



Plainfield Division of Parks & Recreation



Fall & Winter Program Information

ARTS & CRAFTS - Boys & Girls 5-17

Duration: 11/10/09 - 3/26/10

Tuesday & Friday - 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Location: Evergreen Elementary School

DOUBLE DUTCH - Boys & Girls 5-17

Duration: 11/10/09 - 3/25/10

Tuesday & Thursday - 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Location: Barlow Elementary School

BASKETBALL - Boys & Girls 6 - 17

Duration: 11/9/09 - 3/25/10

Monday - Thursday & Saturdays (practice days based on age)

6:30pm - 8:30pm / 9:00am - Noon

Parent Orientation 11/6/09 - PHS Café - 6:30pm

DANCE - Boys & Girls 5 - 14

Duration: 11/9/09 - 3/22/10

Monday - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: Clinton Elementary School

GOLF - Boys & Girls 4 - Adults

Duration: 11/10/09 - 3/25/10

Tuesday & Thursday - 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Location: Clinton Elementary School

FILM MAKING & DRAMA - Boys & Girls 5-17

Duration: 11/11/09 - 3/24/10

Friday - 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Location: Clinton Elementary School

SWIMMING - Boys & Girls 7 - Adults

Duration: 1st Session (11/9/09 - 12/9/09)

2nd Session (1/4/10 - 2/3/10)

3rd Session (2/15/10 - 3/17/10)

4th Session (4/12/10 - 5/12/10)

Monday or Wednesday - 6:30pm - 8:30pm / Adults 7:30pm - 8:30pm - Each class requires a skills testing orientation for new registrants. Date will be available during registration.

(1 class per week for 1 hour each class) - Location: Plainfield High School

CO-ED - ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Duration: 11/13/09 - 3/26/10

Friday - 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Location: TBA

WRESTLING - Boys & Girls 4 - 14

Duration: 11/9/09 - 3/26/10

Monday - Friday & Saturday - 6:30pm - 8:30pm / 1pm - 3pm

Location: Plainfield High School - Old Building - ROTC Room

ARCHERY - Boys & Girls 7-14

Duration: 11/10/09 - 3/25/10

Thursday - 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Location: Washington School

“Dates/Location are subject to change”

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Late Night & Saturday Registration Dates

Daily Registration: Monday - Friday / 9am - 5pm

Thursday Evening Registration: October 22 & November 5, 2009 - 5pm - 8pm

Saturday Registration: October 31 & November 7, 2009 - 10am - 1pm

Registration Fees: Residents (\$25.00/\$35.00) - Non-residents (\$30.00/\$40.00)

Acceptable Payment: Cash, Check or Money-Order



Upcoming Events

Annual Fishing Derby

Saturday, October 10, 2009 - 9 am
Green Brook Park - Rain Date 10/17/09

Multicultural Community Fall Scrapbook & Memory Making

Saturday, October 24, 2009- 10 am
Washington Elementary School - Cafetorium

Nets vs Orlando Magic (Community Trip)

Friday, October 30, 2009 - (Bus Departs 5:30pm / Game Starts 7:00pm)
IZOD Center, E. Rutherford, NJ

Halloween Party

Friday, October 30, 2009 - 6pm
Washington Elementary School - Cafetorium

Disney On Ice

Saturday, November 28, 2009-3:00pm Showtime
IZOD Center, E. Rutherford, NJ

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, December 4, 2009 (Inclement Weather date 12/11/09)
Steps of City Hall - 6pm

Kwanzaa Celebration

Saturday, December 26, 2009 - 1 pm
Washington Community School

Plainfield Shut-In Council provides limited assistance to the most vulnerable and at risk population who has become medically shut-in or terminally ill. For more information on services provided or if you would like to become a volunteer you may contact, Janice Freeman President (908) 753-3097

(NEW PROGRAMS) - ARCHERY, ADULT VOLLEYBALL, & DANCE

The Division of Parks & Recreation will be adding to its list of programs - Archery & Adult Volleyball. The archery program will be held at Washington Community School, beginning November 10th thru March 25, 2010 every Thursday 6:30pm - 8:30pm. The dance program will be held at Clinton Elementary School, beginning November 9th - March 22, 2010 every Monday 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Both the Dance and Archery programs are open to boys and girls.



YOUTH BASEBALL IS COMING TO DIVISION OF REC.



The City of Plainfield, Division of Parks & Recreation is pleased to announce that a Baseball program will be offered starting Spring, 2010. The program will be open to youth ages 4 to 14 and will include Tee Ball, Minor, Major, and Pony League. Registration begins October 1st and continues through February 12, 2010. Registration cost is \$35 and includes uniforms and use of equipment. Program begins April, 2010 and deadline for registration will NOT be extended.

Forms are available in the Parks & Recreation office, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, NJ.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES—If you are interested in coaching, please contact the Recreation Office for more details.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING PREP COURSE/LIFEGUARD TRAINING COURSE

The Division of Parks & Recreation will be offering two Prep Lifeguard Training Courses beginning March 1, 2010 - March 24, 2010 or April 12, 2010 - May 12, 2010 from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm. If your interested please contact the Recreation Office at (908) 753-3097.

The Lifeguard Training Course is scheduled to take place May 17th thru 23rd, 2010 from 3:30pm - 8:30pm. If you are interested please contact the Recreation Office at (908) 753-3097. By making this course available we hope to improve on Lifeguard shortage.

“News From The Superintendent’s Desk”

86th ANNUAL JULY 4TH PARADE & FIREWORKS

The 86th Annual July 4th Parade was held on Saturday, July 4th and the fireworks display was held Thursday, July 2nd. By hosting the fireworks on July 2nd, it saved the City’s tax payers \$20,000.

The Parade featured 62 entries. Viewers were entertained with political officials, professional floats, musical groups, stilt walkers, jugglers, clowns, helium balloons, horses, drill teams, youth & adult marching units, antique & custom cars, emergency management vehicles and much more.

This year’s Grand-Marshall honoree was Ms. Stephanie Alexander. Ms. Alexander has been instrumental in the Father’s Against Guns annual basketball tournament, she is the liaison/advocate for violent crime victims between courts, judges and prosecutors and she is the president of the Union County Million Mom March Chapter.

For many of years our participants have been honored with trophies for various categories. The categories were Best Drill Team, Best Youth Group, Best Professional Float. Our 1st place winners were Lee Side Steppers (Midget) for best drill team, Heritage Inc. for best youth group and Caribbean People of Plainfield for best professional float.

As we move forward with our preparations for the 87th Annual Parade we welcome your comments and feedback on how we can improve our parade. We are always looking for volunteers for the parade. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Recreation office at (908) 753-3097

PLAINFIELD OUTDOOR FESTIVAL OF ART

The Plainfield Outdoor Festival of Art celebrated 46 years as a premiere cultural event in the City of Plainfield on September 2009, in Library Park. Mayor Sharon Robinson-Briggs, The City of Plainfield and The Division of Parks & Recreation sponsored the event. Over eighty artists and art vendors participated. 1st place and Honorary Ribbons were presented to professional and non-professional categories in oils/acrylics, water/colors, photography, textile, crafts and sculpture. The children’s art gallery showcased children’s art from Plainfield Public Schools and the Division of Parks & Recreation summer camp program. Entertainment included performances by M. Power Performing Arts, Universal Sounds of Jazz from DJ George Moore, children entertainment including ballooning, face painting and an arts & craft table where children of all ages created their own artwork.

Mayor Sharon Robinson-Briggs, made presentation to local artists joined by Assemblyman Jerry Green, and members of Union County Chosen Freeholders.

Thanks to all volunteers, artist, vendors and community members who helped make this year’s festival successful and we hope to see you all September 2010

GRANTS

The City of Plainfield, Mayor Sharon Robinson-Briggs & the Division of Parks & Recreation continues to apply for funds from various grants offered by the County of Union, State of New Jersey and Federal Government. The funds received are used for:

1. New construction or rehabilitation of Recreation facilities
2. Assistance to local non-profit organizations
3. Purchase of equipment and supplies for the division of recreation & local non-profit programs

Since we last reported The Division of Parks & Recreation has been awarded funding by the County of Union Board of Chosen Freeholders - Community Development Block Grant program & the Kids Recreation Trust Fund. We have been awarded in total \$104,045.00 from the Kids Recreation Trust Fund - \$4,045 for scholarships which is registration fees that was used by some of the local non-profit agency, \$15,000 for equipment which was purchased for the Division of Parks & Recreation and \$85,000.00 for playground initiative which was used towards the renovations at Bryant School Playground.

The Community Development Block Grant program was awarded in total \$219,254.00 of which \$100,000.00 was used towards the renovations at Bryant School Playground. In 2009 \$9,654.00 was awarded towards this year’s Jr. Playground Monitor program. In 2009 \$100,000.00 has been awarded to upgrade Maple Crest basketball courts, and \$9,600.00 has been awarded for next year’s Jr. Playground Monitor program in 2010.

As a way to continually provide residents with the best programs as well as state of the art facilities, we will be doing surveys after each program/event or facility usage.

We welcome your input as to how we can make our programs better.

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Message From The Mayor

Dear Plainfield Residents:

As we close out a wonderful summer season and welcome the crisp air and falling leaves of the fall season, let us be reminded of all the great summer activities provided by the Division of Recreation and look forward to the upcoming fall/winter programs and events. Although many States and local government are struggling with difficult economic times, the City of Plainfield has continued to work tirelessly to still provide its residents with quality events and programs.

The Music In The Plaza summer concert series allowed residents a chance to enjoy some outdoor time while being entertained by a variety of local musical talent. As a way to encourage as much resident participation as possible, the concerts were held both mid-day (12 noon to 2:00 p.m.) and evening (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.). However, the highlight of the series was the addition of a classic Car Show and Outdoor Movie. These additions proved to be a wonderful touch, as there was something for everyone to enjoy. The City was able to provide these concerts without the usage of tax dollars. The Division of Recreation and Economic Development worked together in acquiring grant funds and donations from local businesses.

This summer residents had a wide array of other activities to choose from including:

◇Annual July 4th Parade and Fireworks display. This year's festivities honored Community Activist, Stephanie Alexander for her efforts in curbing gun violence in Plainfield and in other communities◇Annual George "Gee Gee" Brown Memorial Basketball Tournament, which was hosted at Plainfield High School◇Teen Volunteer day trips including The Funplex and Keansburg Beach and Boardwalk◇Another successful year as the Division partnered with Six Flags Great Adventures to provide summer employment for local teens◇Children ages 5-17 were able to enjoy a fun, but structured summer camp and sports academies including the addition of Rushmore Teen Camp, and Dance and Archery Enrichment Academies◇All pools were in full operation and visited daily by local camps and residents◇For the third year the Recreation Division hosted the Outdoor Arts Festival. This was truly a wonderful event which showcased talent on many levels.

Some of the Fall programs and events to look forward to include:

◇Programs such as Basketball, Double Dutch, Swimming, Wrestling, Golf, Film Making, Drama & Theater, and many others◇Newly added programs – Archery, Dance, Co-ed Adult Volleyball◇Fall Fishing Derby◇Scrapbooking Event◇Halloween Party and Haunted House◇Volunteer Award Ceremony◇Community Trips including NJ Nets Opening Night game vs. Orlando Magic and Disney On Ice◇Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration◇Kwanzaa Celebration

Our Parks and Recreation Division continue to play a very vital role in providing wholesome activities for the entire family. More importantly, we thank

