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A Sense of Community...It Starts in Parks



What transforms a crowd into a community and presents a chance for people to connect? Parks provide that chance. Clearwater's parks are where lifetime friendships are formed, where the gap between generations is bridged, where people discover what they have in common. How do you grow a hometown with a sense of community? It starts in parks. In the City of Clearwater there are so many opportunities for our community to gather in one of our numerous parks. The fun-filled opportunities include singing along to a concert at Coachman Park, watching a soccer game at the Joe DiMaggio complex, playing

softball at Eddie C. Moore, playing catch with your puppy at the dog park or having a picnic with your family and friends at Crest Lake Park. Parks are a perfect place for our community to unite. From the youngest child who meets their new best friend on the playground at one of the many neighborhood parks to the oldest member of Clearwater who meets new friends while listening to the Florida Orchestra play to an audience of a variety of ages. The City of Clearwater has an abundance of opportunities for our community to come together as one.

Park Spotlight

If you enjoy the wonders of nature, then take some time visit Moccasin Lake Nature Park. The park has numerous features including one and a quarter miles of natural and boardwalk trails, a 5-acre lake and a 51-acre nature preserve. The park offers numerous activities such as bird walks, bird-watching tours, guided tours, group hikes, tai chi classes, and children's nature camps. Captive, permanently injured and, non-releasable wildlife reside at the park. Moccasin Lake hosts meetings for numerous environmental clubs including the Clearwater Audubon Society, Florida Native Plant Society, Suncoast Herpetological Society and the, Suncoast Sierra Club., A beloved activity that occurs at Moccasin Lake is the fireside concert series. The park is filled with numerous wildlife including American alligators, great egrets, green anoles, ospreys, butterflies and an animal that is new to the park, a red-tailed hawk. Come out and enjoy a picnic at the park or ask about volunteer opportunities. Call 462-6024 or check out www.myclearwater.com for more information.



Focus on Cultural Affairs: Sister Cities



This month, four students from area schools are traveling, with their chaperone, as part of the Clearwater Nagano High School Student Exchange Program. Judy Barrett, a teacher with Pinellas County Schools, is accompanying Leslyanne Drake, Anna Hays, Nicole Scholet, from Countryside High School, and Jesse Rooke-Sherman, from Calvary Christian High School, on the trip. Prior to their trip, the students researched information about their own community, created presentation materials, learned some Japanese phrases and prepared songs to perform. As cultural ambassadors for Clearwater, they will give presentations at Nagano schools, be received by the mayor and city officials, visit local sites of interest and have the opportunity to stay with host families during their two-week visit. One of the responsibilities these students assume when being accepted into the program is taking on an educational role upon their return. They will have speaking engagements

highlighting their experiences and, sharing their knowledge with both young people and the community. Cultural Affairs is proud to be a part of this exemplary program.

July 11 - 29
IBC Youth Baseball World Series
 Eddie C. Moore, Joe DiMaggio, Frank Tack, Ross Norton & Carpenter Complex
 669-1361, ext. 241

July 12
Night Hike
 Moccasin Lake Nature Park
 2750 Park Trail Lane
 8 p.m., 462-6024

July 13
97x Summer Rock Show
 Coachman Park , 301 Drew St.
 Gates open at 4 p.m., 562-4813

July 14
Up with Downs Meeting
 Long Center, 1501 Belcher Rd
 793-2320, ext. 227

Elementary School Dance
 North Greenwood Recreation Center, 900 N MLK Jr. Ave.
 5:30 - 8 p.m., 462-6276

July 14, 21 and 28
Freaky Fridays
 Morningside Pool
 2400 Harn Blvd
 7-9 p.m., 507-4064

July 15
Home Buying Class
 Ross Norton Recreation Complex, 1426 S MLK Jr. Ave.
 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., 462-6025

Splash Party
 North Greenwood Recreation Complex, 900 N MLK Jr. Ave.
 7 - 10 p.m., 462-6276

July 16
92.5 LaNueva Anniversary Concert, featuring Kumbia Kings
 Coachman Park , 301 Drew St.
 562-4839

July 16
Suncoast Avian Society
 Membership Meeting
 Moccasin Lake Nature Park
 2750 Park Lane Trail
 1 - 4 p.m., 462-6024

July 19
Suncoast Herpetological Society
 Membership Meeting
 Moccasin Lake Nature Park
 2750 Park Lane Trail
 7:30-9:30 p.m., 462-6024

July 20
Suncoast Sierra Club
 Moccasin Lake Nature Park
 2750 Park Lane Trail
 7 - 9:30 p.m., 462-6024

July 21, 22 and 23
City Players, Inc.
present The Sound of Music
 Ruth Eckerd Hall
 1111 McMullen Booth Rd
 8 p.m. and 2 p.m., 791-7400

July 22
Dive-In Movie
 North Greenwood Recreation Complex, 900 N MLK Jr. Ave.
 8 - 11p.m., 462-6276

July 23
All Ages BMX Contest
 Ross Norton Extreme Sports Park, 1426 S MLK Jr. Ave.
 443-0209

July 28
Tennis Social
 McMullen Tennis Complex
 1000 Edenville Ave.
 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., 669-1919

For more information about our programs and events please check out www.myclearwater.com and look for the F.I.T.S. Parks and Recreation Program Guide or call 562-4800.

