April Events

April 1  Piedmont Plus Senior Games 2022 Opening Ceremony at Benton Convention Center (11 am-1 pm)
April 5 & 19  Empowering Our Teens Mentoring Program at William R. Anderson Jr. Community Center (6-7 pm)
April 13  WePLAY Rec N Roll at Nelson Malloy Jr. Park (6-7 pm)
April 20-22  2022 Special Olympics Spring Games at JDL Indoor Fast Track Facility (10 am-1 pm)
April 23  National Picnic Day
April 30  Anne Catherine’s Bethabara at Historic Bethabara Park (10:30 am)

Answers to March’s trivia questions: Trick question! There are 5 recreation centers tied for oldest center (all built in 1967): Minnie Lee Davis Harris, Martin Luther King, Jr., Miller Park, Polo Park, & Sprague Street Recreation Centers. Hanes Hosiery Community Center is the newest as it was built in 2003.

April’s trivia question: When was the settlement of Bethabara (i.e. Historic Bethabara Park) founded?

WePLAY Rec N Roll

Join Winston-Salem’s Recreation and Parks Department (WSRP) on their newest adventure, WePLAY Rec N Roll! Rec N Roll will be bringing pop up recreation events to different parks across the city this summer. Participants can play team sports, flex their creative muscles and enjoy an evening in one of our beautiful parks. This program is designed to bring recreation to the citizens and is hosted the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6-7 pm. Dates and locations are as follows:

- 4/13 Nelson Malloy Jr. Park
- 5/11 Parkland Park
- 6/8 Jamison Park
- 7/13 Blum/Blanding Park
- 7/27 Hathaway Park
- 8/10 Leinbach Park

Email WePLAYevents@cityofws.org for more information. We hope to see you there!

Splashpads

In an effort to match up splashpad and pool operation seasons, splashpads will open May 1 this year instead of the usual April 1. The end of the splashpad season will be dependent on the weather. However, it is currently planned to run through September.

New Operating Hours

On April 1, Historic Bethabara Park reopens to the public. They are open Tuesday-Saturday (10:30 am-4:30 pm) and Sundays (1:30-4:30 pm). They will remain open until mid-December.

Salem Lake’s new seasonal operating hours are 8 am-7:30 pm on weekdays and 7 am-7:30 pm on weekends.

Send Your Kids to Camp!

Start planning ahead for activities for your kids for Spring and Summer break. Spring Break Camp runs at various recreation centers the week of April 11-14 (grades K-5). Ten recreation centers are hosting summer camps for ages 5-12. Have slightly older kids? Teens in Action is a camp for rising 6-9th graders that will be at five centers. Finally, Camp Discovery is back for another summer of fun for people ages 8-21 with intellectual and developmental disabilities. All summer camps will run June 21-August 8 and registration opens on site on April 2. Email WePLAYevents@cityofws.org for more information.

Basketball Court Renovations

Swing by your local recreation center to see the exciting renovations that have been completed to the basketball courts. Sprague Street, Miller Park, William C. Sims Sr., and Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Centers have all had their courts resurfaced. While over at William R. Anderson Jr. Community Center, the gym has been renovated and the basketball court has been replaced!

Park Alphabet Hunt

Head out to a park near you and find the letters in your name in nature. All throughout April, you can take pictures of letters found in nature and email your pictures to be entered to win a WePLAY activity pack. Entries should be sent to: WePLAYevents@cityofws.org.

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