

Parks and Recreation Department

October 2025

Parks

- Terrace Park – Pickleball Courts and the Basketball Courts are being used. Park & Rec has only had one resident call – to tell us how much they like the courts.
- Lakeside Lions – Rentals are completed for the season/year. Director Scanlon and City staff will be meeting with the City of Mounds View in December regarding Lakeside Lions.
- Outside water has been turned off at the parks.
- Spring Lake aeration notice will go in Life newspaper, staff will place aeration unit in Spring Lake.

Department Activity

- Staff participated in the following Community based events: *SLP Lions Pancake Breakfast*. We had several people stop at our booth. We have also generated some interest with a student to join the commission.
- Clare is wrapping up her participation 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.
- Director Scanlon attended the MPRA Annual Conference in Brooklyn Center – highlights included: Prioritizing Social Media in Parks & Rec, Grant Application Strategies for Successful Outcomes, The Power of Storytelling: Share Your Story, and Leadership Networking.
- Seniors Clubs are growing: We have seen an uptick in all clubs for drop in participation. These free clubs are open to anyone.
- MEA Break was a success – we had 19 participants, Clare ran both days. She spoke with parents regarding the upcoming change to summer Able Park program and received positive feedback from all.
- Staff have been working hard during this time of transition and being down a Recreation Supervisor Program. We are all excited for Patrice Holter to start Nov 10.
- 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)
 - MRPA Annual Conference.

Park and Recreation Commission

- Park and Recreation Commission met in October and continues to look at ways to grow and improve.

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.