



**NEWTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION**



# **SPRING 2024 PROGRAMS & EVENTS**



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# MISSION STATEMENT:

To create quality recreation and leisure opportunities strengthening the community through people, parks and programs.

## Parks & Recreation Staff

### Recreation Staff

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*Parks & Recreation Director*

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## Parks & Recreation Commission

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# GENERAL INFORMATION - Activities

## **SIGN UP FOR CANCELLATION NOTICES WITH E-ALERTS**

For up-to-date changes in programs resulting from inclement weather, sign up for E-Alerts on the Town of Newtown website at [www.newtown-ct.gov](http://www.newtown-ct.gov). Go to the bottom of the page, click on “Sign Up for E-Alerts,” go to “Urgent Alert” and check boxes for both Recreation Cancellation Alerts & Urgent News or Announcements.

PLEASE NOTE: E-Mail blasts are sent out via the E-Alert notification system. Phone calls will not be made regarding weather related changes or cancellations.

### **Sign up for Brochure & Announcements**

Sign up to receive our recreation brochure via email and recreation notices/announcements on the Town of Newtown website at [www.newtown-ct.gov](http://www.newtown-ct.gov). Go to the bottom of the page, click on “Sign Up for E-Alerts,” go to “News or Announcement” and check the box for Recreation News.

### **Refund Policy**

All programs are self-supporting and a commitment needs to be made to instructors and staff involved in the management of each program.

-Refunds will be provided if a recreation program is cancelled by Parks and Recreation due to lack of registration.

**-Refunds or credits, minus a \$10 processing fee, will be provided if notification is received NO LATER THAN ONE WEEK prior to the start date of the program.**

-Once a program begins, NO refunds or credits will be provided. As such, we request that careful consideration be given prior to registering for programs.

-Medical Exceptions: If a cancellation is necessary due to the onset of a medical condition, we will provide a refund. Communication and cancellation with Parks and Recreation must be made at the onset of the medical condition. A physician’s note is required at the time of the incident and will NOT be accepted after the program has been completed.

### **Photo Release**

Newtown Parks and Recreation Department and The Newtown Bee may videotape or take photos of participants enrolled in our programs. These photos/videos may be used for promotional purposes.

### **Inclusion Statement**

In an effort to meet the recreational needs of all residents of Newtown, the Parks and Recreation Department has adopted a policy of inclusion. Although some facilities are not yet wheelchair accessible, every attempt will be made to accommodate and encourage people with disabilities to participate in our programs. Please use the comment section on the registration form to detail your circumstances.

### **Residency Defined**

A person whose primary residence, either as an owner or renter, is considered a Newtown resident. No exceptions to this rule. Proof of residency is required.

### **Non-Resident Policy**

Non-resident registrations will be accepted at the beginning of registration, however there are limited spots. Not all programs allow for non-resident participation. Non-residents will be required to pay an additional \$20.00 per program. This fee can vary depending on the program.

### **PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!**

We sometimes must cancel programs due to low registration. Please register early so that we know of your interest. Registering on the day of the program is most often too late, so please do not wait!

### **Cancellation Protocol**

Programs held at the Newtown Schools follow the school schedule. As such, if schools are closed or cancelled then Parks & Recreation programs taking place at the schools will be cancelled. Programs held at the Newtown Teen Center, Newtown Youth Academy or an offsite location do not always follow the school schedule. In the event of inclement weather or other factors beyond our control, programs may need to be cancelled. In most cases, make-up sessions will be offered.

- If you cannot attend the makeup session no refunds will be given!
- Please sign up for our Recreation E-Alerts on our website [www.newtown-ct.gov](http://www.newtown-ct.gov).

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- All Parks and Recreation programs are on a first-come, first-served basis.
- If you or your child is sick, we request that you not attend classes/programs.
- Parks and Recreation does not send reminders. Your receipt is your confirmation. No news is good news! Please assume you are registered for the program(s) you have selected. You will be contacted only if there is a problem.
- Parks and Recreation cannot be responsible for loss of mail or postal delays – please register online.

# THE NEWTOWN TEEN CENTER



The Newtown Teen Center is a safe environment for youth in Grades 5-12 to come together and have fun. Enjoy the pool table, foosball table, air hockey, iPod Jukebox, ping pong & TV.

The rules are simple: no drugs or alcohol are permitted on the premises. Please treat this space as you would treat your own.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIDAYS AT THE GARAGE (During the school year only)

The Teen Center is open on Friday afternoons from 3-5pm for middle school students. We have foosball, air hockey, pool, gaming, music & more available. It's a comfy, cozy and casual spot for Grades 7 & 8 students to hang out with friends.

Attendance is supervised.

**WE NOW HAVE WiFi!**



## FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE TEEN CENTER

Join us on your designated evening:

### High School Nights Grades 9-12 only

All nights other than those designated for Middle School or Grades 5 & 6

7:00-11:00 pm

### Middle School Nights Grades 7-8 Only

Every second Friday of the month, 7-9:30pm

### Grades 5-6 Nights

Every third Friday of the month, 7-9:30pm

**Drop-In Cost: \$3 Per Night, Per Person**



## BOOK YOUR BAND

Have your own band? If you are a performer (solo, in a band, aspiring stand-up comic, actor/director, magician, etc.) and would like to perform at The Garage, contact us. Available Friday or Saturday nights from 7-11pm for youths of all ages.



## RENT THE TEEN CENTER FOR PARTIES, EVENTS & MEETINGS

Have your birthday party, event, fundraiser or meeting at the Teen Center.

### Party Rates:

Party bookings are 4 hours maximum.

Newtown Residents: \$200 rental fee

Non-Residents: \$400 rental fee

\$100 refundable deposit

Insurance: \$0.55 per person

### Meeting Rates:

Newtown Residents: \$50 per hour

Non-Residents: \$100 per hour

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

<https://www.newtown-ct.gov/parks-recreation>  
203-270-4340



Events/meetings must be scheduled two weeks in advance. Access provided to pool tables, foosball tables, air hockey table, video games and a refrigerator.

**The Teen Center is a no bully zone. Remember to be kind.  
If unruly behavior occurs, those involved will be asked to leave.**

### Location:

53 Church Hill Road, Newtown, CT 06470

# THE NEWTOWN BICYCLE PLAYGROUND

Our new Bicycle Playground on the Fairfield Hills Campus officially opened in June 2023. This dedicated, well-planned area provides a safe place for children to ride their bikes while parents observe and monitor them. The playground includes riding features such as ladder bridges, rollers and tunnels which are specially designed to offer a variety of fun obstacles that safely build cycling confidence.

## Parking

There is a dedicated parking area for the Bicycle Playground. Enter through the Senior Center parking lot at 8 Simpson Street, drive past the Senior Center and continue until you see the Bicycle Playground on your right. Parking is just beyond the playground. Please do not park in the Senior Center parking lot.

## Bike Share Program

This program offers bikes for loan for children ages 4-12 for use on the Fairfield Hills Campus (including the Bicycle Playground). The initiation of this program was made possible with the generous donation of 130 bicycles from Guardian Bikes.

- Bikes are available Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm
- All Bike Share paperwork must be completed in our office at 8 Simpson Street (located in the Newtown Community Center)
- Newtown Residents: no charge
- Non-Residents: \$5 fee per bike
- Helmets are provided (if needed)
- ID (driver's license) required as deposit
- Waiver must be signed at the time of rental



## RIDER RESPONSIBILITY CODE:

- Stay in control: You are responsible for avoiding objects and people.
- Know your abilities and limits and ride within them: Exercise common sense and general courtesy to other riders.
- All users assume all risk of injury. The Town of Newtown and its agents are not responsible for injuries of any type. Biking is an extreme sport activity and is a hazardous activity. When you enter this facility you assume all risks and responsibilities which could result in serious physical injury.
- Be visible: Do not stop where you obstruct a trail, feature or landing.

- Protect yourself: Proper use of safety equipment (helmets, knee pads, elbow pads) is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED! In accordance with State of CT helmet laws: Connecticut requires children 15 years of age and younger to wear helmets while bicycling (Section 14-285d).
- Inspect the trail and features: Plan and adjust your riding accordingly.
- Inspect your bike and your gear before you ride.
- Look and Yield: Look both ways and yield to other riders.
- Cooperate and Communicate: Talk with other users, take turns, be patient.

## BIKE PLAYGROUND REGULATIONS:

- Park hours are 8:00am until sunset. (Night Riding Prohibited).
- Drugs, alcohol, smoking of any kind including tobacco products and glass containers are strictly prohibited. Violators will be prosecuted.
- Bikes Only. All other uses prohibited. No scooters, gas or motorized bikes, or motorized equipment or toys of any kind are allowed on the playground.
- No Camping or overnight parking or open fires of any kind.
- Drone use is prohibited unless authorized.
- Fighting, profanity, loud music or rude, disruptive behavior will result in ejection from the park.
- No pets are allowed on the bike playground area. All pets visiting must be on a leash, owners must clean up after pets.
- We have a carry in / carry out trash policy. Please honor this policy by leaving the Park cleaner than you found it.
- No minimum age is required, the maximum age is 12. The bike park is an unsupervised facility. However anyone under the age of 18 must be supervised by an adult parent or guardian.
- Riding is not permitted when surface is wet and or frozen. Features can be dangerous in any condition.
- No unauthorized alterations. Do not use trash cans, benches, tables or any other objects as obstacles.

- No loitering or non-users inside or at the bike park area.
- No skidding. Over braking is only allowed in emergencies.
- Control your bicycle, don't put yourself & others at risk.
- Ride only on the track surface the way that they are intended to be used.
- No riding if the track is muddy wet or if it is raining.
- Playground may be closed at any time due to weather, maintenance, or special events.
- Spectators are not allowed in the bike park area and should watch from the perimeter of the park area for safety.
- Tagging or graffiti is a means of destroying and defacing town property, and is strictly prohibited. Violators will be prosecuted.
- No unauthorized pieces of equipment, obstacles or apparatus may be brought into the campus and bike playground area.
- Shirts are required at all times.
- Failure to comply with rules & town staff instruction will result in expulsion from the facility.
- Ride only in the direction indicated for the day: Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday are clockwise days: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday are counter clockwise days.
- Last but not least HAVE FUN and ride responsibly.

# SPECIAL EVENTS: Spring

## ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY (GRADES 5 & 6)

Friday, March 15, 7-9:30pm

It's a Green Theme! Get into the spirit of the Irish on St. Patrick's Day and come celebrate. Enjoy a DJ Dance Party, games, pizza and snacks.

Parent volunteers are welcome. Please call 203-270-4340.

**Activity Code:** 314502 A

**AGE:** 9-12      **FEE:** \$12

**LOCATION:** Teen Center (The Garage), 53 Church Hill Road



Game Day with Affinity Esports:  
details coming soon!



## ANNUAL SPRING EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 23

Ages 3-12

Join Newtown Parks and Recreation for the Annual Spring Egg Hunt. There will be an appearance by our Spring Bunny who will lead you to the hunt. We have a variety of time slots available. Each time slot is limited to 100 participants. There will be two prize eggs in each time slot. Once you have completed your time slot, please depart the Pavilion area to allow for other participants to enjoy the hunt.

No Walk-Ins: you must pre-register for the event.

Rain Date: Saturday, March 30.

**9:30-10:00 am**

**Activity Code:** 214501 A

Saturday, March 23

**AGE:** 3-12      **FEE:** \$7

**11:00-11:30 am**

**Activity Code:** 214501 C

Saturday, March 23

**AGE:** 3-12      **FEE:** \$7

**10:15-10:45 am**

**Activity Code:** 214501 B

Saturday, March 23

**AGE:** 3-12      **FEE:** \$7

**11:45 am-12:15 pm**

**Activity Code:** 214501 D

Saturday, March 23

**AGE:** 3-12      **FEE:** \$7

**LOCATION:** Dickinson Town Park Pavilion

50 Elm Drive



# SPECIAL EVENTS: Spring

## SENIOR CITIZEN SPRING FLING (AGES 55 & UP)

**Friday, April 5, 4-7pm**

Join Newtown Parks and Recreation and the Newtown Senior Center for a Spring Fling! This entertaining event will include music and dancing. Food will be provided by Newtown High School culinary students. (Parking and entrance to the Cafetorium is in the back of the High School.)

**Activity Code:** 314105 A

**AGE:** 55 & Up    **FEE:** \$15

**LOCATION:** Newtown High, 12 Berkshire Road  
Cafe, rear of building



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## EVERWONDER-LAND AND THE MAD HATTER'S TREE PARTY

**Friday, April 5, 11am-2pm**

Embark on a whimsical outdoor educational adventure at EverWonder-Land and the Mad Hatter's TREE Party! Our Alice in Wonderland-themed event blends learning and creativity in a magical setting. Participants will engage in crafts and fun activities, including a scavenger hunt with characters like Alice, the Mad Hatter, and the Cheshire Cat, and play croquet with the infamous Queen of Hearts, all while learning about science and nature. Craft stations will be scattered throughout the outdoor space, allowing participants to engage in hands-on activities inspired by Lewis Carroll's classic tale. From creating tea cup planters to designing Cheshire Cat masks, EverWonder-Land promises a delightful experience for participants of all ages, fostering a love for learning in a whimsical and immersive setting.

**AGE:** All Ages (geared towards 3-10)

**FEE:** Free, donations accepted

This is a drop-in event, registration is not required.

For information, please call the museum directly at 203- 364-4009

**LOCATION:** Dickinson Town Park, 50 Elm Drive, meet at Band Shell



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## 13TH ANNUAL STRUTT YOUR MUTT

**Saturday, May 18, 11am-2pm**

Pack up your pooch and join us for our 13th Annual Strutt Your Mutt. We will have a fun 2K walk, dog-friendly games, vendors, contests and more. Registration on the day of the event begins at 10:30. If you're interested in being a vendor or a sponsor, please call the Parks and Recreation office at 203-270-4340.

**Activity Code:** 300001 A | **FEE:** \$10

**LOCATION:** Fairfield Hills Campus  
[www.newtownparkandbark.org](http://www.newtownparkandbark.org)



# SPECIAL EVENTS: Summer- 50th Annual Rooster Run/Walk

## 50TH ANNUAL ROOSTER RUN/WALK

### On your MARK, Get Set, GO!

The Rooster Run/Walk will have a 5K certified course as well as an option for a 10K course. Your little chickens will also have a chance to run in our 100 Yard, Little Chicks Dash. Make it a family event, bring your friends and family and cheer them on as they raise money for a great cause!

This race/walk is for the elite to the novice. Maps are available at the Parks and Recreation office.

If you cannot run on this day, please consider event sponsorship. All contributions are tax deductible. A donation of \$100 gets your name on the race shirt. Please make checks payable and mail to: Newtown Parks and Recreation, 8 Simpson Street, Newtown, CT 06470.

### EVENT IS 7AM-12PM

#### 50TH ANNUAL 5K ROOSTER RUN/WALK

Activity Code: 414102 A | AGE: 18 & Up | FEE: \$35  
Activity Code: 414102 B | AGE: 5-17 | FEE: \$25

#### 7TH ANNUAL 10K ROOSTER RUN/WALK

Activity Code: 414103 A | AGE: 18 & Up | FEE: \$35  
Activity Code: 414103 B | AGE: 5-17 | FEE: \$25

#### LITTLE CHICKS DASH

Activity Code: 414104 A | AGE: 3-7 | FEE: \$10

#### NEWTOWN SCHOLARSHIP ASSOCIATION

All proceeds from the event benefit the Newtown Scholarship Association. The scholarship fund honors our former director, Lee Davidson, and aids students in our community with their college expenses. Newtown Scholarship investing in Newtown's Youth.



**SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024**  
**7am-12pm**

### PRESENTED BY:



1348 MURPHY, 1301 & NICOLE CAMERON, 1301



### TO REGISTER:

All participants must register online (including day-of-race participants) using the following link:  
<https://runsignup.com/race/ct/newtown/47thAnnualroosterrun>

If you are registering on the day of the race, please use your own devices (ipod, phone). Once your registration is complete, proceed to the check-in table to collect your bib number.

# ADULT DROP-IN ACTIVITIES

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED  
BEFORE YOU ATTEND**

## **MEN OVER 40 DROP IN BASKETBALL**

For basketball enthusiasts age 40 & over.

**AGE:** 40 & Up

**FEE:** Free for Newtown Residents | \$25 for Non-Residents

**Location:** Newtown Middle School, 11 Queen St

**Activity Code:** 109203 B, Tuesdays, 7-9pm

March 19 - June 18, No session: April 16

Location: Gym A

**Activity Code:** 109203 C, Thursdays, 7-9pm

March 21 - June 20, No session: April 18

Location: Gym A

**Activity Code:** 109203 D, Fridays, 7-9pm

Ongoing through June 14, No session: Mar 29, Apr 19

Location: Gym B

**Activity Code:** 109203 A, Saturdays, 7-9am

Ongoing through September 7, No session: April 20

Location: Gym A

## **DROP IN PICKLEBALL - (AGES 18 & UP)**

Pickleball is a sport described as a combination of ping-pong, tennis and badminton, played in schools, parks and recreation centers, camps and retirement communities. Pickleball is FUN! It is also a great workout, and a very social and competitive athletic game.

- Please bring your own paddle, net will be provided.
- E-mail Jan Brown at: jannie1225@msn.com with any questions.
- Please note that Drop In Pickleball does not include lessons.

Please note that there is only one net provided.

**AGE:** 18 & Up

**FEE:** Free for Newtown Residents | \$25 for Non-Residents

**Location:** Newtown Middle School, Gym B, 11 Queen St

### **Experienced Players Only**

**Activity Code:** 126002 A

Tuesdays, Ongoing through April 9, 6:30-8:30 pm

### **Beginners**

**Activity Code:** 126002 B

Wednesdays, Ongoing through April 10, 6:30-8:30 pm

## **PICK-UP BASKETBALL FOR WOMEN**

**(AGES 18 & UP)**

Open gym basketball with new teams made each week depending on how many players attend.

**Activity Code:** 109205 A

Tuesdays, Ongoing through June 25, 2024

No session: April 16

7-9pm **AGE:** 18 & Up

**FEE:** Free for Newtown Residents | \$25 for Non-Residents

**LOCATION:** Sandy Hook School, Gym, 12 Dickinson Drive

## **MONDAY FUN NIGHT VOLLEYBALL DROP IN (AGES 18 & UP)**

Mondays are for the fun volleyball players! Volleyball nets will be set up, but please bring your own equipment.

**Activity Code:** 109202 A

Mondays, Ongoing through June 10, 2024

No session: April 15, May 27

**TIME:** 7:30-9:30 pm

**AGE:** 18 & Up

**FEE:** Free for Newtown Residents | \$25 for Non-Residents

**LOCATION:** Sandy Hook School, Gym, 12 Dickinson Drive

## **THURSDAY NIGHT VOLLEYBALL DROP IN FOR SERIOUS PLAYERS (AGES 18 & UP)**

Thursday nights are reserved for the more serious Volleyball Players. Volleyball net will be set up, but you will need to bring your own equipment.

**Activity Code:** 109206 A

Thursdays, Ongoing through June 13, 2024

No session: April 18

**TIME:** 7:00-9:30 pm

**AGE:** 18 & Up

**FEE:** Free for Newtown Residents | \$25 for Non-Residents

**LOCATION:** Sandy Hook School, Gym, 12 Dickinson Drive

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

If Newtown Public Schools are closed, have early dismissal or are closed due to inclement weather, there will be no Drop In Activities.

# ARTS & MORE: GUITAR/CHESS/WOODWORKING

## **NEW: GUITAR LESSONS (AGES 8 & UP)**

Learn chords, scales, theory and best of all, learn to play your favorite songs in this group guitar class. One hour classes focus on a high level of instruction in a fun atmosphere. Guitars are provided for class-time; rentals are available for practice at home.

**Wednesdays, April 3 - May 29 (No class April 17)**

**Beginner (Ages 8-14)**

**Activity Code:** 307107 A

4:30-5:30 pm     **FEE:** \$230

**Advanced Beginner (Ages 8-14)**

**Activity Code:** 307107 B

5:30-6:30 pm     **FEE:** \$230

**Adult Beginner (Ages 15 & Up)**

**Activity Code:** 307107 C

6:30-7:30 pm     **FEE:** \$230

**LOCATION:** Senior Center, 8 Simpson Street  
(Use Newtown Community Center main entrance)

**INSTRUCTOR:** Shane O'Reilly



## **NEW: CHECKMATE (AGES 6-12)**

From beginner to intermediate, all of the rules of chess will be taught in this program. Beginners will be shown basic strategies. Intermediate participants will learn all aspects of tournaments. The game of chess is a fun and exciting experience!

About the Instructor:

James Santorelli is a nationally renowned authority of chess in education with over 30 years' experience. Jim's passion for chess helps players to improve their skills and has guided his students to 13 National Scholastic Championships.

**Activity Code:** 301505 A

Tuesdays, April 2 - June 4 (No class April 16 & 30)

6:00-7:00 pm     **AGE:** 6-12     **FEE:** \$150

**LOCATION:** Newtown Middle School, 11 Queen Street

Use Main Entrance on side of school. When across from the school, enter the parking lot on the right. Walk down the stairs to the main entrance, turn right down hallway, then left onto D-Wing.

**INSTRUCTOR:** James Santorelli

## **NEW: BUILD A BLANKET CHEST (AGES 16 & UP)**

We'll be using the chop saw and table saw to cut parts to exact size, assembling frames with pocket-screw joinery, and learning two different panel construction techniques. Applying paint and varnish will not be included in class sessions, but everything else will, including all wood necessary to build the project. We'll all be working safely, with eye and hearing protection.

About the Instructor:

Newtown resident Tim Snyder is either writing about woodworking or doing a variety of carpentry and cabinetry jobs for local residents. He has worked as an editor for Fine Homebuilding, Today's Homeowner, and Woodcraft magazines and co-authored two New Yankee Workshop books with Norm Abram.

**Activity Code:** 317402 A

Tuesdays & Thursdays, April 2-23

6:00-7:30 pm     **AGE:** 16 & Up     **FEE:** \$230

**LOCATION:** Teen Center, 53 A Church Hill Road

**INSTRUCTOR:** Tim Snyder, Out of Hand



# ARTS & MORE: ACTING

## ABOUT INSPIRING ACTING STUDIO:

Inspiring Acting Studio comprehensively prepares students in every way for professional television, film, movies and stage performances. Inspiring Acting Studio was created by Newtown resident, Grant Ossendryver, who is also the owner and director of Newtown's Inspiring School of Music. Studio classes are taught by acting professionals with Industry stage and film experience. Each class is designed to give students a fun, empowering and unforgettable set of acting skills. Students will be able to soar with exceptional acting technique and even pursue their professional dreams. From beginner to advanced actor students there's something for everyone.

### PRIVATE ACTING LESSONS (AGES 7-18)

Learn how to embody a character and use acting to become a truthful storyteller. Develop your own toolbox of acting skills to deliver powerful performances. During each session, students will break down and analyze a monologue or script. Students can bring in their choice of material to work with or will be provided with small sections of a script or monologues (this can include poetry or Shakespeare if the student chooses). Topics include: monologue skills, audition prep, script/monologue analysis, Shakespeare (optional), poetry reading (optional).

Includes four ½ hour private lessons - choose any time from 3:00-8:00pm. Inspiring Acting Studio will handle scheduling directly with you.

**Activity Code:** 317303 A

Mondays, April 22 - May 13

3:00-8:00 pm    **AGE:** 7-18    **FEE:** \$168

**LOCATION:** Edmond Town Hall, 45 Main Street  
Inspiring Acting Studio, located on the first floor,  
left wing facing the flagpole.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Claire Swanson

### INSPIRING ACTING STUDIO 2024 SPOTLIGHT SHOWCASE (AGES 8-18)

Students will be assigned a group/partner scene and will learn to analyze a script and break down a character. By performing with scene partners, they will learn the importance of being able to listen and truthfully react to their partner. They will also learn how to block a scene (i.e. work out details of the environment that the scene takes place in and choose movements that feel truthful to their characters). Students will also have the opportunity to participate in improv and movement exercises, focusing on creative thinking and body awareness. Students will tap into their imagination and learn to fully connect and listen to scene partners. This is a powerfully creative and unique opportunity for actors through both performance and observation of their fellow actors.

At the end of the 8 week session there will be a live stage theater showcase performance for the public to attend performed by the student actors. Don't miss this opportunity.

**Activity Code:** 317305 A

Thursdays, April 25 - June 13

4:30-5:30 pm    **AGE:** 7-12    **FEE:** \$450

**Activity Code:** 317305 B

Thursdays, April 25 - June 13

6:00-7:00 pm    **AGE:** 12-18    **FEE:** \$450



# ARTS & MORE: DANCE

## SALSA - BEGINNER LEVEL 1 (AGES 18 & UP)

Salsa is a fun and exciting Latin dance, which anyone can learn! Dance away stress, have fun and meet new people as we get you dancing in no time. In these beginner classes, we will cover partner work and basic Salsa patterns with emphasis placed on lead and follow. All steps will be repeated and reinforced allowing you to hit the dance floor with comfort and ease. New combinations taught each month: attend one or all sessions. Couples or singles welcome.

**Activity Code:** 304200 A

Mondays, April 8-29

6:00-6:45 pm    **AGE:** 18 & Up    **FEE:** \$60

**Activity Code:** 304200 B

Mondays, May 6-20

6:00-6:45 pm    **AGE:** 18 & Up    **FEE:** \$45

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## SALSA - ADVANCED BEGINNER (LEVEL II) (AGES 18 & UP)

This class will build on the fundamentals taught in Level 1 as you continue to learn new and exciting turn patterns. We will place emphasis on lead and follow techniques allowing you to move with more confidence on any dance floor. New combinations are taught each month: attend one or both sessions. Couples or singles welcome. **Prerequisite:** Level 1 or equivalent experience.

**Activity Code:** 304201 A

Mondays, April 8-29

7:00-7:45 pm    **AGE:** 18 & Up    **FEE:** \$60

**Activity Code:** 304201 B

Mondays, May 6-20

7:00-7:45 pm    **AGE:** 18 & Up    **FEE:** \$45



**LOCATION FOR ALL CLASSES:** Vitti's Dance Studio  
10 Precision Road, Danbury  
**INSTRUCTOR:** Vitti's Dance Studio

## LATIN DANCE WORKSHOPS - ADVANCED BEGINNER (AGES 18 & UP)

In this class, you will learn to create combinations and patterns that will improve your social dancing as you have more fun with the popular Latin dances of Salsa, Rumba, Cha-Cha and Merengue. A different dance will be taught each week. A free admission to a monthly social is included in tuition.

**Prerequisite:** Students need to know the basics and some beginner moves of the dances listed above in order to participate.

**Activity Code:** 304202 A

Fridays, April 5-26

7:00-7:45 pm    **AGE:** 18 & Up    **FEE:** \$80

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## BALLROOM & LATIN SOCIAL DANCING - BEGINNER II (AGES 18 & UP)

This class is for students who know the basics to some (or many) of the Ballroom & Latin dances but are still at the beginner stages. We will cover dances such as the Foxtrot, Rumba, Waltz, Cha-Cha and more. A great way to gain more confidence and get you moving and dancing at social functions. Couples and singles welcome. A free admission to a monthly social is included in tuition.

**Activity Code:** 304204 A

Tuesdays, April 2 - May 14 (No class April 30)

8:00-8:45 pm    **AGE:** 18 & Up    **FEE:** \$120

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## BALLROOM & LATIN SOCIAL DANCING - BEGINNER III (AGES 18 & UP)

This is a great class for those individuals who have some basic ballroom & Latin dance knowledge and are ready to take your dancing to the next level. The course includes combinations in Foxtrot, Waltz, Rumba, Cha-Cha and possibly Merengue, Tango, Quickstep or Swing. Technique, lead and follow will be stressed. Couples and singles welcome! A free admission to a monthly social is included in tuition.

**Prerequisite:** Students should have a basic knowledge of most dances listed above.

**Activity Code:** 304205 A

Wednesdays, April 3 - May 8

7:00-7:45 pm    **AGE:** 18 & Up    **FEE:** \$120

# ARTS & MORE: DANCE & SINGING

## BELLY DANCE - BEGINNER (AGES 18 & UP)

Taught by renowned dance teacher Riskallah Riyad (Delores Matzen), these beginner classes will focus on the basic movements and isolations used in this form of dance. This is a wonderful workout for your body to help you look and feel great. For all ages, shapes, and sizes. Delores, who has been teaching Middle Eastern dance arts for over 40 years, is known for her energetic teaching style and the ability to communicate movement to students of any level.

**Activity Code:** 304203 A  
Wednesdays, April 3-24



**LOCATION:** Vitti's Dance Studio, 10 Precision Road, Danbury

**INSTRUCTOR:** Vitti's Dance Studio

## HAWAIIAN DANCING - HULA (AGES 18 & UP)

A beautiful and graceful story told through dance. Hula is a wonderful exercise for the mind, body and soul. Through Hula you will enhance your memory as you learn steps as well as learn the meanings of and body movements. Classes are 45 minutes. No experience necessary!

**Activity Code:** 304206 A  
Tuesdays, April 2-30 (No class April 23)  
7:00-7:45 pm **AGE:** 18 & Up **FEE:** \$65

**Activity Code:** 304206 B  
Tuesdays, May 7-21  
7:00-7:45 pm **AGE:** 18 & Up **FEE:** \$50

## EXPLORE THE JOY OF SINGING: PRIVATE LESSONS (AGES 7 & UP)

Explore the Joy of Singing in a supportive, fun environment with a professional vocalist. Beginners welcome and encouraged. Healthy vocal technique will be developed while singing from a wide variety of repertoire that the student will choose from. Can also help advanced students with auditions for musical theaters, All-State choir, etc. Adults are welcome. Roomy, comfortable studio is located in Sandy Hook center.

The fee includes four 45-minute lessons. The instructor will contact you after you register and will work with you to pick the day & time convenient to both parties.

Students should bring their own recording device, i.e. cell phone, iPad.

### Four 45-minute Lessons

**Activity Code:** 304605 A  
Mondays-Thursdays, April 2 - May 30  
12:00-8:00 pm **AGE:** 7 & Up **FEE:** \$200

**LOCATION:** Jackie Gaudet's Voice Studio

111 Church Hill Road – Upstairs

**INSTRUCTOR:** Jackie Gaudet

## PARENT & ME MUSIC & MOVEMENT (AGES 4-6)

Do you have a child that loves music or are you looking for a way to keep them busy and have fun? Cristina is a professional singer/ teacher and Mom to a 6 year old. Come sing classic kid songs while moving your body and using props and instruments. Learn basic do-re-mi's and become a good little music maker!

Parent must stay for the class.

**Activity Code:** 304603 A  
Wednesdays, April 24 - May 22  
6:00-6:45 pm **AGE:** 4-6 **FEE:** \$105

**LOCATION:** Hawley School, 29 Church Hill Road, Gym

**INSTRUCTOR:** Voice Lessons by Cristina



# ARTS & MORE: DRAWING & BABYSITTING

## DRAWING MIXED MEDIA (AGES 5-8)

Drawing classes teach children to draw what they see, to enhance their drawings with their own ideas and concepts, and to use different materials in creative ways. The class environment is non-competitive, creative, and fun. This program helps students build their self-esteem through their drawing success and enhances hand eye coordination as well as spatial and color relationships. Special holidays and events are considered for project ideas. Multicultural arts and techniques are taught; educating students in history, geography, and storytelling as well. Drawing projects may include collage, mask making, still life, animals, scenery, people, portrait, or architecture. Students may take multiple sessions from year to year and will not repeat projects.

**Activity Code:** 301601 A

Tuesdays, May 7 - June 11

5:30-6:30 pm    **AGE:** 5-8            **FEE:** \$150

**LOCATION:** Newtown Middle School, 11 Queen Street

Use Main Entrance on side of school. When across from the school, enter the parking lot on the right.

Walk down the stairs to the main entrance, turn right down hallway, then left onto D-Wing.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Jo-Ann Claybourne, Paint, Draw & More

## ADVANCED DRAWING MIXED MEDIA (AGES 8-13)

Paint Draw & More is proud to have perfected the art of igniting young artist's creative instincts. Our fun and informative drawing and painting classes for older students are specially designed to build on your child's knowledge of drawing and teach them technical skills as they develop their own unique style. This program will provide a variety of drawing and painting mediums for our artist to experience as they discover new ways of expressing their artistic visions.

**Activity Code:** 301602 A

Tuesdays, May 7 - June 11

4:30-5:30 pm    **AGE:** 8-13            **FEE:** \$150

**LOCATION:** Newtown Middle School

11 Queen Street

Use Main Entrance on side of school. When across from the school, enter the parking lot on the right. Walk down the stairs to the main entrance, turn right down hallway, then left onto D-Wing.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Jo-Ann Claybourne, Paint, Draw & More



## CHILD & BABYSITTING SAFETY (CABS) PROGRAM (AGES 11-17)

This course is for youth 11-17 years of age with the most common age being 12-14. This is an entry level course intended to present age-appropriate skills necessary to care for children of all ages using team babysitting, mother's helper and individual babysitting concepts. The course focuses on safety with emphasis on prevention. Other topics include hand washing, diapering, bottle feeding, personal safety and interview skills. Basic first aid is also taught, including adult and child CPR (requires passing written and skills testing to receive 2 year certification). ASHI/CABS Student booklet, handouts and Babysitter Safety Certificate of completion are included

Please note:

Students must complete all hours.

Students should bring a snack and water.

**Activity Code:** 321601 A

Mondays, May 6 - May 13

4:30-7:00 pm    **AGE:** 11-17            **FEE:** \$150

**LOCATION:** Senior Center, 8 Simpson Street

Enter through Newtown Community Center Main Entrance

**INSTRUCTOR:** Life Safe Services



# ARTS & MORE: KNITTING

## KIDS' KNIT AND CHAT FOR BEGINNERS (AGES 7 & UP)

Learn to Knit! This is a class for kids who would like to learn the skill and hobby of knitting. No experience necessary. This is an eight-week class where you learn all the basics and finish a cute, fashionable knitted project. An experienced teacher will get you knitting in no time, in a fun, non-frustrating and creative way. Learn casting on, knitting, purling and more. Crochet basics are also taught. Other projects completed as time allows. All materials for the first project ONLY, including yarn and needles (that you can keep), are provided. Parents and caregivers are welcome to register along with their young one to experience this session together.

**Activity Code:** 317101 A  
Wednesdays, April 3 - May 29 (No class April 17)  
5:30-6:30 pm    **AGE:** 7 & Up    **FEE:** \$149

## ADULT BEGINNERS' KNITTING CIRCLE (AGES 16 & UP)

Make time for yourself and learn to knit! If you have always wanted to knit, but did not know where to start or need to brush up on the basics, this course is for you. Learn casting on, knitting, purling, shaping and more, creating a fashionable project to start. Knitting is a calming hobby that can be transported with you - knit at sports events, in waiting rooms...using snippets of time. Learn about different fibers, try out different types and sizes of needles and more. Crochet basics will also be taught.

PLEASE NOTE: Students must bring in a skein of SUPER bulky-weight yarn (recommended: Lion brand Wool-Ease "Thick N Quick" available at JoAnn's, Michaels, or Amazon) of their choice, and US size 13 or 15 knitting needles (straight, shorter length) to get started.

**Wednesdays, April 3 - May 29 (No class April 17)**  
**Activity Code:** 317103 A  
6:45-7:45 pm    **AGE:** 16 & Up    **FEE:** \$135

**Activity Code:** 317103 B  
11:00 am-12:00 pm    **AGE:** 16 & Up    **FEE:** \$135

## KIDS STEPPIN' UP KNITTING CIRCLE (AGES 7 & UP)

This class is for the knitter who has mastered the beginner class or can cast on and do garter stitch and purl independently. If you are ready to take your knitting to the next level, this class is for you. We will learn to read and follow a pattern, check a gauge, try different types of needles (including circular) and more. We will knit several projects, starting with an oh-so-cute hat. To start, students need to bring in size 10.5 US straight (long) needles, and 150 yards of worsted weight yarn of their choice. Parents and caregivers are welcome to register along with their young one to experience this session together.

**Activity Code:** 317102 A  
Thursdays, April 4 - May 30  
(No class April 18)  
5:30-6:30 pm    **AGE:** 7 & Up  
**FEE:** \$129



## ADULT KNITTING CIRCLE: INTERMEDIATE+ (AGES 16 & UP)

This class is for those who can cast on, knit and purl and are ready to build more skills (or have completed the beginner course). For intermediate students, projects will be created starting with an oh-so-cute hat that can be made in sizes for children to adults, as well as a seamless project "knitting in the round" on circular needles. In this comprehensive, step-by-step fun class, you will learn to read patterns, check gauge, master more difficult stitches (including cables) and more.

PLEASE NOTE: Students must bring in size 10 (longer length, preferably) straight needles and one skein (150 yards) of worsted/medium weight yarn of their choice to start. Other materials needed will be discussed in class. Advanced projects will be available and students can bring independent projects for help and instruction.

**Activity Code:** 317104 A  
Thursdays, April 4 - May 30 (No class April 18)  
6:45-7:45 pm    **AGE:** 16 & Up    **FEE:** \$135

**Activity Code:** 317104 B  
Wednesdays, April 3 - May 29 (No class April 17)  
12:15-1:15 pm    **AGE:** 16 & Up    **FEE:** \$135

**LOCATION FOR ALL PROGRAMS:** Teen Center, 53 A Church Hill Road  
**INSTRUCTOR:** Nicole Christensen

# ARTS & MORE: GARDENING & WEB DESIGN

## FROM START TO FINISH: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO SEEDS (AGES 16 & UP)

Get a jump start on this year's garden! Have you ever wanted to plant your garden using seeds but did not know where to start? On the other hand, are you interested in saving seeds for the next growing season, but not sure what is the best way or which seeds to save? In this class, we will do an overview, from flowers to vegetables, on using seeds from start to finish. Learn about the various seed types available, how to "read" seed packets, different methods and containers available, starting seeds indoors and how to save various seeds for the next year. It is "Seed 101!" This class will help take the guesswork out of seed starting.

**Activity Code:** 317109 A

Monday, March 4

6:30-8:30 pm **AGE:** 16 & Up **FEE:** \$39

**LOCATION:** Newtown High, 12 Berkshire Road

**INSTRUCTOR:** Nicole Christensen

## HOUSEPLANTS 101 (AGES 16 & UP)

Can't wait for warmer weather and gardening? Why not do some indoor gardening? We're talking houseplants! Do you have a hard time with indoor plants? Already a houseplant enthusiast? Expand your knowledge and know-how. We will cover all sorts of houseplant situations and offer advice on how to keep your houseplants happy, what plants to choose (and what to avoid), where to place them, and how to maintain and overwinter indoor potted plants. From common houseplants to orchids, African violets, and everything in between, we'll tackle the different challenges of indoor gardening and learn how to make your houseplants work for you!

**Activity Code:** 317105 A

Monday, April 8

6:30-8:30 pm **AGE:** 16 & Up **FEE:** \$39

**LOCATION:** Newtown High, 12 Berkshire Road

**INSTRUCTOR:** Nicole Christensen



## WEBSITE WIZARDS (AGES 9-13)

Become a website wizard, where young minds embark on an exciting journey of creativity, innovation, and business savviness! This course will empower you with the essential skills of entrepreneurship and website design using the user-friendly platform, Wix. Learn the fundamentals of business ideas, budgeting, business planning, and more. Come discover the magic of creating stunning and functional websites without coding knowledge. You will be guided step-by-step to design and customize your own websites, implement a blog, and add beautiful pictures and videos. Learn to utilize digital marketing and marketing strategies to attract visitors. Team up with other students, exchange ideas, and support each other's growth. Witness your potential soar as you embark on an unforgettable adventure in entrepreneurship and website design, all while having a blast. (Participants will need to bring their own laptop or tablet, earbuds, or headphones, and need access to an email account.)

**Activity Code:** 319304 A

Mondays, March 25 - May 6 (No class April 15)

5:00-6:00 pm **AGE:** Ages 9-13 **FEE:** \$150

**LOCATION:** Teen Center, 53 A Church Hill Road

**INSTRUCTOR:** Minds in Motion



## BACKYARD BOUNTY - A GUIDE TO VEGETABLE GARDENING (AGES 16 & UP)

You don't need to have a farm to keep a vegetable garden! In this class, we will go over what it takes to keep a great vegetable garden in our area. Learn what vegetables and herbs work best and where, when to plant and harvest throughout the entire season and what common pests and plant diseases can strike (and what to do when they do). From containers to raised beds, get ready for summer, and feed your family right from your own backyard.

**Activity Code:** 317108 A

Monday, May 13

6:30-8:30 pm **AGE:** 16 & Up **FEE:** \$39

**LOCATION:** Newtown High, 12 Berkshire Road

**INSTRUCTOR:** Nicole Christensen

# GAMING/ESPORTS: GAMING & RELATED CONTENT

## SPRING BREAK GAMERS RETREAT (AGES 7-15)

Welcome to our Spring Break Gamers Retreat, designed exclusively for children aged 7-15 who are passionate and eager to explore the vast universe of gaming in a supportive, healthy, and fun environment. Understanding the needs of busy families, we are thrilled to offer flexible scheduling options with morning, afternoon, and full day camp sessions. These options provide parents with the flexibility they need to stay effective during Spring Break week while ensuring their young gamers can develop good gaming habits, enhance their social skills through team play and cooperation, and embark on a journey of exploration across various game genres. Our camp is dedicated to creating a safe space that fosters a balanced approach to gaming and promotes a positive, enriching experience for all campers.

Full-day campers should bring a packed lunch.

**Monday-Friday, April 15-19**

**Ages 7-15**

**Activity Code:** 317601 A | 9am-12:00 pm | \$225

**Activity Code:** 317601 B | 12-3pm | \$225

**Activity Code:** 317601 C | 9am-3pm | \$350



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## GAMING FOUNDATIONS (AGES 7-13)

Explore games like Minecraft, Rocket League, Fall Guys, Super Smash Bros, and Mario Kart in a social, encouraging environment. Each day focuses on a key skill - character development, teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and leadership. Beyond gameplay, participants get an exclusive look into our production and competition room, gaining insights into the next level of esports. This program serves as a gateway to our competitive teams, fostering passion for gaming while highlighting the importance of balance, health, wellness, and internet safety. We provide guidance for parents to support their child's gaming journey and normalize gaming achievements. Through mastering essential skills, participants are prepared to elevate their passion for gaming to new heights in the dynamic world of esports.

**Activity Code:** 317602 A

Mondays, April 22 - May 27

4:45-6:30 pm    **AGE:** 7-13    **FEE:** \$195

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## GAME CREATION, MODDING AND CODING (AGES 7-15)

Encourage your child to join us for Game Creation, Modding, and Coding. This class will require participants to problem-solve, be creative, think critically and hone basic computer skills to achieve their game creation goals. We will start by learning code basics through Scratch, the world's largest coding community and visual coding language for children, to create their own games. We will also have the opportunity to practice coding through a variety of fun challenges and coding courses in Minecraft Education Edition and Roblox. As they progress through the class, kids will have the chance to socialize and collaborate with each other on improvements and showcase their progress to their parents daily.

**Activity Code:** 317603 A

Tuesdays, April 23 - May 28

4:45-6:30 pm    **AGE:** 7-15    **FEE:** \$240



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**LOCATION FOR ALL PROGRAMS:** Affinity Esports, 27 Glen Road, Suite 408

**INSTRUCTOR:** Affinity Esports

# GAMING/ESPORTS: GAMING & RELATED CONTENT

## CONTENT CREATION AND STREAMING (AGES 7-15)

Have your child join us for our Content Creation, Streaming, & Graphic Design for Esports, where they will learn the fundamentals and develop skills necessary to become a successful content creator. During this class, your child will have the opportunity to explore their creativity as they produce unique content. They will get an overview of hardware and software requirements, streaming platforms (such as Twitch and YouTube), lighting, audio, video editing, graphic design, and more. They will be able to configure their setup, get behind the camera and microphone, and share the final results online (or just with family and friends). This class will provide the foundation for aspiring creators to expand their creativity and passion into all areas of their life, be it esports, gaming, or otherwise.

**Activity Code:** 317605 A

Wednesdays, April 24 - May 29

4:45-6:30 pm **AGE:** 7-15 **FEE:** \$225



## VIDEO EDITING (AGES 10-15)

Explore the exciting world of video editing with our comprehensive course designed specifically for young creatives aged 10-15. Whether you're passionate about gaming, storytelling, or just creating fun videos, this course will equip you with the foundational skills needed to bring your visions to life. Through interactive lessons, hands-on projects, and the latest editing software, students will explore the art and science of video editing, learning how to craft compelling stories from raw footage.

**Activity Code:** 317617 A

Wednesdays, April 24 - May 29

4:45-6:30 pm **AGE:** 10-15 **FEE:** \$240

## PIXEL ART AND GAME DESIGN (AGES 7-15)

Dive into the exciting world of Game Artistry! Unleash your creativity as you learn to design characters, create animations, and craft captivating backdrops in the magical realm of pixel art. Participants will bring their creations to life and integrate them into a premade game, culminating in a showcase of their pixel masterpieces. No prior experience required - just bring your enthusiasm and get ready to level up your artistic skills in a fun and upbeat environment! Secure your spot now for a pixel-perfect adventure.

**Activity Code:** 317618 A

Tuesdays, April 23 - May 28

4:45-6:30 pm **AGE:** 7-15 **FEE:** \$225



## YOUTH ESPORTS ACADEMY (AGES 7-13)

The Youth Esports Academy offers a unique opportunity for aspiring athletes, catering to a wide range of interests and experiences. We welcome players aged 13 and under (with exceptions considered) who are either new to competitive gaming or have limited experience in team settings. This provides a safe and nurturing environment for young gamers to explore the world of competitive play while ensuring they are emotionally and developmentally prepared. We also work with parents during our Youth Academy to educate on the industry, guide them through concerns around game content, and help them with strategies to help their athletes be the best they can be.

**Activity Code:** 317619 A

Mondays, April 22 - May 27

4:45-6:30 pm **AGE:** 7-13 **FEE:** \$195

**Activity Code:** 317619 B

Sundays, April 28 - June 2

9:00-10:45 am **AGE:** 7-13 **FEE:** \$195

**LOCATION FOR ALL PROGRAMS:** Affinity Esports  
27 Glen Road, Suite 408  
**INSTRUCTOR:** Affinity Esports

# STEM/SCIENCE: MAD SCIENCE & LEGO

## NASA'S ACADEMY OF FUTURE SPACE EXPLORERS WITH MAD SCIENCE (AGES 5.5-10)

Take a voyage of discovery into the atmosphere and beyond! Explore planets, moons and other space phenomena in our solar system. Discover the difficulties of space travel, the challenges of living in space and try assembling a satellite while training to be an astronaut. Build your own Mad Science rocket and be a part of a launch while we investigate the four forces of flight. Every student receives a lab coat, goggles, and specially designed Mad Science Take Homes to help extend learning at home.

Please note: Child must attend the school at which he/she is registered for this program.

### Activity Code: 319502 A

Mondays, April 1 - May 6 (No class April 15)

3:50-4:50 pm AGE: 5.5-10 FEE: \$175

LOCATION: Sandy Hook School, 12 Dickinson Drive

### Activity Code: 319502 B

Tuesdays, April 2 - May 7 (No class April 16)

3:50-4:50 pm AGE: 5.5-10 FEE: \$175

LOCATION: Hawley, 29 Church Hill Road

### Activity Code: 319502 C

Wednesdays, April 3 - May 8 (No class April 17)

3:50-4:50 pm AGE: 5.5-10 FEE: \$175

LOCATION: Middle Gate School, 7 Cold Spring Road

### Activity Code: 319502 D

Thursdays, April 4 - May 9 (No class April 18)

3:50-4:50 pm AGE: 5.5-10 FEE: \$175

LOCATION: Head O' Meadow School, 94 Boggs Hill Road

INSTRUCTOR: Mad Science



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## SPRING INTO STEM WITH LEGO MATERIALS (AGES 5-10)

Celebrate the coming of spring with Play-Well and tens of thousands of LEGO parts. Build chirping birds, design blossoming flowers and take a ride on a paddle boat. Design and build as never before and explore your craziest ideas.

Wednesdays, March 20 to May 8 (No class April 17 & May 1)

Activity Code: 317502 A

4:30-5:30 pm AGE: 5-10 FEE: \$173

Activity Code: 317502 B

5:45-6:45 pm AGE: 5-10 FEE: \$173

LOCATION: Newtown Middle School, 11 Queen Street

Use Main Entrance on side of school. When across from the school, enter the parking lot on the right. Walk down the stairs to the main entrance, turn right down hallway, then left onto D-Wing.

INSTRUCTOR: Play-Well TEKologies



# STEM/SCIENCE: RENEWABLE ENERGY/SNAKES

## X IN 1 RECHARGEABLE ENERGY KIT (AGES 6-10)

Assemble up to five different vehicles, three different dinosaurs, and two windmills as you work on and take home your very own Renewable Energy Kit. With the X in 1 Renewable Energy Kit, you will construct ten animated building options with child-friendly parts that function indoors with the use of a Hand Generator, outdoors with the use of the XL Solar Panel, and indoors and outdoors with the Wind Powered LED. Developing manual dexterity and building confidence has never been this fun! Children will learn three separate renewable energy concepts: Hand Generator power, Solar power and Wind power. With the aid of the instructor, participants will utilize the colored instruction manual and work with over 115 pieces to build up to ten exciting models. What is most important, no batteries are required. Indoors or out, this kit operates 100% on renewable energy. With X in 1 Renewable Energy Kit, the fun never has to end!

**Activity Code:** 319603 A, Wednesdays, March 27 - May 15 (No class April 17, May 1)

5:00-6:00 pm    **AGE:** Ages 6-10    **FEE:** \$150

**LOCATION:** Newtown Middle School,  
11 Queen Street

Use Main Entrance on side of school. When across from the school, enter the parking lot on the right. Walk down the stairs to the main entrance, turn right down hallway, then left onto D-Wing.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Minds in Motion



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## ALL ABOUT SNAKES (AGES 17 & UP)

It's spring, and soon the local reptiles will be out of winter hiding. We're talking all things snakes! These misunderstood creatures are important to our ecosystem. We will discuss what kind of native snakes you might see in and around our area and why you should leave them in the wild. Or, have you ever considered having a domestic snake as a pet? Snakes can be wonderful and rewarding pets. We will talk about which breeds of snakes make the best pets (and where is best to get them), as well as diet, enclosures and other critical needs (including veterinary care) that are required to keep your pet happy and healthy. Join us for an evening of learning about (or conquering your fear of) these interesting and often misunderstood creatures. No Live Snakes will be present - only photos.

**Activity Code:** 317110 A

Monday, April 29

6:30-8:30 pm    **AGE:** 17 & Up    **FEE:** \$39

**LOCATION:** Newtown Middle School,  
11 Queen Street

Use Main Entrance on side of school. When across from the school, enter the parking lot on the right. Walk down the stairs to the main entrance, turn right down hallway, then left onto D-Wing.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Nicole and Audrey Christensen



# PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES: TENNIS

## SPRING TENNIS PROGRAMS (AGES 5-15)

### ABOUT FAIRFIELD COUNTY TENNIS

Fairfield County Tennis has provided quality tennis instruction throughout Fairfield County for over 10 years. FCT's qualified staff provides instruction for all ages. All clinics provide instruction on the forehand, backhand, serve and volley. Singles and doubles strategy, footwork, and tennis etiquette are also included to provide a well-rounded experience. With affordable pricing, Newtown Parks & Recreation has many clinics available for young children to seasoned adult players. Clinics provide excellent training for high school tennis teams, USTA tournaments and competitive play!

### Program Director:

Greg Sansonetti is a member of the USPTR and USTA and has specialized in recreational tennis programming in Fairfield County for fourteen years. Greg brings years of tennis teaching experience.

### Questions & Additional Information

Please call Fairfield County Tennis at (203) 640-1724 or visit [www.fairfieldcountytennis.net](http://www.fairfieldcountytennis.net).

Class descriptions are subject to change.

Racquets available for sale through instructors (or bring your own racquet).

Non-residents: Additional \$20 per program.

### Class Cancellation Information:

Please subscribe to Newtown Parks and Recreation Email Alerts at [www.newtown-ct.gov](http://www.newtown-ct.gov).

You may also call:

- Newtown Parks and Recreation, Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm: 203-270-4340
- Fairfield County Tennis Cancellation Line, after hours & Saturday: 203-283-5629



### PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

**Tiny Tots:** This program has proven to be effective in developing motor coordination, the fundamentals of tennis, and the love of the game.

**Beginner:** Player is introduced to the forehand, backhand, serve and volley with drills, fun games, and game situations.

**Advanced Beginner:** Player has had introduction to grips and strokes, and is starting to consistently make contact with ball.

**Low Intermediate:** Player is starting to keep the ball in play, learning to serve, can volley, and learning court positioning.

**Intermediate:** Player can keep the ball in play, can hit with some spin, can serve, volley, and rally consistently.

**Advanced Junior:** Player continues to progress by refining strokes, concentrating on footwork, court strategy, and ball placement. Excellent training for high school tennis teams, USTA Tournaments and competitive play.

**Match Play:** During the Match Play, the coach will oversee the play and participants will learn how to play a match including scoring, etiquette, strategy and positioning. Participants must be able to serve and rally using orange, green dot or adult balls.

# PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES: TENNIS

## APRIL BREAK TENNIS CAMP (AGES 5-15)

Monday – Wednesday, April 15-17

10am-1pm

<u>Age</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Activity Code</u>
5-7	Beginner/Advanced Beginner	\$180	309104 A
7-9	Beginner/Advanced Beginner	\$180	309104 B
10-12	Low Intermediate/Intermediate	\$180	309104 C
13-15	Low Intermediate/Intermediate	\$180	309104 D

**LOCATION:** Dickinson Town Park, 50 Elm Drive

**INSTRUCTOR:** Fairfield County Tennis

Tennis camp features a different stroke each day (forehand, backhand, serve and volley). Dynamic drills will incorporate ground-strokes and volleys while using several corrective techniques for our students. A variety of fun games teach our students to rally as well as learn the game of tennis. Students will learn the rules of tennis and how to keep score. Courts will be split up by age and level. USTA approved QuickStart balls will be used (red, orange, green, and adult yellow) depending on the level and age of the group.

Red Ball/Orange Ball - Ages 5-7 | Orange Ball - Ages 7-9 | Green Ball - Ages 10-12 | Yellow Adult Balls - Ages 13-15

This experience will assist children who are trying out for high school team tennis, as Coaches will focus on improving skills and helping participants prepare to achieve their dreams.

**Rain Dates:** April 18 & 19

**DISCOUNT:** Register by March 1st and receive a 10 % discount off the regular price. Prices online reflect a 10% discount through March 1; they will increase on March 2.



## SPRING TENNIS CLINICS (AGES 5-15)

Sessions are 5 weeks.

**LOCATION:** Dickinson Town Park, 50 Elm Drive

**INSTRUCTOR:** Fairfield County Tennis

[SEE NEXT PAGE FOR YOUTH LESSONS](#)

**Register by April 5 and receive a 10% discount off the regular price.**

**Prices online reflect a 10% discount through April 5. Pricing increases on April 6.**

## ADULT TENNIS LESSONS

### Saturdays, May 11- June 15

No Class on May 25 | Rain Dates are June 22 & 29

<u>Activity Code</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Fee</u>
309111 A	8:30-9:30am	18 & up	Beginner/Advanced Beginner	\$170
309111 B	9:30-10:30am	18 & up	Low Intermediate/Intermediate	\$170

### Tuesdays, May 7 – June 4

Rain Dates are June 11 & 18

309111 C	9:30am-10:30am	18 & up	Beginner/Advanced Beginner	\$170
309111 D	10:30am-12pm	18 & up	Low Intermediate/Intermediate	\$225

# PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES: TENNIS/VOLLEYBALL



## YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS

### Saturdays, May 11- June 15

No Class on May 25 | Rain Dates are June 22 & 29

<u>Activity Code</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Ages/Ball</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Fee</u>
309111 E	9-9:30am	4-5/Red Ball	Tiny Tots	\$120
309111 F	9:30-10:30am	6-8/Orange Ball	Junior Clinic	\$170
309111 G	10:30am-12pm	6-8/Red-Orange	Beginner/Advanced Beginner	\$225
309111 H	10:30am-12pm	13-17/Yellow	Low Intermediate/Intermediate	\$225
309111 I	10:30am-12pm	10-12/Green	Beginner/Advanced Beginner	\$225
309111 J	10:30am-12pm	8-10/Orange	Low Intermediate/Intermediate	\$225
309111 K	12-1:30pm	10-12/Green	Low Intermediate/Intermediate	\$225
309111 L	12-1:30pm	13-17/Yellow	Low Intermediate/Intermediate	\$225
309111 M	12-1:30pm	7-11/Org-Green	Beginner/Advanced Beginner	\$225
309111 N	12-1:30pm	9-12/Org-Green	Beginner/Advanced Beginner	\$225
309111 O	1:30-3pm	10-12	Match Play	\$165
309111 P	1:30-3pm	13-17	Match Play	\$165

### Tuesdays, May 7 – June 4

Rain Dates are June 11 & 18

309111 Q	4:30-5:30pm	6-10/Red-Org	Beginner/Advanced Beginner	\$170
309111 R	4:30-5:30pm	8-12/Org-Green	Low Intermediate/Intermediate	\$170
309111 S	5:30-7pm	6-10/Red-Org	Beginner/Advanced Beginner	\$225
309111 T	5:30-7pm	9-11/Org-Green	Beginner/Advanced Beginner	\$225
309111 U	5:30-7pm	9-11/Gr-Yellow	Low Intermediate/Intermediate	\$225
309111 V	5:30-7pm	11-14/Yellow	Low Intermediate/Intermediate	\$225

## GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL CLINIC (AGES 10-14)

This clinic will help players of all levels to reach their peak potential (from 5th through 8th grade). The clinic provides a fun, positive atmosphere and a great training curriculum. Based on the experience levels of participants, training will range from fundamental skills to advanced position specific training. The instructor, Thomas Czaplinski, is Newtown High School's girls volleyball coach.

**Activity Code:** 309608 A

Wednesdays, March 20 - May 8 (No class April 17)

5:30-7:00 pm **AGE:** 10-14 **FEE:** \$180

**LOCATION:** Reed Intermediate School, 3 Trades Lane, Gym

**INSTRUCTOR:** Thomas Czaplinski



# PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES: SOCCER SHOTS

## SOCCER SHOTS MINI (AGES 2-8)

Soccer Shots is an engaging children’s soccer program with a focus on character development. We seek to meet children in an age-appropriate fashion where they are developmentally through imaginative play. Our caring team positively impacts children’s lives on and off the field through best-in-class coaching, communication, and curriculum. Our coaches are the best-trained in the business. Our expert-approved curriculum is age-appropriate and aligns with childhood education standards. In addition, we provide an exceptional customer experience and ongoing communication with parents.

For first-time Soccer Shots participants, there will be an additional \$30 enrollment fee which will include a Soccer Shots jersey, which will be mailed to you.

## TO REGISTER: [www.soccershots.com](http://www.soccershots.com)

### PARENT & ME MINI SOCCER SHOTS (Ages 2-3)

Soccer Shots Mini is a high-energy program introducing children to fundamental soccer principles, such as using your feet, dribbling, and the basic rules of the game. Through fun games, songs, and positive reinforcement, children will begin to experience the joy of playing soccer and being active. Involvement of one parent/guardian is required.

**Activity Code:** 309540 A  
Sundays, April 7 - June 9  
(No class April 21 & May 26)  
9:00-9:30 am    **AGE:** 2-3    **FEE:** \$200

### SOCCER SHOTS PREMIER (AGES 5-8)

Soccer Shots Premier is for children who want to join a best-in-class training experience that emphasizes tactical skill development and competitive team play. The Premier program is designed for those who want to build upon what they’ve learned in the Classic program with increased scrimmage time, and for those who want to experience an outstanding Soccer Shots program for the first time.

**Activity Code:** 309542 A  
Sundays, April 7 - June 9 (No class April 21, May 26)  
10:30-11:15 am    **AGE:** 5-8    **FEE:** \$200

### SOCCER SHOTS CLASSIC (AGES 3-5)

Soccer Shots Classic utilizes expert theme-based curriculum focusing on basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing, and shooting. Creative and imaginative games foster learning, and a positive character trait is highlighted each session such as respect, teamwork, and appreciation.

**Activity Code:** 309541 A  
Sundays, April 7 - June 9 (No class April 21, May 26)  
9:40-10:20 am    **AGE:** 3-5    **FEE:** \$200



**LOCATION FOR ALL PROGRAMS:** Head O’ Meadow School, 94 Boggs Hill Road, Field  
**INSTRUCTOR:** Soccer Shots  
**Rain Dates:** if necessary, rain dates will be on Saturdays, June 1 & 8 Head O’Meadow (on the field or in the gym)

# PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES: SKYHAWKS

## SKYHAWKS MULTI-SPORT TOTS (AGES 2-4)

Introduce your little superstar to a variety of sports in our most popular program. This soccer and basketball class uses age-appropriate games and activities to explore balance, hand-eye coordination, fitness, sports skills and child development.

Parent participation is required for ages 2-3.5.

### **Mondays, May 6 - June 10 (No class May 27)**

**Activity Code:** 309502 A

4:00-4:45 pm    **AGE:** 2-3    **FEE:** \$95

**Activity Code:** 309502 B

5:00-5:45 pm    **AGE:** 3-4    **FEE:** \$95



**LOCATION:** Newtown Middle School, 11 Queen Street, Field

When across from the school, enter the parking area on the left of the school. The field is adjacent

Rain Location: Gym B

In case of inclement weather, class will be in Gym B. Use Main Entrance on side of school. When across from the school, enter the parking lot on the right. Walk down stairs to the main entrance.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Skyhawks

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## SKYHAWKS VOLLEYBALL CLINIC (AGES 10-14)

Skyhawks Volleyball takes the energy and excitement of this great team sport and puts it all together into one fun-filled clinic. All aspects of the game are taught through drills and exercises that focus on bumping, setting, spiking, hitting and serving. This program is designed for the beginner to intermediate player.

**Activity Code:** 309508 A

Wednesdays, May 15 - June 12

5:00-7:00 pm    **AGE:** 10-14    **FEE:** \$139

**LOCATION:** Dickinson Town Park, 50 Elm Drive Volleyball Court (behind the Pavilion)

In the event of rain, class will be held under the Pavilion.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Skyhawks



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## NIGHTHAWKS SPRING BREAK BASEBALL CAMP (AGES 7-13)

This program is designed specifically for the baseball player who wants to develop the skills necessary to perform at the next level. Players will learn hitting, fielding and base running fundamentals from Newtown High School Baseball coaches and players, along with area high school/college coaches. Players will receive specific instruction and develop the mental aspects necessary to be a successful baseball player. Campers will be placed in groups based on age.

Participants should bring plenty of drinks and snacks.

**Activity Code:** 309516 A

Monday-Friday, April 15-19

9am-12pm    **AGE:** 7-13    **FEE:** \$209.99

**LOCATION:** Glander Fields, 28 Mile Hill Road South

**INSTRUCTOR:** Ian Thoesen



# PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES: MARTIAL ARTS

## TAEKWONDO (AGES 4 & UP)

Taekwondo is a Korean traditional martial art which helps to build self-esteem, discipline and respect for others. Students will learn the basics of punches, blocks, kicks and breaking skills with age-appropriate activities. Instructor Master Heny is passionate not only in imparting her love for Taekwondo to her students, but also in teaching skills that will apply to all areas of their lives, whether it's at home, at school, or with friends and family. Master Heny provides lessons of respect, teamwork, kindness, self-control and integrity and she incorporates these values into each and every one of her classes. Promotion Testing is offered at the end of the last class so that working parents can observe their child's progress. The test fee is an additional \$65 and is paid directly to the Studio.

- NEW students only will receive a free uniform.
- Please send your child in loose, comfortable clothing.
- Please send your child with a refillable water bottle.
- Parents are asked to wait in the waiting room or in the car so that students can maintain focus in class.

### Tuesdays, May 7 - June 25

Age	Time	Fee	Activity Code
4-5	4:30-5:10pm	\$219	313601 A
6-11	5:20-6pm	\$219	313601 B
12 & Up	6:30-7:10pm	\$219	313601 C



**LOCATION:** World Champion Taekwondo Newtown, 125 B South Main Street

**INSTRUCTOR:** Master Heny, World Champion Taekwondo Newtown

## KARATE (AGES 4 & UP)

Karate Tang Soo Do is a non-contact ancient martial art based on the ancient oriental method to help coordination, control and balance. Emphasis on life values of respect, honor, discipline and loyalty. Course includes practical hands-on self-defense as well. As you participate, you will build self-esteem and confidence. Uniforms are optional and can be purchased at Porco's Karate Academy.

**LOCATION FOR ALL PROGRAMS:** Porco's Karate Academy  
113 Church Hill Road

**INSTRUCTOR:** Porco's Karate Academy



## LITTLE DRAGONS KARATE (AGES 4-6)

**Thursdays, April 4-25**

**Activity Code:** 313501 A  
5:30-6:00 pm    **FEE:** \$150

**Thursdays, May 2-23**

**Activity Code:** 313501 B  
5:30-6:00 pm    **FEE:** \$150

## YOUTH KARATE (AGES 7-12)

**Thursdays, April 4-25**

**Activity Code:** 313602 A  
6:00-6:45 pm    **FEE:** \$150

**Thursdays, May 2-23**

**Activity Code:** 313602 B  
6:00-6:45 pm    **FEE:** \$150

## KARATE (AGES 12 & UP)

**Thursdays, April 4-25**

**Activity Code:** 313402 A  
7:30-8:15 pm    **FEE:** \$150

**Thursdays, May 2-23**

**Activity Code:** 313402 B  
7:30-8:15 pm    **FEE:** \$150

# PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES: HORSEBACK RIDING

## BRUSHY HILL SPRING RIDING LESSONS (AGES 4 & UP + ADULTS)

You pick the date and time! Brushy Hill Farm is a full service equestrian facility that takes pride in its warm and welcoming environment. We are dedicated to providing outstanding care for both horse and rider. In addition to boarding and training, our lesson program caters to students of all ages from beginners to seasoned veterans. Ev Lindeborn, owner and operator, offers her lifetime of experience and extensive knowledge of the sport. Lessons are hand-tailored for each rider's needs to ensure that everyone may achieve their goals and full potential. Our closely supervised instruction in a safe and nurturing atmosphere will provide students with solid foundations as well as the necessary skills to communicate properly with their horse and to become a good horseman. During each lesson, students will learn and practice basic horse care, grooming, tacking up and correct terminology. In the case of inclement weather, lessons will be held in an indoor ring. Group lessons: To ensure the safety of our students, we offer group lessons only to those that are able to walk and trot comfortably on their own. Group lessons are held on Monday-Thursdays & Saturday. For more information, please contact Ev Lindeborn, Owner & Operator, at 203-470-4353.

### ½ Hour Private Lessons (4 weeks)

**ACTIVITY CODE:** 309101 A

Mondays-Sundays, April 1 - May 31

9am-6pm      **AGE:** 4 & up      **FEE:** \$280

### 1 Hour Private Lessons (4 weeks)

**ACTIVITY CODE:** 309101 B

Mondays-Sundays, April 1 to May 31

9am-6pm      **AGE:** 4 & up      **FEE:** \$520

### ½ Hour Private Lessons (8 weeks)

**ACTIVITY CODE:** 309101 C

Mondays-Sundays, April 1 - May 31

9am-6pm      **AGE:** 4 & up      **FEE:** \$520

### 1 Hour Private Lessons (8 weeks)

**ACTIVITY CODE:** 309101 D

Mondays-Sundays, April 1 - May 31

9am-6pm      **AGE:** 4 & up      **FEE:** \$1040

### 1 Hour Group Lessons (8 weeks)

**ACTIVITY CODE:** 309101 E

Mondays-Thursdays, April 2 - May 30

12-6pm      **AGE:** 4 & up      **FEE:** \$440

Plus Saturdays, 1:30-4pm

**LOCATION:** Brushy Hill Farm

15 Coachman Drive, Southbury

**INSTRUCTOR:** Ev Lindeborn



## FOX RIDGE FARM'S APRIL BREAK HORSEBACK RIDING CAMP (AGES 4-18)

All things horse-related in a safe, fun environment. Grooming, tacking, riding, arts & crafts - the total horse experience for your horse-crazy kids! Participants should wear long pants.

**Activity Code:** 309103 A

Monday-Friday, April 15-19, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

**AGE:** 4-18

**FEE:** \$475

**LOCATION:** Fox Ridge Farm, 37-39 Aunt Park Lane

**INSTRUCTOR:** Fox Ridge Farm



# EICHLER'S COVE MARINA & LAUNCH AND LAKE LILLINONAH LAUNCH

**Marina Season: May 15 – October 14**

## Marina Slip Rentals

Boat slip rentals through March 1<sup>st</sup> are open to returning slip holders from the prior season.

March 2-31 is open to Newtown Residents and returning slip holders on a first-come, first-served basis.

Beginning April 1, slip rentals will be open to residents and non-residents on a first-come, first-served basis.

Boat slip renters will receive four beach passes per family.

## Newtown Residents

19 feet and under	\$1,750
Over 19 feet	\$2,060

## Non-Residents

19 feet and under	\$2,150
Over 19 feet	\$2,460

## Marina Jet Ski Slips

Residents	\$895
Non-Residents	\$1,110

## Canoe/Kayak Dry Storage Rack

Must have a resident/non-resident Parking Permit to enter Eichler's Cove Beach and Marina.

Residents	\$200
Non-Residents	\$400

Note: Taxes are included in all above-mentioned fees.

Fees above are subject to change.

**See summer brochure for summer camps & events**



## Boat Launch Season: May 15 - October 14

### Boat Launch Key (for seasonal use)

A boat launch key provides you with access to utilize Lake Lillinonah and Eichler's Cove Boat launches during the season. You may purchase a key online or at the Parks and Recreation Office. For online purchases, the Pass Code is LLB. **All boat keys must be picked up after purchase, keys cannot be mailed.**

Residents: \$175 | Non-Residents: \$325

### Daily Boat Launch Pass is available for Eichler's Cove Only

A daily boat launch pass provides you access to utilize the Eichler's Cove Boat launch for one day. Purchase online. Pass Code is ECB. Show your receipt to the Park Warden upon arrival.

**PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE LAUNCH.**

Residents: \$15 | Non-Residents: \$30

You must have a Resident/Non-Resident Parking Permit to enter as well as a boat launch key. Your Parking Permit should be displayed on the lower right windshield on any car entering the facility.

Daily Pass is not available for Lake Lillinonah boat launch. No Holiday Rentals

## Parking Permits

Season is May 15 – October 14

Residents	Free
Non-Resident	\$150 per vehicle
Non-Resident Daily Fee	\$20 per vehicle

Resident Parking Permits are available at the Parks & Recreation Office. To collect your permit, please bring your car registration and one additional form of proof of residency. Residents Parking Permits never expire.

Non-Resident Parking Permits may be purchased online, pass code is NRPP. The permit will be mailed within five business days to you, or you may stop by the Parks and Recreation office to pick it up. Alternatively, you may visit the Parks and Recreation office to purchase your permit. Non-Resident permits must be renewed each year.

Please note that the Parking Permit does not give you access to the boat launches, beach or pool. Memberships for the pool/beach are sold separately (please see next page).

# POOL & BEACH MEMBERSHIP PASSES

Season is May 25 – September 2, 2024

## Treadwell Pool and Eichler’s Cove Beach Membership

This is a combination membership that permits entry to Treadwell Pool and Eichler’s Cove Beach.

### Residency defined:

*A person whose primary residence, either as an owner or a renter, is in Newtown, is considered a Newtown resident. No exception to this rule. Proof of residency may be required.*

## Memberships Passes

### Membership Renewals

Renew your membership pass online in advance of any visits. Once your renewal is complete, your current key fob is ready for use. If you do not have last year’s key fob, please let us know and we will mail a new one to you.

### New Memberships

Purchase your membership pass online in advance of any visits. We will mail your pool/beach key fob within five (5) business days. Key fobs must be shown in order to gain admittance to Treadwell Pool and Eichler’s Cove Beach. Multiple families living in one household must purchase a membership pass for each family. Proof of household address is required for all members 18 years and older.

You must present a Membership Key Fob or a Daily/Day Pass at the gate to utilize the pool or beach. Printed receipts will not be accepted for admittance.

The following information contains membership categories, fees and codes needed for online purchases. Each family member’s name and date of birth will be required. Please make certain your household account is updated online.

### Limit of 4 individuals per family for Family Passes.

Categories	Pass Code	Resident	Non-Resident
Family (Limit 4)	FDT	\$225	\$450
Add’l Family Member		\$25	\$50
Individual	IDT	\$100	\$175
Day Pass (per person)	DAY	\$15	\$30
Daily Pass (6 entry pass)	DUSE	\$60	\$120
Senior Pass (60 & up)	SSENIOR	Free	\$30

Day Passes are available for purchase at the Treadwell Pool only and not at Eichler’s Cove Beach. Payment can be made by credit/debit card only. No cash accepted.

## Eichler’s Cove Beach & Treadwell Pool Hours

### May 25 – June 23

Monday-Friday 4-7pm  
Saturday & Sunday 9am-7pm

Note: once we know lifeguard availability, timing may change

### June 24 - August 18

Monday-Friday 11am-7pm  
Saturday & Sunday 9am-7pm

Note: June 24 – August 9, pool is closed from 1-2pm for Day Camp open swim.

### August 19 – September 2

Monday-Friday 4-7pm  
Saturday & Sunday 9am-7pm

Labor Day /Sept 2 1-7pm

### Holidays

Memorial Day (Monday, May 27): 9am-7pm

Independence Day (July 4): 9am-7pm

Labor Day (Monday, September 2): 1-7pm

\*As the season nears Labor Day, schedule may change\*

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Daily Passes/Day Passes

Unused Daily & Day Passes do not expire. The Daily Pass includes six (6) individual entries (one entry per person). May be purchased online prior to visiting the facility.

### Lost Seasonal Membership Passes:

Residents \$15 per card  
Non-Residents \$25 per card



# PAVILION RENTALS

Full rental fees and deposit (\$50) are due at the time of reservation for all rentals. Pavilion reservations will not be held unless payment is received. There are no holiday rentals. Applications are accepted from January 1, 2024 for the upcoming year.

## TREADWELL AND DICKINSON PARK PAVILIONS

Newtown Residents	\$50 deposit & \$300 daily rental fee
Non-Residents	\$50 deposit & \$500 daily rental fee
Newtown Business	\$50 deposit & \$300 daily rental fee
Non-Newtown Business	\$50 deposit & \$500 daily rental fee
Non-Profit Organizations	\$50 deposit & \$300 daily rental fee



## TREADWELL POOL USE:

Anyone renting Treadwell Pavilion has the option to use the pool.

Passes must be purchased BEFORE event.

Fees paid for the pool passes are non-refundable.

Resident: \$10 per person Non-Resident: \$20 per person

## FAIRFIELD HILLS PAVILION:

Note: there is no electricity available at this pavilion.

Newtown Residents	\$50 deposit & \$75 daily rental fee
Non-Residents	\$50 deposit & \$150 daily rental fee
Newtown Businesses	\$50 deposit & \$250 daily rental fee
Non-Newtown Business	\$50 deposit & \$250 daily rental fee
Non-Profit Organizaitons	\$50 deposit & \$250 daily rental fee

## BANDSHELL AT DICKINSON PARK:

Newtown Residents	\$50 deposit & \$200 daily rental fee
Non-Residents	\$50 deposit & \$350 daily rental fee
Newtown Businesses	\$50 deposit & \$250 daily rental fee
Non-Newtown Business	\$50 deposit & \$425 daily rental fee
Non-Profit Organizaitons	\$50 deposit & \$250 daily rental fee

## EICHLER'S COVE PICNIC BEACH AREA/BEACH:

Newtown Residents:	\$50 deposit & \$125 rental fee – Picnic area only
	\$50 deposit & \$200 rental fee – Picnic area & beach*
Non-Residents:	\$50 deposit & \$250 rental fee – Picnic area only
	\$50 deposit & \$400 rental fee – Picnic area & beach*

\*Lifeguard Fees: beach rentals include lifeguard fees at \$18/hour per lifeguard. Two lifeguards are required for up to twenty-nine people. Thirty or more people require one additional lifeguard per ten additional guests.

**Note:** the beach will also be open to the public during rental period

## LAKE LILLINONAH PICNIC AREA:

Newtown Residents:	\$50 deposit & \$50 rental fee – Picnic area only
Non-Residents:	\$50 deposit & \$100 rental fee – Picnic area only

**Note:** the lake will be open to the public during rental period

**ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR ALL RENTALS:** Accident insurance is required. Homeowners Insurance will NOT be accepted. Accident insurance is available through the Parks and Recreation office. Accident Insurance is not refundable and cannot be transferred to a new date. Insurance Rate is \$0.55 per person (including children & subject to change). Insurance rates are subject to change without notice.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Two weeks' notice prior to your rental date must be provided for pavilion rental cancellations. Reservations cancelled after the two week period will result in the loss of your \$50 deposit. There is a \$10 cancellation fee and there are no refunds on insurance paid.

**TO APPLY:** Rental applications can be accessed online under "Pavilion Reservations." Please bring the completed form and payment(s) to Newtown Parks and Recreation. Forms are also available at our office. **NOTE:** There are NO exemptions to the fees listed.

# PARKS INFORMATION

Our bylaws prohibit the use of public/tax payer property to be used for a profit making business. We hire certified instructors with liability insurance as independent contractors to offer Tennis/Pickleball Lessons as part of our Recreational Program offerings. We have a contractual arrangement for fees, classes, times, etc. that is exclusive to these providers. As the Recreation Department, we are able to set aside courts for this purpose. We try to schedule the lessons in “non-peak” hours on weekdays to cause the least amount of conflict for court usage. This system has worked very well for us.

## **Eichler’s Cove Marina and Beach: 11 Old Bridge Road, Newtown**

Located at 11 Old Bridge Road in the southeastern corner of Newtown, offering a marina, boat launch, beach, picnic area, kayak racks and a spectacular view. Eichler’s Cove provides the only public access to Lake Zoar.

## **Lake Lillinonah Park/Boat Launch: Hanover Road, Newtown**

Offering a total scenic package, this park is located at the end of Hanover Road in Newtown on Lake Lillinonah. In addition to a beautiful view of the lake, there are picnic tables, charcoal grills and a boat launch. Portable bathroom facilities and parking are available. NO SWIMMING or FISHING permitted at this park as boats pose too much danger. A boat launch permit/key is required to launch your boat. Open from 8AM - sundown.

## **Orchard Hill Nature Center: 20 Huntingtown Road, Newtown**

Combining unusual historic and natural features this park is located on Huntingtown Road. Its historical assets include several mills and dams, which date back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The property possesses rare beauty and a remarkable diversity of habitats which provide a home to an unusually large number of plant and animal species. There are several trails on which to hike and ample parking available. Open from 8AM - sundown.

## **Pole Bridge Preserve: Pole Bridge Road, Sandy Hook**

This 78-acre habitat of open space is managed by the Conservation Commission and maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department. It is a habitat for wildlife, plants and birds. A small parking area and trails provide recreational opportunities. The best way to access the preserve is to walk up to the old woods road off Pole Bridge Road. There is also neighborhood access (a marked narrow right-of-way easement off Fox Hollow and Bristle Lane cul-de-sac, and a pedestrian easement off Brandywine Lane). Please be sure to respect homeowners’ property lines.

## **Treadwell Memorial Park: 47 Philo Curtis Road, Sandy Hook**

Amenities include four tennis courts, a pickleball court, basketball court, two playground areas, two pavilions, multi-purpose baseball/softball field, a regulation size artificial turf soccer field and a multi-purpose artificial turf field. Treadwell Park also boasts a swimming pool complex, featuring an eight lane, 25 yard pool, with a diving “L” and a wading pool. Locker facilities are available. Open from 8AM - sundown.

## **Dickinson Memorial Park: 50 Elm Drive and Brushy Hill Road, Newtown**

Dickinson Park has five tennis courts, three of which are lined for Pickleball, a softball field, basketball courts, two playground areas, FUNSPACE creative area, a skate park, a bandshell, a pavilion and picnicking facilities with charcoal grills. Open from 8AM - sundown.

## **Tennis & Pickleball Courts at Treadwell Park, Dickinson Park & Fairfield Hills**

All nets will be installed by April 15 (weather permitting). Nets will be removed by November 11(weather permitting). **NO** private tennis/Pickleball lessons allowed (paid or unpaid). Lessons are provided by Parks and Recreation personnel only. All court time is on a first-come, first-served basis.

## **Tennis & Pickleball Court Etiquette:**

Courts are marked on the quarter hours. If someone is waiting to play, the individual court must clear. Example: the court marked “15 minutes” must clear at the quarter past the hour if someone is waiting.

Court 1, 2: changes on the hour

Court 3: changes 15 minutes past the hour

Court 4: changes 30 minutes past the hour

Court 5: changes 45 minutes past the hour

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## Newtown Park and Bark: 21 Old Farm Road, Newtown

Off Leash Dog Park – a tired dog is a good dog! Park and Bark is a little over an acre with a splash pad, agility course, small dog area and plenty of room for your canine buddy to run, play and socialize. All dogs must be licensed. Picking up after your dog is a must.

## Newtown Parks and Recreation and the Fairfield Hills Campus

Newtown Parks and Recreation offers multiple sports and leisure options at the Fairfield Hills Campus. We hope that you will enjoy the following opportunities: Outdoor Basketball Hoop (Keating Farms Avenue by Plymouth Hall), Pickleball Courts, Bicycle Playground & Bike Share Program (spring & summer), Walking Trails (a map is available on our website), 1 Softball Field, 4 Baseball Fields, 2 Multipurpose Fields, Newtown Fruit Trail (see below for details) and the Victory Garden (see below for details).

## The Newtown Fruit Trail: Fairfield Hills Campus Walking Trail, Newtown

The Fruit Trail is an important endeavor which enriches our Fairfield Hills Campus. With its natural beauty and important ecological contributions, the Fruit Trail also enhances our town. The trail boasts an abundance of native plant species such as Blueberry, Elderberry, Aronia, Lavender and Pawpaw. Also prominent along the trail is a Peach Tree Orchard established in memory of the twenty-six victims of the Sandy Hook tragedy. The Fruit Trail is part of the Pollinator Pathway, providing pollinator-friendly habitats and food sources for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinating insects and wildlife. Adjacent to the Fruit Trail is a beautiful Meadow with Goldenrod and Milkweed (the most important food source for Monarch Butterflies). Take a moment away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and pick a peach at this peaceful oasis in Newtown.

**Donating to the Fruit Trail:** Donations should be made to “Newtown Parks and Recreation Department: Park Gift Fund, Memo: Fruit Trail.”

## The Victory Garden: Fairfield Hills Campus, Washington Square, Newtown Supporting Newtown’s Food Pantries

The Town’s Victory Garden is sowed and operated by Newtown residents. Individual rows of the garden have been “adopted” and are maintained by teams of individual residents, community groups and local businesses on a volunteer basis. A highly successful community endeavor, the Victory Garden grows and provides fresh produce to Newtown food pantries. Newtown food pantries distribute food to over 2,000 Newtown residents in need. Traditionally, food pantries offer mostly canned, dried or frozen food. With the output of the Victory Garden, however, Newtown families in need also receive an average of 3,500 pounds of fresh, healthy produce each summer. Since its inception over ten years ago, the Victory Garden has doubled in size. Due to the help of several very generous donors, the garden has also installed high tensile steel woven deer fencing. The Parks & Recreation Department cultivates the soil and provides irrigation. Volunteers provide work hours on-site where the garden has full sun and parking nearby. The Victory Garden is supported by the Town of Newtown and the Newtown Parks and Recreation Department.

**Donating to the Victory Garden:** Donations should be made to “Newtown Parks & Recreation Department: Park Gift Fund, Memo: Victory Garden.”

### Volunteering in the Victory Garden:

Each row (150 square foot plot of the garden) is “adopted” by volunteer teams. Teams consist of individual Newtown residents, community organizations and local businesses. Produce is provided directly to Newtown food pantries. Each team has a placard/sign at the head of its row with their team name. We encourage teams to get creative with their signs, including decoration and humor! There are no fees associated with the garden. Use of non-organic herbicides or pesticides are NOT permitted in the garden; fertilizers are permitted. Students in need of volunteer hours are welcome to help. The Garden is also a perfect spot for Girl Scout and Eagle Scout projects. If you do not have the time to commit to adopting a row, you may help existing teams with their rows. If you are an experienced gardener, please consider holding a workshop on-site for novice gardeners and students. Please note: Current volunteer teams have the right of first refusal for adopted rows. **To learn more about the garden or volunteer opportunities within, please email [VictGarden17@gmail.com](mailto:VictGarden17@gmail.com).**

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## The Newtown Teen Center: 53 A Church Hill Road, Newtown

Newtown’s Teen Center was established over 30 years ago in the former space of the Public Works Department garage. The Teen Center is a safe environment for youth in Grades 5-12 to come together and have fun and is equipped with a pool table, foosball table, air hockey, TV and more. It is also available as a rental venue for parties, events and youth group meetings.

**Resident Parking Permit:** There is no charge for a resident permit. This parking permit allows Newtown residents admittance to all Newtown Parks including Dickinson Park, Lake Lillinonah and Eichler’s Cove. To obtain a resident permit, please visit our office. If you have not had a resident permit previously or are new to town, please bring two (2) proofs of residency such as a cable, utility or phone bill along with your vehicle registration and driver’s license. **There are additional fees associated if you would like to use the beach/launch.**

**Non-Resident Parking Permit:** This park permit allows non-residents admittance to all Newtown Parks. To obtain a non-resident permit, please visit our office. *Annual Fee is \$150 or a \$20.00 fee for a daily pass.* **For non-residents who wish to use the boat launch or Eichler’s Cove Marina and Beach, purchase of separate boat launch and/or beach passes is required.**



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