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Subject: Community Center Newsworthy

- Community Center Events

It was another busy month in the Community Center for both private rentals and public community events. The holiday season brought in events including MGCO's Breakfast/Lunch with Santa, Real Estate Nation Doughnuts with Santa, Maple Grove Rotary fundraising gala, SEEK Homes Christmas concert, Carousel Christmas craft show, and Northwood Church Christmas Eve service. In December, there were 74 birthday parties, meetings, and community gatherings on weekends alone.

- Private Maple Maze Rentals

The Community Center offers private rental options of the Maple Maze on Saturdays and Sundays at designated times, and are very popular for birthday parties. What was previously known as the early bird birthday party package is the Sunday morning private Maple Maze rental. The \$155 package includes 1 hour of private play time from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. and 2 hours of party room time from 8:45 to 10:45 a.m. This party option in particular has always been popular, but staff has seen an uptick in bookings, making this package booked out completely through mid-February.

- Private Gym Rentals

Staff is continuing to see an increase in private gym rentals since reducing the open basketball time and making other adjustments in fall 2021. Looking forward to the spring, almost every weeknight is rented consistently from December through March. Rental groups include private basketball teams, private pickleball groups, volleyball clinics, and youth basketball leagues.

- Grove Cove Aquatic Center

Winter break was a very busy time at the MGCC! The facility was busy open to close, and many families enjoyed the maze, pools, gym and arena. Staff put in lots of extra hours to keep the

facility safe and clean, and to make concessions available for patrons in the pool and arena areas at the MGCC as well as at Central Park.

With college aged staff home for break we took advantage of the extra staff power and did additional training with our Head Lifeguards.

- Ice Arena

December 27 – 29 we hosted the Premier Holiday Classic in the Grove high school tournament. Eight JV and Varsity teams were represented. Bringing in approximately 4,000 spectators. We are hopeful this tournament will return next year.