

## Parks and Recreation November Monthly Report

In November we kicked off our cheering and basketball season. For basketball our older teams 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade started this month, while our younger teams will be starting in January. We have 6 teams this year which is amazing! We will be hosting games every Saturday and some Sundays from December through March. Our competitive cheering team also got started with 28 girls that will be broken into three teams. After many years of saving and fundraising we have ordered new cheer mats for the program to use. We have been fortunate to use the high school's mats since the start of this program 9 years ago. This is no longer practical with cheering practices being moved to the elementary.

The obvious highlight of November was the Parade of Lights coming to Winslow and the events that corresponded with it. We had Storytime in the rec center with Ms. Jenn, free popcorn and hot cocoa, reindeer to visit, and of course the gazebo lighting. This event was very well attended. Most residents were happy with the parade starting on this side of the river and those that were veterans to the parade said the line up was seamless. There were some neighboring concerns that we plan to address in a post parade session with everyone involved.



In November I attended an MRPA conference on gender specific programming. There was great discussion on where the direction of gender specific programming is heading. An example of this is Parent and Child dance vs Father and Daughter dance. We were able to discuss as directors the pros and cons of mixing genders in sports teams and how to show our programs as a safe space for all children.

Respectfully submitted,

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