

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

RECREATION PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Event/Program Recap:

- **2026 Father & Daughter Dance** – our popular dance was held on Saturday, February 7th from 5pm to 9pm at Stratigos Banquet Centre. The theme was Boots and Bows. We had over 350 people attend and all had a great time!

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
- **2025/2026 Snowman Contest** –
- **2026 Easter Eggapalooza** – March 28th from 11am to 12:30pm at Oak Hollow Park; free to register! Easter egg hunts available for different age groups, along with pictures with the Easter Bunny, activities for kids, snacks, food trucks, and more!
 - Ages 2 & Under - 11am
 - Ages 3 & 4 – 11:20 am
 - Ages 5 – 8 – 11:40 am
 - Ages 9 – 12 – 12 pm
- **Spring Youth Fishing Derby** - April 25th from 8am to 11am, with on-site registration beginning at 7:30am; We will provide fishing treat bags, live bait, and a light lunch to all participants.
- **Night Markets** – May 7th, June 4th, July 2nd, and August 6th from 5-8pm at the Public Works Grounds; this vendor market will showcase local small businesses. \$20 vendor fee, accepting vendors.
- **Community Yard Sale** –May 16th from 8am to 4pm (recommended); NHT residents can register their address to be included in the list of participating households that will set up their yard sales on the designated date. We will share the list of participating households, along with a map, to our social media pages and website.

Current/upcoming Programs:

- **Wildflower Talk** – slated for Wednesday, March 4th at 6:30pm at the Norwin Library, the Expert Naturalists who guide our Wildflower Walking Tours will lecture on the various wild flowers the community can expect to see this year!
- **Wildflower Walking Tours** – Saturdays at 10:30AM from March 28th through April 25th, this guided tour of Braddock's Trail Park will show the wildflowers the park has to offer
- **Kickball** – for kids ages 12 & under, hosted at Oak Hollow Park by the Pine Pavilion, Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, running April 9th through April 30th, \$10 per child
- **Dodgeball** – for kids ages 12 & under, hosted at the Oak Hollow Basketball Court, Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, running June 9th through June 30th, \$10 per child
- **Mad Science** –
 - Sticky Slimy Stuff for kids ages 6-12 yrs, Friday, March 20th from 9:30AM to 12:30PM to NHT Town House, \$30 per child
 - Dinosaurs for kids ages 3-6 yrs, Wednesday, April 8th from 6-7PM at NHT Town House, \$20 per child

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- Brixology: Creatures vs. Machines for kids ages 6-12 yrs, Wednesday, May 6th from 6-7:30PM at the NHT Town House, \$25 per child
- Chem in a Flash for kids 6-12 yrs, Friday, June 19th from 9:30AM to 12:30PM at the Maple Pavilion in Oak Hollow, \$30 per child
- Detective Science for kids ages 6-12 yrs, Wednesday, July 8th from 6-7:30PM at the Seneca Pavilion at Indian Lake, \$25 per child
- Bugs! For kids ages 3-6 yrs, Monday, August 10th from 6-7pm at the Seneca Pavilion at Indian Lake, \$20 per child
- **Roar'n Soccer** – 5 weeks sessions in spring and fall seasons, ages 2-5 years old, Mondays evenings from 6-7:15pm, April 13th through May 18th, Oak Hollow Park, \$65 per child
- **Jump Start Sports** –
 - T-ball – ages 2-6 years, Sundays April 12th through May 24th, from 10am to 12pm, Country Hills ball field, \$70 to \$90
 - Basketball – Ages 2-9 yrs, Saturdays April 18th through may 24th from 5Pm to 7pm, Oak Hollow Basketball Court, \$70 to \$90
- **Backyard Games** – kids of all ages, Fridays from 5:30-6:30pm at Oak Hollow Park, FREE for NHT Residents, we will play a different group game each week
 - April 17th - Freeze tag & Infection
 - April 24th - Noodle Wars & Red Rover
 - May 1st - SPUD & 4 Corners
 - May 8th - Ships N Sailors & Sharks N Minnows
- **Walking Club** – all ages, Tuesdays at 12pm at Indian Lake Park (meet at Seneca Pavilion), FREE for NHT Residents, May 5th through August 25th
- **Roving Recreation** – Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am to 1pm in various NHT parks, June 1st through August 5th, FREE for NHT Residents; we will do a rec activity, have lunch/snack, do a craft activity
- **Hiking** – all ages, Saturdays from July 25th through August 15th starting at 9am, we will hike various locations like Braddock's Trail Park, Oak Hollow Park, Ackerman Nature Preserve, White Oak Park, \$10 per person
- **Drum Circles** – FREE drum circles to explore percussion instruments, June 6th and July 25th from 12-2pm at Oak Hollow Park Pine Pavilion
- Currently working to finalize other spring/summer program offerings, with most beginning in April

COMMUNITY MEETINGS/TRAININGS

- N/A

PARKS - PROJECTS AND UPDATES

- 2026 Spring & Summer Guide – currently working with Trib Total Media to create and distribute our annual guide to NHT recreation
- 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.

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- 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 Evanui, 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 Park
April 11 – Mother & Son Outing @ Circleville VFD
April 25 – Spring Youth Fishing Derby @ Indian Lake Park
May 7, June 4, July 2, and August 6 – Night Markets @ Public Works
May 16 – Community Yard Sale
June 12 – Movie @ Oak Hollow Park
June 20 – Senior Citizens' Event @ Oak Hollow Park
July 4 – Independence Day Fireworks Display @ Oak Hollow Park
July 10 – Movie @ Oak Hollow Park
July 18 – Cornhole Tournament @ Oak Hollow Park
August – School supplies drive for Norwin School District
August 22 – Endless Summer Celebration @ Oak Hollow Park
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 Park
December 1 - Gingerbread House Contest - Registration ends 11/13/26
December 1 thru 18 – Holiday House Décor Contest
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