

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**4:00 p.m., November 13, 2024**  
**City Hall – Council Chambers**

**AGENDA**

**Public Participation**

**Reports**

1. Chairperson's Report
2. Recreation Report
3. Public Works Report

**Consent Agenda**

1. Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2024

**New Business**

1. 2024 recreation report
2. Foundation budget consideration - \$40,664 account balance

**Information Items**

*Meeting Schedule*

- January 8, 2025

**Adjournment**

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**4:00 p.m., May 8, 2024**

**Santa Fe Park Pavilion**

### **MINUTES**

**Attendance**—Chairman Terrence Gallagher, Vice Chairman Tyler Agniel, Matthew Geary, David Gleason, Randy Knight, Kendall McGreevy, Caety Meyer, Matthew Moeder, Jay Moorman, Kevin Murphy, Lauren Ozburn; Staff: Meghan Buum, James Carney, Melissa Prenger

**Public Participation**—None

### **Reports**

1. Chairperson's Report—Terrence Gallagher opened the meeting. He amended the agenda to remove the Diversity Committee panel review because they are still not a place that the implementation will impact the parks. Approval of the panel itself will come from the City Council, and following that approval, the Parks Committee will weigh in on the placement, look, and feel of the monument at a future meeting.

The Council is in the midst of the 2025 budget process and have approved the Parks CIP, which includes the following items for 2025:

- Franklin Park historical marker and new pour in play surfacing
  - Initial funding for Windsor Park trail and playset
  - Shaffer Park fountain light replacements/LED conversion
2. Recreation Report—Meghan Buum reported that hiring for the summer is complete and the pool is fully staffed. Recreation programs and pool pass sales are well underway. She announced the introduction of a new, in-house swim lessons program. Prior to 2020, lessons had been offered through JCPRD, however, they had been unable to staff them in recent years.
  3. Public Works Report—James Carney provided the following updates:

The Grounds Crew has been focused on the following priorities this spring:

- Fertilizing turf.
- Maintaining the sports fields – baseball diamonds require a lot of work in the spring due to baseball season practices and the disturbance to the infield after each rain.
- Keeping up with mowing and trimming grass, as well as weed control – it all grows fast when it rains every other day with sunshine in between!
- Decorative fountain maintenance.
- Tennis court maintenance – we have five weekends in a row of tennis tournaments!
- Additional replacement nature play supplies have been ordered for several locations.
- McCrum Park swing set on order.

Upcoming:

- Play stream at Franklin Park to be turned on later in May.
- Drinking fountains – just discovered the plumbing contractor has not finished turning all drinking fountains on for the season.
- Tennis court light repair and adjustment for Windsor and Taliaferro Parks.
- Fox4 damaged the new grass at Windsor Park in February because their reporter decided to drive the news van over fresh, wet grass to get right next to the pickleball courts for a live news shot without requesting permission via a Right-of-Way Permit. They are footing the bill (\$5,000) for new sod, installation, and 21 days of watering the new sod to make up for their error in judgement.
- Stone repairs around Santa Fe pavilion.
- Grill installation at Taliaferro Park.

**Pool:**

- Final painting of lap pool and adult pool scheduled this Friday.
- Dive well – significant leak found when starting this pool; team has been troubleshooting and running down variables for the last week; prognosis unknown as of today.

Melissa Prenger announced that the Council approved the previously discussed Taliaferro improvements to include an inclusive play area. The City applied and received a grant for pour in play surfacing. The Windsor restrooms have opened.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes from February 7, 2024—Kevin Murphy moved to approve, Jay Moorman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Old Business—None**

**New Business—None**

**Park Tours**

1. Harmon Park—The committee reviewed and toured improvements underway at Harmon Park to include the inclusive play area, renovated shelter, and new restroom.
2. Windsor Park—The committee reviewed and toured improvements at Windsor Park to include the new restroom and pickleball courts. New play equipment and updated trails are scheduled in the 2026 CIP.

**Information Items**

*Meeting Schedule*

- September 11, 2024
- October 9, 2024
- November 13, 2024

**Adjournment**



PRAIRIE VILLAGE, KANSAS

# **City of Prairie Village**

## **Recreation Programs Report**

### **Summer 2024**

## **Prairie Village Pool**

### **General Overview**

The swimming pool program is designed to provide a safe summer outdoor recreation opportunity as well as instruction in swimming and water safety. The pool complex at Harmon Park includes a recreational swimming pool, diving pool, slide pool, meter pool, baby pool, adult pool, and a food service facility. Members pay an annual fee to purchase a swim card for admission to the pool complex; others can pay at the gate for daily admission.

### **Pool Memberships**

The sale of pool memberships began on April 1. A total of 4,217 pool memberships packages were sold in 2024. Total revenue generated through membership sales was \$222,754 in 2024, up from \$197,259 in 2023. Membership trends break down as follows:

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Resident Individual</b>	2,784	2,758	2,796	2,630	2,068	2,471	2,337	2554
<b>Resident Senior Citizen</b>	232	282	285	318	296	363	350	376
<b>Resident 5 Swim Card</b>	160	141	156	143	146	75	90	58
<b>Resident 10 Swim Card</b>						45	38	39
<b>Employee Membership</b>	42	47	28	57	115	94	104	107
<b>Non-Resident Individual</b>	453	539	523	503	799	708	687	822
<b>Non-Resident Senior Citizen</b>	35	75	80	102	143	151	192	232
<b>Non-Resident 5 Swim Card</b>	37	45	46	29	42	29	31	14
<b>Non-Resident 10 Swim Card</b>						6	12	15
<b>Total Memberships</b>	3,743	3,887	3,914	3,782	3,609	3,942	3,841	4217
<b>Change from Previous Season</b>		144	27	-132	-173	333	-101	376

### **SuperPass**

The SuperPass fees were changed to an individual pass model in 2024. For an additional charge of \$20 per resident, or \$25 per non-resident, members could upgrade their existing pool memberships to allow them access to the neighboring pools in Fairway and Mission. Each city retains a portion of the revenue generated by the sale of the SuperPass while the remaining funds are pooled for redistribution based upon the percentage of total usage at all pools. Prairie Village SuperPass holders made 3,691 visits to neighboring participating pools in 2024. The program generated 1,975 visits to the Prairie Village Pool. The program generated \$9,964 in additional SuperPass revenue.

### **Attendance**

The pool complex experienced a bather load (daily admissions, day camp participants, and members) of 60,243 in 2024. Total gate revenue for 2024 was \$168,330. The City's Annual Puppy Poolooza event continues to be very popular, with 203 dogs in attendance.

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Bather Load</b>	53,866	51,507	54,950	47,389	50,536	58,215	53,671	60,243
<b>Gate Revenue</b>	\$132,826	\$134,076	\$130,183	\$130,183	\$150,078	\$157,960	\$150,636	\$168,330

## Food Service

The City utilized the services of Sysco Food Service for food products and retained Coca-Cola for beverages. The concessions stand offered pool patrons a selection of snack food items, hot items, and assorted drinks. The concession stand also carried Dippin Dots Frozen Ice Cream along with other ice cream snacks. Total concession sales were \$55,046; up from \$42,369 in 2023.

## Staffing

The pool used 69 different lifeguards throughout the year and 25 operations attendants. The base wage for starting lifeguards was \$15/hour. The base wage for a starting operations employee was \$13/hour. The team was led by Suzanne McCullough, Aquatics Supervisor, and Daniel Jackson, Pool Manager. They were supported by five assistant managers and three head guards. Red Cross training was organized and led by pool manager Daniel Jackson.

Recruitment began efforts shortly after the first of the year by reaching out to previous employees and high schools. A referral bonus was offered of \$50 per referral, up to \$150. \$1,450 was paid in referral bonuses.

Two incentive bonuses were used to encourage employees to work until the end of the season. The first bonus was a \$1 per hour raise for all hours worked the last two pay periods of the season. The second bonus was achieved by averaging at least fifteen hours per week in that same timeframe. If an employee accomplished this, they were paid an extra 50¢ for every hour worked during the pool season. Many employees took advantage of the end of season bonuses for a total of \$5,236 in bonus wages.

## Prairie Village Municipal Pool Membership Rates

2024 RATES	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
Individual	\$60	\$90
Sr. Citizen (60+)	\$50	\$80
Swim Card with 5 Admissions	\$35	\$40
Swim Card with 10 Admissions	\$70	\$80
Daily Admission Fee	\$10	\$10
Twilight Fee after 4:30 pm	\$5	\$5
Lost ID Card	\$3	\$3

- *\$10 off each pass for Residents and Non-Residents during the month of April.*
- *Half off starting July 15.*

## **City Recreation Programs**

### **Swim**

Membership for the 2024 Prairie Village Piranhas on both the competitive and pre-competitive teams was 196, up from 173 in 2023. The team was coached this year by Bridget Kelly who was assisted by six part-time assistant coaches. In addition to their commitments to the team, the coaches were allowed to offer swim lesson packages in blocks of five lessons for \$60. To cover administrative costs, 20% of the fee goes to the City. The coaches taught 22 participants this year for a total of 110 lessons.

### **Dive**

The 2024 Dive Team had 29 participants, up from 27 participants in 2023, and was taught by head coach Ginna Dammann and one assistant coach. This year, two Dive Clinic sessions were offered, with 27 total participants.

### **Tennis Program**

The 2024 Junior Tennis League was fielded with 40 players, down from 55 players in 2023. Head Coach Tracy Cooper had several players competing in the end-of-year tournament. Prairie Village had a good showing in the tournament and hosted three days.

Youth tennis lessons were offered in partnership with Johnson County Park & Recreation District, with one session held in July.

### **Skateboarding 101**

Dan Mapes hosted four sessions of Skateboarding 101 class for ages 3 to 12. Each session included three lessons where participants were taught skate park etiquette, balance, basic skills, and simple tricks. The sessions met the maximum enrollment of 10 participants, totaling 39 Skateboarding 101 participants in 2024.

### **Swim Lessons**

In 2024, Aquatics Supervisor Suzanne McCullough developed and implemented a new youth swim lesson program. Six lifeguards became certified water safety instructors and led 30 classes with 109 participants.