

Park & Recreation Commission Item

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Item	2026 Lake Ann Park Summer Programs
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Agenda Section	<u>GENERAL BUSINESS</u>
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SUGGESTED ACTION

SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

The summer of 2026 is quickly approaching, bringing a renewed sense of excitement to our community. As always, Lake Ann Park is set to be the primary hub for seasonal recreation and community events.

The concession stand and watercraft rental facility will operate daily from Saturday, May 23 through Sunday, August 16, between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. To better serve the crowds at the Summer Concert Series, hours will extend until 8 p.m. on Thursdays. Sponsored by Old National Bank, these free musical performances run from June 11 through August 6, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. While City Center Park undergoes construction for the Civic Campus Project, Lake Ann Park will host the series again this year, offering great parking, permanent restrooms, local food trucks and a scenic backdrop. The event will return to its permanent home once construction wraps up.

We are excited to welcome Mollie Yanda as our Concessions Manager for the 2026 season. Mollie is a familiar face, having worked at the Lake Ann concession stand in 2025 and served as a winter rink attendant over the past two winters. Her strong communication skills and exceptional work ethic make her a great fit to oversee daily operations, staff scheduling, and inventory management.

Paddleboard rentals return this summer through our ongoing partnership with Sanborn Canoe Company (formerly Grey Duck Outdoor). City staff will oversee the daily management of the eight-board fleet, with rental revenue shared per our current agreement.

Our waterfront programming is expanding this year with two great options. We are bringing back Stand-Up Paddleboard (SUP) Yoga on Tuesday evenings from June 16 through August 11, running from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Lake Ann boat launch. Led by certified yoga instructor Tracey Souvignier, the class costs \$25 (or \$35 with a board rental) and is capped at eight participants per session. For those new to the sport, staff is also introducing Paddleboarding 101. This one-hour beginner class will help participants build confidence on the water and is offered on either Monday, June 15 or Monday, June 22 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Picnic shelter reservations are moving fast, with many weekend dates already full. Staff expects to coordinate over 100 rentals this season across our three covered spaces, the Klingelhutz and Lakeside Pavilions at Lake Ann Park, and the Lake Susan Picnic Shelter, projected to generate over \$15,000 in revenue. Additionally, the Lake Ann beach will remain open to the public during standard park hours from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

With a busy lineup and fantastic amenities, staff is ready to provide a safe, high-quality experience for all visitors this summer. We look forward to another great season and welcome any community feedback to help us enhance our park operations.

DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS