

## Paxton Park District



### June Newsletter

With the creation of our new website, the Paxton Park District also wanted to take the opportunity to keep the community even more informed with the creation of an every-other month newsletter. It is our intention to keep you as up-to-date as possible about our goings-on's and what we have in store for the immediate future.

While the pool's closure has put a damper on much of the summer's activities, the Paxton Park District Youth Baseball & Softball leagues are going strong. With the help of many dedicated volunteers, local sponsors, and Park District staff, Nelson Field has been looking great all season. The improvements to the concession stand have also seemed to be a popular success. The boys and girls on the field are working hard and having fun, keeping Nelson Park busy 6 days a week. All this hard work has to have some kind of payoff, right? On Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00-10:00, the Park District will be sponsoring an end-of-the-year Youth League Party at Nelson Field. We will have several inflatables, a dunk tank, raffle prizes, and extra concession stand goodies. To top it all off, we will be showing a baseball movie on a giant inflatable screen!

As the summer goes on, we will be sending out information about several Fall youth programs. Expect to see Youth Flag Football, Youth Soccer, more Dance Classes, and fun and unique day trips.

Summer Adult Leagues are off and running with the start of Sand Volleyball. Improvements to the courts and new equipment helped entice 9 teams to sign up. Check out the Adult Leagues link to see a schedule and updated league standings. Zumba classes are also being offered 4 nights a week at the Civic Center. If you are unfamiliar with Zumba, come check it out! It has been described as a cardio workout where you are having such a good time; you forget you are working up a sweat. Our 2 certified instructors lead a great class that will definitely keep you moving and coming back for more!

While some people have been disappointed in the lack of a softball league this summer, we have come up with a fun alternative... Registration is currently underway for 16" Co-Ed Softball. Also known as "mushball", this 8-week Wed/Thur league begins play July 20<sup>th</sup>. Games will be played at Nelson Field. It is our hope that this Co-Ed league gets some new faces into the softball program while also providing the "fix" for those 12"ers looking to smack a ball around. Check out the website for further details.

We are currently gauging interest in some new Adult Fall Leagues. Ideas kicked around have included Flag Football, Kickball, and Wiffleball. If any of those sound good to you, or if you have an idea of your own, please feel free to let us know.

Also on tap in the near future, you can expect to see improvements made to the tennis courts, continued upkeep of the grounds around Coady Park, and enhancing the play surfaces at West Lawn Park.

Lastly, the Park District recently conducted a needs-assessment survey. Thanks to all those who took the time and provided some very well thought out responses. It was quite obvious, that even with several unfortunate circumstances related to programs in the past, that we still have many people around the community who are passionate about the Park District. For anybody who did not get a chance to voice their opinion on the survey, we still welcome your input. Feel free to always get in touch with us. While it is easy to say that many of your issues will be addressed, we are well aware that true progress will not be made until it is actually shown. We are confident that it will be shown very soon.

Enjoy your summer!