



**PARKS & RECREATION REPORT
JULY 2026**

A. Community Engagement -

- **Life-Saving Equipment** - Our most attended park. This will provide immediate access to life-saving equipment during cardiac emergencies, improving survival outcomes by reducing response time until EMS arrives, while enhancing safety for all park visitors and event participants. Once installed, a formal ribbon cutting will be scheduled.

B. Summer Playground -

- Summer Playground wraps up 7/24, after what feels like the fastest 6 weeks! We had a great and energetic staff this year! Huge shout-out to Connor for his initiative taking the lead on this program, his dedication to mentoring the staff, and his excitement to make it more fun and grow the attendance of the program!

C. Summer Events -

- The Red, White, and Blue Parade scheduled for 7/1 was cancelled due to the extreme heat. It will not be rescheduled.
- The Summer Sounds & Screens event on 7/9 was also cancelled due to the inclement weather. The showing of Zootopia 2 is rescheduled to 7/23 at 9pm. The final night of this series is 8/13.
- 7/14 was the Olde Tyme Carnival & Fireworks at Sunset Lane Park. The event featured classic carnival games lead by playground participants, food trucks, vendors, inflatables, dunk tank, face painting, caricatures, balloon twisting, a bubble area, craft stations and music provided by DJ Miss T. Big thanks to the Public Works Department for all of their help with logistics and set-up/ clean-up and parking cars, as well as the Fire Department for supporting the event and being in charge of the fireworks safety! We sold 9600 tickets (\$4,800 in sales), which might have been our highest yet!

D. Summer Concert Series -

E. Fall Newsletter -

- Staff are currently working on the Fall newsletter and planning recreation programs/events for Sept-Dec. We're planning to open registration on 8/15 for the Fall. Newsletters should be in residents' mailboxes around the beginning of August.

F. Summer Concert Series -

G. Eagle Scout Project -

- Alex Wagner completed his Eagle Scout project with us, building and installing two Little Free Libraries (a brand new install at Bennett Williams Park and a replacement box at Sunset Lane Park). Thanks to Alex for his hard work and dedication, creating this wonderful resource that encourages reading, sharing, and community connection.
- Players from the West York football team volunteered with us on 6/25 - repainting the Derry Park pavilion to black and mulching around all benches and the Remembrance tree at Loman Park. Thanks to the guys & coaching staff for their support!

Respectively submitted,

Kelsey Paul, Parks & Recreation Director