

# CLARESHOLM RECREATION

## June – August 2024

### Recreation Report



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## ARENA

- Claresholm JR A Hockey
  - The Claresholm JR A team has narrowed the Name the Team choices to 3, Thunders, Stampede, and Rustlers
  - Community Group meeting scheduled August 13, 2024 6pm at the Claresholm Arena
- User Meeting Scheduled August 13, 2024
- Community Sporting Recreation
  - Welcoming Claresholm Sport evenings: have been in partnership with Claresholm Community Badminton.
  - Claresholm Rec has hosted Tuesday afternoons with an open sport time, there have been a few attendees
- Claresholm Skating Club may not use their ice slot Mondays and Wednesdays due to difficulties finding a coach. Recreation has assured the Skating club that they would have the same ice slot available for the 2025-26 season if they are unable to fill the coaching slot for 2024-25.
- Calgary Hockey teams have reached out for bookings, unfortunately there have been scheduling conflicts due to the City hosting a U18 tournament on the same weekend we had scheduled an out of town tournament.
- Claresholm Minor Hockey is still unsure of their numbers for this season, they are hoping to have a full roster from U7-U18, but registration numbers were low as of the end of July.

## CAC

- Remaining summer lessons are almost completely booked. Increases to promoting of our lessons have helped fill some gaps
  - Private lessons will be put in place if lessons do not fill
- Training session for guards were scheduled periodically through July to ensure quality instruction
- Claresholm Kraken Swim meet, scheduled June 21 & 22 had 220 swimmers, plus numerous officials and
- Claresholm FCSS has stepped up to sponsor Saturday 1-3 pm Public Swims until September long Weekend
- Guest Aqua Healing Instructor has been scheduled through the summer to promote a possible new program for Seniors and those with different mobility issues and rehabilitation.
- Lifeguards have been out and about town, promoting public swims and lessons, and joined the Claresholm Fire Department at the Spray park July 30, 2024.
- The pool and hot tub were down from July 30-August 6. The Chlorinator required repairs, the hot tub remains closed until parts are in.
- The Claresholm Aquatic Centre program guide has been delayed and will be available to the public before the end of August

## Gardens

- The Towns gardens have benefited from the recent rain. The corner beds continue to bloom, and the fresh mulch has really helped keep them looking good.
- Removal of Juniper bushes allowed for transplanting perennials, and the creation of a new garden across from Dollarama, next to the xeriscape garden.
- Telus planters have had the soil amended, and new perennials added with the assistance of Rosemary Wishart, previous Garden Club founder.

## Garden Series & Water Barrels

- The Claresholm Social Club has reached out to ask for more Garden sessions.
- We continue to have people request rain barrels, although it has finally subsided
  - Public works has accrued 20 barrels from the Water Plant
    - Tap kits can be ordered for ~\$15, the barrels will be sold during next springs Rain Barrel blitz
    - Have reserved 30 rain barrels and 10 totes for 2025, the supplier was apologetic for not making our community a priority for 2024

## Bark Park Committee

- The second meeting of the Bark Park Committee was scheduled for June 20, 2024
  - Committee has been voted on, Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary are currently filled.
  - First order of business was the removal of Foxtail within the Bark Park & adjacent. With Parks Staff on board with cutting the Foxtail down and with the help of volunteers there were approximately 30 bags of Foxtail collected.

### Claresholm Skatepark

- The skatepark is complete, the Skate Park Association began their society officially in 2018.
  - Newline Skate took all ideas and incorporated them into a facility that youth of all ages and abilities, whether bikes, scooters or skateboards and have created a park that has already become a gathering space for youth within our community.
- The Skate Park Association will continue to fundraise and work to create pathways, landscaping, and sponsorship signage.
- Skate Park Signage is currently in the works.



### Fair Board - Bench Show

- Posters and distribution of catalogs for the bench show & Garden Competition
  - 11 entries for the Yard and Garden Competition, the most registered in years
- Will be assisting with bench show registrations
  - this is my 13<sup>th</sup> year judging the youth art section.

### Fair Days: Promotion & Participation

- Painted downtown windows for Fair Days
- Joined 1140, 99.7 Sun Country High River Radio Show August 7 with the engagement coordinator
  - Looking to run ads throughout the week
  - Will be live on location Friday August 9, 2024 at the Claresholm Museum
- Will be assisting with Amundsen set up, Pony Rides, Pet Show etc.
- Badminton, pickleball & volleyball will be available at Amundsen Park Saturday August 10

### Southern Alberta Summer Games; SARA-Southern Alberta Recreation Association

- The Southern Alberta Summer Games SASG was held July 3-6 in Coaldale
  - Role, as a member of the Board: Provided an official presence throughout the games. In the event of a protest, or to ensure parents, coaches participants were following the games code of conduct.
  - Tour of Coaldales new Recreation Centre, and High School "Shift Recreation Centre" a joint venture with the Town, School Division and Community Sponsorship and support.
- This games was the first one since the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SASG in Pincher Creek in 2019
  - There were 1800 participants.
  - The MD of Willow Creek came home with 46 medals, 1 Gold, 15 Silver & 20 Bronze

