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## **Recreation Department Schedules Lineup of Upcoming Events**

City of Boone Recreation Department Director Nathan Osmundson recently provided council members and Mayor Dave Casotti with a “six-month snapshot” of upcoming activities for local residents of all ages.

While a number of activities have definite times, dates and locations, Osmundson said the exact details of some events will be determined in the future with the coordination of other departments or the parks commission. “I’d like to schedule a night hike, some fishing and other events and I’ve been working with the parks board – and will continue to work with its members – to make those events happen,” he said.

Despite the recent stretch of warmer than normal temperatures, there’s likely still plenty of winter weather ahead. Osmundson said as recreational programming will increase as the weather improves and temperatures rise in the weeks ahead even as some newly introduced events, such as the fireside chat program that meets at Ericson Public Library for older residents, continue.

“We’ve had some really good attendance, and I’d like to keep that fellowship time going because it’s valuable to those people who participate. But I’d also like to do more to get the word out and grow the number of people who know about it and join in, so we’re exploring ways to do that, too,” Osmundson said.

At the same time, he noted, he has taken care not to duplicate services already provided by nonprofits or the private sector. Instead, he will work to complement those activities to provide even more recreational opportunities. “I’m really picking spots where something is not happening often or not happening at all. That’s how the BlastBall program for three- and four-year-old boys and girls got started last year,” Osmundson explained.

Below is the line-up of upcoming activities:

### ***Senior Citizen Game Time- First Thursday of the Month at the City Hall Auditorium***

Looking for an afternoon filled with laughter, friendly competition, and great company? Join us for Senior Citizen Game Time! Whether you love cards, board games, bingo, or puzzles, there’s something for everyone. Enjoy light refreshments, good conversation, and the chance to meet new friends – or challenge old ones! It’s a perfect way to keep the mind sharp, share a few smiles, and unwind in a relaxed and welcoming setting. Bring your favorite game or try something new!

### ***School’s Out Spring Break Movie!***

Celebrate spring break on Tuesday, March 17 with a fun afternoon at the movies! Bring your friends, grab some popcorn, and enjoy a hit film on the big screen in a relaxed, youth-friendly setting. It’s the perfect way to celebrate the start of break – no homework, no stress, just good vibes and good company. Admission is free, and snacks will be provided while supplies last. Come early, get comfy, and let’s start spring break with a blockbuster.

### ***Earth Day Park Clean-Up – Help Us Make a Difference!***

Join us this Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22, as we come together to celebrate our planet and give back to our local environment. We’re hosting a community park clean-up to keep our green spaces beautiful and healthy for everyone to enjoy. Grab your gloves, bring your friends and family, and spend a few hours outdoors making a real impact! We’ll provide trash bags, recycling bins, and refreshments for all volunteers.

***Wellness Walking at Various Locations on Wednesday afternoons***

Join us for a refreshing Wellness Walking event designed to rejuvenate your body, calm your mind, and connect with your community. This guided walk combines light movement, mindfulness, and conversation – an easy way to boost your energy, reduce stress, and enjoy the outdoors. Whether you're a seasoned walker or just looking for a healthy break in your day, this experience is all about feeling good, inside and out.

***Spring Hike at Cap Erbe Park on April 25***

Step into the beauty of spring at Cap Erbe Park. Join us for a guided hike through budding trees, blooming wildflowers, and the lively sights and sounds of nature waking up after winter. This family-friendly trek offers a great way to enjoy the fresh air, learn about local plants and wildlife, and connect with your community. Whether you're a seasoned hiker or just looking for a peaceful walk outdoors, this event promises a refreshing and inspiring experience. Dress for the weather, bring water, and come ready to celebrate the season of renewal under sunny skies and green canopies.

***Wildlife Explorers Program at Various City Parks***

Did you know that scientists are a kind of explorer? They search for new discoveries and ideas. You can be a scientist, too! Science starts with curiosity and observation. If you keep your eyes and ears open and record what you notice, then you are practicing science skills. It's a great way to explore a park. Let's get exploring! Join us for fun time exploring nature in our city parks!

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