

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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The summer of 2008 is rapidly drawing to a close. The last few months have been filled with talk of decreased state funding, taxes, budget cuts and property revaluations. I'd like to take this time to discuss what a great summer we have had around Lincoln Park, including many programs and events that we have never had before. The following is a sort of "What I did (or could have been doing) On My Summer Vacation." I hope that many of you were able to participate in some of these great programs. For those that didn't, please keep them in mind for next year.

P.A.L. kicked off the summer (actually it was spring, but it was so good it's worth mentioning again) with their Baseball and Softball Opening Day festivities. This event gets better and better each year. Great seasons of soccer, and now cheerleading and football followed.

Once again, the Lincoln Park American Legion Post 279 sponsored a wonderful Memorial Day Parade and ceremony to honor and remember those in our Armed Forces.

Our Police Department ran the most successful "Junior Police Academy" yet. There were a record number of 11-15 year old "cadets" that participated this year. Due to the success of the program, there is talk of running two different sessions next year. Also keep in mind the upcoming Academies for High School and adult participants.

The Fire Department held the first "Career Day" for its younger members. The Junior Firefighter program has been thriving lately, and some of our veteran firefighters were able to give the younger members a taste of what a career in the fire service would be like. The participants worked, ate and slept at the firehouse. Drills, education and even running calls with EMS helped to further train our young firefighters. Anyone interested in more information on the Junior Firefighter program should contact the Lincoln Park Fire Department.

The Health Department was the recipient of a "Sun Safe" grant this summer which provided information regarding sun exposure and health risks to visitors to the Community Lake.

Speaking of the lake, the Friends of the Library recently held their 3rd Annual "Oldies at the Lake." This event was very well attended and has become a great regular addition to our summer schedule.

Of course, our Parks and Recreation Department was very busy this summer enhancing the usual programs and adding new ones. The Elm Street Park was totally replaced with new equipment and available this summer. A multi-sport camp was held to increase interest in various sports. The Lake was opened earlier this year than ever before and another "Summer Blast" party was held there for the whole family. We also had our first adult night at the lake and our first family movie night. Each of these first time programs were a tremendous success, and if you missed them make sure that you get there next year! Coming up this month will be Lincoln Park's first ever town-wide yard sale.

The Mayor's Wellness Campaign has received a gift from a borough resident to completely refurbish our tennis courts and lighting. Next summer, we will now be able to expand our tennis program in an effort to combat childhood obesity. The Second Annual Beavertown Fall 5K Run will be held November 1st. This year, proceeds from the run will be given to the Parent Teacher Organizations of the Lincoln Park Elementary and Middle schools.

As you can see, there is quite a bit that goes on around town. One of the best ways to keep up to date is to subscribe to the free email newsgroup service the borough offers. Go to the bottom of the home page of www.lincolnpark.org and fill out the subscription form now! Cable channel 77 is also regularly updated with information as is the calendar in the Beavertown Journal and on our website.

I hope you had a safe and happy summer. Please watch for children as they return to school this month.

Lastly, I ask for your thoughts and prayers for one of the members of our police department. Patrolman Greg Bosland is currently recuperating from injuries he received in a serious motor vehicle accident several weeks ago. Please join me in wishing him a full and speedy recovery.