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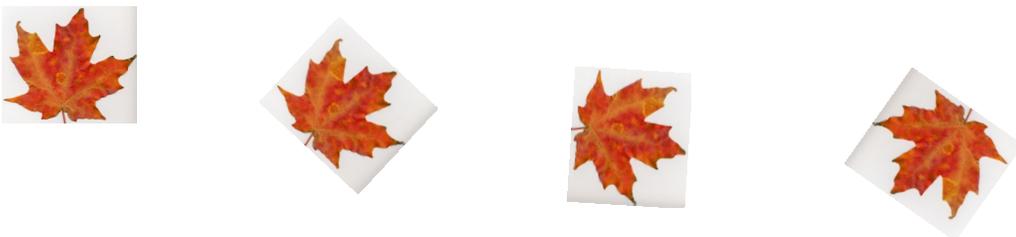
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Pioneer Valley Parks & Recreation Assoc.
& the New England Parks Assoc.



Hello Everyone,

And here it is....the true New England season! It is certainly a busy one, not only recovering from the summer, but also adapting to the new school year. It will be an active season for us, no doubt.

Aside from our traditional array of activities and programs, we will be starting construction of our concrete skate park! This project is a long time coming, and we cannot wait to open the facility - we hope - towards the end of this season. In closing, enjoy this brochure and remember to keep your family active! If you have any questions relative to our Fall Programs, please give us a call.

Enjoy the Fall!



Mission Statement

The Montague Parks and Recreation Department is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and the sense of community to the residents of the Town of Montague through the delivery of safe, healthy, diverse, accessible, quality, year-round leisure-time experiences, in addition to, maintaining and preserving its parks and resources.

Photographs of Participants

Occasionally our staff will take pictures of our programs for use in our program brochures and Facebook © page. If you or any member of your family is a participant of a program and DO NOT wish to have said picture used, please contact our office at 863-3216 immediately. By not contacting our office, you give permission for use of activity photos in MPRD's promotional material.

ANNUAL RAG SHAG PARADE

The Turners Falls VFW invite all ghouls, goblins, and ghosts to participate in one of the most unique and long-standing local traditions. Prizes will be given out for winners in various costume categories.

Who: Children in 6th Grade & Under

When: Saturday, October 31

Where: Food City Parking Lot - Then down Avenue A



COMING ATTRACTIONS



YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM -

***REGISTRATION BEGINS: Montague Residents - Monday, Oct. 19
Non-residents - Monday, November 2***

- ***K-2 Intro Program - (Starts early January 2016)***
- ***Travel Teams - (Starts Early December)***
 - ****Junior Travel - Grades 3 & 4 - Boys & Girls Teams***
 - ****Senior Travel - Grades 5 & 6 - Boys & Girls Teams***



****Junior/Senior Travel Teams:***

***⇒ Multiple teams may be created if there is enough registrants,
AND, if we are able to secure coaches.***

⇒ Depending on the number of players registered, combining levels & creating CO-ED teams may be necessary.

***Annual SAWMILL RIVER 10K RUN - Friday, January 1, 2016, Montague Center
Pre-registration begins Monday, November 2, 2015.***

Entry Fees: \$25.00 (Paid by Dec. 31; noon), \$30.00 (Paid thereafter)

Divisions: Youth (18 yrs. & Under), Open (19 - 39 yrs.), Master (40 - 49 yrs.), Senior (50 - 59 yrs.), Senior + (60 yrs. & Up)

****Long-sleeve T-shirts to the first 100 registrants****

Running gloves and refreshments, while supplies last

USA Track & Field sanctioned

Proceeds benefit MPRD's Sponsor-A-Child Scholarship Program.



ADULT CO-ED SOFTBALL ONE PITCH TOURNAMENT

Friday, Sept. 18 & Saturday, September 19

Montague is hosting a One Pitch Tourney (Slow pitch) for adult co-ed softball teams. The tournament will be held the weekend of September 19 at Unity Park in Turners Falls.



The tournament is open for "B" Level teams. Cost is \$150 per team. Games with modified ASA rules. Registration is first come/first serve. Proceeds benefit the Montague Adult Co-Ed League. Interested teams should contact MPRD at (413) 863-3216 to receive tournament rules and to register.

Registration deadline is Friday, September 11

The Unity Skate Park Project

We are currently getting ready to break-ground on our new concrete skate park this September! The project has received critical funding from the Town of Montague, the State's Parkland Acquisition & Renovations for Communities (or PARC) Grant, The Tony Hawk Foundation, and local fundraising by the Skate Park Committee.

However, funding cannot stop there. The Parks & Recreation Department and Skate Park Committee are looking for additional donations to complete our vision.

If you are interested in more information, log onto www.unityskatepark.com or send a check today to:

Montague Parks & Recreation Dept.

56 First St., Turners Falls, MA 01376,

with "Unity Skate Park Donation" in the memo line.



Be part of the action!

YOUTH SOCCER

START SMART © SQUIRTS SOCCER – K - 2

Our Start Smart curriculum focuses on the individual skills of each child. Start Smart © Sports Development Programs have been developed by the National Alliance for Youth Sports to help kids get ready for sports through building self-esteem and a step-by-step learning approach. Players will also participate in mini-games.

SHINGUARDS ARE REQUIRED - CLEATS ARE PROHIBITED.

Who: Children in grades K – 2

When: Saturdays - September 12 – October 24; 10:00am – 11:00am

Fee: Montague Residents – \$30, Non Residents – \$35

Maximum Enrollment: Dependent upon the number of volunteer coaches.



To successfully deliver the Start Smart Curriculum, parents will be requested to play an active role in the program (easy to follow instructions included).

JUNIOR & SENIOR TRAVEL SOCCER LEAGUE

At this level, players enjoy the opportunity to play against those from other towns. We are members of the Tri-County Youth Recreation League and play teams from Bernardston, Erving, Greenfield, and Vernon to name a few. Games scheduled for Saturday mornings. Home games are played at Highland Park in Millers Falls. All teams are co-ed.

SHINGUARDS ARE REQUIRED - SOCCER CLEATS ARE ENCOURAGED.

Junior Travel Team – Grades 3 & 4 (Games will be 5 v 5)

Fees: Montague Residents – \$45, Non Residents – \$50

Enrollment Minimum (per team): 7, Enrollment Maximum: 10

Senior Travel Team – Grades 5 & 6 (Games will be 7 v 7)

Fees: Montague Residents – \$50, Non Residents – \$55

Enrollment Minimum (per team): 9, Enrollment Maximum: 14

When/Where: Practices - Week of September 5. Time and location at coach’s discretion.

Games – Saturday mornings; September 5 – October 31 (Jamboree)

- Home Games are played at Highland Park, Millers Falls

COACHES ARE NEEDED - TRAINING IS PROVIDED.

We would like to thank Chevrolet, Inc. and Dillon Chevrolet for being a corporate sponsor and contributing to our Youth Soccer Program!



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FLAG FOOTBALL

Saturday mornings; 11:00am - 12:00pm

September 12 - October 24

Grades 3-6

Registration begins Monday, August 3

Let's see if we can get something new started! This is an introductory program, where participants will learn the basics of the game.

We need kids and coaches for this non-contact, fun learning experience!

FALL TENNIS LESSONS

September 12 - October 17

Who: Children ages 7 & Up

When: Saturday mornings;
9am—12Noon (45-minute classes)

Where: Turners Falls High School, Tennis Courts

Fee: Montague Residents = \$45, Non-residents = \$50

Coach Andrew Varnon is all geared up and ready to teach our future Wimbledon Champions. We all know our kids will make quite a racket!

Registration Deadline:

Thursday, Sept. 10



Scarecrow Stuffing Party



Saturday, OCTOBER 3, 2015
12:00pm - 2:00pm
Unity Park

Create the best scarecrow in your neighborhood, and join us for a **Scarecrow Stuffing Party!** Make your new family member the talk of the town.

Fees: Scarecrows = \$5 per scarecrow; if you bring your own clothes = \$3!

If you would like to donate some long sleeve shirts and pants that you're not using anymore, we will gladly take them off your hands. Drop them off at our office.

Rain Date: Sunday, October 4.

BLUEFISH SWIM TEAM

The Bluefish is a recreational/competitive swim team that has been around for over 30 years. The Team consists of groups according to ability; novice through advanced. We are proud members of the Pioneer Valley Swim League. Meets are held on Saturdays.

Who: Open to all area youth able to successfully complete an in-pool swim test

When: Mid-October through early March 2016

Practices —> Mon/Wed/Thurs evenings Minnows & Guppies: 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Piranhas & Dolphins: 6:30pm – 8:00/15pm

Meets —> Saturdays (Home/Away); December through March

Where: Turners Falls High School Swimming Pool

Fees: Montague Residents - Guppies (Novice) / Minnows (Intermediates) = \$180.00

Piranhas = \$185.00 / Dolphins (Advanced) = \$190.00

Non Residents - Guppies (Novice) / Minnows (Intermediates) = \$200.00

Piranhas = \$205.00 / Dolphins (Advanced) = \$210.00



*Please contact the
MPRD Office
for availability on the
roster.*

**PUMPKIN CARVING
AT THE
6th Annual Franklin County PUMPKINFEST!**

Saturday, October 24; 2p - 9p

MPRD is sponsoring the pumpkin carving station at this year's Franklin County Pumpkinfest! We'll be at *Avenue A & Third St.* Be sure to bring your pumpkin by, carve it, then have it registered for the event!

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REGISTRATION FORM

(Please DO NOT use this form for The Bluefish Swim Team. A separate brochure is available. Call for roster availability)

FAMILY Name: _____ *(Participants will be registered under family/household name)*

Address: _____

Mailing Address: *(If different from above)* _____

Home Phone Number: (_____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

(You will be placed on our Update Listserv)

(If ANY of the participants are under 18 years of age, please provide the following information:)

Parent Name: _____ Home #: (_____) _____ Cellphone/Pager #: (_____) _____
 Workplace: _____ Hours: _____ Work #: (_____) _____

Parent Name: _____ Home #: (_____) _____ Cellphone/Pager #: (_____) _____
 Workplace: _____ Hours: _____ Work #: (_____) _____

PARTICIPANT NAME #1: _____ Age: _____ D.O.B. ____/____/____ Grade: _____
 Program : _____ Dates/Session: _____ Fee: _____
 Program: _____ Dates/Session: _____ Fee: _____
 T-Shirt Size: _____ (Youth Small through Adult XL - Applies only to youth sports) **Sub-total = \$** _____

PARTICIPANT NAME #2: _____ Age: _____ D.O.B. ____/____/____ Grade: _____
 Program : _____ Dates/Session: _____ Fee: _____
 Program: _____ Dates/Session: _____ Fee: _____
 T-Shirt Size: _____ (Youth Small through Adult XL - Applies only to youth sports) **Sub-total = \$** _____

PARTICIPANT NAME #3: _____ Age: _____ D.O.B. ____/____/____ Grade: _____
 Program : _____ Dates/Session: _____ Fee: _____
 Program: _____ Dates/Session: _____ Fee: _____
 T-Shirt Size: _____ (Youth Small through Adult XL - Applies only to youth sports) **Sub-total = \$** _____

Medical/Emergency Information (Required): Name and number of Person(s) YOU designate for us to contact DURING PROGRAM TIME in case of emergency, or, in case of a child, if the parents cannot be reached:

Name: _____ Phone #: (_____) _____
 Name: _____ Phone #: (_____) _____

\$ _____
TOTAL

- 1.) Do any of the participants have any medical conditions we should know about? Yes / No. If "Yes", please indicate below AND discuss with the Director: _____
- 2.) Are any of the participants currently taking any medications? Yes / No. If "Yes", please indicate below AND discuss with the Director: _____
- 3.) In an emergency situation, where we are unable to reach you, DO YOU GIVE PERMISSION for the individual registered to be transported to a hospital? Yes / No

 I acknowledge that in enrolling my child or myself in the above program(s), he/she has my permission to participate in all activities associated with the programs) and that I, for my own account, and on behalf of both child and parents for any registered child, hereby agree to release, remise, indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Montague, Parks & Recreation Department, Gill-Montague School District (when programs are on district property), all of their officers, staff and agents, from any claim of liability related to any accident, injury, incident, illness or loss that may occur during this/these program(s):

_____-_____/_____/_____
Signature: (If participant is under the age of 18, the signature must be provided by a parent or legal guardian) **Date**

OFFICE USE ONLY - Payment Method: Cash / Check / Money Order
 Check/Money Order #: _____ Date of Payment: _____ Office Personnel: _____