

## Discovery Park - Open House

The Park and Recreation Commission will be hosting an open house on February 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Mayer City Hall/Community Center located at 413 Bluejay Avenue, Mayer, MN. This year, the City will be removing the old play structure at Discovery Park and replacing it with a new one. Residents are welcome to attend the open house to comment and provide feedback on the concept plan for the park.

## Park Memorial Benches

The Park and Recreation Commission is promoting memorial benches in the City parks. It is a great opportunity to recognize a friend or loved one.

With your donation, the City will construct and install an attractive bench with a commemorative plaque. Benches are made out of recycled materials and installed on a concrete pad.

The plaque will be the size of 3” tall and 6” wide.

A donation cost is the actual cost of the bench, plaque, and installation - \$500.00

Please contact the City Administrator for additional information at [Margaret.mccallum@cityofmayer.com](mailto:Margaret.mccallum@cityofmayer.com) or by phone at 952-657-1502.



## Adopt A Park Program

The Park and Recreation Commission is looking for volunteer groups or individuals to adopt one of the four park in the City.

The Adopt-A-Park program is a fun, educational and worthwhile program that helps to make our parks even more sage and beautiful.

Responsibilities include picking up litter at the adopted park at least twice a year.

The City asks for a commitment to the chosen park for at least two years.

The City will provide an “Adopt-A-Park” sign with the volunteer group’s name. The City will also provide all other items necessary to clean the park including gloves and bags.

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## **West Ridge Park is an accessible and inclusive park!**

In 2018, the Park and Recreation Commission made it a priority to create an accessible and inclusive park.

An inclusive playground is an environment that allows everyone, regardless of ability, the opportunity to play. This involves creating a rich sensory environment that allows the child to develop physically, socially and emotionally.

In 2019, the Park and Recreation, focused on funding a parking lot at West Ridge Park, with a trail to the playground, that would allow for residents and visitors a place to park and access the park.

The City and the Park and Recreation Commission is excited for these new additions and hope that you enjoy the new amenities at West Ridge Park!



## **West Ridge Park will get a Gaga Pit this spring**

In 2020, West Ridge Park will be getting a Gaga Pit. There is currently a Gaga Pit at Old School House Park.



The Park Commission's goal was to have this amenity at two parks within the City.

A Gaga Pit is traditionally used for the game Gaga Ball. The game combines dodging, striking, running and jumping, with the objective of being the last person standing. Players hit a ball at each other with their hands and are eliminated if the ball strikes them on or below the waist.

For more information on Gaga Ball, visit [www.gagaballpits.com](http://www.gagaballpits.com)

## **Old School House Park - Ice Rink**

The Public Works Department has been flooding the ice rink for weeks. There have been some setbacks in opening the rink due to various weather events. Nonetheless, the Department has been flooding the rink almost on a daily basis to form a solid foundation for a good rink.

The City will keep residents updated on social media with regards to when the rink will be open to skate on.

The City is hopeful that the rink will be available and open soon!

