

To: Ken & Marilyn, Akron Bugle  
From: Dan Roland, Town of Newstead Recreation Director  
Date: March 17, 2014  
Re: Recreation Program Article

***Rec. Dept. Fall 2013 - Spring 2014 Season Winds Down!***

In March, the last month of the Fall 2013-Spring 2014 Season, the Town of Newstead Recreation Department continues to offer a variety of programs with many opportunities for community members (youth and adults alike) to get out of the house and get into some “fitness and fun!” However... Ski Club, Youth Basketball, Youth Lacrosse, and all Aquatics Programs have now concluded. The remaining gym programs are scheduled to conclude on Saturday, March 29. A summary of continuing programs for the last week of March is as follows:

Softball

- Wednesdays 7-8:30pm
- Girls; Grades 4-8 (Elementary & Middle School)
- Skills & Drills: Catching, Fielding, Hitting, Running, & Throwing
- \$15/participant

Floor Hockey

- Wednesdays 7-8:30pm
- Co-Ed; Grades 4-8 (Elementary & Middle School)
- Sharp Shooter, Shoot Out, Stick Handling, & Intramural Games
- \$15/participant

Sheila's Fitness Jam

- Tuesdays & Thursdays 7-8pm
- Co-Ed; Adults
- 3 Sessions & 2 Programs: Muscle Flex & Aerobic Jazz
- \$80/participant per session

Basketball

- Thursdays 7:30-10pm
- Men; Adults
- Pick-Up Game Format
- \$15/participant

Volleyball

- Thursdays 7:30-10pm
- Co-Ed; Adults
- Pick-up Games or League Format (TBD)
- \$15/participant

### Kid-Nastics

- Saturdays; 2 Sections: 11:30am-12:30pm & 12:30-1:30pm
- Co-Ed; Grades K-8 (Elementary & Middle School)
- Climbing, Rolling, Tumbling & More
- \$15/participant

### Saturday Rec.

- Saturday Rec. 1:30-2:30pm
- Co-Ed; Grades K-8 (Elementary & Middle School)
- Variety of Gym Activities
- \$15/participant

To evaluate the Fall 2013-Spring 2014 session, Coordinators will have program surveys available to solicit feedback from participants, guardians, etc. Please complete a survey and submit it in a timely manner to express your views and demonstrate your support - Thanks!

### **Registration Information:**

All registrations for Recreation Programs take place at the Newstead Town Hall located at 5 Clarence Center Road. Please note that there are a limited number of openings for the programs, which will be filled on a first-paid, first-serve basis. To register... Go to Town Hall, complete a registration form, and submit the form and a check for the appropriate amount. Registration forms may also be accessed at [www.erie.gov/newstead](http://www.erie.gov/newstead). All checks should be made payable to: "Town of Newstead" and submitted at the Town Clerk's Office.

### **Rec. Dept. Leadership Team:**

The Winter-Spring 2014 Recreation Programs are led by Director Dan Roland and Program Coordinators: Bo Izydorczak, Aquatics and Greg Parzych, Gym and Sports Activities. All three members of the Leadership Team possess degrees in the education field and have years of experience in youth services. They are responsible for supervising Staff Members and managing the various programs and related activities. Applications for Staff Members are always accepted... To get in on the action and join in the fun, submit to Town Hall, Attn. Director.

### **Rec. Dept. Mission and Board:**

"The Town of Newstead Recreation Department is committed to providing residents of the Town of Newstead, Tonawanda Territory, Akron Central School District, and Students of the Akron Central School District with a variety of enjoyable and meaningful physical fitness programs and leisure activities that promote individual development and teamwork in a safe and positive environment." The role of the Rec. Board is to further the mission of the Recreation Department, by adhering to its core values: Commitment, Fairness, Honesty, Passion, Respect, Resourcefulness, and Service and improving its functional areas: activities/programming, budgeting/ appropriations, facility management, organizational development, and publicity/public relations.

While the Town of Newstead, the Recreation Board, and Rec. Staff are the official caretakers of the Recreation Department, it takes the collective efforts of the community to be truly successful. The current Newstead Recreation Board includes the following members: Joel Gregorio (Chair), Justin Klodzinski, Tim Morgan, Tracy Oakes, Melissa Polkowski, Robyn Robnett (Secretary), Mike Schilling, and Karen Stachowiak. In addition, Town Board Representatives serving as liaisons to the Rec. Dept. are Jim Mayrose and Marybeth Whiting. The School Board Liaison is Tracy Sturmer.

At the last Rec. Bd. Meeting, agenda items included: Budget and Appropriations, Facility Management, Organizational Development, Programming, and Public Relations. More specific matters addressed included: Strategic Plan Review, Committee Assignments, Employment Terms, Continuous Improvement Plan, Work Place Etiquette/Grievance Policy, Aquatics Certification, and Staff Compensation. At the conclusion of the meeting, the next regularly scheduled Rec. Bd. Meeting was set for March 27, 2014 at 6:30pm in the Newstead Town Hall. In addition to the customary agenda and old business items above, proposals for a new management information system to aid with registration and databases will be reviewed.

Residents with suggestions for the betterment of the Recreation Department are asked to please contact a Rec. Bd. Member or the Recreation Director, Dan Roland via cell phone at #392-7657. Thanks for your support!