

Parks and Recreation Department

March 2025 Report

Parks

- Terrace Park – Installation of the playground should begin in the upcoming week – depending on weather.
- Soccer nets are up at Able Park – we have been receiving calls Thanking the Parks for putting them up this year. Shout out to Ben and Brett for getting that done.
- Community Raised Garden Beds at Sanburnol – We have 2 of the 14 spots remaining for the community garden
- Adopt-a-Flower Garden Program – each year residents may volunteer to maintain a flower garden in one of the parks. If interested please fill out form: <https://slprec.org/parksrec/webform/adopt-flower-garden-interest-form>
- Adopt-a-Drain Program -residents may adopt a storm drain in their neighborhood to help keep our waterways clean. Register at: <https://adopt-a-drain.org/>

Department Activity

- Many of our senior programs have returned to the building – we are receiving great feed back on the new look and brightness of the space.
- Staff is working on summer program development, seasonal hires and already looking to the Fall catalog development.
- Spring Break Outings – we had 31 kids signed up.
- Our Day Trip to Sidekick Theater was a great success – participants enjoyed the show.
- We are continuing to grow our partnership with the Northtown Library.
- Staff is working on cleaning up storage rooms and moving equipment into storage rooms or into park buildings as the City Hall renovation project comes to an end. We will dig into the building storage room mid-summer.
- Director Scanlon attended the following meetings and events during March:
 - Park and Recreation Commission monthly meeting
 - Tower Days Planning Meeting
 - Department Head Meeting

- Senior Safety Fair Committee
- Construction Meetings
- City Council Session
- Anoka County Adaptive Programming Committee
- SLP Community Education Advisory Committee
- Adopt – a – Drain Mtg
- MN Recreation & Parks MASS Mtg
- LVC Fire Inspection Able Park
- Recreation staff Mara and Anne met with LPi for our senior newsletter
- Weekly Park and Rec Staff Mtg

Upcoming Activities

- Earth Day April 26, 2025 at Able Park
 - 9 am - 12 pm
 - Staff and volunteers will be on hand to help residents with locations to clean, materials and Thanking residents for participation.
- Youth Softball
 - Coaches meetings will be starting in the next week
 - Practices will begin at the end of the month
- Free Daytime Seminars
 - Come on Down – Game Shows of the 70's & 80's Monday, April 21 10 am
 - Naturalist Melonie Shipman Wednesday, May 7 1 pm
- Day Trips
 - Mille Lacs Fishing – May 22
 - History Theater "Whoa, Nellie" – May 29
- Mystery Trip – April 28, 29 & 30th

Tower Days - June 5-8, 2025

- See brochure
- Musical groups (Good for Gary on Saturday evening and Free & Easy on Sunday evening), Lumberjacks and fireworks vendor are contracted.
- Saturday we will be having AWF – American Wrestling Federation for 3-5 pm.
- Temporary Change of Traffic Flow for Tower Days surrounding Lakeside Lions Park, please see attached.
- Roads on the parade route and leading up to the route will close at 5:30 pm Thursday, June 5.
- We are still working on securing additional sponsors for Tower Days. The SLP Lions donation is greatly appreciated.
- Applications for the parade, Craft and Business Fair, and food vendors are available on our website.
- The Committee's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28 at 6:30pm Spring Lake Park City Hall. If interested in joining the committee please contact Anne at ascanlon@slpmn.org
- As events and activities are confirmed, they will be posted on www.slprec.org website.

Tower Days at Lions Lakeside Park on Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8, 2025. These festivities are an annual event, but there is going to be a change in traffic flow during the hours of the events each day. Here is the breakdown for the changes:

- McKinley St NE will be one-way traffic going southbound from 81st Ave NE to 79th Ave NE
- 79th Ave NE will be one-way traffic going eastbound from McKinley St NE to Pleasant View Dr NE
- Pleasant View Dr NE will be one-way traffic going northbound from 79th Ave NE to 81st Ave NE

This change will allow for parking on both sides of the street, but still maintaining a traffic flow as there will not be opposing traffic. There will be temporary signage along the route during the weekend. As always, vehicles parked on the street are not allowed to block mailboxes or driveways. The area along 79th Ave NE along the park side of the street will be reserved as handicap parking, along with some motorcycle parking east of the entrance to the park. Please see the attached map for further explanation of the temporary change.

This temporary traffic flow change is only for the two days of Tower Days at Lions Lakeside Park during the hours of the festivities.

