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Green River Swimming and Recreation Area open for season

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GREENFIELD — As summer officially begins today, the town is seeing more people heading to Green River Swimming and Recreation Area on Nashs Mill Road.

Recreation Department Director Christy Moore said the swimming pool is now open seven days a week.

“Nothing has really changed this year,” said Moore. “Our rates are the same.”

Moore said that, as usual, the town will have the Green River’s water tested each week to make sure there aren’t high levels of bacteria or parasites.

The swimming area is one of the most widely used of Greenfield’s parks, according to the Recreation Department.

There is a playground, basketball courts and a bike path there. There are bike racks, picnic tables, park benches, restrooms and showers, as well as The Snack Shack in the 22-acre park.

Moore said people can rent the pavilion for special events like birthday parties.

The swimming pool opened for the season on June 7. Until this week, it was only open on weekends.

Moore said people will be able to find updates about the park on Facebook and the Recreation Department's website.

The swimming area is open seven days from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., with lifeguards on duty from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The area will be open from 6 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on July 4.

Season passes are available online at: www.greenfieldrecreation.com. The cost is \$55 for a Greenfield family and \$85 for a nonresidential family.

A season pass for individuals living in Greenfield is \$30, while it is \$45 for those living outside of Greenfield. Seniors (age 55 and over) will pay \$30 for a season pass this year if they live in Greenfield and \$45 if they do not.

People may also purchase day passes at the gate. The cost is \$4 for Greenfield adults and \$8 for those living outside of Greenfield.

Children ages 3 to 18 are \$3 if they live in Greenfield and \$6 if they do not. Children under 3 are free.

Greenfield's seniors will pay \$2 for a day pass, while seniors who live outside of Greenfield will pay \$4 for the day.

Beachgoers will have to pay for a day pass on the Fourth of July — season passes cannot be used that day.

For more information, call Greenfield Recreation Department at 413-772-1553 or visit online at: www.greenfieldrecreation.com.



Left - Osiah Ballard, 4, leaps into his mother's, Emily Ballard, arms at the Green River Swimming and Recreation Area. They are from Greenfield. Recorder/Paul Franz

Right - A group of Tubers set out on the Green River in Greenfield on Friday. Recorder/Paul Franz

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