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Memorandum
PRC 07- 109



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TO: Parks & Recreation Commission

FROM: **Monique Anderson, Mari Steinbach and Ray Roberts**, Park and Recreation Superintendents

SUBJECT: **PRC 07-109 – Superintendent Report**

PARK MAINTENANCE

Since the weather has been cold, we have begun flooding ice rinks, repairing hockey rink boards and conducting ice thickness tests on lakes in town. When ice is 12" thick, we will be maintaining Westchester Lagoon, Cheney Lake, Jewel Lake and Goose Lake. Get your skates sharpened!

We welcome Gary Carroll as our brand new Equipment Technician. He has started repairs on summer maintenance equipment and is devoted to keeping all equipment running smoothly. This will greatly increase efficiency in the field. A portion of the park signs have been removed for sanding/varnishing this winter. Snow? We are prepared for grooming when we receive snow again.

HORTICULTURE

The Holiday season is in full swing. Poinsettias have been delivered and Christmas trees will be up shortly in municipal facilities. Look for the new Christmas Tree in Town Square Park. This is brought to you by the Municipality and the US Forest Service. Talented horticulture staff designed the decorations and LED lights and many other agencies chipped in to build the foundation, deliver the tree and string the lights.

Staff are preparing for seeding at the end of December. Flower bed designs are also underway for 2009. Stop by the Greenhouse in the early morning or evening to view a fun light display. We welcome Sandy Potvin to the team as a new full time Gardener.

COMMUNITY WORK SERVICE

'City of Lights' work is complete and hopefully brightens the oncoming darkness. Our rapid response team helps keep our parks Clean and Green and has helped with homeless camp removals, Trail Watch projects and a number of other clean up activities.

PARK PLANNING

Planners continue their high quality work in engaging the community and building support for park projects. They have completed a website update to disseminate information on our current list of projects. We will continue to use this tool to educate and provide up-to-date information. Visit: <http://www.muni.org/parks/planning.cfm>



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