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PARKS & RECREATION REPORT MAY 2023

1. SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

Summer playground fun will be held June 19, through July 28. We again are offering Loman Park and Sunset Lane Park as the sites for playground. Children ages 5-12, will be offered an assortment of activities and events. Each site will be open from 9-12, Monday through Friday. Activities such as games, bowling, arts and crafts, and sports will be held daily, along with several family special events added to make some memorable summer moments. The Tot Program is held at Bennett Williams Park and is for children 4-6. Children at this site will be offered age-appropriate activities similar to the ones offered at Loman and Sunset

Sunset Lane Playground (62) Loman Park Playground (70)

Bennett Williams Tot Playground (22)

Some of the special events scheduled for playground participants this year are as follows:

Brown Bag Bingo - Kids are invited to pack their lunch and meet their friends at Sunset Lane Pavilion from 12-1:30 on July 12. After lunch, park staff will call bingo for some awesome prizes.

Pool Party at Green Valley Pool – The Karaoke Pool Party is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, from 5:00 – 8:00 PM.

2. KID'S RED, WHITE AND BLUE PARADE DAY AT LOMAN PARK

On Wednesday, June 28, the Parks and Recreation Department will be having their annual Independence Day Parade. Kids from all the parks can decorate their bikes, scooters and skateboards, of course in the red, white and blue theme, then gather together to parade throughout the neighborhood. Parents and pets are also encouraged to walk along. This parade will begin at 7:00 PM. As is our tradition, our incredible Fire Department will take the lead with sirens blaring and lights flashing adding to the excitement of the event. They will also protect all our participants with a piece of equipment bringing up the rear of the parade.

3. SUMMER SOCIAL AND MOVIE NIGHT

Bring your family and join your neighbors at Sunset Lane Park on Wednesday, July 5, at 7:00 PM. We will have DJ Miss T on hand to keep the festive spirit going. Snack stands will be available to curb any munchies you might feel. As soon as dark falls on the park, we will be showing the movie, "Encanto". Bring your blankets and chairs! The movie is sponsored by The Shiloh Lions. We appreciate their support! Also new this year, staff from Lincolnway Elementary will be on site, to give away books as well as collect donated books.

4. RAC DELEGATE APPT ZACK KERN

The RAC Meeting Members voted to appoint Zack Kern to a vacant Delegate position at the April 19th, meeting. The Delegate position is a non-voting position and therefore is appointed by the RAC Members.

5. SUNSET LANE SECURITY LIGHTS

The security lights are up and working. We've had only positive comments from residents living adjacent to the lights. We hope this will reduce the amount of vandalism at this park.

6. UPMC DONATION

We received a donation from UPMC for \$5,000. They will be the Sponsor of our Fall Adult Dinner and Comedy Show along with sponsoring our playground program. We are grateful for this contribution.

7. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR 2023

Sunset Lane Park – Security Lights – Completed

Sunset Lane Park – Cameras – In progress

Broad Street Park and other Parks - Replace Picnic Tables - Completed

Broad, Derry and Schoolhouse Parks - Replace Swing Sets - Completed

Derry Park - Repair Backstop - Completed

Dunedin Park – Renovate Bridge – In progress

Dunedin Park - Install Marquee and Construct Pickleball Courts - In progress

8. VANDALISM OF PORTABLE RESTROOM UNIT AT LOMAN PARK

The portable restroom was delivered May 1. Between May 1 and May 10, the cleaning company reported two separate incidents of people defecating on the floor and smearing the sides of the unit, along with ripping the urinal of the wall, as well as damaging the lock on the inside. We made the decision to remove the unit until playground starts. We do not normally have units at neighborhood parks. However, Loman Park is an exception because it hosts our playground program. We are planning on locking the unit when playground is closed