

Parks & Recreation News 7.7.2010

SUMMER SPLASH MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION Special "PERKS" offered to every new and renewed ANNUAL Adult, Senior or Household Recreation Center membership from: July 1 to August 31, 2010 *Stop by the Recreation Center Front Desk for more information and to view the list of "perks" available.*

UNDINE PARK SPLASH PAD opening date is postponed. When it opens, the regular hours of the Splash Pad will be 7 days a week, 11am to 4:30pm.
<http://www.cityoflaramie.com/park&rec/parks/index.html>

HUCK FIN FISHING DERBY Saturday, July 24th, 11am -2pm, FREE! Co-sponsored with KOWB Radio, join us for a great day of fishing and prizes! Prizes for biggest fish, littlest fish, first fish caught and first to catch their limit. Ages groups are: 0-5 yrs, 6-7 yrs, 8-10 yrs and 11-13 yrs. Participants register at the pond on the day of the derby.

NEW COORDINATORS FOR THE ICE & EVENT CENTER AND THE SACC PROGRAM

The Ice & Event Center Program Coordinator is now Laura Tangeman, 721-5265.
The SACC Program Coordinator is now Cindy Stoffers, 721-5262.

LITTLE SLUGGERS (Beginning Baseball)

This T-Ball League (4 weeks) is designed for children ages 4-6 to get a start in baseball. Emphasis is on having fun and learning the fundamental skills. Players receive uniform shirts and hats. The first practice will be a Parent /Coach/Player meeting and team organization. **Volunteer coaches are needed for this program. Contact Cindy at 721-5262.** Practices for the Monday/Wednesday League will begin July 12 and games will begin July 26. Practices for the Tuesday/Thursday League will begin July 13 and games will begin July 27. All games are held at Optimist Field in Labonte Park, 5th St. & Canby. Fee: \$40/Session. **Please note that the starting dates for this program have been moved back one week from what was printed in the brochure.**

THE PARKS AND RECREATION INTERACTIVE CALENDAR IS AVAILBLE ON THE CITY OF LARAMIE WEBSITE at www.cityoflaramie.com/park&rec/index.html Check it out for the latest events and updates.

OUTDOOR POOL AND WADING POOL The Recreation Center Outdoor Pool is open daily from Noon to 6:30pm, weather permitting, until Labor Day. The Washington Park wading pool is open daily from 12:30-4:30pm, weather permitting, through August 21st. The Undine Park wading pool is in the process of being replaced with a splash pad. Opening of the new Undine Park Splash Pad will be announced at a later time.

SUMMER SWIM LESSONS Plan now for summer swim lessons! Our American Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety program combines the best in swim instruction with a strong emphasis on drowning prevention and water safety. Courses are available for a variety of ages and skill levels to encourage healthy, lifelong recreational habits and to help keep your family safe. Morning and evening classes offered. Session III is July 5th – July 15th and registration begins June 20th.

SUMMER CLUBS at the recreation center, register by the week for half day mornings or afternoons or sign up for a full day! Upcoming topics include Dinosaurs, Outdoor Education, Fine Arts, Wild West and Space. Register now at the Recreation Center front desk. Space is limited.

SKYHAWKS SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS Great summer youth sports camps coming! Skyhawks provides a wide variety of fun, safe, and positive programs that emphasize critical lessons in sports and life, such as teamwork, respect and sportsmanship. Programs are designed to give each child a positive introduction into sports while fostering a lifelong love for an active, healthy lifestyle. For more details on the programs offered visit the website at www.skyhawks.com.

1ST STREET PLAZA PROJECT Is now open! Come down and check out this fabulous addition to the downtown area. 1st Street and Grand Avenue.

THE LABONTE PARK OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER The new community and kids gardens in LaBonte Park are now under construction. These new amenities will be located on the north side of LaBonte Park along Shields Street. This area is fenced off for park patrons safety. Please contact Trish Penny at the Laramie Rivers Conservation District @ 721-0072.

ROUGH MOWING OF NATIVE GRASSES WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL LATE JULY
The native grasses on City property will only be mowed one time this year. The mowing of the native grass areas is scheduled for late July. If you have any further questions you may contact Mike Zook, Parks Manager, at 721-5264.

MOSQUITO CONTROL City of Laramie Mosquito Control currently rates the risk of West Nile virus (WNV) infection at Level 1-(Remote risk). This rating is based on low vector mosquito numbers and no positive samples in mosquitoes, birds, horses or humans locally. Wyoming Department of Health is reporting two no new West Nile Virus activity this week and two positive mosquito samples in Goshen County for a total of four for the season. Fogging in residential areas is underway and will continue while mosquito numbers are above the threshold level. Additional aerial applications are tentatively planned for Tuesday July 5th. Vector mosquito numbers continue to be at low levels but citizens are cautioned to use personal protective measures when working or recreating in areas where mosquitoes are likely.

BARK BEETLE SPRAYING The City of Laramie has contracted with Tiger Tree Land Management for spraying services to prevent bark beetle infestations in spruce trees. Numerous spruce trees in various locations around the city have been attacked and killed in the past year by these beetles. Trees within the parks and cemetery system along with other trees in City owned properties will be treated during the week of July 12-16. The contractor will use a permethrin based insecticide (Brand name: Tengard) to treat the bark of the trees. Applications are tentatively scheduled for the early morning hours between 4am and 8am. Citizens are cautioned to avoid areas where the spraying is in progress. Please contact Mike Zook, Parks Manager at 721-5264 if you have any questions.

PEST MANAGEMENT IN PARKS Integrated pest management is continuing has begun applications of herbicides to control weeds and unwanted vegetation in City parks and Recreation areas. Applied chemicals will have a visible blue dye incorporated into the

mixture so citizens can distinguish treated areas. Treatment areas will also be signed 24 hours before and after the application.

Schedules regarding Mosquito Control and Parks and Cemetery chemical applications for control of weeds and insect pests are available daily on the Mosquito Control and Integrated Pest Management Hotline at 721-5056. The schedule is available at approximately 4pm daily. For further information contact Keith Wardlaw, Mosquito Control Crew Supervisor at 721-5258 or Mike Zook, Parks Manager at 721-5264.

CEMETERY All artificial flowers and wreaths are allowed and may be left indefinitely on plots if placed upon a permanent base which is part of the monument, flush with the ground and extend at least 4 inches beyond the flowers or wreaths. Anyone who wishes to keep certain items or flowers after the allotted time should contact the Cemetery office and make arrangements with the Parks Crew Leader. Please call 721-5267 if you have any questions.

PARKS – PLEASE CALL 721-5264 if you notice any unsafe conditions in any of the City Parks or Trails.

PARK RESTROOMS The park restrooms are open from 7am to 9pm for the summer.