

City of Ramsey
Agenda
Park and Recreation Commission
Thursday, August 8, 2024
6:30 pm
The Draw, 7401 E Ramsey Parkway NW

Remote Attendance available at www.cityoframsey.com/meetings.
Those joining remotely and requesting to speak are asked to use a webcam when speaking.

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 dated May 9th, 2024.
 2. Park and Recreation Commission meeting dated June 13th, 2024.
5. **Commission Business**
 1. **Consider Adding Play Equipment Component for Woodland Green Park**
 2. Consider Park and Recreation Commission Presence at the 2024 Happy Days Festival
6. **Commission/Staff Input**
 1. Recreation Program Update
 2. Commission/Staff Input
7. **Adjournment**

Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: 08/08/2024

Primary Strategic Plan Initiative: Connect the community through Parks, Trails and Recreational Programming.

Information

Title:

Approve the following meeting minutes.
1. Park and Recreation Commission meeting dated May 9th, 2024.
2. Park and Recreation Commission meeting dated June 13th, 2024.

Purpose/Background:

To review and approve meeting minutes.

Notification:

N/A

Time Frame/Observations/Alternatives:

Staff anticipates this case will take less than 5 minutes.

Funding Source:

N/A

Recommendation:

To review and approve meeting minutes dated May 9th, 2024, and June 13th, 2024.
No meeting held in July, 2024.

Outcome/Action:

Motion to approve meeting minutes dated May 9th, 2024, and June 13th, 2024.

Attachments

Meeting Minutes May 9th
Meeting Minutes June 13th

Form Review

Inbox

Brian Hagen
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Brian Hagen

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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 May 9, 2024, at the Solstice Park, 14770 Erkium Street NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present: Chair Nathan Barten
 Commissioner Todd Arts
 Commissioner Shane Bennett
 Commissioner Megan Ealain
 Commissioner Jennifer Leistico
 Commissioner Dean Olson

Commission Members Absent: Vice Chair Brandon Sis

Also Present: City Council Liaison Debra Musgrove
 Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood
 Recreation Coordinator Abby Proulx

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Barten called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

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

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Barten; Commissioners Leistico, Bennett, Arts, Ealain, and Olson. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Sis.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

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

- Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes date April 11, 2024

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Barten; Commissioners Bennett, Arts, Ealain, Leistico, and Olson. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Sis.

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.01: Recommend Park Dedication for Haviland Fields

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that this proposed development was discussed in depth at the April meeting with the decision ultimately tabled to this meeting to allow the Commission to meet at the park location to further discuss the potential amenities. He provided an overview of the proposed mix of units for development and identified the proposed land for park dedication and area proposed for pickleball courts. He also identified the proposed trail location as well as area intended for parking. He recapped the recommendation for trail fees and park dedication.

Chair Barten stated that he counted at least 20 additional spaces of on-street parking available currently, which seems to be more than enough.

Commissioner Bennett commented that he had the same observation, and the on-street parking does not seem to be a long walk. He stated that the only confusion is that if you Google the park location, it will bring you to the cul-de-sac. He noted that most of the park users will come on foot.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that when staff adds the pickleball court amenity to the website and park map, the City could include parking opportunities to provide that clarity to residents and park users.

Commissioner Leistico asked if the trail would be extended to make it evident that the courts are part of the park.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that they would orient the gates on the north and south side of the courts, with trail connections on both sides to make it clear the courts are for both residents of that development and for general park users.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if there would also be parking on the streets near the twin homes or whether that would be private parking.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood replied that those would be private streets with private parking.

Commissioner Bennett commented that while parking was a concern at the last meeting, after seeing what is available on street, he is no longer concerned with the availability of parking.

Chair Barten summarized comments provided from Commissioner Sis in email, as he was unable to attend. He provided comments again on his concern that park users could be confused as to

whether the courts are part of the park and that parking be more adjacent to the courts/park but overall supported the recommendation of staff.

Motion by Commissioner Leistico, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, to recommend to City Council that Park Dedication for Haviland Fields be a combination of land dedication and cash, with credit for park improvements constructed, and that Trail Fees consist of a cash payment of \$1,500 per residential dwelling unit (the 2024 rate).

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Barten; Commissioners Leistico, Bennett, Arts, Ealain, and Olson. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Sis.

5.02: Consider Alpine Park for a Municipal Sand and Fill Stockpile Location

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood provided background information on road and other projects, explaining how some of that material is reused in other projects. He stated that staff has looked for alternative locations for storage and Alpine Park was identified as an option. He stated that the specific location would be in the undeveloped area near the sledding hill where the loose material could be placed and then trucked in and out.

Commissioner Bennett asked if there were any safety concerns or concerns with potential dumping.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that staff is not concerned with dumping as much as staff is there quite often picking up trash. He did think children would be attracted to the area with bicycles.

Councilmember Musgrove stated that she is not thrilled with the proximity to other developments and the truck traffic. She asked if there is an area near the public works building where there would be less activity from children.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that there is not significant available space at the public works building campus. He stated that the construction projects would be throughout the city as they go forward with road projects and ditch projects. He stated that there could be concern from residents on Garnet if contractors are backing up, which has a noise, at early or later times of day.

Commissioner Olson asked if there would be space near the water tower where the water treatment plant is being constructed.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that there will be a pond for stormwater treatment and therefore did not believe there would be sufficient space.

Commissioner Bennett commented that this is obviously not an ideal activity for the park for a multitude of reasons, but also recognized that there may not be another location available.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood provided additional input on the MPCA property, which could be another location but noted that the State is often not receptive to allowing things on their property.

Commissioner Bennett commented that while it is not ideal, if it is the only option, then it would seem to be okay.

Chair Barten agreed that it would seem an inappropriate use of park land, but he also could not think of an alternative.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that Traprock Park has been used in the past for wood waste, but noted that there are residential properties in proximity to that park as well. He stated that there is not a deadline for this decision and therefore this could come back.

Commissioner Bennett commented that he would prefer to have more information on possible alternatives.

Commissioner Arts asked and received confirmation that this would have a different access than the baseball fields, but would use the same access as the skate park. He stated that perhaps this would be a good topic to discuss when the Commission meets at Alpine later this summer.

Chair Barten noted the consensus that this was not a great idea and to postpone this discussion to a future meeting.

5.03: Recommend Park Dedication for Harmony Farms

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood presented an overview of the proposed development and noted that because of the existing park amenities and trails, park dedication and trail fees would be proposed to receive in the form of cash in lieu with the exception of one trail connection to the school property.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Arts, to recommend to City Council that Park Dedication be satisfied by a cash contribution, and Trail Fees the same, with credit for the trail connections to the school, for the plat known as Harmony Farms.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Barten; Commissioners Bennett, Arts, Ealain, Leistico, and Olson. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Sis.

6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood provided a recap on recent consideration of the amenities around the proposed Waterfront area within the COR. He reported that bids were opened and the trail portion of the project and the low bid was over \$100,000 less than the estimated budget. He stated that bid will be awarded at the Council's next meeting and the project should be completed later this summer.

Recreation Coordinator Proulx provided flyers for upcoming events. She also highlighted upcoming events, activities, and programming opportunities. She also provided additional explanation on the benefit provided by partnering with other entities.

Councilmember Musgrove asked for an update in the future on the wood duck houses and then noted interest she has received on an adult broomball league.

Recreation Coordinator Proulx stated that all the houses have been installed and they will be creating a map which will identify the family or group that built the house. She stated that the intention is to continue to grow the project each year. She stated that she did look at broomball last season but did not have enough time to put together the program offering. She stated that she will look into it for the next season. She stated that she had also been thinking about an adult kickball league.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Arts, seconded by Commissioner Ealain, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Barten; Commissioners Arts, Ealain, Bennett, Leistico, and Olson. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Sis.

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Riverblood
Parks & Assistant Public Works Director

Drafted by Amanda Staple
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

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

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on June 13, 2024, at the River's Bend Park, 5000 142nd Lane NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present: Chair Nathan Barten
 Vice Chair Brandon Sis
 Commissioner Todd Arts
 Commissioner Shane Bennett
 Commissioner Jennifer Leistico
 Commissioner Dean Olson

Commission Members Absent: Commissioner Megan Ealain

Also Present: City Council Liaison Debra Musgrove
 Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Barten called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

Councilmember Musgrove commented that she received a request from a resident for another park bench on the other side of the playground in addition to the park bench that already exists.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Sis, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, to approve the Park and Recreation Commission meeting agenda with the notation that there were no minutes to consider for approval tonight.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Barten; Commissioners Sis, Bennett, Arts, Ealain, Leistico, and Olson. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.01: Park and Trail Related Project Informational Updates

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that earlier this year the Commission suggested that two playgrounds be selected for improvement this year, Alpine and River's Bend. He stated that the play structure at River's Bend was in great shape but needed refurbishment. He stated that all the decking was replaced, the play equipment was pressure washed, and the wood fiber was freshened as well.

Motion by Commissioner Sis, seconded by Commissioner Arts, to briefly recess the meeting to complete a ribbon cutting.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Barten; Commissioners Sis, Bennett, Arts, Ealain, Leistico, and Olson. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

The meeting was recessed at 6:34 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood provided an update on the status of the Hollow park project, Central Park landscaping, River's Bend prairie improvements, St. Francis Boulevard trail segment, boardwalk replacement, and Waterfront improvements. He also provided an update on recent development projects including the Take5 Oil Change business and Skyline Apartments noting that those projects will contribute park dedication and trail fees.

Commissioner Arts asked for more information on the Waterfront project.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that an opportunity was brought forward to the City Council, to use the park trust fund to develop schematic designs and the Council chose not to move forward with schematic design at this time for the community building and water play area.

Commissioner Sis asked if there was a reason from the Council as to why it should not move forward.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that part of the concern was spending \$200,000 on the design seemed like a big ask. He stated that for a project of that scope and scale, the estimated cost was \$20,000,000. He stated that perhaps the schematic design could move forward for the water feature as that would have a lower cost with perhaps a design light option for the community building.

Councilmember Musgrove commented that the community center is on the 2033 CIP and therefore did not want to spend money on the design now as it may not be current when the feature is actually constructed. She believed that there was support for moving forward with the water play area, but also recognized that they did not want to construct the water play area only to shut it down shortly after for construction of the community building.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood noted that the community center was placed at the end of the CIP as a placeholder and therefore could move forward whenever the Council decides. He stated that it could be an option to complete the splashpad independent of the building, but explained that if a \$1,000,000 splashpad is being built they would most likely want to have the restrooms and concessions available rather than using plastic portable toilets. He confirmed that it would also be unpopular to shut down the water feature in order to construct the building. He commented that it may make sense to construct both amenities together rather than one before the other and noted that more discussion will come on that topic.

5.02: Consider the Replacement of River's Bend Park Shelter

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that five years ago the Commission added the River's Bend shelter replacement to its CIP. He stated that the shelter could be replaced and could include fire pits or a pizza oven to attract more rentals. He stated that staff is seeking input from the Commission on whether to proceed with design development and a cost estimate. He stated that \$100,000 was placed in the CIP as an estimate for the project.

Commissioner Sis asked if it would be foreseeable that other communities could be consulted, that have recently completed park shelter improvements, as they could provide design details and cost information.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that he would follow the RFP process to obtain concepts and cost estimates from architectural firms. He stated that he would also like to consider a full-service restroom somewhere in the park, noting that there would be an opportunity to tap into the watermain from the City of Anoka that exists on that side of the park.

Commissioner Sis asked how flooding has been in recent years.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that the entire parkway floods to the point where the parkway is closed off. He commented that the elevation of the shelter flood would be raised to assist in placing that at a higher elevation. He confirmed that there would be a few days per year when that shelter would not be available for rental because of flooding.

Councilmember Musgrove commented that she received input from a resident related to the roof of a gazebo off 142nd.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that project is on the list for replacement and provided an update on the status of design development. He noted that will most likely go forward to the Public Works Committee as that is a maintenance item.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Olson to acknowledge that staff would put the replacement of the south shelter at River's Bend Park into the work plan for design development.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Barten; Commissioners Bennett, Arts, Olson, Ealain, Leistico, and Sis. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

6.01: June Recreation Updates

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commended the Recreation Coordinator for the excellent work she does to provide a wide array of programs and offerings for residents of all ages and highlighted some upcoming events and activities.

Commissioner Bennett thanked the parks staff. He commented that his family recently rented The Draw for a graduation party and the parks staff were able to put out picnic tables for the event, even though they typically would not be added for the summer series until the following week. He stated that his family received a lot of positive feedback about the park and wanted to share that with staff and the Commission.

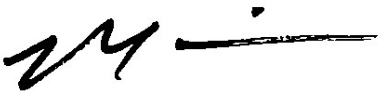
7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Barten; Commissioners Sis, Leistico, Arts, Bennett, Ealain, and Olson. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Riverblood
Parks & Assistant Public Works Director

Drafted by Amanda Staple
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

Park and Recreation Commission**Meeting Date:** 08/08/2024**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Connect the community through Parks, Trails and Recreational Programming.**Information****Title:****Consider Adding Play Equipment Component for Woodland Green Park****Purpose/Background:**

A popular play equipment item known as a Comet II Spinning Orb has been requested by a couple of residents of the Woodland Green neighborhood, and is depicted in the attachment.

Time Frame/Observations/Alternatives:**Observations**

The Accessible Comet II Spinning Orb is *estimated* to cost \$2,327 and with freight (\$233) and installation (>\$480), may be less than \$4,000. More information will be available at the meeting.

Funding Source:

Funding may be considered from the Lawful Gambling Fund, pursuant to the Playground Replacement Policy and Plan.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends honoring the request to add the requested play component for Woodland Green Park, which would go forward for City Council consideration, upon the Commission's approval.

Outcome/Action:

Based upon discussion.

Attachments

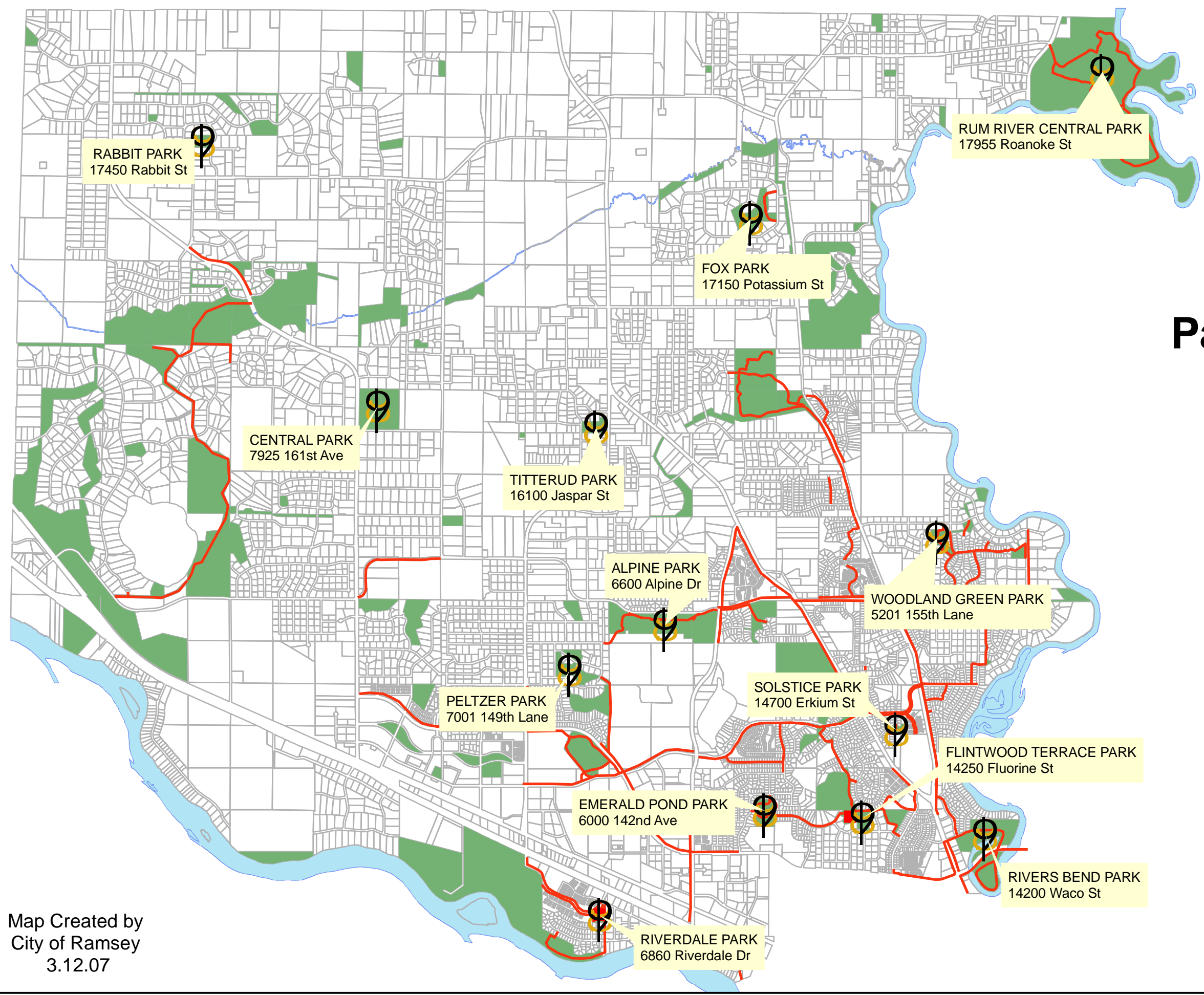
Spinning Orb

Playground Finder Map

Form Review

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Bruce Westby	Bruce Westby	07/29/2024 12:36 PM
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Park Locations with Play Equipment

RABBIT PARK
17450 Rabbit St

RUM RIVER CENTRAL PARK
17955 Roanoke St

FOX PARK
17150 Potassium St

CENTRAL PARK
7925 161st Ave

TITTERUD PARK
16100 Jasper St

ALPINE PARK
6600 Alpine Dr

WOODLAND GREEN PARK
5201 155th Lane

PELTZER PARK
7001 149th Lane

SOLSTICE PARK
14700 Erkium St

FLINTWOOD TERRACE PARK
14250 Fluorine St

EMERALD POND PARK
6000 142nd Ave

RIVERS BEND PARK
14200 Waco St

RIVERDALE PARK
6860 Riverdale Dr

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Ideas? Questions?
Mark Riverblood
Parks Supervisor
CITY OF RAMSEY
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Park and Recreation Commission

5. 2.

Meeting Date: 08/08/2024

By: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Consider Park and Recreation Commission Presence at the 2024 Happy Days Festival

Purpose/Background:

In previous years, the Commission has participated in the September Happy Days' event with individual Commissioners taking informal 'shifts' at the city booth. This has been beneficial in terms of providing park and recreation related information to the public, and also garnering feedback from residents on their desires and priorities for the city's park system.

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

This year's festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 7th. For the meeting, Recreation Coordinator Abby Proulx will brief the Commission on the plans for the event, and also outline various volunteer opportunities available. A draft schedule of events is attached.

Funding Source:

None required.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that commissioners interested in participating in Happy Days identify a general time frame for staffing the booth.

Action:

Based upon discussion.

Attachments

Draft HD schedule

Form Review

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happy days

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SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2024

*Most events are held across from
Ramsey City Hall on Sunwood Drive NW*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

5K and Fun Run (Elmcrest Park, Sign-Up Online)

Expo (Sign-Up Online)

Lions Beer Tent

Food Vendors

Parade (Sign-Up Online)

Rumriver Art Center Tent

Kids Games and Activities

Ninja Anywhere

Inflatables

Dog Show (Sign-Up Online)

Car Show (Sign-Up Day Of)

Bean Bag Tournament (Sign-Up Online)

BINGO with Anoka Women of Today

Live Music Jacuzzi Puma

Live Music Free Fallin Performance

Fireworks

8:00–9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m.–Noon

Noon–4:00 p.m.

Noon–7:00 p.m.

Noon–7:00 p.m.

Noon–8:00 p.m.

1:30–2:30 p.m.

1:30–4:00 p.m.

2:00–5:00 p.m.

4:00–9:00 p.m.

6:30–8:00 p.m.

8:30–10:00 p.m.

10:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9/11 Memorial Golf Tournament (Rum River Hills GC)

9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Park and Recreation Commission**Meeting Date:** 08/08/2024**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Connect the community through Parks, Trails and Recreational Programming.**Information****Title:**

Recreation Program Update

Purpose/Background:

We had a jam-packed July and still aren't done! Last month we revamped our Two Rivers Art Fair (formerly known as the Elmcrest Art Fair) and had both a record number of vendors and attendees. Big thank to our partners who made the event possible. You can [view some highlights posted to our Facebook here](#). Additionally, we hosted another Movie in the Park, a 55+ Day Trip to New Ulm, Alpine Park Playground Ribbon Cutting, all alongside our weekly programs such as Yoga, Art in the Park, and the Concert Series. Don't worry if you haven't made it out yet- we still have more time for summer fun this month!

August Programs and Registration Deadlines

For additional details on a specific event, please click the link(s) noted below. Otherwise, to view a full list of programs or to register, visit our registration page here.

Community Art Classes

Join us with the Rumriver Art Center to flex those creative muscles! Next up we have Mixed Media Minis hosted at our Public Works Facility. For more information or to view additional Community Art Classes, visit our registration page.

- **Date:** Saturday, August 17, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$25/person. Pre-registration required.
- **Ages:** 16+
- **Registration:** Pre-register by Monday, August 12.

Concert Series

The City of Ramsey is delighted to host the 14th annual Concert Series at The Draw. Concerts are held at 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. The outdoor concerts are a family-friendly event series accompanied by supplemental programs such as Art in the Park and conclude with the Trott Brook Benefit Bash.

- **Date:** Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. from June 13 through August 22, with no concert on July 4.
- **Cost:** Free to attend.
- [See the full lineup on our website.](#)

Movies in the Park

Gather your friends and family, pack a lawn chair or blanket, and join us for a movie night under the stars! Our next showing will be The Mitchells vs The Machines at Elmcrest Park.

- **Date:** Friday, August 30. Movie will begin around 8 p.m. Food trucks will be available for purchase ahead of time. We invite you to bring some yard games or come play your own before the movie!
- **Cost:** Free to attend.
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required.

Party in the Park

Join Ramsey Parks and Recreation for a summer celebration like no other! Dive into the fun with a 28-foot water slide/slip and slide combo, and a 40-foot inflatable obstacle course. Enjoy a variety of yard games and delicious offerings from our mini food truck fest pop-up. There's something for everyone! But the party doesn't stop there. Get ready to rock! At 6:30 p.m. our weekly Draw Concert Series kicks off with a performance by Verge, don't miss this high-energy experience that appeals to both the young and the young-at-heart! Not quite your style? Stay for the August Parks Commission meeting to hear about the latest park and trail initiatives in the city and share your thoughts. The Park & Recreation Commission meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with Citizen's Input—see you there!

- **Date:** Thursday, August 8.
 - Waterslides from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., Time2Play from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., and food trucks from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Cost: Free to attend**
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required.

Kids' Corner

You asked, we answered! Last fall we sent out a Recreation Opportunities Survey to gauge areas of interest for the community. One of the top items requested was programs specifically for youth and families. This summer we are excited to host our first Summer Camps as well as expand on current offerings.

Archery

Learn the basics of archery with USA Archery and the Minnesota Archers! Participants will receive hands-on instruction covering the fundamental techniques and safety protocols. These sessions are offered as part of the MAA/USA Archery North Star Open and Voyageur Cup at Elmcrest Park.

- **Date:** Saturday, August 10. Two sessions are offered, 10 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 2 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$5. Pre-registration is required, open until full.

Art in the Park

We are excited to have the Rumriver Art Center join us again for Art in the Park this summer during the Draw Concert Series! Celebrating 50 years of Ramsey, the series this year will highlight insects, animals, landscapes, and local activities found in Ramsey. We will use a variety of materials such as oil pastels, watercolor paints, graphite, and more! Classes will take place at The Draw prior to the Concert Series.

- **Dates:** Thursdays, June 13 – August 15, 6 – 7 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$5/child, open to ages 5-15. Pre-registration is required, open until full. Registration will be taken through the Rumriver Art Center here.

Musical Theatre Day Camp – Frozen the Musical

Are you ready to build a snowman? Dive into the whimsical and heartwarming world of the beloved animated film with this enchanting stage adaptation. With the guidance of Northern Starz's skilled teaching and performance staff, children will have the opportunity to bring this magical universe to life, captivating audiences with their portrayal of cherished characters and timeless tales. Final performance will be the last day of class, friends and family are invited!

- **Date:** Monday, August 12 – Friday, August 16, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$315
- **Grades:** K-3rd
- **Registration:** Pre-register by Friday, August 9

Pop-up Play - Time2Play with Northgate Church

Let's play! Did you know play is fundamental to a child's healthy development and community gives children a feeling of belonging and safety? Time2Play combines the two by providing a weekly destination for fun. Bring your kids and their friends for games, sports, crafts, snacks, and more! This program will take place at the Ballfield at The Draw.

- **Dates:** Tuesdays, June 18 – August 20, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
- **Note:** Although this program is partnered with a church, it is not a religious activity. Northgate wishes to provide services to the community, regardless of religious belief.
- **Cost:** Free. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required.

[Play Ball!](#)

Last chance to register! Introduce your child to the basics of T-ball. Sessions will focus on learning the basic skills of hitting, throwing, and fielding, with mini games later in the season. Classes will take place at Central Park Ballfields.

- **Dates:** Monday and Wednesday evenings from August 12-28
 - **Ages 3-5:** 5:15 – 5:55 p.m.
 - **Ages 5-7:** 6 – 6:50 p.m.
 - **Ages 7-8:** 6:55 – 7:45 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$49. Pre-registration required.

[Active Programs](#)

Ongoing programs promote healthy habits, get you moving, and even learn a new skill or sport!

[Intro to Pickleball](#)

Would you like to learn how to play pickleball? Join us with top instructors from the North Star Pickleball Association. We will cover the basics of pickleball rules, terminology, primary skills, coordination, and how to get connected on how to play. Paddles and balls will be provided. Classes will take place at the Central Park Pickleball Courts.

- **One of four sessions remain!**
 - **Sunday, August 25, 1 – 3 p.m.**
- **Cost:** \$12.50/person. Pre-registration required, registration is open until full.

[Mindful Movement Yoga](#)

Yoga is back after a brief mid-season pause! Connect your mind and body with Gentle Movement yoga sessions led by our instructor.

- **Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. at the Public Works Facility.**
- **Cost:** \$5/session. Pre-registration required.

[Qigong Meditation](#)

Experience the holistic and healing benefits of Qigong with our slow, rhythmic exercises that promote mind-body harmony.

- **Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Alexander Ramsey Room.**
- **Cost:** Free. Drop-in program, no registration required.

[Happy Days](#)

The Happy Days Festival is the City of Ramsey's annual hometown celebration, and it will be held on September 7. During the day, the Festival hosts a wide array of family-friendly activities and events. When the sun goes down, live music and an impressive fireworks show take over. Many events are free thanks to the contributions of our generous sponsors. For the full Happy Days event schedule and details, [visit our website here](#).

5K/Youth Fun Run

Bring the whole family to participate in the Happy Days 5K or Youth Fun Run (ages nine and under), sponsored by Connexus Energy. This year, we will host the run at Elmcrest Park, a beautiful and scenic location and USATF certified. Whether you are a seasoned runner or a first-time participant, you will surely enjoy the challenge and thrill of this new route.

- This year 5K runners will receive a long-sleeve tech shirt.
- Register before August 13 for \$40 to guarantee your long sleeve tech shirt!

Dog Show

This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your furry friend and connect with other dog enthusiasts. This event is generously sponsored by Armstrong Ranch Kennels.

- Enter your pup into one of five categories: Best Dressed, Top Trick, Silver Snout, Cutest Puppy, or Wiggiest Tail.
- Cost is \$10/dog if you register by Monday, September 2. Space is limited.

Bean Bag Tournament

We are excited to announce that the Happy Days Bean Bag Tournament, sponsored by Anytime Fitness, is back! There will be prizes awarded to first, second and third-place teams! Plus, you receive entry into our raffle drawing just for registering. You could win t-shirts, Anytime Fitness gym memberships, and more!

- Cost is \$30/team of two. Space is limited to 16 teams, registration open until full.

Sponsorship, Parade, and Expo

Would you or your organization like to give back to your community? Get involved with Happy Days!

- **Sponsorship**: Help us make this year's Happy Days festival the best one yet! As we celebrate another great year of festivities, we invite you to become a sponsor. Your brand will be prominently featured throughout the festival and in our promotional materials, giving you the opportunity to engage directly with over 8,000 attendees and participate in various fun activities. From presenting sponsorships to supporting roles, your involvement will not only enhance your visibility but also demonstrate your commitment to our vibrant community.
- **Parade**: Let out your enthusiastic spirit and join the Ramsey community for a joyful celebration! Register your group or business for the Happy Days Parade!
- **Expo**: Connect with residents and show off what you do best! Craft, business, political and non-profits are welcome to showcase their goods and services.

Volunteer

Get involved in your community by volunteering at Happy Days! Shifts are typically 3-4 hours and range from morning slots as early as 6 a.m. to night duties as late as 10 p.m. Some examples of areas we are looking for volunteers in are 5K/Youth Fun Run, Expo, Dog Show, Parade, Floaters, Kids activities/inflatables. We are open to working with each individual to find the right fit.

- If you have an interest in volunteering for Happy Days, [sign up here](#) and we will be in touch.

What's Next?

Ramsey Photo Contest

We are searching for beautiful photos from the community for our 2024 Photo Contest! This is your chance to showcase your talents, share what you love about Ramsey, and get creative and explore three

different categories plus a new youth category.

·This year features three categories: Built Landscapes and Architecture, Natural Spaces and Wildlife, Life in Ramsey, along with a new youth category: Through My Eyes.

·Entries for 2024 will be open until Tuesday, December 31 at 11:59 p.m. Visit the photo contest webpage for category ideas, examples, and full rules.

Fall and Winter Programs

We are thrilled with the new and returning faces we've seen at our programs so far this year!

·This fall, you can look forward to new art programs, continuing yoga sessions, a new Pumpkin Smash event, the annual Tree Lighting, Deck The House Lights Contest and more!

·Details will begin to be released next month.

2025 Schedule

Summer isn't done yet, but we're already planning the events and programs for 2025.

·Expect many of our popular programs and events to return, along with even more brand-new ones!

·We've received feedback about wanting more opportunities for youth and intergenerational activities and have worked hard to test some out this year. Next month, we'll host another survey to gather your input to shape next year's offerings.

Recommendation:

Review upcoming programs

Outcome/Action:

Review upcoming programs

Attachments

8_8_24 Party in the Park

8_10_24 Intro to Archery

8_12_24 Musical Theatre Camp

8_12_24 Play Ball!

8_27_24 Mixed Media Mini

8_30_24 Movie in the Park

Form Review

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PARTY IN THE PARK

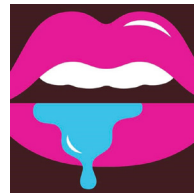


Join us for a summer celebration like no other! Dive into the fun with a 28-foot water slide/slip-and-slide combo and a 40-foot inflatable obstacle course. Enjoy a variety of yard games and delicious offerings from our food trucks.

Time2Play with Northgate Church will be there from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a Pop Up Play featuring additional activities, and crafts!



But the party doesn't stop there. Get ready to rock! At 6:30 p.m. our weekly Draw Concert Series kicks off with a performance by Verge. Don't miss this high-energy experience that appeals to both the young and the young at heart!



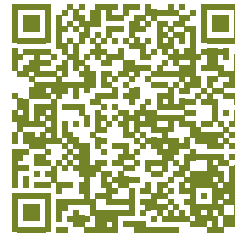
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11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

The Draw
7401 Ramsey Pkwy.

FREE EVENT

Park and Recreation Commission
August meeting at 6:30 p.m.

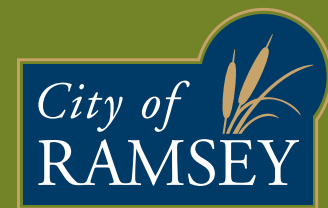
Hear about the latest park and trail initiatives in the city and share your thoughts. See you there!



MORE INFORMATION
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FOOD TRUCKS
Goodies on the Go
Ku•ma•in
Mama's Taco Truck
Sweet and Boozy Ice Cream



PARKS & RECREATION



INTRO TO ARCHERY



Saturday, August 10

10:00-11:00 a.m.

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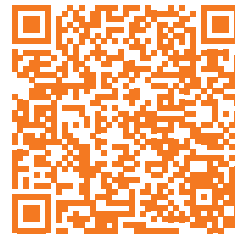
1:00-2:00 p.m.

Elmcrest Park

16303 Quicksilver Street NW

Ages 8+

\$5 per participant



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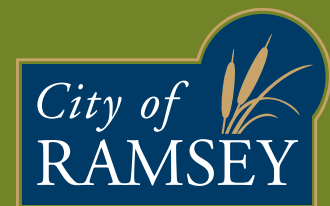
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Join us to learn the basics of archery with USA Archery and the Minnesota Archers! Participants will receive hands-on instruction covering the fundamental techniques and safety protocols. All necessary equipment is provided.

Parents are required to remain on site for the duration of the class. For safety, participants must wear closed-toe shoes and follow the coach's instructions at all times.

These sessions are offered as part of the MAA/USA Archery North Star Open and Voyageur Cup, a state and regional outdoor target event that draws shooters from all over the Midwest.



**PARKS &
RECREATION**



MUSICAL THEATRE CAMP - FROZEN FOR KIDS!

Are you ready to build a snowman? Dive into the whimsical and heartwarming world of the beloved animated film with this enchanting stage adaptation. With the guidance of Northern Starz's skilled teaching and performance staff, children can bring this magical universe to life, captivating audiences with their portrayal of cherished characters and timeless tales.

Join Anna, Elsa, Olaf, Sven, and all your favorite characters as they embark on an epic, ice-filled journey of self-discovery, camaraderie, and the real meaning of true love. Adapted for young performers, this musical includes favorite Frozen songs such as *Love Is an Open Door*, *Do You Want to Build a Snowman?* and *Let It Go*, as well as wonderful new songs from the Broadway production. This production of Frozen KIDS is sure to prove that "some people are worth melting for."

The final performance will be on the last day of class.

Pre-registration is required.
Register by Monday, August 5.

Monday-Friday, August 12-16

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Elmcrest Park
16303 Quicksilver Street NW**

Grades: K-3, as of fall 2024

Cost: \$315

Min Enrollment: 10

Max Enrollment: 20



NORTHERN STARZ
CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

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YOUTH T-BALL



Join Ramsey Parks and Recreation and Elk River Community Ed to introduce your child to the basics of T-ball. The sessions aim to teach hitting, throwing and fielding skills. Through the six sessions, players will work towards playing mini-games later in the course.

Parent participation is required for children aged 3-4 and 5-6. Participants need to bring their gloves.

Monday/Wednesday
August 12-28

Ages 3-4 5:15-5:55 p.m.
Ages 5-6 6:00-6:50 p.m.
Ages 7-8 6:55-7:45 p.m.

Central Park
7925 161st Avenue NW
Ramsey

Cost \$49

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Send to a friend for a unique little greeting!

Start by creating a large spontaneous master board collage. We'll then cut it into smaller pieces and add multiple layers of stamping, stenciling, painting, and more to give each one a good composition and subject. Add quotes and words, and each becomes a unique little greeting to share.



Saturday, August 17

10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Public Works
14199 Jasper Street NW
Ramsey**

Ages 16+

Cost \$25

**Minimum Participation: 8
Maximum Participation: 12**



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Movies in the Park

Gather your friends and family, pack a lawn chair or blanket, and join us for a movie night under the stars! Arrive before sunset to enjoy music and concessions for sale. The movie will start soon after the sun is low in the sky.

The Mitchells vs The Machines

The quirky and slightly dysfunctional Mitchell family unexpectedly finds themselves as humanity's last hope in the midst of a robot apocalypse. Packed with humor, heart, and high-tech hijinks, this film follows the Mitchells' hilarious and heartwarming family road trip as they learn to embrace their uniqueness.

Friday, August 30
8:00-10:00 p.m.

Elmcrest Park
16303 Quicksilver Street NW
Ramsey

All Ages Welcome

Movie Rating: PG

FREE

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Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: 08/08/2024

Primary Strategic Plan Initiative: Not Applicable

Information

Title:

Commission/Staff Input

Purpose/Background:

Updates for the following:
~ Development activity in The COR
~ The Waterfront

Recommendation:

N/A

Outcome/Action:

N/A

Attachments

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