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Subject: Community Center Newsworthy

Community Center

- MGCC welcomes its newest exclusive caterer, Adama Restaurant, to provide East African cuisine to the community. The first scheduled event with Adama Restaurant catering is a graduation party for 200 on Saturday, June 18. We expect Adama Restaurant to cater more events at MGCC, fulfilling the community need for African food. This restaurant is our first caterer added under the open catering policy approved in November 2021. Exclusive caterers now include Adama Restaurant, Holy Land, Lookout Catering, Lynde's Catering, and India Spice House. Two other catering applications have been received, one African caterer denied due to insurance requirements not met, and one Indian catering application currently processing.

Link to catering menu <https://adama-restaurant.business.site/>

Arena

- The Ice Arena reopens on June 13. During the shutdown staff were able to tackle many projects.
 - Removed bleacher coverings and washed bleachers to allot for new covers to be installed this summer in the east rink
 - Removed ice and touch up painting on rink surface in both rinks
 - Painted interiors of all locker rooms in both rinks
 - Painted locker room door frames in west rink
 - Painted white wall in the west rink
 - Power washed west rink bleachers
 - Painted stairwells in the west rink
- Rebranding painting project wrapped up in the east rink on June 6. Staff will continue to work with the contractor on punch list items.

Aquatics

- The outdoor pool opened with pre-season weekend hours of 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. on May 29. The opening was delayed on Monday, May 30 when staff discovered loose main drain covers in the outdoor pool. Staff worked to obtain the correct hardware and secure the drain covers per code and were able to safely open the pool for the remainder of the day. With the warm weather, many patrons took advantage of being able to enjoy the outdoor pool! The outdoor pool will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. beginning on Friday, June 10. Lifetime is working to replace some sections of concrete on the outdoor pool deck prior to that date.
- Beach opened Saturday, June 4. At this time, we don't have enough guards to work out there to cover weekends. We are trying to arrange coverage for programs and rental groups.

New signs were installed at Weaver Beach to easily allow the public to see if a lifeguard is on duty, beach rules and swim area map.

Aquatic staff continue to recruit new staff but we are still falling short. Currently there are 32 lifeguards typically we need 50 – 60 to keep all pool features open and increased summer hours staffed. We are still offering free lifeguard training classes to all that apply and commit to working for Maple Grove.

Memberships

- We are seeing memberships rebound this year. As of June 1, 2022, we have 897 active members compared to 561 in June 1, 2021. Hopefully we will continue to see an increase as the year goes on.
- Since implementing NCHA insurance reimbursement program in December 2021 we have 25 members enrolled in the service.