

Rec Center Report, October 25, 2012

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Facility Update:

October is the month that use really picks up at the Rec Center. As the weather gets cold, more people become members to keep themselves healthy. Use by children is booming. Swim team has started with a record 38 kids, including many new, young swimmers. The martial arts program continues to grow, now with 9 classes taught weekly. We had 37 kids show up one night, for 3 separate classes. We are pushing the limits of our facility on certain nights. Last Tuesday night, with swim team, martial arts, a soccer team pizza party and a visit from the Mishomis House, it seemed every square foot was being used.

We closed for 4 days over Applefest as usual, and did a variety of small projects to improve the facility, including: repaint shower walls, strip and varnish tables, new towel dispenser, wall painting and touchup, new rack for flyers, fix drippy faucets, new carpeting, new handicap railings and a wide variety of cleaning projects.

We hired a consultant to do a preliminary concept design for a new hot tub, which included getting feedback from state officials on whether a new design would be allowed. The consultant's initial feedback was not positive. Current codes require a 11' setback from the edge of the pool to the edge of the hot tub. Our current distance is 7', and there is no way to fit a hot tub in our space using 11'. The consultant is continuing to work on the issue. A possible alternative is to repair our hot tub – a more complicated task. It is unclear how many code issues we would have to address in a repair of this scale.

The RFR board is planning to attend the October 29 school board meeting to answer any questions about the Rec Center and our organization. We look forward to describing what we are doing here.

Programs update: The following were offered in September:

Aqua Fit	Mah Jong
Northern Lights physical therapy sessions	Birthday Parties
SilverSneakers	Sea Scouts
Martial Arts	Little Kickers
Aqua Zumba	Scuba diving lessons
Community Health Clinics	First Steps to Fitness
Therapeutic Aquatic Exercise	

SEPTEMBER USE

TOTAL 1916 people, including 531 Seniors, 897 Adults, 539 Children, and 513 for programs

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

TOTAL 523 people who were members on September 30, 2012 242 member units