

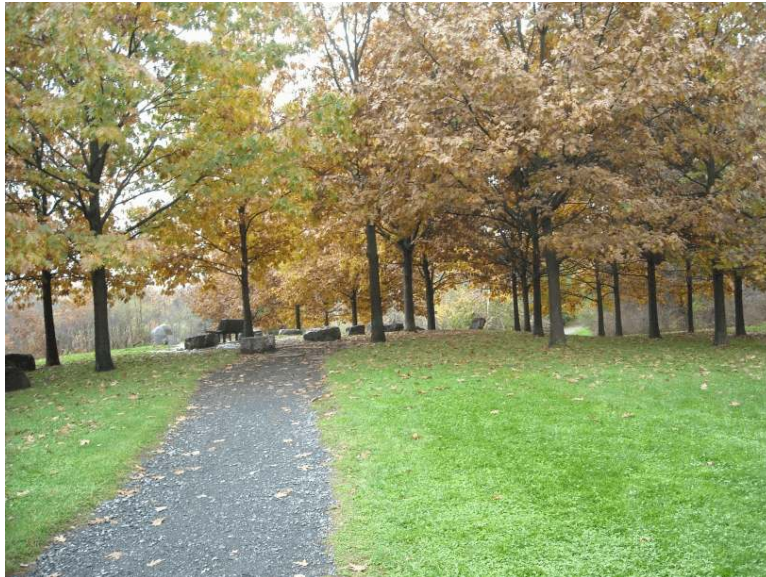
Centre Region Parks & Recreation

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Fall 2009 Program Report

September - December 2009



Tom Tudek Memorial Park in Ferguson Township

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The staff of CRPR is pleased to present this report on the Fall 2009 programs offered to residents of the Centre Region. The long history of municipal cooperation for Parks & Recreation continues to benefit our residents.

“CRPR - Where Everyone Plays!”

Ronald J. Woodhead, Director

Programs & Special Events	Fall 2008	Fall 2009
Pavilion Reservations (Sept. & Oct.)	134 Fall Permits 953 Permits for the year	168 Fall Permits 1,086 Permits for the year
Annual Halloween Costume Parade	1,500+	1,900+
“Dark in the Park” Storytelling Event	175	95
Municipal Band Concert (for Veteran’s Day)	450	375
Adult Ballroom & Round Dance	659	715
Adult Square Dance Lessons	101	101

The location for Dark in the Park had to be moved from Sunset Park to the nature center due to tree hazards from the Oct. 15 snowstorm, which resulted in lighter attendance at the event. However, the weather for the Annual Halloween Costume Parade was beautiful so the turnout was higher than 2008. This strong community tradition was enjoyed by many and was another huge success.

Beth C. Lee, Recreation Supervisor - Programs & Special Events

Aquatics at the SCAHS Natatorium	Fall 2008	Fall 2009
Youth Lessons (Preschool and Levels 1-6)	118 in 24 classes 4 on wait list	108 in 28 classes 2 on wait list
Total Swim Lesson Registrations	118	108

CRPR’s youth swimming lessons continue their popularity. An influx of new instructors shows promise for continued success with these programs.

Todd A. Roth, Aquatics Supervisor

Centre Region Senior Center	Fall 2008	Fall 2009
Noontime Meals Served (4 days per week, Sept - Dec)	1,524	1,416
Visits to Programs & Special Events (Sept - Dec)	5,437	4,777

Due to a cooperative program with Mount Nittany Medical Center, Prime Time Health and Home Nursing Agency, the center offered free flu shots to 187 participants.

* The method of calculating visits for OLLI programs was changed in mid-2008. Starting in July, only OLLI programs held on-site at the Senior Center are included in the program count. This change accounts for the reduced program visits shown.

Virginia E. Shawley, Senior Center Supervisor

Fitness & Sports	Fall 2008	Fall 2009
Start Smart Soccer Program (2008: 6 classes; 2009: 3 classes)	60 (+11 on wait list)	30
Start Smart Basketball Program	n / a	9
Start Smart Football Program	5	5
Start Smart Golf Program	8	10 (+2 wait list)
Youth Judo Instruction	14	12
Youth Tennis Lessons	18	30
Youth Home School Tennis Lessons	Not offered	8
Girl's Rhythmic Gymnastics - Beginner	11	10
Girl's Rhythmic Gymnastics - Advanced	11	4
Total YOUTH Participants	127	118
Adult Flag Football League	232 (18 teams)	239 (19 teams)
Adult Volleyball League	224 (21 teams)	279 (24 teams)
Adult Tennis Lessons	25 (+8 wait list)	15
Adult Indoor Soccer	22	32
Men's Basketball League	60 (6 teams)	72 (7 teams)
Fitness Classes (Step Aerobics, Morning Workouts, Group Strength Training, Dance Aerobics, Yoga, Core Training, Mat-Fusion, Mind-Body, Zumba)	144 (+15 wait list)	196 (+12 wait list)
SC Badminton Club	316 (avg. 16/night)	320 (avg. 20/night)
Adult Sunday Mixers Tennis	Not offered	12
Coed Volleyball Program	31	25
"Singles Club" Volleyball League (Wed & Sun evenings)	257 (at 25 sessions)	228 (22 sessions)
Total ADULT Participants	1,311	1,418

The *Start Smart* programs continued in popularity with an average of 9 youth and 9 parents registered in 6 different programs (3 soccer, 1 basketball, 1 football, 1 golf). The Adult Flag Football League was increased to 19 teams in 2009 with 2 divisions. Zumba and Mat Fusion were added to the adult fitness classes and were very popular. Group Tennis Lessons for Home Schoolers and the Coed Mixers Tennis were added for 2009 and will be offered again in 2010.

Jeff R. Hall, Recreation Supervisor - Sports & Fitness

Millbrook Marsh Nature Center	Fall 2008	Fall 2009
Staff-Guided Group Program visitors	1,104	1,082
Family Programs (Fall Walk, Explorer Series, Scouts)	128 (14 programs)	162 (16 programs)
Visitors for Facility Rentals & Off-site Programs	827	597
Knee-High Naturalist Programs (16 programs)	97	107
Birthday Parties (started in 2005)	92	92
Special Events & Meetings (Historic Harvest Festival, Spring Creek Day, music nights)	1,249	1,537
Total Visits:	3,497	3,577

The Historic Harvest Festival was a great success this fall with 750 people attending – the highest attendance to an event in MMNC history! Group programs were well attended and the weather was favorable for these programs. Scout programs continued to be popular and the “Music Nights at the Marsh” series drew small crowds for three different concerts. Overall, it was a very successful Fall Season.

Molly A. Hetrick, Recreation Supervisor - Nature Center

Parks Maintenance Highlights

Some park maintenance highlights from Fall 2009 include:

- 15 Remembrance Trees were planted throughout the park system.
- Across the region, a large number of trees were damaged by the October 15 snowstorm; work on the necessary trimming and removals continue.
- College Township:
 - The concrete floor was poured in the maintenance garage addition at Spring Creek Park.
 - Lighting, receptacles and emergency lighting were installed in the wetlab at Millbrook.
 - The barn siding at Millbrook Marsh was power washed and stained.
 - 4 new informational kiosks were installed at Millbrook Marsh as part of an Eagle Scout project.
 - A footbridge is under construction over Walnut Spring Run in Thompson Woods Preserve to connect the preserve to East College Avenue.
- Ferguson Township:
 - A new piece of preschool age playground equipment was installed at Tudek Park.
 - Two benches were purchased and installed in the Tudek Dog Park.
 - Over 30 new trees were planted throughout the township parks.
 - A bridge was constructed over the drainage swale at Haymarket Park by an Eagle Scout candidate.
- Patton Township:
 - The lawn area at Park Forest Pool was graded and 3,000 feet of sod laid to prepare for the 2010 season.
- State College Borough:
 - The Welch Pool site was prepared for demolition and fenced off in preparation for the construction project that started in December.

Greg L. Roth, Parks Supervisor

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