



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

April 05, 2021

7:00 PM

**Fridley Civic Campus - 7071 University Avenue
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AGENDA

Two new members of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Ken Schultz and Eric Evanson, will be introduced to the Commission in the City Council Chambers on April 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- [1.](#) Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes for March 1, 2021

New Business

2. Introduction of new Parks and Recreation Commission members
- [3.](#) Revised Parks and Recreation Commission Schedule
- [4.](#) Parks Master Plan Update
- [5.](#) Recreation Report on Pickleball

Old Business

Staff Reports

- [6.](#) General Staff Report
- [7.](#) 2021 Parks Maintenance Plan
- [8.](#) Craig Park Update
- [9.](#) Community Engagement Report
- [10.](#) Springbrook Nature Center Report
- [11.](#) Recreation Highlights

Adjournment



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: April, 5, 2021

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mikey Oman, Customer Service Representative

Title

Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes for March 1, 2021

Background

Financial Impact

None

Recommendation

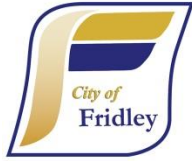
Staff recommend the approval of the March 1, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes.

Attachments and Other Resources

- March 1, 2021 meeting minutes

Vision Statement

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Fridley Municipal Center
7071 University Ave NE, Fridley MN 55432

Item 1.

MEETING MINUTES of March 1, 2021

Vice Chairperson Larson called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: EB Graham, Peter Borman, Dave Kondrick and Ryan Gerhard

Members Absent: Mike Heintz

Others Present: Mike Maher, Springbrook Nature Center Director/Assistant Director (CSER); Parks and Facilities; Deborah Dahl, Director of Community Services and Employee Resources (CSER)

1. APPROVE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA FOR March 1, 2021

MOTION by Commissioner Graham to approve the agenda for March 1, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Borman. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

2. APPROVE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES FOR February 1, 2021

MOTION by Commissioner Graham to approve the February 1, 2021 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Borman. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

a. Resignation from Commissioner David Kondrick

Ms. Dahl announced that Commissioner Kondrick had resigned from the Commission, effective March 31, 2021. Ms. Dahl thanked Commissioner Kondrick for his service of more than four decades as an outstanding leader on both of the Parks and Recreation Commission as well as the Planning Commission in his service to the City of Fridley. She read two letters from Chairperson Heintz and former Park and Recreation Director Jack Kirk who offered their appreciation and notable accomplishments.

b. Openings on Park and Recreation Commissions (Debbie Dahl)

Ms. Dahl said beyond the vacancy created by Mr. Kondrick, Pete Borman's term is up on March 31, 2021. Commissioner Borman expressed an interest in being reappointed to the Commission, which will be addressed at the next Council meeting.

Ms. Dahl said that the City Manager would like to add one more member to the Park and Recreation Commission for a total of seven members to follow other commissions. She also mentioned that there will likely be a lot of additional work and decisions coming up with the implementation of the Parks Master Plan. No objections were raised from Commission members. Therefore, it was decided that the City will be recruiting for two openings on the Park and Recreation Commission. Interested parties should submit applications to Roberta Collins in the City Manager's office and the application can be found on the Fridley website.

c. Electronic Agenda Packet Demonstration (Debbie Dahl)

Ms. Dahl said that the Park and Recreation Commission will be moving toward using an electronic agenda packet like the one used with the City Council meetings. This will take place starting with the April meeting. She provided a short demonstration of how the packet will look and operate. The electronic packets can be viewed on computer, laptop, or phone and will also be available to the public as well.

d. Tournament Request Approval (Debbie Dahl)

Ms. Dahl stated that the Spring Lake Park Girls Softball Association is requesting the use of Community Park for their Spring Lake Park Panther Classic on May 15/16. Once approved a permit will be issued and they will need to follow social distance, mask and COVID guidelines.

Commissioner Borman asked if the concessions would be open.

Ms. Dahl replied that they would not be entertaining concessions as it is hard to manage safety protocols that are in place.

MOTION by Commissioner Borman to approve the tournament request from Spring Lake Park Girls Softball Association. Seconded by Commissioner Graham. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

e. Joint Meeting with City Council Update (Debbie Dahl)

Ms. Dahl stated that on February 9th the Parks and Recreation Commission held a joint meeting with the City Council to discuss the Parks Master Plan. Candace Amberg, lead consultant with WSB, reviewed the goals of the project and draft concepts. Dan Tienter, Finance Director, summarized funding options. Concept designs and surveys are out on the Story Map on the City's website page. A marketing campaign and community engagement campaign will be implemented in the coming weeks to solicit more feedback from key groups, individuals and stakeholders.

Ms. Dahl reported that the resident survey is being conducted now, which will also help us gauge the public's interest on park improvements and needs. Public comments will close by the end of April. Comments and information will be reviewed by early May and staff will report back to the Commission about what was learned and decide the next steps. Surveys are available on the Story Map for Community Park, Commons Park, Moore Lake Park and neighborhood parks where there are changes being proposed.

Commissioners were encouraged to continue to look over the park designs and provide feedback, complete the survey on the Story Map, and respond if they get a call from Morris-Leatherman for the Resident Survey. Members were asked to encourage Fridley residents, neighbors, and friends to get informed about the system plan and share their feedback. She emphasized that their input and voice are important in helping to shape the future of Fridley's Park System.

Ms. Dahl summarized how parks and recreation impacts the quality of life in the City of Fridley, stating strong parks equal a strong community. It helps with health, wellness and community identity, creates community and neighborhood connections and keeps our community safe and beautiful. In addition, parks contribute to property values, attract development and builds on improvements and are a good business strategy.

Staff will be looking for volunteers to help with the parks system plan implementation and community engagement. If you would like to help present or make introductions, staff can provide talking points, materials and aids, and share the overall engagement/communication plan. If you know of a group, agency or association that would like more information contact Alyssa Kruzel at alyssa.kruzel@fridley.mn.gov or call 763-572-3579 if you are interested in helping with the Parks Master Plan in Fridley.

Commissioner Borman asked if they are making 400 calls or keep calling until they get 400 responses.

Ms. Dahl replied that she believed they will keep calling until they reach 400 respondents, and this should be completed in 2-3 weeks.

Ms. Dahl commented that information about the Parks Master Plan will be available on the website next week.

Commissioner Borman asked if notification would be sent out when the link is ready.

Ms. Dahl replied yes, information will be sent out via social media to direct people to the website.

f. '49er Days Festival Update (Debbie Dahl)

Ms. Dahl stated that a meeting was held with the '49er Days Festival committee and it was reported that the Lions Organization determined to cancel the parade. She stated that the 49'ers Festival Committee then voted to cancel the 2021 festival due to the uncertainty around COVID and that it takes several months to plan. With not much information about future guidance, it didn't look like the information would come together in time to plan for the event. She stated the committee is working hard to get additional volunteers and will be focusing on fundraising for next year.

Commissioner Larson appreciated the City taking care of its residents and agreed it is better to wait than contribute to something that could cause harm.

g. Summer Hiring (Debbie Dahl)

Ms. Dahl said that staff are busy making summer plans and that many programs will be offered but at a reduced capacity or size due to on-going COVID restrictions. She stated the City is recruiting for a number of part-time and full-time staff to help with leading programs, performing maintenance, and leading camps. Information about the camps will be listed in the next City Newsletter and program brochure.

4. STAFF REPORTS:

a. Springbrook Nature Center (Mike Maher)

Mr. Maher said that the exhibit gallery in the Nature Center will reopen and staff is happy to share that space again. They are operating at a limited capacity of 20 people, but are able to accommodate visitors who want to come in. Masks and social distancing are enforced.

A series of Lantern Light hikes have been popular and filled at capacity. More events have been added.

Thank you to the Friends of Fridley Education Foundation for a grant to purchase waterproof digital cameras for the school and camp programs.

A \$25,000.00 donation was received from Joseph and Irene Maertens to be used toward the installation of the fireplace in the pavilion activity center.

Ongoing land management efforts at Nature Center and recently completed the deer management program. Awaiting final report and will be shared with the commissioner when it's received.

To celebrate Earth Day, Earth Day EcoDash will be held via GooseChase App on April 24/25. Registration is open, get a team together to have fun and complete the challenges.

Springbrook Nature Center foundation has a scholarship program for summer day camps for those impacted by the pandemic. Registration is now open for those programs.

Commissioner Larson asked about the fee and hours of the camp.

Mr. Maher replied that the summer day camp runs from 9-3 but an aftercare program is available for working families to pick up as late as 4:30 p.m. for an additional \$20 per week. Aftercare can also be part of scholarship request.

Commissioner Larson asked if families could sign up for more than one camp.

Mr. Maher replied that most families register for multiple weeks.

b. Community Engagement Activities and Upcoming Events (Debbie Dahl)

Ms. Dahl said that the Adopt-a-Park program was successful last year and the 16 families and groups all agreed to rejoin again this year. Anyone interested in adopting a park to let us know. Signs will be placed at each park to recognize the Adopt-A-Park participants.

Staff is working on gathering community organizations within the city to discuss ideas on how to engage within the city. Staff is also working on flooding mitigation with Craig Park and other improvements. Surveys were sent to 270 homes and information will be collected by March 7. Later in the spring a neighborhood meeting will be held in the park to get feedback on park amenities.

A city-wide garage sale will be held the end of June. The City will help promote and create a map to help people find the sales and will be posted on the City's website.

Ms. Dahl read a highlight featuring seasonal staff employee, Donovan Lewis. She said that Donovan has been working for Fridley since the fall of 2018 and that he has been a strong leader who is currently teaching a variety of youth programs and monitors the open pickle ball program. He is also training seasonal staff and teaching staff about strategies and procedures.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Commissioner Kondrick to Adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Graham. MOTION

carried and meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Item 1.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 5, 2021 – 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Krista Peterson, Council Secretary



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: April, 5, 2021

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mikey Oman, Customer Service Representative

Title

Revised Parks and Recreation Commission Schedule

Background

The 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission schedule has been revised.

Financial Impact

None

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

- New Parks and Recreation Commission Schedule

Vision Statement

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Park and Recreation Commission 2021 Meeting Schedule (Revised 4/1/2021)

All Meetings at 7 p.m. and located in City Council Chambers (2nd floor)

January 5, 2021 (Note: Changed from Jan. 4, 2021)

February 1, 2021(7:00 p.m.) Regular Commission Meeting

February 9, 2021 (5:30 p.m.) - Special Joint Meeting with City Council

March 1, 2021 – Regular Commission Meeting

April 5, 2021 (6:00 p.m.) Conference Meeting/Orientation of new members

(7:00 p.m.) Regular Commission Meeting

May 3, 2021(7:00 p.m.) Regular Commission Meeting

June 7, 2021 (7:00 p.m.) Regular Commission Meeting

July 5, 2021 – NO MEETING

August 2, 2021 (7:00 p.m.) Regular Commission Meeting

September 7, 2021 – MEETING MOVED TO TUESDAY DUE TO LABOR DAY

(7:00 p.m.) Regular Commission Meeting

October 4, 2021 (7:00 p.m.) Regular Commission Meeting

November 1, 2021 (7:00 p.m.) Regular Commission Meeting

December 6, 2021 (7:00 p.m.) Regular Commission Meeting

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Submitted By: Mikey Oman, Customer Service Representative

Title

Parks Master Plan Update

Background

Debbie Dahl will provide a presentation to the Commission on the progress of the marketing and community engagement portion of the Parks Master Plan. Staff will send an amended agenda when the presentation is available to distribute.

Financial Impact

None

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

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Title

Recreation Report on Pickleball

Background

Recreation Specialist, Brice Richter, will give a presentation on the sport of Pickleball, pickleball courts within Fridley, upcoming pickleball programming, and how the increased interest in pickleball could influence the Parks Master Plan.

Financial Impact

None

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

- Pickleball Power Point Presentation

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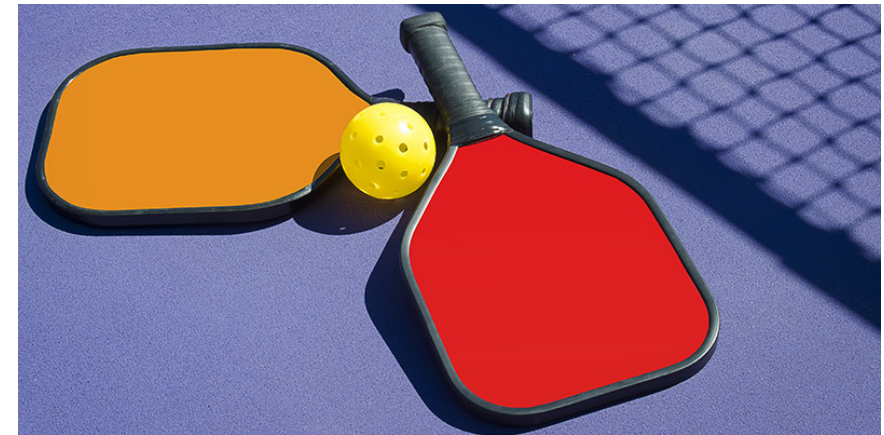
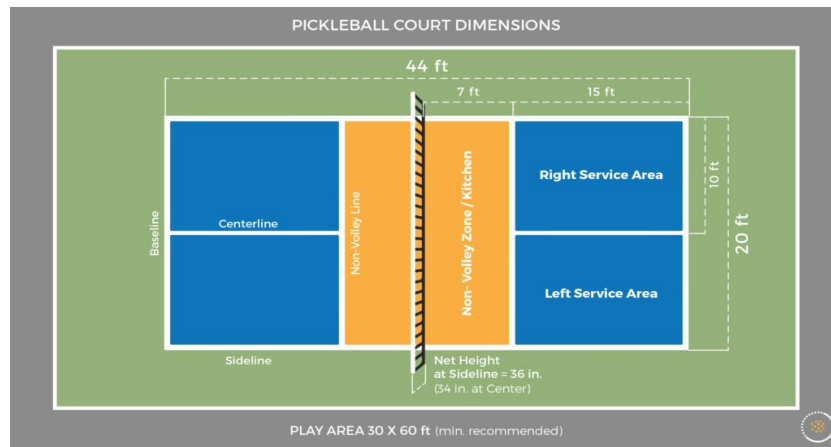
FRIDLEY RECREATION PICKLEBALL PROGRAMS

APRIL 4, 2021



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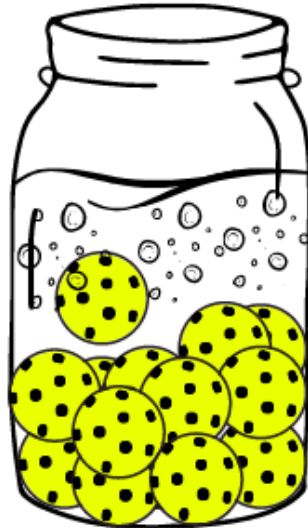
- Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the country. It is a cross between tennis, ping pong, and badminton.
- Play starts with an underhand serve delivered diagonally across the court. A volley hitting the ball back and forth continues until one team/individual hits the ball out of bounds.
- A pickleball court is slightly smaller than a tennis court and the same size as a badminton court. The net of a pickleball court is also slightly lower than a tennis net.
- Pickleball is played with a wooden or plastic paddle and plastic ball that resembles a wiffleball.



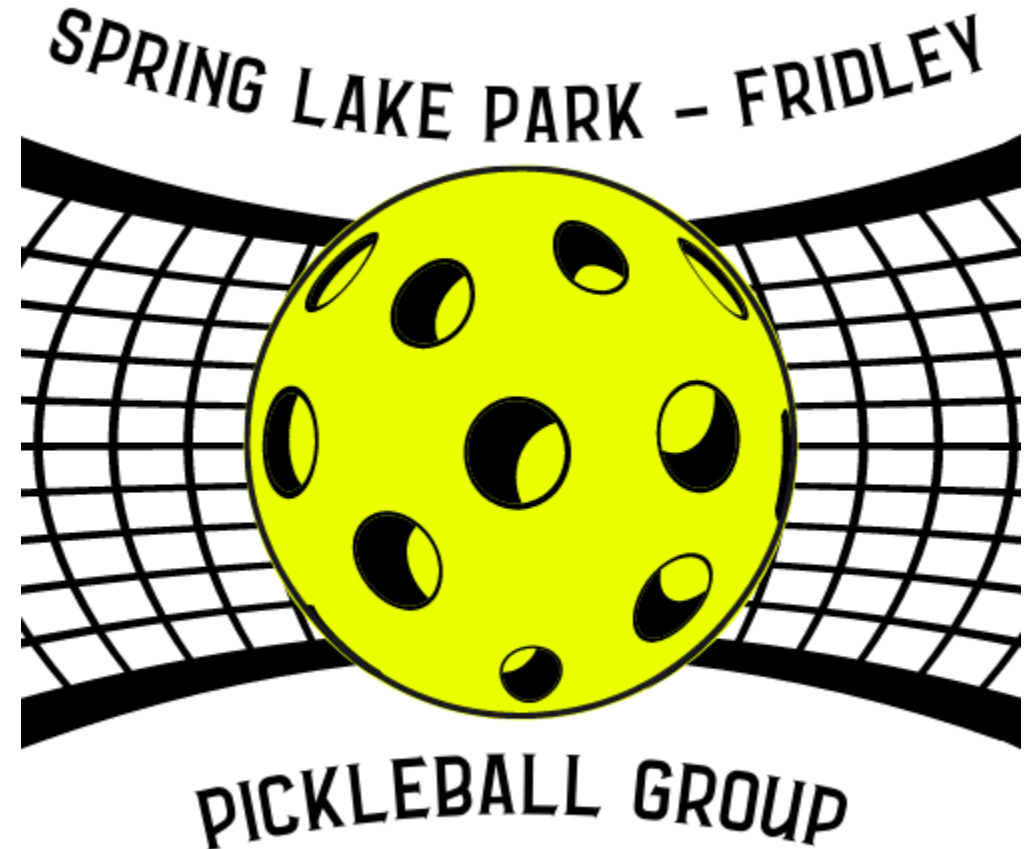
FRIDLEY & SPRING LAKE PARK PICKLEBALL GROUP

Item 5.

SPRING LAKE PARK - FRIDLEY
PICKLEBALL GROUP



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FRIDLEY PICKLEBALL FACILITIES

Outdoor Courts



Indoor Courts

- Hayes Elementary School Gym: Between January 2021 and March 2021 indoor pickleball reservations were open to the public at Hayes Elementary. Indoor space was booked nearly every weekend totaling 9 reservations in that time period.

FRIDLEY RECREATION PROGRAMS

Open Pickleball

- Open Pickleball play will be available at Flanery Park Monday – Thursday between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. depending on the day of the week.
- An open pickleball email list has been created for members in the community to stay in contact with one another and receive updates from Fridley Recreation on upcoming pickleball programs.
- There are currently 17 participants on this list.

Pickleball League

- A doubles pickleball league is planned for the beginner and intermediate level players.
- Games will be primarily played at Flanery Park. Games can also be played at Commons Park if extra courts are needed.
- League Dates: June 5 – July 10 (NC 7/3)

FRIDLEY RECREATION PROGRAMS

Pickleball Clinic

- We offer two different types of Pickleball Clinics. A Step I clinic is designed to introduce and improve player's skills while focusing on the fundamentals of the game.
- Step II clinics are made to take players skills to the next level and work on more intermediate skills and drills.
- Pickleball Clinics are taught entirely by experienced pickleball players who volunteer to instruct the clinics. Volunteers also work to promote further pickleball programs in Fridley.
- Clinic dates
 - Step I Clinics
 - May 15 – 16
 - July 17 – 18
 - Step II Clinics
 - May 22 – 23
 - July 24 – 25



QUESTIONS?



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Title

General Staff Report

Background

Debbie Dahl will give updates on summer staffing and hiring, the summer concert series, 2022 budget process and Capital Improvement Program for Parks, Town Hall announcement, the electronic newsletter for the Recreation Division and Fall Programming.

Financial Impact

None

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

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Title

2021 Parks Maintenance Plan

Background

Jeff Jensen gave a report on the upcoming maintenance for the parks. This will include the completion of the Locke Park playground area with landscape, seeding, lighting, security, benches, etc, work on designs to start small parklet area at the Civic Campus, working with Anoka County on the Locke Park Joint Powers Agreement, identifying and working on park projects for 2022 to identify in budget process and continuing to work on finishing amenities around Civic Campus – landscaping, benches, signage and wayfinding, etc.

Financial Impact

None

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

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Craig Park Update

Background

Jeff Jensen will give an update on the Craig Park progress. Surveys were sent out to service areas, and plans are being designed by Bolton-Menk to prepare to put out for bids and concepts being done for playground options. Residents in the service area will be contacted for in-person meeting at the park in June.

Financial Impact

None

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

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Title

Community Engagement Report

Background

A monthly update on current and upcoming Community Engagement projects and events

Financial Impact

None

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

- Community Engagement Report April 2021

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Community Engagement Report April 2021

Finding your Fun in Fridley—Parks System Plan

Communications & Engagement Update

The City of Fridley is now accepting feedback for the draft park design concepts until April 30th, as a part of the Finding Your Fun in Fridley—Parks System Plan. An online parks map was created as a method for the community to review the concept plans and submit their ideas and feedback via an online survey. Community members are encouraged to fill out survey's for as many neighborhood and community parks as they would like, as well as reach out to staff, Council or Commission members to share their ideas and feedback.

Community members are being encouraged to stay engaged by signing up for project updates as well as getting involved by becoming a Parks Champion, more information below.

Learn more, view the map, submit feedback at FridleyMN.gov/FindingYourFun-Updates.

Fridley City staff are working hard to increase awareness and participation in the Finding Your Fun in Fridley, Parks System Plan process. The Communications team is focused on getting information about the plan out in city newsletters—print and electronic, and on social media. The Communications team also designed and will be mailing out custom neighborhood park postcards to 14 Park Services Areas directing residents to the webpage to learn more and submit their ideas for the parks system plan. Community Engagement staff and additional key city staff are focused on informing and speaking to multiple internal and external stakeholders and partners about the parks plan to get their ideas feedback. These stakeholders and partners include commissions, staff work groups, neighborhood groups, community organizations, faith-based organizations, watershed districts, homeowner's associations, schools, and more.

Become a Fridley Parks Champion!

Community members passionate about Fridley parks are encouraged to become Fridley Park Champions and help advocate for the future of our Fridley parks. As a Fridley Parks Champion, you should have a strong interest in the Fridley Parks Plan and are willing to share your voice in the community, online/social media, and ask questions. Our Fridley parks need your help. Let's work together to build a better parks system!

Things You Can Do:

- Talk to your neighbors, and your Fridley friends and family about Fridley parks. Tell them to share their ideas and feedback for Fridley parks.
- Get on the phone! Call your neighbors, friends, and family in Fridley.
- Get social! Share your Fridley Parks story on social media. Share some of your favorite Fridley parks memories and what you want to see in Fridley parks with the community.
- Commit to talking to at least 5 people in Fridley about the Parks System Plan.

- Show up for your favorite Fridley Parks at the Fridley Town Hall! Attend the June 5 Town Hall to show your support and advocate for Fridley Parks.
- Adopt-A-Fridley Park. Learn more about the Fridley Adopt-A-Park program at FridleyMN.gov/AdoptAPark.

If you are interested in becoming a Fridley Parks Champion and getting involved to support the Fridley Parks System Plan, please contact Alyssa Kruzel, Community Engagement Specialist, at Alyssa.Kruzel@FridleyMN.gov or 763-572-3579.

Engagement Programs Update

Adopt-A-Park—Recruiting for new volunteer groups!

Registration for Adopt-A-Park has started for the 2021 program year! All of the 16 Adopt-A-Park families and groups will be returning this year and 3 new families and groups have already adopted parks for this year. The Adopt-A-Park signs are here and will be placed in the parks sometime this spring, timeline is dependent on the weather. We are still looking for groups and families to adopt Fridley parks, please consider adopting a park and/or sharing with your community connections. To learn more, visit FridleyMN.gov/AdoptAPark.

Citywide Garage Sale—June 25th - 27th

The City of Fridley will host a Citywide Garage Sale June 25th & June 26th, 2021. On Sunday, June 27th, the City will then host a Trash to Treasure Day. Registration for the garage sale will start on Thursday, April 15th and close Thursday, June 10th. Registration is \$10 and includes the price of one Citywide Garage Sale yard sign. Online and mobile garage sale maps with registered garage sales will be available starting on Wednesday, June 23rd. Printed garage sale maps will also be available for pick up at City Hall.

Garage Sale hosts will receive a Garage Sale Host Guide that will include information and tips on how to host a successful sale including tips around social distancing and COVID procedures, crime prevention, and recycling.

It's a great opportunity to earn some extra cash, find some great bargains, meet your neighbors, and explore the Fridley community. To learn more, visit FridleyMN.gov/CitywideGarageSale.

Citywide Clean Up—September 25th

Community Engagement staff is currently planning for a fall Citywide Clean Up for Saturday, September 25 from 9-11:30am. Community Engagement staff is currently looking for community organizations and families to host a cleanup sites at local city parks and other places around the city. Please consider hosting a cleanup site and/or sharing with your community connections. Reach out to Alyssa Kruzel at Alyssa.Kruzel@FridleyMN.gov if you are interested in hosting a cleanup site. More details will come in the months to come about how community members can participate in the Citywide Clean Up.

Community Partnerships

Fridley Community Network

The last Fridley Community Network gathering took place on March 11th. The gathering had a total of 17 community members present. The City of Fridley spent some time sharing more information about the Parks System Plan with the group. Then other community organizations had the opportunity to share resources and connected. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 8 from 5-6pm via MS Teams.

Conocer los Parques “Meet Anoka County Parks”

Outdoor Latino Partnership Event—August 22

Fridley Community Engagement staff are working in partnership with Anoka Co Parks, Outdoor Latino as well as some Latino community members from Fridley and Anoka Co to plan an event in Locke County Park for Sunday, August 22. The event will take place in the afternoon and will included a variety of outdoor recreation, environmental education activities, music and food. The event is being targeted to the Latino community but will be open to the community. Stay tuned for more details to come about the event.

Engagement Events Update

Locke Playground—June 17th

Community Engagement staff will be working with Recreation Staff to host an Open House for the new Locke Playground in June. The Open House will be for the Holiday Hills neighborhood as well as the residents of the Pulte Patio Homes and Lennar Townhomes. Stay tuned for more details in the months to come about details for the event.

Pre-Concert Welcome—June 22nd

Community Engagement staff will be working with Recreation Staff to host an Open House for the new Locke Playground in June. The Open House will be for the Holiday Hills neighborhood as well as the residents of the Pulte Patio Homes and Lennar Townhomes. Stay tuned for more details in the months to come about details for the event.

Engagement Projects Update

2021 Fridley Resident Survey

The Morris Leatherman Company has now completed the data collection phase of the City's 2021 Resident Survey. The Morris Leatherman Company is currently analyzing the results which will be presented to City Council and key city staff at the April 26th City Council work session. Watch for updates and results on the Resident Survey in the City Newsletter and on the City's website. To learn more, visit FridleyMN.gov/ResidentSurvey.

City Collaborative Projects

Craig Park Stormwater Improvement Project

Community Engagement staff is working closely with Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner, and Jeff Jensen, Operations Manager for Parks, on the Craig Park Stormwater Improvement Project. The Craig Park project proposes to make significant changes to Craig Park in order to address drainage issues, enhance park amenities, and improve water quality. Due to COVID-19, community engagement was conducted entirely online. Residents in Craig Park's service area, 271 addresses, were contacted with a direct mailer postcard directing them to the project webpage. The webpage included a project background video, park design concept plans, and a survey asking for feedback and ideas on the park design concept plans.

In total, the project video was viewed 68 times and 50 people responded to the survey. City staff will be using the submitted ideas and feedback to design the final set of park plans. An additional meeting will be planned for late spring/early summer to select elements of the park, see final plans, and receive construction scheduling information. To learn more and see fully survey results, see the attached pw21-009 Craig Park Memorandum or head to the project webpage at FridleyMN.gov/CraigPark.

Little Free Library Competition—Applications due May 10th!

The City will be hosting a competition for residents and community groups to design Little Free Libraries to be installed in Fridley Parks. Staff will select three designs to award material stipends of up to \$150 to construct their library. The stipends will be paid through a grant the City receives to promote waste reduction through reduction, reuse, and recycling activities. Applications are due May 10th. The City will select designs mid-May, with the libraries planned to be installed this fall in Moore Lake, Commons, Park, and the Civic Campus Park. To learn more, visit FridleyMN.gov/LittleFreeLibrary.



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Submitted By: Mikey Oman, Customer Service Representative

Title

Springbrook Nature Center Report

Background

A monthly update on current and upcoming Springbrook Nature Center programs, projects, and events

Financial Impact

None

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

- Springbrook Nature Center Report

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Springbrook Nature Center

Monthly Report – April 2021



- In accord with the City of Fridley, Springbrook is responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic:
 - The interpretive center and restrooms are now open daily from 9 am – 5 pm at limited capacity.
 - Trails remain open to the public and park visitation remains high.
 - Limited programming with small groups has resumed and some programs continue to be held virtually.
 - Staff is working to re-launch our classroom/meeting room rental program beginning May 1st.

- Springbrook will be offered three self-guided winter light hikes the evenings of Friday, March 26th, January 30th and February 27th. All three programs had full registrations, allowing 125 guests to enjoy the trails by beautiful candlelight.

- A free public program, Migration Celebration, will be held at Springbrook Nature Center on Saturday, May 8th. The event will be entirely outside with a variety of exhibitors, activities and programs including partnerships with the University of Minnesota Raptor Center, the Wildlife Science Center, Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge and the Midwest Peregrine Society. The event will be held from 9:00 am until noon.



- A grant application in the amount of \$7,500 was submitted to the Xcel Energy Foundation to fund a new educational exhibit called "Becoming a Birdwatcher" that will be added to the nature center exhibit gallery.
- A donation of \$25,000 was received by the Springbrook Nature Center Foundation from Joseph and Irene Maertens to be used for construction of a fireplace as part of the new Pavilion Activity Center at the nature center.
- Please consider promoting and/or participating in the Earth Day EcoDash event, which will be a similar format to the park-system-wide scavenger hunt Pumpkin Pursuit in the Parks, held in 2020. The event is scheduled for April 24-25.



- Staff is busy planning a slate of 2021 programs sponsored by the Springbrook Nature Center Foundation including a summer concert series, our popular Friday Night by

Firelight series and up to \$7,500 in summer camp scholarships available to families impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

- The City of Fridley entered into a grant agreement with Great River Greening that would remove invasive Garlic Mustard from 55 acres of the Springbrook Nature Center property followed by an intensive seeding program of native grasses and forbs. The total grant award is \$56,000. The City of Fridley is responsible for a match of \$7,000.
- 2021 Deer herd management is complete within the City of Fridley and was done in partnership with USDA Wildlife Services. Management occurred within Locke Park, at a corporate property off of 73rd Ave. NE and at Springbrook Nature Center. Eleven deer were harvested over several nights by the USDA group.
- Summer day camp registration began February 1st and camps are about 90% full. Camp staff hiring is complete and we are excited to welcome campers back to the nature center! We will accommodate 36 campers per week. Registration can be completed at <https://springbrooknaturecenter.org/808/Summer-Camps>

WEEKLY JUNE 14TH - AUGUST 20TH

DAY CAMP
9am - 3pm
\$145-\$155

LIMITED EXTENDED CARE
3pm - 4:30pm
Weekly - \$20

AGES 5 - 12

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

City of Fridley

HOW TO REGISTER

Call: 763.572.3588

Online: [Springbrooknaturecenter.org](https://springbrooknaturecenter.org)

CAMP SPRINGBROOK THEMES

DATE	TITLE	AGES
June 14-18	Wild Child	5-12
June 21-25	Camp Classics	5-12
June 28-July 2	Outdoor Inventors	5-12
July 7-9*	Earth, Wind, and Fire*	5-12
July 12-16	Wetlands and Wild Things	5-12
July 19-23	Crypto Camp - The Secret Signs	5-12
July 26-30	Prehistoric Survival	9-12
July 26-30	Forest Fables	5-8
August 2-6	Ready, Set, Survive	5-12
August 9-13	Wild Child	5-12
August 16-2	Camp Classics	5-12

FULL CAMP DESCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE AT:
[www.springbrooknaturecenter.org](https://springbrooknaturecenter.org)

CAMP FEE
Fridley Resident: \$145
Non-Fridley Resident: \$155
*3 day camp is a prorated fee of \$87 for residents and \$93 for non-residents

LIMITED EXTENDED CARE
3pm - 4:30pm
Flexible pick up time within that window.
\$20 Weekly

CAMP SPRINGBROOK INFO

HEALTH GUIDELINES

To keep families safe, we follow relevant current state and federal health guidelines.

All campers are required to have a health waiver signed on the first day of camp.

Full guidelines available at:
[www.springbrooknaturecenter.org](https://springbrooknaturecenter.org)

CODE OF CONDUCT

Summer should be full of fun and games! But summer should also be safe and enriching. We do both at Camp Springbrook. In order to create a culture of fun and inclusivity, all campers are required to have a code of conduct signed and on file before their first week of camp.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available on a first come first serve basis for families impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Each qualifying child is eligible for one week of camp per summer.

Call for more information.



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: April, 5, 2021

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mikey Oman, Customer Service Representative

Title

Recreation Highlights

Background

A monthly update on current and upcoming Recreation programming and events.

Financial Impact

None

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

- Recreation Highlights Report

Vision Statement

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



HIGHLIGHTS

Recreation Division – March 2021

Spring Programs

The first session of Spring programs are underway, the next session of activities will begin in April (classes and current enrollment listed below).

Preschool and Elementary Youth

- Soccer (21)
- Tball/Baseball (10)
- Tae Down Do (3)
- Art Classes (4)

Adult

- Zumba (15)
- Aqua Zumba (11)
- Senior Golf League (11)

Family

- ROX: Recreation... in a Box (12)

Summer registrations are coming in!

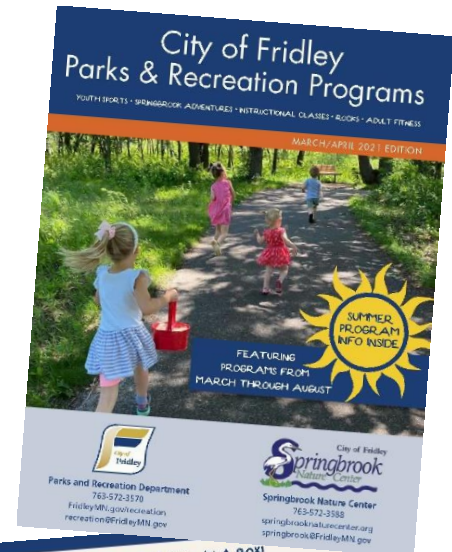
- Summer Youth Sports (33)
- ROCKS (25)
- Softball (9 teams)

Parks and Recreation Brochure

The content for the May/June Edition of the Recreation Brochure is complete and the graphic designer is currently putting it together. This edition will contain programs that will take place between May and August and will be mailed to residents the first week in May.

Summer Hiring

Recruitment for summer staff is currently underway. Job application deadline is April 2nd. We are hiring for assistants, instructors and leaders. If you know anyone interested, please direct them to our website at FridleyMN.gov/jobs



Summer Concert Series

Fridley is getting musical this summer with a full line-up of live performances. Musical acts range from big band to blue grass to Brazilian and it is music that that whole family can enjoy. So, grab a blanket or chair and join us for a season of song! The SNC concerts are made possible through a generous gift by the Springbrook Nature Center Foundation.

Civic Campus at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 22	Mr. Winky	Classic Rock & Roll
Tuesday, June 29	Rum River Brass	Brass Quintet
Tuesday, July 13	Westside Band	R & B/Pop/Dance
Tuesday, July 27	Betty Rydell	Country
Tuesday, August 10	Roseville Big Band	Big Band/Swing
Tuesday, August 24	Roxxy Hall	Rock 'n Soul

Springbrook Nature Center at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 15	Anthony Miltich	Acoustic
Tuesday, July 20	Blue Groove Bluegrass	Bluegrass
Tuesday, August 17	Xibaba	Brazilian Jazz

Commons Park (special kids day) at 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 20	The Jolly Pops	Children's
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Finding Fun Your Fun in Fridley Pop Up Event

We hosted an event from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 28 at Edgewater Garden Park (6700 Ashton Avenue). Public was invited to play games like bean bags, Giant Jenga, and more! During the event we shared information about the Parks Master Plan surveys, as well as upcoming program opportunities. We'll be hosting events throughout the spring and summer, so keep an eye out for more fun in a park near you!

Rec n' Roll

The Rec n' Roll program will begin on June 15th. Below are the times and locations.

June 15 – August 19	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Ruth Circle 8160 Ashton Ave NE	Creekview 6801 Anoka St NE	Stevenson Elementary 6080 E River Rd
2:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Madsen 735 73 rd Ave NE	Flanery 1487 Onondaga St NE	Summit Square 5202 Capitol St NE