

Parks and Recreation Department

March 2026

Parks

- The parks are getting ready for summer.
- Adopt-a-Flower Garden – each year residents/organizations can volunteer to maintain a flower garden in one of our parks. We will be actively reaching out to local organizations and businesses for this community project.
- The skating loop added at Sanburnol this winter didn't appear to damage the turf. We will look at continuing this for the next season.
- Community Raised Garden Beds at Sanburnol – are starting to be placed. They look really nice and I encourage you to drive by them. We are so appreciative of the Grant from SHIP and Seedmoney.org for these new containers. The SLP High School traded program did an amazing job.
- We have not received an update from Anoka County regarding our Terrace Park project. I will continue to monitor for updates.

Department Activity

- The Recreation Department is excited to share another partnership with SLP High School. We are working with the Pathways Business program to help identify ways to increase our marketing and engagement with our community. We had our initial mtg in the beginning of March. At the end of the project the students and the Recreation department will provide the council with its findings.
- We have our final line up for Music in the Park – as you will see in the council packet.
- The Recreation Department had 38 classes/programs that started in March. Highlights include: A Teen Night at the Timberwolves game with MV/AH/SLP, our Able Park Spring Break Camp, Day Trip Mille Lacs Indian Museum & Casino Tour, Day Trip Elvis.
- Our Annual Egg Hunt took place at the end of March. We had great weather and over 200 participants attended the event. We had wonderful support from the Lions and Leos of Spring Lake Park.
- Clare has been working with Mounds View and Arden Hills to increase participation in our programs and a variety of collaborative programs.
- Patrice continues to research offerings, look at avenues to reduce bussing cost, and which programs might benefit from collaborative programming.
- Director Scanlon attended the following meetings and events during March:
 - Department Head Meeting
 - City Council Session
 - City Safety Mtg
 - Tower Days Mtg
 - Park and Recreation Commission
 - Weekly Park and Rec Staff Mtg
 - Adaptive Programs Mtg (Anoka County)
 - SLP High School Pathways Meeting for Marketing Project
 - Attended Town Hall for Representative Ilhan Omar

Grants and other funding

- CDBG Grant for Terrace Park has been submitted. I will update the council when we hear.
- MN Twins Community Fund – Fields for Kids. I was notified that we were awarded this grant. The project will start after the 2026 softball season. Early Oct.

Park and Recreation Commission

- Park and Recreation Commission met in March and continues to look at ways to grow and improve.

Tower Days 2026 June 4-6, 2026

- Planning is underway – we are looking forward to the new format and events for 2026
- We have secured some great acts this year including Transit Authority, Good for Gary, as well as fireworks and new this year Ninja Anywhere.
- Buttons are in, please stop by the Park and Rec office to purchase your button.
- **We are actively looking for Sponsorships.**
- See included schedule

New and Upcoming

- Plant and Garden Tool Swap Meet on May 7
- Learn to Fly Program on May 27