

## **Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes from Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

Mayor Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission for Tuesday, January 6, 2009 to order at 7:00pm. Members present were: Gene Burt, Carmen Daniels, Joe Ramirez and K.T. Russell. Also present was Greg Karle, Parks and Recreation Director.

Minutes from the December 2008 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle announced that registration for spring sports is underway. The age divisions for baseball have been adjusted this year to correspond with the age divisions in Knothole. In the past, T-ball was a three year sport, D1 was a two year sport and they overlapped each other by one year. The overlap has been eliminated and “Coach Pitch” has been added to the spring sports lineup. Participants in the baseball program will now play two years of T-ball, one year of “Coach Pitch” and one year of D1.

Basketball season is in full swing and regular season games are scheduled through February 14<sup>th</sup>. The end of season tournament games will be played the following two weekends.

A full squad of twenty cheerleaders will be cheering at 1 or 2 home games per weekend through the regular season.

There are two volleyball teams in the “Youth” division and three teams in the “Teen” division. League play will begin January 18th.

Women’s Volleyball registration has been low. Currently only three teams are registered. Staff has been in touch with teams and individuals from previous seasons attempting to round up a fourth team to make it a viable league.

- The annual Senior Holiday Dinner was Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>. It was attended by over 100 people. There was a fine catered meal and entertainment provided by the guitar/mandolin duo of Carnder & Lisak. This professional performance was made possible through our membership with Creative Aging Cincinnati.

Also in December, again through the Creative Aging membership an osteoporosis exercise class was offered called “Make No Bones About It”. Twenty people attended the free seminar. The guest lecturer was Chuck Barlage, Executive Director of Williams YMCA. Many of the attendees requested that speakers come back on various other related topics.

As announced in the January/February, Inside Scoop, the publication will transition to subscription only beginning with the May/ June edition. The

publication will still be free and will be available for pickup at the Community Center but it will only be mailed to the homes of individuals who have indicated they would like to receive it. This cost savings measure will reduce both postage and printing expenditures.

Wii Game Day begins in January. Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm members may try their hand at the various interactive Wii games such as, tennis, baseball, bowling etc.

The annual Travel Expo will take place January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30pm. Those interested in traveling a couple hours away or to far off places can learn of the plans coming up this year from AAA Royal Tours and Joy Tour and Travel.

Two new Classes will be offered beginning in January. Chair Yoga will be 1:00pm – 2:00pm on Wednesdays beginning January 14<sup>th</sup>. It's a gentle form of Yoga that is practiced while sitting in a chair. It is suitable for all ages but particularly beneficial to seniors, to loosen stiff joints, stimulate circulation and improve balance.

African Dance & Drumming will be Saturdays, 12:30pm – 1:30pm beginning January 24<sup>th</sup>. It will introduce the art of African dance; included will be stories and the meaning of the dance movements. It will provide a great cardio workout as well.

AARP volunteers have been here in training to prepare for their annual "AARP Tax Help" that will take place each Friday morning in February, March and the first two weeks in April.

Boot Camp is back by popular demand and at the request of members we have added an evening class. There will be classes Mondays and Fridays at 6:15am as well as a Monday class at 5:30pm.

The following items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The popular wildlife program "Springdale's Gone Wild" returns January 20<sup>th</sup>. A Naturalist from the Hamilton County Park District will present a program on "Reptiles and Bird of Prey".

There will be a new children's martial arts program called Little Dragons starting January 21<sup>st</sup>. It will be Mondays and Wednesdays at 5pm.

The following upcoming dates of interest were noted

- a) Spring Sports Registration - January 2<sup>nd</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>
- b) Springdale's Gone Wild – January 20, 7:00pm
- c) Teen Night – January 23, 9:00pm
- d) Springdale Police Dodgeball Tournament – January 31, benefit fund raiser, various local police departments will compete.

- Ms. Daniels asked if a pricing structure had been considered to provide residents with a discounted price for attending classes at the Community Center. Mr. Karle explained that the instructors are contracted and the practice has been to allow them the independence of creating their own fee structure. Providing a reduced rate for residents would probably cause them to increase the fee on the other end for non-residents which could possibly affect the number of students and viability of the class.
- Mayor Webster provided a report on the general financial position of the city. He indicated that they finished the year a little better than expected, but it will be necessary to scrutinize some programs and services to determine if they should be continued.
- Mr. Burt asked if there was a concern about the status of SYB. He said he had heard their membership was very low and that there was a possibility that they would not be having the Cinema Horserace event. Mr. Karle responded that the boosters are going through a difficult time and have a very limited number of members who are active. He said to his knowledge the Cinema Horseraces are scheduled to occur, but they will need to move quickly to begin preparations for the event. As far as the long term future of the organization, there are a number of steps we can assist them with to hopefully boost their membership. Mr. Karle said that he and Mr. Beaty plan to meet with the booster president and discuss these very issues.