

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023; 4:30 PM

CITY HALL | 226 WEST 4TH STREET | COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

A. March 2023 Meeting Minutes

III. Public Comment

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. Davenport Recreation Division Presentation

VI. Staff Reports

A. March 2023 Staff Report

B. Riverfront Improvement Commission Report

C. Park Operations

D. Recreation

E. Revenue Facilities

F. Director's Report

VII. Advisory Time / Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

VIII. Adjournment

IX. Next Meeting Date and Location

A. May 18, 2023 @ 4:30pm City Hall Council Chambers

City of Davenport
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Department: Parks and Recreation
Contact Info: Chad Dyson 563-326-7817

Date
4/20/2021

Subject:
March 2023 Meeting Minutes

ATTACHMENTS:

Type	Description
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REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
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**Parks and Recreation Advisory
March 2023
Meeting Minutes**

Board Members Present: Coiner, Greenlee, Hu, Kefauver, Peterson, and Schertz

Staff Present: Chad Dyson, Betsy Tubbs, Becca Niles and Jessica Rhoads

Location: Council Chambers, City Hall 226 W 4th Street

December 2022 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the Feb 2023 meeting minutes presented by **Schertz, 2nd by Greenlee**. Motion Passes 6-0

Public with Comment:

- Stephanie R. DOLA Planning Committee, Now the the DOLA Guidelines are getting adopted I was concerned that our group and needs would be forgotten, but these concerns were alleviated by hearing what staff has planned. Our DOLAs get a lot of year-round use and it causes stress on the grass, I suggest you consider having a 2nd location by the south DOLA so we can rotate yards allowing the grass to regrown for continued use. This would eliminate the mud and lack of grass in areas that cause dog owners issues when visiting the park.
- Ed T.-Retired Educator. Explained the history of DCSD Fitness and gym class requirements back in the 50's and explained he owns a lot of equipment and would like to get it to a program that will utilize it.

Old Business:

- **Dog Off Leash Area Guidelines-** Motion to formally accept this document by Coiner and 2nd by Schertz

New Business:

- **Davenport Recreation Division Presentation-**Postponed to April 20, 2023's meeting
- **Park Development Program Final Project Slate-** Motion to approve project slate as presented by Schertz, 2nd by Greenlee.

Staff Report:

- See Written Staff Report
- Directors Report

Advisory Time:

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Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn by Schertz, 2nd by Greenlee. Motion Passes 6-0

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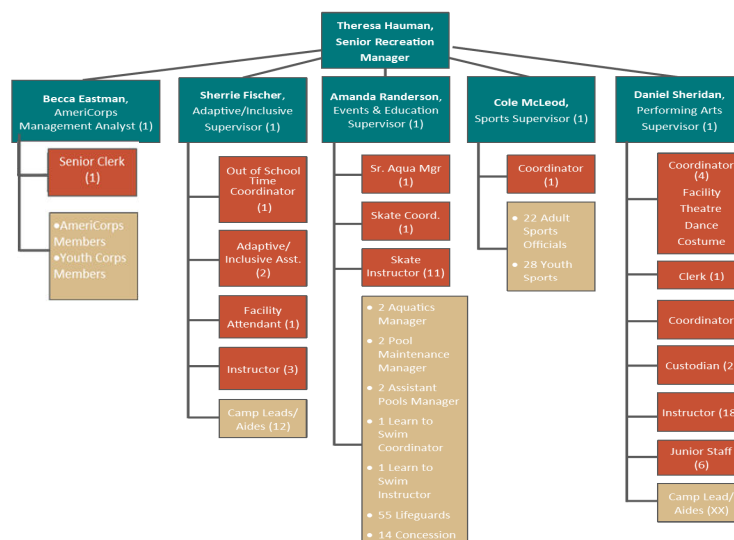


Recreation Overview

Theresa Hauman, Senior Recreation Manager
 Becca Eastman, AmeriCorps Management Analyst
 Daniel Sheridan, Performing Arts Supervisor
 Cole McLeod, Sports and Leagues Supervisor
 Amanda Randerson, Events, Education, and Aquatics Supervisor
 Sherrie Fischer, Adaptive and Inclusive Supervisor

February 16, 2023

Division Organization Chart



Responsibilities-overview

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Title	Responsibilities
Senior Recreation Manager	Accreditation, Budget, Hiring, Recreation Oversight, AmeriCorps Director, Summer Kids Pass, Stepping Stones Partnership, Outreach, Grant Writing
AmeriCorps Program Manager Analyst I	AmeriCorps Member Recruitment, Management, Retention, Exiting, Volunteer Service Projects
Performing Arts Supervisor	Theatre, Dance, Magic, Tumbling Classes, Performing Arts Camps, Facility and Theatre Management
Sports & Leagues Supervisor	Youth Sports, Adult Sports and Leagues, Quad Cities Corporate Games Liaison
Events, Education & Aquatics Supervisor	Special Events, Accreditation Lead, Learn-to-Skate and Learn-to-Swim, Aquatics
Environmental & Horticulture Educator	Environmental and Horticulture Programs and Education
Adaptive & Inclusive Supervisor	Programming for Persons with Disabilities, Special Olympics, Roosevelt Community Center Supervision, Summer Camp

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AmeriCorps

Program Director:
Theresa Hauman

Program Manager:
Becca Eastman

Program Assistant:
Tricia Bell



20 Members Currently Serving with:

Davenport Comm. Schools
Common Chord
Girl Scouts
Putnam Museum
Big Brother Big Sister
Davenport Parks & Rec
-Jr. Theater
-Admin
-Sports
-Special Events
-Operations
-Adaptive & Inclusive



Additional Sites for the Summer of 2023 Will Include:

Freight House Farmers Market
 YMCA
 Stepping Stones
 Kings Harvest
 Emeis Golf Course
 Duck Creek Golf Course
 Davenport Parks & Rec
 -Comm. Outreach & Experience
 -Camps & Summer Programs



Just Some of the Events Davenport AmeriCorps Members Support:

BBBS-Over the Edge

Youth Fest

KWQC Blessings Box

Red White & Boom

BBBS-Annual Plant Sale

Fej Family Fun Days

Family Dances

Movie Nights

Night to Shine

Family Resources Events

BBBS-Putt Around

Party in the Park Events

Goals for 2023:

Currently recruiting for DCSD positions.

Recruit for summer positions to fill all remaining slots (MSY) for the year.

Expand community partnerships with local businesses & organizations.

Promote volunteerism within the City of Davenport.



AmeriCorps





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Performing Arts

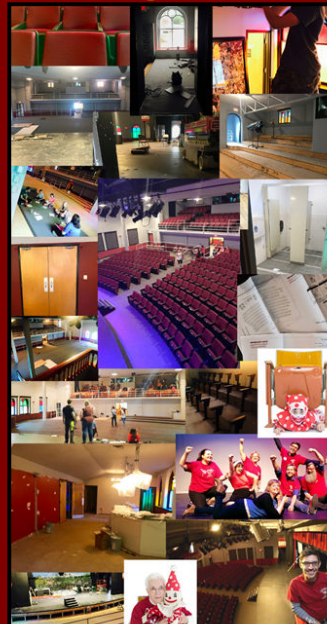
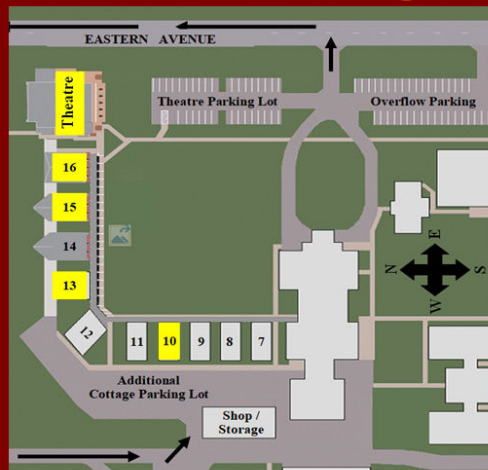
WHAT: We offer Performing Arts programs (Theatre, Dance, Tumble, Design, and more) year round to kids ages 3 – 18yrs.

HOW: Our team invests in every child, meeting them where they are. We foster creative expression & confidence through topical, interactive learning environments.

WHY: Every kid deserves to be empowered to engage and express their self with confidence, clarity and creativity, no matter where life takes them. (We contribute to the development of tomorrow's citizens.)

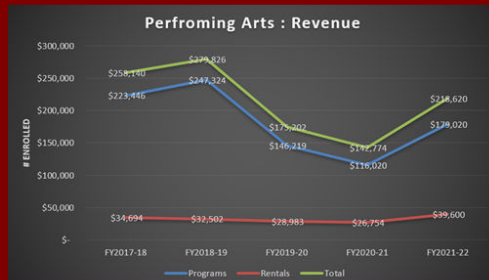
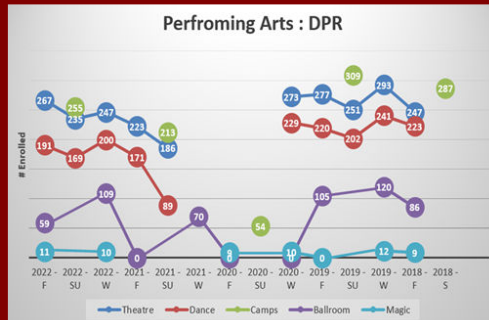


Performing Arts Facility



Performing Arts By the Numbers

2022



Enrolled

Theatre = 749 Dance = 560
Camps = 255 Ballroom = 168
Magic = 21 **TOTAL = 1,753**

Hours Served

Instructor led programming

Theatre = 8,239 Dance = 7,731
Camps = 9,340 Ballroom = 672
Magic = 105 **TOTAL = 16,747**

Ran / Offered (83.3%)

Theatre = 98/116 Dance = 76/96
Camps = 6/6 Ballroom = 12/13
Magic = 2/2 **TOTAL = 194/233**

Revenue (FY2021-22)

Programs = \$179,020
Rentals = \$39,600
TOTAL = \$218,620

Performing Arts : More to Know





Events, Education & Aquatics Supervisor

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- What do I do?
 - Special Events
 - Department Dances
 - Fejervary Family Fun Days
 - Get Out and Trail
 - Father's Day Fiesta Swim
 - Kid's Zone at Red, White and Boom
 - Forth of July Celebration Swim
 - YouthFest
 - Movies in the Park
 - Fejervary Holiday Lights
 - Letters to the North Pole
 - Learn to Skate and Learn to Swim
 - Aquatics Facilities and Centennial Spray Park
 - Accreditation Lead

Special Events 2022

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Special Events so far FY 23		Special Events FY 22	
Events Offered (different # of events offered)		Events Offered (different # of events offered)	
#34*		#26	
Completed	Cancelled**	Completed	Cancelled
25	8	25	1
Participants		Participants	
# data not collected across all events		# data not collected across all events	



* Still have 9 Special Events left for FY 23

** Some Special Events are rescheduled

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Learn to Skate 2022

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Learn to Skate FY 23		Learn to Skate FY 22	
Classes Offered (total number of classes offered)		Classes Offered (total number of classes offered)	
#128		#140	
Completed	Cancelled	Completed	Cancelled
103	25	117	23
Participants		Participants	
#635		#505	



Currently planning 40 classes for March - May 2023

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Learn to Swim 2022

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Learn to Swim CY 22		Learn to Swim CY 21	
Classes Offered (total number of classes offered)		Classes Offered (total number of classes offered)	
#107		#17	
Completed	Cancelled	Completed	Cancelled
90	17	71	85 (due to closure of Dohse)
Participants		Participants	
#314		#230	
Open Swim Attendance (including groups)		Open Swim Attendance (including groups)	
#17724		#6125	
Pool Rentals		Pool Rentals	
#4		#1	

Currently planning 104 classes for 2023 summer



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Accreditation 2022

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Accreditation 2022		Accreditation 2016	
Fundamental Standards		Fundamental Standards	
#36		#37	
Met	Did Not Meet	Met	Did Not Meet
36	0	37	0
Non-Fundamental Standards		Non-Fundamental Standards	
#118		#114	
Met	Did Not Meet*	Met	Did Not Meet
114	4	112	2

* Standards tie into each other



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Sports & Leagues Supervisor

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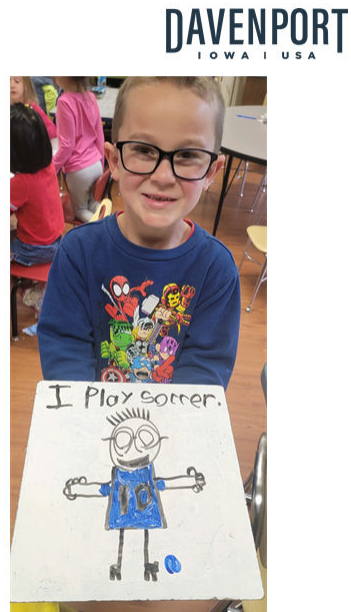
- My responsibilities
 - Sports and leagues offered by the department
 - Youth
 - Basketball, Outdoor Soccer (spring & fall), Indoor Soccer & T-Ball/Coach Pitch
 - Adult
 - Volleyball, Softball, Indoor Soccer, & Outdoor Soccer
 - Quad Cities Corporate Games
 - 20-30 Summer competitions/activities for QC companies



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Sports & Leagues

- Sports & Leagues Calendar Year
 - 2022
 - 41 Sports & League Programs offered
 - 6,481 patrons in leagues/sports programs in 2022
 - 34 ran successfully
 - 7 were cancelled
 - 2021
 - 35 Sports & League Programs offered
 - 5,868 patrons in leagues/sports programs in 2021
 - 35 ran successfully
 - 3 were cancelled



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Quad City Corporate Games

- Began in 2021 with 21 companies and 2,000 participants across 23 events
- Summer 2022 had 24 companies and 3,000 participants across 25 events
- On track to surpass 24 companies in 2023



Tug of War @ Buffalo Beach



Sand Volleyball @ Junge Park



Putting Course @ Palmer Hills

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Classes and Workshops

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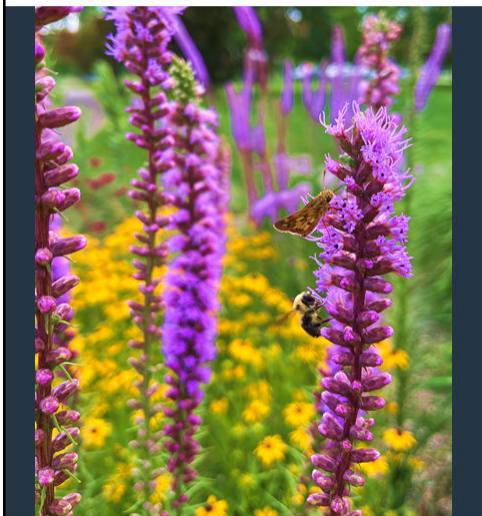
- Spring/Summer Season '22: My Little Wheelbarrow and Fej Family Fun Days
- Fall/Winter Season '22-'23: Youth Classes and All Ages Workshops
 - "Winter Warm-up" Natural Teas
 - Winter Tree ID in collaboration with Iowa State Extension Master Gardeners



Current Work at Vander Veer Botanical Park

- Seasonally themed coloring pages and scavenger hunts for the Conservatory
- Work towards establishing Education Center within Conservatory and expanding Fejervary Learning Center
- Updating signage and feed for waterfowl at the lagoon
- Signage and labeling for felled 2020 Bur Oak

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- Educational Talks for Davenport Horticulture Society, Northeast Community School District, *and upon request*
- Interactive activities for Red White and Boom, Fejervary Family Fun Days, & Davenport Parks and Rec Camps
- Establishing more native plantings throughout parks for biodiversity and educational examples
- Forming connections and partnerships with local organizations, attending meetings and community events



Goals and Looking Forward



Nature & Garden

Davenport Parks and Recreation

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Certain projects have just begun and will be ongoing.

More direct interaction and understanding of patrons' interests by using

Community Input from our Nature & Garden interest survey to build classes that reflect answers.

- Fully establishing permanent and seasonal exhibits within VVBP Education Center
- Expanding topics covered within Nature and Garden—more focus on local environment/spaces
- Having scheduled programs within Rec Guide, while including “Pop-up” events throughout season
- Re-establishing and utilizing N&G newsletter

Collaborating with:

BI-CAN
Bi-State Conservation Action Network



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earth
coalition



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Adaptive & Inclusive

Adaptive & Inclusive Supervisor



➤ Programming for Persons with Disabilities

- Sports
- Social
- Collaborative

Roosevelt Community Center Supervision

➤ Programming – Parks and Recreation – Tae Kwon Do, Scrapbooking, Drums Alive!, Weight Room, Senior Activity Center

➤ Rentals – Private Parties, Tenants, Non-profit partners -Boy scouts, RCPI, Good Neighbor, Voting

➤ Community – Minnie Fridge, Computer Lab & Resource Library

➤ Summer Day Camp – AdventureCamp
Roosevelt & Collins House

Collaborative Programming for Persons with Disabilities

QC Night to Shine

Leadership Team – Buddy Co-Coordinator

QC Disabilities Coalition

- Disability Awareness at a River Bandits Game
- Disability Awareness at a Storm Game
- MLK Food Drive
- Fall Festival

Special Needs Expo

Special Olympics Unified Golf & Bocce Tournament

QC Senior Olympics

ARC Holiday Party



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Programs Offered	10
Participants Served	772
% Classes Cancelled	0



Sports Programming for Persons with Disabilities

- Special Olympics

- Scott County Adult Delegation
- Volleyball
- Basketball (3 on 3, Skills 5 on 5)
- Snow Shoeing and skiing
- Swimming
- Track & Field
- Bocce Ball
- Bowling
- Softball



Programs Offered	24
Participants Served	344
% Classes Cancelled	46%

- Can Play Courage League Sports

- Courage Cubs & Tigers
- Courage Basketball
- Courage Baseball
- Courage Soccer



- Unified Sports

- Special Olympics Golf & Bocce Tournament
- Unified Bowling League



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Social Programming for Persons with Disabilities

- Friday Night Jam
- Special Event Committee Dances

- St. Patrick's Dance
- Spring Formal
- Country Hoedown
- Summer Bash

- Collage Theatre

- Cute and Crafty projects

- My PlayClub @ Gabe's All-Inclusive Playground

- Family Field Days at the Miracle Field

Programs Offered	19
Participants Served	663
% Classes Cancelled	37%



AdventureCamp

Summer Day Camp for youth 6-12 years old

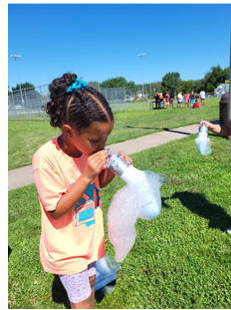
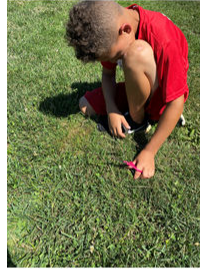
Locations:

- Garfield Park/Collins House
- Roosevelt Community Center

Explore Davenport using Citibus with our Kids Passes!

Theme Based Field Trips

Programs Offered	26
Participants Served	170
% Classes Cancelled	.08%



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Roosevelt Community Center

Programming

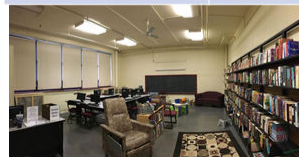


Programs Offered	30
Participants Served	81
% Classes Cancelled	40%

Rentals



Private Community Rentals (Gym)	73
Continuous Rentals & Tenants	10



Community

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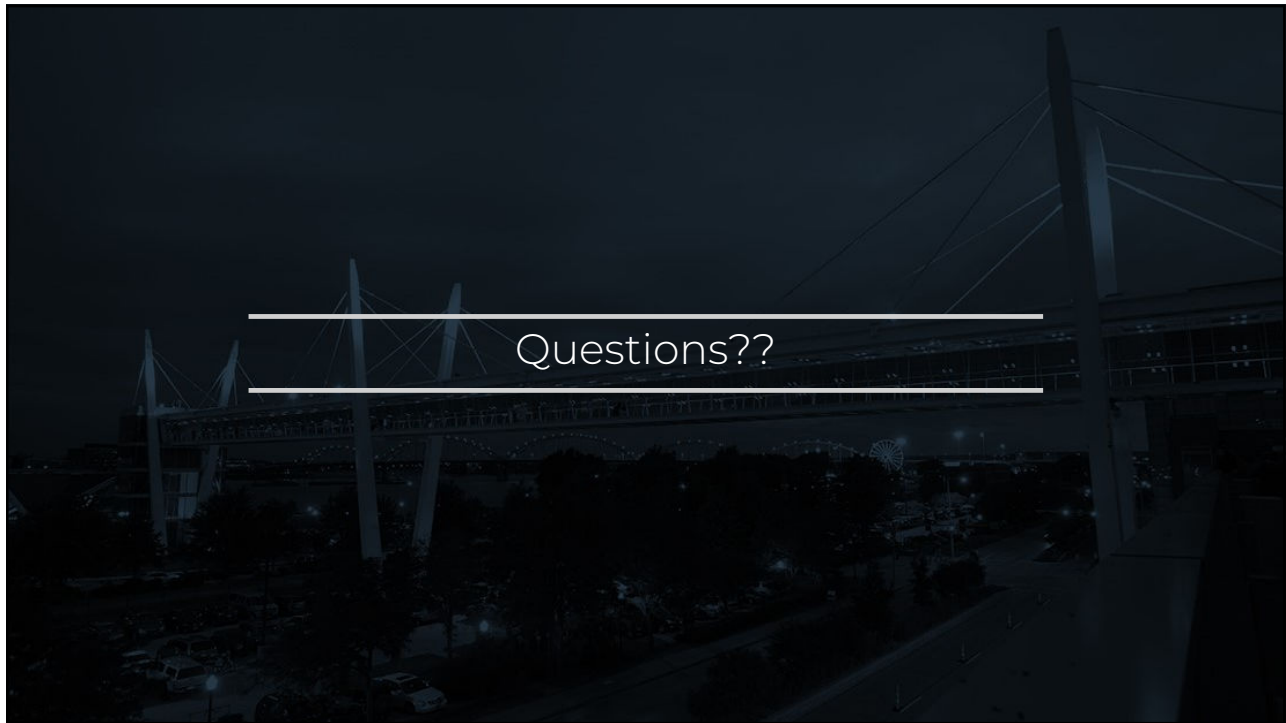
The Minnie Fridge

Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day

Take what you need,
leave what you can.

Please take only the items you need so we can make the biggest impact on the community. We're here every day, so come back when you need more!





Thank you!



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Park and Recreation Advisory Board

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Staff Report

Notable updates from Staff

Park Operations

- With the wet winter and the warmer temperatures in early April, mowing has begun in full force.
- North Gayman Park playground has been installed and is open for use.
- Approximately 30 Parks and Recreation CIP projects are progressing.
- Horticulture staff is working to clean plant beds and will begin planting in mid-May.
- Maintenance staff is working hard on getting water meters installed and water running. Approximately 50 meters still need to be installed by Iowa American Water, with backflows installed before water can be turned on for the season.
- Staff will begin work on readying aquatic centers for filling the week of April 24. The goal is for them to be operational for aquatics staff training May 15.
- Staff are prepping for a forecasted 18-foot flood between mid-April through mid-May.

Recreation

- Special Olympic track games were held Saturday, April 15 with 69 Scott County athletes competing. All blue-ribbon winners will move onto state competition in May.
 - Staff have had difficulty getting track time for practices and are revisiting the idea of building an accessible track at Prairie Heights Park.
- Annie Wittenmyer AdventureCamp registration is full with a waiting list. Staff are reaching out to families on the waiting list to encourage them to sign up for the Roosevelt AdventureCamp location, which still has openings.
- QC Disability Awareness Coalition is hosting their annual food drive through April 26. Donations are being collected throughout the Quad Cities, including the Davenport Libraries, Emeis and Duck Creek Golf Courses, and Roosevelt Community Center. Donations collected will be delivered to area food banks, including the Roosevelt Minnie Fridge.
- The annual IPRA Spring Conference went very well with many amazing speakers including City of Davenport staff from multiple departments. Both

evening socials and daytime lunches offer attendees the opportunity to network, catch up with one another, share ideas and were a lot of fun. Special thank you to Amanda Randerson for spear heading the conference committee.

- The Thursday, Learn to Skate Spring Show session has reached the highest registered number of participants ever with a whopping 173!
- Staff had to cancel the Spring Family Formal due to lack of registrations and are evaluating dances to determine if each event should be continue or if staff should offer something new. The Daddy Daughter Dance is a continued success, but others have failed to gain tractions and have been cancelled recently.
- Staff hosted a Tree Wrap-A-Thon program over March and April with 3,100 oaks wrapped.
- Davenport Junior Theatre hosted its annual spring break camps and had 48 youth attend. This year's theme was *Journey Through Time*. Participants had the opportunity to create an original play based on a point in time with a performance for family at the end of the week.
- Spring sports are off to a good start with a total of 24 adult softball teams and 65 youth soccer teams. These 65 teams comprise over 800 participants registered.

Revenue Facilities

- Staffing has increased greatly this offseason and all 3 golf courses should have sufficient staffing levels this season.
- Duck Creek Golf Course staff installed new range tee mats purchased from the golf improvement fund and have received several positive comments about the improved quality to the practice tee surfaces.
- Bunker project at Emeis Golf Course -Phase 3 has begun again with anticipated completion by end of this month or early May in time for the Amateur tournament
- New Turf Tech has completed probation and has proven himself in every aspect of golf maintenance. He is learning very quickly going from lawns to golf.
- Summer Hockey schedules are set.

Communication Updates

- Community Events (April - May)
 - **Mainstage Productions: Squirrel Girl Goes to College**
Saturdays, 4/22 or 4/29 | 1PM or 4PM and Sundays, 4/23 or 4/30 | 3PM | Davenport Junior Theatre
 - **Earth Day Clean Up** Saturday, 4/22 | 8AM-12PM | Duck Creek Park

- **Spring Formal (Adaptive/Inclusive Event)** Sunday, 4/30 | 4:30-8:30PM
| Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds – Starlite Ballroom
- **Get Out And Trail (GOAT)** Saturday, 5/13 | 9AM-1PM | QC Area Trails
- **Movies in the Park – ‘Sing’** Friday, 5/19 | 6PM | LeClaire Park
- **Fejervary Family Fun Day – Kids to Parks Day** Saturday, 5/20 | 12-3PM
| Fejervary Learning Center
- Recreation Programs (April - May)
 - **Spring Learn to Skate** Various Days, 3/20-5/20 | Times vary | The River’s Edge
 - **Spring Session Showcase Performance *Cirque De Glace*** Sunday, 5/7 | 2PM | The River’s Edge
 - **Friday Night Jams** Friday, 4/28 | 6-9PM | Roosevelt Community Center
 - **Walk in the Park** Mondays & Wednesdays, 4/3-5/8 | 7-8AM | Vender Veer Botanical Park
 - **Spring Plant Sale** Friday, 4/28 | 1-6PM; Saturday, 4/29 | 10AM-3PM and Sunday, 4/30 | 10AM-2PM | Vander Veer Conservatory
 - **Scott County Special Olympics**
 - Track & Field: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3/21-5/18 | 4:30-5:30PM
 - Bocce Ball: Wednesdays, 4/5-5/17 | 4:30-5:30PM
 - **Ballroom Dance**
 - **Beginner Night Club Two & Int/Adv Cha-Cha** Mondays, 4/3-4/24 | Times vary | Duck Creek Lodge
 - **My PlayClub** Saturday, 5/6 | 10-11:30AM | Vander Veer Botanical Park – Gabe’s All-Inclusive Play Village
 - **What’s The Buzz** Saturday, 5/6 | 2-4PM | Vander Veer Conservatory
 - **Scrapbooking** 1st Saturdays, 5/6-8/5 | 8:30AM-5:30PM | Roosevelt Community Center
 - **Herbal Garden for Mom** Wednesday, 5/10 | 6-7PM | Vander Veer Conservatory
 - **Up Cycle That! Workshop: Plastic Bottle Butterfly** Tuesday, 5/16 | 4-5PM | Vander Veer Conservatory
 - **Creative Natives** Thursdays, 5/18 or 5/25 | 2-3PM | Vander Veer Conservatory
 - **Up Close & Plantable** 4th Friday, 5/26-9/22 | 2-4PM | Sunderbruch Park
- Notable Dates (April - May)
 - **Spray Parks Open** 7 days a week, 05/27-09/04

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