



With the news of the proposed gift, to the Grinnell-Newburg School District, of land and buildings located at Ahrens Park, the Parks & Recreation staff have prepared this report to show the potential impact to future Grinnell Parks & Recreation Department's programs and services. The City's Recreation Department offices have been housed at the Grinnell Athletic & Recreation Center (GARC) since the fall of 2011. During that time, the department has operated the GARC as a community indoor-use activity center housing both open recreational space and programs. The city also leases the Ahrens Park Soccer Complex for its soccer program and the Ahrens Family Center gym and pool for various programs and as an indoor space for community rentals. The Recreation Department offers 54 programs and services throughout the year which include open recreation at the GARC and Aquatic Center, aquatics programming, and youth, adult & family programming. As a note, the department offers many programs throughout the calendar year which are participant driven. This gives us the ability to host a variety of programs. These programs and services will either need to be sustained, discarded, or replicated at a different location in the future if the Recreation Department needs to vacate portions of Ahrens Park.

Program and Service offerings

54 total programs and services offered annually.

43 programs utilize Ahrens Park. This equates 83.33% of the Recreation Department's offerings

38 programs and services utilize the GARC, the Soccer Complex, and/or the Ahrens Family Center. All of which are set to be gifted to the school district. The buildings and land comprise where 70.37% of the Recreation Department's community programs and services are located.

Programs at Ahrens Park not directly impacted:

- Adult Softball
- Youth Flag Football
- Little Pigskins Football
- Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt
- Outdoor Pickleball League
- Youth Sand Volleyball
- Adult Sand Volleyball

*Programs hosted in Ahrens Park baseball diamonds would utilize onsite parking.

Programs at Ahrens Park directly impacted:

- General Community Recreation at the GARC
 - Practice Space for Community Youth Sports Teams
 - Location for Basketball Tournaments
- Recreation Youth Soccer Leagues
- Youth Basketball Leagues
- Youth Basketball Clinics
- Miss Olga's Gymnastics
- Tennis Lessons
- Blastball
- Youth Volleyball Clinics
- Adult Volleyball League
- Pickleball Clinics



- Imagination Playground
- No-School Days Program
- Taekwondo Program
- Happy Hoops Basketball
- Parent/Child Swim
- Youth Swim
- Indoor Swimming Lessons
- Trunk or Treat

In this document, you will find data covering 2020 until now. It shows participation in core programming, facility usage, and facility rentals compiled from our department software, Sportsman. If a program is not listed, it does not mean it isn't a vital program offering, it just means it is not a participant driven program.

Grinnell Athletic & Recreation Center

The Grinnell Athletic & Recreation Center (GARC) is home to a variety of open recreational opportunities and programs. It currently serves host to major Recreation Department programs such as Miss Olga's Gymnastics and Youth Rec Basketball League. Over the years it has been home to the youth tennis program, Adult Volleyball Leagues, Adult Basketball Leagues, Adult Pickleball Clinics, Blastball, and youth basketball clinics. With open recreation for the community available during facility hours, patrons can utilize the GARC for basketball, volleyball, pickleball, tennis, soccer, baseball/softball, walking, and/or running. There is one court always open to the public and community members may reserve the other 2 court spaces for their various recreational activities during facility hours.

GARC Usage

Year	Admittance	Reservations	Senior Walking Admittance
2020-2021	8645	770	1767
2021-2022	9823	936	2987
2022-2023	10828	968	3359
2023-2024	9155	863	2850
2024-2025	5160	838	1754

Average admittance per year, excluding COVID and the current year, is 10,456 since 2010

Recreation Basketball Programs

Year	Participants	Revenue	
2021	47	\$1,680.00	
2022	183	\$7,477.00	*2022 first year of Rec Youth Basketball League
2023	172	\$8,220.00	
2024	201	\$10,020.00	
2025	140	\$7,755.00	*doesn't include fall basketball programming for 2025



Miss Olga's Gymnastics

The Recreation Department has offered a gymnastics program instructed by Miss Olga since the fall of 2005. In 2017, the gymnastics program was transitioned to the GARC full time which played a role in the overall number of participants in the program. Prior to 2017, the program averaged 425 participants a year. With the transition into shared space, the total number of classes, equipment, and days offered needed to be amended. We have had an average of 195 students per year since the COVID-19 pandemic.

Year	Participants	Revenue
2020	77	\$8,736.00
2021	154	\$15,784.00
2022	270	\$24,530.00
2023	181	\$20,402.00
2024	183	\$21,350.00

Ahrens Soccer Complex

The Ahrens Soccer Complex is the host of the Recreation Department's soccer program. The Grinnell Recreation soccer program is a recreational youth soccer league that includes 3–14 year-olds in various age groups. The two youngest groups play once a week, incorporating their practice time. The older age groups have practice during the week and their games on Sunday afternoons. The Recreation Department offers a league that is six weeks in the fall and six weeks in the spring. Participants that did not play in the fall have the chance to register and be added for the spring as well.

Year	Participants	Revenue
2021	193	\$10,960.00
2022	259	\$14,790.00
2023	290	\$18,095.00
2024	305	\$16,155.00
2025	269	\$16,050.00

Ahrens Family Center

The Recreation Department utilizes the Ahrens Family Center gym and pool for a variety of programs from instructional basketball, Taekwondo, swim programs, and swimming lessons. Community members also rent out the gym and pool for certain functions such as birthday parties, reunions, family gatherings, and graduation parties.

Rentals

Year	Revenue	Rentals
2020	\$3,755.00	61
2021	\$8,575.00	103
2022	\$6,560.00	72
2023	\$3,910.00	35
2024	\$5,260.00	44

***From 2020-2022, a church rented the gym most Sundays.**

***This is in line more historically since 2010**



Swim Programs

Year	Participants	Revenue
2020-2021	75	\$1,960.00
2021-2022	66	\$1,790.00
2022-2023	87	\$2,555.00
2023-2024	79	\$2,395.00
2024-2025	75	\$1,805.00

Taekwondo

The Recreation Department has partnered with Jung's Taekwondo since 2023 with classes offered every month of the year. From 2009-2016 the city had provided another taekwondo program that averaged 72 participants a year.

Jung's Taekwondo

Year	Participants	Revenue
2023	303	\$13,520.00
2024	338	\$15,537.00

General Core Programs at Ahrens Park

These Core programs/events happen at Ahrens Park but potentially will not be affected in the future.

Trunk or Treat

Year	Participants	Trunks
2021	500	29
2022	800	44
2023	520	42
2024	520	45

Flash Light Easter Egg Hunt

Year	Participants
2023	214
2024	270

Youth Flag Football

Year	Participants	Revenue
2020	71	\$4,260.00
2021	105	\$6,300.00
2022	121	\$7,260.00
2023	135	\$8,645.00
2024	169	\$11,430.00

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