

Attendance

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Paul Porter, President	Leslie Favre Krogman
Troy Bratz, Vice President	Mark Walter
William Fraunfelder III	Sharon Mathaios
Joe Stolitza	
Art Gold	
Christopher Mehling	Lakewood City Council, Cindy Strebig
Christopher Ferrone	

Call to Order:

Commissioner Paul Porter called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner William Fraunfelder made a motion to approve the minutes from August 19, 2025, which Commissioner Art Gold seconded. All in favor.

Communication / Public comment:

City Council member Cindy Strebig reported that the community has expressed a desire for the reinstatement of basketball hoops in schools. The CREC will undertake research on this matter and include it on the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

Coordinator Report:

The fall brochure has been distributed to all addresses within Lakewood. The Lakewood post office is responsible for ensuring that each address receives a copy. However, there have been reports from some residents indicating that they have not received their brochures.

We are pleased to announce the continuation of our centennial celebration. Over the course of 100 days, we will select one winner each day to receive a complimentary gift. Available gifts include pool passes, t-shirts, water bottles, yoga mats, and blocks..

Summer Athletics and summer camps have concluded as scheduled, employing over 350 staff members throughout the season, which represents the highest number of adolescent employees in the city of Lakewood. Additionally, youth sports camps generated revenue exceeding \$50,000.

Attached are the presentations that Mark Walter shared with us.

Lakewood Community Recreation & Education Commission
Minutes for September 16, 2025
Taft Center for Innovation

Old Business:

The Commissioners' handbook will be addressed in our next meeting.

LCBSA has updated its bylaws. Board members expressed appreciation and gratitude for Julie Toke's hard work and all the time she spent on this.

The LCBSA bylaws were presented for a vote, with Commissioner Paul Porter initiating the proposition and Commissioner Chris Ferrone providing a second.

New Business:

Leslie will arrange a Zoom meeting with Ally McClarin regarding the interview for the LCBSA board position.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Paul Porter, seconded by Commissioner Troy Bratz, at 8:20 pm. All in favor

Upcoming Meetings:

- November 18
- No December Meeting

Lakewood Community Recreation & Education Department Celebrating 100 Years of Service!



Mark Walter, Director of Community & District Activities
Leslie Favre Krogman, Coordinator Lakewood Community Recreation & Education Department/Fitness Facility Indoor Track
Monday, November 24, 2025

Have Fun!

Improve Skills!

Build Friendships!

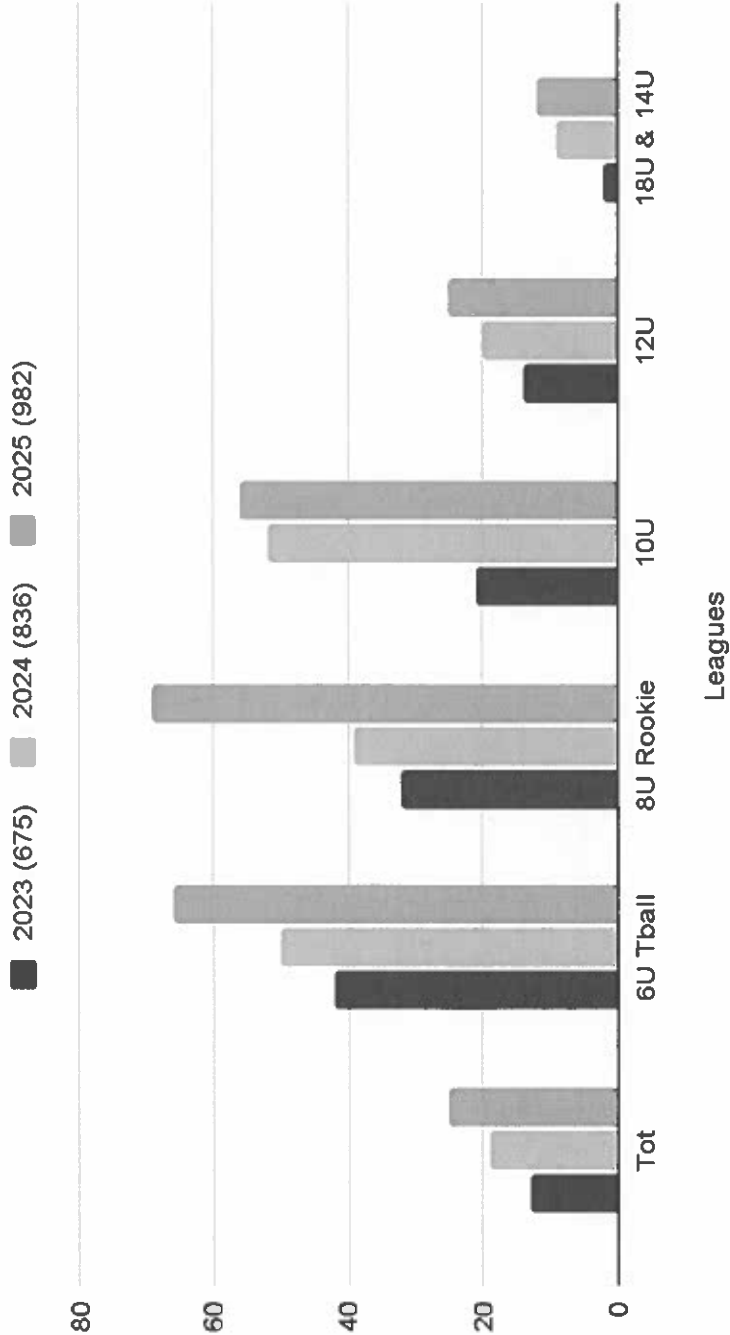
Participation is Up!



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- Improve Skills!**
- Build Friendships!**

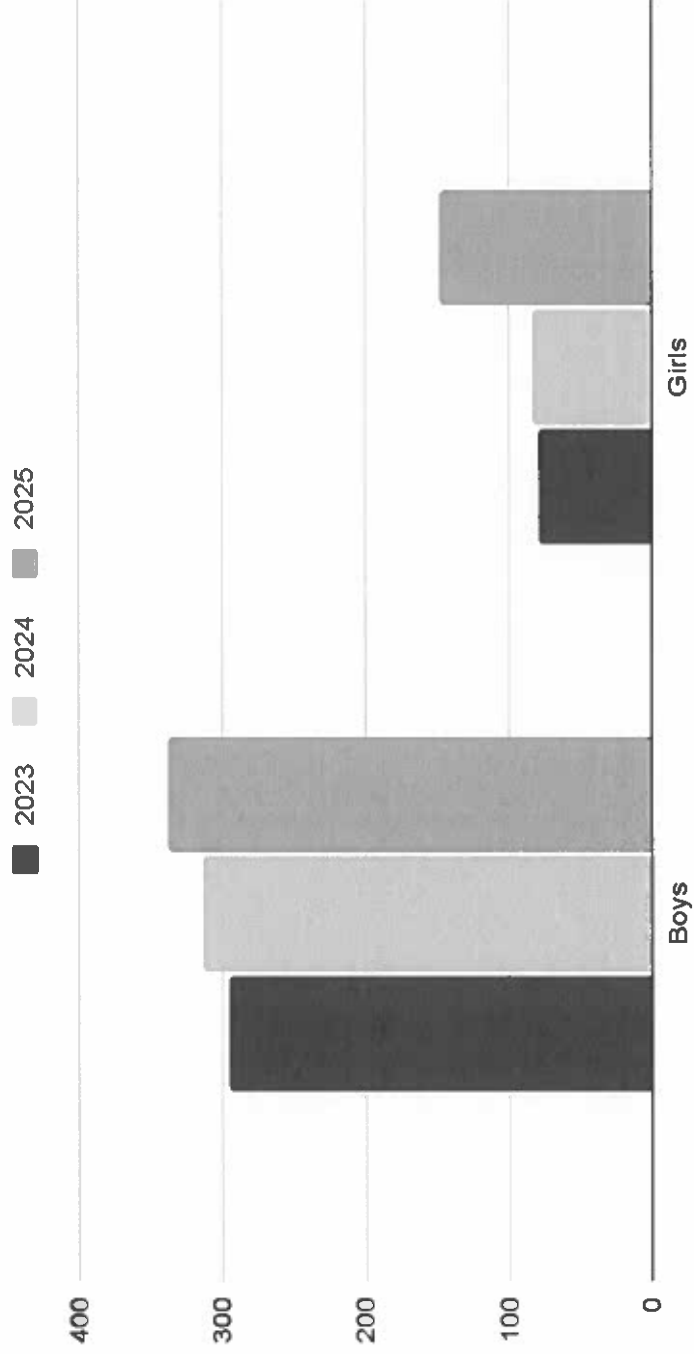


Participation Trends - Girls Softball/Baseball



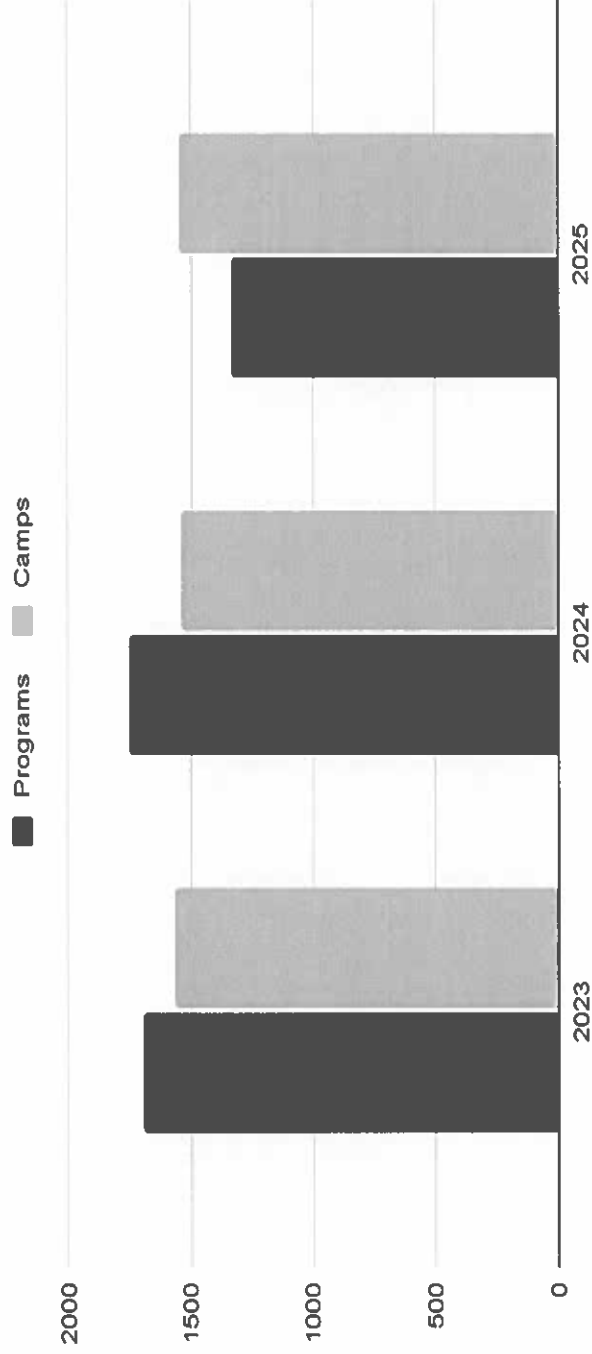
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Participation Trends - Basketball



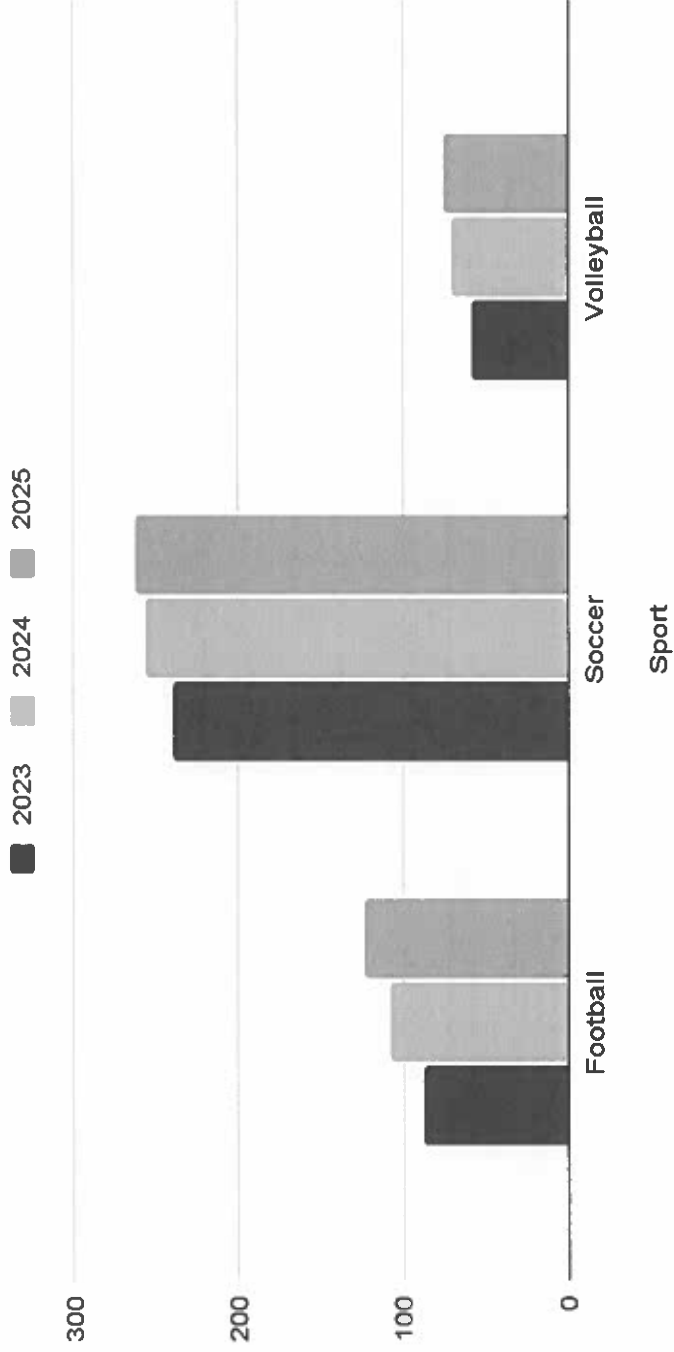
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Participation Trends - Programs/Camps



2024: limited number of Kids Connection participants due to new site leads
2025: incomplete numbers due to ongoing registrations

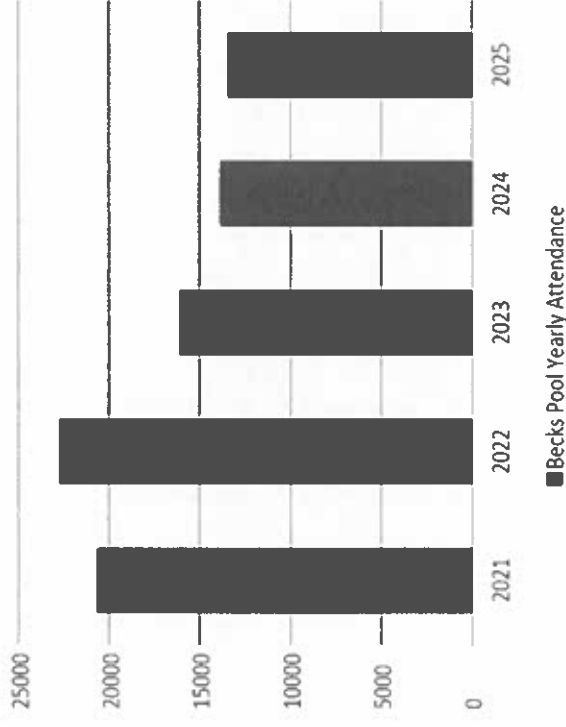
Participation Trends - Football, Soccer, Volleyball



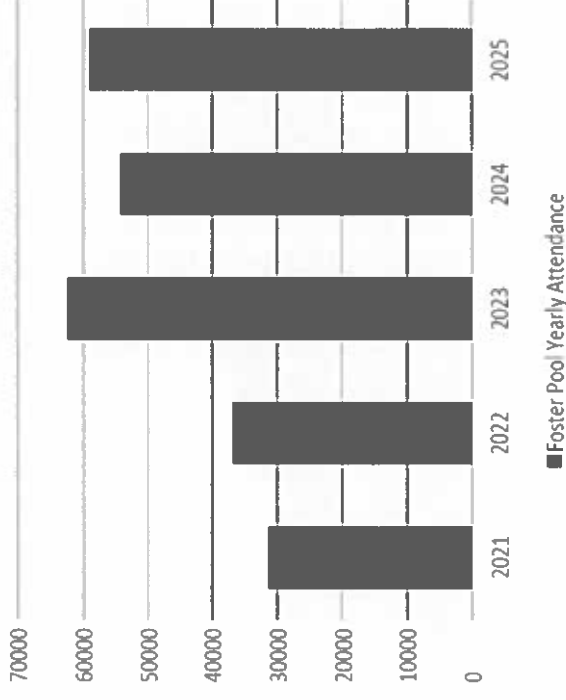
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Municipal Pools Yearly Attendance

Becks Pool Yearly Attendance



Foster Pool Yearly Attendance



Recreation Dept. - Supporting the Schools & Community

- **Fingerprinting Volunteers**
 - 348 total coaches and school volunteers
- **Varsity Coach Camps & Clinics**
 - 838 registrations this summer totalling \$66,000 in registrations
 - Permits, processing payments
- **Private Music Lessons**
 - 592 registrations totalling \$140 500 in registrations
 - Payment to instructors
 - Collaborate scholarships with music booster, LREF, music department
- **Staff and coordinate facility Rentals totalling \$83,500 in Revenue (2025)**
- **Run all programming for Municipal and LHS Pools.**

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Engaging CREC - Strategic Plan

Financial Audit Sub-Committee

- Complete financial audit on athletics and camps to determine revenue over expenses.
- Provide financial report to the CREC
- Compare fees with other communities public recreation dept.
- Analyze the causes of any shortfalls
- Analyze the impact of wage rate/inflationary factors

Fundraising/Development Sub-Committee

- Identify and apply for grant opportunities that provide financial resources to recreation departments and/or low SES families.
- To review current advertising opportunities and explore opportunities to broaden advertising outlets.

Engaging CREC - Strategic Plan

Athletics Sub-Committee:

- Solicit feedback from volunteer coaches as a means to identify areas for improvement of athletic programs.
- Solicit feedback from parents as a means to identify areas for improvement of athletic programs.
- Analyze feedback from coach/parent interviews and compare to finance/audit sub-committee findings to make recommendations for improvement.

Volunteer Sub-Committee:

- Increase the number and quality of volunteers across CREC offerings
- Retain volunteers by improving our level of support for them

We Listened & Learned

- Post-season survey of girls teams-2024
- Held post-season basketball coaches focus group-2025
- Administered parent survey-2025
- Held post-season baseball/softball coaches focus group -2025
- Administered all parent survey-2025



Overall Feedback: Coaches & Parents

Questions	Basketball	Baseball/Softball
Felt coach was knowledgeable	86%	76%
Players, coaches, parents showed sportsmanship	70%	83%
Likelihood to participate next year	82%	78%
Team Formation: Request a team	56%	71%
Team Formation: More balanced teams	34%	9%

What We Learned - Areas for Growth

- Practice time - Scheduled at the beginning of the season
 - Collaboration with athletics & travel - availability known prior to season starting
 - Coaches select practice times at pre-season meeting
- More referees/umpires needed
 - Offering PE elective to become certified referees/umpires
 - Similar to lifeguarding certification
 - Utilized Suburban Umpires Association for playoffs
- Equipment Improvements
 - Balls, coach shirts, helmet sizes
 - Offset additional costs through increased sponsorship opportunities
- Clarification & Consistency of Rules
 - Reviewed during pre-season meeting
 - Pre-game meetings with field supervisors, coaches, referees/umpires

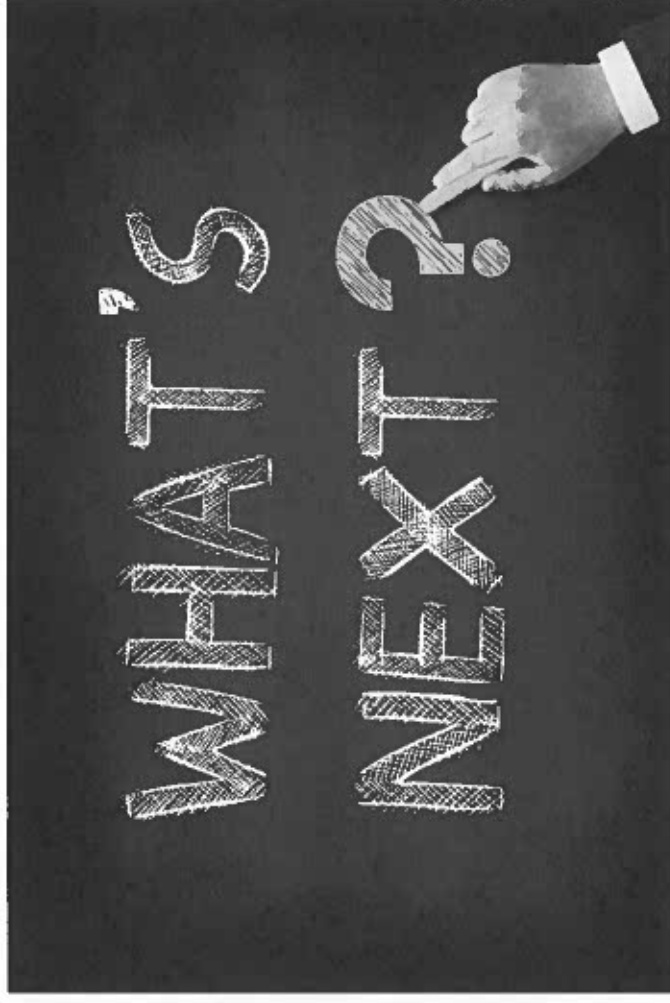
Improved Scheduling-Collaboration with Athletics

Insert snapshot of winter gym scheduling table

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Moving Forward

- **Conduct post-season surveys for Fall sports**
- **Conduct post-season follow-up surveys for winter/summer sports to assess growth**



Finally - Celebrating 100 Years of Recreation!



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100TH ANNIVERSARY DRAWING # 4

WE HAVE A WINNER!

Congratulations to Emily Tighel!
You won a 1 month adult membership to the
Fitness Facility! Please stop in the Fitness
Facility office to activate!

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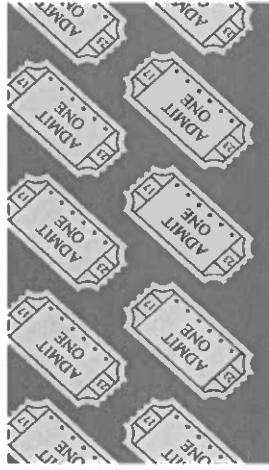


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100TH ANNIVERSARY DRAWING # 2

WE HAVE A WINNER!

Congratulations to Penny Heba!
You won a brand new yoga mat & block! We
will contact you to claim your prize in our 2nd
floor Fitness Facility office.

#100YEARS0FLKWDREC



LAKWOOD RECREATION
100TH ANNIVERSARY DRAWING # 3

WE HAVE A WINNER!

Congratulations to Matt Larsen!
You won a \$25.00 credit to be used towards any
activity! The credit has been applied to your
account & ready to be used.

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