

# Parks and Recreation Department

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## February 2022 Report

### Recreation Programs

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- Recreational activities which were held in February included: Sweetheart Dance, Senior Valentine Luncheon, Snowbuddy Scavenger Hunt with families searching the city parks looking for the hidden Snowbuddy and posting their results on Facebook, Awesome Art Classes for 4 sessions with 11 children registered, Dungeons & Dragons, Social Media Series, yoga, Zumba, youth Karate, Indoor Volleyball League, Dance Classes, and Esports League.
- Staff prepped for spring break activities which included 17 children for an all-day Art Class at Able Park, and 3 separate day trips to Conquer Ninja Gym, Wargo Nature Center, and Zero Gravity for 29 children.
- Softball Sponsorship received to date include: Nygaard Photography, SLP Lions, SLP Lumber Co, Kraus Hartig VFW, Menssen Contracting, Tahoe Sportswear, Zuley Awards and two private donations.
- Staff continue to take daily registrations for all programs:
  - Adult Enrichment and Sports
  - Youth Activities and Sports
  - Day Trips
  - Extended Tours –Medora, North Dakota Tour: June 15-18, Mackinac Island September 29 – October 2, Stillwater October 21-22, Kansas City -November 30-December 5, Shades of Ireland

### Parks

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- Warming House open days extended through the last full weekend in February with the colder temperatures for one additional week.

Attendance at Able Park Warming House Season Thursday through Sunday: 620. In 2021 attendance was 435. Busiest times in 2022 were Saturdays between 2:00 and 5:00pm, average 25 skaters/hour.

In addition, we have had a group of 8 or more showing up over lunch hours to play broomball.

- Staff secured estimates on replacement and installation of Terrace Park Picnic Shelter

## Tower Days

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- The committee, consisting of 11 community members, met on January 25, and February 22 and started planning for the annual celebration. The parade will be held on June 9 at 6:30pm with the all-day celebration being held on Sunday, June 12. The committee meets the last Tuesday of the month. Next meeting will be held at 6:00pm on March 29 at 6:30pm
- Applications for the Craft and Business Fair, Garage Sale and Parade are available on the Recreation website, slprec.org
- A car show, bingo and an additional evening of music are being planned.
- Community Sponsorships are still be accepted for these events.

## Department Activity

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- I attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on February 1, at which time the commissioners reviewed the concept plans for the Parks and discussed the open house for the community.
- I attended City Council session on February 22.
- Staff continue to consistently sanitize surfaces before and after programs to address COVID-19 safety issues.
- Staff continued to modified programs and events to accommodate for additional safety recommendations.

## Upcoming Programs

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Upcoming programs that are still taking registrations include:

- Mature Drivers Course on April 26
- Medicare 101
- E Sports
- Dance Classes
- Yoga Classes
- Cooking Classes
- Art Classes
- Irish History Bus Day Trip
- Historic Churches Bus Day Trip
- Youth Basketball and soccer
- Red Cross Babysitting
- Youth Softball
- Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 9 11:30-12:15 Registration at Lakeside Lions Park
- Zoom Travel Show for Shades of Ireland Tour on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am Register at [www.tinyurl.com/slpireland](http://www.tinyurl.com/slpireland)