

# Township of Manalapan

# **PARKS & RECREATION**

## **Newsletter**

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# MANALAPAN TOWNSHIP SUMMER CAMP IS HIRING

A safe, fun, and affordable summer experience for the children of our community!

Apply  
Now!

## WE ARE HIRING!

- Group Supervisors: Perfect For Teachers!
- Counselors: 10th, 11th, 12th Graders and College-Aged
- Bus Drivers

## Tentative Summer Camp Dates

- ★ First Day - Thursday, June 27th, 2024
- ★ Last Day - Friday, August 9th, 2024
- ★ NO CAMP Thursday, July 4th & Friday July, 5th.
- ★ Camp resumes Monday July 8th.
- ★ Last Day of Camp Friday, August 9th; Half Day.




Scan for Employee Application

**MANALAPAN PARKS & RECREATION AND  
MANALAPAN HIGH SCHOOL PRESENT:**

# **M Braves**

## **FOUR – DAY “BE A BRAVE” SPORTS CAMPS**



**LACROSSE  
FOOTBALL  
BASKETBALL  
SOCCER**



**BASEBALL & SOFTBALL  
WRESTLING  
FIELD HOCKEY  
CHEERLEADING**

***New this summer! Manalapan Parks and Recreation and Manalapan High School are partnering to bring the community Four - Day Athletic Camps taught by Manalapan High School coaches. There is something for every child to try!***

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

# We help children grow into creators.

## SUMMER STEM CAMPS



**MANALAPAN TOWNSHIP**  
A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE.

### **LEGO® Robotics and Coding - Space Quest Camp**

Incoming grades: 2 - 4

August 12 - 16, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

This dynamic and interactive camp offers an introduction to coding, robotics, and engineering through the use of LEGO® Spike Essential Education Robotics Construction Sets. Utilizing sensors and motors, campers work in pairs to build and code models focused on space exploration. The camp incorporates a variety of hands-on STEM activities and team-building challenges. Through building, testing, and problem-solving, young engineers gain confidence while fostering creativity and innovation.

### **Game Design and Animation's Lab Camp (with Scratch MIT)**

Incoming grades 4 - 6

August 12 - 16, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

This camp will teach children the basics of game design and animation using Scratch MIT, a user- friendly programming language. Campers will be introduced to the fundamentals of coding as they create their own games and designs. Our experienced coaches will guide them through the entire process. Their problem-solving, critical thinking skills, along with their technical skills will be challenged throughout the week. By Friday they will have a variety of games and animations to play at home with family and friends.

Laptop or Chromebook required.

**\$285 per camper/8 camper max**



**Registration: <https://manalapan.recdesk.com/Community/Home>**

**Kuschick Pavilion 120 Route 522 Manalapan**

# Spring into a healthier you!

## April recreation classes are starting soon

### L'il Dancers Dancing Minis Saturday's

Your child will explore creative movement and beginning ballet and jazz techniques. These fun classes are upbeat, imaginative and full of popular music children love. We will work on building the confidence to become independent dancers and acquiring skills needed for the classroom such as waiting in line, raising our hands, taking turns, following directions and more. Children will enjoy waving the large rainbow parachute and dancing in a whirlwind of bubbles. This class will culminate in an optional recital dance to perform at the end of the session.

### Street Hockey FUNdamentals

This program has been set up as an introduction to hockey focusing on basic hockey skills, with an emphasis on having fun! Our weekly sessions teach the fundamental skills of puck handling, passing, shooting, and game situations while reinforcing previously taught skating skills. Our progressive teaching methods provide the skaters with the opportunity to develop confidence and a positive self-image while experiencing achievement throughout the program.



### Stress Management Meditation

Stress can have consequences far beyond temporary feelings of pressure. While we can't avoid stress, we can learn to manage it through mindfulness practice. We'll discuss how to cope better, practice letting go of the stress and end with meditation so we can bounce back to feeling secure, safe and confident.



### Advanced Acting Awakening Style

Awakenings Theatre Workshoppe is excited to offer our new Advanced Acting Class! The class will focus on various acting techniques that dig deep into the skills that create an incredible performance. Students will learn vocal and physical warm-ups, tools for working with imagination during a scene, script analysis, and improv. Students will rehearse scenes in class for a public performance that will take place on the last session.



To register online visit



[manalapan.recdesk.com](https://manalapan.recdesk.com)

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE REC

## PARK IMPROVEMENTS

FIELD 2, MANALAPAN REC CENTER



The Manalapan Township Parks and Recreation Department worked with the Manalapan Girls Softball Club (MGSC) to help renovate the fence surrounding Field 2. Moving this fence created the first official Softball field in the Manalapan Rec Center.

## Women's History Month

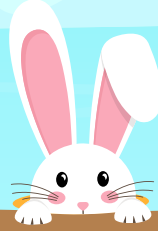


March is National Women's History Month! Passed by Congress in 1987, March is dedicated to celebrating the contributions of women throughout American history. We are proud to open and dedicate Field 2 at the Manalapan Recreation Center to softball during this important month.



# EASTER EGG HUNT

SAVE THE DATE



**SATURDAY MARCH 23**

11 am Start

West End; Field K,  
Manalapan Recreation Center



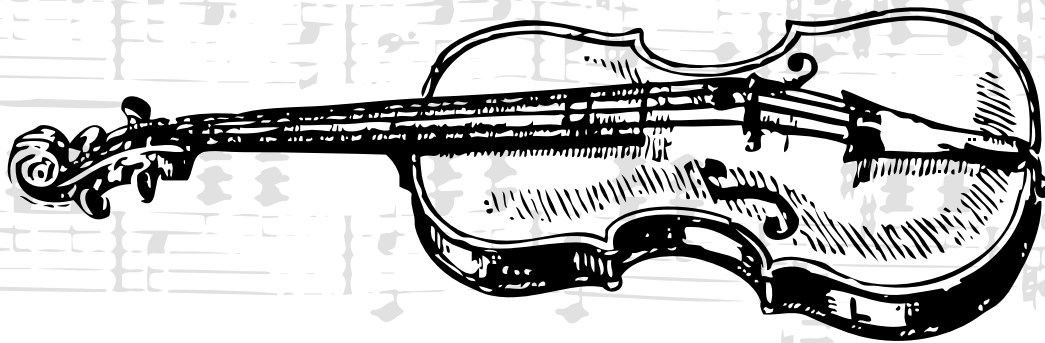
# Happy Easter



**THE MANALAPAN PARKS AND  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE  
TO WISH YOU A HAPPY EASTER! WE  
HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US AT THIS  
YEAR'S EASTER EGG HUNT!**

**Manalapan Arts Council Presents**

# **MADISON STRING QUARTET CONCERT**



**THE MADISON STRING QUARTET WILL CREATE A  
COMFORTABLE ATMOSPHERE WHILE  
PERFORMING CLASSICAL MASTERPIECES FROM  
THE PAST AND PRESENT.**

**COVERED BRIDGE CLUBHOUSE**

**1 Amberly Drive, Manalapan, NJ 07726**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024  
2:00 PM**



# 2 Earth Month Events!

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**SAT. APRIL 13**

**HOW TO CREATE AN ECO-FRIENDLY YARD**

**10:00am - 11:30am**

Manalapan Town Hall

120 Route 522



8 Easy Steps!

Learn about landscaping  
and gardening from an  
expert at  
[JerseyFriendlyYards.org](http://JerseyFriendlyYards.org)

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**SAT. APRIL 27**

**(RAINDATE APRIL 28)**

**TREE & SHRUB PLANTING DEMONSTRATION**

**3:00pm - 4:30pm**

**Manalapan Recreation**

**Center, Route 522**

Meet at the  
Splash Pad Pavilion



Whether you're doing it  
yourself or hiring, learn  
proper planting methods  
and how to avoid  
common mistakes from  
Manalapan Township's  
Arborist

**Hosted by the Manalapan Environmental Commission**

**SAVE THE DATE**

# **S.O.A.R. EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**

Join us at the Dreyer Pavilion for a morning of crafts, learning and most importantly, fun!

Stop by to pot-a-plant in celebration of Earth Day and learn more about the S.O.A.R. program for children with special needs.

**HAPPY  
EARTH  
DAY**



**\*This program is designed for children with special needs. Parents must stay to chaperone their child for the length of the program. Participation available while supplies last. Please contact Katie O'Brien with questions regarding special needs programs: [kobrien@mtnj.org](mailto:kobrien@mtnj.org).**

# NATURE CORNER

*facts about plants, animals & beyond!*



## HERE COMES PETER COTTON TAIL

The eastern cottontail rabbit is native to New Jersey and is likely the species of rabbit you will find in your backyard. With their long hind legs, ears and reddish-brown fur, the eastern cottontail is a familiar site in our area. The rabbits use burrows made by other animals as homes and can reach speeds up to 18 miles per hour to avoid predators. Eastern cottontails are most likely to be out in the open after dusk to feed, but with a watchful eye, can be spotted at most times during the day.

<https://www.dep.nj.gov/njfw/wp-content/uploads/njfw/cottontail.pdf>



## "In like a lion and out like a lamb"

The month of March for us New Jersians can run the gamut of wild weather patterns. From mild and sunny 65-degree days to windy rainstorms at freezing temperatures, March makes us prepare for just about anything! The spring season will officially begin March 19 with the spring equinox, however, that doesn't means we won't experience some cold blasts before the end of the month and into April. However, the Old Farmers Almanac does predict that early spring will arrive in April and through May with above-average temperatures eventually making their way to Manalapan. If that's the case, March will truly come in like a lion and out like a lamb, just like the old adage tells!

<https://www.almanac.com/spring-weather-forecast>

<https://www.almanac.com/march-forecast>



# PARK SPOTLIGHT

## HOLIDAY PARK



Holiday Park is an 11.2-acre park located in the heart of Manalapan. It features a playground, lake, walking path and a well-maintained baseball/softball field, making it the perfect place for families to spend quality time outdoors! The park is conveniently located off of Blenheim and Pease Road with a parking lot and is perfect for picnics, sports, or simply enjoying nature!



Canada Geese are so cute!  
But please don't feed them.  
It's best to admire them  
from a distance and let  
them find their own food in  
their natural habitat!



**IMPORTANT**

The Manalapan Recreation Center will be closing at dusk until March 31, 2024.  
The park will remain open until 9pm only on Thursdays.

Scan to learn more about our Parks & Recreation active park properties!



# PAVILION RENTAL

Host your next event at one of our pavilions!



You can now apply to rent a pavilion through your  
RecDesk account!

[Manalapan.recdesk.com](https://Manalapan.recdesk.com) → Facilities → Pavilions → Reserve Now



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