

# Parks and Recreation Department

## April 2023 Report

### Recreation Programs

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- Youth recreational activities offered during the month included:
  - Art Academy – 4-week session
  - Dungeons & Dragons
  - Dance Classes- 6-week sessions
  - Grandparent and Me art class - Irish Me.
  - Rev Sports Soccer 4-week session Ages 3-9
  - Easter Egg Hunt
  - Red Cross Babysitting Class
  - Youth Softball Teams started practice at Able, Sanburnol and Terrace
- Family Events:
  - Puzzlepalooza and Puzzle Swap
  - Grandparent and Me Painting
  - Family Trivia
- Adult recreational activities:
  - North Metro Volleyball League – Women
  - North Metro Volleyball League – Co-rec
  - Pickleball Skills Class
  - Pickleball Intro Class
  - Adult Softball Sunday League -12 Teams
  - Knitting Class
  - Crocheting Class
  - Jeff Sandino Cooking Class
  - Appraise Your Antiques Class
  - Book, Bingo and Card Clubs
  - Social Media Classes
  - Financial Planning
  - Medicare Information Class
  - Nordic Walking (2)
  - Art Classes
  - Day Trip to Sidekick Theater
  - Selling Your Home Seminar
  - Yoga
  - Zumba
  - Mature Driver Courses-4-hour Refresher and 8- hour first time student
  - Walking/Fitness Challenge with Mounds View

## Parks

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- Able Park Building reconstruction project – Wendel Company performed a walk through on 4/27/2023 and prepared a punch list describing construction work that is either incomplete or requires correction.
- All raised garden beds – one available
- Adopt-a-flower Garden- Lakeside Park – Sierra Steiner, Able Park – Sandy Tykeson, Terrace Park – Scouts, Sanburnol Park – Nancy Lee Litt and Garden Club
- Adopt-a-drain Program-register at [www.slprec.org](http://www.slprec.org)
- SLP High School Fastpitch reserved fields at Able Park for the months of April and May
- SLP Fastpitch Club and SLP Baseball Club reserving fields at Lakeside Lions Park through end of July

## Tower Days - June 8-11, 2023

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- Thursday events: parade, 3k fun run, city wide garage sale
- Friday events: Hayride, Puzzlepalooza, Senior 500 Card Tournament
- Thursday: 3 k run and Parade
- Saturday events: SLP Lions bingo at the park, concessions Lori Dokken and friends, Jonah and the Whales, fireworks
- Sponsorship is still available, contact [recinfo@slpmn.org](mailto:recinfo@slpmn.org)
- The Committee's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 30 at 6:30pm in City Hall. If interested in joining the committee, please contact Kay at [kokey@slpmn.org](mailto:kokey@slpmn.org)
- Events posted on [www.slprec.org](http://www.slprec.org) website. ABC Life news insert published June 2

## Parks & Recreation Commission

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- Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm. If interested in joining, please visit our website for additional details on the duties and responsibilities of a Commissioner. <https://slprec.org/parksrec/page/volunteer-0>
- The Commission next meeting will be held at Lakeside Lions Park on June 6, 6:00pm. The Commissioner's will walk the park to view upgrades – rock garden, Free Little Library

## Department Activity

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- Staff attended Adaptive Programming meeting with Commissioner Julie Jeppson at Bunker Park
- Wesley Goldberg attended camp counselor training seminar at Wargo Nature Center/Anoka County Parks.
- Staff participated in SLP High School Career Day
- Staff is continuing to hire for seasonal help – softball umpires and playground staff.
- Director Okey attended the following meetings and events during the month:
  - City Council session
  - Department Head meeting
  - Construction meetings on Able Park Building
  - Park and Recreation Commission monthly meeting
  - Tower Days Planning Meeting
  - Parks and Rec Career Day - Mankato
  - Prevention and Loss Workshop in St. Paul
  - Lions Pancake Breakfast
  - High School Career Fair
  - Youth Softball Coaches Meeting

## Upcoming Activities

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- Bird Hike – May 16
- Teen Pickleball – May 20
- Dungeons and Dragons – May 20
- Social Media Classes- May 23, 30
- Summer Playground Day Trips: Harriet Island Boat Cruise, Stages Theater, Tricia & the Toonies, Wet & Wild, MN Zoo, Jolly Pops Performance, Bunker Beach Water Park, Nickel Jamboree, Anoka Aquatic Center
- Registration open for the following extended tours
  - Branson
  - Collette Tours – Sunny Portugal, Costa Rica, Holland, Hawaii