install all the piping labels and valve tags that will help the staff to understand the operation and maintenance procedures and process;
- Install the new filter valve actuators for all four filter valves;
- Bring up their electrician to do the wiring from the actuators to the PLC panel.
- Modify the new acid pump as needed for this application and hoisted a drum of Muriatic Acid into the pool mechanical pit;
- Sent photo documentation to the DeNora Team for their approval of the installation of the Sodium Hypochlorite generation system.

Still to do:

- Return to Nome on January 22nd with the new fittings;



- Troubleshoot issues with the sump pit, as this will severely impact Backwashing. Polar Pools will go over this element with selected members of the maintenance team;
- Reconnect all piping and turn the system on. If the old flex boot holds then heating the water will begin. Estimated warming time is a week;
- Commission ProMinent Pool controller (1 day);
- Have the SCADA Tech to program everything into the PLC and the Pool Managers Office computer (3-4 days);
- Test the Automatic Backwash feature and verify the system will function automatically;
- Telechine Ozone and DeNora representatives need to commission and verify equipment is functioning properly (2 days);
- Confirm the ability to generate enough Sodium Hypochlorite to operate the system;
- Crew/Staff Training on all components (2 days).

Golden Strike Bowling Alley

For most part things ran fairly smoothly in the bowling alley this past quarter. Traffic was fairly steady until December when things picked up due to the holiday season. Several entities throughout Nome utilize the bowling alley for their staff Christmas parties.

At the end of the quarter we began advertising for a winter bowling league and are hoping enough teams register to support a league.

