

Parks and Recreation Department Report for the Month of August

August 13th was the last day of the summer youth program. The program, modified this year, was changed to two 4-week sessions to accommodate COVID restrictions. Also, new this year to the playground program, registration was required prior to attending the free afternoon program instead of the drop-in format. We had 121 registered for the free programs. We had 44 youth attend the paid Panthers program, 16 for the paid Munchkin program. 59 youth attended the specialized day trips events which were held on Wednesdays. We were unable to offer collaborative day trips this year with Fridley due to COVID.

The Fall Adult softball program got started with 10 teams on August 8. Over 150 adults comprised the 10 co-rec teams which played ball on Sundays at Terrace Park. The league will finish with a tournament on September 24 and 25th at Terrace Park.

Dine and Dance Music was held on Wednesday, August 18, which was the last evening performance of the summer. I would like to thank Beyond the Yellow Ribbon who provided the concession stand service.

In addition to the above-mentioned activities the Recreation Department offered Yoga, Youth dance classes, Red Cross Babysitting Course, Ninja Camp, Adult Pickleball, Adult Defensive Driving Classes, women's canoeing program, and day trip with 45 participants.

The fall brochure went out to homes in mid-August, some programs will fill up fast.

Reminders will be sent out to the community garden participants to have their beds cleared by the end of October. The donated compost bin is located next to the gardens.

During the Month of August, I attended the following meetings and evening programs:

- Park Commission Meeting, August 3
- Department Head Meeting, August 4
- Music in the Park, August 4
- Budget Workshop, August 9
- City Council Meeting, August 16
- Park Master Plan Update, August 27

This concludes the Parks and Recreation report for the month of August.