

February 2022



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Recreation Start to Finish

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?

City of Winston-Salem

Mayor: Allen Joines

City Council: Denise D. Adams, Mayor Pro Tempore, North Ward; Barbara H. Burke, Northeast Ward; Robert C. Clark, West Ward; John C. Larson, South Ward; Jeff MacIntosh, Northwest Ward; Kevin Mundy, Southwest Ward; Annette Scippio, East Ward; James Taylor, Jr., Southeast Ward
Lee Garrity, City Manager

Recreation & Parks Commission

John Gunckel, Chair; Sean Hawkins, Vice Chair; Kathy Gondring, George Peterson, Bob Hartwell, John France, Joseph Cassidy, Taylor Ansley, Mashica Jefferson

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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)

Some of their most popular and regular programs include Active Hour and Walking Club (inclusive and accessible fitness classes and walking programs), Aquabilities (basic swim lessons/water safety for children and young adults with disabilities), and our Empowering Teen Mentor Program. They have also added new programs in the Spring and Fall, which will consist of an inclusive gardening club, accessible bird watching program, and adaptive sports/clinics such as golf.

If you would like to get involved, the TR Unit also offers an array of internships and practicum 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

January 14 - New Year's Party
March 11 - Shades of Green
February 11 - Heart's & Heart's
April 8 - April Showers

2nd Friday of the Month 12-1:30 p.m.

CRAFTERNOONS

Bring your friends and create a new craft every month!

To register, contact Desmond:
dethomas@cityofws.org | 336-727-2831

Bingo is for Lovers!

Valentine's Drive-In Bingo at Bolton Park

Saturday, February 12 at 2 p.m.

1590 Bolton Street

FAMILY FUN FOR ALL AGES! GAMES! PRIZES!

Presented by Winston-Salem Recreation & Parks Department

WePLAYevents@cityofws.org

Admission: One donation item per player for Samaritan Ministries. A wish list of items at: www.samaritanforsyth.org/in-kind-gifts

USA Softball UMPIRES NEEDED

- No experience necessary.
- Training and education provided.
- Earn extra cash.
- Need to pass background check.
- Travel opportunities.
- Advancement available.

Classes begin January 24, 7:00pm at Hanes Hosiery Community Center
Contact Katie Thomas
at katherine@cityofws.org for more information.

BRIDGING THE TRIAD

Explore STEM programming and test your engineering skills through building a bridge with only 100 craft sticks and glue!

PACKET PICKUP STARTS 1/14!

Age Groups: 8-10, 11-14, 15-17 AND ADULT

FREE!

LOCAL COMPETITION FEBRUARY 5, 2022 10AM - 1PM
REGIONAL COMPETITION FEBRUARY 26, 2022 10AM - 1PM

Regional event will be held at the Griffin Recreation Center in Greensboro.

DEEP RIVER RECREATION CENTER
1029 Rocky Creek Rd, High Point
336-883-3407

GRIFIN RECREATION CENTER
5301 Halloway Rd, Greensboro
336-973-2928

KERNERSVILLE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER
125 E Boudinhamer St, Kernersville
336-906-3039

MILLER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
400 Leisure Lane, Winston-Salem
336-727-2831

ROBBINS RECREATION CENTER
512 S Hanesboro St, Edenton
336-248-3960

RECREATION MAIN OFFICE
1 E. Main St, THOMASVILLE
336-476-4288

Valentine's Day CARD EXCHANGE!

- Create a card: February 10, 2 P.M. - 6 P.M.
- Pick up a card: February 11, anytime!

Hanes Hosiery Community Center
501 Reynolds Blvd
336.727.2428
Jameyam@cityofws.org

Parent's Night Out

AGES 5-12 FRIDAY, FEB. 11

Drop the kids off for a fun night of Valentine's themed snacks, dancing and crafts.

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
401 Robbins Road
336.650.7694
\$10/child

SWEETHEART DANCE

A DAY PARTY FOR ADULTS 50+

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF DANCING AND FUN!

FEBRUARY 11, 2022
2:00-6:00 p.m.

CONTACT SERINA TO REGISTER (336) 661-4907 OR EMMA SERENAM@CITYOFWS.ORG

BROWN & DOUGLAS RECREATION CENTER
4725 INDIANA AVENUE
TICKETS: \$5.00/COUPLE

Sweat with Your Sweetheart!

Monday, February 14 | 10 a.m.

Join us for a fun, Valentine's partner workout for all ages. In person at 610 Foxcroft Drive or virtually via Facebook Live.

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S.P.L.A.S.H. & EARN MORE!

FREE LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION TRAINING

The Scholarship Program for Lifeguard/Aquatics Summer Hires (SPLASH) will cover the full cost of lifeguard certification training (\$250) if you commit to work for the city for the summer 2022 swim season.

Applications for lifeguard training & S.P.L.A.S.H open March 2022.

To apply or sign up for the training, contact:
Heather Candolera
336-734-1212
heatherca@cityofws.org

80+ Positions Available

- Must be certified as a lifeguard by the Red Cross or YMCA
- Must be 18 by July 15, 2022
- Refer-a-Friend Reward Program

Find a park with our Park locator

Find us on YouTube!

Special Events Dashboard

Check out the WePlay website

2022 Public Safety Black History Month Creative Arts Contest
"The Beauty in Black Heritage"

All school aged children (Grades K-12) are encouraged to compete in the Public Safety Black History Creative Arts Contest. Age groups will be as follows: K-1, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th, 6th-8th and 9th-12th

Entries can be submitted in one of two (2) forms: Visual Arts and Literary Arts.

Visual Arts: *Coloring sheets
*Collage Posters (creative cutouts on paper)
*Free Style Drawing or painting (any medium - pencil, charcoal, chalk, etc.)
*Handmade Art (sculptures, craft, etc.)
*Civil Rights Poster (only 6x9.5 pictures based on historical event or theme)

Literary Art: *Short Essay (up to 250 words, based on the theme)
*Poems/Spoken Word (minimum 6 lines, maximum 20 lines)

ONE category entry per child. (Children may submit ONE Visual and ONE Literary entry.)

ALL submissions will be judged on:

- Overall Quality
- Creativity
- Completeness
- Effort
- Neatness
- Relevance to Theme

Each Recreation Center location may submit three (3) entries per Age Group to be judged in the citywide contest. Child's Name, Grade and Center Location need to be on the BACK of each entry.

ALL entries DUE no later than **Monday, January 31 at 5:00pm.**

Encourage Creativity!
"Coloring ain't just crayons; poems don't always rhyme."

There will be two (2) citywide winners in each Age Group for the Public Safety Black History Creative Arts Contest for a grand total of ten (10) winners.