



Sportsplex

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RE: ESPN article on gases emitted from Zambonis

Dear Sportsplex Families,

On behalf of the Darien Park District-Sportsplex I would like to address the concerns that some of you have brought to my attention regarding the recent report on ESPN about emissions at ice rinks. The Darien Park District which owns this facility is a member of the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) and as a member of PDRMA we are required to adhere to all of their safety and operational guidelines. PDRMA serves as our insurance and risk management provider and is very specific on the requirements that are necessary to monitor our ice resurfacing machines (made by Olympia). The following inspections are performed on our machines and ice surfaces and are documented on a daily, weekly, monthly, or annual basis:

Daily:

- * Change Propane.
- * Secure propane to machine and confirm no leaks are present.
- * End of night ice maintenance is performed to remove old ice and flooded to replace it.

Weekly:

- * Resurfacer blades changed.
- * Weekly Ice maintenance is performed.
- * All fluid levels are checked

Monthly:

- * Monthly building inspections include inspection of rooftop HVAC units (heating and cooling and air flow) and monthly filter changes.

Annually:

- * Machines are overhauled on an annual basis by a third party mechanic.
- * Machines have emissions tested on them annually by a third party organization.
- * Annual PDRMA review includes review of emissions testing documents as well as physical inspection of Carbon Monoxide sensors located in the compressor room, garage area, and each of the three ice arenas.

Please feel free to contact me with any additional concerns at (630) 789-6666 ext 102 or mhenderson@darienparks.com.

Respectfully,

Matthew T. Henderson
General Manager