

MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR

By Jimmy Teehan, Recreation Commission Chairman



On behalf of the River Edge Recreation Commission I am proud to introduce our new Director, Carolyn Baldanza. Carolyn has been with us since May 2018 and has shown a tireless and caring work ethic that we have come to expect and appreciate in the Borough of River Edge.

Carolyn joins us with over 10 years of experience in Recreation. She started her career in Recreation by working as the Coordinator of Intramural & Club Sports at Montclair State University. With the opening of the new Recreation Center, Carolyn was brought on board in June of 2009 to restructure the Intramural & Club Sports program. By the time Carolyn left Montclair State University in 2013, she had doubled the intramural sports offerings and grew the Club Sports program by 400%.

In May of 2013 she began her next chapter at Winchester Gardens, a senior living community in Maplewood. At Winchester Gardens she gained experience in senior programming and cultural affairs. In addition she was key in the development of the wellness program and worked with residents to create new programs based on the whole person wellness model and resident interest.

Carolyn graduated from Montclair State University in 2007 with a B.S. in Recreation Professions. She landed a graduate assistantship in Intramural Sports at Indiana University working in one of the largest Recreational Sports departments in the country until 2009.

Carolyn brings a participant centered philosophy to River Edge. Her personable nature has helped to make a smooth transition into her new role as Director of Recreation and Cultural affairs for the Borough of River Edge.

We, on the Recreation Commission are very excited to work with Carolyn on so many existing programs with the excitement of planning new ones. It is an added pleasure to be able to introduce her in the format of our new River Edge Recreation Newsletter. Please join us all in welcoming Carolyn and wishing her nothing but success.

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COMMUNITY CENTER DISCUSSION POSTPONED

UNTIL OCTOBER
Check the River Edge website for more details
www.riveredgenj.org

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PROGRAM TRIPS



HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE

"CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

BUS DEPARTS KENNETH B GEORGE AT 12:30PM

Approximate return to River Edge 7:30PM

(KBG is located next to the Swim Club at 600 Riverside Way)

COST: \$95/PERSON

Price Includes: Transportation, Entertainment and Dinner

(Table-Served Entrée, Famous Dessert Buffet, Coffee & Hot Tea)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 9TH

Download Registration form at riveredgenj.org/recreation

*Mail registration form & payment to the Recreation Department at:
705 Kinderkamack Rd. River Edge, NJ 07661*

Make checks payable to: **River Edge Recreation**

"Christmas in the Air" features all new original songs, classic and traditional favorites, hilarious comedy sketches, and spectacular dance numbers. With an ensemble cast of multi-talented performers all backed by a live onstage orchestra, it's Christmas like you remember all wrapped up in a show you'll never forget!

SPECIAL EVENTS

TEEN NIGHT SUCCESS

On Wednesday, August 29th, approximately 200 "tweens" & teens (6th, 7th, & 8th graders) gathered at the Doug Parcels Athletic Complex in Oradell, for the first collaborative Teen Night event between the Boroughs of Oradell and River Edge.

The event was spearheaded by Melissa Presta, Event Coordinator for the Borough of Oradell. Sponsors of the event were: River Edge Recreation, Oradell Municipal Alliance, River Edge Municipal Alliance and River Dell PTO.

The event consisted of music, gaming truck, joust inflatable, and many sport activities provided by the Oradell and River Edge Recreation Departments. Pizza and Italian ice were also included in the event.

There was much positive feedback from both tweens/teens and parents regarding the success of this event. This is proof that there is a need in programming for this demographic. This is a great start to future collaborations between the two Recreation Departments. Stay tuned for more tweens/teen programs !

- Carolyn Baldanza, Director of Recreation & Cultural Affairs

TWEEN & TEEN FOCUS GROUP

Looking for 6th-12th graders & parents interested in participating in a programming focus group.
If interested, please contact Carolyn Baldanza at cbaldanza@riveredgenj.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

RIVER EDGE DAY

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018

1:00pm-4:00pm at Veterans Memorial Park

(Rain date: Sunday October 14th)

River Edge Day serves as a way for residents to connect with community organizations, businesses, schools and municipal departments. This celebration of River Edge will feature over forty participants eager to speak to residents about who they are and what they do for our community!! Free raffles prizes from local businesses and organizations, refreshments, family activities, music, games, giveaways, displays, demonstrations will all take place in Veteran's Memorial Park from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Children can choose a pumpkin from the Junior Women's Pumpkin patch to paint under the park pavilion. Check out the popcorn fundraiser at the Cub Scout Pack 95 booth. Yoga in the park sponsored by Live Free Yoga at 1:30pm (bring your yoga mat). River Edge Volunteers will be honored by the Mayor and Council at 2:00pm. Free raffles will be offered including gift baskets, gift certificates and more. Stick around as the winners will be announced at 3:30pm - winner must be present to win!! Hot Dogs will be served by the Knights of Columbus Council #5015 with baked goods and drinks offered by many of the community organizations. For more information or to participate contact cbaldanza@riveredgenj.org



ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE & MONSTER MASH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018

2:15pm-4pm at Veterans Memorial Park

(Rain date: Sunday, October 28th)

The River Edge Recreation Commission welcomes residents of all ages to the Halloween Parade and Monster Mash on Saturday, October 27th in Memorial Park. Participants are asked to start lining up in the Webb Avenue Cul-de-Sacs at 2:15pm for a Parade start time of 2:30pm. At 3:00pm musical entertainment will be held under the park pavilion followed by the announcement of the Girl Scout Scarecrow contest winners. Refreshments will be served by the Recreation Commission.

MUSIC IN THE PARK
SAT., OCTOBER 6TH

7PM-9:30PM

VETERANS MEMORIAL
PARK

FEATURING:

JUMPIN' DRAGONS



This event is FREE!

Bring your lawn chairs
and blankets!

*(This is the rescheduled Music
in the Park from July 3rd)*

Desserts for purchase
by Sweet Lennon



YOUTH PROGRAMS



LITTLE LEAGUE SUMMER TRAVEL 9/10 NEBAS CHAMPS

On September 4th, the Mayor and Council recognized the River Edge Little League Summer Travel 9/10 Intermediate Team for winning the North East Bergen All Stars (NEBAS) Championships. Head Coach Nick Clark and his Assistant Coaches Ed Crane, Kevin Kelly, and Pat Stoltz lead the team to a 9-0 victory over a very talented Montvale team, ending the season with an 11-1 record. Great job team!



9/10 NEBAS Champs with their certificates after the Mayor & Council Meeting (Left) & 9/10 Champs after their victory over Montvale (right)

LITTLE LEAGUE JUNIOR BASEBALL FALL LEAGUE

This fall season, Little League Jr. Baseball has two teams entered into the NEBAS Fall Baseball League: 11U lead by Coach Johnny Porco and 12U lead by Coach Brent Walker. Coach Kevin LoPresti is running an optional weekly practice for 9U players. If interested, contact Kevin at kclopresti@yahoo.com as practice days & times vary week to week.



RIVER EDGE BOYS BASKETBALL

Registration starts in October for REC and Travel

REC program levels

- Instructional – 1st and 2nd grade – practice sessions only start January thru March
- 3rd-4th grade – practice/games start January thru March
- 5th-6th grade – practice/games start January thru March
- 7th-9th grade – practice/games start January thru March

TRAVEL program levels

- 2nd grade thru 8th grade
- Travel practices start November
- Travel games start January thru March

For updates check the Recreation website at www.riveredgenj.org/recreation



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RIVER DELL WRESTLING

2018-2019 SEASON INFO & REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

River Dell Junior Wrestling is open to all 1st - 8th graders who are River Edge or Oradell residents. There are NO tryouts, skill or experience requirements, or weight restrictions. Our season starts in November and goes through February/March.

Regular Practices Start Tuesday November 13th. Practices are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings at River Dell High School through February. Younger wrestlers practice from 6:00-7:30pm and older wrestlers practice from 7:30-9:00pm. In Nov/Dec we have a few Saturday practices to be posted on website. – All Practices held at the River Dell High School Wrestling Room

1st Year Wrestling Introduction Practices – Tues., Oct 30th & Nov 6th.

This is only for 1st time wrestlers who have never wrestled. Held 6:00pm-7:30pm at River Dell High School. Important for new Wrestlers!

Scrimmages are held Saturday mornings or early evenings starting in January. Each wrestler is paired with a wrestler from another area team. Pairs are determined by similarity in age (no more than 2 years apart), weight (no more than a 10% differential), experience and skill level. These are held at home and away.

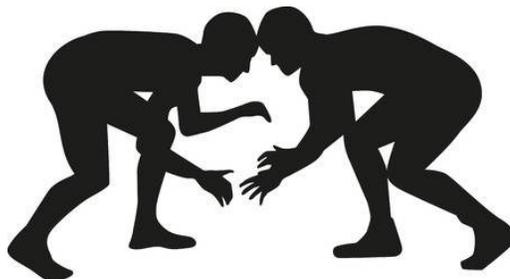
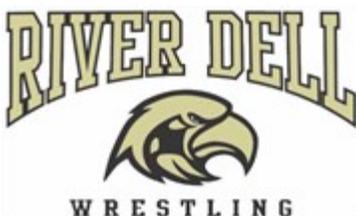
Tournaments are held Sundays. Typically each wrestler is eligible for four tournaments. Tournaments group by age divisions (Bantam: 7 & 8 yr olds, Novice: 9 & 10 yr olds, Junior: 11 & 12 yr olds, and Intermediate: 13 & 14 yr olds) and defined weight classes. Experience and skill level are not part of the grouping for tournaments.

Fee: \$130/child (\$85/each additional sibling)

Registration deadline: October 19th

Register at www.riverdelljuniorwrestling.com

For more information contact the River Dell Wrestling President: Josh Wagreich at 973-735-7355 or via email at joshwagreich@gmail.com



US SPORTS INSTITUTE

The US Sports Institute has been providing sports camps and year-round sports programs to communities for over 10 years, working with over 500 organizations in the USA. These organizations include Recreation Departments, YMCA's, JCC's, Girl Scouts, School Districts & a variety of other private organizations that require quality sports provision.

River Edge Recreation has partnered with US Sports Institute to offer a wide range of sports camps, classes and lessons for all ability levels and a range of ages .

Programs typically run by season in the spring, summer, and fall. Camps, classes and lessons run year-round to ensure we always have sports options to meet your family's needs.

Currently for the fall season, US Sports Institute is offering soccer and multi sports classes for ages 2-7. Registration is currently closed, but check back in for the spring season.

Information will be posted on the recreation website at www.riveredgenj.org/recreation

YOUTH PROGRAMS



RIVER EDGE GIRLS ATHLETIC LEAGUE (REGAL)

The River Edge Girls Athletic League (REGAL), founded in 1965, is the largest all female sports program in New Jersey. Regal provides the town's young women with diverse athletic activities. The program strives to provide instruction with a focus on fun while promoting good sportsmanship and teamwork in a competitive atmosphere. The programs benefit our young ladies in numerous ways - from building basic skills and self-esteem

to meeting new friends and learning how play together as a team. These are skills that will be with the children for many years to come.

We take great pride in the efforts of our athletes, the leadership of our volunteer coaches and the support of our fans. We are an all-volunteer organization that only thrives with the support of our participant's parents and local businesses.

REGAL represents over 350 girls ranging from kindergarten to 12th grade and is proud to offer our founding sport of Recreation Softball (since 1965) along with programs in Recreation Basketball, Running, Yoga, Volleyball and Field Hockey. In addition, REGAL has also expanded its offering to provide our girls with an even more competitive environment through its Travel Basketball and Travel Softball programs. Regal has also expanded its offerings of Contenders, a Special Needs Running program for girls and boys.

Our seasons are:

Fall	Yoga and Volleyball – September to November
Winter	Recreation and Travel Basketball – November thru March
Spring	Running and Contenders – February thru April
	Recreation and Travel Softball – March thru July

REGAL RECREATION & TRAVEL BASKETBALL NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!

September 25th - November 6th

Instructional: \$60/child

REGAL Basketball: \$110/child or \$200/family

Registration for the 2018-19 Recreation Basketball season will close on November 6th, 2018.

All registrations must be submitted online and paid via a credit card.

THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER 11/6

Please be advised REgal Sports is requiring that any girl who wants to try out for REgal Travel from 2nd to 6th Grade Basketball must also play in the Recreation Program.

Fees for the 2018-19 TRAVEL teams have not been set. Travel is a tryout team.

Please visit our website for more information and to register

www.regalsports.org



YOUTH PROGRAMS

RIVER DELL LACROSSE

THE RIVER DELL LACROSSE ASSOCIATION WILL BE ENTERING 4 TEAMS INTO THE APPLEFEST LACROSSE TOURNAMENT IN WARWICK, NY

October 6th for the boys
October 7th for the girls

Intermediate & experienced Girls and Boys from 5-8th grade are welcome to join in on this fun tournament.

Come out for some fun practices and scrimmages
Friday nights (9/25 and 10/5) at KBG from 4:30-6pm

To join, go to our website at www.riverdelllacrosse.com

We have already begun planning for our Spring 2019 season, stay tuned for details.....

If you have any questions, please email Sebu Idiculla at RDLacrosse@gmail.com

Don't forget to



FALL SPORTS



FALL SPORTS IN SEASON:

- REGAL Yoga & Volleyball
- Little League Jr. Baseball Fall League
- River Dell Soccer
- River Dell Jr. Football
- River Dell Junior Cheer

Fall Registration is closed for the above sports.

Check our website periodically for more information:
www.riveredgenj.org/recreation

ADULT LEAGUES

The Recreation Commission sponsors the following adult programs. For information about these programs, please visit us online at on www.riveredgenj.org/recreation.

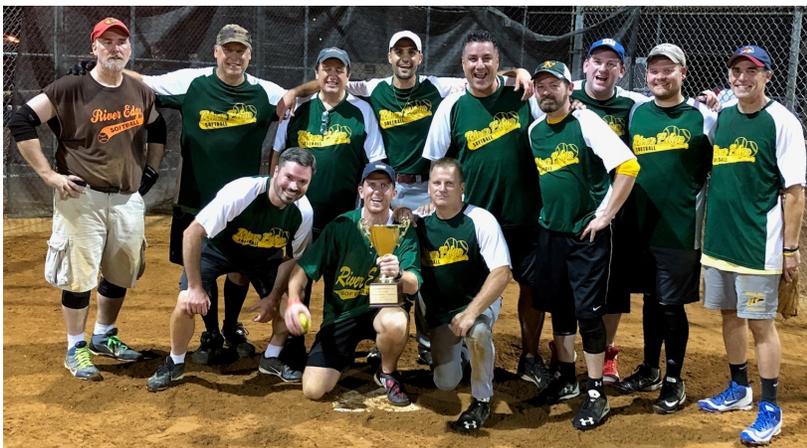
ADULT BASKETBALL Offered November through April on Tuesday evenings 9-10:30pm at River Dell Middle School Gym. Registration is on site.

MEN'S SOFTBALL Spring/Summer offered April – early August.; Fall offered August –October. For residents 25yrs and older. Games are usually one night a week Monday-Thursday played at Kenneth B. George field. Sign ups for the spring will be available in late February. Sign-up for Fall league will be available in late July.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL Offered June – August.. Games are played on Friday. For River Edge & Oradell residents 25yrs and older

ADULT VOLLEYBALL Offered November – April on Monday evenings 9-10:30pm at River Dell Middle School Gym. Registration is on-site.

ADULT SOCCER Offered November – April on Wednesday evenings 9-10:30pm at River Dell Middle School gym.



2018 Spring Men's Softball League Champions the A's.

STAY INFORMED



FACEBOOK

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



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.

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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