

ON BOARD WITH NCCRC

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A Warm Welcome from the Rec Board

This summer has brought a wave of activity to the North Country Community Recreation Center. With the grand re-opening of our playground on July 3rd and the introduction of weekly pickleball lessons and games, the community is making great use of our facilities. Behind the scenes, the board has been actively working towards the reopening of the center. Through this newsletter and future editions, we aim to keep the community informed and engaged, while also seeking volunteers to help us achieve our goals. The Rec Center was formed “in an effort to improve the well-being of the communities through access to affordable, quality structured recreation and health and wellness programming,” and we are eager to continue this journey. Stay tuned for future announcements for winter activities as we continue to gain momentum!

What's Been Happening

On July 3rd, we kicked off summer with a grand playground reopening that brought out dozens of neighbors and friends. Families ran between swings and slides, joined impromptu games of pickleball, volleyball, and kickball, and cheered as our board members cut the ribbon. Conversations buzzed about exciting future projects—everything from new fitness classes to expanded picnic areas. The energy and feedback you shared that day will shape the next chapter of our rec center.

In mid-July, Wendell Woodard launched a free pickleball lesson/ game group for complete beginners—no paddle or prior experience required. Every Tuesday at 8 AM and Thursday at

6 PM, Wendell guides newcomers through the basics, from grip to serve. In just four weeks, the group has grown so much that we're now using three courts each session. Players stay connected (and schedule matches) through the North Country Pickleball Facebook group.

On August 13, local medical provider Rob Dawson presented “Lifestyle Changes to Treat and Reverse Chronic Diseases” at our pavilion. Attendees learned actionable tips on nutrition, movement, and stress management. Rob has two more sessions planned—join him on August 26 from 12–1 PM and September 6 at 10am.



Rec Center Shout-Outs

It takes a village to revive a rec center—and we're so lucky ours is full of passionate volunteers. Meet the people whose hard work and big hearts are making every improvement possible!



- North Country Chamber of Commerce
- Justin Frizzell Logging and Construction
- Rossitto's cotton candy stand
- JK Lynch Disposal
- Sharon Belknap
- Northern Tire
- Wendell Woodard
- The Community Builders Hub
- Scott Stepanian
- Russell Fuller
- Ryan Call
- Busy Bees Gardening Group
- Yetti Yard Man
- Champagne Earthworks LLC.
- Coos County Dept. of Corrections SUMMIT program
- NAPA Auto Parts
- Pittsburg Mulch and More LLC
- Metallak ATV Club
- CDS Portable Toilets
- Kyle Haley Music
- Jonathon Dodge (Spoke'n Word)

Don't Miss Out

Get ready for more fun this fall at the Rec Center! We've got the pickleball lessons and health education on the calendar—and on September 27, don't miss our Family Fun Day- full details land in our next issue, so stay tuned!

- Pickleball Lesson Group- Every Tuesday at 8 AM and Thursday at 6 PM at "the rink", no equipment needed
- "Lifestyle Changes to Treat and Reverse Chronic Diseases" class - August 26 from 12-1 PM and September 6 from 10 am-11 am, bring a drink and snacks! No charge for the class, but donations to the Rec Center (NCCRC) are appreciated. RSVP is appreciated: admin@restorativehealthpractices.com OR Call (603) 698-4547 to leave a message
- 2025 Family Fun Day- Fall Edition- September 27, more information to follow!
- Seeking volunteers to help spread mulch under the playground on Day of Caring, Sept. 19. See thecbh.org Hub Happenings for details or contact britni@thecbh.org to sign up.

Join the Action

We're so appreciative of every volunteer whose passion and hard work have powered our Rec Center's revival. As we gear up for new programs and events, we're always seeking helping hands—no matter your skill level or availability. Here are some key roles we're looking to fill:

- Board Treasurer: Replace a member who is leaving. Bookkeeping experience is a plus.
- Grant Team Member: Assist with our HUD grant and future funding proposals. Grant writing experience preferred.
- Co-Organizer for Sept. 27 Event: Partner with the board to plan and execute the family fun weekend.
- Marketing Volunteer: Design flyers, draft press releases, and help build our WIX website.
- Board or Support Team Member: Join our leadership team to shape the Rec Center's future.

Ready to jump in or learn more? Message our Facebook page!

Stay Connected

Follow our Facebook page, North Country Community Recreation Center, for updates!

Upcoming updates- Our next newsletter will have all the details you need for our winter activities including community skating rink updates and sliding hill adventures this winter.

Board Members: Brian LaPerle, Jimmy Crossley, Jacob Kennett, Terrie Herr, Lori Morann, Robert Dawson, Elise Gaumond, Natalie Marquis

