

City of Ramsey
Agenda
Park and Recreation Commission
Thursday, March 13, 2025
6:30 pm
Council Chambers, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW

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

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Citizen Input**

3. **Approve Agenda**

4. **Approve Minutes**
 1. Approve the following meeting minutes.
 1. Park and Recreation Commission meeting dated January 9th, 2025.

5. **Commission Business**
 1. Nominate Chair and Vice-Chairperson of the Park and Recreation Commission
 2. River's Bend Park Shelter Replacement

6. **Commission/Staff Input**
 1. Recreation Program Review, Update, and Future Forecast

7. **Adjournment**

Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: 03/13/2025

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

Park and Recreation Minutes

Form Review

Inbox	Reviewed By	Date
Brian Hagen	Brian Hagen	03/06/2025 08:34 AM
Form Started By: Mariah Albrecht		Started On: 03/04/2025 11:45 AM
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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

5. 1.

Meeting Date: 03/13/2025

Submitted For: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

By: MaryJo Warner, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Nominate Chair and Vice-Chairperson of the Park and Recreation Commission

Purpose/Background:

Each year, City Council makes appointments to their various subcommittees, with commissions and boards also expected to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair for their respective entity. The purpose of this case is to establish the Commission’s Chair and Vice-Chair for 2025 into 2026. In terms of process, staff proposes nominations for first the Chair, and then after approval by the majority of voting Commissioners, the Vice-Chair position also administered in the same manner. The Terms of Boards and Commission are from April 1st through March 31st of the respective year(s). The approved Chair and Vice-Chair would preside accordingly, beginning at the April regular Park & Recreation Commission meeting.

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

Funding Source:

n/a

Recommendation:

Action:

Motion to designate _____ Chair, and _____ Vice Chair of the Park and Recreation Commission from April 2025 through March 31, 2026.

Attachments

Updated Board and Commission Policy

Form Review

Inbox

Bruce Westby

Brian Hagen

Form Started By: Mark Riverblood

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**POLICY FOR THE RECRUITMENT, APPLICATION,
AND INTERVIEW PROCESS OF APPOINTING CITY
BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS AND CHAIR
MEMBER TERM ROTATIONS**

PURPOSE: The Mayor and City Council of the City of Ramsey have the authority to establish volunteer boards and commissions to advise them on matters affecting the City, as detailed in Chapter 2, Article V, Section 2-155 of the City Code. The purpose of this policy is to outline a process for the recruitment, application, and interview process of appointing City board and commission members, as well as to limit Chair terms to two terms in a row.

SCOPE: This policy applies to the following advisory commissions established by the City of Ramsey: Economic Development Authority, Environmental Policy Board, Park and Recreation Commission and the Planning Commission. This policy excludes the Charter Commission application process. For information on the Charter Commission please visit: [Charter Commission | Ramsey, MN](#)

PROCESS: The intent of this policy is to ensure that openings on City boards and commissions are publicized to the community at large, that applicants are evaluated objectively and treated fairly and courteously, and that members of boards and commissions are selected on the basis of their qualifications and suitability for the position.

INCUMBENTS

Incumbent reapplication process for odd number term reappointment requests

Incumbents seeking reappointment for the third, fifth, seventh, etc. term, the following policy applies: Annually, staff will notify commission members by December 1st reminding them of their upcoming term expiration and invite them to attend a voluntary interactive feedback session with the City Council to highlight information such as accomplishments, personal contributions to the commission, and ideas for improving the effectiveness of the board or commission. This will also be an opportunity for the City Council to ask additional questions of the incumbent.

The chair of each board or commission for which appointments are being considered will be invited to submit written comments to the City Council, making a recommendation regarding reappointment. If the chair is the incumbent, the vice-chair will be contacted; if both are incumbents, the most senior member of the board or commission will be contacted. The form for written comments will be provided by the city. The final decision regarding appointments will rest with the City Council.

Incumbent reapplication process for even number term reappointment requests

Incumbents seeking reappointment for the second, fourth, sixth, etc. term, the following policy applies: Annually, staff will notify commission members by December 1st reminding them of the upcoming term expiration. If the incumbent wishes to be reappointed, the incumbent will not be required to interview with the City Council and a brief letter of intent will not be required; however, the chair of each board or commission for which appointments are being considered will be invited to submit written comments to the City Council, making a recommendation regarding reappointment. If the chair is the incumbent, the vice-chair will be contacted; if both are incumbents, the most senior member of the board or commission will be contacted. The form for written comments will be provided by the city. The final decision regarding appointments will rest with the City Council.

The general policy for all incumbents will include the following process:

- Regardless of the incumbent reapplication status, all board and commissions will be advertised to the public. This is important in order to secure as many applicants as possible for unexpected or unforeseen mid-recruitment vacancies.
- In one collective process, concurrent with new applicants, the City Council will meet, discuss, and determine whether or not a reappointment will be made.
- If it is determined that the City Council does not wish to reappoint the incumbent, the incumbent will be notified. If it is determined that the incumbent will be reappointed, the incumbent will be notified.
- In the event that a commissioner does not wish to be reappointed, staff will offer them an opportunity to contact member(s) of the City Council to discuss any concerns that they may have.

NON-INCUMBENTS

New member application process

Annually, prior to the normal ending date of boards and commissions terms, staff will prepare a detailed notice for publication in the City's January/February newsletter and in the City's official newspaper, as required by the Charter. The notice will publicize that applications are being accepted for boards and commissions, including the Economic Development Authority, Environmental Policy Board, Park and Recreation Commission and Planning Commission. The notice will provide language stating that applications will be considered by the City Council for current openings and future vacancies occurring in the next annual recruitment cycle. The notice will provide an application closing date of the last Friday in February.

The application materials will remain open on the City's website year-round. When an application is received, staff will make contact with the applicant to confirm the receipt of the application and advise the applicant of what to expect going forward based on the current recruiting needs of the City.

Unexpected Vacancy Process

Periodically, when an unexpected vacancy on a board or commission occurs, the board or commission staff liaison will notify the head of human resources, who will take one of the following three actions:

- 1) Refer back to the most recent recruitment file in an effort to identify a viable candidate that has already successfully passed the interview process. If a candidate is identified and willing to serve on the given board or commission, the head of Human Resources will consult with the City Administrator and act according to the City Administrator's direction; if applicable, a resolution appointing the new member will be presented to the City Council.
- 2) Refer to new applicants' applications that have been received through the continuous posting period, but not yet interviewed by the City Council and schedule mid-year interviews for the current vacancy.
- 3) If options 1 and 2 above are not viable, staff will prepare a detailed notice of position availability for publication once in the City newsletter with an application deadline date of the last day of the month of the first month of the newsletter edition and in the City's official newspaper, as required by the Charter. The City Administrator will provide the head of human resources with direction as to if this step should occur or to wait until the

next annual recruitment process. Interviews

INTERVIEWS

- Staff will arrange interview times and notify applicants and the City Council of the arrangements.
- If there are more than five applicants per the total number of vacancies to be filled, the City Council will evaluate the applications and select five applicants to be interviewed.
- Interview questions will be determined before the interview based on qualifications identified as necessary, as well as to accurately identify each applicant's knowledge, skills, and abilities, and the benefits that the applicant, if appointed, may bring to the board or commission in the future.
- All applicants will be asked the same questions. Depending on responses, some follow-up questions will differ from candidate to candidate for purposes of clarification.
- The City Council will evaluate applicants by comparing responses to interview questions, information contained in the letter of interest/application, and potential contribution to the existing diversity of expertise, experience and geographic representation on the applicable board or commission.
- Interviews will not be televised but will be held in an open meeting.

SELECTION

- Recommendations from the City Council regarding appointments will be forwarded to the next regular meeting of the City Council for consideration.
- When vacancies occur on the EDA, the Mayor will make a recommendation for appointment to the City Council.
- Except where a vacancy unexpectedly occurs, creating a vacant seat mid-term, all new appointments or reappointments to regular terms on a City board or commission will be effective on April 1. This is to allow the current members of the City Council the opportunity to review and select individuals for seats on boards and commissions.
- Chair and Vice-chair selections are generally decided by each board or commission in April. The City Council desires to offer members the opportunity to grow their experience on the commission; therefore, following a maximum of two consecutive terms as Chair of the respective commission, a new Chair will be selected. The outgoing Chair may be appointed to the Vice-chair role.

NOTIFICATION TO APPLICANTS

After appointments have been approved, the staff will notify all applicants of the results of the process and take the necessary steps to on-board new members.

TERMS

Board and Commission members shall serve four-year terms, with the exception of members of the Economic Development Authority serving six-year terms. There will be no limit to the number of terms that can be served. Terms will expire annually on March 31. Incumbents will be allowed to continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

STIPENDS FOR MEMBERS OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Effective July 1, 1996, members of all City boards and commissions are eligible for stipends to cover expenses for meetings actually attended. The amount of the stipends is established by City Council resolution and subject to change as deemed necessary by the City Council. Elected officials seated on a board or commission are not eligible for a stipend.

Stipends paid to members of City boards and commissions will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service as required by law.

SERVICE ON MORE THAN ONE CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION

Resolution 89-11-302 states that it is the policy of the Ramsey City Council “to avoid appointing individuals to more than one Board or Commission unless adequate representation cannot be accomplished or it is clearly in the best interest of the City of Ramsey to make such appointments to multiple Boards or Commission.”

REVISIONS

Adopted by the City Council August 13, 1996

Revised by the City Council August, 11, 1997

- Ordinance #97-10 amended City Code 2.03.02 changing terms of office for boards and commissions from two years to four years and establishing a limitation of two consecutive four-year terms, effective August 11, 1997.

Revised by the City Council December 11, 2001

Revised by the City Council December 17, 2002

- Evaluation panel defined as the three members of the Personnel Committee
- The two Board/Commission representatives will have 1.5 votes each

Revised by the City Council November 25, 2003

- New application/questionnaire to be reviewed and scored by evaluation panel. Top five scorers invited to interview.

Revised by the City Council December 9, 2003

- Incumbents who wish to apply for another term will submit a letter of interest which will be reviewed by the evaluation panel. The incumbent will be reappointed or the seat will be advertised.

Revised by the City Council March 14, 2006

- Each member of the evaluation panel will receive one vote in order to avoid a tie
- Term limits are abolished.
- Members of the evaluation panel will meet in person to discuss applications for reappointment, as they do with new applications

Revised by the City Council January 27, 2009

- Incumbents and new applicants will be considered in one collective recruitment, interview and selection process.
- Term expiration dates will be adjusted for current and future board and commission members to March 31
- Applicants will be interviewed by the full City Council (the evaluation panel) and the City Council will consult with the chair and vice chair of each board or commission regarding appointments, as deemed necessary; however, chairs and vice chairs will not vote on appointments
- If there are more than five applicants for a vacancy, the City Council will screen the applications and select five applicants to be interviewed

Revised by the City Council June 28, 2011

- Advertising for unexpected vacancies, if needed, will be advertised only once in the Ramsey Resident
- Interviewees will be invited to a short open house prior to interviews
- Interview questions will be revised to more accurately identify each applicant's knowledge, skills, and abilities based on the qualifications identified as necessary and the benefits that the applicant, if appointed, may bring to the board or commission in the future

Discussion by the City Council April, 2014 to make the following revisions:

- Omit "Incumbents seeking reappointment will be required to complete a City of Ramsey application for boards and commissions and will be considered in one collective recruitment, interview and selection process
- Omit inviting applicants to a short open house prior to interviews.
- Remove the term "evaluation panel" -- replacing it with the term "City Council."
- Remove "Reviewing applications -- After the application deadline has passed, the Human Resources Manager will forward all applications to the City Council for scoring. The Human Manager will total the scores and invite the top five scorers to interview."
- Omit several unnecessary headings / improved formatting.
- Omit the Charter Commission from the policy.

Revised by the City Council June 28, 2016

- Simplified the incumbent reapplication process
- Simplified the process to fill unexpected vacancies due to unforeseen resignations.
- Removed unnecessary Charter Commission language from the updated policy.

Revised by the City Council February 14, 2023

- Changed title of document to include Chair member term rotations.
- Clarify Charter Commission as a separate policy with link.
- Changes to the incumbent reappointment process including language regarding incumbents being considered in one concurrent process with new applicants.
- Language changes related to maintaining a continuous recruitment and processes for receipt of new applications.
- Added footer and format changes.

Park and Recreation Commission**Meeting Date:** 03/13/2025**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Address infrastructure needs.**Information****Title:**

River's Bend Park Shelter Replacement

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

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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



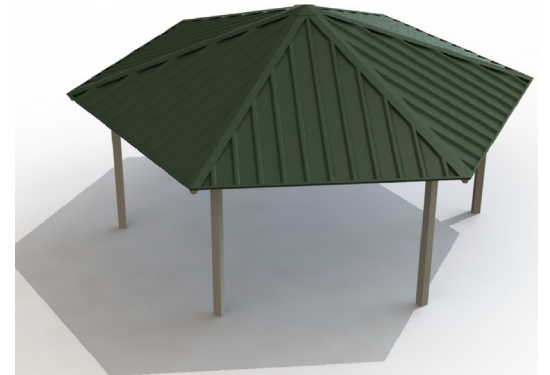


shown with stone veneer posts

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:** 03/13/2025**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Connect the community through Parks, Trails and Recreational Programming.**Information****Title:**

Recreation Program Review, Update, and Future Forecast

Purpose/Background:**Provide information on upcoming recreation programs as well as future forecast.****Upcoming Programs, Registration Deadlines, and New Releases****5K Races**

Stay on track with your 2025 fitness goals and sign up for one of Ramsey's 5K races! Whether you're joining the brand-new Dash and Dine 5K or the community-favorite Happy Days 5K, both events are open to all levels and feature a scenic route on a USATF-certified course at Elmcrest Park. Get a \$5 off discount when 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. The Happy Days 5K includes a long sleeve t-shirt.

- **Dash and Dine 5K**

- *Race T-shirt design just released, now visible on the registration site!*

- **Date:** Sa., May 17 | 9:30 a.m.

- **Cost:** Early pricing is now at \$40 (valid through March 16)

- This race is scheduled the same weekend as the annual [Garage Sale Trail](#) – this year partnered with Elk River for a bigger and better sale weekend!

- **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 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.	March 4	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
• Tu.	March 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.	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.
• Sa.	June 28	Summer Solstice	9-10 a.m.
- **Cost:** \$5
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is required to secure your spot
- **Note:** *We plan to resume a regular weekly yoga class starting this spring.*

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:** Pre-registration is required to secure your spot

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!](#)

Egg-Paw-Looza

Get ready for a thrilling 'Easter Egg Hunt' designed for dogs at our second annual Egg-Paw-Looza! We will have an abundance of themed tennis balls around the park for your dog to sniff out and play. Dogs must be well-behaved and under control at all times. Any dog showing signs of aggression must be promptly removed from the park. More information on the [Alpine Dog Park rules can be found here.](#)

- **Date:** Sat., April 12, 10 a.m. – noon at Alpine Dog Park
- **Cost:** FREE

Intro to Pickleball: Registration Now Open!

Learn the basics of pickleball with certified instructor Gwen Radel from Nitty Gritty Pickleball! This fun, two-hour beginner class covers rules, scoring, terminology, fundamentals, and court positioning—paddles and balls provided. These classes fill fast! Please only register for one Intro to Pickleball session, all classes cover the same materials.

- **Dates:**

• Day	Date	Time
• Sa.	May 10	9 – 11 a.m.
• Su.	June 1	1 – 3 p.m.
• Sa.	June 14	9 – 11 a.m.
• Su.	July 27	1 – 3 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$15/person
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is required to secure your spot

[The Draw Concert Series: Bands Now Released!](#)

The City of Ramsey is delighted to host the 15th annual Concert Series at The Draw in the Summer of 2025. Concerts will be held from June 12 through August 21 from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m., except for the final concert, which will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The outdoor concerts are a family-friendly event series accompanied by supplemental programs such as Art in the Park and conclude with the Trott Brook Benefit Bash.

- **Date:** Thursdays, June 12-Aug. 21 at The Draw
- **Cost:** FREE

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:

- **Volunteer opportunities** – want to get involved with the community? Let us know! We're looking for volunteers to assist at a variety of our events.
- **Summer Youth Programs** – We're working on a fun mix of youth programs including science camp, art in the park, parent and me classes, and more! Details will be released in the coming weeks.
- **55+ Programs** – Additional Day Trips for 2025 plus Vitality Art camps with the Rumriver Art Center!
- **Happy Days** – Registration for Happy Days events and sponsors have started to open. For more information, [visit our Happy Days website here.](#)

Recommendation:

N/A

Outcome/Action:

N/A

Attachments

Yoga
Line Dancing
Starwatch Party
Egg-Paw-Looza
Intro to Pickleball
Dash and Dine 5K
Concert Series
Two Rivers Art Fair
Puzzle Competition

Form Review

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YOGA



Join Christina, a certified Yoga Teacher and Massage Therapist, for a rejuvenating monthly Yoga series. Each session explores a unique theme to inspire and revitalize your body, mind, and spirit. With expertise in yoga, massage, and holistic practices, Christina blends her expertise to create an enriching, accessible experience for all levels.

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

January 4	New Beginnings
February 15	Love & Kindness
March 15	Balance
April 12	Happy Hips
May 17	Nurture Yourself

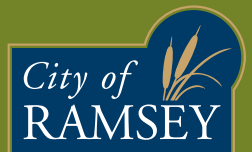
9:00-10:00 a.m.

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

\$5 per session

*Youth under 17 must be
accompanied by an adult.*

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Tuesdays
March 4 & 18
April 1 & 15
May 6 & 20

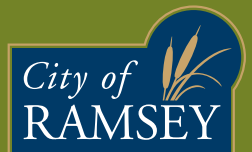
5:30-6:30 p.m.

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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.

Friday, March 28

8:00-10:00 p.m.

Elmcrest Park

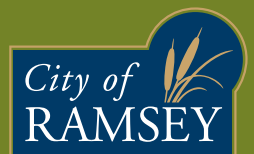
16303 Quicksilver St. NW

Ages: 8+

Cost: \$12.50 per person

Pre-registration is required.

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Please note that dogs must be well-behaved and under the control of their owners at all times. Any dog showing signs of aggression must be promptly removed from the park.

Saturday, April 19
10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Alpine Dog Park
6600 Alpine Drive NW

FREE EVENT

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INTRO TO PICKLEBALL



Would you like to learn how to play the fun game of pickleball? Come join us and learn with Gwen Radel from Nitty Gritty Pickleball and other top instructors. Gwen is a certified instructor through the Professional Pickleball Registry (PPR), which is the official education and certification partner for USA Pickleball.

Whether you have never played, or only tried it a few times; this is the class for you! We will cover the beginner basics of pickleball, the Nitty Gritty. You will leave this two-hour class knowing basic rules and scoring, terminology, some fundamentals, court positioning, and be given next-steps info on where to play and more.

Paddles and balls will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. Dress for the weather and bring water. Wear tennis (court) shoes, not running shoes. Come join us!

Day	Date	Time
Sa	May 10	9-11 a.m.
Su	June 1	1-3 p.m.
Sa	June 14	9-11 a.m.
Su	July 27	1-3 p.m.

Central Park
7925 161st Avenue NW,

Cost \$12.50/person
Ages 10+

Pre-registration is required, maximum 24 participants. Please only register for one Intro to Pickleball class as all classes cover the same content.

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NittyGritty



Saturday | May 17

9:30 a.m.

Elmcrest Park
16303 Quicksilver Street NW
Ramsey



Lace up your shoes and get ready for our first-ever Dash and Dine 5K! Whether you're a runner, a food truck enthusiast, or both, this event is a fantastic way to challenge yourself, connect with the community, and enjoy a great meal!

The race will take place on a USATF certified 5K course at Elmcrest Park that winds through scenic trails, open fields, and local neighborhoods, featuring some slight rolling hills. This course is perfect for both seasoned runners and first-timers alike.

All runners will receive a meal voucher for one of the food trucks, those who register by April 13 will receive a T-shirt. Plus, the overall top male and female finishers in addition to the top male and female in each age group will receive an award. Age group categories are: 18 and under, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70+.

Even if you're not running, you're invited to join the fun! We'll have yard games and festivities at going on at the park, so come enjoy the spring season and cheer on your neighbors! And don't forget—it's the same weekend as Ramsey's Garage Sale Trail. After you fuel up with tasty food truck eats, you can explore the town to hunt for hidden treasures!

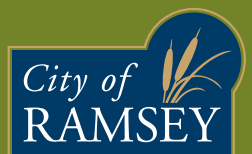
Registration Dates	Cost	Included
Jan 1- Jan 31	\$35	Meal & T-Shirt
Feb 1- March 16	\$40	Meal & T-Shirt
March 17- April 13	\$45	Meal & T-Shirt
April 14- May 16	\$45	Meal, T-shirt if extras are available
Same Day Registration	\$45	Meal, T-shirt if extras are available



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The Draw Summer

CONCERT SERIES
2025

FREE • GREAT MUSIC • FUN

**Thursday Evenings
6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**The Draw
Park & Amphitheater
7401 Ramsey Parkway**

Food and drink will be available for purchase at the concerts.



JUNE 12

Roadhouse Blue

Enjoy the country-rock sounds and free Killebrew Root Beer and Cream Soda.

JUNE 19

The Chad Edwards Band

A hard-rocking Minnesota-based Country band.

JUNE 26

Junk FM

Hits from the 80s, 90s and 2000s.

JULY 3

Church of Cash

An incredible Johnny Cash tribute performance.

JULY 10

LP and the 45s

Classic hits cover band that pays tribute to the pioneers.

JULY 17

Jacuzzi Puma

Rock cover band that loves to shred.

JULY 24

Jonah and the Whales

Non-stop rock, techno, pop, top-40 and classic hits.

JULY 31

Hard Days Night

A rock solid tribute to The Beatles.

AUGUST 7

Six to Midnight

High-energy cover band, 90s hits, 2000s favorites, today's chart-toppers.

AUGUST 14

Country Roads

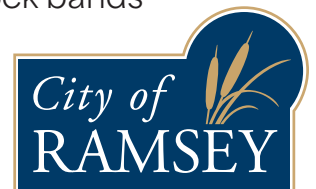
Tribute show to one of America's best-loved performers, John Denver.

AUGUST 21 - 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Crown Jewels

The Trott Brook Financial 21st Annual Benefit Bash! A tribute to one of the greatest rock bands of all time, Queen.

MORE INFORMATION
www.cityoframsey.com/278



FREE
Admission



TWO RIVERS
ART FAIR

Saturday, July 19
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The Draw
7401 Ramsey Parkway NW
Ramsey, MN

ART

Original art from local and visiting artists

FOOD

Variety of Food Trucks

FAMILY

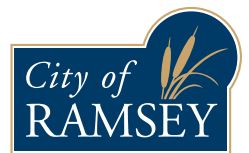
FREE art demonstrations, classes, entertainment and more!

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SPRING 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 2024 Photo Contest entries. Participants are given a two-hour time frame to complete their puzzle. The winning teams will receive a prize.

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.

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

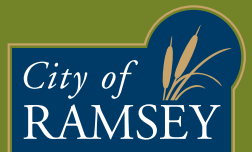
Ramsey City Hall
7550 Sunwood Drive NW

All Ages

Cost: \$40 per team.

Pre-registration is required, register by March 27. Only one registration is needed per team.

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