Notice of City of Lancaster
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Date: Nov. 5, 2026
Time: 5:00 PM
Place: 206 S. Madison St, City Hall – Council Chambers

Members: Kate Reuter (chair), Brandon Klaas, Tiffany Kramer, Ashley Krantz, Rod Slaght

Agenda:

1. Call meeting to order
2. Roll call
3. Committee minutes of Aug. 10, 2026
4. Updates
   - Fall recreation
   - Dog park expansion and lights
   - No parking zone on Cherry St.
   - Pickleball
   - Other
5. Pool and Summer Recreation
   - Financial report and possible action
6. Discuss 2027 Fee Schedule and possible action
7. Schedule next meeting/future agenda items
8. Adjourn

City of Lancaster Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Date:Aug. 10, 2026
Place:206 S. Madison St, City Hall – Council Chambers

Agenda:

1. Meeting **called to order** at 5:15 p.m.

2. **Roll call**
   Members: Kate Reuter (chair), Tiffany Kramer, Ashley Krantz, Rod Slaght (quorum)
   Absent: Brandon Klaas
   Staff: Emily Fecht, Michael Kuchta, James McCartney, Teresa Muldoon
   Public: Jeff Farrey

3. **Committee minutes of June 15, 2026:** motion by Slaght, second by Kramer; approved on voice vote

4. **Discussion of pickleball courts and draft MOU:** Lancaster Pickleball Association filed a preliminary site plan for the northeast portion of Schacht Field. Site plan will have a public hearing and be reviewed by Plan Commission on Sept. 14. Staff drafted the outline of an agreement between the city and the association. In essence, city would provide the land; association would build the courts and related facilities, cover all maintenance for 10 years, then turn courts over to the city. Farrey estimates construction will start in spring, and that courts definitely will be usable next year.

5. **Discussion of projects with youth organizations and possible action**: LYBSA is seeking permission to proceed with three ballfield projects in the Memorial Park. City authorization is required in its MOU:

   - Lights: Would replace lights and poles on main diamond. Estimated costs: $25,000-$29,000. Association plans to seek Community Foundation grant and is lining up in-kind donations from Scenic Rivers, ECM, and several electricians.
   - Grading “Little Arrows” field: Bailie Excavating would do work for free; city staff has to ensure that sewer and stormwater lines are not affected.
   - Batting cages: LYBSA would purchase and install cages on each side of second diamond.
   - Motion by Krantz, second by Kramer to authorize improvements proposed by LYBSA; approved on voice vote.
   - Baus Field: Youth football association still considering adding shed to store equipment.

6. **Updates**
   - Summer recreation: Overall, revenue is down about $10,000 from same time last year. Daily pool admissions are down about $8,000, annual pool memberships are down about $3,000, and donations are down about $1,500. Revenue from recreational programing is up 13%. New offerings of nature camps and crochet were well-received. Participation in swim lessons is up about 7% despite fee increases; swim team participation is down 49%.

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- Pool: Fecht said she does not believe fee increases for swim lessons and for swim team affected enrollment. She believes drop in swim team and overall attendance is direct result of Platteville opening its new pool this season.
- Dog park expansion and lights: City received a $15,200 Community Foundation grant to pay for fencing to expand the dog park. Reuter asked staff to get estimates for lights so she can approach an interested donor.
- Old bathhouse roof replacement: City Council approved bid from Classic Construction; waiting for work to be scheduled. Fecht will bring plan for building upgrades to next meeting.
- No parking zone on Cherry St. Police chief is recommending “no parking” on north side of Cherry St. near ball diamonds to eliminate congestion and increase visibility. Required change in ordinance could go to Council on Aug. 17
- Other: McCartney gave updates on vandalism and pool incidents. Kramer asked about land surveys for Klondike Park parcels.

7. **Next meeting/future agenda items:** Tentatively set for Monday Oct. 5 at 5 p.m.
8. **Adjourn:** Motion by Slaght, second by Krantz to adjourn at 5:48 p.m.

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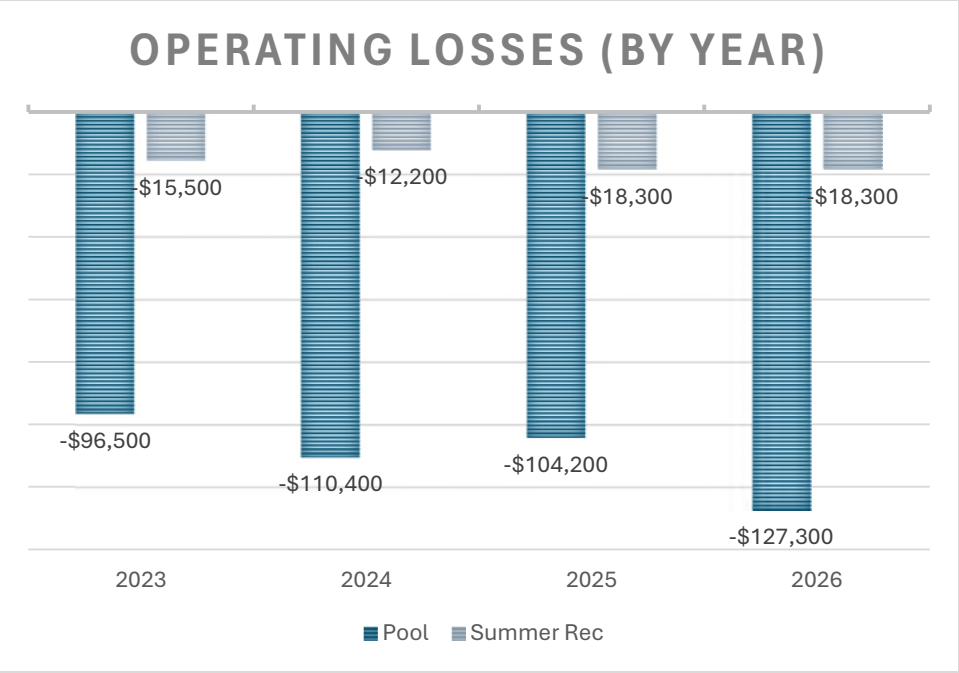
2026 through 2027

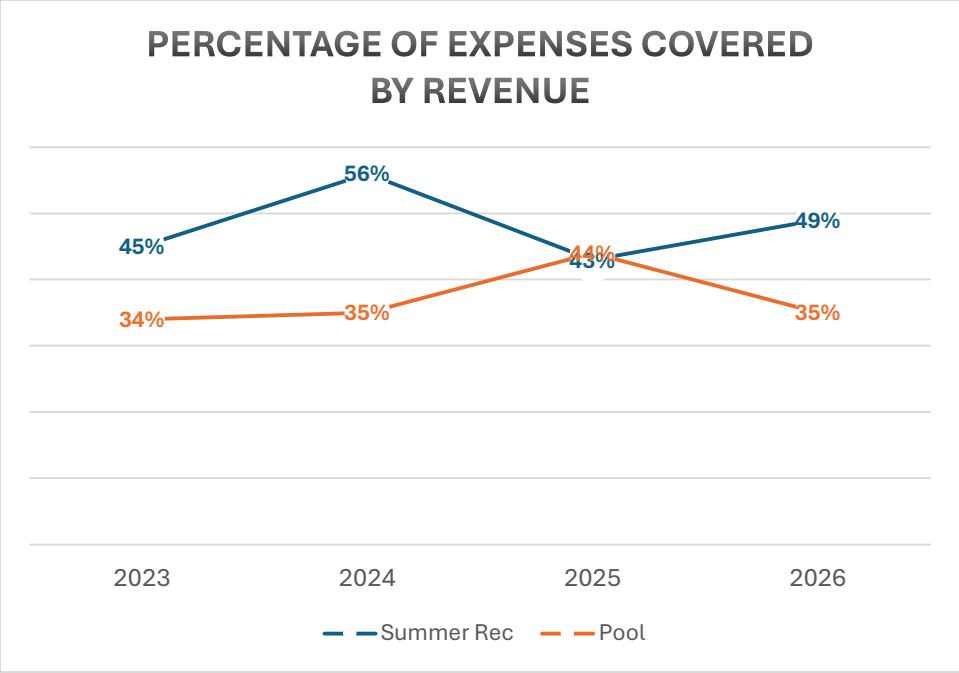
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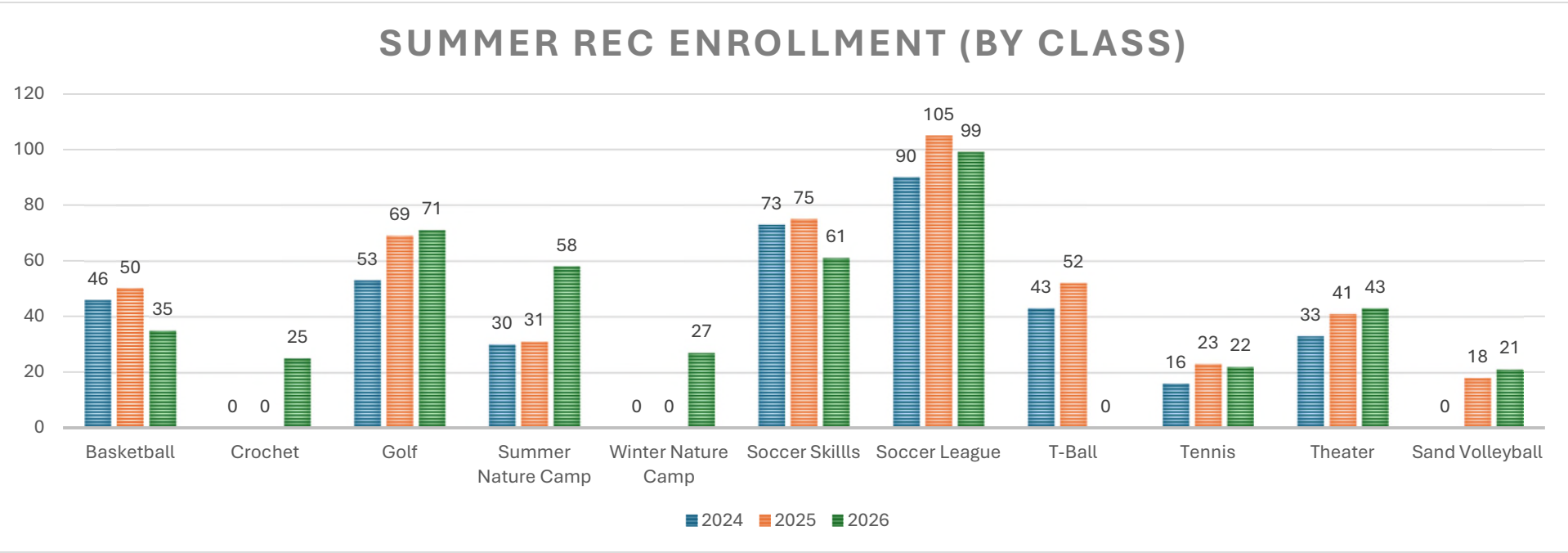
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Projects By Department

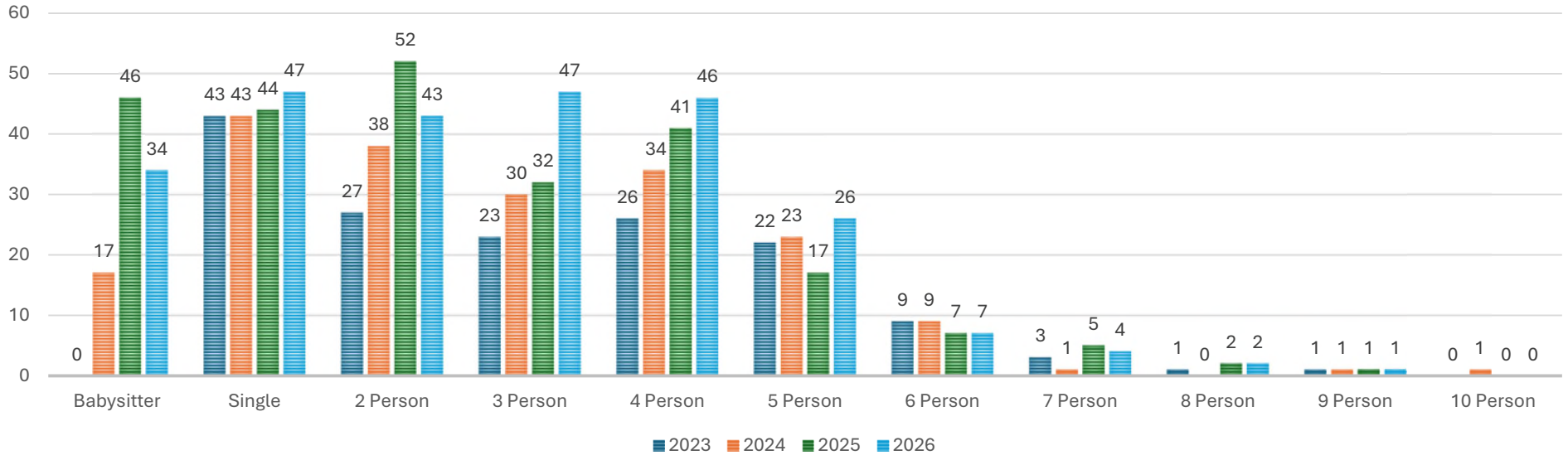
Department	Project # Priority	2026	2027	Total
Parks & Recreation				
Ball Diamond Lights			80,000	**80,000**
Klondyke Park Buildings		25,000		**25,000**
Memorial Trail Extension		80,000		**80,000**
Old Bathhouse Roof Replacement		27,000		**27,000**
Pool Painting		43,000		**43,000**
Toro Groundmaster 4000-D (T4)		95,000		**95,000**
Parks & Recreation Total		**270,000**	**80,000**	**350,000**
GRAND TOTAL		**270,000**	**80,000**	**350,000**


OPERATING LOSSES (BY YEAR)
-$15,500
-$12,200
-$18,300
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-$96,500
-$110,400
-$104,200
-$127,300
2023
2024
2025
2026
Pool
Summer Rec

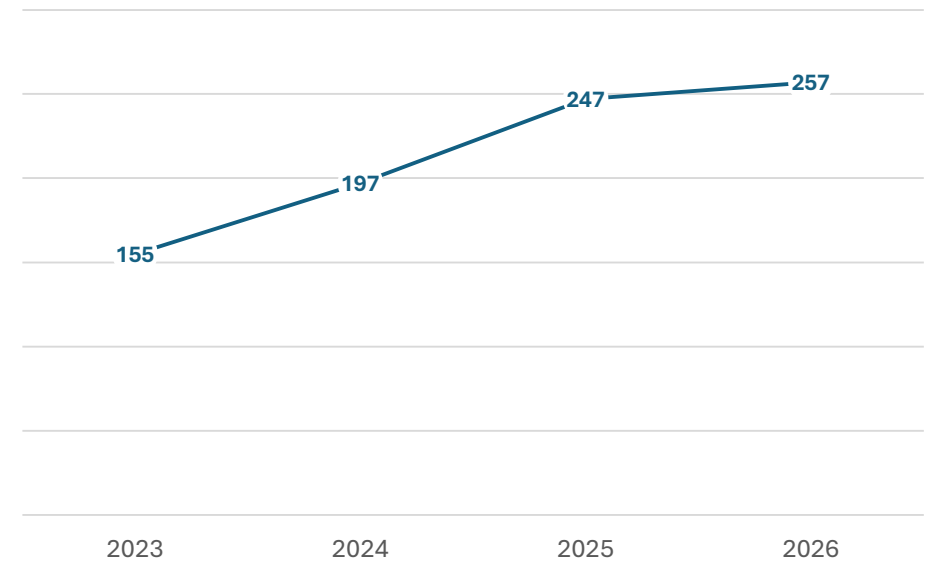

PERCENTAGE OF EXPENSES COVERED BY REVENUE
56%
45%
49%
44%
43%
34%
35%
35%
2023
2024
2025
2026
Summer Rec
Pool


SUMMER REC ENROLLMENT (BY CLASS)
120
100
80
60
40
20
0
46 50 35
0 0 25
53 69 71
30 31 58
0 0 27
73 75 61
90 105 99
43 52 0
16 23 22
33 41 43
0 18 21
Basketball
Crochet
Golf
Summer Nature Camp
Winter Nature Camp
Soccer Skillls
Soccer League
T-Ball
Tennis
Theater
Sand Volleyball
2024
2025
2026

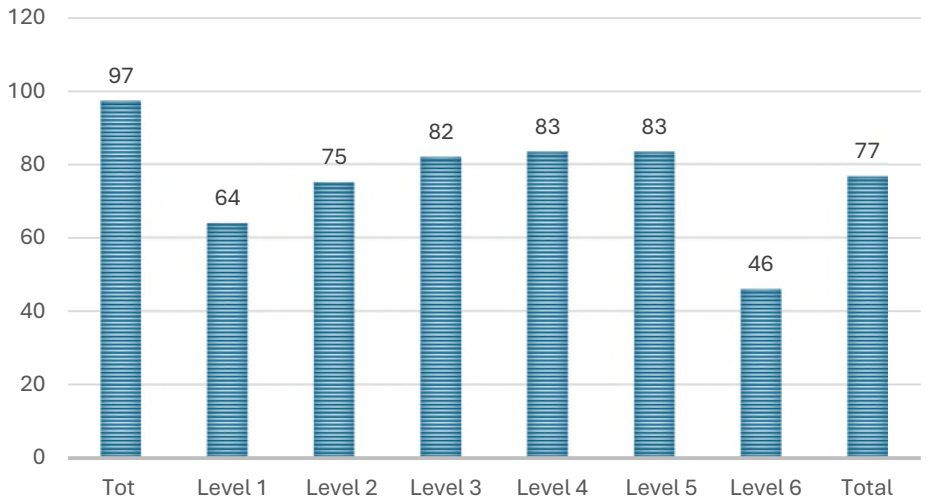
POOL SEASON PASSES (BY TYPE)



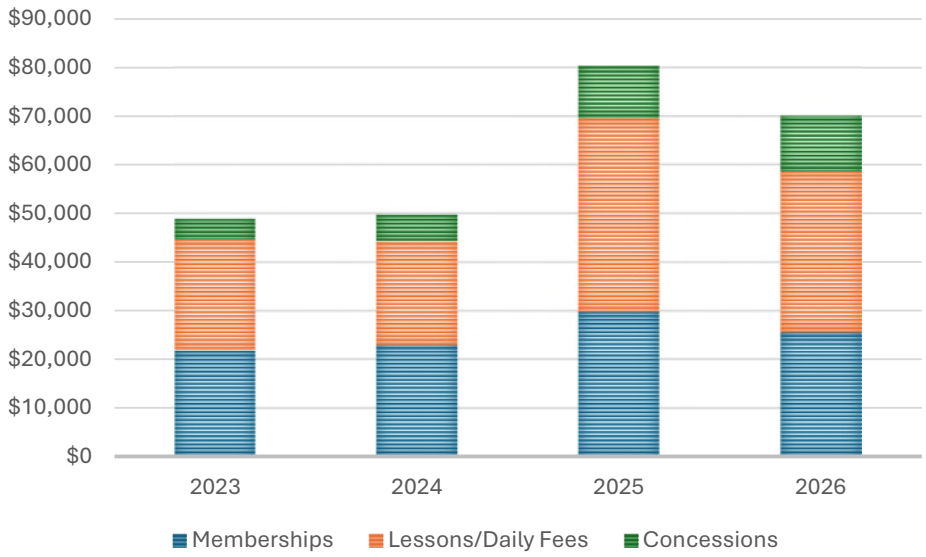
SEASON POOL PASS SALES (BY YEAR)



SWIM LESSONS: PERCENT CAPACITY (2026)



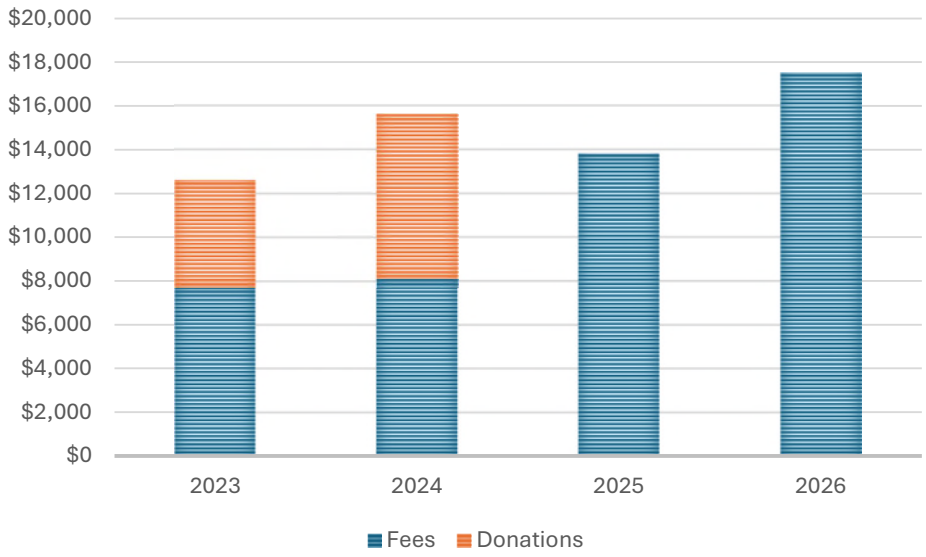
POOL REVENUES



POOL EXPENSES



SUMMER REC REVENUE



SUMMER REC EXPENSES



PARK & REC DEPARTMENT FEES	2026	2027 Proposed
Pool		
Season Pass	$85	$100
Additional cost per person for a Family Pass	$25	$30
Babysitter Pass: Must be present with Family Pass member	$25	$40
Swimming Lessons		
Levels 2-6	$40	$40
Parent-tot/Level 1 sessions	$20	$30
Private	$30	$50
Swim Team (per person)	$60	$70
Daily Individual (Children 2 and under free)	$5	$6
Pool Rental per hour	$200	
Recreation		
Basketball: Boys & Girls 2nd – 8th Grade	$20	
Children's Theatre: Boys & Girls 4K – 8th Grade	$20-$25	
Golf: 3rd - 8th Grades	$25	
1st - 2nd Grades	$15	
Soccer League	$35	
Soccer Skills: 4K - 8th Grades	$10-$15	
T-Ball: 4K-Kindergarten	$15	
Tennis: 2nd - 8th Grades	$30-$50	
Nature Camp	$15	
Credit Card Fees	*3% surcharge*	
Rental (Daily)		
City Hall Room: Senior Center, Council Chambers (No charge	$50	
Ball Diamond (per field)	$75	
Ball Diamond Prep Fee (Chalking & Raking)	$100	
Football Field Lining	$100	
Klondike or Schreiner Park *(add Ryland Park?)*	$100	
Park Shelter: Sonny, Spring, Bathhouse (No charge non-profit or on federal holidays)	$50	