



Hello Holli,

## **Now OPENING: Spring at Parks & Recreation!**

Did you know that “April” comes from the Latin word *aperit*, which means, “to open?”

This month, we’re embracing **Spring** as nature comes back to life with all the loveliness and outdoor goodness it brings. There is so much going on at your local parks and rec that we can’t cover it all here. But you can visit our park locator to find the one nearest you and be open to everything they have to offer.

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**tag us!**  
**#goodforpa**

Be sure to tag your awesome photos and stories about local parks and rec on social media with **#goodforpa** and **#paparklove**. We're always on the lookout for user posts to share!

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## Poetic Praise of PA Parks & Rec

Below is a submission for our **Parks Poetry request**. We're still looking for more. We'll be giving away **2 cool t-shirts** to a random submission; winners will be announced in the next newsletter! Submit poems to

[goodforpa@gmail.com](mailto:goodforpa@gmail.com)



### A Haiku

Wandering mountains,  
Breathing in fresh air, sunshine,  
Nature heals my soul.

- Thomas Marino, 55; Richland Twp.  
Park and Rec Volunteer

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## Earth Day 2023, April 22nd

This year marks the **53rd Anniversary of Earth Day**. It's a reminder to dedicate time, resources, and energy to embracing nature, and to become more aware of and active in solving climate change and other environmental issues affecting our world and our communities. It's the perfect day to plan a visit to your local park, or: walk a trail, join a clean-up group, ride a bike instead of driving, plant a garden, sign a petition (*or start one*), teach kids to be more environmentally conscious, or just hug a tree or two.

Find out more at  
<https://www.earthday.org>



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**good**  
**things to do**





## Namaste: Yoga in the park. *Stuart Community Center Carlisle Parks & Rec*

Find strength, balance, and inner peace with two different 6-week yoga classes at the **Stuart Community Center in Carlisle**. [Blissful Strength and Balance sessions](#) are for those 55 and up begins April 25th, and a [Gentle Yoga Class](#) for ages 18+ starts April 18.

Check out those and other great activities (*like **Belly Dancing lessons and Buugeng Artistry***) below:

[Carlisle Parks & Recreation Activities](#)

## Bored? Try Board Games!

*Every Tuesday through October,  
11AM – 2PM Schenley Plaza  
Pittsburgh, PA*

Grab lunch from one of the food kiosks in the park and enjoy a selection of free table-top games under the **Schenley Plaza** tent every Tuesday through October!

Games are available on a first come basis. No registration required. This program is truly for **all ages!** And find other great activities happening at

[Pittsburgh's Parks and Recs  
Spring Programming Guide](#)

[Let's Play Games!](#)





## See you at the Drive-In!

*Hartwood Acres Park and South Park  
Allegheny County*

Pack the kiddos in the car and head to the park for **Spring Drive-In Movie Nights** throughout April! Watch **FREE** family-friendly flicks from the comfort of your car, just like they did back in the day. These events are **BYOP (Bring your own popcorn)** and begin at sundown. Gates open at 5:30. See what's playing and get more details here:

[Spring Drive-In Movies In Allegheny Parks](#)

## Special Event!

### Pittsburgh Urban Exchange for Open Spaces, Parks & Outdoor Recreation

Thursday, April 20, 2023, 9AM-3PM  
Schenley Park Ice Rink, 10341  
Overlook Drive, Pittsburgh, PA

Speakers & organizations explore tactics and cooperative methods to deliver the recreation and outdoor needs of urban communities.

[More info here](#)



## Free Supplemental Camp Program Culture of Health

In our continuing effort to incorporate wellness activities into our recreation, enroll now and receive a Culture of Health Guidebook written by park professionals, packed with ideas, resources, news, and activities that help incorporate all the core areas of well-being. [Details here!](#)

# good news



## The Good Road Trip is hitting the highways!

This month, the **Good For PA** team is hitting the open road and heading all over the state to share what's good in PA Parks and Recreation, plus other attractions, places to stay, eat, and have fun. It's called the **Parks & Rec Good Road Trip**. It'll be your guide for where to go, what to see, and how to plan. But before you hit the road, be sure to prep for your road trip. Check out [our blog] for some smart tips that will make your travels easy, safe, and fun.

[Our Blog](#)

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## Hit the trail this Spring!

Spring has arrived, but it's a fickle season, especially when you're out on a hike. It may be one of the toughest times to prep for a hiking trip because you may need to pack for multiple changes each day.

**Remember, April showers...** If you're planning to hit the trails, here's a great article full of packing and preparation tips for the moody Spring months.

[Get Hiking!](#)







## Spotlight on a Good Park

*Oak Hollow Park and  
Disc Golf Course 2130 Timothy Drive,  
North Huntingdon, PA*

If you're in **Westmorland County**, you must visit **Oak Hollow Park**. The flagship park of North Huntingdon features acres of beautifully kept hillsides with multiple picnic groves and pavilions, playgrounds, athletic fields, a 1.5-acre fishing pond, and natural trails.

One highlight is the recently completed disc golf course with 18 holes on protected greens with gorgeous views.

[Find out about Oak Hollow Park](#)

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**PA Parks and Recreation feature lots of good things to see and do. Find a local one or plan your road trip with our PA Park Finder!**

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**let's get  
social!**

## **FOLLOW US!**

There's always something happening on our social media, from news and info to park highlights and events, plus interactive and user generated posts. Don't miss out on the fun. **Follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)!**

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