

## Recreation Department Report for the Month of December

Recreational online activities which were held in December included: multiple youth and adult art classes, yoga, programs for youth during winter break, seminars for adults on Normal vs Not Normal Aging, Doug Ohman's photography and storying telling program and a in person spruce tip pot class held at Malmborgs Garden Center.

In addition, the Recreation Department held our first ever Snowman Scavenger Hunt. The Snowman was hidden each day in a different city park. Participants were given clues to help them discover the snowman and then asked to post a selfie to be entered into the drawing. We had over 10 families consisting of a total of 22 people out exploring our parks.

Two out of our three ice rinks were opened on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The warming house was not open during December via Governor's Executive orders.

I attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup>, at which time the commissioners reviewed the Request for Proposals on the Park Master Plan.

The Commissioners were also happy to hear the playground equipment was being attended to and the needed parts were being replaced and that their idea of making a path in the woods at Lakeside Lions Park work had begun on the west side of the park.

I attended the session by Dr. Susan Herreid on the Culture Assessment Study presented to the Department Heads.

On December 3, I met with Mounds View's new Recreation Superintendent Andy Thomas and Public Works Director Don Peterson for our first official meeting discussing cooperative programs between the two cities.

I attended City Council sessions and the work session during the month of December.

The first Tower Days Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26; 6:30 pm via zoom. The committee welcomes new members as we are constantly looking for new ideas for improving the celebration. If interested in joining the committee please contact me at City Hall or email [recinfo@slpmn.org](mailto:recinfo@slpmn.org)

All Tower Days applications and sponsorship forms are available at our website [www.slprec.org](http://www.slprec.org) Parade date is Thursday, June 10 and the All-Day Celebration is Sunday, June 13.

As we continue to take the necessary precautions with our senior citizens concerning COVID-19, the Recreation Department along with the SLP Lions Club will not be hosting the annual Senior Valentine Luncheon this year. This luncheon has been served every year since 2001.

Other upcoming programs include Family Day at Able Park to be held on Saturday, January 30 with skating, snowshoeing, and outdoor activities. This is a free event but we do ask that families register so that we may maintain social distancing.

This concludes the December Recreation Department report.

