

Parks and Recreation Department

January 2026

Parks

- Snow Day in January was cancelled due to the extreme cold
- 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 business for this community project.

Department Activity

- We will be working with Mounds View on Music in the Park this year – this joint endeavor creates greater exposure and resources for this program.
- Country Jammers are utilizing Able Park for this free to the public event has been a wonderful addition to our program. Please stop in and check out the music: Monday, March 2 at 12pm Able Park
- Extended Travel Trips are popular and 3 of the 5 in-house trips are close to full, while the remaining 2 are about half way. Alaska has 24 people signed up and will be our first partnership trip with Riley's. Our Collette Partnership has 9 travelers signed up for some great International trips.
- The Recreation Department offered 32 classes/programs in January. Pickleball is still very popular, senior day trips and free seminars are also popular. Our first Teen outing took place on a cold January day! They enjoyed an evening of snow tubing at Elm Creek – smiles were had despite the cold.
- Director Scanlon attended the following meetings and events during June:
 - Department Head Meeting
 - City Council Session
 - Tower Days Mtg
 - Park and Recreation Commission
 - Weekly Park and Rec Staff Mtg
 - Adaptive Programs Mtg (Anoka County)
 - MASS Mtg

Grants and other funding

- CDBG Grant for Terrace Park has been submitted. We anticipate hearing mid to late March if we have been selected.

Park and Recreation Commission

- Park and Recreation Commission met in January and continues to look at ways to grow and improve.
- We welcomed Bill Clement to the Commission at our February Mtg

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 the band "Good for Gary", fireworks and new this year "Ninja Anywhere"
- The committee will continue to review activities over the next couple of months.
- In the past we have had 7 levels of sponsorship. We have re-branding this and reduced the number of offering to 5.
- 2025 introduced a fresh new branded look – we will be continuing with that design. Staff are currently updating materials to reflect the new fresh look.