

June Parks and Recreation Department Updates from Staff

Recreation: Report provided by Bob Furland and Dani Bakken;

- Apex Building Solutions has completed its appraisal of the City Arena, Aquatic Center, and theatre; they will present at the July Park Board meeting.
- Parks and Recreation operated the kids' zone at Wind Down Wednesday, including bounce houses and giant games.
- The Park and Recreation will be part of the Pride Celebration on June 17.
- Academy, Hawthorne, and Lakeview play parks began June 5 and are open 9 am – 4 pm Monday – Thursday. Hayek play park is available when the community education trailer is at the park. Community education partners with us to provide activity, craft, or art trailers.
- Thursdays on Fountain have had excellent attendance. June 15th Papa Greezy, June 22 Flashback, June 29 Good Morning Bedlam
- The Movie in the Park will be Friday, June 16, at Edgewater Band Shell. The movie is Space Jam.

Parks: Report provided by Ryan Hayek and Mike Westney;

- Snyder scoreboards have been placed at all 5 fields. Vinyl decals will be going up to complete the project very soon.
- Snyder volleyball courts are about half way completed. Tile still needs to be installed, along with filter cloth and the fence that will be placed between the courts and the pond.
- The last EAB benchmark is due June 30th.
- Food Truck Plaza is moving along; will be planting trees, shrubs, and grass soon.
- Work will start on the Sondergaard basketball court.
- Tree trimming, landscape and flower maintenance.
- Pavilion and facility rentals are going well.
- Lakeview bathroom seems to be well received and there has yet to be any issues there.
- Youth baseball tournaments at Snyder June 9-11 and June 16-18.
- Significant issues with graffiti at the bathrooms at Pioneer Park and the City Beach, as well as on the equipment at the Skate park.

City Arena: Report provided by Bob Furland/Josh Heilman;

- June 18 – June 23 will be the Minnesota Mavericks hockey camp. Iowa and Minnesota players will stay in Albert Lea and participate in the annual Hockey Camp.
- June 19th – 21st, Albert Lea Hockey will host the Robby Glantz Power skating camp.
- June 24 Albert Lea High School Boys will have summer scrimmages from 9 am – 12:30 pm.
- The Ice will be taken off July 1 until the fall.

Aquatic Center: Report provided by Bob Furland/Dani Bakken;

- The Recreation Department has sold 133 Family swim passes and 25 individual passes.
- The first swimming lessons will finish on June 23, and the second session will start on July 10. Session 1 had 135 participants.

Senior Center: Report provided by Bob Furland/Cathy Malakowsky;

- No report

Marion Ross Theater: Report provided by Bob Furland;

- ACT presents Candelilla June 15-18th and June 21 – 25th
- June 30 Concert Event Elton John Tribute

Other: Report provided by Cathy Malakowsky;

- Trail Action Plan: The Albert Lea City Council voted June 12th to adopt the Trail Action Plan for the UP trail corridor from Albert Lea to Hartland. The City and County will now form a small work group to identify grant opportunities to pursue.
- Juneteenth: The Aquatic Center and Play Parks will be open on Monday, June 19th, because the pool is usually open on July 4th. Also, we already scheduled and advertised programming at the pool and parks. The City Arena and Snyder fields will also be open due to previous reservations. Next year we will probably need to close the pool and parks in honor of this state holiday. But this year, all are welcome to celebrate by going to the pool and parks.

**** Top 5 Project Updates:**

Restrooms by Splash Pad –

- No update

Develop the Union Pacific rail to trail –

- See Cathy's update on the Trail Action Plan.

Develop an off-season field house –

- No update

Upgrade Snyder Fields –

- Scoreboard installation included in the Parks update.

Update aging facilities, including the City Arena and Aquatic Center –

- Apex will present to the Board at the July meeting on July 17th.