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To: Todd Feezer, Assistant City Manager
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Re: Division Report September 2021

Recreation Division:

- The front hall in the Recreation Center is nearing completion, although lumber and labor shortages are delaying completion. The public spaces are mostly put back together and our hope is that the temporary front desk will soon be removed and we will begin using the doors into the pool from the lobby area. Turnstiles are successfully installed and once computers are moved can be activated for use.
- The Adventure Kids after school program has been updated to include more children this fall with a slightly modified format than in the past. We are offering it to families for whole weeks only. When children enroll in the program the fees will pay for a whole week even if they aren't coming every day. Families can cancel at any time with only a week's notice, but their spot will be given to those on the waiting list. The program is already full and will begin the week of September 13.
- Pools have been heavily impacted by staffing shortages and have been closed through Labor Day while we train, hire and allow for some time off for staff. We are hoping that we will be able to post a schedule for the fall pool use soon, but since most of the lifeguard staff are students we are waiting for schedules to be firmed up at UW and the school district. There has been some challenge due to the fact that students are still determining which classes will be in person or on-line. We anticipate that schedules will continue to be reduced for a while.
- Ice building is well under way with lines already being painted. Part-time staff are undergoing training and most of the incoming staff are transferring from summer parks staff, which has helped maintain staffing in this section. Our Ice & Event Center Supervisor will be leaving our employment at the end of September so we are developing a plan for covering duties in the interim as well as hiring for the long term.
- Adult Sports has had a good season this year, and is wapping up with Co-ed softball. We have changed the format to a more recreational style where teams call their own games and the change has significantly reduced the demand on staff. Additionally, the new Round Net activity ran two leagues that attracted different groups of people and seems to be a good new activity moving forward. The Pickleball Club is working with staff to put on a tournament the weekend of August 27-29 and they are anticipating many visitors from other communities.
- In Fitness we are continuing to offer virtual classes and are working with IT staff to install computers that will enable instructors to manage the classes more independently. Additionally, staff are working on the development of an App that will be available to the community and will enable the public to more easily access our services. More details to come!
- Youth sports have been robust this summer. Working from our numbers in 2019 we planned for the activities to accommodate similarly sized groups of children and have been surprised by the level of interest. We will be expanding the numbers of teams in order to accommodate more children next year.
- A new membership rolls out at the end of August, offering the first month of an Annual Membership for only \$10! (\$20 for household memberships) Check out www.cityoflaramie.org/promotions for more information.