

Rec Center Report, August 5, 2012

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Facility Update:

It has been a very busy summer at the Rec Center. General use actually increases in part due to our increased population. The Rec Center is a very popular place when the weather is poor and families are looking for something active to do. Our summer programs for kids, including Thursday Fun Camp, martial arts, sailing, boater safety, swim lessons and free lunch for all children are doing well. The Rec Center also partnered with Bayfield Soccer to assist in advertising and registration. North Coast Community Sailing is now operating as a Rec Center program and under our administration and budgeting.

The Bayfield School summer school program brought groups to swim in the pool, and Brittany Schmitt taught a week of martial arts classes at the school. The South Shore summer school program is spending 4 weeks here as well. Eddy Doering is our Summer Youth Coordinator.

The saline pool is functioning well. We have heard only positive comments about how much nicer it is to swim here. We have installed a pre-approved drain cover system in both pool drains and are now compliant with Virginia Graeme Baker (VGB) law. The last step for the pool is a final inspection by a state official. We also installed a picnic table and bench outside near the skateboard area, both permanently fixed.

We hired a consultant to analyze our hot tub situation. The hot tub has a leak and is not Virginia Graeme Baker compliant. The situation is very complicated. Fixing the leak will likely require stripping all tile off. Fixing VGB issues will require reconstructing a new drain and lowering the floor level by an inch. VGB approval involves state agencies, and this scale of project will likely require us to fix certain code violations, including raising the bench height, changing the piping scheme and incorporating handicap access. It would be simpler to reconstruct an entire new tub, estimated at \$50,000. Whether we decide to fix the outlined problems one at a time, or try to raise \$50,000 for a new hot tub, it will be months before we can get the hot tub operational again. We are looking at other ideas as well.

Programs update: The following were offered in June and July :

Aqua Fit	Mah Jong
Northern Lights physical therapy sessions	Birthday Parties
SilverSneakers	Thursday Fun Camp
Martial Arts	Little Kickers
Red Cross Swim Lessons	Pre-School Swim Lessons
Aqua Zumba	CPR
Community Health Clinics	Sea Scout Swimming Merit Badge
Therapeutic Aquatic Exercise	WI Boater Safety
South Shore summer school	

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

TOTAL 582 people who were members on July 31, 2012 260 member units