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Lakes Park reopens following Hurricane Milton; Parks & Rec announces rescheduled Fall Festival events

Fort Myers, FL, Oct. 16, 2024 – Lakes Park will reopen at 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 18, and Hurricane Milton-postponed Fall Festival events will begin.

Reopening updates:

- Park hours: Vary, depending on what you plan to do.
 - 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. for Fall Festival events.
 - 7 a.m. to dusk for other park amenities - regular park operating hours.
- Main Train Playground remains closed due to Hurricane Milton.
- Small playground near Shelter D-1 remains open and closes at dusk.
- Splash pads remain closed due to Hurricane Ian.

Fall Festival events resume:

- The Fall Festival, Oct. 18-31, will include a pumpkin patch, bounce houses, hayrides, Scarecrows in the Park, the very popular Halloween Express train and concessions. Event hours are:
 - **Halloween Express train ride hours:**
 - 6 to 9 p.m., Monday-Friday
 - 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday & Sunday
 - Ends Thursday, Oct. 31
 - **Pumpkin Patch hours:**
 - 6 to 9 p.m., Monday-Friday
 - 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday & Sunday
 - Ends Sunday, Oct. 27
 - **Scarecrows in the Park:**
 - 6 to 9 p.m., Monday-Friday
 - 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday & Sunday
 - Ends Sunday, Oct. 27
 - Parking for the Fall Festival event is \$3 per vehicle. Prices vary per activity.

For more information about Lee County Parks and Recreation locations, amenities, and other special events, visit www.leeparks.org, call 239-533-7275, email leeparks@leegov.com or follow Lee County Parks & Recreation on Facebook and Instagram.

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