Ice Rink Opens Earlier Than Usual

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Kodiak’s recent snowfall left parts of town covered with a bit of ice this week. That is, until the rain washed much of it away, of course. But a sizeable patch of ice remained, and will remain in the months to come. The Ice Rink at Baranov Park opened up earlier this month and has been busy catering to Kodiak’s ice skating and hockey community.

Landon Durand is the parks and recreation coordinator for the city of Kodiak and said this is the earliest the rink has ever been open.

“We’re open seven days a week. Starting next month in December we’re going to start doing afternoon opens from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. every day. Then we have stick and puck that starts about 3 p.m. and runs until about 4:30 p.m. And then we have youth hockey that goes from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. And then we’ll mix in open skates, and women’s hockey, men’s hockey, coed hockey, mixed in with all of those.”

He said the hockey leagues are already underway, but it’s not too late to sign up.

“The kids already happened but you can still register late. Just go to the Teen Center. The adults we don’t do a registration or anything like that, it’s kind of just come out for pick up games for men’s, women’s and coed.”

He said there is no charge for open skate, but folks will need to bring their own skates.

In spite of having to undergo a series of repairs this year after a fire in 2012 left considerable damage to the ice rink, Durand said it’s operating in great condition.

We have a link the rink’s full November activity schedule on our website, KMXT dot org.