EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 24. 2014

Item 11, Report No. 26, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 24, 2014.

11 PROCLAMATION - JUNE AS RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH AND BIKE MONTH

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Executive Director, Office of the City Manager and the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated June 3, 2014:

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

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City of Vaughan parks & community centre locations are online at **vaughan.ca**. **2014 June is...Rec & Parks Month** Schedule on reverse.









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Fitness Memberships only \$35/month*

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Rec&ParksMonth

2Ball Tourney 10-17 years

June 11 4:00-5:00pm North Thornhill CC

Partner up and work together to demonstrate your shooting skills.

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament 10-17 years **June 10** 4:00-6:00pm **Father E. Bulfon CC**

Drive the lane for a slam dunk in this mini 3-on-3 basketball tourney. Teams will be made on site.

Archery: Introduction 8-12 years June 3 6:30-8:00pm Al Palladini CC June 9 6:00-7:00pm Garnet A. Williams CC

Participants will be introduced to this historic sport with an instructor leading target practice. Note: All children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Equipment provided. (Max 12 participants)

Arthritis Fitness (Older Adult) 60+ years June 2 9:30-10:30am Chancellor CC

Reduce joint pain and stiffness with this gentle fitness program for older adults who have arthritis. A certified fitness instructor leads participants through low impact stretching and aerobic exercises that improve range of motion, strengthen joint muscles, and increase endurance, flexibility and balance.

Aquafitness 14+ years

June 3 9:45-10:30am Father E. Bulfon CC June 17 7:00-7:45pm Vellore Village CC June 19 7:00-7:45pm Vellore Village CC June 21 8:45-9:30am Al Palladini CC June 27 9:00-9:45am Al Palladini CC

A challenging, low impact exercise using water resistance. Prerequisite: Red Cross Swim Level 5 or Adult B.

Badminton (Parent & Child) All Ages June 5 6:00-7:00pm Dufferin Clark CC June 12 6:30-8:00pm Vellore Village CC

Spend quality time as a family learning the basic concepts of badminton, then enjoy some friendly competition during organized games. Equipment provided.

Ball Hockey (Adult) 18+ years **June 17** 8:30-10:30pm Father E. Bulfon CC

This drop-in program is for all Ball Hockey enthusiasts! Just show up and have fun. Staff person will be present to set up a friendly game. Please bring your own hockey stick. (Max 20 players and two goalies)

Basketball: Youth vs. Staff 10-17 years June 18 4:00-6:00pm North Thornhill CC

All-Star youth face-off against Recreation staff on the court.

Concerts in the Park All Ages

June 11 7:30pm Kick-Off Concert, Vaughan City Hall Featuring Toronto All Star Big Band June 18 7:30pm

That 60s Show, York Hill District Park

Celebrate summer at the City's 20th Anniversary Concerts in the Park program.

Dodgeball Tourney 16+ years **June 13** 6:00-8:00pm Maple CC

Can you dodge, duck, dip, dive and dodge...? Get ready to protect the House!

Family PA Day Fun All Ages

June 6 10:00am-12:00pm

Maple Nature Reserve, 10401 Dufferin Street

Hike the trails and compete in a family scavenger hunt. How many frogs can you find? Event runs rain or shine. Washrooms available at the site.

Fitness Centre Guest Day FREE 13+ years

June 16 5:30am-10:30pm Vellore Village CC June 20 5:30am-10:00pm Al Palladini CC June 22 5:30am-10:30pm Maple CC

Fitness members are invited to bring a guest 13 years or older to try the centre's facilities. Note: Waiver required with parental consent for youth ages 13-17.

Games Room (Youth) 10-17 years

June 13 3:00-8:00pm North Thornhill CC June 19 11:00am-1:00pm Maple CC

Come out and enjoy a wide selection of interactive games and activities in your local youth room.

Gentle Yoga (Older Adult) 55+ years

June 23 10:30-11:30am Garnet A. Williams CC

Participants will integrate breathing techniques and movement to gently strengthen and stretch the body as you hold various yoga poses.

Hello Summer Swim All Ages

June 3 7:30-8:30pm Al Palladini CC June 8 2:30-4:30pm Dufferin Clark CC June 15 12:30-3:00pm Al Palladini CC June 29 12:30-3:30pm Dufferin Clark CC

This recreational swim will pay its respects to summer with games and music.

Open Fitness (Youth) 13-17 years June 24 3:00-8:00pm North Thornhill CC

Begin your fitness journey here! Youth must be between the ages of 13-17 with parental consent. Forms are available at any City of Vaughan fitness centre. Note: Running shoes and appropriate gym attire required.

Open Gym (Parent & Child) 3-6 years June 26 6:00-8:00pm Dufferin Clark CC

Get fit and have fun with your preschooler during an evening of hockey, soccer and a fitness obstacle course.

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Get your friends together for an evening of sports and fun!

Outdoor Boot Camp 13+ years June 9 9:15-10:15am Al Palladini CC

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"Old school" drills (think jumping jacks and push ups), are met with friendly competition as you race around the neighbourhood to complete an obstacle course of hills, park benches and jungle gyms!

Pickleball 18+ years

June 10 12:00-2:00pm Maple CC

Try your hand at it! Pickleball is a racquet sport which combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis.

Sportsarama 3-6 years

June 4 9:30-10:30am Vellore Village CC

Enjoy various games and sports, including soccer and basketball, with your aspiring athlete!

Summer Splash All Ages

June 28 1:00-4:00pm Thornhill Outdoor Pool

Celebrate the opening of the Thornhill Outdoor Pool with fun water activities and competitions.

Swim Explosion All Ages

June 8 2:00-3:00pm Father E. Bulfon CC June 14 1:00-3:00pm Vellore Village CC

Cool off during a recreational swim packed with fun water games including basketball, dodgeball, relay races and handstand competitions.

Swimtastic Fun All Ages

June 7 1:00-3:00pm Chancellor CC

A fun-filled recreational swim with relay races and a water polo match.

Taekwondo 'Bring a Friend Day'

June 1 Rosemount CC 3-5 years 9:15-10:00am 6-12 years 10:00-11:00am

Learn Taekwondo techniques, including basic patterns and forms, breaking, blocking, kicking, striking, and punching.

Tai Chi (Older Adult) 60+ years June 12 10:00-11:00am Chancellor CC

An ancient Chinese discipline of meditative movements that focuses on moving the body at a slow, gentle and controlled pace.

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Zumba (Family) 10+ years

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Working out should not be boring! Do the cha-cha, mambo, calypso and belly dance. The philosophy is simple: move, sweat and love the music!

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Enjoy the beautiful outdoors with an evening filled with hip latin-inspired dance moves, such as salsa, cumbia, merengue, reggaeton, and more! This class is designed for all ages and fitness levels.

Note: Regular admittance guidelines apply for recreational swimming and use of Vaughan Fitness Centres. All outdoor activities run weather permitting. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.





