

TOWN OF AURORA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
MONTH OF: SEPTEMBER 2026

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Reports:

- We have 17,757 members registered in our recreation system.
- We had 210 activity registrations.
 - 181 total registrants (80% residents, 20% non-residents)
- We generated \$21,703 in sales.
 - Credit card purchases totaled 90%
 - Online: \$19,487
 - In Office: \$1,347
 - Credit Card Processing Fee: \$604
 - 2025 to 2026 comparison:

▪ Total sales from 1/1/2025 – 8/31/2025	\$300,423
▪ Total sales from 1/1/2026 – 8/31/2026	\$307,423

Fall programming is underway! Swim lessons, EAST, Adult Volleyball, and Rising Road Runners are among the many activities offered this month. Our continued partnership with EA Schools has been wonderful, providing opportunities to keep our residents active and engaged.

Meaghan has begun planning field trips for next summer's day camp. Each year, we strive to offer a variety of new and exciting experiences for our campers. Please note that day camp will begin one week later than usual next summer, with the first day scheduled for July 5.

Dawn Dunkers is nearly ready to begin! I have been conducting early-morning lifeguarding and CPR training for our volunteers at 6:15 a.m. at the high school. We are fortunate to have eight adult volunteers participating this year. Their time and dedication are essential to the success of this program, and we greatly appreciate their commitment.

Submitted by: Chris Musshafen, Director of Recreation and Aquatics

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**TOWN OF AURORA SENIOR CENTER
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Month of September 2026**

The mission of the Town of Aurora Senior Center is to help older adults remain healthy and active through participation in recreational pursuits and to provide leadership and advocacy to ensure the availability of leisure and recreational opportunities for seniors.

ADMINISTRATION:

I attended our director's meeting at the Orchard park Senior Center on September 8th. Jim Strusienski, Erie County Assistant Nutrition Project Director, spoke and answered questions about the lunch program. One idea that was suggested is that the county start a food pantry for those additional food items we need for lunches. The quantities are sometimes a smaller portion from Feedmore than is desired.

I attended a Senior Van meeting at the Cheektowaga Senior Center on September 16th. I had lots of questions and they had some answers. The van has consumed many hours of our time but hopefully we're getting a handle on it. We've had meetings with our drivers and the county to share information. The tablet has been difficult for Deb and Carrie. We will have another meeting on October 19th to run through the details plus our staff will learn so we can assist them with questions.

On September 23rd AFP inspected our sprinkler system and backflow preventer system and everything passed.

Lastly, we held our annual Open House and program registration on September 14th. We were joined by the Erie County Clerk's on the Go, Solar Eclipse, Center for Elder Law and Justice, Clear Caption and many of our instructors. It was well attended and we look forward to our upcoming programs for fall.

Day & time:	M-F 8:00am- 4:00pm
Participants:	Approximately 45 per day
Title:	LINE DANCING
Day & time:	Mondays, 9:00 – 10:00 (beginners) 10:15 – 1:15 (advanced)
Participants:	22 people
Supervisors:	Nance Baranowski
Title:	SENIOR NOTES
Day & time:	Mondays, 12:45 – 2:30pm
Participants:	23 people
Supervisor:	Kathy Almeter
Title:	EUCHRE
Day & time:	Mondays, 1:00 – 4:00pm
Participants:	24 people
Title:	PINOCHLE
Day & Time:	Fridays, 1:00 – 4:00pm
Participants:	20 people
Title:	CERAMICS
Day & time:	Tuesdays, 10:00am – 4:00pm
Participants:	35 people
Supervisor:	Elaine Schiltz
Title:	EXERCISE CLASS
Day & time:	Tuesdays & Wednesdays 8:30 – 9:30am
Participants:	14 people
Title:	TAI CHI
Day & time:	Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:00 beginners 3:30veterans
Supervisor:	Judy Augustyniak & Susan Ott
Participants:	15 people
Title:	TAI CHI – advanced
Day & time:	Mondays 10:00 & Thursdays 9:00am
Supervisor:	Dennis Desmond
Participants:	10
Title:	YOGA
Day & time:	Wednesdays, 9:45 – 11:00am
Supervisor:	Amy Sheehan
Participants:	14 people
Title:	BOWLING
Day & time:	Wednesdays, 1:00pm
Supervisor:	Barb D'Amato
Participants:	24 people
Title:	PAINTING
Day & time:	Wednesdays, 1:00 – 3:30pm
Supervisor:	Walt Carrick
Participants:	4 people
Title:	BRIDGE
Day & time:	Wednesdays, 9:30am – 2:00pm
Supervisor:	Dave Lorcom
Participants:	24 people
Title:	SENIOR CLUB
Day & time:	Thursdays, 10:00am – 3:00pm
President:	Bev Ciskowski
Title:	PACE (people with arthritis can exercise)
Day & time:	Fridays, 9:00 – 10:00am
Supervisor:	Donna Bodekor
Participants:	12 people
Title:	SEWING & QUILTING
Day & time:	Tuesday 10-2pm
Supervisor:	Terry Piper

Participants: 12 people

Title: 55 ALIVE – Defensive driving classes
Day & time: 1st Monday & Wednesday of the month – October 2026
Supervisor: Ronald Krowka
Participants: 40 people max.
Title: SCRABBLE
Day & time: Wednesdays 9:30-11:00am
Supervisor: Dianne Bender
Participants: 8+ people
Title: FIBER ARTS
Day & time: Tuesdays 1st & 3rd
Participants: 12 people
Title: MAHJONG
Day & time: Mondays 2:00pm
Supervisor: Lou Plotkin
Participants: 12
Title: MEXICAN DOMINOS
Day & time: Thursdays 9:30 am
Supervisor: Laurie Smith
Participants: 8+
Title: BOOK CLUB
Day & time: 2nd Wednesday of the month
Supervisor: Barb Dadey
Participants: 8-10
Title: Chess Club
Day & time: Thursdays 10:00am
Supervisor: Roberto Gesualdi
Participants: 4
Title: Wii Bowling
Day & time: Tuesdays 12:30pm
Supervisor: Cliff Lee
Participants: 6
Title: Portrait Sketching
Day & time: Fridays
Supervisor: Kurt Almond
Participants: varies 4-8
Title: Creative Painting
Day & time: Friday 9-12noon
Supervisor: Meg Hausauer
Participants: 6

TRIPS

September 9 – Flight of Niagara – Niagara Falls, Canada

September 19-29 – British Isles

FUTURE TRIPS

October 6 – Highmark Stadium Tour

October 14 – It's a Dam Tour Mt. Morris, NY

EVENTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

September – The Farm Market truck sponsored by Feedmore WNY is selling produce for our seniors and all community members for a fair price.

September 14– Clarity Group assisted our seniors with Medicare insurance. They also provided our senior with ice cream sundaes which were enjoyed by all.

September 10 – Thursday Senior Club installation luncheon at Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant. Polly Gowanlock returns as President, Mike Joyce as Vice President, Carol Beech as Secretary.

September 23- All the Light we Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

September 14 - Erie County Senior Services sponsored Trivia competition

September 7– Erie County Social Worker, Danielle, has been assisting seniors on various topics. This has been a plus for our members and the center staff.

NUTRITIONAL LUNCH PROGRAM

Lunches are offered daily at a donation of \$3.00. Our weekly count for the program is 359 per week. Lunch totals for the month of September are 1795.

	In-house	Frozen		In-House	Frozen
Week of Aug 31	260	108	Week of Sept. 7	148	113
Week of Sept. 14	257	108	Week of Sept.21	261	118
Week of Sept. 28	322	100			

Submitted by: Donna Bodekor