

# Parks and Recreation Department

June 2026

## Parks

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- Rentals of pavilions in June were busy – lots of graduation and birthday parties.

## Department Activity

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- Music in the Park has had steady attendance. We are seeing more competition with surrounding communities – giving folks more choices.
- The Recreation Department completed Tower Days in June. The committee post meeting everyone thought it was well attended. We did notice shorter times in the park by attendees, many people stated it was just “so hot”. temperatures were in the high 80’s and low 90’s.
- The Recreation Department offered 41 classes/programs (448 participants) that started in June. Able Park Adventurers Camp started in June.
- Director Scanlon attended the following meetings and events during March:
  - Department Head Meeting
  - City Council Session
  - Tower Days Mtg
  - Terrace Park Building Replacement
  - Collette Tours Partnership Mtg
  - Walters Recycling Event
  - SHIP Grant walk through at Sanburnol Garden Beds
  - WE Travel Informational Mtg for Software
  - Park and Recreation Commission
  - Weekly Park and Rec Staff Mtg
  - Adaptive Programs Mtg (Anoka County)

## Grants and other funding

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- CDBG Grant for Terrace Park has been and we are awaiting the award letter.

## Park and Recreation Commission

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

## Tower Days 2026      June 4-6, 2026

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- Tower Days had a great weekend of weather and highlights include:
  - Wrestling
  - Ninja Anywhere
  - Transit Authority
  - Good for Gary
  - Craft and Vendor Fair
  - Fandazzi Fire Circus

## New and Upcoming

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### Community Events

(Free – registration suggested, but drop in welcome)

- Cops and Bobbers is this weekend at Lakeside Lions Park
- Wise and Wild Outdoor Game Social will be on Aug 4 at Lakeside Lions Park. All are welcome – see attached note.
- Silent Guardians: Exploring Minnesota's Barred Owls – Aug 4<sup>th</sup> SLP City Hall
- Princess Storybook Series with Arctic Mechanical – Aug 13 Lakeside Lions Park
- Summer Star Party – Aug 20 Able Park
- Fall Prevention – Aug 26 SLP City Hall

## Able Park Adventurers Camp

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Our new full-day camp began on June 9 at Able Park. We've received positive feedback from many families who appreciate the updated format, and we plan to continue developing this program over the next few years. The camp has already proven to be a valuable resource for working families in Spring Lake Park, offering a safe, reliable, and reasonably priced option for summer care.

We continue to offer our free Rec on the Go program as well. Attendance for the full-day camp is averaging about 15 children per week, which is in line with expectations for a new program—and even slightly higher than typical startup numbers.