

**City of Ramsey**  
**Agenda**  
**Park and Recreation Commission**  
**Thursday, September 12, 2024**

**6:30 pm**  
**The Hollow, 14642 Snowy Owl St. NW**

Remote Attendance available at [www.cityoframsey.com/meetings](http://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 August 8th, 2024.
5. **Commission Business**
  1. Playground Opening at The Hollow
  2. Recommend the 2025 – 2034 Parks Capital Improvement Plan
  3. Recreation Program Update
6. **Commission/Staff Input**
7. **Adjournment**

**Park and Recreation Commission**

**Meeting Date:** 09/12/2024

**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 August 8th, 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 August 8th, 2024.

**Outcome/Action:**

Motion to approve meeting minutes dated August 8th, 2024.

**Attachments**

8-8-2024 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 August 8, 2024, at The Draw, 7401 Ramsey Parkway NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present:      Chair Nathan Barten  
   Vice Chair Brandon Sis  
   Commissioner Shane Bennett  
   Commissioner Megan Ealain  
   Commissioner Dean Olson

Commission Members Absent:      Commissioner Todd Arts  
   Commissioner Jennifer Leistico

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 6:31 p.m.

**2.      CITIZEN INPUT**

None.

**3.      APPROVE AGENDA**

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

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

**4.      APPROVE MINUTES**

**4.01:   Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Ealain noted that she was absent from the June meeting and her name should be removed from the votes.

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

- Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated May 9, 2024
- Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated June 13, 2024

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

## **5. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

### **5.01: Consider Adding Play Equipment Component for Woodland Green Park**

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that this is an extension of the playground replacement program, noting the two projects that were completed this spring at River's Bend and Alpine parks which left \$4,000 available in the playground replacement budget. He stated that one spring rider has broken at Woodland Green Park and residents have requested that be replaced with a spinning orb element, noting that the remaining spring rider would be removed, and the spinning orb would take the place of the spring riders. He stated that funding is still available in the budget for the approved playground replacement this year.

Motion by Commissioner Sis, seconded by Commissioner Olson to recommend that the City Council approve the purchase and installation of a spinning orb for Woodland Green Park at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.

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

### **5.02: Consider Park and Recreation Commission Presence at the 2024 Happy Days Festival**

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that it has been customary for the Commission to have a presence at the Happy Days Festival, whether formally or informally. He noted that the busiest part of the day would be during the 11 a.m. to midafternoon time.

Recreation Coordinator Proulx provided a highlight of some of the Happy Days Festival activities planned.

Councilmember Musgrove provided input on different elements, based on her experiences.

Commissioner Bennett commented that in the past when the Commission hosted a table inside the tent, it tended to have a lot of activity. He stated that in the last few years he has been in the tent with a name tag, more informally. He agreed that with the increased park activities and programming it would be a benefit to return to having a park table. He commented that it could be helpful to have speaking points on The Waterfront Park and its funding to ensure that a clear message is conveyed from whoever is staffing the table.

Recreation Coordinator Proulx provided input on the most helpful times to have members staffed at the table within the tent.

## **6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT**

### **6.01: Recreation Program Update**

Recreation Coordinator Proulx stated that it has been a busy summer for recreation programming and events. She provided an update on recently held events and activities and highlighted upcoming activities and programming opportunities.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented on the great diversity of park programming, with opportunities for people of all ages and opportunities in parks throughout the community.

### **6.02: Commission/Staff Input**

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood provided an update on recent development activity within The COR and the related Park Dedication that would come from those projects. He also provided an update on ongoing park improvement projects.

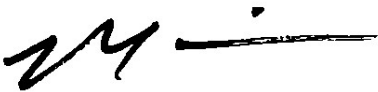
## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Mark Riverblood  
Parks & Assistant Public Works Director

Drafted by Amanda Staple

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*TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.*

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**Park and Recreation Commission****Meeting Date:** 09/12/2024**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Connect the community through Parks, Trails and Recreational Programming.**Information****Title:**

Playground Opening at The Hollow

**Purpose/Background:**

The purpose of this case is to officially 'open' the playground at The Hollow—the new one-acre park in the Riverstone South neighborhood.

Staff proposes calling the regular September Park & Recreation Commission to order, hearing Citizen Input, approving the meeting minutes and agenda—then as part of this case, recess to conduct the ribbon cutting for the 'Grand Opening', (thereafter proceeding with the remaining agenda).

**Time Frame/Observations/Alternatives:**

For the meeting, staff will highlight some of the goals for the park, and the remaining work to be completed.

**Funding Source:**

Funding for the park was primarily through Park Dedication Fees associated with new homes platted in Riverstone South subdivision.

**Recommendation:**

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**Outcome/Action:**

There is no formal action required for this case.

**Attachments**

Grand Opening flyer

**Form Review**

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# Park Grand Opening



Join Ramsey's Park & Recreation Commission for an evening of family-friendly celebration for the grand opening of a brand new, unique playground on Thursday, September 12, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The Hollow's playground is nestled within a lovely stand of mature trees protected from development, and play elements are attached to 325 feet of elevated boardwalk that brings children into the treetops—come and see, and take a ride on the zipline too!

Menu items available for includes hot dogs, brats, hamburgers or turkey burgers, chips, nachos, State Fair Mini Donuts, and beverages.

Enjoy Reconnecting with your neighbors, meeting new friends, and staying for the September Parks Commission meeting to hear about the City's latest park and trail initiatives and provide your thoughts. The Park & Recreation Commission meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with Citizen's Input. The ribbon-cutting ceremony and photo will be held at 6:40 p.m.

**Thursday  
September 12**

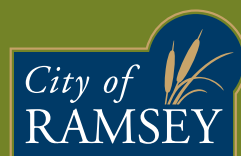
**5:30-7:00 p.m.**

**The Hollow Playground  
14642 Snowy Owl Street**

**FREE**

**Food is available for  
purchase.**

## PARKS AND RECREATION



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**Meeting Date:** 09/12/2024

**By:** Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

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**Information**

**Title:**

Recommend the 2025 – 2034 Parks Capital Improvement Plan

**Purpose/Background:**

Annually, the 10-year Parks' Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is formulated by the Commission with staff support for a formal recommendation to City Council in the Fall, with Council holding a Public Hearing prior to adoption of the city-wide CIP at the end of the calendar year. For 2024, staff has updated the adopted Park's CIP and added three new project pages, two of which are maintenance items and the third, security cameras for Central Park.

**Notification:**

A Public Hearing on the City-wide CIP will be held by City Council as soon as December of 2024.

**Observations/Alternatives:**

The following is an excerpt from the present, larger city-wide all-category CIP, and includes an explanation on the CIP document and process, and is useful context to restate as part of the Commission's discussion:

*"Enclosed is the Ramsey Capital Improvements/Capital Outlay Plan (CIP) for the years 2025-2034. It has been prepared in an attempt to anticipate major capital expenditures in advance of the year in which there are budget requests. Further, several projects may interrelate or require other improvements prior to initiation, which would cause delays without prior planning. Additionally, projects may require budgeting over several years or receipt of funds from other sources (i.e. grants) requiring planning completion prior to the funding year. Finally, the plan enables a snapshot of the identified capital needs of the community, allowing for continual prioritization of these needs.*

*Approval of the CIP by Council does not authorize spending or initiation of a given project. It does, however, provide a guide for the community for a whole array of private and public decision-making, impacted by public capital expenditures. Therefore, the CIP should receive ratification only if the Council perceives actions contemplated within the plan as reasonable and planned within justified timeframes. It shall further be noted that initial project design of public infrastructure projects identified within this plan often begins two years or more prior to the date of construction.*

*The CIP is not intended to provide for precise budgeting. Capital costs are projected as estimates. Upon each update of the plan, deletions, additions, delays, or other revisions may occur, reflecting changing community needs. These changes allow for budget refinements as a particular project nears actual construction."*

Each year, when the Commission begins work on the CIP it is acknowledged that; all capital improvements require on-going maintenance costs (day-to-day labor, utilities or annual expenses); and therefore, staff and City Council will evaluate very carefully the real and total costs of each capital improvement for consideration within the context of the General Fund operations budget at the time CIP projects are brought forward for planning and development.

Observations

For the meeting, staff will provide a summary review of the proposed 10-year CIP.

**Funding Source:**

The Parks 10-Year CIP document includes proposed funding sources and project cost *estimates* as identified on the CIP worksheets.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the draft 2025 – 2034 Parks Capital Improvement Plan be recommended to City Council to be considered within the larger city-wide 2025-2034 Capital Improvement Plan.

**Action:**

Based upon discussion, Motion to recommend the 2025-2034 Parks Capital Improvement Plan.

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**Attachments**

Draft CIP

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**Form Review**

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Capital Improvement Program  
 City of Ramsey, Minnesota

2024 thru 2033

Department Park Improvements  
 Contact Unassigned  
 Type Improvement  
 Useful Life 20 Years  
 Category Park Improvement  
 Priority 2-New Addition (High)  
 Status Active

Total Cost \$80,000

Project # 04-PARK-003  
 Project Name Elmcrest Park & The Draw Entrance Monument & Sign

**Description**

Entrance signing for Elmcrest Park would consist of a substantial way-finding sign and associated landscape sited near the intersection of Quicksilver Street and 167th Avenue.

For the Draw, the sign would function as a monument for the park name and also potentially to advertise upcoming events.

**Justification**

The 100+ acre Elmcrest community park may warrant an attractive entrance monument benefitting the park's prominence in the community. Additionally, there will be continuing events where many hundreds of out-of-Ramsey visitors will come to the park. The monument will function as a way-finding sign and also to remind visitors that they are in Ramsey.

For The Draw, the monument would describe for the community the name of the park and amphitheater (a minor issue presently). Plus, if the advertising space was digital (versus posters), there could be a modest revenue stream from non-municipal sources.

Expenditures	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
Improvements Other than Building Cost		80,000									80,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>80,000</b>									<b>80,000</b>
Funding Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
Park Improvement Trust Fund		80,000									80,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>80,000</b>									<b>80,000</b>

Capital Improvement Program  
 City of Ramsey, Minnesota

2024 thru 2033

Department Park Improvements

Contact

Type Improvement

Useful Life 20 Years

Category Park Improvement

Priority 4-New Addition (Med)

Status Active

Total Cost \$100,000

Project # 06-PARK-015  
 Project Name Observation deck on the Mississippi E of Dolomite

Description

On the south side of Riverdale Drive, east of Dolomite exists a storm water discharge point to the river. This project discusses an observation deck at the top of the bluff over the existing storm sewer easement, concurrent with the residential development of the land there.

Justification

This access may provide improved maintenance to the storm outlet, but the primary public value would be to maintain contact with the river by residents for the remarkable view, and as a rest point along the National, Mississippi River Trail.

This project would be combined, and funded as part of the development of ~~adjacent~~ <sup>the privately owned</sup> property.

Expenditures	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
Improvements Other than Building Cost					100,000						100,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>100,000</b>						<b>100,000</b>
Funding Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
Park Improvement Trust Fund					100,000						100,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>100,000</b>						<b>100,000</b>

Capital Improvement Program  
City of Ramsey, Minnesota

2024 thru 2033

Department Park Improvements  
Contact  
Type Improvement  
Useful Life 20 Years  
Category Park Improvement  
Priority 2-New Addition (High)  
Status Active

Project # 06-PARK-019  
Project Name Trail Connections

Total Cost \$110,000

Description

This project would include the installation of one or more of the several high priority connections linking segments of the city's trail system as opportunities and funding become available.

Examples:

- 142nd Ave, east of TH#47, north to Xkimo Street (Est \$80,000)
- North Commons Neighborhood Trail Link at Zeolite Street - Projected for 2023 (Est.\$30,000)
- Boardwalk parallel with Trott Brook, west of Variolite Street (Est \$110,000)

Justification

The increase demand in use of the city's trail system compels the continued development of the trail system.

Resident requests for improved trail system connections are reflected in priority projects. Trails will also move people off high speed roadways and improve transportation and safety - an objective that is aligned within the strategic goal of a Connected Community.

Expenditures	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
Improvements Other than Building Cost	<del>30,000</del>	80,000	30,000								110,000
<b>Total</b>	<del>30,000</del>	80,000	30,000								110,000
Funding Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
Park Improvement Trust Fund	<del>30,000</del>	80,000	30,000								110,000
<b>Total</b>	<del>30,000</del>	80,000	30,000								110,000

Capital Improvement Program  
City of Ramsey, Minnesota

2024 thru 2033

Department

Project #	08-PARK-005		
Project Name	Park Development in The COR		
Description	<p>This proposed capital improvement represents additional park development of The Waterfront to include a splash pad.</p>		
Justification	<p>A splash pad continues to be requested by residents, and more</p>		
Prior	Expenditures	2024	2025
150,000	Improvements Other than Building Cost	1,200,000	3,000,000
Total	Total	1,200,000	
Prior	Funding Sources	2024	2025
150,000	Park Improvement Trust Fund	1,200,000	3,000,000
Total	Total	1,200,000	
Description	<p>This proposed Capital Improvement represents continued park development in The COR, began in 2024. There are three categories of intra-related projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Landscape and irrigation for Municipal Plaza and along Center Street.</li> <li>~ Landscape and Aquatic habitat establishment, and access for the 7-acre pond at The Waterfront.</li> <li>~ Develop Plans and Specifications and construct the water play area and supporting infrastructure.</li> </ul>		
Justification	<p>Private development in The COR have provided Park Dedication fees that will fund a portion of the planned-for park improvements in Ramsey's downtown -- specifically the water play aspects of The Waterfront community park. Additionally, when larger full-service community building is completed, The Waterfront will be a sub-regional destination for the city -- becoming an economic driver for retail activity in The COR, while providing a myriad of unique recreational opportunities for residents.</p>		
		1,200,000	
		<del>4,200,000</del>	
			3,000,000

Capital Improvement Program  
City of Ramsey, Minnesota

2024 thru 2033

Department Park Improvements

Contact

Type Improvement

Useful Life 20

Category Park Improvement

Priority 4-New Addition (Med)

Status Active

Total Cost \$200,000

Project # 17-PARK-006

Project Name Field Lighting - Central or Alpine Park

Description

Proposed improvement is for additional athletic field lighting for a community park for fall sport use. This project would be an opportunity to partner with PACT and ARAA.

Justification

2024 are benefited by

Fall sports, most notably soccer and football, are constrained by shorter daylight, necessitating field lighting.

Expenditures	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
Improvements Other than Building Cost							200,000				200,000
<b>Total</b>							<b>200,000</b>				<b>200,000</b>
Funding Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
Grants/Outside Sources							50,000				50,000
Lawful Gambling Fund							150,000				150,000
<b>Total</b>							<b>200,000</b>				<b>200,000</b>

**Capital Improvement Program  
City of Ramsey, Minnesota**

2024 thru 2033

Department Park Improvements

Contact

Type Improvement

Useful Life 20

Category Park Improvement

Priority 2-New Addition (High)

Status Active

Total Cost \$150,000

Project # 17-PARK-007  
Project Name Northfork North Trail Connection

**Description**

Construct 8 foot crushed granite trail through Outlot B, Northfork and Outlot A. Northfork Trail addition within dedicated 16' easement. Timing of the construction should occur outside of the Oak Wilt concern months of May-July.

**Justification**

Trail connection constructed in lieu of on-road bicycle land on Andrie Street and 164th Lane NW per permanent pedestrian and bicycle trail easement agreement granted by Northfork Homeowner's Association on May 19th, 2016.

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
Expenditures											
Improvements Other than Building Cost	150,000	→									150,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,000</b>										<b>150,000</b>
Funding Sources											
Park Improvement Trust Fund	150,000	→									150,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,000</b>										<b>150,000</b>

Capital Improvement Program  
 City of Ramsey, Minnesota

2024 thru 2033

Department Park Improvements

Project # 18-PARK-003  
 Project Name Amphitheater Lighting

Contact

Type Improvement

Useful Life 20 Years

Category Park Improvement

Priority 2-New Addition (High)

Status Active

Total Cost \$40,000

**Description**  
 Lighting enhancements and audio conduits at The Draw.

**Justification**  
 Additional lighting within the amphitheater is justified for concerts that go later into the evening and in the later summer.  
 Conduit and cable for audio (additional speakers) is likewise merited for larger events at the park.

Expenditures	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
Improvements Other than Building Cost	40,000	→									40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,000</b>										<b>40,000</b>
Funding Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
Park Improvement Trust Fund	40,000	→									40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,000</b>										<b>40,000</b>

Capital Improvement Program

2024 thru 2033

City of Ramsey, Minnesota

Department Park Improvements

Project # 18-PARK-005

Contact

Project Name Aeration for Sunfish Lake & The Draw

Type Improvement

Useful Life 20

Category Park Improvement

Priority 4-New Addition (Med)

Status Active

Total Cost \$40,000

Description

This project would install two separate aeration systems at The Draw and also at Sunfish Lake. Project elements include contracted installation, electrical power supply, signing, permitting and public notifications. A solar-powered system may be considered at Sunfish Lake - possibly with partial grant funding.

Note: The General Fund Budget would need to be adjusted to accommodate both annual electric expense and other O&M costs estimated at \$1,000 to \$2,000 annually.

Justification

Both Sunfish Lake and The Draw have become popular destinations for youth fishing for panfish. During certain winter conditions, shallow water bodies can experience 'winterkill'. The two separate aeration systems would pump oxygen and circulate the water, maintaining the fish populations and the attendant recreational resource.

Expenditures	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
Improvements Other than Building Cost			40,000								40,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>40,000</b>								<b>40,000</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2031</b>	<b>2032</b>	<b>2033</b>	<b>Total</b>
Park Improvement Trust Fund			40,000								40,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>40,000</b>								<b>40,000</b>

**Capital Improvement Program  
City of Ramsey, Minnesota**

2024 thru 2033

Department Park Improvements

Contact

Type Improvement

Useful Life 20 Years

Category Park Improvement

Priority 1-Existing Obligation (High)

Status Active

Total Cost \$100,000

Project # 21-PARK-001  
Project Name River's Bend South Shelter Replacement

**Description**

The south shelter at River's Bend Park was furnished and constructed by volunteers in the late 1980's. The condition of the shelter aesthetically is poor, and the concrete slab is broken as well.

**Justification**

Replacement of the shelter with a modern, nice looking facility would expand opportunities for shelter reservations and adding stone seat walls and an outdoor fireplace would enhance its appeal, and use as part of facility rentals.

Expenditures	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
Improvements Other than Building Cost	100,000	↗									100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,000</b>										<b>100,000</b>
Funding Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
Park Improvement Trust Fund	100,000	↗									100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,000</b>										<b>100,000</b>

Capital Improvement Program

2024 thru 2033

City of Ramsey, Minnesota

Department Park Improvements

Contact

Type Equipment

Useful Life 20 Years

Category Park Improvement

Priority 1-Existing Obligation (High)

Status Active

Total Cost \$1,000,000

Project # 22-PARK-001

Project Name Playground Replacement Program

Description

Consistent with the Playground Replacement Policy, this project worksheet reflects the anticipated replacement of a playground and associated park rejuvenation each year of the CIP. The aforementioned policy document forecasts the next three playgrounds for consideration as ~~Alpine~~, Solstice Park and Riverdale.

Justification

*Central*  
The city of Ramsey has seventeen playgrounds that will need to be replaced in the future. Due to fiscal and administrative constraints, as well as the varying ages and conditions of the city's playgrounds, the replacements are to be carried out over the span of more than a decade. As of the writing of this policy six of the city's playgrounds have reached the end of their twenty-year useful lifespan and over the next decade, nine more will have reached that point. Consequently, subsequent CIP's can be expected to 'pick-up' where this plan ends.

Prior Expenditures	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
200,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	100,000	100,000	100,000	800,000
Improvements Other than Building Cost											
Total	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	100,000	100,000	100,000	800,000

Prior Funding Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
200,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	100,000	100,000	100,000	800,000
Lawful Gambling Fund											
Total	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	100,000	100,000	100,000	800,000

Capital Improvement Program  
 City of Ramsey, Minnesota

2024 thru 2033

Department Park Improvements  
 Contact  
 Type Improvement  
 Useful Life 50 Years  
 Category Park Improvement  
 Priority 2-New Addition (High)  
 Status Active

Total Cost \$95,000

Project # 24-PARK-001  
 Project Name Park Building(s) Stabilization

**Description**  
 This project would consist of minor repairs to the farm house to bring it into housing code compliance, and stabilize and secure the historic barns at the site of the city's sixth community park.

**Justification**  
 The City had projected the need for a future Community Park #6 in the area north of Trott Brook for decades, and more recently as part of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan - and the park was dedicated as part of a 2022 residential plat.  
 Buildings will be adapted to be reused for public park uses, including the possibility of an Event Center.  
 This project will stabilize the historic barn and also bring the farm house up to code such that it may be leased until the City begins park development

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
Expenditures											
Improvements Other than Building Cost	95,000	→									95,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,000</b>										<b>95,000</b>
Funding Sources											
Park Improvement Trust Fund	95,000	→									95,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,000</b>										<b>95,000</b>

**Capital Improvement Program  
City of Ramsey, Minnesota**

2024 thru 2033

Department Site Acquisitions

Contact

Type Land

Useful Life Unassigned

Category Park Improvement

Priority 5-Opportunity/Unfunded/Placeholder

Status Active

Total Cost \$20,000

Project # 06-ACQ-002  
Project Name Acquire outlots A in Rivers Bluff & Reilly Estates

**Description**

Along the Rum River in the central part of the city are separate outlots owned by two homeowners associations. Both are very attractive, wooded parcels and connected to existing trail corridors. This project may entail the donation of the land in exchange for passive improvements such as trails, picnic areas or fishing platforms.

**Justification**

The associations would benefit by realizing these amenities near their homes. The \$20,000 expense represents an estimate for real-estate transaction costs, and perhaps park planning to promote the donation. The park plans would generate the development cost projections to be added to a subsequent CIP.

Expenditures	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
Land Acquisition				20,000							20,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>20,000</b>							<b>20,000</b>
Funding Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
Park Improvement Trust Fund				20,000							20,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>20,000</b>							<b>20,000</b>

Capital Improvement Program  
 City of Ramsey, Minnesota

2024 thru 2033

Department Site Acquisitions

Contact

Type Land

Useful Life

Category Park Improvement

Priority 5-Opportunity/Unfunded/Placeholder

Status Active

Total Cost \$35,000

Project # 08-ACQ-002  
 Project Name Alpaca Estates Outlot

Description

This particular riverfront lot was not large enough to build on when the plat was filed for recording. Acquisition may also occur if it becomes available through tax forfeiture.

Justification

This lot was the subject of a development proposal to build a single family home, and was denied. Acquisition of this outlot would provide river access in this area and be part of larger public access area and open space along the Mississippi proposed to the west.

Expenditures	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
Land Acquisition			35,000								35,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>35,000</b>								<b>35,000</b>
Funding Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
Park Improvement Trust Fund			35,000								35,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>35,000</b>								<b>35,000</b>

**CITY OF RAMSEY**  
**2024-2033**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Parking Lot Maintenance in Parks  
**PROJECT TYPE:** New Addition 4  
**PROJECT YEAR:** 2025  
**TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:** \$100,000

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION**  
 This project would be reoccurring pavement managemant for existing parking lots in parks and at trailheads. The first project may be Central Park's parking lot and parkway between the hockey rinks and the Park Center building. Alpine Park parking lots and parkway also needs resurfacing.

**PROJECT**

Start Date  
2025

**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION**  
 Beginning in 2025, a plan would be developed to to overlay, seal or reconstruct bituminus parking lots, with the goal of addressing one facility each year. The respective parking lot *may* be considered as an Add Alternate as part of the Street Maintenance program for best value, and to consolidate administration and staff bidding time. The 100,000 cost estimate is a place-holder, and may represent the average cost, with some projects more, others considerably less. The primary funding source would be the Captital Maintainence Fund. Note: These parking lot projects are not Capital Improvements, but are listed within the CIP as placeholders to forecast the pending maintainence work.

**STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:**  
 Adress Infrastructure Needs.

**Summary of Total Project Costs:**

A. Approximate total cost	\$	<u>100,000</u>
B. Cost already incurred	\$	<u>          </u>
C. Balance of cost to complete	\$	<u>100,000</u>

**Detail of Total Cost Estimates**

<b>1. Land Acquisition</b>		
a. Site already acquired	\$	<u>          </u>
b. Site to be acquired	\$	<u>          </u>
c. Area required (acres)		<u>          </u>
d. Total estimated cost	\$	<u>          0</u>
<b>2. Building Cost/Construction</b>		
	\$	<u>          </u>
<b>3. Improvements Other than Buildings Cost</b>		
	\$	<u>          </u>
<b>4. Furnishings/Equipment</b>		
	\$	<u>          </u>
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	\$	<u><u>          0</u></u>

**Source of Funding:**

1. General Fund Property Tax Levy	\$	<u>          </u>
2. Park Trust Fund	\$	<u>          </u>
3. Pavement Management Fund	\$	<u>          </u>
4. MSA	\$	<u>          </u>
5. Lawful Gambling Fund	\$	<u>          </u>
6. Tax Increment Fund # _____	\$	<u>          </u>
7. Public Improvement Revolving Fund	\$	<u>          </u>
8. Water Utility Fund	\$	<u>          </u>
9. Sewer Utility Fund	\$	<u>          </u>
10. Street Lighting Utility Fund	\$	<u>          </u>

**Proposed Expenditures by Years - Capital Expense Only**

Prior	2023	\$	<u>          </u>	2028	\$	<u>          </u>
	2023	\$	<u>          </u>	2029	\$	<u>100,000</u>
	2024	\$	<u>          </u>	2030	\$	<u>          </u>
	2025	\$	<u>100,000</u>	2031	\$	<u>100,000</u>
	2026	\$	<u>          </u>	2032	\$	<u>          </u>
	2027	\$	<u>100,000</u>	2033	\$	<u>100,000</u>
				<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<u>500,000</u>

**Proposed Expenditures by Years - Annual Maintenance Expense Only**

Prior	2023	\$	<u>          </u>	2028	\$	<u>          </u>
	2023	\$	<u>          </u>	2029	\$	<u>          </u>
	2024	\$	<u>          </u>	2030	\$	<u>          </u>
	2025	\$	<u>          </u>	2031	\$	<u>          </u>
	2026	\$	<u>          </u>	2032	\$	<u>          </u>
	2027	\$	<u>          </u>	2033	\$	<u>          </u>
				<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<u>          0</u>

11. Storm Water Utility		\$ _____
12. Other		
a. Issuance of debt	\$ _____	
b. Issuance of CIP bonded debt	\$ _____	
c. Grants and aids	\$ _____	
d. Inter-Fund loans	\$ _____	
e. Development fees	\$ _____	
f. To be determined	\$ <u>100,000</u>	
Total other		\$ <u>100,000</u>
 Total Sources of Funds		\$ <u><u>100,000</u></u>

**Submitted by: MDR**

CITY OF RAMSEY  
2024-2033

PROJECT TITLE: Central Parks Hockey Rinks  
PROJECT TYPE:  
PROJECT YEAR: 2026  
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION**

Replace the two (2) ice hockey rink structures at Central Park with new Polyethylene High Density rink boards with galvanized steel exterior frames. Replace current soil surface with asphalt, along with new LED lights and standards.

**PROJECT**

Start Date  
2026

**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION**

These wooden hockey rinks have been in place for over twenty five (25) years and have far outreached their useful life. Every year staff has to make repairs to the wood side boards for safety for the rink patrons during the winter season. Many of the 6X6 structure support posts continue to decay at the ground level. The lighting system for these rinks needs repair every fall by a contractor. Asphaltting the ground surface would allow for better ice skating conditions, make these rinks more user friendly in the summer for additional event parking or inline skating.

**STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:**

**Summary of Total Project Costs:**

A. Approximate total cost \$ 400,000  
B. Cost already incurred \$  
C. Balance of cost to complete \$ 400,000

**Detail of Total Cost Estimates**

1. Land Acquisition
    - a. Site already acquired \$
    - b. Site to be acquired \$
    - c. Area required (acres)
    - d. Total estimated cost \$ 0
  2. Building Cost/Construction \$
  3. Improvements Other than Buildings Cost \$
  4. Furnishings/Equipment \$
- Total Project Costs \$ 0
- Source of Funding:**
1. General Fund Property Tax Levy \$
  2. Park Trust Fund \$ 100,000
  3. Pavement Management Fund \$
  4. MSA \$

**Proposed Expenditures by Years - Capital Expense Only**

Prior	2023	\$	2028	\$
2023	2023	\$	2029	\$
2024	2024	\$	2030	\$
2025	2025	\$	2031	\$
2026	2026	\$	2032	\$
2027	2027	\$	2033	\$
	TOTAL	\$		\$ 400,000

**Proposed Expenditures by Years - Annual Maintenance Expense Only**

Prior	2023	\$	2028	\$
2023	2023	\$	2029	\$
2024	2024	\$	2030	\$
2025	2025	\$	2031	\$
2026	2026	\$	2032	\$
2027	2027	\$	2033	\$
	TOTAL	\$		\$ 0

**CITY OF RAMSEY**  
2024-2033

**PROJECT TITLE:** Reroof Park Shelters/Warming House  
**PROJECT TYPE:**  
**PROJECT YEAR:** 2025  
**TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:**

**PROJECT**  
Start Date  
2025

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION**  
This project would include reroofing 2 (two) Flintwood Terrace Park shelter roofs, 1 (one) Alpine Park shelter roof and Central Park's warming house

**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION**  
All of these roofs have been in place for over 20 years. The shelter roofs have cedar shakes on them which are disintegrating and falling off. The warming house roof has several leaks in it which is allowing moisture to seep into the building.  
Note: this roof repairs are not Capital Improvements, but are listed within the CIP as placeholders to forecast the pending maintenance work. Funding is proposed from the Capital Maintai

**STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:**

**Proposed Expenditures by Years - Capital Expense Only**

Prior	2023	\$		2028	\$
	2023	\$		2029	\$
	2024	\$		2030	\$
	2025	\$	75,000	2031	\$
	2026	\$		2032	\$
	2027	\$		2033	\$
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 75,000</b>

**Proposed Expenditures by Years - Annual Maintenance Expense Only**

Prior	2023	\$		2028	\$
	2023	\$		2029	\$
	2024	\$		2030	\$
	2025	\$		2031	\$
	2026	\$		2032	\$
	2027	\$		2033	\$
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**Summary of Total Project Costs:**

A. Approximate total cost	\$ 75,000
B. Cost already incurred	\$
C. Balance of cost to complete	\$ 75,000

**Detail of Total Cost Estimates**

1. Land Acquisition	\$
a. Site already acquired	\$
b. Site to be acquired	\$
c. Area required (acres)	\$ 0
d. Total estimated cost	\$
2. Building Cost/Construction	\$
3. Improvements Other than Buildings Cost	\$
4. Furnishings/Equipment	\$
Total Project Costs	\$ 0

**Source of Funding:**

1. General Fund Property Tax Levy	\$
2. Park Trust Fund	\$
3. Pavement Management Fund	\$
4. MSA	\$

**CITY OF RAMSEY**  
2024-2033

**PROJECT TITLE:** Central Park Cameras  
**PROJECT TYPE:**  
**PROJECT YEAR:** 2025  
**TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION**

Install cameras on the Lions Pavillion, Park Center building and warming house at Central Park.

**PROJECT**

Start Date  
2025

**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION**

These cameras would help deter some of the vandilism currently having throughout Central Park. Each year it seems like this vandalism is increasing to a point where numerous staff hours from not only the parks department but also from the building department are being spent on repairs. This includes ripping sinks, paper towel dispensors, toilet paper holders and baby changing tables off walls. Purposely clogging toilets and graffiti are almost a weekly occurrence. Cameras on the outside of these buildings could help in eliminating at least some of these issues. Cameras were installed on the outside of the building at Elmcrest Park a few years ago which has drastically cut down on vandalism.

**STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:**

Install cameras to save on staff hours for cleaning up these buildings.

**Summary of Total Project Costs:**

A. Approximate total cost \$ 30,000  
B. Cost already incurred \$  
C. Balance of cost to complete \$ 30,000

**Detail of Total Cost Estimates**

1. Land Acquisition
  - a. Site already acquired \$
  - b. Site to be acquired \$
  - c. Area required (acres)
  - d. Total estimated cost \$ 0
2. Building Cost/Construction \$
3. Improvements Other than Buildings Cost \$
4. Furnishings/Equipment \$

Total Project Costs \$ 0

**Source of Funding:**

1. General Fund Property Tax Levy \$
2. Park Trust Fund \$ 30,000
3. Pavement Management Fund \$
4. MSA \$

**Proposed Expenditures by Years - Capital Expense Only**

Prior	2023	\$		2028	\$
	2023	\$		2029	\$
	2024	\$		2030	\$
	2025	\$	30,000	2031	\$
	2026	\$		2032	\$
	2027	\$		2033	\$
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 30,000</b>

**Proposed Expenditures by Years - Annual Maintenance Expense Only**

Prior	2023	\$		2028	\$
	2023	\$		2029	\$
	2024	\$		2030	\$
	2025	\$		2031	\$
	2026	\$		2032	\$
	2027	\$		2033	\$
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

5. Lawful Gambling Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

6. Tax Increment Fund # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. Public Improvement Revolving Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8. Water Utility Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

9. Sewer Utility Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

10. Street Lighting Utility Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

11. Storm Water Utility \$ \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

    a. Issuance of debt \$ \_\_\_\_\_

    b. Issuance of CIP bonded debt \$ \_\_\_\_\_

    c. Grants and aids \$ \_\_\_\_\_

    d. Inter-Fund loans \$ \_\_\_\_\_

    e. Development fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

    f. To be determined \$ \_\_\_\_\_

        Total other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0

Total Sources of Funds \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 30,000

Submitted by: Mike Berge

Capital Improvement Program

2024 thru 2033

City of Ramsey, Minnesota

Department Municipal Buildings

Contact Unassigned

Type Buildings

Useful Life 50 Years

Category Municipal Building

Priority 5-Opportunity/Unfunded/Placeholder

Status Active

Project # 04-BLDG-002  
 Project Name Community Center Construction

*indoor dining  
 outdoor beer garden  
 indoor playground, restaurant, with beer garden  
 and games*

Total Cost \$20,000,000

Description

The Community Center would include recreational areas such as a ~~swimming pool, gym, etc.~~ It would also include meeting rooms for various organizations to hold banquets, monthly meetings, etc.

*^ Trade Shows*

Construction of a community center ~~will~~ rely on a partnership with another organization(s).

Justification

Per public consensus, the need for a Community Center is a justified expenditure of public financing. Currently, Ramsey residents must leave the City limits and drive a considerable distance to get to such a facility.

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
Expenditures											
Building Cost/Construction											
Total											20,000,000
Funding Sources											
To Be Determined											20,000,000
Total											20,000,000

**Park and Recreation Commission****Meeting Date:** 09/12/2024**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Connect the community through Parks, Trails and Recreational Programming.**Information****Title:**

Recreation Program Update

**Purpose/Background:****Upcoming Programs and Registration Deadlines****[Day Trip: Tundra Swan Migration tour](#)**

Join us for a guided bird-watching tour along the Mississippi River Valley, one of the Midwest's top migratory paths, to witness thousands of tundra swans and other species. After exploring with expert Jim Nissen, we'll enjoy lunch at the Blue Moon Restaurant and visit the Onalaska Upper Mississippi River National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center for more insights and interactive exhibits. Pick up and drop off will be at City Hall.

- **Date:** Tu., Nov. 19, 7:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$108/person, includes round-trip transportation, light breakfast pastries, lunch, and guided swan migration tour.
- **Ages:** 55+
- **Registration:** Pre-register by Friday, October 18.

**[Macrame Plant Hanger](#)**

Looking for a fun DIY project to display in your home or give as a gift? Join us for a macramé plant hanger workshop! Our instructor will guide you step-by-step through the basics of macramé. You'll have a variety of design options, colors, and beads to customize your hanger.

- **Date:** Tu., Oct. 22, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Public Works building
- **Cost:** \$10/person. Pre-registration required.
- **Ages:** 13+, youth under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Registration:** Pre-registration required, registration is open until full.

**[Mindful Movement Yoga](#)**

**Mindful Movement yoga is back for September and October! Jennifer, our yoga instructor, will guide you through a series of poses and breathwork that revitalize both the mind and body. All levels welcome, no experience is necessary. Bring your own yoga mat, water bottle, and small towel.**

- **Date:** Wednesdays, 6 – 7 p.m. at the Public Works Building
- **Cost:** \$5/session

- **Ages:** 13+, youth under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is required by noon the day of. If you do not pre-register, we can not notify you of changes such as weather cancelations.

## [Puzzle Competition](#)

Join us for a family-friendly speed puzzling competition, where teams of up to four will race to complete a 500-piece puzzle in two hours or less featuring a scene from Ramsey's 2023 Photo Contest. All teams can take their puzzle home, and the winning teams will receive a prize

- **Date:** Sa., Nov. 16, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at City Hall
- **Cost:** \$40/team
- **Registration:** Pre-register by Wednesday, Nov. 6 to guarantee your space.

## [The Hollow Park Ribbon Cutting](#)

**Join Ramsey's Parks and Recreation Commission for the grand opening of The Hollow's playground, featuring unique play elements on a 325-foot elevated boardwalk through mature trees, including a zipline. Enjoy grilled food, connect with neighbors, and stay for the Parks Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. to hear about park and trail initiatives; the ribbon-cutting ceremony is at 6:40 p.m. Photos of the new playground and food menu can be viewed on the registration site linked above.**

- **Date:** Th., Sept. 12, 5:30 – 7 p.m. at The Hollow Park
- **Cost: Free to attend**
- **Registration:** Requested but not required. If you are not registered we can not notify you of any weather related changes or cancelations.

## [Starwatch Party](#)

**Explore the stories of constellations and view celestial wonders through two of Minnesota's largest mobile telescopes, guided by veteran astronomer and retired WCCO Radio meteorologist Mike Lynch. Experience close-up views of the moon, planets, star clusters, galaxies, and more, including a telescope-astrophotography system for glimpsing distant galaxies.**

- **Date:** Fr., Sept. 20, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. at Elmcrest Park
- **Cost: \$12.50/person**
- **Ages:** 8+, youth under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is required, space is limited. Registration is open until full..

**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 Tu., Dec. 31 at 11:59 p.m. Visit the photo contest webpage for category ideas, examples, and full rules.

### **In the Works**

As fall begins, we're already working on winter and spring programs!

- We're excited to host our first Pumpkin Smash to take place just after Halloween. Details coming soon!
- This winter you can expect the return of our annual Tree Lighting and the Deck The House Lights Contest!
- In 2025 we will bring back crowd favorite programs as well as some new ones like a Food Truck 5K and Earth Day events!
- It's never too early to start thinking about your spring garden! The City of Ramsey has extra compost bins and rain barrels for sale at a discounted rate compared to the standard retail rate. For more information on the compost bins or rain barrels, [click here](#).

### **Recommendation:**

Review upcoming recreation events and programs.

### **Outcome/Action:**

Review upcoming recreation events and programs.

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### **Attachments**

Pollinator Planting

Day Trip: Swan Migration

Puzzle Competition

Starwatch Party

Macrame Plant Hanger

### **Form Review**

#### **Inbox**

Mark Riverblood

Brian Hagen

Form Started By: Abby Proulx

Final Approval Date: 09/06/2024

#### **Reviewed By**

Mark Riverblood

Mariah Albrecht

#### **Date**

09/05/2024 12:26 PM

09/06/2024 10:48 AM

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# POLLINATOR PLANTING



Help plant several pollinator gardens in Ramsey. Join the Anoka Conservation District (ACD) as we add additional native wildflowers and grasses to fill in areas that were seeded last fall.

ACD will provide gardening gloves and trowels but feel free to bring your own if you have them!



**Registration is not required.**

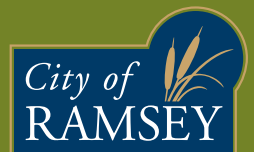
**Monday, September 16  
4:30-6:30 p.m.**

**and/or**

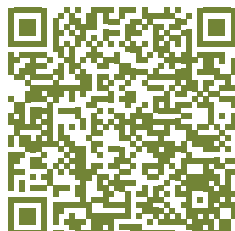
**Thursday, September 19  
9:00-11:00 a.m.**

**River's Bend Park  
5000 142nd Lane NW  
Ramsey, MN**

## PARKS AND RECREATION



**FOR MORE  
INFORMATION**  
cityoframsey.com/  
parksregister



### CONTACT

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763-433-9820



# DAY TRIP: TUNDRA SWAN MIGRATION

PHOTO BY LARRY REIS FLICKR



The Mississippi River Valley transforms into a bustling migratory path each winter, serving as a crucial route for various bird species, including waterfowl, raptors, and shorebirds. The most awe-inspiring sights is the gathering of thousands of tundra swans, a phenomenon unique to this area during their southern migration. Guided by the knowledgeable Jim Nissen, we'll traverse this vibrant corridor, gaining insights into the diverse bird species. Following the tour, we'll enjoy a meal at the Blue Moon Restaurant in Onalaska, WI. Then journey at the Onalaska Upper Mississippi River National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. On the way home we'll stop at LARK Toys in Kellogg.

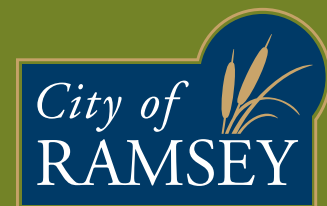
- 7:45 a.m.: Leave Ramsey City Hall
- 10:00 a.m.: Arrive at LARK Toys
- 10:30 a.m.: Meet your Swan Tour Interpreter, Jim Nissen
- 1:15 p.m.: Arrive at Blue Moon Restaurant in Onalaska, WI
- 2:00 p.m.: Visit the Onalaska Upper Mississippi River National Fish & Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center
- 3:00 p.m.: Leave Onalaska
- 4:00 p.m.: Back to LARK Toys
- 6:45 p.m.: Estimated return to Ramsey City Hall

Preregistration is required.  
 Tuesday, November 19  
 7:45 a.m.-6:45 p.m.  
 Bus leaves from and returns to Ramsey City Hall  
 7550 Sunwood Drive NW  
 Ramsey.  
 Age: 55+  
 Cost: \$110 includes, coach transportation, LARK Toys, Light Breakfast, Swan Tour, Lunch, Wildlife Refuge  
 Enrollment/cancellation deadline is Friday, October 18.  
 Minimum Enrollment: 30  
 Maximum Enrollment: 51



**REGISTER**  
[cityoframsey.com/parksregister](http://cityoframsey.com/parksregister)

**CONTACT**  
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 Parks Administrative Assistant  
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 763-433-9820



## PARKS AND RECREATION

# FALL PUZZLE COMPETITION



Join us for a family-friendly speed puzzling competition! Teams of up to four will work together to assemble a picturesque puzzle featuring scenery from one of Ramsey's 2023 Photo Contest entries. Participants are given a two-hour time frame to complete their puzzle. The winning teams will receive a prize. All participating teams will be able to bring home.

Each team will work on the same 500-piece puzzle and can take it home after the event. You are welcome to bring your snacks to enjoy throughout the event.

Box top holders and sorting trays are permitted. Other puzzling tools are not. Any teams found interfering or distracting others will be disqualified.

**Registration is required. Only one registration is needed per team.**

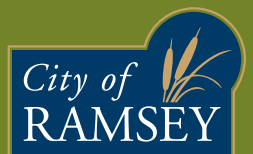
**Saturday, November 16  
10:00 a.m.-Noon**

**Ramsey City Hall  
Alexander Ramsey Room  
7550 Sunwood Drive NW**

**All Ages  
\$40/team  
Min/Max Enrollment: 20 teams**

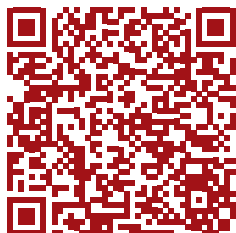
**Registration deadline is  
Wednesday, November 6.**

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# FALL STARWATCH PARTY



Delve into the stories behind the constellations and marvel at celestial wonders through two of Minnesota's largest mobile telescopes, offering close-up views of faraway objects.

Mike Lynch, a retired meteorologist with WCCO Radio and a veteran of over 50 years in astronomy, will guide us through a tour of visible celestial subjects such as the moon, planets, star clusters, galaxies and more. He'll also showcase a telescope-astrophotography system for glimpsing distant galaxies. Mike, an author and columnist, brings unparalleled expertise to this stargazing adventure.

Feel free to bring lawn chairs and blankets for comfort. The event is primarily outdoors, so dress warmly. Indoor facilities are available for restroom access and warming up.

**Registration is required.**

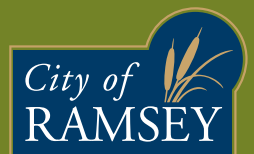
**Saturday, September 20  
8:30-10 p.m.**

**Elmcrest Park  
16303 Quicksilver St. NW**

**Cost: \$12.50 per person**

**Max Enrollment: 40**

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# MACRAMÉ PLANT HANGER

Are you looking for a fun DIY project to display in your home or give as a gift? Join us for a macramé plant hanger workshop! Our instructor will guide you step-by-step through the basics of macramé. You'll have various design options, colors, and beads to customize your hanger. Feel free to bring a pot for accurate measurements.

Some hand mobility is needed for knot tying. All materials and printed instructions will be provided. Youth 13+ are welcome at this event but an adult must accompany those under 18.

Preregistration is required.

**Tuesday | October 22**

**6:30-8 p.m.**

**Public Works**

**14199 Jasper Street NW, Ramsey**

**Ages: 13+**

**Cost \$10**

**Space is limited to 20**

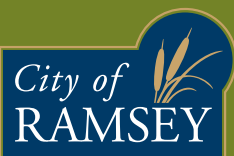
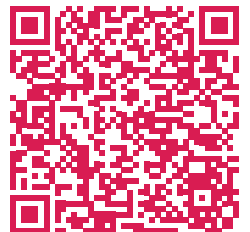


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