

## 2014 Summer Playground Report

	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Average Daily Attendance</b>
<b>Green Acres</b>	79	25-35
<b>Lindberg</b>	38	15-20
<b>Devonshire</b>	15	8-12
<b>Laubach</b>	107	30-40

The daily average attendance at all of the parks was basically consistent with last year.

**Soccer Clinic:** Patrick Jacoby was our soccer clinic instructor this year and did a great job. The clinics were well attended at both locations.

**Arts and Crafts:** Antonella DiMatteo and Patrick Jacoby were the Arts and Crafts instructors. They split their duties with Arts and as Head Counselors. Arts and Crafts remains one of the favorite events in the program and is always well attended.

### **Special Programs**

**Movie Nights:** This year we showed the newly released movie The Lego Movie. It was well attended for both scheduled performances.

**Park Day:** Park Day was held at Lindberg Park and was a lot of fun. This year's attendance was about 100 children. Bus service was provided from Laubach, and Devonshire Parks. There were relay races, field events, capture the flag and water games. Ribbons and candy prizes were awarded and the day concluded with hot dogs, soda, chips, and "goody bags". It was an enjoyable day for both the staff and children. A representative from the Salisbury Press attended the event. As in the past the public works employees were invited for lunch as our way of thanking them for all the assistance and hard work.

**Allentown Public Library Book Van:** This was the fourth year for this program and the interest continues to increase. The book van visited all four locations this year for five scheduled Fridays to allow children to check out and return books. Joan Kneiss of the Allentown Public Library has reported that 55 children read 57 books, (see Attached).

## **Staff**

Overall this year's staff did a terrific job. I had most of my counselor return so they were all experienced and well trained. I was pleased with the performance of the new staff as they were enthusiastic and competent.

Antonella DiMatteo and Patrick Jacoby returned as Head Counselors. They worked well together and were able to provide more coverage for the four playground sites. They were a great asset to the safety and supervision of the program. The staff worked well together and put together some great activities for the children. Some highlights were Rita's nights, capture the flag, water days, tee shirt tie-dyeing and the evening movie night.

## **Comments**

We had a very successful program this summer. We had approximately 240 registered participants with 17 counselors and 2 Head Counselors. I had a lot of positive feedback from parents about our staff and program.

As a result of the new ordinance being publicized the number of dogs in the parks did decline. This has made a positive impact on the program by providing a safer environment.

In closing, I would like to thank Frank McCullough once again for all the time and energy he continues to give to the Summer Playground Program. The children and counselors look forward to seeing him every day in the parks. He continues to be a huge asset to the program and his volunteerism is to be commended! I also want to acknowledge the Public Works Department for all the assistance they give to the counselors and children in the program. We are so appreciative of all they do!

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