

Recreation Programming Report – November 2014
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Adult Basketball League – The adult basketball league began on Sunday, November 2, 2014. There are eight teams in the league. Due to the success of the first pre-league clinic for officials last year, a second one was held in late October for officials working in this year's league. The clinic was led by Jim Harding, a respected veteran MSHSL basketball official, to better educate on rules, procedures, making calls, concussion management, etc. Jim was also present at the first game that each person officiated and acted as a mentor before, during, and after the game. Games are played on Sunday evenings in the Northfield High School gym. The league will continue until late February.

Swimming Lessons – Red Cross swim lessons began on Monday, November 3rd. Lessons take place at the Northfield Middle School on Monday and Thursday evenings. Enrollment is down from last fall by about 15 participants. At this point it is assumed that this decrease is due in part to the Northfield YMCA now offering swim lessons. Private swim lessons continue to be popular. Lessons are held at the Senior Center pool during open and family swim times. Uses of the AmericInn Hotel and Suites, the Northfield Middle School and the Senior Center pools have been important collaborations in the success of all swimming lessons.

Other Fall Classes:

- **Tae Kwon Do & Gumdo** – These classes begin on Tuesday, November 12, 2014 at Sibley Elementary. Tae Kwon Do & Gumdo continue to be popular classes and generally have a very steady and consistent participant base.
- **90's Jam** – This workout class began on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 and is part dance fitness, part reminiscent fun. It combines all of the 90's hits with medium-impact cardio and toning.
- **Pickleball** – Pickleball is growing! This is the third session it has been offered in the Northfield community, and enrollment continues to climb from when it was first offered in the spring of last year. Twenty-five participants are currently attending the fall 2014 session held at Northfield High School on Thursday evenings. Pickleball will end on November 20th, but will resume after the New Year. The program will be held at Bridgewater Elementary on Wednesday evenings throughout the winter and spring.
- **Northfield Skating School** – Fall classes end November 23rd. Due to an increase in enrollment from the fall of last year, a second set of group lessons was added to the current session. There were 54 participants this fall as compared to 31 last year. Skating is offered throughout the winter and will be included in the Community Services winter/spring brochure set to be released near the beginning of December.

Baby Report: Erin mentioned that for the October report, she filled you in on baby Alexa news. Alexa continues to grow and is now two months and over 10 lbs. She is doing well at daycare, and absolutely loves to smile. Dad is already trying to make her move and perform as someone might expect a five year old to do. I've had a great time transitioning back to work. It is exhausting attending to a baby's every need around the clock, thus a computer screen and running around handling program needs is quite refreshing these days! An evening out at the Park Board meeting is just what I will need on a monthly basis.