

Town of Manchester Leisure, Family and Recreation
Upcoming Programs & Events
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What's Happening in the World of the...

Recreation Division

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

Summer Registration & Passes

Program Registration: Please note that summer program (June - August) registration began May 16th! 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 summer program brochure is available online at recreation.townofmanchester.org by clicking the Brochures link!

See Aquatics for swim lesson registration information.

Membership: The new membership year began September 1, 2017 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. It is almost outdoor pool season time, so be sure to visit us today!

Aquatics

Aqua Fitness: Did you know that there are multiple different adult aquatic fitness classes taking place at the Manchester High School indoor pools? No matter your skill level or availability, you're bound to find the right class for you!

Total Aqua: This class combines segments of cardio and strength training using training intervals and weight resistance tools. Total Aqua is designed for all fitness levels using equipment that helps result in a toned and functional body. This class covers strength, cardio, mobility, well enough to wear you out! This program is held at the MHS IOH Pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 – 4:45pm. Only a few more spots left in the new session that began May 22!

Swim Lessons: The schedule for swim lessons is online now! Every summer we have a special Saturday signup to kickoff swimming lesson registration. Visit the Community Y on Saturday, June 9th from 9:00am – 12:00pm, or register online starting at 9:00am. Please note that some lessons will fill that first day of registration. On Monday, June 11th regular registration will continue at all of our centers, online and over the phone. Mark your calendars!

Outdoor Pool Schedule: Make sure that you have an updated rec pass because pre-season swimming will begin at Globe Hollow on June 18th! Regular season will begin on June 25 and includes not only Globe, but also Salters, Swanson, Marcy MacDonald (formerly West Side) and Waddell. Check out our full summer program and event catalog for schedule details!

Additional Swimming Lessons (Teen/Adult/Private): Did you know that we also offer teen swim lessons, adult lessons and private lessons? You can register for teen and adult lessons by visiting reconline.townofmanchester.org or calling 860-647-3084. For private swimming lessons, please contact 860-647-.3087 and be prepared with dates, times and pool location.

Adult Programming

Adult Tennis Lessons: Learn the proper footwork, ground strokes, volleying and service game. Bring your own racquet, sneakers and water bottle. Registration has already begun and lessons will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings

at the Robertson Tennis Courts beginning June 4th!

Pickleball: Pickleball takes places at the Nathan Hale Activity Center, 160 Spruce Street, on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Register today by visiting reconline.townofmanchester.org, or by calling 860-647-3084! If you are interested in the outdoor Pickleball courts – the nets are up! Join us for drop-in play Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 5:30pm at the Nike Site courts, Garden Grove Road.

Team Fit After Work: Join our fitness playground in this group circuit training program held at the Center Springs Park Activity Room. Classes are available on Mondays or Wednesday from 5:00 – 5:45pm. Classes will begin June 4th, so be sure to register today!

Total Body Plus: Need a total body make over? This is the class for you. Train every muscle group through strength/resistance exercises using a variety of equipment. This program is held at the Community Y Rec Center on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:45 – 6:45pm. The next session begins on June 25th and is already almost full, so be sure to register soon!

See Aquatics above for Adult Aquatic Fitness information.

Youth Programming

Summer Day Camp: Haven't registered your child for summer camp yet? Not to worry! There is still space available in summer day camp. Please hand in your completed registration form and payment to the Center Springs Main Office, 39 Lodge Drive, ASAP. Forms can be found on recreation.townofmanchester.org by clicking the Summer Camp link. For more information please call 860-647-3084.

Youth Programs: Lots of fun youth programming coming this summer! Be sure to visit recreation.townofmanchester.org to view our full Summer Program and Event Catalog. Registration has already begun!

Youth Tennis Lessons: We offer pee wee tennis lessons for children ages 4 – 7 and youth lessons for children ages 8 – 12 in the mornings and evenings at the Robertson Park courts during the summer. The evening sessions will be starting on June 4th, so be sure to register soon!

Youth Basketball Leagues: Register your 8 – 9 year old or your 10 – 12 year old for co-ed youth basketball today! This program will be held on weeknights at the beautifully renovated Charter Oak Park. Mandatory Clinics will be held on June 11th and the league will begin June 26th.

Lego Camps: This summer (July & August) we have exciting Lego Camps taking place at the Eastside Neighborhood Resource Center. There are activities for children age 4 all the way to age 12! Each week is a different themed class with unique projects. Register now for Lego Camp Weeks such as Animals for 4 – 5 year olds, Amusement Park for 5 – 6 year olds, Pulleys N Wheels for 7 – 9 year olds, Motor Mayhem for 10 – 12 year olds and so many more!

See Aquatics above for information on swimming lessons.

Special Events/Family Programming

Trails Day Weekend Events: Trails Weekend will take place Friday, June 1 – Sunday, June 3. We will have everything from easy hikes to expert level hikes, an Early Childhood Hike, Dog Hike and more! All hikes are rain or shine. Please bring water and dress appropriately. Cancellations will be made on-site. Hike details can be found at recreation.townofmanchester.org by clicking the Brochures link. Join us Friday, June 1st from 8:00 – 10:00pm at Charter Oak Park to kick off the weekend with the premier of the award winning "OurParks" video followed by our feature presentation The National Parks: America's Best Idea 'The Morning of Creation' by Ken Burns

Summer Kick Off: Bring the family and enjoy our summer kick off featuring inflatables and recreational games & activities! Join us at Charter Oak Park on Friday, June 8th from 5:30 – 8:30pm.

Yellow Bike Program: Have you heard about our new summer bike sharing program for Manchester residents? Bikes will be available Monday – Friday from 5:30 – 8:30pm at Charter Oak Park to residents with an active Recreation membership card. Riders under 18 years of age must have a consent and waiver form completed by a parent or guardian once per season. Come check us out starting June 1st!

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

Gallery 153 Events

Wooden, Worn & Weathered: Come and enjoy rustic themed artwork made by local artists at Gallery 153. Join us on Wednesday, June 27th from 4:00 – 7:00pm!

Youth Programming

***TONIGHT* 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 Friday, May 25th from 5:00 – 8:00pm. This is a free drop-in program, so come join us!

Adult Learnshops

Let's Get Growing – Planting Summer Flowers: Add a little color to your world by learning when, where and how to plant flowers this summer season. This free, drop in learnshop will take place on Wednesday, June 20th from 6:00 - 7:00pm.

Special Events/Family Programming

Spruce Street Market: The market is back! Join us on Wednesdays from 4:00 – 7:00pm June 13 – October 17th for this community market dedicated to promoting locally made/grown products and neighborhood economic success. Fresh produce can be purchased using SNAP and the Connecticut Farmers Market Nutrition Programs (WIC and Senior). We will kick off the market season on June 13th with live music from Bill Ludwig & Quoron Walker, an artist talk, wool spinning demo and a Double Dutch showcase!

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

Early Childhood Programming

Early Childhood Center: Registration is ongoing for 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!

Mommy & Me Playgroup: This playgroup is for caretakers and their infants to early walking age (newborn – 2 years). Parents can socialize themselves as well as their babies in an unstructured playgroup atmosphere. A private changing and feeding room is available. Registration is not required to attend, but please email Caitlin if you would like to join us at cmcnamara@manchesterct.gov. Playgroup began May 22nd and will be held every Tuesday from 3:00 – 4:30pm.

Youth Programming

Art Lab: Looking for something fun and creative for the kids after school? Is your child interested in drawing, painting, or 2D design? Come to the Youth Service Bureau and have fun with us! Our Art Lab is now open on Tuesdays from 3:00 – 5:30pm. Registration is required, so call Kellie Sheridan at 860-647-5262, or email her at ksheridan@manchesterct.gov.

Summer Ropes Program: Fun active games, low and high elements where participants will climb 25-40 feet in the air! Our philosophy is “challenge by choice”. Participants can choose their level of challenge. All instructors are certified Ropes Course Facilitators. Register now for this exciting program being held for one week in July for 9 – 10 year olds and one week in August for 11 – 13 year olds! Call 860-647-5213 for more information.

Teen Center Excursions: This summer program will engage teens (ages 12 – 18) in and out of their environments

through supervised, fun and interactive activities. There are nine sessions available (i.e. Manchester History, Fun with Nature, Community Service, Crafts, etc) and all are held from 10:00am – 1:00pm unless there is a field trip. Register now for this great Youth Service Bureau program that will start July 9th!

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!