Park & Recreation Commission Item

October 28, 2025

Item	2025-2026 Ice Skating Rink Location Recommendations
Item No:	G.1
Agenda Section	**GENERAL BUSINESS**
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SUGGESTED ACTION

The Park and Recreation Commission approves the following ice skating rink locations and warming house hours be maintained for the 2025-2026 season.

SUMMARY

For the 2025–2026 skating season, staff recommends flooding nine ice rinks at five locations and staffing three warming houses. This is a reduction from the 2024–2025 season, which included eleven ice rinks at six locations and four staffed warming houses. The change is due to Phase 2 of construction at the Civic Campus.

This two-rink reduction includes one family rink and one hockey rink. The reduction is temporary, as the new family rink at City Center Park is expected to open for the 2026–2027 skating season and will be located over the green space north of the Performance Pavilion. The hockey rink will not be replaced, resulting in a temporary decrease in the number of hockey rinks from 2025 through 2028, prior to the opening of the Chanhassen Bluffs Community Center, where youth hockey associations will have the opportunity to rent ice time on full refrigerated rinks.

While staff will not staff or maintain the warming houses at Roundhouse Park and Pioneer Pass Park this season, we believe it remains beneficial to flood and maintain family rinks at both parks to support community recreation and outdoor activity opportunities.

Locations

Bandimere Park

1 - Family Rink

1 - Hockey Rink

Chanhassen Rec Center

1 - Family Rink

2 - Hockey Rinks

North Lotus

1 - Family Rink

1 - Hockey Rink

Pioneer Pass Park

1 - Family Rink **no warming house*

Roundhouse Park

1 - Family Rink **no warming house*

Warming House Hours

City Center Park, Chanhassen Rec Center, North Lotus Park, and Bandimere Park

Weekdays 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturdays 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Sundays 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.

No School Days 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

December 24 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

December 25 Closed

December 31 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

January 1 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

BACKGROUND

2024-2025 Recorded Participants

Month	December	January	February	March	Rink Totals
Bandimere Park	140	696	179	0	1,015
Chanhassen Recreation Center	433	1,405	581	0	2,419
City Center Park	125	596	213	0	934
North Lotus Lake Park	190	358	211	0	759
Totals	**888**	**3,055**	**1,184**	**0**	**5,127**

2024-2025

A total of 14 rink attendants were hired on a part-time/seasonal basis to staff the warming houses. Rink attendant wages totaled $19,529.40 with a total of 1,396.25 hours worked.

Closures

Opened Friday, December 20

Closed Sunday, February 23

Open 59 days

Expenses:	**Amount:**
Temporary and Seasonal Wages:	$19,529.40
Warming House Rentals:	$6,542.67
Rink Maintenance:	$70,976.00
TOTAL:	**$97,048.07**

DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Park and Recreation Commission approve the following ice-skating rink locations and warming house hours be maintained for the 2025-2026 season.

ATTACHMENTS

Ice Skating Rink History