

Centre Region Council of Governments

# Centre Region Parks & Recreation

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## Fall 2011 Program Report

September through December 2011

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The "Pie Eating Contest" at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center on 6 Nov 2011.

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## *Centre Region Parks & Recreation . . . Fall 2011*

*The 40+ years of municipal cooperation for Parks & Recreation continues to help make the Centre Region a great place to live. The staff of CRPR is pleased to present this report on the Fall 2011 programs offered to residents of the Centre Region. This report does not reflect the many visits made by residents to the municipal park facilities. “CRPR - Where Everyone Plays!”*

*Ronald J. Woodhead, Director*

<b>Reservations &amp; Special Events</b>	<b>Fall 2010</b>	<b>Fall 2011</b>
Pavilion Reservations (Sept. & Oct.)	149 Fall Permits 798 Permits for 2010	<b>145 Fall Permits</b> <b>827 Permits for 2011</b>
Annual Halloween Costume Parade (Attendance)	1,100+	1,300+
“Dark in the Park” Storytelling Event (Participants)	175+	115+
Municipal Band Concert (for Veteran’s Day)	475	500+
Adult Ballroom & Round Dance (Visits)	664	512
Adult Square Dance Lessons (Visits)	247	165

*Once again the Halloween events offered by CRPR were very successful. The 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Costume Parade enjoyed fabulous weather and a terrific turnout. While the weather did not cooperate for “Dark in the Park,” and the indoor event (“Dim in the Gym”) had lighter than normal numbers, it was still an enjoyable evening for the families attending. The numbers for the adult dance classes were lighter this year due to scheduling conflicts with the schools where the programs are held. We look forward to another exciting year in 2012.*

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

<b>Centre Region Senior Center</b>	<b>Fall 2010</b>	<b>Fall 2011</b>
Noontime Meals Served (4 days per week, Sept - Dec)	1,232	<b>1,019 meals</b>
Visits to Programs & Special Events (Sept - Dec)	7,083	<b>11,547 program visits</b>

**Program Visits:** *The center continues to host an influx of new, younger participants for the active programming. While many of the new participants are attending the special events that may include meals, they are not regularly attending the daily noontime meals. The group events such as parties, celebrations, pot lucks, presentations, multi-center events, etc. average 24-35 in attendance. Therefore, the center has expanded programming to encourage attendance, i.e. Quilling, Beginning Bridge, Genealogy and new educational programs. We also have outstanding attendance for the exercise programs, painting classes, line dancing, yoga and Zumba Gold. Partnering with Prime Time Health, Mount Nittany Medical Center donated all the materials for the clinic and Home Nursing Agency from Altoona provided the Nurses, providing free flu shots to 135 seniors.*

**Meal Counts:** *The current average daily meal attendance is 15 seniors. PCN / Nutrition Group Inc. remains the county-contracted meal provider (delivered in serving-sized packaging).*

*Virginia E. Shawley, Senior Center Supervisor*

<b>Fitness &amp; Sports</b>	<b>Fall 2010</b>	<b>Fall 2011</b>
Start Smart Soccer Program (4 classes in 2010; 1 in 2011)	25	7
Intro to Match Play Tennis <b>NEW!</b>	Not Offered	17
Youth Quickstart Team Tennis	20	18
Youth Junior Match Play Tennis	16	16
Girl's Rhythmic Gymnastics	4	6
Youth Cross Country Races (3 total)	118	158
<b>Total YOUTH Participants</b>	187	222
Adult Flag Football League	255 (19 teams)	240 (18 teams)
Adult Volleyball League	252 (22 teams)	264 (23 teams)
Men's Basketball League	72 (7 teams)	Not Offered
Adult Tennis Lessons	15 (+3 wait list)	21
Adult Indoor Soccer	31	25
Coed Volleyball Program	21	28
Fitness Classes (Step Interval Cardio, Morning Workouts, Group Strength Training, Hatha Yoga, Zumba)	258	238
State College Badminton Club	320 (avg. 20/night)	328 (avg. 20/night)
"Singles Club" Volleyball League (Wed. & Sun. evenings)	408	400+
<b>Total ADULT Participants</b>	1,632	1,544

*Introduction To Match Play Tennis was added in 2011 with 17 youth. The two other Youth Tennis programs also continue their popularity. The Adult Volleyball League continues to grow, but SCASD gym space has become less available. The Adult Flag Football League remained one of the most popular leagues, although the team count decreased by one team for 2011. Adult fitness classes also remain popular, especially with the expanded Zumba menu.*

*Jeff R. Hall, Recreation Supervisor - Sports & Fitness*

*We continue to promote all programs to increase attendance. Rhythmic Gymnastics is slowly rebounding from a time change to accommodate school gym schedules. The girls that are participating have been with this instructor for a few seasons and are thoroughly enjoying the program.*

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

<b>Aquatics at the SCAHS Natatorium</b>	<b>Fall 2010</b>	<b>Fall 2011</b>
Youth Lessons (Preschool and Levels 1-6)	120 in 30 classes 4 on wait list	94 in 24 classes 1 on wait list
<b>Total Swim Lesson Registrations</b>	120	94

*The CRPR Youth Swimming Lessons were still popular, but lower than usual since a third session could not offered (due to limited availability of the High School Natatorium).*

*Todd A. Roth, Aquatics Supervisor*

<b>Millbrook Marsh Nature Center</b>	<b>Fall 2010</b>	<b>Fall 2011</b>
Staff-Guided Group Program Visitors	1,146	<b>1,149</b>
Family Programs (Fall Walk, Explorer Series, Scouts)	54	<b>41</b>
Visitors for Facility Rentals & Off-site Programs	1,027	<b>925</b>
Knee-High Naturalist Programs (16 programs)	144	<b>87</b>
Kid's Birthday Party Rental Participants (started in 2005)	48	<b>278</b>
Special Events & Meetings (Historic Harvest Festival, Spring Creek Day, Music Nights)	1,442	<b>1,196</b>
<b>Total Fall Visits:</b>	<b>3,861</b>	<b>3,646</b>

*The Historic Harvest Festival event attracted over 1,000 visitors... a record at MMNC! Facility uses and group programs are on par with 2010, while Birthday Party Reservations have greatly increased. Just as in 2010, family program numbers have been lower than usual, so staff will continue to offer new programs and increase marketing outreach.*

*Molly A. Hetrick, Recreation Supervisor - Nature Center*

<b>Highlights of Park Operations - Fall 2011</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 145 picnic groups reserved pavilions during September and October.</li> <li>• Perform Ongoing park maintenance tasks: turf / plant maintenance, trash / recycling collections, leaf collection, repairs, vehicle / equipment maintenance, etc.</li> <li>• All wooden park benches at Fairbrook and Meadows Parks have been refurbished. This project will continue at all parks in 2012, as weather permits.</li> <li>• To promote tobacco-free park and recreation areas, over 100 "Young Lungs at Play" signs were installed at the various municipal park playgrounds across the Centre Region. The implementation of this advisory program was approved by the Authority Board and the municipalities in cooperation with PA Department of Health and the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service.</li> <li>• Work on the safety improvements and renovation upgrades continued at Field #H4 at the Hess Field Complex; including installation of the final, new backstop, protective netting and work on the ADA walkways. A new entrance gate was installed at the entrance off State Rt. 45.</li> <li>• Staff coordinated and assisted with the geo-technical and perc testing at Oak Hall Regional Park.</li> <li>• Maintenance assistance was provided for the winterization of the two pools.</li> <li>• The playground safety surface material was replenished and repairs were made to several play structures.</li> <li>• Updated "Park Rules and Regulations" signs were installed due to revisions to the municipal park ordinances.</li> <li>• Staff assisted Ferguson Township Public Works with renovating and expanding the Tudek Dog Park.</li> <li>• A new, ADA-compliant drinking fountain was installed at Suburban Park.</li> <li>• The ADA Parking Area for the nature center was improved.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Jim R. Carpenter, Parks Supervisor</i></p>

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*Report coordinated by Ronald Woodhead & Todd Roth*