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**PARKS & RECREATION REPORT
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1. WINTER BULLETIN

The Winter Bulletin was delivered to our residents between the last week of December and the second week of January. It covers information from January 1, through March 31.

2. SPRING/SUMMER BULLETIN

The next edition should be in the hands of our residents around April 1st. Consequently, the deadline for our Spring/Summer edition will be February 2, as we will be creating the next edition.

3. SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST SPONSORED BY DAIRY QUEEN

West Manchester Township Parks and Recreation Department is encouraging both young and old to simply create your own snow sculpture and take a photo of it with the creators in the picture. Dairy Queen is once again the sponsor of this activity. The Recreation Advisory Committee will judge the pictures at their meeting in April with the winners receiving a special treat from Dairy Queen.

4. THE STEWART FOUNDATION

We, once again are grateful for the support of the Stewart Foundation for their support of our annual fireworks display at the Olde Tyme Carnival. This year we received \$3,770 which will cover the entire cost of the fireworks display. This is the 23rd year of their continued support of this event. This year's event is scheduled for July 16, with a raindate of July 17.

5. SOFTBALL FOR GIRLS

Registration for Summer Softball for Girls is now open. Girls ages 5-14, should sign up now for our program. Practices begin in April or as soon as weather permits. The deadline is February 9. We use Lincolnway Elementary and the softball fields at the WYHS and WYJRHS, along with Derry Park and Sunset Lane.

6. DON GABLE

It is with much sadness we share the passing of RAC Member Don Gable. Don has been a part of the Recreation Advisory Committee since its inception. He was a member of the Steering Committee which met for the first time on November 20, 1984. He is the longest serving RAC Member, serving for a total of 39 years. We will miss his leadership, historical perspective and enthusiasm for everything recreation. Don and his family continued to support parks and recreation even in his passing as they have asked donations in honor of Don be sent to the Parks and Recreation Department. We will be meeting with the RAC Members and Delegates at our February meeting to contemplate ideas on how to best honor Don's legacy. We will also be discussing these ideas with Don's family. We welcome any ideas the BOS may have to offer.

7. NEW CARVING PROGRAM

Tom Wolfgang, a member of our RAC is coordinating a Carving program. Tom is an experienced carver and well known in our area. We are offering a free information session on Tuesday, February 13. After the information session, we are offering two hands on sessions in which individuals can pay and create a carving.

8. SUMMER STAFF

We are accepting applications for our 2024 summer programs such as playground staff. If you know of any interested candidates, 13+, please have them stop in and pick up an application at the front counter by March 1.

9. ODD FELLOWS DONATION

We appreciate the support of the Odd Fellows. They are a sponsor of our tee ball program this year with a donation of \$1,000. This will defray the cost of the program to our participants.

10. CAPITAL PARK PROJECT

- Bennett Williams – New Pavilion Roof
- Replace Park Rules Signs at all Parks
- Sunset Lane Park
 - Replace T-111 Siding on Pavilion (Pavilion repairs paid for by the Shiloh Lions)
 - Upgrade two restrooms
- Broad Street – Upgrade Backstop and Fencing
- Derry – Repair Bridge
- Remove various dead trees in parks