

City of Ramsey
Agenda
Park and Recreation Commission
Thursday, April 9, 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 dated March 12, 2026.

5. **Commission Business**
 1. Nominate Chair and Vice-Chairperson of the Park and Recreation Commission

 2. **Tree Planting with Ramsey's Environmental Policy Board and Parks & Recreation Department/Commission**

 3. **Consider Park and Recreation 2026 Outdoor Meeting Schedule**

6. **Commission/Staff Input**
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7. **Adjournment**

Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: 04/09/2026

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 dated March 12, 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 March 12, 2026.

Outcome/Action:

Motion to approve meeting minutes dated March 12, 2026.

Attachments

P & R March 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 March 12, 2026, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present: Chair Megan Ealain
 Commissioner Garth Anderson
 Commissioner Todd Arts
 Commissioner Shane Bennett

Commission Members Absent: Vice Chair Nathan Barten
 Commissioner Dean Olson

Also Present:
 Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood
 City Council Liason Eric Peters
 Parks Lead Andy Blood

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

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 February 12, 2026

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

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.01: Playground Replacement Program 2026 – Riverdale Park

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that each year the Commission takes on a playground replacement project, and most recently, they focused on Riverdale Park. He provided background information on the Playground Replacement Program and previously completed projects. He provided more information on Riverdale Park and the features within the park. He provided additional details on the RFPs that were issued, the responses that were received, and the playground choice and alternate that were selected by the Playground Selection Committee. He commented that staff is working on a DNR grant submittal to assist with the cost for poured-in-place surfacing. He explained that staff would submit the grant by March 31st and if successful, they would hear back by late spring or early summer and could move forward with the poured-in-place option. He noted that if the grant is not successful, they would review the funds available to determine if they would want to move forward with the option with more poured-in-place surfacing or the lesser cost option.

Parks Lead Andy Blood provided additional information on the benefits of poured-in-place surfacing, including less maintenance needs, less opportunity for weeds to grow, improved aesthetics, and increased accessibility.

Commissioner Bennett asked if there is an estimated lifespan for the poured-in-place material and how that would differ from other materials.

Parks Lead Andy Blood stated that there are two options for the poured-in-place material, noting that the 50/50 blend comes with a five-year warranty and the 100 percent blend comes with a seven-year warranty. He stated that there are treatment plans recommended by the manufacturer that would be done in-house every few years to keep everything in good condition. He stated that he has spoken with other cities that have used the material, and after seven years, with no maintenance, the material is still in good condition. He estimated a lifespan of 15 to 20 years from the material.

Commissioner Bennett recognized the cost savings that would be realized through the use of this project in terms of ongoing maintenance. He asked if there were any estimates of the staff time and costs that would be saved on an annual basis.

Parks Lead Andy Blood replied that he could complete that research.

Commissioner Bennett stated that he does like this material because of the ease of maintenance. He asked for clarification on the funding sources that would be used, which would be a split between the DNR grant and the parks fund. He referenced the mention of the Lawful Gambling

Fund and asked if that would be investigated as a potential funding source if the DNR grant is not secured.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood explained that the Lawful Gambling Fund is the funding source for the Playground Replacement Program and would be the source of the 50/50 grant match. He explained that if more than \$125,000 is given for one project from the Lawful Gambling Fund, that would mean that there would not be a playground replacement in the next year.

Commissioner Bennett commented that this is a great plan and he is excited to see how the project turns out. He recognized that this is a high-traffic park, and this would be a good example of how the material could be a benefit in that busy park.

Chair Ealain asked if there are any environmental concerns from the poured-in-place surfacing, noting the proximity to the river.

Parks Lead Andy Blood replied that he had asked the manufacturer about that, and there were no concerns. He explained that the material is porous and therefore the water should filter through rather than sheeting off.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented on the different organizations that recognize and approve this product. He was confident that there were no environmental concerns with the material. He provided additional explanation on the different blends, such as 50/50, noting that the blend includes 50 percent new material and 50 percent recycled material, whereas the 100 percent blend is virgin material and would have a slightly longer lifespan. He noted the additional sealing treatments that can be done to extend the lifespan of the material as well. He noted that staff would provide additional information on the cost savings in terms of maintenance activities.

Commissioner Arts asked about the lifespan of playground equipment.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that vendors provide a lifespan of 15 years, whereas the City typically realizes 20 years before maintenance concerns start to come forward. He noted that the City has moved away from wood decks, as those do not tend to stand the test of time.

Commissioner Arts asked what was used at Central Park.

Parks Lead Andy Blood replied that artificial turf was used and that it has a similar cost. He noted that the turf was chosen for that park because of the tendency for children to use the park with cleats on.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Arts, to affirm that Flagship Recreation's proposal to include poured-in-place surfacing is the preferred solution for the Riverdale Park playground replacement, and a recommendation on proceeding will occur later in 2026 when the available funding is known.

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

5.02: Community Center Revisioning and Public Participation Plan

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that a community center has been discussed for decades, over which time the project has been placed in, and taken out of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) in different years. He stated that the park building proposed for the Waterfront Play area would fulfill many of the services that would be provided by a community center, but also had a high cost. He stated that it made sense to step back and solicit input from the community on what it would desire from a community center/building, as well as the appetite for funding that type of improvement. He provided additional information on the proposed revisioning and public participation plan.

Commissioner Bennett agreed that this has long been discussed and recognized that there is a strong desire for a community partner, which can become increasingly challenging. He stated that over the last several years, there has been a lot of programmatic growth, both public and private. He recognized that many people envision a pool in a community center, but was unsure if that is the amenity people want most, noting the operational cost for that type of amenity. He stated that he likes the idea of the hybrid option in and around the park with the splashpad, as that space would be large enough to fit the needs of a traditional community center. He supported opening up this discussion with the community to find out the amenities they want and the level of funding they would feel comfortable supporting.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood recognized that the decision of a community center may be outside the purview of the Commission, but stated that the program elements would reflect what they could see within a parks building, and the Commission members do represent residents of the community, which is why this is before the Commission.

Commissioner Arts asked what would be received in return for the expenditure of \$50,000 to \$60,000.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood provided additional information on the scope that is specified within the proposal.

Commissioner Arts recognized that the cost will be an important element for any resident in the community. He noted that most residents would support a community center, but that decision would be based on the cost impact as well.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood noted that this process will help to identify the needs versus the wants, which can then help to guide the scope of the project and ultimate cost. He noted that there may not be a desire to replicate amenities that are already available in this community or a neighboring community.

Chair Ealain recognized that there will be a cost to this process, but it will help to guide them in the right direction.

Councilmember Peters asked if the Lawful Gambling Fund could be used towards the cost of this project, using the example of an indoor playground.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood explained that the fund obtains its funding from the sales of pull-tabs in the community, and the only stipulation is that the funds are spent on projects that benefit children. He confirmed that the fund could be used towards an indoor playground. He confirmed that they would also apply for any potential grant funds that could be used towards the project.

Commissioner Bennett asked if the City Council would be discussing this regardless of the recommendation from the Commission.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood confirmed that this item is on a work session agenda for the City Council.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to recommend that City Council proceed with a Community Center Revisioning and Public Participation Plan and process.

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

6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood provided an overview of the winter outdoor skating season, noting that overall the trend continues to decrease.

Commissioner Bennett noted the increased attention on hockey from the Olympics and the high school hockey tournament. He hoped that would continue to grow youth programming and perhaps interest in outdoor skating.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood noted items that will come forward on the April agenda.

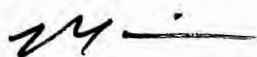
7. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Riverblood
Parks & Assistant Public Works Director

Drafted by Amanda Staple
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

Park and Recreation Commission

5. 1.

Meeting Date: 04/09/2026

Submitted For: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

By: MaryJo Warner, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

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

Purpose/Background:

Each year, City Council makes appointments to their various subcommittees, with commissions and boards also expected to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair for their respective entity. The purpose of this case is to establish the Commission’s Chair and Vice-Chair for 2026 into 2027. In terms of process, staff proposes nominations for first the Chair, and then after approval by the majority of voting Commissioners, the Vice-Chair position also administered in the same manner. The Terms of Boards and Commission are from April 1st through March 31st of the respective year(s). The approved Chair and Vice-Chair would preside accordingly, beginning at the April regular Park & Recreation Commission meeting.

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

Funding Source:

n/a

Recommendation:

Action:

Motion to designate _____ Chair, and _____ Vice Chair of the Park and Recreation Commission from April 2026 through March 31, 2027.

Attachments

Updated Board and Commission Policy

Form Review

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

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

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

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

INCUMBENTS

Incumbent reapplication process for odd number term reappointment requests

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

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

Incumbent reapplication process for even number term reappointment requests

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

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

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

NON-INCUMBENTS

New member application process

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

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

Unexpected Vacancy Process

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

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

next annual recruitment process. Interviews

INTERVIEWS

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

SELECTION

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

NOTIFICATION TO APPLICANTS

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

TERMS

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

STIPENDS FOR MEMBERS OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

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

SERVICE ON MORE THAN ONE CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION

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

REVISIONS

Adopted by the City Council August 13, 1996

Revised by the City Council August, 11, 1997

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

Revised by the City Council December 11, 2001

Revised by the City Council December 17, 2002

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

Revised by the City Council November 25, 2003

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

Revised by the City Council December 9, 2003

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

Revised by the City Council March 14, 2006

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

Revised by the City Council January 27, 2009

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

Revised by the City Council June 28, 2011

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

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

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

Revised by the City Council June 28, 2016

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

Revised by the City Council February 14, 2023

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

Park and Recreation Commission**Meeting Date:** 04/09/2026**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Address infrastructure needs.**Information****Title:****Tree Planting with Ramsey's Environmental Policy Board and Parks & Recreation****Department/Commission****Purpose/Background:**

Since 1978, May has been designated as Arbor Month in Minnesota, and Ramsey has been a certified Tree City USA for nearly four decades. As part of this program, the city conducts an 'Arbor Day' planting each Spring. This year the planting will be at Alpine Park, and is funded by a grant from the Metropolitan Council.

As most residents know, across the state, many trees are under stress due to disease, pests, and changing environmental conditions—and Ramsey has experienced community-wide loss of Ash trees due to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Last year, the city applied for a highly competitive grant to the Met Council for funding to mitigate some of the public trees lost to EAB, and was awarded \$84,255, which includes 20 trees for Alpine Park. The text below is an excerpt from that application and work plan:

*"A valuable part of **Majesty of the Commons** project will be the Arbor Month volunteer planting at Alpine Park. This will be sponsored by a collaborative of the city's Environmental Policy Board and the Park & Recreation Commission. The Board and Commission members are residents of the community, appointed by City Council, and will bring with them their network of volunteers and neighbors for the event. The planting location at Alpine Park is visited by thousands of park patrons each year, and these trees planted by fellow residents will be stately and growing ambassadors—demonstrating the environmental and aesthetic benefits of the right tree in the right place."*

The purpose of this case is to announce the 2026 Arbor Day planting, and invite volunteers to participate. Attached is a bulletin inviting Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association membership to participate in the planting that was disseminated at the March coordination meeting between youth athletic leadership and city staff.

Funding Source:

Funding for planting 129 street and park trees is from a \$84,255 Metropolitan Council award in 2025, which includes 20 trees for Alpine Park.

Recommendation:

Staff requests acknowledgment of the intent to participate in the April tree planting event at Alpine Park.

Outcome/Action:

This case is informational, no action required.

Attachments

Invitation

Form Review

Inbox

Bruce Westby

Brian Hagen

Form Started By: Mark Riverblood

Final Approval Date: 04/02/2026

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Invitation to 2026 Arbor Day Planting – Alpine Park

Who: Volunteers (You!) working with MN DNR Certified Tree Inspectors (your friendly city staff!).

What: Celebrate Arbor Day and learn all the secrets to successfully establishing a thriving tree.

Where: We'll plant 20-25 potted trees adjacent to the baseball fields along the parking lot.

How: Simply show up at 5 pm on April 27th (rain day the 28th), and everything will be provided.

Why: Because you want your favorite park to be beautiful and to have shade for spectators.

Contact: **Andy Blood** ABlood@ci.ramsey.mn.us or 763 433 9870



Meeting Date: 04/09/2026

By: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Consider Park and Recreation 2026 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 2026, and accordingly, 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 considerations for any park locations and discuss with the Commission options for these months.

- May 14th:** ?
- June 11th:** ?
- July 9th:** The Waterfront
- August 13th:** The Draw
- Sept. 10th:** ?

Upon approval, the Summer meetings and park locations will be published on the website.

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

Funding Source:

None required.

Recommendation:

Determine whether outdoor meetings are desired for 2026—and the locations.

Action:

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

Attachments

Park and Trail map

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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

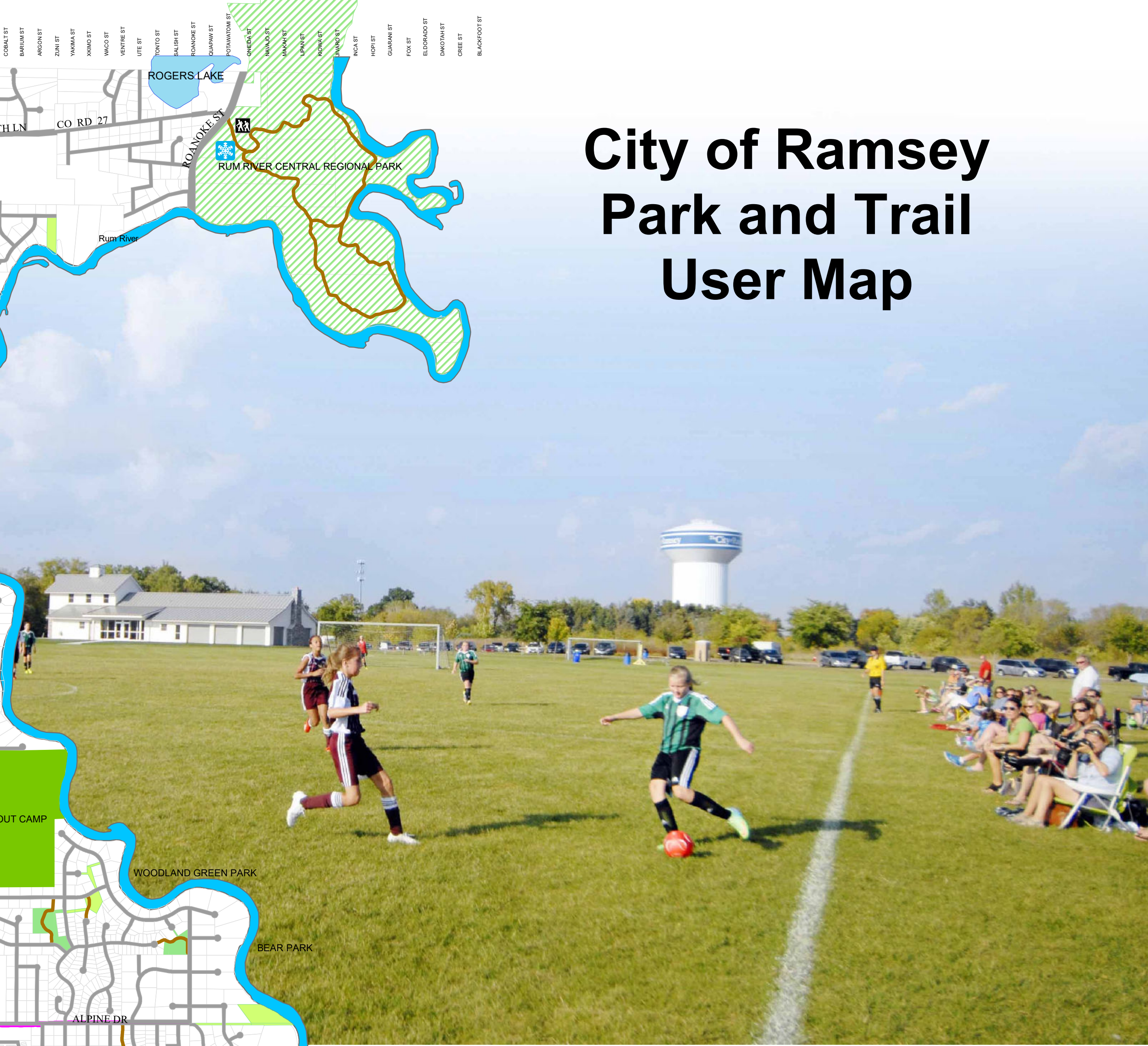
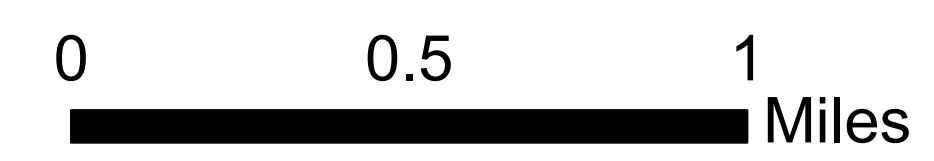
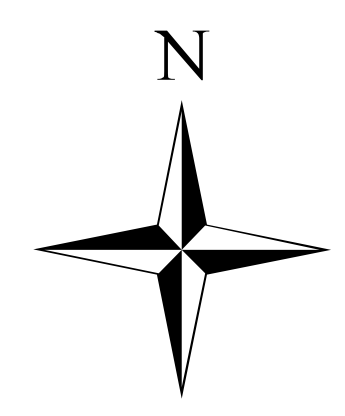
- OFF-ROAD (OUT OF ROW)
- BOARDWALKS
- ON-ROAD (WITHIN ROW)
- Under Construction (2017)

Park and Open Space

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

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Park and Recreation Commission**Meeting Date:** 04/09/2026**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Connect the community through Parks, Trails and Recreational Programming.**Information****Title:****Commission/Staff Input****Purpose/Background:****Use the links below to explore the full list of offerings:**

- [View our full current program listings on our registration page here.](#)
- [Learn more about parks, rentals, and general Parks and Recreation information here.](#)

Featured Events:**Dash and Dine 5K**

Lace up for the Dash and Dine 5K in partnership with the Ramsey Community Foundation, then stick around for Kites and Bites, cohosted with the Ramsey Lions Club, featuring kites, yard games, food trucks, mini-golf, and more. Whether you are a runner, kite flyer, or just here for the bites and the vibes, this family-friendly day has something for everyone!

- **Date:** Saturday, May 30 at Elmcrest Park.
 - Race starts at 9:30 a.m.
 - Most Kites and Bites events start around 11 a.m.
 - Event concludes at 2 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$50 through April 26 to guarantee your quarter-zip race shirt. All runners will receive a \$10 food truck voucher

Ramsey Farmers Market

Hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Ramsey Community Foundation, the market serves as a gathering place to connect with neighbors, support local growers and makers in a welcoming, community-centered setting. Each week, there will be a mix of fresh produce, food items, a limited number of local artisans, and rotating community features highlighting organizations and resources that serve the Ramsey community.

- **Date:** Tuesdays, 3 – 6:30 p.m., June 23 – October 6 at The Draw
- **Vendors:** We are overwhelmed, in the best way possible, with the enthusiasm and number of applications we have received so far. We are currently full for most produce. However, limited space may be available for unique offerings as well as local artists selling hand crafted items.

The Draw Concert Series

That's right, the 2026 concert series lineup is here! We are so excited to host this weekly, family-friendly gathering celebrating music and community spirit!

- **Date:** Thursdays, June 18 – August 20, 6:30 – 8 p.m. at The Draw
- **Cost:** Free to attend, food and drink is available for purchase.

Ramsey EDA Business Expo

The Ramsey Economic Development Authority (EDA) hosts an annual Business Expo that brings our businesses together in a fun atmosphere. There will be 60+ exhibitors, Expo BINGO, face painting, balloon art, prizes, activities, and more. NEW this year Ramsey Parks and Recreation is will be there with the Rum River Art Center and Northern Starz to promote our upcoming Two Rivers Art Fair. We will have information about upcoming Parks and Recreation events, including the new Farmers Market, an inflatable jumper for kids, free art activities and yard games. We hope to see you there!

- **Date:** Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Adrenaline Sports Center.
- **Cost:** FREE

Adult Recreation Leagues

Join Ramsey Parks and Recreation is partnering with RecLeaguer to introduce new, noncompetitive adult sports opportunities in the northern Twin Cities. Whether you're looking to stay active, meet new people, or just have fun, this league is designed for you. This is a fun, friendly, co-rec social/casual season - all skill levels and players are welcome. This league will be run by RecLeaguer, which strives to make sports accessible to all, so their leagues are all skills and for fun. You sign up as an individual and then even teams are created.

- **Dates:**
 - Grass Volleyball: Tuesdays, July 7- 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at The Draw
 - Soccer: Tuesdays, August 4 - 25 from 6:45 - 8:15 p.m. at The Draw
- **Cost:** \$45/league
- **Registration:** Pre-registration required, space is limited. Registration opens April 6. Ramsey residents get a \$5 discount with code RAMSEYVOLLEYBALL or RAMSEYSOCCER
- **Ages:** 19+

Upcoming Programs:

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! We will have Chuck and Don's – Elk River, Pretty Paws (with mobile nail cutting available onsite), Creature Covers, NutriSoruce Pet Foods, and Now That's Waffles Food Truck.
 - This event is pending weather. Please keep an eye on our registration site or Facebook for updates. There is a potential for rescheduling if the weather does not cooperate.

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-registration required. As of April 1, there is room for approximately 9 more teams to participate.

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+

[Line Dancing](#)

Due to popular demand, we are extending line dancing through the spring with two different levels! 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:** 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Central Park. Three more 4-week sessions will be offered on Wednesdays:
 - April 22 – May 13
 - May 20 – June 10
 - **Advanced Beginner 4 week Session:** 6:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. at Central Park. Three more 4-week sessions will be offered on Wednesdays:
 - April 22 – May 13
 - May 20 – June 10
- **Cost:** \$35/session
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is required. Registration is open until full. Participants are welcome to register for both classes back-to-back for two hours of line dancing, as different dances will be taught in each class.

[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

[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 this week and will be open until full. When the link is available, it will be updated on our registration platform as well.

[Intro to Pickleball](#)

Want to learn the fun game of pickleball? Join us with a certified instructor for a two-hour introductory clinic that covers all the fundamentals you need to start playing pickleball immediately such as basic rules, scoring, safety,

terminology, court positioning, and basic techniques. Paddles and balls are provided.

- **Dates:**
 - Saturday, May 9 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Central Park
 - Sunday, May 31 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Central Park
 - Saturday, June 13 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Central Park
- **Cost:** \$20
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is required, space is limited. Please only register for one Intro to Pickleball session as all sessions cover the same material.
- **Ages:** 15+

Family Learn to Play Pickleball

Looking for a fun and active way to spend time together? Bring your kiddos and join us for an intro to the fastest-growing sport in the country. Your “adult” and “child” team can be any combo- parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle, mentor, fantastic neighbor – whoever your kid loves to play with. This session covers the same materials as the general Intro to Pickleball but is geared towards families. To ensure a great experience for every team, we allow up to two kids per adult. Paddles and balls are provided.

- **Date:** Sunday, June 28 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Central Park
- **Cost:** \$20/person
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is required, space is limited. Please only register for one Intro to Pickleball session as all sessions cover the same material.
- **Ages:** 12+

55+ Day Trip: Crow River Winery

Discover Crow River Winery & Bistro, a scenic 36-acre Minnesota vineyard that nurtures cold-climate grapes with eco-friendly farming practices and crafts every bottle on site. Enjoy a delicious Cranberry Turkey Club lunch, a guided tour and tasting, and then cap off the day with a sweet stop at Sweet Escape in Annandale for ice cream, chocolates, nostalgic candies, and fun gift items before we head back to Ramsey.

- **Date:** Wednesday, June 10 from 9:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$95/person, includes tour and tasting, lunch, and round trip transportation from City Hall.
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is required, space is limited. Registration is open until Sunday, May 10 at midnight, or until full. No refunds can be issued after this date.
- **Ages:** 55+

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.

Kids' Summer Fun

We are excited to bring back and expand some of our youth summer programs. [View full details on our registration site](#). Upcoming programs include:

- Science Camp
 - Candyology with KidScientific
 - Science Fair with KidScientific
- Sports Discovery
- Soccer Clinics
- Flag Football Clinics
- Art in the Park
- Time2Play Pop-up Play

NW Food Truck Fest

Ramsey Parks & Recreation is excited to partner with NW Food Truck Fests to host a Food Truck Fest at Central Park in Ramsey! Join us for a day of delicious eats from a variety of food trucks and family-friendly activities in the park.

- **Dates:** Saturday, June 13 from noon – 7 p.m. at Central Park
- **Cost:** FREE to attend

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.
- **[Artist applications are now open through May 17](#)**

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 begin to open on Jan 1.** Check our website for more details or [go directly to registration here](#).
- [Happy Days 5K registration is now open here](#).

Recommendation:

Review upcoming programs.

Outcome/Action:

Review upcoming programs.

Attachments

Mindful Movement Yoga
Egg-Paw-Looza

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Science Camps
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WEEKLY GENTLE YOGA



Immerse yourself in mindful movement and connect to your breath in an hour-long Gentle Movement session. Christina, our yoga instructor, will guide you through a series of poses and breath-work that revitalize both the mind and body.

All levels are welcome. No experience is necessary. Bring your own yoga mat, water bottle and small towel. Dress comfortably and be prepared to practice barefoot.

Preregistration is required.

Join for just one or all sessions, registration is due prior to arrival to class. Those wishing to withdraw or transfer must do so by noon the day of for a full refund.

In case of inclement weather, a decision will be made around noon the day of via email. Full refunds will be issued upon cancellation by the City.

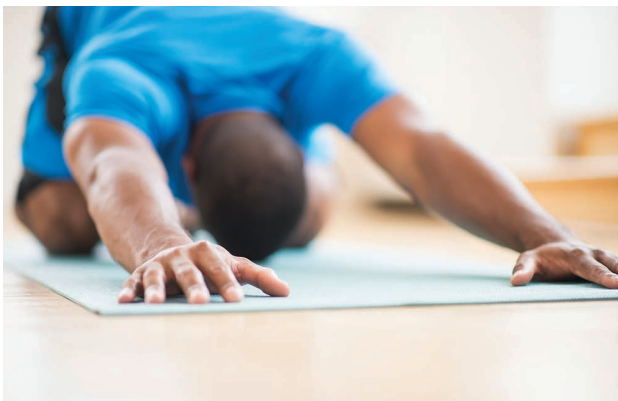


Wednesdays | 6:00 p.m.

Ramsey Public Works Facility
14199 Jasper Street NW

Ages 13+: Youth under 18 must be accompanied by an adult

Cost: \$5 per session



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EGG PAW LOOZA

This is a
FREE Event!



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

FREE EVENT

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SPRING PUZZLE COMPETITION



Join us for a family-friendly speed puzzling competition!

Teams of up to four will work together to assemble a picturesque puzzle featuring 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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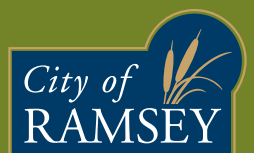
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Pre-registration is required, only one registration per team is needed. Registration requested by Sunday, March 29 to guarantee your spot.

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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.

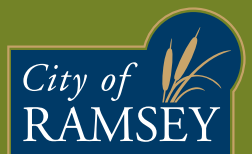
Elmcrest Park
16303 Quicksilver St. NW

Ages: 8+

Cost: \$12.50 per person

Pre-registration is required, space is limited.

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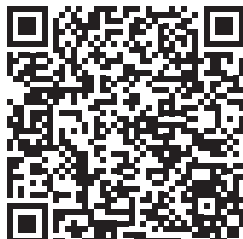


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WALK WITH A NATURALIST BIRDING WALK: RUM RIVER CENTRAL



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.

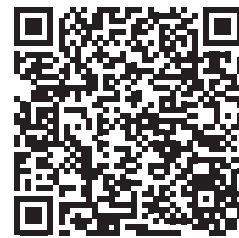
**Rum River Central
Regional Park**

17955 Roanoke Street NW

Ages 8+

\$5 per session

Preregistration is required

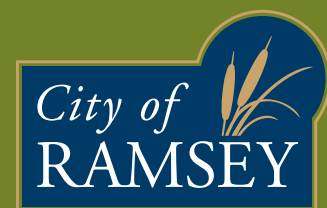


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PICKLEBALL

STATE-SANCTIONED LADDER LEAGUE



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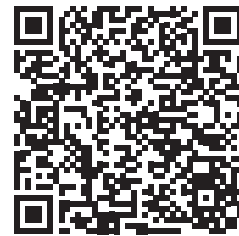
Early Season League
April 29-July 1

Late Season League
July 8-September 16

Central Park
7925 161st Avenue NW

Cost: \$70/league

*Preregistration is required,
space is limited.*



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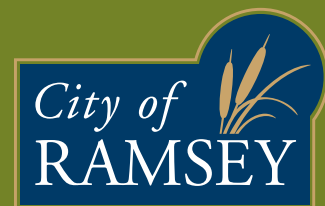
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State-sanctioned ladder leagues are **open to players of all ages, skill levels, genders, and experience levels.** No partner is required, no residency requirement applies.

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+

Preregistration 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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**GARAGE
SALE** *Trail*

MAY 14-16

**THURSDAY | FRIDAY
SATURDAY**

Join us for the fourth annual Garage Sale Trail, where you can meet your neighbors, discover amazing bargains, and explore a variety of treasures.

We are thrilled to partner with Elk River for a joint community-wide garage sale taking place from Thursday, May 14, to Saturday, May 16.

Registrants will have their garage sale site included in an online interactive map and printed flyers.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity!

**Thursday-Saturday | May 14-16
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Registration Deadline is
Thursday, May 8**



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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
May 20 - June 10

Absolute Beginner:
5:30-6:30 p.m.

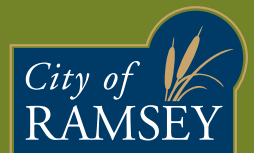
Advanced Beginner
6:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Central Park Building
7925 161st Avenue NW

All Ages

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

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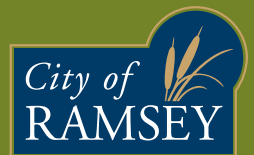
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Entire Day of Fun!

Saturday, May 30

Dash & Dine 5K

9:30-11 a.m.

Kites & Bites

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Elmcrest Park

16303 Quicksilver Street NW
Ramsey, MN



Register Early and get a 1/4 zip race shirt!



Join Ramsey Parks and Recreation for a full day of fun at the Dash & Dine 5K, followed by Kites & Bites!

Start your morning with the Dash & Dine 5K, then stay for family-friendly activities, including decorating free kites and making them fly, and are art, pop-up mini golf, yard games, and more. These events are in partnership with the Ramsey Lions Club and the Ramsey Community Foundation.

Day-of registration and check-in for Dash & Dine begins at 8:30 a.m., with the race start at 9:30 a.m. Kites & Bites, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Join the Dash & Dine 5K! Registration includes a \$10 food truck voucher and a race shirt (while supplies last). You don't need to run to enjoy the post-race festivities—come cheer on your neighbors and have a great time!

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MORE INFO

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Register for the Dash & Dine 5K at <https://raceroster.com/events/2026/114125/dash-and-dine-5k>.

NORTH SUBURBAN CONCERT BAND



ALL ARE
WELCOME!

FREE
CONCERT!

Enjoy an evening of music in the park!

The North Suburban Concert Band (NSCB), a community ensemble with over 40 years of experience, will be performing at Central Park. Their mission is to encourage the love of performance music among musicians of all skill levels. Bring your loved ones and a comfortable chair or blanket to enjoy well-known music from movies, rock hits, marches, and more! This concert is free and open to the public.

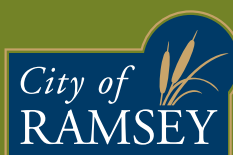
Tuesday, June 16
7:00-8:00 p.m.

Central Park Lion's Pavilion
7925 161st Avenue NW

FREE, all ages are welcome!

*A rain backup date is scheduled for
Tuesday, June 23*

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SCIENCE CAMPS



Ramsey Parks and Recreation is partnering with KidScientific to offer science camps that ignite curiosity and foster a love for discovery. These camps provide hands-on experiences that encourage critical thinking, creativity, and practical application of scientific concepts.

Candyology

Step into the sweet world of Candyology! This exciting STEAM adventure combines science, creativity, and hands-on fun with a sugary twist. Kids will design and build candy machines, craft vibrant candy fish aquariums, and engineer thrilling candy rollercoasters. It's a delicious mix of learning, building, and tasting that turns candy into an unforgettable educational experience!

Science Fair

Join us at a Science Fair camp for days of fun-filled learning and discovery! Kids will explore big questions like "How big of a bubble can you blow?" and "How do sharks float?", "How do bees pollinate?" It's a mix of hands-on learning, excitement, and endless curiosity. Get ready to spark your child's inner scientist!

Candyology

June 22 - 25,
9:00 a.m. - noon

Science Fair

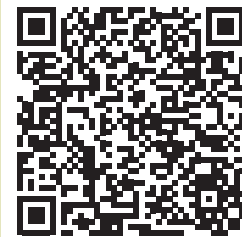
July 13 - 16,
9:00 a.m. - noon

Central Park

7925 161st Ave. NW

Ages: 5-13

Cost: \$155 per session

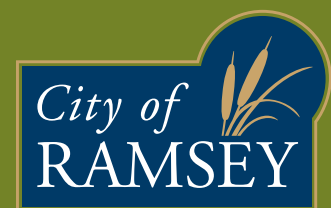


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JUNE 23 — OCTOBER 6
THE DRAW | 7401 RAMSEY PARKWAY

Buy Fresh! Buy Local!

Hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Ramsey Community Foundation, the market serves as a gathering place to connect with neighbors, support local growers and makers in a welcoming, community-centered setting.

Each week, there will be a mix of fresh produce, food items, a limited number of local artisans, and rotating community features highlighting organizations and resources that serve the Ramsey community.

- June 23** Opening Celebration
- June 30** Water Week
- July 7** Parks and Recreation Month
- July 14** Art Night
- July 21** Healthy You, Healthy Community
- July 28** Taste of the Season
- August 4** Community Night
- August 11** Kids' Night
- August 18** Seniors' Night
- August 25** From Market to Pantry
- September 1** Veterans' Night
- September 8** Back-to-School
- September 15** Safety Week
- September 22** Fall Harvest
- September 29** Civic Engagement
- October 6** Closing Celebration

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