

Paxton Park District



August Newsletter

The summer season is quickly coming to a close and before we know it, school will be starting and we will have our fall programs to look forward to. As you may have noticed, we have our fall season all planned out and ready to go! Several local businesses were gracious enough to post our program brochures in their stores. Kids will soon be bringing home forms from school with information on our Youth programs. Don't let the registration deadline sneak up on you!

We are very excited about one fall program in particular: Youth Flag Football! This new activity gives area elementary-aged kids, not currently involved in other football leagues, the opportunity to learn new skills and practice and play with their friends. The interest level seems to be high in both our K-2 league and the 3-5 league. There is a possibility for the expansion to a Junior High League next year. We are lucky enough to have the support of PBL administrators and football staffers who see this league being a great thing for Paxton and the football program. Any parents looking to hop on board and help coach a team, do not hesitate to contact us!

While Youth Flag Football is right around the corner, so too are several other Youth programs. You will see the return of Gymnastics, Dance, and Girls Volleyball. The newly created Teen Club should be loads of fun, while a Teen Paintball Trip over Columbus Day weekend will provide quite the unique experience.

Adults do not need to just sit back and watch kids have all the fun. We have plenty of opportunities for some friendly competition, exercise, and fun, specifically Softball, Flag Football, Zumba, and a Golf Trip planned for October 15th. Older adults can look forward to our Senior Club, while anyone can get an education in First Aid, CPR, & AED with our certification class on August 29th – 30th. Information on all programs can be found online and in our program brochure.

Obviously, the pool situation is on most everybody's mind. Not helping matters are the above average temperatures and seemingly complete lack of precipitation. We are currently in the process of learning more about and evaluating possible short-term alternatives to fixing the pool, which would allow it to be compliant for at least the near future. Many share our realization that the reopening of the pool as we know it is not a long-term solution. Numerous factors will go into an eventual decision, most importantly,

weighing the costs of a short-term solution against how many years we would be able to actually get out of it until a tangible long-term design can be developed. This can be difficult however as state regulations and compliance standards can change on a yearly basis.

We feel honored and already indebted to the individuals undertaking the "Save Our Pool" fundraiser. With initial discussions underway and ideas already being generated, the group is ready for a full-steam-ahead approach in their efforts. It is so nice to see a proactive approach among members of the community who are so passionate about taking action and willing to work together for a common goal. The Park District looks forward to working with this endeavor and will have the community's best interest in mind all along the way.

So as summer soon makes way for fall, we are anxiously awaiting the start of all of our programs. Hopefully, you are as well!