

Hello, Paola!

I SURE have enjoyed this warm and sunny June weather. I feel like we did have an actual Spring season this year, though, which was really nice. It seems like it normally goes straight from cold to hot with not much of a transition.

Speaking of warmer weather, I hope many of you have been able to get out and enjoy the Paola Family Pool. Don't forget we offer season passes and coupon books if you plan on visiting often. Both of those options can save you some money versus paying for each trip individually. You can get either one at City Hall or you can purchase just the coupon books at the pool.

The Summer Reading Program is also well underway at the Paola Free Library. Besides the summer reading events, the library always has fun events on the schedule. Another group that has a lot going on is the Paola Recreation Commission. For the library or the recreation commission, sign up for their newsletter or follow their page on social media to stay in the loop on all of the happenings.

If you've been around the square lately, you'll notice some activity with a new ice cream shop opening soon. That is something that our citizens and visitors are really going to enjoy! I've heard so many times recently that we needed a new place for ice cream, so I'm excited to have this new business in town. I also encourage you to think of our local shops while you're getting ready to celebrate Father's Day this weekend! We've got Paola Hardware, Family Center Farm & Home, Adorned on Gold, Design 4 Sports, Fire Lake Soapery, and others that have great gift options. Another gift idea for Dads is a gift card to a local restaurant. I know I say it all the time, but our small town has some of the best local businesses around and they deserve your support!

While you're planning out the rest of your summer, don't forget all of the fun to be had right here in town. The Paola Heartland Car Show is this Saturday, June 14th. We've got Music and the Market starting up on Saturday evenings beginning June 21st. The Miola Lake Fireworks display will be held on July 3rd, the Miami County Fair runs July 19th-27th and the Paola Roots Festival is August 22nd and 23rd. Along with these events, keep an eye out for farm to table dinners at Legacy Homestead, special events at the Miami County Historical Museum, open crochet/craft times at Amanda Leigh Crafts, maker workshops at Fire Lake Soapery, and many more.

Whatever you are up to these next few months, I hope you find time to make sweet memories with your family and friends. There's just something special about summertime. Enjoy!!

*Mayor Leigh House*