



## NEWS RELEASE

# Niagara-on-the-Lake Announces 2026 Summer Amenity Opening Hours and Return of “Play in the Park” Program

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Summer is just around the corner, and the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake is excited to welcome residents and visitors back to its seasonal amenities and community recreation programming for 2026.

Several Town amenities will soon open for the summer season, offering opportunities for outdoor recreation, family fun, and community connection across Niagara-on-the-Lake.

In addition, the Town is pleased to announce the return of the popular Play in the Park program, a free, drop-in initiative that encourages children and families to get active, explore local parks, and enjoy outdoor play throughout the summer months.

### Summer Amenity Openings

The following seasonal amenities are scheduled to open for the 2026 season:

- **Niagara Pool** (370 King Street): Opens June 20
- **St. Davids Pool** (1446 York Road): Opens June 28
- **Simcoe Park Wading Pool** (25 Picton Street): Opens June 28

Other outdoor amenities are also ready for use, including:

- Splash pad
- Skatepark, tennis courts, and basketball courts
- Playgrounds
- Baseball diamonds and soccer fields at Memorial Park and Virgil Sports Park
- Fitness equipment in Virgil Sports Park



**Play in the Park Returns**

Play in the Park will once again bring free recreation programming to parks across Niagara-on-the-Lake this summer.

The program, organized in partnership with the NOTL Public Library, provides children and families with opportunities to participate in games, sports, creative activities, and inclusive outdoor play in a fun and welcoming environment led by Town Staff.

No registration is required, and participants are welcome to drop in during scheduled program times. Children under six years of age must be accompanied by someone aged 14 or older.

The 2026 schedule is as follows:

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Park #1</b> 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	<b>Memorial Park</b> (370 King Street)	<b>Niagara-on-the-Green Park</b> (56 Young Crescent)	<b>Virgil Sports Park</b> (1595 Four Mile Creek Road)	<b>Sparky's Park</b> (199 Tanbark Road)
<b>Park #2</b> 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.	<b>Queenston Common</b> (76 Queenston Street)	<b>Sparky's Park</b> (199 Tanbark Road)	<b>Chatauqua Park</b> (4 Addison Avenue)	<b>Niagara-on-the-Green Park</b> (56 Young Crescent)

Residents and visitors are encouraged to visit [www.notl.com](http://www.notl.com) for additional information on amenities. In the event of poor weather, all Play in the Park programming will automatically relocate to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library (10 Anderson Lane). Relocation notices and program updates will be shared through the Town's social media channels and website.

The Town thanks residents for their continued support of local recreation programming and encourages everyone to take advantage of the many activities and amenities available throughout the community this summer!

**Quotes:**



“Whether you choose to cool off at a splash pad, spend time in our parks, or participate in programs like Play in the Park, these spaces and activities help make Niagara-on-the-Lake such a special place to live and visit.” - **Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa**

“Each year, Town Staff work hard behind the scenes to prepare and maintain our parks, facilities, and recreational spaces so they can be enjoyed by the community. We look forward to once again welcoming residents and visitors all summer long.” - **CAO Nick Ruller**

“We are excited to partner with the Town again for Play in the Park and to help bring fun, engaging, and accessible experiences directly into neighbourhoods across Niagara-on-the-Lake. Opportunities like Play in the Park are a wonderful way for the Library and the Town to work together to create vibrant community experiences throughout the summer.” - **Chief Executive Officer of the NOTL Public Library, Laura Tait**

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