

Leisure Life

Fall and Winter 2021-22



A guide to parks, museums, cultural arts and recreation opportunities offered by Cookeville Leisure Services

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WE'RE MOVING & GROWING

Director's Take



Rick Woods

Change is inevitable... and it can be exciting.

That is certainly the case for Leisure Services, and I am thrilled to be part of this thriving department as we forge ahead during a time of growth, transition and movement.

In terms of growth, two of our parks are doing just that. The city has purchased additional property at Cane Creek Park – over 31 acres – bringing the total size of the park complex (which includes our recreation center and sportsplex) to 286 acres. This of course amounts to additional recreation opportunities for citizens. We envision more trails, a picnic shelter, restroom facilities and a parking area and hope to add these amenities within the next two years, provided our Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation grant application is successful.

We are also seeing growth at Dogwood Park. Our maintenance team has been immersed in several improvement projects, such as new shade structures and restroom facilities to enhance the Heart of the City Playground.

Our Dogwood Park master plan also includes developing the property that will be vacated when our police department moves to its new facility. For the Leisure Services administrative team, that equates to a major transition. We'll be moving across the street, leaving the basement of city hall, where we've been since the department was established in 1987. This relocation brings many of our people closer together as we'll occupy the same building as our Cookeville Performing Arts Center staff. We'll also have the luxury of adding much-needed dressing rooms, rehearsal space and storage areas. The footprint of Dogwood Park will increase as well since we'll be acquiring the parking area behind CPAC, thus creating a new entrance to the park from Walnut Avenue.

Now is also a time of movement when it comes to moving forward on things that have been identified as needs in our recent systemwide recreation master plan (which you'll read more about in these pages). That includes a preliminary design and engineering on an aquatics facility and a feasibility study for the possibility of an ice center.

With so many exciting things being planned for our city and citizens, we have much to look forward to and work toward.

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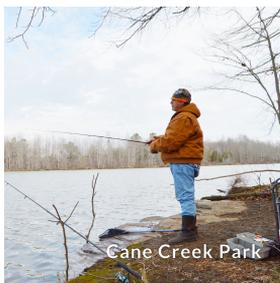
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Cabrina Pascarella and "Olive" enjoy their time at Cane Creek Dog Park.

A dog's delight

New dog park a treat for dogs and their people

Cookeville's first public dog park has left a deep paw print at Cane Creek Park. "Olive" has visited a few times already. The 7-month-old Australian Shepherd and her person, Cabrina Pascarella, a nurse at Cookeville Regional Medical Center, scoped it out on a sunny September afternoon, taking in the green, spacious fenced-in areas where canines can run and play leash-free. Socialize too.

The black-and-brown-faced pup looked on excitedly as "Bear," a Golden Retriever, trotted along proudly with jaws clamped down on a deflated rubber ball and "Ashlee," an Airedale Terrier, ran for a Frisbee.

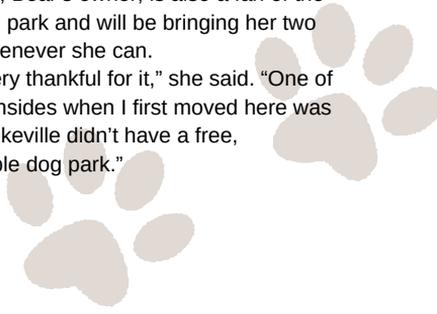
Pascarella, delighted by the fun and feisty

interactions, said she plans to come back often.

"I was excited when I found out about the dog park," she said. "I live in a house with a really small fenced-in back yard, and I'll be moving to an apartment when I get married. It's going to be nice to bring Olive here so she can run around. Obviously, she's got lots of energy as a little pup."

Tennessee Tech University student Anna Webster, Bear's owner, is also a fan of the new dog park and will be bringing her two dogs whenever she can.

"I'm very thankful for it," she said. "One of the downsides when I first moved here was that Cookeville didn't have a free, accessible dog park."



Webster is glad that's not the case now. "Just having a place where they can run off leash is such a gift," she said. "It's a good way to get their energy out."

The 1.5-acre park features two off-leash areas – one for large dogs and another for small dogs. Each area includes a variety of play and agility components (crawl tunnel, dog walk, jump over, paws table, king of the hill, hoop jump and fire hydrant), benches, shade structures, dog watering stations, and pet waste stations and receptacles.

The city had been awarded a \$100,000 grand prize grant from Tennessee Dog Park Dash, funded by The Boyd Foundation, to help make the dog park a reality.



"Bear" chomps on a ball at Cane Creek Dog Park.

Rebecca Roof, owner of Ashlee, a 3 1/2-year-old trained therapy dog, said the dog park was much-needed.

"There are a lot of dogs and really no place to take them other than on a walk with you, but then they don't get to run," Roof said. "With some breeds, that's what they need.



Rebecca Roof tosses a Frisbee for "Ashlee."

Some are more energetic than others."

The new dog park changes that.

Plus, it's a great way for dogs – and their people – to make new friends.

"It's very important for dogs to socialize," Roof said. "It's nice to see them with other dogs they know and have played with. That makes it exciting for them. And then I see the dog parents. Just talking with them is nice."

Roof also noted the importance of being "a responsible owner" and keeping an eye on one's pet to ensure good behavior when around other dogs and people.

Cane Creek Dog Park is located within Cane Creek Park, across the road from Cane Creek

Recreation Center and down the paved walking trail beyond the new parking lot at 180 CC Camp Road. It is open 7 a.m. to dusk, and admission is free.

Dogs must be current on vaccinations and wear a collar with identification. Additionally, they must be leashed until entering and after exiting the off-leash areas. Dog handlers must be at least 16 years old and are limited to a maximum of two dogs at a time. Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Why does Cookeville need a dog park? Pascarella simply replied, "Why not?"

"I feel like everyone has a dog... all the people in my neighborhood," she said. "They're great companions."



Cookeville's systemwide recreation master plan includes expansion at Cane Creek Park.

Master plan

Public survey data vital to city recreation plan

Good things start with good plans, and good plans come together with good information.

When it comes to recreation opportunities in Cookeville, this concept applies – which is why Cookeville Leisure Services developed a systemwide recreation master plan after surveying citizens on local wants and needs.

“Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for our citizens, and we can’t accomplish that without knowing what it is our citizens most want from our department,” Rick Woods, Cookeville Leisure Services director said. “Developing a plan that reflects community interest is vital to us fulfilling our mission.”

The master plan was completed in July following a period of community engagement that included public input meetings and an

online survey with questions such as “Which activities/programs/events would you like Cookeville to add?” and “What type of facilities would you like Cookeville to add or expand?”

Woods said the response was incredible. “We expected a few hundred responses but got over 1,600,” he said.

Two things stood out most – the desire for an aquatic center (64 percent of respondents would utilize a public swimming pool) and a more extensive trail system (79 percent said walking/running opportunities attract them to parks).

As for other top recreation wants, responses included more concerts and biking trails, outdoor pickleball courts, pet-friendly areas and an ice rink.

Woods said it’s important to understand

the recreational needs of this growing community, both now and in the future, and set forth a plan to meet those needs.

"This plan gives us a map to follow as we move forward providing leisure services for the community," he said.

He's excited about the coming projects and the benefits they'll provide.

"There are so many great ideas and projects outlined in this plan, from improvements to existing parks and buildings, to protection and preservation of green spaces, to brand new facilities that are really needed," he said. "I'm really excited about the prospect of a new aquatics facility that hopefully will attract users from throughout the region. This was identified as a weakness in our planning process and is a real need for Cookeville."

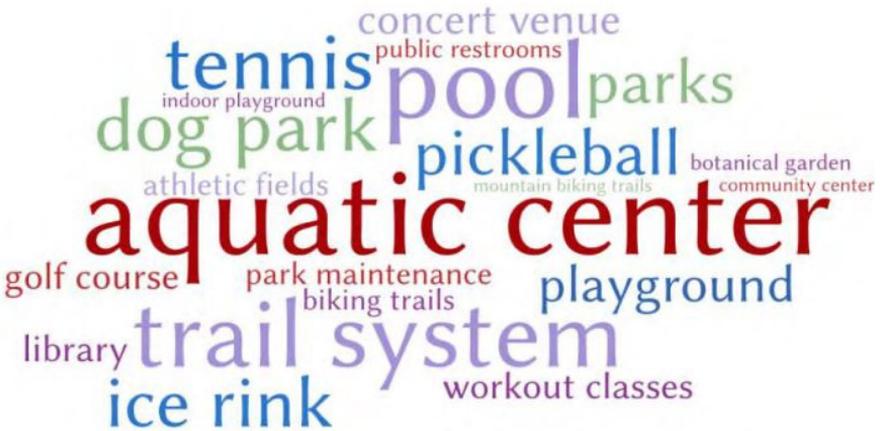
Some of the projects and improvements outlined in the plan will be accomplished right away; others will take longer. A preliminary design for the aquatics facility is underway, as is a feasibility study for the potential of an ice center. In addition, the city has applied for a grant to help expand the

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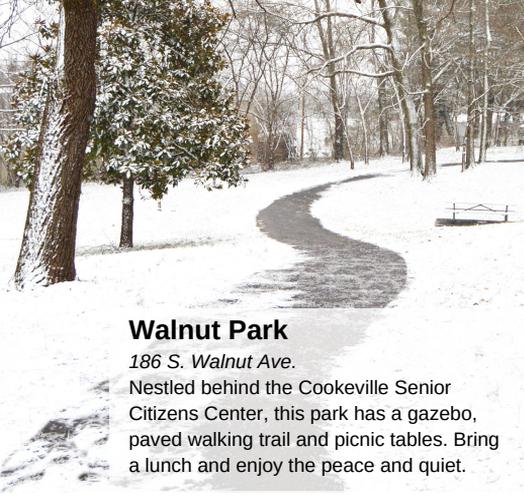
- Rick Woods

amenities at Cane Creek Park. If approved, that project could be completed within two years.

"Of course, funding for those larger projects will need to be worked out," Woods said. "Some of the smaller projects will be included in our capital improvements budget next fiscal year. A few projects, such as the north shoreline restoration at Cane Creek Park lake, are in the budget this year and should be completed by June of 2022."



The word cloud above shows responses according to prominence when citizens were surveyed: "What type of facilities would you like Cookeville to add or expand?"



Walnut Park

186 S. Walnut Ave.

Nestled behind the Cookeville Senior Citizens Center, this park has a gazebo, paved walking trail and picnic tables. Bring a lunch and enjoy the peace and quiet.

Parks

JOYFUL ESCAPES



West End Park

609 West End St.

This park has play equipment, two picnic shelters, a court for basketball and pickleball, small field and restroom facilities. History too. It was the site of Darwin School, which served African-American students 1928-1963. A historical marker is on the grounds.

Fall is a magical time of year. There's nothing quite like the feeling of being outdoors as leaves of gold, red and brown float down from trees and then crunch beneath your feet. Winter evokes a similar joy. Think about the snow – how delightful it is to see tiny flakes fall from the sky and transform the world into wondrous white.

What better place to experience these simple pleasures than a park? Did you know Leisure Services maintains 10 city parks? We encourage you to visit them all and find a joyful escape that calls to your spirit.



Cane Creek Park

201 CC Camp Road

Cookeville's largest park is a great place to hike, bike, picnic, fish, walk the dog, swing, play basketball and volleyball, birdwatch and much more. The 56-acre lake is ideal for kayaks, paddle boats and canoes (available to rent April-October), and the 18-hole disc golf course is popular with all ages. The park also features playgrounds, a



mountain bike trail, three picnic shelters (available to reserve by calling 931-520-4386), additional picnic

tables with charcoal grills, boat ramp (for non-motorized boating) and the city's first public dog park. Fall and winter hours are 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Capshaw Park

560 E. Stevens St.

This natural area, near Capshaw Elementary, is the perfect place to explore and appreciate some quiet time. It has three picnic tables.

Cinderella Park

700 Cinderella Lane

Cinderella, one of Cookeville's oldest neighborhood parks, has so much — play equipment, a swing set, small picnic shelter with charcoal grill, additional picnic tables, basketball court and restroom facilities. Located at the end of Mitchell Avenue, it offers convenient access to the Tennessee Central Trail.

City Lake Natural Area

Bridgeway Drive

This 74-acre natural area is a favorite among fishermen, kayakers and hikers. The lake, a no-wake zone, has a boat launch and fishing pier. Picnic tables are close, and a small waterfall awaits at the end of a trail through the woods just over a quarter of a mile away. To get there from downtown Cookeville, go east on



Hwy. 70N, cross over I-40 at Exit 290, turn left on Poplar Grove Road and go straight onto Bridgeway Drive.

Ensor Sink Natural Area

670 Clover Hill Dr.

A serene park in the heart of town, Ensor Sink features four picnic tables, walking trails, small amphitheater, stone council ring and an informational kiosk about the city's sink hole system.

Franklin Avenue Park

550 N. Franklin Ave.

This small neighborhood park at the corner of Franklin Avenue and 6th Street features play equipment and a picnic shelter.



Park View Park

570 Scott Ave.

This park features four baseball fields, play equipment, a picnic shelter with charcoal grill and a concrete skateboarding facility.



Dogwood Park

30 E. Broad St.

This downtown oasis, with its tranquil green space and interactive fountain that flows in spring, summer and early fall, is a great place for quiet picnics and leisurely walks. It also features a performance pavilion, gazebo, and Heart of the City Playground.



Parks are open 7 a.m.-10 p.m.
unless otherwise noted.



Cane Creek SportsPlex

2200 W. Jackson St. | 520-5224

This softball and baseball complex has four adult fields and four youth fields and hosts many major tournaments. Co-ed adult softball and kickball league games are played here.



Heart of the City Playground

30 E. Broad St. | 520-4386

This 12,000-square-foot facility in Dogwood Park was designed so that all children, regardless of their ability or mobility level, can play together. (Closes at dusk)



Facilities

PLAY TIME & CULTURE

Cookeville is a special place. It feels like a small town but offers the sort of recreational and cultural opportunities you'd expect to find in a big city. You need only visit Cookeville Performing Arts Center or Dogwood Performance Pavilion to experience amazing theatre productions and concerts. Love history? We have two museums. You can play and exercise here too – just check out the many offerings at Cane Creek Recreation Center, Gymnasium and SportsPlex. With such a variety of facilities, you're sure to appease your leisure needs.

Cookeville Leisure Services

45 E. Broad St. | 520-4386

Have questions about the city's parks and facilities? Call or visit us in the Cookeville Municipal Building.

Park View Skate Park

570 Scott Ave. | 520-4386

Cookeville's skate park, located at Park View Park, features lots of fun and challenging features for skaters and BMX bikers, such as



wall rides, ledges, rails and bowls. This concrete facility is the first of its kind in the

Upper Cumberland and the first in Tennessee designed by Seattle-based Grindline Skateparks. (Closes at dusk)

Cookeville Depot Museum

116 W. Broad St. | 528-8570

Built in 1909, this charming red facility is on the National Register of Historic Places. You'll find Tennessee Central Railway artifacts inside and an engine, caboose and track cars outside. Events and activities such as concerts, movies and scavenger hunts are held throughout the year. Visit Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is free.



Cookeville History Museum

40 E. Broad St. | 520-5455

History lovers, rejoice! This museum offers exhibits, both temporary and permanent, that promote the history of Putnam County. Take a look around and learn something new about something old. Visit Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is free.

Cane Creek Dog Park

180 CC Camp Road | 526-7393

Cookeville's first public dog park, located inside Cane Creek Park, features off-leash areas for large and small dogs and dog agility equipment.

Dogwood Performance Pavilion

30 E. Broad St. | 528-1313

Concerts, plays and outdoor movies are presented at Dogwood Park's performance pavilion. It may also be reserved for events.

Cookeville Performing Arts Center

10 E. Broad St. | 528-1313

This 456-seat facility produces local shows, including CPAC's award-winning Backstage Series, as well as concerts, dance recitals, film screenings and other entertaining events.

Cookeville City Cemetery

241 S. Walnut Ave. | 372-8086

Office hours for the city-maintained cemetery are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Maintenance

Parks: 544 Scott Ave. | 528-2605

Buildings: 790 E. 15th St. | 520-5257



Cane Creek Gymnasium

180 CC Camp Road | 526-9767

Visit the gymnasium to play basketball, soccer, volleyball, pickleball, cornhole and spikeball. Admission is \$1. This facility hosts league play and youth camps and is available for rentals.



Cane Creek Recreation Center

180 CC Camp Road | 526-7393

Come join the rec center camaraderie. This facility hosts a fitness program, youth camps, events, classes, workshops and the Leisure Services School of Dance.

MAINTAINING *the good life*



Leisure Services' Joey Poston, left, and Tom Retallack are excited about the new shade structures and Cane Creek SportsPlex. Shade structures have also gone up at Dogwood Park's Heart of the City Playground, Cane Creek Park, Park View Skate Park and Cane Creek Dog Park.

Sometimes, the gratification is immediate – even before a project is complete.

"When we were repairing the surface at the Heart of the City Playground, I bet there were five different people who came up to thank us," Allen Boles, Leisure Services maintenance supervisor, said.

The popular facility, a staple at Dogwood Park since 2015, had been closed briefly so that maintenance staff could take care of the damaged spots on the well-trodden surface, evidence of the many happy children who had played there.

"Their kids didn't get to play that day, but they said, 'It's great that you're here. We love this playground,'" Boles said. "And that's good to hear, you know? Us there working and fixing something and people saying it's great. They were glad we were there."

Appreciation was also plentiful regarding the new shade structures and restroom facilities at the playground.

Same story at Cane Creek Park. When agility equipment was being installed at the much-anticipated new dog park, observers let their enthusiasm be known.

"Some people are there every day – regulars who walk their dogs," Boles said. "They know us and we know them. When they come in, they holler and wave."

Boles and his crew enjoy the immediate positive feedback as they continually make improvements at city parks and facilities, all in the public eye.

A day's work could take them to any number of places around town. After all, they are responsible for 10 city parks, two museums, two baseball complexes, a recreation center, gymnasium, performing arts center, city cemetery and numerous other city-owned buildings and properties.

The division includes 20 year-round employees in buildings, parks and cemetery

maintenance. Thirteen seasonal staff join the crew March through October.

In his nearly 29 years with Leisure Services, Boles has seen much progress, everything from new parks to new buildings with a variety of amenities.

“The amount of stuff we’ve built in the amount of time is really amazing, all while keeping up our regular maintenance work,” he said. “You have all your ballparks and all your municipal parks. I mean, there are acres and acres and acres of ground, buildings, fences... it’s mind-blowing sometimes the amount of stuff you have to keep up.”

That includes heating and air conditioning, plumbing and electrical work.

“It’s a really big savings for the city to have the people and knowledge we have to be able to do that instead of hiring somebody,” Boles said. “We have a lot of great people working for us.”

Special projects are part of the mix; there’s always something new to build, replace or repair.

Some of the most recent projects (in addition to the previously mentioned ones) include installing shade structures at Cane Creek SportsPlex, Park View Skate Park and Cane Creek Dog Park; replacing playground equipment at Cane Creek Park and West End Park; constructing an education center at the animal shelter; expanding the customer service drive-through at city hall; and installing several bus stop shelters.

“I like to see new projects; I like to see them put to use,” Boles said. “It’s good to see our community growing.”

When it comes to maintaining the good life in Cookeville, Boles said it’s a joint effort between “all my guys” throughout the maintenance division.

“We’re all in it together,” he said. “We can’t do it without everybody.”



James Fox, Allen Boles and Frank McCowan of Leisure Services building maintenance add railing to the new restroom facility at Dogwood Park.



Park groundskeepers Michael Clark, left, and Ed Hollingsworth admire the newly installed playground equipment at Cane Creek Park.

EMPLOYEE

Spotlight

Chad McDonald

Cultural Arts Superintendent



CULTURAL ROLE

Chemistry can be unpredictable. For example, when Chad McDonald transferred to Tennessee Tech University from Roane State Community College in 1990, his career ambitions underwent a major transformation.

"I was going to be a chemistry major and work in a lab somewhere because I really liked science and math," he said.

However, the concoction of lights, sound and stage he discovered at TTU's Wesley Foundation, where he got involved in several student theatre productions, changed all that, ultimately directing McDonald on a far different path.

The chemistry was right.

He wanted more.

"To be honest, theater never occurred to me as a profession until I got to college," he said. "I'm glad it did."

McDonald had found his happy place,

but it would be a few years before he would step into the role of Cookeville Leisure Services' cultural arts superintendent.

First, he would volunteer at what was then called the Cookeville Drama Center before being hired part-time as the city's cultural arts technician in 1992. He had also been working through TTU's emergency medical technician licensure program and, upon completion, worked in the Nashville area for a couple of years. Of course, Cookeville hadn't seen the last of McDonald. He returned in 1996, when a full-time cultural arts coordinator job opened. In 2000, he was promoted to his current position.

"I was pulled toward the theatre," he said. "I was always trying to get back."

But McDonald, a native of Harriman, didn't see himself in the spotlight on stage. Instead, he was drawn to the technical



aspects of theatre.

"I've been in maybe three shows in my life," he said. "That's not really my love. I like producing and creating the space where theatre happens."

That includes building sets and all the other things that go along with presenting a show.

A small role as a ballroom dancer in McDonald's first play at what has since been renamed Cookeville Performing Arts Center introduced him to the backstage aspect of theatre.

"It was fun because I learned about the family of theatre," he said. "It opened my eyes to the life of the backstage and made me want to pursue it more and be involved with other productions."

McDonald went on to be involved in nearly 100 productions to date, approximately 85 of which he produced.

Producing theatre, however, is only half of his job as cultural arts superintendent. The other part includes hiring talent for concerts and planning of all sorts of events like Shakespeare in the Park and movies at Dogwood Park. He also oversees the city's historical arts division, which includes programs and activities at the Cookeville Depot and Cookeville History Museum, and administers the Leisure Services School of Dance.

In addition to his city duties, he has served as production manager for the Southeastern Theatre Conference since 2004 and was recently inducted to its Hall of Fame.

He loves the variety of his job.

"A typical day is atypical," he said. "In the morning I may be on the phone with agents trying to hire performers for concerts, and then I may be calling dance instructors. In the afternoon I could be dealing with production aspects of a show at CPAC and then that evening going to Dogwood Park for a concert. Every day is different... different people, different locations. That keeps it fresh and exciting."

McDonald stressed the importance of Cookeville having a leisure services department, noting that while other city departments strive to provide a good life for citizens by making the community safe and convenient, this one is about "making the good life better."

"That's our department's mission statement," he said. "Leisure Services staff members work every day to provide events and programs to enhance the lives of the citizens of Cookeville."

"If there's one thing I wish I could tell everybody in Cookeville, it would be you don't have to leave Cookeville to find something to do. There are lots of opportunities – events, programs and classes that go on every day."

McDonald and his wife, Sarah, have two children – Barrett, a 2020 graduate of TTU, and Sally, a student at the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga.

He is a member of the Cookeville Rotary Club and, in his leisure time, enjoys playing golf, traveling and fishing.

fall & winter

HAPPENINGS



Classic Cinema at the Depot

Classic Cinema at the Depot

Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Join us each Friday night in October as we enjoy free classic movies under the stars on the west patio at the Cookeville Depot Museum at 7 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and we'll pop the popcorn and chill the water and sodas, which are available for \$1 each.



Brown Bag Lunch Concerts

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Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22

Kick off fall with outdoor music and lunch at the Cookeville Depot from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. This free concert series, sponsored by the Cookeville Arts Council, brings a variety of music to the museum patio the first four Fridays in October. Lunch is available to purchase on site.

Folklore History Hike

Oct. 9

Discover Cookeville's haunting history during the Boogers, Haunts and Haints Folklore History Hike. Start at the Cookeville Depot or Cookeville History Museum between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Complete this free activity to be entered in a prize drawing.



Cookeville Treat Trail

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Oct. 30

Put on a costume and join the spooky fun while collecting lots of sweet treats along the Cookeville Treat Trail. This free family event, in cooperation with Hip Cookeville, will take place 4-6 p.m. at Dogwood Park.



Tree-Lighting Ceremony

Dec. 1

Start the holiday season with the seventh annual Christmas in the Park Tree-Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m. at Dogwood Park. Be there as the lights come on, brightening our beautiful 40-foot-tall tree. A 15-minute lightshow synchronized to holiday music will follow. The lightshow will continue nightly throughout the holiday season every hour on the hour, 5-9 p.m.

Merry and Bright Holiday Home Challenge and Tour of Lights

Enter the contest:

Love decorating your home for the Christmas season? Enter our fifth annual Merry & Bright Holiday Home Challenge. Prizes up to \$100 will be awarded in multiple categories. For more information, call 520-4386.

See the lights:

See Cookeville's best holiday homes. Just follow our map, which includes entries in the Merry and Bright Holiday Home Challenge, and venture out on a wondrous, colorful night drive through the city. The free map will be available in December at the Cookeville Municipal Building and www.cookeville-tn.gov/lis.

Holiday Concert

Nov. 28

Cookeville Community Concert Band will perform its annual free holiday concert at 3 p.m. at Cookeville Performing Arts Center.

Christmas Forest

Dec. 4-Jan. 4

Browse through a festive display of Christmas trees during the Cookeville History Museum's sixth annual Christmas Forest exhibit. See it any time the museum is open, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Also, enjoy learning about the community clubs and organizations that decorate each tree.

Depot Christmas Open House

Dec. 4

Join us for games, model trains and other free holiday fun at the Cookeville Depot's annual Christmas Open House. We'll be "Elfin' Around at the Depot" 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Santa will be there too. (He takes a cookie break noon-1 p.m.)



Santa House

Dec. 10-12, 17-20

Enjoy a free visit with Santa and his elves in the little red Santa House at Dogwood Park. He'll be there Dec. 10, 11, 17 and 18, 5-8 p.m.; Dec. 12 and 19, 3-6 p.m.; and Dec. 20, 5-8 p.m.

winter

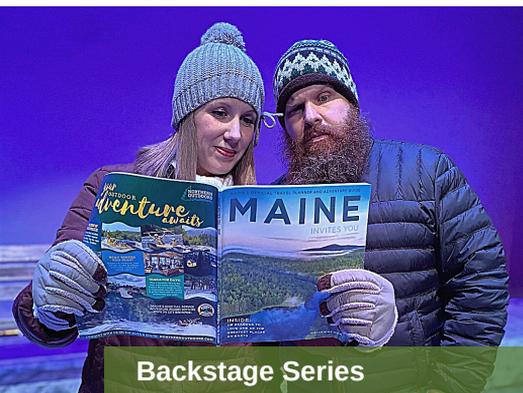
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Scavenger Hunts



Fit Frenzy



Backstage Series

Winter Trout

December and January

Enjoy trout fishing? Grab a pole and cast a line at Cane Creek Park. Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency releases approximately 5,000 rainbow trout into the lake each year through its winter trout stocking program. Anglers must have a Tennessee fishing license and trout stamp.

WestSide Scavenger Hunts

Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12

Explore Cookeville's historic WestSide District on the second Saturday of the month, January through March. Get started at the Cookeville Depot Museum between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Follow the clues and duplicate images around participating businesses with your camera to be entered in a prize drawing.

Fit Frenzy

Jan. 15

Enjoy a free sampling of group fitness classes all in one morning at Cane Creek Recreation Center from 9-11:30 a.m. Different classes are offered every half hour.

Backstage Series

Jan. 21-29 and Feb. 25-Mar. 5

Productions in Cookeville Performing Arts Center's award-winning Backstage Series are selected especially for presentation in the intimacy of the backstage theatre setting. January's show is *The Half-Life of Marie Curie*. Another show (to be announced) will be presented in February. For tickets, call 528-1313 or visit www.cpactn.com.

Father-Daughter Date Night

Feb. 18, 19, 25, 26

Our oldest and most beloved annual event features a formal dinner and dancing for dads and daughters of all ages at the Leslie Town Centre. Tickets for this sell-out event go on sale Jan. 8 at 8 a.m. at www.cookeville-tn.gov/ls.

youth camps & leagues



Fall & Spring Break Camps

Oct. 4-15, Mar. 14-18

Our recreational and athletic day camps are a great chance for kids to engage in fun activities and sports during school breaks at Cane Creek Recreation Center and Gymnasium.

Hockey Clinic

Nov. 13

Learn about stickhandling, passing and shooting, as well as safety and equipment. Grades K-2 will start at 9 a.m. and grades 3-5 at 11 a.m. at Cane Creek Gymnasium. Register by Nov. 5.

Volleyball League

Feb. 5-Mar. 26

It'll be love at first spike for kids ages 8-15 during this nine-week league Saturdays at Cane Creek Gymnasium. Register by Jan. 22.

fitness, athletics & more

Fitness

Stay in shape the fun way... with friends!
We offer daily group fitness classes at Cane Creek Recreation Center. Drop in for \$3 per class. Monthly schedule:
www.cookeville-tn.gov/ls/fitness

Classes & Programs

Looking for fun and healthy ways to spend your leisure time? Get involved in our classes and programs, including tai chi, kickboxing, meditation and children's karate. See what's new:
www.cookeville-tn.gov/ls/classes-programs

Athletics

Leisure Services offers a variety of athletic programs during the year, including softball, basketball, kickball, volleyball and pickleball leagues. Current offerings:
www.cookeville-tn.gov/ls/athletics

Museum Exhibits

Check out our fall and winter exhibits at Cookeville History Museum, starting with "Cookeville HAIRitage" Oct. 2-Nov. 6.
www.cookevillehistorymuseum.com

School of Dance

Leisure Services School of Dance offers ballet, jazz and modern dance for ages 3 and up. Classes are held August-May. Learn more:
www.cookeville-tn.gov/ls/school-of-dance



Social Media

Find fun content on our pages:

Cookeville Leisure Services Department
Cookeville Depot Museum, Cookeville History Museum
Cane Creek SportsPlex, Cane Creek Gymnasium
Cookeville Leisure Services Fitness
Cookeville Performing Arts Center
Dogwood Performance Pavilion
Cookeville Leisure Services School of Dance
Dogwood Park, Cane Creek Park, Cookeville Storyfest



Newsletter

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www.cookeville-tn.gov/ls or call 520-4386.



Dogwood Park



Park View Park



City Lake Natural Area



Cane Creek Park



Cookeville Depot



Cane Creek Recreation Center



Dogwood Performance Pavilion



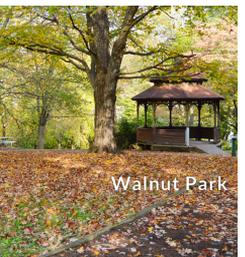
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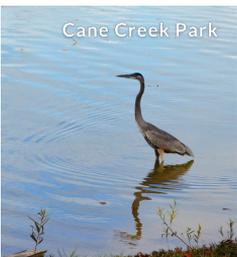
Cookeville Performing Arts Center



Franklin Avenue Park



Walnut Park



Cane Creek Park



Cookeville History Museum