

City of Ramsey
Agenda
Park and Recreation Commission
Thursday, April 10, 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**
4. Approve the following meeting minutes.
 1. Park and Recreation Commission meeting dated March 13th, 2025.
5. **Commission Business**
1. **Consider Park and Recreation 2025 Outdoor Meeting Schedule**
2. Invitation: Tree Planting with Ramsey Environmental Policy Board and Parks and Recreation Department/Commission
6. **Commission/Staff Input**
1. Upcoming Programs and Events
2. Update on Term Limitations on Commission and Board Chairs.
7. **Adjournment**

Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: 04/10/2025

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 March 13th, 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 March 13th, 2025.

Outcome/Action:

Motion to approve meeting minutes dated March 13th, 2025.

Attachments

Park and Recreation Minutes March 13th, 2025

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 March 13, 2025, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

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

Commission Members Absent: Commissioner Todd Arts
 Commissioner Shane Bennett
 Commissioner Jennifer Leistico

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

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

- Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated March 13, 2025

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

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.01: Nominate Chair and Vice-Chair of the Park and Recreation Commission

Chair Barten opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair.

There were no nominations.

Chair Barten asked if Commissioner Ealain would be willing to serve as the Chair.

Commissioner Ealain replied that she would be willing to do so.

Motion by Chair Barten, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to elect Commissioner Ealain as the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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

Commissioner Sis asked if Chair Barten would be interested in serving as Vice-Chair.

Chair Barten confirmed that he would be willing to serve in that position.

Motion by Commissioner Sis, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to elect Commissioner Barten as Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission.

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

5.02: River's Bend Park Shelter Replacement

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood provided background information noting the previous direction of the Commission for staff to begin the design for the shelter replacement at River's Bend Park. He provided an image of the southern shelter at the park, noting that the northern shelter has already been rehabilitated. He commented that River's Bend Park is one of the more popular daytime parks with walking, and dog walking, being the most popular activity in the southern half of the park. He noted that dog walkers often bring water and a bowl for their dogs and therefore a handpump has been considered to be added near the shelter for people with dogs, people fishing, and to wash hands. He highlighted the proposed location for the hand pump to be added. He explained that a stone would be added under the hand pump, to collect water for dogs to drink and to also prevent the area from becoming muddy. He reviewed the proposed design of the shelter. He also provided information on the park shelter rentals from the previous year, noting that this type of shelter is popular for children's birthday parties. He reviewed the other

proposed additions including a fireplace with a pizza oven as well as a dino dig feature near the shelter. He reviewed the proposed project cost of \$126,528. He stated that if the Commission agrees, the next step would be to follow the RFP process, with anticipated construction of the project in 2025.

Chair Barten commented that he would support moving forward to RFP.

Commissioner Sis agreed there would be no harm in going out for RFP, noting that if the prices are too high, they could reconsider. He asked if there is any access to power in the southern half of the park that could be run to the shelter.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood replied that there is power in the right-of-way for Bunker Lake Boulevard. He stated that he did not add that suggestion to the project at this time because of the cost. He stated that eventually they could look to add a restroom to the southern half of the park and perhaps running power could be considered at that time.

Chair Barten stated that perhaps they could look at solar lighting or panels atop the shelter that could assist in providing light and power. He agreed that is something they could consider to be added in the future.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that the DNR does have a solar lighting program for parks and trails, noting that he could look into that program.

Commissioner Sis asked if the southern half of the park is still prone to flooding.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood replied that area does flood periodically but the low point is the access point and tunnel. He stated that there is frequently a period of a few days when the south half of the park is closed off but noted that is not during the peak season for rentals.

Chair Barten recognized that southern half of the park would still be open to pedestrian access during times of flooding.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood confirmed that when that area is closed because of flooding, it is only closed to vehicle access.

Commissioner Sis commented that the current shelter has been popular for teens with hammocks and asked if hooks could be considered to add into the plans to accommodate that use.

Chair Barten commented that he would not be opposed to adding that feature, as long as the teens are being respectful.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood replied that he would not want to modify the post width of the shelter because of the structural design. He noted that there are other spots that are popular for hammocking in the park, using trees.

Chair Barten referenced the fireplace design and asked if reflector shields should be added to allow more use during the shoulder seasons.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood agreed that would be included in the design, with workspace on the sides.

Consensus of the Commission was to direct staff to move forward with the RFP for the project.

Commissioner Sis asked if Plants and Things would be a good source to consider asking about the stone fireplace.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood replied that he was only able to find one vendor that offers the fireplace/pizza oven combo.

6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

6.01: Recreation Program Review, Update and Future Forecast

Recreation Coordinator Proulx provided a brief recap of the 2024 year in review for parks and recreation programming. She then provided information on the upcoming spring and summer season programming, activities, and events planned.

Chair Barten thanked Recreation Coordinator Proulx for her excellent work, noting the appeal of the 55+ trips.

City Council Liaison Buscher introduced herself and stated that she is excited to learn more about parks and recreation in Ramsey.


7. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Riverblood
Parks & Assistant Public Works Director

Drafted by Amanda Staple
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

Meeting Date: 04/10/2025

By: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Consider Park and Recreation 2025 Outdoor Meeting Schedule

Purpose/Background:

For many years, the Park and Recreation Commission has held its regular meetings outdoors in the months of May through September (weather permitting). This provided the Commission an opportunity to inspect and comment on parks and projects as a group, and it afforded residents access to the Commission on a neighborhood level. On occasions of inclement weather, the Commission would convene the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. The purpose of this case is to confirm the Commission’s desire for outdoor meetings in 2025, and if so, approve the locations based upon discussion.

The following are the proposed dates—if the Commission agrees to continue meeting in parks for the summer. For the meeting, staff will review the relevance of meeting at the proposed locations below, and discuss with the Commission options for each of these months.

- May 8th:** Central Park
- June 12th:** ?
- July 10th:** The Draw
- August 14th:** ?
- Sept. 11th:** River's Bend Park

Upon approval of the locations, the park locations will be published on the website and in the next *Ramsey Resident* newsletter.

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

Funding Source:

None required.

Recommendation:

Determine whether outdoor meetings are desired for 2025—and if so the locations.

Action:

Motion to approve the outdoor meeting locations, based upon discussion.

Attachments

- Central playground opening
- Park and Trail map

Form Review

Inbox

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**COMING
SOON**



Central Park Playground Grand Re-opening

The Central Park playground was installed **28 years ago by volunteers**. Since then, thousands of young people have enjoyed it—now these residents can bring their children to the **new, even larger playground** following construction in April.

Come celebrate the **grand reopening** with the Ramsey Parks and Recreation Commission! We will have an evening full of **family friendly fun** such as yard games and food truck eats. Be among the first to explore the new playground and take part in the celebration.

Afterwards, you're invited to stay for the regular **May Parks and Recreation Commission meeting** at the park to hear about the latest in park and trail initiatives and provide your input on a new community art plan.

Thursday, May 8

from 5-6:30 p.m.

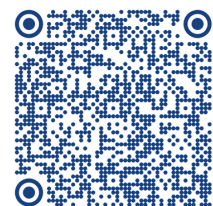
Loral I Delaney Central Park
7925 161st Ave NW

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with Citizen's Input.

See you there!

SCAN HERE

For more Parks and Recreation offerings, or contact us at parks@cityoframsey.com or 763-433-9883.



City of Ramsey Park and Trail User Map



"This map's primary purpose is to assist residents in navigating their trail system and in exploring and discovering park and recreation areas. More planning documents and maps like the playground map, together with other facilities are available at the city's website at www.cityoframsey.com. Recreation program offerings and park reservation opportunities may also be found there, together with a host of other city services."

Park Map Symbols

- Underpass
- Proposed Underpass
- Crosswalk
- Existing Trailhead
- Fire Station
- City Hall
- Proposed Trailhead
- Winter Recreation
- Right of Way (ROW)

Trail Type

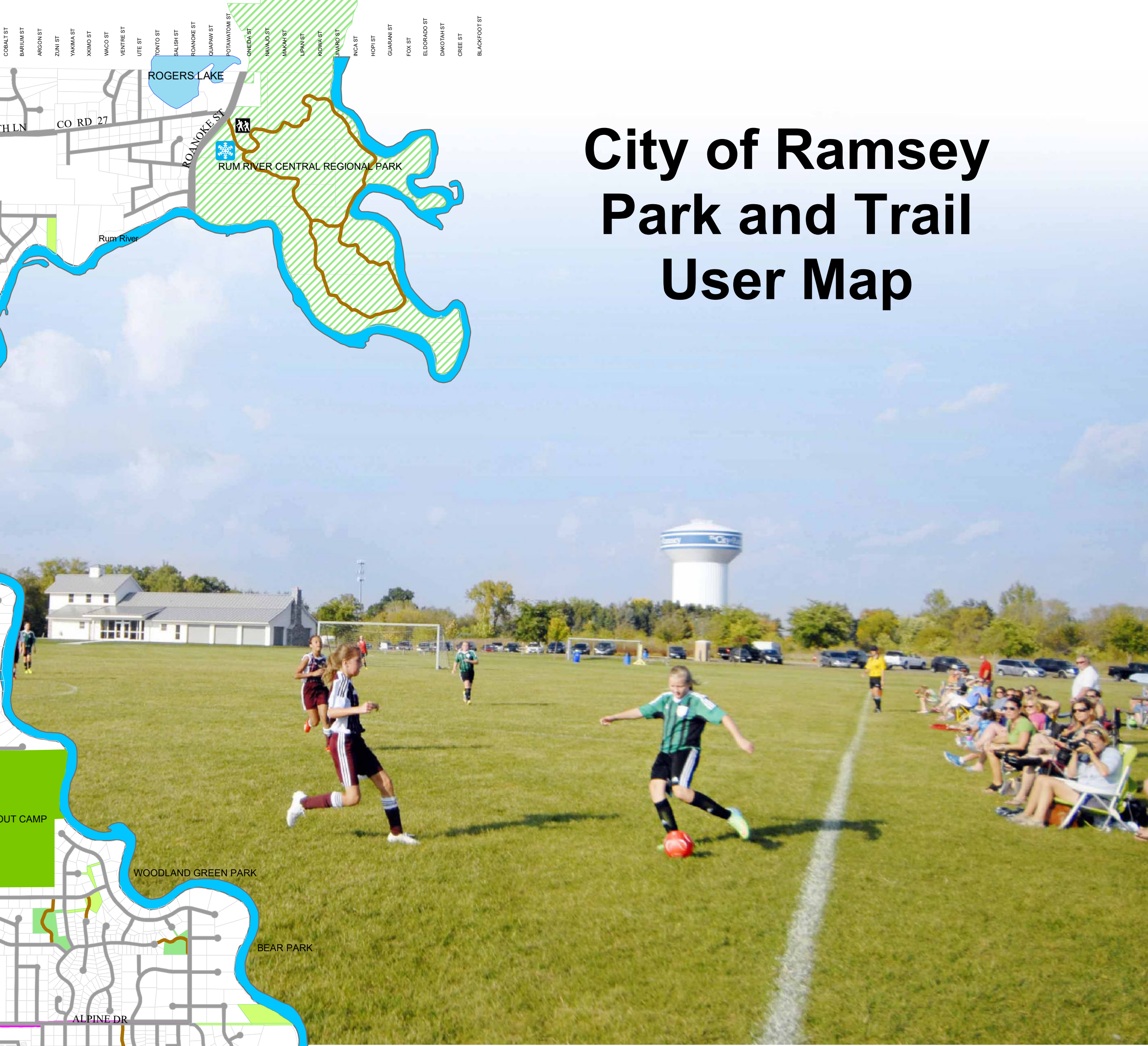
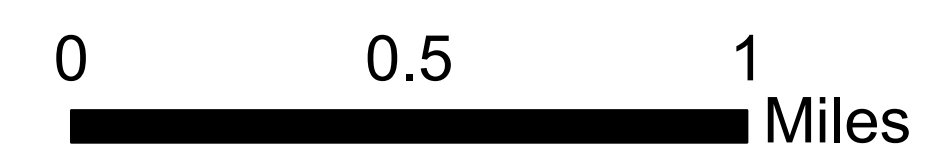
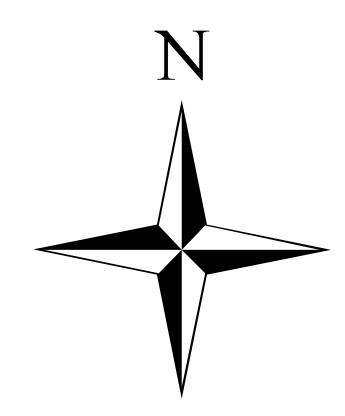
- OFF-ROAD (OUT OF ROW)
- BOARDWALKS
- ON-ROAD (WITHIN ROW)
- Under Construction (2017)

Park and Open Space

- PARKS
- QUASI-PUBLIC
- REGIONAL
- PROPOSED PARK
- OPEN SPACE/ TRAIL CORRIDOR

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Park and Recreation Commission**Meeting Date:** 04/10/2025**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Connect the community through Parks, Trails and Recreational Programming.**Information****Title:**

Invitation: Tree Planting with Ramsey Environmental Policy Board and Parks and Recreation Department/Commission

Purpose/Background:**Background**

Did you know that since 1978, May has been designated as Arbor Month in Minnesota? May is an ideal time to plant and set new trees up for success.

Across the state, many trees are under stress due to disease, pests, and changing environmental conditions. You may have noticed markings on trees or recent tree removals around Ramsey. The spread of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has led to the loss of numerous ash trees in our community.

Purpose

Join us in giving back by planting replacement trees near The Draw at 145th Ave NW alongside Ramsey's Environmental Policy Board, and Parks and Recreation Commission/Department. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Youth activities and supervision will also be available for families bringing children.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged to help us prepare for the right number of participants. If you plan to bring children, pre-registration is required to ensure we have age-appropriate activities and the right quantity of materials. Please register both the adult volunteer and any participating children.

If you have further questions or would like assistance with registration, please contact aproulx@cityoframsey.com or 763-433-9883.

Recommendation:

Informational, no recommendation required.

Outcome/Action:

Informational, no action required.

Attachments

Community Tree Planting Flyer

Form Review

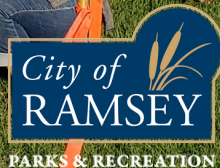
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Tree Planting

with the

Ramsey Environmental Policy Board & Parks and Recreation Commission

Volunteer Opportunity!



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Scan here



**Wed.,
May 14**
6 - 7:30 p.m.

145th Ln NW
*South of the
ballfields at
The Draw*

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Upcoming Programs and Events

Purpose/Background:**Upcoming Programs, Registration Deadlines, and New Releases:****[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. Classes take place at Central Park.

• **Dates:**

| • Day | Date | Time |
|-------|----------|------------------|
| • Tu. | April 1 | 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. |
| • Tu. | April 15 | 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. |

• **Cost:** \$5• **Registration:** Pre-register prior to arrival at the class.**[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:** As of Monday, March 31 only two spots remain!
- **[Check out the winners from our last competition!](#)**

[Yoga](#)

Join Christina, our certified Yoga Teacher and Massage Therapist, at Central Park 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. | 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 have plans for weekly Gentle Yoga sessions to begin again in May!***[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

Walk with a Naturalist

Join naturalist Ellen for a guided spring birdwatching walk at Mississippi West and Rum River Central, where you'll observe migratory waterfowl, warblers, and other forest birds—arrive early for an optional 7 a.m. scouting walk before the main 8 a.m. group.

- **Dates:**

| ● Day | Date | Location | Time |
|-------|----------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| ● Su. | April 13 | Mississippi West | 7 a.m. or 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. |
| ● Su. | June 14 | Rum River Central | 7 a.m. or 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. |
| ● Su. | July 12 | Rum River Central | 7 a.m. or 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. |

- **Cost:** \$25/parent-child pair. Receive a \$10 discount when registering a sibling for the same session.
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is required to secure your spot. Space is limited to 12 kids per session.

Parent and Me

In partnership with KidCreate, our Parent & Me classes offer children ages 12 months to 6 years a fun, sensory-rich experience to explore, create, and play alongside their caregivers at Central Park.

- **Dates:**

| ● Day | Date | Theme | Time |
|-------|----------|-----------------|--------------------|
| ● Sa. | April 26 | Creepy Crawlers | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. |
| ● Sa. | June 14 | Glow Party | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. |
| ● Sa. | July 12 | Summer Fun | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. |
| ● Sa. | Aug. 16 | Camp Out | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. |

- **Cost:** \$25/parent-child pair. Receive a \$10 discount when registering a sibling for the same session.
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is required to secure your spot. Space is limited to 12 kids per session.

Pickleball Leagues

Ramsey Parks and Recreation is partnering with Minnesota Pickleball to offer structured ladder leagues where players compete individually, rotate partners each session, and move up or down based on performance, with results posted weekly. Leagues will take place at the Central Park courts.

- **Sessions**

- [Wednesday Evening Early Season](#)
 - April 30-July 2, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- [Sunday Evening](#)
 - June 15- August 31, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- [Wednesday Evening Late Season](#)
 - July 16-Sept. 17, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

- **Cost:** \$65/person
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is required to secure your spot

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. Classes take place at the Central Park courts.

- **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

[Garage Sale Trail](#)

It's back and registration is now open! Meet your neighbors, find great bargains, and explore a variety of treasures at the third annual Garage Sale Trail. This year, we're excited to partner with Elk River for a bigger and better sale event!

- **Date:** Th., May 15- Sa., May 17, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- **Cost:** FREE
- **Registration:** Pre-register by May 11.

[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: Holland Family Farm and Marieke Gouda Store](#)

Discover the rich flavors and traditions of Holland's Family Farm in Thorp, WI, where Gouda cheese is made fresh just hours after milking. This immersive visit includes a guided tour of the farm, a chance to meet the cows and calves, and an inside look at the cheese-making process—complete with a tasty sample. Enjoy a delicious meal at Café Dutchess while taking in the picturesque farm views, then explore the Marieke Gouda Store for locally made Wisconsin goods and Dutch specialties. It's a perfect day of food, fun, and farm-fresh experiences!

- **Date:** Tues., June 10
- **Cost:** \$96/person. Includes roundtrip transportation on a coach bus, lunch, and guided tour. Bus picks up and drops off at City Hall.
- **Registration:** Registration is open until May 11 or until full. No refunds or registrations can be taken after this date.

[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. Bus picks up and drops off at City Hall.
- **Registration:** Registration is open until June 22 or until full. No refunds or registrations can be taken after this date.

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.
- **[Community Art Plan](#)** – In partnership with the Ramsey Community Foundation, we're working on the creation of a Community Art Plan. We are currently gathering resident feedback on what Ramsey means to those who live and work here. [Visit our website to learn more.](#)
- **Happy Days** – Registration for Happy Days events and sponsors have started to open. For more information, [visit our Happy Days website here.](#)
- **Expanding Communications** – At events, I often hear that people are *just* discovering everything we offer. I'd love to reach people where they are to share our programs and events. 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:

N/A

Outcome/Action:

N/A

Attachments

Monthly Yoga
 Line Dancing
 Egg-Paw-Looza
 Intro to Pickleball
 Dash and Dine 5K
 Garage Sale Trail
 Kites and Bites
 55+ Day Trip: Holland Family Farm
 Concert Series
 Two Rivers Art Fair

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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

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

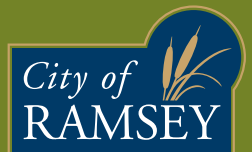
9:00-10:00 a.m.

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

\$5 per session

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

PARKS AND RECREATION



REGISTER

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LINE DANCING



Join us for a fun night of 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—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.

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

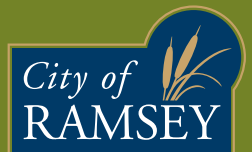
5:30-6:30 p.m.

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

All Ages

\$5 per session

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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.

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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Th. May 15 - Sa., May 17
Open 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
unless otherwise indicated.

A combined interactive map with Ramsey and Elk River sales will be posted on the City website.

Third Annual Garage Sale Trail!

Meet your neighbors, find great bargains, and explore a variety of treasures at the third annual Garage Sale Trail! This year, we're excited to partner with Elk River for a joint community-wide garage sale happening Thursday, May 15 – Saturday, May 17.

On Sunday, May 18, we encourage sellers to host a "free day" and/or donate leftover items. Check online for a resource list of places accepting donations.

To participate and have your sale listed on the official map, **register online by May 11 at midnight.** A final map and list of all registered sales will be available online the week of the event, with print copies available at City Hall.

Scan for
interactive
Garage Sale
Trail map



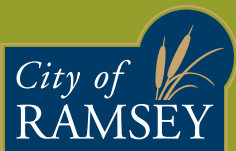
No late registrations, cancellations, or changes can be made to posted materials after May 11.

Even More Spring Fun!

While you're out shopping, stop by Elmcrest Park for the inaugural Dash and Dine 5K! Whether you're racing or just browsing the sales, swing by to cheer on the runners and enjoy delicious food from local food trucks.



Scan for
more info on the
Dash and Dine
5K



View the interactive map at
www.cityoframsey.com/941

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3RD ANNUAL KITES AND BITES



FREE EVENT

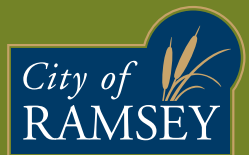
Fill the Spring skies with colorful kites! Join us with the Ramsey Lions for our third annual Kites and Bites. It's fun for all ages. Bring your own kite or decorate a kite when you get to the park (while supplies last).

We'll have food trucks, face painting, games, and more!

Saturday, May 31
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Elmcrest Park
16303 Quicksilver Street NW

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DAY TRIP: HOLLAND FAMILY FARM & MARIEKE GOUDA STORE



Experience the Art of Farmstead Cheese in Wisconsin!

Discover the rich flavors and traditions of Holland’s Family Farm in Thorp, WI, where Gouda cheese is made fresh just hours after milking. This immersive visit includes a guided tour of the farm, a chance to meet the cows and calves, and an inside look at the cheese-making process—complete with a tasty sample. Enjoy a delicious meal at Café Dutchess while taking in the picturesque farm views, then explore the Marieke Gouda Store for locally made Wisconsin goods and Dutch specialties. It’s a perfect day of food, fun, and farm-fresh experiences! *Please note, the farm tour is not ADA accessible.*

Tentative Itinerary

8:00 a.m.: Leave Ramsey City Hall

11:00 a.m.: Arrive in Thorp, WI. Here they make TRUE farmstead cheese. This means the milk is produced at the same location as the cheese, resulting in ridiculously delicious Gouda cheese. The Gouda is made within five hours of the cows being milked.

Group 1 will be seated for lunch in the Café Dutchess. Enjoy a tasty meal as you gaze out across the Penterman Farm.

Menu: Classic Burger, With Cheese, Onion, Lettuce, and Tomato. Served with French Fries and Coffee.

Group 2 Meet your host for a guided tour of the facilities. Go through the Milking Parlor Observation Area and the Barn. Connect with the cows and cuddle the little calves, watch the cheese making process, and taste a sample

12:30 p.m.: Groups will change places.

2:00 p.m.: Spend time shopping in the Marieke Gouda Store. They not only offer cheese items, but many locally made Wisconsin food and products as well! In addition, there are items from the Netherlands to pay homage to Marieke’s home country. View the creamery and aging room with a unique behind-the-scenes experience!

2:45 p.m.: Estimated departure time from Thorp, WI.

4:00 p.m.: Stop at the Menomonie Creamery to purchase refreshments (on own).

6:00 p.m.: Estimated return time to Ramsey.

Thursday, June 10
7:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Bus pickup/drop off
Ramsey City Hall
7550 Sunwood Drive NW

Cost: \$96/person
includes: coach bus transportation, lunch, and tour.

Pre-registration is required, deadline to register or cancel is Sunday, May 11

Ages: 55+



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

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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

A Hard Day's 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



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Admission



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Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: 04/10/2025

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

Information

Title:

Update on Term Limitations on Commission and Board Chairs.

Purpose/Background:

Update on Term Limitations on Commission and Board Chairs Discussion

Recommendation:

N/A

Outcome/Action:

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