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**PARKS & RECREATION REPORT  
JULY 2024**

**1. OLDE TYME CARNIVAL AND FIREWORKS**

The Olde Tyme Carnival was held on Tuesday, July 16. Mother Nature blessed us with an interesting evening. Lots of storms in our area but the worst fortunately missed us except for a brief shower. The on-going excessive heat definitely impacted our numbers. The evening concluded with another spectacular fireworks display at 9:25 PM sponsored by the Stewart Foundation. The DJ for the evening was Miss T. She provided music and karaoke throughout the evening beginning around 5:30 PM and concluding prior to the fireworks display. Additionally, this event would not be successful without the assistance of our Fire Department, Public Works Department, and the Police Department. Members of the Shiloh Lions Club assisted by parking cars. Special thanks to Kristi Swartz and our Summer Staff for making this a fun and memorable evening. Our playground participants demonstrated their creativity. This year there were 27 games on display. The Food Truck payments have yet to be received and will again help in offsetting the cost. Thanks for your support of our Parks and Recreation programs!

**2. OUTDOOR SOCCER PROGRAM**

Our Outdoor Soccer program for children ages 4-8, will begin August 27, through September 19, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. It will be held at St. Paul's Wolf's Church. This program is an introduction to soccer for the beginner level player. Volunteer Coaches will concentrate on developing the basic fundamentals of soccer in a fun environment. This year we have 4 teams with 45 participants and 11 volunteer coaches. An organizational soccer meeting for our coaching staff will be held on Tuesday, July 30.

**3. RED, WHITE AND BLUE PARADE AT LOMAN PARK**

The Red, White and Blue Parade was held on Wednesday, June 26. The turn out of walkers, bikers, wagons, scooters, parents, kids and pets was exciting. We want to give a shout out of appreciation to our WMT Fire Fighters. They showed up in numbers and brought many pieces of equipment. The kids were mesmerized by all the apparatus. Chief Laughman and his team of Fire Fighters joined us for refreshments after the parade. The parents and participants always love to see them. We are grateful for the sirens and horns announcing our tribe of patriots coming as well as the level of protection they supply as we proceed through the Loman Park neighborhood.

**4. FALL NEWSLETTER**

The first draft of the Fall newsletter will be in the hands of our printers shortly. We anticipate it will be in the hands of our residents sometime during the end of August or first week in September. This will give us some time to promote our Fall programs.

**5. SUMMER SOCIAL AND MOVIE NIGHT**

Families turned out on Wednesday, July 10th to view the movie "Jules". The Shiloh Lions and Platts Motors were sponsors of this Summer Social and Movie Night. We are grateful for their continued support. Manchester Township Parks and Recreation, again allowed us to use their movie projector. Music and Karaoke by Miss T, had our staff and participants tuning up their vocal chords. We have some very talented playground participants. The Popcorn Loft and Emanuel's Italian Ice trucks were on hand to curb the movie munchies.