

2026 SPRING RECREATION GUIDE



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Connecting Residents to
Live
Purposefully
Together

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 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.



Notice: Beginning January 2026, all online transactions will incur a service fee.

2025 PARKS IN ACTION

236 ACRES OF PARKLAND



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COMMUNITY PARKS

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NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Other parkland includes field space dedicated to youth sports, trails, and open space.

SUMMER CAMP



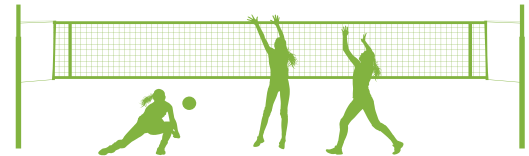
4 CAMPS
219 CAMPERS

BRIGHTBILL YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE



80 TEAMS
162 VOLUNTEER COACHES
802 PLAYERS

WINTER/SUMMER ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE



38 TEAMS
442 PARTICIPANTS

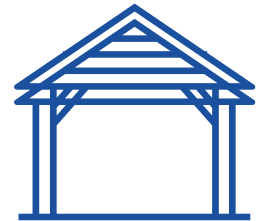
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PART-TIME STAFF FOR SEASONAL OPERATIONS

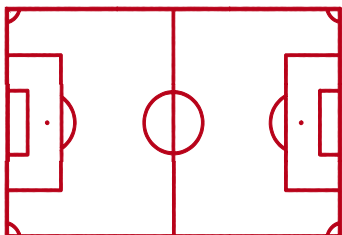


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2025 PAVILION RESERVATIONS



FIELDS & COURTS



12
MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS FIELDS

13
DUAL USAGE FIELDS/COURTS

52
DEDICATED SPORTS FIELDS



7

YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS that help with maintenance and improvements to the fields in our parks

SPRINGTIME IN THE PARKS



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LINGLE PARK
1130 Pleasant Road
Harrisburg, PA 17111
FREE EVENT

KITE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, APRIL 18
12:00-2:00PM

Bring a picnic lunch or buy a sweet treat from a park vendor.

SEASONAL HIRING



To apply:
bit.ly/LPaxParksSeasonalJobs



Park Attendant

- Must be 18+ with a valid drivers license and clean driving record
- Must have evening and weekend availability
- Work outdoors
March - November



Summer Camp Counselors

- Must be 16+
- Enjoy working with children ages 6-12
- Work outdoors June - mid August
- Must be CPR certified or willing to become certified



Basketball Referees

- Must be 16+
- Summer league May - August
- We will train you to referee
- Games at Brightbill and Koons Park
- Monday-Thursday
5:45 PM - 10:15 PM

Contact Lena:

lgreen@lowerpaxton-pa.gov

Contact Justine

jwalters@lowerpaxton-pa.gov

V.I.P. VOLUNTEERS IN PARKS

MEMORIAL VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: ASHLEY SURGEONER

Ashley Surgeoner, a Lower Paxton resident and volunteer basketball coach, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, October 17, 2025 at UPMC Harrisburg Hospital at the age of 37. Ashley was the loving wife of Dan Surgeoner for the past 11 years. She leaves behind two amazing children, whom she cherished more than anything, Anna, age 9 and Paige, age 6. Ashley loved being a mother, and it was evident in everything she did. It was truly her purpose.



Ashley had a passion for helping. She was a Girl Scout leader, a basketball coach, track and field coach, and a helping hand whenever it was needed. Ashley was involved in many aspects of Saint Catherine Laboure school and church. She was kind, loving, brave, compassionate, ambitious, and could make anyone laugh. Ashley will be missed infinitely by all those that knew and loved her.



Ashley was one of our amazing volunteer coaches (170 coaches in total) through the Township's 2025 Brightbill Basketball league for the pink team - girls ages 8-9. One of her assistant coaches shared, "Ashley was willing to be the head coach for her daughter and the girls who did not have a team. Some of these girls had never played basketball before and none of the girls played together before. Ashley included all team members and helped build confidence in each girl. She was always friendly and had a smile even though we lost all our games. With the help of Ashley and our other coaches, we improved our score each game and lost by less. Ashley helped each player focus on her strengths and as a team we came together. She was a great coach and leader for our team the girls named the Pink Flamingos."



Ashley truly embodied the essence of coaching, and we will miss her terribly along with her team and coaches. To learn more about the memorial in support of her daughters, please contact Megan Fackler, the Administrative Assistant of St. Catherine Laboure School at mfackler@schbg.org.



SPORTS LEAGUES

BRIGHTBILL BASKETBALL SUMMER LEAGUE

Season Begins: June 1, 2026

Fees: \$106 Resident, \$116 NonResident

Registration Dates: Feb 9 - March 27 by 4:00 PM

Game Locations: Brightbill and Koons Parks

Age Divisions:

Boys: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (ability to play up), Typically play Mon. & Wed.

Girls: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (ability to play up), Typically play Tue. & Thur.

Game Times: 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00 PM (Ages 8-9 do not play at 9:00 PM)

For more information: bit.ly/LPLeagues



Register:



bit.ly/LPbballregister

SUMMER OUTDOOR ADULT RECREATIONAL 6v6 VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Season Runs: mid May - mid August

Registration dates: March 30 - April 16, 2026

Fees: \$375 Resident team, \$415 NonResident team

Ages: Open to adults (or high school groups with adult leader)

Game Location: Koons Park

Registration: bit.ly/LPvolleyball



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Fall Fest
Title Sponsor



Fall Fest
Platinum Sponsor



Fall Fest
Platinum Sponsor



Fall Fest
Gold Sponsor



Fall Fest
Gold Sponsor



Fall Fest
Volunteer Appreciation
Sponsor



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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Ages: 6-12

Registration Opens: Monday, April 20, 2026

Weekly Fees: \$60 R, \$75 NR

Day Camp: 8:00am-1:00pm Mon.-Fri.

June 15th - August 7th

Locations: Koons, Brightbill, Kohl, Centennial Acres

Limited Space Week: August 10th - 14th



FITNESS CLASSES



Register: bit.ly/LPregistrationfitness

Step w/ Sunny - Mon. & Wed. 8:30am

Pilates w/ Yvonne - Mon. 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 with \$10 per class fee, except
Yogalates Combo \$12.

Pre-register for your drop-in the day of class!

SATURDAY GARDEN CHATS



10:00 - 11:00 AM
FREE TO ALL

March 7 - Municipal Center | Rooms A&B

*Kick Off Your Garden with the
Highest Chance of Success*

Meet with multiple Master Gardeners from Penn
State Extension on discussion topics:

- Plant Selection
- Soil testing & fertilization
- Composting
- Lawn care calendars
- Pruning & pest control

March 11 - Kings Crossing

April Showers Brings May(be) Flowers

Learn how tasks we perform in April can/will
impact the garden all year.

- Assessing, planning, and placement are key



Register:
bit.ly/MGChats



Register:
bit.ly/LPCommunityGarden

COMMUNITY GARDENS



V.I.P. Sowers Webinar - Jan. 7 | 7:00 - 8:00pm

If you enjoy the natural beauty of flowers and garden
spaces then be sure to join us for an informational
webinar on the opportunity to become a part of our
V.I.P. Sowers. Register: bit.ly/VIPSowersWebinar

2026 Registration:

Returning gardener Jan. 12 - 23

New gardener opens Feb. 3

- Must be 18+ and a resident
- One plot per household
- Annual fee - \$20 small,
\$30 large

Garden Orientation - March 20 | 6:00 - 6:30pm

Seed Starting - March 20 | 6:30 - 8:00pm

Municipal Center Rooms A&B



GET INVOLVED

21ST ANNUAL TRASH(CAN) TO TREASURE

Sign Up: Feb. 2-13
 Beautify a Trash Can:
 Feb. 27 - Mar. 13
 Learn more:
bit.ly/LPaxTrash2Treasure

Request a Can:



VOLUNTEER COACHES FOR BASKETBALL

Must be 18+, 160 coaches needed for league
 Summer league runs May - August
 Games at Brightbill and Koons Parks
 Contact Justine jwalters@lowerpaxton-pa.gov
 or complete the coach registration:
bit.ly/Brightbillcoach

V.I.P. - VOLUNTEER IN PARKS

Garden Volunteer Days

2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month from 6:00-7:30pm
 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am-12pm
 Register today: bit.ly/LPGardenVolunteer

Park Clean Up:

1st Sunday of every month, 8:00-9:00am

4/5 & 8/2 at Kohl Park

5/3 & 9/6 at Koons Park

6/7 & 10/4 at George Park

7/5 & 11/1 at Brightbill Park

All ages welcome to help keep our parks beautiful! Supplies provided.

Trail Maintenance:

4th Saturday of every month, 9:00-11:00am

4/25, 5/23, 6/27, 7/25

8/22, 9/26, 10/24, 11/28

Work with our Greenway Committee to keep our local trails clear of litter and debris.

Register:



NEWS & EVENTS



Our new StoryWalk® will display a storybook on the path each season with interactive elements for children and families to explore.

2026

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January

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EVENTS & PROGRAMS 2026

3/23 | StoryWalk®

4/18 | Kite Festival

6/1-7/31 | Brightbill

Basketball Summer League

6/12 | Movie Night

6/15-8/7 | Summer Camp

7/5 | Independence Concert

8/4 | Night Out for Public Safety

10/3 | Fall Festival

LIVE in LP DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED