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PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON OUTDOOR SKATING RINK CLOSURE PLAN

Parks and Natural Resources Commission to review at August 17 Meeting

The Burnsville Parks and Natural Resources Commission will review a plan to discontinue operations at 12 unstaffed pleasure rinks and one staffed pleasure rink at their Monday, August 17 meeting held at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Burnsville City Hall, 100 Civic Center Parkway. The commission will hear public input as part of the review process for the plan.

The decision to reduce the number of outdoor skating rinks was one of several decisions made by the City Council on May 26 as part of a wide-ranging \$3.5 million budget adjustment. As part of that plan, the Council endorsed the continued outdoor skating operations at 13 parks, including all 12 sites that have hockey boards, warming houses and lights, as well as, the West Buck Hill Park pleasure rink. Criteria chosen for parks involved with the closure plan include attendance numbers and proximity to other facilities that can be used as an alternative.

Parks involved in the outdoor rink closure plan include Burnsville Heights Park, Chateaulin Park, Colonial Park, Highland View Park, Kelleher Park, Krestwood Park, Nordic Park, Oak Leaf West Park, Parkwood Park, Tennesioux Park, Valley Highlands Park, Westview Park and Wood Park.

The City of Burnsville has notified residents who live near these parks of the meeting and ways they can share their thoughts on the matter. Others are invited to attend the PNRC meeting to share their thoughts or contact Terry Schultz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources at 952-895-4504 or terry.schultz@ci.burnsville.mn.us.

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