

PRPS Virtual Roundtable February 4, 2021 Programs & Events

Chat Discussion

George Kilcullen: George Kilcullen, Philadelphia Parks & Rec. Hello everyone- yo Derek

Niki Tourscher: Share your topics here!

Niki Tourscher: Let us know who you are and where you are from!

Karen Schreiber: Karen Schreiber from Muhlenberg Township

Mike Kukitz: Mike Kukitz - South Whitehall Township

Kylene Gill: Kylene Gill - Bethlehem Twp.

Stephanie DiNolfi: Stephanie DiNolfi - West Norriton Township

Heather Dighe: Heather Dighe- Lancaster Rec

Erin Woodruff: Erin Woodruff - Upper Dublin Township

MICHAEL KURLAND: Michael Kurland - Manheim Township

Andy Oles: Andy Oles - Warrington Township

Courtney Gray: Courtney Gray- Intern at Goldsboro Parks and Rec

Karen Eberly: Karen Eberly - GEARS

Mike Richino: Mike Richino - Whitpain Township

Kayla Drummond - Williamsport

Karen Hegedus: Karen Hegedus - Lower Providence Township

Sarah Prebis: Sarah Prebis - Upper Gwynedd Township

James Burke - Westmoreland County: James Burke - Westmoreland County Parks

Lauren Irizarry: Lauren Irizarry - Conshohocken Borough

Kim Tuin: Kim Tuin - Brodheadsville PA WEPOSC

Cathy Wegener: Cathy Wegener - Berks County Parks & Rec

D'Leeshia Lee: Chan Non - intern at Goldsboro Parks and Recreation

Audrey Logar: Looking for information and samples of educational signs for watersheds, wildlife, etc. If anyone

has photos of their signs my email is alogar@camphillborough.com Thanks!

Don Holmes: Don Holmes - West Hanover Twp Parks & Recreation

Anneli Frank Langer: Anneli Frank Langer- PFBC SER

Kirsten Taylor: Kirsten Taylor - Haverford Twp Parks & Recreation

Derek Muller: Derek Muller - Montgomery Township Community & Rec Center

Jhanie Kunkel: Jhane Kunkel - East Hanover Twp. Dauphin County

Tammy Echevarria: Tammy Echevarria - Upper Dublin Parks & Recreation

George Kilcullen: Philadelphia Parks and Recreation is entering the e-sports world and partnering with a gaming site named Nerd St Gamers.

Laura Dalton: Hey everyone! Laura Dalton, Special Events Manager. Looking long term for our September event--any thought about what the outlook might be?

Derek Muller: George, I found that flyer on some PPR Facebook pages

Kim Tuin: We have used our local school for sledding but not recently since our school doesn't let anyone use the facilities with Covid and also need weeks ahead to request date and time

Kim Tuin: Pine Cone Bird Feeder making Feb. 13 with Pine Cones, PB, string and birdseed. Mask wearing. Limits in building. Can come in and grab a bag of supplies at home

Derek Mulle: We have a similar protocol for our Township Youth Sports Associations

Derek Muller: Working on Spring programs now. Mostly continuing our in-house skills & drills sports programs, art programs, and drama/creative writing programs. Starting to bring back some of our partners. Determining if we can reinstall our popular Flag Football League

Lisa Hoffman: We are planning smaller social distanced events through June. Planning on full-scale events beginning with July 4th. At least hoping to...we will have a Plan A and a Plan B in case.

Karen Schreiber: Muhlenberg Township is planning for our festivals from June thru the end of the year. If they do not happen we will just cancel, as we did last year.

Barb Guarente: Jhanie can you tell us a little more about your Peach Festival?

Alena Green: Lena Green from Lower Paxton Twp. We are planning to run our youth programs such as basketball and summer camp. We are also doing an Easter Trunk or Treat type event, a kite festival, movies and concerts and other programs and events. We will plan for a "COVID" environment and make adjusts as needed.

Mike Richino: We met this morning regarding our fall Community Festival. We are seeking input from the county but plan on having the event in some form. Planning on it being significantly smaller than usual.

Kim Tuin: We do a January Blast off into the New year event--in person with stations and every year make a new rocket craft and do stomp rockets outside. We did the craft materials only this year as a drive through

Kim Tuin: Summer--we are hoping to have Summer Camp but much smaller.

Kim Tuin: We opened a Dog Park last year and having a Free Dog training program there in May--socially distanced

Derek Muller: Thank you, Hayato. We have our guidelines in place, but I would be interested in seeing yours as well. Please feel free to email me at dmuller@montgomerytwp.org. Now it just has to get the go ahead.

Michael Lenhart - Pottstown: Did anyone else find the bubble juice browned out their grass for some time afterwards?

Mike Kukitz: Brian Maloney, grandpopbubbles@gmail.com

Audrey Logar: grandpopbubbles@gmail.com

Cathy Wegener: Mike - we did see some brown out, but had rain afterward so it turned out not to be an issue

Sarah Prebis: Anyone doing an Earth Day Program other then planting trees??

Mike Kukitz: Yes we are planning an Earth Day park beautification day

Derek Muller: Ditto

Jeff Donahuie: same

Derek Muller: We are moving ahead with a smaller camp utilizing our Community Center. Maybe an additional half-day option at the park as well

Kim Tuin: For those who ran 2020 camp--how did you sanitize items and did all wear masks outside?

Niki Tourscher: During the last fifteen minutes of this roundtable, we have the option to break into small groups to talk about special topics. Are there any special topics that you want to talk about or would you like to stay with the large group? Let me know.

Mike Richino: I'd like to talk/hear about concerts and movies

Jeff Donahuie: yes to masks outdoors

George Kilcullen: no masks outside, we wiped down all surfaces while children were assigned areas. example, we sanitized(Nova) play equipment while children were playing basketball

Derek Muller: We were following the recommendations as presented at the time. Masks were required for all staff, and kids had to wear except during physical activities. That would be different now - masks would be 100%.

Derek Muller: Sanitized bathrooms (and locked to public), sprayed tables and equipment. Sanitizer and temperatures. Individual art supply kits

Karen Schreiber: Mike, Muhlenberg did outdoor concerts which were very well received. Yes, we did probably go over the recommended amount for group gathering, but we do not charge, so it was difficult to monitor the attendance. Plus I was not going to be the one to monitor people's behavior. We do have a large area to accommodate the social distancing issue.

BK Koehler: drive in concerts were a huge thing last year mike - I imagine that will continue this year. example here: https://starlightdrive-in.com/

BK Koehler: Interest in E Sport leagues - https://esportsobserver.com/the-esports-eco-system/

James Burke - Westmoreland County: James Burke jburke@co.westmoreland.pa.us

Sarah Prebis: link to esports: sprebis@uppergwynedd.org THANKS!

Kayla Drummond: yes

Courtney Gray: Yes

Kim Tuin: We did virtual crafts monthly--handprint themes. June was a crab on a beach, July 2020 was an Eagle, and August was a frog--and we gave fun facts about the animals. People could pick up the craft materials in a drive through prior and watch the creation on line. Then they post the finished product and we gave some ice cream Gift Certificates to the kids who posted

Kim Tuin: We did an ice cream sundae Drive through for free in August and September. We paired with our local library and have Storywalk--laminated book pages along our trails.

BK Koehler: Some PSU Extension Master Gardener programs have been starting a program focused on food security where master gardeners are starting plants at home and helping to start community gardens in housing complexes and community gardens - you could reach out to your county extension offices to possibly learn more. We are doing it here in Centre County - https://www.studentfarm.psu.edu/community-partnerships/

BK Koehler: Childcare program info - https://www.pakeys.org/

Patrick Cannon: Patrick Cannon - pcannon@mtlebanon.org

Michael Lenhart - Pottstown: And now the race begins to see who can book Grandpop Bubbles first.

Mike Richino: Feb. 18 D3 De-escalation workshop from 10-12. .2 CEU's available. Email prpsd3@gmail.com for more information

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