

The Evergreen Park Recreation department employs a staff of 2 full time and 1 part time employee in our office. We have 35 - 55 part time, seasonal employees. We also use the services of private companies, and independent contractors for some of our classes and programs. We strive to significantly contribute to the quality of life in Evergreen Park.

Our ice rink was open from December 10, 2020 through March 7, 2021. We were one of the only rinks open this year due to COVID restrictions, and that helped us immensely! We had over 200 private rentals this season, for a total of just under 320 hours. We charge between \$150.00 - \$175.00 an hour. For the general public, we ran “learn to skate”, open skate, rat hockey, and “stick and puck” programs. Our total revenue for this skate season was, over \$54,000.00. To add a little perspective, 2019 – 2020 season we hosted 26 private rentals, with total revenues of, under \$12,000.00.



In the spring, (March – May) of 2021, we offered 20 different classes for adults and children. We broke our dance program into two sessions, October through December of 2020, and the end of March through May of 2021, with a scaled down culminating show at Mother McAuley High School, on May 21. We had 165 dancers enrolled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> session.

Our preschool opened on August 24, 2020 with limited class sizes of 12 students. Children and teachers wore masks, the students temperatures were taken upon entering the building, and their hands sanitized. Children were seated 6 feet apart, 2 per table, with a plexiglas divider on each table. Each student had his/her own container with crayons, pencils, glue stick, and scissors. Again this year we had a “drive thru” graduation in our parking lot. The police and fire departments were there with lights flashing. The Mayor, Clerk, parents, grandparents, and siblings all participated. We made it through the year without a COVID case.



We hosted a modified Easter parade, we had a Bunny drive thru on Thursday, April 1, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The children were able to see and take a quick picture with the Bunny, and receive a goody bag. It was a very popular event.

We also offered 12 sport classes, enrolling over 250 children between the ages of 2 – 14 years old. Our spring soccer program had a total enrollment of just under 250 players.

For adults we had 150 participants in our BASICS, Cycle, PIYO’G, Tai Chi, and Yoga classes. Pickleball is continuing it’s popularity with over 30 players, and Sip and Paint had over 25 budding artists out over 2 different nights.



This summer, we ran over 30 assorted activities for our resident children and adults. We continued to follow current COVID protocol, so our indoor classes were limited in numbers.

We enrolled over 500 children in our sports classes and camps, most of which were in our parks.

Full-day, Mini, and Preschool camp saw an attendance of approximately 160 campers between the ages of 3 – 14 years old.



Our art programs were successful with over 40 children participating.

Our very popular dance program had 25 differently themed camps with 10 – 15 dancers in each camp. All dancers and instructors wore masks and social distancing was observed.



The driving range has been open year round during the pandemic, as it's outdoors, and the bays are 6 feet apart. It operates credit card only during the colder months. It is staffed from April through the end of October. Of course, Gino works the range all year long, as the balls need to be picked up, washed, and the machines filled. We host 4 adult disk golf tournaments in the summer/fall months, and 3 high school cross country meets. Our total receipts for 2020 was over \$103,000. We are on track to make over \$115,000 this year.

For the adults we offered BASICS, Cycling, PIYO'G, and Tai Chi, exercise classes with over 100 attendees. Pickleball, again a favorite with 20 players. Sip and Paint night brought about 20 painters, and our popular Sand Volleyball league saw 180 participants, running on three nights.



We also offered 4 free summer concerts, 1 each month, June, July, August, and the culmination in September with "Rich Daniels and the City Lights Orchestra", and a large fireworks display at 50 Acre Park. All 4 were very well attended.



This fall, we are back to advertising in our fall/winter program book. Typically, we offer classes with a 6 – 8 week duration. We have found offering short sessions, serve to keep the payments to a minimum, and allow the participant to try a new class or two. Preschool and dance are exceptions. Preschool runs from August to May, and dance runs from October to the culminating show in April.

We currently have over 80, 3, 4, and 5 year olds in our preschool program. We have added an Instagram account for our preschool parents. The teachers add pictures daily, so the parents get to see their children at work in the classroom.



Our dance program has about 220 dancers in creative movement, tap & ballet, jazz, and musical theater. The dancers range in age from 3 -17 years old.

Our children's sport classes continue to be very popular. We offer Parent and child classes with about 40 participants. Archery, Basketball, Fall soccer, Tae kwon do, Tumbling, and Volleyball have over 500 players. Children's art, drama, and magic classes have about 60 students enrolled.



We again offer adult exercise classes, such as BASICS, Cycle, PIYO'G, Tai Chi, and 3 Yoga classes, gentle yoga, beginning/continuing yoga, and power yoga.. We have approximately 250 participants in those programs, and 20 for Sip & Paint and Pickleball.

The Recreation Department Candlelight Theatre program made the best of it with most of the year closed to live audiences due to Covid. Theatre volunteers went to work on producing twenty episodes of "The Candlelight Revue" variety series that ran on the web site during Fall 2020 and Winter 2021, keeping our local performers (young people and adults) busy, but in a safe environment. They were able to raise the curtain in late September with the classic comedy "You Can't Take It With You"; three weeks later, we hosted "FantaSciFest", a festival of comics, fantasy, games and pop-art. We are ready soar in 2022!



We had our first Oktoberfest, October 2, the weather was not very co-operative, but it didn't seem to affect our attendance. The Fire Department, Youth Department, and Baraccos all sold out of their menu items. We are working on our annual Dickens Christmas in Evergreen Park on December 4, followed by the Mayors Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, also on December 4. We will again be offering "Sounds of the Season" at Most Holy Redeemer Church on December 19.