



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

Our next offering Swim Lessons – Minnows, Tadpoles, and Levels 1 & 2 will start 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 continued their confined water class from February, as well as held a Try Scuba class in March. They will have another Try Scuba class at the end of April.

We are planning to be open this summer at the pool. This will include daytime open swims, lap swims, and swim lessons for all levels and Adults. Since the pool will be open, we are not going to be able to guard Ruth Pond.

We will be having a Lifeguard class in April. It is open to anyone 15 years of age and older, and provides the certification necessary to apply for a job as a Lifeguard.

Teen & Community Center –

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've been brainstorming ideas and will use the summer to try new things for the whole community.

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

Gyms-

Rock Wall is currently open 5:30-7:30pm for Family Climb and 7:30-9:00pm for Adult Climb. There are going to be a few closures (1 day closures) through April and May to accommodate school activities.

Open gym, Adult Volleyball and Adult Basketball numbers all seem to be having strong numbers. Gyms are cancelled the last weekend of April for the Hooping for

Spring Basketball Tournament, and additional 1 day closures through April and May to accommodate school activities.

Special Events-

March was a prep month in regards to Special Events, as you can see our April schedule is very full.

We're in planning mode for a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, 120 Races, 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.

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 8 days in March, including two mid-week days during Spring Break. The winds in early March made operations difficult. The snow is quickly deteriorating and operations will be ending in April, date yet to be determined.

Looking to the Future-

Our next events/programs coming up:

- HYSA- Tabata w/ Sarah Jorgenson-Owen –Saturday, April 1st at 10:00am at PWSC H&FC
- Walk with a Doc – Saturday, April 8th & 15th at 9:00am at the Civic & Convention Center
- 120 Races – Saturday, April 8th at 12:00pm by the Shana Anderson Dog Park
- HYSA – Rock Climbing – Saturday, April 8th at 10:00am at the Middle School Rock Wall
- HYSA BONUS – 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament – Sunday, April 9th at 1:00pm at HHES Gym
- HYSA – Community Gardens – Saturday, April 15th at 10:00am at the Teen & Community Center
- Beacons & Eggs – Saturday, April 15th at 10:00am at Salmonberry Ski Hill
- Healthier You Finale & 5K – Saturday, April 22nd at 10:00am; Finale results awarded at 12:00pm at the Teen & Community Center
- Summer Sign Up Fair – Saturday, April 29th at 1:00-3:00pm at the Civic & Convention Center. Sign up for all your summer activities in town at once!
- Community Clean Up Day – Saturday, May 20th (tentatively)
- Bite Back 5K – Saturday, May 27th
- Alaska Recreation and Parks Association Annual Conference – Hosted in Valdez, September 13-16, 2017 at the Civic & Convention Center