



Date: July 17, 2024
To: Glenn Steckman, City Manager
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From: Chip Leeper, Director of Parks and Recreation
Re: Quarterly Report
Reporting Period: April 1st, 2024 – June 30th, 2024

Nome Recreation Center

The quarter started off with a Free Kid's Day on Saturday, April 6th. Sponsored by Kawerak's Child Advocacy Center the special event allowed any local youth free entrance in the facility. The event has taken place every April over the past 3 years in support of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The first Sunday in May the Village of Solomon again organized a special event to remember Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls and show support for those that have lost a family member to violence.

Later in the month we hosted a celebration honoring the Nome-Beltz Boys' Basketball team's recent state championship. A large crowd showed up for a BBQ and potluck-style dinner to show their love and support for the school's second state championship in the past 3 years. The event was organized and put on by a cadre of local families and ardent Nanook supporters.

In June, Kawerak organized and hosted the annual Berry Festival to coincide with the arrival of Holland America's *Rotterdam*. Clocking in at over 1900 hundred passengers the ship was the largest ever cruise ship to dock in Nome.

Between taking part in many of the available local excursions many of them visited the NRC to check out the array of crafts and food made by local artisans while listening to a variety of live music.

April also saw the return of our co-ed adult volleyball league. In a sign that things were getting back to where they used to be 9 teams (5 Competitive and 4 Recreational) registered and competed in the 6-week long season.

In the end Arctic Ventures took home yet another trophy in the top league and NW Gold Diggers earned top honors in the Recreational League.



In June we started our summer youth co-ed softball league. Originally slated to start in early in the month the opening of the season was delayed in order to recruit more players and find coaches.

Nome Swimming Pool

!!!THE POOL IS FINALLY OPEN!!!!

After several months of delays stemming from a myriad of problems construction was finally completed in mid-April.

Shortly thereafter representatives from the major component manufacturers used in the project: Miox/Denora (Chlorine Generator), Telechine (Ozone Generator) and Tech-Pro (SCADA) visited Nome to complete final inspections and conduct training for senior staff.

Once everything was signed off we opened the pool to our lifeguards for them to swim and practice for Lifeguard training from American Red Cross. Once we had enough people certified we were able to do a soft opening and ease back into the saddle.

The last 3 weeks of June we hosted Summerise and provided staffing for program.

Arctic Strike Bowling Alley

April and May were fairly busy before closing down for the summer starting Memorial Day weekend.