

Rec Center Report, January 9, 2013

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Facility Update:

The Rec Center is flush with new users armed with new year's resolutions and the facility seems to be in use all day. Martial arts, swim team and Sea Scouts are all going strong for our youth. Our martial arts program now requires 9 classes a day for 50 youth! A number of people are becoming members because of our sauna and saline pool.

We have hired Badger Pools to fix our hot tub and they have begun work. The work was bid 'a la carte', and if every item is done it will cost \$43,800 to repair. There is a chance the job will cost less than that, as some of these item bid prices overlap work. Badger is stripping all the tile off the tub to reveal potential leaks in the tub. When all repairs are done, they will resurface the tub with a smooth finish plaster. The top 6" (at the waterline) will remain tile. We are keeping Steve Dunn in the loop on developments. We have a loan guarantee so that we can spread the cost of this repair over two years of capital improvement funding.

We had an excellent year obtaining grants in 2012, getting funding from the Otto Bremer Foundation, Essentia Health, the Duluth Superior Area Foundation and the Apostle Islands Area Foundation, totaling \$26,000.

Programs update: The following were offered in December:

Aqua Fit	Mah Jong
Northern Lights physical therapy sessions	Birthday Parties
SilverSneakers	Sea Scouts
Martial Arts	Little Kickers
First Steps to Fitness	Red Cross Swim Lessons
Therapeutic Aquatic Exercise	Masters of Art class
Lifeguard Training	Aqua Zumba
Walleyball	Indoor Cycling

DECEMBER USE

TOTAL 2531 people, including 591 Seniors, 1179 Adults, 761 Children, and 793 for programs

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

TOTAL 604 people who were members on December 31, 2012 287 member units