February Events

Feb. 5  Bridging the Triad at Miller Park Recreation Center (local stage)
Feb. 11  Crafternoons @ Miller Park Recreation Center at noon (theme is Hearts & Hearts)
Feb. 11  Parent’s Night Out @ Sedge Garden Recreation Center at 5:30—8:30 pm
Feb. 12  Valentine’s Drive-In Bingo @ Bolton Park at 2 pm
Feb. 14  Sweat with Your Sweetheart @ Little Creek Soccer Fields & on Facebook Live at 10 am

Answer to January’s trivia question:
Miller Park!

New Trivia Question: How many Recreation Centers are named after someone?

Showing Some Love

In this month’s edition of the newsletter, we wanted to highlight some very special people in the Recreation and Parks Department that we love and couldn’t live without!

Therapeutic Recreation Loves Their Job!

The TR Unit and our awesome team of specialists love what they do! The TR Unit consists of three Certified TR Specialists that work hard every day to provide quality programs and activities to citizens with various disabilities that are diverse, equitable, and inclusive. During the summer, you will find our TR staff hosting a specialized summer camp (Camp Discovery) for children and young adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities. They also organize and manage the Special Olympics Forsyth County events that offer year-round sports and wellness opportunities to over 2,000 Special Olympics athletes. Our three TR Specialists have served the citizens of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County for a combined 12 years!

Therapeutic Recreation staff and interns (Carlie—second from left, Kayla—second from right, and Katie on the far right)

If you would like to get involved, the TR Unit also offers an array of internships and practicums concentrated in Therapeutic Recreation/Recreation Therapy to further advance the profession in Parks and Recreation. We have interns from all over the state complete their internships with us and the next one could be you!

Interested in learning more about Therapeutic Recreation? Scan the QR code to watch an informational video about it.

Labor of Love

The City of Winston-Salem’s Recreation & Parks Department has a Maintenance Division that is the first line of assistance in ensuring that our parks are clean and safe for citizens to use and enjoy year-round. They work tirelessly on daily and routine maintenance, and on necessary repairs for our 14 greenways and trails, 89 parks, 17 recreation centers, and all 8 outdoor pools and 9 splashpads.

The Maintenance team consists of 47 skilled professionals and is managed by the Parks Superintendent, Renata Owens. Mrs. Owens has diligently served the City of Winston-Salem for 16 years and loves our parks! So, next time you see Mrs. Owens or her team working hard to keep our parks and facilities beautiful, make sure to wave or say hi and “show them some love!”

Salem Lake covered in ice from the January 2022 Winter storm

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