



Parks and Recreation Commission –  
Report for January 2017  
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Swimming Pool Programs-

We are currently offering Swim Lessons – Minnows, Tadpoles, and Levels 1 & 2 started the week of January 23<sup>rd</sup> and will end the first week of March. Our next session will offer all levels and go from the first week of April through the first week of May.

We have started a new program – Swim the Bering Strait. Each lap swam will count towards mileage across the strait and once complete, the swimmer will receive a nice shirt for bragging rights.

Teen Center –

The Teen & Community Center has seen a steady increase of community use with party rental increase.

We are still holding Fencing and Brazilian Ju Jujitsu classes each week.

We've advertised and after receiving just a few applications have re-opened the position to widen our search for a new Teen & Community Center Coordinator.

Gyms-

We've hired new staff and trained them. Our first night back in operation was Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. We're open for Family Climb 7:30-8:30pm and Adult Climb 8:30-9:30pm on Tuesday and Thursdays through March and then we should be able to get an earlier option to open again. We will be closed Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> due to the Elks Tournament and during Spring Break for the gyms to be resurfaced.

Open gym, Adult Volleyball and Adult Basketball numbers all seem to be having strong numbers. Gyms are cancelled the weekend of February 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> due to the Elks Tournament and any gym activities at HHES or GMS will be either moved or cancelled during Spring Break to allow the gym surfaces to be resurfaced.

### Special Events-

We had the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Qaniq Challenge January 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Despite tough snow conditions – a lot of snow this year! The races went on without a hitch. We're currently surveying the past years' participants and will compile a three year report on the event.

We had the 8<sup>th</sup> Healthier You Kick Off event on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Over 200 people came and registered for the 12 week long program, received information about community resources for a healthier lifestyle, a free t-shirt and veggie bags, while supplies lasted.

We're gearing up for Frosty Fever events – Zipfy Races, 120 Races, Community Skate Party and Giant Ski Races. (See Schedule of events below.)

We are also partnering with the Valdez Snowmachine Club to host two additional 120 Races – one on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Ski Hill-

We've begun preparations for winter operations at the Salmonberry Ski Hill.

We've recruit, and hired one staff member for the Ski Hill.

We've been working with the Valdez Snow Authority to drum up volunteer support and did one training day. We'll do another early February and hope to open the first weekend of February if we're able to get a commitment of enough volunteers to supplement the staff.

### Looking to the Future-

Our next events coming up:

- Walk with a Doc – Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the Civic & Convention Center
- HY Bonus – Cross Country 101 Clinic – Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm at the PWSC H&FC
- HYSA (Healthier You Sponsored Activity) – Cross Country Ski Clinic – Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am –meet at Valdez School District office parking lot
- HYSA – Packing Healthy Lunches – Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the Teen & Community Center
- 120 Races – Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm by the Shana Anderson Dog Park
- HYSA – Wearable Technology w/CVT – Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at PWSC H&FC
- Zipfy Races – Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am at Salmonberry Ski Hill
- Giant Ski Races – Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am on Fairbanks St.
- Community Skate Party, Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00-6:00pm at the Ice Rink
- 120 Races – Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm by the Shana Anderson Dog Park
- Alaska Recreation and Parks Association Annual Conference – Hosted in Valdez, September 13-16, 2017 at the Civic & Convention Center