



Parks and Recreation Commission –  
Report for February 2017  
Wendy Clubb, Recreation Supervisor

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 are partnering with Test the Waters from North Pole, and bringing scuba diving classes and opportunities to Valdez. They conducted a confined water class in February, and will hold a Try Scuba class and a confined water class in March and April.

We are planning to be open this summer at the pool. The pool shell and other major maintenance projects will be going out for design this year and hopefully done the summer of 2018.

Teen & Community Center –

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

More community members are inquiring opportunities of use of the center to play on the game side during hours we are normally only open to the teens. We will be revisiting our Operations Policy in April to expand the open hours to the whole community and not just teens.

We are still recruiting for a Teen & Community Center Coordinator.

Gyms-

Rock Wall is currently open for Family Climb 7:30-8:30pm and Adult Climb 8:30-9:30pm on Tuesday and Thursdays through March 23<sup>rd</sup> and then we will open 5:30-7:30pm for Family Climb and 7:30-9:00pm for Adult Climb. We will be closed 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 several Frosty Fever events –

Zipfy Races on February 25<sup>th</sup> had 104 participants and approximately 75 spectators.

Giant Ski Races had 9 teams of 5 participants and approximately 20 spectators.

120 Frosty Fever Races had 21 racers and approximately 35 spectators.

Community Skate Party partnering with the Smelcer Family– still gathering information.

We're in planning mode for Beacons & Eggs, Healthier You Finale, Summer Sign UP Fair, Community Clean Up Day, and the Bite Back Fun Runs all coming up in April and May.

We are also partnering with the Valdez Snowmachine Club to host two additional 120 Races – one was on February 12<sup>th</sup> and had 22 racers and 40 spectators. The next one will be April 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### Ski Hill-

We've been operating the ski hill on Saturday and Sunday 12:00-3:00pm with the help of volunteers. We ran for 6 days in February. We hope to be able to open it on Wednesday and Friday of Spring Break in addition to the weekend schedule – depending on volunteer availability.

There is a nice article written by Allison Sayer in the Valdez City News about the ski hill.

#### Looking to the Future-

Our next events/programs coming up:

- Walk with a Doc – Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the Civic & Convention Center
- HYSA (Healthier You Sponsored Activity) – Yoga w/ Michelle Worby – Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at PWSC H&FC
- HYSA – Longevity Stick w/ Donna Lane – Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at PWSC H&FC
- HYSA – Swimming Clinic w/Valdez Masters Swim Club – Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the Valdez Pool
- Try Scuba Class – Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am at the Valdez Pool. \$20 Pre-registration required.
- HYSA- Tabata w/ Sarah Jorgenson-Owen –Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am at PWSC H&FC
- 120 Races – Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm by the Shana Anderson Dog Park
- HYSA – Rock Climbing – Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the Middle School Rock Wall

- HYSA BONUS – 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament – Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at HHES Gym
- Beacons & Eggs – Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at Salmonberry Ski Hill
- Healthier You Finale & 5K – Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am; Finale results awarded at 12:00pm at the Teen & Community Center
- Alaska Recreation and Parks Association Annual Conference – Hosted in Valdez, September 13-16, 2017 at the Civic & Convention Center