

City of Ramsey
Agenda
Park and Recreation Commission
Thursday, February 12, 2026
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 date January 9, 2026.

5. **Commission Business**
 1. 2025 Photo Contest Review

6. **Commission/Staff Input**
 1. Recreation Program Updates

7. **Adjournment**

Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: 02/12/2026

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 date January 9, 2026.

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 9, 2026.

Outcome/Action:

Motion to approve meeting minutes dated January 9, 2026.

Attachments

P & R January 2026 Minutes

Form Review

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

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on January 8, 2026, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present: Acting Chair Nathan Barten
 Commissioner Garth Anderson
 Commissioner Todd Arts
 Commissioner Shane Bennett
 Commissioner Dean Olson

Commission Members Absent: Chair Megan Ealain

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood asked to reverse the order of the Commission Business items on the agenda.

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

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

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

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

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

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

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.01: 2025 Program Review and 2026 Upcoming Programs (Previously Item 5:03)

Recreation Coordinator Proulx highlighted the programming and event offerings from 2025. She also provided an overview of upcoming programming opportunities and events.

Acting Chair Barten thanked staff for the update and all the great offerings.

Commissioner Bennett commended staff for continuing to build great programming offerings for the community.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood encouraged residents to sign up for the newsletter, which highlights parks and recreation programming and event opportunities.

5.02: Playground Replacement Program 2026 – Riverdale Park

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood provided background information on the Playground Replacement Policy and the five playgrounds that have been replaced. He noted the playgrounds that the Commission and staff reviewed as candidates for 2026 and commented that, because of the high level of use, it is recommended that Riverdale Park be replaced for 2026. He noted that \$120,000 was programmed into the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for playground replacement in 2026.

Acting Chair Barten agreed that Riverdale Park makes sense, noting the large number of young families in that area.

Commissioner Bennett noted that the Commission met at that location last summer to review the playground, and it had a high amount of use during that time.

Consensus of the Commission was to acknowledge that Riverdale Park is the subject of the 2026 playground replacement project.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that staff will plan to bring back a variety of options for the Commission to consider.

Commissioner Arts recognized that one playground per year is slated for replacement and asked if that is sufficient or whether there would be a need to increase that number in the future.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood believed that one playground per year for replacement is sufficient, noting that maintenance and upkeep are still completed on the parks system as needed. He reminded the Commission that the Lawful Gambling Fund is used for the playground replacement program, the funding of which is sufficient for just one playground per year.

5.03: Community Development Block Grant Funding for The Waterfront (Previously Item 5.01)

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood provided background information on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. He stated that staff would like to submit an application and provided information on the proposed request. He stated that the City Council would consider this recommendation at its meeting on January 13th in order to meet the application submission deadline later this month.

Acting Chair Barten agreed that it would make sense to apply for additional funding for the project.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to recommend City Council approval of the application to Anoka County for Community Development Block Grant Public Service funding for improvements at The Waterfront.

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

6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that bid documents were released earlier this week for The Waterfront project with a bid submission date of January 26th.

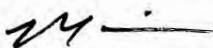
7. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:00 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: 02/12/2026

Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:

Information

Title:

2025 Photo Contest Review

Purpose/Background:

The purpose of this presentation is to present entries and winners of the 2025 photo contest. Now in its ninth 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 into three distinct categories, plus a new youth entry category and evaluated based on overall composure, creativity, and .

Categories are as follows:

- Built Landscapes and Architecture
- Natural Spaces and Wildlife
- Life in Ramsey
- Through My Eyes (Youth Entry)

Recommendation:

Affirm the 2025 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

2025 Photo Contest Entries

Form Review

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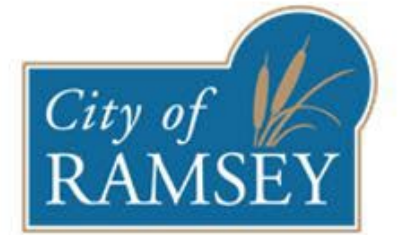
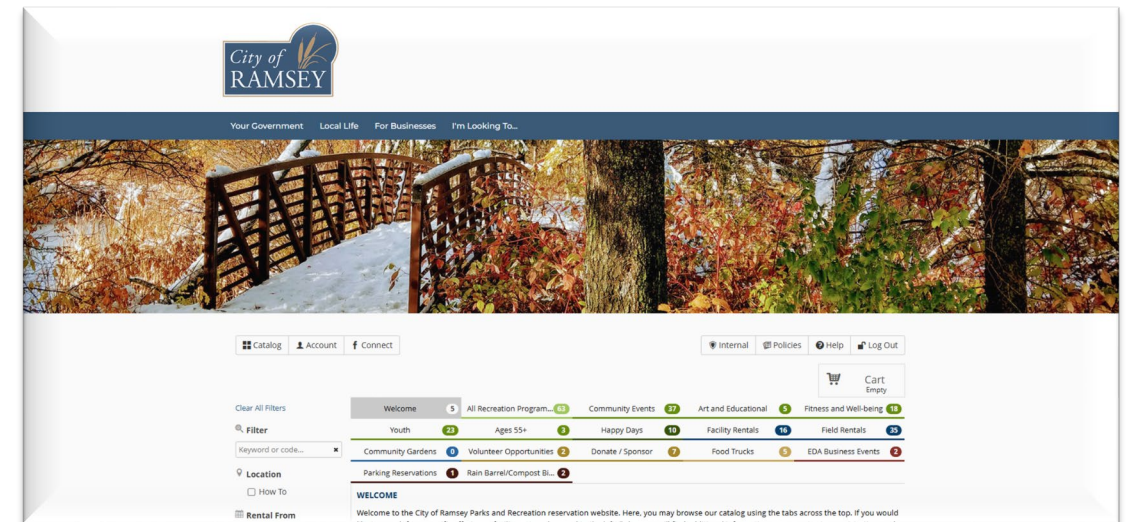
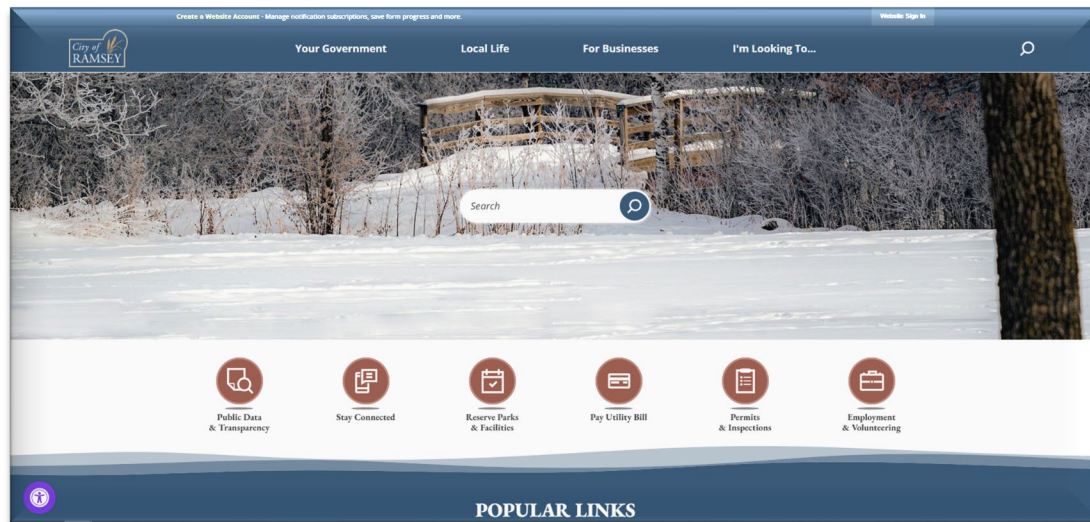
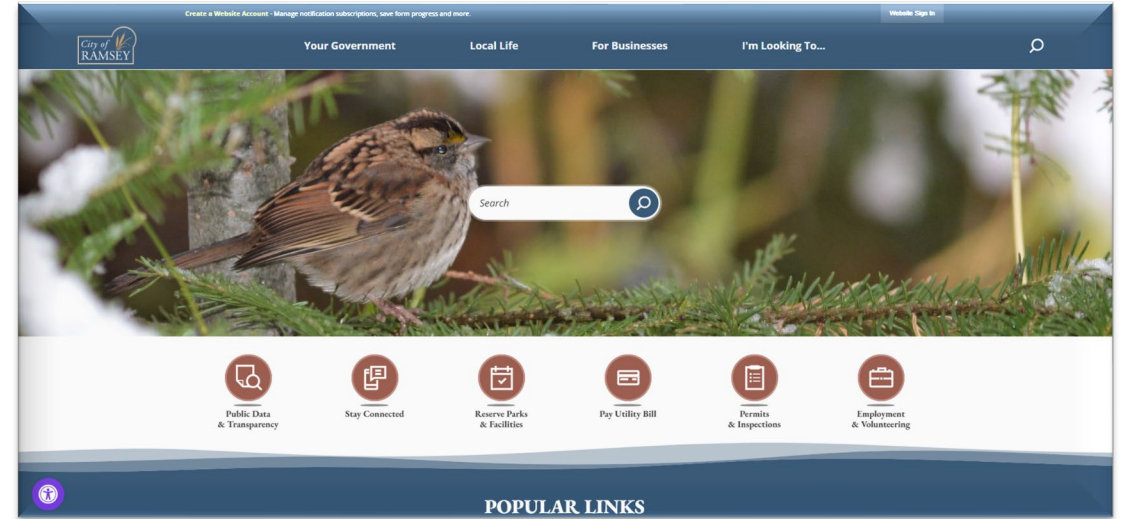
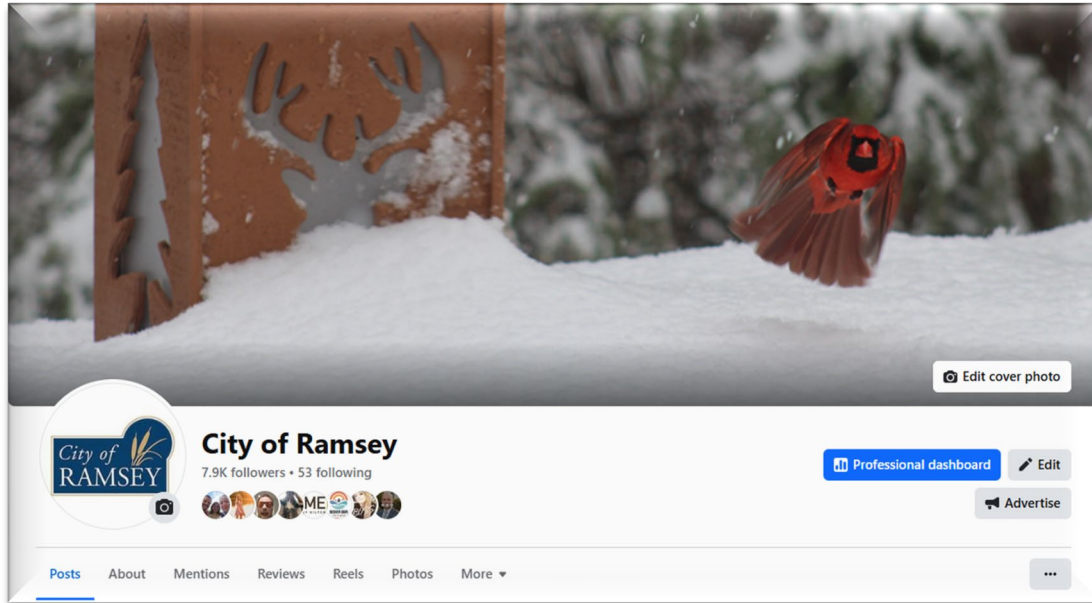


PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS - 2025



COMMUNITY PHOTOS



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Alpine Park

Clues in the Clouds

Clouds come in all shapes and sizes, from puffy cotton balls drifting lazily across the sky to wispy streaks that point the horizon. Their unique forms inspire creativity—how often have you spotted an animal or a familiar object in the clouds above?

We even use clouds in everyday sayings:

- "Head in the clouds" means feeling distracted.
- "On cloud nine" describes sheer happiness.
- "Every dark cloud has a silver lining" reminds us to find the good in tough times.

Clouds aren't just beautiful; they hold clues about the weather ahead. Look up and see what secrets they reveal today!



Photo by John Jacobson, 2023 Photo Contest winner.

Parade of Clouds

Clouds can be big or small, thin or thick, high or low. Different clouds form under different conditions, and those conditions affect what they look like.

Puffy clouds form when the sun hits objects on the surface of the earth, heating them up. The heated air rises into the sky until it gets to a zone cool enough for droplets to form from the moisture it holds.

Stringy clouds form when wind, rather than warmth, carries air skyward. The direction of the strands that make up the cloud can tell us something about the wind that was blowing when the cloud formed.

Water on Wings

When you think of water, you probably think of a liquid. But water exists in other forms, too. When it gets cold, it turns into a solid—ice. And when it gets really warm, it turns into a gas—water vapor. Invisible water molecules are in the air all around us in every breath we take.

When those warm water molecules cool enough, they can change again. With the help of tiny bits of dust or other particles, they can condense, or turn back into liquid. Suspended in the air, the tiny drops (or if it's really cold, ice crystals) form floating objects we know as clouds.

What causes water molecules suspended in the air to cool down so they can condense into clouds? Earth's atmosphere is made up of layers. Most clouds are in the bottom layer. They move with the air masses that bring different types of weather. Sometimes they run into each other. When they do, one slides up and over the other. The air mass closest to the ground is warm and moist. As the air rises it cools, and water vapor condenses and forms clouds that we can see.

Sometimes the water droplets that make up clouds stay suspended in the air. When clouds get too crowded, or cool down enough, they can form larger clumps and fall to Earth in the form of rain, snow, or another form of precipitation.



Photo by Michelle Dawkins, 2023 Photo Contest winner.

Learn More

Article and information courtesy of Mary Hoff and the Minnesota DNR's Young Naturalists.

For more information about weather and other natural science topics, scan the QR code.

www.thrillstam.com/mcmagazine/young-naturalists.html



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Clouds in Ramsey

Ramsey's skies are a canvas for incredible cloudscapes year-round! From fluffy cumulus clouds in summer to dramatic stratus clouds signaling winter's approach, every season brings its own unique charm.

Take a moment to explore the photos below, captured by our talented residents. Can you identify the different cloud types on display? Keep looking up, and you might discover a masterpiece in the sky.



Photo by Michelle Dawkins, 2023 Photo Contest winner.



Photo by Dennis Henry, 2023 Photo Contest submission.



Photo by Anna Murk, 2023 Ramsey Photo Contest submission.



Photo by Lindsey Lewis, 2023 Ramsey Photo Contest submission.



Photo by Michelle Dawkins, 2023 Photo Contest winner.

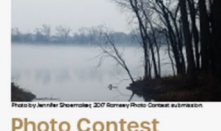


Photo by Jennifer Stearns, 2023 Ramsey Photo Contest submission.



Photo by Melissa L. Rowles, 2023 Photo Contest winner.

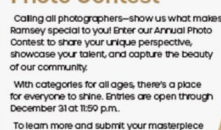


Photo by Laura Johnson, 2023 Photo Contest winner.



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Photo Contest

Calling all photographers—show us what makes Ramsey special to you! Enter our Annual Photo Contest to share your unique perspective, showcase your talent, and capture the beauty of our community.

With categories for all ages, there's a place for everyone to shine. Entries are open through December 31 at 11:59 p.m.

To learn more and submit your masterpiece

scan the QR code or visit us at www.cityoframsey.com/269

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Alpine Park

Welcome to Ramsey Parks and Recreation

Nestled alongside the scenic Rum and Mississippi Rivers, we are proud to provide our community with diverse parks, trails, facilities and green spaces. Whether you're looking to rent spaces for events and celebrations, try something new in one of our recreation programs, or attend city-wide events such as Happy Days or the Concert Series, we invite you to explore what Ramsey offers!



Recreation Programs

The City of Ramsey Parks Department works with various organizations to host and promote Parks and Recreation Programs open to the public.

We offer opportunities for all ages as well as host community events. Detailed information on program offerings can be found online here.

Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter here to be in the know!



See Bikes Article, 2024

Bike Rentals

Did you know the City of Ramsey provides free bicycle rentals? Through the Anoka County Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) funding, seven bicycles (including men's, women's and youth bicycles), safety helmets and removable bike baskets are available for free check-out.

If you would like to participate, please stop by the front desk at Ramsey City Hall for a liability waiver and terms of use agreement. You must provide proof of identification and be at least 18 years of age to check out a bicycle (children may accompany an adult but can only check out a bicycle with an adult present).

Bicycles may be checked out during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

To learn more about equipment rentals, visit us online at www.cityoframsey.com/1030



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COMMUNITY PHOTOS


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RESIDENT

Why is the City Removing So Many Boulevard Trees?



In Ramsey's urban areas, particularly in the City's southeast quadrant, thousands of boulevard trees enhance neighborhoods with their beauty and shade, while also providing benefits such as noise reduction, traffic calming and increased property values. However, the boulevards present challenging environments for these trees. They are exposed to threats from stray vehicles, damage caused by mowers and weed trimmers, as well as harmful effects from road salt and pollutants. Additionally, ash trees are now at risk due to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). You may have noticed that Public Works crews are removing trees in parks, along boulevards and possibly even from your yard that are near the street. The trees being removed from your yard are located within the 15-foot right-of-way and have been confirmed to be infested with the EAB. This invasive insect is responsible for killing ash trees throughout the eastern Midwest. The beetle was first discovered in Ramsey a few years ago and has since caused significant damage across the entire City. When an ash tree becomes infected, adult beetles lay their eggs inside the tree. The trees have little defense against the burrowing larvae and they typically die completely by the second season.

Dead ash trees are notorious for their brittle limbs and dropping branches during windy conditions. For community member safety, Public Works crews continue to remove dead and infected ash trees in areas with the greatest concern for people being hit by falling limbs—especially boulevard trees over the sidewalks and in parks.

The City will increase its boulevard tree planting program in 2025. Still, unfortunately, for the next few years, ash trees will be removed from the City's landscapes faster than they can be replaced.

More information about EAB is available on the City's website at www.cityoframsey.com/282. For additional details or questions on boulevard tree care and replacements, contact Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood at mriverblood@cityoframsey.com or 763-433-9853.

Photo by Jenna Martin

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2024 Elections

The following four seats on the Ramsey City Council will be voted on in the 2024 Election:

- Mayor
- Councilmember At-Large
- Councilmember Ward 2
- Councilmember Ward 4

Filings for these seats open at 8:00 am on Tuesday, May 21. The filing fee is \$5, and filing is done in the City Clerk's Office at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW. Please contact Katie Schmidt at 763-433-9842 or kschmidt@cityoframsey.com if you have questions. Filing closes at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 4.

Absentee voting for the Primary Election begins on Friday, June 28. You may vote in person absentee at Ramsey City Hall or Anoka County Elections from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. City Hall will also be open to accommodate absentee voting on Saturday, August 10, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and until 5:00 pm on Monday, August 12.

You may request to vote absentee by mail at any time prior to this date by visiting <https://mnvotes.us>.



mn.gov/abrequest/index or by contacting Anoka County Elections at 763-324-1300.

The Primary Election is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13. All polling locations within the City of Ramsey will be open for voting from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. This Ramsey Resident includes a list of wards, precincts and polling place addresses. See page 8.

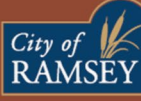
If you have questions about where to vote, please contact City Hall at 763-427-1410 or visit the Secretary of State's poll finder at <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us>. For more information on how to register to vote, visit <https://sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote>.



Photo by Michelle Osterhus

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Celebrate Community at Ramsey's Annual Happy Days Festival!

Join us on Saturday, September 7, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for our annual Happy Days festival. On Sunday, September 8, play in the 9/11 Memorial Golf Tournament from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.


The main event on Saturday promises a full day of activities, entertainment and chances to win prizes. Start your morning at the Happy Days 5K and Youth Fun Run beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Elmcreek Park. Day-of registration will be available from 7:00-7:30 a.m. Following the run, the parade starts at 11:00 a.m. on Sunwood Drive NW, traveling east to west in front of Ramsey City Hall. QCTV will broadcast the parade, so smile for the cameras! The main event grounds across from Ramsey City Hall will host an expo, food vendors, a beer tent, car show, bean bag tournament, dog show, kids' activities, games, inflatables, bingo, live music and more from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The schedule is available at www.cityoframsey.com/343. A spectacular fireworks show at 10:00 p.m. will conclude the day.

Plenty of tasty food options are available from the following food trucks: D&D Goodies, Goodies on the Go, Griddle on the Go, G-Spot, Kitama'in, LAR Concessions, MT Kitchen and Sugar Sweet Mini Donuts.

Musical entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m. with Jacuzzi Puma. This high-energy band plays songs from David Bowie, Led Zeppelin, Prince and The Rolling Stones. Their classic set list and unique spin will deliver an electrifying performance that will keep you on your feet. At 8:30 p.m., Free Fallin', The Tom Petty Concert Experience, an ultimate tribute to Tom Petty, will take the stage and play until 10:00. They deliver an authentic performance of Petty's iconic music, capturing the essence of his legendary concerts.

On Sunday, honor and remember with the Ramsey Fire Relief Association's 9/11 Memorial Golf Tournament at the Rum River Golf Course. The tournament begins at 11:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Red Knights Minnesota Chapter 4. To sponsor the event or to register, visit <https://birdcase.com/ramseyfirerelief911tournament>.

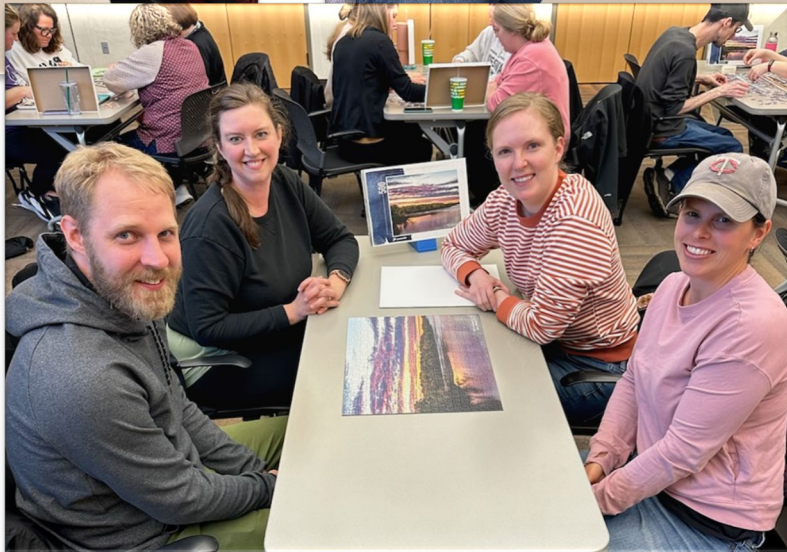
Take advantage of a few last-minute opportunities to participate in Happy Days! Whether you're interested in competing or volunteering, we have something for you! Visit our website at www.cityoframsey.com/343 for more information and to stay updated on all the festival happenings.



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The background features a light beige illustration of reeds or tall grasses on the left side, with long, thin blades and rounded, pointed heads. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern.

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, or the small design details most people might not notice.

A decorative graphic at the bottom of the page consisting of several overlapping, wavy bands in shades of blue, creating a sense of movement and depth.



Lightning Rainbow

Matthew Arradondo



Somewhere Under the Rainbow
Chad Lindgren



Aurora
Jenna Martin



Take a Seat
Jenna Martin



Busy Streets

Michelle Osterhus



Calm After the Storm

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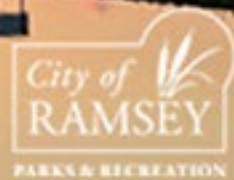


Light at the End
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Sleeping Beauty

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Calm Reflection

Anibal Peixoto



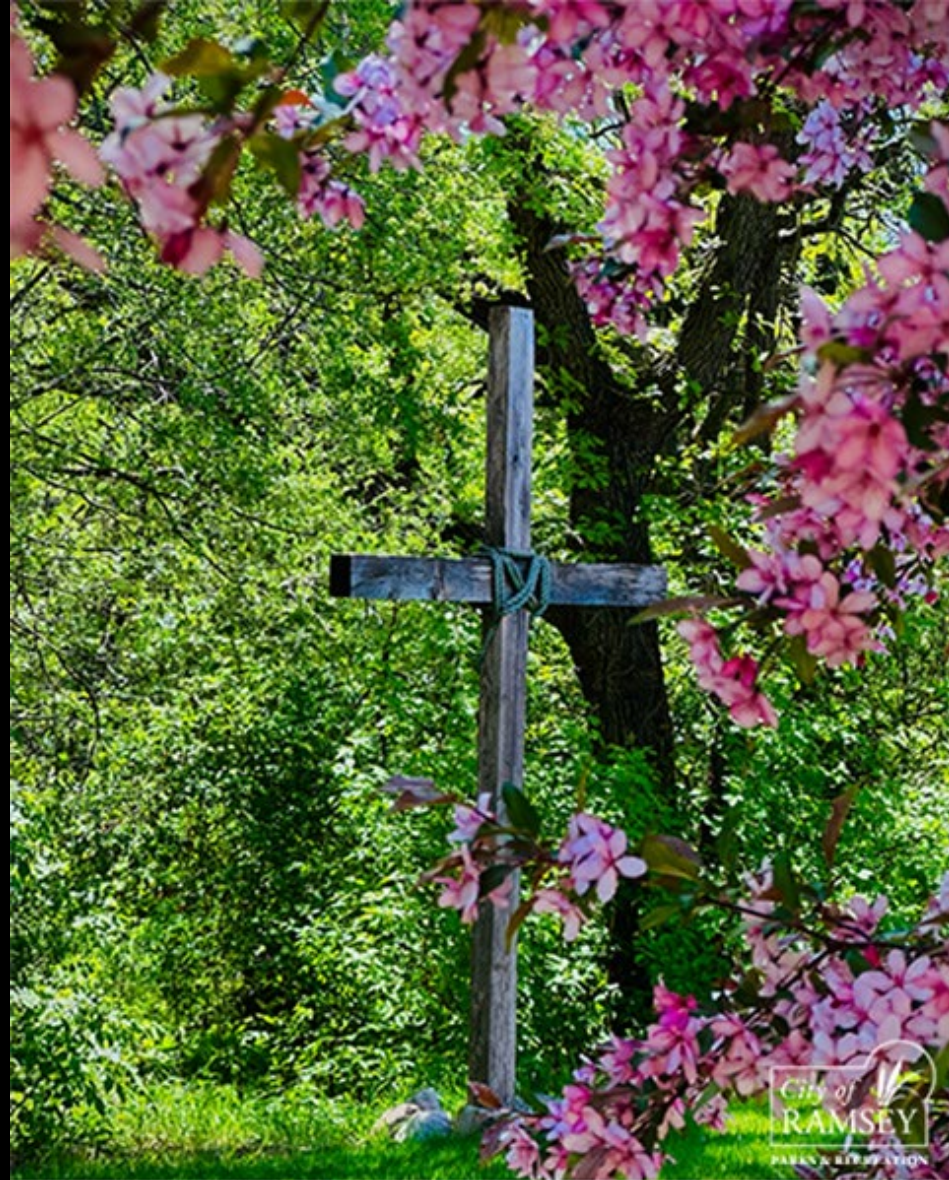
Golden Hour
Fatima Trejo



Thank You Street
Department
Glenn Weakly



Bound by Grace
Meghan Zacharias-Buck



Cross Among Blossoms

Meghan Zacharias-Buck



Dawn's Promise
Meghan Zacharias-Buck



Light Through Faith
Meghan Zacharias-Buck



Path of Light

Meghan Zacharias-Buck



BUILT LANDSCAPES AND ARCHITECTURE

Winners



BUILT LANDSCAPES AND ARCHITECTURE



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NATURAL SPACE 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.



A New Day
Melissa Bowers



Roadside Dinner

Melissa Bowers



Migration Preparation

Jeanne Causin





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Turtle Rock
Brooke Erickson



Dew Drops on
a Foggy Morning
Amy Fetterhoff



A Common Poppy

Douglas Johannsen



Canada Goose Portrait
Douglas Johannsen



Preparing for the 'Trip South
Douglas Johannsen



Female Ruby-Throated
Hummingbird
Douglas Johannsen



Seven Swans a Swimming

Douglas Johannsen



Sir Percival the Ruby
Throated Male
Douglas Johannsen



Turkey Hen Feeding in the Rain

Douglas Johannsen







MN Native -
Echinacea
Megan Keller



Tree Frog Friend
Megan Keller



Early Morning Web
Suzanne Lawson



Just Smile
George Linngren



Beaver Moon
Jayden Martin



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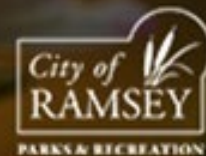
Bee Snacking
Jenna Martin



Butterfly
Jenna Martin



Cygnet
Jenna Martin



Flowers in the Sunset

Jenna Martin



In the Dew
Jenna Martin



On the Line
Jenna Martin



Snack Time
Jenna Martin



So Close Cygnet
Jenna Martin



Taking a Break

Jenna Martin



Wood Duck on the Move

Jenna Martin



I See You
Jenna Martin



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Perched in Glory
Marilyn Nathe Specht



Restful Glory
Marilyn Nathe Specht



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Caught Mid
Glow UP
Michelle Osterhus



Hanging by a Petal

Michelle Osterhus



Lights Against the Rum

Michelle Osterhus



Sun“frog”er
Michelle Osterhus



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Barberry
Laura Palmer



Pine Dew

Laura Palmer



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Pine Ice

Laura Palmer



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Swallowtail
Laura Palmer



Finch in Tree
Mike Parker



Hummingbird
After Bath
Mike Parker



Kissing
Mike Parker



Looking Around
Turkey
Mike Parker



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Motherly Love
Mike Parker



Move Over
Mike Parker



Beautiful Pair

Katie Paumen



Bluejay
Katie Paumen



Chubby Squirrel
Katie Paumen



Little Red Squirrel
Katie Paumen



Loki
Katie Paumen



Mama Turkey and her Babies

Katie Paumen



Monarchs in
the Fall
Katie Paumen



Runaway Squirrel!

Katie Paumen



Squirrel Hitting the Cob

Katie Paumen



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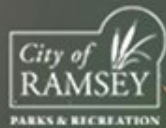
Delicate Colors

Anibal Peixoto



My Territory

Anibal Peixoto



Northern Lights
Guillermo Schroeder



On the Water
Guillermo Schroeder



Sunset on the
Mississippi River
Guillermo Schroeder



Reflections of Winter

Jennifer Shoemaker



Sunshine at Itasca Trail
Dana Smith



A Mississippi
Sunset
Scott Swanson



Rum River
Sunrise
Scott Swanson

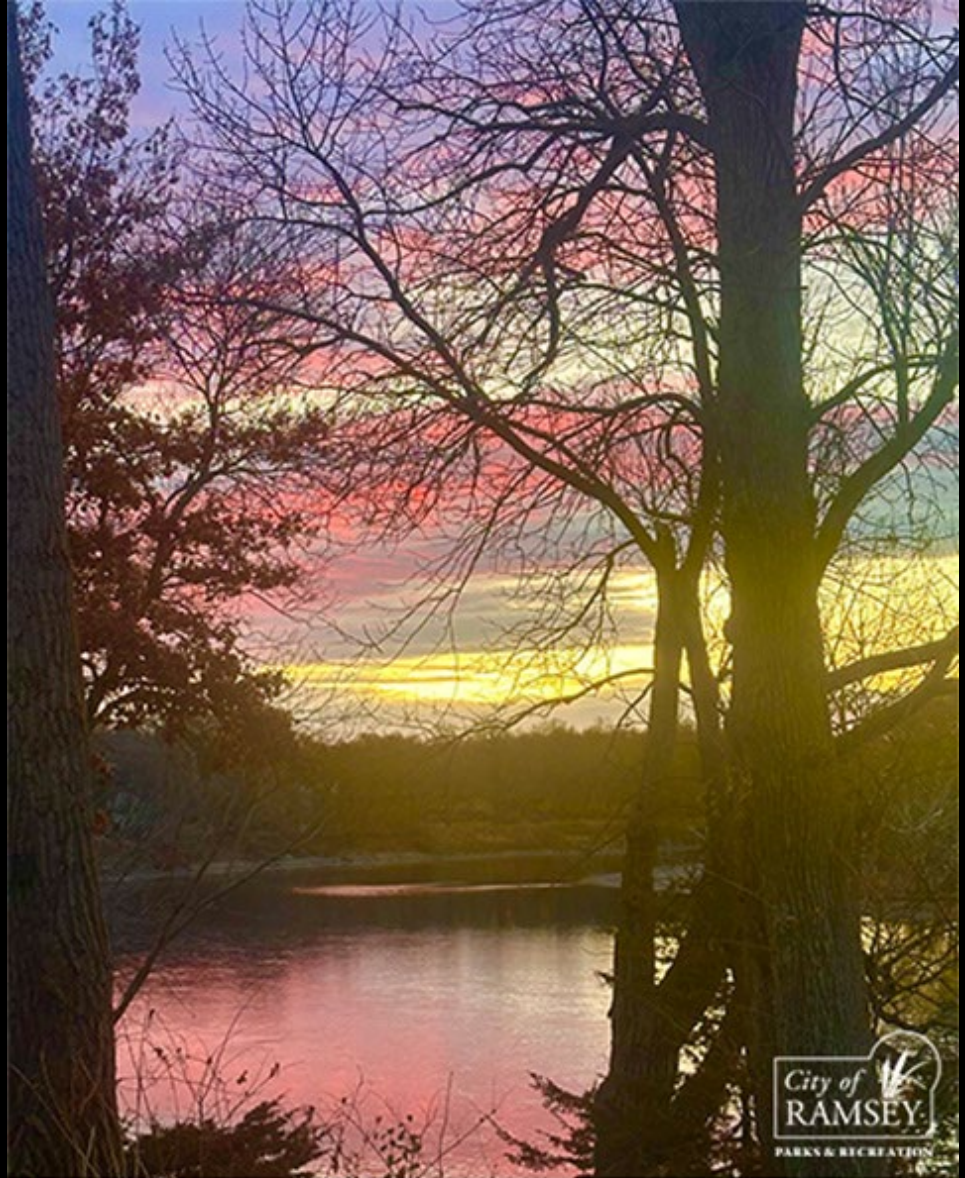


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Northern Lights Over the Mississippi River

Susan Westlie



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Sunrise Greet
the River
Susan Westlie



Birds of a
Feather
Belva Williams

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NATURAL SPACE AND WILDLIFE

Winners

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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 the everyday moments that together weave the fabric of our community.

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Soccer at Elmcrest Park
Melissa Bowers



Brothers Make the
Best Teammates
Melissa Bowers



Peace

Kim Beauregard



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Swinging in
the Sunshine
Brooke Erickson



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A Father's Stroll

Alexis Goldsberry



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Observation
Alexis Goldsberry



Fishing
Jenny Hammer



As Time Floats By
Jessica Hare



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Gone Fishin
Jessica Hare



Hanging Out
Jessica Hare



Happy Dog at
Happy Days
Jessica Hare



Hitting Up the
Food Truck
Jessica Hare



Reflecting on
the Day
Jessica Hare



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Slip Slidin' Away
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The Kids Are
Up to Something
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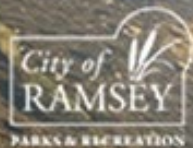
Trick or Treat
Jessica Hare



Frozen Ember River

Marilyn Nathe Specht





A Boy and His Dad

Scott Swanson



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Young River
Fisherman
Scott Swanson



Between Light
& Shadows
Meghan Zacharias-Buck



Chapters of Stillness

Meghan Zacharias-Buck

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LIFE IN RAMSEY

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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

Feathers in the Thicket

Gavin Cazett



YOUTH
ENTRY!

Ramsey
PHOTO
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In the Berry Canopy

Gavin Cazett



Autumn Forager

Gavin Cazett



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Berry Bandit
Gavin Cazett



Finch Among the Berries

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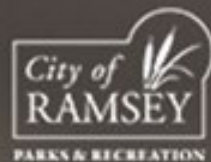


Northern Lights

Cole Martin



Soccer
Cole Martin



Sunfish Lake Park

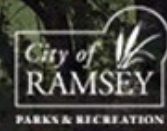
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Flower Bee
Cole Martin



Flower
Cole Martin



Pickle
Sydney Martin

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PEOPLE'S CHOICE

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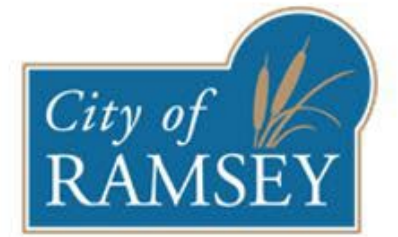
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**PHOTO CONTEST
GRAND PRIZE WINNER**

GRAND PRIZE WINNER



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THANK YOU!

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Abby Proulx, *Recreation Coordinator*

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Park and Recreation Commission**Meeting Date:** 02/12/2026**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Connect the community through Parks, Trails and Recreational Programming.**Information****Title:**

Recreation Program Updates

Purpose/Background:**Upcoming Programs:****Frost Fest**

Experience the magic of winter at our third annual Frost Fest! This family-friendly event features snow activities (weather pending) and a luminary skate when the sun sets. This year, the Rumriver Art Center is hosting the Chili Cook-off inside the warming house. Attendees can sample all of the chilis for \$5 and vote for their favorite. Half of the proceeds will go to the winning chef(s), and the remaining half will be donated to the Rumriver Art Center.

- **Date:** Saturday, February 7 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Central Park.
- **Cost:** FREE to attend, FREE to enter the Chili Cook-off, \$5 to sample Chili.
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is required for the Chili Cook-off and limited to 15 entrants.
 - **Last minute space available!** We are looking for more Chili Competitors! Registration is extended until Tuesday, Feb. 3 at Midnight!

Line Dancing

Line Dancing is back! Each week you'll learn a new dance and do a quick review of previous ones. All ages and experience levels are welcome—no partner required.

- **Dates:**
 - **?Beginner 4 week Session:** Wednesdays, Feb. 18 – March 11 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Central Park
 - **NEW: Advanced Beginner 4 week Session:** Wednesdays, Feb. 18 – March 11 from 6:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. at Central Park (*registration opening later this week*).
- **Cost:** \$35/session
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is required. Registration is open until full.

NEW: Financial Literacy: Fraud Prevention with BMO Bank of Ramsey

This interactive workshop is focused on fraud prevention and the warning signs of identity theft. Join us to learn best practices for protecting yourself against today's scammers. This session will cover common types of identity theft and fraud, along with practical strategies to safeguard your personal information and financial data.

- **Date:** Tuesday, March 24 from 6 – 7 p.m. at Ramsey City Hall
- **Cost:** FREE
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is requested but not required.

Once Upon a Parenting: Stories for kids, insights for parents

Join us for a parent-child storytime with Anoka-Hennepin ECFE (PreK–Grade 3). Kids enjoy books and crafts while parents learn practical strategies to support growth, emotional well-being, and problem-solving with a parenting educator.

- **Date:** Wednesday, March 25 from 6 – 7 p.m. at Ramsey City Hall
- **Cost:** FREE
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is strongly encouraged to reserve your spot. Only one registration needed

per family. Capacity is limited to 15 families.

- **Ages:** Geared toward ages 3-8 with their caregivers, but all ages are welcome. Parents may also attend without children.

[Egg-Paw-Looza](#)

Our annual “Easter Egg” hunt for dogs is back and better than ever! We’ll have plenty of colorful tennis balls scattered around the park for your dog to sniff out and play. This year we are opening up applications for dog-related vendors to attend the event.

- **Date:** Saturday, April 4 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Alpine Dog Park
- **Cost:** FREE
- **New this year:** Dog-related vendors are invited to attend! Interested vendors should apply online or contact parks@cityoframsey.com .

[Puzzle Competition](#)

Join us for a family-friendly speed puzzling challenge. Teams of up to four compete to complete a 500-piece puzzle featuring a collage of photos from Ramsey’s 2025 Photo Contest.

- **Date:** Tuesday, April 7 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Ramsey City Hall
- **Cost:** \$40/team
- **Registration:** Pre-register by March 29 to guarantee your spot (only one registration needed per team).

[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.

- **Dates:** Saturday, April 18 from 8:15 – 10:15 p.m. at Elmcrest Park
- **Cost:** \$12.50
- **Registration:** Pre-register prior to arrival at the class.
- **Ages:** 8+

[Walk with a Naturalist: Birding](#)

Join naturalist Ellen for a guided spring birdwatching! You’ll explore Rum River Central to observe a variety of migratory waterfowl, including ducks, swans, herons, mergansers, and geese. As we move closer to summer, we’ll also encounter an exciting diversity of warblers, such as Prothonotary, Wilson’s, and Canada warblers, along with other forest birds in the canopy.

- **Dates:** Sundays, April 19, May 3, and May 10 from 8 – 9:30 a.m. at Rum River Central Park
- **Cost:** \$5/session
- **Registration:** Pre-register prior to arrival at the class.
- **Ages:** 8+

[Pickleball Leagues](#)

Ramsey Parks and Recreation is excited to offer two **new state-sanctioned** ladder leagues with Minnesota Pickleball! These ladder leagues will function the same as previous years but are now part of a growing statewide initiative supported by the Minnesota Parks and Recreation Association to create consistent, high-quality pickleball opportunities across Minnesota.

- **Dates:**
 - **Early Season League:** Wednesdays, April 29 – July 1 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Central Park
 - **Late Season League:** Wednesdays, July 8 – Sept. 16 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Central Park
- **Cost:** \$70
- **Registration:** Will be taken through [Minnesota Pickleball](#) starting on Feb. 15th and will be open until full. When the link is available, it will be updated on our registration platform as well, linked above.

[Wednesday Evening Yoga](#)

Weekly Yoga is back at the Public Works building in 2026!

- **Dates:** Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Public Works
- **Cost:** \$5/session
- **Registration:** Pre-register prior to arrival at the class.
- **Ages:** 13+

Qigong Meditation for Health

Qigong (chee gong) is a holistic system of exercise that aims to strengthen, stretch, balance, and coordinate the body. It is deceptively simple yet can be profoundly healing. Instructor Peggy Brown leads a free weekly practice at City Hall.

- **Dates:** Thursdays from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the Alexander Ramsey Room at City Hall
- **Cost:** FREE
- **Ages:** Youth under 16 must be accompanied by an adult in the class.

Save the Date:

Mark your calendars for some community favorites returning in 2026! Additional details will be released as the events approach.

Garage Sale Trail

Meet your neighbors, find bargains, and rummage through miscellaneous treasures at the second annual City-wide Garage Sale! To participate and have your house listed, please sign up here. A final map and list of all registered garage sales will be published the week of the garage sale.

- **Dates:** Thursday, May 14 – Saturday, May 16
- **Cost:** FREE

Dash and Dine 5K

The Dash and Dine 5k is returning for a second year! We are excited to add some additional partnerships and elements to the race.

- **Date:** Saturday, May 30 at Elmcrest Park.
- **Cost:** Varies; watch for an early bird special in early 2026!

Two Rivers Art Fair

After a record-breaking year with a full booth lineup and waitlist, Two Rivers Art Fair returns to The Draw with live performances, food trucks, hands-on art, local vendors, and more!

- **Date:** Saturday, July 18 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at The Draw
- **Cost:** FREE to attend. Vendor costs and updated application process TBA.

Happy Days

Join us for the fun. There is something for everyone. The day starts with the 5K and a fun run at Elmcrest Park. The parade, expo, food trucks, kids' activities, musical entertainment, fireworks, and more

- **Date:** Saturday, September 12 from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- **Cost:** FREE to attend. Some events have a fee.
- **Vendor Applications will begin to open on Jan 1.** Check our website for more details or [go directly to registration here.](#)

NEW: Ramsey Farmer's Market

That's right! We are officially getting a Farmer's Market back in Ramsey! This new Market will be hosted in partnership with the Ramsey Foundation and will kick off this summer on **Tuesdays from 3–6:30 p.m., June 23 through October 6, at The Draw.**

Our goal is to be a “producer-first” market that prioritizes supports our small farmers, and promotes healthy, local eating. We also know how important our small business community is, so we will also include limited artisan and craft vendors and have a Ramsey Business Partnership program to support the market and showcase all that we have going on right here in Ramsey. At the end of the day, we want this market to both be a place to get healthy produce as well as a spot to run into neighbors, support local, and spend time together in the heart of Ramsey.

For the market to be a success, we need YOU to help us spread the word! **Applications are now open for growers, limited artisans, and local business and community partners for our first season.** [More information can be found here.](#)

Recommendation:

Review upcoming recreation programs

Outcome/Action:

Review upcoming recreation programs

Attachments

- Frost Fest
- Line Dancing
- Financial Literacy: Fraud Protection
- Once Upon a Parenting
- Egg-Paw-Looza
- Puzzle Competition
- Starwatch Party
- Walk with a Naturalist
- Pickleball Leagues
- Intro to Pickleball

Form Review

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FROST FEST



**FROST
2026
FEST**

Experience the magic of winter at our third annual Frost Fest! This family-friendly event features fun winter activities such as a snow maze, sledding hill, ice skating, and a luminary skate on our skating trail at sunset (all snow and ice activities are weather dependent). Warm up with free hot chocolate with the Ramsey Lions and join the fun as a Chili Cook-Off taster!

For just \$5 from 3:00–6:00 p.m. (or while quantities last), you can sample up to 15 homemade chili recipes and cast your vote. The top recipes will receive cash prizes. New this year, the Chili Cook-Off is partnered with the Rumriver Art Center—half of all tasting fees will be awarded to the winning cooks, and the other half will be donated to support Rumriver Art Center’s programs. Winners will be announced shortly after 6:00 p.m.

DO YOU HAVE A WINNING CHILI RECIPE? ENTER THE CONTEST!

Compete with your favorite 8-quart crockpot chili recipe for a chance to win a cash prize while supporting a great cause.

Registration is free but limited to 15 contestants. Registration is open until midnight on Sunday, February 1 or until full. Contestants are encouraged to stay and enjoy Frost Fest, but are only required for set up from 2-3 p.m. and awards/clean-up from 6-6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, February 7
3:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Central Park
161st Avenue NW**

FREE to attend
\$5 to sample at Chili Cook-Off

**Registration required for
Chili Cook-off.** Must be 18+
years to enter. Entries are
limited to 15, register by
Sunday, Feb 1.

REGISTER



Scan the QR code or visit
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LINE DANCING:

ABSOLUTE BEGINNER & ADVANCED BEGINNER



Join us for a fun, **four-week line dancing course** for both brand-new dancers and those ready to build on basic skills. Classes meet Wednesday evenings at a comfortable, encouraging pace with time built in for review. **No partner is required**—just bring a water bottle, a dry pair of shoes, and be ready to have fun on the dance floor. Classes are led by Karen Ann Stark, an experienced instructor and former choreographer of the Bootscooters Dance Team.

The **Absolute Beginner** course is perfect for those new to line dancing, introducing a new dance each week while reviewing previously learned steps.

The **Advanced Beginner** course is designed for dancers with some experience and focuses on basic step patterns, simple combinations, and gradually more complex sequences.

Participants may register for one class or both back-to-back for two full hours of line dancing. Different dances will be taught in each class.

**Wednesdays,
Feb. 18 - March 4**

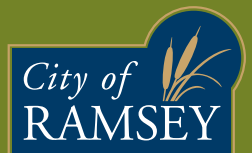
Absolute Beginner:
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Advanced Beginner:
6:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Central Park Building
7925 161st Avenue NW

All Ages

**\$35/class. Each
course includes four
sessions.**

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Pre-registration is requested but not required. Registered participants will receive email notifications in the event of any cancellations or schedule changes as well as a reminder email two days prior to the session.

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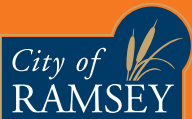
Tuesday, March 24
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

City Hall
7550 Sunwood Dr. NW.

Best for ages 16+

FREE





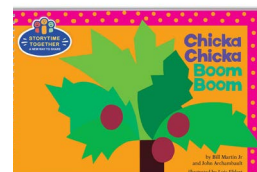
ONCE UPON A PARENTING: STORIES FOR KIDS, INSIGHTS FOR PARENTS



Join us for a unique parent-child experience where story time meets thoughtful discussion with Anoka Hennepin's Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE). We will read *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* as a group followed by activities for kids and information for parents on the ABCs of parenting: acknowledging emotions, setting boundaries, and building connections. Bring your questions and let's connect with other parents and caregivers in the community!

This session features *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged to reserve your spot. Capacity is limited to 15 families.



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Wednesday, March 25
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

City Hall
7550 Sunwood Dr. NW.

Geared towards ages 3-8 and their caregivers, but all ages welcome. Parents pay also attend without children.

FREE



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.

NEW this year: dog-related vendors are invited to join us at the event! Visit our website or contact us for more information on how to get registered as a vendor.

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 4
10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Alpine Dog Park
6600 Alpine Drive NW

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FREE EVENT



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 a collage of photos from Ramsey's 2025 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.

Tuesday, April 7
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Ramsey Municipal Center
7550 Sunwood Drive NW

\$40 per team

All ages welcome

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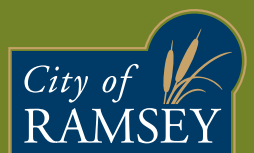
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STARWATCH PARTY



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

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

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

Saturday, April 18
8:15-10:15 p.m.

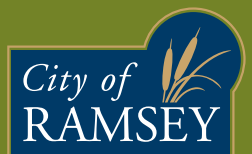
Elmcrest Park
16303 Quicksilver St. NW

Ages: 8+

Cost: \$12.50 per person

Pre-registration is required, space is limited.

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WALK WITH A NATURALIST BIRDING WALK: RUM RIVER CENTRAL



Photo by Mike Parker, 2025 Photo Contest Entry

Take a spring walk in the park with a naturalist. Observe a variety of migratory waterfowl, such as ducks, swans, mergansers, and geese, while exploring Rum River Central Regional Park. Encounter an exciting diversity of warblers and other forest birds in the tree canopies. Ellen Munshower, a knowledgeable naturalist with a Master of Environmental Education and a passion for birding, leads the walk. These walks are perfect for birdwatching enthusiasts of all levels to connect with and spend time in nature.

Bring binoculars if you have them.

**Sundays: April 19, May 3,
and May 10**

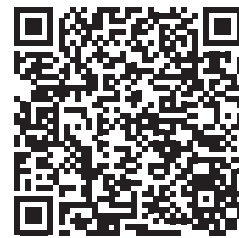
8:00-9:30 a.m.

**at
Rum River Central Regional Park
17955 Roanoke Street NW**

Ages 8+

\$5 per session

Preregistration is required

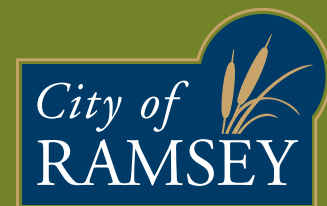


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**PARKS AND
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PICKLEBALL

STATE-SANCTIONED LADDER LEAGUE



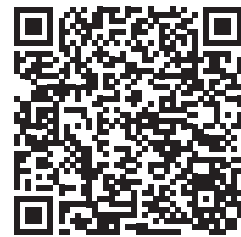
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5:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Early Season League
April 29 - July 1**

**Late Season League
July 8 - September 16**

**Central Park
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Cost: \$70/league



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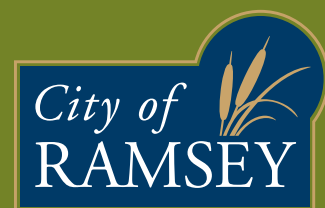
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State-sanctioned ladder leagues are **open to players of all ages, skill levels, genders, and experience levels**. No partner is required, no residency requirement applies.

Players are “laddered” at the start of each session based on performance, allowing participants to compete with others of similar skill levels each night. Match results are recorded in DUPR and the Minnesota Pickleball player database.

These leagues are designed for both casual recreational players and more competitive athletes, offering flexible participation, skill-based play, and opportunities to grow. Attendance in sanctioned leagues will accumulate points that can be used towards the Minnesota State Tournament.

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INTRO TO PICKLEBALL



Want to learn the fun game of pickleball? Join Gwen Radel from Nitty Gritty Pickleball and other top instructors. Gwen is certified through the Professional Pickleball Registry (PPR), the official education and certification partner for USA Pickleball. Whether you've never played or only tried it a few times, this class is for you.

Our **two-hour introductory clinic** covers all the fundamentals you need to start playing pickleball immediately! You will learn the basic rules, scoring, safety, terminology, court positioning, and basic techniques. Paddles and balls are provided.

You'll leave confident in the basics and with next-steps on where and how to keep playing.

| Day | Date | Time |
|-----|---------|-----------|
| Sa | May 9 | 9-11 a.m. |
| Su | May 31 | 1-3 p.m. |
| Sa | June 13 | 9-11 a.m. |

Central Park
7925 161st Avenue NW

Cost \$20/person

Ages 15+

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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