

Parks & Recreation Director's Monthly Report - BOA Meeting December 9, 2024

Programs & Events

1. Special Events

It's the season for indoor activities, and our Paint Nights at the Rec and Kid's Paint Days are gathering a following. November's Classes were big hits with the community, and registration is already building for December and January events with nearly 20 already signed up for the Dec 14 and Jan 9 dates. We feel the predictable schedule of hosting these monthly can account for the early registration and steady roster.

Christmas on the Frisco is planned and ready to be executed on December 7. We've got Crafts & Cocoa with Santa, the Christmas on the Frisco Parade, and a wonderful choir performance by Willard Elementary Schools planned for the day. Events start at 10:00am and are expected to last until 4:00pm. We expect a great turnout.

2. Volleyball

The Fall 2024 Season concluded the week of 12/2. Athletes and coaches had a great season and are excited for spring leagues.

3. Basketball

Winter basketball for Pre-K – 6th grade holds at 181, 21 volunteer coaches are trained, and practices have started. We're optimistic about a smooth and busy season. Registration for the 7/8th grade 3-on-3 League is open.

4. Fitness

Fitness classes and fitness center use are going strong, showing an uptick in attendance with the cold weather. The new fitness class is showing potential for longevity with steady attendance. Our most popular class is of course senior fitness, nearly filling half the big gym.

5. Senior Programming

Our senior fitness program has a strong following. Lunches at the Community Center remain popular as well. We are considering options to expand our senior programming, including entertainment, fundraising, and services, to continue to creatively support this part of the community.

6. Childcare

Since the last report, we've had Halloween Camp and Thanksgiving Break Camp. The kids were entertained with lots of holiday themed crafts and games. Our School's Out camps show to remain a vital asset to the community's parents for childcare.

Parent's Night Out for December was hosted on December 6th, with a Christmas Party theme and special guest Santa Claus, karaoke, and crafts. We're grateful for community members who volunteer to support these important programs by bringing their skills to our department.

7. Planning for 2025

Budget planning has begun within the department, including a back-to-basics approach of sorting our needs and wants by season and applying percentages of the budget to those programs beforehand. Our departmental meeting on this is set for early January. Identifying needs versus wants and understanding the give and take of the budget is essential to the longevity of the department and growth of the City.

Maintenance

1. Christmas lights and displays are up for the season. This year we're happy to say we've almost entirely completed upgrading the lights from old to much more efficient and easily maintained bulbs.
2. Winterization on all water-using facilities is complete.
3. Fall/winter landscaping duties being performed include tree trimming, leaf removal, mulching, and lane-clearing at the disc golf course.
4. Planned maintenance duties for now and leading into 2025 include continuing winter landscaping, indoor maintenance and upkeep on buildings, and beginning winterizing the pole barn. Wes was helpful in coming to walk the maintenance facilities at the Rec Center to identify budget-friendly options to improve working and efficiency conditions. Estimates are being gathered on insulation and heating options.