

# Parks and Recreation Department

## December 2024 Report

### Recreation Programs offered during the month

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Music Together - Demo - 9:45am	WINTER BREAK - Sledding & Hot Chocolate
WINTER BREAK - All About Sports	WINTER BREAK - Movie Party & Popcorn Bar
Music Together - Demo - 4:15pm	Dungeons & Dragons: Tabletop Gaming (Ages 10+)
WINTER BREAK - Maple Grove Pool/Maple Maze Playground	Music Together - Winter Demos (Ages 0-5)
Music Together - Demo - 5:00pm	
WINTER BREAK - Eagles Nest & Edible Activities	

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### Parks

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- Rental Reservations Form for rentals now available online: <https://slprec.org/parksrec/page/facility-use-permit-application>.
- Able Park Activities Building was rented out 5 times and utilized 11 times for recreation programs. Plus, warming house times.
- Weather did not cooperate for maintaining safe ice rink conditions during December.
- Snowshoe check out is available during warming house hours at Able Park.

### Tower Days -

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- 2025 Planning Meeting will meet again on January 28, 6:30pm Able Park Building
- The Band *Good for Gary* has been booked for Saturday evening and *Free & Easy* for Sunday evening. Along, with pro wrestling event for Saturday afternoon. Committee working on bags/corn hole tournament.
- Sponsorship information, parade and craft fair applications available on line.

### Parks & Recreation Commission

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- The Commission met in December and thanked members for year of service.
- Next meeting will be January 7 at 6:00pm at Able Park Building

## Department Activity

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- Staff are busy with day to day operations, program planning, program registrations, facility reservations and checking on room after rentals, room set ups and attending programs.
- Wesley Goldberg attended a sports management clinic held by Minnesota Parks and Recreation Association
- Wesley Goldberg conducted three winter break youth programs. These programs included transporting youth to New Brighton Community Center from Able Park for part of the day.
- Anne Scanlon completed an extended tour to Omaha with 38 participants.
- Wesley Goldberg and Kay Okey completed inputting the City Hall room reservation information into the software system. In January City Hall support staff will be trained on programs. Reservations will be open to the public starting January 15<sup>th</sup>. Rooms will not be available for rent until after March 1.
- Director Okey attended the following meetings and events during the month:
  - City Council
  - CDBG Prep session
  - Construction meetings on City Hall
  - Staff meetings
  - Department Head Meeting
  - Terrace Park Building Design Meetings

## Upcoming Park and Recreation Activities

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Art Classes: Day Painting - Winter Landscape  
Art Classes: Paint with Me - Winter Fun  
DAY TRIP: Folsom Prison Experience - Johnny Cash  
Dungeons & Dragons: Tabletop Gaming (Ages 10+)  
FREE Class - Medicare 101  
FREE: DIY Antiques Appraisal Workshop  
Hand and Foot Card Club  
Jeff Sandino Cooking Class: Traditional Italian Cuisine  
North Metro Bean Bag Toss League - Winter Season (Ages 18+)  
North Metro Volleyball League - Winter Season (Ages 18+)  
Pickleball Skills & Drills (Ages 18+)  
QC Dance - Weekly Classes Session I (Ages 0-11)  
Rev Sports Volleyball - Session I (Ages 4-12)  
Virtual - FREE Home Buyer Seminar  
VIRTUAL - Introduction to Genealogy  
VIRTUAL - Social Simple: Parents with Littles Toolbox  
VIRTUAL - Social Simple: Practical Chat GPT Training  
VIRTUAL - Social Simple: Tech-Savvy Survival

Virtual Cooking Class: Soups & Bread Bowls  
Virtual Cooking: Escape to the Mediterranean  
Youth Softball Registration open  
Adult Softball Registration open  
Collette Travel Show