



2020 SPECIAL EVENTS

The Kearney Park and Recreation Department is known for putting on fabulous special events. Below is the 2020 calendar of events. "LIKE" Kearney Park and Recreation or "FOLLOW" @KearneyParknRec on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. **Dates & Detail Subject to Change.*

	<p><u>17th Annual Daddy/Daughter Date Night</u> Friday, January 24, from 6:00 to 9:30pm at the Younes Conference Center Registration Deadline: Wednesday, January 15 \$36 per couple/\$18 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!</p>
	<p><u>10th Annual Mother/Son Day</u> Date: Sunday, January 26, approx. 6:00 to 10:00pm at the Viaero Event Center Registration Deadline: Friday, January 17 \$36 per couple/\$18 for each additional child Moms and sons (1st thru 5th grades) get to spend some quality time together during the event. A variety of activities will be scheduled for mother and son to enjoy.</p>
	<p><u>Kearney's Amazing Race</u> <i>FREE EVENT!</i> Sunday, April 5, from 2:00 to 4:30pm at the Harmon Park Activity Center Event day registration from 1:00 to 1:45pm 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. UNK Recreation students will provide activities 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> <i>FREE EVENT!</i> Saturday, April 11 at 11:00am at Harmon Park Ages 2-7 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.</p>
	<p><u>Storybook Walk</u> <i>FREE EVENT!</i> Saturday, April 25 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Harmon Park All ages 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.</p>



Bicycle Sunday

FREE EVENT!

Sunday, April 26 from 2:00 to 5:00pm
All ages

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.kearneyrec.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 2020 Family Pool Pass!



Central Nebraska Youth Track & Field Meet **FREE EVENT!**

Saturday, May 2, 10:00am – approx. 2:00pm
Horizon Middle School Track, 915 W 35th Street
*Boys & Girls Age Divisions: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (*age as of 12/31/20)
The event is free; however, participants must pre-register by completing an entry form by **April 30**. A recreational track & field meet for boys and girls. The top four in each age group will advance to the Championship Meet in Grand Island on June 13. Join your friends and sign up now!



Heritage Day

FREE EVENT!

Saturday, June 6 at Yanney Park
All ages

The family friendly event of the summer! Activities throughout the day including: Sue Bush Memorial 5K Run/Walk, Family Fishing Day, Giant Inflatables, and Paddle boating/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 6 at Yanney Park
All ages

This kick-off event to Heritage Day has great tradition with generally over 100 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. Register by May 28 to receive a t-shirt.



25th Annual Community Olympic Games

June 26-28 at various locations in Kearney
Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 6
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 late March. "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 2020 Summer Activities Brochure which will be released on Friday, April 3.



Jr. Recreational Tennis Tournament

Singles – Thursday, July 16 at Harmon Park Tennis Courts

Doubles – Friday, July 17 at Harmon Park Tennis Courts

Registration deadline: Friday, July 10

Ages 7-14

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



Celebrate Swimming Week

July 13-17 at Harmon and Centennial Swimming Pools

Normal Pool Admission

All ages

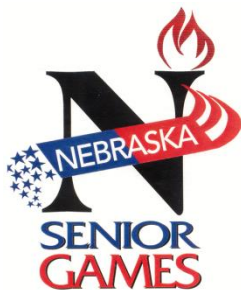
A fun week is scheduled to celebrate Kearney’s great pools, guests, and staff. A different event will be scheduled each day of the week. Look for more information at the pools this summer and in the Summer Activities Brochure which will be released on Friday, April 3.



All-Star Softball Festival

Tuesday, July 21 at Harvey Park

Come out to watch the Men’s C/D, E/F, and Women’s Slow-pitch 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.



32nd Annual Nebraska Senior Games

August 6-9 at various venues in Kearney

Ages 50+ (as of 12/31/20)

Kearney is the host city for the Nebraska Senior Games.

Events include: bowling, badminton, cycling, tennis, swimming, road racing, 3-on-3 basketball, free throw shooting, horseshoes, track and field, golf, disc golf, pitch (cards), table tennis, wellness walk, and pickleball. Entry forms will be available by May 15. Go to

www.nebraskaseniorgames.com for more information.

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



11th Annual Puppy Plunge

Wednesday, August 12 from 5:30 to 8:30pm 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

Saturday, September 12 at Harvey Park
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.



6th Annual Grandparent's Day

Sunday, September 13 from 1:00-4:00pm
\$5 per participant
Grandchildren and their Grandparent(s)
Spend the day with Grandma and Grandpa! Play fun games, participate in fun activities to learn more about each other, 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

Sunday, October 4 at 2:00pm
Cottonmill Park
Course will be a mixture of paved roads as well as natural and paved trail systems throughout the park. Race will start and finish by The Lodge. Top three finishers in each age and gender division will receive a medal.



Doubles Pickleball Tournament

Saturday, October 17
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.



Halloween Fest

Sunday, October 25, 2:00-5:00pm
Join the Archway and the Kearney Park & Recreation Department for some family, friendly Halloween fun! Paint a funny face on a pumpkin, conquer the haunted Trail Blaze Maze, race through the spooky obstacle course, try your hand at the Halloween games and enjoy Trunk or Treat. Costumes are encouraged!



33rd Annual Fall Blitz Adult Volleyball Tournament

November 21 & 22 at various gyms in Kearney
Registration Deadline: Friday, November 6
Ages 16 and older
A popular tournament for coed and women's teams with proceeds benefitting the Kearney Middle School Volleyball Programs. Entry forms will be available in early October.



Holiday Light Festival

FREE EVENT!

December TBD at Yanney Park
Section of Yanney Park will be lit up each night. Hot chocolate, entertainment, a giant snow globe, and more will occur on special nights. FREE Fun for the entire family!