

## Celebrate National Parks & Recreation Month: Connecting People, Parks, and Purpose



**SEDALIA**  
*Let's Cross Paths*

**July  
2025**

### NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITY OF SEDALIA

Every July, communities across the country come together to celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month – a time to recognize the vital role that parks, green spaces, and recreation programs play in enriching our lives. From the peaceful shade of a tree-lined trail to the excitement of a local softball game, parks and rec departments help shape the health and happiness of our neighborhoods.

Locally, our parks and recreation team work tirelessly to create safe, accessible, and engaging spaces for all ages. Whether it's maintaining walking trails, hosting summer sports, organizing fitness classes, or preserving natural habitats, their work supports not just fun and leisure – but also physical and mental well-being, community connection, and environmental stewardship.

This month is the perfect time to explore all our community has to offer. Take a walk through a neighborhood park, bring the kids to the splash pad at Hubbard Park, the Liberty Pool, the outdoor movie night under the stars at Liberty Park on July 25<sup>th</sup>, or sign up for a class at the Heckart Community Center. Parks aren't just places to visit – they're where memories are made, friendships grow, and traditions begin.

Nationally, parks and recreation services contribute to stronger, more vibrant communities. They increase property values, reduce crime, support local economies, and offer essential services like youth outreach and senior wellness programs. Parks provide a common ground where everyone, regardless of background or income, is welcome.

In today's fast-paced, screen-filled world, the value of outdoor time has never been greater. Nature has a way of slowing us down, refocusing our priorities, and renewing our spirits. Parks and rec spaces give us all a chance to reconnect – with nature, with neighbors, and with ourselves.

So, this July, join us in celebrating National Parks and Recreation Month. Thank a park employee, visit a new green space, attend a community event, or simply step outside and enjoy the beauty all around you! Our parks belong to everyone – and their value only grows with each visit, each smile, and each shared experience.

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#### **VISION STATEMENT**

Dynamic life and  
Comfortable living in  
Greater Missouri

#### **MISSION**

The City of Sedalia is committed to meeting the needs of our community through professional leadership and operational excellence.

We deliver efficient, quality municipal services, create opportunities for growth and protect the quality of life that makes our community a desirable place to live.



# SEDALIA PARKS & RECREATION

## JULY 2025 EVENTS

June 1 -July 31	Special Summer Hours for the HCC Aquatics Area begin (will remain open from 1:30pm-5:30pm, Monday-Friday)
July 1	Registration Deadline - Esports Camp
July 4	Firecracker Mile at Liberty Park Patriotic Parade at Downtown Sedalia Picnic in the Park at Liberty Park Star Spangled Swim at Liberty Pool Fireworks at Missouri State Fairgrounds
July 6	Registration Deadline - Dusk Til Dawn Adult Softball Tournament
July 10	Registration Deadline Junior Lifeguard
July 11	Christmas in July at Liberty Pool
July 12	Esports - Fortnite Tournament at HCC
July 15	Registration Deadline - Group Swim Lessons Session 2
July 18	Registration Deadline - Cardboard Boat Race
July 19	Swimming Under the Stars at Liberty Pool
July 26	Esports - Smash Bros Tournament



TO REGISTER  
ONLINE: [WWW.SEDALIAPARKS.COM](http://WWW.SEDALIAPARKS.COM).  
IN PERSON: HECKART COMMUNITY CENTER  
AT 1800 W. 3RD ST  
OVER THE PHONE: 660-826-4930



### Don't Miss Downtown Sedalia's "First Thursday" Events!

If you haven't made it to one of Downtown Sedalia's *First Thursday* events yet, it's not too late—there are still **two more opportunities** to enjoy this vibrant community celebration:

- **Thursday, September 4, 2025**
- **Thursday, October 3, 2024**

Each event offers a slightly different experience, but you can always look forward to:

- **Fabulous local art**
- **Live music performances**
- **Unique vendors**
- **Tasty food trucks**

Since the first event kicked off in April, *First Thursdays* have continued to grow—drawing neighbors, friends, and visitors downtown to experience the heart of Sedalia in a whole new way.

Make plans to attend and see what makes *First Thursdays* such a special part of our community!

### Do you know anyone that is looking for employment?!

The following departments are hiring for full-time, part-time or seasonal:

Animal Control & Shelter	Parks & Recreation
Police	Public Works
	WPC

The City offers the following benefits:

- 100% Employer Paid Medical Insurance for the Employee
- 100% Paid Retirement Pension through LAGERS
- Paid Time Off (Sick and Vacation Leave)
- Paid Holidays
- 457 Plan
- Vision
- Dental
- Employer Paid Life Insurance



And SO much More!! Apply online at <https://www.sedalia.com/jobs> Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

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