What’s Happening in the World of the…

Recreation Division
39 Lodge Drive (main office), 860-647-3084

Membership & Registration

**Membership:** The new membership year began September 1st and with it came our exciting new card system! Now youth, adults and seniors of Manchester can choose between a wallet sized card, or key chain sized cards, which will be renewed year to year instead of printing new cards every year. Membership cards can be obtained at the Center Springs Main Office, Community Y Rec Center and Customer Service at Town Hall. Senior cards can also be purchased at the Senior Center. Please note that youth cards can no longer be processed at the libraries. Proof of residency is required each year when obtaining your card to verify current resident status. Membership cards are valid at all of our rec centers, indoor and outdoor pools, as well as the Fitness Center at the Community Y Rec Center. Come visit us today!

**Program Registration:** Please note that the Winter/Spring program (January – May) registration began TODAY for residents and will start Friday, December 15th for non-residents. Registration can be done online, in person, or over the phone. Payment, when applicable, is due at the time of registration; online and phone registration can be processed using Visa or MasterCard. Our full winter/spring program brochure is available online at recreation.townofmanchester.org by clicking the Brochures link!

Aquatics

**Now Hiring – Water Safety Instructors:** Looking for Water Safety Instructors to teach swimming lessons to youth 6 months – 12 years of age. Hours are flexible including nights and weekends. Pay begins at $12.50/hr. Visit recreation.townofmanchester.org and click on General Information for a job description and application!

**Aqua Fitness:** Did you know that there are multiple different adult aquatic fitness classes taking place at the Manchester High School indoor pools? Register today for classes like Aqua Circuit, Total Aqua, Swim for Fitness and Aqua Arthritis. No matter your skill level or availability, you’re bound to find the right class for you!

**Swim Lessons:** Register now for Infant, Toddler, Preschool and Level 1 – 6 swimming lessons. Today was the first day of registration and some lessons filled within the first hour, so be sure to register soon! Please note that our youth swim lessons are for Manchester residents only.

Adult Programming

**Pickleball:** Register now for Pickleball which takes place at the Nathan Hale Activity Center, 160 Spruce Street. Pickleball is now on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Register today for the new session starting January 4th by visiting reconline.townofmanchester.org, or by calling 860-647-3084!

**Adult Fitness at Center Springs:** Register now for a great workout at the Center Springs Activity Room with classes such as Team Active, Walk Live, Team Fit After Work, or our Adult Boot Camp!

**Learn to Meditate:** With regular practice, meditation allows us to experience mental clarity, inner strength and a positive state of mind. Meditations are guided and brief advice is shared on how to maintain a peaceful mind throughout the day. Everyone is welcome! Register today for this wonderful program taking place in the Center Springs Activity Room.

**Adult Fitness at the Community Y Rec Center:** Looking for a fitness class that starts after all the holiday fun? Register now for great classes at the Community Y Rec Center such as Tapercircize, Yoga for Active Lifestyles, Strength for Life, Total Body Plus, or Barre!
See Aquatics above for Adult Aquatic Fitness information.

Youth Programming

Girls Pee Wee Basketball: The Girls Pee Wee league is held at the Mahoney Rec Center on Saturdays from January 13 – March 3 for youth ages 8 – 9. Learn basic basketball skills such as teamwork, shooting, passing, defense, offense and dribbling. A Mandatory Evaluation Clinic will be held TONIGHT, December 13th at 6:15pm, so be sure to register your child soon!

Kids Cupcake Decorating: TWO spots have just opened up in the Winter Cupcake Decorating session taking place this Saturday, December 16th at the Community Y Rec Center from 10:00 – 11:00am for children ages 5 - 10. Be sure to register soon as these spots will fill quickly!

Indoor Soccer: Recreation offers an indoor soccer program for ages 5 – 6 and 7 – 8. Your child will learn the basic skills of soccer such as dribbling, trapping, defense shooting and passing, as well as the concept of team work and hard work. Indoor Soccer starts on Sunday, January 21st at the Mahoney Rec Center and costs $30.00. Be sure to register soon as there are only 3 spots left open in the 5 – 6 year old age group and 4 spots left in the 7 – 8 year old age group!

Snowcial: Celebrate the most wonderful time of year while building relationships and connecting with peers just before the winter break. Come join us in what should be a wonderful night filled with music and dancing! Snowcial 2017 will take place at Bennet Leisure Center THIS Friday, December 15th from 6:00 – 8:00pm for Bennet students. The fee is $5.00 per person and includes dinner and prizes. Be sure to call us at 860-647-3084 to register!

Mural Madness: Work closely with staff and a local artist to learn how to make a mural. Students will also participate in a local art show and create and install a mural in Manchester! Register now for the next session beginning on Thursday, January 4th from 6:15 – 7:15pm!

Bennet Leisure Center Clubs and Programs: Bennet Leisure Center is a recreation center that provides programming for 6th graders, weekday evening drop-in recreation programs and family community events. Residents can also use this site to register for programs and obtain recreation passes. There is no fee, but Recreation cards are required. Come to 22 School Street Monday – Friday from 6:00 – 9:00pm to join in on fun programs such as Dodgeball, Flag Football, Creative Arts and our Game Activity Club!

Nathan Hale Drop In Rec: Drop-in basketball, board games, active games, arts & crafts and more have started at the Nathan Hale Activity Center, 160 Spruce Street, for children ages 5 – 18. There is no fee, but Recreation cards are required. Come join us on Saturdays from 12:00 – 5:00pm!

Start Smart: Parents work together with their children in a supportive environment to learn the basics of sports. Start Smart teaches children a variety of skills. Parent involvement is required. Register now for Start Smart Basketball which will begin in February and Start Smart Baseball which will begin in April. Start Smart is held on Saturday mornings at the Community Y Rec Center for 3 – 5 year olds. The fee is $65.00 for residents and $82.00 for non-residents and includes equipment.

See Aquatics above for information on swimming lessons.

Free Family Fun Nights

Zumba Dance Party: Join Marisa Paradis for a night of Zumba, lots of laughter, a raffle and a ton of fun for the entire family! Zumba is designed to bring people together to sweat with low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval style family dance fitness party. Join us at the Nathan Hale Activity Center, 160 Spruce Street, on Friday, January 19th from 6:30 – 7:30pm!

Office of Neighborhoods and Families Division
153 Spruce Street, 860-647-3089

Free Family Fun Nights

Let's Rock!: Bring your holiday and family memories (photos, postcards, figurines and knick knacks) and make a memory stone for your family to treasure forever, or paint a rock alongside our featured artist! Let's Rock Free Family Fun Night will feature BHF Imagination Playground, an indoor play experience for children 0-5. Join us at Gallery 153, 153 Spruce
Street, on Friday, January 5th from 6:30 – 8:00pm.

**Let’s Breathe!** Practice the art of multi-media mask making and Zentangle with your child, or break out the crayons and colored pencils at the “Coloring for All Ages” station! Featuring BHF Imagination Playground, an indoor play experience for children ages 0 – 5. Join us on Friday, February 8th from 6:30 – 8:00pm at Gallery 153!

**Youth Programming**

**Write Out Loud Open Mic Nights:** Come take part in youth-led poetry and hip hop dance workshops and then close your night with performing and/or cheering on others who display their talent and creativity in front of an encouraging audience! Open Mic Nights will be at the Eastside Neighborhood Resource Center, 153 Spruce Street. Performers will be youth ages 13 – 19 and the audience/workshop attendees will be of all ages! The next Write Out Loud Open Mic Night will be THIS Friday, December 15 from 5:00 – 8:00pm. This is a free drop-in program, so come join us!

**Youth Service Bureau Division**  
63 Linden Street, 860-647-5213

**Early Childhood Programming**  
**Early Childhood Center:** Registration has begun for the next session of Early Childhood programming at the Northwest Park Early Childhood Center. Register today for wonderful programming such as Wonder Years, Wee Two, Happy Together, Cradle to Crayons and the Mommy & Me Playgroup!

**Teen Programming**  
**Strengthening Families:** This program is a skills training program found to significantly improve parenting skills and family relationships, reduce problem behaviors, delinquency and alcohol & drug abuse in children, and improve social competencies and school performance. Dinner will be served each night to the full family. Please let us know if you will need free babysitting services for younger siblings when you register. This program will be held on Monday evenings from 5:30 – 8:00pm at the Youth Service Bureau. Strengthening Families will start on Monday, February 26th targeting youth ages 9 – 14 years for no cost.

**Teen Center:** The YSB Teen Center is open Monday – Friday from 2:30 – 5:30pm. Teens are asked to bring their recreation cards as they will now be swiped at the Teen Center. If your child does not have a recreation card, they can now obtain one right at the Teen Center!

**Miscellaneous**  
**Hat, Glove, Scarf & Coat Drive:** YSB’s Teen Center is looking for new hats, gloves, scarves and gently used coats for Manchester youth. There is a demand for these items and any donation is greatly appreciated. Items can be dropped off weekdays between 8:00am – 4:30pm at the Youth Service Bureau - 63 Linden Street, or Customer Service at Town Hall – 41 Center Street. Thank you for your generosity!