



Parks and Recreation Commission –
Report for May & June 2017
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Swimming Pool Programs-

The pool is open this summer!!

We held swim lessons in early May, and a full set of sessions in June. We will also have lessons in July and August, ending before school starts.

We've lost a few of our senior staff due to graduating and moving on before heading off to college. We held a lifeguard class in April and certified 4 new guards, but will probably need to have another class in late August/early September.

Teen & Community Center –

We've opened the Teen & Community Center up to everyone for the months of June & July. We have gotten a handful of families that have come to check it out.

Our rentals still are strong.

Gyms-

Rock Wall is closed for the summer. We will start recruiting for staff to hopefully open right after Labor Day.

Open gym and Adult Basketball numbers all seem to be having strong numbers. All gyms are at the Elementary school for the summer.

Camps-

We've had a great start to summer camps. Most camps are either full or near 3/4th full. Camps will run through July.

Special Events-

We had Community Clean Up day on May 20th. It was a cold and drizzly day but still the community got out there and did their part. We concluded the day with a BBQ and live music from Kayti & the Alter Boys from Talkeetna at the Kelsey Dock Plaza.

We had the Bite Back 5K Fun Run on May 27th. Approximately 45 runners participated in this popular event to raise money for Compassion International to fight malaria.

May 27th & 28th was also Military Appreciation Weekend. We had 9 boats take out servicemen halibut fishing on Sunday, the 28th, and had a BBQ each day. The weather dampened some of the planned activities such as the inflatable obstacle course from the Alaska National Guard.

June was a quiet month as we prepared for upcoming events in July.

Looking to the Future-

Our next events/programs coming up:

- July 4th Festivities – Tuesday, July 4th, all around town
- Fireweed 400 Bike Race – Friday, July 7th & Saturday, July 8th
- A-1 Midway Carnival – Friday, July 14th – Sunday, July 16th at the Kelsey Dock Plaza parking lot
- Pink Salmon Festival – Saturday, July 15th at the Kelsey Dock Plaza to include 5K Fun Run, Pink Salmon Cook-Off, BBQ and Kid's Pink Salmon Games
- Rodeo Alaska – Friday, July 28th – Sunday, July 30th at South Barney Meyring Park Strip
- Gold Rush Days – Friday, August 4th & Saturday, August 5th, P&R Events include Dive for Gold at the Pool, Kids Scavenger Hunt at North Barney Meyring Park Strip, and Pet-a-palooza at North Barney Meyring Park strip
- RHR Furry 4K Fun Run – Saturday, August 19th at the Kelsey Dock Plaza
- **Alaska Recreation and Parks Association Annual Conference – Hosted in Valdez, September 13-16, 2017 at the Civic & Convention Center**, please consider joining us, as Commissioners, you are members of this association. Registration is open at www.alaskarpa.org