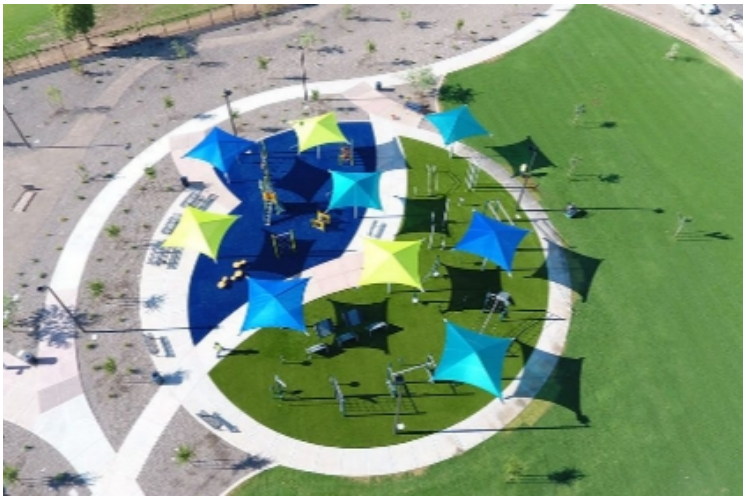
Parks and Recreation Board Regular Meeting

November 4, 2025 | 5 p.m.

City Council Chambers Conference Room
88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ



Board Members

Chair John David
Vice Chair Melanie Dykstra
Board Member James Montgomery
Board Member Sarah Sharits
Board Member Lynette Bradley
Board Member Jegadesan Krishnamurthy
Board Member Sue McInturf

Pursuant to Resolution No. 4464 of the City of Chandler and to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Parks and Recreation Board and to the general public that the Parks and Recreation Board will hold a REGULAR MEETING open to the public on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., at City Council Chambers Conference Room, 88 E. Chicago Street, Chandler, AZ. One or more Board Members may be attending by telephone.

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Agendas are available in the Office of the City Clerk, 175 S. Arizona Avenue.

Parks and Recreation Board
Regular Meeting Agenda - November 4, 2025

Call to Order/Roll Call

Unscheduled Public Appearances

Members of the audience may address any item not on the agenda. State Statute prohibits the Board or Commission from discussing an item that is not on the agenda, but the Board or Commission does listen to your concerns and has staff follow up on any questions you raise.

1. Introduction of Erika Hanson, Adaptive Recreation Coordinator

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda may be enacted by one motion and one vote. If a discussion is required by members of the Board or Commission, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and determination will be made if the item will be considered separately.

2. Approval of the October 7, 2025, Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

   Move Parks and Recreation Board approve the meeting minutes of the October 7, 2025 regular meeting.

Action Agenda

3. None

Discussion

4. Community Services Donations (Memorial, Dedicatory, Commemorative) Program

5. Future agenda items for consideration

Briefing

6. WISH Program - Ariana Atwood

7. Parks Operations - Tyrone Allen and Joshua Wagner

8. Memo on Tumbleweed Recreation Center Participation Comparison - Erika Berry

Member Comments/Announcements

Calendar

9. The next Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be held February 5, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 88 E.Chicago St.

10. Chandler Golf Challenge, November 7 at Bear Creek Golf Complex, registration required

11. Military Appreciation Breakfast, November 7 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Community Center, registration required - Veterans only please

12. Woofstock, November 15 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Tumbleweed Park

13. Sonoran Sunset Series – “StarAlliance,” November 20, “What’s Left,” December 18, and “Pick & Holler,” January 15 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Veterans Oasis Park

14. Concerts in the Courtyard Series, November 21 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Community Center

15. Turkey Swim, November 27 from 5:30-7:30 a.m. at Hamilton Aquatic Center

16. Parade of Lights & Tree Lighting, December 6 from 4:30-9:00 p.m. in Downtown Chandler

Information Items

17. Community Survey - Preparation for the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026

    250th United States Anniversary Survey

Adjourn

ITEM 2

Parks and Recreation Community Services Memo No.

Date: 11/04/2025
To: Parks and Recreation Board
From: Sandy Popovich, Management Analyst
Subject: **October, 2025 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**
Move Parks and Recreation Board approve the meeting minutes of the October 7, 2025 regular meeting.

Proposed Motion:

Move Parks and Recreation Board approve the meeting minutes of the October 7, 2025 regular meeting.

Attachments

10-7-25 Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 7, 2025, | 5:00 P.M.
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair David called the meeting to order on Tuesday, October 7, at 5:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance:
Chair John David
Vice Chair Melanie Dykstra
Board Member Lynette Bradley
Board Member Jegadesan Krishnamurthy (arrived at 5:06 P.M.)
Board Member Sarah Sharits
Board Member James Montgomery

Members Absent:
Board Member Sue McInturf

Staff Members:
Erika Berry, Becky Kuiper, Chris Smith,, Jensen Valenzuela, Corey Povar, Rachelle Kuzyk, John Sefton, Alexis Apodaca, Dylan Raymond, and Sandy Popovich

Others Present:
Sherri Friend
Teri O'Herron
Alexander Rahman

UNSCHEDULED/SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Mr. Alex Rahman from the Mayor's Youth Commission was introduced.

ACTION ITEMS

1. *Approval of Minutes from August 5, 2025, Parks and Recreation Board Meeting.*

   Boardmember Montgomery moved to approve September 2nd, 2025, Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes and **Vice Chair Dykstra** seconded.

   The motion was approved unanimously, 6-0.

DISCUSSION

2. *Development of a department program for donations (Adopt-a-Tree, bench donations, etc. – Corey Povar, Assistant Director of Community Services*

   Mr. Povar explained to the board that the city was seeking input on a new donation program for the parks division. Chair David asked if best practices were explored from other cities. Mr. Povar replied that yes, other city programs were reviewed and that donations were more general with no specific tree/plaque assigned. Discussion ensued and it was determined to add this topic to the next meeting on November 4, 2025.

BRIEFING

3. *Adult Sport Programs – Jensen Valenzuela, Recreation Coordinator*

   Mr. Valenzuela briefed the Board on the Adults Sports Program and participation numbers. Mr. Valenzuela shared that softball, basketball, and volleyball leagues are offered at Tumbleweed Recreation, Folley Park, Snedigar Sportsplex, and Hamilton High during the fall, winter, and spring. Mr. Valenzuela stressed that the goal of the Adult Sports Program was to get people involved and to have fun with the activities.

   Board Member Montgomery asked if tennis was involved with the city leagues. Mr. Valenzuela responded that the Tennis Center manages those leagues.

   Board Member Sharit asked if kickball or dodgeball will become part of the program. Mr. Valenzuela responded that he had tried to add kickball, but there wasn't enough interest at the time.

Vice Chair Dykstra asked if there were any plans to expand the locations where the leagues were being played. Mr. Valenzuela responded that there are no expansion plans at this time.

4. *Dementia and Age Friendly City – Becky Kuiper, Recreation Superintendent and Dylan Raymond, Management Analyst*

Ms. Kuiper briefed the **Board** on dementia statistics and the city's recent designation as a Dementia Friendly Community. Ms. Kuiper introduced Mr. Dylan Raymond who added information on dementia and the city's Dementia Friendly Focus. Support for the application included **Vice Mayor Ellis** and **Councilmember Encinas** along with a partnership with Oakwood Creative Care. Ms. Kuiper introduced Ms. Sherri Friend and Teri O'Herron from Oakwood. Ms. Friend spoke about the various programs provided at Oakwood including Memory Cafes. Ms. O'Herron invited everyone to an open house on October 20, 2025.

5. *Library Book Locker and Discovery Library – Rachelle Kuzyk, Library Senior Manager*

Ms. Kuzyk briefed the **Board** on new Library Book Locker program and the Discovery Library. The Library Book Locker program allows patrons to check-out items they have placed on hold at a stand-alone kiosk using a unique access code. The first locker is located at Tumbleweed Recreation Center with future lockers planned throughout the city. Ms. Kuzyk also briefed the **Board** on the Discovery Library, which is a mobile unit that can provide outreach and programming throughout the city.

Vice Chair Dykstra asked if the library currently rents out packages such as puzzles, camping things, etc. Ms. Kuzyk responded at this time item check-out is not available.

CALENDAR ITEMS

6. Dragonfly and Butterfly Bash, October 4 from 9 a.m.-noon at Veterans Oasis Park
7. Sonoran Sunset Series – Outside the Line, October 16 from 6-7:30 a.m. at Veterans Oasis Park
8. Dine-in Movie, October 17 from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Community Center Courtyard, registration required
9. Concerts in the Courtyard Series, October 24 from 6-8 p.m. at the Community Center
10. Pumpkin Dunk, October 25 from noon-2 p.m. at Mesquite Groves Aquatic Center, registration required
11. Community Nights in the Courtyard – Halloween Edition, October 30 from
12. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Community Center
13. Halloween Spooktacular, October 31 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Dr. A.J. Chandler Park Stage Plaza
14. The next **Parks and Recreation Board** meeting will be held November 4, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 88 E. Chicago St.

FUTURE ITEMS

The development of a department program for donations will be added to the next meeting agenda, November 4, 2025.

ADJOURN

Chair David moved to adjourn October 7th Parks and Recreation Board meeting, and **Vice Chair Dykstra** approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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John David, Chair Erika Berry, Recreation Superintendent

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Parks and Recreation Community Services Memo No.

Date: 11/04/2025
To: Parks and Recreation Board
From: Sandy Popovich, Management Analyst
Subject: Memo on Tumbleweed Recreation Center Participation Comparison - Erika Berry

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Attachments

Memo CS26-010

Informational Memo

Community Services Department - Memo No. CS26-010

Date: November 4, 2025

To: Parks and Recreation Board

Thru: John Sefton, Community Services Director
Corey Povar, Assistant Director – Parks and Recreation

From: Erika Berry, Recreation Superintendent EMB

Subject: Tumbleweed Recreation Center Participation Comparison

During the Parks and Recreation Board meeting on October 7, 2025, board member Jim Montgomery requested information about participation, programs, and staffing at Tumbleweed Recreation Center (TRC) in regard to the construction and opening of the expansion project.

Background

Built in 2007, the Tumbleweed Recreation Center (TRC) is a multigenerational facility serving customers of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. In response to Chandler's growing population and increased interest in recreational opportunities, particularly among the senior population, the TRC underwent a sixteen-month expansion project to better meet community demand.

Project Overview

The expansion began in January 2024 and added 11,000 square feet to the east side of the existing building. To accommodate the expansion footprint, the Tree House (child watch) and Preschool rooms were demolished, and temporarily relocated, ensuring continuity of programming and minimal disruption to families. Upon completion both programs transitioned into newly renovated spaces within the main building.

The 11,000 sq. ft. expansion includes:

- A multipurpose room
- Two classrooms
- Art room
- Fitness room
- Book nook
- Billiards and game areas
- Guest services

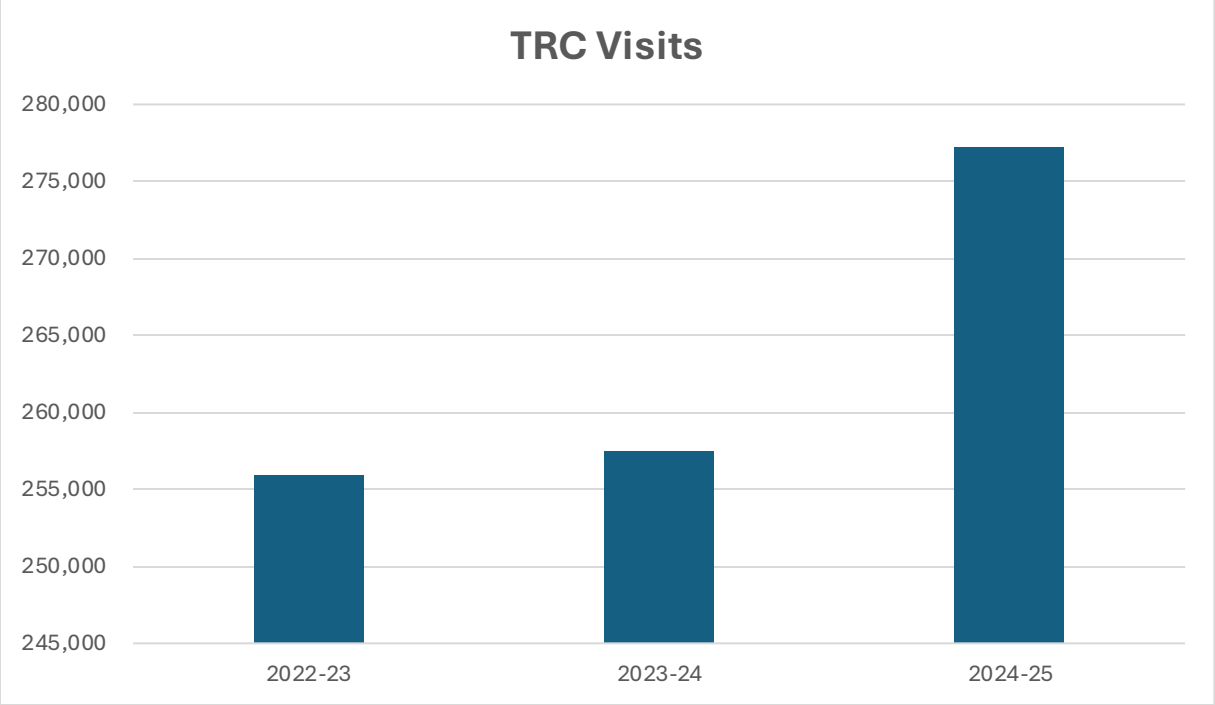
The project was completed in May 2025 and officially opened on May 19, 2025.

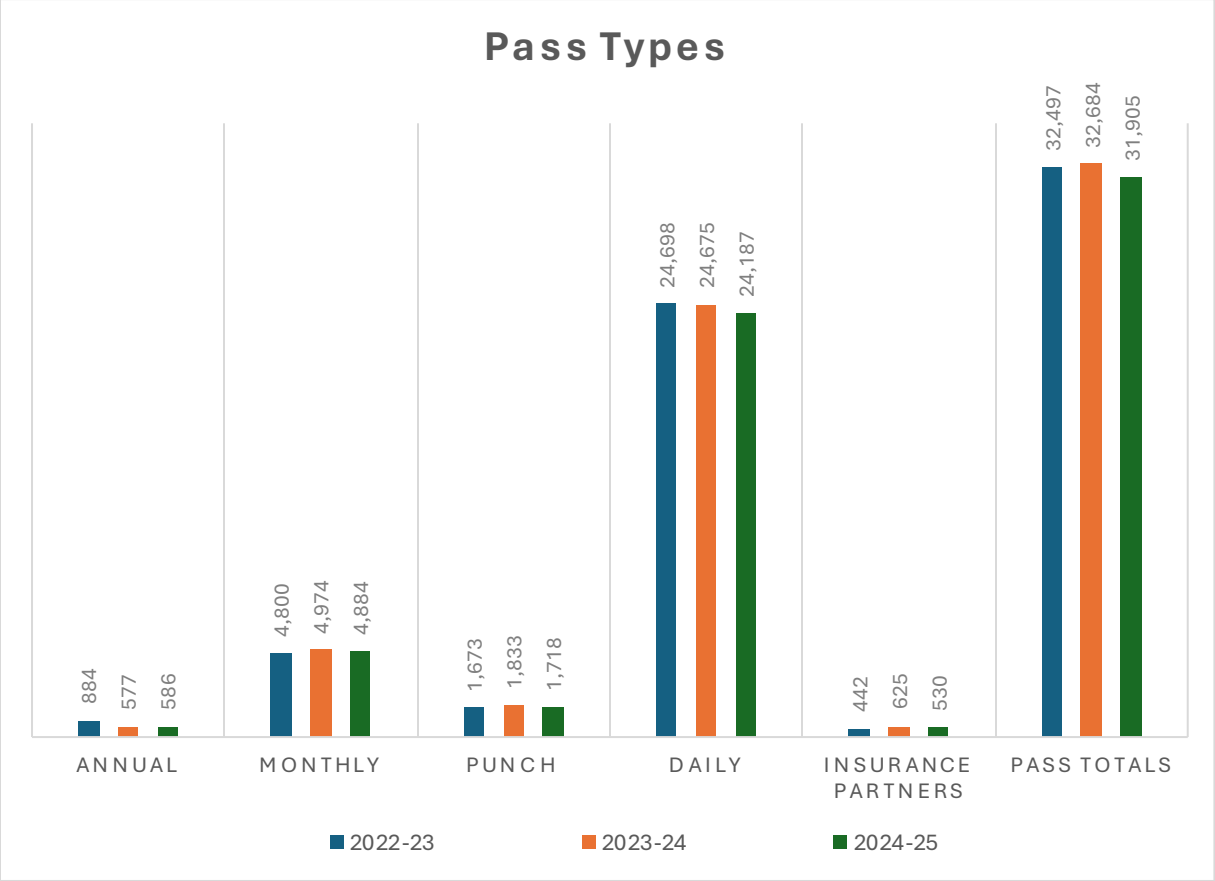
The Tumbleweed Recreation Cener expansion demonstrates the city's commitment to responsible facility planning and the continued delivery of quality community services. Despite the challenges of operating during construction, the team successfully minimized operational impacts while maintaining quality programs and activities. Our customers remained flexible and engaged throughout the process, finding value in their continued use of the TRC during this time.

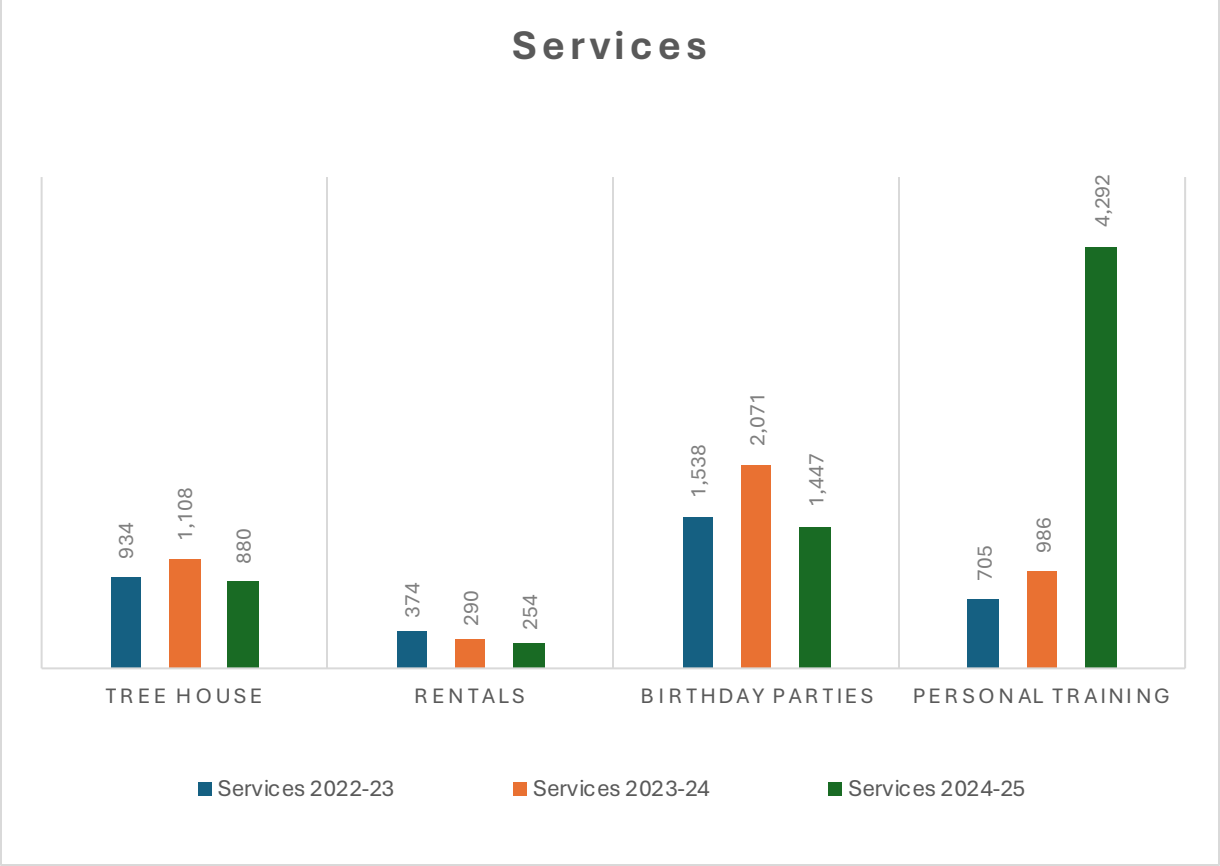
Attached is a three-year participation comparison detailing programs, participation, and staffing across TRC's programs and services.

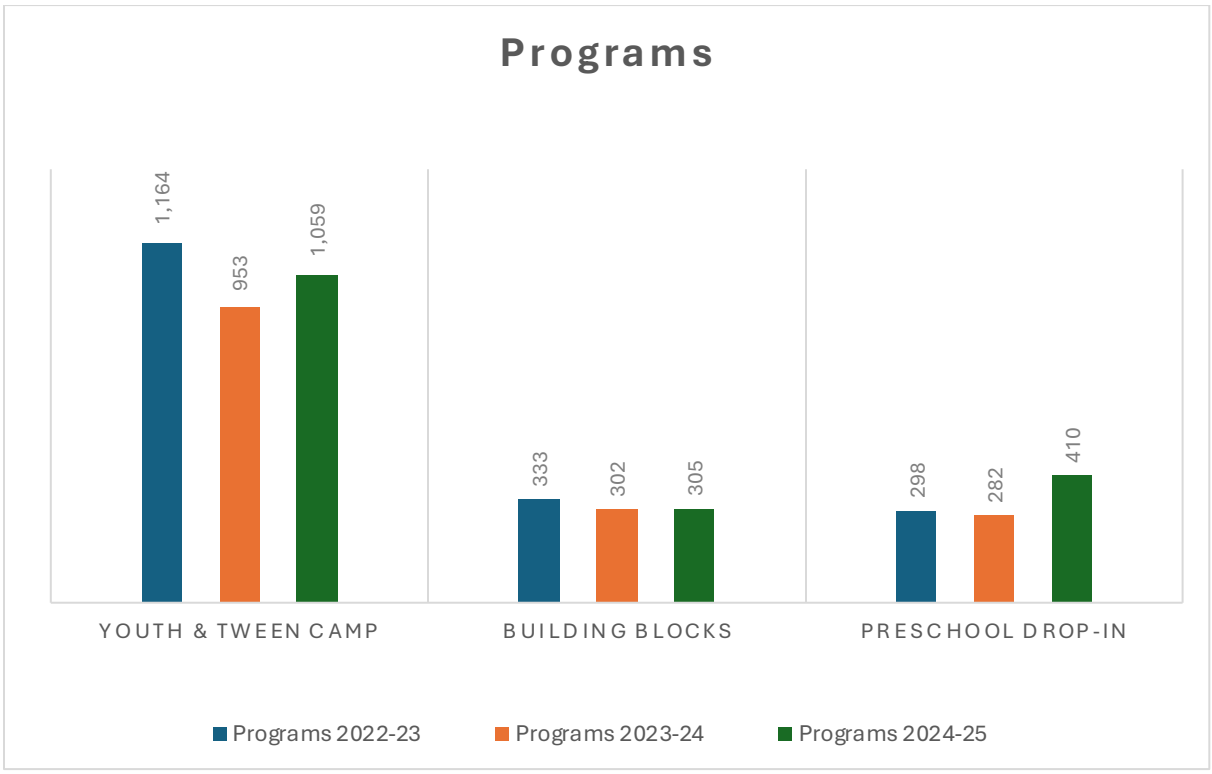
Should you have any further questions, please contact me at 480-782-2905.

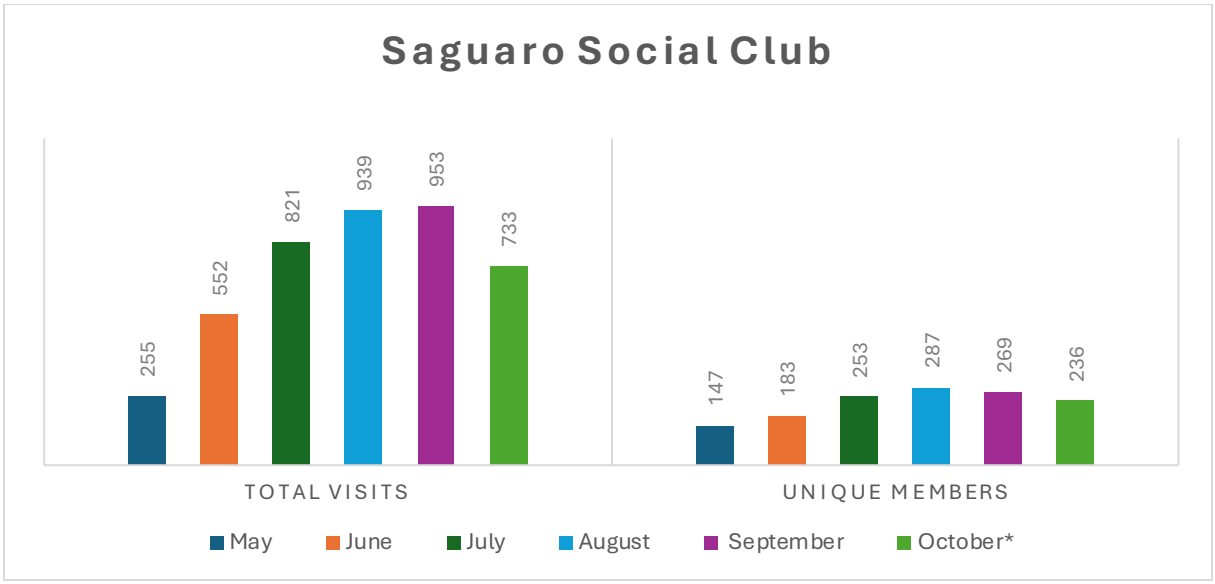
Attachment: TRC Three-year Participation Comparison


TRC Visits
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270,000
265,000
260,000
255,000
250,000
245,000
2022-23
2023-24
2024-25

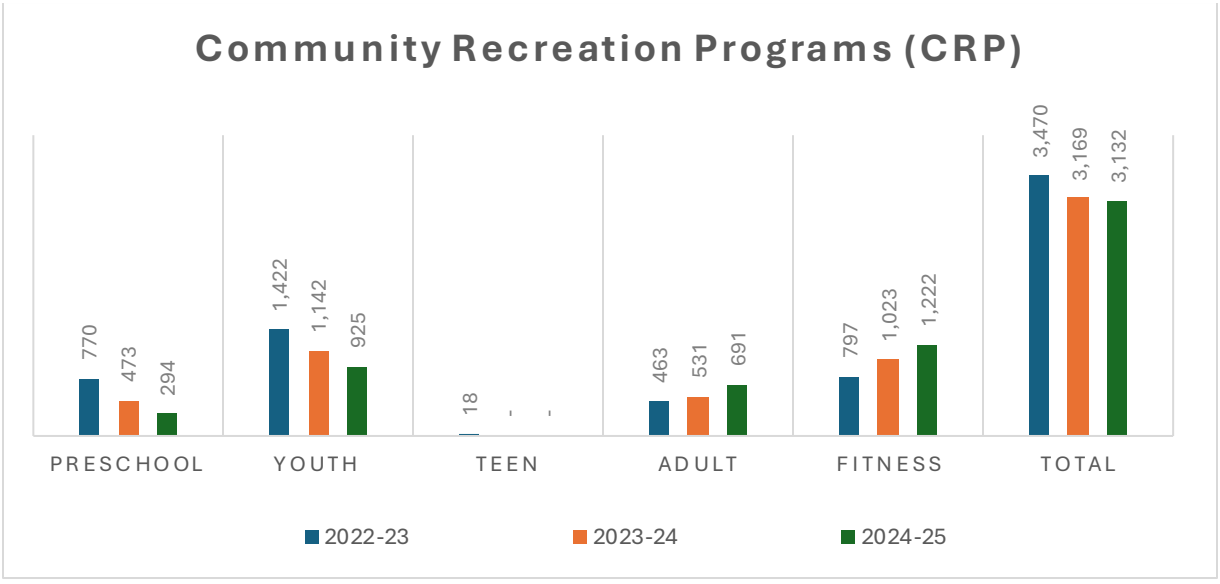

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24,698
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442
625
530
32,497
32,684
31,905
ANNUAL
MONTHLY
PUNCH
DAILY
INSURANCE PARTNERS
PASS TOTALS
2022-23
2023-24
2024-25

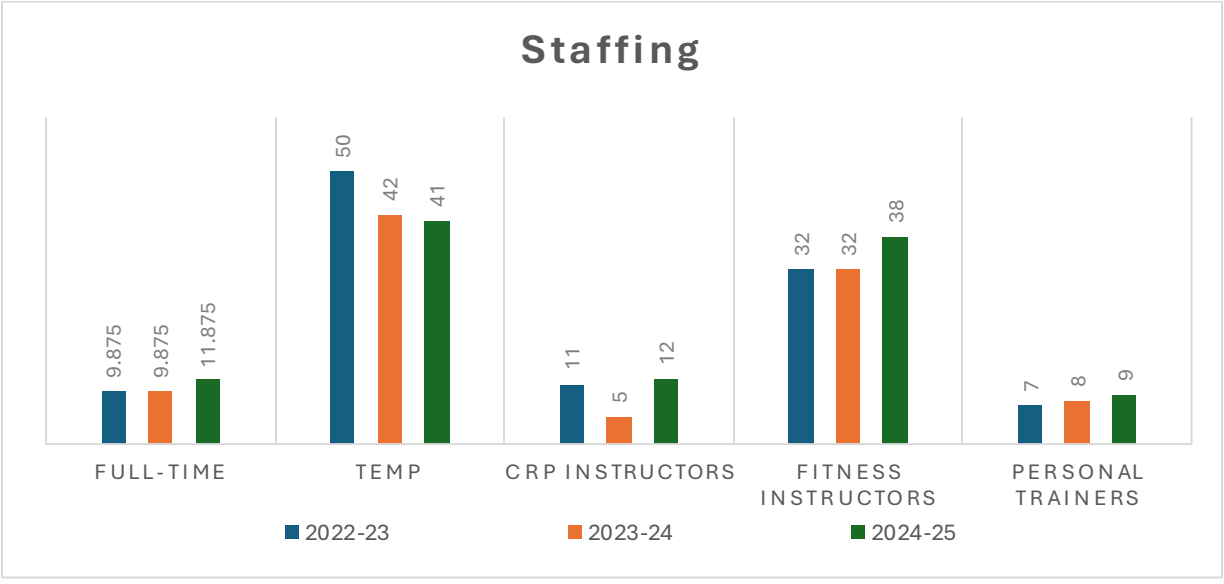

Services
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254
1,538
2,071
1,447
705
986
4,292
TREE HOUSE
RENTALS
BIRTHDAY PARTIES
PERSONAL TRAINING
Services 2022-23
Services 2023-24
Services 2024-25


Programs
1,164
953
1,059
333
302
305
298
282
410
YOUTH & TWEEN CAMP
BUILDING BLOCKS
PRESCHOOL DROP-IN
Programs 2022-23
Programs 2023-24
Programs 2024-25



*Numbers reflect October 1-20, 2025





ITEM 17

Parks and Recreation Community Services Memo No.

Date: 11/04/2025
To: Parks and Recreation Board
From: Sandy Popovich, Management Analyst
Subject: Community Survey - Preparation for the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026