

Parks and Recreation Department

September 2025

Parks

- Terrace Park – Completion of the Pickleball Courts.
- Able Park – Park staff have installed additional equipment at the back playground, along with proper mulching.

Department Activity

- Staff participated in the following Community based events: *Start Your Engines* with the School District. It was a fun day – a little hot, but fun.
- We ran a coloring contest that started at the “Start your Engines” event and ended Oct 1. We had 1 entry turned in. Congratulations to Avelyn at 9-year-old in the SLP district.
- Clare is participating in Emerging Recreation Leaders Institute. This is a great program that will help with generating new ideas, networking and providing tools for young recreation professionals. She has reported that it has been really good so far.
- Our annual Girlfriends Getaway went to Winnipeg this September. Some of the highlights included: Assiniboine Park to see Polar Bears, Human Rights Museum and the Royal Aviation Museum.
- Seniors Clubs are growing: Hand and Foot which launched last year has been seeing regular participation of 18+, we will also be adding on the 3rd Monday of the month Up and Down the River card game.
- Several programs started in September, along with Day Trips. The North Metro Volleyball League has 13 teams from our City. Combine between Fridley, Mounds View, New Brighton and SLP we have a total of 44 teams across 3 division groups.
- Director Scanlon attended the following meetings and events during June:
 - Department Head Meeting
 - City Council Session
 - Weekly Park and Rec Staff Mtg
 - Mtg with SHIP of Anoka County
 - Adaptive Programs Mtg (Anoka County)
 - SLP Construction Trades Program – for Sanburnol raised community beds.

Park and Recreation Commission

- Park and Recreation Commission will not meet in November due to Elections.

Tower Days 2026 June 4-6, 2026

- We had our first official Tower Days Mtg at the end of September. We were joined by two new committee members. It's great to have some new faces.
- 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.