

SUMMER 2026

LEISURE SERVICES

MONTHLY MINUTE

PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

July

The Power of Connection:

Parks and recreation provides spaces where relationships grow, cultures meet and communities bond.

The Power of Play:

From playgrounds to programs to youth sports, play fuels creativity, joy and lifelong learning.

The Power of Community:

Public spaces offer room for everyone to gather, celebrate and heal.

The Power of Nature:

Access to nature restores, inspires, and improves quality of life.

The Power of Belonging:

Welcoming parks and programs provide spaces where everyone feels valued.

The Power Of Well-Being:

Parks and recreation advances health, resilience and shared community benefits.



Thanks to a generous Community Foundation grant, our amphitheater has received a fresh coat of stain, helping preserve this cherished gathering space for concerts, events, and community memories. During Parks and Recreation Month, we're celebrating the places that bring people together—and the partnerships that help keep them thriving.



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After more than **10 years of dedicated service**, Commissioner **Derek Solheim** has announced his resignation from the Leisure Services Commission as he prepares to move out of the area. During his time on the commission, Derek generously shared his thoughtful perspective and unwavering support to help improve our parks and recreational opportunities. Reflecting on his service, Derek said he enjoyed learning about all the amenities our city has to offer and considered it a privilege to play even a small part in making our park system stronger for the community. We sincerely thank Derek for his years of dedication and his lasting contributions. We wish him all the best in this next chapter!

Big Shoes To Fill

With the upcoming vacancy on the Leisure Services Commission, we're looking for a community member who is passionate about bettering our community through park and public space improvements and future planning.

Applications are available online at www.waverlyia.com under the Boards and Commissions page. If you're interested in serving and making a positive impact, we encourage you to apply.

For more information, contact Leisure Services at 319-352-6263.

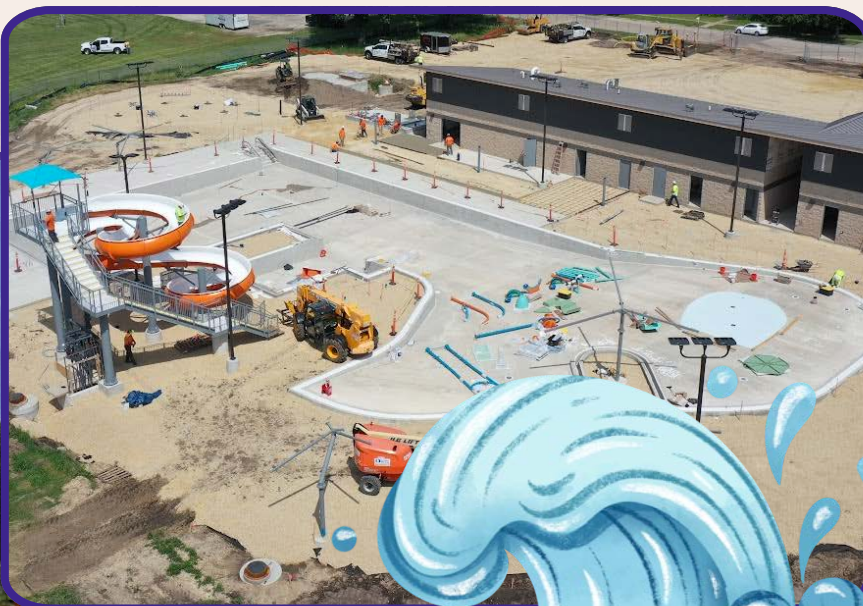


NO DIVING YET BUT...
WE'RE DEFINITELY

making

waves

The pool slide has landed, and the concrete deck is taking shape one pour at a time. It's safe to say this project is really coming together.



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