

2025 FALL RECREATION GUIDE



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MISSION

We enrich the lives of the Lower Paxton Township residents through safe and accessible parks, recreation facilities, and programs that promote health and well-being, inspire and connect people, and build community pride.



RESERVATIONS AND RENTALS

Reservation requests are accepted starting the day after President's Day. Rental locations include: ball fields, courts, pavilions, Heroes Grove, and Township Municipal Center rooms. View each park's different amenities and rental fees online.

Pavilion Rentals

Each pavilion rental includes picnic tables and charcoal grills. Most pavilions have electricity and many parks have permanent restrooms.

bit.ly/LPaxReserve

Payments and Refund

Rental and program payments are accepted online or by mail. Event, facility, and vendor permits will be issued upon payment.



Please review our park ordinances and FAQs for further details.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Limited grant funds are available to assist low-income residents who wish to participate in township recreational programs. Grants will cover 50% of the program cost and are awarded on a first come, first serve basis. Contact: Michelle Hiner

FALL IN THE PARKS



FALL FREE EVENT
FESTIVAL

SAT. 10/4 **GEORGE PARK**
11:00–3:00PM

HAYRIDES • FOOD TRUCKS • PONY RIDES • AND MORE!

bit.ly/LPFallFest
RAIN OR SHINE
PRESENTED BY

 **Rotary**
Club of Colonial Park 



Stay tuned!
Geocaching will launch
in the parks this fall.

Interest meeting: Sept. 13 @ 1:00pm
Municipal Center room 174

POSSIBILITY PLACE
REIMAGINED

Over the past 18 years, this community-built playground has served us well, but is now approaching the end of its lifespan. We hope you'll reimagine alongside us in planning & fundraising for a complete renovation timed for 2027.





PARKS & RECREATION PROFESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT

MARK CARLEY: BRIGHTBILL BASKETBALL SITE SUPERVISOR

NOT READY FOR A TIME-OUT YET

When Mark Carley is asked to tell a “fun fact” about himself during the traditional group introduction sessions at Township events, he likes to mention the time he refereed the girls quad A finals state championship basketball game at Penn State’s world-class Bryce Jordan Center in 2011.



As a PIAA official for 35 years, that palatial venue and that championship match-up represented one of the pinnacles of his career.

But it’s the little victories he enjoys the most as he logs his 27th year with the Brightbill Park Basketball summer league and about his 20th as Site Supervisor. Seeing little children who don’t know the first thing about basketball slowly gaining skills and confidence as they return season after season gives him a rush of joy.

He has seen an untold number of little dribblers and shooters start out learning the fundamentals of the game, usually at Brightbill Park and then Koons Park, high school, college and later excelling in life, whether it’s in athletics or another endeavor.

Being a fixture at Brightbill Park nearly every summer night is a far cry from his day job, which,



up until recently, was as an information systems analyst, first for the Liquor Control Board, then the Department of Treasury. In January 2024, he retired after 35 years of Commonwealth service. But he is not one to sit and binge-watch Netflix all day.

He said even when he worked full-time, he always worked a part-time job. He works security for Hershey Entertainment & Resorts – including for concerts like the recent Luke Bryan event – and also helps officiate volleyball for local PIAA high schools.

While some rec league referees shy away from working the little kids’ games, they are his favorite, he said.

He realizes most of the budding athletes in the Brightbill league may not become NBA or WNBA phenoms like Alyssa Thomas or LeBron James. He just wants them to have fun.

“We always stress at Brightbill – sportsmanship is the number one thing.”



PARK PROGRAMS



FITNESS CLASSES

Location: Municipal Center

- Step w/ Sunny – Mon. & Wed. 8:30am
- Pilates w/ Yvonne – Mon. & Wed. 9:30am
- Beginner Yoga w/ Sharon – Tue. 10:00am
- Mixed Level Yoga w/ Sharon – Thur. 9:00am
- Yogalates Combo w/ Terri – Tue. & Thur. 4:30pm

Drop-ins welcome!

Fee: \$10-12 per drop in

Pre-register for these classes here:

bit.ly/LPregistrationfitness



HOOP SKILLS

Instructional program focused on basketball basics with mini-games.

Wednesdays, 6:00–7:00pm

August 21-September 25

Brightbill Park Basketball Court #2

Ages 5-7 at start of program

Resident: \$85

NonResident: \$100

(t-shirt included)

Registration: bit.ly/YouthFun



SATURDAY GARDEN CHATS WITH A MASTER GARDENER

The Master Gardener Program of



PennState Extension 10:00-11:00am, Free to all



Fall Planting and Fall Lawns

September 6: Koons Park pavilion

Register:



bit.ly/MGChats



Drying Herbs and Flowers and Preparing the Fall/Winter Garden

October 4: Lamplight Park pavilion

Drying herbs and flowers speaker Kathryn Bartizek



SUMMER CAMP SHOWCASE

HOLIDAY WEEK



GUPPY GULCH



SLIME



DANCING POPCORN



FOAM PARTY



CAMP CARNIVAL



NATURE ART



WINTER FUN



HOLIDAY CAMP



- ▶ Children will enjoy games, crafts, movies and more.
- ▶ Snacks provided. Pack a brown bag lunch.
- ▶ Pizza party and noon balloon drop on 12/31.



Registration:
bit.ly/LPHolidayCamp



3 DAYS OF FUN!

Monday, December 29
Tuesday, December 30
Wednesday, December 31

8:00am-1:00pm | Ages 6-11
Municipal Center Rooms A & B

FEES: Resident \$48
NonResident \$60



AUGUST 10, 2025

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC

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2024 V.I.P. STATISTICS

VOLUNTEERS IN PARKS



6,183 TOTAL HOURS



33

ORGANIZATIONS



497

INDIVIDUALS



158

BRIGHTBILL
BASKETBALL COACHES

4,650 HOURS



126 HRS

CD EAST MIDDLE
SCHOOL



76 HRS

SUSQUEHANNA APPALACHIAN
TRAIL CLUB SATC



62 HRS

DAUPHIN COUNTY
TECHNICAL SCHOOL DCTS

VOLUNTEER HOURS

18

Shade Tree Commission

51

Arts Council

85

Community Engagement Committee

89

Parks & Recreation Board

107

Historical Commission

117

Greenway Committee

Get Involved bit.ly/LowerPaxtonVIP

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V.I.P. - VOLUNTEERS IN PARKS

Park Clean Up: 1st Sunday of every month from 8:00–9:00am: 9/7 George Park, 10/5 Brightbill Park, 11/2 Kohl Park. All ages welcome to help keep our parks beautiful! Supplies provided.

Trail Maintenance:

4th Saturday of every month from 9:00–11:00am on August 23, September 27, and October 25. Work with the Lower Paxton Greenway Committee to keep our local trails clear of litter and debris.

Register:



bit.ly/LowerPaxtonVIP

Be a Friend for all Seasons

Your commitment through a \$100 membership donation to the Friends of the Parks bolsters our efforts to restore, maintain, and grow our recreational resources.

bit.ly/LPTFriends



Charitable contributions to governmental units are tax-deductible under section 170(c)(1) of the IRS code, if made for a public purpose.

SPORTS LEAGUES

ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Indoor Recreational 6V6

Winter Season Dates: October–March

Registration Dates: September 2–12, 2025

Fees: \$625 Resident team, \$665 NonResident team

Ages: Adults or high school groups with adult leader

Registration: bit.ly/LPvolleyball



Women's Winter 2025 Champions

SEASONAL HIRING: Volleyball Officials



- Must be at least 18 & very familiar with the sport
- Winter adult league mid October–March
- Games at Dauphin County Technical School



To apply:

bit.ly/LPaxParksSeasonalJobs

NEWS & EVENTS



1ST GROWING SEASON - COMMUNITY GARDENS



LPVB - Lower Paxton Variety Band Schedule

Free performances

Sat., August 16

Paxton Presbyterian Picnic
6:00 pm

***Thur., August 28**

"Simply The Best"
Penn Harris Hotel (Camp Hill)
5:15 pm (Outside Performance)

***Sun., September 14**

Faith Immanuel Church Picnic
12:00 pm (After Church Service)

***Sat., September 20**

Music & Art Festival
11:00 am (Colonial Park United
Church of Christ)

**Note: Meal ticket purchase required but usually the concert portions are open to the public.
Contact: Jim Milbrand 717-652-0338*



Looking ahead to 2026 - Field Rental & Park Event Requests

Requests can be submitted online starting Oct. 1, 2025, including \$100 application fee. 1st priority will be given to applications received by Nov. 15, 2025. Park event applicants will be invited to participate in a planning meeting with the Township Dept. directors to review event details. Submission of applications does not constitute approval. Approval is granted via a permit.

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..... Brightbill Basketball League Sponsors



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Summer Camp
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