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MONTHLY REPORT | FEBRUARY 2026 | PARKS, RECREATION, & PUBLIC SERVICES

To: City Manager, Honorable Mayor, and Councilors
From: Michael Bork, Parks, Recreation, & Public Services Director
Date: March 2, 2026

Recreation Division
(Wendy Clubb, Recreation Manager)

Looking Ahead:

- Luau in Laradise is Friday, March 6th 5:30-7:30pm at the Rec Center. Admission is free with your membership or the purchase of a day pass.
- Summer Registration is open for Youth Track and Field and Youth Soccer.
- Summer Registration for Adventure Kids will open on March 26th with the lottery spin occurring on March 30th.

Current/Completed Work:

We have diligently been working on our Rec Center memberships to streamline the renewal processes every month and reduce the number of errors we received each month. February was our first successful month with the new monthly membership in our software after converting over 1700 monthly membership from the broken structure to the new structure. We are encouraged that March and future months will be easier on our billing and renewal team!

We are currently developing a set of programmatic benchmarks and evaluation tools to strengthen planning, implementation, and assessment across all department offerings. These tools include a standardized Program Proposal Form, a Program Evaluation Form, and updated Program Participant Surveys. Together, they will provide a consistent framework to guide program development, measure outcomes, and ensure alignment with departmental goals while responding to the evolving needs of our community.

Implementation of these tools is anticipated prior to Summer 2026. In preparation, we are reviewing past and current program offerings and enrollment trends. This review indicates an overall decline in participation, while the total number of program offerings has remained relatively steady or, in some cases, also declined. These findings underscore the importance of establishing clearer benchmarks and evaluation practices to better understand participation patterns and strategically plan future offerings.



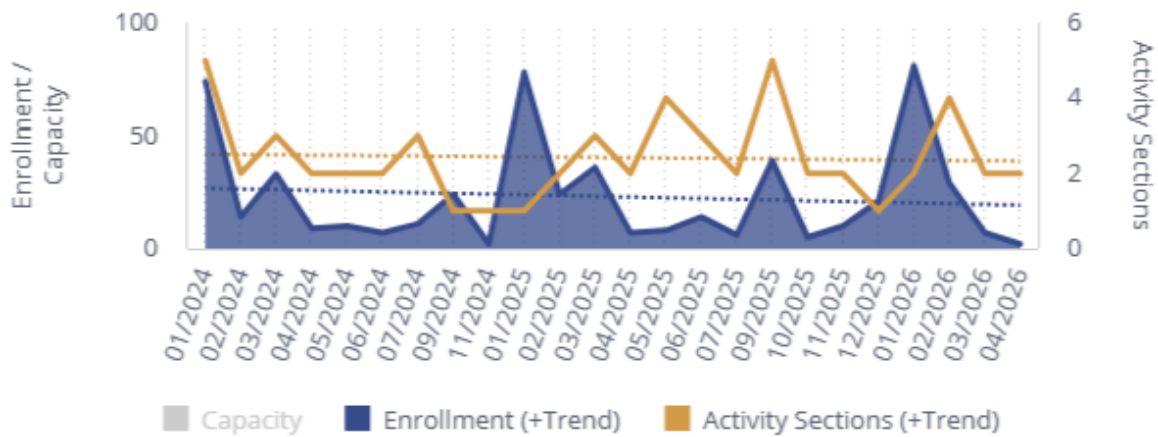
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Recreation Center:

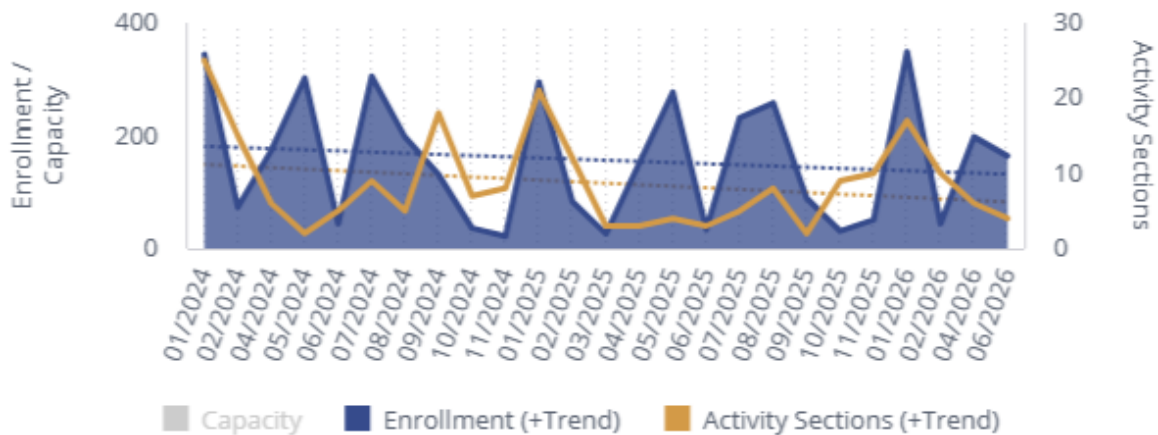
The adult programming at the Recreation Center has held steady, offering almost exactly same amount of programming each year, however we are trending with a very small decline in our enrollment numbers.

Enrollment Capacity Trend



Youth Programming at the Rec Center has shown a slight decline in our program offering, but our enrollment remains steady.

Enrollment Capacity Trend



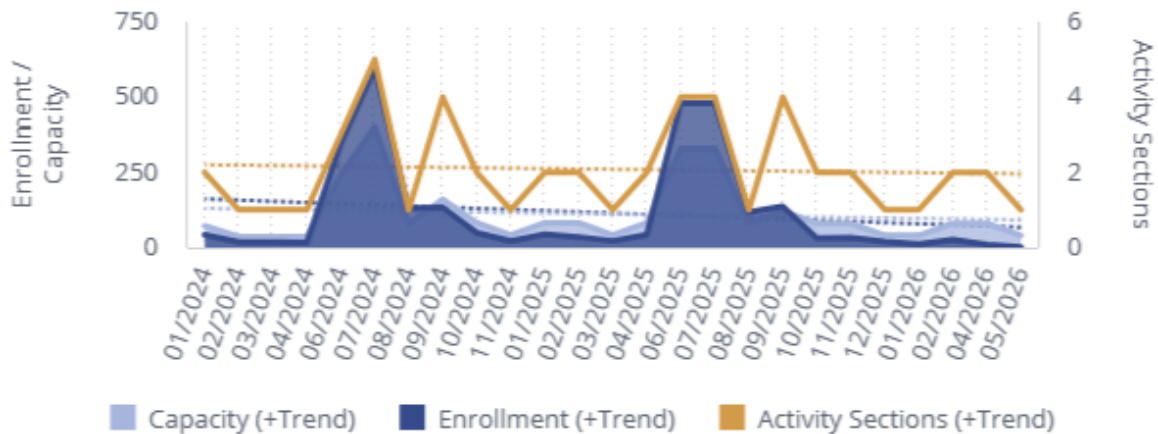


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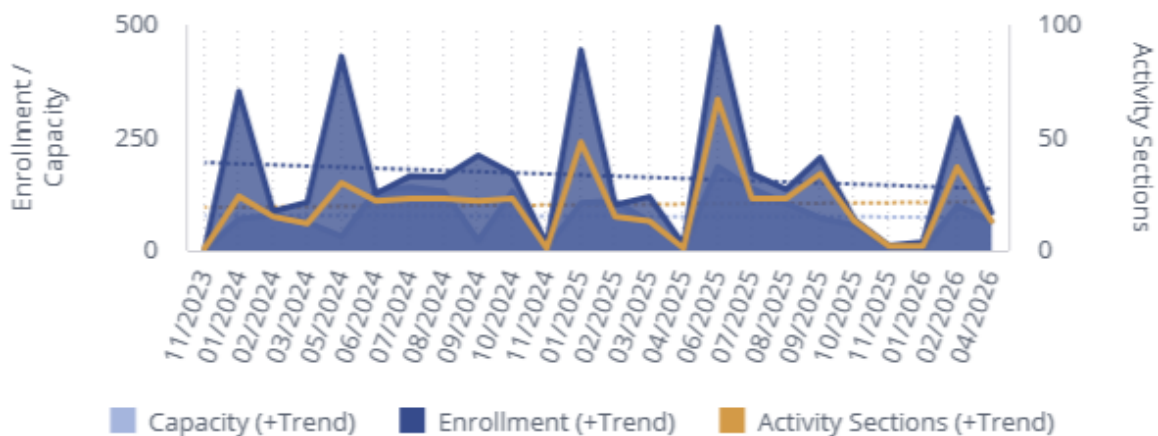
Adventure Kids offering has held steady. We are often at or near capacity, especially in the summer with our enrollment.

Enrollment Capacity Trend



Swim Lessons has also held steady with how much we offer. Our enrollment is often above capacity. We try to get as many children as possible in lessons and still remain safe, we are able to do this by bringing in additional instructors and instructor aides.

Enrollment Capacity Trend





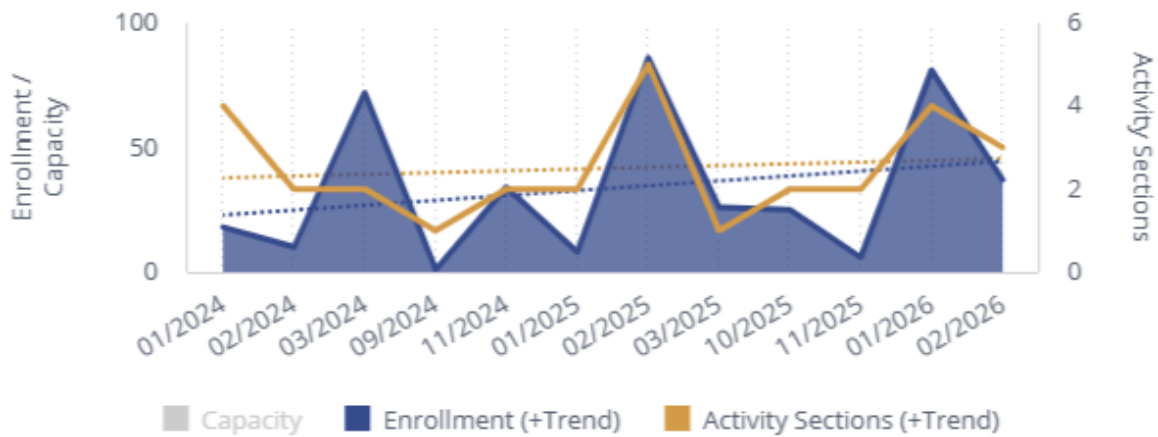
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Ice and Event Center:

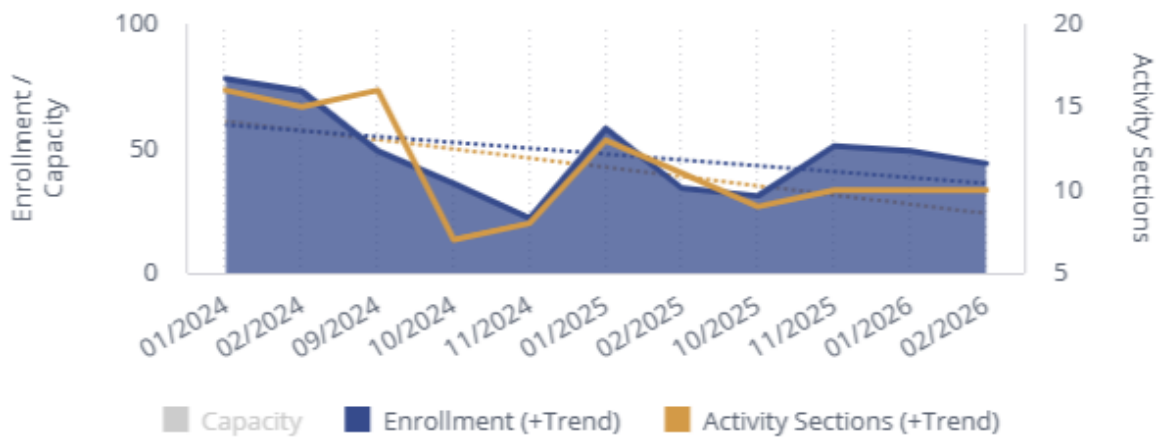
In the past three “ice” seasons (including the current season), we have seen an increase in adult programming and adult enrollment is trending upward as well. Offering adult learn to skate, adult league hockey and broomball have all become popular activities.

Enrollment Capacity Trend



There has been a slight decline in our offer of youth programming, resulting in less enrollment of our youth on the ice.

Enrollment Capacity Trend





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Facilities Management Division

(Kevin McIntyre, Facilities Maintenance Manager)



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Facilities on call for the month of February 2026: Called back 2 times.

- Called into the Recreation Center 2 times to deal with chemical balancing of the Hot tub. Chemical controller and flow cell have been replaced and are working as designed now.

The Laramie Recreation Center sustained more damage due to the high winds in January. A fan shroud blew off of roof top unit #8 above the lap pool. Facilities has been granted approval through WARM and a replacement fan shroud has been ordered.

The damage repair to the siding sustained in December was approved through WARM. The materials to repair/replace the siding have been ordered. The replacement will be scheduled when materials arrive.



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Parks/Cemetery/Forestry/Mosquito/IPM Report
(Scott Hunter, Parks Manager)

Greenhill Cemetery:

- The cemetery conducted three (3) burials in February, 1 full size burial and 2 cremation burials.
 - Three (3) overtime funerals were scheduled through February 2026.
- Staff continue to update central control with the DXi hardware updates.
- Cemetery staff have removed the community gardens fence for repairs.
- Shrubs and trees are being identified for spring removals.
- Winter cleanup is on-going with the mild weather.
 - Staff have contacted Wreaths Across America for a removal date.

Parks:

- Staff have finished the new park signs under our initial budget. With the remaining budget, Otto Dahl, Bandshell, and Burns Court signs will be replaced.





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- High winds continue to drop branches, only a few trees and shrubs were damaged.
- Athletic lights are scheduled for repair at the end of February and into March.
- Bike racks are being installed after the 3rd Street reconstruction.
- Contractors are finishing up with the new sidewalk along 14th street along the east side of Harbon Park.
- Staff continue watering new trees as the temperatures have remained mild.
- Medians are being checked and cleaned up ahead of spring.
- The Curmudgeon volunteer group has begun working on various projects for the Parks and Recreation Department, including new Laradise Lane seating and lounge chairs for the outdoor pool.
- Quotes have been received regarding the parking lot repairs and seal coat at the Recreation Center and Ice Arena.
- The Optimist Park Playground 50% submittal is just about complete.
- The Coughlin Pole Mountain Bid paperwork is complete and will be released early March.

Mosquito Control/IPM:

- The Mosquito Control Supervisor position applications have been reviewed, and interviews are on-going.
- The 2026 EIMG Grant submission deadline is late March, staff are completing the new EIMG paperwork.
- IPM is getting equipment in order for spring.