



## TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL INFORMATION ITEM

**Committee:** Combined AF- Public Works, Environmental Services & Facilities

**Date:** June 20, 2022

**Department:** Parks / Recreation / Facilities

**Topic:** 2022 Summer Programs Update

**Background:** It has been a very busy past couple of months getting ready for the summer program season. With, in house staff training, updating the website, deciding on programs, and getting ready for registration and preparing the summer staff. Registration for all 2022 pool programs is open at this time and have had great success to date. The summer staff met on June 7<sup>th</sup> for their first training session. Township has hired 21 staff this summer in order to facilitate both pools and summer camps. This is a large group of students and with that comes 7 new employees that will be joining us for the first time.

### **What is New this Summer**

- The Township will be offering the following courses prior to the start of the swimming season
  - Lifesaving Instructors (Full)
  - Swim Instructors (Full)
  - Standard First Aid Recertification
- It is worth acknowledging that over the spring our Pool Supervisor completed the intense training process, to offer two of the three courses in house rather than having them contracted out as was done in the past. The employee has taken The Lifesaving Society Trainers Courses and the Standard First Aid course and has completed the apprenticing process. This is great news for the Township as we are now able to offer a full range of leadership courses to staff as well as other local municipalities.

## **Positives about In-House Trainer**

- Training staff on demand rather than waiting for an outside instructor and therefore will be more personable and accessible
- Training will be consistent

## **New Programing**

- I am excited to announce this summer we will be able to broaden our programs. We will bring back the Swim Patrol program to both our pools for all 4 sessions. This is the result of the efforts of training in house, allowing the youth reduced travel and keeping the cost down.
- The Township is offering new evening and weekend lessons. The evening lessons have had a very healthy number of registrations to date.
- The Township will also be able to offer the bronze level and all three levels of First Aid this summer
- To continue to build and develop our lifeguards we will be offering both the National Lifeguard full course and the recertification course. This will be contracted out but will continue to help the Township in the long run to continue to develop staff internally.

## **Aquafit and Lane Swim**

New and improved Aquafit program coming to both pools. Will start June 27<sup>th</sup> with the opening of the pool

A fun way to exercise with friends and socialize, all Aquafit classes are taught by our energetic instructor so that everyone can experience the benefits of water-based aerobic fitness.

### **Johnstown:**

- Mondays and Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- New Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m.
- New Sundays 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

### **Cardinal:**

- Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- New Saturdays 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

## **Staffing**

- Last summer and the start of this summer we will be developing strong lifeguards and instructors with our in-house training
- Most of our staff will be trained in both Swim and Lifesaving Instructors

## **Swim Team**

- Two teams this summer, Johnstown Bear Paws which is under the SERA Recreation and the Cardinal Sea Sharks which will be facilitate by the summer staff.
- Both teams have their swim meets booked Cardinal's will be the first of the season July 16<sup>th</sup>, and Johnstown's on August 21<sup>st</sup>

## **Day Camp**

Registration has been very healthy again this year, and we are excited to announce the opening of a new location in Cardinal for 4 weeks, as a result of the higher-than-expected numbers we will have 7 camp counsellors administering the program this summer.

Over the course of the summer the Township will have on average about 250 campers experiencing four different types of camp.

- Outdoor Adventure
- Under the Sea
- STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics)
- Summer Fun

## **Summer Staff Training**

- June 7<sup>th</sup> Summer Training will be team building and expectations for the summer. (20 employees in total)
- The Lifeguard staff will have an additional in-house session on June 24<sup>th</sup> and will be in the water working together on a variety of different possible situations that the staff may encounter over the summer.

## **Also Brought back the Boredom Buster Trips**

- Two trips planned one to Mount Cascades Water Park and the other to Calypso both have healthy registrations at this time.

## **Pickle Ball**

Pickle Ball will continue over the summer in Spencerville on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Numbers have not been promising, as we continue to only average 10-15 per week in total for the 3 days that are offered.

## **Parks Department**

Township has two summer students working in the Parks assisting our full-time employees with grounds maintenance activity.

## **Waterfront Canteen**

The canteen located at the waterfront is now open with two staff members and will be running same hours as the summer of 2021.

Social media blasts about the canteen are underway



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