

Parks & Recreation Commission
February 4, 2014

Tuesday, February 4, 2014, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7pm. Members present were Steven Brooks, Julie Wright and Doug Stahlgren. Also present was Recreation Director, Greg Karle. Minutes from the December 2013 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle reported that the youth basketball and volleyball season is progressing well. He was very pleased to report that participation in the winter sports has increased 15% this year. Springdale will be hosting tournament games February 21st – 23rd and the championships will be at Princeton High School on March 1st. Youth volleyball ended up with five teams this year, two in the 9 – 11 yr. olds and three in the 12 – 15 yr. olds. Registration for the spring youth sports baseball, softball and spring soccer began January 2nd and continues through the end of the month. Marketing efforts included flyers to the schools and sports teams, Constant Contact email, Facebook, posters and the street banner.

Springdale will host a SAY Cincy Central Coaches Clinic on Saturday, March 1st. If weather permits, it will be held on field #4 otherwise it will be held in the Auxiliary Gym. The two hour clinic will teach SAY theory, philosophy and run soft drills. The clinic will be marketed to Springdale, Evendale, Sharonville, Wyoming, Finneytown, Glendale and Greenhills soccer programs.

The Winter Racquetball League and the Women's Volleyball League have recently begun play. Racquetball has five participants and Women's Volleyball six teams.

- The annual Travel Expo was held January 23rd, and despite inclement weather, there were over fifty seniors in attendance. Joy Tour and Travel, Provident Travel and the Springdale Senior Citizens Club offered information on travel and day trip opportunities in 2014.

AARP Income Tax Help will be offered Fridays through April 11th. One hour appointments may be arranged by contacting the Community Center. The help is provided for individuals with simple federal and state returns.

The "That and That" program continues on February 6th at 2pm with a look back at Cincinnati history with a virtual tour presented by the Cincinnati Preservation Society. Cincinnati landmarks like Fountain Square, the Crew Tower, Finlay Market and other noteworthy sites will be visited.

Seniors will enjoy a Mardi Gras Luncheon on Thursday, February 27th. Po-Boy sandwiches, red beans & rice and desert will be served while they are entertained with Dixieland and New Orleans style music.

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- The process has begun to assemble the aquatics staff for 2014. Both the Aquatics Director and Assistant Aquatics Director will return, and they have been registered for a 3 ½ hour Lifeguard Management course offered online. Letters were sent to last year's staff along with applications (with request for a response by January 13th) to give us an indication of who would like to return and how many potential positions will need to be filled. Ten applications have been received for Lifeguard and 2 for Gate Attendant. Typically, 17 lifeguards and 4 Gate Attendant are employed.
- The Club Rec group will present their Winter Extreme Games – Fear Factor Edition on February 7th. Based on the game show, children will participate in fear factor type games as well as other winter themed activities. The event will be open to children 5th through 8th grade.
- Hip Hop Fitness will be offered on Mondays at 7pm beginning February 10th. A free demo class was held on February 3rd.

The next class of the Teen Fit Program will be offered February 16th 1:30pm – 4:30pm. Pre-registration is required.

The Zumba Gold six week class will begin March 5th. The class will replace Let's Get Fit Wednesdays 10:30am – 11:30am. The class provides modified low-impact moves for active older adults. The easy to follow program allows participants to move to the beat at their own speed.

- Mr. Karle said the department will have an intern working with us beginning in mid February. Scott Foster is former Community Center member and 18 year resident who will complete his Bachelors degree in Sports Management from Campbellsville University in May.

The department is currently accepting applications for a Park Patrol position. The additional person will give us greater flexibility in covering Park Patrol schedule.

Jackie Nunley has submitted her resignation from her Customer Service Assistant position. An applicant has been selected to fill the position and is undergoing a background check.

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- The youth boosters will conduct their annual Cinema Horse Races on Saturday, February 22nd. The doors open at 7pm and the first race is at 8pm. There will be a number of other Monte Carlo type games offered as well. Tickets are available at the Community Center at a cost of \$6 which includes admission and two drink tickets.
- The Springdale Forest Park Lions Club has scheduled their pancake breakfast for Saturday, March 15th, 8am – noon. IHOP will again be sponsoring the event and the Club Rec group has agreed to assist with serving and bussing tables.
- Presidents Day February 17th the Community Center will be open 1pm – 9pm.