

Parks and Recreation Report for the Month of April 2020

During the month of April, the Recreation Department adapted, created and moved over 35 classes and options to the online platform. While online classes were not planned, it has been a convenient option and one that will continue long after in-person classes resume. We are committed to continuing our services, even if not in-person.

During the month of April, the Recreation Department revamped the website pages to a more user-friendly format and streamlined the registration process. Participants may now, with one click, go from the website program description directly to the registration page. On Facebook, the staff created three categories of programming: social, inspirational, and physical. We offer free weekly programs for both adults and youth.

We reached out to our senior citizens via our newsletter (1500 subscribers) and Facebook to provide them with information on agencies and resources to assist them during this time period and to simply touch base. In addition, the Recreation staff has updated our email list and completed inventory of supplies during the month.

The parks, including the community garden and fishing pier, remain open, offering opportunities for residents to stay active and connected as a community during these uncertain times.

The Parks and Recreation Department continues to base decisions on data, CDC guidelines and orders from Governor Walz and the Minnesota Department of Health.