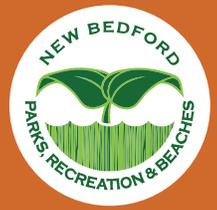


NEW BEDFORD Parks, Recreation & Beaches



**SIGN UP
NOW!
PROGRAMS
FILL UP FAST!**

2016-2017 FALL & WINTER CATALOG

WHAT'S NEW?

- After school Programs
- Third Annual Andrea McCoy Halloween Party
- Parent Night Out
- School Vacation Camp

www.newbedford-ma.gov/parks-recreation-beaches

For real time updates follow us on Facebook / www.facebook.com/NBParksRecreationBeaches



Welcome!



Welcome to another season full of fun activities in New Bedford! The Parks, Recreation & Beaches Department is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of all city residents. The Department provides year-round recreational and educational programs for in an environment that is safe and supportive for both youth and adults to explore their talents, build self-esteem, and empower healthy living. We pride ourselves on the quality of our services, and we hope you and your family take advantage of all that the City has to offer.

Jon Mitchell
Jon Mitchell, Mayor

Welcome!

Welcome to another great season of recreational programs and amazing public spaces. This season you will find all of our familiar popular programs and exciting new programs.

Please remember that our beautiful public spaces and parks are yours to enjoy. More and more studies are confirming what many of us already know, that being in green spaces improves our mental and physical health. As stewards of these spaces, it is important that we all do our part to keep the spaces clean, safe and free from vandalism. Please call Parks Recreation & Beaches with any concerns. Vandalism forces us to spend limited dollars on repairs instead of on programs or improvements. Active well used public spaces are safe public spaces. You are doing your part to keep our parks safe by walking, playing ball or visiting a playground.

We are saddened to say goodbye to India Russell Pena as the Andre McCoy Recreation Center Manager as she pursues her dream in a legal career. She has grown the Center's programs and community connections in her time as manager. The city benefitted from her professionalism and enthusiasm. We wish her well on her new endeavors.

Join us in welcoming our new Recreation Center Manager, Dave Ponte. Please stop by and say hello. I am confident that you will see a continuation in the level of commitment to the community and recreational programs as well as renewed enthusiasm and great new ideas come from this change in leadership.

Happy autumn,

Mary S. Rapoza, Director Parks Recreation & Beaches



**The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of New Bedford**

Welcome!

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Weather Cancellations

For information on weather cancellations please check the New Bedford, Parks, Recreation & Beaches Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NBParksRecreationBeaches

Our Mission

The Parks Recreation & Beaches Department is dedicated to planning, implementing, and supervising recreational, educational and cultural activities designed to enhance and improve the quality of life for all city residents. Our office promotes the engagement in and constructive use of all open and recreational spaces by the residents of the City of New Bedford and provides safe, well-maintained, and aesthetically pleasing parks, playgrounds, and outdoor recreation facilities. The City of New Bedford Parks Recreation and Beaches works in collaboration with other city departments to accomplish this mission while preserving our natural resources, promoting conservation, and educating city residents on our natural environment.

The department provides year-round recreational and educational programs for New Bedford residents in an environment that is safe and supportive for both youth and adults to explore their talents, build self esteem and empower healthy decision making. The health and wellness of people in New Bedford is dependent upon our recreational facilities, natural resources, and opportunities. The positive experience of this engagement enriches and strengthens the fabric of our community for today and the future.

City of New Bedford Parks and Playgrounds

PARK NAME	WALKING	PICNIC AREA	TENNIS	BASKETBALL	RECREATION FIELDS	COMMUNITY CENTER	NATURE PATHS	SPLASH PAD	PLAYGROUND
Ashley Park	X	X			X	X		X	X
Baby Kenney Tot Lot	X								X
Beauregard-Pina Playground	X								X
Ben Rose Field	X				X			X	
Bonney St. Playground	X								X
Brooklawn Park	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Buttonwood Park	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Camara Field					X				
Clasky Common Park	X	X		X				X	X
Custon House Square	X	X							
Dias Field				X	X				X
Eddie James Playground	X	X		X					X
Flora B. Pierce Nature Trail	X						X		
Fort Taber Park	X	X				X	X		X
Gomes School Park	X	X		X	X				X
Harrington Park	X	X		X				X	X
Hazelwood Park	X	X	X	X		X			X
Loretta Borque Park	X								
Magnett Park	X		X	X				X	X
Marine Park at Pope's Island	X								X
Monte Park	X	X		X				X	X
Morton Ave Soccer Field									X
Pine Hill Park	X			X					X
Pulaski Park	X			X			X		
River's End Park	X								X
Riverside Park	X	X		X	X		X	X	X
Roberto Clemente Park	X	X		X					
Ruth St Common	X	X							X
Tonnessen Park		X							
Victory Park	X				X	X	X		
Washburn Park	X			X					X
Washington Square	X								
West End Playground	X	X		X					X

City of New Bedford Rules and Regulations for City Parks and Playgrounds

This beautiful public space is yours to enjoy for relaxation and recreation. Please respect others and keep our park clean. Parks and playgrounds are open dawn to dusk.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:

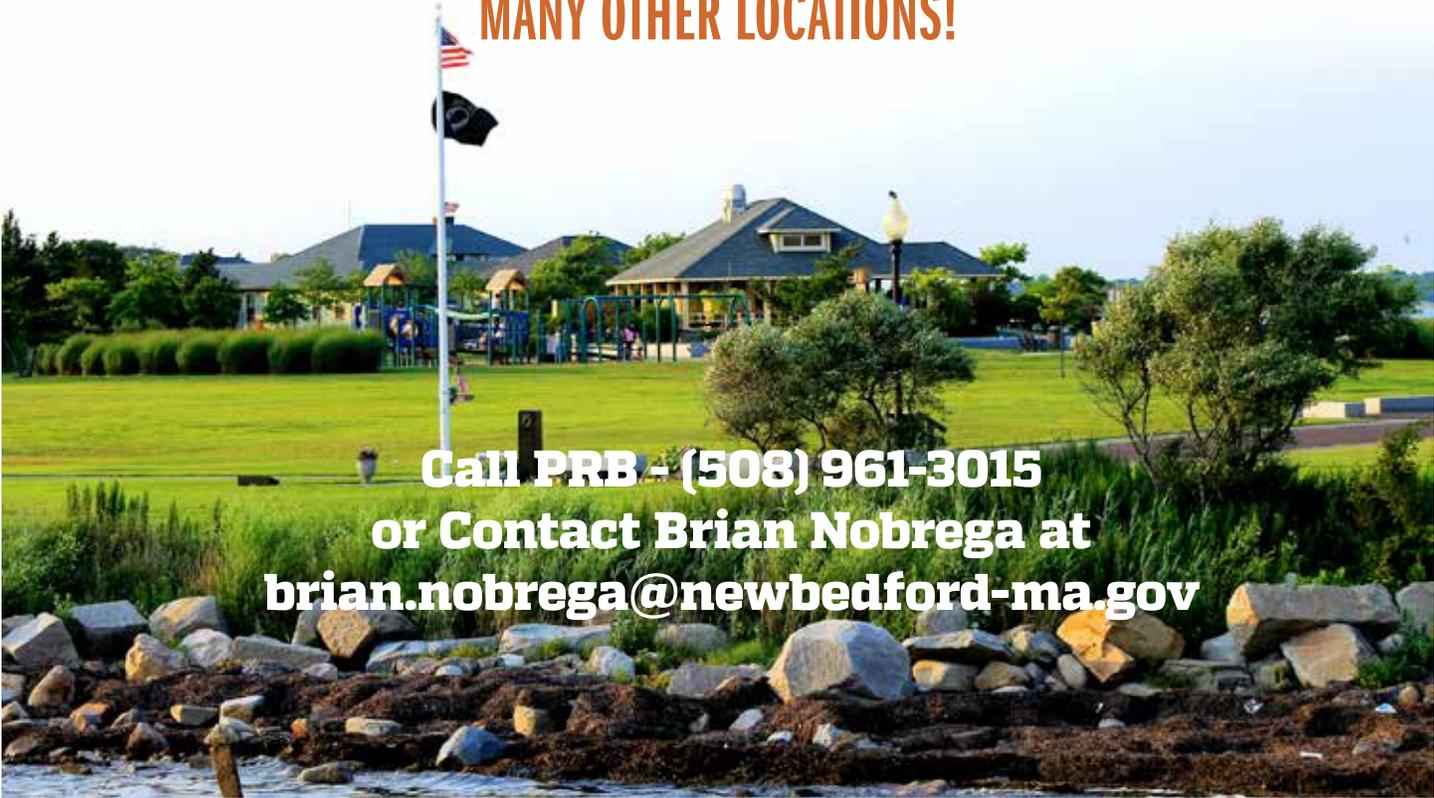
- Use of or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs
- Use of vulgar or threatening language
- Operation of unauthorized vehicles on park property
- Parking on the lawn
- Bicycles on the lawn
- Dumping or littering
- Vandalism of a tree, plant, or park structure
- Unleashed animals or any animal within 100 ft of a recreational area
- Fires, fireworks, or firearms of any kind
- Feeding birds or wildlife
- Use of metal detectors without a permit
- Golfing
- Smoking
- Performances, solicitations, or commercial activity without license from Parks, Recreation & Beaches
- Use of the park after it is closed
- Skateboarding except where indicated
- Sleeping

Reserve Your Event!

*Wedding Ceremonies
Birthday Parties
Work/Company Events
Conferences
Family Reunions
Much more!*

Please call to inquire about any and all of our locations for any rental.
The city has some of the best locations and best rates around!

**FORT TABER COMMUNITY CENTER
BUTTONWOOD PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
BROOKLAWN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
ANDREA MCCOY RECREATION CENTER
MANY OTHER LOCATIONS!**



**Call PRB - (508) 961-3015
or Contact Brian Nobrega at
brian.nobrega@newbedford-ma.gov**



Looking Back!



Andrea McCoy Recreation Center

Welcome back for another season of play and fun!

Each season the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center strives to meet the needs of our community. This season, we have added a number of fun Hands On Science based programs to our roster. We have also included dates for some of our upcoming programs and annual one day events, such as the Third Annual Halloween Party. Check out listings from some of our community partners and start planning for seasonal fun. Look through this brochure for event dates and registration information.

HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Contact the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center or the Department of Parks, Recreation & Beaches by calling (508) 961-3015.

**Memberships are FREE for all New Bedford residents.
Find out what we have been working on!**



LET'S MOVE BEYOND THE BELL - AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

The Andrea McCoy Recreation Center offers an afterschool program for families interested in a safe and fun program during the afterschool hours. The afterschool program includes home work assistance, snack, and active play with a Parks, Recreation & Beaches afterschool employee. Children will enjoy games, arts, crafts, and will be given full access to the Enrichment Center computer laboratory.

THE SESSION RUNS MONDAY - FRIDAY

Time: 3:00pm - 5:00pm Monday-Thursday;

1:00pm - 5:00pm Fridays

Session I: 9/5 - 11/23

Session II: 11/28 - 3/10

Session III: 3/13 - 6/16

There will not be programming on non-school days.

Fee \$40.00 per week, \$150 per month



BIRTHDAY PARTIES!

The Andrea McCoy Recreation Center is now offering birthday party packages to make your big day special. Work with a Parks and Recreation professional to coordinate your custom birthday party theme. Choose an athletics theme, arts & crafts theme, or videos game theme. Cost will be accessed according to needs.

Want to coordinate your own function? RENT THE SPACE!

The Andrea McCoy Recreation Center offers a variety of rental options and competitive pricing.

Give us a call and see how we can help you. 508-991-6298

All events must be scheduled no later than 30 days before the date of the event.

For real time updates follow us on Facebook / www.facebook.com/NBParksRecreationBeaches



Youth

Andrea McCoy Recreation Center Youth Programming

Program dates, rates and times are subject to change. Cancellations will be made of programs that do not meet minimum enrollment.

Floor Gymnastics

Instructor: TBA

Students will be taught the proper techniques used at the beginner levels of the sport and progress through to more advanced levels.

Day: Thursdays

Times: 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Ages: 6-12

Duration: 6 weeks

Fee: \$60 members/ \$70 non-residents

Session Start Dates:

Session II: 10/27

Session III: 12/15

Session IV: 2/9 No class on 11/24

Tonka's Tumblers

Instructor: Toi Fortes

Tonka's Tumblers is a tumbling program that will instruct participants ages 3 to 18 in proper tumbling technique. With over 50 years experience, instructor Antone "Toi" Fortes is safety certified, First Aid certified and CPR certified. This program is designed to keep children active and involved and provide a positive environment for growth and development. Payments for this program are to be made directly to Mr. Fortes.

Day: Wednesday

Times: 5:30pm -7:30pm

Ages: 3 to 18

Duration: Weekly

Fee: \$5.00 Walk-in



Mentor Mondays

This open gym is designed for mentors and their mentees. From 3:00 – 4:40pm on Mondays, the gym will be set for an assortment of group activities. Each Monday will be an alternating program with two activities.

Day: Mondays

Times: 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Fee: Free with membership



Dodgeball

3-4 pm Join us every Wednesday for a classic fan favorite full court game of dodgeball. Parents and mentors are encouraged to participate in the fun!

Ages: 6-16

Kenpo Karate for Self Defense

Instructor: Donna Bosworth

Students will learn defensive techniques against grabs, pushes, punches, kicks and holds. This class will be taught by 3rd Degree Black Belt and 2013 Creative Weapons World Champion Donna Bosworth of Dan Donfro's World Class Kenpo Karate Academy.

Day: Tuesday

Times: 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Ages: 6 to adult

Duration: 6 weeks

Fee: \$30 members/ \$40 non-residents

Session Start Dates: Session I: 9/6

Session II: 10/25

Session III: 12/13

Session IV: 2/7

Youth

Mad Science: NASA: Academy of Future Space Explorers

The Academy of Future Space Explorers takes children on a voyage of discovery. With unique hands-on activities, amazing demonstrations and fun educational take-homes, this is an experience that is truly out of this world!

Classes: Planets & Moons, Sun & Stars, Rocket Science, Space Travel, Space Technology & Living in Space

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Ages: 8-13

Duration: 6 weeks

Fee: \$70 residents/ \$80 non-residents

Session Dates: September 21

Baby Sitter Training: American Red Cross

Day: Monday and Tuesday

Times: 4:00pm -7:45pm (total of 7.5 hrs of training, including 30 minute lunch).

Ages: 11-15

Fee: \$120.00

Session Dates: September 26 – September 27.



ANNUAL PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES HALLOWEEN PARTY

Join the Parks, Recreation & Beaches Department for the largest ALL AGES Halloween Party in the city. If you did not make it last year, make sure you come and find out what all of the fuss is about. Join us for games, tricks, treats and spooky snacks. Dress to impress and participate in our costume contest. Wow the judges in the categories of best overall costume, spookiest costume, and most original costume. Winners will walk away with great prizes, so be sure to enter.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2016

Time 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Location: Andrea McCoy Recreation Center

181 Hillman Street

New Bedford, MA 02740

FREE EVENT

Ages: All age family event. Children 6 and under must be accompanied by a guardian.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HOST YOUR NEXT FUNCTION?

The Andrea McCoy Recreation Center is available for rental. Select from one of our spaces to host your next event!

**Call (508) 991- 6298 for more information
on availability and rates.**



For real time updates follow us on Facebook / www.facebook.com/NBParksRecreationBeaches



Youth

Recreation Days

When school is out the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center will have extended hours for those interested on coming in to play during the week. Call for more details on our extended hours. (508)961-3015.

October 5, 2016

October 27, 2016

November 11, 2016

November 23, 2016

January 16, 2017

January 23, 2017

Open Gym

Join us Monday-Saturday for Open Gym. Times vary day to day. Call or visit for time and ages restrictions. (508) 991-6298

Free with membership.



VACATION CAMP

Vacation camps are a fun way to keep your children active and learning while school is out of session. Movies, field trips, games, and crafts are only a few of the many ways that we entertain your youngsters. Light breakfast and lunch will be served daily. Drop-off time is 8:00am, and pick up time is 4:00pm sharp. An additional fee of \$5.00 for every 5 minutes late will be charged for tardiness at pick up time. Ask a recreational professional about our School Vacation Camps.

SPACES FILL UP QUICKLY!

Time: 8:00am - 4:00pm

FEBRUARY VACATION CAMP

February 20- February 24, 2017

APRIL VACATION CAMP

April 17 - April 22, 2017

Location: Andrea McCoy Recreation Center
181 Hillman Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Fee: \$120.00 per member/ \$160.00 for non-residents
Sibling discount*: \$50% discount for one additional child registered at the same time.
At time of registration, ask about permission slips.



PARENT NIGHT OUT!

We understand how hectic the holiday season can be, and we would like to help alleviate some of that stress. Parent Night Out is a kid only drop off program designed to give you the relief you need, do some holiday shopping, go out for dinner, or take some time to relax.

The trained afterschool professionals of the Parks and Recreation Department will supervise youth activities at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center. Not only will your kids have a great time playing, we will also treat them with a pizza party and a movie.

Sign up ASAP to reserve your spot.
This offering is dependent on enrollment.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2016

4:00pm - 8:00pm

\$10 each - additional siblings \$5

Adult

Andrea McCoy Recreation Center Adult Programming

Program dates, rates and times are subject to change. Cancellations will be made of programs that do not meet minimum enrollment.

Yoga for Life

Instructor: Dana Brown

Day: Tuesday

Times: 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Ages: 16 to adult (no children allowed).

Fee: \$30 members/ \$40 non-residents

Duration: 6 weeks

Session Start Dates: Session I: 9/6

Session II: 10/25

Session III: 12/13

Session IV: 2/7

Zumba

Instructor: Deolinda Barbosa

Day: Tuesday

Times: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Ages: 16 to adult (no children allowed).

Day: Thursday

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Ages: 16 to adult (no children allowed).

Membership Options: 1 month or 3 month

1 month option: \$25.00 resident/\$35.00 non-resident

3 month option: \$55.00 residents/\$65.00 non-resident

(3 month option available July-Sept, Oct-Dec, Jan-March, April-June.)

Shotokan Karate

Instructor: Kevin Vitinha

Learn the basics, kata and self defense techniques of this martial art originally from Okinawa. Get a good sweat and a confidence booster.

Day: Monday

Times: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Ages 16 to adult

Fee: \$40 members/ \$50 non-residents

Duration: 6 weeks

Session Start Dates: September 19, 2016

Parent's Night Out

Sat. Dec 17

Frequent Participant Rewards

Get a punch for every \$5.00 spent on eligible recreation programs.

Once you hit the , receive a credit for one free walk-in. Card must be present at time of class to receive credit.



Ask a Parks and Recreation professional how you can get a card!



Join the New Bedford Fitness Challenge

The Department of Parks, Recreation & Beaches is a proud partner in the New Bedford Fitness Challenge.

Stay tuned for the kick-off dates and schedules.

For only \$5.00 receive access to a number of fitness facilities and weekly fitness programs. Join as a team and make living a fit, fun and fabulous life a group effort.

Parks, Recreation & Beaches Events

Recreation Day!

School is out! Join us at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center for an extended day of play. Doors open early. Call ahead for details. 508-961-3015

October 5, 2016

October 27, 2016

November 11, 2016

November 23, 2016

January 16, 2017

January 23, 2017

AHA! www.ahanewbedford.org

Join us for hands on fun Every 2nd Thursday of the month at AHA! (Art, History and Architecture) Free arts and culture celebration from 5-9pm, Downtown.

OCTOBER 13, 2016 WALKABOUTS

NOVEMBER 10, 2016 MADE IN NB: CELEBRATING ARTS MONTH

DECEMBER 8, 2016 CITY SIDEWALKS

DECEMBER 31, 2016 CITY CELEBRATES! NEW YEAR'S EVE

Friday, October 28- Parks and Recreation Third Annual Halloween Party

6:00pm – 9:00pm- Andrea McCoy Recreation Center.

Saturday, December 17- Parent Night Out – 4:00pm – 8:00pm- Andrea

McCoy Recreation Center-Fee: \$10.00 per student.



The House of Music comes to Andrea McCoy Recreation Center every Saturday!

Beginning October 1st, 2016

Now is your chance to join our family at no charge.

- Hip hop dancing
- Vocal coaching
- Rhythm and drum classes

All ages – Beginner, intermediate and advanced levels

Come alone or bring your friends. Family participation is welcomed and encouraged.

We are currently forming hip hop dance teams to represent Michael Jackson and the Jacksons. *(no formal experience necessary)*

We are also putting together a House of Music rhythm band.

For more information and to register with us: come by Andrea McCoy any Saturday at 11am.

Find us on facebook: [Houseofmusicnewbedford](https://www.facebook.com/Houseofmusicnewbedford)



Changing the world with the power of music



Paths and Trails

Discover New Bedford and stay fit on our bicycle and walking paths or exploring a city nature trail.

Join the many folks who daily walk the paths around parks throughout the city. This is a great way to stay fit in the great outdoors right in your neighborhood. Walking has many health benefits and is easy to do requiring no special equipment.



Explore Our Urban Nature Trails

Kids love to explore nature and find it fascinating when given the opportunity. Wildlife can be found all around us when you take the time to look. Use your five senses to explore these habitats with your family and friends. Observe the change in seasons up close as you hike the trails and become familiar with the plants and animals that live there.

The Flora B. Peirce Nature Trail has new boardwalks and amenities to enhance your experience. The trails are approximately 1 mile long and will take you past a certified vernal pool, a pond, the head of the Paskamansett River and various forest habitats supporting a variety of wild life. Located off New Plainville Rd with parking on Falmouth St.

The Ross C. Mathieu Nature Trail is located in Pulaski Park in the city's north end. The trails are approximately 1 mile long and take you past a certified vernal pool and through varied forest habitats including a rocky wetland. Parking is available on Jordan St. off Acushnet Ave.

Ricketson's Nature Trail is located in Brooklawn Park. These nature trails are located in a dense urban area and feature unique woodland perennials and wildlife. This historic trail dates back to Daniel Ricketson's residence in the 1800's. We know that Ricketson cut out paths in the woods in October of 1855. You can walk the same trails that Henry David Thoreau would have walked while visiting Ricketson.

Please enjoy the trails. Remember - Take only photos, leave only footprints.



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES Membership and Program Registration



Please complete all information requested on the registration form.
Only Parent or Legal Guardian can sign for their child.

First*	MI	Last*
DOB*	Gender* Male / Female	Barcode #
Address*		
Zip*	City/ Town*	State* <input type="checkbox"/> Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Resident
Home Phone* () -	Cell Phone * () -	Text <input type="checkbox"/> opt in <input type="checkbox"/> opt out
Email		Email <input type="checkbox"/> opt in <input type="checkbox"/> opt out
Emergency contact name*		
Relationship to applicant*		Phone * () -
Other Physical / Medical Needs*		

The following statistical information is used for grant purposes only and all individual information provided will remain anonymous.

Income Level	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
Extremely Low Income	0-12,550	0-15,730	0-19,790	0-23,850	0-27,910	0-31,970	0-36,030	0-39,350
Very Low Income	12,551-20,900	15,731-23,850	19,791-26,850	23,851-29,800	27,911-32,200	31,971-34,600	36,031-37,000	39,351-39,350
Low Income	20,901-33,400	23,851-38,200	26,851-42,950	29,801-47,700	32,201-51,550	34,601-55,350	37,001-59,150	39,351-63,000
Over Income	33,401-over	38,201-over	42,951-over	47,701-over	51,551-over	55,350-over	59,151-over	63,001-over

Income Limits required by the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development – *please circle one.*

Ethnicity: (select one only) ___ Hispanic or Latino ___ Not Hispanic or Latino

Race: (select one)

- | | | |
|--|--|------------------------------------|
| ___ White | ___ Asian & White | ___ Other: (select all that apply) |
| ___ Black /African American | ___ Black/African American & White | ___ Seniors (62 years or older) |
| ___ Asian | ___ Am. Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African Am | ___ Handicapped or Disabled |
| ___ American Indian/Alaskan Native | ___ Other Multi-Racial, | ___ Female Head of Household |
| ___ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander | ___ Asian/Pacific Islander | ___ Minors (up to age 18) |

Class Name	Name of Participant	Cost
	Total	\$

Waiver: In consideration of this application and/or the right to participate in this activity, I or my child, release the City of New Bedford, its employees, agents, representatives, and other persons or organizations for whose conduct the City may be responsible from any and all liability, loss damage, costs, claims and/or causes of action, including but not limited to all bodily injury claims and property damage resulting from or arising out of the use of premises, facilities, or equipment of the City of New Bedford, and/or caused in any way by the City of New Bedford, its employees, agents, representatives, and other persons or organizations for whose conduct the City may be responsible. I and/or my child are in the necessary physical condition to participate in the registered activity. I authorize the staff to seek emergency medical care on my behalf or on behalf of child if needed. I will assume all costs associated with any such treatment. I have been informed of the program's policies, including the refund policy, if applicable. I fully understand this waiver and voluntarily accept its terms. I certify, under the penalties of law, this information is correct and I understand that the information I have provided on my family income is subject to verification by authorized representatives of the City of New Bedford Office of Housing and Community Development, and the U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development. This information will be kept confidential and used for funding monitoring purposes only.

Parent/Guardian Signature * :

Date:

Office Use Only Below This Line

Notes: Residency Verification: D.L. ___ State I.D. ___ School I.D. ___ Other (specify) _____

Staff initial

(*) Denotes required fields for present members. Non-members must complete the entire form.

Policies and General Information

Program Registration

Registrations will be accepted until the program is full prior to the start date. All forms must be filled out completely or they will not be accepted.

Program Age Requirements

Participants must be of noted age or grade by the first day of the program in which they are enrolled.

Payment

For programs that have a fee associated the payment is due at the time of registration, acceptable form of payment is a check or money order made payable to CITY OF NEW BEDFORD. A fee of \$25 will be charged to any check returned for insufficient funds. No new registration of programming will be allowed until the \$25 fee is paid.

Program Course Confirmation

No confirmations are sent out. A participant is registered only when payment is received, unless the department notifies you otherwise.. We will only notify you if there are any problems.

Refunds

All programs are non-refundable, unless the department cancels a program.

Non-Residents

For some programs non-residents may register if space allows. Additional fees will be charged.

Personal Belongings

Please do not bring any valuables, toys or games to our programs. The department is not responsible for lost or stolen items. To be safe, leave articles at home unless necessary for the program.

Photo Policy...Smile ☺

New Bedford Parks, Recreation & Beaches and/or press take pictures and video on occasion of participants for publicity purposes and for local cable. If you don't want to have you and/or your child photographed, please let us know. By signing this form you are authorizing the departments use of your photo.

Additional Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the Parks, Recreation & Beaches office if there are any orders, ie. restraining, no contact, etc. currently issued. Your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us.

If your child is walking or using public transportation to or from our programs please notify us. Additional permission slip may need to be on file.

Participants who continually exhibit behavioral and /or discipline problems will be subject to suspension and /or termination from the program. Please review the Participants Responsibilities for more information.

Participants Responsibility

We ask that all participants respect the staff, other participants, age requirements, and the equipment. Please refrain from causing bodily harm to others and from using foul language. Additional rules will be announced at each program. Youth programs require the same code of conduct as is expected during school hours. If a participant fails to cooperate with the rules, the Director reserves the right to dismiss or suspend a participant in any program without a refund of fees.

New Bedford Parks, Recreation & Beaches is not a day care, after-school care program or babysitting service. Please read and understand the policies. If they are unclear to you, please ask

questions. ALL participants must pre-register for ALL programs. Please be on time dropping off and picking up children from their programs. Failure to do so will result in additional cost penalties or suspension from programming.

Weather Cancellations

When city offices are closed due emergencies or weather conditions, all Recreation Department programming will be cancelled for the entire day. If a storm develops later in the day please call the Parks, Recreation & Beaches office for an update.

Special Needs & Medication

Children and adults with special needs are encouraged to participate in recreation programs. Staff members are sensitive to your needs and will do everything possible to assist you. If you are interested in participating in a program, please contact the office to discuss to program details and accommodations necessary for the success of your child's participation.

Please review the medication policy for summer day program if applicable.

Program Policies

All programs are offered to New Bedford residents on a first come, first serve basis. New Bedford Parks, Recreation & Beaches reserves the right to cancel or consolidate any program that does not meet the minimum participation registration numbers. Remember nothing terminates a program faster than waiting until the last minute to register. Avoid disappointment and register promptly.

Carefully read each program description you are interested in to see specific rules and regulations regarding your desired program.

Internet Usage Policy

The New Bedford Parks, Recreations and Beaches only provide access to the internet. The department cannot control and is not able to monitor any information on the Internet for either content or accuracy. The user is the ultimate judge of appropriateness, usefulness and value of all material accessed. In the case of minors, this responsibility rests with their parents or legal guardians. The New Bedford Parks, Recreations & Beaches are not responsible for any negative consequences that may occur as a result of the recreation center internet connection. In the case that the internet is being used inappropriately, the user will receive three warnings before their rights to usage and membership are revoked.

Parks

Take a stroll in one of the City's many Beautiful Parks



Fort Rodman/Taber Park

Located on S. Rodney French Blvd.

A 50-acre waterfront park that provides over a mile of ocean frontage located on scenic Clark's Point which projects into Buzzards Bay. The park incorporates historical landmarks, offers many amenities and various opportunities for passive and active recreation. The centerpiece of the park is the historic Fort Rodman, built between 1857 and 1871 as part of the nation's sea coast defense system. The fort features interpretive signage and a military museum. There is over one mile of walking, jogging or biking paths, natural areas, a beach for bathing, a pier for fishing, a playground, community boating, a youth summer camp, and picnic areas offering panoramic views. The park is handicap accessible. A large multi-purpose lawn allows for cultural programming, such as military reenactments and public concerts.



Hazelwood Park

Located on Brock Ave.

Hazelwood Park is a 23-acre park located on Clark's Point, overlooking scenic Clark's Cove. The park offers both passive and active recreation areas. There is a historic bowling green, tennis courts, basketball courts, a playground, picnic areas, and a gazebo. The park hosts many entertainment functions throughout the year. Public beaches and a historic bath-house and pavilion are located across the Boulevard at the bottom of the park. It contains groves, expansive lawns, and three historic structures, one of which has been rehabilitated for use as a Community Center. The park, the bath houses, and pavilion make up the Hazelwood Park National Historic Register District.



Buttonwood Park

Located on Rockdale Ave.

This 97 acre multi-use park was initially planned in the 1890's by Charles Eliot of the famous landscape architectural firm of Olmstead, Olmstead and Eliot. Comprised of both active and passive recreation areas; with forest, fields and a large pond, it is also home to one of the finest small zoos in the country. Retaining its historic landscapes, the park is a National Historic Register District, and has evolved to meet the needs of the community; with ball fields, tennis courts, a universal accessible playground, a Community Center, library, and walking paths. The brand new basketball courts are a major attraction.



Brooklawn Park

Located on Acushnet Ave.

This 85 acre park is a multi-use complex with baseball and softball fields, basketball and tennis courts, a skate park, playground, splash-pad, and nature trails. In an effort to remove himself from the bustle of the city's center, the prominent New Bedford Quaker, Daniel Ricketson built a country estate in what is now Brooklawn Park. Literary greats, such as Henry David Thoreau and Ralph Waldo Emerson, often visited Ricketson at his estate. Responding to the needs of a rapidly growing population due to the success of the textile industry, this land became a city park at the end of the 19th century.

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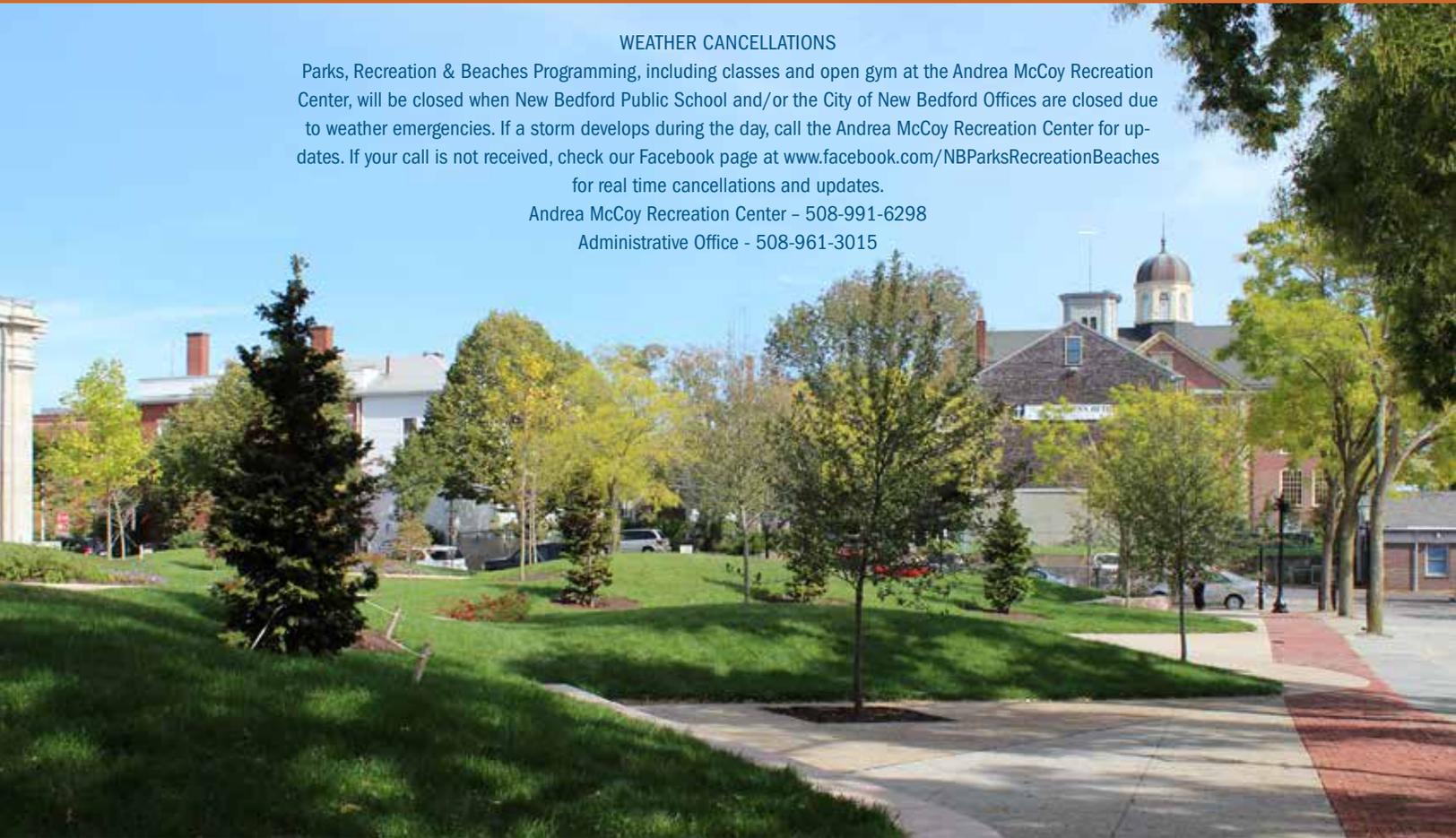
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