Park & Recreation Commission Item

December 9, 2025

Item	Senior Center Quarterly Report
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Agenda Section	**REPORTS**
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SUGGESTED ACTION

SUMMARY

Senior Center programs remained at the Recreation Center through the month of October as construction teams worked hard to complete the new Center at City Hall. The Senior Center officially opened its doors to the public at the new City Hall on November 1st with a Housewarming Celebration and Open House event.

An estimated 150-170 community members and Senior Center patrons showed up for music, cake, coffee, and tours. We saw many new faces, along with familiar regular attenders. People were excited to see the space as well as to be able to start using it.

During the first week of October, the Center recognized Active Aging Week with an initiative called *Live Vibrantly: Explore, Engage, Thrive!* Each day offered a program or event with this focus, including a lunch with the Mayor, Health and Wellness Resource Expo, and a Presentation on State Parks with Doug Ohman. Almost 300 people participated in the weeklong events, along with more than resource organizations at the Expo.

Park and Rec staff cooked sausage and pancakes for 84 guests at the annual Veteran's and Friends Pancake Breakfast at the new Senior Center on November 6. It included a presentation on the Statue of Liberty by local historian David Jones. Mayor Ryan also took time to help serve and thank our veterans for their service. This event is generously sponsored by Chanhassen American Legion and its Auxiliary, who also set up, served and helped with clean up.

Two other events of note include:

- Annual Octoberfest Luncheon, with polka band and traditional German meal which served 86 guests.

- A *Be Safe from Frauds and Scams* presentation by Nicolet Bank and the MN Commerce Department, had 45 participants.
- The Annual Holiday Celebration Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, December 12, and is sponsored by Nicolet Bank and Landmark Tours. We typically serve 100-120 patrons at this fun event.

Wrap up: Summary of October - December programs and participation:

- **3193 total patrons** participated in Senior Center programs during October, November, and early December. This includes cumulative group gatherings and games, help and wellness services, day trips and special programs.
- 256 participants for special speakers and classes, including Mah Jongg 101, Medicare Updates, Driver Safety, SW Prime Info Session, and Chanhassen Historical Society presentations.
- 249 participants in five individual trips to local plays, music, and holiday shows
- 470 participants in special events and speaker programs
- 284 participants in Help and Wellness services such as caregiver support, vision loss support, Medicare help, Meals on Wheels, foot care, and tech help
- 1920 cumulative participation in weekly game and arts groups

Each day we welcome new people into our new space, and the regular game groups are expanding and growing. We are seeing more walk in traffic, and more interest in participating and look forward to serving more 55+ patrons in 2026!

To allow time to recoup, the Senior Center will be closed between Christmas Eve and New Years to prepare and plan for new creative programming and participation in 2026.

BACKGROUND

DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

Celebrate the Season 2025