

## **Press Release**

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City of Utqiagvik Recreation Facilities Resume Normal Hours Following Swift Resolution of Fire Situation

City of Utqiagvik, January 29, 2024 - The City of Utqiagvik community is relieved to announce that the city recreation facilities will be resuming their normal operating hours starting today. This comes after a swift and efficient response to a recent fire situation that threatened the safety and accessibility of these beloved community spaces.

Thanks to the prompt action and dedication of the North Slope Borough, the fire situation was quickly assessed and resolved.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the first responders who bravely tackled the fire and worked diligently to prevent further damage. Their selfless commitment to protecting our community is commendable and greatly appreciated.

Furthermore, we express our gratitude to the various entities that provided invaluable assistance during this challenging time. Their collaborative efforts and support were instrumental in minimizing the impact of this incident and facilitating a swift return to normalcy.

We would like to thank the community for their patience and understanding during the temporary closure. The city's commitment to maintaining a safe and welcoming environment remains unwavering, and we look forward to continuing to serve our residents with the highest level of dedication.

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