

Parks and Recreation Department

December 2023 Report

Recreation Programs offered

Kidcreate Studio Activity	International Tour to Sunny Portugal - 6
Make and Take Cookies	Participants
Red Cross Babysitters Class	WINTER BREAK OUTINGS (Ages 6-12)
Grandparent & Me "Gingerbread Fun"	Skyzone Outing
Bentleyville Holiday Lights Tour	Tubing & Tropics Outing
North Metro Bean Bag Toss League	On Going Activities
Betty Crocker - The History Theater Day Trip	Volleyball League
Yoga - December Session	Pickleball League
Honky Tonk Holiday Show Day Trip	QC Dance Sessions
Dungeons & Dragons Classes	
Music Together - Winter Demo	

North Metro Volleyball League established in Fall 2022 under the coordination of Wesley Goldberg

Cities involved: New Brighton, Fridley, Spring Lake Park

Initial teams: 10 Co-ed, 6 Women's

2024 Winter expansion: 27 Co-ed teams (Competitive and Recreational divisions), 15

Women's teams

Mounds View joined the league in 2023

Majority of registrations from Spring Lake Park and New Brighton

Games are played in Mounds View or New Brighton

Parks

- Unseasonably warm weather prevented the operation of the Ice-Skating Rinks during December.
- Rental Reservations Form for rentals located at <https://slprec.org/parksrec/page/facility-use-permit-application>
- Able Park Activities Building was rented out 5 separate occasions.
- Programs were held in the building on 5 separate days.
- Anoka County HRA awarded the City of Spring Lake Park with \$123,200 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for new playground equipment at Able Park. Update: Finalized contracts, environmental study and bid process

Tower Days – June 6-9, 2024

- If interested in joining the committee please contact the Recreation Office.
- Next Meeting will be Tuesday, January 30 at 6:30pm

Parks & Recreation Commission

- The Commissioners met on December 5, 2023
- The Commission will next meet on Feb 6 at 6:00pm at City Hall.

Department Activity

- Staff were occupied entering new winter programs into online registration system and creating social media marketing posts.
- Staff created a community engagement event with an open house highlighting upcoming programs at Torg Brewery
- Director Okey attended the following meetings and events during the month:
 - City Council session
 - Department Head Meeting
 - CDBG Training
 - City Hall Renovation/Expansion Meeting

Upcoming Activities

- QC Dance - Weekly Classes Session I
- BROADWAY SERIES - Funny Girl
- Virtual Cooking Class: Rustic Italian Bread & Luscious Soups
- QC Dance - One Day Dance Camps (Ages 4-18)
- Dungeons & Dragons: Tabletop Gaming (Ages 10 & up)
- Social Simple Virtual - How to use Uber for Transportation
- Red Cross Babysitters Course
- Yoga - February Session
- Virtual Cooking Class: Kick-Off Kitchen Soft Pretzels
- Pickleball Live Play Coaching
- Jeff Sandino Cooking Classes
- BROADWAY SERIES - Mamma Mia
- Free Home Buying and Selling Classes
- DAY TRIP: Jersey Boys - Chanhassen Dinner Theater
- Mature Drivers - 4 Hour - Feb 7 -
- Zumba - Session I
- RevSports Basketball - Winter Session II
- RevSports Volleyball - Winter Session II
- Sweetheart Dance - Family Event
- Grandparent and Me - "Calling a Hearts"
- Family Friendly Theater- Little House on the Prairie
- Snow Buddy Scavenger Hunt
- Social Simple Virtual - Google Sheets for Awesome Beginners
- DAY TRIP: Love will Keep Us Together @ Sidekick Theater
- Social Simple Virtual - How to use Venmo Safely in 2024
- Evening Snowshoe at Coon Rapids Dam