

### FLAG FOOTBALL

Registrations will be underway for youth flag football from July 7 – August 8, 2025. The program is open to all boys and girls from 1st-6<sup>th</sup> grade. The fees are \$60 per child. The season will run from September – mid October 2025 with games on Saturdays!

rts.sportingin.com/registes/form/2



## SERVE SALINE BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Join the churches of the community in celebrating the back-to-school season! There will be delicious food and refreshments, fun games for kids and adults, live music, and school supplies giveaways!

# FREE COMMUNITY EVENT! ALL ARE WELCOME! SUNDAY, JULY 13TH 4-7PM @ EMERY PARK, HARRISBURG COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

### SYSA SOCCER

Registration for SYSA fall Soccer will be closing on July 18, 2025. The program will have boys and girls teams, ages PreK – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The fees are \$60 per child, or a family max of \$120. Games will begin after Labor Day.

https://salinecountysoccer.sportn gin.com/register/form/252102721



# WELCOME

Welcome to the July 2025 edition of the Harrisburg Township Park District Newsletter. Our team has been working hard on upcoming events and activities.

From our recreation to community events, we hope you'll find something that piques your interest and encourages you to get outside and enjoy all that our parks have to offer.



July 7 – Flag Football Registration Begins

July 10 – Free Open Swim 1:30 – 4:00 (sponsored by: Hbg T & C Lions)

July 11 – Fishing Tournament Ends

July 13 – Back to School Bash 4:00 PM at Bandstand

> July 18 – SYSA Soccer Registration Ends

July 18 – Pool Movie Night/Trolls World Tour

July 20 – Free Open Swim 2:00 – 4:00 (sponsored by: Future Leaders Daycare)

July 28 – Library Summer Reading Ending Party – at Patton Shelter



# A Playground for Everyone

In 2022, Harrisburg Township Park District (HTPD) was the recipient of an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant in the amount of \$396,000 for the development of an Inclusive Playground area at the Bill Rice Memorial Soccer Complex. The project consisted of an Inclusive Playground area, a walking path with access to all the soccer fields and the bathrooms, and a set of ADA accessible bleachers at the main soccer field. The goal of the project was to develop the Soccer Complex into more than just soccer fields that only get used seasonally throughout the year. The Park District envisioned an accessible park facility that could be enjoyed all year long, benefiting everyone in the Inclusive Playgrounds acknowledge more than providing an accessible piece of equipment. They go a step further, creating and designing a playset that all persons can enjoy. Inclusion is the groundwork of developing a space where every member of a community feels welcome. playgrounds are preferred because they provide multiple uses of equipment for persons of different abilities, skills, and conditions. These playgrounds promote dignity, understanding, and respect for all people, and not just persons with disabilities or illnesses. Inclusive playgrounds allow people the opportunity to play alongside their loved ones. Construction of the Inclusive Playground area at the Soccer Complex was completed in the Spring of 2024 and the facility has seen much use and positive feedback over the last year. This project fully illustrates the Park District's ongoing commitment to accessibility and inclusivity.

