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**“Play Ball” Summer - A Hit!**



This year, in conjunction with the US Conference of mayors and Major League Baseball, the Township of Union declared the summer of 2016 “Play Ball Summer” as the Recreation Department hosted two events celebrating the game of baseball and softball and the Township’s commitment to them.

The summer of events featured “Have a Catch with the Mayor & Township Committee” in June and on August 7th, “Play Ball! Summer Celebration” which featured a vintage 1870 rules baseball game between the Elizabeth Resolutes and the Union Farmers. The Union team, made up of former Union Little League and UHS players, beat the Resolutes 14-3. Both events showcased Union’s commitment to “Play Ball!”



“Have a Catch with the Mayor & Township Committee” took place behind Town Hall at Friberger Park on a perfect day in June.



Member of the Union Farmers and Elizabeth Resolutes pose for a photo after Union took the victory!

**Kids Recreation Trust Fund Grant Upgrades**

With the generous support of the County of Union Kid Rec Trust Fund Grant and in partnership with the Township of Union, new and improved play structures are being installed at Brookside park and Weber park. The new upgrades will include a rubber safety surface, curbing, and various site amenities. Brookside Park on Faitoute Avenue features two play structures for children ages 2 - 12. Weber park which is used by the Union Soccer Club, features tennis and basketball courts. Two play structures will be completed this fall!



# All New Programs & Activities!

## Introduction to Magic

### For Boys & Girls ages 2 - 4

Learn the basics of magic and trickery in this hands on workshop led by magical entertainer Joe Fischer. The secrets of Magic will be revealed!

**When:** Tuesdays 4pm - 5pm

November 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th

December 6th & 13th

**Cost:** \$90

**Registration:** Stop by the Recreation Department to register in person. Registration opens October 1st.



## Learn to Skate

Working in partnership with the Union Sports Arena, Township of Union participants who register through the Union Recreation Department will receive over a 30% discount on the Learn to Skate program. This 6 week introduction to skating emphasizes fun and safety as it quickly generates confidence while skaters develop new skills.

**Who:** Union Residents 12 years old and younger

**When:** Wednesdays at 4pm

Session I: Oct. 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, Nov. 2nd & 9th

Session II: Nov. 16th, 30th, Dec. 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

**Cost:** \$75

**Registration:** Stop by the Recreation Department to register in person beginning on September 15th.



## Winter Break "Summer" Camp

Don't let the winter blues bring you down!

Join us for a taste of "Summer in December" at the Rec. Dept. featuring activities, arts & crafts and special guests! Registration opens November 1st

**Who:** Boys and Girls Grades 3-5

**When:** December 27th to 30th 9:30am - 3pm

**Where:** Union Recreation Dept.

**Cost:** \$150



## Arts & Crafts for Tots

Free interactive 1-hour arts & crafts classes!

All tots must be accompanied by a participating adult for the duration of the class.

**When:** Thursdays beginnings on October 20th at 9:30am

**Where:** Union Recreation Department, 1120 Commerce Ave.

Participants are asked to park in the Hannah Caldwell School parking lot and walk down the driveway to the Recreation Department.

**Space is limited - reserve your spot today!**



# Youth Sports

## Township of Union Wrestling

**Open to Union residents, grades K through 8.**

Scholastic style wrestling providing basic instructions for novice and experienced wrestlers.

For more information call **908.851.9289**

## Union Suffragettes Girls Softball League 2016/17 Union Suffragettes

Fall & winter camps and clinics as well as registration information can be located at [www.suffragettes.org](http://www.suffragettes.org)

Questions? Email: [steiny620@yahoo.com](mailto:steiny620@yahoo.com)



## Union Soccer Club

**Recreation Soccer Program**

The season runs during Sept. to Nov. for the fall season and the spring from April to June.

Open to boys & girls ages 3 to 16.

Visit [unionsoccer.org](http://unionsoccer.org)—Call **908.687.3134**

## Union Little League Baseball

**Register Now for 2017 Season**

The new season is right around the corner for new and returning players. Open to boys and girls ages 3 thru 16.

Visit [unionlittleleague.org](http://unionlittleleague.org) - Call **908.686.5722**



## Total Sports Squirts

US Sports Institute's Total Sports Squirts program allows children ages 3 - 5 to experience a different sport in each session of the program. It is the perfect introduction to athletics for your future sports star! All sports are taught in a safe, structured and fun learning environment.

Each session is comprised of a series of games and activities designed to ensure learning and most importantly: fun, fun and fun! For Information on how to register visit. <http://ussportsinstitute.com/>

**Ages:** 3-5

**Dates:** Thursdays 9/22-11/3

**Time:** 4pm and 5pm



## Township of Union Basketball Clinics

The Township of Union Recreation Basketball Clinics will focus on fundamentals and basic game play.

Boys Clinic: Grades 2 - 5

Saturdays 9:30am Kawameeh Middle

Girls Clinic: Grades 2 - 5

Saturdays 9:30am Hannah Caldwell

## Boys Basketball League

Township of Union Residents Only Gr. 6– 12

Two divisions, Jr. & Sr., will be playing games on Saturdays at Burnet Middle School starting in December.

## Registration for all Youth Basketball

**Leagues & Clinics**

Nov. 2nd from 4:30pm to 8pm

Nov. 5th from 9am to 11am

Pricing and final schedules will be available in the month of October. Clinics and Leagues will begin in December. Register in person at the Recreation Department.



## Up-Coming Events

**MOVIES** Stars  
under the

Friday, Sept. 23rd at 7:30pm

THE  
**JUNGLE BOOK**

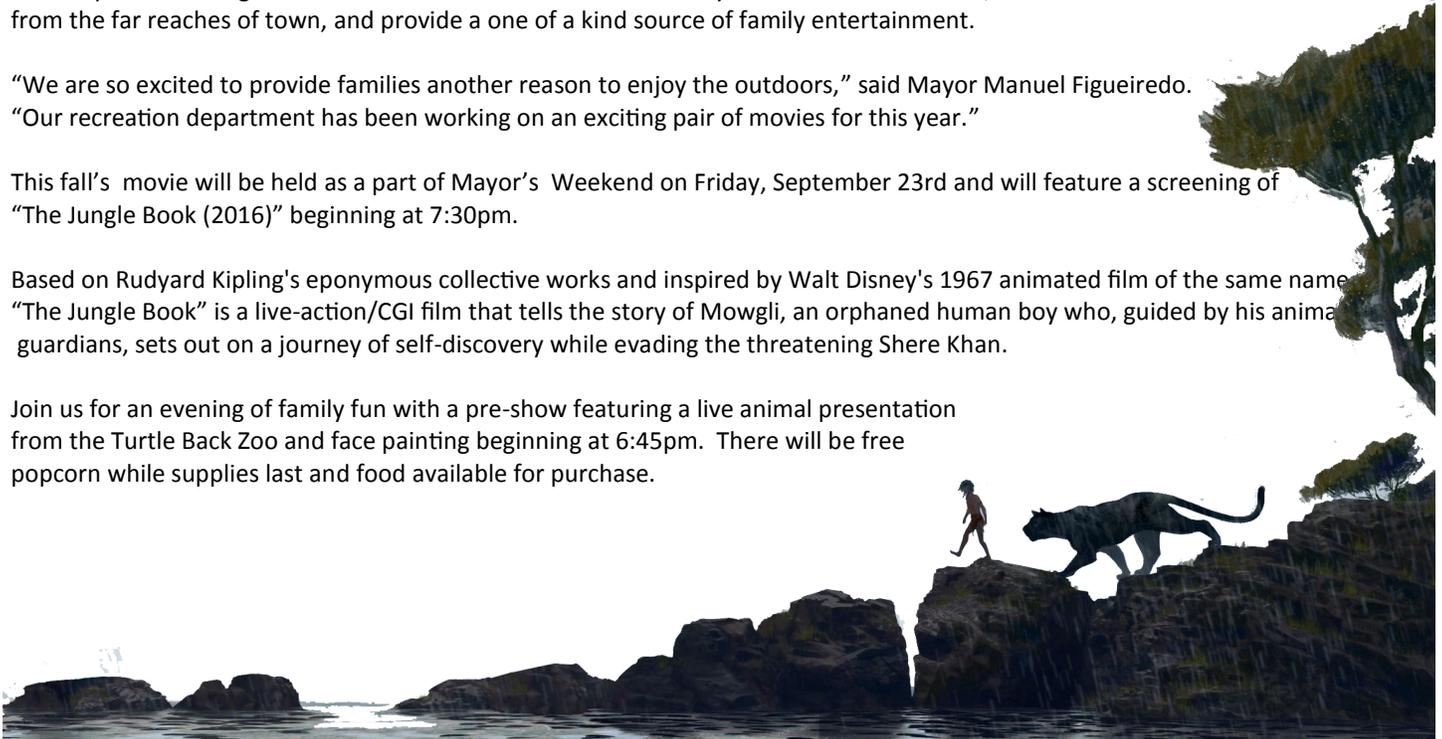
We are proud to bring back *Movies Under the Stars* for its third year. Held at Rabkin Park, the Movies draw residents from the far reaches of town, and provide a one of a kind source of family entertainment.

"We are so excited to provide families another reason to enjoy the outdoors," said Mayor Manuel Figueiredo. "Our recreation department has been working on an exciting pair of movies for this year."

This fall's movie will be held as a part of Mayor's Weekend on Friday, September 23rd and will feature a screening of "The Jungle Book (2016)" beginning at 7:30pm.

Based on Rudyard Kipling's eponymous collective works and inspired by Walt Disney's 1967 animated film of the same name, "The Jungle Book" is a live-action/CGI film that tells the story of Mowgli, an orphaned human boy who, guided by his animal guardians, sets out on a journey of self-discovery while evading the threatening Shere Khan.

Join us for an evening of family fun with a pre-show featuring a live animal presentation from the Turtle Back Zoo and face painting beginning at 6:45pm. There will be free popcorn while supplies last and food available for purchase.



## 33rd Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

Sunday, Dec. 4th at Town Hall



The Township of Union will host its 33rd Annual Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting in front of Town Hall on Sunday, Dec 4th. "It's always a joy to see the community come together," Township Mayor Manuel Figueiredo, "The Holiday spirit is alive and well in Union."

Featuring holiday music and an ice carving demonstration by professional commercial sculptor, Bill Bywater, this year's celebration is bound to be a fun and exciting event.

The tree-lighting ceremony begins with Holiday Music at 5pm followed by a visit from Santa, and the lighting of the Holiday tree. After the ceremony, children and their families can stop inside Town Hall to say "hello," and have their photo taken with him. The event will begin at 3:00 p.m. with the ice carving demonstration and the tree lighting ceremony will begin at 5:00 p.m. The event is free of charge to attend.

# Seasonal Contests

## Annual Halloween Window Painting Contest Wednesday October 5th Boys & Girls in Grades 5 thru 12

Contestants will paint storefront windows throughout the town! Windows assignments and paint will be distributed on Wed. October 5th from 4:30pm to 7pm. Trophies will be awarded by grade level. Register in person at the Recreation Department. Registration begins on September 12th through September 30th at 4pm. Windows must be painted by Monday, October 24th.



Mayor Figueiredo with Kaylee Panlilio winner of the 2015 Window Painting Contest for the High School Level.

(Photo on the left)



2015 Window Painting Winner for the 8th Grade.

(Photo on the right)

## Spooktacular Scarecrow Contest Friday October 21st Boys & Girls in Grades 5 thru 8

Register at the Recreation Department beginning Sept 12th - Oct. 7th and receive your scarecrow frames. Scarecrows must be completed and returned by Oct. 21st at 4pm. Work as an individual or team up and create your most creative scarecrow!



Scarecrows from the 2014 Spooktacular Scarecrow Contest.



## Annual Halloween Parade & Consume Contest Sunday, October 30th Toddlers thru 4th Grade

Parade begins on the corner of Stuyvesant Ave and Axton Ave at 1:30pm. Children and families will march to Connecticut Farms School where the costume contest will be held. There will be four categories and four age groups. Trophies will be awarded to all participants. In case of rain, the parade will be cancelled and the contest will be at 2pm sharp. Registration in person is required at the Recreation Department beginning October 1 and ending October 24th.



## Un Mischief Night Sunday October 30th Boys & Girls in Grades 6 thru 8

This event will be held at Hannah Caldwell School Gymnasium from 6pm to 10pm. Sponsored by the Recreation Department in conjunction with the Union Police DARE Unit and the Union Municipal Drug Alliance.

## **2nd Annual** Gingerbread House Contest

Open to Union Residents only

Participants will create a gingerbread display that will feature a parks and recreation theme. Entries will be displayed and judge at Town Hall. Registration period is Nov 7th - Dec 2nd with a return deadline to Town Hall on Wednesday December 14th at 6pm. Registration details and information will be available on the in November.



Mayor Figueiredo with the 2015 winners of the Gingerbread House Contest

# Open Gym

**Union Residents Only**  
Grades 6 - 12 | 6:30pm - 9:30pm  
Must show I.D.  
(School ID, Drivers License, School Library Card)

Open Gym schedule begins Monday October 24th and will end on Friday March 24th.

*Below are the days and gyms that will be open:*

**Monday | Washington, Hannah Caldwell, Kawameeh Middle (Men Only), Jefferson**

**Tuesday | Franklin, Livingston, Battle Hill (Grades 2-5 only)**

**Wednesday | Connecticut Farms (Men only), Jefferson, Kawameeh Middle**

**Thursday | Connecticut Farms, Franklin, Hannah Caldwell (Girls Only), Jefferson**

**Friday | Livingston, Hannah Caldwell (Grades 2 - 5 only)**



## ALL OPEN GYMS WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>DEC 26, JAN 2, 16, FEB 20</b>
<i>HANNAH CALDWELL ONLY</i>	<b>NOV 21, DEC 19, FEB 6, MAR 13</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>NOV 8, DEC 27</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>NOV 23, DEC 28</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>NOV 10, 24, DEC 29</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>NOV 11, 25, DEC 2, 23, 30, JAN 13</b>

## OPEN GYM DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The Recreation Department reserves the right cancel any activity due to insufficient registration or inclement weather. Some days and dates may be canceled without notice due to unforeseen circumstances or schedule changes. Program with a deadline will be noted in our fliers. A late fee will be charged, in addition to the registration fee after the stated deadline.

All fees are non-refundable.

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