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MISSOULA PARKS AND RECREATION PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

For immediate release through January 4, 2020

Holiday Fun with Currents Aquatics Center and Parks and Recreation

Join Missoula Parks and Recreation this holiday season for [Currents Holiday Specials](#), [Learn to Play Pickleball](#), [School's Out Day Camps](#), and so much more!

For more information, [email us](#), visit the links below, phone 721-PARK (7275), or stop by Currents Aquatics Center in McCormick Park. Register online at www.missoulaparks.org/register. Learn more in the [Winter Recreation Guide](#).

WEEK OF DECEMBER 23

School's Out Day Camps • ages 5 - 12

Parents love our low participant-to-staff ratios and enthusiastic camp leaders. Kids love the field trips, outdoor adventures, arts and crafts, and games. Please pack water, snacks, lunch, and appropriate clothing for the weather. Fee includes all field trips and equipment. Meets 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., location TBA. Registration fee is \$42 per day or \$35 with CityCard resident discount, or \$180/\$150 for the week. Dec. 23, 26, 27, 30, Jan. 2, Jan. 3.

Currents Aquatics Center Holiday Hours

Currents Aquatics Center is open for recreational swim weekdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Wibit inflatable obstacle course is in the pool M/W/F from 2 to 4 p.m. Currents is open December 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., December 31 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on January 1 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Currents is part of the First Night community celebration, admission is free on Dec. 31 after 4 p.m. with a First Night button.

Learn to Play Pickleball Level 1 Clinics • Saturday, December 28, ages 12+

Learn the basics of the game and get ready for open or league play. All necessary equipment (paddles, balls, nets) provided. If you've never played pickleball, this is the place to start. Pre-registration is required, \$6 per session. Meets 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at City Life Gym, next clinic is January 11.

Christmas Ever Green Dec. 26-Jan. 15

Recycle your holiday tree and donate to plant new trees in Missoula. Sponsored by Parks and Recreation, the Street Maintenance Division and Garden City Compost. Drop your Christmas tree for recycling at Playfair Park, McCormick Park, and Fort Missoula Regional Park (36th Ave parking lot) from December 26 to January 15. If you appreciate this service, please consider donating to plant new trees at missoulaparks.org/donate. Residents may also recycle Christmas trees at no charge at Garden City Compost, 1125 Clark Fork Lane, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. No yard waste, garbage, tree stands or decorations, please. Please do not use Parks drop sites after Jan. 15.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 30

Missoula Movers Coffee Walks • Mondays, for active adults

Enjoy the company of new friends on guided walks through Missoula's conservation lands, parks, and trails. After the walk, enjoy a hot drink with fellow hikers! Meets Mondays at Currents, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Registration is \$7 per walk. (Sorry, no CityCard discount.)

Currents Swim Lessons • Weekday and Saturday classes, ages 6 months and up

Structured aquatics learning for all ages, with classes offered mornings, evenings and weekends. Warm water and zero-depth entry make learning comfortable and fun! Share the Fun Youth Recreation Grants are available for families who need financial assistance.

Currents Aquatics Center Holiday Hours and First Night, Dec. 31

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Dink In The New Year Pickleball Tournament • Deadline January 1, ages 12+

Join us on January 4-5 for our first indoor tournament of 2020—the Dink In The New Year! It's a new format this season with open doubles divisions for Beginners and Intermediate to Advanced Players. First-time tournament players get special tournament swag. Don't miss out...the registration deadline is January 1, 2020, \$25 per player.

Parents' Night Out at Currents • January 3, ages 7+

Enjoy your dinner date and explore First Friday art events without the kids in tow! Drop the kids at Currents for supervised fun in the pool and a pizza dinner. Meets 5 – 8 p.m., \$15 per child.

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ONGOING PROGRAMS

- Currents Open Swim
- Currents Swim Lessons • Ongoing, all ages Professional, affordable aquatics instruction for ages 6 months through adult at Currents or Splash Montana.
- Currents Swim Squad • Ongoing, ages 6+ Kids will improve their swimming skills, learn turns, how to read a pace clock and build endurance while gaining the benefit and experience of a team environment.
- Aquacize! at Currents • Ongoing, ages 16+ Increase flexibility, improve cardio fitness, and tone muscles in our fun water aerobics classes.
- Ripples Party Room at Currents
- Pickleball Open Play and Weekend Round Robin • Ongoing, ages 12+ Beginning to advanced players will enjoy the opportunity to learn the sport and/or work on their game with a variety of competitors at City Life Gym, 1515 Fairview.
- Preschool Portable Parties Strider bikes, Loose Parts portable playground and games at the Sports and Wellness gym, a City park, or your location.
- Outdoor Recreation Build Your Own Adventure! • Ongoing, all ages Top-of-the-line instruction for people of all abilities and ages in a wide variety of outdoor recreation pursuits, plus ropes course and team building activities. Contact Meg Whicher at 552-6271 or mwhicher@ci.missoula.mt.us.