Park & Recreation Commission Item

September 23, 2025

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

SUMMARY

The Senior Center is looking forward to easing into our new space in early October. Until then, we will continue utilizing Recreation Center hospitality!

GEARING UP FOR FALL

Fall and early winter are our busiest seasons of the year. To kick off this busy season, The Senior Center is hosting a weeklong series of events to engage our active 55+ community and make them aware of the many great resources and Senior Center programs available to them. These events will take place at the Chanhassen Recreation Center.

Called ***Live Vibrantly: Explore, Engage, Thrive!***, the week of October 6-10 is packed with fun events each day. We invite residents from in and around Chanhassen to participate in as many events as they choose.

WEEKLONG EVENTS SUMMARY

- Monday, October 6, ***Move It Monday*****,** with trainer talks and healthy eating workshop
- Tuesday, October 7, ***Town Talk & Tortillas with Mayor Ryan***, 11am-1pm. Commissioners are invited to attend!
- Wednesday, October 8, ***Senior Resource Expo***, which includes tables hosted by local organizations, non-profit groups, and city, state and county services. The Expo will also have speakers presenting on A Guide to using AI Chat Systems; and Advanced Care Planning.
- Thursday, October 8, ***Treks with Doug Ohman,*** who takes us on a virtual State Park tour.
- Friday, October 9, ***Fun Finish Friday***, with extended cribbage and 500 games, and soup & salad luncheon.

SUMMER RECAP

To recap our Summer, the Senior Center in partnership with the city's Commission on Aging, hosted the annual July 3 Expo table and the July 4 Free Family Bingo Tent. We had well over 50 interactions with individuals at the Expo table to discuss dementia awareness and resources.

The Bingo event saw over 550 participants of all ages. We are grateful for the many local businesses who provided gift certificates and gift baskets for prizes at this event. Over $1900 dollars in prizes were given away. Hosted by KDWB's Dave Ryan, the event was filled with laughter, competitiveness, and heat! (It was a very hot day!) In addition, the Commission on Aging partnered with Senior Community Services Tech Assistance program to raise donations for their Senior Tech Help program. Just under $1000 was raised.

SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS

Summer programs at the Senior Center typically slow down for a variety of reasons. Our patrons, like most Minnesotans, enjoy being outside, spending time with family, and traveling to lake places. This summer, we also had to consider other factors as well, including maintenance work being done in and around the Rec Center, and prepping for the move to our new space on Civic Campus.

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

During July, August and September, the Senior Center served 2254 patrons. This includes cumulative group gatherings, help and wellness services, day trips and special programs.

We took five daytrips with 293 participants, partnering once again with our friends at the Chaska Lodge. These trips included a second Twins Game in July to make up for poor weather during the June trip - which sent us home before the game could start. Everyone appreciated getting a second chance to go – and the weather was perfect. We also took groups to Redwing for a Boat Cruise, the Orpheum Theater for Broadway's Beauty and the Beast, a History on the Go Tour of Fort Snelling, and an upcoming Gal's Night Out to Ames Theater in Burnsville.

There are two events to especially highlight from this summer.

1. The first was our Mid-Summer Splash Party, a 50's/60's Musical Review. 78 people enjoyed this fun, interactive, "Elvis" infused performance followed by a delicious summer salads luncheon.
2. The second was a new pop-up event on August 21 with Crossroads McDonalds, called Coffee, Cops and Cones. We invited both the Fire Dept. and Sheriff's Department to attend along with senior patrons and their grandchildren. 27 individuals of all ages engaged in fun conversations while enjoying free ice cream and coffee provided by McDonalds.

Weekly Game and Gather Groups are still going strong, with 1,435 cumulative participants.

Help and Wellness programs, such as Foot Care, Medicare Counseling, Tech Help and various support groups assisted 368 individuals. These services are a key component in helping our seniors age well in Chanhassen, helping us be a true community for life.

We anticipate an increase in interest and participation once our new space opens to the public. We have tentatively scheduled a Senior Center Housewarming Celebration for Monday, November 3, following the public open house being planned for Civic Campus on November 1.

BACKGROUND

DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

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