

City of Ramsey
Agenda
Park and Recreation Commission
Thursday, February 13, 2025

6:30 pm
Council Chambers, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW

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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 January 9th, 2025.
5. **Commission Business**
 1. 2024 Photo Contest Review
 2. River's Bend Park Shelter Replacement - Design Development
6. **Commission/Staff Input**
 1. **February Recreation Program Update**
7. **Adjournment**

Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: 02/13/2025

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 January 9th, 2025.

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 January 9th, 2025.

Outcome/Action:

Motion to approve meeting minutes dated January 9th, 2025.

Attachments

Meeting Minutes January 9th, 2025

Form Review

Inbox	Reviewed By	Date
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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 January 9, 2025, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive 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: 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

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 Olson, to approve the following Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes:

- Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated November 14, 2024

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

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.01: Playground Replacement Planning – Central Park

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood presented background information on the playground replacement program. He stated that at the November meeting the Commission discussed potential improvements and provided direction to staff to further narrow the scope. He stated that staff have since worked to develop a proposed plan for Central Park and presented background information on the existing playground as well as the proposed concept for improving the playground. He provided the proposed cost of \$449,000 which would include contingency funds and explained how that proposed cost would be split between the Lawful Gambling Fund and Park Trust Fund.

Commissioner Bennett asked what would happen to the play equipment that is in good condition and whether the diggers would remain at the park or be relocated to another park.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that the playground equipment would be removed and disposed of by the contractor, which would also include the removal of the buckshot. He stated that the City would not reuse the play equipment.

Commissioner Leistico asked for details on the ongoing maintenance that would be required for artificial turf.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood replied that there is a warranty on the material, and it is his understanding that almost no maintenance is needed for years. He explained the cleaning/fluffing that can be completed after a few years.

Chairperson Barten asked how the artificial turf compares to the poured-in-place surfacing.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood replied that the wear and tear is similar as is the fall protection, but the cost of poured-in-place is a bit higher than artificial turf. He believed that the turf would provide a cleaner look.

Commissioner Ealain stated that she likes that the artificial turf would provide more accessibility. She also recognized that the music feature would be accessible but was not noticing any other accessible features within the playground.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood replied that all of the new and modern playgrounds are ADA accessible. He stated that the existing pea gravel is not considered accessible. He stated that many of the components have transfer stations and provided more details on the accessibility of different features proposed for the playground.

Chairperson Barten asked how much of the equipment is the equipment that was discussed in November that had been sprayed the wrong color.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood replied that all of the proposed equipment falls into that category. He explained that because the equipment is already available, it can be installed early in the season and would be open to the public in the Spring.

Commissioner Bennett commented that the concept seems to fit the theme of Central Park with many different components that will meet the needs of large crowds.

Commissioner Olson stated that he likes the finished look of the turf, that it would assist with weed control, and be less maintenance for parks staff. He commented that the playground is heavily used by siblings of those playing in tournaments. He noted that he has received positive feedback on the updated parking lot and plantings that were already completed.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to recommend City Council approve a playground for Central Park at a not-to-exceed cost of \$449,000 with an intended completion before the summer of 2025.

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

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood noted that because of the scenario with the equipment already being available for installation, the City is receiving a discount of \$74,000 on that equipment.

5.02: Consider Donation of a Community Art Plan

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood provided background information on the topic and intention of public art. He reviewed different examples of public art and explained how public art fits within the strategies of the Strategic Plan. He noted that there are placeholders for public art within the Waterfront Park concept. He stated that Sarah Peters would be drafting the plan if the donation is accepted by the City. He explained that public art is not always municipally funded and can also be funded through businesses. He stated that the Ramsey Foundation is offering to donate the public art plan for the community.

Chairperson Barten asked if there would be an opportunity for review from some entity in the City while the plan is being developed.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood replied that he would be the liaison to the Foundation and there would be involvement from this Commission and the City Council. He stated that the process would also include a robust public engagement opportunity during the art fair.

Chairperson Barten commented that this makes sense as having a plan in place could provide the guidance to add public art elements within the parks, using the example of sculptures that could have been added to Sunfish Lake Park in the past.

Commissioner Bennett agreed. He stated that the plan has a cash value of \$8,000 and this is a great opportunity to have someone with experience to develop a plan that can be added to or amended in the future. He agreed that the plan would help to provide guidance when opportunities arrive.

Commissioner Olson stated that he likes the new brass sign at 47 and Bunker Lake Boulevard. He asked if the public art elements would include the City logo to continue with the branding efforts.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that although the inclusion of the logo could be discussed within the plan, it would not be specific as to location and circumstance. He explained that the City's sign plan has specific information about sign size, design, and City logo usage.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Arts, to recommend to City Council the acceptance of a community art plan for the City of Ramsey.

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 stated that at the next meeting Recreation Coordinator Proulx will provide a presentation on programming opportunities. He stated that the rinks have been flooded again and people have been skating. He stated that Frost Fest is scheduled during the month of February, weather pending, and highlighted upcoming programming opportunities. He encouraged residents to sign up for the recreation newsletter to stay up to date on coming opportunities.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:37 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:** 02/13/2025**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Connect the community through Parks, Trails and Recreational Programming.**Information****Title:**

2024 Photo Contest Review

Purpose/Background:

The purpose of this presentation is to present the winners of the 2024 photo contest. Now in its eighth year, the contest is designed to foster community engagement, showcase the beauty and essence of Ramsey, spotlight local photographic talent, and gather images for use in City publications.

Photos were sorted by four distinct categories to be evaluated on creativity, quality, composition, and how well the images conveyed the theme of its category.

2024 Category themes are outlined as:

Built Landscapes and Architecture: Explore the harmony between form and function in Ramsey's built environment - whether it's old and full of stories or new and full of interesting designs. Snap photos of industry, modern buildings, areas where nature and the built world interact, or even small designs people might not notice.

Natural Spaces and Wildlife: Step into Ramsey's outdoors and wild areas. This category celebrates nature - from quiet, beautiful landscapes to all sorts of animals and plants. Whether it's the first morning light over a calm lake or the detailed wings of a butterfly, let nature inspire your photos.

Life in Ramsey: What makes Ramsey, Ramsey? Is it the bustling market days, the quiet streets at dawn, or the vibrant festivals that light up the night? Capture the essence of life in Ramsey, showcasing the people, the events, and everyday moments that together weave the fabric of our community.

Through My Eyes (youth entry): This is a chance for Ramsey's young people to show us what they see. If you're under 18, tell us about your Ramsey through photos. It could be your favorite spot, people you care about, a hobby, or something you dream about. Show us what grabs your attention and what you love about Ramsey.

Recommendation:

Affirm the 2024 Photo Contest winners.

Outcome/Action:

Recreation Coordinator, Abby Proulx, will present a brief slideshow, featuring the winning photos by category and reveal the winner for the Overall Grand Prize.

Attachments

2024 Photo Contest Entries

Form Review**Inbox**

Mark Riverblood (Originator)

Bruce Westby

Reviewed By

Mark Riverblood

Bruce Westby

Date

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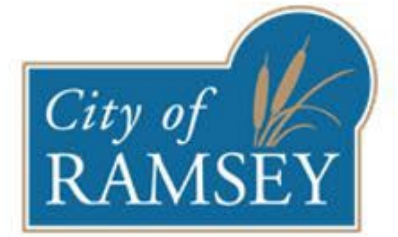



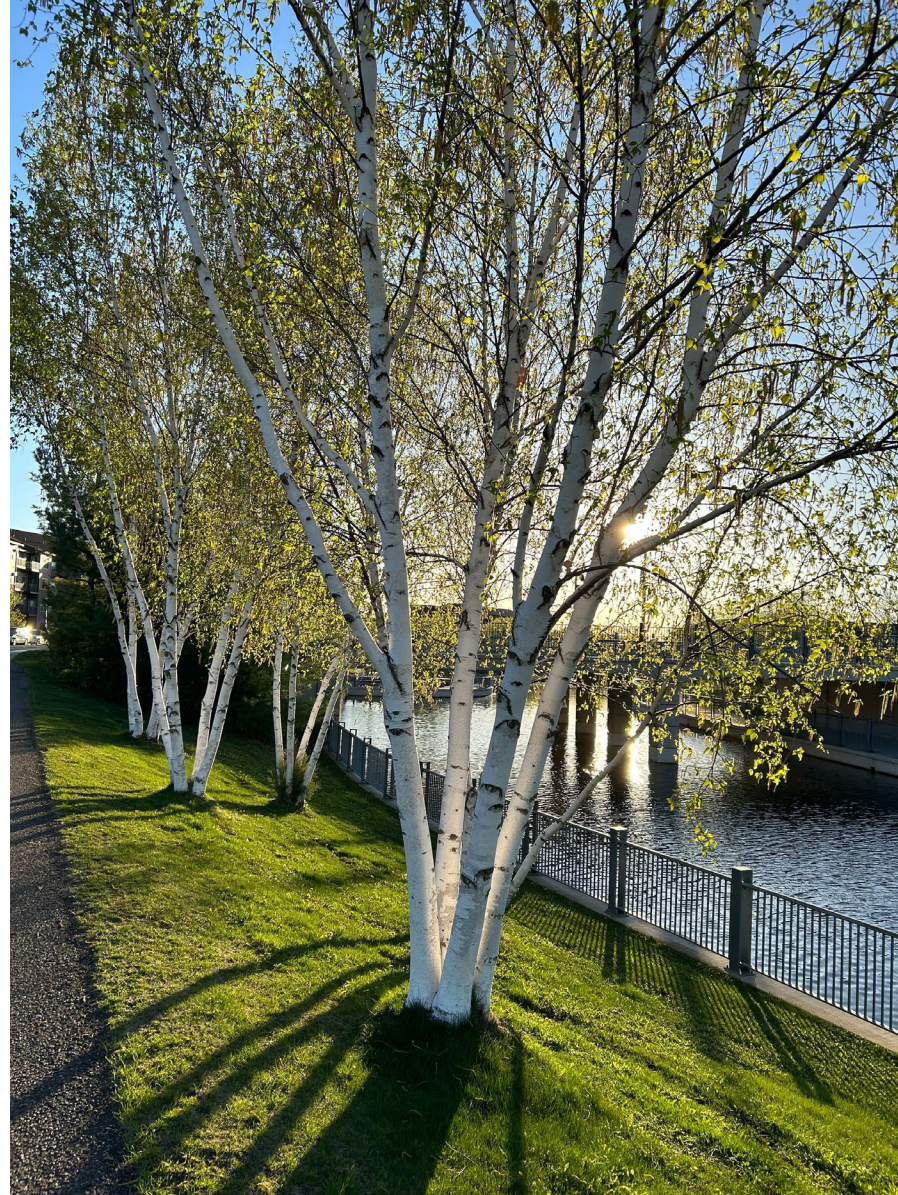
PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS - 2024

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Evening Brilliance
Chad Lindgren



Brookside in the Morning

Jenna Martin



Dancing Lights
Michelle Osterhus



Watch Out!
Michelle Osterhus



BUILT LANDSCAPES AND ARCHITECTURE

Winners



BUILT LANDSCAPES AND ARCHITECTURE



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Great Heron Takes a Stretch

Brady Andersen



Green Preen
Brady Andersen



Keeping Warm
Brady Andersen



Puffed up Singing
Brady Andersen



Youngster Heron
Brady Andersen



Summer Storm
Duane Christensen



Beautiful Stars and Northern Lights
Stephanie Christian



Comet Over the Tree Farm

Stephanie Christian



Northern Lights Over Ramsey
Stephanie Christian



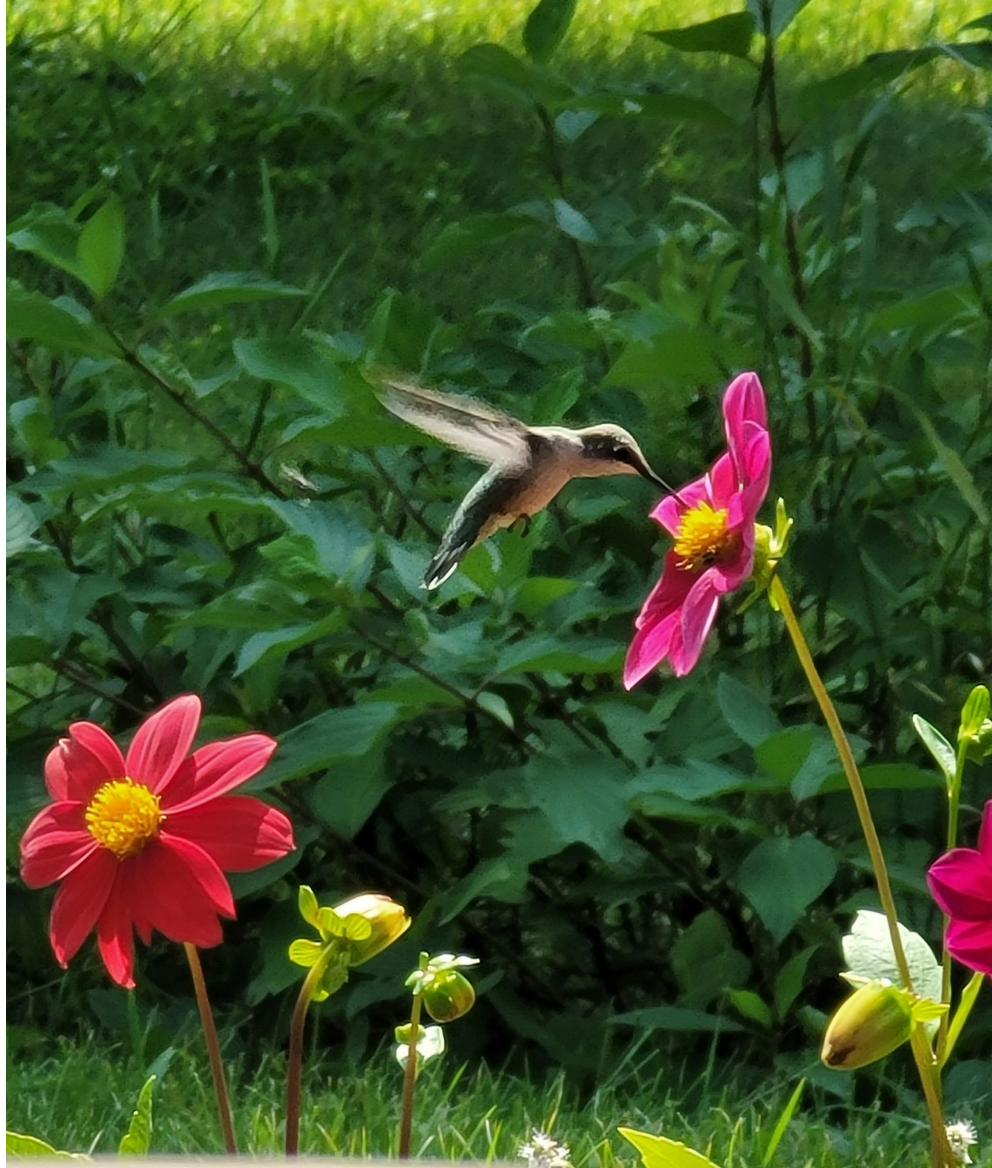
Solar Storm Over Ramsey
Stephanie Christian



The Milkyway Above Ramsey
Stephanie Christian



Sunset over Sunfish Lake
Tracy Ekberg



Hummingbird with Dahlia
Paulette Greenberg



Before the Storm
Alberta Harvat



Precious Moment
Alberta Harvat



Fall Morning on the Rum
Bob Jaskowiak



Smokey Sunset over the Rum
Bob Jaskowiak



Summer Storm over the Rum
Bob Jaskowiak



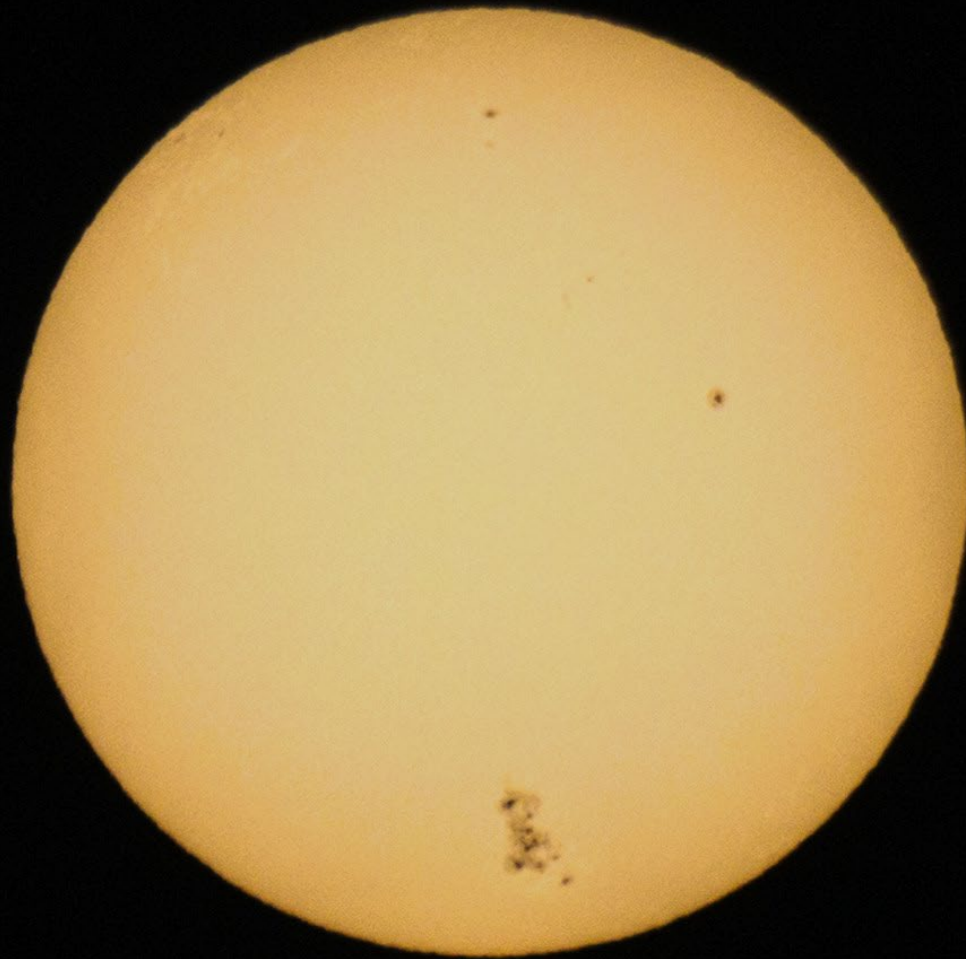
Backyard Visitor
Janice Jensen



Fog Art
Doug Johannsen



Northern Lights and ISS
Douglas Johannsen



Sunspots Over Ramsey
Douglas Johannsen



Solar Eclipse
Douglas Johannsen



Shifting Seasons
Megan Keller



A Magical Night in October

Suzanne Lawson



Aurora Sky
Suzanne Lawson



Just Lounging
Suzanne Lawson



New Neighbors?
Suzanne Lawson



Pink Sky at Night
Suzanne Lawson



Super Moon
Suzanne Lawson



A Flash of Color
Anders Lindberg



Stormy Night
Anders Lindberg



Swirling Sky
Anders Lindberg



Bear Park Fog
Keith Marks



Roanoake Sunbeams

Keith Marks



Growing
Keith Marks



Flight of the Bumblebee
Keith Marks



Front Yard Leaves
Keith Marks



Damsel Fly
Jenna Martin

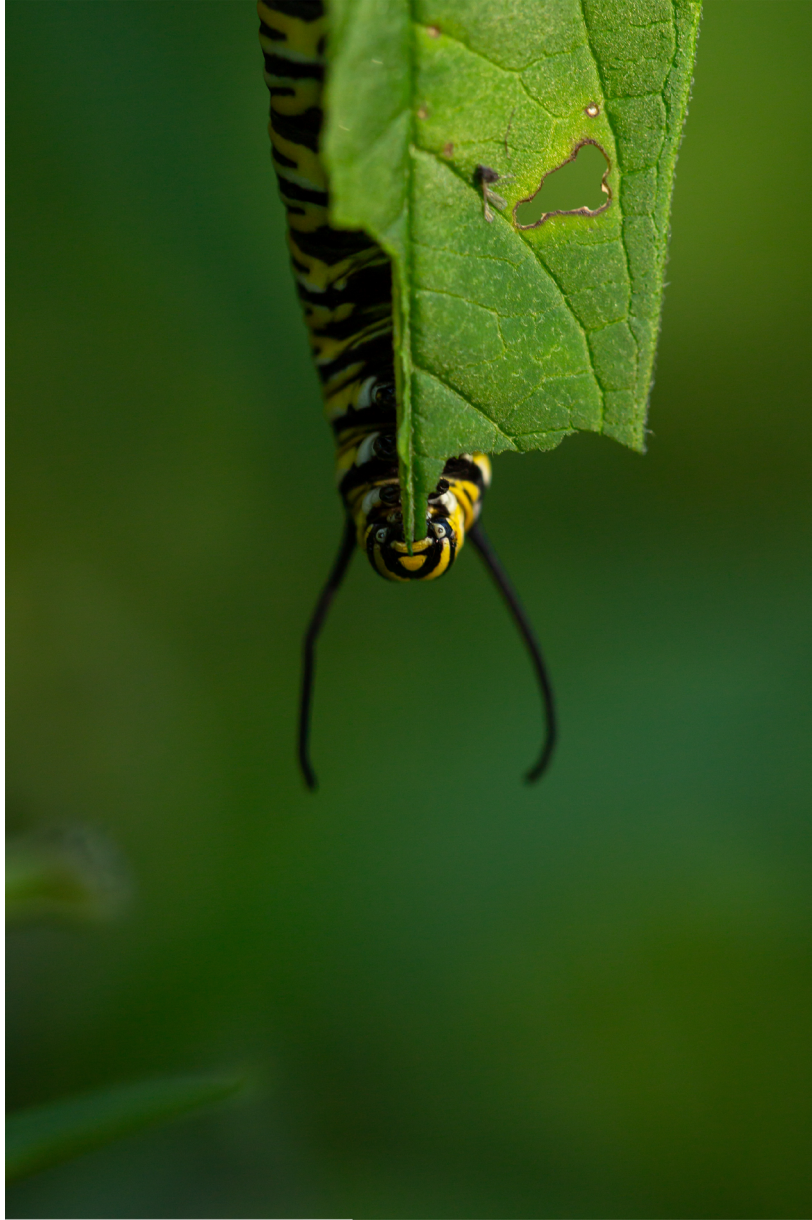


Green Skies
Jenna Martin



Green Sweet Bee

Jenna Martin



Hungry Caterpillar

Jenna Martin



On the River

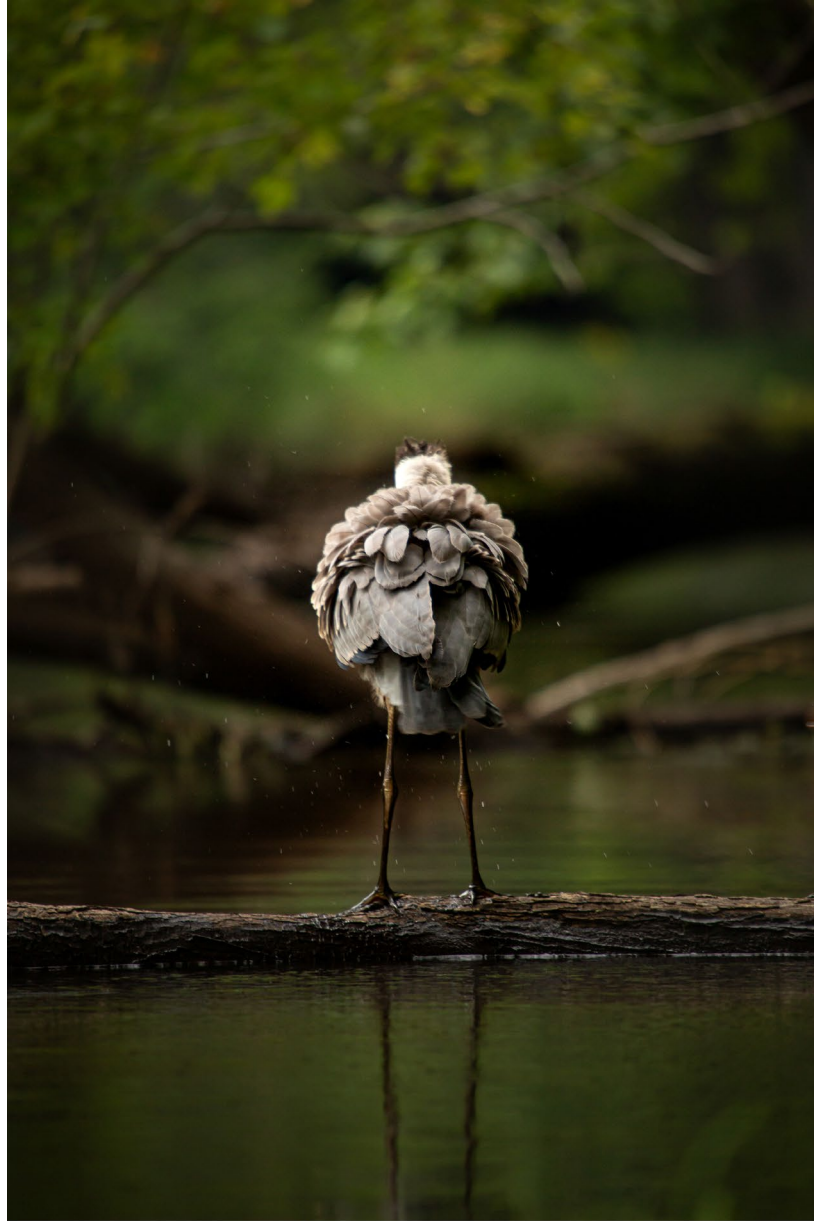
Jenna Martin



Otter on the River
Jenna Martin



Sandpiper
Jenna Martin



Shake it Off

Jenna Martin



Catchin' Gold!
Michelle Osterhus



Mush!
Michelle Osterhus



Night Lights in the Corn

Michelle Osterhus



Nutty Frog!
Michelle Osterhus



Petalin' Frogs
Michelle Osterhus



Rolling Thunder
Michelle Osterhus



Snowbird
Michelle Osterhus



Bluebird
Laura Palmer



Clouds
Laura Palmer



Dew
Laura Palmer



Peace
Laura Palmer



Red Hot
Laura Palmer



Snow
Laura Palmer



Nature Finds a New Place
Anibal Peixoto



Sunset on the Water
Emily Portis



Aurora Reflection

Emily Portis



Afternoon Glow
Emily Portis



Froggy Delight
Emily Portis



Invasive Beauty
Emily Portis



Winter Thaw at Sunset
Emily Portis



Sunrise on the Mississippi
Susan Westlie

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NATURAL SPACE AND WILDLIFE

Winners

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Summer Storm
Jessica Adamec



Lake of Glass
Sharon Burns



Summer Storm
Duane Christensen



When Two Forces Meet
Lynne Ebhardt



Galaxy S21 5G



Small Mouth Jumping

Bob Jaskowiak



May Showers Rainbow
Megan Keller



Having a Bad Day?
Suzanne Lawson



Backyard View
Anders Lindberg



On the Boardwalk

Jenna Martin



Just Another Fall Evening in Ramsey
Valerie Mboula



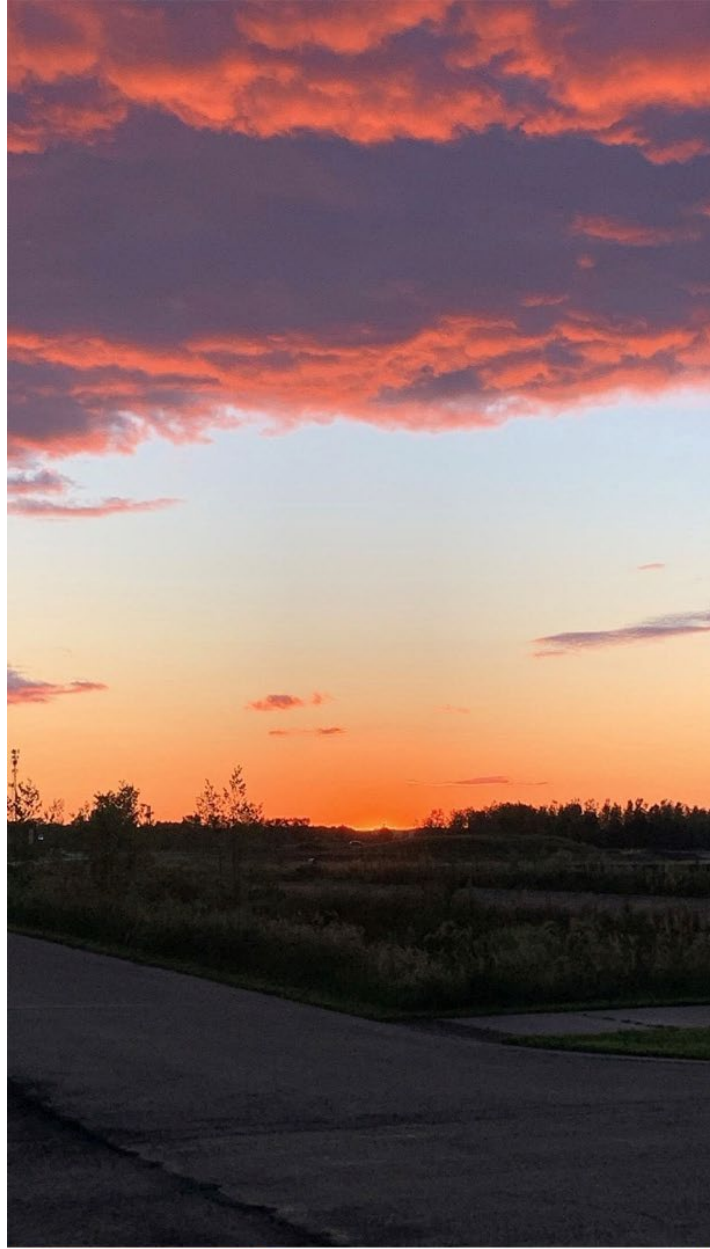
Well, Hello Clouds
Valerie Mboula



Golf Stream
Michelle Osterhus



Wading on the End of Summer
Emily Portis



Day's End
Gwendolyn Robinson



Stunning Summer Sunset

Sarah Tafoya-Anderson



Start of the Day
Paul Vandermeer

A stylized graphic on the left side of the page features two reeds with long, pointed heads and several long, thin blades. The reeds are rendered in a light beige color. Below the reeds, a dark blue wavy shape represents water, with a lighter blue curved line above it. The background is a light cream color.

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THROUGH MY EYES

This is a chance for Ramsey's young people to show us what they see. If you're under 18, tell us about your Ramsey through photos. It could be your favorite spot, people you care about, a hobby, or something you dream about. Show us what grabs your attention and what you love about Ramsey.



 **YOUTH ENTRY!**
Ramsey PHOTO CONTEST

Cool Northern Lights
Elijah Calabrese



Park Fun
Elijah Calabrese



**YOUTH
ENTRY!**


**Ramsey
PHOTO
CONTEST**

Catepillar
Cole Martin



Flower
Cole Martin



Mylo
Cole Martin



YOUTH
ENTRY!

Pink Flower
Cole Martin

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THROUGH MY EYES

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PEOPLE'S CHOICE

PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNER

To be announced at the meeting!



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**PHOTO CONTEST
GRAND PRIZE WINNER**

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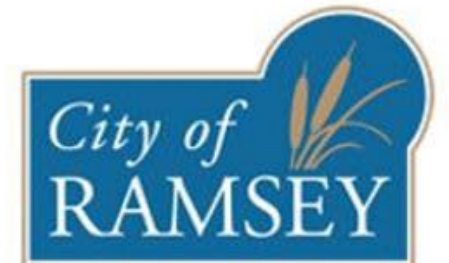
THANK YOU!

Contact:

Abby Proulx, *Recreation Coordinator*

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aproulx@cityoframsey.com



Park and Recreation Commission**Meeting Date:** 02/13/2025**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Address infrastructure needs.**Information****Title:**

River's Bend Park Shelter Replacement - Design Development

Purpose/Background:

Approximately five years ago, the Commission added a project to the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan to replace the south shelter at the park—noting that it was in poor condition, and provided little utility aside from shade and protection from rain. The shelter was donated and constructed by volunteers 30+ years ago, and there is not much that could be done to improve the appearance of the shelter, and the replacement should result in a shelter that would be more attractive for park patrons, including for residents desiring to reserve the facility for gatherings.

In June of 2024, the Commission recommended staff initiate the design development planning for the replacement of the shelter—this case is a check-in on that process.

Notification:

The city-wide Capital Improvement Plan is subject to a Public Hearing annually when formally adopted by City Council.

Time Frame/Observations/Alternatives:

The second attachment includes imagery of the various elements proposed for the shelter replacement, together with landscape level accouterments. Staff will provide additional details and cost estimates for the meeting.

Funding Source:

This case does not specifically authorize funding. The next step is to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP), to obtain bids from contractors for the project, at which point it would return to the Commission for a recommendation to City Council. The proposed funding source would be the Park Trust Fund.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends proceeding from the conceptual plans to developing and issuing an RFP.

Outcome/Action:

Motion or consensus acknowledgment that staff would proceed to finalize the plans and specifications for the replacement of the south shelter at River's Bend Park—and issue an RFP to determine the project costs.

Attachments

CIP worksheet and shelter images
concept images

Central and Elmcrest June reservations

Inbox

Bruce Westby

Brian Hagen

Form Started By: Mark Riverblood

Final Approval Date: 02/06/2025

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Form Review

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Capital Improvement Program
 City of Ramsey, Minnesota

2024 *thru* 2033

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

Department Park Improvements
 Contact
 Type Improvement
 Useful Life 20 Years
 Category Park Improvement
 Priority 1-Existing Obligation (High)
 Status Active

Description

Total Cost \$100,000

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
Total	100,000										100,000

Funding Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	Total
Park Improvement Trust Fund	100,000										100,000
Total	100,000										100,000

















River's Bend Park
Pavilion Area Early Visioning

Existing park shelter has reached the end of its useful life.

Opportunity to envision space for birthday parties and moments of playful discovery.

Opportunity to add character and natural materials to space.



Existing Conditions

River's Bend Park Pavilion



Discovery Dino Dig

Unique Pizza Parties

Multi-Functional Features

Proposed Improvements Inspiration

River's Bend Park Pavilion



Proposed Improvements

River's Bend Park Pavilion



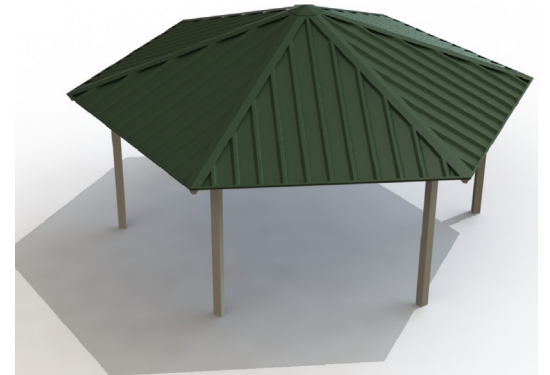


shown with stone veneer posts

6-sided park pavilion

Roof: Metal top, tongue-and-groove roof interior

Colors: Many options available



Hexagonal Pavilion

River's Bend Park Pavilion



Pizza Oven / Fireplace

River's Bend Park Pavilion

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Park and Recreation Commission**Meeting Date:** 02/13/2025**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Connect the community through Parks, Trails and Recreational Programming.**Information****Title:****February Recreation Program Update****Purpose/Background:****Upcoming Programs and Registration Deadlines:****[Ramsey Photo Contest](#)**

We received so many wonderful photos! It's been so much fun to see how much talent and beauty is right here in our own backyard.

- **Winners:** Winners of all categories will be announced at the [Feb. 25th City Council meeting.](#)

[CANCELED: Frost Fest](#)

Unfortunately, Frost Fest, originally scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 1 has been canceled. The rinks have melted considerably over the past few days and are not likely to fully refreeze overnight. Even if the rinks refroze, conditions are likely to be poor and potentially dangerous. Temperatures are expected to be slightly warmer than usual on Saturday, with a chance of rain or snow. Fingers-crossed for snow and colder temperatures next year. Special Thanks to the [Ramsey Lions](#) and [WoMn Strong](#) for working with us on this event!

[5K Races](#)

Start the new year strong and stick to your 2025 fitness goals by signing up for one of Ramsey's signature 5K races! Whether you're joining the brand-new Dash and Dine 5K or the community-favorite Happy Days 5K, both events offer a fun, scenic experience on a USATF-certified course at Elmcrest Park. Early bird registration opens January 1. Bonus \$5 off discount if you sign up for **both** races! The Dash and Dine 5K includes a t-shirt and \$10 voucher for one of the food trucks at the event. Sign up by Friday, Jan 31st at midnight for the lowest price! Prices increase on Feb. 1.

- **[Dash and Dine 5K](#)**
 - **Date:** Sa., May 17 | 9:30 a.m.
 - **Cost:** Early pricing starts at \$35 (valid through Jan 31 at midnight).
 - Includes a t-shirt and a food truck voucher for a post-run meal.
 - This race is scheduled the same weekend as the annual Garage Sale Trail. More details coming soon!
- **[Happy Days 5K](#)**
 - **Date:** Sa., Sept. 6 | 8:00 a.m.
 - **Cost:** Early pricing starts at \$30
 - Includes a long-sleeved tech-blend shirt.
 - More information on Happy Days can be [found here.](#)

[55+ Day Trip: Munsinger Gardens](#)

Experience a delightful day in St. Cloud exploring gardens, dining, and history! Begin with a visit to the Munsinger and Clemens Gardens nestled along the Mississippi River shores. These prestigious and nationally renowned gardens attract visitors from all over the world. Following the garden visit, fill up with a delicious lunch at Coyote Moon Grille before heading to the Stearns County History Museum for a guided tour.

- **Date:** Wed., July 23
- **Cost:** \$92/person. Includes roundtrip transportation on a coach bus, lunch, and entry to all locations.
- **Registration:** Registration is open until June 22 or until full. No refunds or registrations can be taken after this date.

Line Dancing

Back by popular demand- Line Dancing! Each week features a new dance and a quick review of past ones, so no worries if you miss a class. Suitable for all ages and levels, no partner required—just bring a water bottle and get ready to dance! Led by Karen Ann Stark, an experienced instructor and former choreographer of the Bootscooters Dance Team. More dates to be announced soon!

- **Dates:**

• Day	Date	Time
• Tu.	Feb. 4	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
• Tu.	Feb. 18	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

- **Cost:** \$5

- **Registration:** Pre-register prior to arrival at the class. *This class has been full or nearly full. Pre-registration is the only way to guarantee your entry.*

Yoga

Join Christina, our certified Yoga Teacher and Massage Therapist, for a rejuvenating Monthly Yoga Series, where each session explores a unique theme to inspire and revitalize your body, mind, and spirit. Attend one session or all—each class stands alone, so you can join whenever it fits your schedule. No experience is necessary—this class welcomes everyone.

- **Dates:**

• Day	Date	Theme	Time
• Sa.	Feb. 15	Love & Kindness	9 – 10 a.m.
• Sa.	March 15	Balance	9 – 10 a.m.
• Sa.	April 12	Happy Hips	9 – 10 a.m.
• Sa.	May 17	Nurture Yourself	9 – 10 a.m.

- **Cost:** \$5

- **Registration:** Register prior to arrival at the class.
- **Note:** *We plan to resume a regular weekly yoga class starting this spring.*

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:** Th., April 3, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at City Hall
- **Cost:** \$40/team
- **Registration:** Pre-register by Thursday, March 27 to guarantee your spot.
- [Check out the winners from our last competition!](#)

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.

- **Date:** Fr., March 28, 8 – 10 p.m. at Elmcrest Park
- **Cost:** \$12.50/person
- **Registration:** Register prior to arrival at the program.

In the Works:

Planning for our 2025 programs and events is in full swing! We've locked in dates for some popular returning events and a few exciting new ones:

- **Spring Garden Prep** – It's never too early to think about gardening! The City of Ramsey has extra compost bins and rain barrels available at discounted rates. [Click here for more information.](#)
- **Pickleball** – It's back! This year I'm excited to tease some expanded opportunities for beginners and competitors alike!
- **The Draw Concert Series** – We have officially confirmed our bands for the 2025 line-up. Information will be released soon!
- **Happy Days** – Registration for Happy Days events and sponsors have started to open. For more

information, [visit our Happy Days website here.](#)

- **Save the Dates for Popular Annual Programs**

- Two Rivers Art Fair- *Sa., July 19*
- Kites and Bites- *Sa., May 31*
- Egg-Paw-Looza- *Sa., April 12*

- **Expanding Communications** – At programs I still so often hear that people are *just* learning about all that we have to offer. I would like to meet people where they are at to share what we have going on. Right now, I have been utilizing EventBrite, Nextdoor, Facebook, this E-Newsletter, our Website, Ramsey Resident, and submitting events to local papers and other online event boards. If you have other places you receive information and think would be a great place for us to spread the word, please let me know!

- **Got an idea you think Ramsey would love?** Let us know!

Recommendation:

Review February Recreation Updates

Outcome/Action:

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Attachments

Yoga

Line Dancing

Starwatch Party

Puzzle Competition

Happy Days Sponsorship Flyer

Form Review

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Attend one session or all—each class stands alone, so you can join whenever it fits your schedule. No experience is necessary—this class welcomes everyone. Bring a yoga mat, water bottle, and small towel, and dress comfortably for barefoot practice.

Youth under the age of 17 must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the class.

Saturdays

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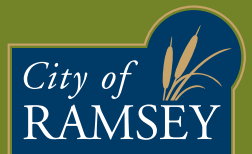
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**Central Park Building
7925 161st Avenue NW
Ramsey**

**Under 17
accompanied by an adult**

\$5 per session

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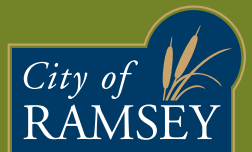
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All Ages

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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.

**Friday, March 28
8:00-10:00 p.m.**

**Elmcrest Park
16303 Quicksilver St. NW**

Cost: \$12.50 per person

Ages: 8+

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SPRING PUZZLE COMPETITION



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Each team will work on the same 500-piece puzzle they can take home after the event. You are welcome to bring your own 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.

Pre-registration is required. Only one registration is needed per team.

**Thursday, April 3
6:30-8:30 p.m.**

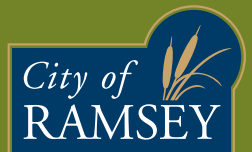
**Ramsey City Hall
7550 Sunwood Drive NW**

All Ages

\$40 per team

**Registration deadline is
Thursday, March 27**

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HAPPY DAYS SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Show your support for the community while reaching a broad local audience!

with attendees while joining in on a variety of fun activities and events.

By sponsoring the 2025 Happy Days on Saturday, September 6, you do more than promote your organization; you play a crucial role in contributing to the diversity and vibrancy of our community. Your partnership enables us to deliver an unforgettable experience in Ramsey, demonstrates your active commitment to local events and initiatives and builds positive relationships between businesses and the community.

MARKETING REACH

- Distribution of 2,000+ flyers at key City locations and events.
- Engagement with 7,700+ City of Ramsey Facebook followers, reaching over 400,000+ annually.
- Attraction of 4,000-8,000+ festival attendees
- Mailing of 12,000+ copies of the Ramsey Resident newsletter.
- Website exposure with visits averaging 36,000+ monthly.



Presenting Sponsor
(\$10,000+ or in-kind equivalent)

Includes Platinum benefits plus:

- Highest visibility with prominent logo placement on festival communications and materials.
- Exclusive options like activating a dedicated space at the festival and first right of refusal for unique participation in events.
- Special thank yous leading up to and during the event.

Platinum Sponsor
(\$5,000-\$9,999 or in-kind equivalent)

Includes Gold benefits plus:

- Opportunity to sponsor a specific festival element or event.
- Logo banner at/on specific sponsored element or event (if applicable).
- Opportunity to introduce or present awards at a specific sponsored element or event (if applicable).
- Featured in a "Sponsor of the Week" spotlight on social media with a direct link to your business site.
- Receive an official certificate of recognition to display at your business/organization.

Gold Sponsor
(\$1,000-\$4,999 or in-kind equivalent)

Includes all Silver benefits plus:

- Free Parade float entry.
- Free Expo vendor entry.
- Special mentions by announcers during the Parade.



Silver Sponsor
(\$500-\$999 or in-kind equivalent)

Includes all Bronze benefits plus:

- Logo placement on Happy Days flyers and additional event materials.



Bronze Sponsor
(\$100-\$499 or in-kind equivalent)

- Recognition in the Ramsey Resident newsletter and at a City Council meeting.
- Business name listed on festival banner and materials.
- Grouped social media mentions.
- Ability to promote affiliation with Happy Days on its own channels.



QUESTIONS?

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