

2017 SPECIAL EVENTS

The Kearney Park and Recreation Department is known for putting on fabulous special events. Below is the 2017 calendar of events. Be sure to “Friend” us on Facebook or “Follow” us on Twitter for special event updates throughout the year – “LIKE” Kearney Park and Recreation or “FOLLOW” @KearneyParknRec.

	<p><u>7th Annual Mother/Son Fun Day at the Storm Game</u> Date: Sunday, February 10 Registration Deadline: Thursday, February 2 Moms and sons (1st thru 5th grades) get to spend some quality time together during the event. A variety of activities will be schedule for mother and son to enjoy. Flyer</p>
	<p><u>Daddy/Daughter Date Night</u> Friday, February 17, from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the Younes Conference Center Registration Deadline: Wednesday, February 8 \$32 per couple/\$15 for each additional child Semi-formal attire requested A night to remember for dads and daughters (1st thru 5th grade). Event includes catered dinner and dancing. Generally, over 600 people attend this popular event! Flyer</p>
	<p><u>Kearney's Amazing Race</u> Sunday, April 2, from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Harmon Park Activity Center. Event day registration from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. Free! A geocaching race through Kearney. Participate as an individual or race as a team. All you need is a Smart Phone. Teams will race in a car and on foot to find the hidden caches. Activities will be provided at various cache locations. An instructional session will be conducted for those that need to learn how to read coordinates. Great prizes for the top 3 finishers. All ages welcome, but one licensed driver needed per team.</p>
	<p><u>Cottontail Scramble Easter Egg Hunt</u> Saturday, April 15 at 11:00 a.m. at Harmon Park. Ages 2-7. Free! Kids can scramble for plastic eggs and candy in beautiful Harmon Park. Arrive early or stay later to get a picture with Peter Cottontail! Event partners: Kearney Jaycees, KHS Key Club, and the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department. Flyer</p>
	<p><u>Storybook Walk</u> Saturday, April 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Harmon Park All ages. Free! Come and enjoy a fun-filled walk around Harmon Park. Participants will stop at various locations to read sections from an over-sized children's book and engage in fun activities related to the book. Flyer</p>



Central Nebraska youth Track and Field Meet

Saturday, May 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Boys & Girls Age Divisions: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (age as of 12/31/17)
 FREE EVENT! Pre-registration required.
 A recreational track and field meet for boys and girls. The top four in each age group will advance to the Championship Meet!



Bicycle Sunday

Sunday, April 23 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
 All ages. Free!
 This is a great event to do as a family, with friends, a youth group, co- workers, or even by yourself. Ride your bike along the Kearney trail system, stopping at various activity checkpoints. Go to the www.cityofkearney.org after April 1 for further instructions and a map. Turn in your checkpoint map at the conclusion of the race and be eligible for a 2017 Family Pool Pass!



Heritage Day

Saturday, June 3 at Yanney Park.
 All ages. Free!
 The family friendly event of the summer! Activities throughout the day including: Sue Bush Memorial 5K Run/Walk, Family Fishing Day, Giant Inflatables, and Paddleboating/Kayaking. Musical entertainment beginning late in the afternoon and running through the evening at the Cope Amphitheater. Concessions available. The event ends with an amazing Fireworks Finale' that you don't want to miss! Free will donations accepted.



Sue Bush Memorial 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, June 3 at Yanney Park
 Register by May 25 to receive a t-shirt
 All ages
 This kick-off event to Heritage Day has great tradition with generally 150 participants. The 5 kilometer course is good for beginners as well as advance runners. Medals awarded for first-third place finishers in each age/gender division. Special prizes will be randomly drawn during the awards ceremony. Entry forms will be available in May.



22nd Annual Community Olympic Games

June 23-25 at various locations in Kearney
 Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 10
 Ages 18 and older
 Join CHI Health Good Samaritan and KPR for three days of exercise, community spirit and lots of fun! Form a team of 10-30 people and participate in a variety of events such as: obstacle course, volleyball, softball, pickleball, and more! Earn points for your team by placing and by participating. The team champion will be crowned at the awards barbeque on Sunday night. Cost is \$25 per person which includes a team t-shirt. Entry packets will be available on April 1. "Like" Kearney Community Olympics on Facebook!



Splash Bash Pool Parties

Various dates in June, July and August at Harmon and Centennial Swimming Pools

All ages

An extra fun day at the pool with games, sno-cones, music, and prizes! Inflatables that can fit through the front door can be taken in the pool on Splash Bash days. Dates will be announced in the 2017 Summer Activities Brochure which will be released on Friday, April 7.



Jr. Recreational Tennis Tournament

Singles – Thursday, July 20 at Harmon Park Tennis Courts

Doubles – Friday, July 21 at Harmon Park Tennis Courts

Registration deadline: Friday, July 14

Ages 7-14

This tournament is designed for players who rarely or never play in USTA sanctioned tournaments. Players should; however, know how to keep score. The USTA “10 & Under Tennis” format will be used for ages 7-10. USTA Membership is required for this tournament. Medals to first-third place finishers.



Celebrate Swimming Week

July 27-21 at Harmon and Centennial Swimming Pools

Normal Pool Admission

All ages

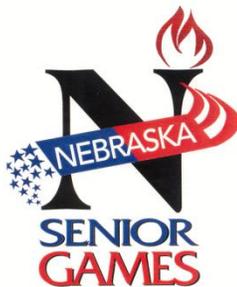
A fun week is scheduled to celebrate Kearney’s great pools, guests, and staff. A different event will be scheduled each day of the week. Look for more information at the pools this summer.



All-Star Softball Festival

Date TBA (late July) at Harvey Park

Come out to watch the Men’s C/D, E/F, and Women’s Slowpitch Softball League All-Star Games! You can join the action to by participating in the Home Run Contest or Softball Contests for Kids. Concessions will be available.



29th Annual Nebraska Senior Games

August 3-6 at various venues in Kearney

Ages 50+ (as of 12/31/17)

Kearney is the host city for the Nebraska Senior Games.

Events include: bowling, badminton, cycling, tennis, swimming, road racing, 3-on-3 basketball, free throwing shooting, horseshoes, track and field, golf, disc golf, pitch (cards), table tennis, wellness walk, and pickleball. Entry forms will be available by June 1. Go to

www.nebraskaseniorgames.com for more information.

Event partners: National Senior Games Association and the Kearney Visitor’s Bureau.



10th Annual Puppy Plunge

Wednesday, August 16 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Centennial Pool
\$8 per dog
Pre-registration is required at the KPR Office. Current vaccination records required the day of the event. Proceeds to benefit the Kearney Humane Society and the Kearney Dog Park. Come and watch your doggie paddle at the fun event for “man’s best friend”.



Havoc at Harvey

TBD
This tournament will give coed teams one last tournament before summer is over! Tournament will consist of round robin pool play with advancement to a single elimination tournament. ASA Rules and KPR League Rules apply. Awards to top teams.



3rd Annual Grandparent’s Day

Sunday, September 10 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Archway
\$5 per participant
Grandchildren 4 years – 5th grade and their Grandparent(s)
Spend the day with Grandma and Grandpa at the Archway! Tour the Archway, explore the maze, play fun games, enjoy refreshments and more! Kearney Park and Recreation is partnering with The Archway and the Peterson Senior Activity Center to coordinate this special day.



Kearney Trail Run

September or October, Day TBA
Race starts at 9:00 a.m.
Divisions: Women & Men, 13-19, 20-29, 30-29, 40-49, 50+
Almost 5k, Almost 10k and Almost 1 mile kids run (8-12)
Participants complete a loop around the front nine at Meadowlark Golf Course and Meadowlark North Park. T-shirt, Random Prize drawings, snacks and refreshments!



Doubles Pickleball Tournament

October, Day TBA
Tournament will be round robin pool play with advancement to a single elimination tournament. Participants can sign up for various divisions and leagues. Awards to top teams.



30th Annual Fall Blitz Adult Volleyball Tournament

November 18-19 at various gyms in Kearney
Registration Deadline: Friday, November 3rd
Ages 16 and older
A popular tournament for coed and women’s teams with proceeds benefitting the United Way and Kearney Middle School Volleyball Programs. Entry forms will be available in early October.



5th Annual Holly Jolly Jog & 5k

Date/Time: December 3

Yanney Park

Come prance like Prancer or dash like Dasher at the Holly Jolly Jog and 5k Fun Run! Sign up for the exciting one-mile arctic adventure with fun stops along the way or the 5k Fun Run. "Fun Zones" located along the trail, including: Santa Station, Carolers Corner, The North Pole, and More! Decorate cookies at Mrs. Claus' Kitchen after the completion of the race. Awards for the most creative costumes. Proceeds to benefit KHS HOSA and the Society of the Year.