

North Huntingdon Township
Department of Parks and Recreation
Monthly Meeting Report – January 2026
Submitted by Lydia Kinkaid, Parks and Recreation Coordinator

RECREATION PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Event/Program Recap:

- **Deck the House Contest** – township residents can submit 2 photos of their decorated homes, name, address, and ward # for a chance to be dubbed the winner of their ward. Each winner received a gift card. The Rec Board voted for the following winners of each ward:
 - Ward 1 – 7474 Natalie Lane
 - Ward 2 – 9236 Barnes Lake Road
 - Ward 3 – 12446 Carmichael Circle
 - Ward 4 – no entries
 - Ward 5 – 1907 Bernice Drive
 - Ward 6 – 10938 Carlson Drive
 - Ward 7 – 70 Old Jack's Run Road

Current/upcoming Events:

- **Geocaching** – currently up to 209 finds! Available in 5 of our parks: Braddock's Trail, Indian Lake, Lions, Oak Hollow (currently disabled, need to replace), & Tinkers Run
- **2026 Father & Daughter Dance** – our popular dance has been set for February 7th from 5pm to 9pm at Stratigos Banquet Centre. The theme will be Boots and Bows. Tickets are currently on sale via our website

Current/upcoming Programs:

- Currently working to finalize spring program offerings, with most beginning in April

COMMUNITY MEETINGS/TRAININGS

- DCNR Grant Workshop for 2026 applications is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20th at 9am
- Westmoreland County Parks Alliance Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 20th at 12pm

PARKS - PROJECTS AND UPDATES

- DCNR Grant Awarded – we have been awarded \$665,200 from DCNR for our intended Indian Lake Park Rehabilitation! This grant application was written and submitted in early 2025. We have received the full amount of grant money requested.
- An Eagle Scout candidate, Jacob Traill, will work on his project of installing benches and fishing line recycle bins at the pond at Oak Hollow Park.
- An Eagle Scout candidate, Jack Evanuiik, will continue work on his project of blazing trails and creating a trail map in Braddock's Trail Park.

SLATED SPECIAL EVENTS IN 2026*

February 7 – Father & Daughter Dance @ Stratigos
March 28 – Easter Eggapalooza @ Oak Hollow
April 11 – Mother & Son Outing
April 25 – Spring Youth Fishing Derby @ Indian Lake
May 7, June 4, July 2, and August 6 – Night Markets @ Public Works

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May 16 – Community Yard Sale

June 12 – Movie @ Oak Hollow

June 20 – Senior Citizens' Event @ Oak Hollow

July 4 – Independence Day Fireworks Display @ Oak Hollow

July 10 – Movie @ Oak Hollow

August – School supplies drive

TBD – Endless Summer Celebration @ Oak Hollow

October 3 – Fall Youth Fishing Derby @ Indian Lake

October 1 thru 23 - Halloween House Décor Contest

October 24 – Halloween Trick or Treat Trail @ Indian Lake

December 1 - Gingerbread House Contest - Registration ends 11/13/26

December 4 – NHT Community Holiday Party @ Public Works

December 12 – Jingle Bell 5K Walk/Run @ Oak Hollow

*Additional events may be added as planning continues – this does not include programming for 2026

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- n/a