

SUMMER 2014

Summer is here and you don't have to go far to play! With over 700 acres of community and neighborhood parks and facilities in a Township only 10 square miles, it's evident that recreation and outdoor activities are important to the quality of life in Upper St. Clair. The 14 parks, 16 tennis courts, a 3 hole golf course, 5 baseball fields, 9 basketball courts, 5 soccer fields, walking trails in Gilfillan and Boyce Mayview Parks, and a variety of programs support that fact. The Community & Recreation Center at Boyce Mayview Park offers both indoor and outdoor aquatics along with basketball courts, fitness equipment, and an 1/8 mile elevated walking track.

One of the more recent additions to the recreational facilities is The Pirates Charities Miracle League Field of the South Hills located at Boyce Mayview Park. Former Major League player Sean Casey and his wife Mandi, through Casey's Clubhouse, spearheaded a drive to build this field. Dedicated to providing children with special needs the opportunity to hit, throw, and take the baseball field just like their peers, the League has enjoyed tremendous success with over 300 players participating this season. With 275 buddies, 38 coaches and another 150 friends with special needs in additional programming, Casey's Clubhouse, building on the success of this program, embarked on another project – a Miracle League Playground. Currently under construction, "The Clubhouse" is due to open this summer. Both facilities are funded with business and individual donations and continue to encourage that financial support through Casey's Clubhouse.

Work is also taking place in other parks. Wiltshire Park is undergoing a major renovation with the main work beginning in Fall 2014 with funds granted by the Department of Community & Economic Development. The Municipal Playground on McLaughlin Run Road opened last year with two play areas, one designed for older children and one more suited to those 5 or younger.

Our Recreation & Leisure Services Department offers a variety of fitness programs year 'round. The Upper St. Clair Athletic Association is made up of scores of volunteers offering a gamut of sports from soccer, flag football, softball, wrestling, basketball, and baseball. For the Fall and Winter, tennis bubbles are installed over the tennis courts on McLaughlin Run Road, keeping the facility open all seasons.

A photo gallery of each park is available here on the Township of Upper St. Clair's website. Whether you enjoy team sports, an individual fitness regimen, leisurely stroll or rigorous hike on a number of trails, or taking in the scenery from a park bench, you will find that opportunity here in Upper St. Clair!

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