

Recreation Board Meeting:

- The Recreation Board met on Thur., Aug. 3rd.
 - The board received updates on the Jeffrey Park Preservation and Enhancement Committee, Year of the Parks, summer events, and summer programming including the pool.
- The next Recreation Board meeting is scheduled for Wed., Sept. 6th at 530p at City Hall.

Teen Night at the Bexley Pool:

- The first annual Teen Night at the Bexley Pool was held on Friday, Aug. 4th from 830p-1030p.
- The event was a huge success with nearly 180 middle school students in attendance.
- The event included swimming, food, music, and prizes. The goal of the event was to provide a safe and fun opportunity for middle school students to gather, socialize, and build relationships and memories. This event was a part of the department's continued effort to connect with middle school students.

**David H. Madison Community Pool Opening Update:**

- The pool season has gone very well in terms of safety, staffing, memberships and a handful of other metrics.
- Membership
 - 2023 Total Members – 3599
 - 2022 Total Members – 3092
 - With the change in the membership price, we estimated a roughly 20% increase in memberships for a total estimate of 3720 members. We were within 3-4% of that estimate.
 - Memberships increased by 16.4%.
- Staffing
 - Staffing levels have been strong this summer compared to the past two summers. Heading into August, the pool had experienced little to no bodies of water closures due to low staff levels. August starts to become tougher as kids head back to school. We still feel good about levels, but do expect some challenges until the end of the season.
- Survey
 - As the season winds down, we will work on getting out an end of year survey to pool users as we continue to evaluate the management of the pool facility and opportunities to continue to improve.

**Jeffrey Summer Camp – Update:**

- The last day of the 2023 Jeffrey Summer Camp (JSC) program was held on Friday, Aug. 11th.
 - Thank you to all of the incredible JSC staff for all their hard work keeping the campers safe, building relationships and providing opportunity for life long memories to be made.
- The annual JSC Talent Show was held on Thursday, Aug. 10th.
 - Congratulations to all of the amazing talented campers that put on a wonderful show.

- As part of the talent show, we announced the recipient of the Ryan “Smiles” Solomon 2023 JSC Staff Scholarship, which went to counselor Tommy Webster. Tommy was selected as the recipient for his incredible work this summer.
 - Thank you to the Solomon Family for their amazing gift in memory of their late son, and former JSC camper, Ryan Solomon. In addition to providing a scholarship for a staff member, their gift has provided \$15,000 in scholarship for families in 2023 and a total of just over \$39,000 in scholarship over the past 3 years.
- A full JSC report will be presented to the board in the upcoming months.

Splish, Splash & Dash – Youth Triathlon:

- The SS&D – Youth Triathlon is scheduled for this Saturday, Aug. 19th at Jeffrey Park and the surrounding neighborhood.
- We expect to have roughly 325 6-14 year olds participate in this year’s events, which will kick off at 9a and finish around 12:30p.
- Thank you in advance to all of our amazing volunteers that make this event happen. We rely on nearly 80 volunteers to make this event run and to keep these kids safe during the triathlon. Special thank you to the Bexley High School Cross Country and Soccer teams as well as Paramount Church for coming up with a great number of volunteers.
- Special thank you to Lori Ann Feibel for her amazing effort finding and organizing volunteers for this event. Lori Ann has been our volunteer coordinator since the 1st year and we can’t thank her enough! We are still in need a few volunteers, so please reach out to Lori Ann at osueducated@aol.com if you can give of your time.

