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### **Warrensburg Celebrates Park and Recreation Month**

*Month-long celebration highlights the impact parks and recreation has on community*

WARRENSBURG, MO (June 24, 2022) – Warrensburg Parks & Recreation (WPR) and the City of Warrensburg is celebrating Park and Recreation Month in July, an initiative of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), with a month full of activities, events, and shared stories.

Warrensburg Mayor Jim Kushner will read a proclamation at the City Council meeting on July 11 recognizing that Parks and Recreation is important to maintaining the quality of life in the community, contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community, and declaring July 2022 as Parks & Recreation Month in the City of Warrensburg.

Warrensburg Parks & Rec (WPR) will celebrate starting with the family-friendly Freedom Fest 5K Run/Walk on July 2 and the Star-Spangled Swim at Nassif on July 4, as well as Popsicles in the Park, free outdoor fitness classes, artwork in the Community Center lobby, a Dive-In Movie at Nassif on July 15, Farmers Market July 16, Bingo Night on July 22, "Things That Go" on July 27, and more!

You are invited to be a part of the Warrensburg Parks & Rec Month Celebration by visiting the local parks and sharing photos on Facebook and Instagram with your location and why you enjoy the park, using **#WPRParksnRec** and **#WeRiseUp**. Your photo could be highlighted on WPR social media and win a gift! More info and entry form at [Warrensburg-mo.com](http://Warrensburg-mo.com). To learn more about Park and Recreation Month, visit [www.nrpa.org/July](http://www.nrpa.org/July).

### **About Warrensburg Parks & Recreation**

The Warrensburg Parks & Recreation (WPR) Department is in its 52nd year of managing the City of Warrensburg's Parks & Recreation operations. The Department is responsible for maintaining 9 parks covering over 400 acres, including 3 award-winning parks – Cave Hollow, Grover Memorial and Shepard Park, miles of hiking trails, a skate park, dog park, 8 tennis courts, 6 playgrounds, 7 ballfields, 8 soccer fields, Nassif Aquatic Center (NAC) and the Warrensburg Community Center (WCC) which features a full size gymnasium with 6 basketball goals, a Walking Track, the Indoor Pool Facility, 7 meeting rooms, and the award-winning WCC Fitness Center. WPR prides itself in providing diverse, accessible, and multi-faceted Sports, Aquatics, Fitness & Exercise Programs, as well many special events and activities. WPR provides equal access to everyone while connecting and engaging children, families, and communities.

### **About the National Recreation and Park Association**

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is the leading not-for-profit organization dedicated to building strong, vibrant, and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation. With more than 60,000 members, NRPA advances this mission by investing in and championing the work of park and recreation professionals and advocates — the catalysts for positive change in service of equity, climate-readiness, and overall health and well-being. For more information, visit [www.nrpa.org](http://www.nrpa.org). For digital access to NRPA's flagship publication, Parks & Recreation, visit [www.parksandrecreation.org](http://www.parksandrecreation.org).

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