

"Farthest North Incorporated City"

TO: City of Utqiagvik Council Members

THROUGH: E. Asisaun Toovak, Mayor

FROM: Pete Ahvakana, Recreation Division Manager

SUBJECT: April 2025 Monthly Report

DATE: May 7, 2025

My Monthly Report for May 2025 will cover all Recreation facilities for April 2025.

Piuraagvik

2025 Piuraagiaqta Spring Festival April 10-14, 2025.

Aarigaa Inupiaguniq! "It's Good to Be Inupiaq".

April 9, 2025

7:00 PM-Whaling Service-Location (Presbyterian Church), Barrow Whaling Captain's Association (BWCA).

April 10, 2025

6:00 PM-Barrow Hockey & Curling Association Men's Exhibition Game at Tupikpak.

Events Happening All Weekend.

Sledding Middle Lagoon: NSBOpen Hockey/Skate: BCHA

• Book Sale: Tuzzy

April 11, 2025

Time: Event, Location, Sponsor

12:00 PM- Scavenger Hunt Claire Okpeaha Station, NSB Fire/First National Bank.

3:00 PM-6:00 PM-Chess Tournament Registration, Friends of Tuzzy.



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- 4:00 PM-Maklak Races Middle Lagoon, UIC. (Ages 1-80).
- 4:00 PM-Broom Hockey Middle Lagoon, BHCA/BUECI. (Groups of 3 or more).
- 4:30 PM- Harpoon Throwing Contest Middle Lagoon, UIC Whaling Crews.
- 4:30 PM-Firepit & Smores Middle Lagoon, UIC.
- 4:00 PM-6:00 PM-Book Sale, Friends of Tuzzy.
- 5:30 PM-Snerts at Senior Center, NSB Health/Mayor's Office.
- 7:00 PM-Talent Show BHS, Ilisagvik/Alaska Commercial Company.

April 12, 2025

Time: Event, Location, Sponsor.

9:00 AM- Pancake Breakfast Senior at Center NSB Healthy/Santos.

- 10:00 AM-6:00 PM-Chess Tournament, Friends of Tuzzy.
- 12:30 PM- Parade at City Hall
- 1:00 PM-4:00 PM Skiing at Hopson Middle School, UTQ Ski Club.
- 1:00 PM-5:00 PM-Book Sale, Friends of Tuzzy.
- 1:30 PM-Boat Races at Middle Lagoon, NSB Mayor's Office.
- 1:30 PM-Sled Races Middle Lagoon, NSB Mayors Office.
- 1:30 PM-Tent Races Middle Lagoon, NSB Mayor's Office.
- 2:00 PM-2X4 Race Middle Lagoon, Ace Hardware.
- 2:00 PM-120/200cc Middle Lagoon, El Powersports, Snow Machine Races.
- 3:00 PM-Hot Shots Competition, Tribn/City of Utqiagvik.

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Time: Event, Location, Sponsor.



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10:00 AM-4:00PM Speed Puzzling, Friends of Tuzzy.

11:00 AM-12:30 PM- Church Service.

12:00 PM-Arctic Golf Middle Lagoon, A.S.T.A.C.

1:30 PM- Tea Races Middle Lagoon, NSB Mayor's Office.

1:30 PM-Avataqpak Middle Lagoon, NSB Mayor's Office.

2:00 PM-Pinochle, I.H.L.C./NSB Mayors Office.

3:00 PM-Broom Hockey Tupiqpak B.H.C.A. (Open Skate).

4:00 PM- 120/200cc Middle Lagoon, El Powersports, Snow Machine Races.

April 14, 2025

Time: Event, Location, Sponsor.

5:00 PM-Potluck/Awards at Piuraagvik, Conoco Phillips.

5:30 PM-Nigliq Calling Contest Piuraagvik, Blue Goose Hauling.

5:30 PM-Food-Competitions at Piuraagvik, Conoco Phillips.

- Ugsruguagtag Contest, A.S.R.C.
- Spam Contest, A.S.R.C.
- Maktak Contest, A.S.R.C.
- Aqpik Pie, A.S.R.C.
- Cake Contest, A.C.

7:00 PM-Eskimo Dance at Piuraagvik. ConocoPhillips.

The City of Utqiagvik staff did a wonderful job as the host for the 2025 Piuraagiaqta Spring Festival. Thank you to the 2025 Piuraagiaqta Sponsors. City of Utqiagvik, NSB Mayor's Office, A.S.T.A.C., Inupiaq Heritage Center, Santos, B.H.C.A., A.C., U.I.C., ACE Hardware, TRIBN, B.U.E.C.I., A.S.N.A., Lions Club, Utqiagvik Ski Club, Blue Goose Hauling, I.C.A.S., Conoco Phillips, NSB Police Department, A.S.R.C., Eskimos Inc. Powersports, Ilisagvik College, NSB Department of Health & Social Services and Friends of Tuzzy Library.



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2025 City of Utqiagvik Easter Egg Hunt at Fred Ipalook Elementary.

The Easter Egg Hunt was held in Utqiagvik on April 20, 2025, at Ipalook Elementary School. The schedule for the event is provided below, catergorized by age group.

- 2:00 PM ECE Wing 0-5 years old.
- 2:00 PM Gym Side 6-11 years old.
- 2:00 PM Indoor Playground Special Needs Group.
- 2:00 PM Outdoor Playground 12-17 years old.

The City of Utqiagvik demonstrated exceptional dedication and hard work in organizing this event for the benefit of its community.

On March 25, 2025, at 5:30 PM, the City of Utqiagvik Recreation Department convened a meeting for both men's and women's basketball teams. Eight men's team captains attended the meeting. Following discussions on team fees and basketball rules and regulations, the attendees unanimously agreed to a ten-game basketball season. A flyer was posted on March 27, 2025, at several locations around the community of Utqiagvik. April 7, 2025, was the registration deadline for teams to register. A total of eight men's teams registered for the basketball season. The season commenced on April 22, 2025.

Men's City of Utgiagvik Basketball League Season Statistics.

April 22, 2025.

5:30 PM Bullet Club 66 vs. Sulukpaugaqs 41 Leoni Taitaiv 30 Points, Ethan Goodwin 14 Points.

6:30 PM C vs. D Rescheduled to May 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM. **7:30 PM** Hyryders 26 vs. City Reapers 83 Raymond Lambrecht 9 Points, Alex Fruean 21 points.

8:30 PM Maintenance Crew 39 vs. CBBC 71 Reinata Fauose 19 Points, Romnie Bucatcat 12 Points.

April 23, 2025.

5:30 PM Hyryders 55 vs. Maintenance Crew 53 (Overtime). Bill Brown 20 Points, Jai Turner. 17 Points.

6:30 PM B vs. D Rescheduled to May 15, 2025, at 6:00 PM. **7:30 PM** City Reapers 65 vs. CBBC 56 Alex Fruean 31 Points, Cameron Norman 18 Points.



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8:30 PM Top Shottaz 66 vs. Bullet Club 47 Leu Unutoa 16 Points, Leoni Taitaiv 17 Points.

April 24, 2025.

5:30 PM A vs. D Rescheduled to May 16, 2025, at 6:00 PM. **6:30 PM** F vs. G Rescheduled to May 14, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

7:30 PM Top Shottaz 85 vs. Sulukpaugaqs 51 Kelden Melton 31 Points, Vinnie Elkins 18 Points.

8:30 PM CBBC 69 vs. Hyryders 32 Cameron Norman 24 Points, Raymond Lambrecht 10 Points.

April 29, 2025

5:30 PM Top Shottaz 76 vs. Maintenance Crew 64 Kelden Melton 26 Points, Jai Turner 19 Points.

6:30 PM Faga Uma 59 vs. CBBC 39 Mese Unutoa 14 Points, Romnie Bucatcat 11 Points.

7:30 PM Bullet Club 54 vs. Hyryders 43 Robert Nageak 19 Points, Bailey Ahsoak 12 Points.

8:30 PM City Reapers 64 vs. Sulupaugaqs 49 Alex Fruean 25 Points, Vinnie Elkins 17 Points.

April 30, 2025

5:30 PM City Reapers 50 vs. Bullet Club 42 Anthony Fruean 12 Points, Robert Nageak 18 Points.

6:30 PM C vs. H Rescheduled to May 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM. **7:30 PM** Sulukpaugaqs 59 vs. Hyryders 41 Aaron Stackhouse 21 Points, Bailey Ahsoak 15 Points.

8:30 PM Faga Uma 72 vs Maintenance Crew 61 Mese Unutoa 20 Points, Jai Turner 26 Points.

Barrow Wrestling Club.

The Barrow Wrestling Club will be utilizing Piuraagvik Gym starting March 31, 2025, and here is their schedule.



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- Ages 5-11 Monday & Wednesday 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM.
- Middle & High School Tuesday & Thursday 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM.
- Wrestling Tournament every Friday from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

April 28, 2025, will be the last day of Wrestling Practice.

Thank you to Herman Reich and the Wrestling Group for all the hard work they do with the Youth of Utqiagvik.

Aerobics Room

Eric Fanene Dance classes continue to provide exercise for the community. The hours of operation are Monday 6:30 to 7:30 PM and Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30 PM.

Melissa Ortega Zumba classes hours of operation are Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 to 6:30 PM. The people who attend her classes have a great time working out.

Piuraagvik had a total of 2700 participants for the month of April 2025.

Pool Hall

The facility offers a vibrant and relaxed environment designed exclusively for adults seeking entertainment and social interaction. Pool Hall features a billiards pool table, table tennis and two televisions that broadcast major sporting events throughout the day for the community of Utqiagvik. This combination creates an ideal setting for friendly competition, casual meetups, and sports enthusiasts who enjoy watching games in a lively atmosphere.

Pool Hall had a total of 102 participants for the month of April 2025.

Youth Center

At the Youth Center, there's something for everyone to enjoy! Whether you're into video gaming with friends, getting creative with arts and crafts, or challenging someone to a fast-paced game of air hockey, the fun never stops. And when it's time to wind down, join us for our cozy movie nights, where we feature popular films in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. It's the perfect place to hang out and make new friends.

Youth Center had a total of 317 customers for the month of April 2025.



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Upcoming Events

- Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament.
- Men's and Women's Softball Meeting.
- Men's and Women's Summer Activities.
- Youth Summer Sports Activities.