



RECREATION & COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING DEPARTMENT

February & March 2021

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In-Person Recreational Programming/Registration Open

- [Preschool Soccer Shots](#) at Radnor Memorial Park (17 participants/winter session)
- [Preschool Soccer Shots](#) at Clem Macrone Park (136 participants/spring session/16 total sessions)
- [World Cup Sports Academy](#) – Spring Junior Soccer, Spring Break Soccer Camp, Summer Camps
- [Preschool Little Hoops Stars](#) at Radnor Activity Center (15 participants/winter session)
- [Preschool T-ball](#) at Bo Connor Park (registration open)
- [Champions Basketball Program](#) at Radnor Activity Center (18 participants)
- [Junior & Adult Tennis](#) at Radnor Racquet Club (9 participants/winter session)
- [Men's Pick-Up Basketball](#) at Radnor Activity Center (10 participants)
- [Adult Pickleball](#) at Radnor Activity Center (12 participants/attendance varies each week)
- **NEW:** [Adult Winter Workout Bootcamp Series](#) at Radnor Memorial Park (6 participants)
- **NEW:** [Yoga at the Willows Park](#) (registration open)
- More programming registration to open soon – Ultimate Frisbee; Skateboarding Clinic
- [Radnor Day Camp](#) at Radnor Activity Center/alternative site may be used in addition (registration open/31 registered)
- [Summer Wizarding Camp](#) at Hill Top Preparatory School – (Week 1, 28 participants - SOLD OUT/Week 2 still open for registration, 14 registered)

In-Person Events and Initiatives

- [Bishop Richard Allen Park – Bishop Richard Allen Park Wreath Laying Ceremony](#) took place on Sunday, February 21st 1:00 PM – (several in attendance, click link for picture highlights)
- **NEW:** [Love & Leaders Bowl - President's Day Flag Football 4v4 Tournament](#) rescheduled and will take place on Monday, April 5th at Radnor Memorial Turf (registration open; 20 registered)
- **NEW:** [St. Paddle's Pickleball Tournament](#) will take place at Radnor Activity Center on Wednesday, March 17th (registration is open/8 teams registered)
- **NEW!** [Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt](#) at the Radnor Trail on Saturday, March 20th (registration open/60 registered)
- [Youth Trout Derby](#) at Saw Mill Park on Saturday, April 24th and Sunday April 25th (all 3 sessions are SOLD OUT with 120 participants)
- [Arbor Day Celebration](#) at Friends of Radnor Trails Park on Friday, April 24th.

Virtual Programming & Events and On-Your-Own Initiatives

- **NEW:** [10th Annual Daddy Daughter 'Date Night'](#) took place on Friday, February 5th and Friday, February 12th, [please click here for a video recap of the event by Main Line Network.](#)
- **NEW!** Celebrating Radnor's Trails Initiative – Exciting Trail Activities Provided All Year Long!
 - **NEW!** [Explore-a-Trail Challenge](#)
 - **NEW!** [Gryphon Rock Hunt Along the Radnor Trail](#)
 - **NEW!** [Orienteering Day!](#) Saturday, April 17 at the Willows (10 registered)
- **NEW!** [Pop-Up Park Egg Hunts](#) at Clem Macrone Park, Petrie Park, Odorisio Park, and Radnor Nature Park on Saturday, March 20th (no-registration required)
- **NEW!** [Radnor Business & Organization Treasure Hunt](#) will take place the month of April and designed to increase their visibility and patronage (currently 24 participating)

****ALL programs and events are being planned with regimented health and safety guidelines in place and are subject to changes on short notice.***

Discount Ticket Program:

- Destination Discount Ticket Program – all ticket sales are currently on hold.
- Regal Movie Discount Ticket Program – resuming commensurate to movie theatre openings.

2021 Pennsylvania Recreation & Parks Society Conference/Awards

- Our Department will be receiving the **2019 Excellence in Programming Award** for the 2018 Night at the Ball Park & Wiffleball Classic Event as well as recognition the **2020 Excellence in Programming Award for ‘Programming in the Pandemic’** for the 2020 Spooktacular Park & Trail Scavenger Hunt.
- Staff are also taking part in various virtual educational conference sessions in March.

Additional Programming Activity

- Coordinated with winter, spring and summer program and event vendors and instructors on planning and expectations along with safe delivery of programs related to COVID-19. We continued to modify our seasonal planning efforts with backup plans due to the uncertainty related to the pandemic.
- [Radnor Day Camp Summer 2021](#)
 - Comprehensive planning underway/registration opened on Monday, March 8th
 - Camp dates are Monday, June 28 to Friday, August 6 (no camp on Monday, July 5) and will take place at Radnor Activity Center with a potential alternate site at Radnor Middle School or Radnor Elementary School
 - Camp [celebrates its 80th year in 2021](#) with structured outdoor and (limited indoor) activities that will include the return of several staff members
 - Camp will operate with regimented [Health & Safety Operating Procedures](#) and [‘Camp FAQs’](#) have been developed to answer questions about camp.
 - Meetings are taking place with Department and camp staff to plan camp in the areas of daily schedule and activities, logistics, and staffing.
 - Scholarships are available and we are actively coordinating with the RTSD Social Work Department along with other community contacts.
 - Meetings and coordination are also taking place with the RTSD Operations, Special Education, and Transportation Departments.
 - Staff recruitment ([Virtual Summer Camp Job Fair](#) will take place on Tuesday 3/23 and Saturday 4/17), interviews, and the hiring process is underway along with revisions to the Camp Staff Handbook and training program; met with Township Labor Council and Risk Management Consulting firm on various operating items including diversity training.
 - Coordinated parent communications, website updates, marketing, online registration, and inventory/procurement of all related supplies
- Updated job descriptions and engaged staff recruitment for Summer Wizarding Camp.
- Continued sponsorship and partnership development with local businesses and community organizations.
- Coordinated and evaluated additional upcoming events – Bike Rodeo, Great American Backyard Campout, Summer Concerts/Movie Night, Wiffleball Classic, and upcoming grand openings for Emlen Tunnell Park Comfort Station and Bo Connor/Warren Filipone Park Improvements.

Administrative

- Processed daily phone and email communications from residents regarding parks and recreational programming inquiries.
- Processed refunds for applicable cancelled programming; payments for projects and services, daily registration reports for programming and events in MyRec.
- Coordinated Department marketing and promotions – developed weekly e-newsletter, posted updates and information on Department social media pages (Facebook and Instagram) and updated parks and recreation website pages relative to current services and information; continued working on plans in anticipation of upcoming Township website re-development.
- Developed and provided weekly report information for Township Manager/BOC.
- Coordinated DVHT Health & Wellness Grant for Township Employees.

Meetings Attended/Conducted:

- Attended weekly update meetings with Township Manager and Department Heads.
- Met with Township Manager on updates on programming and parks and facilities projects.
- Attended monthly Board of Commissioners Meetings.
- Attended monthly Wayne Senior Center Board Meeting.
- Attended monthly Staff Safety Committee Meeting.
- Met with Township Engineer and Project Manager to discuss and update on various projects.
- Met with Parks Supervisor on various park maintenance and parks-related projects.
- Met at various parks to discuss various projects.
- Conducted weekly meetings with Recreation Department staff members via video conferencing and in-person regarding Township updates, projects, recreational programming, and events.
- Met with Radnor Youth Basketball to discuss winter program schedules and logistics.
- Met weekly with design consultant for Fenimore Woods.
- Met with MyRec to continue discussing options and feasibility for our online registration system for Santa's Delivery in 2021.
- Met with American Red Cross and Carol H. Axelrod Blood Drive representatives to discuss logistics and planning for blood drives that are being held at Radnor Activity Center.
- Met with Sports Legends of Delaware County Museum Curator to discuss various projects.
- Met with board members and representatives of the Radnor Township Civic Association.
- Met with Township Legal Counsel to discuss paver/tile project with American Legion at Veterans & First Responders Park.
- Met with Township Risk Management Consultants to discuss ice skating and sledding in parks.
- Met with Bryn Mawr Patch to discuss Delco Skatepark Coalition and Radnor Skatepark.
- Met with the International Mountain Bicycling Association Trail Solutions Director for Planning & Design to discuss mountain bike trails development in parks.
- Met with Agnes Irwin School representatives to discuss potential upcoming turf field replacement.
- Met onsite to review Township Young and Chew Tract parcels.
- Met with PA DCNR and DCED to review and discuss grant submittals for Fenimore Woods.
- Met with Playworld Systems to discuss various playground equipment replacement needed.
- Discussed memorial bench with residents for the late James Pachioli.
- Attended various professional development sessions with the American Camp Association, National Recreation & Parks Association, PA Recreation & Parks Society and Delaware Valley Health Insurance Trust.

Parks & Recreation Facilities

Current Status Amidst Covid-19:

- All Parks & Trails and corresponding amenities are OPEN for usage including permitted usage in accordance with state and federal guidelines (many water fountains remain closed) – stake signage was developed and has been posted regarding safe practices for usage and mask wearing.

Radnor Activity Center is OPEN with health and safety guidelines in place for Department programming, Radnor Youth Basketball, and several recurring rentals including several American Red Cross Blood Drives, and the Carol H. Axelrod Memorial Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 4th.

- Coordinated with our contracted cleaning company on various items.
- Coordinated electrical repairs of 2nd floor electrical panel and gym lighting replacements
- Managed ongoing water intrusion and roof evaluations/currently working on comprehensive building improvement outline and updated costs.

Park Areas/Picnic Rentals: Coordinated seasonal reservations to date:

- Clem Macrone Park (? rentals)
- Fenimore Woods (4 rentals)

Athletic Fields: Continued coordinating and scheduling field and light schedules with users for several park locations and Radnor Memorial Park for the winter and upcoming spring and summer seasons.

Parks Department Activity (submitted by Parks Supervisor/Rick Foster):

- Assisted with continued Township snow removal process.
- Trash collected from all Township parks weekly.
- Started spring park and field restorations including playground repairs.

Park Project Updates:

- **Scout Projects**
 - Coordinated with Eagle Scout candidate updated project scope for installation of steps along steep area of the Willows Trail.
 - Coordinated various improvements with Troop 284 – Saw Mill Bridge restoration and stabilization; Skunk Hollow Trail/Garden sign painting; Kiosk track repairs/adding of Orienteering Map.
- **Bishop Richard Allen Park** – met with members of the community and the Bethel AME Church of Ardmore to discuss the prospect of special recognition signage for Bishop Richard Allen at the park.
- **Emlen Tunnell Park:** continued to work with Septa to prepare for removal of the bridge structures (scheduled to take place March 26th to 28th) with corresponding tree and fence replacements to later follow; grand opening ceremony are being considered for summer 2021.
- **Fenimore Woods Rehabilitation Project:** Continued to work with Gilmore & Associates on bid/design development and refinement (the project has been presented to the BOC and they have authorized bid); a contract for additional services and grant preparation for the PA Department of Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnership Program (DCNR C2P2) was approved by the BOC agenda in February and work is underway; tree removal and replacement plan was approved at the July 2020 Shade Tree Commission Meeting; currently working with the Delaware County Conservation District on the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/US Environmental Protection Agency regulated) application process that has been submitted to the state; prepared and received a \$50,000 DCED Keystone Communities Project Grant; working on a second DCED Greenways, Trail and Recreation Program Grant.

- **Harford Park Trail Construction**: Project is underway with anticipated completion and tree plantings in the spring.
- **Odorisio Park & Cowan Park Basketball Court Renovations** – project to renovate both park basketball courts are underway, and we have reviewed a draft plan and are awaiting revisions; project details are being refined with anticipated bid for both projects this spring.
- **Radnor TAP Trail**: Project including 3 trail sections - around Radnor High School; S. Ithan Avenue connecting the Villanova Train Station to the Haverford Township border; and West Wayne Avenue connecting the Wayne Train Station with the Radnor Trail; construction was awarded in November by the Board of Commissioners; preconstruction meeting took place along with meeting with the Delaware County Conservation District and the project is slated to begin in early March.
- **West Wayne Preserve/Friends of Radnor Trails Park**: Bid anticipated soon for the Wetlands Enhancement/Stormwater Management Project.
- **Willows Park**: Bridge replacement is underway along Darby-Paoli Road near the park entrance causing continued closure to the park entrance through spring. Bid development underway for the domestic water and fire service project.
- **Willows Park Preserve**: Township staff has continued to work with the WPP on building upgrades and the delivery of indoor/outdoor events.
- **Veterans & First Responders Park**: continued to meet with the American Legion in the development and planning for the memorial project within the park.

Park and Trail Improvements:

A bond ordinance was voted in October 2015 by the Board of Commissioners for parks and trails (\$5.75M - \$4.3M Parks/\$1.45M Trails) – we have continued working towards completion of the various park projects that have been outlined; for an update on the trail projects and their status, please see the September 2020 Parks Board Meeting presentation.

Park Projects COMPLETED:	Park Projects Underway:
Bo Connor Park, Clem Macrone Park, Emlen Tunnell Park, Encke Park, Petrie Park, Skunk Hollow Park, Warren Filipone Park	Fenimore Woods, Ithan Valley Park

A bond ordinance was voted in July 2019 by the Board of Commissioners that included basketball court renovations at Cowan Park and Odorisio Park – project design is underway.

Respectfully Submitted,



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