

CITY OF
APPLE VALLEY

Parks & Recreation

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- More than 398 acres of park land mowed weekly
- 71,614 visitors to the Aquatic Center
- More than 3,075 adult softball league participants
- Valleywood Golf Course was named MGA's "Member Club of the Year"

Annual Report

January - December 2015



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HEALTHY PARKS
HEALTHY PEOPLE



From the Director

The Apple Valley Parks and Recreation Department had an outstanding year! The Department will measure our success by people served, program participant evaluations, improvements to operations, revenue received from program fees, net recreation program revenue, and the overall projects accomplished during the year. Our accomplishments truly reflect our mission!

Barry Bernstein

Director, Parks and Recreation

Department Managers

Director: Barry Bernstein

Parks Superintendent: Tom Adamini

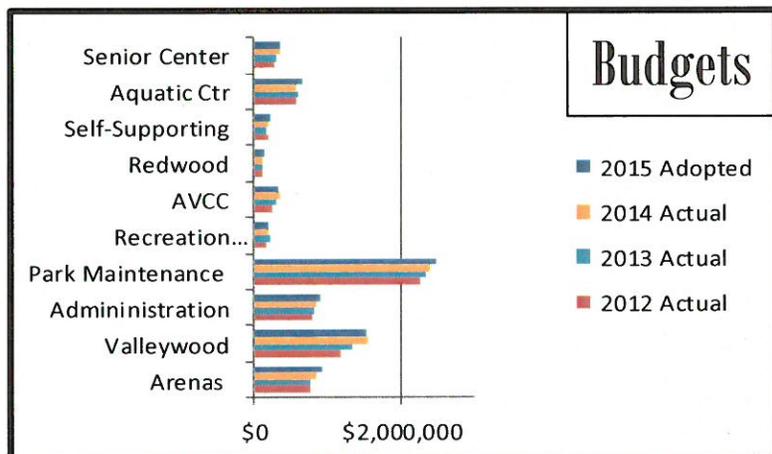
Recreation Superintendent: Scott Breuer

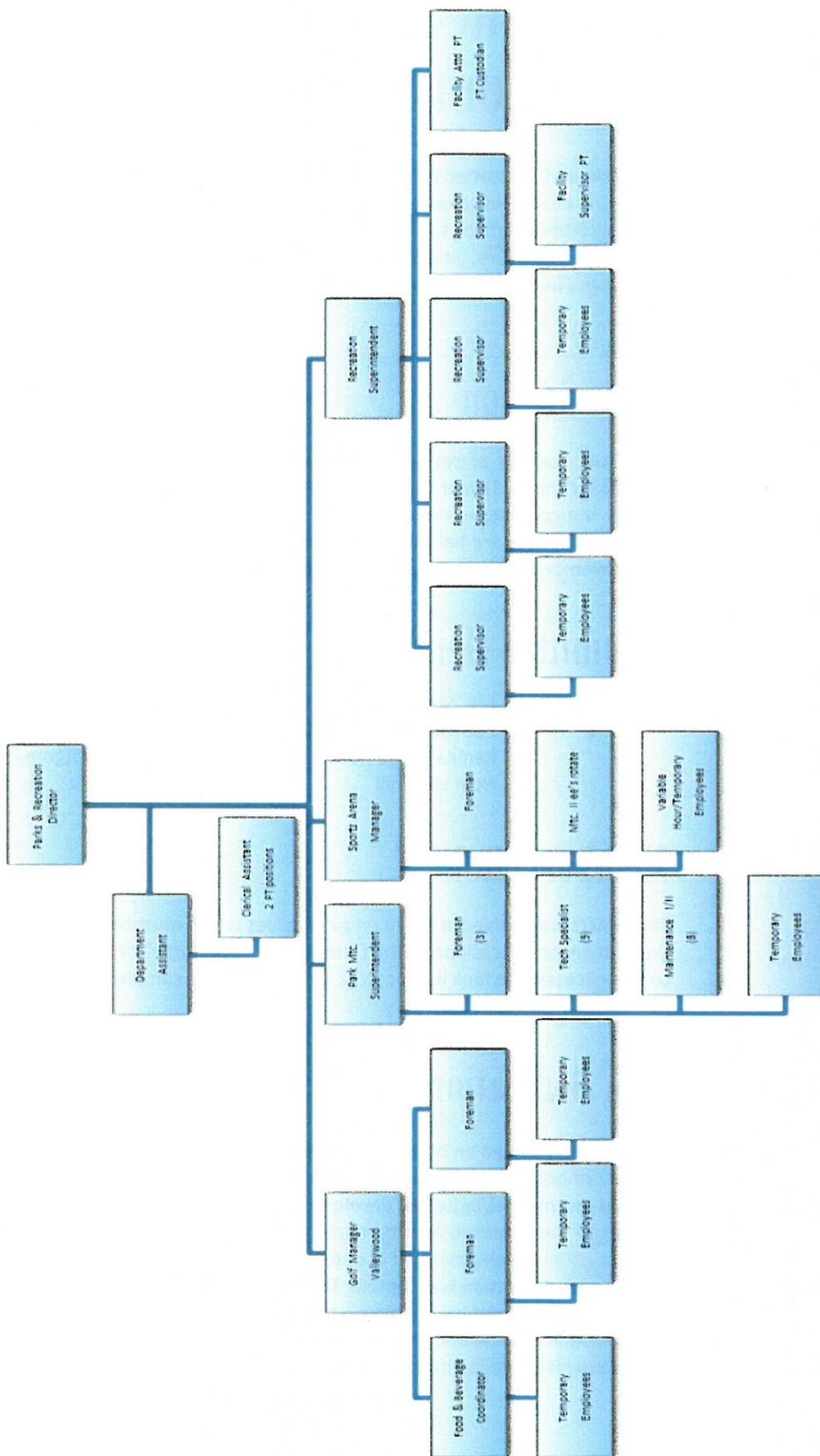
Golf Course Manager: Jim Zinck

Arena Manager: Brian Christianson

Administrative Coordinator: Dorene Perkins Monn

2015 Adopted Budget





Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) is an appointed committee of the City Council of volunteer citizens. The purpose of the PRAC is to advise and make recommendations to the City Council concerning parks, recreation, open space, and trail issues. In addition, the PRAC provides input to City staff, acting as an advisory board on community interests concerning recreation and parks.

Organization

The PRAC consists of seven (7) members. Members are appointed by the City Council for three (3) year terms. The Chairperson and Secretary are elected annually by the committee members at an “organizational meeting” typically held in March. Meetings are held the first Thursday of January, March, May, September, and November, with additional meetings called as needed throughout the year.

Committee Members

Lee Strom - Chair
Patrick Sullivan Jr.—Secretary
Kanika Gupta (*resigned*)
Noel Hammill

Cindy Hart (*resigned*)
Boyd Montgomery
Jessica Montgomery
Brent Schulz

Members’ Role

The PRAC’s work covers a broad range of issues which must be acted upon in a timely manner. Occasionally, the formation of “task force” or “study groups” becomes necessary to look into or work further on more complex issues. Participation in these groups is voluntary.

Park Dedication

The City has enacted an ordinance under Minnesota law which grants a community the authority to receive land or cash in lieu of land for purposes from residential and commercial/industrial developers. This dedication is set depending on the size of the proposed development and whether it is a residential or commercial/industrial development. If the amount of land is not sufficient to support a park, a cash dedication is accepted. The amount of the cash dedication is based on the type of residential or commercial/industrial unit. The Committee annually reviews dedication funds. The cash collected goes into a fund for purchase and/or development of parks throughout the community.

Comprehensive Guide Plan

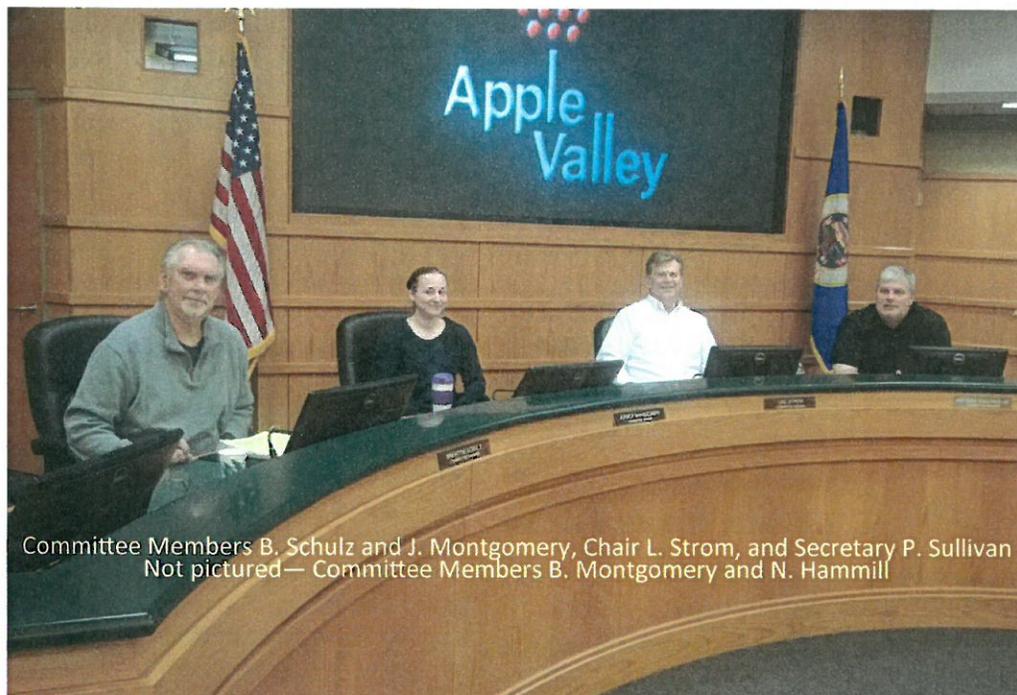
Required by the Metropolitan Council, the City maintains a “Comprehensive Guide Plan” for the city. One segment of the plan includes parks. Neighborhood service areas are defined to help determining what park needs might be for each portion of the City. A complete copy of the Plan is available on the City’s web site at www.ci.apple-valley.mn.us.

2015 Meetings

Meetings were held January 15, March 5, May 7, July 16, September 3, and November 5. Regular meetings were held in the Municipal Center’s Council Chambers and video broadcast on Charter Communication Cable Channel 180 starting at 7:00 p.m. Informal meetings were held at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center’s Regent Conference Room prior to each Regular meeting.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION INCLUDED:

- Cobblestone Lake Park South
- Cobblestone Lake Park West
- Cortland Development Park
- Mid-Winter Fest
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Goals
- County Road 42 Trail
- Dakota County North Creek Greenway County Rd 38 Trail & Pedestrian Bridge
- Park Dedication Expenditure
- Parks & Recreation Department Annual Report
- Proposed Amendments to Park Dedication Requirements
- Kelley Park Amenities Discussion
- Quarry Point Park Soccer Field #7 Lighting
- Parks and Recreation Division Reports and 2016 Fee Schedules
- Accept Resignation of Two Committee Members
- Introduction of New Committee Member
- Traditions Development Cobblestone Lake 7th Addition
- Hayes Park Arena - Advertising
- Youth Athletic Associations’ Status Report



Committee Members B. Schulz and J. Montgomery, Chair L. Strom, and Secretary P. Sullivan
Not pictured— Committee Members B. Montgomery and N. Hammill

Park Maintenance

The Park Maintenance Division once again met its primary obligations in providing well maintained grounds for general park users, and properly prepared facilities for countless tournaments, picnics, and public celebrations. Accomplishments vary from routine maintenance items, to improvement of infrastructure.



Highlights

CREW MEMBERS

(left to right) front row:

G Wachter, M Endres,

C Kopesky, T Adamini,

J Benjamin, R Wiggin,

R Glewwe

second row:

A Clayton, J Sluiter,

S Rother, J Reiner,

J Lyons, D Brenno,

N Larson, T Lerum

- coordinated installation of new floor within the lobby and hallways of the Apple Valley Community Center
- coordinated installation of new epoxy floor within the locker rooms of Redwood pool
- coordinated installation of new diamond brite shell to the Redwood wading pool
- coordinated installing new diamond brite shell to the diving well at the Apple Valley Family Aquatic Center
- coordinated renovation of the main room at the Redwood Community Center
- coordinated renovation of the Redwood pool concession room
- constructed new infield and backstop at Greenleaf Park



- coordinated construction of security fence around the shop at Quarry Point Park

- coordinated the extension of fence along Flagstaff Avenue. This was necessary to contain balls from field #8 where we install numerous small soccer fields.
- coordinated installation of field lights for field #7 at Quarry Point Park
- constructed four new dug-outs at Valley Middle Park.
- installed new edging around playgrounds at Keller and Hagemester parks.
- coordinated volunteer tree plant at Quarry Point Park, funded by tree trust



- coordinated scout project at Robert Erickson, planting of wildflowers, installation of bluebird houses, and installation of mason bee nesting houses
- coordinated a scout project at cobblestone lake, a screen was built around the porta-potty
- coordinated a scout project at Quarry Point Park. Scouts

- planted the planter around the American flag on field #1 and also planted several spruce trees in the same area
- coordinated with Jim Kluender (the birdman of Rosemount) who built, installed, and maintains numerous bluebird and wood duck houses at cobblestone lake. in addition to this, he has installed two kestral boxes at Quarry Point Park
- re-graded the infield of Quarry Point Park #2. this area has had drainage issues since the park originally opened
- completed renovation of soccer fields #6 and #7 at Quarry Point Park. This included multiple aeration directions, sand topdressing, seeding and application of 10 tons of organic based fertilizer with the goal to improve the root zone. The clay content on these soils



Highlights (cont.)

is quite high and not conducive for heavy play. An aggressive strategy of turf maintenance is going to be essential on this site for some time.

- completed renovation on field #9 at Johnny Cake Ridge Park West also was completed. We chose a seed mix with 90% turf type tall fescue for this project. If we can get it to work like we want, it should put roots down a foot deep, and be able to recover well from heavy wear. The field turf at Johnny Cake Ridge Park West gets more use than any other fields in the system. The users include Eastview High School sport teams, gym classes, youth associations and summer camps. Staff works extremely hard in keeping these facilities in the best shape possible.
- painted the interior of the Johnny Cake Ridge Park East gazebo



- Legion Field press box and the concession building at Johnny Cake Ridge Park East
- rebuilt the entire south wall of the Delaney Park shelter. A chronic slow leak from a window caused a rot situation that needed to be addressed.



- applied new epoxy flooring



- and painted the interior of the Alimagnet Park restroom
- constructed a replacement hockey rink at Johnny Cake Ridge Park West
- trails at Hayes Park sealcoated
- trails and pedestrian areas at

Johnny Cake Ridge Park East sealcoated

- sanitary sewer connected to Quarry Point Park
- parking lots at Huntington Park and Johnny Cake Ridge Park West re-stripped
- painted the park building at Apple Valley East
- killed and removed willows around Cobblestone Lake
- installed shade screen for players in waiting at the pickle ball courts

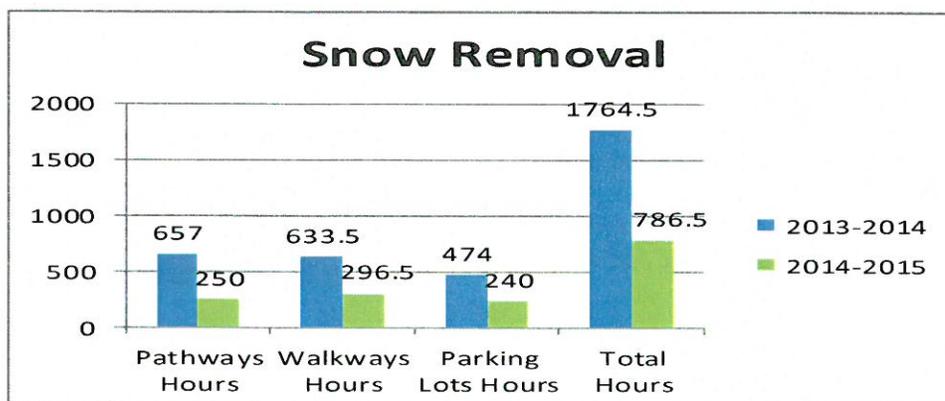


- roof's constructed over dug-outs on three softball fields at Johnny Cake Ridge Park East
- coordinated installation of automatic doors at the Apple Valley Community Center
- painted the exterior of the Valley Middle building
- installed new Legion Field sign



Cobblestone Lake's dock is installed each spring and taken out each fall

Park Maintenance division maintains 20 tennis courts, 6 pickle ball courts, and 23 basketball courts





Park Maintenance maintains approximately 870 acres of park land, 105 athletic fields and 75 miles of trails

Sun shades are located at Kelley, Quarry Point, and Cedar Isle parks



Routine Park Maintenance Duties

- mowing as much as 300 acres weekly with an average of 275 acres
- weekly cleaning and maintenance of the Kelley Park fountains and splash pad
- weekly concert and Shakespearean play preparations at Kelley Park
- watering, mulching, fertilizing of park trees
- painting of up to 100 athletic fields at any given time including baseball and softball foul lines, soccer, football and lacrosse
- 6 restroom facilities to clean on daily basis
- 9 picnic shelters to clean on a regular basis
- 56 infields to level and groom



- Family Aquatic Center and Redwood pool
- repair and monitoring of 7 irrigation systems



- boards installed and dismantled each year at the sports arena
- Installation and removal of tennis courts at the Sports Arena
- installation and removal of turf at the Hayes Park Arena



- maintenance and repair of 56 playground structures
- turf maintenance including fertilization, weed control,

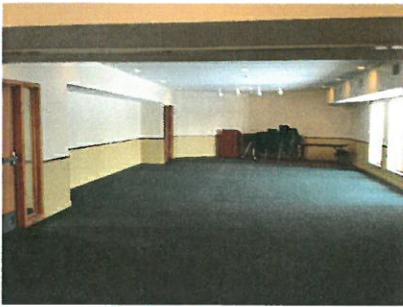


- sun shades at Kelley, Quarry Point, and Cedar Isle parks put up and take down
- annual set-up and winterization of the Apple Valley

- and aeration on mowed park properties
- planting beds at each and every park, some with multiple beds



- dock in dock out annually at Cobblestone Lake
- maintenance of copious park signs both wood and metal
- routine park garbage and disposal of items dumped in park property
- Construction and maintenance of 22 sheets of ice in winter, which includes 10 boarded rinks
- plowing of 75 miles of pathway and sidewalk
- plowing of park parking lots where winter activities occur
- maintenance of docks at Farquar and Lac Lavon parks
- daily and seasonal maintenance and repair of all park maintenance equipment
- carpentry, plumbing and electrical repairs in all park facilities
- assisted other departments where needed, street plowing, work at old city hall, etc.
- Mid-Winter Fest and Freedom Days support and maintenance
- Coordination and removal of 58 diseased trees and 26 storm damage trees within the park system



APPLE VALLEY MOWING ACREAGE

ALIMAGNET	6.49	HAYES	16.37	SUMMERFIELD	3.69
APPLE GROVE	12.23	HERITAGE	0.79	SUNSET	1.1
APPLE PONDS	4.12	HUNTINGTON	9.07	TINTAH	12.96
APPLE VALLEY EAST	9.38	JCRPE	37.31	VALLEY MIDDLE*	6.89
AVFAC	1.24	JCRPW	51.61	WALLACE	0.5
BELMONT	3.4	KELLER	3.46	WILDWOOD	4.27
BRIAR OAKS	2.2	KELLEY	1.64	CORTLAND DVLPMT	5.61
CARROLLWOOD	1.78	LAC LAVON	5.69	138TH ST. CT. OUTLOT	0.1
CEDAR ISLE	4.89	LARGEN	6.27	PIPELINE	3.66
CEDAR KNOLLS	1	LONG LAKE	5.44		
CHAPPARRALL	2.71	LONGRIDGE	7.22		
COBBLESTONE	15.16	MOELLER	7.25		
DELANEY	9.82	NEWELL	3.72		
DIAMOND PATH	15.33	NORDIC	1.89		
DUCHESS	2.57	PALOMINO/ WELL 3	3.67		
FAITH	5.68	PENNOCK	3.14		
FARQUAR	11.62	QUARRY POINT	24.21		
FINDLAY	1.69	REDWOOD N	11.11		
GALAXIE	5.5	REDWOOD S	4.56		
GREENING	3.45	REGATTA	7.5		
GREENLEAF	15.33	ROBERT ERICKSON	1.97		
HAGEMEISTER	5.79	SCOTT	4.2		

TOTALS= 398.25 ACRES WITHOUT VALLEY MIDDLE



Ice Rink Maintenance

Warming Houses
are located at Apple
Valley Community
Center, Apple Valley
East, Teen Center,
Delaney, Galaxie,
Hagemeister,
Huntington, and
Valley Middle park
sites

2014-2015 Season ICE RINK MAINTENANCE LOG

Date	HI-TEMP	LO-TEMP	Fi	OTHER WEATHER FACTORS	MAINTENANCE APPLIED/COMMENTS ETC.	RINK COND
1/1/2015	30	11	41		holiday no maintenance	fair
1/2/2015	28	6	34		shave and flood	fair
1/3/2015	33	12	45		saturday	fair
1/4/2015	12	-7	5		Sunday no maintenance	fair
1/5/2015	1	-11	-10	cold	full maintenance package/broom went down (hose)	good
1/6/2015	8	-5	3	cold	shave,blow and flood. BROOM BACK UP	good
1/7/2015	-1	-9	-8	colder	full maintenance package	good
1/8/2015	16	-6	10		full maintenance package	good
1/9/2015	6	-4	2	1.5" snow from late 1/8/15	snow removal then routine	fair
1/10/2015	19	-4	15		Saturday full maintenance	good
1/11/2015	14	3	17		Sunday	good
1/12/2015	5	-5	0	clear/cold	full maintenance	good
1/13/2015	15	-10	5		full maintenance	good
1/14/2015	24	15	39	warming trend	full maintenance	excellent
1/15/2015	35	19	54	warm	full maintenance	excellent
1/16/2015	30	27	57		full maintenance	good
1/17/2015	38	26	64		full maintenance Saturday	good
1/18/2015	34	25	59		Sunday no maintenance	fair
1/19/2015	37	22	59	ice softening	full maint. MUK Day, North ends exposing !!!!!	fair
1/20/2015	32	28	60		full maintenance	fair
1/21/2015	30	26	56	1" snow overnight	snow removal full maintenance	fair
1/22/2015	30	18	48		routine	fair
1/23/2015	39	39	78		routine	fair
1/24/2015	42	29	71		Saturday routine	fair
1/25/2015	35	20	75		Sunday no maintenance	poor
1/26/2015	45	22	67	sunny	minimal maintenance soft ice	poor
1/27/2015	36	30	66		minimal maintenance soft ice	fair
1/28/2015	31	28	59		minimal maintenance soft ice	fair
1/29/2015	34	15	49		minimal maintenance soft ice	fair
1/30/2015	27	11	38		cooler two water trucks out	fair
1/31/2015	28	19	47		Saturday maintenance	fair
2/1/2015	21	5	26	light snow	no maintenance	fair
2/2/2015	16	0	16	colder	snow removal routine	fair
2/3/2015	16	6	22		routine	good
2/4/2015	15	-1	14	1.5" snow from late 2/3/15	routine	good
2/5/2015	19	-7	12		routine	good
2/6/2015	30	13	43		routine	good
2/7/2015	36	20	46		Saturday mwf	good
2/8/2015	32	23	55		Sunday no maintenance	fair
2/9/2015	33	20	53		routine	fair
2/10/2015	24	22	46		routine	fair
2/11/2015	30	2	32		routine	fair
2/12/2015	10	-3	7		routine	good
2/13/2015	30	6	36		routine	good
2/14/2015	12	-3	9		no sat maint (windchill)	fair
2/15/2015	9	0	9		Sunday no maintenance	fair
2/16/2015	20	9	28		presidents day routine maintenance	good
2/17/2015	1	-2	8		routine 4 sites open	good
2/18/2015	2	-9	-7		routine	good
2/19/2015	9	-11	-2		routine	good
2/20/2015	25	5	30		routine	good
2/21/2015	25	0	24		no maint.	good
2/22/2015	0	-9	-9		no maint.	fair
2/23/2015	23	-11	12		routine	good
2/24/2015	32	13	45		routine	good
2/25/2015	16	5	21	light snow	routine/ snow after maintenance	fair
2/26/2015	11	-3	8		routine	good
2/27/2015	15	-6	9		routine/ end of maintenance season	good



Dec- Feb
 22 sheets of
 outdoor ice are
 constructed and
 maintained, this
 includes
 10 boarded rinks

2015-2016 Season ICE RINK MAINTENANCE LOG								
Date	HI-TEMP	LO-TEMP	FI	OTHER WEATHER FACTORS	MAINTENANCE APPLIED/COMMENTS ETC.			RINK COND
12/1/2015	33	26	59	Cloudy/Warm	No frost / no building of ice			N/A
12/2/2015	36	25	61	Cloudy/Warm	"			N/A
12/3/2015	43	21	64	Clearing/Warm	"			N/A
12/4/2015	43	21	64		"			"
12/5/2015	42	38	80		"			"
12/6/2015	39	32	71		"			"
12/7/2015	44	30	74		"			"
12/8/2015	42	31	73		"			"
12/9/2015	46	29	75		"			"
12/10/2015	45	37	82		"			"
12/11/2015	39	34	73		"			"
12/12/2015	40	34	74		"			"
12/13/2015	40	38	78	Rain	"			"
12/14/2015	40	38	78	Cloudy	"			"
12/15/2015	34	31	65		"			"
12/16/2015	40	23	63		"			"
12/17/2015	29	18	47	Colder	frost starting form			"
12/18/2015	20	9	29		need deep frost and single digits			"
12/19/2015	27	7	34		"			"
12/20/2015	41	28	59	Warm	"			"
12/21/2015	34	29	63		"			"
12/22/2015	35	29	64		"			"
12/23/2015	35	27	59	Rain	losing frost if any			"
12/24/2015	27	24	51		"			"
12/25/2015	29	26	55		"			"
12/26/2015	31	28	59		"			"
12/27/2015	29	11	40		frost development			"
12/28/2015	23	10	33	Snow late afternoon	start flooding (hayes.gal.,hag.,jcrpw)			"
12/29/2015	28	19	47	8' snow in rinks	start digging out rinks 4 staff to streets			"
12/30/2015	23	12	35		resume flooding, more rink clean out			"
12/31/2015	18	5	23		"			"

Puppet Theatre and Aroma Art



We had a wonderful “37th Anniversary”- summer of Puppet Shows in 2015! Our attendance was 5,069 for the 8 weeks of puppet shows, with an average of 24.25 per each show!

The Aroma Art Program, now in its 12th year, had 2,038 participants over the 8 weeks, averaging 18.53 participants per stop. (NOTE-Aroma Art is only held at three parks per

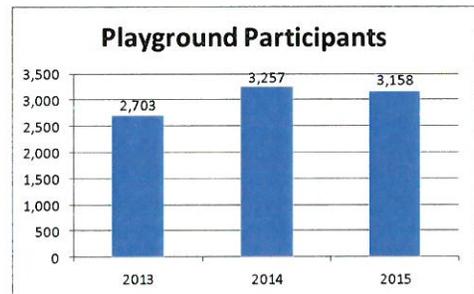
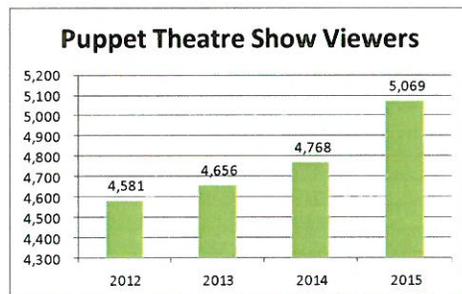
day, either in the morning or in the afternoon.) A new craft pertaining to the Puppet Show each week, is offered free of charge to those children who attend the Puppet Show. The theme was again – FAIRY TALES, and included: Sleeping Beauty, Little Red Riding Hood, Tangled (Rapunzel), Hansel & Gretel, the Princess & the Frog, Frozen, Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, and a Patriotic

Themed-Show the week of July 4th.

Our Staff in 2015 included two returning and one new member. There is a good possibility that all staff members will moving on to other opportunities next year, but, we are still looking forward to a wonderful 2016 season of Puppet Shows in the Apple Valley Parks.

Puppet Wagon shows were performed at 28 different park locations each week over an eight week period June to August

Aroma Art attendance 2,038



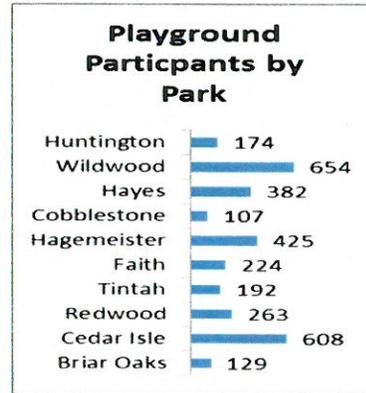
Summer Playground Program



The Apple Valley Parks and Recreation Department offers a FREE summer program for children 6-11 years old. It offers games, crafts and organized sports in a safe and nurturing environment.

Programs are held at multiple parks, four days a week for seven weeks during the summer. We have approximately one field trip planned each week in addition to our very popular summer camps. This summer we had two staff

members at each park location, one male and one female. It was nice to have multiple staff members at each park.

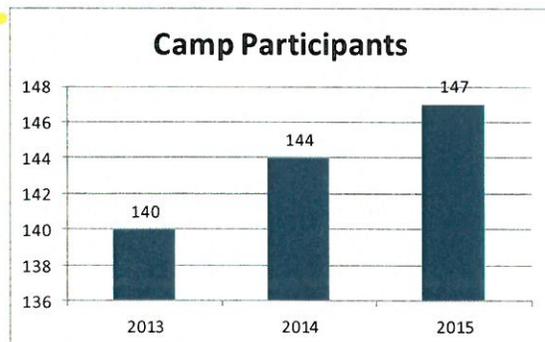
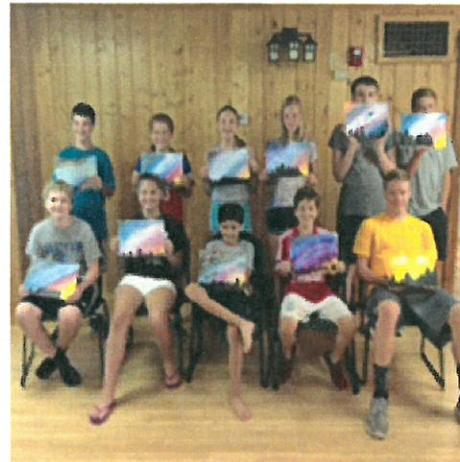


Day Camps

Our camp programs are very popular; growing and expanding every year. We continued with our "pre summer" camp this year and added a Teen Day Camp program. We evaluate and tweek our camp formats each session to keep things fresh and to make sure we are providing what the community

wants. We put a lot of time and thought into our camp programs.

Our goal is to continue to improve in service, variety and community building.



Preschool Open Gym



These cars have been popular additions in 2015

Offered every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning at the Apple Valley Community Center, this FREE program takes place 156 days each year! Open to ages 5 & under with an accompanying adult.



Preschool Open Gym is offered weekly Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays



Each week, many children gather to play with balls, hoops, scooters, and more. We have added a 9:00-9:30 a.m. opportunity for toddlers under 2 years of age to attend, before the "Older Pre-school kids" arrive.

Recreation Programs

The Recreation Division continues to offer a wide variety of Recreation Programs, year-round for all ages, from toddlers to adults, plus Parent-Child Programs and Family Programs/Events.



Seasonal Recreation Programs



Tots enjoyed classes of Dr. Seuss on the Loose, Tiny Tea Party, Little Gardeners, For the Birds, Teddy Bear Picnic, and Carnival. New classes included Bugs

Offered for the third summer was "Kidz Kan Act" for 5-8 year olds. Sixteen children registered for and performed two plays for their parents, in "Dr. Seuss Classics". In only two days, two hours per day, they auditioned, learned their lines, built two sets, made props & costumes, rehearsed and performed!

*Apple Valley's
recreation*

division offers

*programs that
are fun,*

athletic,

educational,

musical, and

artistic – we

offer something

for everyone!

WINTER 2015: During the cold winter months, Apple Valley Community Center is busy all week long with seasonal programs for tots, youth, adults and families, including: Tot's Holiday Parties, Letters from Santa, Cookies for Santa, and Skating with Santa. Breakfast with Santa has been sponsored by McDonalds of Apple Valley for more than 15 years now!

-Bugs-Bugs, Angry Birds, and Ships Ahoy.

Spring gives us an opportunity to schedule classes and activities outdoors again, after a long cold winter.

SUMMER 2015: Summer is our favorite season of the entire year – children are on summer vacation and looking for fun activities to fill their days! For our pre-schoolers, we offer additional sessions for all of our year-round pre-school classes including Critters Club, Tot's Day of Fun, Little Scientists, Icky Sticky Fingers, Ooey Goopy Art, Summer Chefs, plus our yearly favorites of Little Luau and Little Explorers.

SPRING 2015: Favorite programs offered in the springtime include: Easter Basket Delivery, Baking for the Bunny, Flashlight Egg Hunt, Egg-citing Egg-Dyeing, and Breakfast with the Bunny (also sponsored by McDonald's of Apple Valley).

Fall 2015: Along with our year-round program offerings, we added four new classes that were fun and challenging – Star Wars Adventure, Monster Mash, Minecraft, and Gingerbread Houses for Kids. These classes, plus our MEA Horse Camp led to a very successful fall season.

"Once Upon a Star" owner, Kim Maxwell, continued to offer programs that are themed, and her "Frozen-Fancy Princess Party" & Daddy-Daughter Frozen Princess Ball were among the most talked about and enjoyed new clas-



Target Center/Xcel Energy Center

TICKET BUYING OPPORTUNITIES The Recreation Division continues to work with both Target Center and Xcel Energy Center to offer discounted tickets, allowing residents to pay for their tickets on our registration website, and then pick them up at the Apple Valley Community Center. Ticket prices are discounted and don't carry additional handling fees. We reserve the tickets in advance so the seats are most often very good seats at a bargain price! 2015 January to date, we have sold 199 tickets to our residents, for 15 different events. Events include: The Harlem Globetrotters, Disney on Ice performances, Disney Live!, World's Toughest Rodeo, Championship Shootout Tennis, Trans-Siberian Orchestra, and the Amy Grant Christmas Concert.

Adult Recreational Athletic Leagues



The Apple Valley Parks and Recreation Department provides a wide variety of adult league opportunities to Apple Valley residents as well as non-residents.

(Priority status for registration is given to Apple Valley residents.) The Apple Valley Community Center is an excellent site for adult leagues plus Johnny Cake Ridge Park is used for adult softball, adult kickball and adult summer sand volleyball leagues.

Budget Summary

533 teams and over 15,869 individuals participated in Adult Athletic programs in 2015

2015 Revenues -
\$208,658

2015 Expenses -
\$123,794

Revenue over Expenses -
\$84,864



15,869 Adults served in Adult League participation and Adult Volleyball Open Gym program in 2015

Volleyball

Adult Open Gym Volleyball:

Adult Open Gym Volleyball served over 8588 individuals in its Monday, Saturday and Sunday programs. Five additional holiday "special" open gyms were also made available on normal nights that leagues would generally be held but were not, due to a holiday weekend or non school day, i.e. over MEA weekend and around other major holidays.

Mid-Winter Fest Tournaments:

As part of the 2015 Mid-Winter Fest, staff also promoted and ran a Women's and Co-Rec Adult Volleyball tournament and a Co-rec snow Kickball tournament. A total of 42 Women's and Co-Rec volleyball teams participated in this event. The tournament not only generated a \$1020.00 profit, we

also donated 580 pounds of food to a local food shelf. We also had 6 Co-rec Kickball teams compete in the snow Kickball tournament. In 2014, staff expanded the volleyball tournament into a two day event. 2014 was also the 1st year that a Co-rec snow Kickball tournament was offered. Between the two tournaments over 400 Adults participated in these two Mid-Winter Fest events.

MRPA State Volleyball Tournament

On March 14 & 15, 2015, the Apple Valley Community Center staff hosted the Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association Men's and Women's State Volleyball Tournament. 42 adult teams throughout the state (including four Apple Valley teams) competed in the two day event.

Park Attendants

Three seasonal park attendants supervise Johnny Cake Ridge Park and Kelley Parks during the summer season. Their job is to greet park guests, answer questions, provide directions, clean up parks, operate the ball field lights, handle any on site issues with the adult league programs and assist at Kelley Park for the concert-in-the-park series.

Staff Liaison

The Adult Athletic Supervisor also works closely with the Recreation Superintendent who serves as staff liaisons to the Apple Valley and Eastview Youth Athletic Associations. Those two athletic associations serve over 12,000 youth representing twelve separate sports for each association.

League Highlights

Adult Softball: while many local communities lost Adult Softball teams the City of Apple Valley added a total of ten teams (4 summer teams & 6 fall teams) for the 2015 season. Two Adult "All-City" League tournaments were also offered for in 2015. Eight Apple Valley Men's Recreational league teams participated in the summer tournament at Johnny Cake Ridge Park as well as seven Apple Valley Men's intermediate level teams participated in the fall tournament.

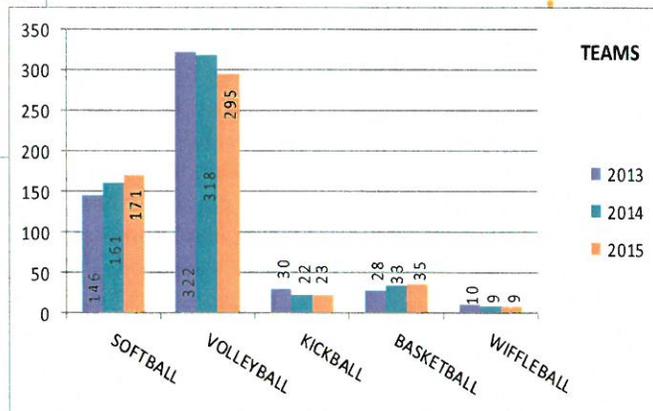
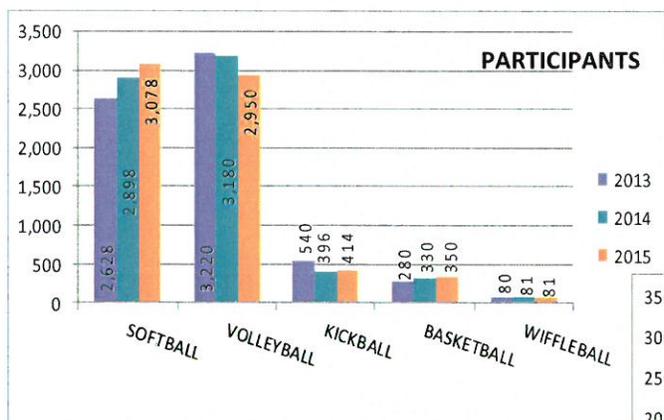
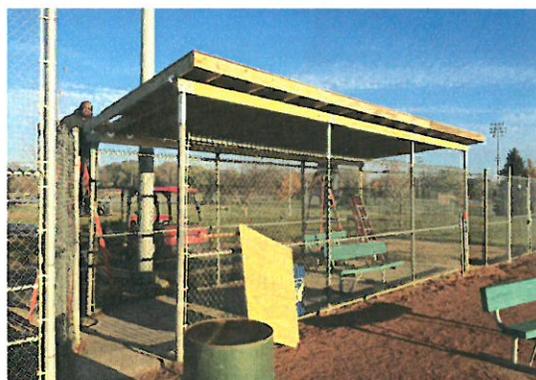
Based on 2015 tournament numbers one fall tournament will be offered in 2016 with two separate divisions to accommodate both the Recreational as well as Intermediate level teams. Also new in 2016 a fall outdoor Co-rec Volleyball tournament will be added to the

venue to create more activity in the park and at the Concession stand.

Adult Kickball: for the 2015 fall Kickball season an additional night (Wednesday evenings) was added to our programs of activities. Six new recreational teams joined this league and we hope to expand the number of teams in this program in the fall of 2016.

Adult League Promotional Flyer

In the fall/winter of 2015 an Adult league promotional flyer was developed in-house. In 2016 that promotional flyer will be distributed to local Apple Valley businesses and Churches to encourage additional participation in Apple Valley adult leagues and Open Gym programs.



Teen Center



The Teen Center is a place that teens can call their own; this building is for “teens only”. It’s a place to gather to socialize, play board games, read, participate in recreation activities, watch DVDs, play video games, dance, skateboard, play table tennis, air hockey & foosball, do their homework, and eat if they’re hungry, as concessions are provided. The Teen Center is open 360 days a year and

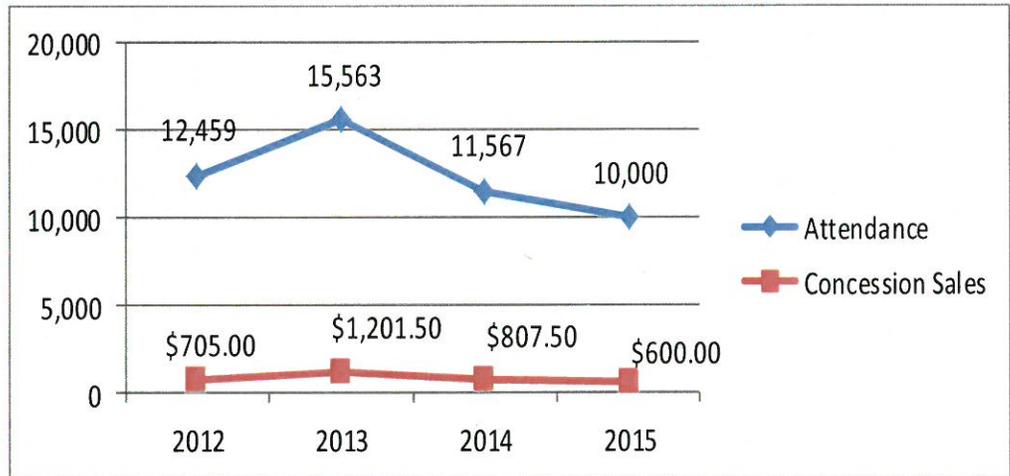
is staffed by an experienced group of teachers, recreation professionals, and other adults who bring their many talents to the job including: graphic arts, poetry, music, cooking, gardening, sports, and more.

In 2015, the Teen Center Staff changed dramatically, as many moved on to new jobs, new cities, and new opportunities, near the start of summer. It was a season of transition but in

the end, the three new staff members bring “new talents” to the Teen Center.

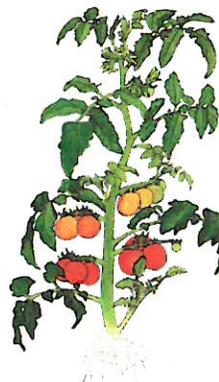


The Teen Center is over 2800 sq. ft in size and opened in 1998



Activities are beginning to take place more often again, including: Teens versus Staff Challenges (table tennis, air hockey, and some video games that the staff know how to play!); birthday party rentals; and impromptu activities with the Teens including board games, craft sessions, and chess/cribbage games being played. The Teen Center continues to be a wonderful “drop-in” facility for teens

to come to after school (especially from Eastview HS), or anytime.

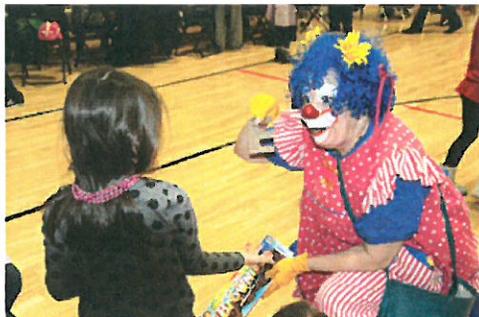


“EDIBLE GARDEN”

The Teen Center Garden has now been planted two summers. Although it is still not an easy thing to get the teens to assist with the Garden, they are learning that if they help, they will get to eat, even if it is VEGETABLES!

They are beginning to take ownership, and believe it or not, are eating what is grown!





Mid-Winter Fest

519 Lb. of food collected for the local food shelf

Our 38th Annual Mid-Winter Celebration was held on February 1-2. The event included a Medallion Hunt, Adult Snow Kickball & Adult Indoor Volleyball Tournaments, outdoor skating & XC skiing and a bonfire, a cribbage tournament, inflatable jumpers, mini golf, entertainers, face painters, and an evening performance by Patty Peterson & Friends at Valleywood Golf

Course. We added concessions by Carbone's, Lunch with Klondike, a TC Medallion Hunt, Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides, a Pickleball Tournament on Friday, a Senior Arts Showcase, an AVHA vs EVHA Mites Hockey Jamboree, a DJ in the gym, and additional entertainers throughout the building. The 39th Annual MWF Celebration will be held on February 6-7, 2016.



Freedom Days

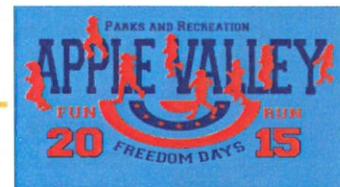
The 2015 Freedom Days celebration featured many family-friendly activities and events:

- Classic Car/Motorcycle/Truck Show and Business Fair
- Youth Golf Tournament
- Kids Fishing Derby
- Seniors Music Concert
- Family Fun Night, with Kids Parade & Petting Zoo
- Carnival, Midway and Rides
- Fourth of July Fun Run
- Fourth of July Parade
- Fourth of July Entertainment & Fireworks



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FREEDOM DAYS:
 June 26 - July 4

Freedom Days (cont.)



Fun Run

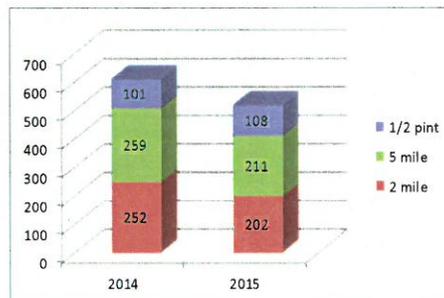


The 36th Annual Freedom Days 2-Mile & 5-Mile Races were held on Saturday, July 4th, 8:00am start at Hayes Park.

The 2-mile race had 202 runners, with 101 males & 101 females. The 5-mile race had 211 runners, with 114 males and 97 females.

We also offer a FREE "Half-Pint Half-Mile" Run for youth 10 years and under. This year we had 108 youth runners, all of whom received a Participation

Ribbon at the FINISH Line plus some cool Freedom Days trinkets and candy... We also awarded 1st Place Trophies to the 1st Boy & Girl to cross the finish line.



Senior Center



The Senior Center's rain garden is located on the west side of the building

The Senior Center is a 21,000 square foot facility that provides modern amenities and areas for meetings and special events with seating for up to 220. The Parks and Recreation Department markets the facility to possible rental groups and utilizes the facility to serve the recreation-

al interests of our senior population. There was continued growth with Senior Center Membership. In 2014 there were 935 members. Presently there are 985 members. There was also growth in recreational offerings at the Apple Valley Senior Center. Some of the new programs and activities that were offered in 2015 include Tai Chi, Honoring Choices, Senior Coloring Group, specialized Spanish instruction and

a month-long holiday gift exchange. Rental groups included churches, scouts, family celebrations, business meetings, and educational seminars.

The Apple Valley Seniors organization is headed up by volunteer committees.

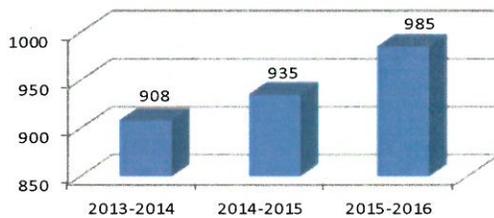
Primary Committees include:

- Executive
- Finance
- Social & Recreation
- Education & Service
- Membership



Senior Center Membership

July 1-June 30



2015-2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- President:** Jeannine Churchill
Vice-President: Dick Geiger
Secretary: Judy Adkins
Treasurer: Wes Hasbrouck
Assistant Treasurer: Ron Butler
Member at Large: Linda Holle

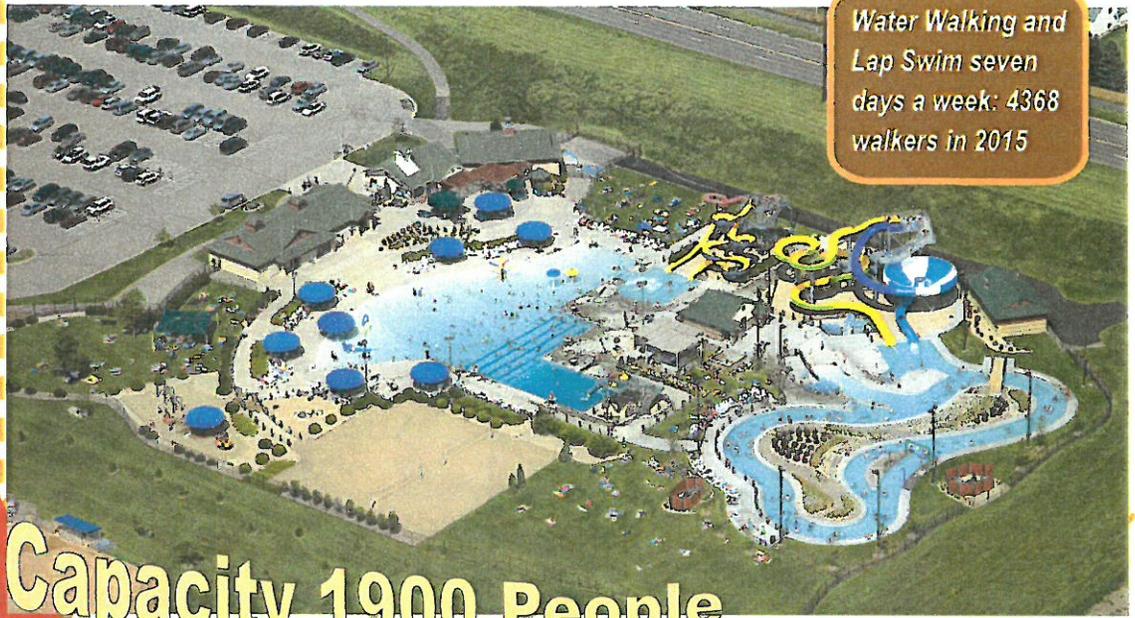


Some of the Seniors' Activities

- Yoga
- Zumba Gold
- Zumba Gold Toning
- Wii Bowling
- Senior of the Month
- Spanish Lessons
- Driver's Improvement Courses
- Painting Classes: Water Color, Acrylic & Oil
- Line Dancing
- Bike Group/Club
- Tap Dancing
- Military Support Group
- Minnesota Law Project
- Insurance Counseling
- Segway Tours
- Water Walking
- Lap Swimming
- Back to School Supply Drive- Westwood Elementary
- Pickleball Lessons
- Mitten Tree
- Toys for Tots
- Table Tennis
- Ladies Pool
- Morning Stretch
- Bridge
- Happy Stitches
- Quilting Bees
- Pinochle
- Cribbage
- Hand & Foot Cards
- Donated Bread Program
- First Edition Book Club
- Gather Around Music
- Mah Jongg
- 500 Card Game
- Hardanger
- Knitters & Crochets
- Feed My Starving Children
- Men's Breakfast
- Women's Breakfast
- Members Bingo
- Dominoes
- Blood Pressure Checks
- IMAX Coffee & Show
- Trips and Catered Lunches
- Computer Classes
- Veterans Day Program
- Holiday Parties



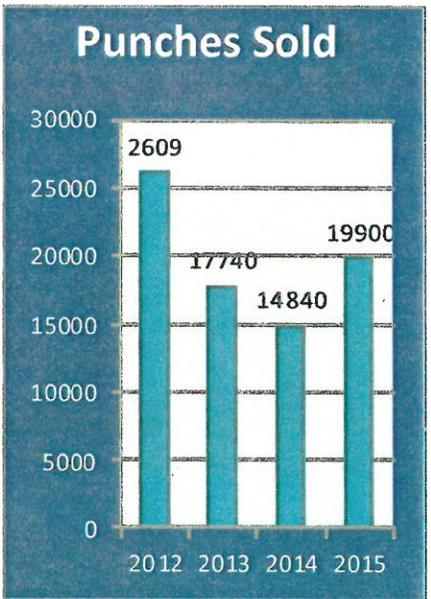
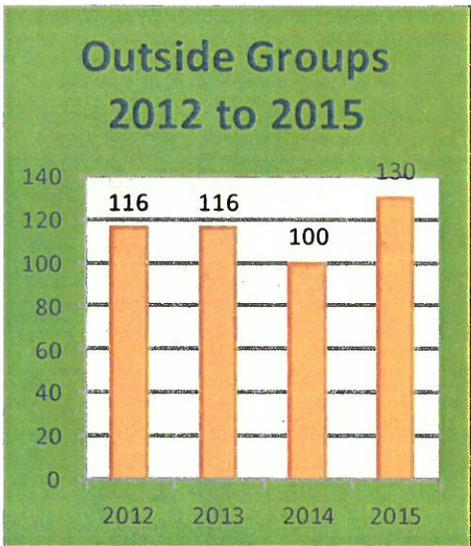
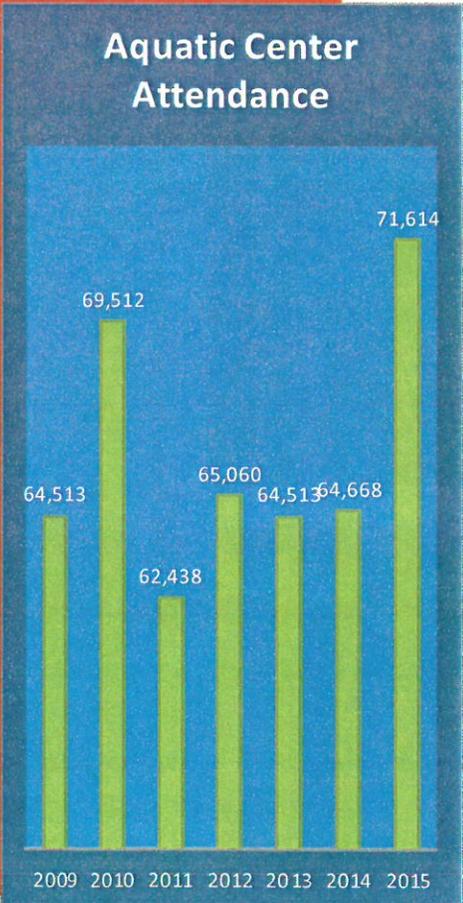
Family Aquatic Center



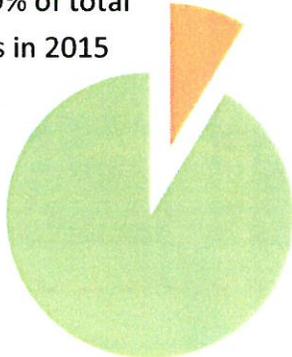
Water Walking and Lap Swim seven days a week: 4368 walkers in 2015

Record Attendance in 2015!

Capacity 1900 People



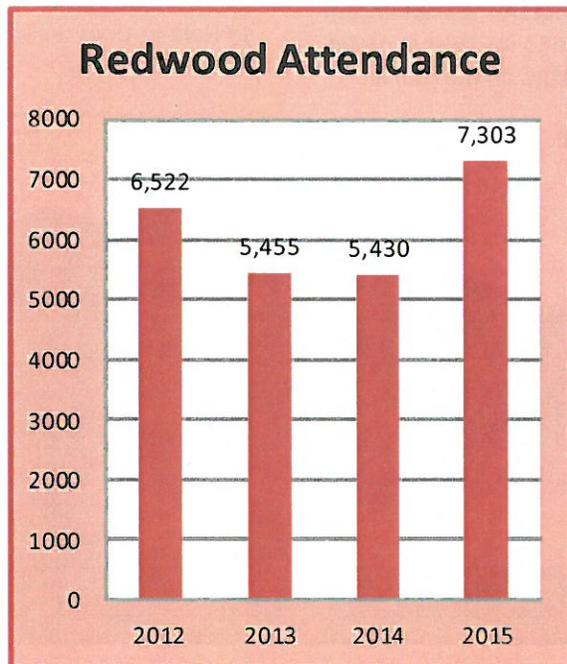
Group entries were 9% of total entries in 2015



Did you know...

Outside groups are most valuable on days with marginal weather, since families may change their plans on a cooler day, but groups will come out regardless.

Redwood Pool



93

Ninety three Lifeguards from both facilities trained and recertified here in 2015.

46

Forty-six pool rentals in 2015. For groups, sports teams, families this is an inexpensive option to rent a pool.

51

Fifty-one years of Redwood Outdoor Pool, the teaching and training facility for the Aquatic Program. The third generation is now being taught to swim at Redwood by teachers who themselves learned to swim at Redwood.



Valleywood Golf Course



Widely recognized as one of the premier public golf courses in the Twin Cities area. Located on 190 acres of rolling hills with eleven water ponds and majestic stands of trees. Valleywood gives the feel of a country club at a daily fee rate. The course is surrounded

by nature. It's not uncommon to see deer and wild turkeys on the course.

18 Hole-in-Ones registered this year!



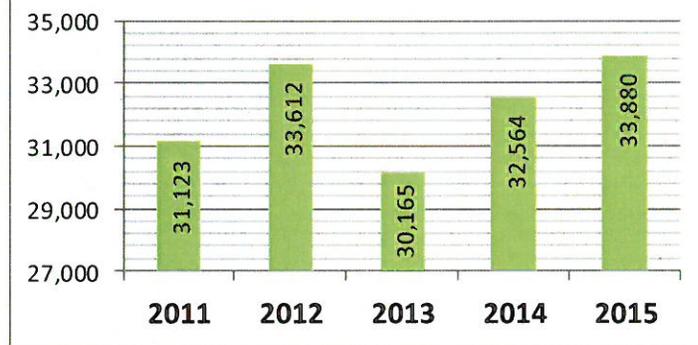
153 Season Passes
and 238 Patron
Cards sold

Nine weddings and
six ceremonies
were held at the
course

Hosted 5,264
guests at non-golf
related events



Rounds of Golf



Frozen Apple Concert Series

Sat., January 17 -
NEW SOUND UNDERGROUND

Sat., February 7 -
FRED STEELE

Sat. March 7-
MICHAEL MONROE

MGA “Member Club of the Year”

Valleywood was awarded Minnesota Golf Association’s (MGA) “Member Club of the Year” award at the association’s 115th Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner held November 2, 2015, at Oak Ridge Country Club in Hopkins. The award recognizes Valleywood as one of the Twin Cities’ premier golf venues, home to several imaginative,

innovative junior and adult player development programs.

Valleywood is one of a very few public golf courses to have received this award. Most recent recipients have been Rochester Golf & Country Club, Baker National Golf Club, and Brackett’s Crossing Country Club.

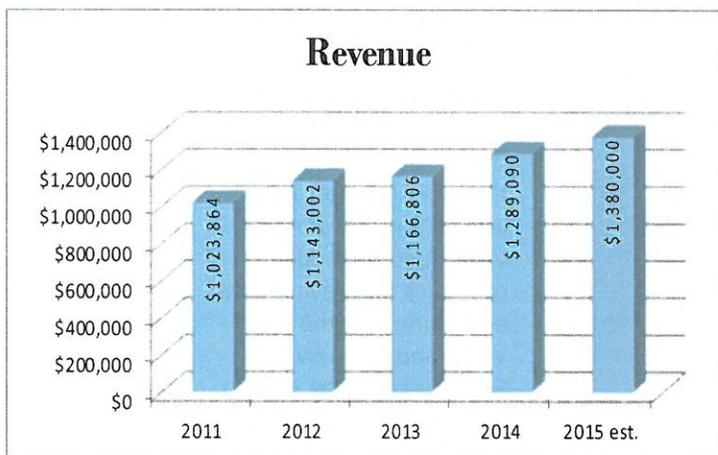


Food & Beverage

- Biggest selling food items— 1,084 hot dogs and 704 brats
- Most popular plated dinner— 213 Monterey Stuffed Chicken and 197 Pork New York
- Most popular service style for tournaments—grill out buffet
- 406 Bloody Mary’s
- 355 Chicken Bacon Wraps

• 1,278 Tap Pours of Summit EPA

• 489 Purple and 865 Red PowerAdes



Cross-Country Meet

Valleywood hosted the Section III cross country meet on Thursday, October 29. There were over 200 competitors representing 16 schools. In addition, approximately 700 spectators attended the two races to cheer on their student athletes.



Sports Arena

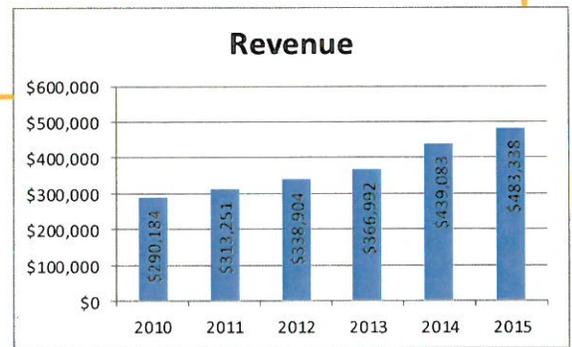


The Apple Valley Sports Arena is jointly owned with the Independent School District 196 and is connected to the south end of the Apple Valley High School. In the winter fall and winter season the arena primarily serves the skating community and High School gym activities. The Sports Arena is converted to indoor tennis courts for the spring and summer seasons.

This year the Arenas saw about 5,800 hours of use for our ice, turf and tennis courts, resulting in just over a 9% increase in rental revenue for our facilities from 2014 to 2015. Overall, from 2010 to 2015 the arenas have seen a 40% increase in rental revenue.

Arena staff has taken over the concession stand operations at both Arenas. Hayes

Park Arena housed a great existing concession area that made for a seamless transition for us. At the Sports Arena we had to get creative, a concession trailer was purchased and we have put it to good use! Through December 2015 the concession stands have brought in about \$17,000 in gross revenue.



Ice Logos

For the first time ever staff painted the ice instead of the concrete flooring during the ice installation at both arenas. The City of Apple Valley logo was added at center ice for the first time ever along with the Apple Valley and Eastview High School logos in the neutral zones. The ice painting is done in a series of steps

shown in the picture below. First, we put a thin layer of water to level the surface of the concrete, then three coats of white paint are sprayed on the ice. Once the white paint freezes, three coats of clear water are sprayed on the white to seal the paint in.

Following the clear coats, the logos and lines are hand painted using paint brushes. Once the painting process has been completed we slowly build the sheet of ice to 1.5 inches to be ready for our first customers.

It takes about 10,000 gallons of water to complete the process for each rink.



302 Skating Lesson Registrations

Hayes Park Arena

Hayes Park Arena is located on city property adjacent to the Apple Valley Community Center/Senior Center complex. In the summer, fall, and winter seasons the arenas primarily serve the indoor ice sports community. The arena is converted from ice to turf to host spring activities and back to ice in June for summer, fall, and winter rentals. Staff has implemented an advertising program for Hayes Park Arena. We have started to sell

advertising space within the arena. So far we have one dasher board ad and a scoreboard ad in production to be installed as soon as the ads are received from our vendor.



Participants Served by the Arenas

- Apple Valley and Eastview High School boys and girls hockey teams
- Over 340 participants in our Learn to Skate program
- The Apple Valley and Eastview Hockey Association's practices, games and tournaments
- Apple Valley High School gym classes
- Many community families for public skating
- Adult tennis leagues and lessons
- Valley Athletic Association tennis lessons

Concessions

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Recycling

This spring Hayes Park Arena received a grant from Dakota County to implement a recycling program to help reduce the amount of waste from the arena going to the landfill. With this program we have added mixed recycling and composting. All products that we use in the concession stand to serve on are compostable. We also received a water bottle filling station as part of the grant.

The filling station has seen a lot of use throughout the season. It has been a great addition to our arena and has saved about 14,000 plastic bottles from going to the landfill and recycling centers to date.





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MISSION STATEMENT

To provide recreation and leisure opportunities which:

- Promote positive growth of individuals and communities.
- Contribute to the social, physical, educational, mental, emotional, cultural, and general well-being of the community and its people.
- Help people achieve fuller, happier, and more harmonious and effective lives.
- Promote family units and develop understanding and positive interaction among people.
- Provide adequate physical facilities and program opportunities, which encourage people of the community to become more self-sustaining in their leisure.
- Preserve and hold for the future our natural environment to assure freedom of choice in recreational experiences.

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