

# TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

## Recreation Department

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# Newsletter

## March

### EGG HUNT 2018

#### BONNET & TOP HAT CONTEST

**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 12noon  
in the Monroe Township Community Center Hockey Rink**

#### Egg Hunt

Our Annual Egg Hunt is guaranteed fun for the kids. We have spoon races, a Bonnet and Top Hat contest, and of course an egg hunt. Some eggs even come with a special prize. Winners of the Bonnet and Top Hat contest will leave with a basket full of goodies. So stop by, we look forward to seeing everyone at this fun filled event!

**NEW—Marshmallow Peep Contest.**  
Call (732) 723-5000 for details.

#### **Fitness Center**

For ages 18+ - our fitness center is open from 8:00am-9:00pm, 7 days a week. This facility is available to Monroe Twp residents and is included in our \$10 per year annual Rec Center membership. Our fitness center is perfect for anyone looking to restart their fitness regimen, start a new one, or even to have a treadmill to run on indoors on a rainy day. You can reserve cardio equipment in advance or you may simply walk in and check with our front desk for equipment availability. An orientation is required prior to use and can be scheduled over the phone by calling our front office at (732) 723-5000. Stop by today to check out this, and the many other fitness offerings we provide.



#### Summer Employment

The application process for Summer Rec Camp and M.T.S.E.P.A. will begin in March. Applications can be submitted starting March 1st.

Deadline for Summer Rec Camp job applications is March 31st and to qualify for our Counselor in Training program must be going into your Freshman year of High School.

Deadline for M.T.S.E.P.A. Camp job applications is April 30th. Call the Community Center for details regarding the different employment positions within the camp.

# Adult and Senior Programs

## Adult Fitness Classes

### **A.M. Classes**

**Core Conditioning**—Saturdays 8:30-9:30am

**Cardio Tone**—Saturdays 9:30-10:30am

**Seize the Day Fitness**—Mondays and Thursdays 9:30-10:30am

**Yoga**—Sundays 10-11am, Tuesdays or Thursdays 9:30-10:30am

**Zumba Toning**—Fridays 9:30-10:30am



**\* NEW A.M Class \***  
**Retro Rhythms Dance Fitness**  
**Wednesdays 9:30am-10:30am starting in April**

### **P.M. Classes**

**Kickbox & Tone**—Tuesdays 7:15-8:15pm

**Low Impact Aerobics**—Mondays and/or Thursdays 7:00-8:00pm

**Ultimate Fitness**—Mondays and/or Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm

More information, including schedules, fees, and class descriptions, can be found at [www.monroerec.com](http://www.monroerec.com). Must register in advance for 8 week sessions. Online registration available at [register.communitypass.net/monroetownship](http://register.communitypass.net/monroetownship). Classes with low enrollment numbers prior to the beginning of the program, may be cancelled. Please do not wait until the start date of the class to register.

## **Monroe Township Photography Club**

is for Monroe Township Residents. All levels of photography experience welcome. High School students and older. The Club is held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. There is a \$25.00 club fee. A great way to learn, discuss, and advance your love of photography. The club holds workshops, contests, and more!

## **Senior Lunch And Learn**

The next scheduled Senior Lunch & Learn will be on Monday, March 12th at 11:00am. This months topic is **Wills and Estates** presented by the Middlesex County Surrogate Office. Register in advance by March 5th, to guarantee you receive a lunch, on Community Pass or at the Community Center. Call (732) 723-5000 for more information.

## **Table Tennis Club**

Held on Monday and Wednesday nights at Barclay Brook School, 7:00pm-10:00pm. Great club for all skill levels. Go to their website <http://mttc.ebnj.net/home> to learn more about the club. High School Students are welcome to join at a discounted rate.

# Recreation Youth Programs

## **Fitness**



**Hip-Hop Gymnastics**—For ages 5-16 on Friday nights, 7:00pm-8:00pm.

**Karate**—For ages 6-17 on Tuesday nights, 6:30pm-7:30pm.

**Mini Ninjas**—For ages 3-5 on Monday mornings and afternoons, choose between the 10:00am-10:45am or the 1:00pm-1:45pm session.

**Twirling**—For ages 5+ on Friday nights, 6:00pm-7:00pm.

**US Sports**—Multi-Sport program, call (732) 563-2520 for more info.

**Youth Track**—Introductory Track and Field program held on Monday nights in the Spring typically March—May for grades K-8.

## **The Arts**

### Childrens Theater Workshop

For ages 8-14 on Saturday Mornings. The class runs from 9:30am-12:00pm. Last date of the class includes a performance for family and friends to attend

**More Arts programs to be held during the Summer months**

More information, including session start dates, fees, and class descriptions, can be found at [www.monroerec.com](http://www.monroerec.com). Must register in advance for 6-8 week sessions online at [register.communitypass.net/monroetownship](http://register.communitypass.net/monroetownship). Classes with low enrollment numbers prior to the beginning of the program, may be cancelled. Please do not wait until the start date of the class to register.

## **KIDZONE**



### Junior Engineering

For ages 5-7 on Tuesdays, 4:15pm-5:15pm

### Apprentice Engineering

For ages 8-12 on Mondays, 4:15pm-5:45pm

### Bricks 4 Kidz

For grades K-3 or 4-5 on Thursdays, 6:00pm-7:30pm

**NEW  
EVENT**

# Marshmallow Peep Contest



## 2018 Peeps Diorama Contest Official Rules

**Make your diorama using a shoebox or comparable item of reasonable size**, not to exceed 2 feet wide by 2 feet deep by 2 feet tall. To be eligible for finalist standing, the diorama must be transportable to our office by one person. Melt, mold and manipulate those chicks and bunnies to bring your vision to life.

**Bring your Diorama to the Monroe Township Community Center starting March 17th and NO LATER than March 19th. Judging will take place during the week and winners will be announced at our Annual Egg Hunt held on March 24th.**

You will also be asked to provide on an index card or on the back of the diorama:

- a. Your name and age
- b. The names, ages of anybody who contributed to the diorama.
- c. A phone number and email address (not for publication).
- d. The title of your diorama.

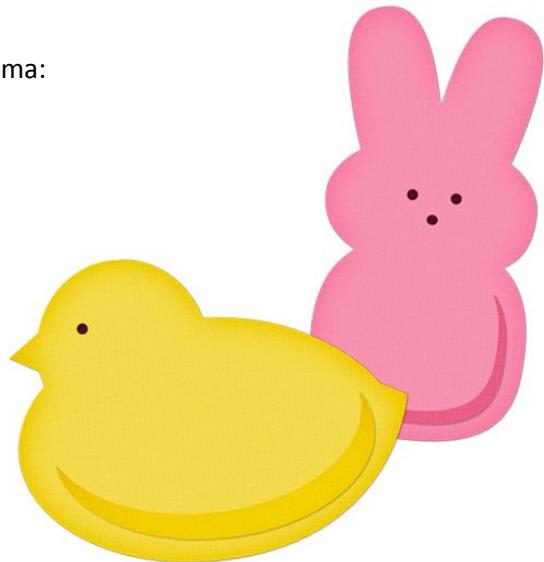
## Divisions by Grade

K-1st

2nd-3rd

4th-5th

6th-8th



**One winner for each division with the grand prize of “Peep-les Choice”**

**\*All entries are subject to approval by the discretion of the Monroe Township Recreation Department\***  
**\*Monroe Township Residents Only\***



# Local Youth Sports

## Monroe Wolverine Football and Cheerleading Registration Night

Representatives from the Pop Warner Monroe Wolverine organization will be having a registration night at the Community Center on March 14th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. They will be there to answer any questions and receive payments/paperwork for your child to participate. Forms will be available at the Community Center front office after this official registration night. Teams do fill up however so the sooner you register your child, the better. For additional information, you can go to [www.monroewolverines.com](http://www.monroewolverines.com) or find us on Facebook.

## Monroe Special Sports

Monroe Special Sports is a multi-sport organization for youth run by a group of enthusiastic parents, family, friends and community members that provide a place for Monroe Township athletes with special needs to play and socialize. Our Executive Board is made up of a director, treasurer, secretary and nine parent/community volunteers. Registration will be held on the following nights: March 14<sup>th</sup>, 7-9:00pm registration for Buddy Ball (Baseball) June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7-9:00pm registration for Soccer Stars. September 5<sup>th</sup>, 7-9:00pm registration for Basketball Pals Go to [www.monroeespecialsports.com](http://www.monroeespecialsports.com) for more information.

## Monroe Township Girls Softball Association

Spring Registration is open. All girls in grades Pre-K to 12 are welcome to play! **Pre k - 12th grade = \$150 (this includes your family refundable \$50 work bond)** Visit our website, [www.monroesoftball.net](http://www.monroesoftball.net) and use the "REGISTER: 2018 SOFTBALL" button on the top right side of page. Payment can be completed online or mailed. Softball season runs from April 14<sup>th</sup> through late June for all age groups plus playoffs and championship games for the older divisions. Season is a scheduled 12 games plus weekly practices, weather permitting, on week nights and Saturdays depending on age group. Families will be REFUNDED the \$50 work bond fee if they coach or volunteer a few hours per family during the season helping where needed. All players receive a full softball uniform.

For questions, feel free to email us at [mtgsa@outlook.com](mailto:mtgsa@outlook.com)

## Hoops Basketball

Basketball season runs November-March. Registration will open typically in August. Go to [www.monroehoops.org](http://www.monroehoops.org) for more information and registration.



## Monroe Township Soccer Club (MTSC)

MTSC holds both a Fall and Spring league, as well as clinics for all ages throughout the year. For more information, go to [www.monroesoccer.com](http://www.monroesoccer.com)

## Boys and Girls Lacrosse

Registration is now open for Monroe's Girls and Boys Lacrosse Programs, Grades K through 8 at [www.monroelacrosse.com](http://www.monroelacrosse.com). Practice will start the first week in March for Grades 3-8, K-2 will start in early April.

### Little Laxers Lacrosse Program

for Boys Grades K-2. Starts Friday April 13th.

Runs Fridays and Sundays through Sunday May 20th Register at [www.monroelacrosse.com](http://www.monroelacrosse.com)

Price \$75—Equipment and stick will be provided

The program is designed to introduce the fundamentals of lacrosse and let the kids have fun. We will have a 2-4 game schedule in May once the kids learn the basic fundamentals.

## Jr. Falcon Wrestling

Season typically runs November to February with registration opening in October. They also hold a Spring Clinic April and May for grades K-12. Questions can be addressed to [josephfiordaliso24@gmail.com](mailto:josephfiordaliso24@gmail.com).

## Monroe Township Baseball Association (MTBA)

Registration for the 2018 Spring recreation baseball season is open. Go to [www.monroebaseball.com](http://www.monroebaseball.com) for more information. **FREE Clinic Saturday, March 10, 11:15am-12:45pm / Monroe Middle School Gymnasium Rec Players only.** Check-in begins at 11:00am, Clinic begins at 11:15am sharp.

For ages 4-8 (age as of April 30, 2018)

# Open Gym Times at the Community Center

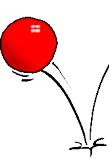
**Pickleball, Monday—Friday, 8am-1pm - September-June**

**Table Tennis, Monday—Friday, 8am-1pm - September-June**

**Men's Basketball, Sundays 8am-10am.**

**Adult Volleyball, Mondays 7pm-9pm**

**Adult Badminton, Mondays 6pm-9pm**



Monday-Friday after school open gym runs 2pm-5pm. Call for additional availability during the week and on weekends at (732) 723-5000. Hoops Basketball season will limit these hours until end of March.

## Recreation Department Special Events

**Egg Hunt**—March 24th at the Community Center at 12noon

**Senior/Senior Games**—May 30th at Multiple Locations at 9:30am

**July 4th Celebration**—July 4th in Thompson Park at 5:00pm

**National Night Out** (assisting)—August 7th in Thompson Park at 6:00pm

**Fishing Derby**—August 14th in Thompson Park at 9:00am

**Octoberfest**—October 21st at the Community Center at 12:00noon

**Halloween Event**—October 27th at the Community Center at 10:30am

**Grandparents Day Out**—December 27th at the Community Center at 10:30am

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

### Recreation Advisory Board

#### Meeting Dates

March 12th

April 9th

May 21st—Scholarship Awards Dinner

June 11th

September 10th

October 15th

November 19th

December 10th

All meetings are held at the  
Community Center  
with a starting time of 7:00pm.

### Community Center Membership

To use the Community Center Facilities, you must obtain a membership. Membership dues are \$10/year, expires a year from the date you register, and can be paid for online at [register.communitypass.net/monroetownship](http://register.communitypass.net/monroetownship). Having this membership gives you access to our programs, fitness center, open gym, and even borrowing a basketball to shoot around during open hours. If you have any difficulties with registration, you can stop by our front office and we can renew/register your membership in person.

*Monroe Township residents only. Proof of residency required.*



## **MAYOR'S CUP SCHEDULE 2018**

Date	Event	Location	Time
April 11	Bowling	Country Lanes	9:00am
May 15	Men's Tennis	Regency	5:00pm
May 22	Women's Tennis	Regency	5:00pm
June 5	Women's Golf	Concordia	8:00am
June 14	Women's Pickleball	Rec Center	6:00pm
June 18	Men's Golf	Concordia	8:00am
June 21	Pickleball	Rec Center	6:00pm
July 10	Basketball	Rec Center	6:00pm
July 24	Table Tennis	Rec Center	6:00pm
August 29	Duplicate Bridge	Senior Center	11:00am
September 6	Shuffleboard	Rossmoor	9:00am
September 20	Bocce	Thompson Park	9:00am
October 1	Awards Night	Town Hall	6:00pm

**Welcome Back  
Spring  
March 20th**



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