



AGENDA

Rogers Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

September 17, 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 Historical Sign Project

6.2 Review Park Rental Guidelines

6.3 Rogers High School Baseball Field – Batting Cage Expansion Request

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: September 17, 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 PRAC minutes from July 9, 2026.

Financial Impact:

Source Fund:

Budgeted?

Supporting Documentation

A. July 9 2026 Park Commission Minutes

Park and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes **July 9, 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 Vice Chair Warfield on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 5:27pm at Brookside Meadows Park 22114 129th Ave. N. Rogers MN, 55374.

Roll Call

Dale Fuller	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner	Chair	Absent
Peggy Warfield	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner	- Vice Chair	
Paul Hacker	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner		
Judi Volkers	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner		Absent
Mike Volkers	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner		Absent
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		
Patrick	Hassan Historical Society		
Ashley	Hassan Historical Society		

2. OPEN FORUM

Historical Park Signage Presentation

- Patrick and Ashley from the Rogers Historical Society introduced plans to install historical interpretive signs at several city parks. The signs will include:
 - A brief history of each location
 - Historic photographs
 - QR codes linking visitors to additional historical information online
- The first historical sign is planned for Woodman Hall. Funding has been secured through a memorial donation.
- Additional parks under consideration include:
 - North Community Park (the former thrashing show site)
 - Territorial Park
 - South Community Park Weber Farm (School Project)

The group discussed the historical significance of Territorial Road, including it's origins as a Native American trail, early settlers following marked trees through the area, the evolution of the roadway into what became Territorial Road, the possibility that Rogers contains one of the longest remaining original stretches of Territorial Road and existing historical information about the former Weber Farm and opportunities to incorporate that history into future signage.

Patrick and Ashley of the Historical Society will return to the next meeting with completed artwork for the Woodman Hall sign, additional concepts for other park locations and historical information regarding the thrashing show and Territorial Park.

Members briefly discussed:

- Landscaping and lighting around future historical signs.
- Potential use of solar lighting.
- Improvements to pedestrian access near Woodman Hall

3. PRESENTATIONS None

4. APPROVE AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Consent Agenda Approved as submitted.

Motion to approve the July 9, 2026, Consent Agenda by Morrow, seconded by Osland. Motion approved 4/0.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approval of the June 2026 PRAC Minutes

Motion to approve June 11, 2026, Minutes by Morrow, seconded by Osland. Motion approved 4/0.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Meeting Schedule and Location

The City Council meeting has been moved to Thursday, August 13 to accommodate the Primary Election on August 11. Because of this, the PRAC August Meeting date needs to be changed.

Three options were provided: Monday, August 10, Wednesday, August 12 or cancelling the August Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) meeting. The PRAC chose to schedule the meeting for Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at the Fieldhouse. Commissioners noted that if there is insufficient business or a quorum cannot be achieved, the meeting may be canceled.

The PRAC also discussed relocating regular meetings from the Public Works Breakroom to the HealthPartners Fieldhouse. This will allow for: improved meeting space, better technology for presentations and displaying photographs and more suitable facilities for Commission meetings.

This idea was well received, and future regular meetings will be held at the HealthPartners Fieldhouse, except when meetings are conducted at park locations.

The commission confirmed plans to hold the September meeting at Territorial Park as previously scheduled.

Motion to reschedule the August 2026 PRAC meeting to Wednesday, August 12 by Okland, seconded by Hacker. Motion approved 4/0.

Motion to hold future regular meetings at the HealthPartners Fieldhouse by Morrow, seconded by Okland. Motion approved 4/0.

6.2 Rogers Athletics Photo Collection

Staff presented a proposal to enhance the indoor playground with themed photo panels printed on mesh windscreen material to be installed around the play structure. The proposed idea is to hold a community photo contest August 3 - September 25, 2026.

Allowed participants would be youth and adult participants in Rogers and local athletic programs.

- Pictures could be action shots, team photos.
- Photos may be edited and used for playground and City marketing.
- Cost of a 30x45 banner with City branding is \$60.
- Photo releases will be necessary.
- Submitted photos will become property of the City of Rogers and could be displayed long-term, with the possibility of refreshing or adding new images every few years.
- Staff will work with the Communications Manager to organize the contest, and to add City of Rogers/Parks & Recreation branding to selected images.
- Final photo selections will be presented to the Commission for approval.
- Individuals whose photos are selected for display would receive complimentary passes for the Fieldhouse or ice rink.
- One grand prize for a one-year Fieldhouse family pass, selected by random drawing.

The PRAC expressed support for moving forward with the photo contest proposal.

Motion to allow staff to conduct a Rogers Athletic Photo Contest to enhance the indoor playground with themed photo panels by Morrow, seconded by Hacker. Motion approved 4/0.

The PRAC suggested future projects could include scenic photographs of Rogers parks and trails for display throughout the facility.

6.3 Active Transportation Assessment Review and Discussion

Staff introduced the transportation assessment prepared by the Rogers Planning Department and SRF Consulting Group as part of the City's 2050 Comprehensive Plan, which will help guide future trail planning and the next Parks Master Plan update.

Staff explained that the report includes mobile device-based heat map data used to estimate travel patterns and park visitation.

Commissioners emphasized the continued need to improve trail connectivity throughout Rogers.

Key Priorities Identified

- Connect neighborhoods to parks and community destinations.
- Improve connections between North and South Rogers.
- Continue pursuing regional trail connections despite long implementation timelines.
- Improve safe crossings at Highway 101 and other major barriers as opportunities arise.
- Strengthening trail connections within South Rogers as development continues.
- Gather additional public input during future comprehensive planning efforts to help prioritize trail projects.
- Continue advocating for pedestrian improvements when county and state bridge projects are completed.
- Incorporate additional trees and landscaping along trails to improve user comfort and aesthetics.

Staff indicated these comments would be incorporated into future planning discussions and used as feedback for updates to the City's trail and park plans.

No formal action was requested or taken regarding the transportation assessment.

6.4 2026 Work Plan Draft Reviewed

Highlights:

- Sunnyside playground equipment may arrive earlier than anticipated requiring staff to adjust removal and installation schedules.
- Dutch Knoll playground equipment installation is underway.

- Crow River Heights improvements are progressing, with old equipment scheduled for removal, asphalt trail work will follow once playground work is finished.
- Staff plan to have the South Community park (SCP) ribbon cutting ceremony in August.
- Staff continue working through issues related to construction and design deficiencies of the SCP pickleball courts.
- Pavilions haven't been ordered yet.
- Trees at Territorial Park will be replaced under warranty.
- Rockin' Rogers Entertainment in the Park kickoff attracted approximately 50 attendees at the stage while many additional visitors attended Community Night activities.

7. OTHER BUSINESS None

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

8.1 Correspondence and Staff Update

Correspondence

- Recently staff have received reports of hanging tree branches. Hazardous branches will be addressed where and when feasible, with additional tree removals planned for the fall. Dead Emeril Ash Borer trees are usually removed in the late fall or winter.
- Staff reviewed an incident involving unauthorized ATV/UTV use that caused significant damage to park trails and turf at Day Spring Park. The biggest concern was motorized vehicles operating despite posted restrictions. There was much discussion on this topic.

Staff Updates

- Angie Grotte has started working at the Fieldhouse as the new Administrative Assistant for our Parks and Recreation team.
- Rachel, the Fieldhouse Supervisor, began maternity leave after welcoming a baby girl, Ruby Jude, on July 1. Both mother and baby are doing well. During Rachel's leave (through approximately November), staff responsibilities will be shared among existing team members and the new administrative assistant.
- Staff toured the new Duffy Building to review the future senior center space. The facility is expected to be a valuable, permanent, location for senior programming.
- Staff are working on rebranding the senior program to better reflect active older adults and encourage broader participation.
- Family Fun Day carnival is scheduled for Friday, July 17th. Approximately 600 attendees are expected.
- The Community Room will be closed July 23 through August 11 for primary election activities and early voting.
- Staff are planning around potential election dates to minimize scheduling conflicts with future events.
- There was discussion on improving the promotion of entertainment events through increased social media visibility, Facebook sharing, and several other ideas.

9. ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn at 6:47pm by Morrow, seconded by Okland. Motion carried 4/0.



STAFF REPORT

ROGERS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

Agenda Item: 6.1

Subject: Historical Sign Project

Prepared By: Mike Bauer, Parks & Recreation Director

Overview / Background / Analysis

Patrick and Ashley from the Rogers Historical Society attended the recent meeting to present their plans to install historical interpretive signs at select city parks. The proposed signage will provide park visitors with context about key historical locations throughout Rogers.

Project Components

The signs will feature the following elements:

- A brief narrative history of each site
- Historic photographs illustrating past uses and events
- URL directing visitors to expanded historical content online

Current Progress and Priority Locations

- Woodman Hall: The first planned installation. Funding for this sign has been secured through a memorial donation. Patrick and Ashley will return at the next meeting with completed artwork.
- North Community Park: Proposed sign focused on the former thrashing show site.
- Territorial Park: Concept development underway, including research into the broader history of Territorial Road.
- South Community Park – Weber Farm Sign (School Project): A collaborative school project is underway to develop the historical content and concept for the Weber Farm interpretive sign.

Historical Context Discussed

Commission members and Historical Society representatives reviewed the significance of several historical themes, including:

- The origins of Territorial Road as a Native American trail and early settler route marked by blazed trees.
- The possibility that Rogers contains one of the longest remaining original stretches of the Territorial Road corridor.
- Historical information related to the former Weber Farm and opportunities to incorporate that narrative into future park signage.

Next Steps

Patrick and Ashley will return at the next PRAC meeting with:

- Completed artwork for the Woodman Hall sign
- Additional concept drafts for other park locations
- Historical research on the thrashing show and Territorial Park

Staff Recommendation

Financial Impact:

Source Fund:

Budgeted?

Supporting Documentation

A. Weber Farm Draft



Subheading



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Weber Family Farm

12521 Main St, Rogers, MN

The Weber Family Farm
1903-2022

John B. Weber and family came from Germany in 1854 looking for fertile farmland. They found it in Hassan Township near present-day Rogers and Fletcher. Where you now stand was part of the Big Woods, which still holds some of the oldest ironwoods in the state

In 1913, Albert J. Weber married Margaret (Stenglein) and six weeks later purchased 50 acres of this land from his father. By 1917 a house, barn, garage, and chicken house had been built. All of these structures stood until this land was developed in 2022

Crops grown were oats, barley, corn, alfalfa and potatoes. Livestock consisted of horses, cows, chickens and pigs. Potatoes, milk and eggs provided much-needed income. The nearby railroad was a lifeline for transporting agricultural products. Area farmers worked together sharing machinery and helping each other at harvest time. That resulted in a very interconnected Rogers area community. Electricity still remained a dream in rural areas. Kerosene lanterns lit the house and barn.

By the 1950's Romie Weber and his wife, Irene (Zachman), took over farm management adding additional buildings and increasing the dairy operation. They also added more acreage bringing the farmland up to 100 acres. Their sons and daughters became the 3rd generation to work on the farm. As the farm grew in size, so did the surrounding community of Rogers. Its population grew rapidly after the construction of I-94.

Neil Weber brought the farm into modern times and his sons became the 4th generation to work this land.



Subheading



STAFF REPORT

ROGERS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

Agenda Item: 6.2

Subject: Review Park Rental Guidelines

Prepared By: Mike Bauer, Parks & Recreation Director, Rylan Brown

Overview / Background / Analysis

The pavilion and Sunroom at Lions Central Park remain popular rental facilities, especially during the summer months. As usage has increased, staff have observed recurring issues with decorations, amplified sound, sidewalk and turf damage, improper grill use, and post-rental cleaning. The guidelines address these concerns.

Summary of Key Guideline Updates

Decorations

- Only masking or painter's tape may be used. Prohibited items include Scotch tape, duct tape, and Command hooks.
- All decorations must be removed after rental.

Sidewalks / Turf Protection

- Driving on sidewalks, trails, or grass for loading/unloading is prohibited.
- Fees may be assessed if a party is observed driving on park surfaces.

Amplified Sound

- Small portable speakers allowed at reasonable volume.
- DJs, PA systems, or other amplified sound require a Special Event Permit.

Inflatables

- Must be approved in advance.
- Ground stakes or anchored equipment penetrating turf are not allowed; only aboveground weights permitted.

Rental Timing

- Setup and cleanup must occur within the designated rental window.

Grill Use

- Pavilion includes two charcoal grills.
- Additional grills must be placed on grill mats provided by renter.

Summary of Cleaning Expectations

Garbage and Recycling

- All litter must be placed in bins; overflow must be taken to the dumpster and bins relined.

Surface Cleaning

- Tables and chairs must be wiped down using provided supplies.

Floor Cleaning

- Sweeping required for noticeable debris.

Room Setup (Sunroom-specific)

- Tables/chairs must be returned to a designated layout.

Staff Recommendation

Staff request that the Commission review the attached guidelines and provide feedback on:

- Clarity and enforceability of the rules
- Any recommended additions or modifications
- Fee structure related to violations
- Any potential impacts on renter satisfaction or operational workload

Upon approval, staff will incorporate PRAC's recommendations and move forward with finalizing the public-facing document and updating the city's rental communications.

Financial Impact:

Source Fund:

Budgeted? N/A

Supporting Documentation

- A. LCP Pavilion Guidelines 1
- B. Sunroom Cleaning Expectations



Pavilion Guidelines

(See Reverse for Cleaning Expectations)

Every rental is required to follow these guidelines while using this facility.

1. **DECORATIONS:** You may use masking tape or painter's tape to hang decorations. Scotch tape, duct tape, and command strips/hooks are not allowed.
2. **VEHICLE ACCESS AND LOADING/UNLOADING:** Do not drive on sidewalks, trails, and grass to load/unload equipment or supplies. This area was not built to drive vehicles into the park, on the grass, or on the sidewalks, and is a danger to children and other adults at the park. If someone from your event drives in the park, fees will be assessed.
3. **AMPLIFIED SOUND:** Small, portable speakers may be used for background music at a reasonable volume. DJs, public address (PA) systems, and other amplified sound equipment are not permitted as part of a standard pavilion rental.

Events that include amplified sound, DJs, live music, or other sound amplification may require a Special Event Permit and advance approval. It is the renter's responsibility to obtain any required permits before the event. Special event permits must be applied for at least 60 days in advance of your event.
4. **INFLATABLES:** All inflatables need to be approved in advance of your rental. To protect underground utilities and park grounds, inflatables may not be secured with stakes or any kind of anchor in the ground. All inflatables must be anchored using above-ground weights.
5. **RENTAL TIME:** Setup and Cleanup time, is part of the rental period. You can enter by the start of the rental time and must be out by the exit time.
6. **GRILLS:** The pavilion provides use of two charcoal grills for renters use. If you plan on bringing your own grill, you must provide a grill mat underneath to use at the facility.

Failure to follow the guidelines and cleaning expectations
will result in a fee and/or the inability to rent again in the future.

For emergency maintenance issues after business hours, answering service: 763-572-4388

For general questions/assistance during business hours M-F, contact Rylan: 763-428-0936



Pavilion Cleaning Expectations

(See Reverse for Guidelines)

Every rental is required to complete this checklist before leaving the premises.

1. **DECORATIONS:** All decorations and supplies must be taken down and removed at the end of the rental. Make sure to remove any tape from the walls.

2. **GARBAGE:** Renters are responsible for leaving the pavilion clean and free of litter at the end of their reservation. All litter/garbage must be placed in the garbage bins or the dumpster by the street; do not litter in the park. If the garbage bins are full, please notify the ice cream cart staff if present, or call or text Rylan at 763-428-0936.





Sunroom Guidelines

(See Reverse for Cleaning Expectations)

Every rental is required to follow these guidelines while using this facility.

1. **DECORATIONS:** You may use masking tape or painters tape to hang decorations. Scotch tape, duct tape, and command strips/hooks are not allowed. Do not hang decorations from anything mounted in the room (i.e. fire extinguisher, sprinkler heads, thermostat, **Curtains**).
2. **ICE CREAM:** In the summer months staff may be scheduled to sell ice cream outside the building. The ice cream cart will be stored in the Sunroom when not in use. Staff may enter the facility during your reservation to remove and replace the ice cream cart. Do not unplug or move the cart/umbrella.
3. **DOORS:** Do not prop open Sunroom doors during your rental. Keeping the door open will strain the HVAC unit and can cause the air conditioning to malfunction and stop working.
4. **TABLES AND CHAIRS:** You may rearrange the tables and chairs to best suit your needs. Additional tables may be brought in but would need to be supplied by the renter.
5. **SIDEWALKS:** Do not drive on sidewalks to load/unload equipment or supplies. This area was not built to drive vehicles into the park, on the grass, or the sidewalks and is a danger to children and other adults at the park. If City staff notices your party driving on the sidewalks a fee will be assessed.

Failure to follow the guidelines and cleaning expectations
will result in a fee and/or the inability to rent again in the future.

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Sunroom Cleaning Expectations

(See Reverse for Guidelines)

Every rental is required to complete this checklist before leaving the premises.

1. **DECORATIONS:** All decorations and supplies must be taken down and removed at the end of the rental. Make sure to remove any tape from the walls.
2. **GARBAGE:** Remove all garbage & recycling from the indoor bins and place in the external bins by the port-a-potty next to the parking lot. Reline can(s) with bags left in the supply bin.
3. **WIPE:** Use spray bottles and towels in the supply bin to wipe down tables AND chairs.
4. **SWEEP:** Broom and dustpan are located next to the supply bin. Please sweep areas of noticeable mess.
5. **TABLES AND CHAIRS:** Please leave five tables set up and separated with ten chairs around each. Leave the sixth table against the wall with no chairs. **See picture below.**





STAFF REPORT

ROGERS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

Agenda Item: 6.3

Subject: Rogers High School Baseball Field – Batting Cage Expansion Request

Prepared By: Mike Bauer, Parks & Recreation Director

Overview / Background / Analysis

The Rogers Dugout Booster Club has requested approval to add new batting cages in the left-field area of the Rogers High School baseball complex. The project includes installing the Mastodon™ batting cage system, new turf, and associated labor by Prairie Contracting, with an estimated project cost of \$37,629.

This work would occur on School District–owned property that is governed by the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the City of Rogers and ISD 728. As such, any site modifications require approval from both parties.

The Booster Club has also asked the City whether it can contribute funding toward the project.

The previously funded improvements, including two bullpens, updates to the existing batting cage, and installation of a visitor bullpen, are scheduled to begin the week of September 21 pending turf delivery.

ISD 728 has indicated verbal support for its portion of costs associated with earlier phases of the project. However, the new batting cage expansion requires separate and formal approval per the JPA.

Next Steps

Upon PRAC concurrence, staff will notify the Booster Club and ISD 728 of the approval requirements.

Staff Recommendation

Approving the proposed batting cage expansion, contingent upon ISD 728's documented approval, with an added condition:

Before the City considers any additional funding requests for RHS baseball facility enhancements, staff recommends that ISD 728 develop a timeline for bringing the Rogers High School baseball facilities up to district standards.

Financial Impact:

Source Fund:

Budgeted?

Supporting Documentation

None



STAFF REPORT

ROGERS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: September 17, 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 staff activities each year. This list covers the major initiatives, which usually require 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 (Indefinite 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 a project with ISD 728)

Staff Recommendation

Financial Impact:

Source Fund:

Budgeted?

Supporting Documentation

A. 2026 Work Plan

B. Work Plan Photos

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: September 17, 2026

Agenda Item: 8.1

Subject: Correspondence

Prepared By:

Overview / Background / Analysis

Staff Recommendation

Financial Impact:

Source Fund:

Budgeted?

Supporting Documentation

- A. Coorispondence September
- B. Park and Rec Staff Update August



Correspondence

Hello Mike,

I am reaching out as part of the State Farm Red Nets, a nationwide effort to provide new basketball nets to local parks and community centers.

Would you be interested in receiving a free basketball net for courts in Rogers? If you are interested in receiving free nets, please provide me with the following information:

- Each location that would be receiving the nets (you can do as many parks as possible or centers that you need)
- How many hoops at each park need a net
- How many would you like? We can typically provide up to 10 nets per court

The nets would arrive within 2 to 3 weeks. There is no cost or obligation to return. We would like, if possible, a before and after photo when installed.

Let me know if you are interested in being a part of the program.

Sincerely,



Kelli Swart

Agent | Owner



Hi Kelli,

I hope you're doing well!

We have 10 parks here in Rogers with basketball courts, totaling 16 hoops. I actually just ordered some new nets last month, but we do replace quite a few every year to keep things in top shape for our players. Here's a breakdown of our locations and hoops:

- North Community Park – 4 hoops
- Hassan Hills – 1 hoop
- Edgewater – 2 hoops
- Shadow Woods – 1 hoop
- Brockton Meadows – 2 hoops
- Laurel Creek – 2 hoops
- Brookside Meadows – 2 hoops
- Fox Creek West – 1 hoop
- Hassan Meadows – 1 hoop
- Territorial – 1 hoop

Let me know if you need any other details or forms from us. Thanks again for including Rogers in this great program!

Thank you,

Mike Bauer

Hi Mike,

Thank you for getting back to me. I have ordered 10 nets for you to have on hand. I was only able to order 10 not the 17 requested. I will have them within 2 to 4 weeks. I would love to be able to take a picture of one installed after they come in if that is possible.

Sincerely,

Kelli Swart - Agent

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.

Parks and Recreation Director

Mike Bauer

Name: Thomas Kissner

Subject: Mike Bauer, Parks, mowing

Message: I understand all you wrote in your last response, but I still have two questions. One; You mentioned cutting to 6 inches, all I see is cutting to 0 or 1 inch. Two; I too am concerned for the Monarch. I watched several milkweed plants get cut down as they were growing near the pond. Now I see no more milkweed.

Name *	Drew Bryan
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Problem Type *	Parks/Playground
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Problem Details *

Hello,

A tree recently fell in the city-owned marsh/wetland area directly behind my property at 22850 Rachael Dr, Rogers.

The fallen tree appears to be located entirely on City property and is now obstructing access to the pond intake and pump that serves my residential irrigation system. While the system is currently

operational, the tree's location will make routine maintenance and seasonal winterization significantly more difficult if it remains in place.

In addition, there is a second tree immediately adjacent to the fallen tree that appears to be in similar condition.

Given its proximity and the recent failure of the neighboring tree, I am concerned it may also be susceptible to falling during a future storm event.

Could you please let me know:

Whether the City is aware of the fallen tree and plans to remove it;

Whether the adjacent standing tree should also be evaluated;

If the City does not intend to address one or both trees, whether I would be authorized to remove the fallen tree and/or the adjacent tree at my own expense; and whether there are any permitting, wetland, or environmental considerations I should be aware of before taking any action.

I am happy to provide photographs or meet on-site to point out the specific trees and irrigation intake location.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Best regards,

Drew Bryan

Mike, I just wanted to give you a huge shout-out!

Tonight, I drove over to the NCP rec soccer fields and couldn't help but notice the incredible theme of the night: Rogers sports are absolutely booming!

During my short trip,

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- Passed by the new Rogers Fieldhouse
 - Checked out the exciting progress on the new Rogers Ice Arena construction
 - Walked right past the packed Rogers Pickleball Courts
 - Watched the teams practicing hard for Rogers Softball
 - Saw the players practice for Rogers Baseball
 - Finally arrived at my destination for Rogers Soccer
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The theme of course is Rogers! Seeing all of this action made me realize how much you have poured into our community. I truly appreciate everything you have done—and continue to do—to make this city such a wonderful place to live and play.

Thank you so much!

Jim David

RUSC Communications

www.rogersunitedsoccer.org

Hi Jim,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful email. Your shout-out truly made my day! Feedback like this doesn't come our way too often, so it means a lot to know that the energy and commitment poured into our programs and facilities are noticed and appreciated.

It's fantastic to hear how much activity and excitement you saw during your visit. I had a similar thought last night while driving back to the office after the July PRAC meeting at Brookside Meadows Park. I'm grateful for the chance to work alongside so many passionate people with the City Staff, Parks and Recreation Commission, and City Council that support and help keep us motivated to continue making Rogers a great place to live and play.

Thanks again for taking the time to reach out!

Parks and Recreation Director

Mike Bauer

Hi. I just wanted to give you an update on the field improvements. We are meeting with the contractor on July 21 At 9:30 AM at the field.

If either of you are available please let me know.

After that meeting turf will be ordered and based on that timing, we will set a date for when we will start the improvements

My contractor will send an invoice to the school and then school invoice the city. I'm guessing that will happen mid to late August.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns

Thank you!
Josey Dooley - President
Rogers Dugout Booster Club

Hello Mike,

My name is Leanne Holker and I work with the City of Monticello Parks, Arts & Rec. I am putting together a tour of local athletic complexes, and your new ballfields at South Community Park have been highly recommended by Monticello families, our youth baseball association and Chris Morrow with Maple Grove Parks & Rec recommended the complex for us to check out! Our Parks & Rec staff would love a chance to tour and have a conversation about how your complex is operated and managed. We're always interested in seeing how other communities manage their facilities and sharing ideas along the way!

Would you be available to meet with a small group from our department at about 12:50pm on Tuesday, July 14th?

Thank you for considering it, and I appreciate your time!

Sincerely,

Leanne Holker
League Specialist



Good morning Mike & Havana,

Although the heat slowed us down on Tuesday and we weren't able to meet Havana on site at South Community Park, we did manage to swing in about an hour later than expected. Sorry for the last minute change of plans!

But wanted to share some feedback we had. It was the biggest "wow" factor for little league, grass turf fields of all the athletic complexes we've visited. You guys did a great job with it and with the maintenance of it! The dugouts and the hockey rinks were also really impressive.

Thanks again for being willing to meet with us, even though we weren't able to make it on time. We appreciate the opportunity to tour the park!

Leanne Holker
League Specialist
Monticello Parks, Arts & Recreation



Good Morning Mike,

I hope the summer is treating you well.

I need your help with a couple of things. The "drainage/runoff" area that was created by the installation of the park still needs to be addressed. It still floods in our yard and the wetland. So much so that it caused a very large tree to come down on our property. We need your assistance with both of these issues. You mentioned before this might be under a different department, but can you help us?

Best,

Ryan



Hi Ryan and Ashley,

I am glad for a reprieve of cooler weather after that stretch of 90-degree days.

I have sent the information to our Parks Maintenance Supervisor, who should be figuring out what needs to be done with the tree, and I have asked our Public Works Superintendent to look into the drainage.

Thank you,

Parks and Recreation Director

Mike Bauer

mbauer@rogersmn.gov
22350 S. Diamond Lake Rd. Rogers, MN 55374
RogersMN.gov
Office: 763-428-0974

Name: Megan Hennen
Subject: Swing at Triangle Park off Rouillard
Message: The toddler swing next to the blue ADA swing has significant wear and may cause injury with sharp edge

The swings have been removed, and new ones have been ordered.
Thanks again for the heads up!

Parks and Recreation Director

Mike Bauer

Name: Anne Brink
Subject: Teaching yoga in Hassan Meadow Park
Message: Hello,

I'm a registered yoga teacher and Rogers resident interested in bringing yoga to our local community. Would I be permitted to offer a donation-based, 60-minute yoga class at the park twice a month on weekends?

Participants would sign a waiver and bring their own yoga mats and bug spray. I would also ensure the space is left in the same or better condition than I found it.

Please let me know if a permit, reservation, insurance, or other approval would be required. Thank you for your consideration!

Hello Anne,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your interest in bringing yoga to Hassan Meadow Park.

At this time, we don't have a formal process in place for activities like yours, but I'd like to work with you to make this opportunity possible.

Could you please keep me updated on the number of participants you expect for each session, and provide your contact phone number and address for our records? This will help us ensure everything runs smoothly.

As you plan your classes, please be mindful of other park users. We ask that you avoid blocking trails or equipment and make sure your group doesn't interfere with anyone else's enjoyment of the park. If you have any other questions or need clarification.

Best regards,

Parks and Recreation Director

Mike Bauer

Wow, I never would have pictured a Sunday morning taking a turn down this road.

Good news first. It works Great!

The Bad news is now every time my dog leaves a pile, I think of you. (I hope that got a chuckle or at least a smile)

Anyway I just got back from my morning Dog walk and realized I never said Thank YOU, for distributing the doggie bags with holder for my leash that you gave out at the annual Rogers Clean Up Day.

Seriously, Thank YOU!

I hope all is well on your end.

I see work is moving right along on the Duffy Development, so please feel free to reach out if you have anything you need my help with getting the Senior Center up and running.

Dave Nei

Thanks, Dave,
This message made me laugh.
Thanks,

Parks and Recreation Director

Mike Bauer

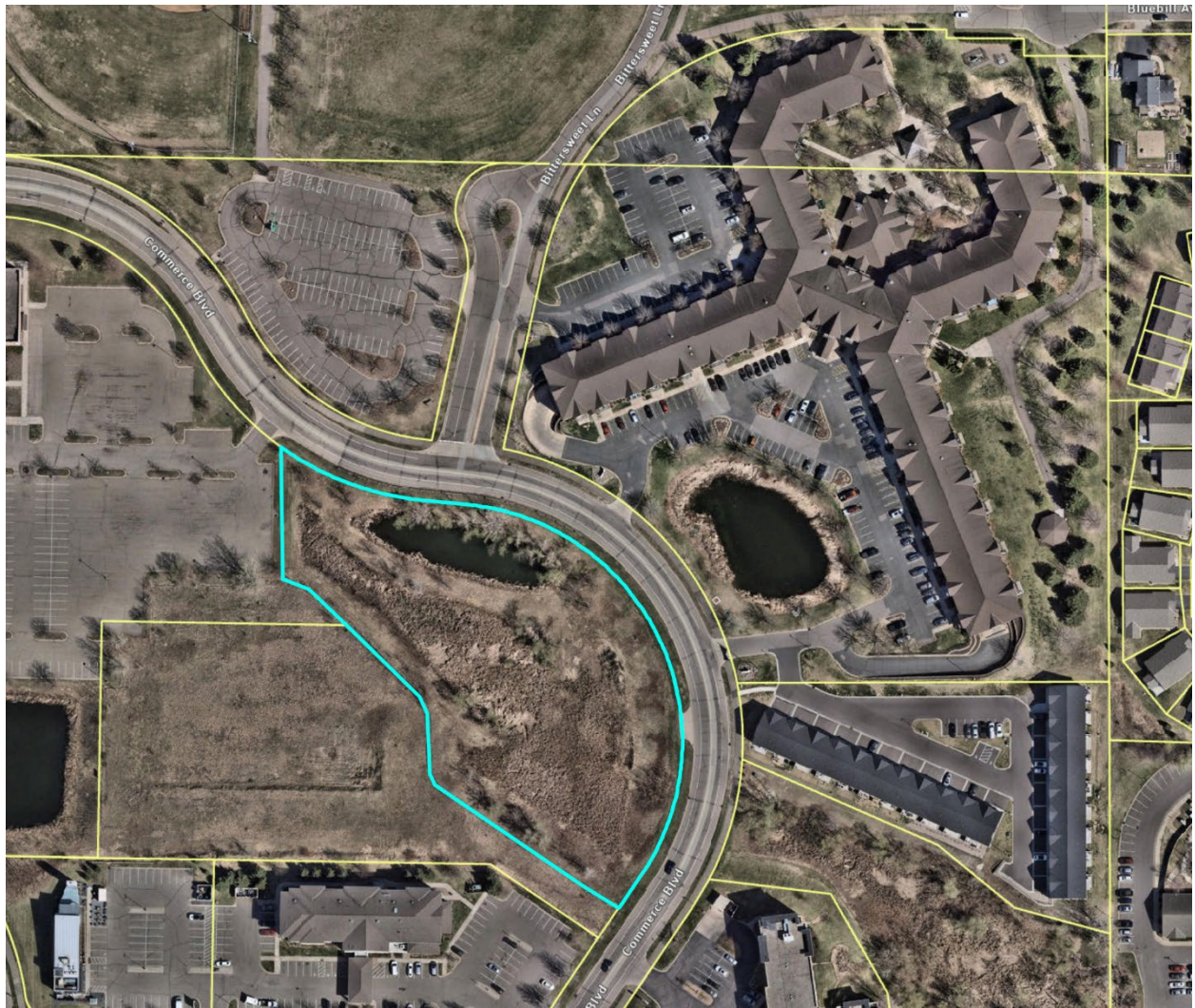
Name * Jordan Weisenberger
Problem Type * Parks/Playground
Problem Details * The path at Brookside meadows park is covered in goose poop

hey mike this my name is chris paulson i'm a resident here at rogers at commerce blvd at the preserve commerce and i was just wanted to let you know that i found the federally endangered rusty patch bumblebee just across the street in a natural area and yeah i thought that you guys would be interested and maybe you'd want to take a look if you want to come take a look at it i'd be happy to show you where i found it like i said my name is christopher paulson and you can call me back here at 319-415-4411 thank you

Hello,

I wanted to let you know that I've spoken with a resident who reported spotting a federally endangered rusty patched bumblebee in the natural area across from the Preserve Apartments. This location is in the out lot, and I thought it would be important for you to be aware of the sighting, especially if there's any maintenance planned there this summer.

The resident has already notified the University of Minnesota and bumblebeewatch.org about his finding. Here's some additional information on the rusty patched bumblebee and voluntary conservation measures: <https://www.fws.gov/media/voluntary-conservation-measures-rusty-patched-bumble-bee-bombus-affinis>



At the park right now 8 pm. Looks like they where in here again. Tearing it up again.





Patrick Ruppe

Hello,

I just wanted to send a note and see if you're able to help. I live in the Edgewater neighborhood and the trail that goes through the neighborhood desperately needs repair. The cracks and potholes are so significant my kids can't bike or scooter on it without falling every few feet. I'm told this trail is supposed to be maintained by the city and not our HOA. So, I'm curious if there's a plan to initiate the repairs needed or how we can get one started? Including a photo of just one of the rough sections.

Thank you,
Rachel Kuseske, PTA, EP-C

To repave these trails you are looking at approximately 470 ton of asphalt. $\$67/\text{ton} = \$31,490$ What can your budget swing? We have to do ADA compliant Ped Ramps for the trails to NCP, so most likely that won't get paved this year.

This is with stopping before the playground. If we went to Superior Drive, you may have to do a ped ramp. (7-10K)



Name * Josh Rupnow

Address *
Edgewater Park
Rogers, Mn 55374
United States

Problem Type * Parks & Recreation Requests

Problem Details * The sprinklers are turning on during the day at Edgewater Park and making the court all wet and the park very difficult to access and use. Could you please adjust the schedule so they only come on when it's dark?

Thank you!

Hi Josh,

Thank you for the message. I wanted to let you know that the irrigation system for the park area is owned and managed by the HOA. I've forwarded your message and concerns to the HOA board's email address that I have on file, so they are aware of the situation and can take appropriate action.

Thanks again for reaching out!

Parks and Recreation Director

Mike Bauer

Thank you Mike.

We have addressed the issue.

Thanks,

Edgewater HOA Board

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2026 11:36 AM

To: Brett Angell <bangell@rogersmn.gov>

Subject: How a Skatepark Could Support Rogers' Community Vision

Dear Mr. Angell,

I'm reaching out as a Rogers resident and father of young children who has been looking into the possibility of bringing a public skatepark to Rogers.

My kids and I enjoy visiting skateparks, and it has become something we can enjoy together as a family. I also still enjoy getting on a skateboard myself—which, at almost 40 years old, I realize makes me part of the “older generation” at the skatepark now. I'm perfectly happy to embrace that distinction if it means I get to keep skating with my kids.

After reviewing the City's community planning materials, I believe a skatepark could be a very strong fit with the vision Rogers has established for its future.

The City's planning documents place an emphasis on creating a community with quality environments and treasured open spaces that enrich residents' experiences, contribute to physical health, and strengthen social connections. I believe a well-designed, modern skatepark fits directly within those goals.

A skatepark would provide Rogers with a recreational opportunity that is currently missing from our park system. Rogers has done an excellent job providing traditional youth sports, athletic fields, playgrounds, trails, hockey and other recreational opportunities, but there is a significant group of children and teenagers whose preferred form of recreation is skateboarding, BMX, scooters and similar activities.

It would provide:

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- A place for families to be active together. Younger children can learn on scooters and beginner-friendly features, parents can participate with their kids, and older riders can continue using the facility as their skills develop.
 - An alternative to organized sports. Skateboarding, scootering and BMX provide physical activity without requiring a team, registration, scheduled practices or tryouts.
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- A positive outlet for healthy risk-taking. Adolescents naturally seek out new challenges and controlled forms of risk as they develop independence. A well-designed skatepark provides a structured environment where young people can test their abilities, push their limits, learn from failure and develop better judgment while participating in a positive physical activity. Rather than eliminating risk, it gives young people an opportunity to learn how to manage it responsibly.
- A positive gathering place for teenagers. As Rogers continues to grow, providing safe and constructive places for older children and teenagers to spend time is increasingly important.
- Inclusive, self-directed recreation. Riders can participate at their own ability level and progress at their own pace.
- A connection to Rogers' trail network. A skatepark could be a destination that kids can reach by bicycle, scooter or skateboard, complementing the City's investment in trails and pedestrian connectivity.
- A unique community and regional asset. A thoughtfully designed skatepark could attract families from Rogers and surrounding communities while providing another recreational destination for residents.

Potential funding

I was also encouraged to find that the Minnesota DNR's Outdoor Recreation Grant Program specifically identifies fixed-in-place skateparks as eligible projects. The program can provide matching grants of up to 50% of eligible project costs, with awards of up to \$500,000. This could provide an opportunity to combine state funding, City resources and potentially community fundraising or partnerships to make a project more feasible.

I also think there is an opportunity to approach a skatepark as part of a larger community park rather than as a standalone facility. Modern skateparks can incorporate landscaping, seating, shade, pedestrian connections and other amenities, allowing them to become an attractive public gathering space.

What particularly interests me is how closely this concept seems to align with Rogers' broader community vision. The City is planning for a growing population and future generations, and I think it is important that recreational planning considers what today's children—and tomorrow's adults—will actually want to use.

From my perspective as a parent, I would love to see my children have the opportunity to grow up with a facility like this in their own community rather than having to drive to another city whenever they want to skate.

And selfishly, as someone who still likes to get on a skateboard despite approaching 40, I'd love to have a place where I can continue doing it with my kids for years to come.

I would love to see Rogers consider a skatepark as part of a future park master plan, capital improvement plan, or other long-range recreational planning effort. Even if construction isn't an immediate possibility, identifying potential locations and beginning to evaluate community interest, funding opportunities and partnerships would be a worthwhile first step.

I would also be very interested in helping with that process as a resident and parent. There are likely many other families, young people and community members who would be willing to participate in a needs assessment, community survey or discussion about what a skatepark could look like in Rogers. Would you be willing to discuss whether a skatepark has previously been considered by the City and what the appropriate process would be for residents interested in advocating for one?

Thank you for your time and for the work you do helping Rogers plan for its future.

Best,

Andrew Kraabel

Hi Andrew,

I wanted to let you know I was out on vacation last week, so I'm just catching up on your email about the skatepark proposal. We have looked at the idea in the past, and while it didn't generate much support at the time, the growth of our community makes it worth revisiting. As we prepare to update our Parks, Open Space, and Trails plan in 2027, your input is timely.

I'll be bringing your suggestion to our Parks Commission at its next meeting, scheduled for September 17th at Territorial Park at 5:30 pm. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll move the meeting to the Parks and Recreation office in the HealthPartners Fieldhouse. It would be good to get the commission's perspective on this and to hear more from residents like yourself.

In the meantime, I'd appreciate hearing your ideas for possible locations for a skatepark. As you mentioned, we haven't selected a site yet, so your thoughts on suitable spots within Rogers would be helpful as we consider options.

Thank you again for reaching out. I look forward to hearing your suggestions and seeing where this conversation leads as we plan for the future of Rogers' parks.

Best regards,
Mike Bauer

Hi Mike,
Thanks again for getting back to me and for asking about potential locations. I've spent some time looking through the Rogers park system and thinking about where a skatepark in the range of roughly 20,000 square feet could potentially fit.

A few locations stand out to me:

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- North Community Park - This is probably my top choice. It already functions as a major recreation destination, with parking, restrooms, trails, athletic facilities, and the playground. Looking at the park layout, I think there may be opportunities around the open space near the playground and picnic area. Even relocating a portion of the existing trail could potentially create enough contiguous space without displacing an athletic field. I also really like the idea of a skatepark being part of a larger family recreation destination rather than isolated somewhere on its own.
 - Parcel 1412023130016 / Area West of North Community Park - I came across this parcel while looking at the Hennepin County property map, and places the City of Rogers already owns. I have no idea what is actually feasible with this property, what constraints exist, or whether recreational development there would even be possible, but its location caught my attention. It's immediately adjacent to North Community Park and has good proximity to the existing sidewalk network. I like the possibility of having the accessibility and connection to North Community Park without necessarily having to use space currently dedicated to another park activity. Again, this is purely an observation from looking at the map, and I'd be interested in whether City staff sees any potential there at all. Image of Parcel:
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- Hassan Hills / Cambria Farms - There appears to be considerably more space in this area, and the trail connections make it interesting. I think it would be worth looking at whether there is an appropriate area near parking and other active recreation that could accommodate a skatepark without interfering with the more natural portions of the park.
- Lynch Park - The combination of existing recreation, parking, trails, and available acreage makes this another location I think is worth considering. Its connectivity to surrounding neighborhoods is appealing as well.
- Lions Central Park - This is another location I think could be interesting at the 15,000-20k square-foot scale. The existing parking, restrooms, playground, splash pad, trails, and other amenities would make it very accessible for families. Being centrally located and already functioning as a community gathering place is appealing as well.

I don't have a strong preference that a skatepark *has* to go in any one of these locations, and I recognize that looking at an aerial map doesn't tell me anything about drainage, wetlands, utilities, grading, future plans, or the many other things that determine whether a site is actually feasible. I'm mainly trying to identify locations that seem worth discussing.

From my perspective, the ideal site would have good sidewalk or trail access, parking, visibility, and enough separation from neighboring homes while still being close to other park amenities.

As both a parent and an almost lifelong skateboarder, I especially like the idea of locating it somewhere families are already spending time. My son and I often visit skateparks together, and some of our favorites are places where the skatepark is just one part of a larger park and my younger daughter can enjoy other parts of the park. It allows kids of different ages and interests, and their parents, to all use the same destination.

At this point, North Community Park and the area immediately surrounding it probably stand out the most to me, but I'd be very interested in hearing your thoughts on these locations or whether there are other City-owned properties that Parks staff think might be better suited.

Thanks again for being willing to consider the idea and bring it to the Parks Commission. I really appreciate the opportunity to provide some input and will make a plan to be there for the next meeting!

Best,

Andrew Kraabel

I take back what I said after driving by Parcel 1412023130016 / Area West of North Community Park. This is probably not feasible for a skate park but I do think it's interesting for a path into the park. As it stand there are too few entry points into the park and this *might* be able to provide a sidewalk entry to the park.

Hi Andrew,

Thank you for following up. I agree that the area west of the NCP doesn't seem feasible for a skatepark. Even the land between the fields might pose challenges for such a facility.

I will bring your suggestions forward to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission at our upcoming meeting to get guidance on possible next steps. Depending on the commission's direction, we may need to involve a landscape architect to help evaluate and vet additional locations in more detail.

If you have any other questions or ideas before the commission meets next week, please feel free to reach out. Also, for future correspondence, I'll remove Brett from the email thread, since his involvement isn't necessary at this stage.

Best regards,

Parks and Recreation Director

Mike Bauer

Hello,

My name is Emily, and I am a Sports Coordinator for the City of Shoreview. I'm reaching out because we are interested in learning more about how other communities organize and support pickleball. Could you share some information about how pickleball is organized within your community? In particular, we would be interested in learning:

- Whether you have a pickleball club, advisory group, committee, board, or other organized group
- Who is involved in leading or coordinating your pickleball programs
- Who would be the best person for us to contact if we have questions about your pickleball program
- How your city works with local pickleball players, clubs, volunteers, or league organizers
- Whether you have volunteers or community members who assist with pickleball programming or development
- How your pickleball leagues, tournaments, or other programs are organized
- How often your pickleball leadership or advisory group meets, if applicable
- Whether you have a formal process for recruiting or selecting volunteers/community members for these roles
- Any information, resources, documents, or examples you would be willing to share that could help us learn from your approach

If you have a pickleball club or advisory group, we would especially appreciate being connected with the appropriate contact or group.

We are hoping to learn from other communities about what has worked well for them and how they involve the local pickleball community in their programs.

Thank you for your help and for sharing any information you are able to provide!

Emily

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Emily Ashton | Sports Coordinator
Hi Emily,

Thank you for reaching out about our pickleball programming. Mike has forwarded me your email and I will try my best to give thorough answers to your questions!

- Whether you have a pickleball club, advisory group, committee, board, or other organized group
 - o We do not have any dedicated pickleball organizational groups, but our Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission will offer insight and feedback on programs and public court matters.
- Who is involved in leading or coordinating your pickleball programs
 - o Depending on the program, pickleball within Rogers comes from three different sources: City of Rogers Parks and Recreation, the Rogers Tennis Club, or ISD 728 Community Education. The Tennis Club and Community Ed offer programming within Rogers but take care of the marketing and operations of their own programs.
- Who would be the best person for us to contact if we have questions about your pickleball program
 - o For programs directly through Rogers Parks and Rec, I would be the best contact.
 - o Rogers Tennis Club: Libby Geelan - 763-595-1043
 - o ISD 728 Community Ed: Quinton Rohrbough - quinton.rohrbough@isd728.org
- Whether you have volunteers or community members who assist with pickleball programming or development
 - o Not at this time.
- How your pickleball leagues, tournaments, or other programs are organized
 - o Parks and Rec directly runs Seniors Pickleball for ages 55+.
 - o Minnesota Pickleball runs leagues on our city courts through Parks and Rec.
 - o Programming at the Rogers Tennis Club and ISD 728 Community Education are done independently through those organizations.

If you have any follow-up questions or would like additional clarification about a certain question please let me know!

Thank you,

Havana Hanson (she/her)
Recreation & Facilities Coordinator
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From: Squarespace <form-submission@squarespace.info>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2026 10:30 AM

To: Department - Administration - Info <info@rogersmn.gov>

Subject: Form Submission - Contact City of Rogers - Porta potty conditions at NCP

Name: Danielle L

Subject: Porta potty conditions at NCP

Message: Hello,

I wanted to make you aware that the condition of the porta pottys at NCP is beyond unacceptable, and has been for months. As you know, it's a very busy park used for youth athletics, most recently RAYFA. Several hundred youth and their families pay very high field rental fees, and we should expect restroom facilities in usable condition. Some concerned parents reached out directly to the company, and were rudely told "the city of Rogers only pays for one cleaning"? There is nothing they can do. This company is notorious for having unsanitary conditions in their units. May I suggest either using a different sanitation company, or using some of your revenue from our field rental fees, to pay for more than one cleaning? I feel they are not only taking advantage of a city sponsored contract, but they are also not willing to respond to concerns when city residents call to notify them of the condition of their units. Please forward this concern to the appropriate party and I do expect a response.

Hi Danielle,

Thank you for reaching out and for bringing this concern to my attention. I'm sorry to hear about the condition of the porta-potties at North Community Park and your experiences when contacting the vendor.

To help us better address the issue, could you let me know whether the unit in question was one of the two located near the parking lot, or one of the units closer to the middle school? The units near the school are under contract with the school district, but since the vendor referenced the City of Rogers in their response, we are assuming the concern is with the units we provide.

This is the first report we have received regarding ongoing issues at NCP. I personally visited the porta potties twice over the last couple of months and did not encounter the same conditions you described, so I appreciate you taking the time to notify us.

Our Park Maintenance/Public Works Department oversees the contract for the portable units, and it took some time to gather the details for you. The vendor emails Public Works each Thursday after service is completed. After receiving your message, they switched out one of the units entirely. It is true that we pay for one cleaning per week, and we request additional servicing when we are aware of special events or higher than usual usage. Unfortunately, because the park is open to the public, we are not always notified when additional activities will be occurring. And they have to get the request from the City of Rogers since the contract is with them. I wish they would have contacted us, but that did not happen.

Please feel free to contact me directly via email or phone if you continue to see issues so we can respond right away.

Rogers Youth Football has been an excellent partner. They can also unlock the permanent restrooms above the storage area if they choose, and I have asked our field coordinator to remind them of that

option as with any volunteer organization there may have been some change over and they might not have passed that along.

You also mentioned the high fees paid for field use. The City of Rogers official only charges for field painting and the use of lights. However, last year, the total for the invoice from the City of Rogers was \$8,762.25, while our cost to paint the fields was \$14,242. This does not include the labor required to set field markers each week, the cost of electricity, irrigation, fertilizer, mowing, and the repair and replacement of goal posts, as well as other maintenance needs and, of course, porta-potties, the difference which is subsidized by the property taxes levied by the City of Rogers. If there are other fees you are concerned about, please let me know, and I'm happy to look into them.

Thank you again for reaching out. Your feedback helps us improve park conditions and services for all users.

Best regards,

Parks and Recreation Director

Mike Bauer

Hi Mike,

It is the two porta pottys at NCP right by the parking lot. The others near the middle school are a different, more reputable sanitation company. I would recommend maybe switching companies?

I'm glad you brought up field maintenance. I encourage you to go look at NCP Field 5. It is not in good condition. There is an entire area that is unusable because the ground is so uneven with large ruts that will injure someone. Our coaches have said "I wish we had a better field." We have to modify our practices and scrimmages to avoid this area, which is in the middle of the field closest to the goal post by the parking lot. Go take a look and let me know how you can improve the quality so these athletes don't risk injuring themselves.

Hi Danielle,

Thank you for following up on these concerns. I wanted to share where things stand regarding NCP Field 5 and the porta potty situation.

Unfortunately, once a field sustains damage during the season, our repair options are somewhat limited if we want to avoid a prolonged closure. I spoke with the Rogers Youth Football Association's Field Scheduler, who confirmed with the board that our best short-term fix was to resod and staple the affected section. That repair was completed last week. The Field Scheduler also met with the teams practicing on Field 5, and everyone has agreed to stay off the damaged area during practices. We're cautiously optimistic that the spot will hold up during games, but we'll keep monitoring it to ensure safety.

On the reporting side, the Youth Football Association shared some insight into their internal process. If parents notice a concern, they should notify their coach, who then contacts their level director, and

the director brings the issue to the scheduler or a board member. This chain helps them respond efficiently and keeps everyone in the loop.

Regarding the porta potties, I've reached out to our Public Works team again. Every time they've checked the units, they haven't found them in a usable state. I've asked them to contact the supplier for recommendations and respond to you directly, but since they don't report to me, I can only pass along requests and feedback. Hopefully, the association is also opening the restrooms above the storage area for added convenience.

Best regards,

Parks and Recreation Director

Mike Bauer

Name: Katie DeVries

Subject: Lights

Message: Isn't a waste of city funds to have the light shining on the turf facility 24 hours a day?

Hi Katie,

Thank you so much for reaching out and sharing your concerns about the light shining on the turf facility. I wanted to let you know that the photocell on the fixture was actually faulty, and we were waiting for it to be repaired under warranty to avoid unnecessary expenses. I'm happy to report that the issue was resolved last Friday, so the fixture is now operating as intended.

I'd also like to mention that the illuminated logo is part of our naming rights agreement, which brings significant funding to the facility. The annual cost to keep that light on is about \$325, and in return, we receive approximately \$100,000 from the naming rights partnership. This funding goes directly to supporting and enhancing the facility, so it's a valuable arrangement for our community.

Thanks again for your feedback, and please let me know if you have any more questions or concerns.

Parks and Recreation Director

Mike Bauer

Mike, I understand the importance of having the light there, but it's really difficult working across from it when it shines directly in my face every morning. It would have been nice to consider the neighboring businesses when deciding where to place it. Since the light is on a pole, perhaps it could have been positioned or angled toward your parking lot and the street leading to the school, rather than directly toward our building.



Staff Updates

Rogers Senior Center Report

Notes:

- The Senior Center closed for the Election starting July 23 at noon until Thursday, August 13.
- We represented the Senior Center at the Aging Wellness Fair at Word of Peace on August 26.
- Meetings were held to configure the kitchen layout at the new senior building to meet Hennepin County Standards as well as meetings to work on the rebranding concepts for the new space.
- Teresa attended the Field Trip Expo (free admission) at the Mill City Museum to gather new ideas for programs and trips.

Dining Program:

- **July Total Meals Served: 109**
- **August Total Meals Served: 91**

Special Events:

- **Stars, Stripes, & Sundaes (July 1):** Vinnie Rose performed a medley of patriotic and summer fun tunes! We had lunch catered from Short or Tall with a menu of cheeseburger sliders, french fries, and fresh cut veggies. **18 participants.**



- **Birthday Bingo Bash (July 15):** We started our day with a birthday coffee & cake celebrating Bob Milless' 100th birthday! Cash Bingo started at 10:30 am, sponsored by the Rogers Senior Board, brought in **12 players**, followed by a catered pot roast lunch and June birthday celebration. **43 meals served.**



- **Chanhassen Dinner Theater: *Guys & Dolls* (July 8):** Participants enjoyed a plated lunch in the theater followed by an entertaining show of *Guys & Dolls*. **23 attendees** joined us for the outing.



- **Bagels & Birds (July 23):** The Park & Rec intern, Kali, let us her expertise for the morning and led a very detailed presentation on backyard birding, as well as a short hike near the wetland to spot birds, and making our very own pinecone bird feeders! **8 participants**



Move Well Series

- Classes are paused in July and resume in August with **Tai Chi Walking**.
 - **National Noon Out (August 4):** We had an enjoyable time mingling with Rogers' PD & FD Departments while we painted rocks, played games, and enjoyed a tasty BBQ lunch from Q Fanatic. **17 participants (plus FD & PD).**



◦ **Birthday Bingo Bash**

(August 19): Free Bingo started at 10:30 am, called by our very own Kali the intern, brought in **16 players**, followed by a catered pot roast lunch and August birthday celebration. **35 meals served.**



- **Duluth Vista Boat Cruise (August 18):** We enjoyed a plated lunch at Blackwoods followed by a Harbor Boat Cruise with Vista Fleet. We made a pitstop on the way home at Tobie's to grab some tasty treats! **44 attendees** joined us for the outing.





Move Well Series

- Tai Chi Walking only had a few register, so unfortunately we had to cancel.

Smart Cookie Series

- We had a presentation of Thursday, August 13 from Maria's Voice on Domestic Violence Awareness. **2 participants.**

Treasure Island Casino Trip (August 3): We had a very full bus with a waiting list to spend the day at TI Casino. **26 participants.**

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 – September 2026

Special Events

- **State Fair Trip (September 3):** We are attending the Great MN Get Together!

- **Birthday Bingo Bash (September 16):** Cash Bingo, Sponsored by the Rogers Senior Board, followed by catered pot roast meal from Center Cut and September birthday celebration.
- **Guadalajara of Rogers Fundraiser (September 16):** Stop in to eat or get take out, and say your supporting the Rogers Senior Group. A portion of the proceeds will be given to the Rogers Senior Board to offset the cost of transportation and entertainment for trips and programs.
- **Crow River Winery & Carlson's Orchard (September 17):** Wine tasting & Orchard frolicing.
- **Senior Trivia Social (September 21):** Sponsored and hosted by the Rogers Senior Board, they are hosting a fun event with trivia and lots of food and cash prizes. Only \$5/person.
- **Harvest Hootenanny (September 30):** Celebrating all that is Fall with the Roe Family singers and a chili bar, complete with cornbread. Craft activity sponsored by NorBella of Rogers.
- **Smart Cookie Series (September 10, 15, & 24):** We are hosting several Smart Cookie sessions on CPR & First Aid, Move Readiness, and Fall Prevention & Cooking Safety.

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

Grocery Bus

- Twice monthly trips to Walmart; registration required.

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
7/3/2026	No pickleball - 4th of July	
7/10/2026	14	\$70.00
7/17/2026	11	\$55.00

7/24/2026	14	\$70.00
7/31/2026	9	\$45.00
8/7/2026	15	\$75.00
8/14/2026	10	\$50.00
8/21/2026	No pickleball	
8/28/2026	13	\$65.00
Total	112	\$560.00

Learn to Skate

June Session	Participants	Revenue	July Session	Participants	Revenue
Adult/Teen Class	1	\$72.00	Adult/Teen Class	1	\$72.00
Basic Skills 1	1	\$72.00	Basic Skills 1	3	\$216.00
Basic Skills 2	2	\$144.00	Basic Skills 2	2	\$144.00
Basic Skills 3	0	\$-	Basic Skills 3	0	\$-
Basic Skills 4	4	\$288.00	Basic Skills 4	1	\$72.00
Hockey 1	3	\$216.00	Hockey 1	7	\$504.00
Hockey 2	3	\$216.00	Hockey 2	1	\$72.00
Hockey 3	4	\$288.00	Hockey 3	3	\$216.00
Hockey 4	1	\$72.00	Hockey 4	0	\$-
Hockey Edge	0	\$-	Hockey Edge	0	\$-
Snowplow Sam 1	9	\$648.00	Snowplow Sam 1	9	\$648.00
Snowplow Sam 2	8	\$576.00	Snowplow Sam 2	12	\$864.00
Snowplow Sam 3	2	\$144.00	Snowplow Sam 3	4	\$288.00
Snowplow Sam 4	0	\$-	Snowplow Sam 4	1	\$72.00
Total	38	\$2,736.00	Total	44	\$3,168.00

- Summer numbers are low, but average from last three years is 45 participants

- Summer sessions are currently split into three half-hours (8:45-9:15am, 9:15-9:45am, and 9:45-10:15am) look into minimizing to two half-hour sessions next year due to low enrollment numbers



Farmers Market

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
7/1/2026	0	Fourth of July week - no market
7/8/2026	352	EITP - Todd Anderson. Cloudy, light mist between 6:00-6:30
7/15/2026	306	EITP - Teddy Bear Band. Extreme heat and smoke - indoors
7/22/2026	440	EITP - Hollywood Blvd. Sunny and light breeze 73°
7/29/2026	351	EITP - Bob the Beachcomber. Sunny 91°
8/5/2026	457	EITP - Taylor's Version. Perfect day, sunny breezy and 85°
8/12/2026	419	EITP - Science Heroes. Partly cloudy.
8/19/2026	416	EITP - Shane Martin. Sunny and 70's
8/26/2026	208	EITP - The Jolly Pops. Windy, sunny, 80°
Total	3794	



Entertainment in the Park

Date	Type	Entertainment	Cost	Attendees
6/18/2026	Kids	The Bazillions - Rockin' Rogers Days Kickoff	\$500.00	50
6/24/2026	Band	Sawyer's Dream - 70's Americana	\$1,500.00	70
7/8/2026	Band	Todd Anderson - Sinatra Tribute	\$800.00	110
7/15/2026	Kids	The Teddy Bear Band	\$1,150.00	90
7/22/2026	Band	Hollywood Blvd - Rock and Roll Hits	\$-	
7/29/2026	Kids	Bob the Beachcomber- Kids Band	\$400.00	80
8/5/2026	Band	Taylor's Version - Taylor Swift Tribute	\$2,000.00	620
8/12/2026	Kids	Science Heros - Interactive Storytime	\$425.00	75
8/19/2026	Band	Shane Martin - Country Hits	\$-	200
8/26/2026	Kids	The Jolly Pops - Kids Band	\$900.00	100
Total			\$7,675.00	1395

- Rogers Lions Club paid for Hollywood Blvd and Shane Martin.
- Rogers Lions Club provided food and beverages. Lions served beer, seltzer, and NA beverages and rotated through Philly cheesesteaks and brats/hotdogs.
- New full-size concert time: 6:00-8:30pm with a performer intermission. Kids concerts will start at 6:00pm and remain the 45-60 minute length.
- Hard to get an exact number every week; numbers are approximated.
- Teddy Bear Band moved indoors due to heat and air quality concerns; still had a good turnout and show.
- Taylor's Version was a huge success, but due to the increased crowd size, there were some difficulties with parking. Make a satellite parking map to add to the website and Facebook events next year.



Movie in the Park

Date	Attendees	Movie
8/6/2026	60	K-Pop Demon Hunters (2025)
8/13/2026	30	Meet the Robinsons (2007)

8/20/2026	50	How to Train Your Dragon (2025)
8/27/2026	25	Movie in MY Park - Zootopia 2 (2025)
Total	165	

- Rain on 8/20 moved us indoors, but the Lions Club had the Great Hall reserved. Movie took place inside the HealthPartners Fieldhouse and had a great turnout despite the change in location.
- Movie in MY Park was held at Dutch Knolls and had a lower turnout then previous years events.



Family Fun Day Carnival

- Carnival was at North Community Park on Friday, 7/24/27
- Was originally scheduled for 7/17/24, but was decided to push it back one week due to the extreme heat and poor air quality.
- Public Works, Fire, and Police attended with trucks/vehicles.
- Rogers Ambassadors volunteered with running games.
- Estimated 300 attended. Less than previous years but still a successful event.
- Concessions handed out popcorn, rice krispie treats, and juice boxes. Much more successful than previous years cotton candy, will do again.



Men's Softball

Summer Softball Playoffs were held on 8/3 and 8/10 and split into three divisions: gold, silver, and bronze

- Gold Champion: McPetes
- Silver Champion: TJ Potter Trucking
- Bronze Champion: Happy Electric



Fall Softball started on 8/31 and has 10 teams in the league.

Proposed Revenue Fall Softball		
Team registration fee	10 teams @ \$500/each	\$5,000.00
Total Revenue		\$5,000.00
Proposed Expenses		
Umpire fees	53 games @45/each	\$2,385.00
Softballs	5 dozen @ \$70/dozen	\$350.00
Team sanction fee	10 teams @ \$25/team	\$250.00
Field set-up	18 fields @ \$35/field	\$630.00
Total Expenses		\$3,615.00
Difference		\$1,385.00

Art in the Park

- Contracted Mrs. Patricia Schneider, a Rogers resident who teaches K-8 visual arts at Saint John Paul II Catholic School in NE Mpls, to lead four weeks of Art in the Park classes.
- Classes were held at Lions Central Park in the Sunroom, and each week had one session for grades K-2 and another for grades 3-5.
- Cost was \$10/child per week, and there were 55 registered participants throughout the 8 sessions.

- Between the instructor invoice and supply costs, this program was not revenue generating. We would have to raise the registration fee next year to ~\$20/child per week in order to generate revenue, but the higher fee might drive away attendance.



Bark in the Park

- Held at Lynch Park on 8/15
- Weather was overcast but still had a good turnout
- Had two food trucks and Ripple Effect Brewing lined up as vendors as well, but all three dropped out last-minute
- 14 dog-related vendors and ~120 attendees

- Notes for next year: print yard signs to advertise at Lynch and other city parks in advance. Make sure to secure food truck(s)



Upcoming Programs/Events

- **Fall Learn to Skate**
 - Fall 1 session starts 9/12/26
 - 77 currently registered, surpassing 2024 and 2025 Fall 1 sessions
- **Oktoberfest**
 - 9/12/26 at the 21st Century Bank Event Center
 - In partnership with Rogers Lions Club
 - Lions provide musical entertainment, Parks and Rec will lead activities
 - Activities for kids: pretzel necklace station, bounce house, and potato sack race
 - Activities for adults: sauerkraut eating contest, stein holding contest, and best dressed
- **Daddy Daughter Dance**
 - Fourth annual event
 - 11/6/26 at the 21st Century Bank Event Center
 - Registration opened 9/1 and already have 47 registered
 - Registration caps at 150 and has filled every year

Rental Events in August:

- 5 Non-profit (reduced or no fee)
- 17 City (no fee)
- 15 Paid (full fee)

August Booking Statistics:

- 14 contracts processed for 2026 events
- 4 contracts processed for 2027 events
- 20 new inquiries about future rentals
- 12 facility tours

Event Center Notes:

- Acquired hardware for Coat rack room sliding door
- Purchased sliding door for Coat rack room
- Purchased replacement sliding door for storage closet

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

Account Type	Hours Used	Total Revenue
Individual	136	\$ 24,820.00
Internal	82	\$ 0.00
Non-Profit	52	\$ 1,875.00
Total	270	\$ 26,695.00

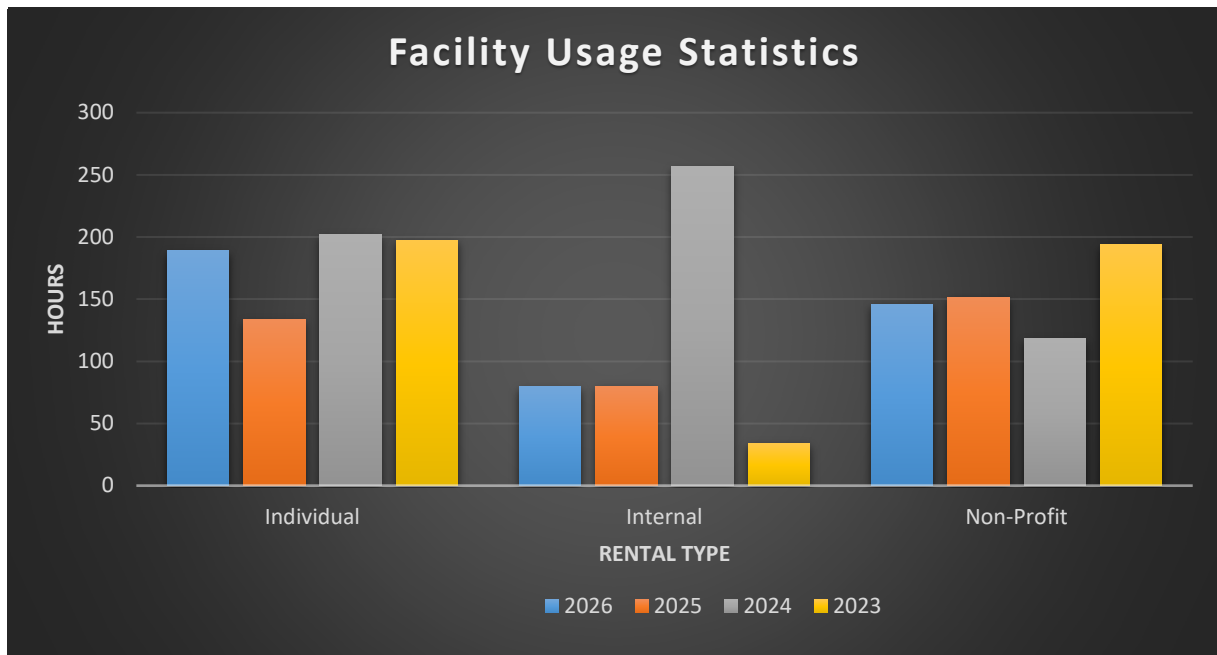
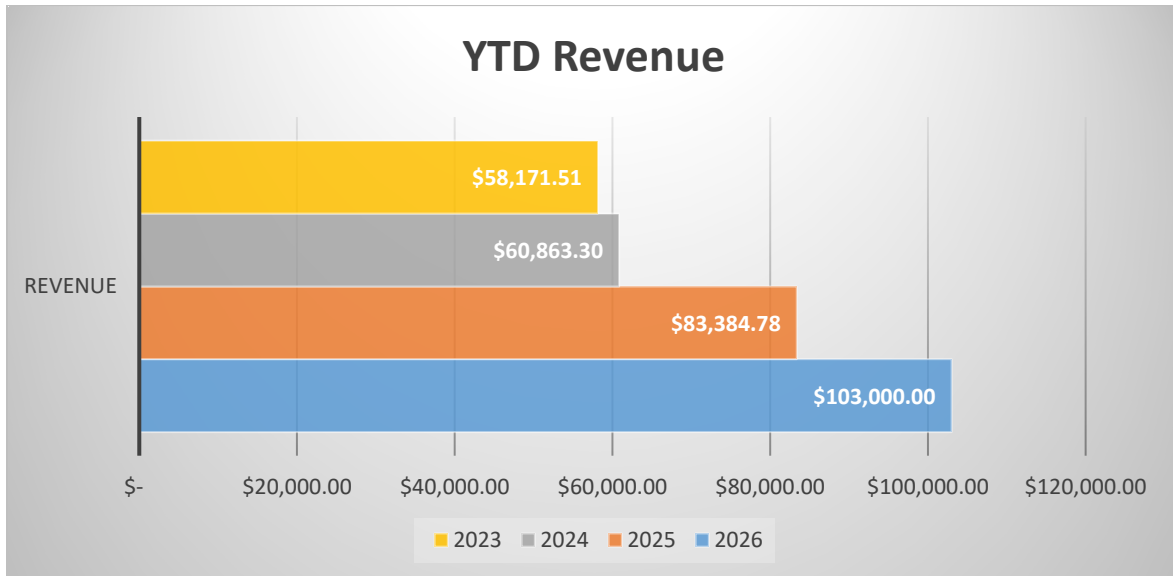
21st Century Bank Event Center Projected Use & Revenue for September 2026:

Account Type	Hours	Total Revenue
Individual	76	\$ 14070.00
Internal	67.50	\$ 0.00
Non-Profit	87.75	\$ 2,641.25
Total	231.25	\$ 16,711.25

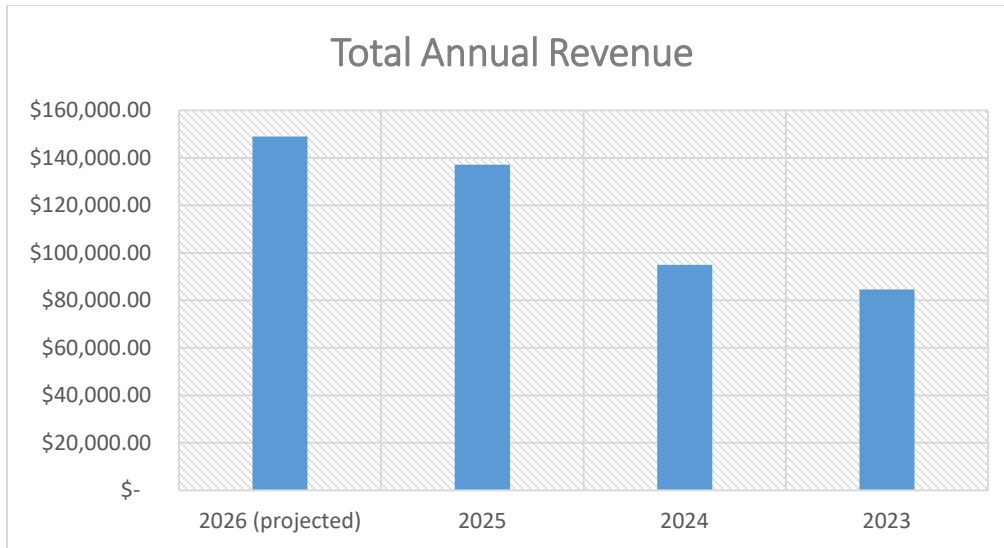
21st Century Bank Event Center Booked Use & Revenue for 2026 (as of 09/01/2026):

Account Type	Hours	Total Revenue
Individual	779.75	\$ 119,832.5
Internal	628.5	\$ 550.00
Non-Profit	707.25	\$ 31,223.75
Total	2115.25	\$ 151,606.25

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.



LCP Sunroom + Pavilion Updates:

- Roller shades installed for heat prevention and privacy
- Sunroom guidelines updated
- Pavilion guidelines updated



August 2026 recap

August was an active and productive month for the Event Center, highlighted by strong rental activity, facility upgrades, and community engagement. The Event Center hosted 37 total events, including 5 nonprofit, 17 city, and 15 paid rentals. Administrative activity also remained strong, with 14 contracts processed for 2026, 4 for 2027, 20 new rental inquiries, and 12 facility tours.

Event Center usage totaled 270 hours, generating \$26,695 in revenue for August. Individual renters accounted for the largest share of hours and revenue, while nonprofit and internal users contributed consistently to overall engagement. September projections show continued momentum with 231.25 booked hours and an estimated \$16,711.25 in revenue.

Operational improvements moved forward with the new hardware acquisition for the soon-to-be sliding door for the coat rack room. Roller shades have also been installed at the Lions Community Park Sunroom. This will help prevent heat and provide privacy for future renters.

Year-to-date metrics remained strong as of September 1, with 2,115.25 booked hours and \$151,606.25 in total revenue, outpacing prior-year usage trends and continuing the Event Center's and Lions Community Park's upward trajectory.