

TOWN MEETING RECREATION PROGRAMS AND PARKS

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Presenters:

Mayor

Rose Heck

Recreation and Parks Commissioner

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Deputy Recreation and Parks Commissioner

Councilwoman Pamela J. Link

SUMMARY OF RECREATION PROGRAMS

Your Recreation Programs are broken down into 4 different categories.

- **Children's Activities**
- **Senior Citizen Activities**
- **Town Events**
- **Adult Activities**

H. H. Recreation Children's Activities

- **Recreation Youth Basketball**
- **Recreation Travel Basketball**
- **Recreation Wrestling**
- **Recreation Wrestlastics**
- **Recreation Softball**
- **Recreation Travel Softball**
- **Recreation Youth Center**
- **Recreation Summer Camp**
- **Recreation Drama Class**
- **Special Needs Recreation Programs**
- **Recreation Track & Field**

Recreation Youth & Travel Basketball

- **Recreation Youth Basketball is for boys & girls in grades 1st-8th with the 1st & 2nd graders starting to learn the game at our instructional clinics.**
- **The youth basketball league has over 28 teams of HH boys and girls in grades 3rd-8th. The program begins in December and finishes in March. The cost for recreation youth basketball program is \$45.00**
- **The recreation travel basketball teams are offered for boys and girls in grades 5th-8th, these children get to play a higher level of competition against children from other towns.**

Recreation Youth Basketball



Recreation Wrestling & Wrestlastics

- **Recreation Wrestling is available for boys 2nd-8th grades. The cost for the program is \$50.00, the program runs from November to March. Our program is coached by Jim Ryan, Andrew Nass, and Mike Scuilla.**
- **Wrestlastics is a program that we developed to introduce 1st grade boys to the sport of wrestling, they meet once a week during December and January and learn tumbling, stance, and basic fundamentals of wrestling.**

Recreation Wrestling & Wrestlastics



Recreation Softball and Travel Softball

- **Our Recreation Softball program has become one of our most successful sports programs. Softball is available for girls in grades 3rd-8th, the cost is \$55.00 for the spring season (March-June). We offer teams in 3 different divisions**
- **Travel Softball (UGALS) is a competitive level softball offered in the summer months for girls in 4 different divisions 10U, 12U, 14U, & 16U.**

Recreation Softball & Travel Softball



Recreation Youth Center

- The Youth Center is open to boys and girls in 6th-8th grades. The center is located in the basement of the municipal building and is open on scheduled Friday and Saturday evening from 7pm-10pm, the cost is \$40.00 from September-June.



Recreation Summer Camp

- **The Recreation Summer Camp is a staple in the lives of many Hasbrouck Heights children, for the past 35 years the children in our community have been enjoying this great, award winning program.**
- **The summer camp begins in late June and runs for 6 weeks to late July/early August. The cost for the camp is \$60.00/child ages 6-14.**
- **The camp offers many fun theme days and many exciting day trips, trips are an additional cost, some trips we offer are Wild West City, Bowcraft, Six Flags Great Adventure, Hurricane Harbor, Medieval Times, and many more.**

Summer Camp



Recreation Drama Classes

- The recreation department is offering 2 new drama classes for students in grades 6th-8th and for students in grades 9th-12th. The program is 8 weeks long and begins in March and wraps up May.
- The cost for this program is \$20.00 and the class is taught by Hasbrouck Heights resident Adam Mucci, Adam is a graduate of the Mason Gross School of Arts at Rutgers University, he also has a successful career in movies, television, and theatre.



Special Needs Recreation Programs

- **Our Special Needs Recreation Program offers year round activities for children ages 6-18 years old. Our program supervisor, Jayme Woyce is a certified special education teacher in the Woodland Park School District**
- **Our programs are: Instructional Basketball, Indoor Games and Activities, Outdoor Games and Activities and Art Class.**
- **Each program meets once a week for 8 weeks, and the cost is \$40.00 per program.**

Special Needs Basketball, Art, Outdoor & Indoor Games



Recreation Track & Field

- **Recreation Track and Field is available for boys and girls in grades 3rd-8th. The program runs from March-May, and cost \$40.00 for the season.**
- **The team competes in the very competitive NJ Striders Youth Track Series. The children train at our recently renovated Depken Field 2 to 3 times a week, with competitions on Sundays.**
- **The children can compete in many different events like sprints, hurdles, distance races, jumps, throws, and relays.**

Recreation Track and Field



Senior Citizen Activities/ Senior Center Programs

- **We offer many different activities for our Seniors in Hasbrouck Heights, most programs are held at our Senior Center located in the Municipal Building. The center is open 9am-3pm daily.**
- **Most programs are free of charge or only \$1.00 per class. These programs are offered year round, there is a monthly schedule available in the center.**
- **Programs available are: Line Dancing, Yoga, Senior Stretch & Flex, Game Time, Mahjong, Fun Bingo, Annual Picnic, Zumba Gold, Annual Halloween Party, and Social Time.**

Senior Activities



Recreation Sponsored Town Events

- **The Recreation Department sponsors several family fun events that the whole community can enjoy**
- **Town Day is held on the last Saturday of September and is available for residents of all ages. There is a lot of community information available as well as free food, live music, inflatable rides, and interactive opportunities with our fire department and police department.**
- **Halloween in the Park is a scary spook filled evening in the haunted Woodland Park. This event is held the 3rd Tuesday of October and offers a wagon ride through the gauntlet of zombies and spooks.**

Town Day

- Held the last Saturday in September 10:30am-3:30pm, cost: FREE



Halloween in the Park



Adult Recreation

- **Adult Coed Volleyball is held every Wednesday Sept-June 7pm-8pm in the HHHS new gym. The program is free for town residents 18 years and older.**
- **Men's Adult Basketball is held every Monday Sept.-June 7pm-9pm in the HHHS new gym. The program is free to residents 18 years and older.**
- **New program coming this Summer!!! Adult Ping Pong!!! Open nights, 3 tables, all skill levels, free, open to all residents of all ages. More info coming soon!!**

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LIST OF TOWN PARKS AND FIELDS

- **Woodland Park – Field, playground, comfort station and pavilion.**
- **Central Avenue Park – Playground.**
- **Miers Park – Playground, pavilion and half court basketball courts.**
- **Veteran’s Memorial Park – Passive park with Veteran’s monument and dedicated brick pavers.**
- **Polifly Park – Passive park with pavilion. This park is eco-friendly being pesticide free.**
- **Firemen’s Memorial and 9-11 Park**
- **Policemen’s Memorial**

LIST OF TOWN PARKS AND FIELDS - continued

- **Depken Field – Board of Education athletic field complex including track, football field and practice field, playground and adult workout area.**
- **Hitchcock Field – Board of Education athletic field including soccer field, two softball fields and a baseball field.**

Funding of Park Improvements

- **Park improvements are part of the Borough's capital improvement program included in the 6 year Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program prepared each year.**
- **Improvements are authorized by the adoption of a capital ordinance. The ordinance establishes the scope of the project and provides the funding needed to complete the project.**

Funding of Park Improvements - continued

Sources of Funding

Down payment of generally 5% of the project.

**Grants from sources such as Open Space Trust Fund and
Community Development Grant Funds.**

Bonds and Notes (Debt)

Summary of Recent Park Improvements

Woodland Park Pavilion Area

Upgrade of cooking area and construction of a New Pavilion completed in 2013.

This improvement partially funded by a \$69,500.00 Open Space Grant. Total improvement ordinance for this project amounted to \$190,000.00.



Woodland Park Comfort Station

Construction of a New Comfort Station completed in 2007.

This improvement was partially funded by a \$116,800.00 Community Development Block Grant Fund. Total improvement ordinance in the amount of \$215,000.00.



Central Avenue Pocket Park and Parking Lot

Construction of a New Pocket Park adjacent to the parking lot at Central Avenue completed in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

This improvement includes playground equipment and a pavilion and was partially funded by a \$54,000.00 Open Space Grant. The total improvement ordinance for this project was in the amount of \$420,000.00.

Plans are being prepared for the installation of resilient surface in the playground to replace traditional mulch, funded by an open space grant.



Miers Park and Woodland Park Improvements

Installation of playground equipment, basketball courts and a pavilion at Miers Park and a walking path at Woodland Park completed in 2009 and 2010.

This improvement was partially funded by Community Development Block Grant and Open Space Grant funds totaling \$126,208.00. The total improvement ordinance for this project amounted to \$250,000.00.

Plans are being prepared for the installation of resilient surface in Miers Park playground to replace traditional mulch, funded by an open space grant.

Plans and specifications are being prepared for installation of new playground equipment in Woodland Park including special needs components , funded by an open space grant.



Veteran's Memorial Park

Installation of new walkway's around the park and monument, new park lighting and light on flag completed in 2014.

This improvement partially funded by a \$32,000.00 open Space Grant. Total improvement ordinance for this project amounted to \$65,000.00.



Polifly Park Improvements

Installation of curb and sidewalk, benches and trash receptacles and a brick paver stone walkway. The contract for this project has been awarded and work is scheduled to start the first week of July.

This improvement is partially funded by a \$24,000.00 Open Space Grant. Total improvement ordinance for this project is \$60,000.00.



Firemen's Memorial and 9-11 Park

Installation of steel from the World Trade Center, new lighting and walkways and a sprinkler system completed in 2011.

This improvement partially funded by a \$18,000.00 Open Space Grant. Total improvement ordinance for this project amounted to \$38,000.00.



Police Memorial

This is located at the corner of Central Avenue and the Boulevard. The Statue was commissioned and purchased by the Borough with other work completed through donations received by the PBA, Ron Ingui of RC Landscaping who did the landscaping, Paladino Paving who did the pavers and Len Battaglia who did the design.

RC Landscaping continues to maintain the area at no cost to the Borough.



Depken Field

Board of Education athletic field complex including track, synthetic turf football field and practice field, baseball diamond, playground and adult workout area completed in 2007 and 2008.

This improvement was funded by the Borough with proceeds from the sale of Borough owned property in the amount of \$1,625,000.00.



Hitchcock Field

Board of Education athletic field including synthetic turf soccer field and two softball fields completed in 2014.

This improvement was funded by the Borough by the adoption of a \$600,000.00 improvement authorization. The board of Education entered into an agreement with the Borough to pay the debt off over a 10 year period.

