

**Park Board
Agenda Item 8.A
Meeting of March 4, 2026**



Title: Information items

Strategic Plan Goal: N/A
Action Requested: Informational
Form of Action: Other

Summary Statement

The following are information items to be shared by staff.

2026 Kids Fest

Kids' Fest took place on Sunday, Feb. 1 from 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center. Approximately 1,500 attendees enjoyed indoor and outdoor activities including dog sled rides, horse-drawn trolley rides, dancing, Bingo, crafts and much more! \$1,400 was raised for the recreation youth scholarship fund through the sales of concessions sold by our senior services staff and volunteers. The warm temperatures and light snow made for a very enjoyable event! See attached photos.

Big Willow Park Restoration

Noticeable habitat restoration activities are taking place in Big Willow Park following the recently approved restoration and maintenance plan for the park. Park users will notice buckthorn removal near Minnetonka Boulevard around the recently acquired property at 12620 Minnetonka Boulevard and north of the creek along trails. In addition, buckthorn removal will occur in spots along the main trail north and south of the creek. The purpose is to remove the dense growth of this invasive species, allowing more sunlight to reach the ground to support more plant diversity. Seeding with native grasses and wildflowers will follow the removal. Re-treatment of cut buckthorn will be necessary over the next year or two to allow the native species to flourish.

Recommended Action

None.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Kids' Fest Photos](#)