



2016

Town of Wheatfield

Parks & Recreation

Schedule of Activities



6812 Nash Rd North Tonawanda, NY 14120

(716) 731-3942

www.wheatfield.ny.us/159/Recreation



Celebration



Sportsmanship



Fun & Games



Unite



Friendship



Competition

A Message From the Supervisor



Welcome to Wheatfield's recreation program. The Town Board believes strongly in having a robust recreation program for all residents. From youth sports and youth activities to our active Senior Citizens programs. We offer open gym for spending time with the family, and a terrific summer camp program for keeping kids active, healthy and safe when school is out. We have several terrific parks with pavilions and activities scheduled all throughout the summer.

I hope that you and your family will be able to take advantage of the numerous opportunities offered at our parks, our youth and community center events year round. Come and watch as our kids come out and compete successfully with softball, soccer and other programs. Wheatfield's girls and boys baseball programs are very strong and growing each year with opportunities for kids of all ages. We also offer a craft/recreation program each summer.

We are presently developing plans for further recreation opportunities at Mario Park, at the Youth Center and soon, a park on River Road. We are planning for the connecting Greenway walking trail along River Road. We can always use help with our Parks and Recreation Focus Group, taking a good look at future improvements.

We have a number of opportunities for volunteers, even part time work as umpires and coaches as well as Parks and Youth Center workers. Please drop in at the Recreation Building at Fairmount Park and let them know that you're interested. Retired volunteers are always welcome. Wheatfield recreation is getting better all the time. Come and join in the fun!

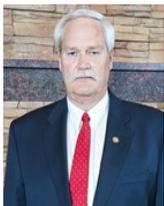
Bob Cliffe

A Message From The Liaisons



As your Town Board liaisons to the Recreation Department, we oversee recreation activities in the Town of Wheatfield and bring suggestions and concerns to the Town Board.

We are proud of what we have been able to accomplish in the past. In addition to the success of our softball and baseball programs, we are proud of the progress we have made in developing programs for people of all ages. We congratulate and thank all those who compete in Town of Wheatfield programs. We have also focused on making better use of the Town's Youth Center. Our Youth Center Directors have developed evening programming for our youth. Our staff provides a summer day camp and it has been exceptionally well received by Town residents.



This year promises to be an exciting time for recreation in the Town of Wheatfield. We have received a major grant from New York State Parks to develop a walking trail and new restrooms at Fairmount Park to make the park more handicapped accessible. We also received a National Scenic Byways grant for \$1,162,000 to develop the Greenway Trail through Wheatfield. This was the third highest grant awarded in the entire country. We have also received a study grant from the Niagara County revolving fund for future development of a park on land owned by the Town on the Niagara River.

We welcome your questions, concerns, comments and participation as we constantly strive to improve our recreational opportunities in the Town of Wheatfield.

Gil Doucet and Art Gerbec

Thank you to all who helped make this a great year!

Councilmen Larry Helwig & Randy Retzlaff

This booklet has been produced by
Recreation Director **Mike Ranalli**

Please subscribe to our highly informative Recreational Newsletter to stay up to date on current and future events by going to the Recreation home page (www.wheatfield.ny.us/159/Recreation) & entering your email address in the space provided. Our newsletter goes out when new programs are rolled out and when important information is available.

Stay current & be active. Subscribe now!

Park Improvement Project

The Town has received a 50/50 matching grant from NYS Parks to upgrade Fairmount Park with walking paths (6 feet wide, over a mile in total length), a brand new ADA bathroom near the picnic area, trees, and life fitness equipment. The project is for \$450,000 where the Town will be reimbursed \$.50 for every dollar spent on the project. The project has been designed by Hatch Mott MacDonald, and to job has been awarded to NFP & Sons, a Wheatfield company. The Town broke ground on 10/26/15 and the project is currently underway. We expect the project to be completed by Spring/Summer (2016). For More information visit: [www.http://wheatfield.ny.us/253/Fairmount-Park-Improvement-Project](http://www.wheatfield.ny.us/253/Fairmount-Park-Improvement-Project)

The Following subject has been requested by the Town Center Focus Group to be added in the 2016 Recreation Activity Booklet:

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A Library in Wheatfield ??

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Did you know that today, Wheatfield tax dollars are contractually allocated to North Tonawanda and Sanborn Libraries for use of their services? Expenses in 2016 will be \$175,000. And, expenses could be increased significantly for 2017 and thereafter.

>> *The North Tonawanda Library is one of the busiest libraries in NYS. In part, because it serves Wheatfield and Pendleton residents.*

>> *In 2015, ~90,000 items were circulated to Wheatfield residents, or 20% of the total circulation.*

The Wheatfield Town Center Focus Group is composed of **resident volunteers** conducting research and fact finding on behalf of our community. One of the Town's objectives is to provide desirable activities and services to community residents, especially in the area around the Town Hall, Youth Center and Senior Center. A library is one possible component to achieve such a goal, and the idea of a Wheatfield library is the current area of focus for the Town Center Focus Group.

We need your feedback to help guide our direction!

Please go to <http://wheatfield.ny.us/313/Wheatfield-Library-Survey> (or from the homepage click the 'Resident' tab at the top, then click 'Wheatfield Library Survey' link) and fill out a brief survey by **March 1st, 2016**. For a paper version of the survey, please visit or contact the Town Clerk.

Town Holiday Celebrations

Fire Work Display

Monday, July 4th, 2016
Oppenheim Park
Musically Synchronized Fireworks at dusk



Easter Party

Saturday, March 19th, 2016
10:00 AM
Wheatfield Youth Center



Halloween Party

Saturday, October 22nd, 2016
6:00 PM
Wheatfield Youth Center
2795 Church Road



Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, December 10th, 2016
6:00 PM
Wheatfield Community Center
2790 Church Road



Community & Senior Center

THE WHEATFIELD COMMUNITY AND SENIOR CENTER WAS DESIGNED TO LEND ITSELF TO A WIDE VARIETY OF USES. THESE CURRENTLY RANGE FROM THE MANY SMALLER EVENTS SUCH AS REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE WHEATFIELD SENIORS TO PLAY CARDS AND GAMES TO LARGER SCALE EVENTS SUCH AS THE SENIOR DINNER DANCES AND THE HUGELY POPULAR ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING PARTY.

OUR WHEATFIELD SENIORS MEET EVERY FRIDAY FROM 9 A.M. TO 12 P.M. TO PLAY VARIOUS CARD GAMES AND SOCIALIZE. THE SENIORS ALSO HOLD A MONTHLY MEETING ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF THE ORGANIZATION AT WHICH COFFEE, BAKED GOODS AND PIZZA ARE SERVED.

ON OTHER DAYS OF THE WEEK, VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ARE OFFERED AND RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME. THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE BRIDGE, LINE DANCING, EXERCISE PROGRAMS, ARTS AND CRAFTS, BOCCE BALL, SHUFFLEBOARD AND WII BOWLING. YOU CAN VISIT THE TOWN'S WEBSITE AT WWW.WHEATFIELD.NY.US FOR A CALENDAR AND COMPLETE LIST OF EVENTS AND TIMES.

WE DO RENT THE FACILITY OUT FOR PRIVATE FUNCTIONS. FUND RAISING EVENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING RENTING THE COMMUNITY CENTER, PLEASE CONTACT THE CENTER AT 694-8504, TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 1:00PM.

COME AND JOIN US AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER WHERE THERE IS ALWAYS FUN AND FRIENDSHIP. HERE, YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES TO HELP YOUR WELL-BEING AND MAKE WHEATFIELD'S COMMUNITY & SENIOR CENTER A BETTER PLACE.

**2790 Church Rd (Next to Town Hall)
694-8504**

*****ALL PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE*****



Youth Center

Located at 2795 Church Road
(Behind Town Hall)

(716) 504-1273

Hours of Operation for Ages 5—15:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays: 5:00pm to 8:00pm
Saturdays: 11:00am to 3:00pm

Please visit our **revamped** website:

www.wheatfield.ny.us/168/youth-center

We have started pre-school aged activities within the Center including a Saturday morning program (Pre K University) from 9am to 12pm . Our Pre-K program is a developmentally appropriate, learning centered, educationally based program to help four-year-olds develop physically, socially, emotionally, culturally, and intellectually. Our focus is on early literacy and numeracy skills to help prepare children for kindergarten. Contact the Youth Center for additional info. In addition, we extended our Day Camps to Pre-K 4 (See page 9 for info).

Registration and Proof of Residency Required

Help Make a Difference in Your Community!

Volunteers are welcome at the Youth Center. There are multiple ways you can support the Youth Center and your community, while earning community service hours

Call 504-1273 for more information.

*****Subject to Change*****

Summer Camp



Ages 5-12

There will be various crafts, science experiments, culinary arts, gym time, swim and field trips for your children. Please send your child to camp with a bag lunch.

Residents:

\$1,170 Summer rate (paid in full)
\$1,053 summer rate additional child (paid in full)
\$135 week rate
\$121.50 additional child week rate
\$30 per child per day Mon, Weds, Fri
\$27 per additional child
\$40 per child per day Tues, Thurs
\$36 per additional child

Non - Residents:

\$1,530 Summer rate (paid in full)
\$1,377 summer rate additional child (paid in full)
\$175 week rate
\$157.50 additional child week rate
\$40 per child per day Mon, Weds, Fri
\$30 per additional child
\$50 per child per day Tues, Thurs
\$45 per additional child

When registering you **MUST** bring **TWO** proofs of residency, one of which needs to be a photo ID. If you are registering for Family Open Gym you **MUST** bring each child's birth certificate. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

*****Pricing subject to change*****

Day Camps

Including ALL NEW

Pre-K Day Camps

When schools are closed for Holidays, we're open (7am to 6pm; 9am to 2pm for **pre-K**)

on the following days: **Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Christmas Break, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, February Break, Spring Break, & Memorial Day.** Call the Youth Center or Recreation Department for details.



We offer a variety of opportunities for people of all ages to utilize the town's facility including:

Open Family Gym (Thursday's)

Open Basketball (ages 18+: Saturdays 1pm to 3pm)

Boys basketball (Clinic & **League: starting in January**)

Girls Basketball (Clinic & **League: starting in January**)

Ladies Exercise Class

Zumba Class

Youth Zumba

Nerf Night

Seasonal Middle School Dances

Spring Baseball/Softball Clinic

*****Subject to Change*****

Fall & Winter Programs



Family Swim—A co-ed program for all ages during the winter months. Swimming is on Monday evenings beginning January 4, 2016— April 11, 2016 from 6:30 PM—8:00PM at Niagara Wheatfield High School. Parents must accompany their children.



No children in diapers.

Must be Registered. Free for Wheatfield residents. \$40.00 per family for non-residents. 12 week session.

Walking Club—Walk the halls at Errick Road School every Monday—Friday from 5:30 PM—7:30 PM. Ages 18 & Up. Program runs from September 19, 2016—April 23, 2017. Free for Wheatfield Residents.

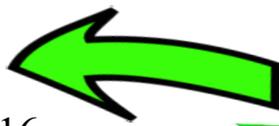


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Outdoor Activities

Winterfest

Saturday, January 30th, 2016
Location: The Town Hall Complex
Time: 1pm to 4pm
More details to come



Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 18th, 2016
10:00 am to Noon
Fairmount Park Pond
Wheatfield senior residents over 50
and Wheatfield youth under 16 may enter
Pre-registration is required.

Sledding Hill

Open from dawn until dusk, bring your own
tube or plastic toboggan.
Parking available in the park.
Enter the Steig Rd entrance.
Please do not park on Parkside



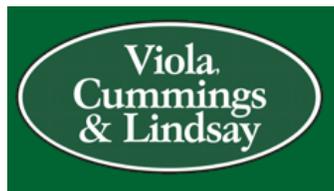
Hockey Skating Rink

Open from dawn until dusk, bring your own skates.
Rink is located at the west end of the park on Stieg Rd.
Parking is along Stieg Road.

We also have an ice skating rink at the Town Hall
Complex. This rink is for ice skating only. The
hockey rink is located at Fairmount Park.

2015 SPONSORS

The following sponsors have provided uniforms for our house teams. Please patronize these sponsors and THANK them.



Town of Wheatfield Recreation Department appreciates your support to the youth of our community.

2015 League Champions



Pigtail League Champs 8-11
Farley Orthodontics Swinging Sisters
Coach Al Schubring



Ponytail Town Champs 12-14
Dental Care Associates Wildcats
Coach David Cacciatore



Senior League Champions 15-18
Calspan
Coach John Stahlman



Minors 8-9
Farley Orthodontics Royals
Coach Brad Collins



Majors 10-12
John's Motor & Transmission Yankees
Coach Scott Cooper

2015 T-Ball Teams



Drake Lawn & Garden Clippers
Coach Cheryl Hoffman



Schultz's Sluggers (D.A.D.)
Coach Josh Zacher



Wheatfield Phillie
Coach Dane Wojciechowski



Viola, Cummings & Lindsay Yankees
Coach Chuck Sirianni

2015 Coach Pitch Teams



**Wheatfield Pediatric Cardinals
Coach Michelle Bodewes**



**Wheatfield Yankees
Coach Ron Dinino**



**Mark Cerrone Turtles
Coach Jamie Brayley**



**Wheatfield Royals
Coach Bill Prescott**

Recreation Department

6812 Nash Rd. 731-3942

**January 4th - March 24th, Mon.—Fri.,
8:00am—4:30pm**

**2016
Registration**

**T-Ball
Coach Pitch
Baseball
Softball
Travel**

◇ In-house Baseball/Softball fee \$50.00, T-ball and Coach Pitch fee \$35.00 —first child, second and each additional child—\$20.00, up to a family max of \$90.00 (Non-residents additional \$40.00 fee.) This fee will include uniform, awards & banquet fee for participant. Registration fee is non-refundable.

- ◇ **January 1st birth date cut-off being used.** Proof of age and residency will be required at time of registration. Acceptable proof of age—birth certificate or non-driver ID. Acceptable proof of residency—driver's license, tax or utility bill.
- ◇ **Anyone registering after March 24th will be charged a late fee of \$20.00 per participant (\$40.00 for non-residents) and placed on a waiting list.** (\$20.00 late fee will be waived for residents new to Wheatfield after 3/24/16.) Registrants after March 24th can not be guaranteed a uniform due to manufacturer's availability.
- ◇ We receive many requests for players to be placed on certain teams and to be with certain other players. While we do try to fulfill these requests, we can not guarantee it due to a team being full, keeping an even balance of players between teams, etc. Once a team is full, or after March 24th, players will be entered into the draft and placed on a team with space available. Once the draft is complete it is the responsibility of the parents to arrange a trade. We recommend if you have a special request to **register early** because they will be considered on a first come first served basis.



T-Ball/Coach Pitch

January 1st birth date cut-off being used

T-Ball

Ages 4 & 5

Boys & Girls

Saturdays, 9AM

May — July 30th

Banquet Date—TBD

6:00 PM—Pavilion #1

In the event of rain, banquets will be moved to the Community Center.

Coach Pitch

Ages 6 & 7

Boys & Girls

Saturdays, 11PM

May — July 30th

Banquet Date—TBD

6:00PM—Pavilion #1

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Boys Baseball

January 1st birth date cut-off being used

Wheatfield teams may compete against Lewiston, Cambria, and other towns as agreed upon with town coordinators.

Minor League

Ages 8-10

Tuesday & Friday

6:00 PM

May—July

Elite Travel Teams

9U, 10U, 14U

Must tryout for travel teams.

April 30th birth date cut-off used for travel teams



Major League

Ages 11-12

Monday & Wednesday

6:00 PM

May—July

Senior Leagues

Ages 13-15

Ages 16-18

Games are played against other towns and start in June.

Girls Softball

January 1st birth date cut-off being used

Wheatfield teams will compete against other towns as agreed upon with town coordinators.

Ages 8-11

Pigtail League

Tuesday & Thursday

May —July

Ages 12-14

Ponytail League

Tuesday & Thursday

June —August

Ages 15-18

Senior League

Monday & Wednesday

June—August

Wheatfield Nitro: Girls Fast Pitch Travel



10U, 12U, 14U & 16U

**** All dates for Baseball & Softball are tentative & subject to change****

Seasonal Help Needed

Seasonal help is needed throughout the year. Please apply at the Wheatfield Recreation Department, 6812 Nash Road. Applicants need to apply prior to April 1st. For information call 731-3942.

Groundskeepers
Basketball Instructors
Park Guards
Umpires
Summer Activity Day Camp

Youth Center
Lifeguards
Tennis Instructors
Exercise Instructors

Diamond Permits

Diamond permits will be required by all teams using any of the Town's softball or baseball diamonds. For regular games or practice, diamonds are available to Wheatfield Recreation League teams only.

Coaches must contact the Recreation Department for permits at 731-3942.

Game Cancellations

You may visit our web site at www.wheatfield.ny.us/159/Recreation for up to date information on game cancellations. Check after 4:00 pm. Web site instructions:

1. Go to home page and look for 'Alert' under the slideshow
 2. Create a profile on the website and register for immediate updates
- You may also call 731-8417 after 4:30 pm for a recorded message.

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Wheatfield Family Picnic

38th

Sunday, August 21st, 2016

The 38th Annual Wheatfield Family Picnic is scheduled to be held at Fairmount Park again this year. As in the past, this year's picnic will provide a wide variety of food and fun for everyone, young and not so young. A diversity of entertainment will delight all, including live music, exhibits, live animals, and demonstrations. There will be BINGO as well as plenty of other games and activities for the youth of our community. Plan to attend the festivities along with your neighbors.

The Wheatfield Picnic Committee consists of volunteers from the community, many of which devote their time and energy year after year. All residents and businesses are welcome to participate, share ideas, and make suggestions. Additional help and ideas are greatly appreciated.

Summer Recreation Programs



Coed Tennis Camp—Ages 6-16. A mini camp that will be held in July and/or August. Dates to be announced. You must have your own tennis racket. Fee—\$25.00 per participant. Additional \$40.00 fee for non-residents.

House Summer Soccer Program brought to you by:

Niagara Wheatfield Amateur Athletics (**NWAA**)

- ◇ Ages 5 to 14
- ◇ April to August
- ◇ Weekdays only!
- ◇ \$85 for **Wheatfield Residents**; \$95 for non-residents
- ◇ Register in January at: www.nwaasports.net
- ◇ This is not a Town of Wheatfield program



Pavilion Reservations

Reservations for 2015 begin January 4, 2016
\$25.00-\$40.00 Fee—Non-refundable

Pavilion shelters at Fairmount Park and the Wheatfield Mini Park are by “Reservation only.” A “Pavilion Rental Agreement” must be signed and a cash or check deposit for the full amount is required. Proof of residency is also required. For more information call 731-3942.

- ◆ **Mini Park** - The Wheatfield Mini Park is located behind the Water/Sewer Department on Niagara Falls Boulevard. It includes 2 shelters, 1 grill and 8 picnic tables. The Mini Park has horseshoe pits, swings & slides, and a modular playground.
- ◆ **Fairmount Park** - Fairmount Park has 10 shelters, 6 located around the picturesque pond for very small, personal picnics away from the park activities, perfect for seniors or couples. There are 4 large shelters centrally located in the park, plus 2 horseshoe pits, 2 tennis courts, a running/walking track, and 2 street hockey courts to be used by residents of the Town of Wheatfield. Bring your own equipment and enjoy the facilities. Due to insurance regulations, parking is allowed in designated areas only.

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Visit & use
your local
Parks



Fairmount Park—Located on the corners Nash & Stieg Roads, the park has a fishing pond, 5 baseball/softball diamonds, 2 tennis courts, 2 street hockey courts, 10 pavilions, 2 horseshoe pits, picnic tables, grills, benches, playground equipment, a running/walking track, a sledding hill and ice rink.

Mario Park—Located off Deborah Lane, the 12 acre park has playground equipment, 1 basketball court, 1 tennis court, 1 roller blade court, 1 soft-ball diamond, 1 soccer field and tables and benches under trees.

Mini Park—Located behind the water department at 3113 Niagara Falls Blvd., the park has 2 shelters with 8 tables and a grill available by reservation only, playground equipment and 2 horseshoe pits.

Baisch Park—Located on Connecting Blvd, the park includes playground equipment, 1 tennis court, 1 basketball court and swings and slides.

American Legion Post 1451—Located at 6525 Ward Road, this park has playground equipment and a baseball diamond.

Adams Fire Company—Located on Nash Rd., the park has playground equipment, tennis courts and basketball court.

St. Johnsburg Fire Company—Located on Ward Rd., this park has playground equipment.

Oppenheim Park— Located on Niagara Falls Blvd. this county owned 50 acre park has a splash park, playground equipment, horseshoe pits, bocce courts, basketball court, volleyball court, picnic areas, fishing pond, and shelters available by reservation only. This park is open 7 days a week under the direction of Niagara County Parks. For information or pavilion reservations please call 439-7950.

The Town of Wheatfield Recreation Department has been officially designated as the depositor for all of Santa's letters. We will be responsible to mail out all the official responses to the children of Wheatfield after Santa drops them off.

The Town of Wheatfield Recreation Department is proud to have been selected for this honor and we will do our best to get your individualized, personalized letters to you on time.

Please fill out the form below, enclose a check for \$2.00 per letter and expect a response after December 1, 2016. **All requests must be received before December 15, 2016.** Doubters letters also available for those not quite sure!

Child's Name _____ Age _____
Boy ____ Girl ____
Child's Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Your Relationship _____ Phone _____
(Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt, Uncle, etc.)
Santa's Gift _____
(Gift child is requesting)
Good Deed _____

Additional information: (please check)
 Very excited child
 Baby's first Christmas
 Have a new baby in house
 Parent(s) away in military for Christmas (specify which parent)
 Doubter
 Other _____

Mail Completed form to:
Wheatfield Recreation Department
Santa Letter
6812 Nash Road
North Tonawanda, NY 14120



Senior Dance



Play



Fishing Derby



Tradition



Teamwork



Summer Camp

Town of Wheatfield
Parks & Recreation
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North Tonawanda, NY 14120

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Town of Wheatfield Recreation Department

