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**PARKS & RECREATION REPORT
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- A. The outdoor soccer program (ages 4-8) starts on 8/26/25. There are a total of 4 teams with all ages divided up (36 players, 10 coaches, 1 coordinator).
- B. The fall newsletter is at the printer and should be in residents' mailboxes by the beginning of September. Thank you to Megan Neff, the township's Utility Billing Officer, who spearheaded the completion of his issue.
- C. RECDESK (online software) is up and running. Staff have fully transitioned to using this for all registration (fall programming opened 8/1/25) and for facility reservations. Credit cards are now accepted online and at the front desk. Resident's have already started using this as a convenience to reserve facilities and register for programs.
- D. Staff have planned the fall calendar of events/recreation programs (Sept-Dec). Staff have added some new programs based on the needs assessment from our department survey launched in May 2025. Staff have also partnered with some local businesses/organizations to mutually benefit resources, community engagement and visibility, program enhancement, and long-term community impact. ***The NEW programs are in bold.***
- o Special Events:
 - Oxymorons Deadly Wedding – Murder Mystery and Dinner Night (ages 21+)
 - Truck Touch
 - o Recreation Programs:
 - Healthy Kids Running Series (ages pre-k to 8th grade)
 - **Story, Songs, and More** (ages 1-5) - *partnership with Martin Library, York County Libraries*
 - **SNAG "Starting New At Golf"** (ages 5-12)
 - Intro to Wood Carving (ages 10+)
 - **Community Wellness Walk & Talk** (all ages)
 - **Intro to Pickleball Clinic** (ages 18+)
 - **Gentle Yoga** (ages 18+) – *partnership with Your Yoga*
 - **Stained Glass Art Workshop** (ages 18+)
 - o Senior Opportunities:
 - Senior Bingo
 - **Senior Strength Series** - *partnership with Neff Physical Therapy*
 - AARP Seniors Safe Driving Program
 - Senior Holiday Bingo
- E. Staff are planning the department's 2026 budget.
- F. Kelsey Paul has been awarded a scholarship from the American Parks and Recreation Foundation (APRF) that covers the first-year tuition of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)'s Director's School in March 2026. The NRPA Directors School is an exclusive two-year professional development opportunity that prepares park and recreation directors to be effective leaders. Students who complete the program will leave with the knowledge and confidence to navigate emerging challenges, improve operations and maximize positive impact on their communities.

Respectively submitted,

Kelsey Paul
Parks and Recreation Director