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Item

Park and Recreation Manager's Report

Date

3/11/2015

Description

1. State of the City – Join us on Wednesday, March 18 for the 2015 State of the City address “Shape of Things to Come.” Mayor Gene Winstead and new City Manager Jamie Verbrugge will provide you with a glimpse of future Bloomington. Please notify Alison Evans by March 12 if you are interested in attending. The City will pay for PARC member registrations. For more information on the event: http://bloomington.minneapolischamber.org/events/details/state-of-the-city-shape-of-things-to-come-6207?utm_source=Bloomington+Weekly+Update+15February9&utm_campaign=15February9&utm_medium=email.
2. I am pleased to announce that Jenna Smith has been offered and has accepted the position of Recreation Supervisor, youth/family emphasis. Jenna will be coming to us from Bowling Green, Kentucky and has great experience in providing recreation programs! Her first day of work will be March 16.
3. The summer program brochures are being mailed out this week. Registration for the summer programs begins on Tuesday, March 17 at 9:00 a.m.
4. Year Round Ski Jumping at the Hyland Ski Jump - The Minneapolis Ski Club and Three Rivers Park District are moving ahead with plans to upgrade the 8, 18 and 28-meter ski jumps at Hyland Lake Park Reserve for year round use. This will include the installation of plastic surfacing on the hills below the jumps and a permanent parking lot. The improvements are partially funded by a \$325,000 Hennepin County Youth Sports grant.
5. The Warming House/Outdoor Ice Skating Rink Program closed for the season on March 1. While the planned closing date was scheduled for Presidents’ Day, February 16, the City Council approved a carry-over of unspent funds from 2014 to facilitate staffing at the Running, Westwood, and Oak Grove rinks for an additional two weeks.
6. In February, the City received confirmation that the Dwan Estate was sold, which includes three properties (3325, 3401 and 3501 Overlook Drive). The subdivision approved this fall (Dwan Bluff – 13 single family lots plus two outlots) that would have connected Overlook Drive has not been recorded but remains valid. The new owner has the authority to proceed with the subdivision and road connection but is considering a variety of alternative options. If the subdivision proceeds as proposed, the City would receive parkland dedication of the southern portions of easternmost two properties.
7. I will be out of the office on vacation March 16 – 20 and March 30 – April 3.

Requested Action

No action required.

Attachments: