

Parks, Recreation & Facilities

Who are we?

The Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department exists to:

- Provide great spaces, places, and activities for the community.
- Includes Recreation, Burnsville Ice Center, Birnamwood Golf Course and Facility Management.

Where are we now?

- Provide fun, enjoyable amenities, events and activities.
- Champion community engagement.
- Provide well maintained, safe, clean spaces.

Where are we now?

- Year-round outdoor programs, activities, events and access to park amenities.
- Connect with the community through engagement tools.
- Care for the space and facility needs of staff and the community.

Where are we going?

- Continue offering events, programs, and activities that meet the needs of the community.
- Continue offering high quality public spaces and facilities.
- Continue maintaining clean, safe, healthy facilities with minimal environmental impact.

Events, programs and activities

Parks and Recreation activities are essential. The fundamental roles of our offerings include:

- Uniting people and strengthening the community.
- Health and wellness.
- Drives economic opportunities.

Events, programs and activities

- Plays a significant role in child development.
- Adaptable to assist with community resiliency in the face of pandemics and changing community needs.

Public spaces and facilities

- Green spaces and quality parks raise property values and create a sense of community pride.
- Parks and facilities boost the economy.
- Parks and facilities bring the community together.

Clean, safe, healthy facilities

- Preserve the longevity of building assets.
- Use best practices and industry standards to optimize cleaning program.
- “Green Clean” for human health without harming the environment.

Current challenges

- Ongoing current and future studies.
- Balancing the need for research and future direction while providing high quality service to existing customers.
- Resource limitations to implement the results of studies.

How will we get there?

Continue offering events, programs and activities that meet the needs of the community.

- Study recreation services and monitor health of programs.
- Engage participants and park visitors.
- Stay aware of trends and consider for future implementation.



How will we get there?

Continue offering high quality public spaces and facilities.

- Deliver Parks Plan and Facilities Inventory Plan.
- Prioritize findings and take care of what we have.
- Eliminate assets that are no longer relevant.

How will we get there?

Continue maintaining clean, safe, healthy facilities with minimal environmental impact.

- Use proactive facility maintenance plans.
- Clean for human health and the environment.
- Use the right products, processes and equipment.

How will we use our resources?

- Offer programs that meet community needs.
- Prioritize the results of the parks plan and facilities inventory plan.
- Use data and best practices to optimize our facility maintenance programs.



Questions?