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PARKS & RECREATION REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025

A. Community Engagement -

- Staff attended the back to school night at Wallace Elementary & got to promote the department offerings and facilities to a few hundred residents. Staff distributed parks and recreation t-shirts and candy, which was a huge hit!
- K. Paul, volunteered at the United Way's Day of Caring on 9/19/25 with a few other admin staff. Staff helped move and rebuild shelving unites and clean out the former museum building at the York County History Center.

B. **Programming** -

- Many new programs are underway!
- The soccer program (ages 4-8) wrapped up on 9/18/25.
- Community Wellness Walk and Talk started on 9/2/25 and is held every Tuesday and Thursday during the month of September. It has been a growing attendance with a chance to not only encourage getting outdoors, introducing park spaces many have never been to, but also introduce neighbors to one another/meet new friends. Many have requested to continue the walks after September, so staff are working with RAC member, Tom, to figure out how to best continue these offerings.
- Senior Strength Series was held on 9/9. This is in partnership with Neff Physical Therapy. Dr. Drawbaugh is offering his expertise to engage with the community with discussion, questions, and low impact fitness and sharing the benefits of physical therapy.
- Intro to Pickleball beginner clinic (ages 18+) was held 9/11/25 and 9/18/25. It was a full program.
- Story, Songs, and More was held on 9/12/25 at Sunset Lane Park Pavilion. This program is for ages 1-5 at a different park location the second Friday of Sept-Dec months. We had a good first turnout of 10 kids and their parents/guardians! This is in partnership with the Martin Library (York County Libraries) thanks Miss Trish!
- Stained Glass Art Workshop scheduled for 9/24/25. This roster is filling up and the November class is already full.

C. Events -

• Truck Touch is scheduled for 10/4/25. This is a free township community event with collaboration with all departments. We have a large amount of vehicles/equipment that will be on show. The WMT Fire Department will have a snack bar available and poster contest in collaboration with the elementary schools. All proceeds benefit the fire department!

D. **Professional Development** -

• K. Paul serves on the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS) Board of Directors and attended a two-day fall retreat 9/11/25 - 9/12/25 in State College, PA.

Respectively submitted,

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