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Notice of a General Rate Increase

We are not entirely sure when we last reviewed our overall rate structure at the Rec Center, but it has been at least ten years. This probably was not a good idea in retrospect as our costs have increased markedly over those years and attempts to keep rates down have exhausted savings. We are now at a point where we have no choice but to increase rates if we want to keep the doors open.

One good outcome regarding this process is that it gave us a chance to reflect and adjust rates in keeping with our mission to serve our community through maximum access regardless of ability to pay. Our focus on youth and a healthy community should drive decisions regarding rates. So, it came as a bit of a surprise when appraising our rate structures to find that we had strayed from this mission with short sighted (in retrospect) deals for special groups and even free access to many. Everyone of course wants to pay as little as possible and the blame is entirely ours for not attending to our mission.

Our new rate structure is much simpler and more closely adheres to our mission. We have structured it to more closely represent our true costs in a manner that is fair to all parties, with scholarship opportunities for those who can least afford these costs.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the Rec Center through the years. Through these rate changes we hope to continue providing opportunities for a healthy lifestyle in a safe and supportive environment.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors, Recreation and Fitness Resources

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