

# Parks and Recreation Department

## February 2025 Report

### Recreation Programs

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Paint with Me (Adult/Child)	- Kidlets (Ages 2-3)
Able Park Reservation	- Dancing Kids (Ages 6 -8)
Art Classes with Jill Mason	- Ninja Acro (Ages 4 -8)
Day Trip – All Shook UP	RevSports
Badwolf Adventure Studios:	- Volleyball - Winter Session I (Ages 4 -12)
Free: Medicare 101	- Soccer - Winter Session I (Ages 3-9)
Spark Music Classes	Verve Basketball (Ages 4 10)
Music Together - Winter Sessions (Ages 0-5)	North Metro Adult Sport Leagues
Pickleball	- Volleyball
Polar Trek Challenge	- Bean Bag Toss
Adult/Senior Daytime Yoga	Book Club
Zumba	Cooking Class
Garden Art Wine Bottle Wind Chime	DIY Antique Appraisal
Red Cross Babysitters Course (Ages 9-17)	Collette Travel Show
Home Buying and Selling Seminars	Genealogy
Social Simple Virtual	Northtown Library Events
QC Dance	55+ Driver Discount
- Mommy & Me (Ages 0-2)	
- Kidance (Ages 4 -5)	
- Dancing Tweens (Ages 9-11)	Serving 400 + participants

### Parks

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- Community Raised Garden Beds at Sanburnol – We have 3 of the 14 spots remaining for the community garden
- 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/>
- The Home/CDBG Grant for Terrace Park Building was denied. We will look at re-applying for 2026
- Ice Rinks finished around Feb 21<sup>st</sup> due to the warm weather.

## 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.
- Saturday we will be having AWF – American Wrestling Federation for 3-5 pm.
- Temporary Change of Traffic Flow for Tower Days surrounding Lakeside Lions Park, please see attached.
- Roads on the parade route and leading up to the route will close at 5:30 pm Thursday, June 5.
- We are still working on securing additional sponsors for Tower Days.
- 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 Anne 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' interviews were completed March 5<sup>th</sup>. We thank the panel for participating in the process.
- Sweetheart Dance occurred on February 13<sup>th</sup>, with 170 registrations, it was a great night for all participants.
- Snow Buddy Scavenger Hunt began February 17 and got postponed due to freezing temps to the following week. We had great participation by community members and the winners were: Clement Family and Makholm Family.
- Senior Valentine Luncheon was a big hit again this year. We had 220 registrations – which is our max allowed.
- Director Scanlon attended the following meetings and events during February:
  - Park and Recreation Commission monthly meeting
  - Tower Days Planning Meeting
  - Department Head Meeting

- Senior Safety Fair Committee
- Construction Meetings
- City Council Session

#### Events

- Polar Plunge with SLP Police
- Sweetheart Dance
- Senior Valentine Luncheon

## Upcoming Activities

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- Spring Break Outings (Ages 5 -12)
  - Conquer Ninja Gym
  - T. Swift Era
  - Grand Slam
  - Foam, Slime & Potions
- BadWolf Adventure Studio
- QC Dance - Weekly Classes
- North Metro Bean Bag Toss League
- North Metro Volleyball League
- Red Cross Babysitters Course (Ages 9-17)
- Paint with Me (Adult/Child)
- Adult Pickleball Ladder Leagues
- RevSports Soccer - Spring Session I (Ages 3-9)
- Yoga
  - Daytime Adult/Senior
  - Thursday Evening
- Virtual Cooking Classes
- Music Together
- Verve Basketball
- Spark Music Classes
- Pickleball
- Zumba
- Genealogy Classes
- Virtual Skills Workshops
- Cooking Classes with Fridley
- Little Slugger Co-Ed T-Ball
- Free Seminars: Game Show, 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

Tower Days at Lions Lakeside Park on Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8, 2025. 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.

This temporary traffic flow change is only for the two days of Tower Days at Lions Lakeside Park during the hours of the festivities.



Start One Way

End One Way

81st Ave

McKinley St N

Pleasant View Dr NE

McKinley St NE

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McKinley St NE

Pleasant View Dr

- Handicap Parking
  - No Parking
  - SBM Fire Truck
  - Bus Load/Unload
  - Motorcycle Parking
- Parking allowed on both sides of the streets, in the direction of traffic, along McKinley and Pleasant View (Sat and Sun)

Pleasant Assembly

Hillview Rd

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