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**PARKS, TREE & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA**

**April 11, 2018**

**6:30PM**

**Recreation Center, 920 Boulder Dr.**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. None at this time.

**Motion:** by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that the consent agenda be approved and that each specific action on the consent agenda be approved as indicated within the staff reports. (Items listed on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed above. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board Member or citizen so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda to the regular agenda.)

**Regular Agenda:**

1. City of Laramie Boards & Commissions Training – Wyoming Public Records/Open Meetings Acts. (Johnson, Page 2-25)
2. Ice Center Operations Presentation. (Stalder, Page 26-37)
3. Facilities Maintenance Presentation. (Zwieg, Pages 38-63)

**Staff Reports FYI:**

1. Monthly Managers Report (Pages 64-65) - Facilities Division Staff Report, Parks Division Staff Report, Recreation Division Staff Report, Administration Report

**Advisory Board Open Items:**

1. None at this time.

**Upcoming Items/Other Business:**

1. Last Meeting until September is May 9, 2018
2. Public Comment.

**Next Regular Meeting Date:**  
Wednesday, May 9, 2018 @ 6:30pm

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS  
CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING

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Wyoming Public Records  
and Open Meetings Acts

# Opening Meetings Act Purpose

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- The Open Meetings Act and Public Records Act exist to assure **TRANSPARENCY**.
- It helps to indemnify you and the City of Laramie of liability by adhering to proper conduct and procedures.

# Board Member's Power

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- All boards and commissions members are voluntary and uncompensated positions that serve the City as part of an important decision-making structure, and have official contact with the public.
- Members must display professionalism, appropriate demeanor, and exercise sound judgment.

# Board Speaks As One

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- Individual board members cannot speak for the Board or Commission - except in specific, limited, *and* predetermined cases.
- Do not speak board business on an individual basis.
- Do not offer individual opinions.
- Encourage individuals to write the staff liaison or come to the next meeting. This provides all members of the Board or Commission with the same information.

# Open Meetings Act

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- WY § requires all meetings be open to public.
  - *Serve in an advisory capacity; final results enacted by a Resolution of Council – to conduct public business.*
- “Open” – notice of date, time, location, and set agenda.
- Public in attendance aren’t required to state name or sign in, as they do in City Council meetings.
- However, it is recommended the chair of board require speaker to state name and affiliation.
- Must keep minutes of proceedings.

# Open Meetings Act *(continued)*

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- ✓ “Meeting” definition by WY §
  - an assembly of at least a quorum of the Board. (*No action can be taken without a quorum.*)
  - which has been called by proper authority of the Board.
  - for the purpose(s) of
    - discussion
    - deliberation
    - presentation of information, or
    - taking action regarding public business;

# Open Meetings Act *(continued)*

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- ✓ “Action” definition by WY §;
  - Any transaction of official business of the board or commission, including:
    - a collective decision of the Board,
    - a collective commitment or promise by the Board,
    - making a *(positive or negative)* decision, or
    - an actual vote by the Board upon a motion, proposal, resolution, regulation, rule, order or ordinance;

# Open Meetings Act *(continued)*

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- AG (Attorney General) ruling: A series of emails falls under definition of “sequential communications.”  
*(A series of individual communications. Suggest that the topic be raised at the next meeting.)*
- *Not Recommended* — to prevent the possible circumvention of the intent of the open meetings statute.
- *Includes:* social events, emails, texting, or social media and the like.
- Never hit “Reply All”.

# Violations

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- Knowingly and intentionally violates the WY §.
- Any member of a Board who attends or remains at a meeting where an action is taken, knowing that the action is in violation, can be found liable.
  - EXCEPTION: *unless minutes were taken during the meeting and the member's objections are recorded and made public, or at the next regular public meeting the member objects to the meeting where the violation occurred.*
- Civil Penalty - punishable upon conviction by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.<sup>00</sup>).

# Conflicts of Interest

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- The following are questions you may want to pose to yourself whenever you perceive you may have a potential conflict.
- If you respond “yes” to *any* of these questions, it may be advisable to abstain from voting on the matter.
- A member may say “I recuse myself” from a Board Vote for action or decision in the case of a conflict of interest. However, it can be made formal by a motion and second and members formally recuse the member.

# Conflicts of Interest *(continued)*

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1. Is your interest direct and immediate, as opposed to speculative and remote?
2. Does your interest provide you a greater benefit or a lesser detriment, than it does for a large or substantial group or class of persons who are similarly situated?
3. Does your interest give any potential appearance of impropriety?

*Although it may not be necessary to consider the appearance of impropriety in determining an actual conflict of interest, the WY AG suggests this be considered to maintain the public's confidence in the integrity of lawmakers.*

# Immunity from Legal Liability

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- Qualified Immunity – actions while acting within scope of duties.

*(Provides for legal defense if acting within scope of duties.)*

- Erode Immunity – unethical actions or wrongful purpose could lead to exposure to liability.

*(Intentionally violating due-process rights, equal protection, or acting contrary to legal advice. A legal defense will NOT be provided.)*

# Public Records Act

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- Record – WY § *definition*: any physical or electronic form of information or communication.
- Open to public for inspection by holder of record – generally staff. (Public Records Request)
- Fee to provide duplication/recordings, etc. is set by City Council.
- Civil Penalty – punishable by a penalty of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00).

The Open Meetings Act (§16.4.401–408) and  
Public Records Act (§16.4.201–205) exist to

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## PROVIDE TRANSPARENCY

- ✓ Transparency = Integrity
- ✓ Transparency = Accountability
- ✓ Transparency = Credibility
- ✓ Transparency = Confidence

# Parliamentary Procedure

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- All Boards and Commissions meetings are conducted according to

Robert's Rules of Order

[www.robertsrules.org](http://www.robertsrules.org)

# Robert's Rules of Order

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- Robert's Rules of Order is a parliamentary procedure to facilitate meetings and keep them organized.
- The chair person is elected to run the meetings.
- In order to speak you must be acknowledged by the Chair.
- The Clerk or designee will help with questions of order.
- An agenda is used to keep order of business and required per Open Meetings Act.
- All remarks must be directed to the Chair.

# Making a Motion

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- Motions are used to introduce business in a meeting. A main motion must be made before discussion can occur from board or commission members.
- When making a motion speak clearly and precisely making sure to include all necessary information for clarity of the motion.
- A motion needs a second in order for it to continue. If no second is received the motion dies. State verbally that you second.

# Making a Motion *(continued)*

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- After motion is made and seconded the Chair should restate for the written and audio recording who made the motion and seconded.

*(Example: MOTION BY \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.)*

- If an amendment is made, the amendment must be voted on before voting on the main motion.

*(An amendment must also be seconded before it is discussed. All discussion following an amendment must be about the amendment only until it has been voted on.)*

# The Rules

## from [www.robertsrules.org](http://www.robertsrules.org)

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- **Point of Privilege:** Pertains to noise, personal comfort, etc. - may interrupt only if necessary!
- **Parliamentary Inquiry:** Inquire as to the correct motion - to accomplish a desired result, or raise a point of order
- **Point of Information:** Generally applies to information desired from the speaker: "I should like to ask the speaker a question."
- **Orders of the Day/Agenda:** A call to adhere to the agenda (*a deviation from the agenda requires Suspending the Rules*)
- **Point of Order:** Infraction of the rules, or improper decorum in speaking. Must be raised immediately after the error is made

# The Rules

from [www.robertsrules.org](http://www.robertsrules.org) *(continued)*

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- **Main Motion:** Brings the next item on the agenda before the assembly
- **Divide the Question:** Divides a motion into two or more separate motions *(must be able to stand on their own)*.
- **Amend:** Inserting or striking out words or paragraphs, or substituting whole paragraphs or resolutions
- **Withdraw/Modify Motion:** Applies only after question is stated; mover can accept an amendment without obtaining the floor

# The Rules

from [www.robertsrules.org](http://www.robertsrules.org) *(continued)*

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- **Limit Debate:** Closing debate at a certain time, or limiting to a certain period of time
- **Postpone to a Certain Time:** State the time the motion or agenda item will be resumed
- **Object to Consideration:** Objection must be stated before discussion or another motion is stated
- **Lay on the Table:** Temporarily suspends further consideration/action on pending question; may be made after motion to close debate

# The Rules

from [www.robertsrules.org](http://www.robertsrules.org) *(continued)*

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- **Take from the Table:** Resumes consideration of item previously "laid on the table" - state the motion to take from the table
- **Reconsider:** Can be made only by one on the prevailing side who has changed position or view
- **Postpone Indefinitely:** Kills the question/resolution for this session - *Exception:* the motion to reconsider can be made in current session

# The Rules

from [www.robertsrules.org](http://www.robertsrules.org) *(continued)*

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- **Previous Question:** Closes debate if successful - may be moved to "Close Debate" if preferred
- **Appeal Decision of the Chair:** Appeal for the assembly to decide - must be made before other business is resumed; NOT debatable if relates to decorum, violation of rules or order of business
- **Suspend the Rules:** Allows a violation of the assembly's own rules (except Constitution); the object of the suspension must be specified

# The City of Laramie

## Mission, Vision and Core Values

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### MISSION

Building Our Community Through Respect, Integrity, Teamwork, and Stewardship.

### VISION

Community Excellence in the Gem City of the Plains.

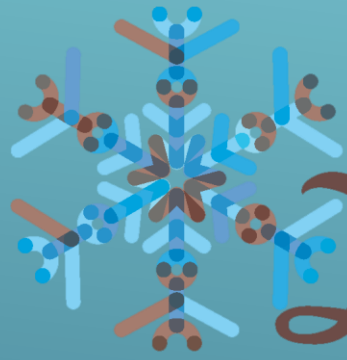
### CORE VALUES

**Respect-** treat others with a high level of courtesy and dignity.

**Integrity-** honest and ethical interactions with each other and the community.

**Teamwork-** work together to meet common goals while considering the needs of others.

**Stewardship-** careful and responsible management of all our resources and environment.



*Laramie* ICE

& EVENT CENTER

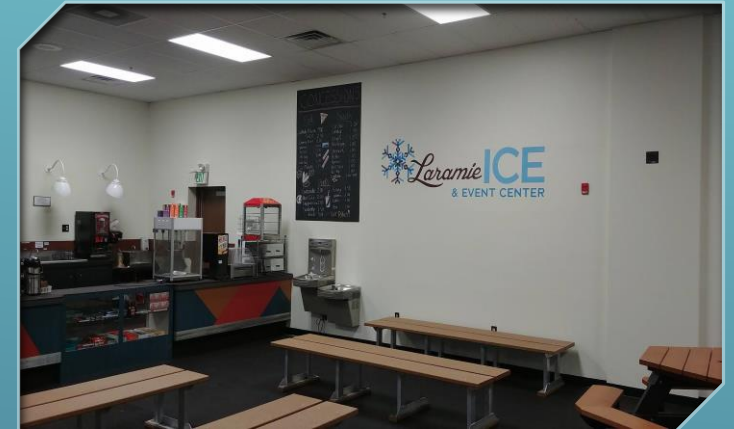
# 2017-2018 SEASON RECAP

Presented by:

Devin Stalder- Recreation Coordinator

Tracy Malone- Skate Director

# WHAT'S NEW?





## SEASON GOALS

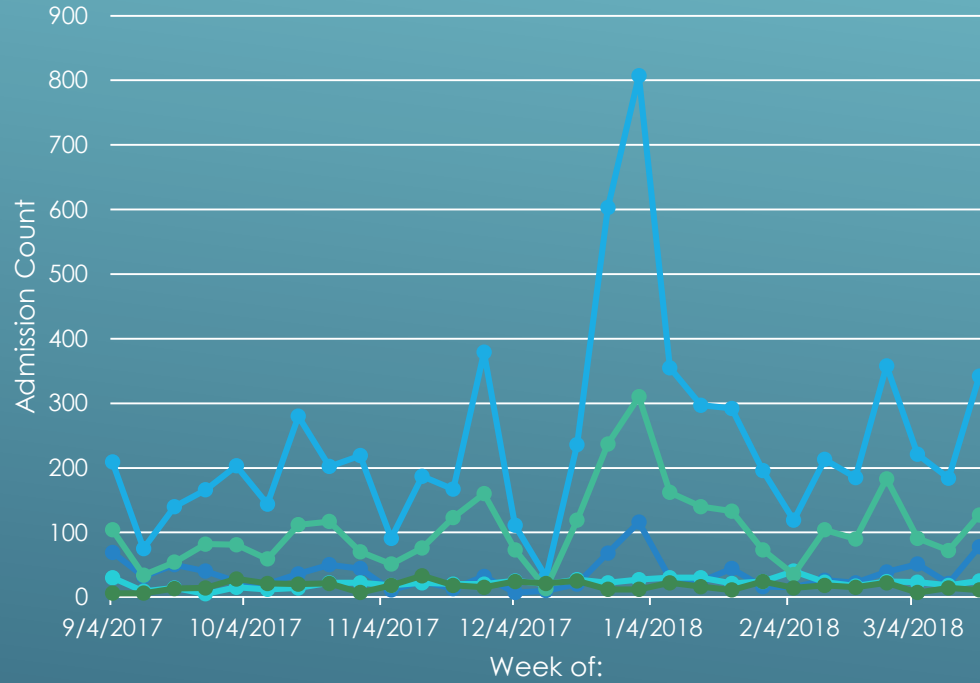
- Continue to grow community use
- Expand events and Summer usage
- Keep staff happy and well trained
- Convert from ISI to USFS



## GROWTH IN COMMUNITY USE

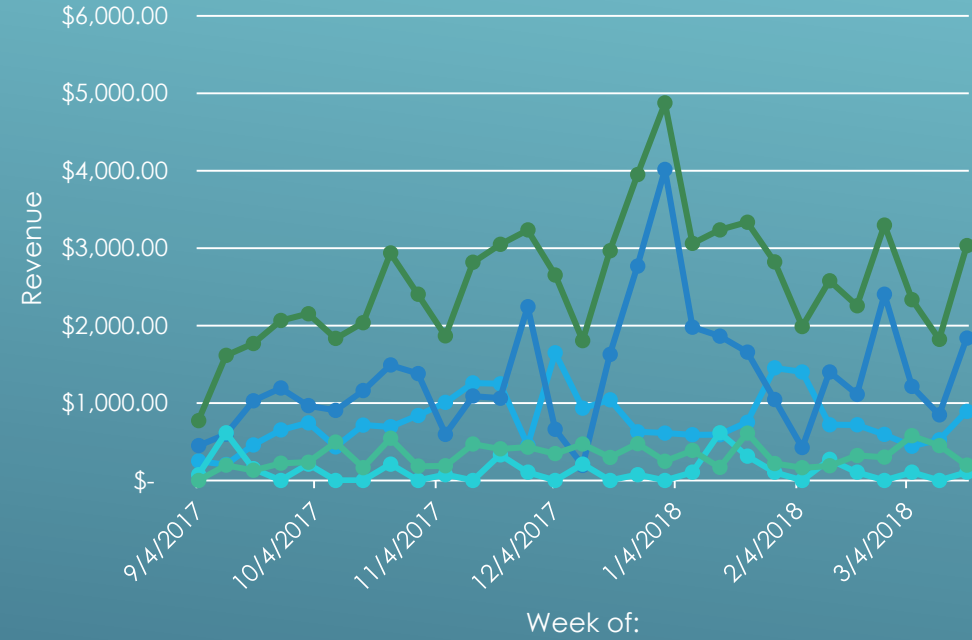
Season	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	% change over 2 seasons
Public Admissions	6415	7107	8474	32.1% Increase
Facility Rental Revenue	\$81,243	\$106,275	\$106,407	31% Increase
Learn to Skate Registration	210	180	355	69% Increase
Front Desk Sales	\$18,958.63	\$17,488.92	\$22,135.34	16.8% Increase
Skate Sharpening Revenue	\$1,590.45	\$2,814.35	\$3,333.47	109.6% Increase

### Ice Arena Admissions



- Public Skate
- Stick & Puck
- USFSA Practice Ice
- Skate Rentals
- Skate Sharpens

### Ice Arena Sales



- Concessions & Inventory Sales
- Admission & Rental Sales
- Punch Pass Sales
- Private Lessons
- Total Ice Arena Revenue

# EXPAND EVENTS AND SUMMER USAGE



307.721.5261  
cityoflaramie.org/ice

## Summer weekend Roller skating & Inflatables

**April**  
through  
**July**

**Fridays 6-9 p.m.**  
**Saturdays 5-8 p.m.**  
**Sundays noon-3 p.m.**

\* Public skating may change without prior notice due to private rentals.




# 1/2 PRICE Holidays SKATE

## 2017 WINTER BREAK

DECEMBER 22, 2017 through JANUARY 3, 2018

Enjoy half-priced Public Skate or Stick & Puck throughout your holiday break!  
Extra skate sessions have been added and times vary, so check back everyday!

[www.cityoflaramie.org/ice](http://www.cityoflaramie.org/ice)

 Laramie Ice & Event Center 



## turkey Curling 2017

1:30-2:30 p.m. Registration and Practice  
2:30-5:30 p.m. Tournament play

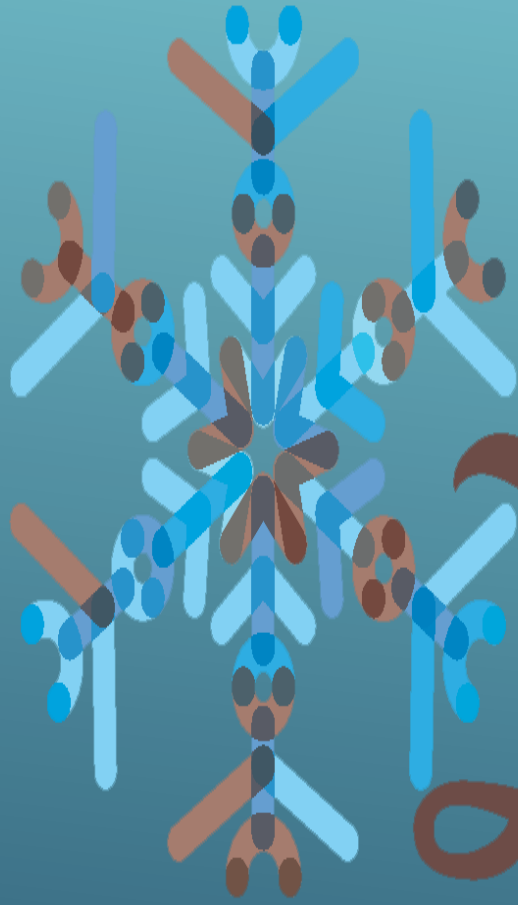
**Saturday  
November 18**

Sign up now!  
\$25 per team of 4-6 people

Bring your friends!  
Prizes for best costumes and tournament winners.



All proceeds to benefit the Laramie Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Spectators are welcome, admission is encouraged in the form of a nonperishable food item.



*Laramie*

ICE

& EVENT CENTER




## BEST STAFF IN THE STATE

- High level of Customer Service
- CPR/First Aid Certified
- Trained in Skate Sharpening and Repair
- Trained in Ice Maintenance
- High level of expectations
- Free to use their knowledge and skills
- We are a family!
- Change in Turnover
  - 2015-2016 @ 38%
  - 2016-2017 @ 33%
  - 2017-2018 @ 11%

# STAYING ON THE SAME PAGE

WEEKLY UPDATE WEEK OF: 3/19/2018



Weekly Update  
Week of:  
3/19/2018

**Current Events & Issues:**

- Awesome job for our last week! Between the weather, Spring Break and the Tournament challenges you still made it the busiest closing week we have ever had! You also made it through the weekend with ZERO drawer mistakes!
- If you are interested in working in Parks over the summer, please let me know! They are hiring and will have positions filled soon!
- Laura is hiring for part-time work at the Rec. Front Desk over the summer. The position is open at [www.cityoflaramie.org](http://www.cityoflaramie.org) under the employment tab. If you are interested, please apply and note that you have experience working at the arena!
- Congratulations to Taylor on winning a \$50 gift card for his sharpening over the season! Taylor sharpened 152 pairs of customer skates this year! Who will beat him next season?

**Facilities Notes:**

- The Ice is coming out starting today! Thank you for all your hard work on converting the arena, Facilities!

**Week at a Glance:**

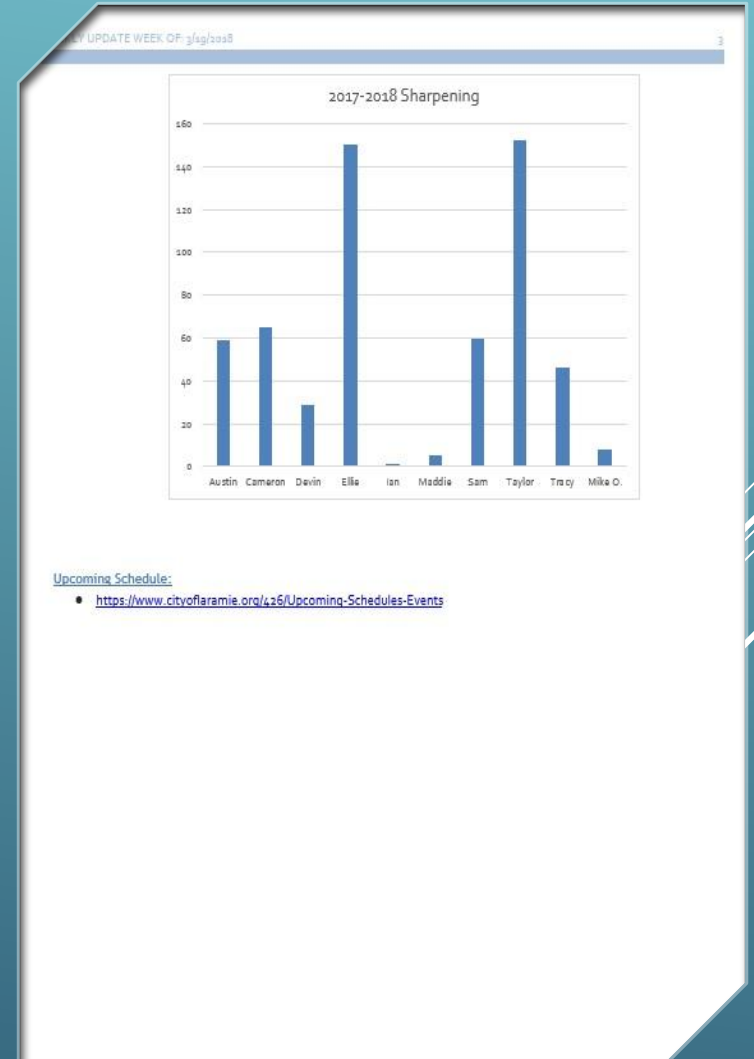
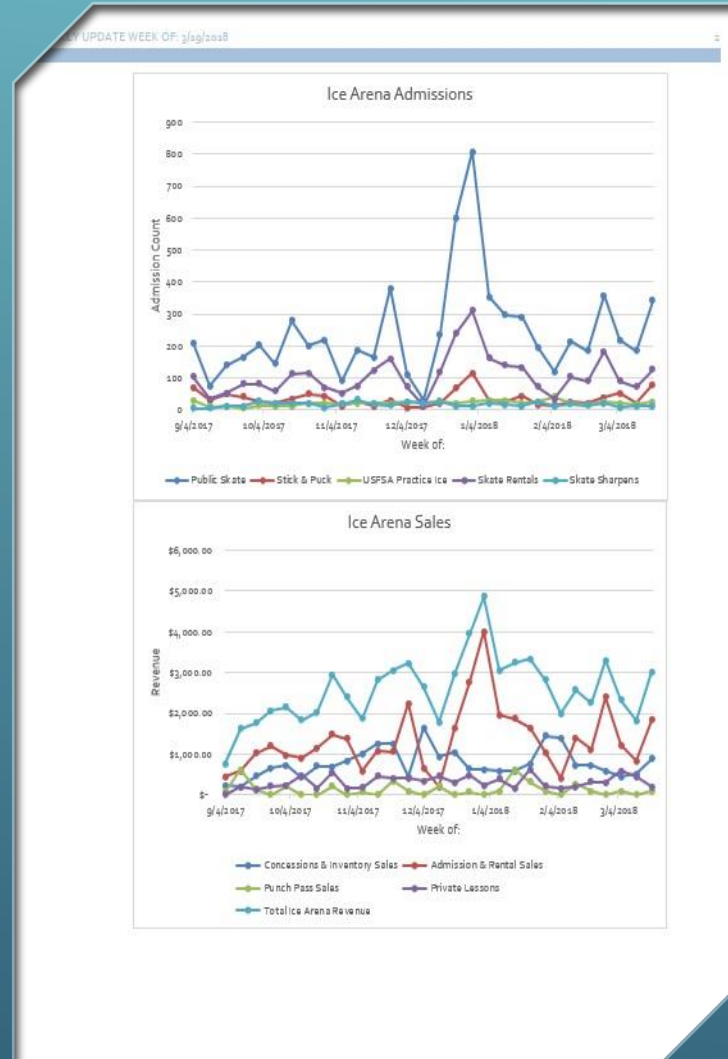
- We will be cleaning the facility starting Wednesday afternoon, March 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you are interested in hours, please let me know by tomorrow! We will have summer rentals starting at the beginning of April.

**Kudos:**

- To all of you! I would have to say that this was the best year of Ice Season that I have had the privilege to be a part of. You all made the arena an awesome place to be! You worked together and accomplished too many goals to count. This was also the best year of usage we have ever had! Your attitudes, teamwork and vision for a better rink pushed us into a new era of skating in Laramie! I cannot thank you all enough! I am excited for what is to come, and I hope to have you all back next year!

**Previous Week Wrap-Up:**

- Week reports:



# USFS CONVERSION



-5 sessions of Learn to Skate were offered which increased our enrollment to 355 students

-We were able to hire highly qualified instructors for our lessons

- 1 Double Gold Medalist Instructor
- 2 Senior Level Moves in the Field Instructors
- 1 Junior Level Moves in the Field Instructor
- 1 Intermediate Moves in the Field Instructor
- 1 Pre Juvenile Moves in the Field Instructor
- 2 Preliminary Moves in the Field Instructors

-Hosted an in-house competition with 28 competitors awarding 53 medals

-Introduced our first year of Hockey Lessons through Learn to Skate which supported the Laramie Amateur Hockey Club growth. Kids were able to easily transition from these classes to the Club.

A poster for a skate competition. The background is a close-up of a figure skater's boot on ice, with the word "SKATE" in large, bold, black letters and "COMPETITION" below it. The text "2-7 P.M. SATURDAY DECEMBER 9, 2017" is centered. Below that, it says "COMPETITION WILL SHOWCASE HIGH ALTITUDE SKATERS COMPETING IN FIGURE SKATING AND SPEED SKATING". Further down, it says "COMPETITION SPECTATORS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A FREE PUBLIC SKATE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE COMPETITION". The phone number "307.721.5265" is listed. At the bottom, there is a logo for "Laramie ICE &amp; EVENT CENTER" with a snowflake icon.

# WHAT'S NEXT?

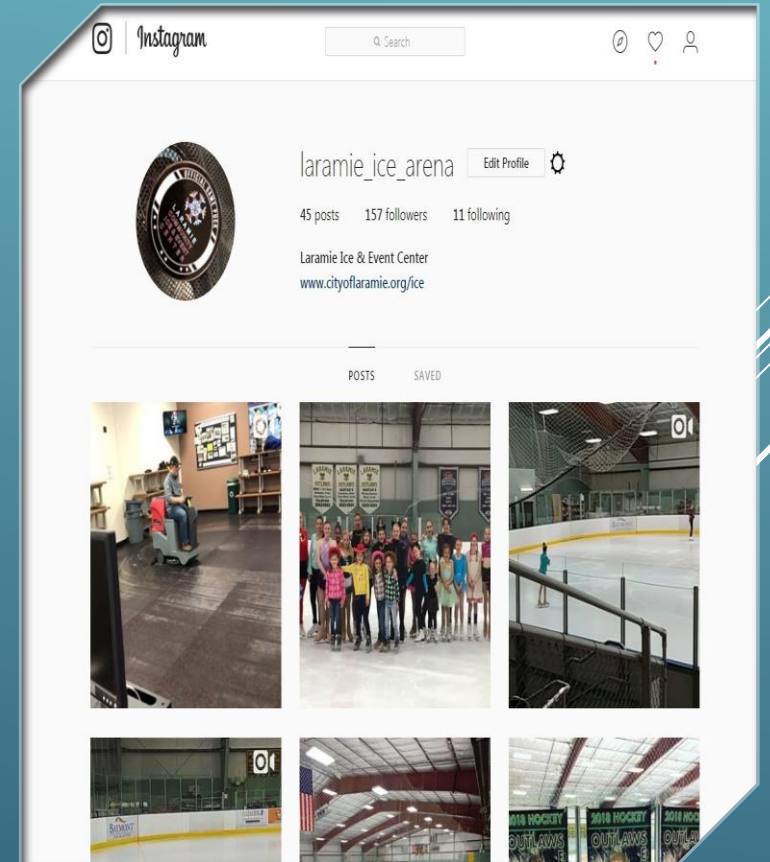
Expand our exposure



Grow our Brand



Increase social media presence





THANK YOU!!!

- Questions?
- Comments?

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# 4 SEASONS OF MAINTENANCE

BY

GLEN ZWIEG

FACILITIES CREW LEADER



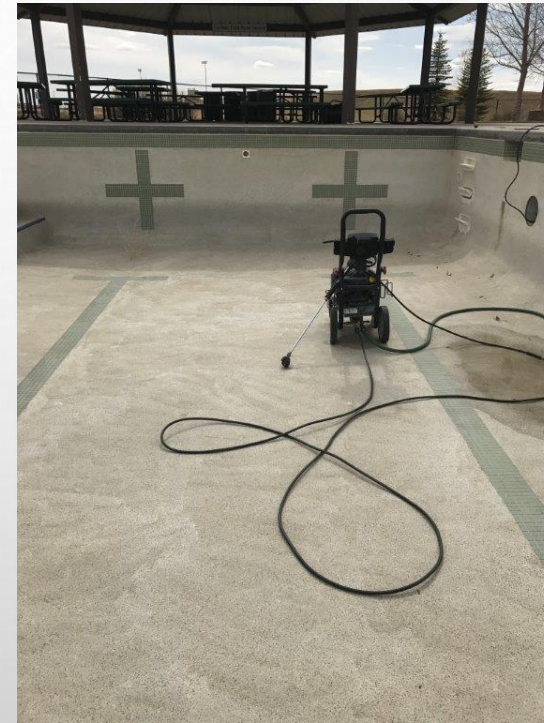
# SPRING

- ICE SHEET REMOVAL AND BUILDING CLEANING
  - OUTDOOR POOL DE-WINTERIZATION
  - IRRIGATION STARTUP
  - SPLASH PAD DE-WINTERIZATION
  - WASHINGTON PARK POOL DE-WINTERIZATION
  - PLOW SNOW
  - NORMAL DAILY TASKS
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# ICE SHEET REMOVAL AND BUILDING CLEANING



# OUTDOOR POOL DE-WINTERIZATION



# OUTDOOR POOL DE-WINTERIZATION



# IRRIGATION STARTUP



- FIXING LEAKS
- ADJUSTING SPRINKLER HEADS
- FERTILIZING TURF AREAS
- WEED SPRAYING

# SPLASH PAD/ WASHINGTON POOL DE-WINTERIZATION



# PLOW SNOW



- WE PLOW ALL TRAILS AND WALKS AROUND THE RECREATION CENTER, ICE AND EVENT CENTER, THE GROVE, 30<sup>TH</sup> TO VISTA, VISTA TO BILL NYE, BILL NYE TO BOULDER DR., BOULDER DR. TO GARFEILD AROUND CITY SPRINGS PUMP BUILDINGS.



# NORMAL DAILY TASKS

SET UP AND TAKE DOWN ROOMS FOR RENTALS

CLEAN AND MAINTAIN BUILDINGS

TEST POOLS

FIX AND REPAIR BROKEN EQUIPMENT

FIX AND REPAIR ELECTRICAL DEVICES



The background features a light gray gradient with several realistic water droplets of various sizes scattered in the corners. The droplets have highlights and shadows, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

# SUMMER

MOWING TURF

SPRAYING WEEDS

TESTING SEASONAL POOLS

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

# MOWING TURF



# SPRAYING WEEDS



# TESTING SEASONAL POOLS



# GROUNDS MAINTENANCE



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# FALL

WINTERIZING OUTDOOR POOLS

ROUGH MOWING THE TRAILS NATIVE AREAS

BUILDING THE ICE SHEET FOR THE SEASON

WINTERIZING IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

# ROUGH MOWING



# WINTERIZING OUTDOOR POOLS



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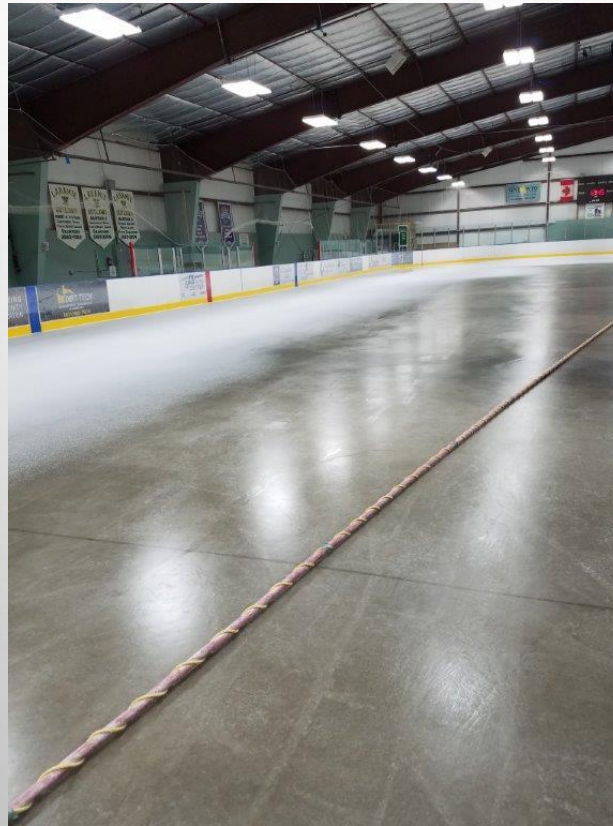


# BUILDING THE ICE SHEET

3/8"-1/2" CLEAR ICE



STARTING TO PAINT



360 GALLONS

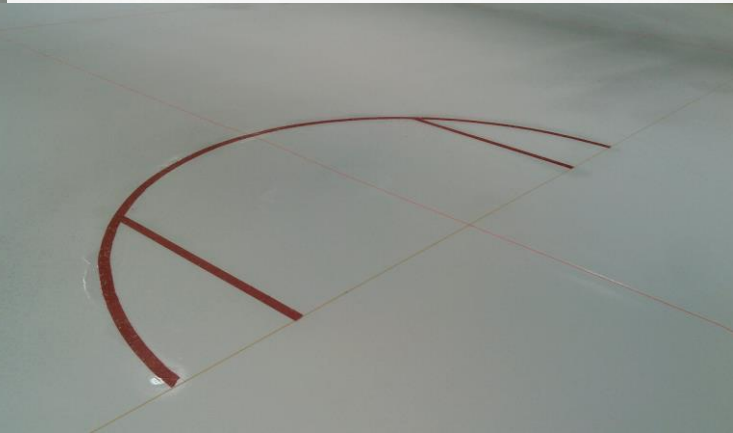


# BUILDING THE ICE SHEET

LINE LAY OUT



GOAL CREASE



CROSS ICE LINES



**FINISHED RINK  
10,600 GALLONS FOR 1"**



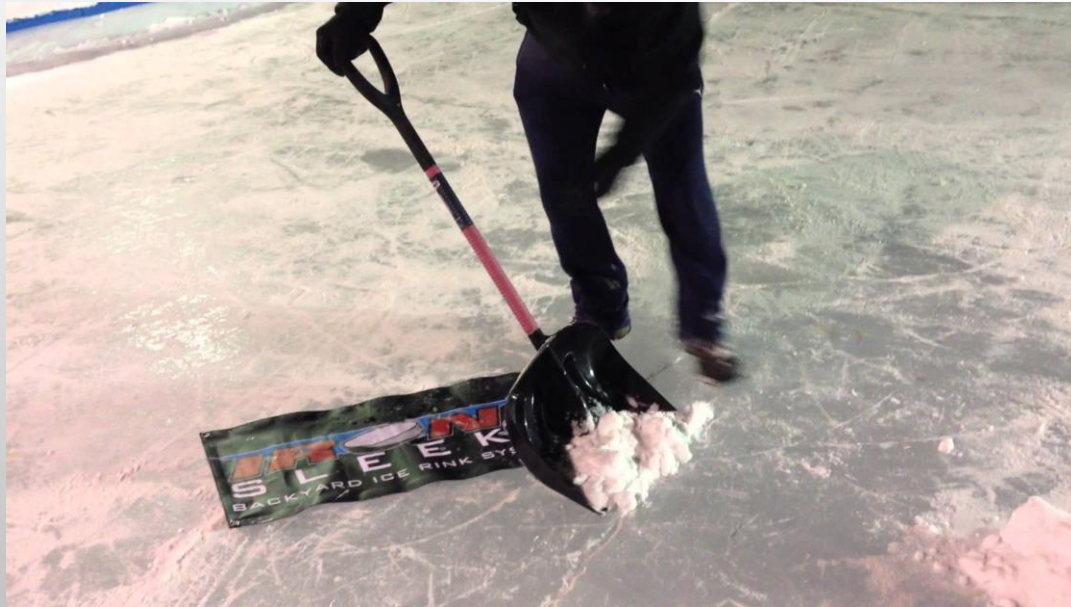
# WINTERIZING IRRIGATION



# WINTER

- ICE SHEET MAINTENANCE
- ZAMBONI MAINTENANCE
- PLOW SNOW

# ICE SHEET MAINTENANCE

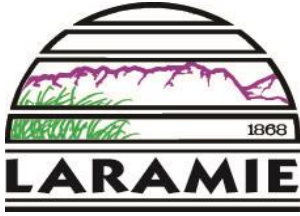


# ZAMBONI MAINTENANCE



# PLOW SNOW





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**To:** City Manager; City Council Members  
**Fr:** Todd Feezer, Director, Parks & Recreation  
**Date:** April 2, 2018  
**Re:** March 2018/April 2018 Monthly Manager's Report

***Parks & Recreation Administration*** - Efforts are being made to complete both the Spring Creek Trail - Phase 1 and Laramie Bike Park RFQs. The Spring Creek Trail - Phase 1 is being funded through a Transportation Alternatives Program Grant while the Laramie Bike Park is being funded through a donation from Laramie Bike Net. With the finalization of the easement with the University of Wyoming at the Jacoby Ridge Rural Trail staff will complete informational kiosks and work on a grand opening event.

***Parks & Cemetery - Cemetery Report*** - Cemetery provided for nine funerals for the month of March. Staff has cleaned leaves and cones on the east end of the cemetery during nice stretches of weather. Volunteer groups will be assisting cleanup efforts in the cemetery during the month of April. A drunk driver hit the 15th Street retaining wall and was arrested. The damages total \$1800.00 and contractors will be repairing the wall as time allows.

***Parks & Cemetery - Parks Report*** - Parks staff assisted local students and individuals that have been caught "tagging/vandalizing" buildings and park amenities with graffiti remediation. Athletic fields are currently being prepped for spring use. All soccer fields and goals have been set and are ready for play. Baseball and softball fields are being cleaned up and will be ready for play in early April. Irrigation systems have been inspected for water retention and electrical issues in preparation of spring staff continues to work with the Water Department to install City meters on our irrigation systems. Restrooms will be opened as weather allows, restrooms located around athletic facilities will be prioritized over general park restrooms. Renovation to Optimist Field, located in LaBonte Park, have begun, parks staff cleared 2 inches of soil and rock and will be adding infield mix this April. Bruce Robertson's last full day of work before retirement was March 30th 2018. He has been working with the Parks Department since 2006 and oversees Central Irrigation. We wish Bruce all the Luck and best wishes in his new endeavors while we begin the search for his replacement.

***Mosquito & Urban Forestry - Forestry Report*** - Local tree care contractors performed structural pruning, hazard pruning and removal of damaged trees at Washington Park and LaBonte Park. The contractors provided the aerial trucks and high work for the projects. Parks and cemetery staff provided clean up, chipping and hauling of material. The stumps of twenty-seven trees that had been removed during the last year due to damage has been completed. This project utilized a rental stump cutter and Parks, Mosquito, IPM and Cemetery staff for clean-up and backfill of stump holes. The City Arborist completed the inspection of 434 Hazard trees identified in the 2015 Assessment. 79 hazards have been corrected (16 removed/63 pruned). 358 hazard trees remain as identified. The City Arborist is preparing for the annual tree sale, Arbor Day Celebration and the implementation of our Missouri "Wyoming" Gravel Bed project.

***Mosquito & Urban Forestry – IPM Report*** – IPM staff assistant all division with various tasks awaiting the start of the spring season. IPM took the lead to complete the grant application to the Wyoming Department of Agriculture for a 2018 Emergency Insect Management. If selected, \$67,550 in grant funding will augment control of vector mosquitos. IPM staff prepared the Safety Team Tidbit and conducted the Safety Team monthly meeting.

***Mosquito & Urban Forestry – Mosquito Report*** – Bids for mosquito control pesticides for 2018 season have been opened with an apparent low bidder being Van Diest Supply bids should be in front of the Laramie City Council on April 17 for consideration. Mosquito Control ATV unit 795 has been received, Frontier Cycles of Laramie, Wyoming was the low bidder for this equipment. Staff attended the Train-the-Trainer course provided by the American Mosquito Control Association and The Centers for Disease Control for specific control of mosquitoes that vector Zika virus and the annual West Central Mosquito and Vector Control Association conference.

***Facilities Management Division*** – Facilities staff is currently investigating the possibility of restricting access to the basement of the City Hall building. This is due to security concerns with public access to the Attorney’s offices. Access would be controlled by installing keypads on the upper elevator door as well as the egress door at the bottom of the staircase. The Recreation Center Outdoor Leisure Pool Re-Plastering project should begin in April and should be completed in time for the season. Bids for the replacement of the Recreation Center indoor leisure pool boiler will be solicited in April with an anticipated installation during down week this August. A new contract, with a term of two years, for the supply of gym equipment wipes, went into effect on February 1, 2018. Recreation Center member feedback about these new wipes has been negative, alternative wipes from this vendor are being evaluated, and will be purchased in lieu of the poorly received wipes. The Facilities Work Order System received thirty-one (31) work orders in March, with six (6) still open and in progress. A total of twenty-nine (29) work orders were completed and closed out this month.

***Recreation Division*** – Run the Rails officially kicked off on February 15th and has approximately 350 individual participants. We hope to increase that number as the program gains momentum. We have the large wall map at the Recreation Center, listing the important stations along the way. We are also tracking the individuals who are running the rails and will be posting information about them as they reach the destinations. So far, feedback has been very positive for this program. The Little Kickers soccer program is underway for spring along with our youth track program, Run, Jump and Throw. These are both developmental programs to teach children the basics of these sports. Registration for the 3-4-year-old Little Kickers was particularly strong this year. The Ice & Event Center is almost open for the non-ice season. Facilities and Recreation staff worked together to take out the ice and get things cleaned up for roller skating, summer rentals and other large events. Roller skating will begin in April. Check [www.cityoflaramie.org/roller](http://www.cityoflaramie.org/roller) for scheduled times. Registration for summer camp will open on April 19th this year so families can make plans early for their summer activities. Details will be posted soon at [www.cityoflaramie.org/sacc](http://www.cityoflaramie.org/sacc). Interested parents should plan to come to registration night on April 19th at 5:30pm at the Laramie Recreation Center to ensure their spot in the program. The Aquatic Easter Egg Hunt was held on Friday March 30th from 5:30-7pm at the Laramie Recreation Center. The Easter Bunny was in attendance to provide prizes from the Easter Store. This event was FREE with a membership or day pass. The 28th Annual Youth Basketball Tournament will be held April 6-8. We have 84 teams attending from the state and region and are excited to host again. We have made some venue changes this year to improve our game management and we are excited to see how these changes impact our event.