

# Township of Manalapan

# **PARKS & RECREATION**

## **Newsletter**

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**Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30AM – 4:30PM**



## **DID YOU CREATE YOUR RECDESK ACCOUNT?**

We're excited to announce we changed registration platforms! Community Pass is no longer available, please create your RecDesk account now to register for spring programs and upcoming programs.

To ensure a smooth transition, it is important to set up your RecDesk account prior to Summer Camp registration.



### **To Create an Account:**

Scan the QR code or Visit:  
<https://manalapan.recdesk.com/>

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### Sports and STEM Camps:

Sports Camps at MHS: Monday, March 11 at 9 am

Built By Me STEM Camps: Monday, March 11 at 9 am

**You must have a RecDesk account to register!**

Please contact Manalapan Parks & Recreation with questions.  
732.446.8336



# 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: 11th, 12th and College-Aged
- Bus Drivers

***Competitive Salary!***

## 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

For any questions please contact  
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# ***SPRING REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!***

***There is still time to register for recreation programs!***

## **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 incredible performances. 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. While creating a comfortable and fun environment, the students will organically grow and expand their skills, which not only enhances their acting but helps them cope with all of life's challenges.

## **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 practices. 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.

## **Beginner Pickleball**

Ready to advance your game beyond the beginner level? This is the time and place to do it. In the advanced beginner class, players will learn how to hit with power, control and spin. Serving, volleying and dinking will be worked on, and we will introduce the key "3rd shot drop" as we get you ready to play at the next level. We will also get into strategic play, covering court positioning and how to "speed-up" and "slow down" a point.

## **Street Hockey FUNdamentals**

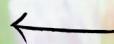
This program has been set up as an introduction to hockey focusing on basic hockey skills, with an emphasis on having fun! Our weekly sessions teach the fundamental skills of puck handling, passing, shooting, and game situations while reinforcing previously taught skating skills. Our progressive teaching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

## **L'il Dancers Ballet**

Experience the magic of ballet with its gorgeous dance steps and whimsical music. Your princess or prince will have so much fun as they are invited to explore movement creatively while learning proper ballet terminology. The music will include both popular songs and traditional orchestral music from the most famous ballets. Dancers will partake in a series of ballet stretches to increase flexibility, exercises to gain strength and stability, and free dance to encourage creative expression.

## **Art in the Parks Kids**

Does your child love to draw and color? Well you're in luck! Come join our drawing-based exemplary art program with diverse multimedia curriculum. Discovery and self-expression are fundamental to art programs where creative spirit is nurtured while building friendships and having fun. Dress for the mess!




Scan to Register!



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

# **M Braves**

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



**LACROSSE  
FOOTBALL  
BASKETBALL  
SOCCER**



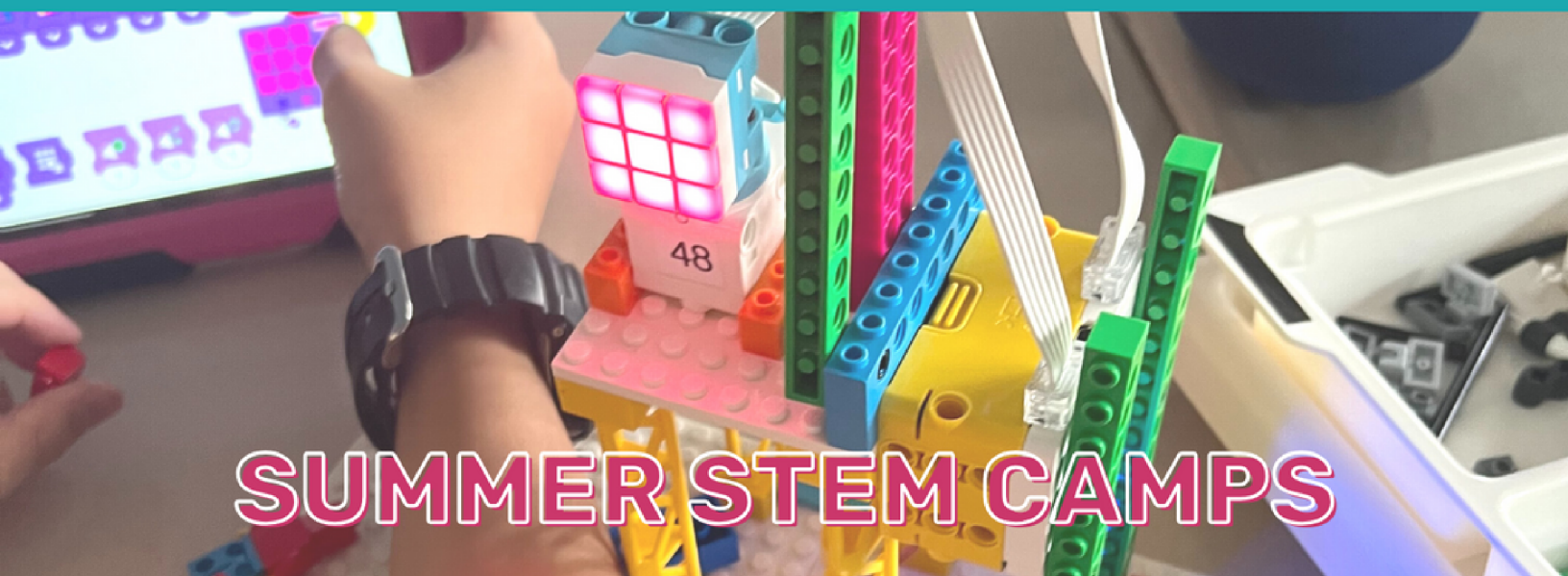
**BASEBALL & SOFTBALL  
WRESTLING  
FIELD HOCKEY  
CHEERLEADING**

*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 BEGINS MARCH 11 AT 9 AM**



# 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.

**\$275 per camper/8 camper max**



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

**Kuschick Pavilion 120 Route 522 Manalapan**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## EASTER EGG HUNT

SAVE THE DATE

**SATURDAY MARCH 23**

11am Start

West End; Field K,  
Manalapan Recreation Center



## S.O.A.R. Earth Day Celebration



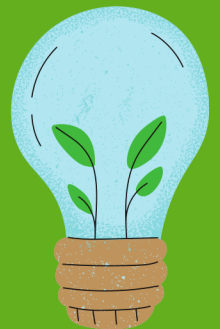
\*This program is designed for children with special needs. Parents must stay to chaperone their child for the length of the program. Participation available while supplies last. Please contact Katie O'Brien with questions regarding special needs programs: [kobrien@mtnj.org](mailto:kobrien@mtnj.org).

**Saturday, April 20; 9am-11am**

**Dreyer Pavilion, Manalapan Recreation Center**

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 SOAR program for children with special needs.



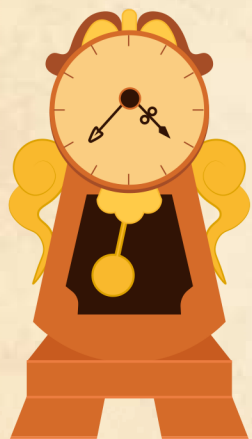
# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Shamrock or four-leaf clover? Lots of people don't know the difference between the two. A Shamrock can come from a variety of plants because the Shamrock can be any trifoliate plant (a plant with three leaflets). They may be most commonly associated with wood sorrel, white clover or similar. Every once in a while, these plants may produce a leaf with four leaflets instead of three, creating the lucky four-leaf clover!

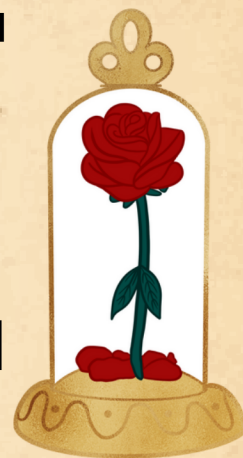
<https://www.britannica.com/plant/shamrock>



## Saturday Night Out MANALAPAN HIGH SCHOOL PLAY



Our Saturday Night Out participants had a wonderful time on Saturday, March 2 viewing Beauty and the Beast at Manalapan High School! Our group looks forward to attending a high school musical each spring. This was certainly a favorite!





# An Award-Winning Night

## JACQUIE STANLEY EXCELLENCE IN THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMMING AWARD



The Manalapan Parks and Recreation department accepted NJRPA's Jacquie Stanley Excellence in Therapeutic Programming Award on Tuesday, February 27 in recognition of the Saturday Night Out program. This award recognizes outstanding programs and events which exhibit uniqueness, appeal, continuity and participant satisfaction. We are honored to accept this prestigious award.



Jacquie Stanley was the driving force in the promotion of services for individuals with disabilities. She was instrumental in the development of the NJ Barrier Free Subcode, which was in existence prior to the Americans with Disabilities Act. She was the Director of the Office of Recreation in the NJ Department of Consumer Affairs. She was the first female President of NJRPA in 1980-81. Jacquie founded and became the first Executive Secretary of the NJ Commission on Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities. The Jacquie Stanley award is presented for excellence in therapeutic programming. (NJRPA)



# NATURE CORNER

*facts about plants, animals & beyond!*



## BRIGHTER DAYS AHEAD *Spring Equinox*

Spring is on the horizon, literally! The first day of spring, or the spring equinox, will take place on March 19. Since the winter solstice in December, the days have gradually grown longer. At the equinox, there are equal amounts of day and night here on earth. As we approach the summer solstice, the days continue to get longer until there is more day than night! With more minutes of sun, how will you spend your time?

### *Environmental Tip of the Month*

Replace fabric softeners and dryer sheets with wool dryer balls. Dryer balls cost less and are sustainable because they are reusable. They reduce drying times, soften clothes, and reduce wrinkles.



*Brought to you by: The Manalapan Environmental Commission*



# PAVILION RENTAL

Host your next event at one of our pavilions!



Reservation packet available at:

[mtnj.org](http://mtnj.org)



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Scan for more info!



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