



**Harrisburg Township
Park District
Newsletter
May 2026**



WELCOME

Welcome to the May 2026 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.

Bill Trees Memorial Park Pool

The Park Pool is set to open June 4, 2026. Please see attached flyer for special dates, pricing, and activities.



2026 Recreation Baseball/Softball

The 2026 recreation Baseball/Softball season is now underway. Games have started and are played each week at our Gaskins City Complex. We are continuing to improve the facility with new parking and some tree removals. Check it out next time you are there.



2026 Swim Lessons

The 2026 Pool Season is soon approaching. Spots for swim lessons fill quickly, so please reach out to Melanie for details and to reserve your spot!

Melanie Motsinger
(Pool Manager)
618-841-3244



May 6 – HTPD Special Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
May 9 – Saline County Outreach Event – Kiwanis Shelter / Bandstand Area
May 10 – Happy Mother’s Day
May 15 – HTPD Board Meeting – 8:00 AM
May 25 – Memorial Day Office Closed
June 4 – Park Pool Opens

Pool Donation



Paul Jones gives back to former employer – Park Pool

Paul Jones, a 1966 graduate of Harrisburg High School, made a donation to Harrisburg Township Park District Bill Trees Memorial Park Pool in 2025. That donation was used to purchase and install a new Shade Structure at the Park Pool. Shade Structures at park pools provide essential UV protection, reducing sunburn risks by blocking harmful rays. They also enhance comfort by lowering temperatures, encouraging longer visits, while keeping decking and furniture cooler.

Paul “Jonsey” Jones was one of the first lifeguards Bill Trees hired in 1965. Jones said, “I have very fond memories of that pool opening after several years of no pool in Harrisburg, and all the kids that wanted to learn to swim. Great memories.” Jones recalled that he was paid 75 cents per hour and worked about 10 hours a day for 6 days a week. 1965 was the first year that the current Park Pool was opened. The previous Park Pool had been closed a few years earlier.

Thank you Paul for this generous donation and giving back to one of your former employers who employed you as a youth.





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OPENING DAY

June 4th, 2026

BILL TREES MEMORIAL

PARK POOL

2026 Swim Season

OPENS June 4, 2026
SESSIONS: Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
1:30 PM – 4:00 PM
POOL CLOSED ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, & WEDNESDAY
Season Ends July 25, 2026

Admission: \$3.00 per person
(Everyone will pay to enter the pool facility)

Private Pool Parties

Available: Wed, Thurs, Fri, & Sat after 4:00 PM
Saturdays before 1:00 PM
All Day Sunday
Fees: \$130 per hour – up to 60 swimmers
Additional \$30/hour per guard if more than 60 swimmers

FREE OPEN SWIM DATES & SPONSORS

- JUNE 14 (2 - 4 PM) - Robert Clark & Touch of Class Dance Studio
- JUNE 21 (2 - 4 PM) - Future Leaders Daycare
- JUNE 28 (2 - 4PM) - All in One Real Estate
- JULY 9 (1:30 - 4 PM) - Harrisburg T & C Lions Club
- JULY 18 (1:30 - 4 PM) - J.Bacher Fine Jewelry
- JULY 19 (2 - 4 PM) - Future Leaders Daycare

Private Swim Lessons

Time: June 10 – July 24
Available: Wed – Fri
Fees: \$30.00 per session 1-6 lessons
\$25.00 per session 7 or more lessons

Water Aerobics

Time: June 10 – July 24
Wed & Fri 7:30 – 8:15 AM
Fees: FREE
Sponsored By: Farmers State Bank & FSB Insurance



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AM Swim

(Lap Swim)
Time: June 10 – July 24
Wed – Fri 6:00 AM – 7:00 AM
For ages 18 and up
Fees: FREE
Sponsored By: Farmers State Bank & FSB Insurance