

January 2022

Winter is generally a slower time for the PArks Department, but January saw a lot of activity with youth programs and projects. The foremost of these is the youth basketball program, which is in full swing with the AYB and ASYB programs. The older players are finishing up their regular season and will be starting their playoffs in the first week of February. The younger players will continue their skills and drills activities through February 19.

The Pirone Park Playground remediation and rebuilding project continues to make progress. The Committee put together by the Parks Department has been meeting regularly each Friday to review the project and work on various aspects of it. Most of the initial work revolved around the remediation and finance aspects, and will soon be moving to planning the design of the replacement structure. Much of this will include community outreach through public meetings, surveys, and other public engagements.

The skating rink has had marginal success so far. Weather has been pretty good for most of January, with a few warm patches and wet snow making skating conditions less favorable. We will continue to resurface the rink when possible, but so much of the quality of the ice depends on the external conditions that vary so much this time of year.

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