

# Parks and Recreation Department

## October 2022 Report

### Recreation Programs

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- Youth Recreational activities offered during the month included:
  - Dance Classes- 6 separate offerings
  - Drawing/Art Classes
  - Soccer Programs for youth ages 3-5, 4-6, 6-9
  - Karate
  - MEA Break Day Trips – Conquer Ninja Gym, MN Zoo, Afton Apple Orchard, Zero Gravity in cooperation with Fridley Park and Rec Department
  - Dungeons and Dragons: Learn to Paint
  - Pumpkin Games at Trunk or Treat serving over 500 youth
- Adult Recreational activities held during the month included:
  - Outdoor Walking Club
  - Zumba
  - Kayaking
  - Yoga
  - Crocheting class
  - Day trip to Rice Creek Gardens
  - Alexandra House Presentation
  - Mike Lynch Stargazing
  - Coffee Talk – Scams and Frauds Presentation by SLP Police Department
  - Adult women and coed volleyball leagues.
  - Book, Bing and Card Clubs
  - Indoor Volleyball League

### Parks

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- Able Park Building reconstruction project – bids opened on October 11, Council Approval on Oct. 17, water line moved on Thursday, October 20, demolition work began on October 24. Projected deadline April 2023.
- Rugby Teams have Terrace Park reserved for practice through the end of October

## Tower Days - June 8-11, 2023

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- The Committee will begin planning for the 2023 events in November, with the first meeting being to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 6:30pm. If interested in joining the committee please contact the Recreation Office at 763-792-7201
- The Committee is currently reviewing music groups for performances on Saturday and Sunday evenings.

## Department Activity

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- The Recreation staff continue to reach out to our neighboring cities to plan and implement a variety of activities for our residents. We currently have developed a North Metro Sports league with New Brighton, Fridley and now Mounds View offering volleyball (sand and Indoor) for both Co-rec and women's, Pickleball Leagues, Ultimate Frisbee league and boot hockey. Due to diminishing numbers in our mature driver's first-time 8-hour course, we are now working with Mounds View to offer one class per quarter for both cities. The class will alternate locations however both cities continue to take registrations for the class. Program Supervisor's Anne Scanlon and Wesley Goldberg have been asked to develop these cooperative programs and are doing an outstanding job at developing a working relationship and coordinating these opportunities with our neighbors.
- Program Supervisor Wesley Goldberg attended the Minnesota Recreation and Park Associations Annual Conference October 11-14 held at Cragun's resort and Conference Center. Wesley attended educational sessions that are related to current issues in recreation. He also attended the Exhibit Hall with vendors presenting the newest technology, products and services.
- Preparation for the annual Turkey Shoot Family Event began in October – Turkey Shoot to be held on Nov. 17 at Park Terrace starting at 6:00pm
- Evaluating summer programs and taking registration for upcoming fall programs.
- Staff created a new free Family Event – Pumpkin Games held on October 31 – 6:15pm – 7:30pm at Sanburnol Park in conjunction with the Lions Trunk or Treat program.
- Director Okey attended the following meetings and events during the month:
  - City Council session
  - Park and Recreation Commission Meeting
  - Department Head Meeting
  - SLP Schools Industry Roundtable Event October 13
  - Pumpkin Games in association with Trunk or Treat October 31
  - Pre-construction meeting at Able Park