

# Parks and Recreation Department

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## June 2022 Report

### Recreation Programs

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- Recreational activities which were held in June included: Classes in Yoga, make your own bird bath, Youth Karate, soccer, adult and youth softball, Esports, dance, Pickleball lessons and Leagues, Nordic Walking, mature drivers, cooking, Card Club and art classes.
- North Metro Outdoor Sand Volleyball League continues to play on Wednesday nights until August.
- Pickleball Ladder League continues to play on Wednesday nights until the end of July.
- Playground Program started on June 13. Program numbers were capped at 30 for the Free and Panthers program until staff was finalized. Staff are now working on getting the waitlisted youth into the program. The Munchkin program for Ages 4 & 5 has 13 registered.
- Staff continue to take daily registrations for all programs:
  - Adult and Youth Enrichment and Sports
  - Adult day trips
  - Extended Tours Mackinac Island September 29 – October 2 full with 34 participants
  - Still openings on the Stillwater October 21- 22, and Kansas City -November 30- December 5 Tours
  - Registration ended for Shades of Ireland – November 2022 with 8 registered
  - Registration for Hawaii -January Tour ended July 5 with 14 registered
  - Registration now open for Iceland – November 2023

### Parks

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- Park Building rentals are being taken for the summer months at the Recreation Office.
- Adopt-A-Flower Program volunteers may register to tend the flowers in the parks. Thank you to all the volunteers. The parks are looking great.
- Adopt-A-Storm Drain Program – new this year, residents may register to adopt a storm drain through a national program.
- Staff is working on final cost estimates of remodeling the Able Park Building and will bring it to Council by the end of June.
- The Terrace Park shelter installation began on June 22.
- Able Park basketball court reconstruction was completed with court lines painted on the surface on June 22 and 23. Waiting on the fencing to be replaced.
- Thank you to Emmanuel Christian Center for their service day on June 26. Volunteers picked up trash along roadsides and in the parks, weeded playgrounds and cleaned and stenciled next to the storm drain “Do not dump, drains to waterway” markings.

- I met with a consultant from Prairie Restoration to obtain recommendations and estimates on how to better improve Triangle Park. The staff continues to work on grant applications for funding of this project.

## Tower Days

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The Tower Days Committee wishes to again thank our numerous volunteers and sponsors as this event is funded through donations.

The Committee will begin planning for the 2023 events in November of 2022. If interested in joining the committee please contact the Recreation Office at 763-792-7201

## Department Activity

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- Director Okey attended the following meetings during the month:
  - City Council session on June 20
  - Tower Days Committee Wrap Up Meeting on June 14
  - Attended Conocer Los Parques (Meet the Parks) Event Webinar Meeting – staff will be attending this event which will be held August 28 in Fridley
  - CDBG Meeting on June 23 to discuss possible grant opportunities
- Staff continued to monitor safety recommendations from MDH and CDC.

## Upcoming Programs

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- Summer Playground Programs
- Dance Classes
- Yoga Classes
- Youth Basketball and soccer
- Adult Enrichment classes including mature drivers' course in August
- Day trips to Lake Minnetonka – Boat Cruise, Old Log Theater Productions, Mystery Trip, St. Cloud garden tours.