



AGENDA

Rogers Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

July 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

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 Meeting Schedule and Location

6.2 Rogers Athletics Photo Collection

6.3 Active Transportation Assessment: Review and Discussion

6.4 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: July 9, 2026

Agenda Item: 5.1

Subject: Approval of Minutes

Prepared By: Marcy Dalchow, Public Works Administrative Assistant

Overview / Background / Analysis

Staff Recommendation

Move to approve the June 2026 PRAC minutes.

Financial Impact:

Source Fund:

Budgeted?

Supporting Documentation

A. June 11 2026 Park Commission Minutes

Park and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

June 11, 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, June 11, 2026, at 5:30pm at Hassan Meadows Park, 11519 Bechtold Rd, Rogers, MN 55374.

Roll Call

Dale Fuller	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner - Chair	
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	Absent
Amy Enga	Rogers City Council	
Mike Bauer	Parks and Recreation Director	
Marcy Dalchow	Public Works Administrative Assistant	Absent
Teresa Schmiedlin	Recreation Coordinator	

2. OPEN FORUM None

3. PRESENTATIONS None

4. APPROVE AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Consent Agenda Approved as submitted

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approval of the May 2026 PRAC Minutes

Motion to approve May 14, 2026 Minutes by Warfield, seconded by Morrow. Motion carried 5/0.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Recommendation of Playground Vendor – Towne Center / Community Park

Survey results showed Weber Recreation received 38 votes and GameTime received 144 votes (79%). Renderings and videos were available for review.

Discussion included misting features, branding requirements for the Rogers logo, and potential minor layout adjustments.

Motion to proceed with the recommended vendor carried by Volkers, 2nd by Hacker. Motion carried unanimously.

6.2 2026 Work Plan Updates

Senior Center/Duffy Development construction is ongoing. Expected opening Spring 2027. Approximately 3,500 sq ft with shared and dedicated senior spaces. A \$10,000 escrow was part of the agreement. No rent required; city is responsible for cleaning.

Updates provided on Sunnyside Park equipment timeline (no estimated timeline currently), HealthPartners Fieldhouse office build-out (completed with Certificate of Occupancy), and upcoming move of Commission meetings to the fieldhouse office.

Parking concerns at South Community Park were discussed extensively, including overflow challenges, out-of-town visitor confusion, grass parking, and potential land acquisition. Accessibility concerns with the current curb structure were noted for Public Works.

7. OTHER BUSINESS None

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

8.1 Correspondence and Staff Update

Highlights:

- A garbage can liner burned due to unknown cause at South Community Park; fire was extinguished promptly. Damage limited to the liner.
- There will be a plaque on a rock for the Rotary Club for their tree donation.

- Band activities were blocking parking lot accessibility. Staff addressed concerns to ensure ADA access and safe pedestrian movement.
- Police Department will partner with staff to offer a Bike Rodeo. New regulations beginning August 1 were discussed including licensing requirements, pedal-assist distinctions, and speed limits.
- Terra & City are working on a solution and new product for the Pickleball courts at South Community Park.
- Residents near Territorial Park requested fencing along the park boundary. Commission reiterated no commitment was made. Privacy concerns should be addressed via private landscaping or fencing.
- Summer Programming & Facility Updates:
 - Sports camps at the fieldhouse have 167 campers enrolled.
 - Entertainment in the Park magnets available.
 - Preparations underway for tournaments. Some after-hours vandalism occurred; staff researching camera options.
 - Ice Arena received new logos.
 - Event Center remains heavily booked with updated branding signage.
 - Recent senior trip to the Osceola-St. Croix Railway had over 30 participants. Other recent activities includes a St. Paul Saints game and Birthday Bingo Bash.
 - Budget season approaching.

9. ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn at 6:16pm by Volkers, seconded by Okland. Motion carried 5/0.



STAFF REPORT

ROGERS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: July 9, 2026

Agenda Item: 6.1

Subject: Meeting Schedule and Location

Prepared By: Mike Bauer, Parks & Recreation Director

Overview / Background / Analysis

The August PRAC meeting must be reconsidered due to a change in the City Council schedule. The City Council meeting has been moved to Thursday, August 13, to accommodate the Primary Election occurring on August 11.

- Option A: Move PRAC meeting to Monday, August 12
- Option B: Move PRAC meeting to Tuesday, August 6
- Option C: Cancel the August PRAC meeting

Proposal to Change Meeting Location for Regular (Non-Park) PRAC Meetings
With the completion of the new Parks and Recreation Office, staff proposes that all regularly scheduled PRAC meetings, except those held at park sites for tours or inspections, be held in the new office meeting space.

Requested Actions:

1. Select and approve the August meeting adjustment:

- Option A (August 12), Option B (August 6), or Option C (Cancellation).

2. Approve moving regularly scheduled non-park PRAC meetings to the Parks and Recreation Office.

Staff Recommendation

Financial Impact:

Source Fund:

Budgeted? N/A

Supporting Documentation

None



STAFF REPORT

ROGERS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: July 9, 2026

Agenda Item: 6.2

Subject: Rogers Athletics Photo Collection

Prepared By: Mike Bauer, Parks & Recreation Director

Overview / Background / Analysis

Parks & Recreation staff proposes a community-sourced "Rogers Athletics Photo Collection" to create an athletic-themed installation at the Indoor Playground in HealthPartners Fieldhouse. Community members will submit photos featuring Rogers athletics uniforms, along with a signed photo release.

Program Overview:

- Submission window: August 3–September 25
- Eligibility: Rogers residents/participants; one entry per person; photo in uniform; photo release required.
- Prizes: Selected photo entrants receive one free pass (Open Turf Time, Playground, Open Skate, or Stick & Puck). If we receive 12+ unique submissions, all entrants will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one free annual family pass to the TruStone Center.
- City use: Photos may be edited and used for the playground installation and City marketing.
- The estimated printing cost is \$2,500- \$3,000 for 20 windscreen photos to be mounted around the playground.
- Prize comps within existing program capacity.

Staff Recommendation

Recommend approval of the "Rogers Athletics Photo Collection" contest as outlined and recommend City Council authorize Parks & Recreation to issue (a) one free pass per selected photo (Open Turf Time, Playground, Open Skate, or Stick & Puck) and (b) one free annual family pass for the TruStone Center, contingent upon receiving at least 12 unique submissions.

Financial Impact:

Source Fund:

Budgeted?

Supporting Documentation

A. Photo Collection Contest 2026

Appendix A - Contest Rules (Public-Facing)

Official Rules: Rogers Athletics Photo Collection

1. **Eligibility:** Open to Rogers residents/participants. One entry per person.
2. **Photo Requirements:** High-resolution JPG/PNG showing the entrant in a Rogers athletics uniform. No watermarks; no offensive or unsafe content.
3. **Ownership:** Entrants must own the photo or have written permission from the photographer.
4. **Release:** A signed photo release (adult or minor) is required. Submissions without a release will be disqualified.
5. **Submission Period:** August 3–September 25.
6. **Selection:** Parks & Recreation will select photos based on clarity, representation across sports/ages, and suitability for installation.
7. **Prizes:**
 - Selected photos: One free pass (Open Turf Time, Playground, Open Skate, or Stick & Puck).
 - Grand Prize: One annual family pass for the TruStone Center—awarded only if **12+ unique** valid submissions are received.
8. **Winner Notification:** Selected entrants and the grand prize winner will be notified by email within 10 business days of the submission deadline.
9. **License:** By entering, you grant the City a non-exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual license to edit and use your photo for the installation and City marketing.
10. **General:** No purchase necessary; void where prohibited. City may modify or cancel the contest if necessary.

Appendix B - Photo Release (Adult & Minor)

Adult Photo Release (18+)

I, _____, hereby grant the City of Rogers a non-exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual license to use, reproduce, modify, publish, display, and distribute the photo I submitted ("Photo") for the Indoor Playground installation at HealthPartners Fieldhouse and related City communications, including print, digital, social media, and in-venue displays. I represent that I own the Photo or have obtained the photographer's permission. I waive any right to compensation. I release and hold harmless the City from claims arising out of the Photo's use as described.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Email/Phone: _____

Minor Photo Release (Parent/Guardian)

I am the parent/guardian of _____ (minor). I grant the City of Rogers the same rights described above for the submitted Photo and consent to the minor's inclusion. I represent ownership or photographer permission, waive compensation, and release the City from claims arising out of the Photo's use as described.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____ Email/Phone: _____



STAFF REPORT

ROGERS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: July 9, 2026

Agenda Item: 6.3

Subject: Active Transportation Assessment: Review and Discussion

Prepared By: Mike Bauer, Parks & Recreation Director, Brett Angell, Community Development Director

Overview / Background / Analysis

As part of the development of the City of Rogers 2050 Comprehensive Plan, Planning Department staff have been working with SRF Consulting Group to complete an updated Bike and Pedestrian Assessment for the community. This work included an analysis of existing conditions, system gaps, and opportunities for improvement. SRF also utilized Replica modeling to better understand current pedestrian and bicycle travel patterns and to identify how residents are moving through the community today.

A draft of the **Active Transportation Assessment** is attached for your review.

The goal of this agenda item is to:

1. Introduce the draft Active Transportation document and summarize key findings from SRF's analysis.
2. Gather PRAC feedback on priorities, system gaps, and improvement opportunities identified in the report.
3. Discuss how the assessment should be incorporated into the 2050 Comprehensive Plan, particularly in response to updated state bicycle and pedestrian planning requirements.

Key Components of the SRF Assessment

- Review of existing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure
- Identification of network gaps and barriers
- Analysis of community-level walking and biking patterns via Replica modeling
- Safety considerations and conflict points
- Opportunities for future trail, sidewalk, and on-street facility expansion
- Preliminary recommendations aligned with long-term community growth and connectivity.

Requested PRAC Action

1. Review the attached draft Active Transportation Assessment.
2. Provide feedback on the findings, priorities, or additional considerations.
3. Recommend whether the document should be incorporated into the 2050 Comprehensive Plan as a foundational section supporting active transportation policy.
4. Support using this assessment as a technical memo for the Planning Commission as

discussions of transportation system issues begin.

Staff Recommendation

Financial Impact:

Source Fund:

Budgeted?

Supporting Documentation

A. Rogers Active Transportation

Active Transportation

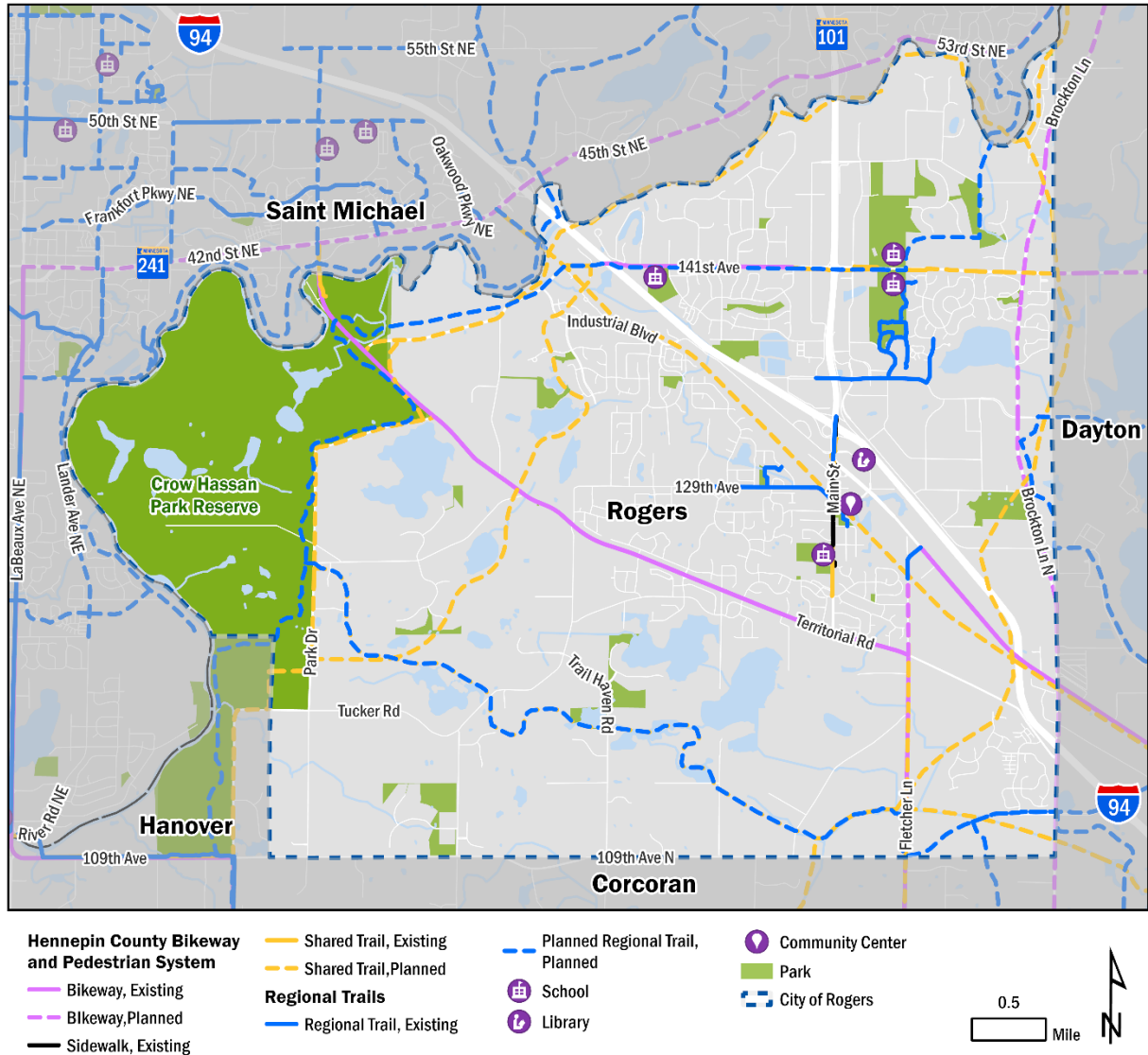
This section summarizes active transportation conditions in Rogers through a series of maps focused on bicycle and pedestrian networks, travel patterns, regional trail connections, barriers, and safety trends. Together, these maps provide a high-level picture of how people walking and biking move through the city today, where key connections exist, where gaps or barriers may limit mobility, and where safety concerns are most concentrated. The findings from this mapping analysis will help inform future active transportation recommendations as part of the comprehensive plan, including opportunities to strengthen local and regional connections, improve access to destinations, and support safer and more comfortable travel for people walking and biking.

Active Transportation Network

The existing and planned bicycle and pedestrian network in Rogers is shaped by a set of major routes that generally run east-west or southeast-northwest, with some exceptions, particularly on the eastern side of the city. This network provides the foundation for active transportation connections across Rogers and helps identify where current and future facilities can support movement between neighborhoods, destinations, and regional trail corridors.

Although the northeastern portion of the city has higher residential and commercial density, the existing and planned active transportation network there has a similar number of routes to the city as a whole. This suggests a potential opportunity to improve mobility in an area where more people and destinations are concentrated. Planned regional trails around Crow Hassan Park Reserve also present a strong recreational opportunity for Rogers, particularly if residents can reach them through a well-connected local bicycle and pedestrian network.

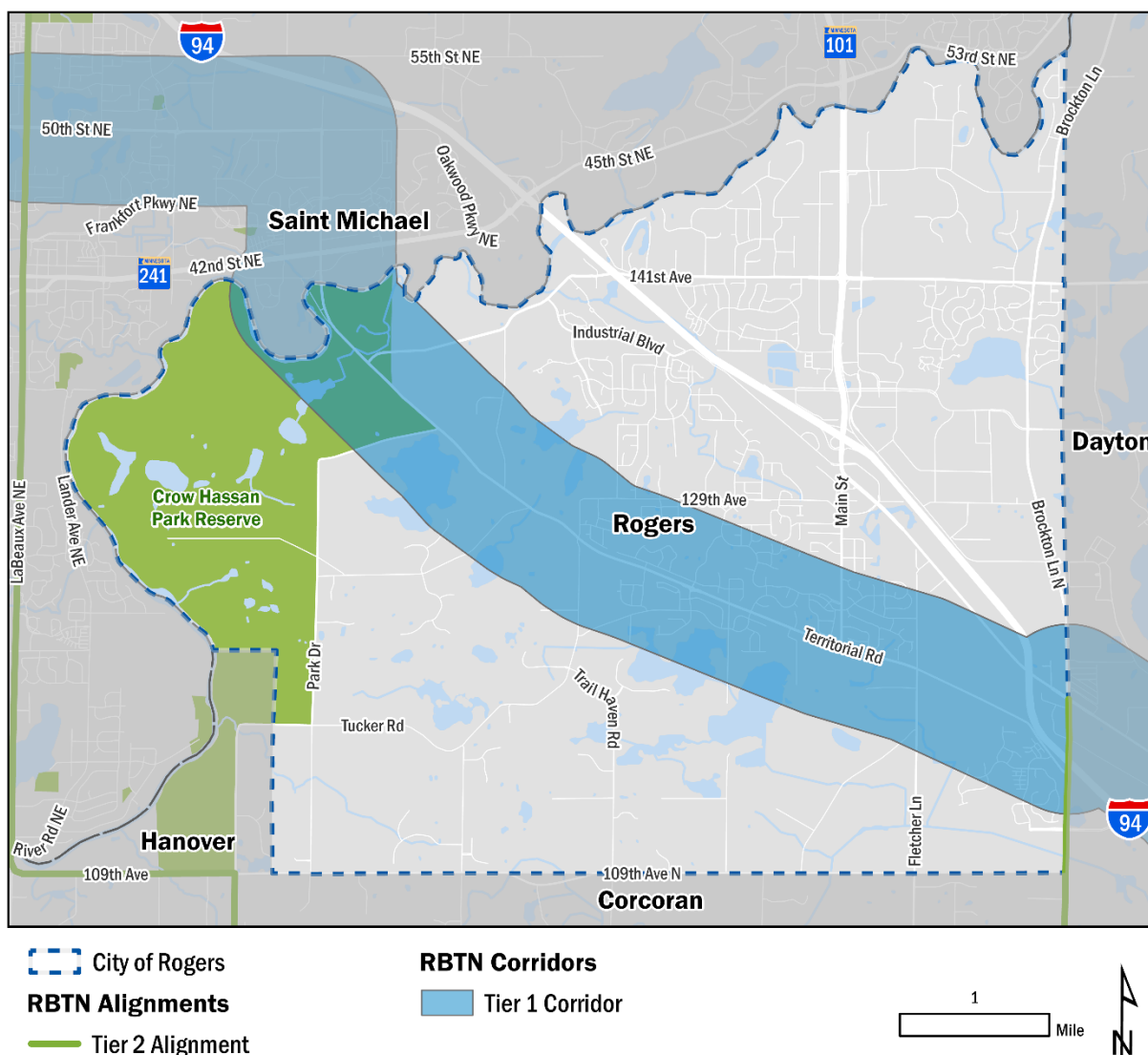
Figure 1: Bicycle and Pedestrian Network



Rogers is served by one Regional Bike Trail Network (RBTN) corridor, identified as a Tier 1 corridor primarily along Territorial Road. This roadway shoulder-based corridor crosses the city from northwest to southeast, creating an important spine for bicycle travel through Rogers and linking local routes to the broader regional bikeway system.

Additional RBTN connections frame the southeastern and western edges of the city. A Tier 2 RBTN alignment follows the city border along Brockton Lane in the southeast corner, while another Tier 2 alignment runs just west of the city along LaBeaux Avenue and 109th Avenue. Together, these corridors and alignments represent key connectors because they provide access from Rogers' local bicycle network to the larger regional network.

Figure 2: RBTN Alignments

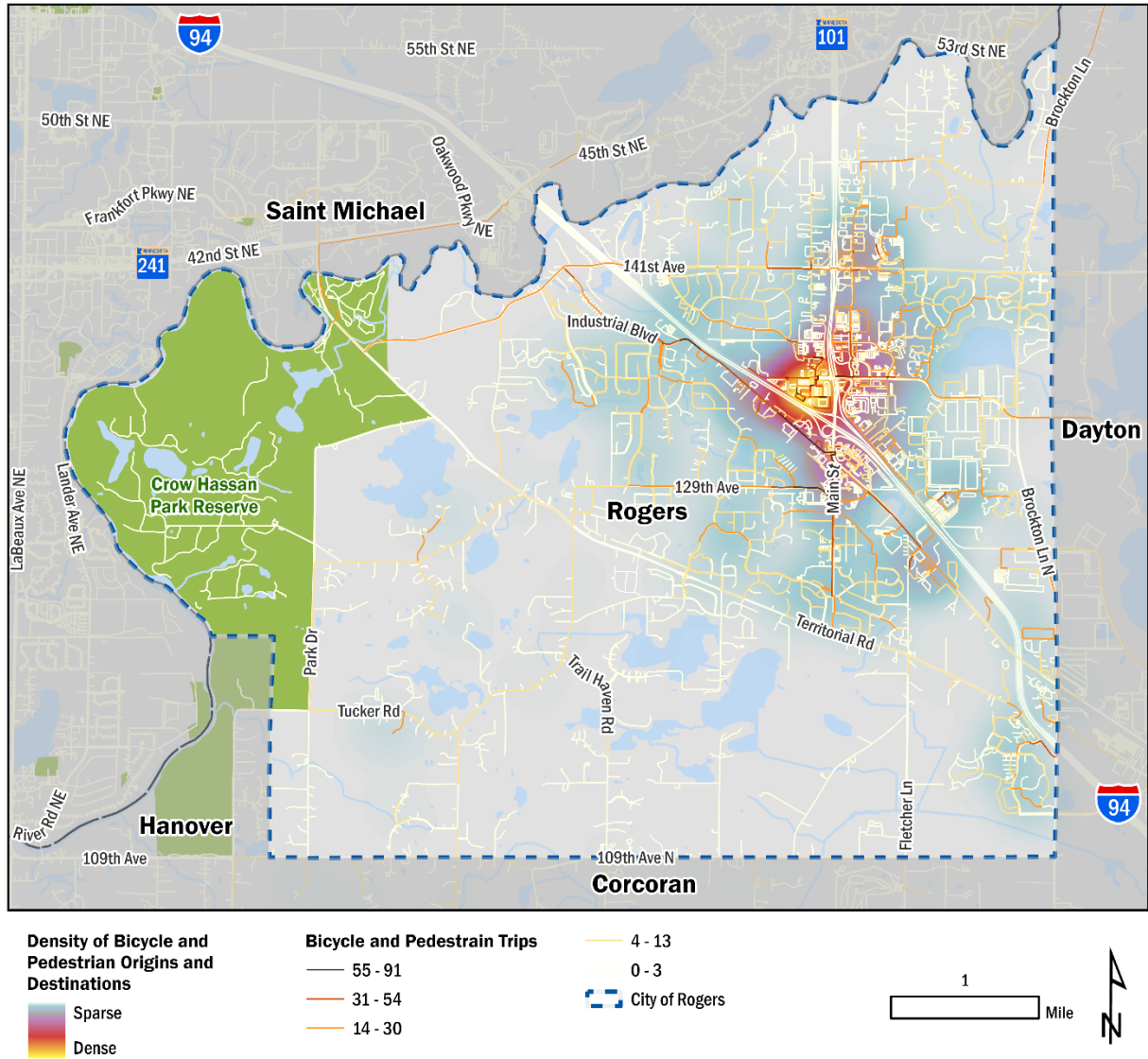


Travel Patterns

Bicycle and pedestrian activity (shown in Figure 3) is most concentrated in the heart of Rogers, just north of where I-94 meets Main Street. This area functions as the primary center of activity, with trip origins and destinations clustered around the city's commercial denser core.

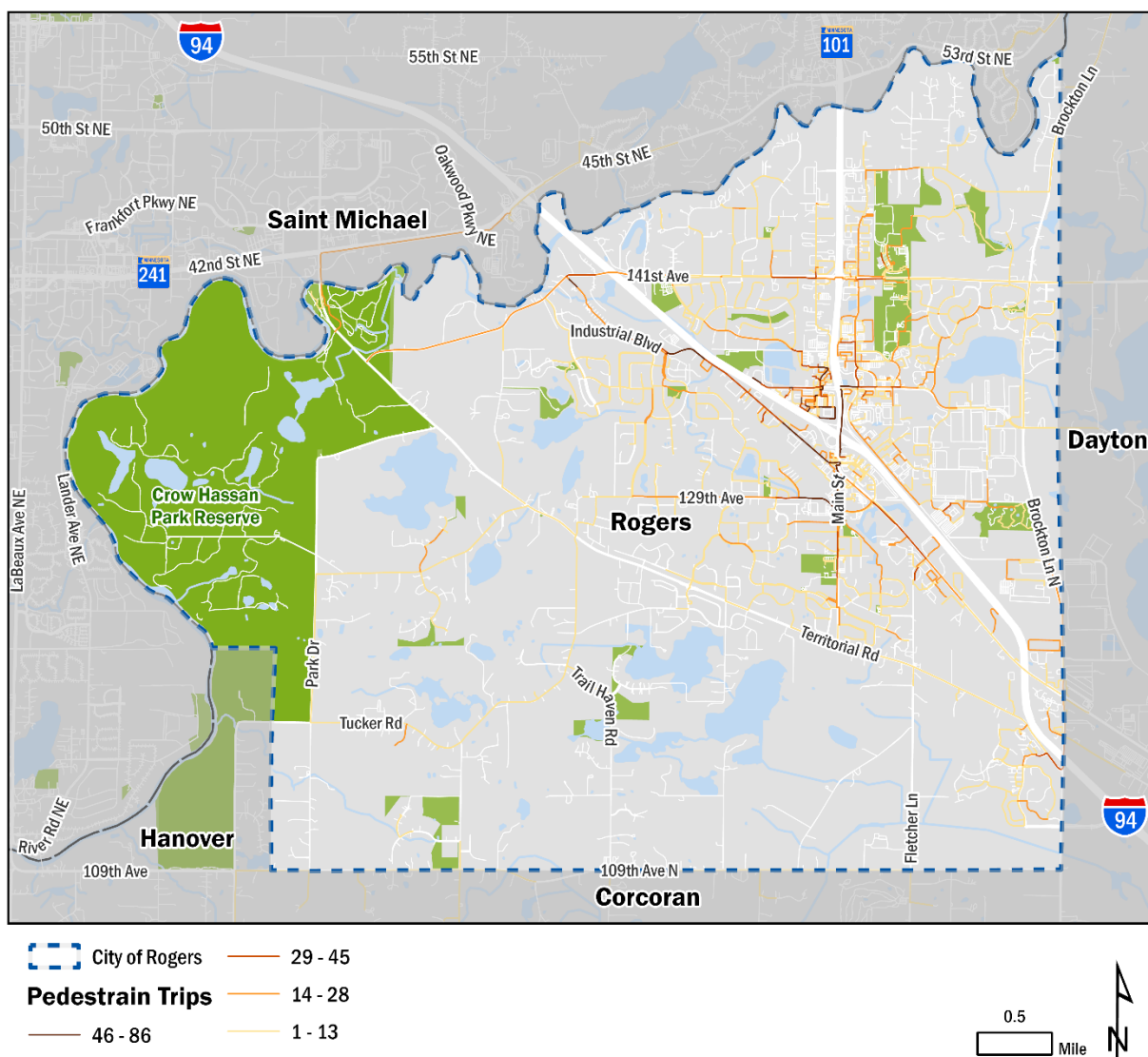
From this central area, trips branch outward into the surrounding residential development, with most activity remaining within roughly a one- to two-mile radius. This pattern mirrors the denser portions of the city, while a smaller concentration of trips appears in the southeast corner. In the southern and western portions of Rogers, trips route along local streets such as Tucker Road and Park Drive, connecting to the residential neighborhoods in those areas.

Figure 3: Bicycle And Pedestrian Travel Patterns



Pedestrian activity (shown in Figure 4) mirrors the density of Rogers even more closely than overall bicycle and pedestrian trip activity. Walking trips are most concentrated in areas where destinations are closer together and sidewalks are more common, highlighting the parts of the city where walking is most feasible from both a distance and safety perspective.

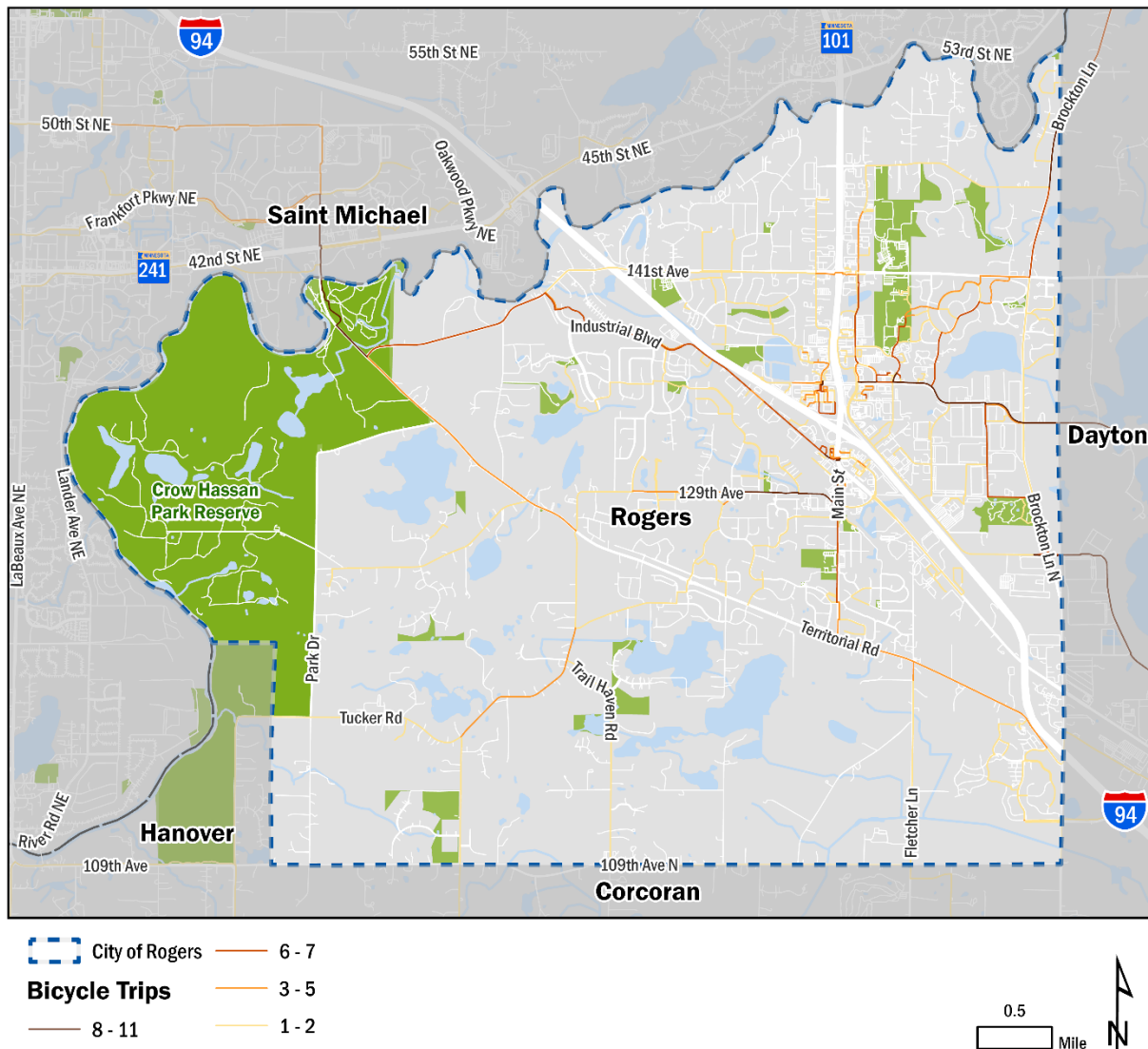
Figure 4: Pedestrian Trips



Bicycle trips differ from pedestrian trips in their distribution. While some bicycle activity is concentrated in the heart of Rogers, where development is denser, bicycle trips also extend more noticeably toward the outer edges of the city. This broader pattern reflects the longer distances people can cover by bike and the role of larger corridors in supporting bicycle travel.

Higher levels of bicycle activity appear along several key roadways, including Territorial Road, Diamond Lake Road, the western portion of Industrial Boulevard, the northern section of Brockton Lane, Fletcher Lane, and Tucker Road. These corridors serve as important routes for local circulation and access across different parts of the city, making them important considerations for future bicycle network improvements. Enhancing these corridors represents an opportunity to improve bicycle mobility throughout Rogers.

Figure 5: Bicycle Trips



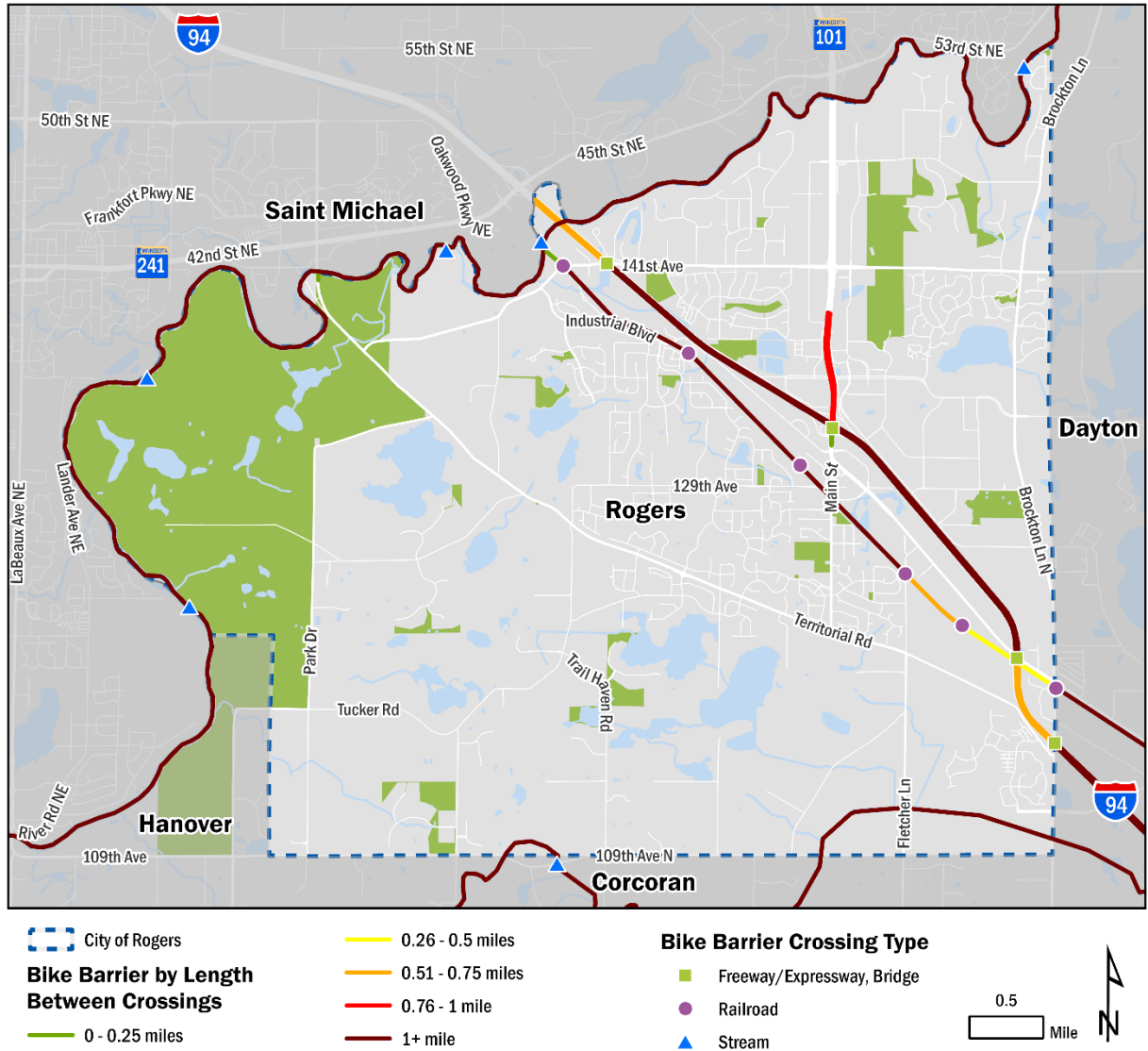
Barriers and Safety

Pedestrians and cyclists face several barriers when traveling within Rogers as well as when moving into and out of the city. These barriers include the Crow River to the north and west, I-94 and Industrial Boulevard running from the north toward the southeast, and the busiest portion of Main Street in the center of the city. Each of these features affects how easily people can move between neighborhoods, destinations, and regional connections.

The nature of these crossings also shapes the comfort level of cyclists and pedestrians. I-94 crossings are limited to bridges, while crossing Industrial Boulevard requires crossing railroad tracks. Many of the barrier crossings are also spaced out over large distances, which impacts how significant a barrier is to cyclists and pedestrians. Out of approximately 20 barrier segments between crossings, 10 have crossing distances greater than one mile, which represents a significant gap in the ability of Rogers residents and visitors to cross these barriers conveniently and safely.

These gaps are especially important between I-94 and Industrial Boulevard, where the limited crossing opportunities create a divide between the northeast corner of the city and the rest of Rogers. Improving connections across these barriers would help strengthen access for people walking and biking and reduce separation between the densest and most populated parts of the community.

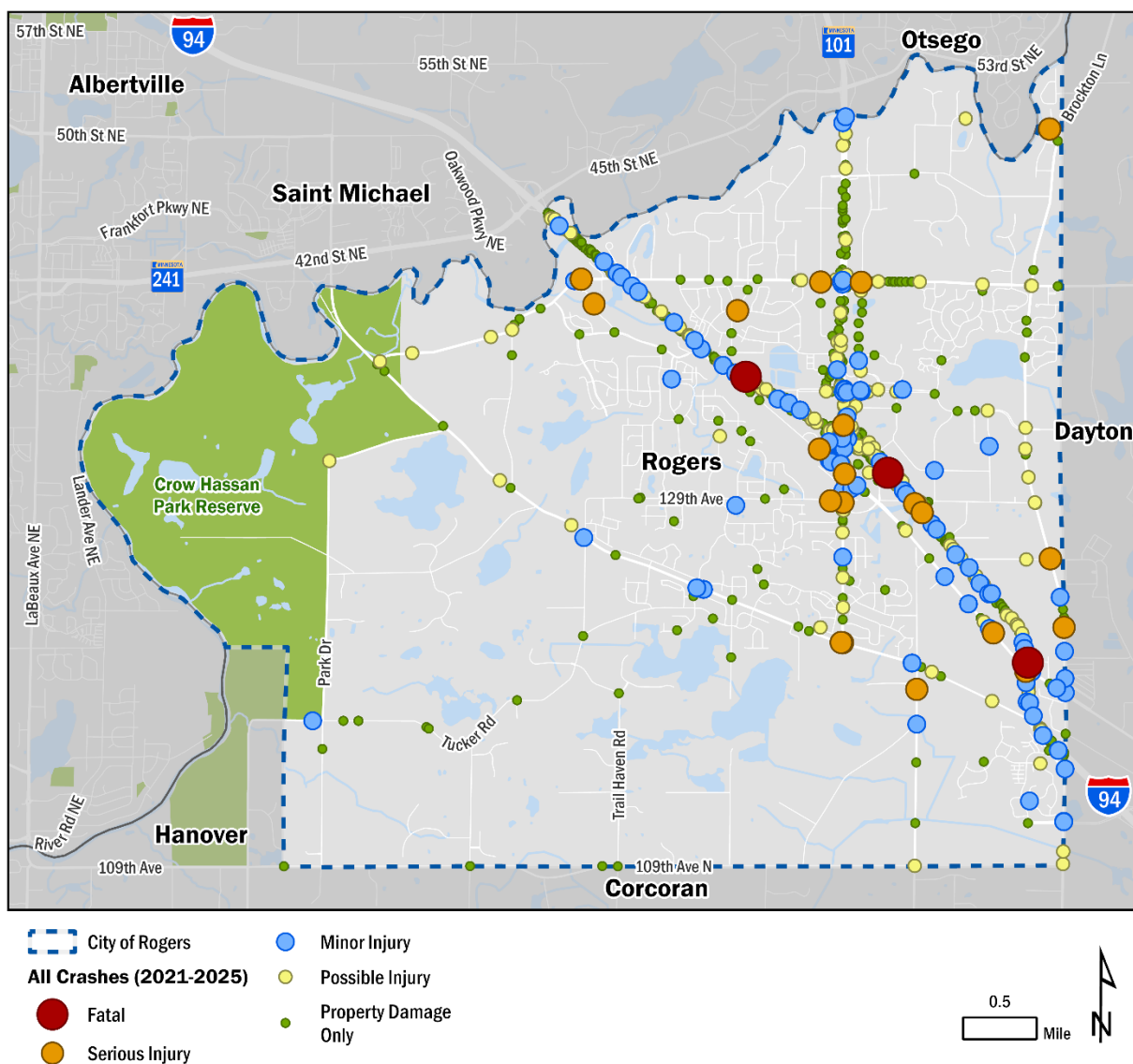
Figure 6: Travel Barriers



Crashes occur throughout Rogers, but they are primarily concentrated along major roadways and in denser areas of the city, particularly at intersections. This pattern suggests that locations with higher traffic volumes, more turning movements, and greater overall activity tend to experience more safety issues.

The greatest concentration of crashes lies along I-94, Main Street, and 141st Avenue, followed by Brockton Lane and Industrial Boulevard. The three fatal crashes during the five-year period all occurred along I-94, underscoring the severity of crashes on the regional highway system. By contrast, the southwest portion of the city has very few crashes, and most of those are low in severity.

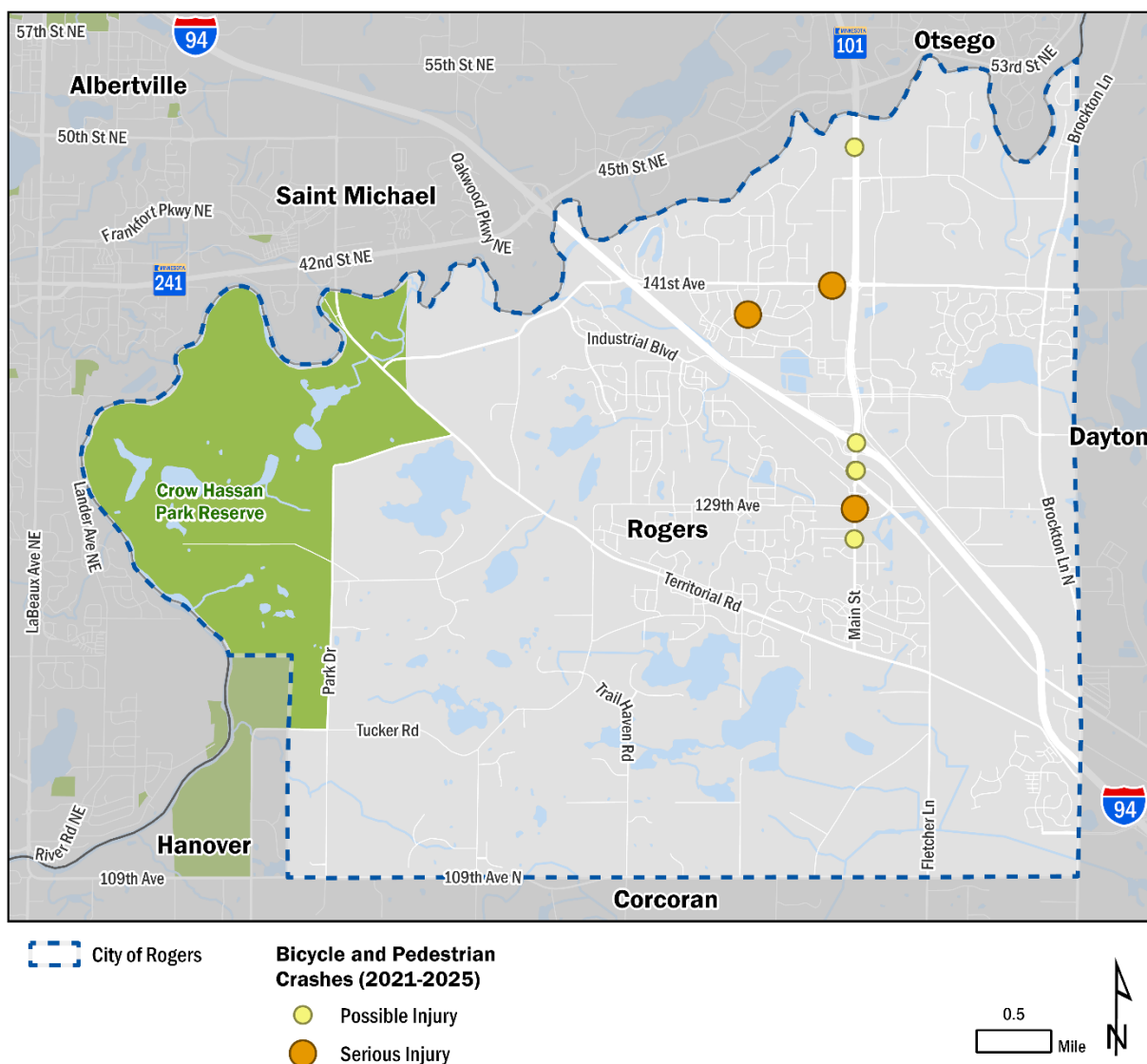
Figure 7: All Crashes (2021-25)



Eight bicycle and pedestrian crashes occurred in Rogers over the past five years. Of these crashes, three resulted in serious injuries and five resulted in possible injuries. The majority involved pedestrians, with seven pedestrian crashes compared to one bicycle crash.

Most bicycle and pedestrian crashes were concentrated on Main Street, where six of the eight crashes occurred. Five of those Main Street crashes were within one-half mile of I-94, indicating a notable safety concern near the city's central roadway and highway interchange area. The remaining two crashes occurred in residential areas along or near 141st Avenue, suggesting that while the most visible crash concentration is near Main Street and I-94, neighborhood areas also warrant attention.

Figure 8: 5-year Bicycle and Pedestrian Crashes





STAFF REPORT

ROGERS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: July 9, 2026

Agenda Item: 6.4

Subject: 2026 Work Plan

Prepared By: Mike Bauer, Parks & Recreation Director

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 (Canceled: 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

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		Building is under construction
Parks	Sunny Side Park Playground Replacement	Ordered	Waiting for ETA
Parks	NCP Playground Replacement/Improvements		Ordered
Parks	Crow River Heights		Scheduled for this week
Parks	Dutch Knolls X Wave replacement		Scheduled for this week
Parks	Cowley Lake House Removal		
Park/Facility	SCP Ribbon Cutting		Set Date Summer 2026
Park/Facility	SCP Concessions Operations		Working on contract
Trails	South Community Park Trails	Budgeted	Staff planning for this install later this summer.
Plan	Plan for 2026 information gathering/strategies for master plan updat	Budgeted	Started working on City 2050 Plan with the Planning department
Plan	North Side Skating Rink (Replace RAC Rink)	Budgeted	Waiting for further developments for Hassan Elemantarty adjacent site
Parks	Parking Lot and Trail Lighting	Budgeted	
Park	Parking Lot Expansion South Community Park	Budgeted	Lumen employee on medical leave.
Facility	Fieldhouse Office Buildout	Complete	Complete
Park	Lions Central Park Parking Lot Expansion	Budgeted	
Trails	North Community Park to Mallard Estate Trail Repaving	Budgeted	CC Approved
Park	Skye Meadows Neighborhood Park South	Budgeted	
Park/Trail	Neighborhood Park Trail Replacement	Budgeted	Augusta Prarrie and Mallard Estates Trails are Approved for this summer
Park	Neighborhood Park Picnic Pavilion	Budgeted	Anderson Engineering is working on the plans attached
Park	Neighborhood Park Hard Court	Budgeted	
from/last On	Complete		
	Change from last report		
	On Hold		



STAFF REPORT

ROGERS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: July 9, 2026

Agenda Item: 8.1

Subject: Correspondence

Prepared By:

Overview / Background / Analysis

Staff Recommendation

Financial Impact:

Source Fund:

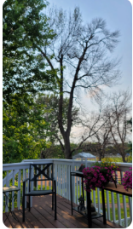
Budgeted?

Supporting Documentation

- A. Coorispondence July
- B. Park and Rec Staff Update July

City of
ROGERS
Parks & Recreation

Correspondence



Hi Mike, these are the 2 trees I was telling you about on Tuesday. They are adjacent to my property, and the branches are over the property. One of them has large broken branches, kind of hanging in the tree until a wind moves them and they fall(circled). Please help us with this. Thanks, Mary and Michael Snyder 20698 Drake ct.

12:13 PM

Thank you for the photos. Park Maintenance is going to see if they can get in there with the bucket truck to see if they can get the broken branches. As for the rest of the trees, Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Emerald Ash Borer, with removals taking place between November 1 and May 1, when the beetles are presumed dormant. This timing helps reduce the risk of spreading the insect while allowing us to safely address hazardous trees.

04:30 PM ✓

Hello Pete and Tim,

As much as we were hoping this could wait until fall, could you please go check out the dead trees near the home in this photo? 20698 DRAKE CT

ROGES, MN 55374. Are there any trees that could fall on their property? They said the storm a couple of weeks ago, some branches came down, and they are fearful that one of our trees could reach their house.

Let me know what you think.



**ROGERS POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENT REPORT**

Committed Start: 06-20-2026 2010

Title: Traffic Complaint

Short Description: Distur Disturbance

Officer spoke to reporting party at Day Springs Park. The reporting party stated her and her husband walk the path daily and they have encounter kids on the path driving four wheelers and dirt bikes. The reporting party stated the drivers are young kids and she attempted to speak with them however; the kids were on the phone with their mother and the mother told the kids to not talk to the reporting party. The reporting party stated she knows the park has signs that state no motorized vehicles and when the kids were driving on the path they left marks in the wood chips. The reporting party stated they knew where the kids came from and provided an address of 23355 Saddle Ridge, Rogers. The reporting party requested officer to speak with them.

I responded to the address on Saddle Ridge. I spoke with John and his wife, Ashely. They acknowledged that the kids were on the trail but didn't see how it was a big deal. I explained the rules to use any type of off road vehicle. I also provided them an educational pamphlet. The kids were

standing by and listening.

Name: Katie DeVries

Subject: Turf Facility

Message: Now that the construction is complete when will you be taking down the black plastic barrier?

Hi Katie,

Thank you for reaching out. I asked the contractor about the black plastic barrier not long ago, so I'm glad I have an answer for you! According to the information I received, the watershed authority requires that the silt fencing remain in place until the landscaping has filled in to at least 70%. Right now, they don't believe we've reached that coverage threshold, so the barrier needs to stay in place for a bit longer.

We're planning to inspect the site again in August to go over any remaining punch list items and take another look at how the turf is coming along. If the landscaping has improved enough by then, we can revisit the timing for removing the barrier.

Thanks again for your patience, and please let me know if you have any other questions!

Mike Bauer

Name: Thomas Kissner

Subject: Mowing

Message: Why do you mow ALL the grasses down all the way to the shoreline? You are destroying habitat for thousands of small birds, animals, and insects. Your mowers leave nothing behind except an ugly barren mowed down field with a lifeless water hole in the middle! Specifically , I'm referring to the playground on 129th. I'm watching him mow now and it breaks my heart!

Hi Thomas,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your concerns about the mowing practices at Brookside Meadows.

I'd like to provide some insight into why we mow the area a couple of times each season. We time our mowing based on the life cycle of Monarch butterflies, who finish laying eggs by late May or, with a late spring, early June. Their eggs hatch into larvae within about four days, and once this period has passed, we mow the area to a height of six inches. This approach encourages the growth of prairie and wetland grasses while helping us keep invasive species in check. For example, Canada Thistle would

be blooming and spreading right now if we didn't mow, and Buckthorn, along with other invasive plants, would try to establish themselves, given their proximity.

It's worth mentioning that this particular area is designed to manage storm runoff water rather than being a natural habitat. Our goal is to keep the site functional for filtering water before it reaches the creek and eventually the Crow River.

Thank you again for your feedback. If you have any further questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Mike Bauer



Staff Updates

This year, we are again partnering with the Rogers Lions Club to host five energetic concerts at the 21st Century Bank Event Center on Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm. These evenings promise a lively atmosphere with live music, cold beverages, and hot food, a perfect recipe for summer fun! This week, Sawyer's Dream took the stage, and we welcomed around 60 guests. While our initial crowds tend to be smaller because youth sports are still going strong, we typically see attendance grow as the summer progresses. Next week, we'll take a break, but we'll be back on July 8th with Todd Anderson and a fantastic Frank Sinatra Tribute that you won't want to miss.



Rockin'
Rogers
Days
Kick-Off
The
largest
number



actively watching the concert at one time was approximately 50, but it's hard to get an exact number of attendees since many were roaming around the event. Overall, there were a couple of hundred attendees at the event during the kids' concert.



ROGERS PARKS & RECREATION 2026

ENTERTAINMENT In The PARK

At the 21st Century Bank Event Center - 12716 Main Street
Events will be hosted indoors in cases of inclement weather

BANDS AND CONCERTS - 6:00PM

June 24 July 8 July 22 Aug 5 Aug 19	Sawyer's Dream Todd Anderson Hollywood Blvd Taylor's Version Shane Martin	Americana Hits Sinatra Tribute Rock and Roll Hits Taylor Swift Tribute Country Hits
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CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT - 6:00PM

July 15 July 29 Aug 12 Aug 26	The Teddy Bear Band Bob the Beachcomber Science Heroes The Jolly Pops	Kids Band Kids Band Interactive Story Kids Band
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MOVIES IN THE PARK

Aug 6 Aug 13 Aug 20 Aug 27	K-Pop Demon Hunters (2025) Meet the Robinsons (2007) How to Train Your Dragon (2025) Movie in MY Park!	8:45pm 8:30pm 8:15pm 8:00pm
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FARMERS MARKET 3:00-6:30PM

Wednesdays June 10 - October 7 No Market July 1

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Staff had the opportunity to tour the future senior center, which is part of the Duffy Development on Main Street. Everyone is excited about the possibilities this new space will bring to our community. (photo shows the main entrance on the East side of the building)



We've also made strides in city branding by adding more features to the east side of Rink 1. These enhancements play a big role in tying the entire complex together, reinforcing its identity as a city facility.



Our Farmers Market is thriving, with over 300 visitors enjoying fresh produce and local goods this week.

Date	Attendees	Notes
6/10/2026	330	First market of the season. Sunny and 80°
6/17/2026	115	Raining, moved Farmers Market indoors
6/24/2026	400	First EITP - Sawyer's Dream. Sunny and windy
Total	845	



Family Fun Day Carnival

- Carnival is set for 7/17/27
- Public Works, Fire, and Police have been contacted and have confirmed their attendance with trucks/vehicles.
- Rogers Ambassadors and Cub Scouts Pack 528 have been contacted with a request for volunteers.
- Estimating 600 in attendance, on par with 2025
- Skipping cotton candy machine this year and handing out freeze pops instead. Will continue to hand out popcorn and juice boxes.

Rogers Senior Center Report

Notes:

- June newsletter was not emailed until June 2nd, and the mailing was delayed until mid-June due to a misstep with the postage.
- The Senior Center closed for Rockin' Rogers June 17-23.

Dining Program:

- **Total Meals Served: 120**

Special Events:

- **Summer Smash (June 16):** Sons of the Beach performed a delightful mix of summery tunes followed by a catered lunch of teriyaki & pineapple chicken from PF Chang's. We rounded out the day with a variety of card games. **32 participants.**



- **Birthday Bingo Bash (June 10):** Free Bingo, sponsored by Salterra of Hanover Senior Living, brought in **22 players**, followed by a catered pot roast lunch and June birthday celebration. **35 meals served.**

- **Osceola-St. Croix Railway (June 11):** Participants enjoyed a 90-minute train ride through scenic Wisconsin complete with a box lunch during the trip. We finished our day with a short stop in Stillwater for some shopping. Despite rainy weather, **33 attendees** joined us for the outing.



- **Rockin' Rogers Parade (June 20):** The Rogers Senior Board participated in the parade and created their own parade float, which has become an annual tradition.



Move Well Series

- Classes are paused in June and July and resume in August with **Tai Chi Walking**.

Other Highlights

- Regular activities continued, including Book Club, Mahjong, Card Club, Grocery Bus service, Quilt Sewciety meeting, Card Creation Club, Caregiver Services, Tech Clinic, Free Bread Friday, and Community Cafe.
- 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.

Upcoming Programs – July 2026

Special Events

- **Stars, Stripes, & Sundaes (July 1):** A patriotic themed gathering with cheeseburger sliders catered by Short or Tall and live music by the talented Vinnie Rose.
- **Chanhassen Dinner Theater: *Guys & Dolls* (July 8):** A trip to enjoy the classic Broadway musical *Guys & Dolls*! We will also enjoy a plated lunch onsite and time to browse the gift shop.
- **Birthday Bingo Bash (July 15):** Cash Bingo, sponsored by Rogers Senior Board, followed by catered pot roast meal from Center Cut and July birthday celebration.

Programs

- **Birds & Bagels (July 23):** Learn about birds you can spot from your porch or window, and how to attract them safely while enjoying some free bagels! Parks and Rec college intern Kali will lead a 30-minute talk on common birds and offer a make-your-own pinecone bird feeder craft.

Clubs & Activities

- Card Club: Mondays for Mahjong, and Tuesday-Thursday afternoons for other assorted card games.
- Card Creation Club: Meets every Monday to create upcycled cards to be sold as a fundraiser for the Rogers Senior Board.
- Quilt Sewciety: First Tuesday of the month.
- Book Club: Fourth Wednesday – July title is *The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride* by Joe Siple

Grocery Bus

- Twice monthly trips to Walmart; registration required.

Notes

- The Senior Center was closed on Friday, July 3, for Independence Day and will also be closed on Thursday, July 23, starting at noon and reopening on Thursday, August 13, due to the 2026 Primary Election.

Event Center

Events in June:

- 4 Non-profit (reduced or no fee)
- 12 City (no fee)
- 17 Paid (full fee)

June Booking Statistics:

- 4 contracts processed for 2026 events
- 3 contracts processed for 2027 events
- 13 new inquiries about future rentals
- 19 facility tours

Event Center Notes:

- Restock on merch for Part-time Staff
- Jason Doboszenski and Rylan Measured Coat rack room for future sliding door
- Ordered Podium + Tripod for Virtual Tour
- A/V system fixed in Conference Room

21st Century Bank Event Center Use & Revenue Statistics for June 2026:

Account Type	Hours Used	Total Revenue
Individual	70.5	\$ 11,525.00
Internal	74	\$ 0.00
Non-Profit	32.5	\$ 1,500
Total	177	\$ 13,025.00

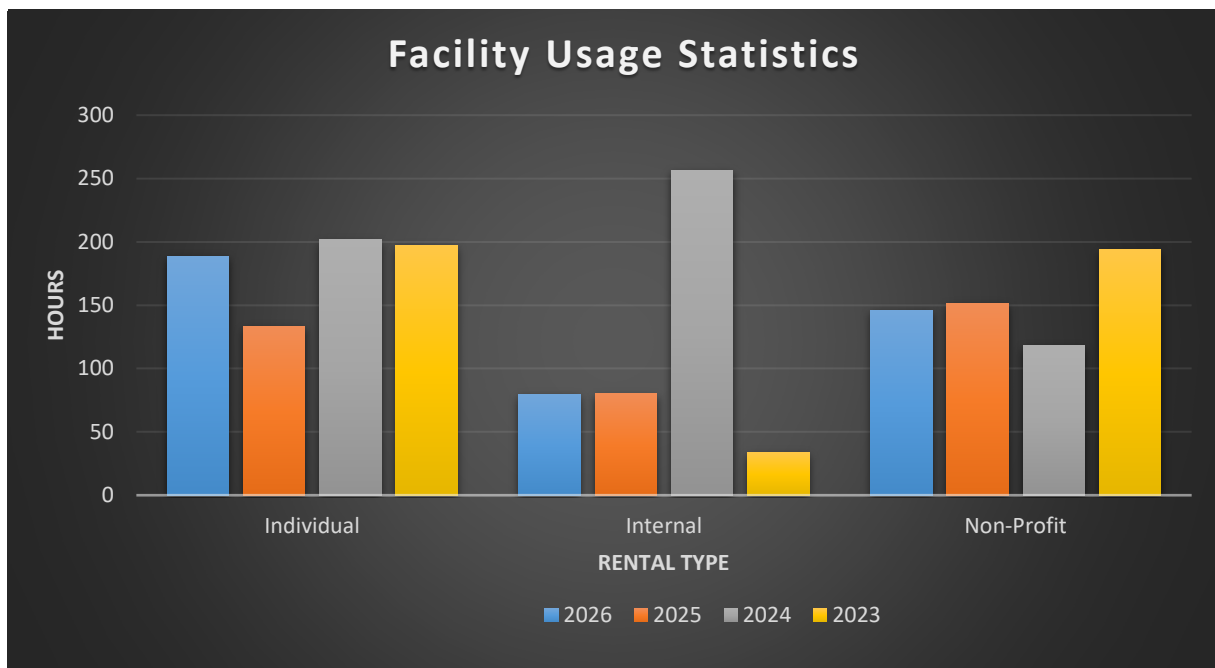
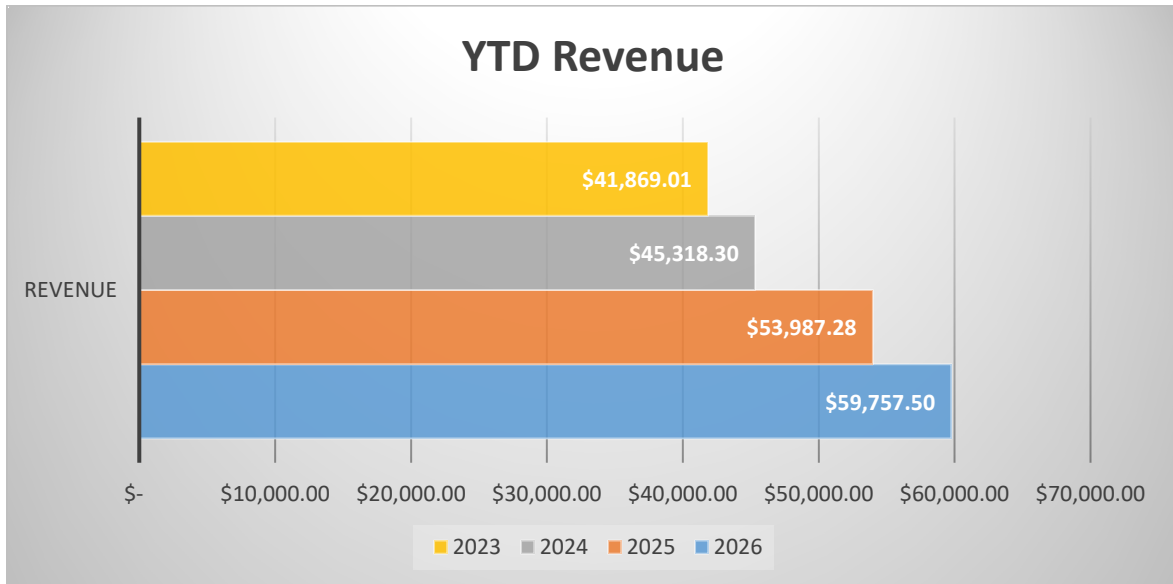
21st Century Bank Event Center Projected Use & Revenue for July 2026:

Account Type	Hours	Total Revenue
Individual	86	\$ 17,635.00
Internal	76.50	\$ 0.00
Non-Profit	45.5	\$ 1,571.25
Total	208.00	\$ 19,206.25

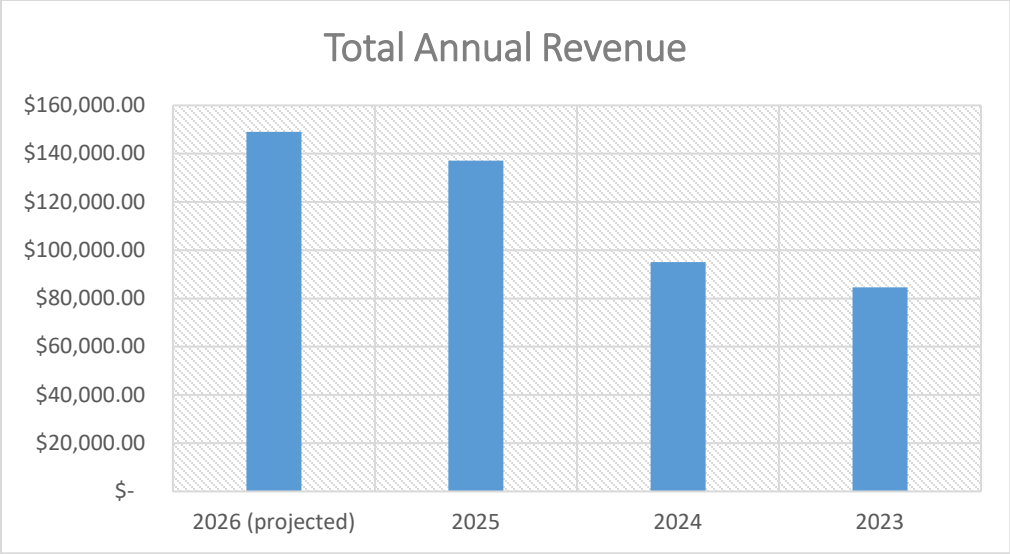
21st Century Bank Event Center Booked Use & Revenue for 2026 (as of 07/06/2026):

Account Type	Hours	Total Revenue
Individual	741.23	\$ 120,007.5
Internal	612.25	\$ 550
Non-Profit	681	\$ 28,463.75
Total	2,034.48	\$ 149,021.25

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.



June 2026 recap

June was a steady month for the Event Center, hosting **33 events** across non-profit, city, and paid rentals, supported by strong administrative activity including 13 new inquiries, 19 facility tours, and 7 future-year contracts processed. Total June usage reached **177 hours**, generating **\$13,025 in revenue**, with year-to-date totals climbing **to 2,034.48 booked hours** and **\$149,021.25 in revenue**. Community demand remained consistent across all renter groups.

Operational improvements continued as well. The team restocked part-time staff merchandise, measured the coat room for a future sliding-door installation, ordered a replacement podium for the event center, along with a tripod to soon incorporate virtual tours at the facilities. The A/V system and cable box were repaired in the conference room. These updates support smoother event operations and enhance the facility’s service capabilities.

Rental Coordinator Brown expanded his role in daily coordination to include inquiries, contracts, and scheduling across all account types. He also contributed to planning and preparing for facility upgrades. Overall, June marked steady operational progress and maintained strong momentum entering the summer event season.

Seniors Pickleball

Date	Participants	Revenue
6/5/2026	8	\$40.00
6/12/2026	10	\$50.00
6/19/2026	No pickleball - Juneteenth	
6/26/2026	8	\$40.00
Total	26	\$130.00

Learn to Skate

Class	Participants	Revenue
Adult/Teen Class	1	\$72.00
Basic Skills 1	1	\$72.00
Basic Skills 2	2	\$144.00
Basic Skills 3	0	\$-
Basic Skills 4	4	\$288.00
Hockey 1	3	\$216.00
Hockey 2	3	\$216.00
Hockey 3	4	\$288.00
Hockey 4	1	\$72.00
Hockey Edge	0	\$-
Snowplow Sam 1	9	\$648.00
Snowplow Sam 2	8	\$576.00
Snowplow Sam 3	2	\$144.00
Snowplow Sam 4	0	\$-
Total	38	\$2,736.00

- Average from the last three years is between 45 and 60 participants
- July session currently has 43 registered participants

