

City of Ramsey
Agenda
Park and Recreation Commission
Thursday, May 14, 2026
6:30 pm
Central Park, 7925 161st Ave 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 April 9, 2026.
5. **Commission Business**
6. **Commission/Staff Input**
 1. Parks and Recreation Commissioner Representation at the Farmers Market for National Parks and Recreation Month
 2. Commission/Staff Input
 - Update on Tennis/Pickleball Courts @ Riverdale and Central Parks
 - Recreation Program Updates
7. **Adjournment**

Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: 05/14/2026

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 April 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 April 9, 2026.

Outcome/Action:

Motion to approve meeting minutes dated April 9, 2026.

Attachments

P & R April 2026 Minutes

Form Review

Inbox

Brian Hagen
Form Started By: Mariah Albrecht
Final Approval Date: 05/06/2026

Reviewed By

Brian Hagen

Date

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

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on April 9, 2026, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present: Vice Chair Nathan Barten
 Commissioner Garth Anderson
 Commissioner Shane Bennett (via Zoom)
 Commissioner Laura Moore
 Commissioner Dean Olson

Commission Members Absent: Chair Megan Ealain
 Commissioner Todd Arts

Also Present: City Council Liaison Eric Peters
 Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood

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

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

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

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

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

- Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated March 12, 2026

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

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

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

Motion by Acting Chair Barten, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to designate Shane Bennett as Chair of the Park and Recreation Commission from April 2026 through March 31, 2027.

Commissioner Bennett accepted the nomination.

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

Acting Chair Barten asked if there is any interest in the Vice Chair position. He noted that he would be willing to continue in the position if no one else were interested.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to designate Nathan Barten as Vice Chair of the Park and Recreation Commission from April 2026 through March 31, 2027.

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

5.02: Tree Planting with Ramsey's Environmental Policy Board and Parks and Recreation Department/Commission

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that the City has been a Tree City for the past four decades, and the City annually holds a tree planting. He stated that this year they will be using funds from the \$84,000 grant received from the Metropolitan Council for Ash tree replacement in parks and boulevards. He stated that, along with volunteers, they will be planting 20 trees at Alpine Park on April 27th. He encouraged members of the Commission to attend and participate.

Acting Chair Barten thanked staff for applying for and being successful with the grant.

Commissioner Bennett asked for information on the timing of additional tree planting as a result of the grant funds.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that while he hopes that the additional 109 trees would be planted in the spring, he also acknowledged that spring is the busiest time of year for parks staff. He noted that any of the trees that are not planted in the spring will be planted in the fall.

Acting Chair Barten asked if there are any plans to ensure that native trees will be planted.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that the grant text included a list of tree species that could be planted, along with other regulations to ensure that the City does not plant too many of one species.

5.03: Consider Park and Recreation 2026 Outdoor Meeting Schedule

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that each year, the Commission identifies an outdoor meeting schedule. He explained that the outdoor meeting allows the Commission members to visit different parks and meet residents in their own neighborhoods for more casual conversations. He stated that in the staff report, he made some suggestions, including The Waterfront in July and The Draw in August. He welcomed input from the Commission on the other meeting locations.

Acting Chair Barten noted the planned improvements for Riverdale Park this year and wondered if that could be a good fit for September.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that the grant application for that project was just submitted, and they will not hear back until June. He stated that the playground project may not be completed by that time and noted that the Commission also visited that park last September. He stated that in May, the Commission could visit Central Park, as that would be one year from completion of the playground project. He noted that in June, the Commission could consider Emerald Pond and noted that North Commons could be a good choice for September. He anticipated that the Commission would be discussing an additional community garden as the plots at North Commons are full, and the anticipated painting of the water tower would require the community garden at North Commons to be taken offline for a season.

Commissioner Bennett stated that he also had Emerald Pond on his list, as they had not been there for a while. He also agreed that North Commons would be a good location, especially with the anticipated interruption to the community garden.

Acting Chair Barten asked about the playgrounds that were next on the list for replacement. He stated that he would not recommend changing the outdoor meeting locations as discussed, but would like to visit those other locations on his own.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that Solstice and Flintwood Terrace were the other top parks for playground replacement.

Motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the 2026 outdoor meeting locations as follows: May 14th at Central Park, June 11th at Emerald Pond, July 9th at The Waterfront, August 13th at The Draw, and September 10th at North Commons.

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

6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that a list of recreational events and programming was included in the staff report and provided a brief overview.

Commissioner Moore commented that it is Parks and Recreation Week at the farmers market on July 7th and asked if there is anything needed from the Commission for that event.

Park & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that the Recreation Coordinator most likely has some ideas and can provide more information on that before the event.

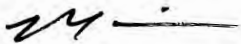
7. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 6:54 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:** 05/14/2026**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Connect the community through Parks, Trails and Recreational Programming.**Information****Title:**

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Representation at the Farmers Market for National Parks and Recreation Month

Purpose/Background:

The City of Ramsey Parks and Recreation Department is launching a new farmers market set to open on June 23, 2026 for a 16-week season. The market is being developed with a “producer-first” focus to prioritize access to fresh and healthy foods and support local growers.

While fresh food access remains the primary purpose of the market, the City also recognizes that successful farmers markets often serve a broader community role. Markets often create informal gathering spaces, support small businesses, connect residents with local resources, and strengthen community connection and identity. For this reason, the Ramsey Farmers Market will include weekly themes, partner activities, limited food truck participation, and opportunities for Ramsey-based businesses to be featured in a way that supports the overall market experience without shifting the focus away from local food producers.

Each market date will include a weekly theme designed to connect residents with programs, services, and community partners. These themes include topics such as water education, local arts, health and wellness, public safety, civic engagement, and more. For example, Water Week will provide an opportunity for City staff and regional partners to share information about water resources, the new water treatment plant, and mosquito control. Art Night will take place the Tuesday prior to the Two Rivers Art Fair and feature partners such as Rumriver Art Center and Northern Starz. Kids’ Night will be paired with Party in the Park and include larger family activities such as inflatable water slides, free mini golf, and partner-led activities. Community Night is scheduled in conjunction with Nite2Unite and will feature our Police and Fire Departments as well as neighborhood events going on that evening. The market will also include limited incentive opportunities through the Power of Produce program. On select theme nights, children, seniors, and veterans will be eligible to receive a \$2 market token to spend with eligible market vendors.

Other groups who provide community resources such as the Anoka County Public Health and Environmental Services will also be present to provide rotating outreach, including free child and teen checkups, mental health resources, opioid prevention education, and emergency response information. These partnerships help position the market not only as a place to purchase food, but also as a reliable weekly touchpoint for community health, education, and connection.

As July is Parks and Recreation Month, the first July market date, July 7, is themed around parks and recreation and the [National Recreation and Park Association’s 2026 theme, “The Power Of” parks and recreation](#). This theme highlights the many ways parks and recreation brings people together, strengthens health and well-being, and helps build more resilient, connected communities. Throughout the month, NRPA recognizes the power of connection, play, community, nature, belonging, and well-being, all of which reflect the broader value of public parks, recreation programs, and community spaces.

For the Ramsey Farmers Market, this theme creates an opportunity to highlight parks and recreation opportunities, share information with residents who may not be familiar with available programs or park amenities, and recognize the groups that help support this work, including the Parks and Recreation Commission.

It also offers a natural setting to connect with the community, have informal conversations about parks and recreation in Ramsey, and better understand the interests and ideas residents may have for future opportunities.

Funding Source:

No additional funding is requested. The market will be staffed in conjunction with the Ramsey Community Foundation and funded by a sponsorship with Security Bank & Trust Co, vendor fees, and Anoka County SHIP grant award.

Recommendation:

Staff recommend having Parks and Recreation Commission presence at the July 7 farmers market for Parks and Recreation Month to align with the [National Recreation and Park Association's 2026 theme, "The Power Of" parks and recreation](#) and how they can support connection, play, community, nature, belonging, and well-being. This could provide an opportunity for commissioners to connect directly with residents in an informal setting while celebrating the broader value of parks and recreation in the community.

Commission participation could be scaled based on interest and availability. As a minimal role, commissioners may attend in a meet-and-greet capacity to connect with residents, help share information about parks and recreation opportunities in Ramsey and highlighting projects such as The Waterfront.

If there is interest from commission on a more active role, staff could provide supplies and set up a simple hands-on activity for commissioners to lead during the market. Activities could draw inspiration from the Power of Parks themes. Commissioners may also choose to work with staff and develop their own engagement or activity which promotes the Power of Parks.

Staff are also open to additional ideas from the Commission. The intent is not necessarily any formal outreach process but rather to provide a welcoming opportunity for commissioners to be present in the community, celebrate Parks and Recreation Month, and have casual conversations with residents about the parks, programs, and natural spaces that contribute to the quality of life in Ramsey.

Outcome/Action:

The Parks and Recreation Commission is asked to discuss interest and availability for participating in the July 7 Ramsey Farmers Market as part of the Parks and Recreation Month theme. Based on commissioner interest, the Commission should provide direction on the preferred level of involvement, which may include informal meet-and-greet participation, assisting with a staff-supported activity, developing a commissioner-led activity, or another option identified through discussion.

Staff will use this direction to confirm participation, coordinate any needed logistics, and incorporate the Commission’s involvement into the July 7 market planning.

Attachments

No file(s) attached.

Form Review

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Park and Recreation Commission**Meeting Date:** 05/14/2026**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Connect the community through Parks, Trails and Recreational Programming.**Information****Title:**

Commission/Staff Input

- Update on Tennis/Pickleball Courts @ Riverdale and Central Parks
- Recreation Program Updates

Purpose/Background:

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Recreation Program Updates:

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:**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
- Registration: Pre-registration is required. Registration is open until Monday, May 11 at noon. After this time, the map and sales list will be final. No cancellations or changes can be updated after this date.

Dash & Dine 5K AND Kites & Bites

Two events combined into one big family-friendly day at the park! 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, there's something for everyone!

- Date: Saturday, May 30 at Elmcrest Park
- 9:30 a.m.: Race starts
- 10 a.m.: Free mini golf and yard games
- 10 a.m.: Food trucks open
- 11 a.m.: Free kite decorating and flying with the Ramsey Lions Club
- 11 a.m.: Other free activities such as kids' games with the Ramsey Lions, Spin Art with Anoka Hennepin

Early Childhood Family Education, Print Letterpress with Ramsey Community Foundation, mixed media collage art with Rumriver Art Center, and more

- 2:00 p.m.: Event concludes
- Cost: \$50. All runners will receive a \$10 food truck voucher

[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 closes Sunday, May 10 at midnight, or until full. No refunds can be issued after this date.
- Ages: 55+

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

[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 and 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.
- New Update: We have officially been authorized to accept SNAP-EBT benefits at our market.
- Check our website later this month to view a list of weekly vendors and activities.

Upcoming Programs:

[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, 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](#)

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. One session remains for this season!

- Dates: Wednesdays, May 20 – June 10 at Central Park
- Beginner 4 week session: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- Advanced Beginner 4 week session: 6:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
- 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.

[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 material as the general Intro to Pickleball but is geared toward 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.
- Ages: 12+

[North Suburban Concert Band Public Performance](#)

Everyone is invited to Central Park for a performance by the North Suburban Concert Band (NSCB), a distinguished community ensemble with over 40 years of performing music. The NSCB is dedicated to fostering the love of performance music among adult musicians of every skill level. Bring your family, favorite chair, or blanket, and enjoy recognizable music from movies, rock hits, marches, and more!

- Date: Tuesday, June 16 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Central Park
- Cost: FREE

[Wednesday Evening Yoga](#)

Weekly yoga is back at the Public Works building! Immerse yourself in mindful movement and connect to your breath in this hour long session. All levels welcome.

- 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.

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

[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!

- Dates: Thursdays, June 18 – August 20, 6:30 – 8 p.m. at The Draw
- Cost: Free to attend, food and drinks will be available for purchase.

[NW Food Truck Fest & Movie in the Park](#)

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. Details on Movie in the Park will be announced next month!

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

[Pickleball League](#)

Ramsey Parks and Recreation is excited to offer new state-sanctioned ladder league 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:
 - Late Season League: Wednesdays, July 8 – Sept. 16 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Central Park
- Cost: \$70
- Registration: Registration is taken through Minnesota Pickleball and will be open until full.

[Happy Days](#)

The day starts with the 5K and Youth Fun Run at Elmcrest Park, followed by the parade, expo, food trucks, kids' activities, musical entertainment, fireworks, and so much more!

- Date: Saturday, September 12 from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- Cost: FREE to attend. Some events have a fee.
- Vendor applications and sponsorships are now open. Check our website for more details or go directly to registration here.
- Happy Days 5K and Youth Fun Run registration is now open here.

Recommendation:

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Outcome/Action:

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Attachments

Maintenance forecast
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Form Review

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Tennis/Pickle Ball Maintenance Plan

2021 <u>Central Park Pickle Ball and Tennis Courts</u> (Converted two tennis, to six pickle ball)	(Completed)
2022 <u>Rivers' Bend Tennis Courts</u> Complete color coat and reset two net posts	\$26,500
2022 <u>Fox Tennis Court</u> Color coat and stripe	\$7,500
2023 <u>Riverdale Courts</u> Color coat and stripe for tennis/pickle ball	\$8,000
2026 <u>Central Park Pickle Ball/Tennis Courts</u> Color coat and stripe	\$35,000
2027 <u>Rivers' Bend Tennis Courts</u> Color coat and stripe	\$31,000
2031 Evaluate all courts for use and relevancy	
2033 <u>Riverdale and Fox Tennis Courts</u> Color coat and stripe	\$18,000



2022 – 2033 total estimated reinvestment = \$126,000



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.

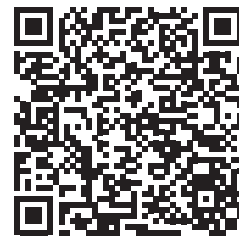
**Rum River Central
Regional Park**

17955 Roanoke Street NW

Ages 8+

\$5 per session

Preregistration is required



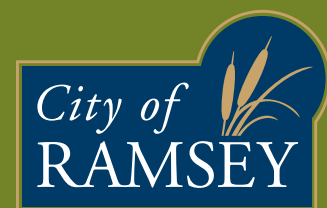
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PICKLEBALL

STATE-SANCTIONED LADDER LEAGUE



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

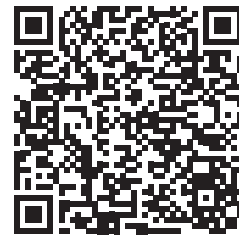
Early Season League
April 29-July 1

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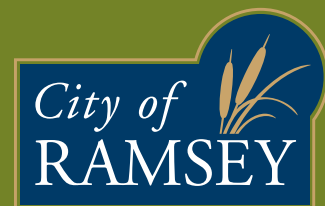
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Ramsey Parks and Recreation is excited to offer two **state-sanctioned ladder leagues** with Minnesota Pickleball! These leagues are part of a growing statewide initiative supported by the Minnesota Parks and Recreation Association to create consistent,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

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.



PARKS AND RECREATION



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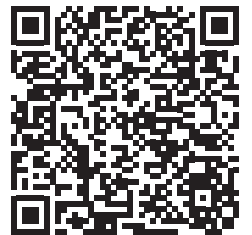
Join us for the fourth annual Garage Sale Trail, where you can meet your neighbors, discover amazing bargains, and explore a variety of treasures.

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



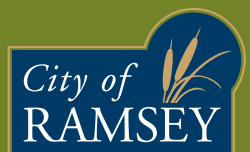
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LINE DANCING:

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.

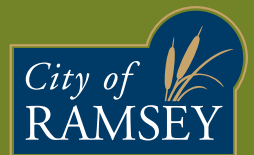
Advanced Beginner
6:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Central Park Building
7925 161st Avenue NW

All Ages

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

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



YOUTH SPORTS DISCOVERY



AGES 3-9

Explore your child's potential passion for sports! This introductory program is the perfect way to familiarize kids with a variety of athletic activities, helping them discover their favorites. Each week, kids will participate in a new sport, not only to develop skills but also to learn the importance of sportsmanship.

This program is partnered with i9 Sports.

Mondays | June 8-29

Ages 3 to 4 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Ages 5 to 6 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Ages 7 to 9 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Emerald Pond Park

6000 142nd Avenue NW

Cost: \$85, includes T-shirt



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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 backup date is scheduled for
Tuesday, June 23.*

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POPUP PLAY: TIME2PLAY WITH NORTHGATE CHURCH



Let's play!

Play is fundamental to a child's healthy development, and community gives children a feeling of belonging and safety. Time2Play events combine the two by providing a weekly destination for fun! Bring your kids and their friends and join us for games, sports, crafts and snacks. This is a drop-in event; no registration is required, but preferred. The program may be canceled if the weather is inclement.

If you would like to be notified of any potential schedule change or cancellation, you must register online. In case of cancellation, an email will be sent to those registered, and a notice will be posted here and on City social media channels.

These events are open to kids of all ages, but children should not be dropped off or left unattended. Parents or guardians are expected to remain on-site. Young children must be actively supervised by a responsible adult while playing.

Although this event is partnered with a church, this is not a religious activity or "church event." Northgate Church wishes to provide services to the community with kids and families in mind, regardless of belief.

Tues., June 16–Aug. 18

10–11:30 a.m.

Ball Fields at The Draw
7401 Ramsey Parkway

– and –

Th., June 18, July 16 & Aug. 20

6:00–7:30 p.m.

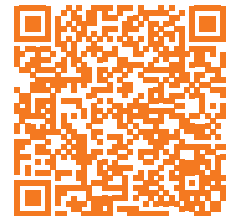
The Hollow
14642 Snowy Owl Street

All ages welcome, most activities geared towards 8 and under.

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Ramsey Parks and Recreation at parks@cityoframsey.com, 763-433-9883

–or–

Wendy Walton, Northgate Church at wendywalton@ngatechurch.org, 763-412-1701



ART IN THE PARK



ANIMALS AROUND THE WORLD

Join us for a fun and creative summer series as we explore artists, national landmarks, and cultural designs from around the world.

Learn step-by-step how to sketch your subject and experiment with new materials. Everyone receives the same guidance, but each project becomes uniquely yours as creativity takes over.

Stick around afterward for a free Concert in the Park starting at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy art-making, the outdoors, and live music—all part of Art in the Park in Ramsey.

Thursdays

June 18–August 13

6:00–7:00 p.m.

The Draw

7401 Ramsey Parkway NW

Cost: \$5/person

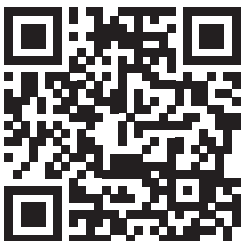
Concert Series: 6:30–8:00 p.m.

More info at

www.cityoframsey.com/278



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Through the Rumriver Art Center with the QR code or <https://app.getoccasion.com/p/n/F96qWbsw>

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RAMSEY PARKS AND RECREATION

The Draw Summer

CONCERT SERIES
2026

FREE • GREAT MUSIC • FUN

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

The Draw
Park & Amphitheater
7401 Ramsey Parkway

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

June 18

RHINO Top 40 Variety

June 25

CHURCH OF CASH Johnny Cash Tribute

July 2

SHIRTS & SKINS Top 40 Variety

July 9

THE CYCLONES Classic Rock

July 16

THE HOLY ROCKA ROLLAZ 50s Classics

July 23

COUNTRY ROADS John Denver Tribute

July 30

ZERO BELOW Classic Rock & Country

August 6

ABBASOLUTELY FAB ABBA Tribute

August 13

JUNK FM Variety 80s-00s

August 20

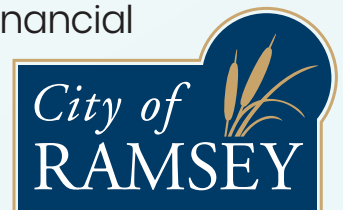
Shane Martin presents

SONGS OF THE SOUTH

Alabama Tribute

6:00-8:00 p.m. Trott Brook Financial
22nd Annual Benefit Bash

For more information, please
visit www.cityoframsey.com/278





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 a bubble can you blow?" "How do sharks float?" and "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 Avenue NW

Ages: 5-13

Cost: \$155 per session

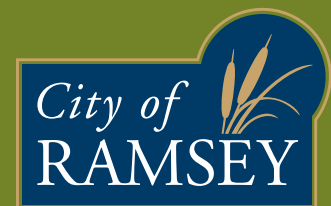


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ADULT LEAGUES NON-COMPETITIVE



Ramsey Parks and Recreation is partnering with RecLeaguer to introduce new, non-competitive 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. Leagues are run by RecLeaguer. Teams will be created a couple of days before the first week. Teams are created based on skill level to ensure equal skill levels. We are limiting teammate requests to only one person. Please note that this is not an officiated league. Players will work together to make fair calls.

Grass Volleyball

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 its leagues are skills-based and for fun. You sign up as an individual, and then even teams are created. We will have 4 teams playing at once. We are capping teams at 8 members each.

Soccer

It will be an hour and a half of fun for all skills! Whether you have played before or never played, all are welcome to register! We will start with a warm-up before games to help prevent injuries, then play a 70-minute game on half fields and a 5 min break between halves. We will have 4 teams playing at once. We are capping teams at 11 members each.

Grass Volleyball
Tuesdays, July 7-28
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Soccer
Tuesdays, Aug. 4-25
6:45-8:15 p.m.

The Draw - Fields
7401 Ramsey Parkway NW

Ages: 19+

Cost: \$45 per league
*Ramsey residents receive \$5 discount with codes
RAMSEYSOCCER or
RAMSEYVOLLEYBALL*

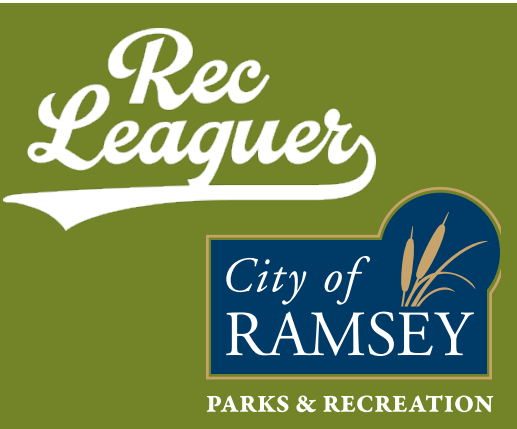


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FREE
Admission



TWO RIVERS ART FAIR

Saturday, July 18
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The Draw
7401 Ramsey Parkway NW
Ramsey, MN

ART

Original art from local
and visiting artists

FOOD

Variety of Food Trucks

COMMUNITY

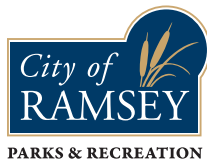
FREE art demonstrations,
classes, entertainment and more!

**and
more!**

ARTIST APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN.
Apply by Sunday, May 17.
www.rumriverart.com/art-fair/



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FLAG FOOTBALL CLINIC

DEVELOP & EXPLORE FLAG FOOTBALL

Whether you're just starting out, improving your skills, or preparing for your next big tryout, our Flag Football Skills Clinic is perfect for players of all experience levels! This program consists of four one-hour sessions designed to help participants enhance their abilities, whether they're new to the game, looking to refine their techniques, or seeking extra practice and fun. Kids will receive expert instruction to develop their skills and build confidence while enjoying the game even more.

This program is offered in partnership with **i9 Sports**. Families are an essential part of the i9 Sports experience! Parents are encouraged to attend, cheer on their athletes, and serve as spectators, motivators, and role models.

Clinic Highlights:

- **Skill Development:** Engage in fun, specialized drills to improve catching, passing route running and defending.
- **Game Strategies:** Learn the rules and tactics that can take your game to the next level.
- **Game-Play:** Participate in 30-minute, game-like scenarios to apply and reinforce what you've practiced.

M & W | Aug. 11-20

Ages 3 to 4 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Ages 5 to 6 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Ages 7 to 9 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Emerald Pond Park, 6000 142nd Avenue NW

Cost: \$85, includes T-shirt



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SOCCER CLINIC



DEVELOP & EXPLORE SOCCER SKILLS

Whether you're just starting out, improving your skills, or preparing for your next big tryout, our Soccer Skills Clinic is perfect for players of all experience levels! This program helps participants enhance their abilities, whether they're new to the game, looking to refine their techniques, or seeking extra practice and fun. Kids will receive expert instruction to develop their skills and build confidence while enjoying the game even more.

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Clinic Highlights:

- **Skill Development:** Engage in fun, specialized drills to improve dribbling, passing, shooting, and defending.
- **Game Strategies:** Learn the rules and tactics that can take your game to the next level.
- **Game-Play:** Participate in 30-minute, game-like scenarios to apply and reinforce what you've practiced.

M & W | Aug. 17-26

Ages 3 to 4 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Ages 5 to 6 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Ages 7 to 9 7:30-8:30 p.m.

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Paddle with a Ranger

June 27 & July 11, 2026

Join a ranger from the National Park Service for an enjoyable and educational paddle on the river this summer.

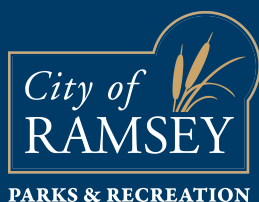
Follow this link for information about registration:



nps.gov/miss_events



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