

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am
- Westmoreland County Parks Alliance Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Evanuik, 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