

**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Tuesday, December 3, 2013**

Tuesday, December 3, 2013, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7pm. Members present were Steven Brooks, Gene Burt, Carmen Daniels, Doug Stahlgren and Julie Wright. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the November 2013 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle stated that the basketball teams and cheerleading have all begun practice. All but the instructional level basketball teams will begin playing games on Saturday December 7th. This year there will be 187 youth participating on 20 teams in basketball. This is a nice increase over 18 teams and 160 players in 2012. They will be cheered on by 16 enthusiastic young ladies in the cheerleading program. The volleyball teams will begin practicing in mid December and games will begin after the first of the year. There are four teams projected with 41 players registered.

The youth boosters did not meet in November but will have a potluck dinner on December 5<sup>th</sup> for SYB members and volunteers to give thanks for all their collective support for the organization and its mission.

Registration has begun for the Winter Racquetball League and Women's Volleyball League.

- A Giving Tree has been placed in the lobby of the Community Center and decorated with special ornaments as it has in the past. Anyone interested in participating may select an ornament that will have an item that a needy child has requested. Once the item is purchased, it should be returned wrapped or unwrapped to the Community Center with ornament attached by December 6<sup>th</sup>. This program is done in cooperation with SOS. Mayor Webster explained in detail the Springdale Offering Support adopt a family program and the number of people it has served.

The annual seniors Holiday Luncheon will be Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> at Vincenzo's Ristorante Italiano. The entertainment will be provided by Ricky Nye, a talented vocalist who will sing all the holiday favorites.

The seniors will have an Afternoon at the Movies on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. They will see the Christmas movie "Prancer". Popcorn and apple cider will be provided.

- The Veterans Day Ceremony took place on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at the memorial. The featured speaker was Larry Dupree of "Taps for Veterans" organization. He explained the history of taps and the mission of their organization. Fourth graders from Springdale Elementary sang the national anthem and other patriotic tunes.
- The annual Christmas Tree Lighting was held Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30pm at the Municipal Building. The Springdale Elementary first graders sang carols and welcomed Santa. Refreshments and treats were served.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The Parks Department received the donation of six relatively large trees through the Taking Root Campaign. They have been planted at various locations in neighborhood parks and the Community Center.

The Parks Department will be taking delivery of a new 72' mower this week, replacing a unit that is over 15 years old. The mower will be equipped with a snow plow to effectively plow the municipal complex.

**Upcoming Dates of Interest**

- a) Christmas Eve - open 9am – 5pm**
- b) Christmas Day – closed**
- c) News Years Eve – open 9am – 5pm**
- d) New Years Day – closed**
- e) Spring Sports Registration begins – January 2nd**