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Community Support Keeps Public Skating on the Ice - *Grants and local sponsorships help make public skating accessible at the Saranac Lake Civic Center*

Keeping public skating accessible at the Saranac Lake Civic Center takes more than ice, skates and an open rink. It takes a community willing to invest in making those hours possible.

For the 2026–27 season, public skating is supported through a combination of **grant funding, ongoing sponsorships and contributions from local businesses and organizations.**

Grant funding from the **Cloudsplitter Foundation** and the **Village of Saranac Lake's Cannabis Sales Taxation Funds Grant Program** is helping the Civic Center offer sponsored public skating opportunities throughout the year.

"Community spaces like the Civic Center help make the Adirondacks vibrant and connected," said **Chenelle Palyswiat, Director of Grants and Administration at Cloudsplitter Foundation.** "We're pleased to support opportunities that bring people together, encourage recreation and strengthen quality of life in our communities."

The Village of Saranac Lake's grant program provides funding for community projects that offer a public benefit to residents and visitors.

"The Cannabis Sales Taxation Funds Grant Program gives the Village an opportunity to reinvest in projects that benefit our community," said **Kelly Brunette, Village of Saranac Lake Mayor.** "Supporting public skating at the Civic Center helps provide an accessible recreational opportunity where people of all ages can gather, stay active and enjoy time together."

Hudson Headwaters Health Network continues its longtime support of public skating, including its holiday skating series and general public skating throughout the season.

"Having opportunities for people to be active, connect with one another and enjoy time together is an important part of supporting healthy communities," said **Hudson Headwaters Health Network CEO Tucker Slingerland, M.D.** "We're glad to continue our partnership with the Saranac Lake Civic Center and help make skating more accessible for families and community members throughout the Tri-Lakes region."

Local businesses and organizations also step up to sponsor **individual specialty skating sessions** throughout the season,

including **Hyde Fuel & Stores, the Saranac Lake Moose Lodge and others.**

“It really is a community effort,” said Marnie Cochran Crane of the Saranac Lake Civic Center. “Some sponsors make it possible for us to offer a series of public skating hours, while others make one special afternoon or evening possible. Every contribution helps us open the doors and put people on the ice.”

Additional public skating dates will be announced throughout the season through the Saranac Lake Civic Center’s website and social media channels.

Admission to sponsored public skating sessions is free, but online registration through the Saranac Lake Civic Center website is required. Skate rentals are available for \$6 at the Civic Center pro shop.

The Saranac Lake Civic Center is located at 213 Ampersand Avenue in Saranac Lake.

About the Saranac Lake Civic Center

The Saranac Lake Civic Center is a year-round, not-for-profit recreation and events facility, serving the residents and visitors from across the region and beyond. Its regular users include Paul Smith’s College, high school players from Saranac Lake and Lake Placid Central Schools, the Lake Placid Curling Club, Northwood School, Sara-Placid Lakers, Saranac Lake Learn to Skate and more. The facility also welcomes tournament organizers, including Can-Am Hockey, as well as exposition organizers who utilize the Civic Center’s event space. The Civic Center also plays host to public skating, the popular Silver Skaters program, events such as Touch A Truck.

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Photo provided by the Civic Center: Skaters fill the ice at the Saranac Lake Civic Center during a public skating session.