

EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday March 28th on the grass and hill behind Town Hall. It was cold but we stayed dry and had another solid turnout with around 100 egg hunters and about as many parents. Kids are separated into four groups (3 & Under, 4-5 year olds, 6-8 year olds, and 9-12 year olds). We upped our egg total to 2,000 candy filled eggs, up from 1,500 last year, and still came in under budget (spent \$614.28 on \$800 budget) by buying empty plastic eggs and candy in bulk and filling the eggs myself.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASSES

February 14th class had 5 participants. March 7th class was canceled due to only having 2 registrants. April 11th class has 5 registrants as of this report, including both registrants from the March class. May 9th class has 1 registrant as of this report, but typically people don't register until a few weeks before. Remaining classes are 6/13, 8/22, 10/24, 11/21, 12/12.

We continue to draw registrants from outside of Macedon and Palmyra. April has participants from Penn Yan and Greece. Macedon Police regained access to their Facebook page in early February so I believe that has helped with the out of town participants.

WINTER INDOOR TRAVEL SOCCER CONTINUES

Winter indoor travel soccer is wrapping up and thankfully only the Gananda girls tournament in late-January was cancelled or postponed by winter storms. We've had 116 participants this year compared to 117 in the 2024-25 season. A special thank you to all of our coaches who volunteer their time between November and mid-April

GRADES	BOYS	GIRLS
3rd-5th grades	Shad Johnson & Corey Smyth	Haleigh & Abie LaRocca (and sometimes their mom Kate LaRocca)
6th-7th grades	Juan Reyes Gonzalez	Me
8th-9th grades	David Cialini & Connor Doll	Sami Dentel
10+ grades	Isaac Wheeler	Hannah Dentel-Colf

OUTDOOR REC SOCCER

Spring Soccer Registration opened March 12th and continues through April 15th. In 2025 we had 147 total participants between all four groups (2 year olds up to 5th graders) and it looks like we're on pace to exceed that this year.

Summer Soccer registration will open the last week of May and will run Mondays & Wednesdays for six weeks starting Monday 7/6.

Fall soccer is still planned for 4 consecutive Wednesdays likely starting 9/23. (last date would be 10/14).

*This is subject to change to avoid open house dates for either the primary school or intermediate school Registration opens mid-August.

PAVILION AND ATHLETIC FIELD RENTALS

With warmer weather we are starting to see more pavilion rental requests for the coming months as well as for graduation parties in June and July. We have 4 bookings already for the Bullis Park back pavilion and one for Gravino Park on 5/3.

The annual Pal-Mac Youth Lacrosse Tournament is ready to go for Saturday May 9th and Sunday May 10th. The PCC has provided proof of insurance. They fully staff the event including parking and have done a great

job every year of keeping the park clean and limiting damage to the grass in the north western portion of the park where they have additional parking spaces. This year they are expanding their fields but are using blue paint so as not to conflict with our soccer field layouts in white. Soccer fields will be painted the week before the LAX tournament.

New York State West Youth Soccer Association Olympic Development Program is renting soccer fields B, C, and D on Wednesdays from 5/6 -6/3. They have rented from us every year since 2021.

Unity Soccer is also returning for Saturday mornings from 5/2-6/27. They rent all available fields including the ones we use for our own rec programs. This is a homeschool recreation league and they also rent for a late-Summer/Fall program as well.

BULLIS PICKLEBALL/TENNIS COURTS ARE OPEN

After the upper-60 and 70 degree temperatures the first weekend in March I received multiple inquiries about when the pickleball and tennis court nets would be re-installed at Bullis Park. The Parks department keeps the courts locked during the winter season so that no one tries to get on them and damage the surfaces with bikes or rollerblades. I told the potential picklers that we would open around 4/1 as we would likely get more snow in March (we did). I was able to re-install the nets on the morning of March 30th.

ID THEFT CLASS FOR SENIORS & MORE

Reliant Federal Credit Union representatives spoke to our seniors group on Monday March 16th about Identity Theft. I'm working with them to find a date that works so we can offer another talk about Identity Theft for anyone (not just Macedon residents) to be hosted by us during a weekday evening in either the Town Board room or the Community Room. They offer these classes for free.

GVRPS/NYSRPS MEMBERSHIP

In mid-March Christine Grosodonia made me aware of an annual conference for the Genesee Valley Recreation and Park Society. I joined the New York State Recreation and Park Society to become a member of GVRPS and attended the conference at Blue Cross Arena on Friday March 20th. I attended sessions on Interactive Play (escape rooms, trivia nights, and interactive Facebook games) lead by Pittsford Recreation as well as Innovative Strategies for Modern Senior Programming lead by Victor Recreation. Most of the other towns have their own recreation or senior specific facilities for their programs but I believe we may be able to do some programs on a smaller scale in our rooms in Town Hall or the Community Room.

SUMMER PROGRAMMING (NOT SOCCER RELATED)**TENNIS CAMP**

Confirmed that Pal-Mac tennis star Ella Eakins will be returning to lead our annual summer tennis camp. This will be her third year. Camp will take place for four weeks starting Monday July 6th. It runs Mondays-Fridays

in three groups (ages 5-8, 9-11, 12-18) between 9am-noon at the Pal-Mac Middle School tennis courts. Registration will open mid-May.

SWIM LESSONS

For the second straight year we will be helping out Pal-Mac's Summer Swim Lesson registration. Registration will open in May. Their program runs in July. Aquatics Director Jason Stevens serves as our swim instructor for Summer Camp, which is needed for Department of Health paperwork, and also hosts our summer camp multiple times for swimming field trips at no cost.

SUMMER DAY CAMP

I met with Summer Camp Director Maddy Ross on Friday 2/27 to finalize 2026 Summer Camp plans. She has finalized the field trip schedule (yes that is a big deal) averaging two trips per week. We are fully staffed and are in the process of gathering the appropriate paperwork.

Registration will open on Friday May 1st at 6am. Camp will start Monday July 6th and end Friday August 21st.

Price raises detailed in the February Rec report have been finalized. All seven weeks of camp will be held at Pal-Mac Intermediate School instead of holding the final week at Bullis Park. This 2026-27 school year starts a week later than usual this year so we can stay there instead of hauling all of our supplies over to Bullis.

As noted previously, Summer camp attendance has increased from 62 to 98 to 102 and finally 135 between 2022 and 2025. We increased staff numbers to accommodate the 33 registrant increase between 2024 and 2025. We anticipate 2026 to have around 135 registrants again.

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