



The water is already warm at West Carrollton's Wilson Park Pool.

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### **News Release**

#### **GET OUT YOUR SUMMER CALENDAR; WILSON PARK TO BE CENTER OF ACTIVITIES**

WEST CARROLLTON, Ohio - Whether it's playing tennis, walking, swimming, watching movies or attending festivals, a variety of summer activities will be held at Wilson Park this summer.

Newly refinished tennis courts are scheduled to be complete by early June. The city's parks and recreation department is resurfacing the three tennis courts and installing new fencing and lighting at the park.

"The city saved money by completing much of the work in-house," according to Christian Mattingly, parks and recreation director. Youth tennis lessons will be held on Tuesday evenings in June and July.

Wilson Park's family-friendly swimming pool opens for business starting on Saturday, May 24. The pool features a 100-foot long slide and gradual entry for younger swimmers. The pool was repainted this spring and the water temperature read 84 degrees about a week before opening, according to Troy Cooper, parks and recreation superintendent.

The pool will have swimming lessons throughout the summer and is also available for party rentals. Call (937) 866-9212 to get information about the lessons or pool hours.

Wilson Park has two paved trails for those interested in walking on a flat, covered surface. Starting at 8 a.m. on each Monday through June 30, the city hosts a “Wilson-Walk About.” Mattingly, as well as other staff or council members, plan to be available to walk with residents around the park. “For those interested in keeping track, special recognition will be given to those who walk the most miles,” Mattingly said.

Partnering again with the West Carrollton Church of the Nazarene, Wilson Park will be the site of three, free family-friendly movie nights during the summer. The movie nights are scheduled for Friday nights on June 13, July 11, and August 8. The rain dates are the following evening each month.

The West Carrollton 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, July 4 at Wilson Park. Admission is free. Festivities will include a car show, corn toss tournament, pie contest and veteran’s recognition. Musical acts will include Just-n-Tyme, Bob Lovelace Tribute to Elvis, Joe Mullins and the Radio Ramblers, as well as local high school bands such as the West Carrollton Jazz Band, Flying Squirrels and Contents Under Pressure. Children’s activities such as inflatable bouncers, face painting and balloon artists will also be available. Call (937) 859-1505 or see [www.westcarrollton.org](http://www.westcarrollton.org) for more information.

National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 5 at Wilson Park. The West Carrollton Police Department sponsors the annual event as a way to foster police and community partnerships and heighten crime prevention awareness. There will be police and fire demonstrations as well as free bike helmets. Call (937) 847-4668 for more information.

After the pool officially closes for the season, a Doggie Dive-In event will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6 at the Wilson Park Pool. For a \$5 admission fee, families can bring dogs for a swim, win prizes and get information from local Humane Societies and other pet organizations. Call Alicia Norton at (937) 859-5181 for more information about the event.

For more information about Wilson Park or other West Carrollton parks and recreation activities, call (937) 859-5181.

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