



**PARKS & RECREATION
REPORT October 2026**

A. Community Engagement -

- In partnership with the Peyton Walker Foundation, a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on October 21 to recognize the installation of an AED at Sunset Lane Park. As one of the township's most heavily utilized parks, the addition of this equipment provides immediate access to potentially life-saving resources in the event of a cardiac emergency. Special thanks to Mike Swartz and Mike Lutz for their efforts in coordinating and completing the installation.

B. Programming -

- Programs underway: Fitness over 50 (5 enrollees), 45 Minute Pilates (5 enrollees), Chair Yoga (8 enrollees), Community Walk & Talk, Story Time in the Park (held on 10/9), and Mosaics Workshop (9 enrollees)

C. Events -

- Truck Touch was held on Saturday, October 3, and was a great success! The beautiful weather brought community members out to explore and climb aboard a variety of vehicles, trucks, and equipment on display. A total of 15 organizations participated in the event. The fire department hosted a food sale and offered additional activities, including face painting, a dime toss, and a poster competition in recognition of Fire Prevention Month. The event concluded with the much-anticipated candy drop from the ladder truck, which was a highlight for the children in attendance. Special thanks to our receptionist, Dana Mann, for her hard work in planning and organizing this successful community event.
- Senior Bingo was held on October 13, providing seniors in the community with an opportunity to socialize and enjoy an afternoon of bingo. Over 30 participants attended this month's bingo.
- The Murder Mystery Dinner, scheduled for November 7, has sold a total of 92 tickets to date. This year's theme is an 1980s prom, promising an entertaining evening of mystery and fun for attendees. Registration and ticket sales continue in preparation for the event.

D. Professional Development - X

E. Other -

- Winter programming is underway, with many of our current instructors agreeing to continue offering classes and activities for the community. Planning has also begun for Spring/Summer programming and events to ensure a variety of recreational opportunities are available to residents in the upcoming seasons.
- L. Mummert and C. Gerrick have made significant progress on the Winter Newsletter. The newsletter is expected to be distributed within the first two weeks of December.
- C. Gerrick attended the York Area Recreation Directors meeting hosted by Dover Township on October 15 to discuss opportunities for future collaboration on programs and events.
- C. Gerrick attended the York Odd Fellows meeting to talk about the success of the Tee Ball league which they sponsor.

F. Environmental Education & Outreach - X

G. Parks Maintenance -

- "No E-bikes, E-scooters, or E-skateboards" signs have been installed at Sunset Park (2 signs) and Dunedin Park (1 sign).
- Pavilion project at Bennett Williams park was started on 10/19. This project is expected to last two weeks. The park will be closed during this time.

Respectively submitted,

Connor Gerrick, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director