

Recreation Report to Mayor and Council:

- Our spring swim lessons, set to start in April, have completely filled up. Our swim program has expanded immensely this year. We hope to have a similar response to our summer lessons.
- The Easter Egg-Stravaganza is scheduled for April 4th at 11am in Bates Park. The event will be similar to a spring carnival this year in lieu of just the egg hunt that we have had in the past. We are going to have the egg hunt, a petting zoo, snow cones, popcorn, face painting, and a moonwalk. Our hopes are to make this a better opportunity to bring the community together to kick off the spring season, instead of the come-and-go format of the past.
- We hosted our third Rec Out event this month with a better turnout than the previous sessions.
- We begin our Mommy & Me Spanish classes this month.
- For the first time we have a youth class, “Young Artists” that has completely sold out. We will be experimenting with this niche, as it is apparently an interest of our community.
- I have applied for a grant through the National Parks & Recreation Department to purchase an after school/summer camp program titled, WiseKids. The objective of the course is to better educate our youth about wise decisions concerning their diets and levels of physical activity. We have considered the program in the past, but it has been cost-inhibitive. This would be a great opportunity for our department. The grants are awarded by June 2009.
- We recently had our multipurpose rooms repainted; our patrons and staff have enjoyed the update. While painting, the rust issue in the natatorium was also addressed and the garage doors have been repainted as well.
- Membership slightly decreased this month, but we see this trend annually and contribute it to patrons that decided not to maintain their “New Year’s Resolution”.