



City of Lawrence

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TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members
FROM: Derek Rogers, Director
DATE: November 5, 2019
RE: Director's Update

It's beginning to look a lot like colder weather. Staff met last week to update the snow clearance plan that encourages facility access and participation throughout the season. We have also been hard at work preparing for the annual holiday lighting event. And our recreational programs for spring/summer have been finalized and will be open for registration online November 24.

Parks

- Holiday Lights – installation has begun (lighting to take place November 29th)
- All Parks – prepare equipment and reestablish routing for snow removal
- Park Hill - playground installation is complete (ribbon cutting in near future)
- Holcom Park Complex – work in process on dugouts and apron improvements
- East Lawrence Center – replacement of restroom sinks is in progress
- Water Tower Park - working with MSO staff to plan location for a new water tower
- Golf Course - working to reseed 3 greens on the front nine to new variety of grass
- Clinton Lake Softball Complex - working on erosions control project between fields
- Forestry – continued removal of dead and dying right-of-way trees
- Sports Pavilion – repairs to multiple HVAC units
- Working with KDOT on short-term design solutions for intersection of K10 and 27th street
- SLT trail – improve drainage to help keep water off one of the sections of trail
- Lawrence Loop trail - working with MSO staff on design process for section from 11th to 7th streets and conceptual ideas for the section from 7th street to Constant Park

Recreation

Adult Sports (Josh Maike)

- Adult Basketball & Volleyball Leagues Started October 13th
- Dodge Ball started October 14th

Aquatics (Lori Madaus)

- Santa Splash at the Indoor Aquatic Center, Saturday December 14th

Eagle Bend Golf Course (Greg Dannevik)

- Men's & Women's leagues concluded the week of October 21st



Special Events (Duane Peterson)

- 47th Annual Halloween Paint In was held on Saturday October 19th, approximately 40 participants
- Holiday Bazaar was held on Saturday, October 26th at the Sports Pavilion and was sold out
- Holiday Extravaganza will be held on Saturday December 7th at the Sports Pavilion 9am-4pm, Sold out
- Breakfast with Santa (Pancakes), Saturday December 14th at the Community Building, 8:30am-11:30am.

Special Populations/Lifelong (Annette Deghand)

- Coffee House is held on the first Monday of every month at the 4H Fairgrounds

SPL Tournaments/Camps/Special Events (Taylor Martin)

- Basketball Tournament weekend of Nov 9th, Nov. 16th, Dec. 14th & Dec. 28th
- Volleyball Tournaments are scheduled every weekend in January, 2020

Recreational Classes (Jo Ellis)

- Open Gymnastics – Kids 1-5 yrs. Of age. Every Tuesday & Thursday 10:15am-11:15am at East Lawrence Center

Youth Sports (Alex Husbenet)

- Youth Rec Basketball started Saturday, November 1st at all our Rec Centers (CB, ELC, HPRC)
- Youth soccer started November 2nd

Other

Recent Recreation Staff new hires and moves:

- Elias Perenti – Rec Programmer (Dance & Specialty programs)
- Hannah Proffitt – Admin. Technician (Aquatics)
- Jace McIntire promoted to Rec Programmer (Adult Sports & Outdoor events)
- Ross Schraeder will be moving from the Community Building to Sports Pavilion Lawrence is a similar capacity (Rec Facility & Operations)

Marketing

- The *2020 Winter/Spring Activities Guide* has been sent to the printer
- Continue progress on LPRD Reflection videos, highlighting staff
- Getting ready for the Month of Sharing toy drive, coordinating with Toys for Tots
- Beginning work on Summer Camp Guide to be online approximately January 1
- Organizing a kids low cost holiday event for 4-6 year olds in late December

We look forward to continuing the City's mission to provide, "excellent City services that enhance the quality of life for the Lawrence community."