

Park & Recreation Commission Item

June 23, 2026



Item	Senior Center Quarterly Report
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Agenda Section	<u>REPORTS</u>
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SUGGESTED ACTION

SUMMARY

Senior Center Quarterly Report April 1- June 30, 2026

The second quarter of the year brought a leadership transition at the Senior Center as Mary Blazain retired on May 1. Jackie Sorensen began as the new Senior Center Coordinator on April 27, with a brief overlap to support knowledge transfer. Jackie has spent her first weeks getting to know patrons, partners, and the rhythms of the Senior Center and the broader Chanhassen community.

Programs and Partnerships

This quarter we partnered with the Chaska Lodge on several trips, including excursions to Treasure Island, the Ives Theater in Bloomington, the Paramount Theater in St. Cloud and a Senior Synod Band concert. These trips served a combined total of 320 patrons. On June 11, 24 Chanhassen Senior Center patrons participated in a SW Transit tutorial and demonstration ride. Participants learned more about transit offerings including SW Prime's door-to-door services and affordable transportation to destinations such as the airport and Mall of America. We are exploring additional ways to share this information with seniors so they can take full advantage of these resources.

Classes and Presentations

This quarter's educational and enrichment offerings included classes in art, chess, defensive driving and Broadway musicals (in partnership with MacPhail Center for Music). Presentations featured topics such as the Carver County Fair, Minnesota lilacs, landmark tours and mature makeup techniques. A total of 143 participants attended these activities.

Community Events

One of our most popular annual events, the Lions Club Senior Picnic, was held at the Lake Ann Klingelhutz Pavilion. The Chanhassen Lions Club generously sponsored the event, providing grilled

burgers and hot dogs and volunteer support. While 189 patrons pre-registered, actual attendance exceeded 200. The Senior Center's own Chan-Jammers performed for attendees, adding a special community touch.

Upcoming Programs

Through the summer, the Senior Center will continue to host weekly card and gathering groups. Upcoming trips include a Lake Minnetonka boat cruise on July 20, a Minnesota Twins game on July 30, and a Buddy Holly show at the Paramount Theater on August 11. We are partnering with Normandale's Center for Healing and Wholeness to offer a *Matter of Balance* series in July and *Powerful Tools for Caregivers* in August. In collaboration with Senior Community Services, we will also host a three-part series on artificial intelligence in August.

Conclusion

The Senior Center remains an important resource for seniors in our community, fostering friendship, belonging and lifelong learning. We look forward to continuing to grow our programs and partnerships in the months ahead.

BACKGROUND

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