

BALD EAGLE MIGRATION

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The Bald Eagle, our national emblem is making a come back, not just across the country but in our own back yard. The Hackensack River is the home to many migrating Bald Eagles. As waters freeze in the north, Bald Eagles travel



Photograph by Patrick Carney

south following waterways that run north/south, and the Hackensack River is one of those waterways. The best time to spot a Bald Eagle will be in January. Bald Eagles typically sit in one place until feeding time, so you may be able to catch a glimpse of one during the early morning feeding or before sunset. Among the Bald Eagles, you may be able to spot other raptors such as the Red Tail Hawk, Turkey Vulture or Snowy Owl. If you're lucky, you may be able to sight one of these fascinating creatures from our very own Kenneth B. George Field, the Historic New Bridge Landing or our neighboring Oradell Reservoir. Don't let the cold weather stop you from venturing out. Take some time to enjoy these beauties of nature.

If you are interested in learning more about the eagles on the Hackensack River, check out "Where Eagles Fly", a presentation held at Historic New Bridge Landing at 1201 Main St., River Edge on Sunday, January 20th at 10am-2pm.

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COMING SOON ...
 River Edge Recreation
 online registration with
COMMUNITY PASS
 Stay tuned in the new
 year for more
 details!

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FACEBOOK



River Edge Recreation is on Facebook! Stay up-to-date with the latest Recreation news & highlights by following us on Facebook @RiverEdgeRecreation

NEWSLETTER



If you would like to receive this newsletter contact Carolyn Baldanza at 201-599-6295 or via email at cbaldanza@riveredgenj.org

WWW.RIVEREDGENJ.ORG/RECREATION



We are working hard to keep our website informative. Please check-in periodically for the latest program information.

PROGRAM TRIPS



SAVE THE DATE: CASINO TRIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

CASINO TO BE ANNOUNCED

All passengers must be 21 years or older and have a valid government issued photo ID

Registration will open February 2019

Registration Information can be found online at riveredgenj.org/recreation

SPECIAL EVENTS

38TH ANNUAL RIVER EDGE RUN, DATE ANNOUNCEMENT APRIL 27, 2019

The River Edge Recreation Commission is pleased to announce that the "38th" ANNUAL RIVER EDGE RUN will be held on Saturday, April 27th. This community-sponsored event will feature the 5k Run, the Healthwalk, and the 1-mile Fun Run, offering an opportunity for all ages and abilities to participate. The River Edge Run is a popular Bergen County event with an expected participation of over 1300 registrants.



The River Edge Run is organized by volunteer Recreation Commissioners who rely on day-of-race resident volunteers, our Volunteer Fire Department, Ambulance Corps and Police Reserves, our River Edge School District and our River Edge businesses. Together we truly make this a River Edge Community Event.

The **38th Annual 5k Run proceeds** will go to support the Recreation Commission's Park Projects for the residents of River Edge.

SPECIAL EVENTS

RIVER EDGE RECREATION COMMISSION
WELCOMES RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES TO OUR
ANNUAL

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, December 8th at 4pm
River Edge Borough Hall
(inclement weather date: 12/9)

SING-A-LONG WITH THE RIVER EDGE GIRL SCOUTS
SPECIAL GUESTS FROM THE NORTH POLE
HOT CHOCOLATE & COOKIES
SPECIAL HOLIDAY CRAFT

Visit with "Special Guests" in Fire House Company #1.
Bring your camera!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

LITTLE LEAGUE SPRING REGISTRATION

Registration will open at the beginning of January

Anyone who was part of little league last year will receive an email from the Little League commissioners letting them know that registration is now open. In addition, flyers will be handed out in the schools.

Registration can be completed at relittleleague.org

Little League Recreation Divisions include:



Kindergarten (t-ball)

1st grade

2nd grade

3rd/4th grades combined

5th/6th grades combined

7th/8th grades combined

No experience is needed to participate.



RIVER EDGE GIRLS ATHLETIC LEAGUE (REGAL)

FALL SEASON RECAP

The Regal Volleyball and Yoga seasons concluded in early November. Volleyball had over 75 Girls enjoying this exciting and growing sport. The program is open to 5th thru High School and is offered from September to November. The Regal Yoga program had a very successful year. The program is run by a professional Yoga teacher and is open to all Mothers and Daughters from 4th grade thru High school.



WINTER SEASON

Regal Recreation and Travel Basketball programs are underway. The programs will have over 200 Girls participating this year. The Recreation Program provides a fun and learning environment for young ladies to develop their basketball skills.

The Travel Program provides young ladies with an opportunity to play basketball in a highly competitive environment against other Towns throughout Bergen County. This year we will have teams in the 3rd Grade thru 8th Grade levels.

Winter Softball Training program is being offered to all participants in the softball program. The training is an 8-week program at Dichiario's Baseball and Softball Academy. Training includes hitting drills, tee work, live batting practice and infield/outfield drills.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR OUR SPRING SEASON SIGN UPS STARTING IN JANUARY!!



RUNNING AND CONTENDERS - February thru April

RECREATION AND TRAVEL SOFTBALL - March thru July

FIELD HOCKEY - April thru June

YOUTH PROGRAMS

US SPORTS INSTITUTE



INDOOR SPORTS PROGRAMS

Weekly Classes | All Ability Levels



WINTER - INDOOR SPORTS PROGRAMS

Registration is now open for indoor programs held at Grace Lutheran Church, 925 Fifth Avenue in River Edge. Classes start January 18th-March 8th for ages 2-5. Classes include, Parent & Me Soccer Squirts, Squirts Soccer, Parent & Me Multi Sports Squirts and Squirts Multi Sports. *Go to riveredgenj.org/recreation to register.*



SPRING SPORTS PROGRAMS

Weekly Classes | Spring Break Camps | All Ability Levels



SPRING – OUTDOOR SPORT PROGRAMS

Registration for Spring sports opens Dec 18th. Classes begin April 24th-June 16th at Veterans Memorial Park for ages 2-7. Classes include: Parent & Me Soccer Squirts, Squirts Soccer, Senior Squirt Soccer, Foundation Soccer, Parent & Me Multi Sports Squirts, Squirts Multi Sports, Parent & Me T-ball and Squirt T-ball. *Go to riveredgenj.org/recreation to register.*

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

PARENT & ME SOCCER SQUIRTS is a fun and positive introduction to soccer for young children with a helping hand from Mom or Dad! With a parent participating by their side, kids will have fun learning the fundamental skills of soccer through structured activities, fun based games, and scrimmages.

SOCCER SQUIRTS is your child's perfect introduction to the most popular sport in the world! Skills covered include dribbling, passing, shooting, stealing, and more.

SOCCER SENIOR SQUIRTS is the perfect program for players graduating from Soccer Squirts or for children looking for their first ever soccer experience. Each session will focus on developing a particular skill or technique including dribbling, passing, ball control, moves & turns, positioning, and more.

PARENT & ME MULTI SPORTS SQUIRTS program allows children to try a variety of sports with a helping hand from Mom or Dad! Ease your child into social situations with support and confidence as you engage in fun sports activities and games together.

SQUIRTS MULTI SPORTS program allows children to try a variety of different sports throughout the season including Lacrosse, Soccer, T-Ball, and Track & Field.

PARENT & ME T-BALL SQUIRTS is a fun and positive introduction to t-ball for young children with a helping hand from Mom or Dad! With a parent participating by their side, kids will have fun learning the fundamental skills of t-ball through structured activities, fun based games, and scrimmages.

SQUIRTS T-BALL Open to both boys and girls, there's no better introduction to the sports of baseball or softball! Skills covered include hitting, throwing, catching, base running, fielding, and more.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

RIVER DELL SOCCER ASSOCIATION

The River Dell Soccer Association is comprised of the recreation program and a travel program (Blackhawks). In total there are more than 930 kids playing soccer throughout the year.

The River Dell Soccer recreation season wrapped up the 2018 season at the beginning of November. In total there were 720 players participating from kindergarten through 8th grade. Kindergarten through 2nd grade participated in trainer led practices and scrimmages which took place on Saturdays.

The 3rd grade through 8th teams are split between girls and boys and are paired by grade (3/4, 5/6 and 7/8). These teams are all coached by volunteer parents and players on each team are mixed between Oradell & River Edge which allows the kids to interact and in some cases meet some future school mates. Other town's soccer programs participate in game play at these ages (Englewood, Leonia, Washington Township & Westwood).



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019 RECREATION SEASON WILL OPEN IN MAY 2019.



BLACKHAWKS

There are 213 players within the Blackhawks. Their fall season began in September and concluded at the end of November. Their spring season starts in March and runs through June.

TRYOUTS AND REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019/2020 BEGIN IN MAY 2019

BLACKHAWKS SOCCER CLUB WINTER SPEED CHALLENGE

Register now for off-season training at Parisi Speed School, 2-22 Banta Place in Fair Lawn.

Sessions available, January 7th-March 16th, Monday thru Saturday for Athletes U7-U14

For more information Contact Brandon Wood at 201-704-0181 or via email at bwood@parisiusa.com

RIVER DELL HIGH SOCCER WINTER TEAM TRAINING PROGRAM

January 7- February 27 • Monday/Wednesday • 6:30pm-7:30pm • 16 session • \$224

Parisi Speed School, 2-22 Banta Place, Fair Lawn

TO REGISTER

Registration through Parisi Speed School. Go to riveredgenj.org/recreation to link to the registration site.

Enter the Promo codes listed below:

Grades 1-4: WSpeed1-4

Grades 5-8: WSpeed5-8

HS Soccer: RDSoccer

YOUTH PROGRAMS

RIVER DELL LACROSSE

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO PLAY
THE FASTEST GROWING SPORT IN THE NATION!

River Dell Lacrosse Association is preparing for the
2019
Spring Season

Come play the "Fastest game on two feet"

We promise exciting action for all
BOYS & GIRLS FROM 1ST GRADE THROUGH 8TH GRADE

***1st and 2nd graders participate in a weekly skills clinic*

**Registration opens in December on our website at
www.riverdelllacrosse.com**

We start practices in March and Play games April through June

New players are ALWAYS welcome!!!

NOTE TO NEW PLAYERS - to have your new jersey customized you
MUST be registered by January 15th.

Please also remember the number you select is yours for as long as you stay in
the organization.

The earlier you register the better the chance you have to get your number!!!

If you have any questions contact Sebu Idiculla at (201)835-9360
or send email to RDLacrosse@gmail.com

Don't forget to



6TH GRADE CHAMPS

Congratulations to the
River Dell Lacrosse
6th grade team for being
the Champs of a local
tournament in Saddle

Brook called the
"Battle of the Brook."

Way to go!!



GREAT CAUSE

River Dell Lacrosse is
giving back to the
community, raising over
\$10,000

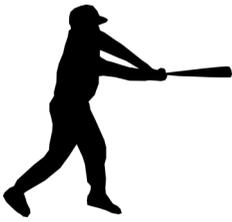
for cancer research.

This was accomplished
through our well-loved
BattleLax tournament
which we have named
"The Ted" in honor of one
of our greatly missed
founding coaches Ted
Hughes, who passed away
from Prostate Cancer.



ADULT PROGRAMS

MEN'S SPRING SOFTBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION



In-person registration will be held on Monday, February 11th & 25th from 7PM - 9 PM outside the Recreation Office at Borough Hall. Registration may also be done by mailing the registration form along with payment to 705 Kinderkamack Rd. Registration forms will be available the end of January and can be found online at www.riveredgenj.org/recreation. The league is open to River Edge residents 25 and older. Registration fee is \$45.00. First time participants must register in person. *Anticipated start of the season is the week of April 8 and the season will conclude with playoffs the week of July 22.* Games are played weekday evenings at Kenneth B. George Field at 550 Riverside Way.

Questions? Contact Ken Schuffenhauer at kschuff@verizon.net

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FALL 2018 MEN'S SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS, "YARD GOATS"!



ADULT OPEN RECREATION VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL, & SOCCER

Adult Open Recreation Programs are held at River Dell Middle School Gymnasium October 2018 thru June 2019 at 9:00pm-10:30pm
If you have questions please contact the sport monitors below:



VOLLEYBALL: Loren Goff
loren@LorenGelbergGoff.com

BASKETBALL: Bill Hamilton
whamilton1951@gmail.com

SOCCER: Mike Cha
designmc@aol.com

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

LOCATION

705 A Kinderkamack Road
River Edge, NJ 07661

*The Recreation office is located
in the lower level of the Public
Safety Building*

HOURS

Monday-Friday:
9:30am-4:30pm*

**Hours may vary based on
programs and events. It's best
to make an appointment.
Any registration forms may be
dropped off at the Police Desk
24/7*

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