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### **Park Day Reunion activities rescheduled for Saturday, August 10**

Following a rainy Park Day Reunion last weekend, some activities have been rescheduled for Saturday, August 10, at Silver Springs Park, 1100 N. Hampton, Springfield.

"A lot of people were very disappointed last weekend, but the rain couldn't be helped," said event organizer Jane Pike.

The community is invited to enjoy a day of fellowship at the Silver Springs Park pavilion starting at 10 a.m. Saturday. Picnic foods will be for sale to help raise money for next year's event. The Miss Silver Springs Beauty Pageant, which was rained out last Sunday, will be held Saturday at 6 p.m.

Silver Springs Pool will be closed Saturday for the event. The pool reopens for the last day of the season Sunday, 1-6:30 p.m..

The Park Day Reunion takes place at Silver Springs Park every year on first weekend of August, bringing together friends and family from Springfield and around the country. The event name dates back to 1952, when Gerald Brooks, a teacher at Springfield's Lincoln School, started a day of games and sports for young black residents at Silver Springs.

Silver Springs Park is one of the Springfield-Greene County Park Board's 10 Historic Parks. It was established in 1918 on land known as the old Fairbanks pasture, and later named for a spring on site, flowing into Jordan Creek. During segregation, Silver Springs was the city's only public park designated for black residents and accompanying sports leagues, including semi-pro baseball. The WPA built fieldstone retaining walls and the first Silver Springs Pool, and lined the creek channel with rock in the 1930s.

For more information about the Park Day Reunion, visit [parkdayreunion.com](http://parkdayreunion.com) or contact Jane Pike, Springfield Reunion Club, at 417-869-8091.

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