

News Release:
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The Parks & Recreation Department announces new programs starting in February

The Winter Fest/Pond Hockey tournament originally scheduled for Feb. 18 & 19 has been postponed due to ground and ice conditions. If you had an interest in the pond hockey event – we ask that you call the Recreation office at 773-9680, we will keep your information for the planning of our future event.

In place of the pond hockey there will be a **STREET HOCKEY** tournament for youths ages 6 – 14 years old on February 21, 22 and 23 (school winter break). This event will be conducted at Veterans Park 10 AM – 2 PM each day. Come play as a team or individual, helmets and protective equipment required, bring your own stick, sneakers or boots, no goalies used, 2 – 15 min. periods, you play each team twice, best record wins. Age group break down; 6 – 8, 9 – 11 and 12 -14 yrs. Games start at 10:00 AM, Veterans Park parking lots, schedule to be posted after teams established that first day.

Enjoy LEGOs? the Recreation Department is starting a Lego Club for youths 7- 12 years old on Saturdays starting February 18. Activities will be held at the Nike Base 11 AM – 1PM, supervision provided by Recreation staff, youths are encouraged to bring their LEGO sets to share with others – all sets returned. Dates for the LEGO club will be February 18, 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24, no fee one time registration. Donations for LEGO pieces and/or sets are welcome. Donations can be delivered to the Nike Base Recreation office or at drop box in Town Hall.

Enjoy Arts and Crafts, table games? The Recreation Department will continue it's Arts & crafts program on Saturday mornings 11AM – 1 PM starting Feb. 18. Open to youths 8 – 12 years old; activities include crafts, table games and card games. All activities will be conducted at the Nike Base, 3278 Whitehaven Road, activities are supervised by Recreation staff. Saturdays for February 18, 25, March 3, 10, 17 and 24.

Family Swim at the High School pool is underway for Sundays 12 Noon – 3 PM January 29, Feb 5, 12, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1. No fees, children under 16 must have a parent in attendance, life guards on duty.

Reality Café , located at the Nike Base is open to Middle School students Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6-8 PM and Fridays 6 – 9 PM. Activities include video games, table top games, cards, X box, movies, crafts and special events.

Friday, Feb. 3 - Valentine Get Crafty Night Project continued - Make a Valentine's Card for Grand Island Golden Agers and Elderwood Nursing Home

Tuesday, Feb. 7 - Bowling Challenge on 360 Kinect

Thursday, Feb. 9 - Karaoke Night

Friday, Feb. 10 - Fitness Challenge Demonstration with SNAP Fitness Center Trainer of Grand Island

Tuesday, Feb. 14 - Valentine's Party. Wear something red, and bring a sweet treat to pass

Coming soon: our Recreation activities booklet for youth summer programs and activities is scheduled to be out the 1st week in May. Applications for part time summer jobs with the Parks & Recreation are now available for pick at the Recreation office on Whitehaven Road.

For more information on all activities contact the Recreation office Monday – Friday at 773-9680, e-mail: recreation@grand-island.ny.us.



Crafts from Reality Café to Senior citizens.