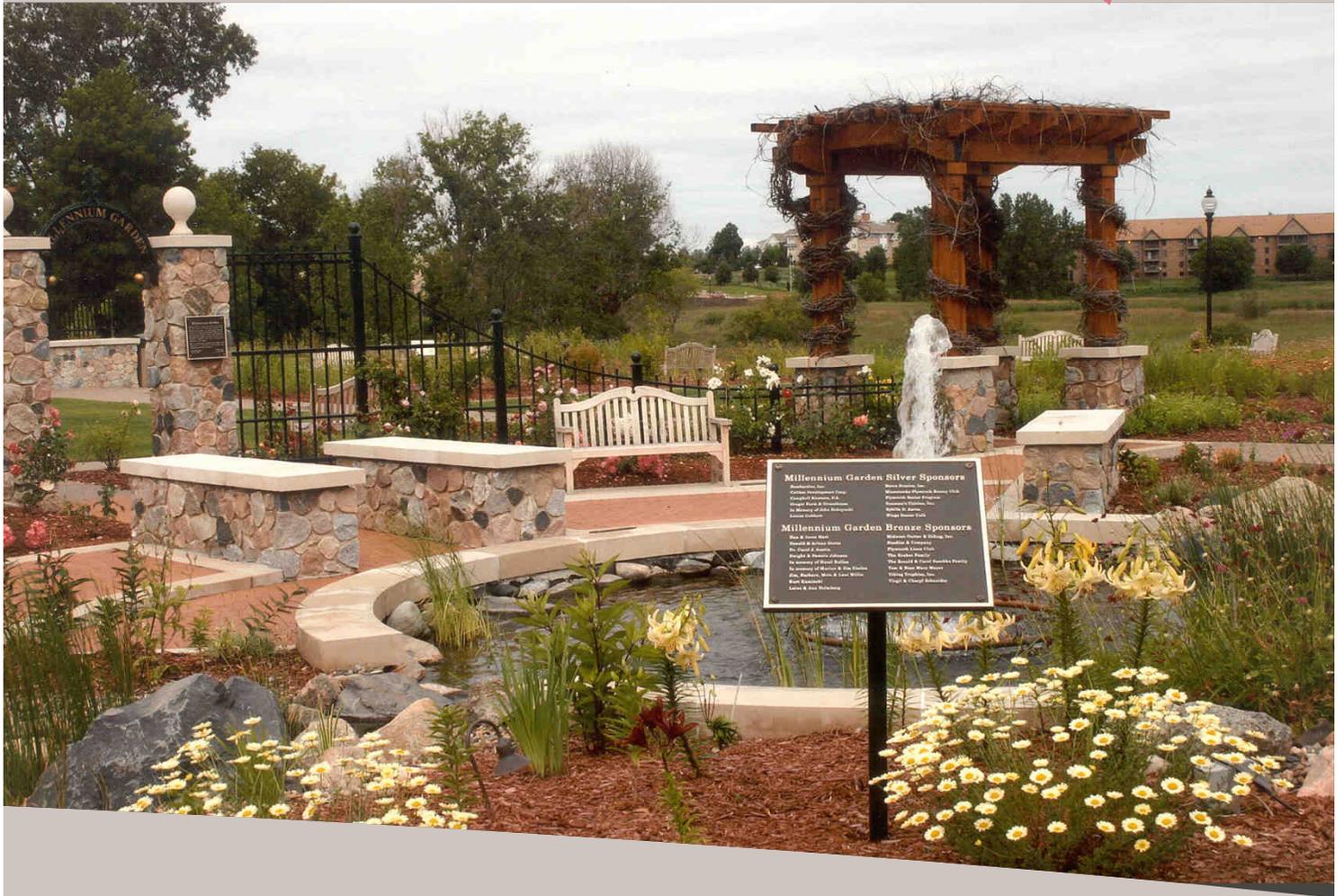


PLYMOUTH PARKS & RECREATION *2014 annual report*



mission statement:

**ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL RESIDENTS
FOSTERING INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN ALL ASPECTS:
PHYSICAL MENTAL SOCIAL ENVIRONMENTAL**

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ADMIN	PARKS & FORESTRY	PLYMOUTH CREEK CENTER	FIELDHOUSE	PLYMOUTH ICE CENTER	RECREATION	VOLUNTEERS
POLICIES & PROCEDURES	FACILITY MAINTENANCE	FACILITY MAINTENANCE	FACILITY MAINTENANCE	FACILITY MAINTENANCE	LEISURE PROGRAMS & CLASSES	CITY-WIDE VOLUNTEER OVERSIGHT
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE & SAFETY	FACILITY EVENT & RENTAL COORDINATION	FACILITY EVENT & RENTAL COORDINATION	FACILITY EVENT & RENTAL COORDINATION	COMMUNITY & SPECIAL EVENT COORDINATION	RECRUITMENT & RETENTION
ADVISORY COMMISSION (PRAC)	TRAIL MAINTENANCE & INSPECTIONS	FACILITY PROGRAMS	FACILITY PROGRAMS	FACILITY PROGRAMS	PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING	VOLUNTEER EVENT COORDINATION
PARK DEVELOPMENT & REPLACEMENT	ASSET MANAGEMENT	SENIOR PROGRAMS	OUTDOOR FIELD COORDINATION	HOCKEY ASSOCIATION & SCHOOL LIAISON	FACILITY EVENT & RENTAL COORDINATION	
	TREE CARE & PRESERVATION		ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION LIAISON	CONCESSION & EQUIPMENT RENTALS	SCHOOL LIAISON	
	REFORESTATION		ADVERTISING	ADVERTISING		
	HORTICULTURAL					



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ADVISORY COMMISSION

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission Members

MEMBERS	POSITION	TERM EXPIRATION
NED CARROLL (WARD 2)	CHAIR	1/31/15
GREG ANDERSON (WARD 1)	VICE-CHAIR	1/31/17
AARON VANDERWALL (AT-LARGE)		1/31/15
MICHAEL SWANSON (WARD 4)		1/31/17
KIPP WYSE (WARD 3)		1/31/15
MERRILEE RILEY (AT-LARGE)		1/31/16
TRICIA DEBLEECKERE (AT-LARGE)		1/31/16



The Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council. Each of the seven members of the Commission is appointed for a three-year term by the City Council. The chair is appointed by the members of the Commission and serves for a term of one year.

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JEFF WOSJE	CITY COUNCIL
DICK KOBUSSEN	PLANNING COMMISSION

2014 HIGHLIGHTS

<i>CIP Projects</i>	
PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT AT PLYMOUTH CREEK PARK	The existing playground structure was replaced with a brand new structure just before winter arrived. Completion of the new playground structure was delayed one month when the new equipment staged onsite was destroyed by vandalism/fire. The old playground structure was removed by volunteers from the nonprofit organization Kids Around the World. It was then shipped overseas and rebuilt into two playgrounds in Ethiopia.
WEST MEDICINE LAKE RETAINING WALL REPLACEMENT	The project (between 18th avenue and Evergreen Lane) provided for 1,100 feet of trail and retaining wall replacement (sheet pile wall), excavation of the shoreline, and new chain-link fencing to meet new safety standards. The project was initiated in April and completed in early June. The project cost was \$953,469, utilizing 2013 surplus and park replacement fund money.
CSAH 6 & 61 TRAIL	The City was awarded a Hennepin County Bikeway Program Discretionary Grant for \$100,000 to help cost share construction of the trail. The grant funds were available to assist communities with bikeway projects that eliminate gaps in Hennepin County. The overall project cost was \$366,000 (\$266,000 from Park Dedication and \$100,000 from the County).
HILDE PERFORMANCE CENTER & VETERANS MEMORIAL	Phase two improvement for the Hilde Performance Center (Hilde) and Veterans Memorial were initiated. Improvements to the Hilde provide for an additional entrance from Plymouth Boulevard, restoration of the big woods, a new pond plaza, trail extensions and a restroom enclosure. This project also includes a Veterans Memorial, which includes a granite wall, seating, flags representing the five military branches, and a water feature. The total project is scheduled for completion in July of 2015. The estimated project cost is \$1,480,000 and is funded by the Community Improvement Fund.
NWG TRAIL - VICKSBURG TO JUNEAU LANE	The Northwest Greenway trail from Vicksburg east will get underway spring of 2015. The main asphalt trail is proposed to be 12 feet wide, with an 8 foot wide looping trail section. The estimated project cost is \$700,000.
PIC TRAINING FACILITY	This facility is a public-private partnership with the City, Acceleration Minnesota NW (Acceleration) and Wayzata Youth Hockey Association for the construction of a 7,500 square foot addition onto the Ice Center. The new space is leased to Acceleration to operate a dry land training facility. The facility opened in mid December. The project cost was \$1,349,000.



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2014 HIGHLIGHTS

Parks & Forestry

FAIRWAY GREENS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	The grand opening for the 6.33 acre park was held on Monday, Aug. 25. The event included remarks from Mayor Kelli Slavik and other city officials, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and refreshments. The Park includes a playground, a putting green, basketball half-court, shade shelter with picnic tables, and open green space. The park also includes walking trails, which connects to the adjacent neighborhoods and the Northwest Greenway.
TRAIL REPAIR & REPLACEMENT PROGRAM	The Park system contains over 140 miles of trails. As the trail system continues to age, trail sections are starting to deteriorate. The repair program prioritizes the most critical or distressed sections so that they can be rebuilt in a timely manner. The trail repair and overlay procedure will be an on-going process for many years to come.
BASS LAKE TENNIS COURT PROJECT	The rehabilitation project provides for the repair and replacement of the 20 year old tennis facility. In an effort to add a variety of playing surfaces and to extend the longevity of our courts, two different types of surface materials will be installed. This will also provide a means of comparative testing for overall wear and durability of these surfaces versus traditional asphalt. The project will be completed in 2015 with an estimated cost of \$220,000.
BUCKTHORN ERRADICATION PROGRAM	As part of the 2014-15 budget, an invasive species eradication program was initiated utilizing the services of Institutional Community Work Crew (ICWC). The eight person crew provides 64 hours of labor per week. The City's Forestry Technician maps work areas, monitors, and measures progress.
EAB MANAGEMENT	In 2014, the City began treatment on ash trees in anticipation of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation. EAB has been found within 10 miles of Plymouth's eastern border. In May and June the Parks and Forestry Division injected 338 ash trees, greater than 15" in diameter, within the maintained areas of parks and boulevards. Additional treatments will occur in 2015.
PARK PATROL PROGRAM	This was a new program initiated in 2014. The program promotes an awareness within the community of the City's presence and is a deterrent for potential vandalism. The position is under the direction of the Police Department in active collaboration with Parks and Recreation Department.
WATER INSPECTION PROGRAM	In response to the growing concerns regarding aquatic invasive species on Medicine Lake, a boat inspection partnership with Three Rivers Park District was initiated. The partnership provides DNR Level 1 trained inspections for aquatic invasive species at the West Medicine Lake Park boat launch. The program operates the six weekends that the boat launch is open each year.
WORK EFFECIENCES	Continued and expanded use of technology to improve work efficiencies with expanded electronic tablet inspections on tennis courts, bridges, boardwalks, docks, decks as well as tree inspections and EAB injections.
1,000 TREES	Completed the 2nd installation of 1,000 trees on the NW Greenway.
ARBOR DAY	Assisted with Nature Center reforestation efforts at Birchview Elementary.

2014 HIGHLIGHTS

<i>Parks & Open Space</i>	
TOMBERS PROPERTY	The City purchased the Tomber's property (16.18 acres/\$3.4 million) located on the southwest corner of Lawndale (future Peony Lane) and CSAH 47. The property will serve as a Neighborhood/City park for NW Plymouth. The property is co-located with a new Wayzata School District Elementary School, which provides the opportunity to share facility resources.
BEGIN/BRYNWOOD PROPERTY	Through park dedication/purchase we acquired 5.2 acres of land (\$271,136) from KHOV homes in the Brynwood Development for the Northwest Greenway (NWG). The property is part of the Northwest Greenway (NWG).
JUNEAU RIDGE PROPERTY	Through park dedication/purchase we acquired 1.8 acres of land (\$11,152) from the Juneau Ridge Development for the Northwest Greenway (NWG).
ASPEN HOLLOW PROPERTY	Through park dedication/purchase we acquired 8.05 acres of land (\$36,252) from the Aspen Hollow Development for the Northwest Greenway (NWG).
NWG PROPERTY (57xx JUNEAU LANE)	Completed an appraisal of property for Northwest Greenway acquisition. Agreeable purchase price was not reached.



<i>Plymouth Ice Center</i>	
CENTER ICE ROOM CARPET REPLACEMENT	The carpet in the Center Ice Room at the Plymouth Ice Center was replaced. The Center Ice Room is a busy, heavily used space – it overlooks the Eric Blank Rink and Rink B and is utilized for meetings, training, programs and events.
ICE RENTAL INCREASE	Based on market trends, and increased repairs of an aging facility, a \$10 per hour increase in the ice rental rate (from \$190 to \$200) for winter prime time hours was implemented. Winter prime time hours are from September 1 through March 31. The rate increase went into affect on September 1, 2014.
SKATE SCHOOL CHANGES	A new Skate School Director was hired in 2014, replacing the previous Director of 10 years.

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2014 HIGHLIGHTS

<i>Recreation</i>	
ADA TRANSITION PLAN	The second year of a three year ADA compliance survey was completed. The City has a contract with JQP, Inc. to review all park facilities to ensure ADA compliance. The survey and ADA transition plan will be completed in 2015.
SCS TRANSITION	With the retirement of Sara Mittelstaedt, the City ended its 25 year contract with Senior Community Services. A new Recreation Supervisor was hired and all active adult and/or senior programs will be coordinated by recreation department personnel by January of 2015.
PAID MUSIC EVENT	The City collaborated with Sue McLean and Associates, Inc (SMA) to provide a paid music event -"Live at the Hilde." The event was held at the Hilde Performance Center on June 6, featuring the "Gear Daddies." This event was the first time a ticketed paid event with liquor sales was attempted at an outdoor City venue. Due to weather issues (rainy and cold), the attendance was much lower than anticipated. The City will collaborate with SMA again in 2015.
TOBACCO & ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE FREE POLICY	Keeping with our commitment to the quality of life for our residents the Tobacco Free Policy was updated to include electronic cigarettes as a tobacco product prohibited from park land.

<i>Plymouth Creek Center / Fieldhouse</i>	
BALLROOM CHAIR REPLACEMENT	The ballroom chairs were replaced after 11 years of use. This was the second year of a three year project to update the space. In 2013 the carpet was replaced and table replacement is scheduled for 2015.
SOUND SYSTEM REPLACEMENT	The outdated equipment in the ballroom was completely replaced to give customers a much better experience. The 26 speakers were replaced with Bose equipment. Touchscreen panels were installed in 3 sections of the room to allow independent adjustments and provide for more rental options.
CATERING SERVICES	After seven years of working with three exclusive caterers the City initiated a RFP process for caterers. Sixteen proposals were reviewed, ten were interviewed and six were selected for luncheon tastings. From this process, five companies were selected to be the new exclusive caterers at the Plymouth Creek Center beginning December of 2014. The new caterers are; Common Roots, Lancer, Medina, Mintahoe and Roasted Pear.

<i>Volunteers</i>	
BUCKTHORN REMOVAL	To support the City's commitment to removing invasive buckthorn, 254 volunteers removed buckthorn from 4 city parks, trail and playfields.
TRAIL HEARTS	A volunteer continued his project of painting hearts every 1/10 of a mile on city trails. In 2014, he painted 19 miles of hearts, totaling 47 miles to date.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

2014	EXPENSES	REVENUES			
	EXPENSE TOTALS	PROPERTY TAX REVENUE	PROGRAM FEE REVENUE	MISC REVENUE	REVENUE TOTALS
ADMINISTRATION	464,448	464,448			464,448
PARKS & FORESTRY	4,291,043	4,202,543	88,500		4,291,043
RECREATION PROGRAMS	1,776,686	567,604	1,149,725	59,357	1,776,686
PLYMOUTH CREEK CENTER	601,007	400,927	200,080		656,000
FIELDHOUSE	365,000		353,000	12,000	365,000
ICE CENTER	2,438,557		1,545,300	893,257	2,438,557
VOLUNTEERS	109,898	108,398	1,500		109,898
TOTALS	\$ 10,046,639	\$ 5,743,920	\$ 3,338,105	\$ 964,614	\$ 10,046,639

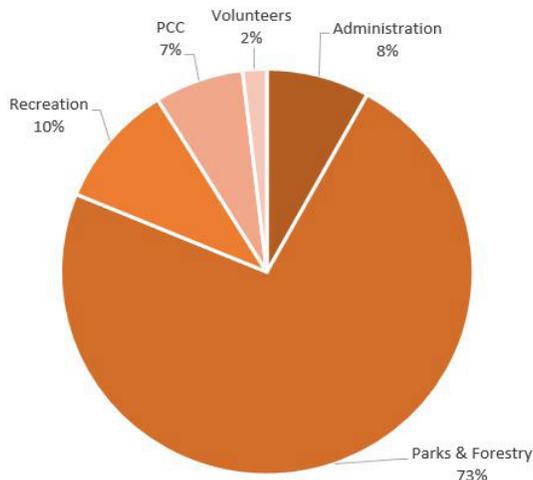
In 2014, City tax dollars from the general fund were allocated to the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$5,743,920, an increase of \$239,226 from 2013. The chart above depicts the disbursement of the general fund allocation to the department.



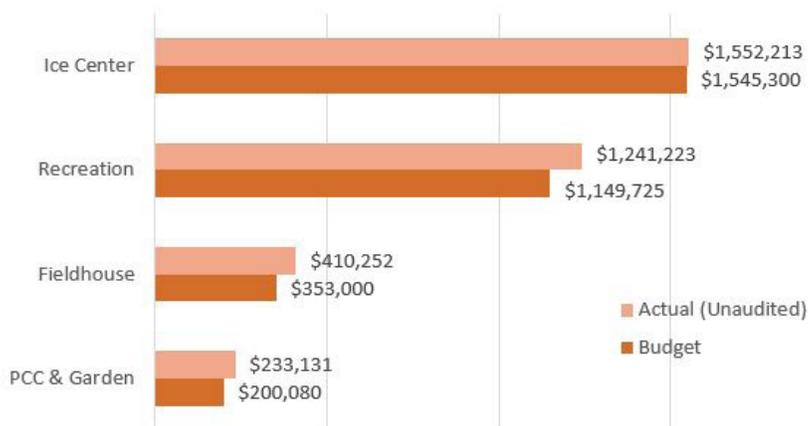
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BUDGET

General Fund Allocations



Program Fee Revenue



As detailed in the revenue source chart, the Plymouth Field House and Ice Center operations are Enterprise Funds and do not receive any general fund subsidy. Both of these facilities must generate revenue (user/program fees) to cover all operational expenses.

On the other hand, Recreation is a Special Revenue Fund which substantially relies on user/program fees (65%) but receives a partial property tax subsidy (32%) to help off-set expenses. The remaining 3% of revenue comes from other sources such as interest from investments.

The Plymouth Creek Center and Garden is a general fund budget that generates additional revenue. The graph highlights the budgeted revenue expectations as compared to actual revenue that was generated.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

The city benefits from the many professional services that our volunteers have to offer. For 21 years volunteers have helped stretch city resources, build relationships between residents and their city government and promote the spirit of giving back to one's community.

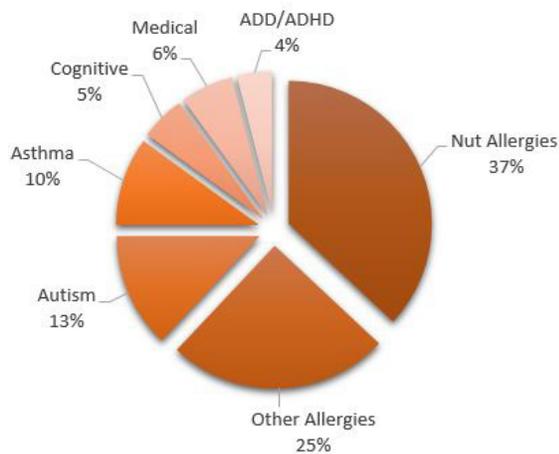
ANOTHER BIG YEAR!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30,568 hours - a record number! • 2,362 volunteers. Many volunteers participated in more than one department and/or program.
VALUE TO THE CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer hours are valued at \$676,776 of contributions in kind. • The number of hours contributed is equivalent to 14.7 FTE.
BY THE NUMBERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 369 individuals made initial contact with the Volunteer Services office. • 134 applications were received. • 60 potential candidates were interviewed for regular or short-term positions. • 100 requests for volunteers beyond major special events were received.
NEW VOLUNTEER TASKS THIS YEAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with the Destination Imagination program. • Analyze Fire department goals, process improvement and annual report. • Create environmental art pieces to promote programs in elementary schools. • Request donations for Yard & Garden door prizes. • Custom design and build an absentee ballot cabinet. • Sort and inventory park and trail signs and electrical supplies. • Compare and verify assessing data. • Update easement plans using GIS. • Apply stain to historic Gilfillan Cabin at Parkers Lake. • Create Excel spreadsheets for budget planning. • Assist beginning ice skaters during skate school.
SPECIAL EVENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 47 volunteer-supported city events providing front line customer service. • 890 event shifts. • 40,138 participants impacted by volunteers.
WHO ARE OUR VOLUNTEERS?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 87% are Plymouth residents. • Volunteers reside in 32 different cities. • 26% teens, 52% adults and 22% seniors • An equal number of women (50%) and men (50%) volunteered. • 48 different community groups participated. • 7 Boy Scouts completed Eagle Scout projects in the parks. • 550 families adopted fire hydrants. • 160 neighborhoods coordinated Night to Unite events.
MAKE A DIFFERENCE - VOLUNTEER!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 201 coaches and ski chaperones – 1,648 youth served • 11 open pickleball/open soccer volunteers – 870 participants served • 41 Park & Recreation Summer Teen volunteers – 1,513 youth served • 44 parks adopted; 32 miles of trails and streets adopted • 3 Chaplain Corps call outs to residents in crisis • 30 seniors received one-on-one computer training from volunteers. • 19 miles of hearts painted on trails, totaling 47 miles to date • 10,000 flowers planted in a morning • 34 Millennium Garden wedding parties assisted • 10,000 billing permit records electronically filed • 50,000 Dog Poop Bags dispensed in 8 park receptacles • 119 electrical items and 209 park and trail signs inventoried • 11 volunteers marked storm drains • 6 volunteers who responded to 129 Santa Letters

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INCLUSION SERVICES

Inclusion Services are available to program participants who have special needs. Services provide participants with the necessary support and assistance to enjoy mainstream programs alongside their peers. Support and assistance can take many forms, including allergy notification letters, lowering class ratios, sign language interpreters and one-on-one direct staff assistance. In 2014, staff provided services to 206 participants with special needs in over 323 different programs.

2014 Inclusion Needs

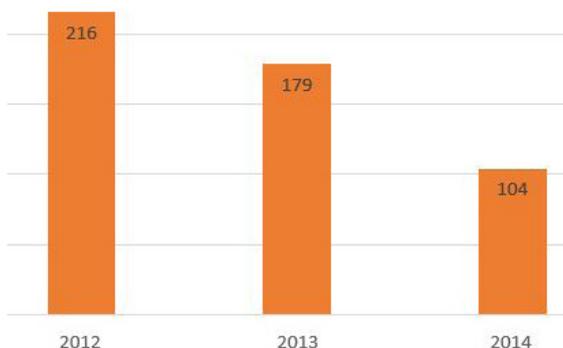


It is the policy of the City of Plymouth to provide services to all residents regardless of sex, race, color, national origin, ability, or financial status.

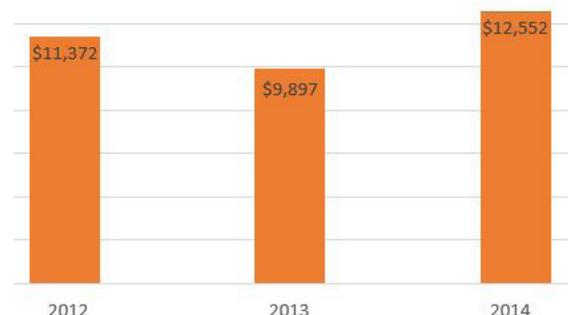
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Financial assistance is available to assist families with children (under 18) with program fees. These funds are only available to City of Plymouth residents who meet national income guidelines. The maximum assistance for any one program is \$75. Assistance program policies allow for two programs per child (under 18) per seasonal recreation brochure, a total of six programs per year.

Participants Served Annual Comparison



Financial Assistance Annual Comparison



RECREATION DIVISION RECREATION PROGRAMMING

Plymouth Parks and Recreation makes every effort to provide programs and services that are balanced, customer-driven and conceptually sound. Our goal is to provide quality programs that meet the needs of the community and provide a variety of opportunities in both active and passive activities while maximizing resources. Community needs, interests and behaviors set the tone for program development. Needs are determined through community surveys, program participation surveys, trend identification and participant involvement and input. Random recreation program participation survey data collected over the years keeps us abreast of customer satisfaction, number of users and other areas of interest.

AQUATICS

- Swim Lessons
- Water Safety Instruction

ARTS

- Arts & Crafts
- Dance & Drama
- Music

CLUBS & GROUPS

- Teen Advisory Groups
- Senior Clubs

EDUCATION

- Cooking
- Computer Technology
- Math & Science Programs

FITNESS & HEALTH

- Aerobic Endurance
- Balance, Flexibility & Meditation
- Strength & Toning
- Nutrition

MARTIAL ARTS

- Tae Kwon Do, Jujitsu & Kung Fu
- Self Defense

SPORTS

- Lessons, Camps & Clinics
- Individual & Team Sports
- Adult Athletic Leagues

RECREATION

- Day Camps
- Playground Programs

<i>Program Users</i>		
	2013	2014
PRE-SCHOOL	2,459	2,463
YOUTH	7,628	7,747
TEENS	1,241	1,270
ADULTS	8,895	9,338
SENIORS	5,874	6,041
ALL AGES	1,218	1,179
TOTALS	27,315	28,038
SPECIAL EVENTS	40,138	35,746
PUBLIC SKATING	11,787	12,919
PUBLIC SWIMMING	5,189	4,382
FIELDHOUSE OPEN PLAY	12,514	10,832
OVERALL TOTALS	96,943	91,917

<i>Programs Offered</i>		
	2013	2014
PRE-SCHOOL	328	319
YOUTH	890	854
TEENS	116	135
ADULTS	338	331
SENIORS	279	304
ALL AGES	110	99
TOTALS	2,061	2,042
SPECIAL EVENTS	85	71*
OVERALL TOTALS	2,146	2,113

* Summer Events at the Hilde Performance Center were limited due to renovation mid-July through the end of the year.

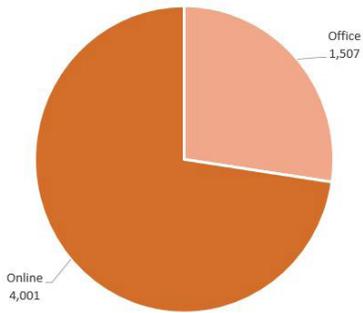
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RECREATION DIVISION

RECREATION DATA & STATS

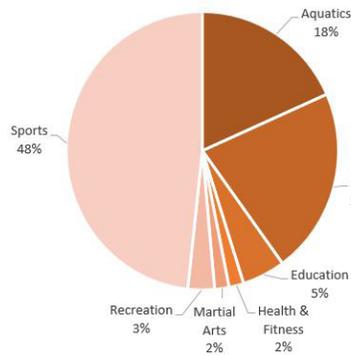
2014 Registration Method

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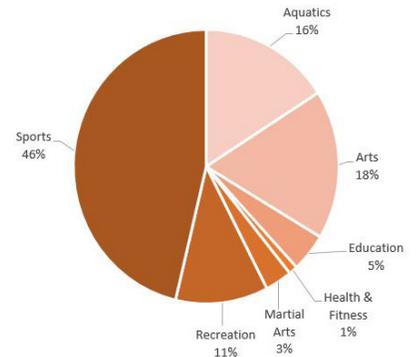


2014 Program Participation

PRESCHOOL

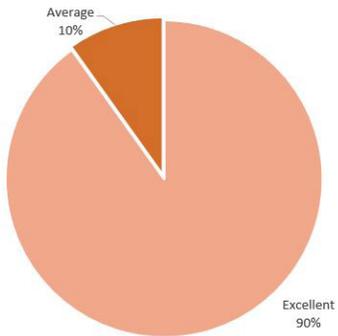


YOUTH

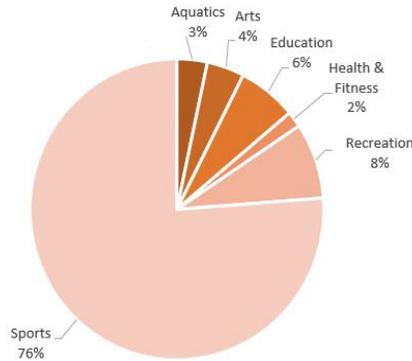


2014 Participant Survey Results

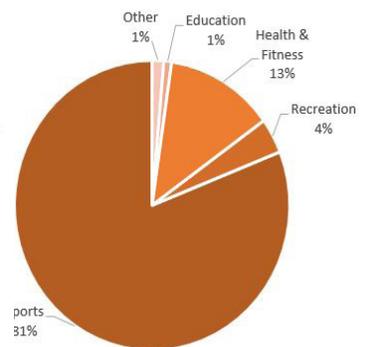
Recreation Programs - Participant Satisfaction



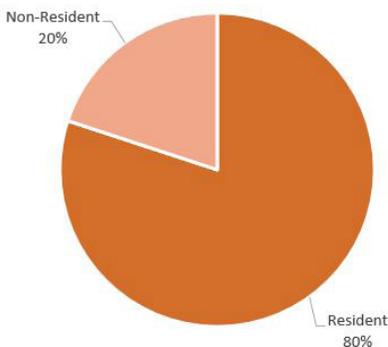
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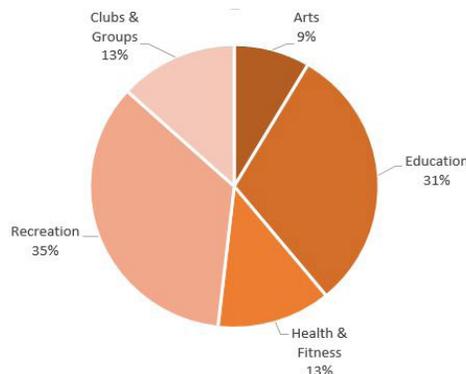
ADULT



2014 Resident Participation



SENIOR



RECREATION DIVISION SPECIAL EVENTS

City of Plymouth special events create connections among community organizations, businesses, residents and family units. The events create family time for busy families to enjoy affordable recreation opportunities within their own community.

*"Thank you for all your hard work
with the kids!"*

-Gymnastics Parent

Special Events With Attendance

CHILDREN'S THEATER (3)	730
ENTERTAINMENT IN THE PARKS (17)	1,320
FITNESS WALKS (8)	290
FIRE & ICE	3,500
HALLOWEEN AT THE CREEK	550
HEALTHY LIVING FAIR	650
KIDS GARAGE SALES (2)	948
KID'S KONCERTS (2)	644
KID'S EVENTS (3)	1,294
MOVIES IN THE PARK (4)	1,000
MUSIC IN PLYMOUTH	15,500
NEW YEARS EVE PARTY	412
OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS	800

PET EXPO	262
PLANT SWAP (2)	175
PLYMOUTH ART FAIR	900
PLYMOUTH ON PARADE	5,250
PRIMAVERA ART SHOW	600
SKATE SCHOOL EVENTS	1,500
SENIOR EVENTS (6)	571
SENIOR FUNDRAISERS (3)	801
VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENTS (2)	340
WATER SKI SHOWS (2)	2,200
WEDDING EXPO (2)	400
YARD & GARDEN EXPO	1,366
YOUTH DANCE & MUSIC RECITALS (2)	1,000



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RECREATION DIVISION YOUTH & ADULT SPORTS

The majority of league participation continues to be in the “traditional” sport programs of softball, basketball, volleyball, and soccer. Both officiated and unofficiated programs are offered to the community. This provides an option depending on the competitiveness of the team. The trend in individual participation sports is vastly increasing. This allows a person to stay active in a sport, without having to join a team.

<i>Adult Unofficiated</i>		
	2013	2014
BASKETBALL - 3-MAN	16	8
BASKETBALL - 5-MAN	70	70
BOCCE BALL	8	12
VOLLEYBALL - COURT	20	19
VOLLEYBALL - BEACH	8	6
DOUBLES TEAM TENNIS	6	-
TOTAL UNOFFICIATED TEAMS	128	115

<i>Adult Officiated</i>		
	2013	2014
BASKETBALL - 5-MAN	15	14
SOCCER - INDOOR	36	36
SOCCER - OUTDOOR	-	4
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT	20	24
SOFTBALL	129	115
TOTAL OFFICIATED TEAMS	200	193

<i>Adult (non-team)</i>		
	2013	2014
OPEN VOLLEYBALL	431	377
OPEN BADMINTON	1014	937
OPEN OUTDOOR SOCCER	305	316
OPEN INDOOR SOCCER	237	247
GOLF LEAGUE/LESSONS	131	125
TENNIS LEAGUE/LESSONS	56	52
ARCHERY	-	8
FENCING	5	4
PICKLEBALL	250	452
OPEN BASKETBALL	-	37
TOTAL NON-TEAM	2,429	2,555

<i>Youth Sports Participants</i>		
	2013	2014
AFTERSCHOOL (MULTI) SPORTS	374	419
ARCHERY	109	136
BASKETBALL	394	393
CHEER LEADING	54	33
FENCING	74	68
FLAG FOOTBALL	101	98
GOLF	330	286
GYMNASTICS	517	511
HOCKEY	152	128
PRESCHOOL	99	122
RUGBY	13	9
SKYHAWKS (MULTI-SPORTS)	551	567
SPORTS UNLIMITED (MULTI-SPORT)	290	331
SOCCER	783	819
SWIM LESSONS	1060	1481
T-BALL/BASEBALL/SOFTBALL	657	608
TENNIS	501	584
TRACK & FIELD	22	36
VOLLEYBALL	180	224
CRICKET	32	-
BADMINTON	-	10
PICKLEBALL	-	12
TOTALS	6,293	6,875

RECREATION DIVISION

SEASONAL FACILITY PROGRAMS

Beaches

Beaches were open from May 26 - August 24. Due to rainfall, water levels remained high through early July and resulted in Parkers Lake's closure from 6/19-7/2. Beach attendance fluctuated with the milder temperatures throughout the summer.

<i>Beach Attendance</i>		
	2013	2014
PARKERS LAKE	2,057	1,310
WEST MEDICINE LAKE	2,497	2,497
TOTAL	4,554	3,807



Farmers Market

In 2014, the Farmers Market featured 22 market vendors over a sixteen week season, June 18 - October 1. Customers filled the market each Wednesday from 2:30-6:30 p.m. averaging over 700 shoppers each week.

<i>Market Attendance</i>		
	2013	2014
TOTAL	9,706	9,230



Warming Houses

In 2014, the City staffed five warming house sites - Plymouth Creek Park, Ridgemount Playfield, Zachary Playfield, Parkers Lake Playfield and Oakwood Playfield. Non-staffed outdoor rinks were maintained at Bass Lake Playfield and LaCompte Playfield.

The season ran from December 20, 2013 - February 17, 2014. Twenty five youth hockey teams from local youth associations utilized the rinks at LaCompte, Ridgemount and Oakwood.

<i>Warming House Attendance</i>		
	2013	2014
PARKERS LAKE (1H/1P)	182	938
PLYMOUTH CREEK (1H/1P)	1,390	1,383
RIDGEMOUNT (2H/1P)	1,448	1,286
ZACHARY (1H/1P)	1,353	883
OAKWOOD (1H/1P)	-	715
YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	1,992	1,552
TOTAL	6,365	6,757

Plymouth Parks & Recreation

PARKS & FORESTRY DIVISION

Overview

The Parks & Forestry Division is responsible to operate, manage, repair and protect parks, open space, park assets and natural resources. Daily work includes mowing, inspections and repair, athletic field repair and preparation, refuge and recycling collection, irrigation operations, yard waste site operations, building repair and cleaning, snow removal and ice operations. Further Parks & Forestry maintains a healthy and viable urban forest both on public and private property as an integral component of the City's infrastructure which includes tree removals, tree inspections, inventory management, reforestation, vegetation inspections and horticulture operations. With over 80,000 staff and volunteer hours, Parks & Forestry oversees 1,600 acres of land. The park system consists of 54 developed parks, 10 open spaces, 145 miles of city & regional trails, nine park buildings, Plymouth Creek Community Center/Field House, Plymouth Ice Center and Hilde Performance Center. Additionally Parks & Forestry employees perform maintenance functions on other City-owned property such as right-of-ways, fire stations, City Hall, maintenance and utility sites.

Staffing & Partnerships

- Supervisory Staff (3)
- City Forester
- Forestry Technician
- Full-Time Maintenance Crew Members (14.5)
- Seasonal & Temporary Crew Members (30)
- ICWC Crew Members (14-17)
- Tree Trust Crew Members (8-10)
- Eagle Scout Volunteer Projects (10)
- Youth Athletic Association Volunteers
- Home Depot Volunteers
- Adopt-a-Park Volunteers
- Business Community Volunteers
- Neighborhood Volunteers
- Buckthorn/Invasive Management Volunteers
- Heart on Trail Volunteer



The Parks & Forestry Division is committed to providing high quality parks facilities and being efficient with both personnel and equipment.

Accomplishments of Note

BOUNDARY MARKERS

- Co Rd 73 Open Space
- Fairway Greens Park
- Prairie Ponds Park

PARKS & FORESTRY DIVISION

Accomplishments of Note

CONSTRUCTED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parkers Lake Playfield, Zachary Playfield and Ridgemount Playfield well pit sheds. • Prairie Pond Park gardening storage shed. • Two-three hole miniature golf course built. • Yard Waste Site gate control installation. • Hilde Performance Center permanent fencing on north perimeter. • Plymouth Creek Playground shaded bench.
RESTORATION/REPAIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parkers Lake North Shelter and Tunnel LED light retrofit. • Poured-in-place retrofits at Mission Hills, Schmidt Lake, Maple Creek Playgrounds. • Parkers Lake Park replacement/repair of concrete bench pads and composite benches. • Rolling Hills permanent fencing at 48th Avenue entrance. • Parkers Lake Park Shelter concrete leveling. • Trail repairs - 1.7 miles (8,901 feet) and trail pavement seal - 1.4 miles (22,158 square feet) • Heather Ponds boardwalk repaired and elevated. • Yard Waste Site improvements with grading and millings. • West Medicine Lake Park pedestrian bridge approaches re-grading and paved. • Parkers Lake Playfield tennis court surface repairs. • Timber Shores Park stair and trail reconstruction. • Imperial Hills Park retaining wall repairs. • Roadside trail retaining wall repairs at four sites. • Mission Hills Park and Shiloh Park basketball standards replaced. • Three Ponds Park boardwalk repairs. • LaCompte, Oakwood, Plymouth Creek, Plymouth Playfield building roof and downspout repairs. • Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) at eight playgrounds. • Wayfinding and composite signage in eight parks. • Hilde Performance Center and Millennium Garden pond fountain replacements.
GREEN TASKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turfgrass renovation – Ridgemount Playfield, Legacy Greenway and Fairway Greens Parks. • Turfgrass restoration – 16 rectangle fields and 29 diamond fields. • Reforestation – 1,125 trees, 125 shrubs, 240 perennials, 13,500 annuals planted. • Parkers Lake west side reforestation and pollinator garden and invasive species signage. • Oakview Pond vegetation restoration. • Tree sale – 465 trees, 1220 shrubs sold and planted. • Yard & Garden Expo – 124 exhibitors, 1300 participants, \$13,000 raised for Millennium Garden. • Community outreach – Environmental Fair, Arbor Day, Plant Swap, City Sampler. • Tree inventory surveyed - 6% completed (14% of the City remains to be surveyed). • Tree trimming - 1,650 boulevard trees, 1.75 miles of wooded park trails. • Emerald Ash Borer treatments - 400+ park and boulevard ash trees injected. • Shade Tree Program - 322 Dutch Elm Disease (DED), 2 Oak Wilt, 140 hazardous marked. • Tree removals - \$43,000 expended in 2014; 34% removed by City contractor, 66% removed by Parks & Forestry crew. • Buckthorn control – ICWC worked in 24 sites and 25 sprayed in the fall, 10 sites with volunteers. • Vegetation management inspections - 153 completed, 120 notices issued, 21 forced cuts. • Yard Waste Site - 38,800 visitors, site opened 2 weeks late & closed 2 weeks early due to weather. • West Medicine Lake Park beach/shoreline stabilization and sitting area. • Two sites on County Road 101 landscaped for prairie restoration and beautification. • Hardenburgh, Ferndale and County Road 73 Open Space vegetation removal and clean up • Dog Park planting area renovation. • Bass Lake Park & Mission Hill berm renovation.

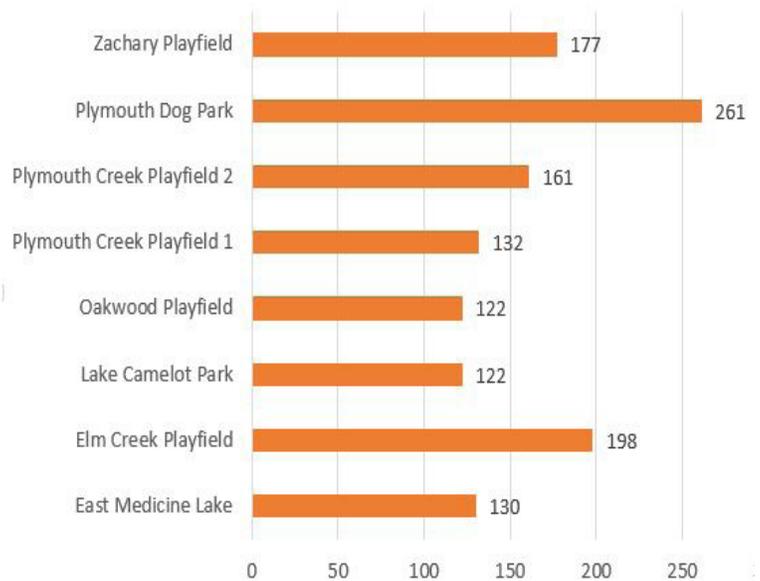
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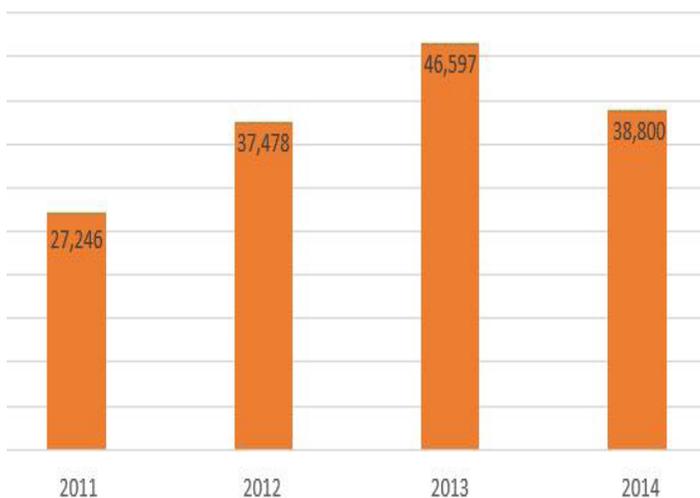
TRAILS

The chart to the right compares the average daily trail use within the park system. Although, there are significantly fewer users during the winter months, trails remain an important component of the park system. The City uses data collection methodology established by the Metropolitan Council and Three Rivers Park District to quantify trail users.

AVERAGE DAILY TRAIL USE



YARD WASTE SITE VISITS ANNUAL COMPARISON



PLYMOUTH CREEK ACTIVITY CENTER

PLYMOUTH CREEK CENTER & MILLENNIUM GARDEN

OVERVIEW

Plymouth Creek Center continues to serve as Plymouth's community center. Now heading into our fourteenth year, we serve all ages from preschool to seniors through Parks and Recreation classes, family social events, business and civic group meetings, senior gatherings, etc. As the building and grounds continues to age, the focus has shifted to maintenance and renovations so that the building remains an updated, inviting and popular venue for visitors and renters. The Millennium Garden remains a very popular wedding site due to its beauty and affordability. Maintenance staff spend many hours planting and maintaining the look of the garden.



Accomplishments of Note

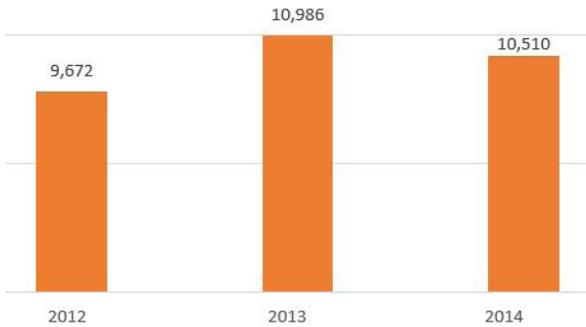
PARTNERSHIP WITH ICWC	Utilized the Institution Community Work Crew one day per week. The crew provided building maintenance projects and general upkeep of the Plymouth Creek Center.
MULCH	Remulched all of the medians in the parking lot.
MILLENNIUM GARDEN	The fish fountain at the entrance to the garden was replaced with a new fire/water feature to enhance the experience.

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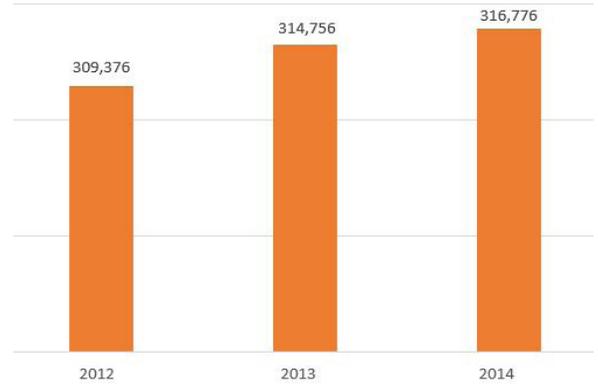
PLYMOUTH CREEK ACTIVITY CENTER

USE DATA & STATS

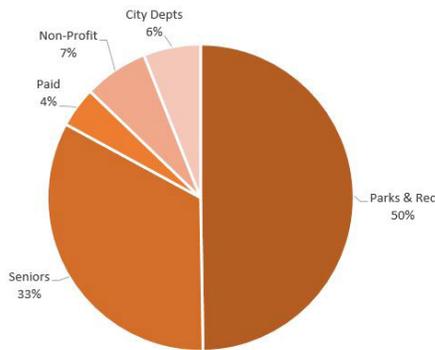
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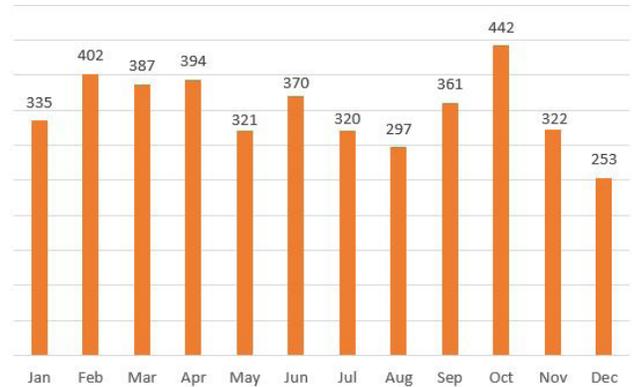
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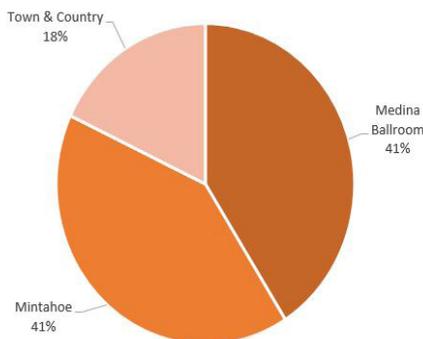
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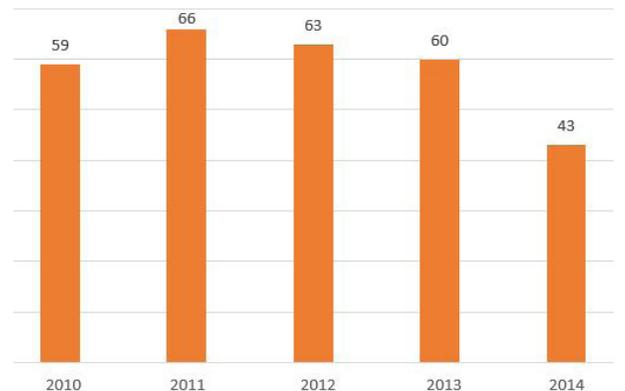
Facility Bookings - Monthly



Caterer Usage



Millennium Garden Weddings



PLYMOUTH CREEK ACTIVITY CENTER

FIELDHOUSE

OVERVIEW

The fieldhouse experienced another busy year. Over 1,600 hours of activities were scheduled and nearly \$375,000 in revenue was taken in. Plymouth Soccer Association, Wayzata Soccer Association and Plymouth Parks and Recreation continues to be the primary users. The Fieldhouse dome is up from October through April. During the remainder of the year, the field is used as an outdoor field site.



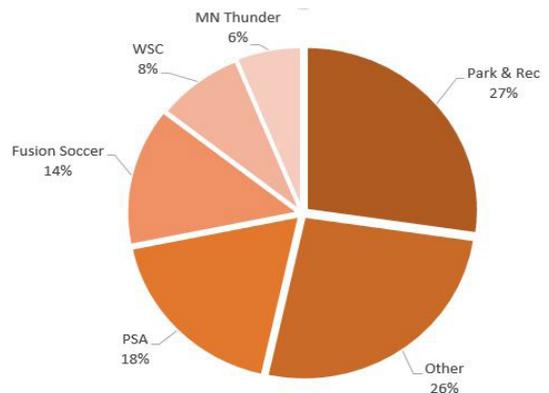
Fieldhouse Attendance

	TOTAL	DAYS	DAILY AVERAGE
JANUARY	37,823	30	1,261
FEBRUARY	33,176	28	1,185
MARCH	37,158	31	1,199
APRIL	12,094	13	930
OCTOBER	1,386	5	277
NOVEMBER	27,757	29	957
DECEMBER	26,289	30	876
2014 TOTALS OVERALL	175,683	166	955

Open Play Attendance

	2013	2014
PRESCHOOL	10,577	8,951
HIGH SCHOOL	1,937	1,881
TOTAL	12,514	10,832

Usage Percentage by Group



Plymouth Parks & Recreation

PLYMOUTH ICE CENTER

In 2014, the Ice Center had almost half a million visitors through its doors, making this venue the busiest park and recreational facility in the City. Operating as an enterprise facility, the Ice Center has again generated revenues that exceeded expenses for 2014. This means this facility operates totally through user fees.

Accomplishments of Note

RUBBER FLOOR REPLACEMENT

After almost 17 years of use, the rubber flooring on the stair treads was replaced. Rubber flooring replacement in the lower lobby will occur in 2015.

ZAMBONI

Purchased, and received, a new all-electric Zamboni in early 2014. Staff were able to sell the previous Zamboni for just under \$29,000.

STATE TOURNAMENT

Hosted the Jr Gold State Youth Hockey Tournament in March. This tournament drew in 12 teams and 72 hours of games over the weekend.



PLYMOUTH ICE CENTER

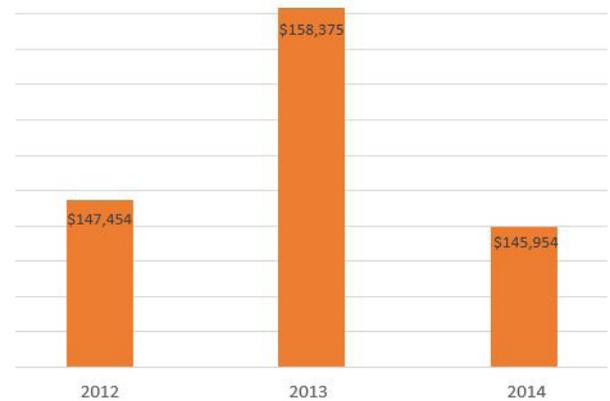
USER DATA & STATS

<i>Major Users (Hours)</i>		
	2013	2014
WAYZATA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSN	2,796	2,722
MISCELLANEOUS RENTALS	1,195	835
WAYZATA HIGH SCHOOL	462	508
MINNESOTA SHOWCASE	497	498
ACCELERATION NW	-	402
PLYMOUTH PUBLIC OPEN SKATE	317	378
MINNESOTA ALL STAR HOCKEY	245	247
PLYMOUTH LEARN TO SKATE	271	228
PROVIDENCE ACADEMY	290	209
MINNESOTA HOCKEY	185	188
BAZZACHINI HOCKEY TRAINING	166	151
MINNESOTA SUPER SERIES	128	117
GOLD MEDAL/RAGE CHILL	-	116
DEVENIR GOALTENDERS & MARKSMAN	-	104
PLYMOUTH WAYZATA SPEEDSKATING	83	87
INDEPENDENT AAA CLASSIC	104	84
ARMSTRONG YOUTH HOCKEY ASSN	45	15
TOTAL ICE TIME HOURS	6,784	6,889

<i>High School Games</i>		
	GAMES	ATTENDANCE
WAYZATA HS BOYS	15	9,326
WAYZATA HS GIRLS	11	2,179
PROVIDENCE ACADEMY BOYS	10	1,361
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL GAMES	36	12,866

<i>Concession/Vending Sales</i>			
	2012	2013	2014
CONCESSIONS	\$147,454	\$158,375	\$145,954
VENDING	\$15,601	\$15,470	\$13,829
TOTALS	\$163,055	\$173,845	\$159,783

Concession Sales



<i>Public Ice Usage</i>		
	NUMBER	REVENUE
OPEN SKATING	4,185	\$14,758
OPEN HOCKEY	1,802	\$6,860
OPEN FREESTYLE	175	\$571
TOTALS	6,162	\$22,189



<i>Building Usage Amenities</i>		
	NUMBER	REVENUE
SKATE RENTALS	3,757	\$7,636
SKATE SHARPENING	735	\$2,944
SKATE TRAINERS	582	\$582
TOTALS	5,074	\$11,162