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Official Newsletter and Report to Lackawanna County Taxpayers

Lots to Do This Summer in Lackawanna County

All too often, people say "I wish I had something to do" or "There's not much going on."

Well, Lackawanna County is taking care of this with a lineup of events to suit everyone's needs and pocketbooks. The County's Arts & Culture, Community Relations, Parks & Recreation, Aging, and Communications Departments are offering a variety of activities that are geared towards families, groups, youth, elderly and visitors at either no cost, or reasonable rates.

The events are designed to appeal to a broad segment of the population. They involve arts, sports, child safety, music, mine history and family fun.

The Spring/Summer activities kickoff on May 13 with the Bike Safety Fair at McDade Park from 10 AM to Noon. Youngsters will receive a free helmet, proper sizing instructions and bike maintenance tips. Attendees are also treated to hot dogs, giveaways, face-painting, and above all, fun!

The annual "Field of Dreams" baseball game, featuring graduating seniors from the Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley Conferences, will be held at PNC Field on June 4, beginning at 5 PM.

Senior citizens are community treasures. They have given a great deal of time and energy to shaping our landscape, while families are the core strength of Lackawanna County. To recognize both, the County is again coordinating Senior Fun Day and the Family Fun Day series.

The free senior event will be held at McDade Park on June 16 from 10 AM to 1 PM, featuring refreshments, music, use of the park and its attractions, and bingo.

The Family Fun Days are slated for June 24, July 15 and 22, and August 5 at McDade, Merli-Sarnoski, Covington and Aylesworth Parks, respectively, from 11 AM to 2 PM. A variety of refreshments, games for children, face painting, and use of the park's facilities will be available to enjoy free-of-charge.

Another truly "spectacular" mid-Summer classic is the celebration of our nation's birthday in downtown Scranton. The "Scrantastic Spectacular" will be held on July 3. The Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic will provide the musical entertainment, followed by a gigantic fireworks display. A variety of youth games, flag giveaways, food stations, and musical entertainment starts at 4 PM.

Nurturing the youth of our community is important. Many of our children possess exquisite artistic talents and outstanding athletic skills. We have a number of events to showcase their abilities.

Our very popular Art in the Park series is scheduled for July 11, 18, and 25 and August 1 at Merli-Sarnoski, Covington, Aylesworth and McDade Parks, respectively, from 10 AM to Noon. A variety of arts and crafts are available for the children to do under the watchful eyes of instructors. We also have music, dance, exercise, and of course, hot dogs and other refreshments all free of charge.

Children involved in our Human Services network are treated to a trip through history via our Arts Engage! Program. This Summer initiative (August 3) is conducted at our Trolley Museum from 10 AM to Noon and features arts, crafts, games, tours of the facility and refreshments.

Community engagement is a vital entity for the overall growth of any area, and we have a number of events that will cater to a broad spectrum of our residents.

On July 28 and 29, downtown Scranton will be turned into a basketball "mecca" with our 3 on 3 tournament. Teams from both in and out-of-town come to play and have fun. It also provides a great economic boost for the central city's businesses, shops and restaurants. This year, it will be combined with our very successful Arts on the Square festival, which features hand-made crafts, food and entertainment from over 100 vendors.

On August 12-13, don't miss the return of the popular Air Show to the Wilkes Barre/Scranton International Airport. For more details, call 570-602-2017.

September is very active too. Our annual Heroes Day celebration at the Emergency Services Center is September 16. This salute to police, fire, EMS and other public safety providers gives residents the opportunity to learn what services are available to assist them in times of need. The event also includes children's activities, refreshments, visual displays and giveaways.

PNC Field will host the Gildan Triple A National Championship Game on September 19 with the goal of having the hometown RailRiders defend their 2016 title.

The Senior Health Fair is slated for September 22 at PNC Field. This very successful event has a tremendous following, where our seniors and caregivers can get up-to-date health, financial and medical information, participate in screenings, enjoy a variety of refreshments, tour the stadium, and more.

There is also Free Swimming at all County parks and lakes. Be sure to check the County's website for updates and additional programs.

And remember, the next time someone tells you they are bored, let them know there is always something to do in Lackawanna County!

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County Parks Have Something for Everyone

McDade Park

- Inclusive Boundless Playground
- Swimming pool with bath house
- Children's fishing pond stocked several times a year
- Basketball and tennis courts
- Softball field
- Two pavilions
- Outdoor picnic areas with charcoal grills
- Two-mile cross country running course and hiking trail system

- Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour Complex with concession stand and gift shop
- Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum and gift shop
- Cancer Memorial Garden and arboretum

- Bocce courts
- Multipurpose field for soccer and lacrosse
- Free sports equipment rentals
- Large, open fields for Frisbee or cross country skiing

Covington Park

- Inclusive Boundless Playground
- Little League field
- Pavilion
- Baseball and soccer fields
- Basketball and volleyball courts
- Fishing/Seven-acre lake

Merli-Sarnoski Park

- 35-acre lake stocked by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
- Two pavilions
- Large handicap accessible fishing pier
- Beautiful sandy beach area with bath houses
- Boat launch (electric motors only)
- 15 miles of hiking, mountain bike and nature trails
- Picnic tables and grills
- Two playground areas
- Basketball and volleyball courts
- Regulation soccer fields
- Lackawanna County Sheriff's Department horse stables

Aylesworth Park

- Four-acre lake with beach
- Fishing in lake stocked by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
- Playing fields
- Inclusive Boundless Playground
- Pavilion complex that can be reserved for groups of up to 150 people
- Lake trail
- Numerous hiking trails
- Picnic tables and grills

Second Annual
Addiction AWARENESS RALLY
 "There is STRENGTH in numbers and TOGETHER we will stop the whispers."
SUNDAY JULY 16TH 2017
 3:00pm-7:00pm
 LACKAWANNA COUNTY COURTHOUSE SQUARE
 Free and Open to the Public- food, information, hear the stories of family members and survivors.
 Get Help on this Day, Counselors will be on site.
 This will be a day to stop the whispers, stop the shame and embarrassment, and let people know it is acceptable to openly discuss all aspects of addiction.
 Tax deductible donations may be made to The Forever Sammi Organization: TAX-ID # 81-3361577
 For event information, contact: Marty Henehan 570-906-0889, Sean Bingham 570-906-5641 or Seanbinghamsb@gmail.com



In Memory of Sammi Henehan

Join Us...

The opioid epidemic is a major crisis that is impacting our young people and adults locally and nationwide. We must coalesce our resources to fight this issue and provide as much awareness on its debilitating legal, health and financial effects as possible. Please support this program and join the organizers and sponsors to "Fight the Fight" against opioid addiction.

Lackawanna County Attractions



Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour
 McDade Park, Taylor | 570-963-6463
 Open Daily 10am-3pm | April 1st - November 30th
 Closed Easter & Thanksgiving



Electric City Trolley Museum & Station
 Cliff St. on the grounds of Steamtown
 National Historic Site, Scranton | 570-963-6590
 Open Daily 9am-4pm | May 1st - December 31st
 Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day



Whistle Stop Shoppe
 99 Glenmaura National Boulevard, Scranton
 1-800-22-WELCOME x5
 Open Daily 9am-5pm



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