

Parks & Recreation Director's Monthly Report – January 13, 2024

Programs & Events

1. Special Events

Freedom Fest 2025 planning has started with a soft launch of early bird applications being accepted from 2024 vendors. We've also started scheduling with amenity rentals and partnerships for the stage, entertainment, fireworks, restroom facilities, and others. Planning is already ahead of schedule which should make for an efficient summer season.

Special Events are slow in the winter months, though this affords us time to plan ahead for the Spring Programming season and we are taking advantage with early planning for the annual Daddy/Daughter Dance and Middle School Prom.

2. Basketball

Basketball is underway and busy with 192 players and 21 coaches.

3. Fitness

We are starting some upkeep on the fitness center to prepare it for 2025. We've scheduled a full carpet cleaning for the facility and are in the process of planning fresh paint on the walls. The new Winter 2025 fitness schedule is out and patrons are taking advantage of all our great classes and early hours.

4. Senior Programming

Senior Fit continues to be an asset to the community, and we're now offering New Beginnings, which is a slightly more advanced Senior Fit that focuses on balance and coordination.

5. Childcare

We just wrapped up our Winter Break Camps, in which we hosted 10-30 kids per day. This is a lower-attendance camp season because of the peppered holidays, however that allows for lower staffing needs and we were able to entertain the kids well. Planning for Spring Break Camp is already in the works.

Maintenance

Our maintenance teams are managing to stay busy with tending to deferred maintenance. Outdoors, the team has removed all accessible Christmas lights, waiting for others to thaw, doing tree trimming, mulching and park cleanup. Buildings are receiving replacement ceiling tiles, lightbulbs, air filters, and paint touchups. Some flowerbed structures are being built in the shop. as well as maintenance schedules for equipment needed in the spring. The community building kitchen floor is being resurfaced this month.