

Friends of the Parks Quarterly Newsletter

A message from the President.....

Ah, Memorial Day weekend has just passed and the unofficial start of Summer begins! As you can see from the newsletter, there are exciting adventures for children and adults to take advantage of this season through use of the many parks and recreational events. For most of us the Lancaster City Parks represent the biggest recreational value for the summer. I don't know which is your favorite, but the Run for Independence on Saturday, June 29th is one of my favorites in that it kicks off all the Independence Day celebrations that follow soon thereafter.

I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to thank all the members the Friends of the Lancaster Parks and Recreation who have donated both their time and treasure to continue the proud tradition of stewardship so evident in our history.

Good wishes for a happy and fulfilling Summer. Enjoy!

Steve Messerly, President



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4th Annual Run for Independence

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for our 4TH ANNUAL Run for Independence on Saturday, June 29th. This 5K run/walk is a great family oriented event that begins at Rising Park, cuts through the Fairgrounds, down Broad to our beautiful bandstand and back! \$10.00 pre-registration, \$15.00 day of.

Don't want to run or walk? Then

VOLUNTEER! We are always looking for volunteers to keep this event going strong!

For more information call Carrie Woody



Summer Activities



Friday Night Bandstand

Plan now to be in downtown Lancaster on Friday nights this summer to enjoy evenings of music entertainment in the beautiful setting of our Zane Square parks each Friday from June 7th through August 16th. A detailed schedule is available on the Parks website, www.lancasterparks.com.



Pool Time

Pools open Memorial Day weekend! Remember, there are season passes available at the parks office! Season passes are a great way to get the most for your money, so get yours today!



Summer Youth Camps

There are numerous summer youth camps happening, so please visit the website for a complete list and get involved! Remember, if you know of anyone in need of financial assistance, the Friends of the Parks offers Scholarship Funding to make certain all children have the opportunity to participate in these excellent programs.



Everybody Plays Soccer

The deadline for soccer registration are quickly approaching (June 28th)! Children born between August 1, 2000 and July 31, 2008 are eligible to participate. Registration forms are available at the Parks office or online.



SIGN-UP for the Kroger Rewards program & benefit FRIENDS OF LANCASTER PARKS & RECREATION
Earn cash for your organization easily. The Friends of Lancaster Parks and Recreation has registered as a non-profit organization with Kroger Community Rewards. All members can go online and sign-up. Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and register (agency #81422).

Every time you use your Kroger Plus Card, the Friends organization will earn funds for projects and programs.



You will always know that the Friends of Lancaster Parks and Recreation is benefiting, just look at the bottom of your receipt. Each member will need to **sign-up annually** as of May 1 and then **reenroll each year**.