



## RECREATION & COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING DEPARTMENT

March & April 2021

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### Recreational Programming Underway/Registration Open

- [Preschool Soccer Shots](#) at Clem Macrone Park (204 participants/16 sessions)
- [Preschool T-ball](#) at Bo Connor Park (80 participants/4 sessions)
- [Preschool Little Hoops Stars](#) at Radnor Activity Center (35 participants)
- [World Cup Sports Academy](#) Spring Junior Soccer at Radnor Memorial Park (registration open)
- [World Cup Sports Academy](#) Spring Break Soccer Camp at Radnor Memorial Park (31 participants)
- **NEW!** [Nature & Exploration Sensory Hike](#) at Ithan Valley Park (6 registered)
- **NEW!** [Ultimate Frisbee](#) at Dittmar Park (11 participants)
- **NEW:** [Youth Yoga and Mindfulness](#) at the Willows Park (registration open; 5 registered)
- [Skateboard Clinics](#) at Radnor Skate Park (Sessions 1 & 2 **SOLD OUT**; Session 3 registration open; 21 registered)
- [Youth/Teen/Adult Tennis](#) at Warren Filipone Park (registration open)
- [Men's Pick-Up Basketball](#) at Radnor Activity Center (20 participants/**SOLD OUT**)
- [Adult Pickleball](#) at Radnor Activity Center (21 participants/attendance varies each week)
- **NEW:** [Yoga at the Willows Park](#) (registration open; 5 registered)
- [Summer Wizarding Camp](#) at Hill Top Preparatory School – (Both Camp Weeks **SOLD OUT**/58 registered, with growing waitlist)
- [Radnor Day Camp](#) at Radnor Activity Center/alternative site may be used in addition (registration open/61 registered)

### Events and Initiatives

- **NEW:** [St. Paddle's Pickleball Tournament](#) took place successfully at Radnor Activity Center on Wednesday, March 17th (8 teams registered) – [Click here for pictures!](#)
- **NEW!** [Pop-Up Park Egg Hunts](#) at Clem Macrone Park, Petrie Park, Odorisio Park, and Radnor Nature Park took place on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> - [Click here for pictures!](#)
- **NEW!** [Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt](#) at the Radnor Trail took place on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – [Click here for recap video from MLTV-Main Line Network](#)
- **NEW:** [Love & Leaders Bowl - President's Day Flag Football 4v4 Tournament](#) took place successfully on Monday, April 5th at Radnor Memorial Turf (20 registered/5 teams) [Click here for video recap](#)
- **NEW!** [Radnor Business & Organization Treasure Hunt](#) taking place the month of April and designed to increase their visibility and patronage.
- **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](#) – [Click here for pictures!](#)
  - **NEW!** [Orienteering Day!](#) Saturday, April 17th at the Willows (70 registered)
- [5<sup>th</sup> Bi-Annual Bike Rodeo](#) at Wayne Art Center Parking lot on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> (19 registered)
- [Youth Trout Derby](#) at Saw Mill Park on Saturday, April 24th and Sunday April 25th (3 sessions **SOLD OUT** with 120 participants)
- [Arbor Day Celebration](#) at Friends of Radnor Trails Park on Friday, April 30th at 10:00 AM
- [Willows Park Preserve Willows Arboretum Tree Tour](#) on Friday, April 30th at 6:30 PM
- [The Carol H. Axelrod Memorial Blood Drive](#) will take place on Tuesday, May 4th at Radnor Activity Center all day.

- [8th Annual Great American Backyard Campout](#) at the Willows Park on Saturday, June 19/Rain Date: June 26 (registration open)
- Odorispark Park M2 Music & Movie Event anticipated for Saturday, July 10th/Rain Date July 17 – more information coming soon.
- [9th Annual Night at the Ball Park Wiffleball Classic](#) at Encke Park on Wednesday, July 21/Rain Date: July 22 (registration (open))

***\*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 received 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 took part in various virtual educational conference sessions in March.

#### **Additional Programming Activity**

- Coordination and planning for all in-season and upcoming programming and events.
- Coordinated with winter, spring and summer program and event vendors and instructors on planning and expectations, contractual agreement development, and 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/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.
  - Scholarships are available and we are actively coordinating with the RTSD Social Work Department along with other community contacts.
  - Meetings are taking place with Department and camp staff to plan camp in the areas of daily schedule and activities, logistics, and staffing.
  - Meetings and coordination are also taking place with the RTSD Operations, Special Education and Transportation Departments.
  - Staff recruitment ([Virtual Summer Camp Job Fairs](#) scheduled for 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 particularly in the areas of Diversity & Inclusion, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination and Child Abuse & Awareness – I've been working closely with Township Risk Management Consulting firms on updating our Staff Handbook, Pre-Training and In-Person Training items relative to these areas.
  - Coordinated parent communications, website updates, marketing, online registration, and inventory/procurement of all related supplies
- Engaged in curriculum planning, logistics, and staff recruitment for Summer Wizarding Camp.
- Continued sponsorship and partnership development with local businesses and community organizations – met with various groups and businesses.

- Coordinated and evaluated additional upcoming events – Summer Concerts, Odoriso Park Music and Movie Event, and upcoming grand openings for Emlen Tunnell Park Comfort Station, Bo Connor/Warren Filipone Park Improvements, and the Harford Park Trail.

### **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 weekly with design consultant for Fenimore Woods.
- Met with representatives from Eastern University and resident on Fenimore Woods.
- Met with Willows Park Preserve members regarding building codes and community events.
- Met with WeConservePA to discuss open space program and policies.
- Met with representatives regarding Memorial Day Parade and 4th of July Parade.
- Met with resident musicians on various summer park concerts.
- Met with Wayne Art Center Director to discuss partnership projects.
- 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 Delco Composite Mountain Bike Group and evaluated park usage.
- Met with board members and representatives of the Radnor Township Civic Association.
- Met with Radnor Conservancy to discuss expansion meadow project and park invasive control.
- Met with Township Risk Management Consultants to discuss summer camp topics.
- Met with Granicus on Township website re-design.
- Attended ReportIt Demo modules for Township website.
- 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, and several recurring rentals including American Red Cross Blood Drives.

- Coordinated with our contracted cleaning company on various items.
- Coordinated electrical lighting changes in building vestibule.
- Developing building improvement outline and updated costs.

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

- Clem Macrone Park (4 rentals)
- Dittmar Park (1 rental)
- Fenimore Woods 17 rentals)
- Willows Park (8 rentals, 3 are photography)

**Athletic Fields:** Continued coordinating and scheduling field and light schedules with multiple users at several park locations spring and summer seasons.

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

- Trash collected from all Township parks weekly.
- Conducted spring park and field restorations including playground repairs.
- Coordinated hazardous tree removals at parks.

### **Park Project Updates:**

- **Bishop Richard Allen Park** – working on partner project with members of the community and the Bethel AME Church of Ardmore regarding recognition signage for Bishop Richard Allen at the park.
- **Bo Connor Park& Odorisio Park** - coordinated playground slide replacements with manufacturer; Odorisio Park main parking lot has limited usage due to local construction project staging, residents are asked to use the other park parking lots off West Wayne Avenue and Fairview Drive.
- **Clem Macrone Park** – hazardous tree removals scheduled to take place; coordinated details with resident group and ordered memorial for the late James Pachioli.
- **Emlen Tunnell Park:** Septa removal of the bridge structures completed March 26-28; corresponding tree and fence replacements are being coordinated.
- **Fenimore Woods Rehabilitation Project:**
  - Continued to work with Gilmore & Associates on the revised bid/design development and refinement (the project has been presented to the BOC and they have authorized bid)
  - Tree removal and replacement plan approved at the July 2020 Shade Tree Commission
  - Delaware County Conservation District/NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/US Environmental Protection Agency regulated) application submitted to the state.
  - Highway Occupancy Permit received from PA DOT.
  - Staff reviewing increased deterioration of the pond weir and water management, Public Works assisting with temporary measures to limit impact on the pond.
  - \$50,000 DCED Keystone Communities Project Grant received
  - \$250,000 PA Department of Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnership Program (DCNR C2P2) grant prepared and submitted.
  - DCED Greenways, Trail and Recreation Program Grant application underway.

- **Harford Park Trail Construction**: Project almost complete with punch list underway and upcoming tree plantings.
- **Odorisio Park & Cowan Park Basketball Court Renovations** – project to renovate both park basketball courts underway with review of draft plan revisions; project details are being refined with anticipated bid for both projects this spring.
- **Radnor Memorial Park** – repairs made to the field; turf field replacement likely in 2022.
- **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.
- **Skunk Hollow Park** – pilot meadow project to be expanded with educational features.
- **West Wayne Preserve/Friends of Radnor Trails Park**: Bid anticipated soon for the Wetlands Enhancement/Stormwater Management Project.
- **Willows Park/Mansion**:
  - 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.
  - Working with Willows Park Preserve on building upgrades, usage, and event coordination.
- **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 Harford Park Trail, TAP Trail

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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