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**PARKS & RECREATION REPORT
JUNE 2024**

1. SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

Summer playground fun will be held June 17 through July 26. We again are offering Loman Park and Sunset Lane Park as the sites for playground. Children ages 5-12, will be offered an assortment of activities and events. Each site will be open from 9-12, Monday through Friday. Activities such as games, bowling, arts and crafts, and sports will be held daily, along with several family special events added to make some memorable summer moments. The Tot Program is held at Bennett Williams Park and is for children 4-6. They do age appropriate activities similar to the ones offered at Loman and Sunset.

Sunset Lane Playground (190)
Loman Park Playground (110)

Bennett Williams Tot Playground (25)

Total for 2022 - 243
Total for 2023 - 281
Total for 2024 - 325

2. SPECIAL EVENTS FOR PLAYGROUND

Brown Bag Bingo - Kids are invited to pack their lunch and meet their friends at Sunset Lane Pavilion from 12-1:30 on July 2. After lunch, park staff will call bingo for some awesome prizes.

Pool Party at Green Valley Pool – The Pool Party is scheduled for Monday, July 22, from 5:00 – 8:00 PM.

3. RED, WHITE, AND BLUE PARADE AT LOMAN PARK

On Wednesday, June 26, the Parks and Recreation Department will be having their annual Independence Day Parade. Kids from all the parks can decorate their bikes, scooters and skateboards, of course in the red, white and blue theme, then gather together to parade throughout the neighborhood. Parents and pets are also encouraged to walk along. This parade will begin at 7:00 PM. The WMT Fire Department will be kicking off the parade for us with an assortment of equipment.

4. SUMMER SOCIAL AND MOVIE NIGHT

Bring your family and join your neighbors at Sunset Lane Park on Wednesday, July 10, at 7:00 PM. We will have DJ Miss T on hand to keep the festive spirit going. Emanuel's Italian Ice and the Popcorn Loft will be available to curb any munchies you might have. As soon as darkness falls on the park, we will be showing the movie, "Jules". Bring your blankets and chairs!

5. OLDE TYME CARNIVAL

This year the carnival will be held on Tuesday, July 16, with a Rain Date of July 17. This event is open to the public and starts at 5:30 PM. There is something to do for everyone. The DJ, Miss T will be playing music on the basketball courts. The playground kids will be setting up games to be played by all and of course, it wouldn't be a carnival without lots of "carnival food". Fireworks begin around 9:00 PM, We are grateful once again to our Fireworks sponsor the Stewart Foundation.

6. PAUL MANCIA

Paul Mancia was appointed as a Delegate at the June 19 meeting of the RAC. A Delegate is appointed by the RAC members. They are appointed for terms not to exceed two years and may be re-appointed. The duties of a Delegate are to engage in conversation and discussion, as designated by the RAC or the BOS. A delegate does not have the right to vote.

7. DON GABLE MEMORIAL CELEBRATION

On Wednesday, June 19, the RAC celebrated Don Gable with his family and friends at Sunset Lane Park. This was in conjunction with the June RAC meeting. We unveiled a bench in memory of Don, it was paid for with memorial donations as designated by his family. The bench is located between two trees at the top of the park overlooking the softball and basketball courts. The bench was engraved with the following information:

"IN MEMORY OF DON GABLE
REC COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR 39 YEARS"

Additionally, there is a sign posted along the path that reads "Don Gable Way". Several people shared their memories of Don. Mary and Missy, Don's wife and daughter, were extremely grateful. We believe many people will miss Don, he was an icon in our community and impacted many lives in the West York Area. It was nice to hear people share their stories and meet family members and friends. Sometimes you don't realize how much you will miss someone until they are gone. Kristi and I are grateful for his leadership, kindness and support.