

# Parks and Recreation Department

## January/February 2025 Report

### Recreation Programs

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#### Paint with Me (Adult/Child)

- Winter Fun
- Love Bug

Able Park Reservation - Girl Scouts 2024

Art Classes with Jill Mason

Day Trip – All Shook UP

Day Trip – Folsom Prison Experience

Badwolf Adventure Studios:

- Table Top Gaming (Ages 10+)
- Miniature Monster Painting (Ages 10+)

Free: Medicare 101

Spark Music Classes

- Group Classes (Ages 6-10)
- Intro to Music (Ages 6-13)
- Rock Band Classes (Ages 6-17)

Music Together - Winter Sessions (Ages 0-5)

Pickleball

- Ladder League
- Intro to Pickleball Clinic
- Pickleball Skills & Drills

Polar Trek Challenge

Adult/Senior Daytime Yoga

Zumba

Garden Art Wine Bottle Wind Chime

Red Cross Babysitters Course (Ages 9-17)

Home Buying and Selling Seminars

Social Simple Virtual

- Tech-Savvy Survival
- Parents w/Littles Tech Safety

QC Dance

- Mommy & Me (Ages 0-2)
- Kidance (Ages 4 -5)
- Dancing Tweens (Ages 9-11)
- Kidlets (Ages 2-3)
- Dancing Kids (Ages 6 -8)
- Ninja Acro (Ages 4 -8)

RevSports

- Volleyball - Winter Session I (Ages 4 -12)
- Soccer - Winter Session I (Ages 3-9)

Verve Basketball (Ages 4 10)

North Metro Adult Sport Leagues

- Volleyball
- Bean Bag Toss

Book Club

Cooking Class

- Rustic Italian Bread & Luscious Soups
- Tex Mex Fiesta
- Traditional Italian
- Escape to the Mediterranean

Yoga - January & February

DIY Antique Appraisal

Collette Travel Show

Genealogy

- Introduction
- Level 1

Northtown Library Tour

55+ Driver Discount

Serving 551 participants

## Parks

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- Community Raised Garden Beds at Sanburnol – returning gardeners have until March 1<sup>st</sup> to claim their box. After March 1<sup>st</sup> first come first served. 14 boxes
- Adopt-a-Flower Garden Program – each year residents may volunteer to maintain a flower garden in one of the parks. If interested please fill out form: <https://slprec.org/parksrec/webform/adopt-flower-garden-interest-form>
- Adopt-a-Drain Program -residents may adopt a storm drain in their neighborhood to help keep our waterways clean. Register at: <https://adopt-a-drain.org/>
- Director Okey submitted the Home/CDBG Grant for Terrace Park Building
- Ice Rinks are being maintained and utilized by residents.

## Tower Days - June 5-8, 2025

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- Musical groups (Good for Gary on Saturday evening and Free & Easy on Sunday evening), Lumberjacks and fireworks vendor are contracted.
- Donations from SLP Lions received and greatly appreciated for their continued support both financial and with volunteers. Additional sponsorship letters were sent at end of January.
- Applications for the parade, Craft and Business Fair, and food vendors are available on our website.
- The Committee's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm Able Park. If interested in joining the committee please contact Kay at [ascanlon@slpmn.org](mailto:ascanlon@slpmn.org)
- As events and activities are confirmed, they will be posted on [www.slprec.org](http://www.slprec.org) website.

## Department Activity

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- Staff is working on summer program development, seasonal hires and catalog development.
- Staff is working on cleaning up storage rooms and moving equipment into storage rooms or into park buildings as the City Hall renovation project comes to an end.
- The Recreation Program Supervisor position was posted and closed on February 7. We received 21 candidates and will begin first round interviews on February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> via Zoom.
- Wesley Goldberg met with the North Metro Adult Sports League – which include Fridley, Mounds View and New Brighton
- Sweetheart Dance will occur on February 13<sup>th</sup>, with 144 registrations – not including walk-ins.
- Snow Buddy Scavenger Hunt begins February 17 – 21 and is a great way to get community members in our parks during winter months.
- Director Scanlon attended the following meetings and events during the January/February:
  - Park and Recreation Commission monthly meeting
  - Tower Days Planning Meeting
  - Department Head Meeting
  - Disability Infusion – Adapting Recreation for People of All Abilities (NPRA Webinar)
  - SLP Community Education Advisory Council
  - Program Develop Meeting with Blaine and New Brighton
  - Senior Safety Fair Committee
  - Construction Meetings

### Senior Valentine Lunch Donations for door prizes:

- Anderson Heating & Air Conditioning 4 Cub Gift Cards at \$25 each
- Perfect 10 Car Wash - 4 - #8 Wash Gift Cards
- Total Medical NOVA Rollator Walker - value at \$200 (or more)
- Sarna's Classic Grill – 4 Gift Cards at \$25.00 each
- Steele & Hops Gift Card \$25
- Ann Radichel 2 Handmade Quilts
- Crooners Supper Club – Gift Card \$50
- Chick – Fil -A – 250 Gift Cards for single sandwich
- Anonymous Resident 4<sup>th</sup> of July Gift Basket
- Sue Vorlicky –3 Sets Coffee Flavor Gift Packs
- Bobbie Johnson – Toiletries Gift Basket
- Bernis Mortgage – 2 Gift Baskets

## Upcoming Activities

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- Spring Break Outings (Ages 5 -12)
  - Conquer Ninja Gym
  - T. Swift Era
  - Grand Slam
  - Foam, Slime & Potions
- Friends & Family CPR & First Aid Class
- BadWolf Adventure Studio
- QC Dance - Weekly Classes Session II (Ages 0-11)
- North Metro Bean Bag Toss League - Spring Season (Ages 18+)
- North Metro Volleyball League (Ages 18+)
- Red Cross Babysitters Course (Ages 9-17)
- Paint with Me (Adult/Child)
- Adult Pickleball Ladder Leagues - Spring (Ages 18+)
- RevSports Soccer - Spring Session I (Ages 3-9)
- Yoga
  - Daytime Adult/Senior
  - Thursday Evening
- Virtual Cooking Class: Mediterranean Mezze
- Music Together
- Verve Basketball
- Spark Music Classes
- Pickleball
- Zumba
- Genealogy Classes
- Virtual Cooking Classes
- Virtual Skills Workshops
- Cooking Classes with Fridley
- Virtual Social Simple Classes
- Little Slugger Co-Ed T-Ball
- Free Seminars: Game Show, Medical Cannabis, Scams, Northtown Library
- Upcoming Extended Tours: Mystery Tour, Lake Michigan, Iron Range, Girlfriends Winnipeg and Kansas City. Collette Tours: Scotland, Greece, Alpine Countries & Turkey
- Day Trips: On the Road Again, Secret Warriors, 37 Postcards, Perfect Wedding, Whoa Nellie, Lake Mille Lacs Fishing, Grease and Twins Baseball
- Senior Safety Fair
- Adult Co-Rec Softball

### Youth Co-Rec Softball (Ages 5-17)

- **New this year the following cities have joined with our program – Mounds View, New Brighton and Arden Hills.**