



## AGENDA

### Rogers Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

April 9, 2026 - 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 or Commission for future report.

#### **3. PRESENTATIONS**

3.1 Sunnyside Park Playground Presentation

#### **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 Minutes

#### **6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

6.1 South Community Park Concessions

6.2 Consider Advertisements/Sponsorships for South Community Park Ballfields

6.3 Rogers High School Baseball Booster Club Request

6.4 Recommendation of Playground Vendor for Sunnyside Park

6.5 Consider a Working Group for Territorial Park

6.6 Indoor Turf Season 2 Allocation

6.7 2026 Work Plan

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

8.1 Correspondence

**9. ADJOURN**



**STAFF REPORT**

**ROGERS PARKS AND  
RECREATION ADVISORY  
COMMISSION**

**Meeting Date:** April 9, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 3.1

**Subject:** Sunnyside Park Playgroud Presentation

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

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**Overview / Background / Analysis**

Over the past year, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission has collected feedback from residents, nearby neighbors, and regular park users regarding desired features for the replacement of the existing playground. This includes input gathered during last summer’s public meeting held onsite at the park. All community feedback received to date has been shared with the playground vendors to inform their design work.

Each vendor will present their proposed concepts. They will outline key design elements and provide an overview of accessibility and equipment features included in their layouts.

Following the vendor presentations, the Commission and residents will have an opportunity to ask questions, discuss the design options, and consider next steps in the selection process. Written public comments submitted through email will be in the packet later in the agenda.

**Staff Recommendation**

**Financial Impact:**

**Source Fund:**

**Budgeted?** N/A

**Supporting Documentation**

- A. Letter to Residents

March 27, 2026

Dear Resident,

The City of Rogers is planning improvements at Sunnyside Park, specifically the replacement of the existing playground, and we are seeking your input on potential design elements and features. It is important for the city to gather feedback from residents, neighbors, and regular park users as we plan this project. Last summer, a public meeting was held in the park, and we shared the feedback we received with the playground vendors. We have enclosed two concepts to review.

You are invited to participate in one of the following opportunities to provide feedback on the Sunnyside Park playground replacement:

- Attend an in-person Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting at **5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, at the 21st Century Bank Event Center**, located at 12716 Main Street, Rogers, Minnesota 55374
- Email the Commission at [PRAC@rogersmn.gov](mailto:PRAC@rogersmn.gov). All submissions are due by **Tuesday, April 7th**

Thank you for your time and input. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,



**Mike Bauer**

Parks and Recreation Director



# SUNNYSIDE PARK Rogers, MN



D12925L-Option 2  
Color Palette:  
Whimsy Way



**Sensory Dome**  
Ages 5-12 yrs.



**Altus Tower Play Structure**  
Ages 5-12 yrs.



**Bingo's Playhouse**  
Ages 6-23 mos.



**Swings: Path for easy wheelchair access to Zero-G Seat**



**SkyRun Zip Track**



**Spin With Me**



**Shaded Play Structure**  
Ages 2-5 yrs.

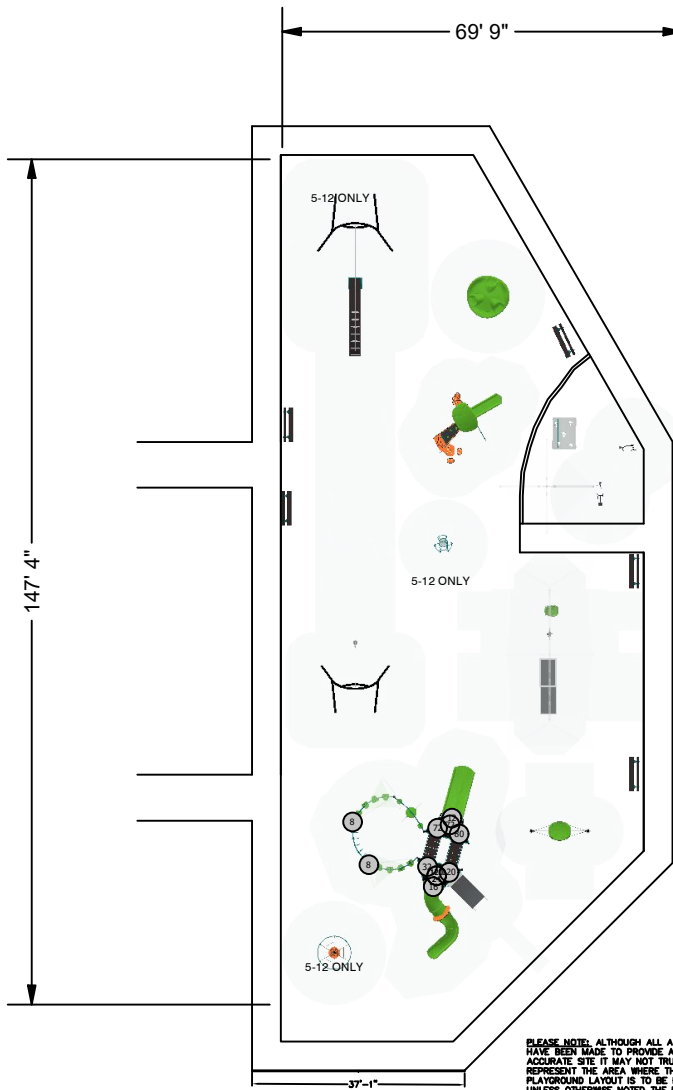
\*Actual colors and materials may vary slightly from images represented here.



**COLOR KEY**

- NAVY
- SILVER
- ORANGE
- YELLOW
- OCEAN
- LIME
- ORANGE/BLACK
- YELLOW/BLACK
- OCEAN/BLACK
- LIME/BLACK





## Sunnyside Park City of Rogers, MN

**SERIES** Burke Basics | Nucleus | Intensity | ShadePlay Max

**GROUP:** 5-12 Structure | Freestanding

**DESIGNED FOR AGES:** 5 to 12, 2 to 12

**SITE PLAN VIEW**

**Sunnyside Park**  
Rogers, MN 55374

**Burke**  
PLAY THAT MOVES YOU

**St. Croix Recreation Fun Playgrounds**  
100-216752-1

Designer: Brittany Murphy

11/26/2025

BCI BURKE COMPANY, LLC | PO BOX 549 FOND DU LAC, WI 54936-0549 | 920.921.9220 | BCI@BURKE.COM

**OVERALL BOUNDING OF USE ZONES** \*\*The space requirements shown here are to ASTM standards. Requirements for other standards may be different.

Area: 10261.8 sq.ft.  
Perimeter: 433.9 ft.  
**STRUCTURE SIZE** 7' 4" x 69' 9"  
**POST SIZE(S)**

PLAYGROUND ACCESSIBILITY (Provided/Required)					
TOTAL EVENTS	ELEVATED EVENTS	TRANSFER ACCESSIBLE EVENTS	RAMP ACCESSIBLE EVENTS	GROUND EVENTS	TYPES OF GROUND EVENTS
27	8 / 4	8 / 0	0 / 0	17 / 3	9 / 3

The use and layout of play components identified in this plan conform to the CPSC guidelines. U.S. CPSC recommends the separation of age groups in playground layouts.

Warning: Accessible safety surfacing material is required beneath and around this equipment that is compliant with ASTM, CPSC, and ADAAG requirements.



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

**Meeting Date:** April 9, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 5.1

**Subject:** Approval of Minutes

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

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**Overview / Background / Analysis**

**Staff Recommendation**

Move to approve the February 2026 PRAC minutes.

**Financial Impact:**

**Source Fund:**

**Budgeted?**

**Supporting Documentation**

A. February 12, 2026 Park Commission Minutes

**Park and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2026**

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

The Park and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) meeting of the City of Rogers was called to order by Chair Fuller on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 5:30pm in the Public Works Breakroom at 22350 South Diamond Lake Road, Rogers MN, 55374.

**Roll Call**

Dale Fuller	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner – Chair (left meeting at 7:45pm)
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
Abigail Reilly	Parks and Recreation Student Representative
Shannon Klick	Rogers City Council – Mayor
Amy Enga	Rogers City Council
Mike Bauer	Parks and Recreation Director
Rachael Kolles	Fieldhouse Operations Manager
Dan Lanes	Minnesota/Wisconsin Recreation
Nick Heimer	Webber Recreation
Mike Besich	St, Croix Recreation
Jessica Brosie	Resident
Joey Sipe	Resident

**2. OPEN FORUM** None

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 North Community Park Vendor Presentations and Open House**

During the December 2026 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) meeting, the Commission reviewed plans for North Community Park (NCP). The goal was to choose a design to update the play equipment and to make the park more accessible.

Three playground vendors were invited back to this meeting to present their playground concepts in person. The three vendors are Minnesota/Wisconsin Playground (MWP Recreation), St. Croix Recreation and Webber Recreation. Each vendor was asked to include design concept and a theme, key play features and age-group areas of 2-5 and 5-12 yr olds, accessibility and inclusive play elements, misters, surfacing, materials and durability considerations in their presentations.

A public notice was posted on City of Rogers website and social media channels inviting the community to attend this public meeting. Community feedback is welcomed.

Each presentation had emphasis on accessibility, inclusiveness and unique play experience and were designed to attract visitors and serve as a destination park. Some offered shade features throughout the park, adult fitness equipment and accessible drinking fountains with bottle fillers and pet access. Costs were very similar.

#### **4. APPROVE AGENDA**

##### **4.1 Approval of Consent Agenda** Approved as submitted

Motion to approve the agenda for February 12, 2026, by Okland, seconded by Morrow. Motion carried 7/0.

Before the visiting residents left the meeting, a few minutes were taken to get their feedback on the playground presentations. They liked the first and second presentations, misting features, climbing structures and prefer nets vs. ropes.

#### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **5.1 Approval of the January 2026 PRAC Minutes**

Motion to approve January 2026 Minutes by J. Volkers, seconded by M. Volkers. Motion carried 7/0.

#### **6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **6.1 South Community Park Trail Completion Project**

Based upon the success of Phase I of the South Community Park (SCP) Trail project, staff is proposing completion of remaining bituminous trail segments at SCP. The proposed trail map has changed from the original to minimize the number of trees to be cut down and it goes through the woods to provide a buffer between the trail and neighbors to the south.

Public Works Staff could complete 3,400+ linear feet of 10-foot trails to Rogers bituminous trail specifications. The projected project cost is approximately \$89,000. Trail paving is expected to occur after the upcoming construction season to utilize millings from road improvement projects.

Woodchip trails are planned for future years based on available time and resources.

Trail completion by Public Works Staff provides significant cost savings, compared to contractor pricing, and creation of looped trail system throughout the park.

Motion to recommend Council approve the South Community Trail Completion Project by M. Volkers, seconded by Morrow. Motion approved 7/0.

##### **6.2 North Community Park Playground Vendor Selection**

Tonight, three vendors presented designs to replace the playground equipment at NCP. These presentations were followed by questions and public input. Now, staff is seeking guidance from the PRAC on next steps.

Option 1, presented by MWP Recreation, received the strongest overall support, with several members highlighting: excellent accessibility features, ramp access to elevated areas, inclusive play opportunities for individuals with mobility challenges, and higher elevation offering enhanced play value. This presentation incorporated a zipline, a fully enclosed tower, adult fitness equipment, splash pad, flexible color and theme options are available.

Option 3, presented by Webber Recreation, received mixed support, with interest in retaining certain features but requiring a few modifications. Webber Recreation addressed the feedback provided during the December meeting and focused on true inclusion and transfer-accessible play elements, incorporated a Nordic theme including Viking shields, Nordic architectural styling, and custom theming options, 9-11 ground spray features, optional zip-line.

Option 2, presented by St. Croix Recreation, received limited support and was not prioritized for further consideration.

The PRAC advised staff to request revised designs and cost estimates from MWP Recreation and Webber Recreation to be presented at a future board meeting for review and final selection. Presenters should include a zip line feature, an overhead misting design vs a splash pad, include as many swings, spinners, climbing elements as possible and a general “North” or nature-inspired theme rather than literal winter themes, (no igloos, penguins or winter imagery). The preferred color palette is blues, whites and silvers.

The PRAC also determined sufficient public feedback had already been gathered. No additional public outreach planned at this time.

### **6.3 2026 Work Plan Draft Reviewed**

Highlights:

- Letters will be mailed to residents within a 300-foot radius of Sunnyside Park inviting them to a meeting to review play equipment replacement designs.
- The office buildout at the fieldhouse has been approved by City Council. This new office space will house Parks and Recreation Staff and our Communications person.
- An internal quote for a combination of an overlay and reclaimed areas of the Augusta Prairie trail has been reviewed. This work is planned for this summer. A large dead tree along the trail has been removed as well.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS None**

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

### **8.1 Correspondence and Staff Update Reviewed**

Highlights:

- Architects are still looking at the issue of snow sliding off the roof at the fieldhouse. For now, they suggest we keep the cones blocking the parking stalls where the snow slides off the roof.
- Recently the ice arena experienced attendance of over 1,000 in the building. Every parking spot in the area, school, ice arena and fieldhouse were filled. This was very exciting. Staff did a great job accommodating and cleaning up. The only way you would have realized there was such a large crowd in the building the next day was to look at the empty shelves in the concession stand!
- A developer proposed dedicating a small parcel of land to the city off Willandale Road. The PRAC determined since it does not connect to our existing trail system and provides limited community value, would prefer to receive park dedication rather than accept the land.
- A request has been received to consider including use of batting cages in the fieldhouse membership. This will be considered, along with other additions as the TruStone Center expands.
- With the batting cages operating with temporary systems and the addition of birthday party packages at the fieldhouse, the facility is experiencing strong attendance and utilization, Additional staff have been added for days when there is no school and weekends.
- Field House construction issues and climate control adjustments are being addressed under warranty.
- Summer recreation programs see strong early registration.
- The hiring process for a rental coordinator is underway.
- Council approved the contract with the Rogers Lions for a summer entertainment partnership. Bookings of entertainment are being worked on.
- Bids have been received for the second sheet of ice. Bids are favorable and as expected.

## **9. ADJOURN**

Motion to Adjourn at 7:57pm by M Volkers, seconded by Morrow. Motion carried 6/0.



**STAFF REPORT**

**ROGERS PARKS AND  
RECREATION ADVISORY  
COMMISSION**

**Meeting Date:** April 9, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 6.1

**Subject:** South Community Park Concessions

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

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**Overview / Background / Analysis**

During the 2025 summer season, the Rogers Otsego Youth Baseball Association (ROYBA) operated the South Community Park concessions on a trial basis. The trial period allowed staff to evaluate operational effectiveness and overall fit with the park's needs.

Following the trial, staff issued a formal Request for Proposals (RFP), posted publicly on the City's website last month. Only one proposal was received, submitted by ROYBA. Staff reviewed the proposal and confirmed that it meets the requirements and expectations outlined in the RFP attached.

Given the successful trial operation, the completeness of the submitted proposal, and the absence of competing applicants, staff recommends awarding ROYBA the concession operations contract for the 2026 season.

Additionally, staff recommends instituting an annual equipment replacement fee of \$1,200. This fee is intended to support the long-term maintenance and replacement of concession equipment owned by the City.

Requested PRAC Action

Staff requests that PRAC support the following actions:

Recommend approval of a concession agreement with ROYBA for the 2026 season.  
Endorse the inclusion of a \$1,200 annual equipment replacement fee as part of the agreement.

**Staff Recommendation**

Make a recommendation for staff to create a service agreement with ROYBA for the use of the SCP Concessions Stand.

**Financial Impact:**

**Source Fund:**

**Budgeted?**

**Supporting Documentation**

- A. South\_Community\_Park\_Concessions\_RFP 2026
- B. Rogers\_Concessions\_Proposal

City of Rogers, Minnesota

Request for Proposals (RFP) — South Community Park Concessions Stand Operations

Issue Date: 3/11/26

Proposals Due: 4/8/26 10:00am CST

Issuing Department: Parks and Recreation

Contact: Mike Bauer, Parks and Recreation Director

Email: [mbauer@rogersmn.gov](mailto:mbauer@rogersmn.gov) Phone: 763-428-0974

## 1. Introduction and Background

The City of Rogers is seeking proposals from qualified firms, individuals, nonprofits, or partnerships to operate the Concessions Stand at South Community Park. The City owns the building and provides core concession equipment. The selected Operator will provide high-quality, safe, and reliable concessions services that support youth games, tournaments, events, and general park use.

Location: South Community Park, Rogers, Minnesota

Ownership: Building owned by the City of Rogers

Intended Use: Food and beverage concessions operation

## 2. Scope of Services

The selected Operator shall:

- Provide food and beverage concessions suitable for families, youth sports, and park visitors.
- Hire, train, and manage staff or volunteers.
- Operate on all dates required by the City, including youth games, league nights, and tournaments.

- Provide and maintain POS systems.
- Maintain ADA accessibility at the service counter.
- Comply with all applicable health, safety, and food code requirements.

### 3. City-Provided Equipment and Utilities

The City provides the following equipment:

- Double-door freezer
- Single-door refrigerator
- Display cooler
- Hotdog roller
- Bun warmer
- NSF shelving
- Popcorn popper
- Microwave

The City provides utilities including electricity, water, and sewer. Equipment is provided as-is. The Operator must inspect the equipment prior to the start date.

### 4. Term

Initial Term: [2–3 years], beginning on or about 5/1/26.

Renewals: Up to two one-year renewal options at the City’s sole discretion.

Primary season of operation is spring through fall.

### 5. Compensation to the City

#### 5.1 Equipment Replacement Contribution (ERC) – Required Minimum

The Operator must pay an annual Equipment Replacement Contribution that covers end-of-life replacement cost for all City-owned equipment. The ERC is calculated by dividing each item's replacement cost by its estimated useful life. The ERC is paid quarterly. An ERC worksheet is included in Exhibit B. ERC is mandatory and separate from any base fee or percentage of sales.

## 5.2 Base Concession Fee and/or Percentage of Gross Sales

Proposers must provide one of the following compensation structures:

Option A – Base Fee plus Percentage of Gross Sales

Option B – Percentage of Gross Sales Only

Option C – Flat Annual Fee

ERC must be paid in addition to the selected compensation structure.

## 5.3 Security Deposit / Performance Assurance

A security deposit or performance assurance may be required as determined by the City.

## 5.4 Utilities

If applicable, the Operator will pay a utility surcharge or actual usage.

## 6. Operations Requirements

### Quality and Safety

The Operator must follow all food safety and health regulations.

### Cleanliness

Operator must maintain a clean facility inside and out.

## Waste and Sustainability

Waste and recycling procedures must comply with City policy.

## Maintenance

Operator performs routine and minor maintenance and reports equipment issues to the City.

## Signage and Advertising

All signage must be approved by the City.

## Cash Handling

Operator must maintain consistent cash-handling procedures with POS reporting.

## Emergency and Safety

Operator must maintain working fire extinguishers and basic first-aid supplies.

## Concessions Stand Staffing Requirements

The Operator must ensure that the Concessions Stand is open and fully staffed for:

- All youth games
- All youth practices or league nights designated by the City
- All tournaments scheduled by the City or field users

The City will provide seasonal schedules in advance. The Operator must cover all required operating periods unless excused in writing by the City.

## Restroom Supply Responsibilities

The City of Rogers will provide basic restroom janitorial service during weekdays and during scheduled tournaments.

During all hours that the Concessions Stand is open, the Operator is responsible for:

- Keeping restrooms stocked with toilet paper, hand soap, and paper towels
- Monitoring restroom supplies and replenishing them throughout the day
- Notifying the City of any facility issues that require repair

#### Schedule Submission for Door Security System

The Operator must submit an operating schedule to the City so the door security system can be programmed appropriately.

- Schedules must be submitted weekly or seasonally, as required by the City.
- Schedule changes must be submitted at least 72 hours in advance unless approved by the City.

#### 7. Permits, Licenses, and Compliance

Operator must secure and maintain all required permits and licenses, including food establishment permits and health inspections. Operator must comply with all laws and regulations.

#### 8. Insurance and Indemnification

Operator must maintain required insurance coverage including commercial liability, workers compensation, and other coverage as determined by the City. City must be named as additional insured.

#### 9. Reporting, Records, and Audit

Monthly reports of gross sales, transaction counts, inventory variances, and incidents are required. City reserves the right to audit.

## 10. Proposal Submittal Requirements

Proposals must include:

- Cover letter
- Company profile and qualifications
- Operations plan
- Startup timeline
- Financial proposal (Exhibit A)
- ERC worksheet (Exhibit B)
- Proof of insurance or letter of intent
- List of permits needed and timeline
- Exceptions or requested modifications
- Signed equipment condition acknowledgment (Exhibit C)

## 11. Evaluation Criteria

Criteria include:

- Operations quality and safety
- Menu and pricing
- Financial value to the City (including ERC adequacy)
- Experience and references
- Compliance and sustainability practices

## 12. Tentative Schedule

RFP issued: 3/11/26

Pre-proposal meeting/site visit: TBD

Questions due: 4/6/26

Proposals due: 4/8/26 10:00am CST

Interviews: TBD

Selection and award: 4/21/26

Contract start date: 5/1/26

### 13. Standard Terms and Conditions

Includes non-discrimination, no assignment without approval, termination clauses, governing law, and acknowledgment that no tenancy is created.

### 14. Questions and Submission

Submit questions and proposals to:

Mike Bauer, Parks and Recreation Director

Email: [mbauer@rogersmn.gov](mailto:mbauer@rogersmn.gov)

Proposals due: 4/8/26 10:00am CST

# **CONCESSIONS OPERATIONS PROPOSAL**

## **South Community Park – City of Rogers, Minnesota**

*A Community-Driven, Revenue-Generating Partnership Model*

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This proposal delivers more than a concessions operation—it creates a self-sustaining system that reinvests into youth sports and park facilities in Rogers.

Key Highlights:

- Reliable, high-quality concessions operations
- Strong and consistent financial return to the City
- 75% of operator profits reinvested into the local community
- Direct impact on lowering youth sports costs and improving facilities

This model aligns operational excellence with long-term community benefit, making it uniquely valuable to the City of Rogers.

City of Rogers

Parks and Recreation Department

Attn: Mike Bauer

Dear Mr. Bauer and Selection Committee,

We are excited to submit this proposal to operate the South Community Park Concessions Stand.

Our approach combines operational excellence with a community-first reinvestment model. We are not simply operating concessions—we are creating a system that enhances the park experience while directly supporting youth sports and facility improvements.

We look forward to the opportunity to partner with the City of Rogers.

Sincerely,

Tony Hoaglund

Rogers Otsego Youth Baseball Association - President

## **OPERATIONS PLAN**

### Service Model:

Fast, efficient, family-friendly concessions tailored to youth sports environments.

### Menu Strategy:

Core items (hot dogs, burgers, pizza), snacks, beverages, and premium tournament offerings.

### Staffing:

Combination of trained staff and community volunteers with defined roles.

### Training:

Food safety certified, customer-focused, POS trained.

### Hours:

Aligned with all games, tournaments, and City-required schedules.

## **FINANCIAL MODEL**

### Required Contributions:

- Equipment Replacement Contribution (ERC) paid quarterly
- Monthly reporting and compliance

### Proposed Structure:

- Percentage of gross sales to the City (aligned with expectations)
- 75% Operator / 25% City net profit share

Estimated Impact:

This model provides both guaranteed revenue and upside potential while incentivizing high performance and increased sales.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT MODEL**

Our 75% share of profits will be reinvested into:

### 1. Lowering Youth Sports Costs

- Registration subsidies
- Scholarships for families

### 2. Equipment Investment

- Shared team equipment
- Player development tools

### 3. Facility Enhancements

- South Community Park upgrades

This ensures revenue generated at the park directly benefits the families using it.

## **KEY DIFFERENTIATOR**

Unlike traditional concession vendors that extract profit, our model reinvests directly into the Rogers community.

This creates:

- Higher participation in youth sports
- Improved park facilities
- Stronger community engagement
- Long-term sustainability

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORTING**

We will provide an annual report including:

- Dollars reinvested
- Fee reductions achieved
- Equipment purchased
- Facility upgrades completed

This ensures transparency and measurable value.

## **STARTUP TIMELINE**

Weeks 1–2: Permits, inspection, planning

Weeks 3–4: Staffing, inventory, POS setup

Week 5: Soft launch

Season Start: Full operations

## **CLOSING STATEMENT**

This proposal creates a system where the City benefits financially, families receive better service, youth sports become more accessible, and facilities continue to improve.

We are excited about the opportunity to bring this vision to life in Rogers.



## STAFF REPORT

### ROGERS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: April 9, 2026

Agenda Item: 6.2

**Subject:** Consider Advertisements/Sponsorships for South Community Park Ballfields  
**Prepared By:** Mike Bauer, Parks & Recreation Director

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#### Overview / Background / Analysis

As South Community Park continues to grow in use and visibility, there may be opportunities to generate new revenue to support maintenance, capital improvements, and long-term facility sustainability.

Attached is a proposal from the Rogers Otsego Youth Baseball Association (ROYBA) outlining one possible framework for such a program. The document provides initial concepts for sponsorship tiers, naming rights, operational models, and potential reinvestment strategies. Key elements from the proposal include:

- A tiered system of advertising options, such as outfield fence signage, scoreboard sponsorship, field naming rights, and complex naming rights.
- A revenue-sharing model that allocates 25% of net proceeds to the City, after covering direct costs such as sign production, installation, and ongoing maintenance.
- A facility improvement plan that includes immediate scoreboard upgrades, short-term field enhancements, and longer-term goals such as turf mound installation and possible lighting improvements.

At this stage, the proposal should be viewed as a starting point—not a final plan. Staff will need to evaluate:

- Whether sponsorship and advertising align with the City's policies and community priorities
- The appropriate scale, design standards, and placement of signage
- Administrative responsibilities and expectations for partners or operators
- Revenue potential and long-term capital needs of South Community Park
- Opportunities to ensure fairness and consistency across all park facilities

I recommend initiating a discussion to determine whether the City would like to explore this concept further, and if so, to identify guiding principles for a potential program. Staff can then bring back options, revisions, or alternative models that align with community

values and operational feasibility.

**Staff Recommendation**

Pending Discussion

**Financial Impact:**

**Source Fund:**

**Budgeted?** N/A

**Supporting Documentation**

A. Rogers\_Sponsorship\_Proposal.docx

**SPONSORSHIP & ADVERTISING RIGHTS  
PROPOSAL  
South Community Park – City of Rogers,  
Minnesota**

A Community-Driven Revenue & Facility Enhancement Model

City of Rogers

Parks and Recreation Department

Attn: Mike Bauer

Dear Mr. Bauer and Selection Committee,

We are pleased to submit this proposal to develop and manage a comprehensive sponsorship and advertising program across South Community Park.

This program is designed to generate new revenue, fund facility improvements, and strengthen partnerships with local businesses.

Sincerely,

Tony Hoaglund

Rogers Otsego Youth Baseball Association - President

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This proposal creates a structured sponsorship program that generates revenue while funding long-term park improvements.

Key outcomes:

- Long-term field and facility upgrades and maintenance
- Immediate scoreboard investment
- New Revenue stream for the City
- Strong local business partnerships

## **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Outfield Fence Sponsorships

- \$1,500 (2-year term)

Scoreboard Sponsorships

- \$3,000 (2-year term)

Field Naming Rights

- \$25,000 (5-year term)

Complex Naming Rights

- \$100,000 (10-year term)

## **FINANCIAL MODEL**

Revenue Split:

- 75% Operator / 25% City

Revenue calculated after direct costs:

- Sign production
- Installation
- Maintenance

This ensures zero upfront cost and shared upside for the City.

## **CAPITAL INVESTMENT & FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Immediate (Fall 2026):

- Install new scoreboards

Short-Term (2026–2027):

- Field improvements
- Player and spectator upgrades

Priority Goal (2027):

- Turf pitching mound and home plate areas

Long-Term:

- Field maintenance funding
- Potential field lighting installation

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

This program allows private funding to support public facilities while improving access, quality, and long-term sustainability of youth sports infrastructure.

## **CLOSING STATEMENT**

This proposal creates a long-term partnership that benefits the City, local businesses, and families.

We look forward to the opportunity to bring this vision to life.



## STAFF REPORT

### ROGERS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: April 9, 2026

Agenda Item: 6.3

**Subject:** Rogers High School Baseball Booster Club Request

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

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#### **Overview / Background / Analysis**

The City of Rogers Parks and Recreation Department has received a formal request from the Rogers Dugout Booster Club seeking a partnership to complete improvements to the Rogers High School baseball field. Because the facility is jointly owned by the City of Rogers and ISD 728, staff is bringing this forward for PRAC discussion and a recommendation to the City Council.

The Booster Club is proposing a series of upgrades to enhance safety, functionality, and overall field quality. Many of the improvements address aging infrastructure that has not been updated in nearly 15 years. The proposal includes the following:

#### **Batting Cage Improvements**

- Remove worn turf
- Regrade surface
- Install new turf to the fence line

#### **Bullpen – Third Base Side**

- Remove existing batting cage structure
- Remove worn turf and regrade
- Install new turf to the fence line
- Install two bullpens with safety walls behind catchers

#### **Bullpen – First Base Side**

- Install a new bullpen for visiting teams (currently, no visitor bullpen exists)

#### **Parking Lot Improvements**

- Regrade parking lot (donated at no cost by Prairie Contracting)

The Booster Club notes that these upgrades will also reduce ongoing maintenance requirements by eliminating mowed areas and improving the durability of high-wear locations.

#### **Project Partners & Funding**

This project includes a unique partnership opportunity between the City of Rogers, ISD 728, TRIA, Prairie Contracting, and the Booster Club.

- TRIA has expressed interest in contributing funding
- ISD 728 has verbally committed to matching TRIA's contribution
- Prairie Contracting (owned by Rogers alumnus Nathan Meyer) has committed to donating the parking grading.
- The Booster Club is requesting that the City contribute one-third of the overall project cost.

**Estimated Project Costs**

Total estimated cost: \$18,600

- Bullpen & batting cage refresh: \$4,850
  - Visitor bullpen install: \$3,100
  - Turf materials: \$5,500–\$6,000
  - Turf installation: \$1,200
  - Batting cage net: \$1,279
  - Metal benches: \$1,665
  - Misc. supplies: \$500
  - Parking lot work: \$0 (donated)
- City's requested share: \$6,200

**Project Timing**

- Bullpen & batting cage installation: 2–3 days
- Turf installation: 2–3 days

**Discussion Items for PRAC**

To guide discussion, staff recommends PRAC consider the following:

- Does the project align with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan goals; specifically, maintaining safe, high-quality, and accessible recreation facilities?
- Is the proposed City contribution appropriate, given the joint ownership model with ISD 728?
- Are there operational or maintenance impacts PRAC would like to address prior to making a recommendation?
- Should the City's funding commitment be contingent on confirmed contributions from ISD 728 and TRIA?
- Are there any additional conditions or considerations PRAC wishes to include in its recommendation to City Council?

**Staff Recommendation**

**Financial Impact:**

**Source Fund:**

**Budgeted?**

**Supporting Documentation**

- A. Booster Club Request



From: Rogers Dugout Booster Club <royalsdugoutbooster@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2026, 3:46 PM

To: Mike Bauer <mbauer@rogersmn.gov>

Subject: Partnership Request - Rogers High School Baseball - Baseball Field Improvements

Dear City of Rogers Parks and Recreation Team,

On behalf of the Rogers Dugout Booster Club, I am reaching out to request a partnership with the City of Rogers to support much-needed improvements to the Rogers High School baseball field facilities.

Our baseball fields have not undergone any significant renovations or updates in nearly 15 years and are now lacking several basic amenities necessary to support a safe and functional program. To address these needs, we are proposing the following upgrades:

Proposed Improvements:

Batting Cage

- Remove worn-out turf
- Re-grade surface
- Install new turf extending to the fence

Bullpen – Third Base Side

- Remove existing batting cage structure
- Remove worn-out turf
- Re-grade area
- Install new turf to the fence
- Install two bullpens with safety walls behind catchers to protect spectators

Bullpen – First Base Side

- Install a new bullpen for the visiting team (currently unavailable)

Parking Lot (Donated by Prairie Contracting)

- Re-grade parking lot

This project represents a unique opportunity for collaboration, as the field is jointly owned by the City of Rogers and ISD 728. We have been approached by TRIA, which has expressed interest in contributing funding toward these improvements. Additionally, we have a verbal commitment from ISD 728 to match TRIA's donation. We are seeking a similar partnership with the City to help make this project a reality.

These fields serve not only Rogers High School athletes but also youth baseball programs throughout the community. Updating the facilities will ensure a safer, more accessible environment for all users while aligning with the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan goals of maintaining high-quality recreational spaces.

Beyond safety improvements, the proposed upgrades will also reduce ongoing maintenance requirements. For example, extending turf to the fence line will eliminate the need for mowing in those areas, and the new materials will be durable and low-maintenance.

We are proud of our strong community involvement and commitment to Rogers. Our program emphasizes volunteerism, fundraising, and community engagement from players, coaches, and families. We are also grateful to have support from community partners like Prairie Contracting, whose owner, Nathan Meyer (a Rogers High School alumnus), has generously offered to complete the parking lot improvements at no cost.

#### Estimated Project Costs:

- Total Cost Approximately: \$18,600
- Bullpen Install & Batting Cage Refresh: \$4,850
- Visitor Bullpen Install: \$3,100
- Turf Cost: \$5,500–\$6,000
- Turf Install: \$1,200
- Batting Cage Net: \$1,279
- Metal Benches for players: \$1,665
- Misc Building/Installation Supplies: \$500
- Parking Lot Re-grade: \$0 (donated)

#### Estimated Project Timing:

- Bullpen and batting cage install - 2-3 days

- Turf Install - 2-3 days

Installation Partners:

- Prairie Contracting

We will continue to seek additional community support; however, a partnership between the City of Rogers, ISD 728, and TRIA is essential to bringing this project to completion.

We are asking that the City of Rogers contributes 1/3 of the cost of this project which equates to \$6,200.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this proposal further and explore how we can work together to enhance this important community asset.

Sincerely,

Josey Dooley

President, Rogers Dugout Booster Club



**STAFF REPORT**

**ROGERS PARKS AND  
RECREATION ADVISORY  
COMMISSION**

**Meeting Date:** April 9, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 6.4

**Subject:** Recommendation of Playground Vendor for Sunnyside Park  
**Prepared By:** Mike Bauer, Parks & Recreation Director

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**Overview / Background / Analysis**

Two vendors have been identified as finalists for consideration based on previous Commission discussions, public comments, and engagement to date:

- St. Croix Recreation (Burke)
- Minnesota–Wisconsin Playgrounds (GameTime)

These vendors have provided complete proposals and presentations for the Commission’s review. Public comments received both prior to and during previous meetings have been shared with Commissioners for consideration in making a final recommendation.

Staff is requesting that the Commission:

Select one of the following vendors to move forward in the design and contracting process:

- St. Croix Recreation
- Minnesota–Wisconsin Playgrounds

Identify any desired modifications to the preferred vendor’s proposal, including but not limited to:

- Play features or layout changes
- Adjustments to color themes or aesthetic elements
- Accessibility or surfacing considerations
- Any additional refinements the Commission deems necessary

Recommend staff to work with the selected vendor to incorporate changes and prepare the final design for City Council consideration.

**Staff Recommendation**

**Financial Impact:**

**Source Fund:**

**Budgeted?** Yes

**Supporting Documentation**

A. Sunnyside Public Comment

Hello!

Sorry for the time, we were on vacation until today and we just got to our mail and saw the news about the park closest to our house. We are on the corner of Hollyhock and Jasmine and we just moved into the neighborhood in November. We have already visited the park several times with our 3 year old this year and love the ideas for the change. With another kiddo on the way, it feels really good to provide input for the park that our kids will grow up playing at.

My wife and I really like the versatility and wide inclusions from the renderings from the company GameTime. The only change I would suggest (if I can provide other changes) is the "spin and me" design I have seen similar designs in various parks and they usually don't get as much use as 2 or 3 single spinning structures.

If there is anything else we can provide, just let me know!

Thank you,

Austin, Alexa and Ruby (3) Schiller

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Hi there - I'm emailing about the new park in Sunnyside park. Our family would prefer the GameTime (blue) option. It would also be great if there were covered benches and/or picnic tables.

Is there an ETA on when the new park will be installed?

Thanks!

Hope & Ethan

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Good afternoon,

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to provide input into the replacement of Sunnyside Park. Our home backs up to the park and we see kids ages 1-16 enjoying these amenities daily.

Having a progressively age-appropriate playground provides an activity for children, (well into their teenage years) that deters boredom and destructive behaviors, while providing a safe space for recreation, wellness, and creativity.

The Burke proposal number 100-210752-1 is **not** a suitable or appropriate option to meet the needs of this neighborhood —Especially as it is the only playground nearby (besides

the elementary school). It is critical the equipment be age appropriate for children of various ages who come from nearby neighborhoods as well as the new multifamily homes.

I strongly urge the commission and City to use the plan labeled as “option two” (Gametime) as a replacement.

Additionally, I encourage the city to include shaded options for parents who are watching their children play. Please note that the sandpit with the diggers is used just as frequently as the other climbing equipment. I recommend the commission ask Gametime to adjust slightly to keep that feature.

Thank you,

Kirsten Santelices

Kirsten Santelices

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Hello,

I live next to Sunnyside Park and go there frequently with my children (ages 7, 4, and 1). I wanted to give feedback regarding the park improvement plan but will not be able to attend the in person meeting.

It's a little hard to tell evaluate the plans based on what was sent in the mail but overall these are the things I have thought of while at the park currently:

- It would be nice to have shaded seating near the park for hot sunny days to be able to sit and watch while my children play
- It would be nice to have baby swings near the older kids swings so I can push my baby in the swing at the same time I am pushing a slightly older kid who is ready for the bigger swing but not able to pump yet
- My kids love the large open sand area and play in there possibly more than anything else, so it would be nice to still have that or something similar

Thanks,

Elizabeth

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Hello!

We are residents of Sunnyside Estates and really like the blue/orange plans (MWP recreation plans?). We like that it's got more slides and like the larger play structures.

The other plan seems geared more towards smaller children but find our younger kids like more slides and larger things to climb. The sand element at the existing park also seemed to attract bees as well so wouldn't mind not having sand anymore in the park!

Tanner Jackson

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Hi there - I'm emailing about the new park in Sunnyside park. Our family would prefer the GameTime (blue) option. It would also be great if there were covered benches and/or picnic tables.

Is there an ETA on when the new park will be installed?

Thanks!

Hope & Ethan

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Please include zipline and more options for kids older than 5. It is currently geared towards younger kids and there are not a whole lot of things for elementary aged children. Also, a covered area with picnic tables would be nice. And there are not many benches for seating as is. Also, maybe a bike rack.

Nick Bowar

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Parks commission,

My children and I reviewed the recent mailer soliciting feedback on the two Sunnyside Park proposals. We unanimously support the proposal from GameTime. The kids ages 5, 8 and 10 were all impressed with the Altus tower play structure. My feedback is that the GameTime proposal feels more densely packed with fun structures and the structures appear to be more engaging.

In the future could you include a website or QR code in your mailer that makes digital copies of the proposals available? I personally would have enjoyed more photos and renderings to help form my opinion. Thank you!

Daniel Solon

13975 Starlite Dr.

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Dear parks and recreation advisory commission,

We are excited about the new renovations for sunnyside park, especially because it is within walking distance for us and we use it regularly!

Based on the two proposals sent we prefer option 2. Our children were a lot more excited by its options, especially the zip line track and sensory dome. Option 1 seemed to have a lot of the things sunnyside already has, just in brighter colors. Option two would feel much different and reminds us a lot of a park in St. Michael that we love.

Thanks for including us in your considerations. We look forward to the new playground!

The Kalhagen family

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**STAFF REPORT**

**ROGERS PARKS AND  
RECREATION ADVISORY  
COMMISSION**

**Meeting Date:** April 9, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 6.5

**Subject:** Consider a Working Group for Territorial Park

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

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**Overview / Background / Analysis**

Two homeowners have requested that the PRAC consider establishing a small task force or working group to further discuss Territorial Park and engage directly with nearby homeowners who continue to express concerns about the new park.

As the Commission is aware, each month our regular correspondence includes the latest comments from a couple of neighboring homeowners who remain uneasy about certain elements of the park. Forming a working group could provide an opportunity for more focused conversation, allowing representatives from the PRAC to meet with these neighbors, listen to their concerns in detail, and explore whether any reasonable adjustments could be made to address them.

For your discussion, please note the following project updates:

- The newly planted trees still need to be straightened.
- Plantings have not yet had a full growing season, so their appearance does not yet reflect the intended finished landscape.
- We are still waiting on the installation of the parking lot light, scheduled for this spring.
- The most recent neighborhood correspondence is included in the usual agenda item for your review.

A task force approach may help build mutual understanding and ensure the park continues to develop in a way that meets community expectations while maintaining our overall project goals.

**Staff Recommendation**

Pending Discussion

**Financial Impact:**

**Source Fund:**

**Budgeted?**

**Supporting Documentation**

None



## STAFF REPORT

### ROGERS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: April 9, 2026

Agenda Item: 6.6

**Subject:** Indoor Turf Season 2 Allocation

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

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#### Overview / Background / Analysis

As we begin reviewing the turf time requests for the upcoming allocation cycle, I want to bring an emerging issue to your attention and request your guidance before we finalize recommendations.

##### Issue Overview

All user groups that have submitted requests to date are asking for more hours than they received in 2026. While increased demand is positive and expected as the facility grows in popularity, it presents a challenge for maintaining a fair and transparent allocation process.

A key complication is that our largest user group from the first season, and notably the only group that consistently requested hours October through December during year one, may receive fewer hours under a full reallocation model. This is because other groups that did not request early-season time last year have now requested significantly more hours.

To proceed equitably and consistently with our allocation policy, I am seeking your input on the following:

- Should we fully reallocate all turf time from scratch each year, even if doing so reduces hours for groups that used the facility consistently during the inaugural season?
- Should prior-year usage be considered as a factor, particularly for groups that were early adopters or filled underutilized months, when determining allocations for the upcoming year?
- Should we preserve a baseline level of access for established groups, or should all groups, returning and new, enter the allocation cycle with equal standing each year?

If demand continues to exceed available hours, would PRAC prefer:

- Strict adherence to the weighted lottery and priority categories,
- Introduction of caps or ceilings on total hours per organization, or

- Another approach for balancing historical use with equitable access?

**Staff Recommendation**

**Financial Impact:**

**Source Fund:**

**Budgeted?** N/A

**Supporting Documentation**

A. Turf Allocation Policy

## Turf Allocation Policy

### Purpose:

The Turf Allocation Policy ensures equitable, cost-effective, and sustainable operation of the facility while balancing local and citywide needs. It provides clear priorities for turf use and establishes a process for managing allocations in a way that meets current and future demands for both organized and casual participants, with special consideration for youth sport development.

## Objectives

1. **Equity and Fiscal Responsibility:** Operate the facility in an equitable, cost-effectively, and fiscally sustainably.
2. **Local and Citywide Balance:** Balance local services and needs with those of the City as a whole.
3. **Stakeholder Engagement:** Provide users and stakeholders the opportunity to influence policy implementation.
4. **Meeting Demand:** Address current and future needs for both organized and casual participants.
5. **Youth Sport Development:** Recognize the importance of municipal facilities in the development of youth sports and prioritize accommodating youth activities.

## Allocation Priorities

1. **First Priority:**
  - a. City of Rogers Parks and Recreation programs and events.
2. **Second Priority:**
  - a. In-season Rogers High School sports until 6 PM.
3. **Third Priority:**
  - a. Tryouts, tournaments, and events lasting less than one week.
  - b. Allocations for this priority will follow the **weighted lottery system** based on:
    - i. 1 point for participants living within the Rogers High School attendance boundary outside the City of Rogers.
    - ii. 2 points for Rogers residents.
4. **Fourth Priority:**
  - a. Weekly or regular ongoing rentals lasting more than three consecutive weeks.
  - b. Allocations for this priority will also follow the **weighted lottery system** as described above.

Applications not fitting into these categories will be reviewed on a **first-come, first-served basis** after higher-priority requests have been processed.

## Processing of Turf Allocations

### *Prime Season (October – May)*

- **Application Deadline:** Requests for Prime Season turf time can be requested starting the **second Friday in March** and must be submitted by **the second Friday in April for the upcoming season.**
- **Allocation Deadline:** The Fieldhouse Supervisor will allocate Prime Season turf time by **the first business day in May.**

### *Non-Prime Season (June – September)*

- **Application Deadline:** Requests for Non-Prime Season turf time must be submitted by **December 1st** of the previous year.
- **Allocation Deadline:** The Fieldhouse Supervisor will allocate Non-Prime Season turf time by **the first business day** of the same year.

### *Late Applications*

- Applications received **after these deadlines** will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Late applications will only be considered after those submitted on time have been allocated turf time according to their entitlement.

## Youth Sport Development Considerations

In recognition of the role municipal facilities play in developing youth sports, special consideration will be given to youth-focused activities when determining allocations. This may include:

- Providing additional weight in the lottery system for youth organizations.
- Ensuring fair access to prime-time slots for youth sports groups.

## Annual Review and Policy Adjustments

This policy is intended as a multi-year framework for turf allocations. However, the **Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission** will:

- Review the policy and allocations annually.
- Reserve the right to deviate from the policy when it is deemed in the City's best interest.

### **Enforcement and Compliance:**

Failure to adhere to residency requirements may result in revoked turf time allocations or restrictions on future bookings. Stakeholders are encouraged to provide feedback during the annual review process to ensure continuous improvement of the allocation system.

## Step-by-Step Process

### 1. Gather Data from Each Group

- Ask each group to provide:
  - The number of participants living in the Rogers High School attendance boundary.
  - The number of participants who are Rogers residents.
- Cross-reference the data to identify participants who meet **both** criteria (residents within the boundary).

#### Example:

- Group A has:
  - 30 participants within the attendance boundary.
  - 20 participants who are Rogers residents.

### 2. Calculate Points for Each Group

- Assign 1 point for each participant who lives **only** within the attendance boundary.
- Assign 2 points for each participant who is a Rogers resident.

#### Example Calculation for Group A:

- **Boundary-only participants:**  $30 - 20 = 10$  points.
- **Rogers residents:**  $20 \times 2 = 40$  points.
- **Total Points for Group A:**  $10$  (boundary) +  $40$  (Rogers-only) = **50 points**.

### 3. Compile Points Across All Groups

- Repeat the calculation for all groups to determine their total number of weighted points.
- Example:
  - Group A: 50 points.
  - Group B: 75 points.
  - Group C: 100 points.

### 4. Create the Lottery Pool

- Add each group's total points into the lottery pool. Each point represents one "entry" in the pool. Groups with more points will have more entries and a higher chance of being selected, but all groups still have a chance.

**Example Pool:**

- Group A: 50 entries.
- Group B: 75 entries.
- Group C: 100 entries.
- Total pool entries = 225.

**5. Perform the Lottery**

- Randomly draw from the pool to allocate turf time slots. Use tools like:
  - **Manual Draw:** Write the number of entries for each group on slips of paper and draw.
  - **Spreadsheet Tool:** Use Excel/Google Sheets with a RAND() function to randomize.

**6. Repeat for Multiple Turf Slots**

- If there are multiple time slots, repeat the lottery process for each slot. Optionally, remove winning groups from subsequent draws or reduce their entries to distribute time more evenly.

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**Example Application**

Let's say there are three groups:

- **Group A:**
  - 25 participants live within the Rogers boundary.
  - 20 participants are Rogers residents.
  - Of these, 10 meet both criteria.
  - **Points:**
    - Boundary-only:  $25 - 10 = 15$  points.
    - Rogers-only:  $20 - 10 = 10$  points.
    - Dual:  $10 \times 2 = 20$  points.
    - **Total Points:**  $15 + 10 + 20 = 45$ .
- **Group B:**
  - 40 participants live within the Rogers boundary.
  - 30 participants are Rogers residents.

- Of these, 20 meet both criteria.
- **Points:**
  - Boundary-only:  $40 - 20 = 20$  points.
  - Rogers-only:  $30 - 20 = 10$  points.
  - Dual:  $20 \times 2 = 40$  points.
  - **Total Points:**  $20 + 10 + 40 = 70$ .
- **Group C:**
  - 50 participants live within the Rogers boundary.
  - 50 participants are Rogers residents.
  - Of these, 30 meet both criteria.
  - **Points:**
    - Boundary-only:  $50 - 30 = 20$  points.
    - Rogers-only:  $50 - 30 = 20$  points.
    - Dual:  $30 \times 2 = 60$  points.
    - **Total Points:**  $20 + 20 + 60 = 100$ .

**Total Pool:**

- Group A: 45 entries.
  - Group B: 70 entries.
  - Group C: 100 entries.
  - **Grand Total:** 215 entries.
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**Benefits of the Updated System**

1. **Fairness:**
  - Prioritizes Rogers residents and participants living within the Rogers High School attendance boundary.
  - Provides extra weight for dual qualifiers, reflecting their stronger local connection.
2. **Transparency:**
  - Clear point system makes it easy for groups to understand how their entries are calculated.

3. **Flexibility:**

- The dual-point system allows for prioritization while still giving all groups a chance to win.

4. **Community Focus:**

- Balances equity between participants directly connected to the City of Rogers and the local school system.

This updated system ensures a fair and community-focused approach to turf time allocation while maintaining transparency and flexibility.

**1. Prepare the Lottery Data**

- **Input Information:** Organize all submissions into a spreadsheet or database. Include:
  - Name of the group or organization.
  - Number of participants within the **Rogers High School attendance boundary** (1 point each).
  - Number of **Rogers residents** (1 point each).
  - Number of **Rogers residents within the attendance boundary** (2 points each).
  - Total turf time requested (e.g., weekly hours, special event duration).
- **Calculate Total Points:**
  - Add up the points for each group based on the weighted system:
    - 1 point for Rogers residents.
    - 1 point for those within the attendance boundary.
    - 2 points for those who qualify for both.

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**2. Create the Lottery Pool**

- Assign **lottery entries** to each group based on their total points. For example:
  - Group A earns 10 points → Enter Group A's name into the lottery pool **10 times**.
  - Group B earns 20 points → Enter Group B's name **20 times**.
- Use a digital system or software (e.g., Excel, Google Sheets, or lottery software) to duplicate the group names according to their points.

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**3. Conduct the Lottery**

- **Random Selection:**
    - Use a randomization tool or software to select groups from the pool.
    - Examples of tools:
      - Excel's RAND() function or RANDBETWEEN().
      - Online randomizers like Random.org.
    - Draw one name at a time, ensuring fairness.
  - **Allocate Turf Time:**
    - Begin with the highest-priority groups (e.g., Tryouts/Tournaments).
    - Assign their requested time slots if available.
    - If the requested slot isn't available, offer alternative options or place them on a waitlist.
  - Continue drawing names and assigning time until all available turf slots are filled.
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#### 4. Handle Conflicts and Overlaps

- **Conflict Resolution:**
    - If two groups request overlapping time slots, prioritize based on:
      1. Total points (higher points take precedence).
      2. Flexibility (e.g., willingness to accept alternative time slots).
  - **Transparency:**
    - Record the lottery process and results to ensure accountability.
    - Communicate clearly with groups that did not receive their requested slots.
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#### 5. Notify Participants

- Provide each group with:
    - Their allocated time slot.
    - Any alternative options or waitlist status.
    - Details on the next allocation process or adjustments (e.g., cancellations).
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#### 6. Review and Adjust

- After the initial allocations, assess the process:

Approved 3/11/2025

- Were any groups under-served or over-represented?
  - Are there unused slots to reallocate?
- Adjust future lotteries as needed based on feedback and data.



**STAFF REPORT**

**ROGERS PARKS AND  
RECREATION ADVISORY  
COMMISSION**

**Meeting Date:** April 9, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 6.7

**Subject:** 2026 Work Plan

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

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**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 Projects**

Indoor Turf Facility (Complete)

Future Recreation Facility Site Improvements (Complete)

South Community Park Athletic Improvements (Complete)

Splash Pad (Complete)

I-94 Ped Crossing (On Hold, No State Bonding Money Available)

144 Tunnel (On Hold: Cost of the project escalated beyond means)

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 (Bonding window did not match with a project with ISD 728)

**Staff Recommendation**

**Financial Impact:**

**Source Fund:**

**Budgeted?**

**Supporting Documentation**

A. 2026 Work Plan

B. Sketch PDF

2026 Work Plan Draft

Category	Project	Status	Next Steps
Trails	Brockton Lane to Wellstead Drive (FMP)	Design	Will be part of the SDLR reconstruct 2026
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	Complete	Not sucessful for the ice arena project for 2025
Facility	Senior Center Programming Locations		Duffy demolished the building Ground Breaking Scheduled for 11 am April 30
Parks	Sunny Side Park Playground Replacement	pre-design	Tonights Agenda
Parks	NCP Playground Replacement/Improvements		Waiting for Revisions from Weber and GameTime
Parks	Crow River Heights		CC Approved- Order Placed
Parks	Cowley Lake House Removal		
Park/Facility	SCP Ribbon Cutting		Set Date Spring 2026
Park/Facility	SCP Concessions Operations		RFP Issued Tonights Agenda.
Trails	South Community Park Trails	Budgeted	CC Approved, waiting for millings from street projects.
Plan	Plan for 2026 information gathering/strategies for master plan update	Budgeted	
Plan	North Side Skating Rink (Replace RAC Rink)	Budgeted	Discuss North Side Possibility
Parks	Parking Lot and Trail Lighting	Budgeted	
Park	Parking Lot Expansion South Community Park	Budgeted	Letter Sent to Lumen
Facility	Fieldhouse Office Buildout	Budgeted	Should be completed early May
Park	Lions Central Park Parking Lot Expansion	Budgeted	
Trails	North Community Park to Mallard Estate Trail Repaving	Budgeted	CC Approved Waiting for weather to pave
Park	Skye Meadows Neighborhood Park South	Budgeted	
Park/Trail	Neighborhood Park Trail Replacement	Budgeted	Augusta Prarie and Mallard Estates Trails are Approved for this summer
Park	Neighborhood Park Picnic Pavilion	Budgeted	Anderson Engineering is working on the RFQ
Park	Neighborhood Park Hard Court	Budgeted	

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from/last	Change from last report
On	On Hold





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

**Meeting Date:** April 9, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 8.1

**Subject:** Correspondence

**Prepared By:**

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**Overview / Background / Analysis**

**Staff Recommendation**

**Financial Impact:**

**Source Fund:**

**Budgeted?**

**Supporting Documentation**

- A. Coorispondence April
- B. 2026.03\_Parks and Rec Google Analytics
- C. Park and Rec Staff Update April



Correspondence

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Hi Mike,

Thanks again for your time today and glad we could pick up the conversation and share the updates to 2026 grant funding in Minnesota. Given the discussion and support for healthy living in your community we are excited to explore the feasibility for your county to join the campaign.

As discussed, I have attached the Briefing Presentation to this email. I've also included the video for sharing with other leaders and your colleagues:

[2026 NFC Municipal Briefing Deck](#)

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From: Communications- Rogers United Soccer

To: "Mike Bauer" <[mbauer@rogersmn.gov](mailto:mbauer@rogersmn.gov)>

Cc: "gerdes029" "kdphoto19", "President- Rogers United Soccer"

Date: Fri, 20 Feb 2026 18:42:50 -0600

Subject: Rogers elementary fields

Hi Mike,

I think I heard that Rogers has taken over the mowing along with the current striping at Rogers Elementary, if so great! I wanted to reach out directly because I hit a road block with ISD728, specifically I reached out and had a phone conversation with Tom Baranick - it did not go as I hoped it would have, which surprised me.

The area at Rogers Elementary is extremely bumpy and is not really game or practice ready because of the current condition. We tried last year with competitive practice and two games, and received very bad input from our teams and our opponents.

I offered that RUSC is willing to help improve the field condition, up to \$10,000. Ideally partner with ISD728 to add top dressing and core aeration to have funds go farther but the response was ISD does not really care about any improvements at this time - it serves the purpose for the school as is

Can we work with the City of Rogers instead? We can start small as we did at the VFW complex with improving two 11v11 areas and build out from there? This area would be ideal to eventually house the RUSC recreation program, but when we walked the field area last fall they had a hard pass due to safety concerns as well.

Please let me know your thoughts on this, if it's even possible. I copied Shawn who is our fields and facilities manager, Katie who oversees our recreation program, Jordyn our competitive director, and of course our Madam Prez, Sandy!

Thanks for letting me bend your ear!

Jim David  
RUSC Communications

Hi Jim,

Thanks for reaching out and for sharing your thoughts about the future investments for Rogers Elementary. I wanted to clarify that we are not taking over the mowing of the fields. Although we offered to take over mowing, the school district was unable to accept because of its existing labor agreement. The arrangement remains as is: ISD 728 continues to handle mowing, and the City of Rogers is still responsible for painting the fields.

Last fall, I had a chance to meet with Tom and walk the fields together. At that time, he mentioned the possibility of aerating and top dressing the fields. When I received your recent email, I reached out to Tom to confirm the status, but I haven't heard back yet. I'll let you know as soon as I have an update.

I appreciate your continued interest and investment in improving Rogers Elementary. I know it's a big decision for RUSC, and I'm happy to keep the conversation going and work together to find the best path forward. However, I am not familiar with the improvements made at the VFW complex. What did that entail?

If I do not hear back from Tom, I will reach out to other ISD 728 contacts, especially partners willing to invest in the field.

Best regards,

Parks and Recreation Director

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Mike Bauer

Hi Tom,

I am following up on our conversation last fall about the multipurpose fields at Roger's Elementary. Is it still planned to aerate and top dress the fields.

Thank you,

Mike Bauer  
Parks and Recreation Director

From: Thomas Baranick <[thomas.baranick@isd728.org](mailto:thomas.baranick@isd728.org)>

Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 8:46:56 AM

To: Mike Bauer <[mbauer@rogersmn.gov](mailto:mbauer@rogersmn.gov)>

Cc: Joseph Stich <[joseph.stich@isd728.org](mailto:joseph.stich@isd728.org)>; Richard Bohland <[richard.bohland@isd728.org](mailto:richard.bohland@isd728.org)>  
Subject: Re: Rogers Elementary Fields

Mike,

I talked to Joe. Our plan is to aerate and possibly roll. At this point we have no plans to top dress. If the city had some resources for material we might be able to put some labor to application.

We were thinking of getting on it as soon as the ground firmed up.

Thanks,

TB

Thomas Baranick  
Manager of Facilities  
ISD 728

We are not going to top dress the fields at RES. I talked to Joe from grounds and we agreed to see what the airification and rolling does for them.

\_\_\_\_\_ Hi Jim,

I wanted to give you a quick update on the conversations I've had with the district regarding the Rogers Elementary fields. After reaching out, they initially requested funding to help with top dressing the field, as they plan to aerate and roll the area this spring. I followed up to find out exactly how much funding they were seeking, but I received a message clarifying their position. They have decided not to move forward with top dressing at RES for now. Our Park Lead spoke with Joe from grounds, and after discussing it, they determined to wait and see how the aerification and rolling process impacts the field before considering any additional improvements.

Best regards,

Parks and Recreation Director

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Mike Bauer

Hi Mike,

Would this be your team that would prep for this? Or should I direct Matthew to someone else?

Shannon Klick, HRIP, PMP  
Rogers Mayor

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From: Matthew Deutsch  
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2026 1:32 PM  
To: Shannon Klick <[sklick@rogersmn.gov](mailto:sklick@rogersmn.gov)>  
Subject: Shannon,

Hello! I am starting to plan this year's memorial day service at the veteran's memorial. It will be at 8:00 a.m. on Memorial Day, 25 May. I would appreciate if the city could have the event center bathrooms open, and a key available to access the flag halyard. Also, could you please put the event details on the event center video display?

~ Matthew

Hi Matthew,

We're happy to help coordinate the Memorial Day service again this year. Below is a proof of the event sign. Could you please review it and confirm that all the details are correct? Once we have your confirmation, we can ensure everything is set.



As we get closer to Memorial Day, let's plan to touch base the week of May 18th to organize access to the flagpole key and confirm any remaining logistics.

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Hi!

My name is Anatoliy Tkach, a resident over at Lennar Skye Meadows, 12505 Rachael Dr, Rogers Minnesota.

This is our third email! We did not receive any response on the previous two emails. It makes me wonder if anyone is reading them and if there is a reason to continue writing an email.?

I am sorry if this email has a negative tone, but we are tired of being left to deal with these issues on our own.

My wife and I and our two children moved here two years ago when there was no park in our backyard. We enjoyed our home, safety, and privacy we had. But that changed when the park was built right in our backyard. After we moved in we were told that the city of Rogers will build a new park. We did not know what to make of it then, we've addressed our concerns of privacy, safety for our children, and noise. We thought the playground would be built in the middle of the empty land, not right in our backyard. Since the park has been built, we have lost enjoyment in living in our home since there are people peeking through our windows, (if you look from the park into our living room one can see what's on the dining table) for this reason we have to keep our blinds shut day and night, we should not have to go through this when we thought we bought our dream home and forever home. We have talked to the other three neighbors and all of us have the same concerns for lack of privacy, lack of safety for our children, and loud noises all day and night as well as lack of safety due to strangers visiting the park and my wife and children do not feel safe. One night, Last November at 11:00 PM I had to contact the police due to Teens Playing basketball with flashlights and climbing the playground towers laughing, yelling and making loud noises. Also we have noticed that everytime we

wanted to take our children to use the park, the playground/rides were taken by mainly older teenagers. They also leave a lot of trash behind, break equipment, etc. When a few of us parents confronted them that the playground is for kids twelve years old and younger, they screamed disrespectfully that they are twelve years old. With this being said, we have no use for the park! In addition, we have a hard time when we put our children to sleep for their nap time due to screaming, dogs barking, etc. We have no enjoyment in our (expensive) house and we are put in a situation where we have to consider moving out. This is a very unplanned situation and for this reason we are considering hiring a legal consultant to see what our options are. Sadly, the city of Rogers did not take into consideration any of our concerns. The trees that have been planted are of little use, it does not take care of privacy or noise issues. People cut through our backyards to get back into the main road instead of going around and dogs peeing and pooping in our backyard. For these reasons we are seriously thinking about moving out. Therefore, we will hire a lawyer and seek some kind of compensation for the troubles that we have to go through. Another concern we have is that having the park built in our backyard limits our ability to sell the home due to people's preferences if they want to live next to a park or not.

I am emphasizing again, these are not just our concerns alone, all of us neighbors share the same concerns, and I am sure they have written you countless emails also informing you of the discomfort that the new park has caused us.

I hope someone will read this email and give us some kind of response unlike the two other emails that I have sent. Or do we have to get together with our neighbors and address our concerns in person at the City of Rogers ?

Hi Anatoliy,

Thank you for reaching out. I apologize for the delay in responding. I have been out of the office on medical leave, and I appreciate your patience during that time.

I have brought your concerns, as well as those shared by your neighbors, to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for discussion. I want to share their feedback and clarify the park's planning history.

The Skye Meadows Park(now Territorial Park) project has been in development since 2020, with the first public concept plans posted online in 2021, and the location was designated in the 2017 Parks Open Space and Trail System Plan. These materials included the general park layout, which has remained largely consistent since that time. According to available records, your home was purchased in 2024, after the initial park design and location were already publicly available.

During the final design phase, you and several neighbors requested additional privacy measures. In response, more trees were added to the plan specifically to increase buffering between the playground and nearby homes. These trees will need time to mature before they can provide the level of screening you're hoping for. Due to the natural grade difference between the playground area and the homes, a complete visual or sound barrier is unfortunately not attainable.

Regarding the park incident, you took the correct action by contacting the police. We appreciate your willingness to report those incidents. To better enforce park hours and rules, additional signage will be installed at each entrance as soon as the ground thaws this spring.

**While some elements of the park's design and layout cannot be changed at this stage, I remain committed to working with you and your neighbors to address manageable concerns, particularly regarding behavior, late-night noise, and park rule enforcement.**

**Thank you again for taking the time to share these concerns. If you have any specific improvements to the park, I can bring them to the parks commission as well.**

**Sincerely,**

**Parks and Recreation Director**

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**Mike Bauer**

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Hi Anatoliy,

Thank you for sharing your perspective. We will consider your feedback and present it to both the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and the City Council.

Although the playground equipment is designed for children ages 2–5 and 5–12, there are no age restrictions on who can visit the park or use the swings. Our public parks are open to all community members, and older individuals using the amenities are not in violation of park rules. Here is a link to the park ordinances for a reference to what park-specific conduct is allowed: [https://library.municode.com/mn/rogers/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=CH38STSIOTP\\_UPL\\_ART38-IIIPUCOPA](https://library.municode.com/mn/rogers/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH38STSIOTP_UPL_ART38-IIIPUCOPA)

Best regards,



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Hello again Mike!

Is there a way we can schedule a time to meet at the city of Rogers city hall? Myself and a few of our neighbours would like to come and explain our concerns in person instead of over the email. It seems like our concerns and our messages are not understood and addressed.

We cannot enjoy living in our homes any longer do to the lack of privacy, safety, and noise. We do not need more benches and tables, we need privacy and safety for our children.

Please invest on a fence and some normal trees planted close together that will actually do something to help with our concerns.

I am submitting a few pictures/ideas of what we are asking. We cannot wait five years until the current trees will grow. They do not help us at all. There are dogs coming in our yards and pooping , there are people walking in our yards.

Please take our concerns into serious consideration and do something about it as soon as possible.

Summer is around the corner which means more people, more noise, and zero privacy. I can't comfortably put a small pool for our children to play with in our backyard because we don't feel comfortable knowing that strangers are looking at our children playing in the swimming pool. This is just one of many examples of lack of privacy.

We have walked to other parks around Rogers, none of them have the playground as close as this park.

There has to be something that can be done. Or is the city of Rogers ok with neglecting the four of us neighbours in order to accommodate the rest of the Rogers citizens? If this is the case I don't believe this is fair! We don't want to spend our money, invest our lives in a city that picks and chooses whom they accommodate.

**Please consider the following pictures as an example of what we are asking!**  
**Thanks in advance!**



Hi Anatoliy,

Thank you for your message. I want to assure you that I am willing to meet with you and your neighbors to hear more about your experiences and ideas regarding Territorial Park. However, decisions about changes to the park are not made by staff; these matters must be brought before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, which then makes recommendations to the City Council.

I'm happy to offer my assistance by providing technical information about the park and helping you find answers to questions about what may be possible. If you're interested in taking your concerns further, the next Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9. You are welcome to address the commission during the open forum portion of the meeting. Additionally, I can request that the commission consider forming a working group to meet with interested parties like yourself and your neighbors prior to presenting recommendations to the full commission at a later date.

Let me know how you'd like to proceed, and I'll do my best to support you throughout this process.

Best regards,



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Hello Mike!

Thanks for your reply and your willingness to help us address our issues!

Yes we are interested in forming a working group with our neighbors to voice our concerns before the parks and recreation advisory commission.

Also we would like to come to the commission meeting this coming Thursday, April 9th

What time is the meeting ?

If there are any instructions regarding the meeting please let us know!

Thanks

Hi Anatoliy,

The meeting will begin at 5:30 pm and will take place at the 21st Century Bank Event Center tomorrow, April 9th.

You are welcome to sign up for the open forum to voice your concerns directly to the commission; however, I've included an agenda item to discuss forming a working group for Territorial Park. The goal for tomorrow's meeting is to establish this group, which will include staff and no more than two commission members. Structuring it this way keeps the process focused and productive while avoiding issues with an official quorum.

Once the working group is in place, we'll be able to schedule additional meetings to address ongoing concerns and ideas for the park. The working group will report back to the commission and move through the usual approval process as needed.

Best regards,



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Mike,

Thank you for the reply. With all due respect, trees that "might" provide some privacy 6-8 years from now do not do us any good for our current situation. While we appreciate the modifications made and the offer for more signage, neither of those protects our homes and our families or reduces the uncomfortableness we feel just being in our own homes. Just this weekend we documented (photo/video) a few instances of dogs off-leash running through and on the park and our yard. We don't feel safe letting our child be in his own backyard to play (and that was when it was cold out, let alone the warmer days when we have seen 40+ people at the park on multiple occasions). We want to feel like the city cares about the homes that you have put out by placing the park where you did. I'm sure if anyone on the Advisory Commission lived here they would at minimum demand a fence to keep the people, kids, dogs, and trash out of their property + actual trees for privacy.

We are hoping we can still come up with a solution together. In the meantime, can you please send me the information for the items below or direct me to where I can find them?

- 2021 Master Plan for the park
- The site plan
- The grading plan
- Stormwater/drainage plan
- Any environmental or EAW that was done

Regards,

Ryan

Hi Ryan,

Thank you for your message and for sharing the additional concerns.

I want to reiterate that your concerns have been shared with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. One of the commission members has Lions Central Park in her own backyard, so the perspective of living directly next to a park is represented in their discussions.

To address your request for project information, I have attached the following documents:

- The August 2021 concept plans
- The February 2022 master plan
- The full construction documents, including the site plan, grading plan, and the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan

These construction documents are the same materials that were previously shared. They represent the approved and permitted design and show the grading, layout, and amenities as intended and ultimately built.

Regarding your question about environmental review: an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) is not required for standard park construction under Minnesota rules, so no EAW was prepared for this project.

In the meantime, I remain committed to working with you to find practical improvements where possible, particularly regarding park behavior, enforcement of leash rules, and user impacts on nearby yards. Documenting incidents, as you have been doing, is helpful, and calling the police to enforce the park rules:

[https://library.municode.com/mn/rogers/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=CH38STSIOTPUPL\\_ART38-IIIPUCOPA](https://library.municode.com/mn/rogers/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH38STSIOTPUPL_ART38-IIIPUCOPA). I verified with the police captain that dogs running off-leash and people in the park after hours would fall into this category.

Sincerely,



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Mike,

Park behavior is important, but we can't look past the fact that we have lost all privacy in our homes and yard. Also, I don't feel Lion's Park is comparing apples to apples. We are closer and we don't have mature trees or a street between us and the park. None of those house have the park directly in their backyard where anyone can see inside their homes anytime of day. None of those homes have to keep their blinds closed. None of those homes can't enjoy their deck or backyards. There must be something that can be done. There was a million dollars budgeted for this park. I can't believe there isn't a little money somewhere for a couple trees and a fence. I appreciate you continuing to work with us on this. I'm hopeful we can come to a solution that makes everyone happy. By the way this includes neighborhood people as well. I've talked to several and none of them like how close the houses are to the park. It goes both ways.

I'm contacting the city clerk for some information, but maybe you have this on hand. Can you send me anything from the information about the park (meetings, documents, emails, etc) where it specifically calls out how high the were going to raise the site?

Best,

Ryan

Hi Ryan and Ashly,

I want to clarify a bit about the differences between Lions Central Park and Territorial Park, as they relate to concerns about privacy and park usage. Lions Central Park is a community destination that hosts events and draws visitors from all over town and beyond, while Territorial Park is specifically designed as a neighborhood park. Its intended service area is roughly within a half-mile radius, so in practice, it's a space that primarily serves those who can walk from their homes, rather than attracting large crowds for organized programming.

Regarding your questions about the park budget, I have confirmed that the entire allocation for the project has been spent. If there are specific types of trees or additional plantings you'd like to see considered, you are welcome to submit a request to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for review. They can evaluate potential enhancements if opportunities arise.

As for the elevation concerns, the lines indicated on the grading plan I sent in my previous email reflect the intended grade and elevation of the site as built.

Plans for the park were discussed at these meetings:

<https://rogersmn.portal.civicclerk.com/event/85/files/agenda/355>  
<https://rogersmn.portal.civicclerk.com/event/82/files/agenda/287>  
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<https://rogersmn.portal.civicclerk.com/event/188/files/agenda/266>  
<https://rogersmn.portal.civicclerk.com/event/187/files/agenda/252>

If you require any additional information or official copies beyond what's available online, you'll need to request them through the city's formal data request process.

I appreciate your commitment to working toward a solution and am always here to help facilitate communication with the Advisory Commission and city staff.

Best regards,



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Mike,

Thank you again for the reply and for continuing to work with us. I'm sure you don't love being in the middle of this. I also appreciate you trying to deescalate the situation with the examples, but honestly I'd take a random community gathering vs an all-day every day intrusion anytime. I understand the intention was a neighborhood park where people can walk to, but with a parking lot, picnic tables, and hundreds of homes (and growing) in the neighborhood, suddenly the "neighborhood" feel is gone. In the short couple of months it's been open there's been reports of a gun being used and vandalism so the optimistic feel that was generated in the meetings has quickly deteriorated. Our forever homes are potentially no longer that and we just want to feel like we matter too. That we're not part of the "well a few families will be upset, but the majority will love it" agenda. We'd hope the city would want everyone in their community to feel comfortable in their homes.

The additional information is helpful. I don't mean to keep asking for the same information, but reading plans and deciphering the information is new to us.

Can you tell me how to best contact the Advisory Commission? Any contact info you can share would be helpful.

Thank you,

Ryan

Hello Ryan,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts so candidly. I understand how the activity level at Lions Central Park feels different; there are plenty of people outside the community there every day, but that's a bit beside the point. What matters most now is finding a way forward. I can assure you that all of your comments have been shared with the commission through your email on February 26th, because we did not have a March meeting, these last comments have not been shared yet.

I want you to know that I'm happy to offer my assistance by providing technical information about the park and helping you get answers to any questions you may have about what's possible. If you're interested in taking your concerns further, the next Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9. You are welcome to join and address the commission during the open forum portion of the meeting. If you feel it would be beneficial, I can also request that the commission consider forming a working group to meet with interested parties, such as yourself and your neighbors, before presenting recommendations to the full commission at a later date. This could be a helpful way to ensure your voices are heard and that possible solutions are explored together.

Please let me know how you'd like to proceed, and I'll do my best to support you throughout this process. Your commitment to working constructively toward a solution is appreciated, and I'm here to assist however I can.

Best regards,



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Hi Mike,

I hope you had a Happy Easter. I think the request to form a working group would be helpful. How do we do that? Do you need anything from us to get that started?

Thanks,

Ryan

Hello Ryan,

I hope you had a wonderful Easter as well. I wanted to let you know that another neighbor has also requested the formation of a working group, so I'll be adding this topic to the agenda for tomorrow night's Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting. The meeting will be held at the 21st Century Bank Event Center, starting at 5:30 p.m.

If you'd like to attend, you're more than welcome to join us in person. If you aren't able to make it, I'll be happy to follow up with you afterward and share the results and any next steps discussed.

Best regards,



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Good Morning,

Thank you for the information. I think I can speak for all of the neighbors and say that we hope a working group can be put together. I don't know if I will be able to attend tomorrow's meeting. How often are there meetings? If we miss tomorrow, we can always attend a future meeting, correct? I want to make sure tomorrow is not our only opportunity.

Thank you,

Ryan

Good afternoon,

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meetings are generally held once a month when we have action items to address, so there will definitely be future opportunities for you and your neighbors to join if you're unable to attend tomorrow's session.

For tomorrow's meeting, the primary goal is to establish a working group comprising staff and no more than 2 commission members. This approach helps us avoid any issues with an official quorum and keeps the process focused and productive. Once this group is formed, we'll be able to schedule additional meetings specifically as a work group to dive into ongoing concerns and ideas for the park. This will allow for more detailed discussion and collaborative problem-solving going forward. The working group would report to the commission and proceed through the process of approvals.

You're always welcome at future meetings, and we'll keep you informed about next steps and upcoming dates.

Best,



Mike Bauer

Hi Mike -

Little blast from the past. I hope you remember me! (Edgewater Park).

First, congratulations on the continued development of the city. It's coming together!

What a blessing the field house is!

I am writing today to ask about the best process and path to add a little TLC to the Rogers Highschool grounds. Specifically the areas surrounding the softball fields. If you arent the right person to reach out to, can you let me know who is.

First topic: The walking/bike path. The water drainage into the curved area has been an issue since I moved here in 2008, and it seems to be getting progressively worse. The kids and families shouldn't have to work around this obstacle—it's gross and dangerous. I routinely see young siblings of players mucking around in it over the summer like its a pond. Who owns maintenance and how can we get them to take action? I understand why its an issue and that with current drainage, it might not have a perfect fix but there has to be something that can be done to improve it...

p.s. there is a lot of bare grass/dirt and dead spots that could benefit from over seeding around the dugouts and bleachers that would be nice to address as well.

I have attached some images for reference.

Topic two: batting cages. The booster club/program players and families have tried to maintain this area over the years and its also in tough shape. Impacted by drainage issue and a lack of viable materials to rake and spread in the cages for regular maintenance.

I am currently working a plan to improve some of this with my own time and \$\$ resources but, also would ask who owns maintenance and how can we partner with them to do a little tlc to freshen it up? Myself and some other dads are willing to do most of the work but we could use some help from the city with bringing in some materials to to help us?

Topic three - Maybe I should have waited on this but since I am reaching out, nearly all of the fields in the area could benefit from a punch list and a plan for maintenance. My kids and I will try to pop on North Community, Lynch and Hassan Elementary (since outgrown) and the little things like a feasible home plate are lacking. The fences could use a little help and even the benches, etc can be iffy. The same applies to middle school fields and other areas with drainage problems or holes (ankle breakers). I appreciate that the overall scope and cost of these facilities is no small undertaking. I also know that if people arent using them -they might not know what the issues are. I personally think the cost to bring some of these fields into better condition shouldnt be all that much financially for our growing community. If there is a committee - Id be open to joining :-)

How can I help? What can we do?

Thank you for listening - Kevin Mathews

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Hi Kevin,

Of course, I remember you! It's great to hear from you, and I really appreciate you sharing your thoughts and suggestions. I feel very fortunate to be involved in so many exciting projects around the community.

Regarding your first topic, most of the Rogers High School grounds, including the trails, fields, dugouts, and batting cages, are actually school district assets. These fall under a Joint Powers Agreement between ISD 728 and the City of Rogers, which means we, as a community, have access to the fields when they're not being used by RHS, and we can provide basic maintenance, such as dragging and chalking. However, when it comes to larger improvements or renovations, those decisions rest with the school district.

A couple of years ago, I advocated for upgrades to the trails and fields, and the district's feedback pointed to future maintenance projects as the best opportunity for major changes. They mentioned that the drainage issues would need to be addressed as part of a larger site renovation. Zimmerman's recent field improvements have set a new standard, and the district has indicated that RHS upgrades are on its radar for the coming years, but unfortunately, I haven't heard any specifics regarding a timeline. If you haven't had a chance to check out the Zimmerman site, it's worth a visit to see what's possible!

Regarding batting cages, I've received similar partnership requests from the baseball side, so I agree it's a good idea to approach the district with a joint proposal for improvements.

RMS fields fall under a similar JPA as RHS, so we have to start with the school district. I have attached a map showing where the JPA lines are drawn.

As for NCP and Lynch, those are definitely areas where we can explore making some upgrades, especially with our current park lead retiring in May; this is a great time for new ideas and collaboration.

If you'd like, we can set up a meeting to discuss these projects and explore how we might work together to move things forward. You're welcome to send me any more details, or we can meet out at the fields to walk through the possibilities.

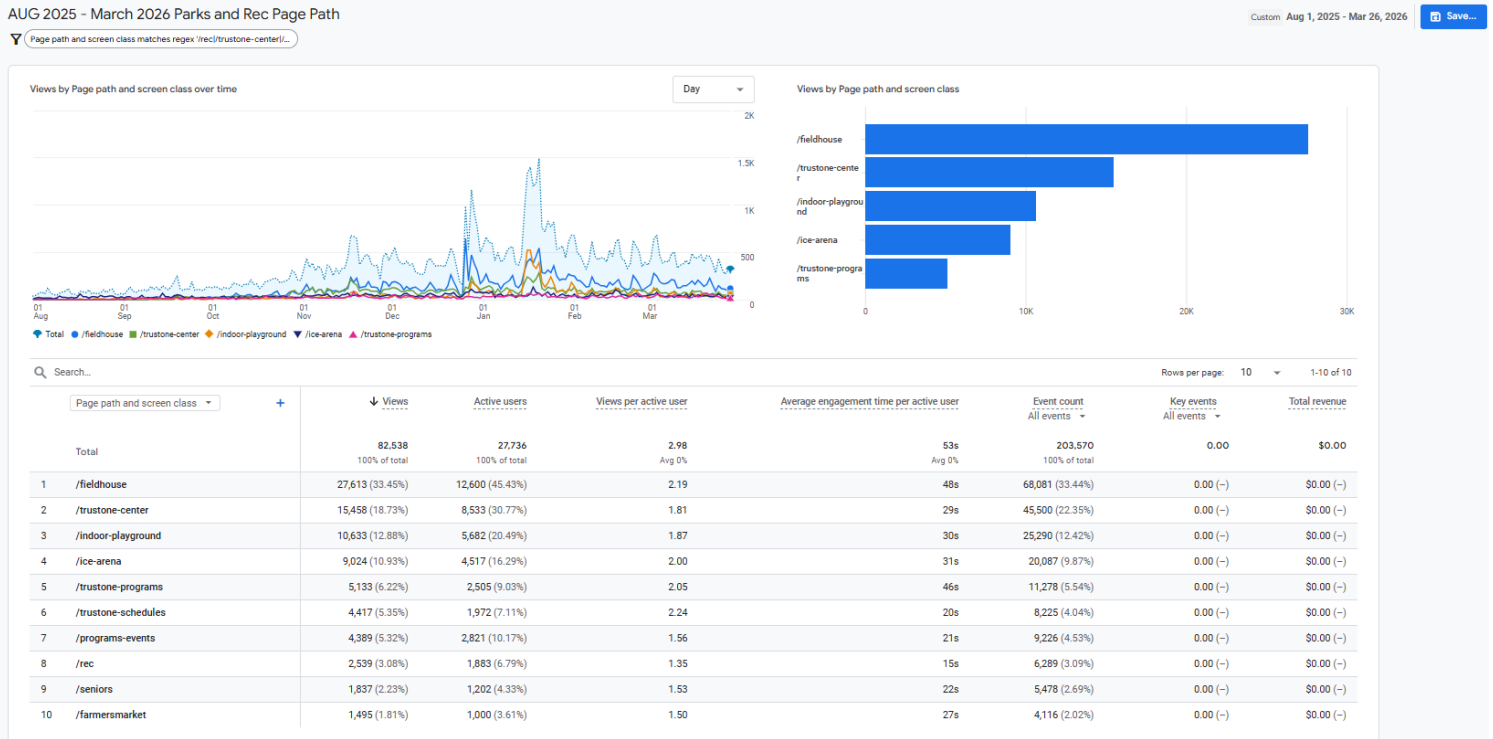
Thanks again for your passion and willingness to help. Let me know how you'd like to proceed!

Best,

Mike Bauer

## PARKS AND RECREATION

### Data-Informed Navigation & Homepage Recommendations



Source: Google Analytics 4 (last 7 months | AUG 2025 – MAR 2026)

## Objective

Use website analytics to guide changes and updates to the Parks & Recreation landing page and main navigation, so the design fits how people use the site and what residents are looking for most.

## **KEY FINDINGS**

### **1. Facilities dominate user interest**

- Fieldhouse: **27,613 views (33%)**
- TruStone Center: **15,458 views (19%)**
- Indoor Playground: **10,633 views (13%)**
- Ice Arena: **9,024 views (11%)**

**Most people visit the site to find and use Parks & Recreation facilities.**

### **2. Programs & schedules represent high-intent behavior**

- Programs: **5,133 views**
- Schedules: **4,417 views**
- Programs & Events: **4,389 views**

**People come to the site specifically to look for programs and schedules—these are central to their needs.**

### **3. General information is of lower priority**

- Rec homepage: **2,539 views**
- Seniors: **1,837 views**
- Farmers Market: **1,495 views**

**General information pages get less traffic and aren't where most people start their visit.**

### **4. Engagement behavior varies by content type**

- Programs: **46s avg. engagement** = decision-making content
- Fieldhouse: **48s avg. engagement** = exploratory
- Schedules: **20s avg. engagement** = quick lookup

**Each type of page needs a different approach:**

- Programs > detailed + action-oriented
- Schedules > fast, scannable access

## Recommended Landing Page (6 Buttons)

Designed to address top tasks and highest-demand destinations:

1. **HealthPartners Fieldhouse**
2. **TruStone Center**
3. **Programs & Events**
4. **Schedules**
5. **Facilities** (*Ice Arena, Indoor Playground, etc.*)
6. **Rentals / Reservations** (*if applicable*) or **Indoor Playground** (*if more prominent*)

If rentals are not a primary function, substitute with **Indoor Playground** or another high-priority service.

## Recommended Global Navigation (4–5 Items)

Organized by user intent rather than internal structure:

- **Programs & Events**
- **Facilities**
- **Seniors or Active Adults (50+)** (smaller audience, but high-value/high-need)
- **Rentals & Reservations** (*if applicable*)
- **Parks & Trails** (*if applicable*)

### Strategy Summary

This proposed structure is built around what people want to do:

#### 1. “I want a place.”

High facility traffic implies that direct access is preferred.

#### 2. “I want to do something.”

Programs and schedules are clearly grouped and visible.

### 3. “I need general info.”

Lower-traffic content is deprioritized on the homepage.

## Decision Basis

Look at designing the Parks & Recreation landing page based on real user behavior over the past 7 months. Most people come to the site to visit facilities or join programs and activities, so those pages should get top priority. The navigation focuses on these needs and keeps everything easy to find.

## Outcome

- Easier access to high-demand services
- Reduced clutter and decision fatigue
- A structure that’s data-informed and focuses on what residents need.



## Staff Updates

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### Revenue – Field Rentals

So far in 2026 we have generated a little over a third of our projected revenue for the year for turf rentals. The projection for 2026 is \$385,000 and we have brought in \$140,407.47 in field rental revenue so far. This number only includes monies collected from January and February as March has not been calculated and reported yet by Finance.

### Birthday Parties

Birthday Parties have been a huge hit this winter/spring! Since launching in early February, the Fieldhouse has generated \$8,282.50 in revenue from birthday party rentals, with bookings currently scheduled through the end of June.

### Admissions and Memberships Revenue & Suggestions

The Fieldhouse has also accumulated almost \$37,000 in admissions so far from January and February in 2026. Admissions include the daily fees for walking track, playground, tot time, and open turf. We are sitting at about 75% of our projected revenue for admissions in 2026 as well. I expect we will be way above that, which is awesome news!

The Fieldhouse additionally has generated almost \$8,000 in revenue for membership fees.

The operations staff would welcome the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to discuss the walking track fee altogether, with a couple of options in mind. Similar facilities in the state do not charge for walking, especially surrounding communities- Elk River and Maple Grove dome. We have received multiple comments about charging for non-residents, specifically those who come to the Fieldhouse for their child's practice, game, etc.

Another suggestion (that we talked about today) is whether we should propose that organizations pay a fee of some sort to have the walking track included in their field rental so that parents/guardians could walk the track whenever they are visiting the Fieldhouse for their child's field rental?

Eliminating the walking track fee would help make things easier on our end for staff as far as making sure those who are using the track have checked in and/or paid to use it, as we tend to get people trying to sneak by without doing so (during busy times specifically). It would also be helpful for the older adult community as Finnly's membership registration is a little cumbersome for them.

### Summer Hours – Memorial Day-Labor Day

Our new hours for the summer starting (the day after) Memorial Day will be the following:

- Monday-Friday: 9am-6pm
- Saturdays: 10am-5pm
- Sundays: 12-5pm

**Senior Pickleball**

- Seniors Pickleball will continue to run at the same time until June, when we will transition to summer hours

Date	Participants	Revenue
3/6/2026	Canceled due to low participation	
3/13/2026	14	\$70.00
3/20/2026	12	\$60.00
3/27/2026	7	\$35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>\$165.00</b>

**Learn to Skate**

- Spring session of Learn to Skate began 3/21/26
- 20 less registrants than Spring 2025, but number of new skaters enrolling in Snowplow Sam 1 was up by 20
- Next sessions will be June and July, registration will open in May

Class	Participants	Revenue
Adult/Teen Class	5	\$360.00
Basic Skills 1	7	\$504.00
Basic Skills 2	4	\$288.00
Basic Skills 3	5	\$360.00
Basic Skills 4	3	\$216.00
Hockey 1	15	\$1,080.00
Hockey 2	9	\$648.00
Hockey 3	2	\$144.00
Hockey 4	1	\$72.00
Hockey Edge	3	\$216.00
Snowplow Sam 1	50	\$3,600.00
Snowplow Sam 2	32	\$2,304.00
Snowplow Sam 3	13	\$936.00
Snowplow Sam 4	4	\$288.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>\$11,016.00</b>

**Wedding Fair**

- 4<sup>th</sup> annual Wedding and Events Fair was held at the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Event Center on 3/21/26
- 19 vendors, on par with years 1-2 but down from year 3
- 14 returners and 5 new vendors
- ~60 attendees, down from ~100 from years 1-3. Previous fairs were held the second Saturday of February, but this year was switched to March due to Valentine’s Day falling on the proposed date. I believe the combination of the new date and the first beautiful day of spring contributed to the lower attendance.

- Fair moving back to February for 2027, but adjusting to first weekend to avoid conflicts with Valentine’s Day, Buffalo Wedding Fair, and Rockwoods Wedding Fair

<b>Revenue</b>		
Vendor fee	18 @ \$45/each	\$810.00
Free vendor (City Table)	1	
		<b>\$810.00</b>

### **Adult Softball**

- 16 teams registered for Monday night softball at NCP/Lynch Park
- 14 returning teams, 2 new teams
- Season will start 5/4/26

<b>Proposed Revenue</b>		
Team registration fee	16 teams @ \$800/each	\$12,800.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$12,800.00</b>
<b>Proposed Expenses</b>		
Umpire fees	192 games @45/each	\$8,640.00
Softballs	16 dozen @ \$60/dozen	\$960.00
Team sanction fee	16 teams @ \$25/team	\$400.00
Field set-up	44 fields @ \$35/field	\$1,540.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$11,540.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>		<b>\$1,260.00</b>

### **Community Gardens**

- Garden registration opened March 1 for returning gardeners, early bird registration until April 1
- The parks team the wood borders of half of the plots at the Watertower location, and will replace the other half next year. The parks team also topped off the soil at the LCP location
- 25 returning gardeners, 2 new gardeners

<b>Proposed Revenue</b>		
Plot registration fee	26 plots @ \$30/each	\$780.00
	1 free plot (seniors)	
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$780.00</b>



**Farmers Market**

- We have received 32 applications for the Summer Farmers Market
- Farmers Market Coordinator Kristen Scott is in the process of reviewing and contacting potential vendors with the status of their application
- Current list is:

<b>Revenue</b>		
2026 Vendors	Booth Size	Fee
Beck's Elk River Greenhouse	2	\$225.00
Svihel Vegetable Farm	2	\$225.00
Moore Sweets by C	1	\$120.00
Windsperger Produce	1	\$120.00
Sourdough Love	1	\$120.00
Summer Lakes Beverage	1	\$120.00
Hanson Enterprises, Inc.	1	\$120.00
Jimmy Rays BBQ	1	\$120.00
Asguard Farms	1	\$120.00
Happy Canning Company	1	\$120.00
LaLa Blooms	1	\$120.00
Ruth's Farming	1	\$120.00
Ken's Craft Cove	1	\$120.00
Pure Nature Honey	1	\$120.00
Wild Crafted Kitchen	1	\$120.00
Dang's Fresh Produce	1	\$120.00
HealthSource of Rogers	1	\$120.00
Norsewood Acres	1	\$120.00
LICHA Tortillas	1	\$120.00
Squirrel Mind Design	1	\$120.00
<b>Total</b>	20 vendors	<b>\$2,160.00</b>

### Facility Rentals

- Currently have 86 private rentals booked in the parks for 2026 bringing in \$16,307.50

Facility	Rentals	Revenue
<b>LCP Sunroom</b>		
Private Rentals	8	\$1,246.25
City of Rogers	0	
<b>LCP Pavilion</b>		
Private Rentals	1	\$25.00
City of Rogers	0	
<b>LCP Combo</b>		
Private Rentals	0	\$0.00
City of Rogers	0	
<b>NCP Pavilion</b>		
Private Rentals	0	\$0.00
City of Rogers	0	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,271.25</b>

### Misc

#### Summer Intern

- We have extended an offer to Kali Mahron to fill the Summer Internship position, pending background check. She will start end of May, exact date TBD.

#### Entertainment in the Park

- We are partnering with the Rogers Lions Club for our full-scale bands for this EITP season.
- The Lions are paying for 2 Wednesday bands + Oktoberfest entertainment, and the City is paying for 3 Wednesday bands.
- Lions will have beverages and food available for sale at these dates.

#### Art in the Park

- We are putting together an Art in the Park summer program which will be lead by Patty Schneider, an art teacher who lives in town.
- Art in the Park will be a four week program, Tuesdays for grades Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursdays for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> at the Lions Central Park Sunroom.
- Registration will be available for all four sessions, or you can pick and choose what dates work for you.
- Weekly themes include:
  - Chalk art
  - Slime fun
  - Drawing from nature
  - Self-portraits
- Cost TBD

### Event Center

**Events in February:**

- 9 Non-profit (reduced or no fee)
- 11 City (no fee)
- 7 Paid (full fee)

**February Booking Statistics:**

- 13 contracts processed for 2026 events
- 1 contracts processed for 2027 events
- 17 new inquiries about future rentals
- 7 facility tours

**Event Center Notes:**

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Bank Event Center Use & Revenue Statistics for February 2026:**

Account Type	Hours Used	Total Revenue
Individual	64	\$ 7,460.00
Internal	14.5	\$ 550.00
Non-Profit	30.5	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>\$ 9,010.00</b>

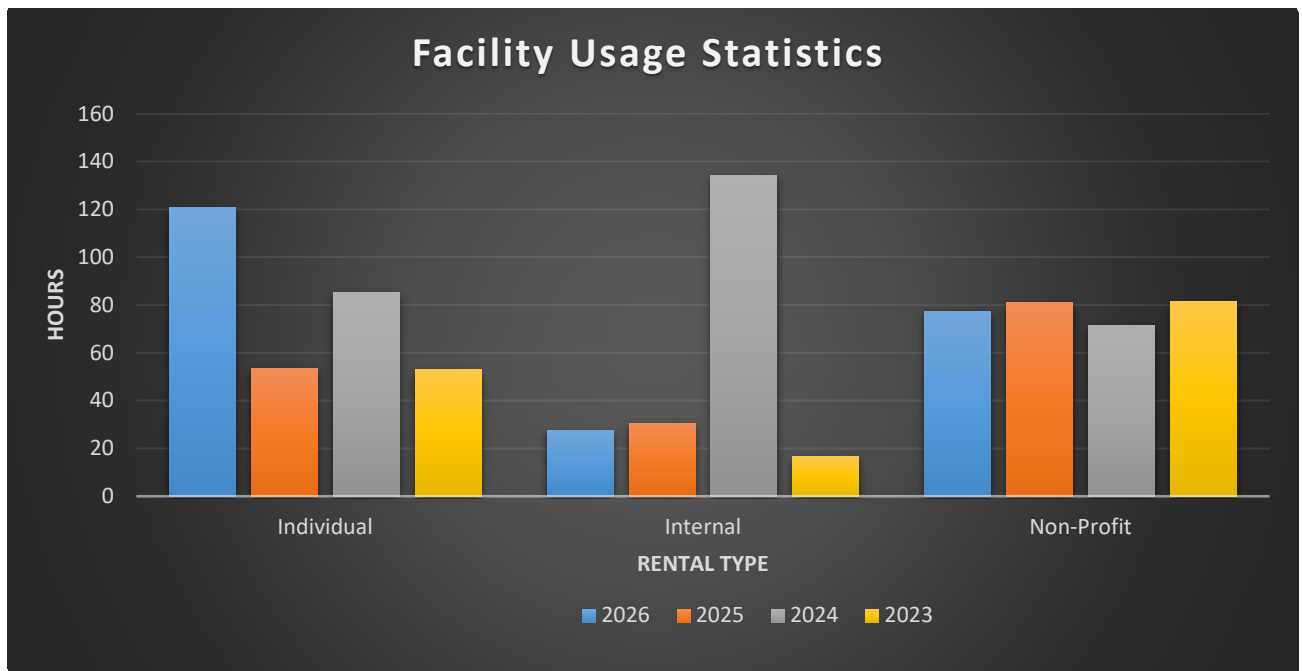
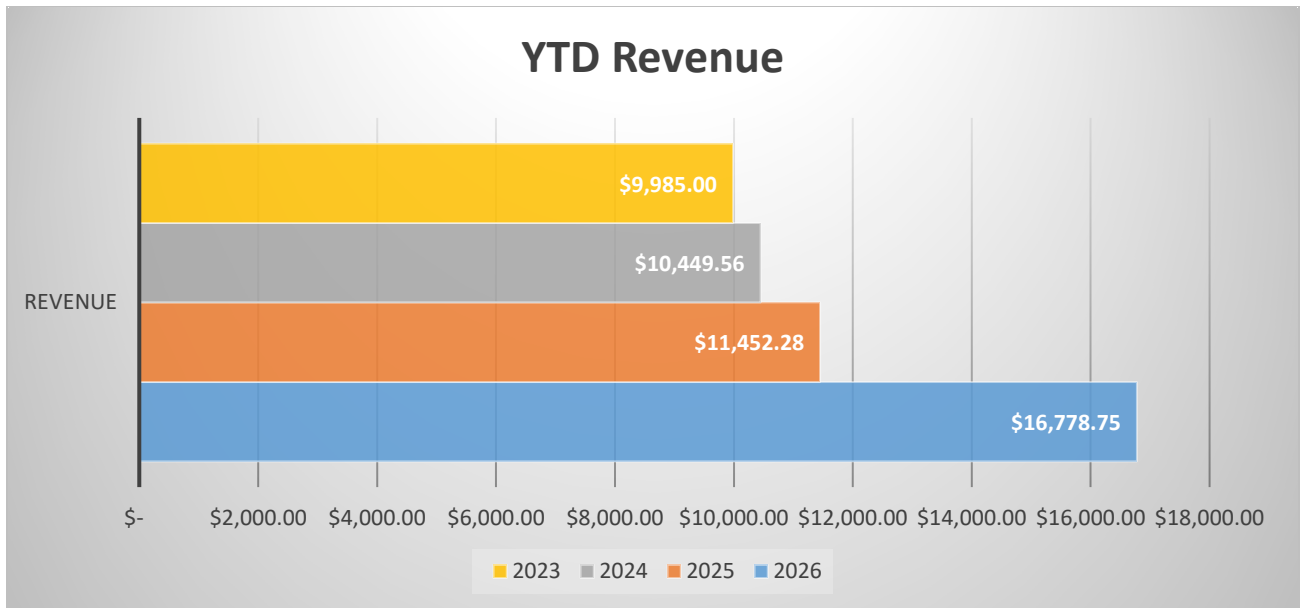
**21<sup>st</sup> Century Bank Event Center Projected Use & Revenue for March 2026:**

Account Type	Hours	Total Revenue
Individual	31.50	\$ 5,025.00
Internal	29.00	\$ 0.00
Non-Profit	68.75	\$ 3,871.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>129.25</b>	<b>\$ 8,896.25</b>

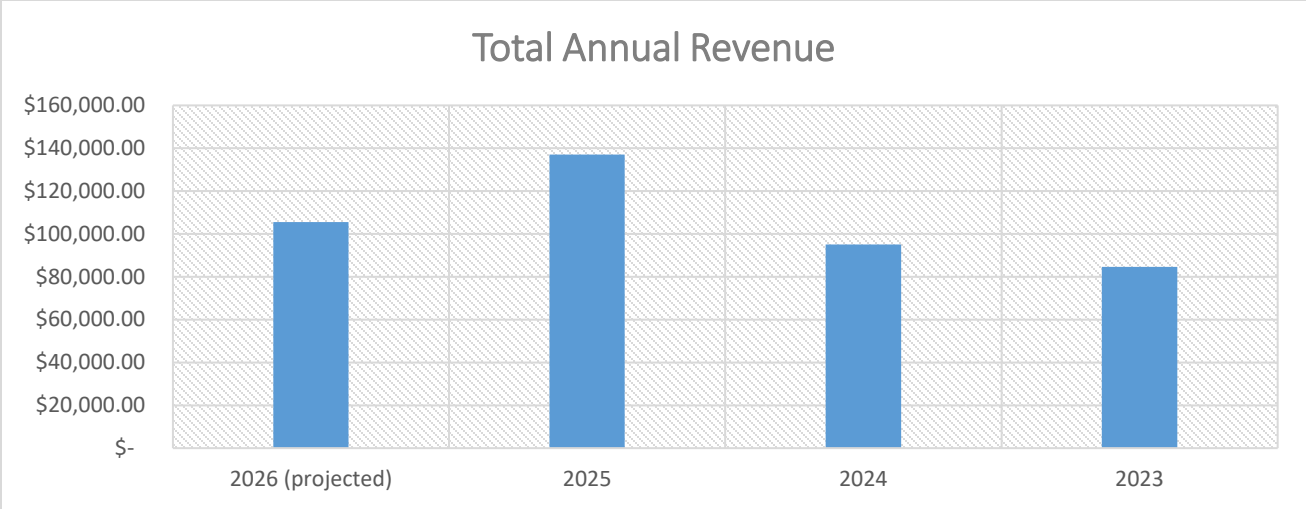
**21<sup>st</sup> Century Bank Event Center Booked Use & Revenue for 2026 (as of 2/3/2026):**

Account Type	Hours	Total Revenue
Individual	450.73	\$ 80,657.50
Internal	638.17	\$ 550.00
Non-Profit	477.50	\$ 23,055.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1566.40</b>	<b>\$ 96,967.50</b>

**2026 YTD vs 2023-2025 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.



**Events in March:**

- **18 Non-profit (reduced or no fee)**
- **14 City (no fee)**
- **4 Paid (full fee)**

**March Booking Statistics:**

- **12 contracts processed for 2026 events**
- **0 contracts processed for 2027 events**
- **21 new inquiries about future rentals**
- **9 facility tours**

**Event Center Notes:**

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Bank Event Center Use & Revenue Statistics for March 2026:**

Account Type	Hours Used	Total Revenue
Individual	31	\$ 3,465.00
Internal	39	\$ 0.00
Non-Profit	68.75	\$ 3,571.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>138.75</b>	<b>\$ 7,036.25</b>

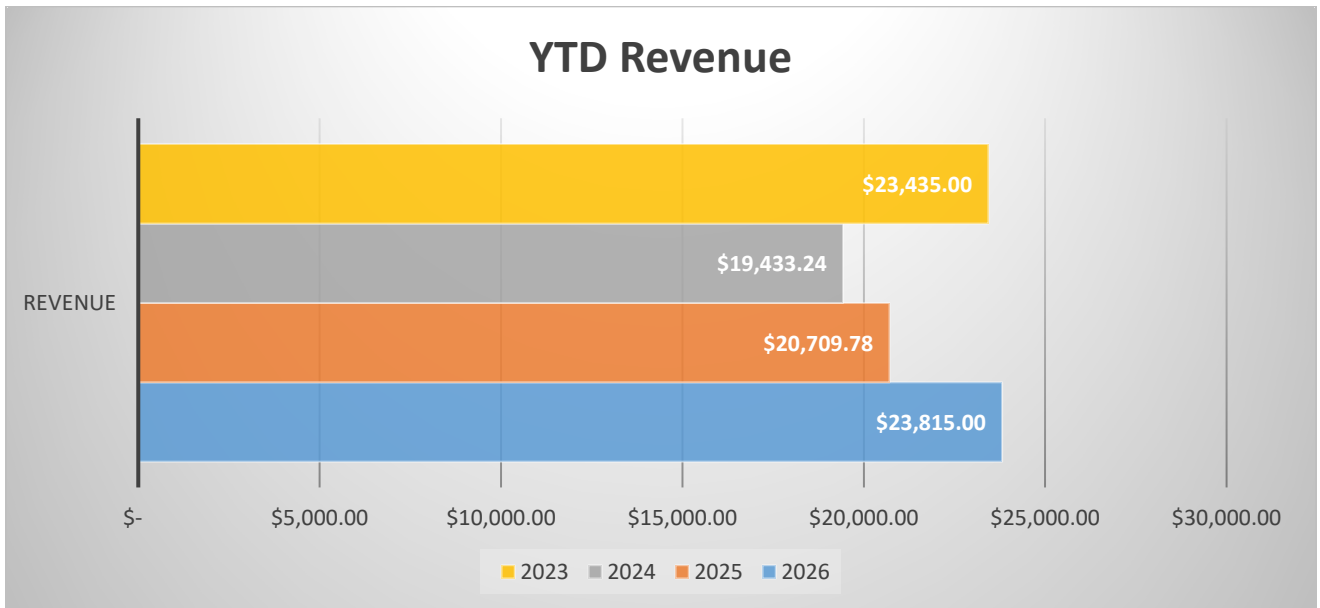
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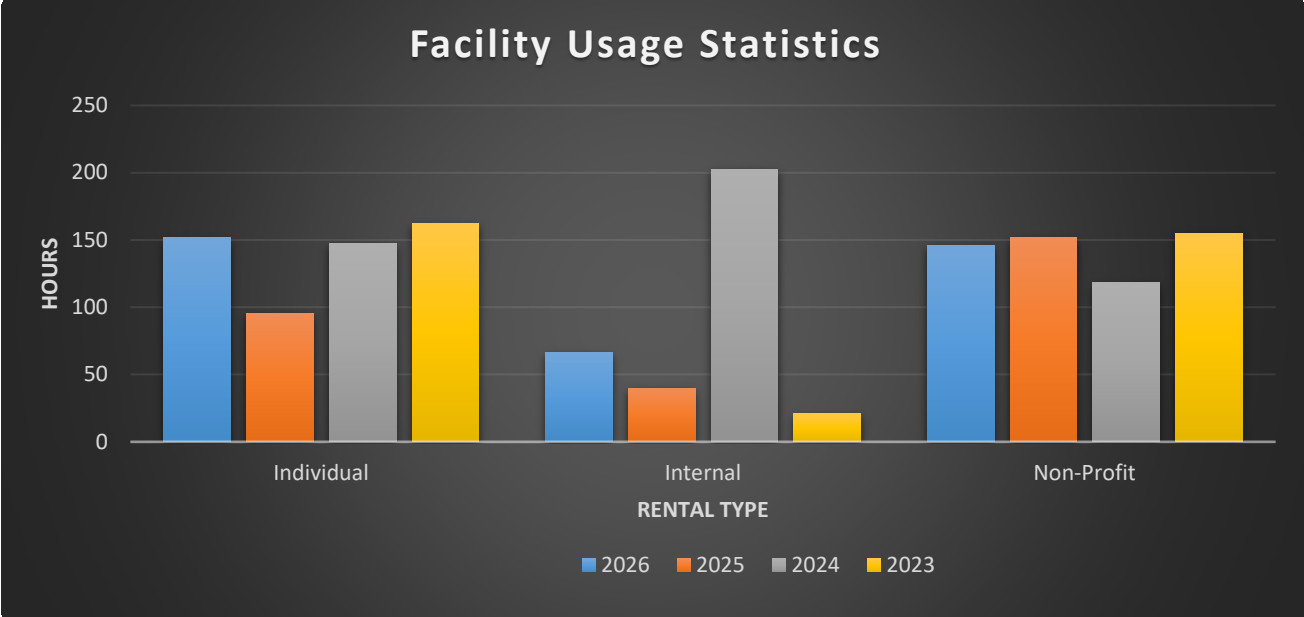
Account Type	Hours	Total Revenue
Individual	38.00	\$ 6,855.00
Internal	13.00	\$ 0.00
Non-Profit	59.50	\$ 2,850.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>110.50</b>	<b>\$ 9,705.00</b>

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Bank Event Center Booked Use & Revenue for 2026 (as of 4/5/2026):**

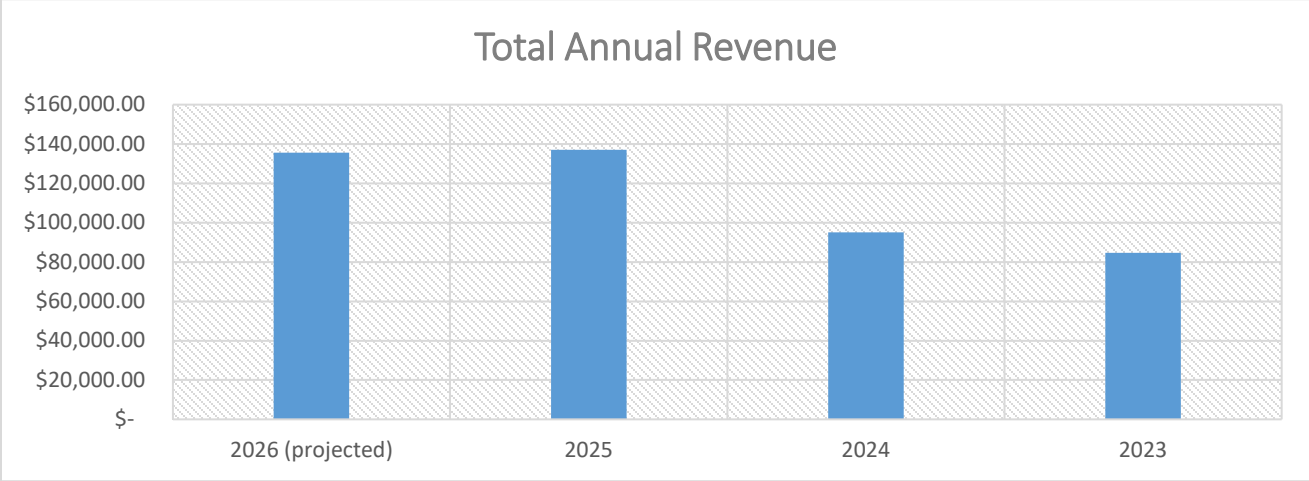
Account Type	Hours	Total Revenue
Individual	583.23	\$ 106,787.50
Internal	623.75	\$ 550.00
Non-Profit	636.50	\$ 28,208.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>1858.48</b>	<b>\$ 135,546.25</b>

**2026 YTD vs 2023-2025 YTD Revenue & Usage Statistics:**





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## Rogers Senior Center Report

### March 2026 Recap

#### Dining Program

- **Total Meals Served: 78**
- Dining was paused during the first week for updates, newsletter preparation, and monthly meetings. A return to a regular schedule is anticipated once the Rec Coordinator 55+ position is finalized.
- **Special Events:**
  - **Shamrocks & Shenanigans (Mar 17):** Our annual St. Patrick's Day party, with a corned beef lunch, and live music from the Irish Blue Drifters Trio. Trivia sponsored by Salterra Senior Living. Attendance: 60 participants.





- **Birthday Bingo Bash (Mar 18): Pot roast lunch and celebration of three March birthdays. Attendance: 33 meals served.**



### **Move Well Programs**

- **Tai Chi for Balance new session started March 11 with 12 regular attendees.**

### **Other Highlights**

- **Regular activities continued, including Mahjong, Card Club, Grocery Bus service, Quilt Sewciety meeting, and Quilt Sewciety Sew-in.**
- **The Jammers have opted to pause their regular monthly jam sessions until we can re-evaluate the space options when the new senior space opens in 2027.**

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## **Upcoming Programs – April 2026**

### **Special Events**

- **Garden of Gratitude Brunch (Apr 14): A celebration of all our senior center volunteers that help keep the senior center running.**
- **Birthday Bingo Bash (Apr 8): This month is Free Bingo and catered pot roast lunch celebrating April birthdays.**

### **Move Well Series**

- **Will continue until Wednesday, April 29**

### **Clubs & Activities**

- **Quilt Sewciety: First Tuesday of the month.**
- **Book Club: Fourth Wednesday – February title to be announced.**
- **Jammers Music Gathering: First Sunday – live music and potluck.**

### **Grocery Bus**

- **Weekly trips to local stores; registration required.**

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## **Overall Participation Summary**

**March saw moderate engagement across programs, with strong turnout at special dining events and steady participation in wellness activities. Despite a brief early-month pause in**

dining services, interest remained high, particularly for seasonal celebrations and ongoing fitness offerings.

## Rogers Senior Center Report

### February 2026 Recap

#### Dining Program

- **Total Meals Served: 68**
- Dining was paused during the first week for updates, newsletter preparation, and monthly meetings. A return to a regular schedule is anticipated once the Rec Coordinator 55+ position is finalized.
- **Special Events:**
  - **Golden Hearts Gathering (Feb 12):** Our annual Valentine's party, with a roast pork lunch, and live music from Glen Everhart. Attendance: 15 participants.



meals served.

- **Birthday Bingo Bash (Feb 25):** Pot roast lunch and celebration of five February birthdays. Attendance: 31

#### Move Well Programs

- **Tai Chi for Balance** continued weekly for the month of February.

#### Other Highlights

- Regular activities continued, including Mahjong, Card Club, Grocery Bus service, Quilt Sewciety, and Jammers music gatherings.

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#### Upcoming Programs – March 2026

##### Special Events

- **Shamrocks & Shenanigans (Mar 17):** Live Music with the Irish Blue Drifters Trio and catered Corned Beef Lunch from Center Cut.
- **Birthday Bingo Bash (Mar 18):** This month is Cash Bingo, sponsored by the Rogers Senior Board and catered pot roast lunch celebrating March birthdays.

### **Move Well Series**

- Our new session will kickoff on March 11!

### **Clubs & Activities**

- Quilt Sewciety: First Tuesday of the month.
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### **Overall Participation Summary**

February showed lower attendance at special events and steady engagement in wellness programs, indicating continued interest in both social and health-focused offerings.