

CAP Director's Report 5-14-2014

Youth Center

The Youth Center averaged 29 kids in April! Numbers are down slightly from the winter, but are still ahead of last year. We averaged 20 in April of 2013.

Seniors

The April luncheon had 39 seniors in attendance with entertainment from an upright bass player. We also had 30 attend the May luncheon where the High School Jazz Band performed.

Park

The park opens on Saturday, May 24, with free admission. We have assigned 4 employees internally, as well as hired 3 new employees. New this year, we will be hosting Kids Days on Tuesdays, offering free admission for kids under 12.

Aquatics

The Underwater Egg Hunt was successful with around 80 patrons attending the event and a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny.

The current session of swim lessons has 103 participants and will be finishing up the first week of June.

Lesli and Bridgette had a meeting with Randy Staubli and Mark Worthing to look at long term maintenance needs, and clarify district/CAP responsibilities for maintaining and repairing the facility. It was a productive meeting for both parties.

CAP CARE

CAP CARE is starting the Youngstar rating process again this year. Gina from 4C will be working with us again to help us maintain a 5 star rating.

We currently have 58 kids enrolled in CAP CARE for the month of May. The state inspector came through on Thursday, May 8. She is pleased with the overall program. She will be checking further into the requirements for making sure the pool is secure from children; this is an issue we addressed with our previous inspector.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry had a busy day on Saturday, May 10; the first garden meeting of the year and US Postal Drive were held.

We had 3 new volunteers (along with many returning) come out to the garden to help clean, weed and we got some cherry tomato plants planted; which are very popular with the clients. Raquel Parish will be taking elementary students out to farm the next couple of weeks to plant more in the Food Pantry Garden. Emily Klingbiel has a college student that needs hours so they will be helping in the garden, and also will be able to fill in where needed. It looks like we will have a great group of individuals volunteering!

The US Postal Drive was successful as well! Last year we collected 2,200 pounds of food and miscellaneous supplies; this year we collected 2,700 pounds!

Last month we averaged 27 families per open night at the Food Pantry.

Community Café

The May Community Café was hosted by the CAP Board and staff and we served 187 community members!

Youth Athletics

We currently have 25 participants registered for Coach Pitch and 15 for T-ball. These numbers are lower than last year, but anticipate they will get larger as school comes to an end.

The dugout canopy project at the NMS and Pony fields is near completion. The canopy construction of the structure was completed by Action Fence. In addition to the structures, Action Fence took a small section of the preexisting fence along the south end of the property line and adjusted it to allow for additional clearance for maintenance and EMS/ Fire equipment. Wind screens and safety netting have been ordered and should arrive soon.

Little Ladies Running Club will participate in the "Run for Soul" 5k in Whitewater on Sunday, June 1st. There are 16 girls that will participate.

Again this summer we will be working with the CHS volleyball coaches to offer a girl's volleyball camp. The camp will take place August 4-7 at the CHS.

Adult Athletics

A former instructor, Kayce Holoubeck, has returned to CAP. She will be offering a new fitness class this summer called Cardio Groove.

Registration is open for summer sand volleyball league and we are currently recruiting teams.

Other Programs

The Touch-a-Truck and Bike Rodeo were held on Saturday, May 10. We had great weather and a great turnout! We gave out 150 free bike helmets that were donated by Habush, Habush, and Rottier, and Fort HealthCare. We also gave away 6 bikes to children that participated in the event.

The weight room project was scheduled to begin on May 14, but our flooring has not yet arrived. Flooring is expected to be here by the end of the week and install is now scheduled for May 21. Equipment will arrive shortly after and we plan to open by mid-June to the community.

On Tuesday, May 13 we collaborated with the District, Cambridge Wellness Collaborative, and the Dane County Sheriff's Dept for a Bike to School event. The event encouraged students to bike or walk to school and we provided a safe route and volunteers to get there. Healthy snacks were also provided to children when they arrived to school. We had over 100 students ride their bikes!

All staff training is scheduled for Saturday, May 31 from 8:30 – 4 pm. We will start the day with team building activities, policies/procedures, and a scavenger hunt. We will then head to Second Harvest in Madison for an afternoon of volunteering.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bridgette Hermanson, Executive Director