



Parks and Recreation Commission –
Report for December 2016
Wendy Clubb, Recreation Supervisor

Swimming Pool Programs-

We had to shut down the small pool for some minor maintenance and refresh the water, this was done mid-late December.

Due to the repairs, we had to cut our swim lessons short by one day.

We were able to offer increased open swims during the Holiday Break.

We were able to offer another Try Scuba class at the end of December. We hope to have another scheduled for February.

Teen Center –

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

We partnered with the Friends of the Valdez Animal Shelter to host Santa Paws – pictures of your pets with Santa.

We hosted New Years' Eve Nachos to celebrate ringing in the new year.

We also have the Valdez Dance Company renting the dance room while their space is under renovations.

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

We're advertising for a new Teen & Community Center Coordinator and hope to be interviewing potential applicants in the coming weeks.

Gyms-

We're currently recruiting for Rock Wall staff. Once we have staff hired and trained, we will hope to resume operations and look at other operation schedules to allow for the most user groups.

Open gym, Adult Volleyball and Adult Basketball numbers all seem to be having strong numbers, however saw a small decrease during the Holiday Break and now that high school basketball has started.

Special Events-

We have been working on 2017 Qaniq Challenge and 2017 Healthier You.

The 3rd Annual Festive Homes Contest concluded this month, with 8 homes participating. Matt and Brandy Smelcer's festive display won.

Ski Hill-

We've begun preparations for winter operations at the Salmonberry Ski Hill. We've begun recruitment, hiring and training of Ski Hill staff.

Looking to the Future-

Our next events coming up:

- Walk with a Doc – Saturday, January 7th & 21st at 9:00am at the Civic & Convention Center
- Qaniq Challenge – Saturday, January 14th & Sunday, January 15th
- Healthier You Kick Off – Saturday, January 28th at the Civic & Convention Center
- Healthier You Sponsored Activity (HYSA)- Cross Country Ski Clinic w/ Michelle Cullen – February 4th at 10:00am at HHES Ski Loop
- Alaska Recreation and Parks Association Annual Conference – Hosted in Valdez, September 13-16, 2017 at the Civic & Convention Center