

City of Ramsey
Agenda
Park and Recreation Commission
Thursday, September 10, 2020
6:30 pm
Pearson Park, 15070 Rabbit Street NW
(Intersection of Rabbit Street and 150th Lane in the Riverstone Subdivision)

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Citizen Input**
3. **Approve Agenda**
4. **Approve Minutes**
 1. Approve the following meeting minutes.
 1. Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes dated July 9, 2020.
5. **Commission Business**
 1. Receive Status Report on the Bluebird Recovery Program
 2. **Recommend an Exploration of Options and Alternatives to Turfgrass in Public Spaces**
6. **Commission/Staff Input**
 1. Commission/Staff Input
7. **Adjournment**

Park and Recreation Commission

4. 1.

Meeting Date: 09/10/2020

Submitted For: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

By: MaryJo Warner, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Approve the following meeting minutes.

1. Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes dated July 9, 2020.

Purpose/Background:

Purpose: To review and approve meeting minutes.

Background: Attached are the meeting minutes for review.

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

Funding Source:

n/a

Recommendation:

To review and approve meeting minutes dated July 9, 2020.

Action:

Motion to approve meeting minutes dated July 9, 2020.

Attachments

Minutes

Form Review

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**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on July 9, 2020, at the Rivers Bend Park – North Shelter, 5000 142nd Lane NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present: Chair Shane Bennett
 Vice Chair Brandon Sis
 Commissioner Nathan Barten
 Commissioner Russell Bayer
 Commissioner Jennifer Leistico
 Commissioner Justin Loss

Commission Members Absent: Commissioner Matthew Guck

Also Present: City Council Liaison Nadine Heinrich
 Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Mark Riverblood

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Sis, seconded by Commissioner Bayer, to approve the Park and Recreation Commission meeting agenda as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Sis, Bayer, Barnes, Barten, Guck, Leistico, and Loss. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Barten, seconded by Commissioner Loss, to approve the following Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes:

- Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2020.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Barten, Loss, Barnes, Sis, Bayer, Guck, and Leistico. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.01: Review 2020 Parks' Capital Improvements

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood provided background information on the capital improvement plan and the ten recreational districts. He noted that within each recreational district there should be an opportunity for recreation along with trails that connect to other destinations. He reviewed the priority trail system and provided details on the system. He noted that the proposed improvements for 2020 are geographically spread throughout the City and include a variety of different projects.

Councilmember Heinrich referenced North Commons and Brookside Elementary that could be added to the map.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood explained that the purpose of the Capital Improvement Plan is to be a planning document that identifies future projects along with associated operation and maintenance needs that will arise in the future. He explained that each individual project or improvement would still come forward at its time to receive consideration, review, and a decision on approval. He reviewed some of the signage included in the plan which could move forward in the next year or so in conjunction with other projects, such as a monument sign that could be replaced during a road improvement project. He stated that the Ford Brook project is wrapping up and distributed a document identifying the actual costs thus far. He noted that \$85,000 was authorized for the project and as of date the \$51,100 has been spent. He stated that remaining is the installation of the shelter which could bring the total to \$66,000. He asked if the Commission would be interested in proceeding with a sign at Ford Brook with the remaining funds. He noted that the Ford Brook sign could be packaged together with the other signs proposed to move forward in the next year.

Chair Bennett asked if the intent would be to bundle together the Rivers' Bend and Ford Brook signs.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood confirmed that he would recommend bundling that sign together with Rivers Bend and the Hwy 47 entrance monument sign.

Councilmember Heinrich stated that perhaps a rock boulder sign would be a good fit for Ford Brook.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood commented that he does like those type of signs because they are durable. He stated that there was previous consensus from the Council related to standardized signage in the parks. He stated that perhaps both options could be brought forward to the Council and perhaps there would be consensus that the rock boulder signs would be okay for smaller parks.

Chair Bennett agreed that perhaps the rock boulder become the standard for the smaller parks, as those types of signs already exist in many parks and the more standard sign could be used for the larger, more community type park destinations.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood provided details on the proposed observation boardwalk and related pedestrian and parking improvements at Lake Itasca Community Park.

Councilmember Heinrich asked if Ramsey would pursue partnership with Anoka County for the canoe system, similar to Sunfish Lake.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood provided details on the funds used for the Sunfish Lake project and did not believe that Anoka County had not to accepted additional funds SHIP from the legislature for that purpose. He continued to review projects included in the Capital Improvement Plan including a trail, the Mississippi River observation deck and other trail segments. He noted that some of the items included in the plan are opportunity driven and will be reviewed when development occurs. He reviewed details on Municipal Plaza, the dog park, North Fork trail connection, amphitheater lighting, and aeration for Sunfish Lake and The Draw.

Chair Bennett thanked staff for the update, noting the challenges that 2020 has brought including whether projects could be completed. He commented that there is a good diversity of projects for 2020.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood confirmed the consensus of the Commission to pursue a smaller sign for Ford Brook because there was available funding within the budget for that project. He stated that he will be working with the Community Development Department on the different signage projects in order to package them together and hopefully complete in conjunction with the Bunker Lake Boulevard and TH 47 road project in fall of 2021.

6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood summarized the memorandum that was distributed from Recreation Specialist Proulx. He highlighted virtual art events and art in the park programming. He stated that art in the park reduced the number of participants from 40 to 12 in order to meet social distancing requirements and advised that the available spots filled immediately. He provided an update on Emerald Pond and Rivers' Bend shelter maintenance. He stated that if desired, the Commission could meet at Alpine Park later this year.

Councilmember Heinrich commented that there was a good discussion at the June 23rd meeting related to Riverstone South. She stated that an idea came forward at the meeting where the developer could consider additional tree preservation that would remain natural rather than developing a park. She stated that she has provided her notice of resignation to the City Council as her family will be moving out of state. She stated that it has been a pleasure to work with the Commission and to serve the community.

Chair Bennett commented that the Commission appreciates the representation that Councilmember Heinrich has provided to the Commission.

Commissioner Loss asked if a determination was made on Happy Days.

Councilmember Heinrich stated that the Council discussed the topic and will continue the discussion related to modified events that could move forward. She noted that the larger events, such as the parade, could not occur but smaller events, such as the car show, could occur with social distancing.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that the case at the next Council meeting will recommend canceling Happy Days. He noted that the official cancelation was needed in order to reschedule the entertainment for the following year. He reviewed some of the event ideas that are being considered for a modified event.

Commissioner Loss suggested a medallion hunt type event that could be completed with social distancing and could even occur in future years.

Commissioner Bayer commented that he attended the drive-in movie and thought that was a successful event.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Leistico, seconded by Commissioner Bayer, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Barnes, Sis, Barten, Bayer, Guck, Leistico, and Loss. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Guck

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Riverblood
Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent

Drafted by Amanda Staple
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

Park and Recreation Commission

5. 1.

Meeting Date: 09/10/2020

By: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Receive Status Report on the Bluebird Recovery Program

Purpose/Background:

Ramsey resident and Minnesota Master Naturalist volunteer, Carlyn Erion and member of the Blue Bird Recovery Program will provide the Commission a status report on the Bluebird Recovery Program. This is a follow-up to the presentation and work plan that was acknowledged by the Commission in March 2020.

Ms. Erion's attached letter highlights what is intended to be covered.

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

Funding Source:

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Recommendation:

Action:

This presentation is informational, no action required.

Attachments

letter from volunteer

BBRP presentation

Form Review

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September 2, 2020

To: Park and Recreation Commission,

I respectfully request to be included on the agenda for September 10, 2020 to apprise the Commission of the Bluebird Recovery Program's progress. This Program and the proposed seminar was initially introduced last March. At that meeting, I offered to host a seminar on Bluebirds. The purpose of the seminar was to introduce the Bluebird Recovery Program's mission "to encourage, inspire, educate and assist individuals and organizations to become actively involved in the restoration and preservation efforts to sustain a healthy and expanding population of Bluebirds and native cavity nesters." This seminar was also intended to inspire like-minded citizens in Ramsey to join in learning about the Blue Bird, it's habitat and the need to refurbish and establish nesting sites here in Ramsey. During the coming Commission meeting at Pearson Park, I will report on what has been done over the past few months to pursue this mission. Topics covered will include:

Seminar results

Placement of nesting boxes along Alpine between Armstrong and Variolite

Citizen Volunteers David and Micky MeKosch

15 new nesting boxes

Identifying sites at Rivers' Bend Park

Installation of nesting boxes yet this fall

Donation and installation of 2 nesting boxes at Pearson Park

Respectfully Submitted,

Carlyn Erion

Minnesota Master Naturalist Educator

Blue Bird Restoration Program Update

City of Ramsey

September 4, 2020

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Presentation
prepared by
Carlyn Erion

April 2020:

- *Bluebird Recovery donated 5 used nesting boxes**
- *Installation of 5 boxes on trail along Alpine between Armstrong and Variolite**
- *Project helpers - Carlyn Erion and Spencer Freeburg**

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Installing Nesting Boxes on Alpine Trail



Installation Continued

Removing the Old



Preparing the New



Tree Swallow Investigating the New Digs While Work Was in Progress

Look for the blur near the entrance!

**Note: Tree Swallows nest in cavities
just as Bluebirds do.**



Late April 2020

A *Walk and Talk Bluebird Seminar* was video taped at River's Bend Park in lieu of the original Seminar which was cancelled due to Covid.

******This video is posted on the Park and Recreation website
<https://www.ci.ramsey.mn.us/787/Bluebird-Restoration-Project>

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*Connecting with new volunteers
David and Micky Mekosch

*Coordinating an action plan for
new bird houses at River's Bend

*Gathering materials and resources
with help from Park and
Recreation

*Providing Peterson style Bluebird
houses **ALL** built by David
Mekosch

June , July, August



What' Next?

Installing 2 nesting boxes at
Pearson Park on September 10

Installing new nesting boxes at
River's Bend Park

Repairing nesting boxes that are
salvageable

Continuing the Bluebird
Restoration Program

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Meeting Date: 09/10/2020

By: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Recommend an Exploration of Options and Alternatives to Turfgrass in Public Spaces

Purpose/Background:

The purpose of this case is to begin a conversation on the topic of the conversion of *some* new or existing public lands to a ground cover that does not require weekly mowing—and to look at cultural practices like reduced mowing regimes (and visual expectations), as well as potentially the application of Plant Growth Regulators. There are many acres of park land in the community that will and should remain as traditional turfgrass, like athletic fields, walking areas and informal play areas or leisure areas around playgrounds or the amphitheater etc.

The preponderance of those areas currently being mowed, are likely to remain so. However among the many reasons to reconsider monoculture turfgrass for ground cover in parks, cost accounting is one factor.

IF the City were to spend (now or in the future) approximately \$100,000 per year annually on mowing park lands, and *if* the city were (over time) be able to reduce this cost by 15%, the savings to residents over a decade would be \$150,000 dollars—over twenty five years, in excess of a \$375,000. These savings, realized by a small conversion of ground cover to more sustainable types, cultural changes in mowing practices, and potentially through grounds maintenance practices like the prudent application of Plant Growth Regulators, could provide for these same monies to be reinvested in the park system in ways that provide a far better public return on annual investment. A very brief summary of some of these benefits are highlighted within this link:

<https://conservationtools.org/guides/151-from-lawn-to-meadow>

An additional summary of the benefits delivered by alternatives to 'traditional' turf is included within the attachment to this case

Pearson Park, the site of the Commission's regularly scheduled September meeting is an example of an alternative ground cover—that while is not cost-free, is certainly at a much less expense annually, in terms of what would be a weekly mobilization of people and equipment to mow the slopes around the playground.

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

More information and examples of what may constitute a shift in policy, resulting from the options and alternatives exploration to turfgrass will be available at the meeting.

Funding Source:

The primary topic of this case may entail a reduction in General Fund maintenance obligations (costs).

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the exploration that is the essence of this case.

Action:

Based upon discussion, by motion or consensus— recommend Staff undertake an exploration of options and alternatives to turfgrass in public areas, that are currently being mowed.

Attachments

EPA benefits summary

Form Review

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Benefits of Using Native Plants

Landscaping with native plants improves the environment. Native plants are hardy because they have adapted to the local conditions. Once established, native plants do not need pesticides, fertilizers, or watering. Not only is this good for the environment, it saves time and money. A native landscape does not need to be mowed like a conventional lawn. This reduces the demand for non-renewable resources and improves the water and air quality. The periodic burning (or mowing when burning is not practical) required for maintenance of a prairie landscape mimics the natural prairie cycle and is much better for the environment.

Landscaping with native wildflowers and grasses helps return the area to a healthy ecosystem. Diverse varieties of birds, butterflies and animals, are attracted to the native plants, thus enhancing the biodiversity of the area. The beauty of native wildflowers and grasses creates a sense of place, both at home and work. The native plants increase our connection to nature, help educate our neighbors, and provide a beautiful, peaceful place to relax.

Reduced Use of Pesticides Since native plants have adapted to local conditions, they are more resistant to pest problems. Sometimes individuals use non-persistent pesticides, which break down into harmless components, before sowing native plant seeds to minimize competition from the weeds. Once the native plants are established, pesticides are seldom needed.

Improved Air Quality Native landscaping practices can help improve air quality on a local, regional and global level. Locally, smog (ground level ozone) and air toxics can be drastically reduced by the virtual elimination of the need for lawn maintenance equipment (lawn mowers, weed edgers, leaf blowers, etc.) which is fueled by gasoline, electricity or batteries. All of these fuel types are associated with the emissions of the following air pollutants: carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO₂), nitrous oxides (NO_x), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), VOCs (volatile organic compounds) and air toxics such as benzene. Gasoline lawn and garden equipment, on average, produces 5% of ozone-forming VOCs in areas with smog problems. This equipment also emits toxics and particulates.



Regionally, NO_x and SO₂ released from lawn maintenance equipment react with water in the atmosphere to form acid rain. Globally, native landscaping practices help to combat global warming in two ways. Carbon dioxide (CO₂) is a major greenhouse gas and by reducing the use of lawn maintenance equipment, the associated CO₂ emissions are also reduced. Native plants help to reduce the amount of CO₂ in the atmosphere by taking in CO₂ and storing the carbon in the body of the plants, roots and soil. Native plants work much better than traditional mowed grass as a carbon sink due to their extensive root systems and increased ability to retain and store water.

Improved Water Quality In conventional landscaping, pesticides are often wrongly applied at times when target insects are not vulnerable. Overuse and inappropriate use often kill beneficial insects and other wildlife. Less than 10% of all insects are harmful to plants. Pesticides have the potential to cause serious human health problems when not handled properly or applied according to the label directions. By eliminating or minimizing the use of pesticides and fertilizers, these pollutants will not run-off into streams, lake, and bays. This improves the quality of the water and the aquatic life in it. In healthy water systems, natural controls, such as fish, frogs, and snails will help keep insect populations under control and reduce algae buildup.

A publication of the U.S EPA <http://www.epa.gov/greenacres/index.html#Benefits> reprinted by the

Native Plant Society of Texas- Houston Chapter

www.npsot.org/houston



Benefits of *Naturescaping* with Native Plants



There are many benefits to naturescaping, whether practiced in place of or in addition to traditional landscaping. The benefits include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Ease of Use** - Native plants evolved to grow in local conditions and to predictable sizes. They do not require watering (except during establishment), chemical pesticides and fertilizers, or frequent cutting.
- **Public Health** (lowers cancer rates)- Traditional landscaping uses large amounts of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers, some of which are suspected carcinogens. During rains, these chemicals often run off into public water supplies.
- **Air Pollution**- Lawnmowers, weed eaters and blowers use large quantities of fossil fuels, creating greenhouse gas and other pollutants. Lawnmowing may cause up to 5% of total air pollution, and an Exxon Valdez of oil is spilled by lawnmowers each year in the U.S. Traditional landscaping also contributes to noise pollution.
- **Saves you Money** -The cost of maintaining a naturescape is dramatically less than that of a traditional landscape because a naturescape essentially takes care of itself. Naturescapes also save you time - and how valuable is your time?
- **Water Use**- In the West, 60% of consumed water goes to lawns; in the East, 30%. This water diversion harms the environment, kills fish, and returns polluted water to our streams and rivers. It also costs you - on irrigation system installation and maintenance, and on your water bill.
- **Song Birds** -Our song bird populations having dropped steadily - 5-10% per year, depending on the species - for the last several decades, and there is no end in sight. The loss is primarily due to habitat loss. Adopting naturescaping is critical if song birds are to find food and shelter.
- **Enhanced Livability** -An ecologically functional landscape offers so much more than a sterile, static landscape. It stimulates our children with color, sound and wonder. It is cleaner, quieter and healthier, and may increase property values.

Traditional landscaping attempts to create a landscape that "looks" the same regardless of location. This is, in part, pushed by nurseries that sell the same plant across wide markets, maximizing revenue through efficiencies of scale. (Nurseries aggressively market this limited number of plants through garden magazines, local newspapers, and radio and television programs, etc.) It is also driven by landscape designers who tend to use the same plants regardless of where the site is (less burdensome than learning new plants). Lastly, it is driven by homeowners and property managers who grew up learning one set of plants and understandably use those plants as a frame of reference as they move about the country.

These and other forces have created an atmosphere that emphasizes using the same plants regardless of location and changing a site to accommodate these plants. Site changing often entails installing irrigation, bringing in new soil or soil amendments, regularly applying chemical products (pesticides, fertilizer, etc.), and frequently cutting, pruning and weeding. This is traditional landscaping. Resulting monocultures may cause extinction of many species.

Meeting Date: 09/10/2020

Submitted For: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

By: MaryJo Warner, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Commission/Staff Input

Purpose/Background:

• **Highlight first Year of Public Use for Pearson Park**

• **Recreation Program Update**

Summer wrap-up:

-Virtual Art: *Partnership with the Rumriver Art Center to offer art classes from the comfort of home. Two classes have concluded. One filled past max capacity of 20, with participation at 25.*

-Yoga in the park: *Participants found a way to relax and unwind with sunset Yoga at the Draw. Most classes were full or near full, the exception being on very humid days.*

-BINGO with the Anoka Women of Today: *three sessions are being offered, including one as a part of Happy Daze. First turnout was good, even with ending early due to threat of severe storms.*

-Concert Series: *Increased attendance every week, even with new COVID protocols.*

Late Summer Programs:

-Extended Yoga in the Park: *Due to request by residents, this program is extended through the month of September!*

-Extended Virtual Art: *Additional session will be a dragonfly watercolor painting. Those who register pick up supplies from the Rumriver Art Center and tune into Zoom on September 10th.*

-Hike with a Naturalist: *New program with Minnesota Master Naturalist Educator, Carlyn Erion. Participants can join for a series of informal hikes as Minnesota transitions from Summer to Fall, and learn about what they observe.*

-BINGO with the Anoka Women of Today: *one more regular session in October, winner takes half the pot, the other half is donated to help children with critical illnesses.*

-Fall Equinox Starwatch Party: *Join WCCO Meteorologist Mike Lynch to learn about the night sky. He will bring out multiple telescopes, including his telescope-astrophotography system to view distant targets in the night sky.*

• **Happy Daze Forecast**

-It was voted to cancel Happy Days and create Happy Daze as a series of smaller, socially-distant events

-All events are family friendly and consist of two nights to spread out larger activities. This allows for more participation while further distancing participants

-Each evening has one larger event and one complimentary event, some snacks available at each

-Registration opens on Friday September 4th for residents, and Monday September 7th for non-residents.

Walk-ups will be allowed for most events, but not guaranteed

• **Remote Attendance Policy/Informational**

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

Funding Source:

Recommendation:

Action:

Attachments

[8.15.20 virtual art](#)

[09.10.20 virtual art](#)

[Sunset Yoga](#)

[Hike with a Naturalist](#)

[Bingo](#)

[Concert Series](#)

[Starwatch](#)

[Happy Daze Overview](#)

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Ramsey Parks & Recreation Presents:

Virtual Art



Mountain Landscape Drawing

Join live from the comfort of your home for a fun, online, community class where you will learn how to draw a beautiful mountain landscape from the comfort of your own home. You will learn a little history of this type of art and be guided to paint a pattern design or a turtle painting.

You will be provided with an art kit with all the supplies you need for the class. Project supplies are available for pickup at Suite 103 of the Rumriver Art Center. Contact us about delivery options.

The Zoom meeting link will be on the confirmation email sent to your inbox (from Occasion) after you submit this registration form. If you do not receive a confirmation email to your inbox, please email sales@rumriverart.com or call 763-323-8830 and we will email you the meeting link.

Registration is required, space is limited. The cost is \$2.00 per person. After registration, supplies can be picked up at Rumriver Art Center (2665 4th Ave, Suite 102, Anoka, MN 55303)

Location:

Comfort of your own home
(virtual class)

Date:

Saturday, August 15th

Time:

10:00am-11:30am

To Register:

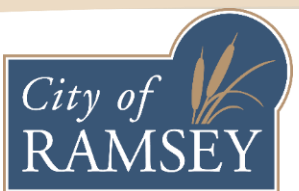
www.cityoframsey.com/ParkEvents

For more information:

Abby Proulx, Recreation Specialist

aproulx@cityoframsey.com

(763) 433-9883





Ramsey Parks & Recreation Presents:

Virtual Art



Dragonfly Watercolor Painting

Join live from the comfort of your home for a fun, online, community class where you will learn how to paint a beautiful dragonfly using watercolors from the comfort of your own home.

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Location:

Comfort of your own home
(virtual class)

Date:

Thursday, September 10th

Time:

6:00pm-7:30pm

To Register:

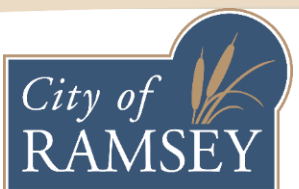
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For more information:

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Ramsey Parks & Recreation Presents: September Sunset Yoga



Sunset Vinyasa with Mary, RYT

Join Mary in an hour long Vinyasa style yoga class where we will connect to our breath through mindful movement. Mary believes yoga should be accessible to everyone, so all levels are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Prepare for class:

- Bring a yoga mat (class is outdoors. Concrete, cobblestone and grass spots are available), water, and a small towel
- Wear comfortable clothing and be prepared to practice barefoot
- Yoga is best done on a (nearly) empty stomach

Registration is required as space is capped at 20 students to account for social distancing. Please arrive 5-10 minutes early. Admittance to class closes at 5:50pm. Class will begin at 6:00pm. We cannot notify of weather cancellations unless a valid email address is used when registering.

Street parking is available at the [Draw Amphitheater](#) along Ramsey Parkway in front of Park View East apartments.

Location:

The Draw Amphitheater
7401 Ramsey Parkway
Ramsey, MN 55303

Dates: Tuesday evenings
September 1st– 29th

Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm

To register:

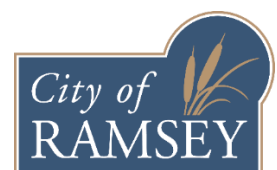
CityofRamsey.com/ParkEvents

Contact:

Mary Troullier, RYT
troullier28@gmail.com
(920) 973 6279

Or

Abby Proulx, Recreation Specialist
aproulx@cityoframsey.com





Ramsey Parks & Recreation presents:
Hike with a Naturalist



Welcome Autumn in Ramsey's Parks!

Spend the morning hiking with Minnesota Master Naturalist Educator, Carlyn Erion. This educational excursion will provide a deeper understanding of the flora and fauna that can be found in our own backyards. This is an ongoing series to observe the changes as Ramsey transitions from a hot Minnesota Summer to the cool colorful Autumn. Join for all weeks or just one, and watch as the trees change colors, hibernation and migration begin! Bring your questions as we walk and make observations about our surroundings together. Cameras, field guides, notebooks, and binoculars are welcome. This hike will cover approximately 3 miles at Mississippi West Regional Park. Please wear proper apparel for rain or shine, this is a family friendly event but is best catered to teenage and above audiences.

Registration is requested as the class is capped at 20 participants. If you register and cannot make it, please notify Abby Proulx, *Recreation Specialist*, at least 48 hours ahead of time to open your space up to the waitlist.

Location:

Mississippi West Regional Park
13900 Traprock Street
Ramsey, MN 55303

Date:

Saturday, September 12th & 26th
October 10th & 24th

Time:

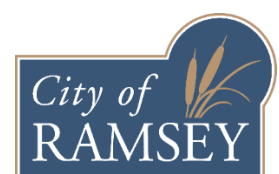
10:00am-12:00pm

To register:

www.cityoframsey.com/ParkEvents

For more information:

Abby Proulx, *Recreation Specialist*
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Ramsey Parks & Recreation presents:

BINGO



BINGO with Anoka Women of Today

Bingo is back! Join us for a some summer and fall nights of Bingo! Bring your friends and family for a great night of fun! We will be in Central Park.

- The cost is .50 cents per card to play
- The winner gets half the total collected
- The other half of the money will be donated to Wishes and More!

Wishes & More is a Minnesota-Based, Tax Deductible Children's Charity that: Enhances the life of a child fighting a terminal or life-threatening condition by providing extraordinary experiences including wishes, scholarships, memorials and more.

Important updates: We will follow CDC guidelines and sanitize bingo sheets and practice social distancing. Registration is requested. If you are not registered/have a valid email address on file, we cannot notify you of weather cancellations or changes in this event.

Registration: Is requested to account for proper social distancing and to notify of weather cancellations. We cannot guarantee a space for you unless you are registered.

Location:

Central Park
7925 161st Avenue NW
Ramsey, MN 55303

Date:

August 21st, 2020
September 11th, 2020
October 10th, 2020

Time:

6:00pm— 10:00pm

To Register:

www.cityoframsey.com/ParkEvents

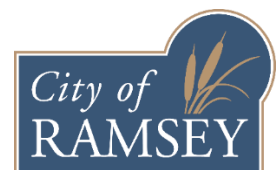
For More Information:

Abby Proulx, Recreation Specialist
aproulx@cityoframsey.com

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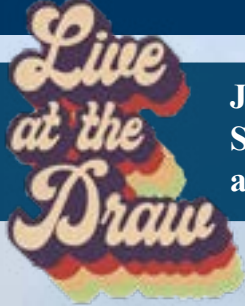
Anoka Women of Today

AnokaWT@mnWT.org



The Draw Summer Concert Series

Thursday nights, 6:30 - 8:00 pm at The Draw park & amphitheater, 7401 Ramsey Parkway
Presented by the City of Ramsey Parks & Recreation



Join your friends and neighbors in celebrating the Tenth Anniversary of the Summer Concert Series! This event is **FREE** for residents. Save your seat, order a bite to eat, and enjoy some of the best covers across generations.

July 2 — Darlene and the Boys *Party on to this classic country show*

July 9 — Tim Hadler & Catrina Campbell *A variety of music from Alan Jackson to Guns N' Roses*

July 16 — Rhino *Don't miss Rhino's jaw dropping drum routine*

July 23 — Rumble Seat *A homage to John Mellencamp's many hits through the years*

July 30 — Starlette's Web *A tribute to women of pop, rock, country, and groove from the 80's to today!*

August 6 — Church of Cash *An incredible tribute to the legacy of Johnny Cash*

August 13 — Free and Easy *Dance along to this edgy, modern and retro pop band*

August 20 — A Hard Day's Night *Take a trip back in time with this all out Beatles Tribute*

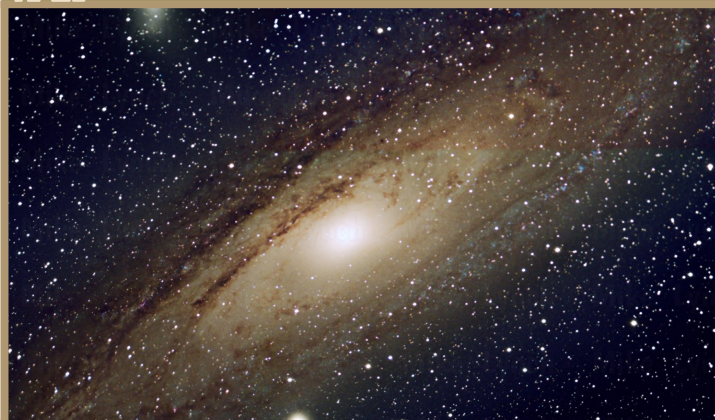
August 27 — Free Fallin' *A tribute to Tom Petty at the 16th Annual Trott Brook Financial Benefit Bash, and crowning concert of the summer, with food trucks too!*

Tickets are required for seating within the amphitheater. Tickets will be reservable to Ramsey residents the Sunday evening prior to each concert. Grass spaces surrounding The Draw will be first come first serve with mandatory social distancing. For more details and registration, please visit: www.cityoframsey.com/278





Ramsey Parks & Recreation presents:
Starwatch Party



Fall Equinox Stargazing!

Make the stars your old friends as we watch the great celestial show in the skies over Ramsey. Get to know the constellations like Bootes, Cancer, Crater, Hydra, Leo and Virgo and some of the great stories behind them. We'll also use large reflecting telescopes, including two giant reflector telescopes that are among the biggest mobile scopes in Minnesota for close up views of the moon, Saturn, star clusters, galaxies and other magic in our Fall skies.

Mike will also bring a telescope-astrophotography system for really distant targets such as galaxies millions of light years away. Mike Lynch is a meteorologist at WCCO Radio and has been hosting star watch parties and teaching astronomy classes for over 48 years. You're invited to bring lawn chairs to make yourself comfy!

Important Updates: This program will be primarily outdoors, so dress accordingly. Masks are required when not seated, telescopes will be disinfected between each use. Folks without glasses will be required to wear provided safety glasses, couples and families may share.

Registration is required, participation is limited to 30 people. Fee is \$10 per person.

Location:

Elmcrest Park
16303 Quicksilver Street NW
Ramsey, MN 55303

Date:

Sept. 21st, 2020

Time:

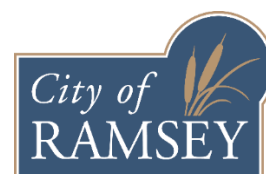
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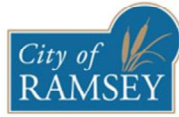
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For more information:

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mikewlynch@comcast.net
612-978-4633,
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HAPPY DAZE

A SERIES OF SOCIALLY-DISTANT EVENTS IN THE MIDST OF A GLOBAL PANDEMIC



HAPPY DAZE



SCHEDULE

- Events were designed to be spread across two evenings
 - Prevents excessive crowds
 - Balances social distancing and promoting higher turnout
- Event framework
 - Larger event paired with a smaller supplemental event
 - Each has food/drink available
 - Family friendly
- Event logistics
 - All events take place outdoors in central location
 - Limited staff resources



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All Weekend

Virtual 5K

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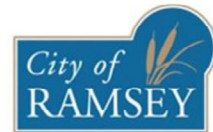
Happy Daze has carefully planned out events that allow City staff to balance community engagement and public safety. These family friendly events will take place primarily over September 11th and 12th in Ramsey's downtown area.

Virtual 5K will take place throughout the weekend. Racers will track their time and report on a race portal.

HAPPY DAZE



VENUE PLAN- FRIDAY



- winner gets half the pot, other half goes to Wishes & More
- kids activity taking place during BINGO: card decorating for seniors who have been isolated since the start of COVID

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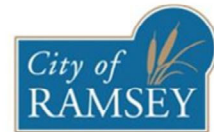


Root beer donated by killebrew
Seeking volunteers to help serve

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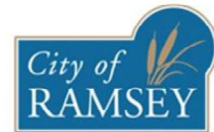
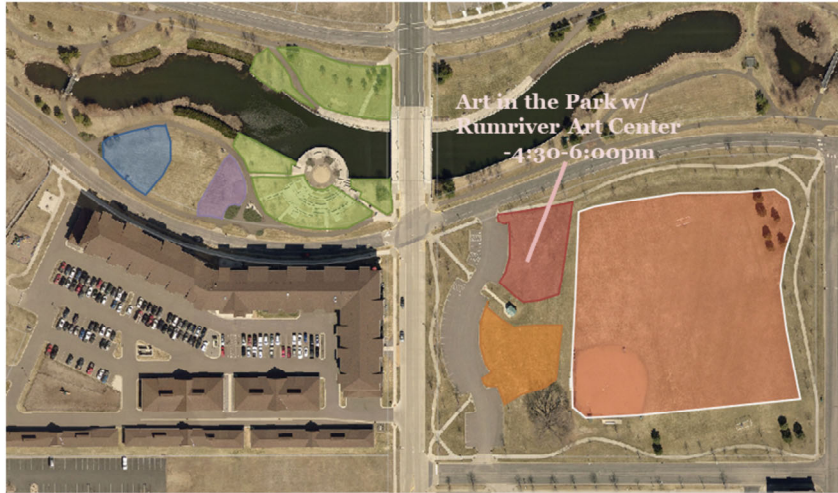
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A due from the band Roadhouse Blue will play live music

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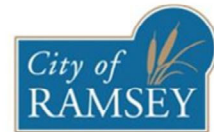
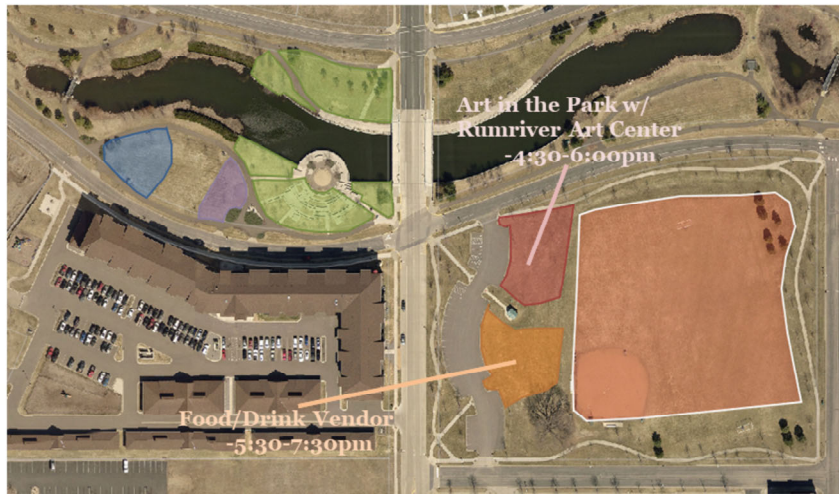
VENUE PLAN- SATURDAY



Jellyfish mixed-media project. Three half-hour sessions will be offered

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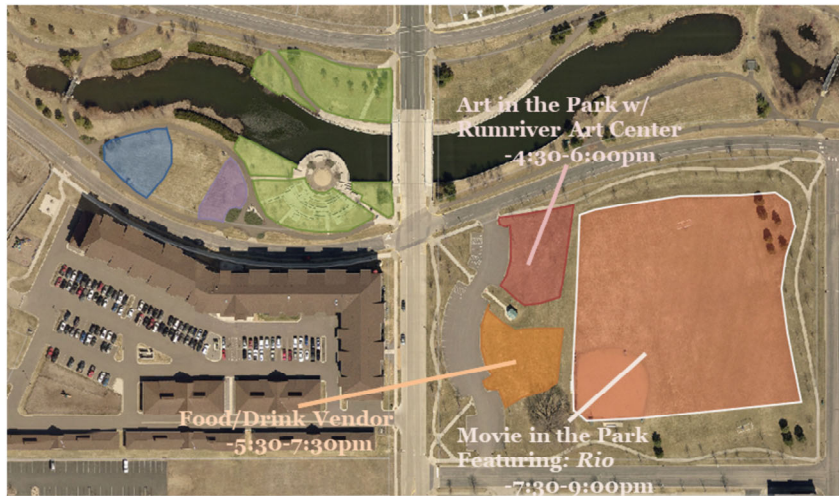
VENUE PLAN- SATURDAY



Lions will have lemonade, water and cottoncandy.
Second food vendor pending confirmation

HAPPY DAZE

VENUE PLAN- SATURDAY



Drive-in and grass seating available. No walkups will be accepted for drive-in, they must be registered as space is limited.
Showing the film Rio

HAPPY DAZE



COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

State Orders

- Executive Order 20-81: Mask Mandate
 - Masks may be taken off once seated with household units in designated zones
- Executive Order 20-74: Event Spaces and Venues
 - Limit gatherings to 250 people, as long as social distancing can be maintained

Happy Daze Safety Measures

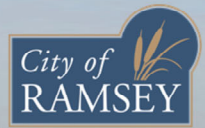
- Registration
 - Requested for each of the Happy Daze events. Can be reserved ahead of time on Happy Daze website. Walk-ups will be accepted but not guaranteed
 - Opens on Friday, September 4th for residents and Monday, September 7th for non-residents.
- Venue
 - Designated zones for seating areas and events. Walkways will be designated to stay clear of people
 - In addition to designated zones, signs will be placed all around to help clarify new regulations
- Additional Staff
 - PD & Volunteers





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CITY OF RAMSEY

Policy Regarding Remote Attendance and Participation in Council and Commission Meetings

SECTION 1: SCOPE

- A. BACKGROUND: The City of Ramsey seeks to develop guidelines to promote transparent and orderly use of electronic technology that allows Council and commission members to attend meetings from a remote location. Electronic audio/video attendance options continue to advance and evolve, along with the laws that govern such attendance. Generally speaking, the city may adopt regulations that are more restrictive (not more lenient) than those provided by state law.
- B. PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to create guidelines governing the remote attendance and participation of members at Council and Commission meetings. Advance notifications and limits are established in order to provide proper notification to the public, and to allow the City to arrange the appropriate technology to cover the meeting. The general expectation is that individuals will make every practical attempt to be physically present and that the purpose of this policy is to allow for exceptions when the member is unable to physically attend a meeting.
- C. OTHER MEETING PARTICIPANTS: City staff, applicants, and other meeting participants may attend meetings remotely and are not subject to the policy or statutory limitations outlined within this policy.

SECTION 2: CRITERIA/PROCEDURE

- A. ELIGIBLE USERS: Members of the City Council and members of any formally established commission of the City.
- B. APPLICATION: Eligible users may attend and participate in any regular meeting of their respective Council or commission in accordance with this policy.
- C. NOTIFICATION: Eligible Users wishing to participate via interactive television or other electronic medium shall notify the City Administrator, in writing, no earlier than ten (10) days, and no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting. The name and location of eligible members attending a meeting via electronic medium shall be posted in conjunction with, and in the same manner as, the regular agenda.
- D. MAXIMUM REMOTE ATTENDEES: There will be no maximum number of remote attendees so long as at least one (1) City Councilmember or member of a formally

established commission of the City is physically present. In the event that all members request remote attendance, eligible participants for any particular meeting will be determined by the order in which notification was received by the City Administrator.

- E. ANNUAL USE: An eligible user may attend via interactive television, an unlimited number of times per year, contingent upon the general expectation that individuals will make every practical attempt to be physically present
- F. OTHER: Remote attendance and participation at any public meeting shall be in full compliance with the Open Meeting Law (OML), Minnesota Statutes section 13D.02, subdivision 1. All members of the public showing up at a remote location must be able to see and hear all discussion and votes. All members of the body must be able to see and hear one another, as well as the public.
- G. EXCEPTIONS: The requirements of this policy may be waived in the event of an emergency as defined by state statute.
- H. DECORUM: It is expected that all members attending remotely will conduct himself or herself in a professional manner, and attend only from meeting locations that are suitable for the proper conduct of professional business.
- I. EXPENSES: Members attending remotely will cover all extraordinary costs necessary for the connection.
- J. TECHNOLOGY: Remote meeting attendees shall comply with all technological and security standards as established by QCTV and the City's Information Technology staff.

ADOPTED BY CC 04/23/2019

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