

Now that spring is just around the corner, I wanted to take some time to let you know about enhancements that we are making in our Parks and Recreation Department. It is always surprising to me that more people do not take advantage of the great resource available to them through “Parks and Rec”.

Let me start by reminding everyone about the long history of regular programs and events that are run through the Parks and Recreation Department. We have a great Community Lake here in town. Some of you, in the past, may have heard complaints about the quality of the lake. I believe that most of those complaints come from residents who have not been to the lake in some time. The look of the lake has been improved greatly through the efforts of the Dolphin’s Swim team and our Department of Public Works. There is a great effort to maintain the cleanliness and quality by the Parks & Rec. and Health Departments. Another great thing about the lake is that it only costs \$5.00 per family to join for the entire summer. That’s right...\$5.00.

There is a tennis program with lessons that run several times during the year. The tennis courts located adjacent to the PAL Community Center are also available to town residents.

The Rec. Department runs two sessions of Summer Camp each year. This is a great program for our younger children and is very well liked (according to my 8 year old, Brielle, and her friends who have been going for a few years now).

Other programs that have been running successfully for years are the Easter Egg Hunt, the Annual Fishing Derby, the Halloween Parade and Santa & Me. This years Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 31st.

I have asked our Parks and Recreation Department to provide even more services to you this year. Stan Smith, Parks and Rec. Director, tells me he is up to the task. There are going to be more and improved programs for teens and adults. There are going to be more trips planned to different shows and events. We are also in the planning stages of a town-wide fitness program that Parks and Rec. will play a large part in.

I have expanded the role of our Special Projects Assistant, Rich Williams. Rich has been working with the Lincoln Park Senior Citizens Club and has helped them with their membership and meetings. Rich will be reaching out to all civic organizations in town to see how the borough can help with any events they are running. Our goal is to have a monthly calendar of events available to our residents which shows everything going on in town. Any civic or volunteer organization in town can reach Rich at rwilliams@bolp.org with dates of events. All other information, such as articles for this journal, should continue to go directly to the Borough Clerk’s office.

Lastly, let’s not forget the parks portion of our Parks and Recreation Department. We maintain many parks in different areas of town. Most of the parks have playgrounds, basketball courts, fields to run around on, or benches to just sit back and relax on. This year, we have scheduled renovations to the Oak Street Park. Sometime later this year, new equipment will be installed there for neighborhood children and all residents to enjoy.

As the nicer weather approaches, I hope that you get out and enjoy all that Lincoln Park has to offer. I wish you a happy, healthy and safe time as you do.

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