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Kenosha County Parks Offers New Programs and Events this Summer

A commemoration of the Kenosha County Parks' 90th anniversary will headline a slate of new park programs and events throughout the summer, Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser has announced.

The new programs and events were designed to bring people of a variety of ages and ability levels into the parks to participate in free or affordable recreational programs.

“These programs are focused on bringing more awareness to the numerous health, environmental and social benefits that the parks add to the quality of life in our community,” Kreuser said.

Programs and Events Overview:

Yoga in the Park presented by CrossFit Kenosha

Dates: Mondays, June 12 through August 14

Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Where: Petrifying Springs Park, Pavilion Area #3

Ages: All ages welcome (those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian)

Registration: Not mandatory, but recommended. Program information and registration information may be found online at parks.kenoshacounty.org.

Details: Free yoga sessions will be available to all visitors, offering a unique environment to release stress and learn a new way to stay healthy. Classes will be geared for all levels from beginners to intermediate. Participants are encouraged to bring their own yoga mat, since a limited supply will be available to use.

Tots in the Park presented by Hawthorn Hollow

Dates: Tuesdays, June 13 through August 15

Time: 10-11 a.m.

Where: Petrifying Springs Park, Pavilion Area #3

Ages: 3-5 (Parents/guardians must accompany children)

Registration: Mandatory. Program information and registration information may be found online at parks.kenoshacounty.org.

Details: Tots in the Park is a free parent-child participation program offered to preschoolers ages 3-5 and their parents or guardians. Each week, the program offers a different theme including story time, fitness (games), crafts, and hands-on learning activities for parents and children to enjoy outdoors. Tots in the Park was created to increase young children's environmental appreciation and improve learning and motor skills.

CrossFit in the Park presented by CrossFit Kenosha

Dates: Wednesdays, June 14 through August 16

Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Where: Petrifying Springs Park, Pavilion Area #3

Registration: Not mandatory, but recommended. Program information and registration information may be found online at parks.kenoshacounty.org.

Ages: All ages welcome (those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian)

Details: Free CrossFit classes will be available for people looking to participate in an exciting way to be active. Although this is a high-intensity exercise that is a strength-and-conditioning program, all are welcome to participate.

Wildlife Explorers presented by Hawthorn Hollow

Dates: Thursdays, June 15 through August 17

Time: 10-11:00 a.m.

Where: Petrifying Springs Park, Pavilion Area #3

Ages: 5-8 (independent learning; parents/guardians not required for program)

Registration: Mandatory. Program information and registration information may be found online at parks.kenoshacounty.org.

Details: Wildlife Explorers is a free, fun, low-barrier program designed to connect youth to nature by encouraging exploration and increasing kids' comfort with spending time in nature. This nature discovery program focuses on environmental appreciation, rather than environmental literacy.

Movies in the Park presented by Petrifying Springs Biergarten

Dates: Fridays, June 2 through October 6

Time: Dusk

Where: Petrifying Springs Biergarten (Pavilion #1)

Ages: All (Movies will be rated PG or PG-13)

Details: Kenosha County Parks is partnering with Petrifying Springs Biergarten to bring weekly movies to the park each Friday evening. For a complete list of movies, please visit the Kenosha County Parks website or the Petrifying Springs Biergarten Facebook page.

Summer Trail Running Series sponsored by the Kenosha Running Company

Dates/Locations: June 14 at Bristol Woods Park, June 28 at KD Park, July 12 at Fox River Park, July 26 at Silver Lake Park, August 2 at Brighton Dale Park, August 9 at Petrifying Springs Park

Time: Races start at 6 p.m.

Registration Fee: Individual \$12.00, couple \$20.00, family \$27.00, individuals running all of the races \$48.00. Partial proceeds benefit the Kenosha County Parks. Register at

www.xcthrillogy.com

Details: Kenosha County Parks and Kenosha Running Company, Inc., are working together to introduce all of the great trails for runners and walkers throughout parks system. Runners and walkers of all abilities and level of fitness are welcome. Most trail routes will be two to three miles in length, and participants are welcome to run or walk multiple loops of the course if desired. Events will be dog-friendly.

Kayak and Paddleboard Rentals

Dates: May 27-September 4

Location: Silver Lake Park Beach

Time: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$15 for first hour, \$5 for each additional hour rented

Details: Kenosha County Parks will offer kayak and paddle board rentals throughout the summer season. Silver Lake is a 516-acre lake regionally renowned for its scenic views and stunning beaches.

Kenosha County Parks 90th Anniversary Celebration

Date: August 5

Time: Noon-8:30 p.m., followed by fireworks at dusk

Where: Petrifying Springs Park

Ages: All

Details: Kenosha County Parks is hosting a day filled with free family activities, live music and entertainment and fireworks at dusk. Entertainment venues at six park pavilions will include interactive features for children, live music, face painters and magicians. The mainstage will host headliner bands adjacent to the Petrifying Springs Biergarten from noon to 8:30 p.m. The mainstage lineup includes The Grateful Deadliners (classic rock), Saddlebrook (country), The Sam Llanas Band (featuring Sam Llanas, formerly of the BoDeans) and the Altered Five Blues Band. Food and refreshments will be available throughout the event, provided by the Petrifying Springs Biergarten. Free shuttle services will be provided by Western Kenosha County Transit. Special thanks to Jump N' Jax, Gruber Law Offices LLC, Applied Ecological Services, Aurora Health Care, Old Settlers Oktoberfest and Snap-on for their generosity and support of the Kenosha County Parks.

Updated information on the Anniversary Celebration may be found at parks.kenoshacounty.org.

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