AGENDA
CHANHASSEN PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 7700 MARKET BOULEVARD

A. 6:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER

A.1 Youth Commissioners Oath of Office

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioners may postpone or remove items at this time. Commissioners may discuss adding items to a future agenda during Commissioner Member Presentations.

D. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

E. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Commission Procedures allow for presentations from the audience at this time. If a motion is required, the item will be forwarded to the next available agenda to allow for publication and review prior to consideration.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

F.1 Special Work Session Meeting Minutes: July 23, 2026

F.2 Meeting Minutes: July 28, 2026

G. GENERAL BUSINESS

G.1 2027 Park Renovation Fund Priority Discussion

G.2 Halloween Party Preview

H. REPORTS

H.1 Recreation Center Quarterly Report

H.2 Park Maintenance Quarterly Report

H.3 Senior Center Quarterly Report

I. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

J. COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PACKET

L. ADJOURNMENT

Park & Recreation Commission Item

September 22, 2026

Subject	Youth Commissioners Oath of Office
Section	**6:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER**
Prepared By	Desiree Ruppert, Admin Support Specialist

On Monday, August 31, 2026, the City Council appointed Daniel Trifonov and Leo Allen to the Park & Recreation Commission as Youth Commissioners for a one-year term ending August 31, 2027. City staff will administer the oath of office to the appointees.

Per State Statute 358.05, the oath of office to be taken by members and officers of either branch of the legislature shall be that prescribed by the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, Article IV, Section 8. Every person elected or appointed to any other public office, including every official commissioner, or member of any public board or body, before transacting any of the business or exercising any privilege of such office, shall take and subscribe the oath defined in the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, Article V, Section 6.

Park & Recreation Commission Item

September 22, 2026

Item	Special Work Session Meeting Minutes: July 23, 2026
Item No:	F.1
Agenda Section	**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Prepared By	Desiree Ruppert, Admin Support Specialist

SUGGESTED ACTION

Approve the Park & Recreation Commission special work session meeting minutes dated July 23, 2026.

SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Park & Recreation Commission special work session meeting minutes dated July 23, 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

Special Work Session Meeting Minutes July 23, 2026

CHANHASSEN PARK AND
RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL WORK SESSION
MINUTES
JULY 23, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Emily Nagel, Clara Christenson

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

STAFF PRESENT: Priya Wall, Recreation Manager

PUBLIC PRESENT:

SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS CIVIC CAMPUS GRAND OPENING:

The sub-committee received an update that construction of the Civic Campus space continues to experience delays, and no confirmed completion date has been established. Commissioners discussed that as a result, the originally proposed August 24-28 dates for Grand Opening events are no longer feasible. Additionally, without an accurate completion timeline available for the space, the sub-committee discussed that it is not practical to propose alternative event dates at this time.

Due to the uncertain project completion schedule and current inability to plan new dates, the sub-committee recommends that all sub-committee activities, including meetings, be paused at this time. Once a reliable anticipated completion date of all key amenities is available, sub-committee recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission re-evaluate whether to reconvene the sub-committee.

Staff noted that in internal discussions of potential Grand Opening events, staff will utilize the proposal developed by the sub-committee as a guiding resource.

The sub-committee discussed that if future Parks and Recreation Commission sub-committees are established, having three (3) active Commissioners serve as sub-committee members would be critical to sub-committee success. The sub-committee does not recommend establishing any new sub-committees with less than three (3) active Commissioners.

Submitted by Jerry Ruegemer
Park and Recreation Director

Park & Recreation Commission Item

September 22, 2026

Item	Meeting Minutes: July 28, 2026
Item No:	F.2
Agenda Section	**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Prepared By	Desiree Ruppert, Admin Support Specialist

SUGGESTED ACTION

Approve the Park & Recreation Commission meeting minutes dated July 28, 2026.

SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Park & Recreation Commission meeting minutes dated July 28, 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

Park & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes July 28, 2026

CHANHASSEN PARK AND
RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
JULY 28, 2026

Vice Chair Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sean Morgan; Kristin Fulkerson; Emily Nagel; Kurt Scheppmann; Zach Wittl; Erick Hanson; Clara Christenson, youth.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Leisen, Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Jerry Ruegemer, Park and Recreation Director; Priya Wall, Recreation Manager

PUBLIC PRESENT: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Fulkerson moved, Youth Commissioner Christenson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried unanimously with a vote of 7 to 0.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

VISITOR PRESENTATIONS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve Park & Recreation Minutes dated June 23, 2026

Commissioner Wittl moved, Commissioner Scheppmann seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried unanimously with a vote of 7 to 0.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. 2027 Park Renovation Fund Priority Discussion

Jerry Ruegemer, Park and Recreation Director, discussed the need to identify and prioritize upcoming park projects. He reviewed the Park Renovation Fund outlook from 2026-2033 and noted that the 2027 fund will include a dedicated allocation of $120,000. He also outlined upcoming playground replacement timelines based on the equipment's estimated 25-year lifespan, stating that Bandimere Community Park is already past the recommended 2025

replacement year, two parks are scheduled for replacement in 2029, and six parks will need replacement in 2030. He then summarized the previously discussed renovation options below.

- Replace 3-5 50' x 50' aging basketball court pads (Bandimere Heights, Chan Hills, Stone Creek, Riley Ridge)
- Repair/repaint the Roundhouse pickleball courts
- Replace or repair backstops in neighborhood parks (Rice Marsh, Meadow Green, Pheasant Hills, Sunset Ridge, Chan Hills)
- Replace rubber mats with concrete tee box pads at Bandimere Disc Golf Course
- Reconstruct three ballfields at Bandimere Park
- Install shade umbrellas at Lake Ann Beach
- Replace fencing at the Olson Community Garden
- Replace the dock at South Lotus Boat Landing
- Extend the outfield fence height at Lake Ann ballfield #6
- Replace the outfield fence at Lake Ann Park
- Remodel the Lake Susan bathroom facility
- Replace playground equipment as needed

Commissioners expressed concern about the number of parks nearing end of life and the cost of replacing aging playgrounds. Mr. Ruegemer clarified that although playgrounds have a designated 25-year lifespan, replacement can be deferred depending on the condition of the equipment for a short period of time. Commissioners discussed staggering playground replacement schedules to balance annual costs, nothing that one replacement per year would be ideal if conditions allow.

Commissioner Morgan asked whether all listed projects fall under the Park Renovation Fund or if other funding sources are available. Mr. Ruegemer confirmed that all projects fall under the Park Renovation Fund. Commissioner Morgan expressed concern about spending 2026/2027 dollars when 2029/2030 playground replacements are looming. He asked if deferring 2027 dollars towards future needs is an option and Mr. Ruegemer stated it is. Commissioner Hanson asked whether projects could be moved forward due to need or extenuating circumstances and Mr. Ruegemer responded that accelerating projects is much more difficult than deferring them.

Commissioner Wittl asked whether Park Dedication Fund money can be used for presented maintenance items or new development only. Mr. Ruegemer clarified that Park Dedication Funds may only be used for new development, not maintenance on existing equipment. He noted that recent funds are being allocated to the Chanhassen Community Center project but there may be available funds in the future for new development.

Commissioner Nagel requested two scenarios for 2027: one if excess dollars from the Lake Ann Park Preserve project can be used for park renovation projects and one if excess dollars cannot be used.

Commissioner Fulkerson asked whether individual-year allocations could be saved for future projects. For example, directing 2027 dollars towards a future lighting upgrade at Lake Ann Park as she has heard significant feedback about the insufficiency of the existing lights.

Commissioners discussed their concern about aging infrastructure and limited funding. Commissioner Scheppman asked whether this information has been presented to the City Council and how funding levels might be increased. He recommended presenting an inventory with images of aging assets to the City Council showing these amenities are at or near end of life. Mr. Ruegemer stated that information has been presented to the City Council. Commissioner Scheppman also asked whether special tax assessments have ever been used to fund neighborhood playgrounds. Mr. Ruegemer clarified that they have not and noted that legislative requirements may apply.

Commissioner Hanson recommended strategically timing projects around anticipated cost increases. He also asked whether parks are ever upscaled or downscaled based on community needs and whether resources exist such as maps, population data or housing density to compare park needs at the time of construction versus today.

Commissioners discussed if it would be beneficial to gather additional feedback from the community and staff regarding community priorities before making decisions. Since all discussions will occur during regularly scheduled meetings, commissioners should bring their completed priorities worksheets including any non-playground items to the next meeting.

Youth Commissioner Christenson asked whether refurbishing the permanent restrooms at Lake Ann Park would fall under the Park Renovation Fund as they receive significant traffic.

REPORTS:

1. 2026 4th of July Celebration Evaluation

Priya Wall, Recreation Manager, provided a recap of the 2026 4th of July Celebration and related events. It is estimated that more than 70,000 people enjoyed at least one aspect of this year's three-day celebration.

Activities included Movie in the Park (sponsored by Xfinity), the carnival, kiddie parade decorating (sponsored by kiddywampus), magic show, face painting/wacky hair/tattoos, beer garden (presented by the Rotary), Minnesota Twins youth baseball clinic (presented by the Minnesota Twins), permanent jewelry, Business Expo (presented by SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce), kiddie games, kiddie parade, Chalk-It-Up drawing contest, Taste of Chanhassen (presented by the Rotary), adult and kids fishing contests, sand sculpture contest, medallion hunt, face painting, classic car show (presented by the Rotary), bingo (presented by Commission on

Aging), parade and historic plane flyover (produced by the Rotary), live music and the street dance. Fireworks were delayed until July 23rd.

Event components in 2027 may be relocated, adjusted, retired or replaced with new activities to fit within the new civic campus space.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Civic Campus Sub-Committee Update

Commissioner Christenson provided an update that construction of the Civic Campus space continues to experience delays and no confirmed completion date has been established. As a result, the originally proposed August 24-28 dates for Grand Opening events are no longer feasible. Additionally, without an accurate completion timeline available for the space, it is not practical to propose alternative event dates at this time.

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Staff noted that in internal discussions of potential Grand Opening events, staff will utilize the proposal developed by the sub-committee as a guiding resource.

The sub-committee also recommends that future Parks and Recreation Commission sub-committees have 3 active Commissioners serve as sub-committee members to ensure sub-committee success. The sub-committee does not recommend establishing any new sub-committees with less than 3 active Commissioners.

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Scheppmann moved, Commissioner Fulkerson seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor and the motion carried unanimously with a vote of 7 to 0. The Park and Recreation Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by Jerry Ruegemer
Park and Recreation Director

Park & Recreation Commission Item

September 22, 2026

Item	2027 Park Renovation Fund Priority Discussion
Item No:	G.1
Agenda Section	**GENERAL BUSINESS**
Prepared By	Jerry Ruegemer, Park and Recreation Director

SUGGESTED ACTION

The Park & Recreation Commission discusses and formulates a recommendation for how the 2027 Park Renovation Fund will be used.

SUMMARY

The Park & Recreation Commission began discussing the Park Renovation Fund at the February 24 meeting. The city's Finance Director Kelly Grinnell outlined the fund's history, current budget and projected fund balance over the next 3-5 years. The Park Renovation Fund for 2026 had an allocation of $110,000, and the commission identified the Stone Creek Park Playground replacement and supplementing the Carver Beach Playground equipment as priority projects for City Council approval. Staff asked the commission to create a list of park priority projects for the next 1-10 years.

BACKGROUND

The 2027 Park Renovation fund will have a dedicated allocation of $120,000 for the commission to consider as it identifies a list of potential projects.

- Backstops - Neighborhood Parks
- Repair/repaint Roundhouse Pickleball Courts
- Basketball Courts - Variety of 50' x 50' are showing signs of age
- Playground Replacements

DISCUSSION

The Park & Recreation Commission should review previously identified project priorities and discuss whether there are new projects or ideas that have been raised or recommended by the community. A list will be developed and eventually forwarded to City Council for consideration and approval.

The commissioners revisited the list of projects presented by staff in July and expressed concern about the number of neighborhood playgrounds identified as needing replacement within the next five years. Given the anticipated cost of replacing playground equipment, commissioners questioned whether continuing to allocate approximately $120,000 annually toward individual projects is the most effective approach for addressing the city's larger, long-term capital needs. A significant part of the discussion focused on whether the 2027 $120,000 allocation should be deferred rather than spent on the projects currently identified. Commissioners discussed the possibility of allowing the funds to remain in the Park Renovation Fund and building a larger fund balance. This approach could provide the city with greater financial capacity to undertake a complete playground replacement when a neighborhood park reaches the end of its useful life, rather than making smaller improvements that may not fully address the park's needs.

The commission asked whether the Park Dedication Fund could be used as an additional funding source for playground replacements. Staff clarified that Park Dedication Funds have specific restrictions and can only be used for entirely new park projects or facilities. The funds cannot be used to replace existing playground equipment. As a result, the Park Dedication Fund would not provide a funding option for the city's existing neighborhood playground replacement needs.

The commission also questioned whether the remaining fund balance from the Lake Ann Park Preserve project could potentially be used to help fund new playground equipment. The Lake Ann Park Preserve Project is still active and accruing project expenses, so the reality of any significant budget dollars that can be used to fund playground replacements is not likely.

The discussion ultimately centered on the need to look beyond the 2027 budget year and consider the city's overall five-year playground replacement schedule and available funding. Concerns were expressed that the current annual allocation may not keep pace with the city's anticipated playground needs and discussed whether building the Park Renovation Fund balance now could put the city in a stronger position to address multiple playground replacements in the future.

RECOMMENDATION

The Park & Recreation Commission discusses and formulates a recommendation for how the 2027 Park Renovation Fund will be used.

ATTACHMENTS

2026-2036 Priority Projects
2027 Park Renovation Fund
2027 Park Renovation Fund allocation discussion Park & Rec Comm 7-28-26

Park Renovation Fund (2026-2034)

2026 Priority Projects	Amount
2027 Priority Projects	Amount
2028 Priority Projects	Amount
2029 Priority Projects	Amount
2030 Priority Projects	Amount
2031 Priority Projects	Amount
2032 Priority Projects	Amount
2033 Priority Projects	Amount
2034 Priority Projects	Amount

2027 Park Renovation Fund Considerations ($120,000)

Bandimere Park Ballfield Reconstruction (3 Fields)	$75,000
Backstops – Meadow Green, Rice Marsh Lake, Carver Beach	$60,000
Lake Ann Beach Shade Umbrellas	$20,000
Concrete Tee Box Pads Bandimere Disk Golf Course	$25,000
Community Garden Fencing (Olson Garden)	$30,000
Dock Replacement (South Lotus Boat Landing)	$25,000
Lake Ann Ballfield #6 (Extend Outfield Fence Height)	$50,000
Lake Ann Park (Outfield Fence Replacement)	$50,000/Field
Lake Susan Bathroom Remodel	$100,000

Park Renovation Fund Allocation Discussion 2027

Strategic Plan Priorities

- **ASSET MANAGEMENT -** Effective utilization of assets
- **OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE -** Improved operational effectiveness, satisfied community

Park Renovation Fund Outlook 2026-2033

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033
Property Taxes	$110,000	$120,000	$130,000	$240,000	$350,000	$460,000	$570,000	$680,000
Interest Income	2,400	2,800	5,000	6,900	9,600	14,500	21,700	31,200
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	**$112,400**	**$122,800**	**$135,000**	**$246,900**	**$359,600**	**$474,500**	**$591,700**	**$711,200**
Projects	**$-**	**$30,000**	**$-**	**$-**	**$-**	**$-**	**$-**	**$-**
Ending Fund Balance	**$250,470**	**$343,270**	**$478,270**	**$725,170**	**$1,084,770**	**$1,559,270**	**$2,150,970**	**$2,862,170**

Playgrounds

	Installed	Replacement Year
Bandimere Park	2000	2025
Lake Ann Park	2004	2029
Meadow Green Park	2004	2029
Curry Farm Park	2005	2030
Lake Susan Park	2005	2030
Minnewashta Heights Park	2005	2030
North Lotus Lake Park	2005	2030
Rice Marsh Lake Park	2005	2030
Chanhassen Hills Park	2005	2030
25 Year Lifespan		



Basketball Courts

Basketball Pads – 50'x 50'

3-5 Pads to replace

*Bandimere Heights, Chan Hills,
Stone Creek, Riley Ridge

$15K per pad. New pole, backboard?





Pickleball

- Roundhouse Park – Built 2016
- Paint/Fix Cracks
- Cost Estimate - $20K







Backstops

*Rice Marsh
*Meadow Green(2)
*Pheasant Hills
*Sunset Ridge
*Chan Hills

$20K Per Backstop





Bandimere Disc Golf

Built in 2012

*9 hole course

*Replace rubber mats with

Concrete pads $25K



Questions?

Other projects for considerations

Park & Recreation Commission Item

September 22, 2026

Item	Halloween Party Preview
Item No:	G.2
Agenda Section	**GENERAL BUSINESS**
Prepared By	Priya Wall, Recreation Manager

SUGGESTED ACTION

SUMMARY

The 42nd annual Halloween Party will be held Saturday, October 24 at the Chanhassen Recreation Center from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Halloween Party is open to kids ages 12 and under and includes trick-or-treating, carnival games, snacks, crafts, live entertainment and more. Typically, around 400 kids attend the Halloween party, with approximately 800 attendees total including family members.

Special thanks to local Chanhassen business South Lake Agency Insurance for sponsoring the event for the third year in a row!

BACKGROUND

DISCUSSION

Halloween Party participants and their families are invited to join in a variety of activities including trick-or-treating, carnival games, hayrides, refreshments, crafts, a spooky room, photo booth and inflatables. So far, 10 local businesses have generously offered to hand out candy and trinkets to event participants this year, and it is expected almost 70 high school volunteers will assist with the event.

Back for the second year is the introduction of the Sensory Safe Room. The city is partnering with Reach for Resources to provide a calm, quiet room for children with sensory needs or that need to regulate. The room will be hosted in the dance studio and will include a staff member and items such as calming visuals, fidgets, sensory bins, noise reduction items and more.

The event cost is $6/child with accompanying adults and children one and under free. Pre-registration

for the event is being offered online and registrations will be accepted at the door via cash, check or debit/credit card.

The event is being advertised and promoted on the city's website, via social media with a Facebook event and individual posts, and to local schools via the online newsletter PeachJar. Special thanks to local Chanhassen business South Lake Agency Insurance for sponsoring this year's event!

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

Park & Recreation Commission Item

September 22, 2026

Item	Recreation Center Quarterly Report
Item No:	H.1
Agenda Section	**REPORTS**
Prepared By	Jodi Sarles, Recreation Center Manager

SUGGESTED ACTION

SUMMARY

FACILITY UPDATES

The Recreation Center had two windows broken on July 10. Both an upper gym window and a warming house window were vandalized after hours. A police report was filed.

The gymnasium and studio were closed for floor refinishing July 30-August 14. The facility was deep cleaned August 17-21.

FACILITY RENTALS

The Recreation Center remains busy with facility reservations. From January through September 15, we have supported 2,946 hours of City of Chanhassen indoor space and 1,942 hours of rentals. Due to local tournaments, 354 rental hours were blocked from use to accommodate tournament needs.

PARK & RECREATION SOFTWARE

Following a year of research and demonstrations, Chanhassen Parks and Recreation are transitioning to RecTrac software in January 2027. This customizable platform offers

improved user experience, a brandable app that may be utilized across city departments and lower fees. The system build-out is scheduled to begin in September.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Dance for Fun started their 2026-2027 dance season. A total of 24 classes were offered with 175 participants. All new dancers in the program receive a Dance for Fun duffel bag at their first class.

Rec Center Sports:

Small Fry Sports (ages 3-4) had 78 youngsters participate in T-ball+ and Soccer, and Lil' Star Sports (ages 5-7) had 57 participants.

Upcoming Rec Sports programs include Girls' and Boys' Flag Football programs for ages 6-11. Kids Night returns on October 9.

The Rec Center partnered with Minnesota Pickleball to offer a state sanctioned ladder league at the Rec Center outdoor courts. There are currently 25 players participating in the league.

EVENTS:

Rain didn't stop the fun at Community Day on August 15. Over 200 neighbors joined in a day filled with activities including touch-a-truck, free trial classes, a shred-it station and the Chanhassen Library Story Walk. The day also featured a Bubble Station, Community Tree, Tae Kwon Do try-it classes and Rec Center sports stations. A special thanks goes to CCHA for sponsoring the Slap Shot Speed Challenge, Minnesota Pickleball for providing paddle demonstrations, Bach to Rock brought an instrument petting zoo, and to all the staff and community organizations that made this event possible.

Bone Adventure, sponsored by Chuck & Don's Pet Food & Supplies, will run from September 18 to October 2. Ten colorful bones, decorated by Chanhassen Park & Rec participants, will be hidden along Chanhassen's 66 miles of trails. Snap a photo of your pup with each bone you find, then head to Chuck & Don's Chanhassen (7818 Market Blvd.) to claim a treat for your dog and earn a chance to win a prize pack worth $100.

Halloween Costume Swap: Re-Spook, Re-Scare, Re-wear!

If you have a gently used costume to rehome or are looking for a new-to-you costume, come to the swap. Drop your clean, gently used costume at the Chan Rec Center October 13-16 until 12 p.m. The swap pickup is 2-6 p.m. on October 16. Remaining costumes are donated to PROP.

Artisan Fair: Discover one-of-a-kind, handcrafted treasures from over 30 talented local artisans. Enjoy free admission and support the community by bringing a non-perishable food donation for the PROP Food Shelf. Join us on Saturday, November 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chan Rec Center.

Puzzle Palooza, an evening of fun and friendly rivalry, will be on November 13. Teams race to complete a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle. A pizza dinner kicks off the night. The winning team is awarded a Game Night Prize Pack.

Holiday Market will be Saturday, December 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shop local for your gifts. Over 30 vendors will have unique items for sale. Admission is free for shoppers. We encourage guests to bring a non-perishable food item or donation for Bountiful Basket Food Shelf.

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Park & Recreation Commission Item

September 22, 2026

Item	Park Maintenance Quarterly Report
Item No:	H.2
Agenda Section	**REPORTS**
Prepared By	Adam Beers, Park Superintendent

SUGGESTED ACTION

SUMMARY

Park and Trail Maintenance:

- Maintenance crews will start fall fertilizing applications in the coming weeks. The primary focus will be soccer and baseball/softball fields.
- Irrigation shutdown will start in early October; this process typically takes 3-4 week. During shutdown, staff will perform all maintenance checks and any necessary repairs for the following season.
- Staff will be starting fall/winter trail pruning in preparation for winter plowing and maintenance.
- Maintenance staff are prepping to remove and install the new playground at Stone Creek Park.
- Crews are planning for new snow removal operations at the new City Hall and Civic Campus.
- With the outdoor facility season coming to an end, maintenance staff has been busy starting the shutdown/closing process. This typically starts in mid-September and will be completed by early November.
- Each year we are fortunate to have a great group of seasonal employees that join our maintenance team. This workforce is a critical part of our operational success and handles a majority of the daily tasks, allowing full-time staff to focus on more complex projects. Thanks for a great season!

BACKGROUND

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Park & Recreation Commission Item

September 22, 2026

Item	Senior Center Quarterly Report
Item No:	H.3
Agenda Section	**REPORTS**
Prepared By	Jackie Sorensen, Senior Center Coordinator

SUGGESTED ACTION

SUMMARY

Senior Center Quarterly Report
July 1-September 30, 2026

It's been a great summer at the Senior Center with weekly programs continuing as usual as well as several classes and special events. On a daily basis, there are folks stopping in to see the new space and learn more about what the Senior Center has to offer.

We recorded 886 visits to the Senior Center in July, 1,037 in August and estimate 930 visits in September. Senior Center attendance has historically been lower in the summer with many patrons spending time at the lake, with family and traveling. Construction and parking concerns must also be factored into attendance numbers.

SUMMER RECAP

The Senior Center partnered with the Commission on Aging to host the annual July 3 Expo table and the July 4 Free Family Bingo Tent. We had well over 50 interactions with individuals at the Expo table to discuss dementia awareness and resources.

The Bingo event saw over 500 participants of all ages. We are grateful for the many local businesses who provided gift certificates and gift baskets for prizes at this event. Over $1,500 in prizes were given away. Hosted once again by Dave Ryan and supported by the city's teen volunteers, the event was filled with laughter, competitiveness and fun! The time change and move to the "big tent" were both positive changes and the professional sound system ensured all participants could hear well. In addition, the

Commission on Aging partnered with Helping Paws Assistance Animals and raised just over $1,000 in donations for the organization.

QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

After July 4, we kicked off a partnership with the Normandale Center for Healing and Wholeness to sponsor a "Matter of Balance" class, which quickly filled and a long waiting list was created. Due to the success and interest of the class, we have plans to repeat the class in 2027. This partnership continued with the Center providing "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" class starting in August. The real success comes not only from the class itself, but seeing participants make genuine connections as they connect after the class, sharing resources and support with each other as caregivers and as friends. August also brought a partnership with Senior Planet as they presented a three-part series on artificial intelligence (AI). Each class brought over 40 participants with a good number of folks who hadn't been to any other Senior Center program. We will continue to partner with Senior Planet to schedule tech-related presentations in the future.

Summer trips took us to Al & Alma's on Lake Minnetonka, the Minnesota Twins (we were there for the walk-off grand slam!), Buddy Holly and Beatles tribute bands at the Paramount in St. Cloud and a trip to Austin, MN is coming up on September 30.

This quarter also brought a lunch concert by Elvis impersonator Anthony Shore attended by 65 people. We're wrapping up the quarter by partying on the Senior Center porch. Our first party featured the Chan-Jammers in-house senior band and root beer floats, and we welcomed 50 people to the event. The next party will be September 25 and feature the Uke-A-Chans Ukulele group and we're planning to serve apple pie.

COMMISSION ON AGING

Commissioners were invaluable in collecting prizes for the 4th of July bingo event as well as assisting at the event – handing out bingo cards, directing participants, etc.

The COA participated in a county-wide Commissioners meeting at Lake Waconia Regional Park on September 10 where they were able to connect with commissioners from other communities and learn more about Roundtable Rx, the Carver County Family Resource Center and the statewide Toward Zero Deaths program. On September 23 the COA will be touring Carver Oaks, a senior living residence in Carver, which is a CDA project.

LOOKING AHEAD

The next quarter will be filled with fun and helpful programs for our seniors. We are hosting several Medicare help sessions as open enrollment approaches, flu shot clinic on October 6, monthly foot care appointments, support groups, 55+ driver safety classes and more.

Special events include Town Talk with Mayor Ryan on October 5, Oktoberfest Celebration on October 9, Veteran's Breakfast on November 12 and the Holiday Party on December 17. City Council Members

and City Commissioners are invited to attend our events and meet patrons utilizing our services. Please contact Jackie Sorensen, Senior Center Coordinator, for more information or to register for events as our honored guest.

SENIOR CENTER SURVEY

A Senior Center survey has been distributed to those on the Senior Center email list, with paper copies available. To date, there have been 95 submissions and the survey remains open.

A brief synopsis of the results:

- 50% of responders have not yet visited the Senior Center, 31% report visiting occasionally and 19% indicate they are regular users of the Senior Center.
- When asked how they find out about Senior Center activities, the top responses were through email (40%) and the Chanhassen Connections magazine (18%).
- Top requests for programs included educational classes (14.5%), health and wellness classes (14.25%) and arts and crafts (13%).
- Responders indicated they are very interested in technology topics, local history, local resources, and program topics and timing that work for folks in the 55-65 age range.

Jackie will continue to use these survey results as she makes programming decisions for the future. The next Senior Expo will be held in 2027. Jackie and Priya are working together to solicit sponsorships from community businesses to support the Senior Center and the Park and Rec programming on a broader scale. We're looking forward to the upcoming months in the Senior Center!

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