

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! Please note that fall registration will begin on Wednesday, September 5th for residents and Friday, September 7th for non-residents.

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!

Swim Lessons: The schedule for youth (ages 5 – 12) swim lessons is online and registration began June 9th! Register online at reconline.townofmanchester.org, over the phone by calling 860-647-3084, or in person at Center Springs/Community Y/Town Hall. Some lessons have already filled, so be sure to register soon!

Outdoor Pool Schedule: Hours differ by pool (7/2-8/12), so please see brochure/website for regular summer schedule and hours. Postseason 8/13-8/26 Globe Hollow Only: Open 1:00-6:00pm..

Grandparent & Child Open Swim: Grandparents – bring a child with you to a fun, relaxed open swim time! Noodles and pool toys will be provided for an enjoyable time with your special little one. Join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays July 3 – August 9 at the Marcy MacDonald Pool from 10:30 – 11:30am. There is no cost, but rec/pool passes are required.

Deck Art Days: Join us on Saturday, July 28th from 1:00 – 5:00pm at the Marcy MacDonald Pool (formerly West Side Pool) for the last Deck Art Day of the season! Bring your sidewalk chalk to the pool and showcase your artistic abilities. Children can decorate the pool deck and prizes will be given for the most creative chalk drawings. Pool pass required to participate.

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. The next session will begin on August 6th!

Pickleball: Join us for drop-in play Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 5:30pm at the Nike Site outdoor courts, Garden Grove Road. Register today by visiting reconline.townofmanchester.org, or by calling 860-647-3084!

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. The next sessions begins on August 6th so be sure to register soon!

Total Body Plus: Need a total body make over? This is the class for you. Train every muscle group though 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 August 6th.

See Aquatics above for Adult Aquatic Fitness information.

Youth Programming

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 first session began on June 4th, so be sure to register soon!

See Aquatics above for information on swimming lessons.

Special Events/Family Programming

Yellow Bike Program / OurParks Gear and Bike Shop: 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 to the brand new OurParks Gear & Bike Shop (former warming hut) to check us out!

***TONIGHT* Moon Lit Yoga:** Join us tonight from 8:00 – 9:00pm for outdoor yoga under the summer moonlight! This is a free, family event. Please bring your mats!

Cruisin on Main Street: Join us on Sunday, August 5th from 10:00am – 3:00pm for the 18th Annual Cruisin on Main Street free car show with close to 800 vintage vehicles! Event takes place on Main Street in Downtown Manchester.

Family Movie Night: Bring the family to Charter Oak Park on Friday, August 3rd from 8:00 – 10:00pm for a movie night featuring The Sandlot!

Office of Neighborhoods and Families Division

153 Spruce Street, 860-647-3089

Gallery 153 Events

Lend a Hand: Come and enjoy local artwork made to celebrate our caregivers; thank you for all that you do! Join us on Wednesday, August 29th from 4:00 – 7:00pm.

Adult Learnshops

Drying Herbs: Learn how to dry your summer herbs to enjoy on Wednesday, August 1st from 6:00 – 7:00pm at the Spruce Street Community Garden!

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).

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!

Partners in Play: This summer program is designed to provide young children with the opportunity to discover learning through music, movement and arts & crafts. Children will experience socialization while parents or caregivers are present. Each week will have a different theme to add to the fun! The class includes Free Play Fridays from 9:30 – 11:30am where participants from all classes are welcome to drop in with their parents or caregivers to enjoy a less structured class. The first week will begin on July 2nd and be themed Red, White & Blue! Register your 1 – 2 ½ year old for Toddler Time or 2 ½ - 5 year old for Creative Kids today.

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 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!