

Parks and Recreation Department

January 2022 Report

Recreation Programs

- Recreational activities which were held in January included: Social Media online series (4 separate classes), Karate - youth, Senior Book Club, Adult Yoga, Adult Indoor Volleyball League, Shades of Ireland Travel Presentation, Art Classes-adult and youth, Polar Trek individual fitness challenge program, cooking classes, Pickleball classes, Dementia Class, Family Snow Day at Able Park, Memories Class, Dance classes-youth and adult, 4 week session of youth basketball, 4 week session of youth soccer, snowshoeing-adult, Esports and a Day Trip to Chanhassen Dinner Theater
- Staff is prepping for the adult and youth softball season with registrations, recruiting volunteer coaches, hiring of softball umpires and a new Head Umpire, in addition to ordering supplies
- Staff continue to take daily registrations for all programs:
 - Adult Enrichment and Sports
 - Youth Activities and Sports
 - Day Trips
 - Extended Tours – Memphis April 21-25, Medora June 15-18, Mackinac Island September 29 – October 2, Stillwater October 21-22, Kansas City -November 30-December 5, Shades of Ireland

Parks

- Parks Master Plan Open House was held on January 18 at City Hall. WSB firm representative Jeff Feulner was on hand to answer questions that public may have had. Citizens were given an opportunity to review the concept plans and provide comments. The plans were also exhibited at Able Park Warming House to gather input. In addition, the plan is located on our website.
- Staff has begun ordering supplies and materials for the maintenance of the softball fields, playgrounds and volleyball courts.
- Staff has been working with contractors to obtain quotes on Terrace Park Picnic Shelter and Able Park Activity Building.

Tower Days

- The committee, consisting of 11 community members, met on January 25 and started planning for the annual celebration. The parade will be held on June 9 at 6:30pm with the all-day celebration being held on Sunday, June 12. The committee meets the last Tuesday of the month. Next meeting will be held at 6:00pm on February 22
- Applications for the Craft and Business Fair, Garage Sale and Parade are available on the Recreation website, slprec.org
- A car show, bingo and an additional evening of music are being planned.

Department Activity

- I attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on December 7, at which time the commissioners reviewed the concept plans for the Parks and discussed the open house for the community.
- I attended City Council session on January 18th.
- I attended the Department Head meeting on January 4th.
- Wesley Goldberg and I interviewed a Head Umpire for adult softball.
- Staff continue to consistently sanitize surfaces before and after programs to address COVID-19 safety issues.
- Staff continued to modified programs and events to accommodate for additional safety recommendations.
- Staff have created a marketing campaign to encourage citizens to join the Park and Recreation Commission with the new expanded member requirements. Emails, newsletters, social media and yard signs are all part of the campaign.

Upcoming Programs

Upcoming programs that are still taking registrations include:

- Mature Drivers Courses
- Dance Classes
- Yoga Classes
- Cooking Classes
- Art Classes
- Spring Break Programs – Wargo Nature Center Field Trip, Youth Art Class, and Zero Gravity Field Trip.
- Irish History Day Trip
- Youth Basketball and soccer
- Red Cross Babysitting
- Youth Softball – Early Bird Registration ends March 16th