



RINK RATS NEWSLETTER – FROM THE MCFARLAND COMMUNITY ICE ARENA

Welcome to the April 2024 edition of the Rink Rats Newsletter, from the McFarland Community Ice Arena board of directors. This quarterly newsletter will deliver quick rink updates that take just a minute to scan. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions at: mcfarlandice.president@gmail.com

HERE COMES THE SUN!

- With permits approved and a new transformer installed by MG&E, the rink's solar panel project is ready to soak up the sun.
 - Crews began installing equipment to prepare for the placement of the solar panels on the roof.
 - Panel installation will begin in just a few weeks.
 - The system should be up and running by June 2024.
 - Approximate energy savings: \$29,000 per year.
 - The solar energy created will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, equivalent to 15,473,284 miles driven by gasoline-powered passenger vehicles.

LONG-TERM BUDGET PLAN

- Our newest board member, Sean Hart, is assisting Rink Operations Manager Rob Nixon in putting together a long-term rink operations budget, which includes anticipated replacement of items such as:
 - Roof / More than 10 years from now
 - Ammonia Compressor / More than 5 years from now
 - Water pumps / Next 1 to 5 years
 - Parking Lot / Next year or two

SPRING HOCKEY FACTORY BEGINS

- More than 400 signed up for tryouts for McFarland's Hockey Factory programs this spring.
- U8 through High School age players are participating.
- A robust Girls program is also included this year.

SWFSC SKILLS COMPETITION

- Southern Wisconsin Figure Skating Club (SWFSC) hosted its annual Basic Skills competition on March 2, 2024. The "McFarland Flurry" brings awareness to figure skating in the area. Sponsorships from Culvers and Chic-fil-A included free kids meals for our competitors and a visit from the Chic-fil-A cow!
- In addition to almost 200 starts, SWFSC hosted a critique opportunity for skaters, which specifically supported adult skaters that were attending Sectionals in Sioux Falls the second weekend of March. This event is SWFSC's largest fundraiser of the year and puts a spotlight not only on their club but also on the McFarland Community Ice Arena!



MYHA GOES TO STATE

- Congratulations to the McFarland Youth Hockey Association for sending six travel teams to the state tournament, which is a major accomplishment! Here are the results:
 - Squirt 2B – 8th place
 - Pee Wee 2A – 2nd place
 - Pee Wee 2B – 3rd place
 - Pee Wee 2C – 5th place
 - Bantam 2A – 4th place
 - Bantam 2B – 4th place
- MYHA hosted the Pee wee 2B State Tournament this year. A shout-out to the MYHA board and hockey parents for pulling off a successful tournament.



- A big thanks to the McFarland Spartans High School Hockey Team and members of the rink board of directors for pitching in to clean the glass and make the place spic and span.



If you have anything to contribute to the next newsletter, please let us know:
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