

Is it the Truth? Is it Fair to all Concerned? Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships? Will it be Beneficial to all Concerned?

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Year in Review—Minot Park District by Ron Merritt

We had our share of struggles in the beginning of 2009, but overall it turned out to be a very good year for the Park District. The winter months were difficult, with near record snowfall, but we managed to keep walking trails open for use, and were able to groom cross-country ski trails for the first time in several years. We cleaned snow from roof tops, kept parking lots open, maintained outdoor skating rinks, and made sure the animals at the zoo were well cared for.

The spring arrived and brought with it some new problems for us. We were sandbagging greens at the golf course, and filling extra bags for emergency use in other areas of the city.

Our golf course was under water in many areas for over a week, and when the water finally receded, the cleanup began. We opened the course about 20 days later than the year before, but were happy that the damage was not worse.

Revenue for the golf course ended up slightly ahead of last year even though we opened later so we did have a very good year at the course.

The Roosevelt Park Zoo had an excellent year. Animals were brought to schools weekly during the offseason, and many events were held during the year.

The Greater Minot Zoological Society paid off their note for the otter exhibit construction this year, and are fundraising for another exhibit in the near future. They are focusing on the primate area for a new exhibit. Attendance at the zoo this year was just over 80,000 people, so a fantastic year at the zoo!

Jack Hoeven Park was in full operation this summer. This was a good thing considering Corbett Field still had a large

amount of snow on it when the spring baseball season was supposed to start. The Hoeven Park Complex was ready to play on a couple of weeks earlier than Corbett, and was used throughout the summer in addition to Corbett Field.



The new complex is a wonderful addition to our community, and has already allowed Minot to host a couple of tournaments that brought many people to our city for several days.

The Park Board has voted to proceed with the construction of a new entrance facility for the zoo, and with good bids, the project could start in the fall of 2010. This has been discussed for over ten years, and money has been set aside in a building fund for the last two years to help pay for this project.

The building will have a small auditorium for educational presentations, and also to be used as indoor space for events held at the zoo. It will have a new gift shop, which is operated by the GMZS, and will hopefully increase their sales so they can help the zoo even more. It will also include public restrooms, display space, zoo staff office space, and a ticket counter. The building will be constructed using as many “green” techniques as we can afford, so it should be very efficient to operate and maintain.

MAYSA Arena continues to be very busy, with tournaments and events scheduled every weekend until late spring.

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A new Zamboni was purchased this year, and advertising was placed on the new machine to help offset the cost of the purchase.

Thanks to great support from businesses in the community, the new Zamboni has been almost completely paid for through advertising.

We continue to maintain and update facilities, and hope to provide something for everyone in our community. Thank you for your continued support, and we hope to have another great year in 2010.

New Year's Resolutions

- Take time to think: thoughts are the source of power.
- Take time to play: play is the secret of perpetual youth.
- Take time to read: reading is the fountain of wisdom.
- Take time to pray: prayer can be a rock of strength in time of trouble.
- Take time to love: loving is what makes it worthwhile.
- Take time to be friendly: friendships give life a delicious flavor.
- Take time to laugh: laughter is the music of the soul.
- Take time to give: any day of the year is too short for selfishness.
- Take time to do your work well: pride in your work, no matter what it is, nourishes the ego and the spirit.
- Take time to show appreciation: that is the frosting on the cake of life.

HOLIDAY PARTY SCHEDULE JANUARY 7th 6:00 to 10:00 pm

6:00-8:00 pm—Hankla's House 1309 10th Street SW

8:00-10:00 pm—Keller's House 1425 Cook Drive

Please bring a bottle of wine to share!

RSVP by e-mail so that we can get a firm count.

Please bring your spouse and let them share in the FUN!

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Birthdays

January 4
Robin Thompson
Gordon

January 9
Gerald Stordal



Anniversaries

NONE

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