



## AGENDA

### Rogers Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

May 8, 2025 - 5:30 PM

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. OPEN FORUM**

Individuals may address the Council about any item not contained on the regular agenda. A maximum of 10 minutes is allocated for the Forum. If the full 10 minutes are not needed for the Forum, the Mayor will continue with the agenda. If additional time is needed for the Forum, the Council will continue the Forum following Other Business on the agenda. The Council will take no official action on items discussed at the Forum, with the exception of referral to staff of Commission for future report.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**4. APPROVE AGENDA**

Council members may add items to the agenda for discussion purposes or staff direction only. The Council will not normally take official action on items added to the agenda.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

These items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed elsewhere on the agenda.

5.1 Approval of April 2025 PRAC Minutes

**6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

6.1 Territorial Park Playground Color Selection

6.2 Consider Parks Smoking Ban

6.3 2025 Work Plan

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

8.1 Correspondence and Staff Update

## 9. ADJOURN



**STAFF REPORT**  
**ROGERS PARKS AND  
RECREATION ADVISORY  
COMMISSION**

**Meeting Date:** May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** 5.1

**Subject:** Approval of April 2025 PRAC Minutes

**Prepared By:** Marcy Dalchow, Public Works Administrative Assistant

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**Recommended Council Action**

**Overview / Background / Analysis**

**Staff Recommendation**

Move to approve April 2025 PRAC meeting minutes.

**Financial Impact:**

**Source Fund:**

**Budgeted?**

**Supporting Documentation**

A. April 10 2025 Park Commission Minutes

**Park and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2025**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Park and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) of the City of Rogers was called to order by Vice Chair Peggy Warfield on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 5:30 pm in the Sunroom at Lions Central Park, 21400 Rouillard Ave., Rogers MN, 55374.

**Roll Call**

Dale Fuller	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner – Chair	Absent
Peggy Warfield	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner - Vice Chair	
Paul Hacker	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner	
Judi Volkers	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner	
Mike Volkers	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner	
Sam Okland	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner	
Chris Morrow	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner	
Shannon Klick	Rogers City Council - Mayor	
Amy Enga	Rogers City Council	
Alexander Heuvels	Student Representative	Absent
Mike Bauer	Parks and Recreation Director	
Marcy Dalchow	Public Works Administrative Assistant	

**Guests Present:** Joe Lucht – Anderson Engineering, Tim Solomonson – Midwest Playscapes, Inc. and, Tracy Mooney, Resident, 13005 Oakwood Dr. Rogers, MN

**2. OPEN FORUM**

Tracy Mooney, brought concern of residents in her area that there currently is no place for kids to play other than by busy roads in their area and that Hawkins Drive is currently used as a walking path. Mooney asked the PRAC to consider purchasing the Hawkins property, use the wetlands and path as a buffer to the Cawley Lake Addition (Weber Farm to 133<sup>rd</sup>) and the rest of the land as a park. Tracy also attended the Planning Commission Meeting where this new development was discussed. Staff will follow up with the Planning and Engineering Departments about this.

**3. PRESENTATIONS** None

**4. APPROVE AGENDA**

**4.1 Approval of Consent Agenda**

Parks and Recreation Director, Bauer added a follow up on the dog waste topic to Item 7, Other Business.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**5.1 Approval of the March 2025 Minutes**

Motion to approve the March 2025 Minutes and the Consent Agenda with the dog waste topic addition by J. Volkers, seconded by Morrow. Motion carried 6/0.

**6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**6.1 Territorial Park Plan Review**

After the PRAC reviewed the site plan and playground concepts for Territorial Park, an invite to the March PRAC meeting and a request for comments and suggestions for a piece of playground equipment were

mailed to over 200 residents (within 300 ft. of the park) mailed and posted on the City of Rogers Facebook page. At the March meeting, the PRAC welcomed public input on the project. The public input has been utilized and revised construction documents were reviewed during this meeting. Joe Lucht from Anderson Engineering and Tim Solomonson, the Project Manager for Midwest Playscapes Inc., the playground supplier, were present during this meeting to answer questions.

Options 1 and 2 presented in March were combined and the park space was redesigned. The public comments drove the addition of trees to the east of the playground container to act as a screen for the neighbors, a swale was maintained to drain water away from the eastern neighbors, and the picnic shade structure was moved to the west to increase the distance from the homes. The accessible whirl was originally suggested as the piece of playground equipment; however, it was recommended by the playground supplier we do not use this piece. The ground cover will meet the surface of the whirl, get caught and cause issues with the movement of the whirl. They suggested the cone spinner be purchased for Territorial Park. The cone spinner is also accessible, and children can climb on it as well. The PRAC instructed the playground designer to keep the rustic look of the play equipment but to be strategic and add some blue or red colors.

The PRAC suggests the playground separately using cooperative purchasing through Sourcewell. Splitting these items will save the City of Rogers the markup from the general contractor and we will receive a discount of 10%.

Motion to recommend Council accept the Territorial Park plans and request bids by Morrow, seconded by Okland. Motion carried 6/0.

## **6.2 2025 Work Plan Reviewed**

Highlights:

- The purchase of indoor playground equipment for the indoor turf fieldhouse was approved by the Rogers City Council at the April 8<sup>th</sup>, Council Meeting.
- Turf-time applications are due tomorrow. Four to five groups expressed interest.
- Currently it is planned that 2/3 of the screen in the middle of the turf field will be navy. Gray was selected as the other color by the PRAC.
- In May it will be determined if the grass at South Community Park (SCP) is ready for play or if it needs to be re-seeded. Currently the fields at SCP are wet and brown.
- The dog park play equipment is scheduled to be installed as an Eagle Scout project on April 21, 2025.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Ideas to Address the Dog Waste Problem**

There is a growing amount of dog waste not being picked up along the trails in Rogers. To address this problem, the PRAC would like to have “Clean Up After Your Dog” signs purchased to be put along trails. Another idea to be explored is some bag dispensers to be given away at the dog park and social media posts along with continued reminders in the city’s newsletter.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

### **8.1 Staff Report and Correspondence Reviewed**

Highlights:

- The Three Rivers Park District Board of Commissioners invited the PRAC to the State of the Parks Address and Expo.
- The Hennepin County-sponsored Step to It Challenge has been canceled.

## **9. ADJOURN**

Motion to Adjourn at 6:43 pm by Okland, seconded by Morrow. Motion carried 6-0.



**STAFF REPORT**

**ROGERS PARKS AND  
RECREATION ADVISORY  
COMMISSION**

**Meeting Date:** May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** 6.1

**Subject:** Territorial Park Playground Color Selection

**Prepared By:** Mike Bauer, Parks & Recreation Director

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**Recommended Council Action**

**Overview / Background / Analysis**

In 2021, the City Council approved the Territorial Park Master Plan following a recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. Territorial Park, located between the Skye Meadows and Harvest View neighborhoods, is included in the 2025 Capital Improvement Plan with construction funding provided through the Park Dedication fund.

Following Anderson Engineering's approval of the final design and construction services in 2024, public input was sought via mail and the City's Facebook page. Feedback from the March public input session and April 10 Commission meeting led to design updates, including additional tree screening, adjusted water drainage, and repositioning of the picnic structure.

Midwest PlayScapes, the playground supplier, and Anderson Engineering presented updated plans in April. The Commission supported separating the playground purchase from the general construction bid to maximize cost savings via cooperative purchasing (Sourcewell). Estimated savings include avoidance of contractor markup and a 10% manufacturer discount.

The playground design is now ready for the final component of selection palette options, which Midwest PlayScapes has provided in alignment with the discussion at the April PRAC meeting.

**Staff Recommendation**

Select a color palette, so the playground can be ordered and put into production.

**Financial Impact:**

**Source Fund:** 404-Park Dedication

**Budgeted?** Yes

**Supporting Documentation**

- A. Territorial Park\_Blue Tones\_Renders
- B. Territorial Park\_Orange Tones\_Renders
- C. Territorial Park\_Nature\_Renders







EXIT WAY

WRONG WAY

NOTICE  
Please do not  
climb on the  
play structure

Territorial Park - B















Territorial Park - O















EXIT WAY

WRONG WAY

NOTICE  
Please do not  
climb on the  
structure.











## STAFF REPORT

### ROGERS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: May 8, 2025

Agenda Item: 6.2

**Subject:** Consider Parks Smoking Ban

**Prepared By:** Mike Bauer, Parks & Recreation Director

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### Recommended Council Action

#### Overview / Background / Analysis

Staff is requesting the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission's consideration and recommendation on a proposed policy to prohibit the use of tobacco, vaping products, and cannabis products in all City of Rogers parks and recreational facilities. This follows previous Commission discussions held in 2024 and reflects best practices by public health organizations such as Tobacco-Free Parks ([www.tobaccofreeparks.org](http://www.tobaccofreeparks.org)). In 2024, the Commission discussed growing concerns over smoking and vaping in public parks, particularly in areas used by children and families. These behaviors raise issues related to secondhand smoke exposure, litter, and public health, and may detract from the welcoming, healthy environment the City aims to foster in its parks.

Recent legislative changes in Minnesota have legalized the adult use of cannabis products. However, no accompanying guidance has been specific to usage in municipal park spaces. Without such guidance, a clear local policy is necessary to address potential public health and safety concerns.

#### Proposed Policy Overview

The proposed amendment to Rogers City Code (Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38-92) would:

- Prohibit the smoking, vaping, or use of tobacco and cannabis products in any City park, park facility, or recreation space;
- Apply to tobacco (both smoked and smokeless), electronic delivery devices (vaping), and any cannabis or THC products that emit smoke or vapor;
- Allow for the ceremonial use of traditional tobacco as part of bona fide Indigenous spiritual or cultural practices;
- Empower City staff and law enforcement to educate users, request compliance, and monitor repeat violations;
- Be supported by public communication efforts and signage if adopted by the City

Council.

**Public Health and Environmental Considerations**

This policy supports the City’s commitment to health and environmental stewardship. According to resources from Tobacco-Free Parks:

Secondhand smoke and vapor can harm park users, particularly children and people with respiratory conditions.

Tobacco and vape litter is difficult and costly to manage and can pollute natural areas.

Smoke- and vape-free policies are effective in changing social norms and reducing youth exposure.

**Staff Recommendation**

Consider a recommendation to ban smoking in parks and recreation facilities.

**Financial Impact:**

**Source Fund:**

**Budgeted?**

**Supporting Documentation**

A. AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC CONDUCT IN PARKS

## **AMENDMENT TO ROGERS CITY CODE – CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE III, SECTION 38-92**

### **Sec. 38-92. – Regulation of General Conduct; Personal Behavior**

*(h) Smoking, Vaping, and Use of Tobacco and Cannabis Products.*

#### **1. Prohibited Conduct.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke, vape, or otherwise use any of the following substances within any City of Rogers park, park facility, or on land owned or operated by the City for park or recreational purposes:

- Tobacco products, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, snus, and any similar products derived from tobacco or nicotine.
- Electronic delivery devices or vaping products, whether or not they contain nicotine.
- Cannabis and THC products that emit smoke or vapor in any form.

#### **2. Areas Covered.**

This prohibition applies to all City parklands and City-owned or operated facilities including, but not limited to:

- Playgrounds, athletic fields, facilities, and picnic shelters;
- Beaches, aquatic areas, lakes and rivers, and ice skating rinks;
- Trails and paths for walking, hiking, or biking;
- Maintenance buildings, park offices, and temporary work zones;
- Event spaces within park boundaries.

#### **3. Exceptions – Ceremonial Use of Traditional Tobacco.**

This section does not prohibit the use of *Traditional Tobacco* used as part of a bona fide spiritual, cultural, or traditional Indigenous ceremony. Traditional Tobacco must be used respectfully in accordance with Indigenous customs.

#### **4. Definitions.**

- *Tobacco Product* means any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine intended for human consumption, including electronic delivery devices and associated components. This does not include FDA-approved cessation products.

- *Cannabis and THC Products* means any product containing cannabis flower, plant material, or cannabinoids that produce smoke or vapor.
- *Traditional Tobacco* refers to non-commercial tobacco that is hand-prepared and offered respectfully for ceremonial, spiritual, or cultural purposes.

**5. Enforcement.**

City staff, park staff, and law enforcement may:

- Inform users of this policy;
- Request that use cease immediately;
- Ask non-compliant individuals to leave the park or facility;
- Monitor for repeated violations to determine whether further action is needed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XX**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY PROHIBITING THE USE OF TOBACCO, VAPING PRODUCTS, AND CANNABIS PRODUCTS IN CITY PARKS AND PARK FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rogers is committed to promoting a healthy, safe, and clean environment in public parks and recreational facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, secondhand smoke and vapor from tobacco and cannabis products pose health risks to park users and contribute to environmental litter; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rogers seeks to align with public health best practices and reflect community standards by prohibiting smoking, vaping, and use of related products in public park areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the ceremonial use of *Traditional Tobacco* by Indigenous communities is recognized and respected as distinct from commercial tobacco use;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Rogers, Minnesota:

1. The Rogers City Code, Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38-92 is hereby amended to include subsection (h), regulating smoking, vaping, and the use of tobacco and cannabis products in city parks and facilities as written and attached hereto.
2. The City of Rogers will notify the public of this policy through appropriate signage, communications, and the City website.

3. Park staff, Rogers Police, and other designated personnel are authorized to educate park users about the policy and enforce compliance through non-punitive measures unless repeated violations occur.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication according to law.

**Adopted this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.**

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**Mayor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City Clerk:** \_\_\_\_\_



**STAFF REPORT**  
**ROGERS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**Meeting Date:** May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** 6.3

**Subject:** 2025 Work Plan

**Prepared By:** Mike Bauer, Parks & Recreation Director

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**Recommended Council Action**

**Overview / Background / Analysis**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission recommends a work plan to guide yearly staff activities. This list is for the more significant initiatives, which usually involve many hours of planning or construction.

Local Option Sales Tax Page

Indoor Turf Facility (Design \$13.2M) Turf Facility Update Page

Future Recreation Facility Site Improvements (Complete \$2M)

South Community Park Athletic Improvements (Under Construction, Estimated \$4M)

Splash Pad (Complete \$1.5M)

I-94 Ped Crossing (On Hold)

144 Tunnel (On Hold)

Trails:

SDLR-137th (Pending Design)

Hassan Elementary to Marie Ave (Complete)

Henrys Woods to SDLR

Cambria to 147th

Brocton Meadow to 144

Edgewater to Willindale

City Improvements to School Pool (Pending ISD 728 Actions may be past the date of bonding availability)

**Staff Recommendation**

**Financial Impact:**

**Source Fund:**

**Budgeted?**

**Supporting Documentation**

A. 2025 Work Plan

2025 Work Plan

Category	Project	Status	Next Steps
Trails	Territorial View Estates	Planning	County is reviewing intersection alignment
Trails	RMS/RHS Tunnel (LOST)	Hold	Engineering reached out to see if ISD 728 could participate in a Safe Routes to School grant and ISD 728 does not have dollars for this in the current 10 year plan for the mandatory local match.
Trails	I-94 Pedestrians Crossing(LOST)	Hold	
Trails	Brockton Lane to Wellstead Drive (FMP)	Design	Will be part of the SDLR reconstruct 2025
Trails	SDLR -137th (LOST)Rachel Development	Partial Completion.	Next steps: RFP for design and right of way acquisition.
Facility	Event Center Donor Recognition Overall	Design	Will be using the scheduling software platform.
Park/Facility	Hennepin County Youth Sports Grant Spring Playground	TBD	
Park/Facility	Hennepin County Youth Sports Grant Fall Capital	TBD	Recommend we not apply until SCP complete
Park	Cambria Hills Park and Trail Development		
Facility	Senior Center Programming Locations		Duffy is set to close in June, with construction to start thereafter.
Parks	RHS Softball Field Request for Hassan Hills	Hold Pending Funding	Met with user groups. They are going to gauge the interest in moving forward with a scaled-back plan.
Parks	Determine Playground Replacement Priority		
Parks	Final Design of Territorial Park		City engineering comments sent to Anderson Eng for inclusion.
Parks	NCP Build out Design		Working on RFP with Anderson Engineering.
Parks	Select Parks for Hard Court and Pavilions		
Parks	Crow River Heights		Looking at this as a City project for the trail section
Parks	Cowley Lake House Removal		
Parks	Tree inventory/management plan www.mntreesource.com		
Parks	Fox Creek West Playground Replacement		Installation set to complete by end of June
Parks	Brookside Meadows Playground Replacement		<a href="https://www.auctionmasters.com/auctions/detail/bw139861">https://www.auctionmasters.com/auctions/detail/bw139861</a>
Park/Facility	SCP FFE Purchase		Exterior Complete interior TBD
Park/Facility	SCP Ribbon Cutting	May-25	Discuss dates
Park/Facility	SCP Concessions Operations		
Park/Facility	Rink Attendant Position???		
Facility	Indoor Turf Facility	Allocation	Received and being processed
Facility	Indoor Turf Facility	Policies/Procedures	
Facility	Indoor Turf Facility	FFE Purchases	
Facility	Indoor Turf Facility	Plyground selection	Ordered
Facility	Indoor Turf Facility	Staffing	Have two postions budgeted for 1/4 year-Consider hiring one ealry and one later.
Facility	Indoor Turf Facility	Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening	Communications plan Save the Date Oct 1
Recreation	Programing Lists and Policies		
Trails	Plan for trails at SCP connecting to Astermills		Working on Updated JPA with ISD 728
	Plan for 2026 information gathering/strategies for master plan update		
	Complete		
	Change from last report		



**Staff Updates**

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**Seniors Pickleball**

Date	Participants	Revenue
4/11/2025	19	\$95.00
4/18/2025	17	\$85.00
4/25/2025	14	\$70.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>

**Learn to Skate**

Summer Registration is open for June and July sessions

Current registration numbers:

- June Session: 31
- July Session: 9
- 2024 Summer registration numbers were in the 50's
- Promote these sessions more on Facebook

**Adult Softball**

- Softballs purchased and delivered to NCP
- Schedule complete with no objections/errors (huge success!)

**Farmers Market**

Farmers Market Coordinator Kristen Scott is in the process of reviewing vendor applications for approval. Returning vendors will be approved but new vendors have to be reviewed to make sure they would be a good fit for our Market.

Some reasons a vendor would be denied:

- Goods/products do not fit the guidelines for what can be sold at the market.
- Goods/products are not grown and/or produced within 50 miles of Rogers city limits.
- Oversaturation of repeat goods/products that returning vendors already sell.
  - Some duplicates will be approved, but we are looking for good balance.

Vendor Applicants	Returning	New	Approved	Denied	In Process
Svihel Vegetable Farm	X		X		

Pure Nature Honey LLC	X		X		
Great Harvest Bread Co	X		X		
Ken's Craft Cove	X		X		
Becks Greenhouse	X		X		
Lala Blooms	X		X		
Hennepin County Master Gardeners	X				X
Garden Shed Soaps	X				X
Windsperger Produce	X				X
Rogers Police Association		X	X		
The Goat House Farm Co		X			X
Larson Farms		X			X
Gerald Heggem Art		X			X
Yer Farmers Market		X			X
Cha Garden		X			X
Rin's Backyard Garden Patch		X			X
Trusted Services LLC		X			X
Charlie's Conch Shack LLC		X			X
AT&T		X		X	
Summer Lakes Beverage		X			X
Citizens Utility Board		X			X
Dads Favorite Cookies		X			X
Pond Heaven Produce LLC		X		X	
Olivia's Treats		X			X
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>

### Facility Rentals

Playing around with the idea of Rental Windows in 2026.

- Morning Window: 8:00am-2:00pm.

- Afternoon Window: 2:00pm-10:00pm.
- Can rent anytime within the window. Can bypass window by renting 8+ hours.
- Mid-day rentals unintentionally create barriers by leaving an undesirable amount of time before/after their rental, Rental Windows will help guarantee maximum usage of facilities.

Facility	Rentals	Revenue
<b>LCP Sunroom</b>		
Private Rentals	7	\$1,051.25
City of Rogers	1	\$-
<b>LCP Pavilion</b>		
Private Rentals	0	\$-
City of Rogers	0	\$-
<b>LCP Combo</b>		
Private Rentals	2	\$800.00
City of Rogers	0	\$-
<b>NCP Pavilion</b>		
Private Rentals	0	\$-
City of Rogers	0	\$-
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,851.25</b>

### Summer Intern

Received applications and held interviews for two Summer Internship candidates.

- We have offered the position to Kailee Barnet and she has accepted.
- Kailee attends St. Cloud State University and will be graduating with a degree in Sports and Recreation Management after completing this internship.
- Kailee's first day will be Monday, June 2.

### Summer Newsletter

Information for the City Summer Newsletter has been submitted.

Topics included:

- Entertainment in the Park
- Movies in the Park
- Farmers Market
- Splash Pad Opening

## Event Center

### Events in April:

- 15 Non-profit (reduced fee)
- 9 City (no fee)
- 4 Paid (full fee)

### April Booking Statistics:

- 13 contracts processed for 2025 events
- 3 contracts processed for 2026 events
- 24 new inquiries about future rentals
- 5 facility tours

### Event Scheduling Communications Statistics:

- 204 event center related emails sent
- 145 phone calls received
- 22 text messages sent

### Event Center Notes:

New bar cabinets were installed.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Bank Event Center Use & Revenue Statistics for April 2025:

Account Type	Hours Used	Total Revenue
Individual	34.75	\$ 2,927.50
Internal	40	\$ 0
Non-Profit	54	\$ 3,075.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>128.75</b>	<b>\$ 6,002.50</b>

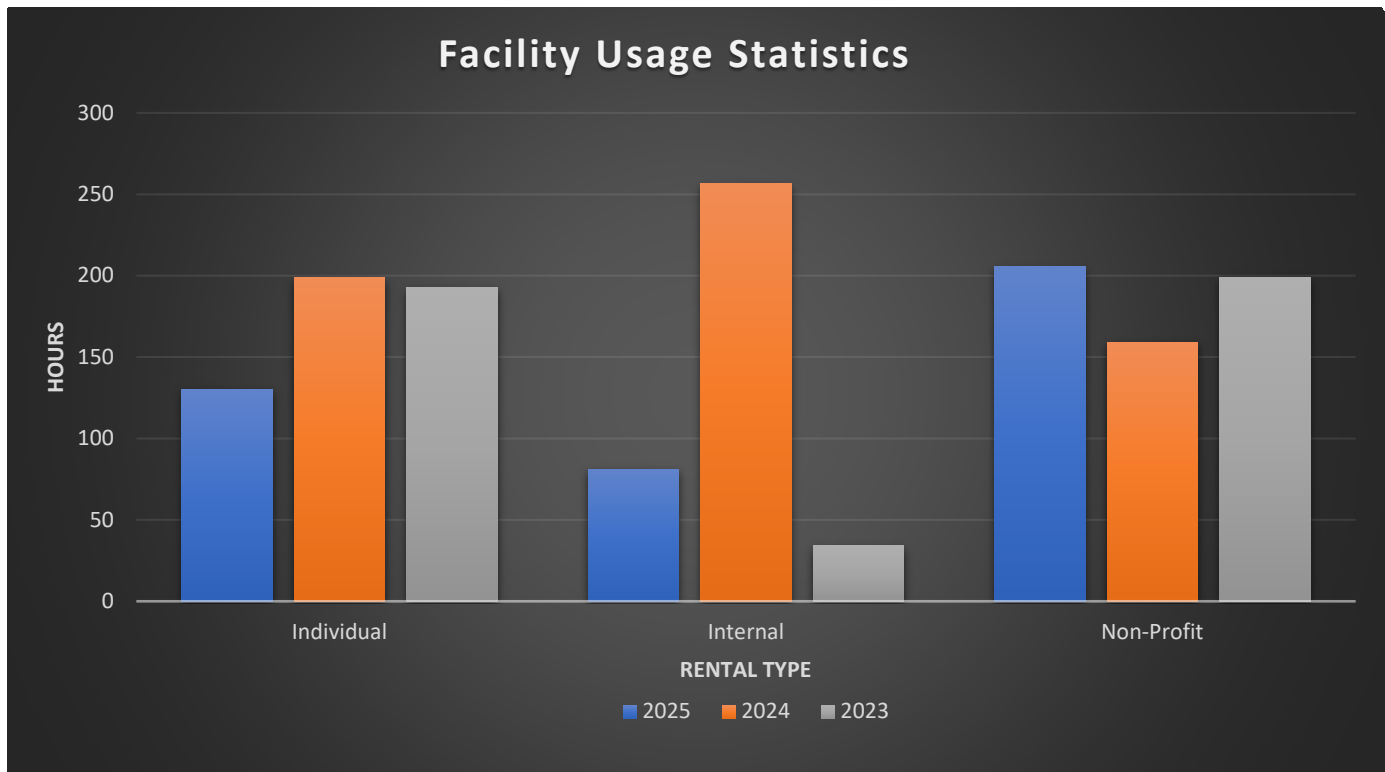
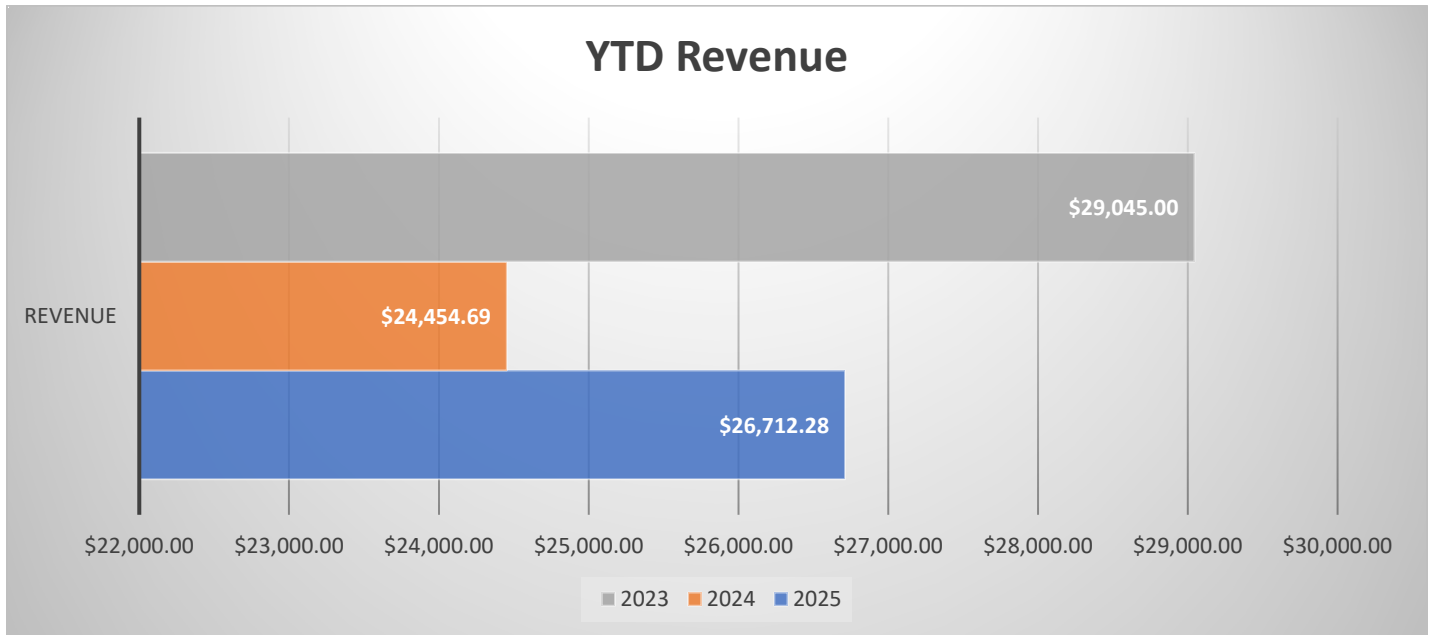
### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Bank Event Center Projected Use & Revenue for May 2025:

Account Type	Hours	Total Revenue
Individual	98.25	\$ 14,742.50
Internal	21.00	\$ 0
Non-Profit	59.50	\$ 1,760.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>178.75</b>	<b>\$ 16,502.50</b>

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Bank Event Center Projected Use & Revenue for May-December 2025:

Account Type	Hours	Total Revenue
Individual	435.50	\$ 71,160.00
Internal	335.00	\$
Non-Profit	392.00	\$ 15,497.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>1267.50</b>	<b>\$ 92,932.50</b>

**2025 YTD vs 2024 & 2023 YTD Revenue & Usage Statistics:**



“Individual” are all rentals done by the public

“Internal” are those done by City Departments (Police, Fire, Elections, Public Works, Finance)

“Non-Profit” are all renters who qualify for 501 c3 status

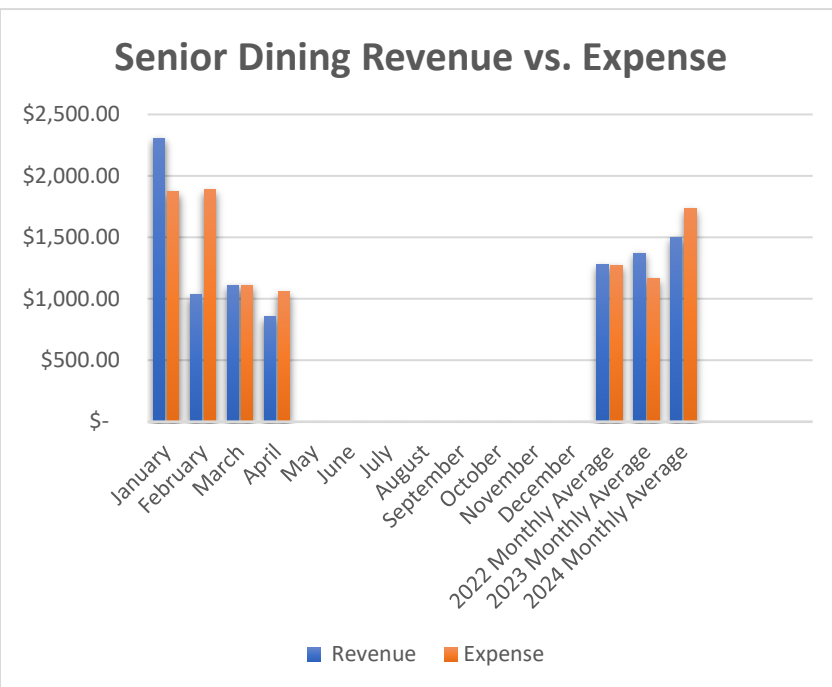
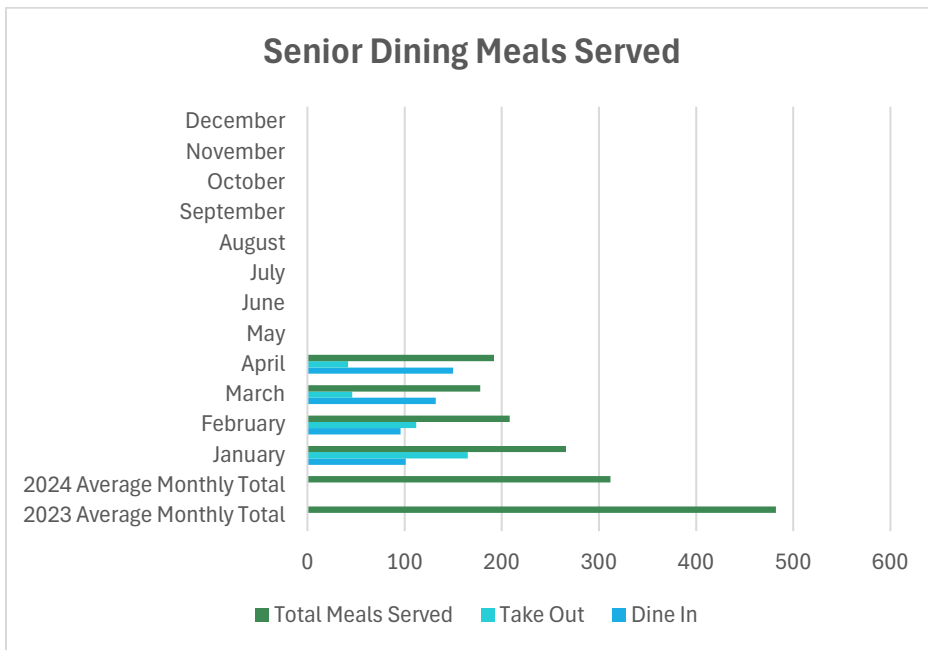
**Senior Center Updates:**

Below is a chart showing the number of meals served so far in 2025 and are divided out to show the Total Meals Served, Take Out Meals, and Dine In meals. The price of meals increased from \$5 to \$7 starting in January 2025.

2023 average monthly meals are based only on the months of March-December due to available data.

April did not have any meals on the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> (Teresa at Conference).

We no longer have Heritage Place ordering take-out meals while they are figuring out their management change.



This chart illustrates the income and expenditures associated with maintaining the Senior Dining Program.

In January 2025, there was a spike in income due to a high volume of punch card purchases. This helped offset the lower income in February, while expenses during both months were elevated due to bulk purchases intended to support future meals.

April 2025 shows a dip in income as we hosted our annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch, providing complimentary meals to 30 of our dedicated volunteers.

Looking back, expenses in 2024 were higher than normal, largely due to multiple

location changes caused by elections and the added cost of using disposable products. In contrast, 2023 expenses were unusually low, likely because of a gap between program coordinators during which essential items such as milk and butter were often donated or covered by volunteers.

## Program Updates:

### Ongoing Program Attendance in April:

Grocery Bus: 9 participants

Card Club: 75 participants

Community Café: 93 participants

Book Club: 10 participants

Attendance not tracked at Jammers or Caregiver Support Services this month.

## Events:

### Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

On Tuesday, April 8, the Rogers Senior Center warmly welcomed volunteers for a special **Volunteer Appreciation Lunch** to celebrate their invaluable contributions to the senior community. Held at noon at 21201 Memorial Drive, the event brought together 32 attendees for an afternoon of gratitude, connection, and good food.

Guests enjoyed a delicious menu featuring **sliced glazed ham, scalloped potatoes, steamed broccoli, and a dinner roll**, all served with heartfelt thanks. The atmosphere was filled with appreciation as we recognized the dedication and generosity of our volunteers, whose efforts make a lasting difference in the lives of so many.

Volunteers attended free of charge, with others joining for just \$7. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect, reflect, and celebrate the spirit of giving that keeps our programs thriving.

We are so thankful to all who joined us and look forward to honoring our amazing volunteers again next year!



## Parks Department

Agility and play equipment was added to the Lynch Park Dog Park this week. Parks Staff worked with Danica, an Eagle Scout, and her crew to complete this work. The play structures were assembled in the Public Works Shop earlier this spring and stored outside until they could be installed in the park. Monday Public Works Staff dug the holes and mixed the concrete and the Eagle Scouts Crew cleaned the spoils from the holes, helped pour the concrete and placed the equipment into the holes.





# CITY OF ROGERS PARKS & RECREATION

## Brookside Meadows and Fox Creek West Parks

This week, work is starting to remove the playground equipment at Brookside Meadows and Fox Creek West Parks. Signs are posted in the parks so the public can see the proposed timelines and project information. The signs that are posted are temporary, with the permanent signs will be posted as soon as they are received from the local vendor. Public Works staff will remove the equipment, and it will be auctioned off.



## PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT COMING SOON

Learn more about the  
project details and timeline at:



[rogersmn.gov/projects-spotlight-parks](https://rogersmn.gov/projects-spotlight-parks)



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Name \* Kris Hofstedt  
Problem Type \* Parks/Playground  
Problem Details \*

Being a retired Public Works maintenance employee, for another Minnesota suburb, I know the negative feedback seems to outweigh the positive. I'm not submitting an issue here but sharing another THANK YOU for 2 things,,, I'm actually sending this as I am walking on the Walker Park Nature Trail. It continues to be a wonderful addition to my daily 4 mile walk in both the winter and now again in the spring. I love the new woodchips too!  
Also we are sooo excited to see the South Community Park in action soon. It looks Great!!  
Thank you to all involved. Keep up the great work!

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Name: Kieran

Subject: Eagle Project Enquiry  
Message: Dear Rogers Park and Recreation Department,

My name is Kieran and I am a Boy Scout of Troop 3582. I am emailing to enquire if you have any projects I could help to complete to fulfill my eagle project. Thank you for your time and I hope to be hearing from you soon.

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Hi Stacy,

I'm reaching out regarding the attached new claim we received from the city. This one involves a claimant who fell on the stairs at Fox Creek West Park when his artificial knee gave out.

We won't be contacting the claimant at this time unless he reaches out to the city to present a claim. Please let me know if he does contact the city any further.

In the meantime, I do have just a few questions:

- Are there any issues/defects with the stairs? Tripping hazards, etc.? Were there any photos taken?
- Has the city had any similar incidents reported with people tripping/falling on these stairs.

Please let me know if you have any questions as well.

