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Executive Summary

The Community Development and Recreation team spent the month of September wrapping up our summer activities and preparing for the fall and winter activities. We are proud of the diverse range of programs and events that we offered and feel that we successfully fostered participation and enjoyment within the community. The feedback we received from our community has been overwhelmingly positive which only emphasizes the importance of these activities and how they impact our community's well-being.

We are now shifting our focus to fall and winter programming. Planning is underway with a menu of activities that includes recreational leagues, holiday-themed events, and family-friendly workshops to support the well-being of our community during the colder months. Overall, our commitment to providing recreational opportunities remains at a high-level priority and we look forward to another successful season.

Projects and Tasks

- **Program/Event Development**
 - Hosted a Dream catcher workshop with a full class of 15 participants!
 - Laser Tag has been a huge hit with the community
 - Collaborating with local partners to implement additional senior programs
 - Planning for fall/winter programs
- **Facility Improvements**
 - Lighting above skating surface upgraded – the rest of the lights will be completed in 2025.
 - Deep cleaned facility which provided us with more storage spaces (rooms that once were not used because of an abundance of clutter now usable)
 - Electrical work throughout the facility – cameras, new monitors for advertising, kitchen upgrades
 - Kitchen Exhaust fan repaired
 - Compressor & Motor 2 on the skating ice plant were replaced
 - Dugouts on diamond 1 were removed and will be rebuilt in spring of 2025
 - Phase 1 of Irrigation project complete
 - Fire suppression system inspected and deficiencies repaired
- **Social Media & Marketing**
 - New monitors installed at RecPlex for more advertising opportunities and to enhance communication with public
 - Preparing skating schedules to be shared with public
 - Establishing a YouTube/tiktok/Instagram presence
 - Website upgrades
- **Community & Economic Development**
 - Working with developers as well as community members to provide funding through the Housing Accelerator Fund
 - Re-establishing Community Safety and Well-Being committee
 - Grant applications for facility upgrades and program initiatives are being researched and applied for
 - Budget and Capital Project planning