PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

Subject: Parks and Recreation Department Monthly Report

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BACKGROUND:

The monthly Parks and Recreation Department Report includes news and updates from the department, along with achievements and action related to the strategies, goals and tasks identified in the Parks and Recreation Department 2026 Strategic Priorities and Key Objectives.

A. Strategic Priority: *Invest in the Town's Recreation Amenities*
B. Strategic Priority: *Deliver High-Quality, Affordable and Sustainable Recreation Programming*
C. Strategic Priority: *Build Capacity to Enhance and Sustain Recreation Programming*

DEPARTMENT NEWS AND UPDATES

Facility Status:

Community Center

- OPEN for programming and private rentals.

LA Kings Ice at Mammoth Lakes

- CLOSED for the summer
- OPEN for hockey, curling and skating lesson programs September 14, 2026
- OPEN for full operations (including Open Skate) October 1, 2026

Mammoth RecZone

- OPEN
- Last day of operations August 30, 2026

Whitmore Pool

- OPEN
- Last day of Open Swim August 30, 2026
- Last day of Lap Swim September 11, 2026

INVEST IN THE TOWN'S RECREATION AMENITIES

Capital Projects

Provide multi-purpose, year-round, indoor and outdoor recreation amenities in Mammoth Lakes accessible to all residents and visitors. Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) include:

A. Mammoth Creek Park West Rehabilitation Project Update

- On-going projects:
  - CRC railing for stairway – Included in summer fencing project
  - Park identification and Kiosk sign – planning underway by OOR
  - Bike racks – installed
  - Landscaping – planned for summer 2027
  - Park Amenities – placement of donor benches

B. Community Bike Park/Pump Track Development

- The Town has contracted with the American Ramp Company for professional bike park consulting services. The Scope of services includes:
  - Kick-off and Site Review
  - Preliminary Concept
  - Refined Concept
  - Final Concept
  - Deliverables

Services shall be completed no later than December 31, 2026.

C. Dave and Roma McCoy Arts and Cultural Center Programming Development

- Construction Update – Concrete columns are complete with the CMU block walls being constructed between them. Steel roof beams are scheduled for installation at the end of July/beginning of August. Work on the exterior improvements of the Edison Theatre is underway, while plans for interior improvements are being finalized. Scheduled opening is early summer 2027.

Recruitment

- The Arts and Culture Manager position received 60 applications.
- 16 applicants were interviewed with 5 finalists interviewed in the second round.
- 3 finalists participated in a Community Panel on July 22 made up of local arts organizations who also rated the applicants.
- The Town made an offer to a candidate on July 27.
- The anticipated start date is August 17.

Planned Maintenance

Conduct planned maintenance activities to enhance prioritized parks, fields, facilities and trails.

- CRC Phase II work program
  - Front Counter – PVIOT Design
    - 8/14 – on site delivery
    - 9/1 – 10/15 – Pivot install

        - 10/15 – 11/15 – celling, mechanical and fire install, etc.
        - Ready for Thanksgiving!

- Mammoth Creek Park West
    - Park benches – TBD Amenities Enhancement Program (MLR)
    - Deck Railing
- Community Bike Park
    - Agreement executed with American Ramp Company
- Permanent Pickleball Court containment fencing – 4 feet high – Bid published
- New tables for Community Center
- New fences at SRP from restrooms to skatepark – Bid published
- Dog Park – Gates for large/small dog areas – bid published
- Dog park shade tables - INSTALLED
- Playground rehab and safety surfacing (EWF) – estimate $50,000
- MCP Landscaping project – scheduled for 2027
- Water Bottle filling Station at Pickleball Complex – INSTALLED
- New pool covers / warranty existing covers – ORDERED, arrive Mid-August
- Annual Whitmore Pool Maintenance Agreement – site visit beginning August

DELIVER HIGH-QUALITY, AFFORDABLE, AND SUSTAINABLE RECREATION PROGRAMMING

Smart Growth – Expand access, availability, affordability and DIVERSITY of parks and recreation programs and services

A. **Affordability** - Increase Tony Colasardo Scholarship opportunities for all youth and provide payment plan options for adults.

B. Access - Expand discounted in-person, limited sale Membership and Play Pass products and maximize access to summer camps and programs. The annual Membership discounted sale period opened on May 1 and is scheduled to end on May 31. No changes were made to the fees, however there is a 2-month minimum purchase period.

One Membership, Endless Fun!

Discounted in-Person Membership Sale is NOW OPEN!

Enjoy year-round recreation with the **NEW Mammoth Lakes Parks and Recreation Annual Membership**. Get your unlimited access to Town-managed facilities:

- OPEN SKATE/CURL at ***LA Kings Ice Mammoth Lakes****
- OPEN SWIM (including Lap Swim) at ***Whitmore Pool***
- OPEN PLAY (including Pick Up sessions) at the ***Mammoth RecZone***
- Members also receive additional perks including complimentary events, rental discounts, and more (see below)

Purchase your Membership in-person from May 1-31 at the Parks and Recreation Department offices, located at the Community Recreation Center / LA Kings Ice at Mammoth Lakes, Monday - Friday, between 1:00-5:00pm.

**Membership admission does NOT include Pick Up Hockey or Stick Time. Open Curl requires an advance reservation.*

2026/27 Rates

TONY COLASARDO SCHOLARSHIPS ARE APPLICABLE TO MEMBERSHIP RATES.

Membership Type	Annual Fee	May or October 50% Discounted In-Person Fee	Monthly Fee
Family (2 Adults + All Children FREE)	$600	**$300**	$60
Adult (18-64)	$300	**$150**	$30
Senior (65-79) / Military (Active & Veterans) / College Students / First Responders (Police, Fire, EMS)	$260	**$130**	$26
Senior (80+)	FREE	**FREE**	FREE
Youth (5-17)	$230	**$115**	$23
Child (4 and under)	FREE	**FREE**	FREE
Inyo/Mono K-12 Student	$100	**$50**	$10

Membership Benefits (Monthly and Annual)

- Admission to Open Skate, Open Curl, Open Swim, Lap Swim and Open Play
- Complimentary skate rentals
- Complimentary amenity rentals: indoor Pickleball court, Shooting Cage, Dedicated Curling Lane, Volleyball Court, Roller Rink and Half Court Basketball (reservation required)
- Access to member-only special events such as the Holiday Pancake Breakfast, Pool BBQ, Early Access sessions, and more!

Additional Membership Benefits (Annual Members only)

- Complimentary Admission to select Parks and Recreation special events, such as the Haunted Rink, Skate with Santa, and more!
- 20% off Community Center, Picnic Shelter, Pool and Ice Rink Rentals
- 20% off any Lesson, Clinic, Pick-Up or Stick Time program
- 20% off Winter Play Pass (vaild for any Clinic, Pick-Up or Stick Time program)
- 20% off Skate Sharpening
- One (1) FREE Ice Skating Lesson
- Two (2) Complimentary facility passes for member guests
- Three (3) FREE Skate Assist Aids

Membership Update

C. **Availability** - Further expand availability of products and services for families.

D. **Communication Plan** - Effectively disseminate bilingual Department-wide information to encourage participation in the Core Program Areas: (1) Department website/DaySmart, (2) Recreation This Week, (3) social media, (4) Brochures, flyers, and print ads.

E. **Data collection** - Use surveys, etc. to inform park experience and program evaluation.

Core Program Areas – Expand and deliver sustainable core program areas aligned with the demand and resource capacity of the Department

A. Youth/Teen Camps and Programs

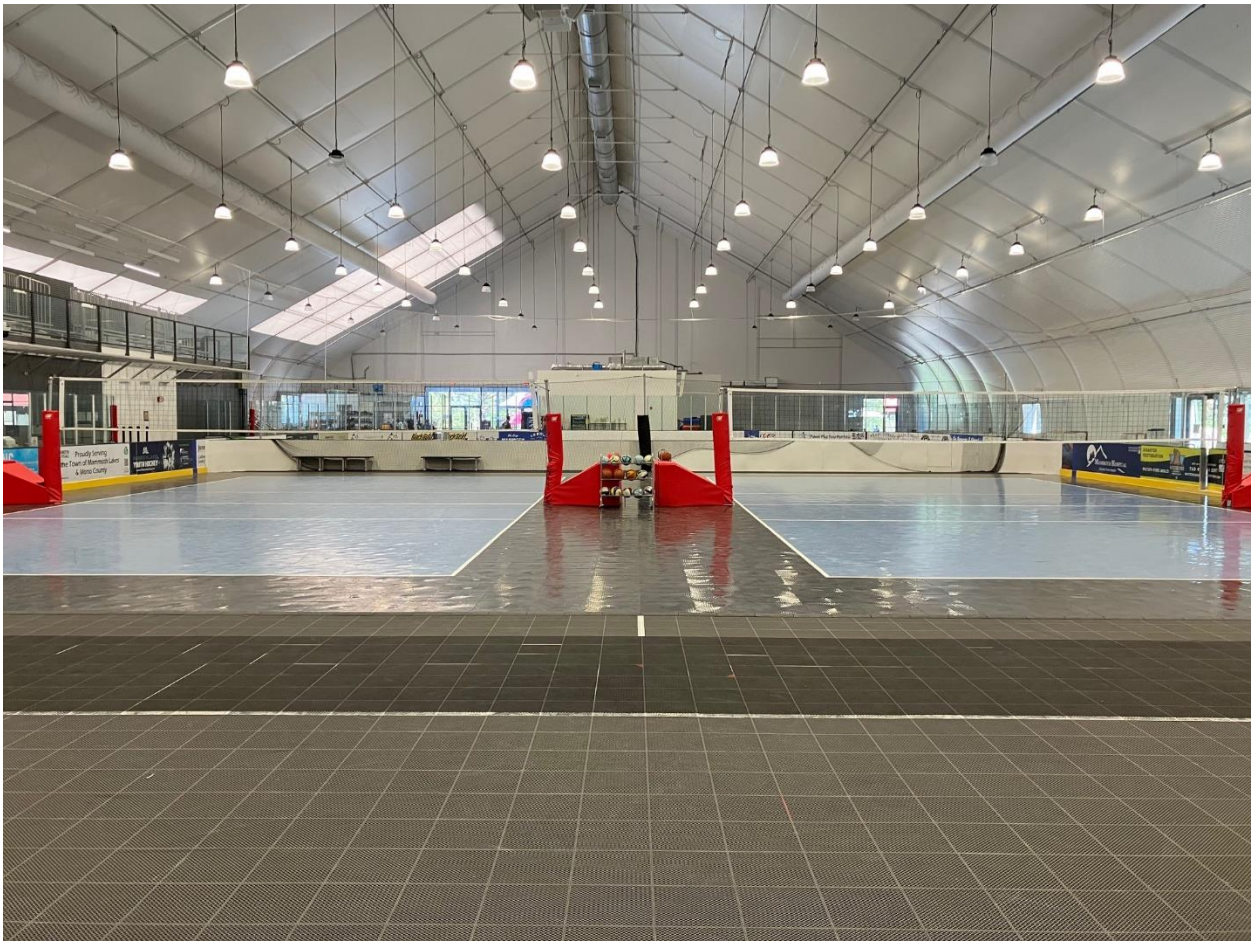


Staff are currently planning for Fall programming – Gymnastics, Fall Camps (Biking & Adventure)

B. Community Recreation Center (CRC) Programs/Events

Mammoth RecZone

- Opening Day: Saturday, May 9
- Closing Day: Sunday, August 30
- NEW THIS SUMMER:
    - Dedicated Roller Rink
    - TWO dedicated Volleyball Courts with net system
    - Dedicated Indoor Pickleball Court



Operations

- **June 15 - August 14 (summer camp season)**
    - Mondays-Thursdays:
        - 10:00am-1:00pm (Reservations ONLY)
        - 4:30pm-8:00pm (Open Play)
    - Fridays:
        - 10:00am-3:00pm (Reservations ONLY)
        - 12:30pm-8:00pm (Open Play)
    - Saturdays:
        - 12:00pm-8:00pm (Reservations & Open Play)
    - Sundays:
        - 12:00pm-6:00pm (Reservations & Open Play)
    - FREE Friday during July for Park and Recreation Month

Whitmore Pool

- Closing Day Friday, September 11, 2026
- Open Swim: Saturday, June 13 - Monday, September 7, 2026
  - Monday- Friday: 12:00pm - 3:30pm
  - Saturday - Sunday: 12:00pm - 4:00pm
- Lap Swim: May 11 - September 7, 2026
  - AM Lap Swim: Monday - Friday from 6:30am - 8:30am
  - PM Lap Swim: Monday - Friday 5:30pm - 7:30pm (Shared lanes with Swim Club Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30pm-6:30pm)
- Adult Swim Club: May 19 - September 3, 2026
  - Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30pm - 6:30pm
  - Shared lanes with Lap Swim

C. Adult Activities

Pickleball

- ONGOING:
  - Summer Beginner Pickleball League – Wednesdays @ 5:30pm
  - Summer Intermediate Pickleball League – Mondays @ 5:30pm
- UPCOMING:
  - Learn To Play Pickleball – August 18 @ 5:30pm
  - Fall Beginner Pickleball League - starts August 26
  - Fall Beginner Pickleball League - starts August 31
  - King Court Doubles Tournament – October 3
  - Round Robin Tournament – October 10

Softball

- ONGOING:
  - Men's League – Mondays & Wednesdays
  - Coed League – Tuesdays & Thursdays

Swimming

- Whitmore Swim Club – Tuesdays & Thursdays (5:30-6:30pm)

D. Community Events/Activities

NEW Mammoth Lakes Sierra Summer Nights!

- To continue to expand access, availability, affordability and DIVERSITY of parks and recreation programs, the Town in partnership with Mammoth Lakes Tourism is activating Mammoth Creek Park with a new event we are calling for now, **Sierra Summer Nights!**
- This new community-driven and family-friendly event will be held three times this summer in June, July and August.
- Final summer event is Thursday, August 13

PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

- In July 2026, Park and Recreation Month highlights ***"The Power Of"*** parks and recreation and the people who make it all possible. Parks and Recreation brings us together, strengthens our health and well-being, and builds more resilient, connected communities.
    - Learn To Play Pickleball – July 1
    - FREE Friday Play/Skate – July 3
    - FREE Swim Sunday – July 5
    - FREE Friday Play/Skate – July 10
    - Men's Softball Tournament – July 11 & 12
    - FREE Swim Sunday – July 12
    - Pickleball Tournament – July 12
    - Sierra Summer Nights – July 16
    - FREE Friday Play/Skate – July 17
    - Coed Softball Tournament – July 18 & 19
    - FREE Swim Sunday – July 19
    - Member Event (Skating & Burgers) – July 22
    - FREE Friday Play/Skate – July 24
    - Beach Volleyball Tournament – July 25
    - FREE Swim Sunday – July 26
    - FREE Friday Play/Skate – July 31



Parks and Recreation Master Plan

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES
PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Develop a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan that includes updated goals and policies, an analysis of the supply, demand and needs for park and recreation facilities and services within and surrounding the Town of Mammoth Lakes and an action plan with conceptual site plans that articulate a clear vision and "roadmap" for the Town over the next 10 years or longer.

- **Community Needs Assessment Survey**
  - Survey – household survey: 478 completed (Goal: 500)
  - Online survey NOW available: 650 completed (Goal: 500)
  - Both surveys closed April 30

- **Future Park Amenities Survey**
  - Opened on July 2 – temporarily closed on July 8
  - Received 78 responses
  - Version 2.0 is being finalized – review
  - Plan to republish beginning in August – will close August 31



- **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

Date	Meeting/Workshop

~~**July 27**~~	~~PRMP Advisory Committee Meeting, Suite Z, 5:30pm~~
August 3	PRMP Monthly Meeting, 2pm
September 7	PRMP Monthly Meeting, 2pm
September 21	PRMP Advisory Committee Meeting: Community Benefit/Cost Recovery Workshop, Suite Z, 5:30pm
September 23	Community Open House, Community Center, 6-7:30pm
September 24	Pop-Up Booth at Mammoth Trailfest, 4-8:00pm
October 5	PRMP Monthly Meeting, 2pm
November 2	PRMP Monthly Meeting, 2pm
November 30	PRMP Advisory Committee Meeting, Suite Z, 5:30pm – Draft Plan Review
December 7	PRMP Monthly Meeting, 2pm

See attached PRMP Advisory Committee Meeting Presentation from July 27, 2026 for an update on planning and outreach efforts.

BUILD CAPACITY TO ENHANCE AND EXPAND PROGRAMMING

A. Partnerships

- Expand partnerships with local organizations
  - No update
- Collaborate with local non-profit youth sporting groups
  - No update
- Hire/contract specialized skilled instructors
  - No update
- Contract with recreation entities to provide enhanced services
  - No update

B. Employee Development

- Developing our workforce
  - No update.
- Professional Development
  - Staff are participating in lifeguard recertification courses.

C. Recruitment and Retention

- The department is advertising for several seasonal positions for winter operations.

Attachment:

A. PRMP Advisory Committee Meeting Presentation