

Recreation Department Directors Report- February 25, 2020

The monthly Director's report is designed to update you on the activities the Recreation Department is working on.

1. Recreation Center Update: June 1st is the estimated date that the Gym will be reopened.
2. On January 13th, we officially went live with our new online registration system. We have seen a tremendous boost to our program registrations just in the first few weeks. 87% of all registrations have happened online. Online camp registration will be available to City Residents starting Feb 24th and Non Residents starting Mar 16th.
3. The basketball season ended with Championship Saturday on Feb 8th. Although there were several logistical challenges with the schedule, our coaches and families were extremely positive and helpful throughout the season from helping us set up the gym to lowering the hoops.
4. The department has been fully focused on releasing to the public our summer program offering earlier than ever. Traditionally, the summer program brochure is out April 1 but this year we plan to have the brochure available by Feb 29th. We hope the earlier marketing will make planning for the summer easier for families.
5. On February 26th, Putnam Place with Saratoga Living Magazine is hosting a 40th anniversary Miracle on Ice event. \$25 of the ticket price will be going to the Recreation Department for ice rink improvements. Tickets and information for the event can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/saratoga-celebrates-miracle-on-ice-tickets-93102641507>
6. The City has awarded the skate park bid to Pillar Design. We hopefully will begin working with Pillar Design in later March so that we can develop a schedule for the Recreation Commission.
7. We are trying to work with the Elks Club to help promote their annual fishing derby on Father's day as well as develop a fishing clinic at the Waterfront Park. We are in the early stages but hope to have more to discuss at the meeting.
8. East Side recreation Park will be closed starting March 13th and is scheduled to reopen in Mid October. DPW and I have been meeting with the School district to discuss logistics and public communication.
9. Saratoga Financial Services has offered to purchase two new scoreboards for our softball fields at Veterans Memorial Park. I am working with Saratoga Miss Softball on the design. We hope to have the scoreboards donated and installed by Mid April.
10. There has been no update regarding the outdoor pickleball courts proposed for East Side Recreation Park.