



PARKS & RECREATION REPORT
MAY 2026

A. Community Engagement -

- Staff will be hosting a re-dedication ceremony at Happy Trails @ Westgate Park (accessible address - 1700 Normandie Ridge) on Thursday, June 4 at 1:30-3:30 PM (rain or shine). This a fun, family-friendly afternoon marking the unveiling of refreshed walking paths and new signage at the park! Enjoy a live performance by the Creekside Trio, take part in a scavenger hunt, and let the kids get creative with face painting. There will be a butterfly release and Sarah's Creamery Ice Cream Truck will be on site. This special event is held in partnership with by West Manchester Township Parks & Recreation & Normandie Ridge Senior Living Community.
- America250 ART CONTEST - submissions are due June 8th @4:30 PM. Theme is "What do the 250th Anniversary and Parks mean to you" - contest that the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS)'s District II is hosting and we are seeking community participation. Groups are split for ages 12 and under, ages 13-18, ages 19+. Max size 16x20inches. Accepted materials- oil, watercolor, acrylic, pastel, pencil, charcoal, ink, or collage. No digital art or copied designs.

B. Programming -

- Teeball league started May 5th. 35 participants.
- Storytime in the Park - partnering with Martin Library. Held May 8th - 30+ participants.
- Let's Cook Mediterranean - partnering with Penn State Extension. Held May 20th - 13 participants.
- Note: June 1 deadline to register for Summer Playground.
- Upcoming programs/events: Gentle Yoga Outdoors, Pilates, Intro to Wood Chipping, Intro to Preserving Workshop, Sand Volleyball League, Summer Playground, Chair Yoga, Zumba Adults, Zumba Kids, Summer Sounds and Screens, Olde Tyme Carnival/Fireworks

C. Events -

- Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt was a success. Many participants, engaging social media, and all eggs were found/prizes were distributed.

D. Professional Development -

E. Other -

- All playgrounds had their surfacing revitalized. This work will improve safety and extend the life of the play area.
- Facility Rental Rules & Regulations were created that all rentals sign/adhere to at the time of reservation, along with the Waiver & Release. Pavilion Reservation signs are now being distributed to all renters who reserve facilities/ ball fields to let the public know it is reserved to eliminate conflicts. All future reservations require a \$25 security deposit, held until it's made sure no damages are found - bathrooms are checked /pavilion trash is not left.

F. Environmental Education & Outreach -

Respectively submitted,

Kelsey Paul, Parks and Recreation Director