

Recreation Department Directors Report- January 25, 2022

The director's report is designed to provide a monthly overview of Recreation Department's work.

1. Staffing: The Recreation Department is accepting application for a full time program coordinator until January 26th. The department will interview candidates shortly after with the hope to fill the position by the end of February. In addition to the full time position the department is seeking several candidates for part time and seasonal positions. All openings can be found on the City's website at www.SaratogaRec.com.
2. New Administration: The Recreation staff has met a few times with the Mayor's office to share our operations and procedures with them.
3. Spring Programs: We launched our spring registration on Monday, January 17th. We are looking for a few staff members but hopefully we will have the program coordinator in place by the start of them. Included programs this spring are: soccer program and league, teeball & jr sluggers clinics, volleyball, intro to ice skating, boxing, and bowling.
4. Youth Basketball League: Our youth basketball league will end on February 12th. This year was a challenge with the number of cancellations and the limited number of refs, players, and coaches but overall we seemed to have a great season. Our main focus moving into next season will be to develop the 9-12th grade league, potentially breaking up the divisions, and increase the girls program.
5. Skate Park: The project is slowly progressing and there is still hope that construction can begin in the Summer of 2022. The Department of Public Works has agreed to help the department by demoing the current bowl and installing a drywell which is a significant savings. We will be working on getting Artisan Skateparks under contract to begin construction. On Deck Saratoga has raised nearly 15k and they hope to raise another 40 to 60k to install the bowl.
6. Rec Center Parking Lot: The deed to the donated property near the rec center has been completed. We are working with DPW to design the area for additional parking.
7. Rec Cards: Lisa and the team are working on redeveloping our Rec Card procedures to better serve our participants and our staff. The **REC CARD** is a two year agreement that allows participation in the City of Saratoga Springs Recreation Department drop in programs such as open gym, pickleball, open stick, and more. Our immediate change was to rename the "Rec Card" to "Drop in Rec Card." This change along with some additional changes to the verbiage on our website will hopefully help people understand when and why a person may need a card.