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## **Baker-Polito Administration Extends Hours at Urban Parks & Pools for Summer Nights Initiative**

**Boston** - Continuing a commitment to providing great access to state managed recreational resources, Governor Charlie Baker today announced that the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will extend the hours of operations at select pools and athletic complexes within urban communities across Massachusetts. The initiative started by the Baker-Polito Administration last year extends hours at 20 locations to offer youth a place to have fun during summer evenings within the cities of Boston, Brockton, Chicopee, Everett, Lawrence, Malden, Waltham, and Worcester.

"It is important that our kids are provided with the opportunity to access the Commonwealth's extraordinary recreational resources, particularly during the summer months when they are out of school," **said Governor Charlie Baker.** "Extending the hours of operation for these urban facilities will provide a safe location for families to enjoy the season, while promoting a healthy and active lifestyle."

"For the second summer in a row, our administration has extended the hours of operations at many urban pools and facilities across the Commonwealth to provide

today's youth from Chicopee to Malden with the opportunity to play outside at state facilities," **said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito.** "I am thrilled that kids will be able to receive great access to several state parks and pools all summer long."

Recently, the DCR began its popular [Free Family Flicks](#) movie series. Movies will be shown at Fall River Heritage State Park in Fall River, the Martini Memorial Shell in Hyde Park, Salisbury Beach State Reservation in Salisbury, Sylvester Baxter Riverside State Park in Somerville, the Charles River Esplanade's Hatch Memorial Shell in the Back Bay, Lowell Heritage State Park in Lowell, and Pope John Paul II Park Reservation in Dorchester. Featured movies include Disney's Cinderella; Ant Man; Star Wars, The Force Awakens; The Good Dinosaur; Jurassic World; Up; and Inside Out. The Free Family Flicks program provides family fun and entertainment at no charge (parking fees may apply depending on location).

"It is essential that today's youth receive access to recreational opportunities that not only promote physical activities that are vital to a child's development, but provide a place where kids can be social in a safe, comfortable environment," **said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Matthew Beaton.** "The Baker-Polito Administration remains committed to providing children and their families with great access to the Commonwealth's natural, cultural, and recreational resources all year round."

"Extending the hours of operations to state managed outdoor athletic and recreational facilities serves as an excellent example of the Baker-Polito Administration's dedication to ensuring there are places for today's youth and their families to recreate and have fun at," **said DCR Commissioner Leo Roy.** "I want to thank our many partners for their help and support to offer fun and unique opportunities that will truly be enjoyed by families this summer season."

"I'm thrilled that Boston residents will have the opportunity to access parks and pools later this summer," **said Mayor Marty Walsh.** "I thank the Baker administration for their partnership to increase summer activities for our families and young people."

The extension of summer operations will continue through August 19, 2016. Below is a full list of extended hours and programming for additional youth access.

The following pools will have extended hours of operations on Tuesdays in July until 8:00PM and in August until 7:30PM:

- Allied Veterans Memorial Pool (65 Elm St, Everett, MA).
- Holland Memorial Pool (108 Mountain Ave, Malden, MA).

- Olsen Pool (95 Turtle Pond Pkwy, Hyde Park, Boston, MA).
- Sara Jane Sherman Memorial Pool (750 Meadow St, Chicopee, MA).
- Southwest Corridor Park Spraydecks (open until 9:00PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Boston, MA).
- Bennett Field (Veterans Memorial) Pool (1260 Main St, Worcester, MA).
- Connors Memorial Pool (330 River St, Waltham, MA).
- Lt. Colonel Edward J. Higgins Pool (180 Crawford St, Lawrence, MA).
- Ryan Wading Pool (350 River St, Mattapan, Boston, MA).
- Melnea Cass Pool (120 Martin Luther King Blvd, Roxbury, Boston, MA).

DCR is working in conjunction with eight community partners to provide a full schedule of recreational, educational, cultural, and arts programs for kids, teens, and young adults to learn new skills and socialize with each other at parks right within their communities. Programs such as basketball, flag football, street hockey, and soccer, as well as, hip hop dance, painting, and arts and crafts will be featured. Program Partners include: Ten Point, Score4More, Project Right, PIM, Diamond Girls, OrigiNation, NAACP, and Friends of Donny Higgins Memorial Fund. Locations include neighborhoods within the Cities of Boston and Brockton.

Special programming within the City of Boston neighborhoods at state managed facilities through the summer months include:

- Kelly Rink (1 Marbury Ter, Jamaica Plain), on Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs at 7:00pm-8:00pm: OrigiNation will offer one-hour African and hip-hop dance lessons to children of all ages.
- Melnea Cass Arena (120 Martin Luther King Blvd, Roxbury), on Mons at 7:00pm-8:00pm: OrigiNation will offer one-hour African and hip-hop dance lessons to children. On Tue at 6:00pm-9:00pm: Ten Point Coalition will offer interactive storytelling and painting geared towards local landscapes for children aged 9-13. On Wed at 7:00pm-10:00pm: Project Right will bring in MASSART's traveling "artmobile" and host a paint night and organized soccer. On Thurs at 6:00pm-9:00pm: Ten Point Coalition will hold organized soccer and flag-football.

- Moynihan Recreational Complex (1015 Truman Pkwy, Hyde Park) On Mon and Wed at 7:00pm-10:00pm: The PIM Project will host organized sports and games such as basketball and kickball (Mon and Wed). On Tue and Thurs at 7:00pm-10:00pm: Project Right will host organized sports and games such as basketball, flag-football and soccer.
- Higgins Memorial Rink (Farragut Rd at E First St, South Boston) 5:30pm-9:30pm: Friends of Donny Higgins Memorial Fund will host a street hockey tournament for kids aged 12-15 (Tue and Thurs).
- Lorber Playground (Centre St. at Columbus Ave, Jamaica Plain), on Tue and Thurs at 6:30pm-9:30pm: Score4More will offer games, DJ music, arts and crafts, ZUMBA, dance and organized basketball (Tue, and Thurs). On Wed at 7:00pm-8:00pm: OrigiNation will be offering one-hour African and hip-hop dance lessons to children.
- Roberts Park (Dunbar Ave at Washington St, Dorchester) 7:00pm-10:00pm: PIM Project will host organized sports including basketball and flag-football (this is a city of Boston park) (Tue and Thurs).
- Ryan Playground (Ridgeview Ave at River St, Mattapan), Tue and Thurs at 7:00pm-8:00pm: OrigiNation will be offering one-hour African and hip-hop dance lessons to children (Tues and Thurs). On Wed at 6:30pm-9:30pm: Score4More will offer games, DJ playing music, arts and crafts, ZUMBA, dance and organized basketball.

Also, DCR is partnering with the Boston Branch NAACP, to provide a series of youth forums on a variety of topics through its Pipeline to Leadership Program **“NextGen Now!”**, which encourages youth, ages 12 to 19, to understand and appreciate their power to influence the challenges facing their communities. Each event will include free food, entertainment, and games. Times and locations include:

- Saturday, July 23, 11:00am-4:00pm - City Hall Plaza, Brockton  
*Youth Oratorical Throwdown (Ted Talk-style) “Stop the Violence!”*
- Saturday, July 30 – 11:00am-4:00pm- Mission Hill Courts, Roxbury (Ruggles St. @ Tremont St)  
*5 on 5 Basketball Tournament*
- Wednesday, August 3 – 5:30p.m.-8:00p.m.-Mission Hill Courts, Roxbury (Ruggles St. @ Tremont St)

*5 on 5 Basketball Tournament and Poetry Slam in the Park “Boston Strong!”*

- Saturday, August 6 – 11:00am-4:00pm City Hall Plaza, Brockton  
*Poetry Slam and Introduction to the Civil Rights Movement w/ Guest Speakers*
- Saturday, August 13 – 11:00am-4:00pm- Mission Hill Courts, Roxbury (Ruggles St. @ Tremont St.)  
*Interactive Exercise w/ MassVOTE “Civics 101” & Conscious Lyrical Flow “Courage has not skipped this generation!”*

In addition to the above programming, Diamond Girls Boston Inc. will host a leadership course for up to 40 young women Monday through Friday from 10:00AM-3:00PM at the First Church of Roxbury (10 Putnam St). Examples of evening excursions include a trip to a DCR beach, tour of the MA College of Art, and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. If interested in participating, the public is encouraged to call (617) 293-8609 to RSVP.

The extended hours of operations will compliment other programs already offered by DCR for families at the hundreds of state parks, forests, and beaches across the state year round. To read more about the expansion of hours at select pools and parks, and for additional programs by DCR, please visit the agency’s [webpage](#).

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