

Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, October 4, 2016

On Tuesday, October 4, 2016, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Steven Brooks, Sharon Casselman, Daryl Dennie, Doug Stahlgren and Julie Wright. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the September 2016 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle stated that the fall soccer season was progressing well and that the season will conclude on October 29th. Registration continues for youth winter sports of basketball, volleyball and cheerleading. There will be a free Players Skills and Drills Clinic on November 12th 10am – noon. Volunteers will be conducting basketball skill stations and the grouped participants will rotate every 15 minutes. At the conclusion of the clinic, Princeton High School basketball coaches will discuss hard work, dedication, the need for practice, and what it takes to make the high school team.

The youth boosters will hold a Winter Pep-Rally on Friday, January 6th, at 6:30pm. The Pep Rally will be replace the Opening Day Parade. They would like to have the Coaches Hall of Fame induction at this event. It was noted that Gene Nell had recently passed away and that he was worthy of induction. Mr. Nell was nominated and approved by the Commission for induction into the Springdale Youth Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. Karle will notify the Nell family of the induction and when it will be recognized as well as the family of Gene Burt who was previously approved for induction.

- Active Aging Week was a huge success this year with a total attendance of 385 for the programs offered over the five consecutive days. This is an increase of over 100 attendees from last year's total. Eleven seniors attended every program throughout the week, also a new record. Very positive feedback was received regarding the quality of the programs and the enjoyment it offered. Adult/Senior Programmer Donner Lanter and Fitness Center Manager Jay Dennis are to be congratulated for a great job putting this program together.

Seniors will transform simple collage pictures into glittery creations on Thursday, October 6th with the "All That Glitters" Craft Day program. All materials are supplied

Dominoes are back Tuesday, October 11th at 1pm. Beginner and experienced players are welcome. It's free but register by October 7th.

October is national chili month so the *This & That* program will present "The Chili Families of Cincinnati" on Thursday, October 27th. A presenter from the Cincinnati Museum Center will talk about the history and families that made Cincinnati style chili a local culinary success story. Following the presentation 3, 4 or 5 ways will be served. The cost is \$3 register by October 24th.

A seasonal favorite Halloween Bingo returns on Monday, October 31st. There will be Halloween themed bingo games, prizes, a costume contest and special Halloween treats. The cost is only \$5.

- Club Rec will have a scavenger hunt and camp fire at the Community Center on Saturday evening, 6 – 8pm. They will solve clues to find objects and win prizes. Following the scavenger hunt they will enjoy s'mores and soft drinks. The free event is for Springdale residents' 5th – 8th grade. They also may invite one guest.
- The Mud Quest event went very well again this year. Registration filled with 120 participants and some additional walkups were permitted to run the course at the end of each heat. There were no incidents or injuries. The ComeUnity Bash began at 3pm under rather threatening weather conditions. At approximately 4:30pm high winds, lightning and extremely heavy rain arrived. After about an hour and observing a very negative forecast, it was decided to cancel the event.
- Balanced for Life class begin on October 5th. Balance is a vital part of daily living, fall prevention, and maintaining independence. The good news is that balance can be improved through practicing balance specific exercises. This free class includes a simple balance test, balance, and endurance exercises along with posture and stretching activities. The class is free and is held on Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11:30am, October 5th – November 16th
- Springdale resident Chris Pierce has been hired for Park Patrol. Chris grew up in Springdale and is studying Criminal Justice at UC.
- Mr. Karle noted that work had begun on the project to replace the tennis court fencing at the Community Center. The tennis and basketball courts are also to be resurfaced, but as we get further into the fall, it is becoming less likely that this work can be completed before spring. If temperatures fall below 50 degrees, the resurfacing material may not properly adhere. The tennis courts will be available as soon as the new fencing is in place.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The youth boosters will present their Father-Daughter Dance on Saturday, October 15th 6 – 8pm. The cost is \$20 per couple (\$5 each additional girl). They will enjoy dancing, pizza, ice cream floats and a keepsake photo. Pre-registration is required by October 13th.
- The Springdale Chamber of Commerce will present their Business & Community Expo on Tuesday, October 18th 11am – 2pm. Area businesses and City Departments will be represented. There will also be a chili cook off with free samples for the public.

The same day the Springdale Health Department will have their annual Health Fair/Flu

Clinic, noon – 2pm. In addition to flu shots, they will be offering blood pressure, glucose, and hearing checks. Call the Health Department for an appointment or to answer questions.

- A naturalist from Great Parks of Hamilton County will be at the Community Center on October 25th to present “Guess Whooo?” She will discuss everything you ever wanted to know about owls and more.
- Monster Mania will be held on Saturday, October 29th 2 – 4pm for children age 2 – 4th grade. There will be Halloween themed games, activities and crafts. Club Rec will be designing a haunted room for tours during the event. The Springdale/Forest Park Lions Club will be sponsoring the event.
- Mayor Webster shared with the Commission members details of a new animal control program administered by the Health Department to deal with skunks and raccoons. He also detailed various upcoming road repair projects in the City and a status update on the demolition of the Sheraton Hotel.