

# Park & Recreation Commission Item

June 24, 2025



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| <b>Item</b>           | Senior Center Quarterly Report           |
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| <b>Agenda Section</b> | <b><u>REPORTS</u></b>                    |
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## **SUGGESTED ACTION**

## **SUMMARY**

Senior Center program participation during the 2nd quarter increased nicely, with 2,774 patrons served in both weekly programs and individual events. Notably, the largest program increases were seen in two areas: Game Play attendance and Help and Wellness Resources. For example, Party Bridge attendance increased by 40% from first quarter attendance. This is mostly due to players returning home from winter escapes. Other game groups experienced similar increases, including Cribbage Play and Mah Jongg. There is some wonderful camaraderie that occurs during these drop-in game times, which promote positive connections and challenging brain work!

The request for Help and Wellness Resources continues to grow. Our free Tax Help provided by AARP volunteers served 33% more clients in 2025 than last year. We also saw increases in requests for RN Foot Care services, Free Tech Help, and Caregiver Support. One of our newer resource groups, Vision Loss Education and Support is also growing every month. These wellness groups are safe places to connect with others in similar life situations. Although these services are just a small part of how we serve our community, they are important as we continue to watch for new ways to serve our aging-up population.

The Center hosted several learning classes, including a Carver County Historical Society educational series, a Spring Craft Class, Pencil Sketching for Beginners, and Mah Jongg learning sessions. Educational classes on pertinent topics such as Medicare 101, Dementia Friends Education, 55+ Alive Driver Discount, and Clutter Control were also offered and well received.

One of the Center's largest and most popular events of the summer is the Annual Lions Club Senior Picnic. The Chanhassen Lions Club generously sponsors this free event at the Lake Anne Klingelutz Pavillion. Burgers and hot dogs are grilled up and many volunteers serve up a wonderful picnic lunch.

This year we had a record number of preregistrations, with over 200 rsvp's. In addition, the Senior Center's Guitar Groupies (a weekly gathering of 55+ musicians who learn and play music together) will perform their home-grown repertoire for the picnic goers.

Spring and summer are the perfect time to take day trips. So far this quarter we have taken 3 group trips in partnership with the Chaska Lodge and are heading over to a Twins Game on June 26. Later this summer we'll enjoy a boat cruise in Red Wing, as well as a Broadway musical at the Orpheum. Our upcoming fall trip schedule adds many more theater trips and historical tours.

We are gearing up for moving into the Senior Center space and planning open house events and other new programs starting early October. The Center's Grand Opening event is slated for October 1, 10am-noon. Our patrons are looking forward to the new and beautiful space. This will be a fun fall season!

## **BACKGROUND**

## **DISCUSSION**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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