

# Parks and Recreation Department

## February 2024 Report

### Recreation Programs

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- Day Trip - Mamma Mia
- Dancing Kids (Ages 6-8)
- DAY TRIP: Love will Keep Us Together @ Sidekick Theater
- DAY TRIP: Jersey Boys - Chanhassen Dinner Theater
- Dungeons & Dragons: Parent/Child Learn-to-Play (Ages 8+)
- Evening Snowshoe at Coon Rapids Dam
- Family Friendly Theater- Little House on the Prairie
- Free Home Buying Classes
- Free Home Selling Classes
- Grandparent and Me - "Calling all Hearts"
- Jeff Sandino Cooking Classes
- Social Simple Virtual - How to use Venmo Safely in 2024
- Sweetheart Dance - Family Event
- Thinking about Buying a Home?
- Virtual Cooking Class: Kick-Off Kitchen Soft Pretzels...
- Mature Drivers - 4 Hour - Feb 7 - In person
- Mature Drivers Course - 8 Hour - In person
- North Metro Bean Bag Toss League - Spring Season (Ages 18+)
- Packing, staging and marketing. Oh my!
- Pickleball Live Play Coaching (Ages 18+)
- QC Dance - Weekly Classes Session II (Ages 0-11)
- RevSports Basketball - Winter Session II (Ages 3-9)
- RevSports Volleyball - Winter Session II (Ages 3-9)
- Snow Buddy Scavenger Hunt
- Social Simple Virtual - Google Sheets for Awesome Beginner
- Yoga - February Session (Ages 18+)
- Zumba - Session I (Ages 18+)
- SLP Lions Senior Valentine Lunch held at Kraus Hartig VFW

### 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/>
- Able Park Playground Facelift project – Community Block Development Grant was awarded with the funds being dedicated to refurbishing existing structures and adding updated swings, and the 2-4-year-old structure along with universal surfacing leading up

to some of the play structures. Removal of old equipment and new additions will begin this spring. Bids were received on Feb. 14 and awarded.

## Tower Days - June 6-9, 2024

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- Musical groups (Stone Daisy Band on Saturday evening and Power of Ten on Sunday evening), Lumberjacks and fireworks vendor are contracted.
- Temporary Change of Traffic Flow for Tower Days surrounding Lakeside Lions Park, please attached map.
- Roads on parade route and leading up to the route will close at 5:30pm Thursday, June 6  
Map posted on our website [www.slprec.org](http://www.slprec.org)
- Donations from SLP Lions received and greatly appreciated for their continued support both financial and with volunteers. Additional sponsors are still needed.
- Applications for the parade, Craft and Business Fair, and food vendors are available on our website.
- If interested in joining the committee please contact Kay at [kokey@slpmn.org](mailto:kokey@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, and seasonal hires for playgrounds and youth softball umpires.
- Staff is working on finalizing summer catalog and program offerings. Should be mailed to residents the first week of April.
- Director Okey attended the following meetings and events during the month:
  - City Council session
  - Park and Recreation Commission monthly meeting
  - Tower Days Planning Meeting
  - Department Head Meeting

## Upcoming Activities

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- Adult Softball Co-Rec League - Summer (Ages 18+)
- Beginning Crocheting
- Beginning Knitting
- Coffee and Treats - Loony Tune
- DAY TRIP: Skyrock Farm
- DAY TRIP: Till Beth Do Us Part - Plymouth Playhouse
- Dungeons & Dragons: Miniature Monster Painting (Ages 10+)

- Dungeons & Dragons: Tabletop Gaming (Ages 10 & up)
- Easter Egg Hunt - Family Event
- Free: Medicare 101
- Grandparent and Me - "Wagon of Fun"
- Intro to Pickleball Clinic (Ages 18+)
- Mature Drivers - 4 Hour - Apr 3 - In person
- Music Together - Spring Demo (Ages 0-5)
- Music Together - Spring Session (Ages 0-5)
- North Metro Volleyball League - Spring Season (Ages 18+)
- OUT-OF-SCHOOL DAY - Grand Slam Outing (Ages 6-12)
- Packing, staging and marketing. Oh my!
- Pickleball for Beginners (Ages 18+)
- Pickleball for Teens Clinic (Ages 10-16)
- RevSports Soccer - Spring Session II (Ages 3-9)
- Thinking about Buying a Home?
- Virtual Cooking Class: Focaccia, Stromboli & Calzones!
- Virtual Cooking Class: Pretzel Crust Pizza & Pretzel Knots
- Yoga - April Session (Ages 18+)
- Youth Softball Umpiring Clinic (Ages 15-18)
- Zumba - Session II (Ages 18+)

March 7, 2024

From: Chief Josh Antoine

Re: Temporary Change of Traffic Flow for Tower Days

To Whom This May Concern,

The Spring Lake Park Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with The Spring Lake Park Police Department and the Spring Lake Park Lions will be having the annual festivities for Tower Days at Lions Lakeside Park on Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9, 2024. These festivities are an annual event, but there is going to be a change in traffic flow during the hours of the events each day. Here is the breakdown for the changes:

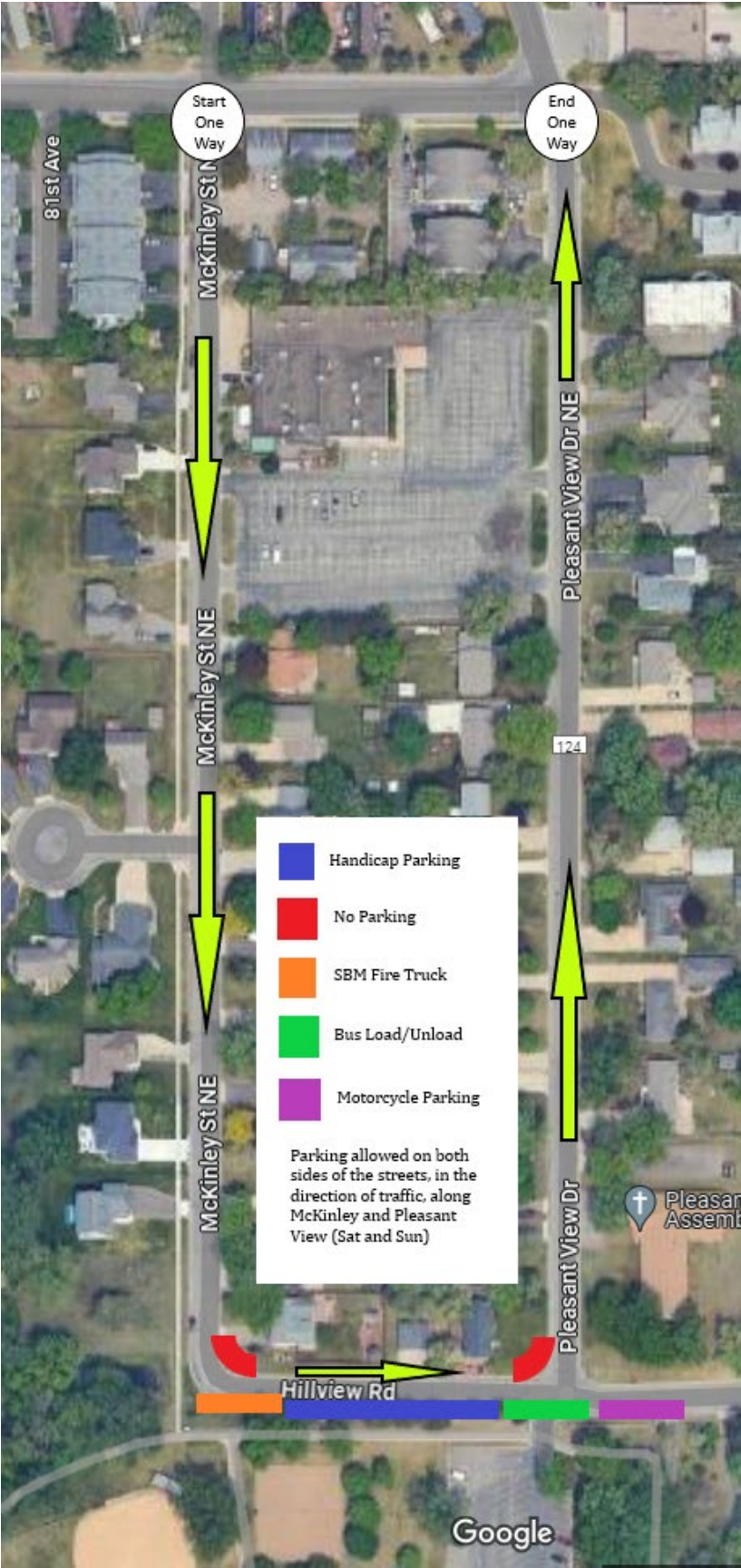
- McKinley St NE will be one-way traffic going southbound from 81<sup>st</sup> Ave NE to 79<sup>th</sup> Ave NE
- 79<sup>th</sup> Ave NE will be one-way traffic going eastbound from McKinley St NE to Pleasant View Dr NE
- Pleasant View Dr NE will be one-way traffic going northbound from 79<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 81<sup>st</sup> Ave NE

This change will allow for parking on both sides of the street, but still maintaining a traffic flow as there will not be opposing traffic. There will be temporary signage along the route during the weekend. As always, vehicles parked on the street are not allowed to block mailboxes or driveways. The area along 79<sup>th</sup> Ave NE along the park side of the street will be reserved as handicap parking, along with some motorcycle parking east of the entrance to the park. Please see the attached map for further explanation of the temporary change.

As stated previously, this temporary traffic flow change is only for the two days of Tower Days at Lions Lakeside Park during the hours of the festivities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Chief Josh Antoine  
763-792-7221



**Music in the Park**

# **Summer Dine and Dance**

**May 29  
Spring Lake Park High School Jazz Band**

**June 12  
North Suburban Band**

**June 26  
Me & Todd with Maryn**

**July 10  
Stir Crazy**

**July 24  
Half Dead Roses**

**August 7  
Dan Ferstenou**

**WEDNESDAYS  
6:30pm-8:00pm**

**Lakeside Lions Park  
7840 Pleasant View Dr**

**Concessions  
available SLP  
Beyond the  
Yellow Ribbon**

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