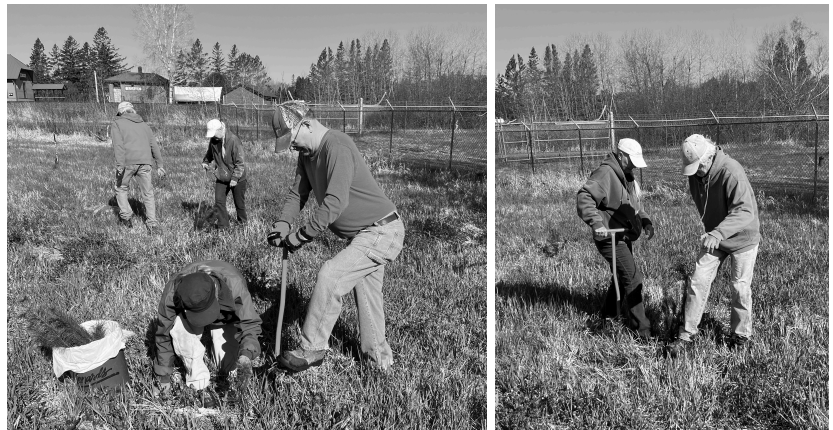


KRRC NEWSLETTER

Empowering Small Communities Grant

In January we applied for the Empowering Small Minnesota Communities grant from the U of MN. In May, we were informed we had been selected. We will be working with several U departments, but our main guidance will come from the Design Center. They will lend us the expertise to hold visioning meetings at the Rec Center to receive input from residents on what would meet our future needs with an eye toward a new community center. Their help will allow us to dream big and tap into grant money to help pay for a new building. We will be sending out messages when the community meetings will be held this summer and fall. Pat Meyer, President, KRRC
-Stay tuned for further information!



Tree Planting

In mid-May, an intrepid group of trail volunteers showed up at the KR Beach parking lot, grabbed various planting tools and proceeded to plant a future forest along the KR Beach parking lot, and later up at the Shilhon trailhead. The group planted and caged about 70 seedlings - mostly white and red pine - also red maple and burr oak. Special thanks to Noel, Lee, Robin, Kris, Darlene, Scott and others I have forgotten (sorry).

It takes a community to grow a forest. - Steve Betzler

KR Trail is open again!

As a result of early summer rain, the KR Trail was closed for use for several weeks. The time was much needed to rest the trail and let the areas of mud and potential erosion dry out. The trail is popular and has seen steady use all year round. Boardwalk expansion and other trail maintenance are on-going. If you would like to receive trail work opportunities, email Steve at sabetzler@gmail.com to be placed on mailing list.



PICKLE BALL CLINIC

BEGINNERS (Court 1) INTERMEDIATE (Court 2)

ALL AGES*

LEARN THE GAME

OR

PLAY WITH COACHING (if desired) TO IMPROVE YOUR GAME

9:00 -11:00 a.m. every Thursday 'til the snow flies

LOCATION: John Geist Tennis Court in Knife River

*Paddles and balls provided

A must: Court shoes, hat, sun glasses, water bottle

Courts reserved for 1½ hours of play.

It's not too late, COME JOIN IN THE FUN!!!

Court Order!

As you may know, the tennis / pickle ball courts now have a sign up sheet attached to the court door to reserve playing time. Players signed up take priority on designated court and time.

Many Thanks to:

Angela Carson, Marcia Johnson and Robin Whaley for organizing the planting of the bridge boxes this year and to the KR ladies for taking care of them through the summer!



Knife River 4th of July

We had a great turn out for the Fourth of July picnic. Thanks to all who brought food to share and Noel Walter for preparing the sloppy joes. The parade to the candy store was a highlight of the day. Thanks to Great! Lakes Candy for donating candy to the participants. What a great tradition we're continuing.

Community Interest Program Success!

The return of the Community Interest Programs this winter/spring were well received. There were close to 90 people in attendance for the April program! Thanks to Todd Lindahl, Randy Beebe, and Bill Berg for providing us with enlightening and enjoyable programs this winter! We are lucky to have so many interesting people in our midst!



Recent projects funded by KRRC



1. Playground improvement with new splinter free wood chips. Thanks to Alex Happ for ordering and Tim Fransen's company, Countryside Trucking and Excavating for resurfacing.
2. Partnership with Shoreview Natives to install a living hedge, a mix of trees and shrubs, between the beach and marina border.
3. Resurfacing of the beach parking lot with class five. 4. The spring Volunteer Appreciation Picnic. Many thanks to all!

Julebyen 2024 Update

As planning continues for the 2024 event, some coordinator/chair needs have been identified. They include, but are not limited to:

Bakeri: Donate baked goods to be sold in the JB Bakeri and/or sign up for shifts to sell the product. This activity is located in the Gnome Dome tent

General Voluteers: Help with set up and/or tear down of the grounds, Selling of indoor market merchandise, Other as identified.

Info Booth: Coordinates the volunteers that work in the info booth. They will sell hats, tote bags, hot and a few items from the indoor market

Outdoor Youth Games: Coordinate volunteers to oversee outdoor youth activities

Security Team Volunteers: Work with security coordinator to direct traffic, monitor parking.

Square (charging) oversight: Assist with getting vendors set up for their patrons to be able to charge purchases

Troll Village Coordinator: Fire, Distribute grit in the event of icy patches, Interact with attendees and answer questions as they arise.

Youth Crafts: Coordinate volunteers to assist youth wanting to spend time doing preplanned craft activities. These activities take place in the Gnome Dome tent

If you would like to sign up to volunteer, contact either Helene Hedlund, Event Chair, hhedlund.dl@gmail.com or Randi Alreck, Volunteer Coordinator, randi.alreck@gmail.com

Miscellaneous information:

*Lovin Lakes County has issued a grant to help defray costs of the event. Thank you for that!!

*Two Harbors Farmer's Market will be a participant again in 2024.

*Check out our website julebyen.org to get up to date information as it relates to artisan and food vendors, entertainment and other scheduling details.

We look forward to seeing you at Julebeyn 2024.

Save the Date!

**Neighborhood Night
Out Picnic will be held
August 31**

KRRC Current Board Members:

Pat Meyer - President
 Ryan Cavitt - VP
 Anne Skadberg - Secretary
 Scott Shelerud - Treasurer
 Steve Betzler
 Steve Carlson
 Tara Caine
 Alex Happ
 Gregg Murray
 Nicole Ojard
 Craig Whiting

*Visit Us on
KnifeRiver.org or
 Facebook at [Knife River Recreation Council \(KRRC\)](https://www.facebook.com/KRRC)*

Board members hold a 3 year term and are elected every spring. If you have interest in becoming a board member please contact us at krrcemail@gmail.com

KRRC meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at 7pm at the Rec Center. No meetings during the month of July and December. All meetings are open to the public.

***KRRC would like to thank Joe Russel for his years of service on the board!**

2024 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Member(s) Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Membership: Family @ \$25/yr. _____ Individual @ \$15/yr. _____ Additional Donation \$ _____

Make checks payable to: KRRC

If you'd prefer to use a credit or debit card, please complete the following:

Card Type: Mastercard Visa American Express

Card Number: _____

Security Code: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Billing Address (if different than listed above): _____

Signature Authorizing Payment: _____

Mail completed form to: KRRC, PO Box 266, Knife River, MN 55609