

Parks and Recreation Department

April 2022 Report

Recreation Programs

- Recreational activities which were held in April included: Classes in Ninja Warrior Fitness, Yoga, Youth Karate, Esports, basketball, dance, Pickleball, Medicare 101, Nordic Walking, mature drivers, cooking, Bingo, Card Club and art classes. Day Trips included a tour of Historic Churches and a trip to Day Trippers Theater.
- Easter Egg Hunt was held Saturday, April 9 with over 92 Families registered.
- Co-Rec Youth Softball leagues (4 teams in each division) and Adult Leagues (14 Teams) have begun.
- Dine and Dance Summer Music in the Park begins June 1 with the SLP High School Jazz Band.
- Staff continue to take daily registrations for all programs:
 - Adult and Youth Enrichment and Sports
 - Adult day trips
 - Extended Tours Mackinac Island September 29 – October 2, Stillwater October 21- 22, Kansas City -November 30- December 5, Shades of Ireland – November 2022, Hawaii - January 2023

Parks

- Field Rentals have been received for Lakeside Lions Park and Able Park by outside youth organizations with reservations starting in April
- Adopt-A-Flower Program volunteers may register to tend the flowers in the parks. Several volunteers are returning from last year and we wish to thank them for their hard work. The flower beds looked fantastic last year even during a drought.
- Adopt-A-Storm Drain Program – new this year, residents may register to adopt a storm drain through a national program.
- Community Garden Raised Beds – Raised garden beds at Sanburnol are available for the community to rent. Contact the Recreation Department for details. Currently all beds have been reserved.
- Staff met with the Wendel architecture firm to review the second options and estimate costs on the reconstruction designs of Able Park. Costs are being compared to a pre-engineered design. Once all designs and estimates are in, staff will present all options to council.

- The Terrace Park shelter delivery date is expected at the end of May.
- Able Park basketball court reconstruction will be scheduled for late spring. (Work began May 10).

Tower Days

- The committee, consisting of 11 community members, meets the last Tuesday of the month. 6:30pm at City Hall.
- New for 2022
 - 2-mile fun run to kick off the parade. Register at www.slprec.org
 - Saturday afternoon and evening activities including music by Lori Dokken and Jonah and the Whales
 - Fireworks moved to Saturday night following Jonah and the Whales
 - Bingo will be at Lakeside Lions both Saturday and Sunday afternoon
 - Car Show will be held at Kraus-Hartig VFW on Sunday from 10:00am – 3:00pm \$5.00 entry fee

Preparation continues for the parade, craft and business fair, Sunday activities include the Lumberjacks, bungee trampoline, food trucks, table top carnival games and giant slide.

Department Activity

- Staff attended the Career Day at SLP High School on April 6
- Director Okey attended the following meetings during April:
 - Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on April 5.
 - City Council session on April 18.
 - Tower Days Committee Meeting on April 26
 - League of MN Cities Safety and Loss Control Workshop on April 21.
 - Lions Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 24
 - Safety Committee Meeting on April 26
- Staff continued to monitor safety recommendations from MDH and CDC.
- Recreation Department is currently hiring for summer playground seasonal staff.

Upcoming Programs

- Summer Playground Programs
- Dance Classes
- Yoga Classes
- Cooking Classes
- Youth Basketball and soccer
- Day trips to Lake Minnetonka – Boat Cruise, Old Log Theater Productions, Mystery Trip, Spam! Tour of Austin, Viking Training Facility