



Parks and Recreation Commission

December 01, 2025

7:00 PM

7071 University Avenue NE

Agenda

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. November 3, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Open Forum

The open forum allows the public to address the Commission on subjects that are not on the Regular Agenda. The Commission will accept feedback or questions from the public and asks that comments are limited to five minutes or less.

New Business

2. Commons Park Rental Fees and Guidelines First Draft Review
3. City Code Review – Chapter 508 – Parks and Parkways

Old Business

Staff Reports

4. Fridley Parks and Recreation Staff Report

Adjournment

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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: December 1, 2025

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

November 3, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Background

Attached are the meeting minutes of the November 3, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the November 3, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes.

Attachments and Other Resources

- November 3, 2025 Parks and Recreation Minutes.

Vision Statement

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Park Commission Meeting

November 3, 2025

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Call to Order

Chair Borman called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present

EB Graham
Peter Borman
Melissa Luna
Tim Kirk
Jodi Rehlander
Ken Schultz

Absent

Don Whalen

Also Present

Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
Councilmember Ann Bolkcom

Approve Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda for November 3, 2025

Motion by Commissioner Kirk to approve the November 3, 2025, meeting agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Graham. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes for October 6, 2025

Motion by Commissioner Schultz to approve the October 6, 2025, meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Rehlander. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Refined Concept Plan for Flanery Park

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Maher provided background information on the Park System Improvement Plan (PSIP), which included concept plans for each of the City parks. He explained that each year, before a park is redesigned, staff bring the concept plan with updated options to

gain input from residents. He stated that the feedback is then used to create an updated plan that is used to create the construction plans for the park. He reviewed the concept plan included in the PSIP, provided information on the summer 2025 community input, and presented the updated concept plan for the park.

Commissioner Graham asked if the curb for the trail would be wheelchair accessible. Mr. Maher confirmed that there would be a concrete curb cut that would be ADA accessible.

Charlene Wade, 1564 75th Avenue, stated that she was part of the PSIP and believes that the new concept is much improved. She was happy to see the parking that would be provided and that the rink would be saved. She commented on how the demographics of the neighborhood continue to change, and the park and pavilion are well used. She commented on how quickly the surfacing on the pickleball court has been deteriorating and hoped that would be addressed.

Chair Borman asked if the drainage concerns that were mentioned by the community were perhaps causing issues with the pickleball court.

Ms. Wade commented on a suggested orientation for the courts and was pleased to see the incorporation of the walking paths. Mr. Maher provided additional input on court maintenance and confirmed that the decision for the courts would be made using input from engineering.

Sarah Bern, 1491 Onondaga, thanked the Commission and staff for their work and for incorporating the input of the residents in the neighborhood. She asked if the trail would be plowed in the winter for year-round usage. Mr. Maher replied that decision is undetermined as of now, as the trail is currently proposed to be gravel. He stated that if there are funds available in the budget, they could consider paving the trail, but noted that trails have a lower priority for plowing in the winter.

Ms. Bern noted that Google Maps sends people to 75th which is perhaps why people park along that roadway. She noted that the pavilion is well used and was happy to see the updated plans for that, noting that additional parking could even be added to support the heavy pavilion use in the summer.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz to endorse the updated concept plan based on community engagement for Flanery Park. Seconded by Commissioner Graham. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Proposed Park Shelter Rental and Deposit Rate Adjustment

Mr. Maher presented information on the current and existing shelter fees, the issues that have been identified, and the proposed increases to the fees. He confirmed that the current deposit of \$50 has not been a motivator for some people to follow the rules. He noted that the hope would be that the increased deposit would motivate people to follow the rules, while not making it prohibitive for others to rent the facility.

Commissioner Luna commented that she was pleased to see that this proposal falls into the middle of the comparisons from other similar entities. She agreed that she would not want the deposit to be prohibitive for birthday parties or other smaller events.

Motion by Commissioner Kirk to recommend approval of the proposed fee increases as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Luna. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Revised 2026 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Maher noted a conflict that arose with the January meeting date, and therefore, the location has been changed to Springbrook Nature Center.

Motion by Commissioner Rehlander to approve the revised 2026 meeting schedule. Seconded by Commissioner Graham. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

4. Fridley Parks and Recreation Staff Report

Mr. Maher provided an overview of the written report, highlighting recent events, programming, construction progress at Commons Park, and staff training.

Chair Borman commented on the positive feedback he received related to Pumpkin Night in the Park. Commissioner Schultz encouraged residents to volunteer for the pumpkin carving for the event.

Old Business

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Luna made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Kirk. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Maher, Staff Liaison



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: Month Day, 2024

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

Commons Park Rental Fees and Guidelines First Draft Review

Background

Commons Park is currently under complete reconstruction. When the park opens in summer of 2026, a recreation building with rentable activity rooms and several open-air shelters will be reservable by the public. The attached policy document is a first draft with fees and use guidelines that was developed by staff and informed by the City's other rental amenities within the park system.

Financial Impact

Rental income from rentable amenities in the Fridley Park system was budgeted at \$40,000 in 2025. This includes open-air shelters and the Moore Lake Community Building (excludes Springbrook Nature Center). Rental income was nearly \$75,000 for 2025 and this is the amount budgeted for 2026. This represents a conservative approach to rental revenue budgeting where operations are not dependent on increases in rental income.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission make edits to the guidelines document and recommend the fees and policies with suggested edits.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Commons Park Rental Fees and Guidelines First Draft

Vision Statement

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Commons Park

Rental Fees and Guidelines

11-18-2025 Draft





Commons Park Rental Fees and Guidelines

Rental Guidelines

1. Rentable Spaces at Commons Park
2. How to Reserve Rental Spaces at Commons Park
3. Rental Fees and Hours
4. Damage and Code of Conduct Deposit
5. Code of Conduct
6. Decorating Guidelines
7. Facility Setup and Cleanup
8. Catering Guidelines
9. Event Parking
10. Cancellation Policy
11. Rental FAQ's

1. Rentable Spaces at Commons Park

The following spaces require reservations for use at Fridley Commons Park:

- Commons Park Recreation Building Activity Rooms (3)
- Commons Park open-air shelters (2)
- Groups of 30 or more, arriving in a bus, vans or coordinated carpool, utilizing the park spaces such as playground and/or splash pad.
- Football field (See athletic facility policy)
- Baseball field (see athletic facility policy)
- Pickleball court complex for tournament use (See athletic facility policy)

2. How to Reserve Rental Spaces at Commons Park

Reservations for the Commons Park Recreation Building are available online through the City of Fridley's website at: <https://www.fridleymn.gov/Facility-Equipment-Rentals>

To begin with, click on 'Request a Rental, this will direct you to the reservation request system. Available dates will be shown along with applicable fees. You will need to log in to your account to finalize the reservation. If you have not already created an account, please do so. Assistance is available by calling the Fridley Parks and Recreation office at (763)572-3570.

3. Rental Fees and Hours

The Commons Park Recreation Building may be available for community rental use daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., except for the following holidays: New Year's Eve, New Year's Day,



Commons Park Rental Fees and Guidelines

Fees and Guidelines

Easter Sunday, Juneteenth, July 4th, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day. Holiday availability may be subject to change.

The Commons Park Recreation Building will be priority-reserved for scheduled classes, events, programs and day camps provided by, or in partnership with, Fridley Parks and Recreation. Rental times are available only when recreation programming is not scheduled.

Rental Type	Rental Hours pending availability	Resident* and Non-profit Rate	Non-Resident rate	Damage Deposit	Capacity
Combined 2 Activity Rooms	Monday-Thursday 9 am – 8 pm Friday-Sunday 9 am – 5 pm	\$80 per hour plus tax with two-hour minimum	\$130 per hour plus tax with two-hour minimum	\$200	60
Single Activity Room	Monday-Thursday 9 am – 8 pm Friday-Sunday 9 am – 5 pm	\$40 per hour plus tax with two-hour minimum	\$65 per hour plus tax with two-hour minimum	\$200	30
Open-air Shelter	Daily May-October	\$100	\$150	\$100	50
Large Group Bus Permit	Daily June-August	\$50 per bus	\$50 per bus	N/A	Limit 2 busses at any time

* Includes individuals and Fridley businesses

4. Damage and Code of Conduct Deposit

The Commons Park Recreation Building is a shared resource for Fridley residents and was constructed to provide a sense of community and civic pride. Attention to cleaning, maintenance and housekeeping will provide decades of enjoyment of this beautiful facility.

All renters will provide a fully refundable damage and conduct deposit of \$200 per rental, which will be charged to a credit or debit card and issued as a refund after an inspection of the facility and review of the rental report has been completed.



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Staff retain the right to not return the damage and conduct deposit, as well as to seek reimbursement for additional damages when cleaning has not been completed, the code of conduct has been violated, or damage has been incurred to the facility by the rental group. Rental parties will sign an agreement as part of the rental process, agreeing to the terms of the Damage and Conduct policy.

5. Code of Conduct

- No driving or vehicle use is permitted outside of the designated parking areas.
- Candles or other open flames, with the exception of products designed to warm a chafing dish operated by a caterer licensed by Anoka County, are prohibited.
- Alcohol is prohibited at Commons Park and within the Commons Park Recreation Building
- Tobacco, vaping, and recreational cannabis are prohibited in Commons Park and the Commons Park Recreation Building
- Glitter, confetti, helium balloons and pinatas are prohibited.
- Push pins, tape, nails, putty or other fasteners or adhesives may not be used to hang or display items from walls, columns, ceilings or other structures.
- Rentals are limited to the time periods defined in the rental contract. Accessing or attempting to access the rental space outside of the times designated in the rental contract is prohibited. Failure to vacate the building by the time specified in the rental contract will result in loss of deposit.
- Amplified music is not permitted. An audio system is included in the facility rental with Bluetooth connectivity and may be played at a volume that does not disturb other park users.
- No animals, except for service animals, are permitted in the Commons Park Recreation Building.
- Failure to complete the post-event facility cleaning procedure will be considered a breach of the code of conduct.
- Admitting guests to a facility rental in excess of the listed capacity will result in loss of the damage and code of conduct deposit.
- Shared access to the kitchenette is included in the activity room rental agreement. Failure to properly secure or turn off appliances will result in loss of damage and code of conduct deposit.
- Photos, movies, presentations and other memorabilia displayed in the facility must be appropriate for a general audience and must be shown in compliance with copyright and licensing requirements.



6. Decorating Guidelines

Commons Park and the Commons Park Recreation Building were designed to provide a beautiful and festive space for gatherings. No items may be adhered to or affixed to the windows, doors, walls, columns or ceilings in any way, shape, or form. Acceptable activities include:

- Using provided tables to display photographs or memorabilia.
- The audio/visual system may be used to project photos or presentations.
- Freestanding decorations may be placed on the floor.
- Freestanding sandwich boards may be placed in designated locations to welcome guests or provide direction.
- Centerpieces or other table-top decorations are permitted.
- Candles and other open flames are prohibited

7. Facility Setup and Cleanup

Open-air Shelters

Open-air shelter reservations include access only to picnic tables and seating located in and directly adjacent to the park shelter. Additional seating and amenities located in the park are open and available to the public through shared use.

Recreation Building Activity Rooms

After each facility rental, the rental party is asked to complete the following as part of the facility use agreement:

- Wipe down or rinse any food service areas and amenities that were used including the kitchen counters, refrigerator, coffee maker, tables, microwave oven, and kitchen floor using the cleaning kit found in the kitchenette.
- Use the provided broom and dustpan to sweep up any noticeable food scraps, crumbs, or spills on the floor of the kitchen or activity rooms.
- Place all garbage, recycling, and organics into the provided containers.
- Wipe down all tables and chairs used for your event using the provided cleaning supplies found in your rental room.
- Remove **all** items brought into the facility. Do not leave any food, utensils, condiments, coffee sugar or creamer, water or beverages.
- Notify staff immediately of any damage, incidents, spills, injuries, or problems with the facility such as the AV system, plumbing, electrical outlets, or door locks.

8. Catering Guidelines



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If you choose to have your event catered:

- **All alcoholic beverages are prohibited.**
- Caterers are only allowed to access the facility during your specified rental period.
- Caterers are responsible for linens, serving items and all tableware items.
- Food trucks for facility rentals, such as athletic tournaments, require the rental party to complete a special use permit application.
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- Please ask your caterer to use washable plateware and silverware or to use compostable items during the catering of your event.
- Cotton candy makers are not allowed.

If you choose to self-cater your event, follow the listed guidelines:

- **All alcoholic beverages are prohibited.**
- Cotton candy makers are not allowed.
- The kitchenette is a shared amenity and may not be used in a manner that disrupts access or use by other rental groups. The space features a small refrigerator with freezer, a microwave, running water, electricity, and counter space.
- There is no stove or oven available for cooking. Fully cooked food should be brought on site using crock pots, electric roasting pans, or similar warming devices and must be served in your rental space.
- You are responsible for your own linens, serving items and all tableware items.
- Use of compostable or reuseable products is rerecommended and composting containers are available in the facility. Compostable flatware and silverware may be purchased as an add on to your rental agreement.

The Commons Park Recreation Building is a low-waste Facility. Compostable event packages containing silverware and plateware for 30 are available for purchase as part of your rental. Instructions for pickup of these items will be included in your rental contract.

9. Event Parking

The Commons Park south parking lot serves as the primary parking area for the recreation building rental program. These spaces are non-reservable and are also used for general park use. Rental groups may not restrict access to parking for any other park guests. Overflow parking for events and facility rentals is available in the north parking lot and utilizing on-street parking on 7th and 61st streets.

10. Cancellation Policy

- More than 30 days prior to rental date: 100% refund



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- 14-30 days prior to rental date: 50% refund
- Less than 14 days prior to rental date: no refund
- No refunds are given due to weather conditions unless the park or facility is officially closed due to severe weather conditions.

11. Facility Rental FAQ's

Will staff be available to help during my facility rental?

The Commons Park recreation building will be staffed during facility rentals. Staff will be responsible for customer service, multiple facility rentals, programming and light custodial duties and will provide limited support for your facility rental.

What “extras” are included in my facility rental?

Facility rental includes exclusive access to the activity room specified in your rental contract. Shared access to the kitchenette is included. The space has a refrigerator and freezer, coffee maker, microwave and basic supplies such as paper towels.

What is not included in my facility rental?

Rental of the Commons Park Recreation Building does not include exclusive access to any other park amenities such as the playground, exterior seating or splash pad. These are shared amenities and are non-reservable.

How do I get into the building?

When you arrive at the building the doors will be unlocked. The doors will remain unlocked for your guests to arrive during your reservation. When you leave the building, please check in with staff to let them know you are finished with your rental space.

What can I do with the Audio-Visual system?

Rental groups may use the audio-visual systems located in the activity rooms to play music or display onto the presentation monitor. A computer is not provided but a variety of inputs including USB-C and HDMI are available to connect to the system. Cell phones may be used to connect to the audio system to play music using a Bluetooth connection. Laminated instruction cards are located at the wall panel for the AV system.



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Renters are responsible for providing a laptop computer for presentations or slideshows.

How many items can I plug in to keep my food warm in the kitchenette?

Typically, up to four crock pots or roasters may be plugged into outlets in each activity room. Please do not use power strips to plug multiple food warming devices into a single outlet.



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: December 1, 2025

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

City Code Review – Chapter 508 – Parks and Parkways

Background

Fridley is currently undergoing a comprehensive review and update of city code. Chapter 508, Parks and Parkways, is currently in the staff review phase. This process involves review and comments by the City Attorney and staff from Parks and Recreation, Public Works and Public Safety. Input from the Commission will be utilized by Parks and Recreation Director Mike Maher to inform additional feedback into the review process.

Several areas to consider are special considerations for food and ice cream vending, use of recreational equipment in the park system, and considerations that may have arisen during recent developments in park trends since the original drafting of the chapter. For example, pickleball courts did not exist in the park system upon the drafting of the chapter and recreational flying of drones for photography, etc. did not exist as an option for park users. Insights and questions from the Commission provide a valuable perspective into the rules and regulations governing Fridley's park system.

Financial Impact

None

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

- City Code Chapter 508 Parks and Parkways

Vision Statement

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Fridley City Code
Chapter 508. Parks and Parkways

508.01. Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to secure the quiet, orderly and suitable use and enjoyment of parks, parkways, and portions of public lands, streams and rivers within the City of Fridley by the residents of the City. Insofar as this Chapter relates to beaches, it is to be construed as supplementary to and not to supercede the existing provisions in Chapter 507 of this Code.

508.02. Definitions

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and application of this Chapter and the following words and terms wherever they occur in this Chapter are defined as follows:

1. Commission.

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Fridley.

2. Parks.

Parks, parkways, playgrounds, recreation fields and buildings, lakes, streams, rivers, and beaches therein, and all public service facilities conducted on grounds, buildings and structures in the City of Fridley which are under the control of the Commission.

508.03. Hours

Unless otherwise expressly authorized by law, no person shall be in or remain in or leave or park any vehicle in any park or drive in the City of Fridley between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Any person found violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

For purposes of this section, "park," as defined in Section 508.02.2 of this Code, shall also include any school playground located within the City of Fridley owned by a School District which has agreed, by resolution, to have its playground areas included under the provisions of this section and has posted the hours established herein prominently in the playground area or entrance.

This section shall not apply to persons in the City or School District who are attending, or leaving within one-half hour of the end of, any scheduled event conducted in any park, including buildings, as defined above.

508.04. Deface

No person shall cut, break, scratch, mark, remove or in any way injure or deface any building, fence, pump, lamp, flagpole, improvement, facility or any other feature of property upon or within any park.

508.05. Landscaping No one, who is not an employee or contractor of the City, shall pick or cut any wild or cultivated flower or cut, break, or in any way injure or deface any tree, shrub or plant

within the limits of any park or carry within or out of any park any wild flower, tree, shrub, plant or portion thereof, or any soil or material of any kind.

508.06. Keep off Grass

No person shall go on foot or otherwise upon the grass or turf of any park where any sign prohibiting the same is posted.

508.07. Throwing Stones

No person shall throw or cast any stone or any other missile within any park.

508.08. Litter

No person shall throw, deposit, place or leave in any park or waters therein, any paper, rubbish, waste or refuse of any kind, whether or not the same is offensive to the senses or is injurious to health, except in the receptacles therein provided for waste.

508.09. Selling Obstruction

No person shall place or cause to remain in any park any goods, wares, merchandise or other articles that result in the obstruction of the free use and enjoyment of said park.

508.10. Posting Signs

No person shall post, paste, fasten, paint or affix any unauthorized placard, bill, notice or sign upon any structure, tree, stone, fence, thing or enclosure along or within any park.

508.11. Distribution of Circulars

No person shall distribute or display any circulars, cards, announcements, printed or otherwise, within any park, except as authorized by permit.

508.12. Fireworks

No person shall fire, explode or set off any firework, squib, cracker or other thing containing powder or other combustible or explosive material within the limits of any park. Exhibitions of fireworks given under the direction of or by permission of the Commission shall, however, be allowed under this Section.

508.13. Birds

No person shall rob, injure or destroy any birds' nest within the limits of any park, nor aim or discharge any air gun, sling shot, bow and arrow, or any other weapon, or throw any stone or other missile at any birds' nest or wild animal within any park, nor in any manner capture or kill any bird or wild animal therein.

508.14. Trappings

No person shall at any time set, lay, prepare or have in their possession any trap, snare, artificial light, net bird line, ferret, or any contrivance whatsoever for the purpose of catching, taking or killing any bird or wild animal in any park.

508.15. Ball Game Restrictions

No person shall play ball, golf, tennis or such other games which cause annoyance or inconvenience to other users of the park upon or within any park except upon ball, tennis or appropriate athletic grounds or golf links established by the Commission for such purpose.

508.16. Fence Rail

No person shall stand or sit on any fence, rail or any other structure not intended for such use in any park.

508.17. Moving Benches

No person shall move benches, seats or tables from their places in any park, except in picnic areas and then only within designated areas.

508.18. No Spitting

No person shall spit upon the floor or furnishings of any boat, canoe, building or walk in any park.

508.19. Sales

No person shall sell or offer for sale any article or thing whatsoever in any park, but this prohibition shall not apply to sales of refreshments and other articles by the City or under its direction at pavilions or stands conducted or authorized by the City.

508.20. Profanity

No threatening, profane, abusive, disorderly, insulting or indecent language, conduct or behavior, nor any act tending to cause a breach of the public peace, shall be allowed in or upon any park, nor shall any person play games of chance, drink intoxicating liquor, be drunk, or do any indecent, lascivious, lewd or improper act therein.

508.21. Alcoholic Beverage

It shall be unlawful for any persons to have in their possession or to consume any alcoholic beverage in or upon any City park or beach, except as provided below: (Ref 1293)

1. Notwithstanding laws to the contrary, possession and consumption of 3.2% malt liquor is permitted in Locke Park.

2. The City Council may grant permission to consume 3.2% malt liquor in City parks to neighborhood groups.
3. Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, upon approval of the City Council and issuance of a temporary on-sale license for the sale of 3.2% malt liquor, a club, charitable, religious or nonprofit public or nonprofit private organization may sell and allow buyers to consume 3.2% malt liquor in Community Park.
4. Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, upon approval of the City Council and issuance of a temporary on-sale liquor license, as provided for in Chapters 602 and 603 of the Fridley City Code, a club, charitable, religious or nonprofit organization may sell and allow buyers to consume malt liquor and wine at Commons Park and Community Park. Sale and consumption of strong beer and wine at Commons Park and Community Park shall be limited to that occurring during, and as part of, a community festival. Community festivals shall include Fridley 49er Days and other festivals of broad community appeal and participation as designated by the City Council.
5. Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, malt liquor and wine may be sold and or consumed for receptions or social events within the Springbrook Nature Center Interpretive Building or in an adjacent outdoor designated space allowed only by written agreement with the City under the following conditions:
 - A. Pursuant to a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license.
 - B. Pursuant to a temporary on-sale 3.2% malt liquor license.
 - C. Pursuant to a temporary consumption and display permit.
 - D. A private party may contract with a liquor caterer licensed by the State of Minnesota under M.S. 340A.404, Subd. 12 and registered with the City, as required in Chapter 609 of this Code. The liquor caterer may provide food, malt liquor, and wine to their guests for consumption in the Springbrook Nature Interpretive Building or the adjacent outdoor designated space as part of a social event.
 - E. The holder of a retail on-sale intoxicating liquor license may dispense malt liquor and wine off the licensed premises at any convention, banquet, conference, meeting, or social affair conducted on the premises of the Springbrook Nature Center; however, the licensee is prohibited from dispensing malt liquor or wine to any person attending or participating in a youth amateur athletic event being held on the premises. A youth amateur athletic event, for the purposes of this section, is defined as an event whose participants are 18 years of age and younger.

508.22. Dogs

No person shall be permitted to take any dog into any park unless it is led by a suitable leash and in no case shall any person allow or bring any dog owned or attended by such person into any park waters or into any bird or animal refuge or upon any skating rink or in any park building whether the dog is leashed or otherwise.

508.23. Animals

Cattle, horses, mules, swine, sheep, goats or fowl shall not be allowed upon park property or in any lake or waters of any park and all owners or attendants of such animals shall prevent such occurrences, but this prohibition shall not apply to animals or fowl kept by the City under its direction.

508.24. Unattended Animals

No person shall tie or fasten any animal to any tree, shrub, plant, fence, building or structure in or upon any park.

508.25. Parades

No band, procession, military company or any company with flags, banners or transparencies shall be allowed in or upon any park except with a written permit issued by the City.

508.26. Entertainment

No entertainment or exhibition shall be given in any park except entertainment given under the direction or authority of the Commission.

508.27. Public Speaking

No public meeting of any kind shall be held in any park, playground or athletic field, nor shall there be any public speaking therein without a written registration with the City.

508.28. Fires

1. No person, except an agent of the City, shall start any fire in any park, except that wall charcoal fires for culinary purposes in grills provided in the parks by the Commission may be made by picnic parties in the areas designated by the Commission. Open pit fires for culinary purposes shall be allowed in Locke Park only.

2. Every person who starts any such fire and every person using such fire shall completely extinguish such fire or fires before leaving such park.

508.29. Rules

The Commission may establish from time to time other rules and regulations governing the further use and enjoyment of parks, playgrounds, lakes, streams and facilities thereof which shall be effective upon passage by the Commission. At the discretion of the Commission, regulations may be posted at particular facilities under its control. A copy of all rules and regulations shall be available for review in the office of the Parks and Recreation Director. Persons who shall violate such rules or regulations or who refuse to subject themselves thereto, may be, in addition to all other penalties provided by this Code, excluded from the use of such facilities.

508.30. Traffic Regulations

The motor vehicle regulations or traffic regulations applicable to the City streets within the City of Fridley shall be applicable in all respects to the ownership, use and occupancy of motor vehicles in the areas under the control of the Commission. The Police, or duly authorized agents thereof, may remove any vehicle found in violation of said regulations or which remain in said areas after closing hours.

508.31. Towing

1. No driver of any vehicle shall tow behind or on the side or push in front of it any toboggan, sled, ice skates, roller skates, bicycle, coaster, toy vehicle or any other sliding or coasting device, nor permit any persons in or upon such device to attach same or themselves to said vehicle nor permit any person to board or alight from nor hang onto said vehicle then in motion.
2. Persons riding in or upon said devices in violation of this Section shall be held in violation of this Chapter.

508.32. Roadways

No motor vehicle or snowmobile shall be permitted to drive on or upon park lands except roadways, parking lots, and areas designated by the Commission, except such motor vehicles or snowmobiles operated by the City of Fridley or under their direction for park maintenance or Emergency purposes. (Ref. 445)

508.33. Vehicle for Sale Signs

No person shall drive or park any vehicle upon any park displaying a sign indicating that it is for sale or exchange or otherwise displaying advertising.

508.34. Washing

No person shall wash, grease or repair any vehicle on any park or boulevard except such repairs as are required by an emergency.

508.35. Impounding Cars

Any unoccupied motor vehicle or snowmobile found in violation of the provisions of this Chapter may be immediately removed and impounded by any police officer or duly authorized person in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter. (Ref. 445)

508.36. Permits

The City may authorize the issuance of permits for uses and activities in which the holders thereof request permission to do any of the following: (a) to remain in the parks during otherwise prohibited hours; (b) to post notices; or (c) to park vehicles in otherwise unauthorized areas.



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: December 1, 2025

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

Fridley Parks and Recreation Staff Report

Background

Attached is the update from the Fridley Parks and Recreation Staff for December 1, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

None.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Attached is the update from the Fridley Parks and Recreation Staff for the December 1, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Vision Statement

We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly and stable home for families and businesses.



STAFF REPORT

Recreation Team: November 2025

Fall Programs

Below is a list of programs and participation numbers for those that took place in November.

All Ages

Folded Paper Window Stars: Nov 20	13
Immersive Soundbath	22
Houseplant Swap	75

Preschool: Ages 3-5

Track & Field (6 sessions): Nov-Dec	15
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Elementary – Middle School: Grades K-6

Track & Field (6 sessions): Nov-Dec	14
Tae Kwon Do (5 sessions): Nov-Dec	20
Ho Ho Holiday Fun (5 sessions): Nov-Dec	11

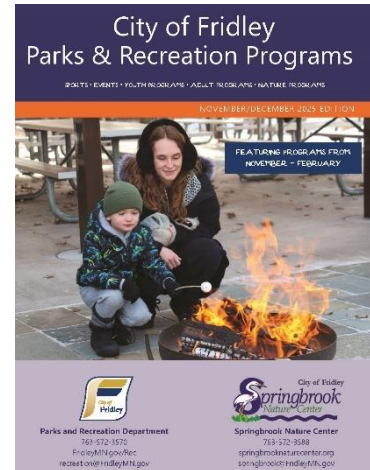
Adult Fitness and Athletics

Zumba (2 classes/6 sessions each): Oct-Dec	24
Pickleball Skills and Drills: Oct-Nov F=8, SLP=4	12
Pickleball Live Play Coaching: Nov-Dec F=6, SLP=2	8
Pickleball Ladder League All Ages: Oct - Dec F=22, SLP=23	45
Pickleball Ladder League Ages 20-40: Oct - Dec F=18, SLP=6	24
Volleyball Coed Rec: Sep-Nov*	14 teams
Volleyball Coed Comp: Sep-Nov*	15 teams
Volleyball Women's Comp: Sep-Nov*	14 teams
Bag Toss League Co-ed: Oct-Nov*	9 pairs

*North Metro Leagues are offered in cooperation with Mounds View, New Brighton, and Spring Lake Park.

Parks and Recreation Activity Guide

Content for the January/February edition of the Activity Guide is complete. The guide is currently being designed and will be mailed to residents beginning on January 11.



October Facility Rentals

Facility	Reservations
Moore Lake Community Building	10
Hayes Pickleball Courts	6 hours

Volleyball Leagues

The North Metro Fall Volleyball Leagues wrapped up at the end of November. We offered a coed recreational, coed competitive, and women’s competitive leagues totaling 43 teams at the New Brighton Community Center and Highview Middle School on Monday and Wednesday nights. Winter leagues will begin in January.

Pickleball Classes

Pickleball Skills & Drills and Pickleball Live Play Coaching classes took place during November. These classes were for beginner to intermediate players and held at Hayes Elementary School on Saturday mornings. A beginner level class begins in January.

House Plant Swap

In partnership with Anoka County Master Gardeners, we held our first House Plant Swap at the Moore Lake Community Building. Master Gardeners were present to answer questions and attendees brought their indoor plants or cuttings to swap with others. The 75 people in attendance enjoyed connecting with other house plant lovers!



Family Open Gym and Pickleball Court Rentals

On November 8, Family Open Gym and Pickleball Court Rentals began at the Hayes gym. Family Open Gym is for families to come and play together with a variety of sports equipment, bouncy castle, and scooters. It is a great option for families to burn off some energy during the cold winter months. We have three pickleball courts available for reservation on Saturday afternoons following open gym from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

After-school Program

The second session of After-school Programs began on Tuesday, November 11. Classes include: Ho-Ho-Holiday Fun, Tae Kwon Do and Track & Field. We have great participation in this session and children are enjoying the activities. We continue to work closely with Fridley School District staff on dismissal procedures and the snack program.



Folded Paper Stars

Instructor Becky Rahn taught the Folded Paper Stars art class on November 20. The 12 participants really enjoyed the clear instructions and ability to chat with friends as they created their colorful projects.

Immersive Soundbath

On November 6, instructor Christine Bauer led our first Soundbath class at the Moore Lake Community Building. This one-hour meditation involved the use of crystal singing bowls and other instruments to create a peaceful and relaxing atmosphere. The 22 participants really enjoyed the class and many have registered for our next class in December.



Turkey Bingo

On November 22, about 150 folks from the community gathered to celebrate Turkey Day at Moore Lake Park! The Fridley Lions Club donated \$1,000 which was used to purchase 14-17 pound frozen turkeys and other food items. Participants enjoyed playing turkey bingo and all who played bingo were able to take a food item home. In addition to bingo, we had arts and crafts activities and a scavenger hunt outside throughout the park. At the end of the day, 28 turkeys were won, and everyone had fun! We are grateful for the Lions Club's support of this event, both financially and with volunteers.



Upcoming Events and Programs

- December Saturdays (excluding 12/27): Pickleball Court Rentals Begin, 12:30-3:30 p.m. (reservation required - \$15/hr)
- December Saturdays (excluding 12/27): Family Open Gym, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (\$3-6)
- December 15: Immersive Soundbath Class (registration required - \$25)
- December 12: Winter Lights Tour Maps are available (Free)
- December 22 & 30 - Winter Field Trips for grades K-5 (registration required - \$65)
- Beginning on January 5: Winter Gear Drive donations are accepted at City Hall and Springbrook Nature Center
- February 7: Winterfest (Free)

Springbrook Nature Center Team

Park & Rec Commission Report

November Environmental Education Programs

As the leaves change and the temperature begins to drop, we are entering the slightly slower part of the school year. We are gearing up for Lantern Light Hikes and Winterfest.

Number of Program Participants: 797

Number of Hours of Program Participants: 1304.5

November Rentals & Birthday Parties

November Birthday Parties	9
November Indoor Room Rentals	7

Grants

- Springbrook has recently applied for grant funding from the International Paper Foundation. If awarded, we plan to use the funds to replace a slightly damaged MicroEye Microscope. The replaced microscope will transition into naturalist-led program usage, allowing naturalists to more easily show large groups of students what they have found in nature while being hooked into our AV system for ease of viewing.

Park & Building Maintenance

- There will be intermittent trail closures on the Outer Loop trail as Centerpoint Energy crews continue to drill underneath the wetlands and install a gas line.
- A trial project is underway to widen and improve trail surfaces on nearly all of the nature center trails. A gravel surface will replace wood chips and accessibility will be further improved through removal of hazard stumps and trees.

Upcoming Events

Community Crafting Drop-in Program: Sunday, November 23 from 2-3:30 pm
 Come into Springbrook to craft with other people from the community! Bring your own crafts or try something new, there will be crafts provided while supplies last. This event will be perfect for any age or experience level.

Lantern Light Hikes
 (6:30-8:30 pm, \$5 per person)
 December 5
 January 9
 February 6
 March 6

Upcoming Interpretive Center Closures:
 Thanksgiving (November 27 & 28)



Lantern Light Hikes

December 5 February 6
 January 9 March 6

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
 \$5/person

Bundle up and bring the whole family to enjoy an evening following the glow of lantern lit trails at Springbrook Nature Center. Listen to owls hooting, keep your eyes peeled for elusive nocturnal animals, warm up by the fireplace. Registration required.

If snowpack allows, snowshoes will be available to rent for \$5/pair, while supplies last.

Park Maintenance and Construction

Commons Park Construction Progress Images

