

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

Mayor Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission for Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Gene Burt, Carmen Daniels, Holly Emerson and Joe Ramirez. Also present was Greg Karle, Parks and Recreation Director.

Minutes from the September 2009 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- M. Karle stated that fall soccer is just past the ½ way point and is progressing well. Picture Day was the previous Saturday. Winter sports registration (basketball, volleyball and cheerleading) took place in September. It is still early in the process, but registration seems to be a bit low. Late registration will continue until teams are filled.
- The Stay Fit class continues to be very popular with an average attendance of over 30 people. This is a free class provided through a partnership with Personal Touch Home Health Care.

Several free classes and seminars were offered throughout the month of September. Officer Buschmann from the Springdale Police Department held a Home Security Seminar on September 9<sup>th</sup> with 50 people in attendance. The membership to Creative Aging Cincinnati allowed the department to provide a free introduction to Tai Chi class. Over twenty people took advantage of this opportunity and they look forward to continuing this class when it is offered in the winter. Another free event was the Osteoporosis Screening held through a partnership with the Triple Creek Retirement Community. Thirty people attended the screening on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

A six week series of Guided Meditation began on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Each class is independent of the others. There have been between three and seven people attending the Wednesday evening classes.

The Bluegrass Luncheon was held on Friday September 25<sup>th</sup> and proved to be very popular with over seventy people in attendance. The entertainer was Chris Cusentino (through the CAC membership). He put on a great show and we hope to book him for a return engagement.

- The teen group has a busy fall planned. On October 17<sup>th</sup> they will travel to a corn maze. The following weekend on October 25<sup>th</sup> they will assist with the games and activities at the Halloween Carnival. The teens will provide the community service event, Rake and Run on October 21<sup>st</sup>. The annual Turkey Shoot Free Throw Contest

will be Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- Fitness Center Instructor Joe Williams resigned in September. This position will not be filled at this time. His shifts will be picked up by the remaining staff.

Rick Kissell resigned his position as Part-time Custodian in September. Vionetta Jones has been hired to fill this position. She is a Springdale resident and has much experience in the field, working for Ford until her retirement.

- The Parks Maintenance Department has completed painting the trellis in front of the building. This project was completed primarily with the labor of seasonal workers at a considerable cost savings than if a painting contractor was used. A quote was received from one such contractor for \$13,000 in 2008.

New software has been installed for the security cameras. Now the system will be much easier to navigate, troubleshoot and stores much data.

The maintenance staff has planted 17 trees throughout the parks this fall. These help offset the large number of trees removed or lost over the past two years.

- The website continues to be updated and receives a great number of hits. Since it went live, there have been over 181,000. The slideshows are by far the most popular page followed by the home page, programs and events, facilities and then the blog page. The most popular blog has been “Change Your Spare Tire”.
- There were 110 children entered in the Junior Olympics competition this year. The numbers were down a bit from last year. Unfortunately, there were three away games in the soccer program that probably had an impact on those numbers.
- This coming Sunday the Springdale Chamber of Commerce will present their Business & Community Expo/Taste/Tailgating event. Admission is free and it is open to the public. Area businesses, organizations and city departments will be present, providing information on their services. This year twelve restaurants will provide samples of their food items at a nominal cost. The Chamber will be selling beer, soft drinks and water. As an added feature, the Bengals vs. Ravens game will be televised on a projection screen in the gym for the fans to enjoy. The Expo will be 12noon to 4pm.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle announced that the annual Halloween Carnival will be held on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 3pm – 5pm. There will be costume contests, coloring contests, games, crafts, and door prizes. The event is open to children ages 2 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Admission is free.

- Mayor Webster announced that Trick or Treat will be held in Springdale on Halloween evening 6:00pm – 8:00pm.
- Mr. Ramirez stated that he had attended an open house at the newly expanded Blue Ash Recreation Center for businesses in that community. He suggested a similar event might be of value in promoting our business membership. Mr. Karle agreed that it was an excellent idea and said the staff would work on putting something together.

Mayor Webster notified the commission members that the next meeting would be moved to the following Tuesday, due to the elections.

### **3. Upcoming Dates of Interest**

- a) **Business & Community Expo/Taste** – Sunday, October 11th
- b) **Halloween Carnival** – Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 3-5pm
- b) **Election** – Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>