

# TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE

## RECREATION RESOURCE GUIDE

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Dear Friends & Neighbors:

The purpose of this resource guide is to inform West Orange residents about all of the outstanding recreational programs available in our town. Information is provided on programs and activities generated by municipal departments, non-profit organizations, public/private partnerships and the private sector. We have made every effort to be thorough and non-partisan. Absolutely no fees have been solicited or collected. Our sole objective was to make available to our residents a definitive guide of recreational options.

The guide is divided into the following five sections: Sports & Activities, Special Places & Programs, Special Events, Playground Facilities and a Phone Directory.

This booklet was first produced in 1995. It was subsequently revised in 2000, 2004, 2010, 2015 and again in 2023. We made every effort to update existing information and to solicit from the community any new and pertinent information. If you were inadvertently left out, please accept my sincere apology. Any agency, organization or business that would like to be included in future publications should contact our office. Additionally, we welcome any and all feedback from the community.

I thank all the groups and organizations that helped us by supplying their program information. I thank my co-workers at the Rec Dept. for their valuable assistance in producing this comprehensive document. You have my promise that both my staff and I will continue to work hard on your behalf.

Yours truly,

*Bill Kehoe*

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# Sports & Activities

## Baseball

- Little League Mountain Top League Spring  
Open to boys and girls ages 6 – 12. T-Ball, coach pitch and traditional hardball divided into five age divisions.
- Traveling All Stars Police Athletic League Spring, Summer & Fall  
Open to boys ages 5 – 13. Highly competitive teams that represent West Orange in leagues and tournaments.
- Winter Training Police Athletic League Winter  
Open to boys ages 9 - 14. Travel/All Star level players are strongly encouraged to attend. High level instruction traditionally held indoors on Sunday afternoons
- Mountaineer Baseball Camp WO Rec Dept. July  
Open to **boys** entering grades 4 – 8. One week instructional program stressing the fundamentals of the sport. Traditionally a ½ day schedule.

## Basketball

- Pee Wee Basketball WO Elite Basketball Club/WO Rec Dept. Winter & Summer  
Open to boys and girls in grades 2 & 3. Instructional program for beginners. Sunday mornings in the winter. Week long camp in the summer.
- MTL In House Basketball League Mountain Top League Winter  
Open to boys and girls in grades 4 to 8. Organized teams that compete in various age brackets.
- Traveling All Stars WO Rec Dept. Winter & Summer  
Open to boys and girls in grades 3 to 8. Highly competitive teams that represent West Orange in leagues and tournaments.
- Head Start Fall Clinic WO Rec Dept. Fall  
Open to boys and girls in grades 5 – 8. Geared toward travel level players to get prepared for the upcoming winter season. Conducted by the coaching staff from WOHS.
- Hot Shot Contest WO Rec Dept. Winter  
Open to boys and girls in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Townwide shooting contest that brings together school champions from all Township elementary schools for the final shoot out held during the Championships of the Elementary Basketball League.
- Elks Free Throw Contest WO Elks Winter  
Various grammar school aged brackets. Winners advance to regional competition.
- Summer Basketball League WO Rec Dept. Summer  
Open to boys and girls grades 3 to 8. Highly competitive league that draws teams from throughout northern New Jersey. All games in WO.

## Boy Sco

Western New Jersey Council Various Locations

All Year\_ Open to boys ages 7 to 18. Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Special co-ed program entitled *Venturing* for young adults ages 13 to 21. Also sponsors day camp and summer camp. Contact your child's school for more information

### **Cheerleading**

Cheerleading Clinic West Orange Rec Summer  
Open to children completing grades 4 – 8. The half day camp runs for one week in early summer. Conducted by members of the WOHS Cheerleading Staff.

Flag Football Cheerleading West Orange Rec Fall  
Open to girls in grades 2 – 3. Girls cheer for the teams in the Junior Division of the Flag Football League.

PAL Football Cheerleading Police Athletic League  
Fall/Winter Open to girls in grades 4 – 8. Girls cheer for the PAL football teams.

### **Chess**

West Orange Chess Club WO Rec Dept All Year  
Open to adults. Club meets at the Katz Civic Center each Tuesday evening.

### **Dance**

Unique Performing Arts Center Privately Owned All Year  
Jazz, ballet, tap, acrobatics, hip-hop, lyrical, musical theater, pointe and total impact for adults. Beginner levels through professional.

## Football

- Flag Football & Cheerleading      WO Rec Dept.      Fall/Spring  
Three divisions that span grades Kind. – 5. Restricted contact introduction to football.  
Cheerleading squads assigned to each team for 2-3 grade only  
Games on the weekend - practices on weekdays.
- Youth Football & Cheerleading      Police Athletic League      Fall  
Open to ages 9 to 14. Three teams that represent WO in league play. Full equipment.  
Cheerleading squads for the girls.
- PAL Spring Football Clinic      WO Police Athletic League      Spring  
A one day clinic stressing the fundamentals of football. Perfect for active football players as well as newcomers to the sport.
- Mountaineer Football Camp      WOHS Staff      Summer  
Open to players ages 5 – 14. Camp is one week – half days. Usually runs in July.  
Conducted by the WOHS Football Coaching Staff.

## Girl Scouts

- Council of Greater Essex & Hudson      Various Locations      All Year  
Open to girls ages 5 to 17. Brownies and Girl Scouts.  
Contact your child's school for more information

## Golf

- WO Junior Golf Program      WO Rec Dept.      Spring & Fall  
Open to boys and girls in grades 5 – 8. Basic instruction on the fundamentals of the sport.
- Senior Citizen Tournaments      WO Rec Dept./WO Elks      All Year  
Open to senior men & women. Three to five tournaments held in the warm months at private country clubs. Awards, prizes and dinner included.
- Charity Golf Tournaments      Various Sponsors      All Year
- Lefty Boland Tournament** – Held in June at Essex County Country Club. Benefits special needs initiatives in West Orange & PAL youth programs
- Guzman Charity Tournament** – Held in September at Essex County Country Club. Proceeds benefit the Brain Aneurism Foundation.
- Shillelagh Tournament** – Held in October at Byrne Golf Course. Benefits the Shillelagh Scholarship Fund.
- Christopher Morgan Memorial Golf Outing** – Held in late August at Rock Spring  
Proceeds benefit the Morgan Scholarship Fund

### Rock Spring Golf Club @ West Orange

The former private club is now owned by the Township of West Orange and open for public play

### Country Clubs

Privately Owned

All Year

West Orange has five private country clubs: Essex Fells, Crestmont, Rock Spring, Montclair and Essex County.

### **Hockey**

#### Youth Street Hockey

WO Rec Dept.

Spring/Summer/Fall

Open to grades K-8. Multiple divisions – includes clinics & games.

#### Youth Ice Hockey Team

Mountain Top League

Winter

Teams of various age and skill levels compete against neighboring teams. Clinics also available.

### **Horseback Riding**

#### Lessons & Shows

Essex Equestrian Center

All Year

Horseback riding lessons. Quarterly equestrian shows featuring huntseat equitation. Membership packages available. Also offers various therapeutic programs.

### **Horseshoes**

#### Open Tournament

West Orange Elks

Fall

Open to all comers. The event takes place at the Colgate Park Horseshoe Pit in September

### **Ice Skating**

#### Codey Arena

Essex County Parks Dept.

Winter

Wide array of options including open skating, youth hockey, figure skating lessons and more.....

### **Lacrosse**

#### All Star Team(s)

WO Rec Dept.

Spring

Open to boys & girls in grades 3 - 8. Competitive team that represents WO in leagues and tournaments.

#### Fall Clinic

WO Rec Dept.

Fall

Open to grades K – 8. Teaches the fundamentals of the sport. Conducted by the coaching staff of WOHS and youth All Star coaches.

## **Martial Arts**

Martial Arts Training Center Privately Owned All Year  
Programs for children, adults and the whole family. Tae Kwon Do, Hap Ki Do and Gum Do. Expert instructors develop flexibility, self-defense, weight control, physical conditioning and stress reduction.

Way of the Tiger Privately Owned All Year  
Street smart self defense training in Karate Do, Kobudo Weaponry and Okada Ryu Iaido

## **Movies**

Essex Green AMC Cinema Privately Owned All Year  
Nine screen cineplex theater located in the Essex Green Plaza. Plenty of parking available. Upgraded in 2010 to “Dinner & A Movie” format.

WO Classic Film Festival WO Arts Council Winter  
Revisit Hollywood’s greatest classic films on the big screen at Essex Green Cinema. Time honored productions that stood the test of time.  
Friday @ The Movies WO Public Library All Year  
Small screen presentation of a wide variety of films. Held in the afternoons

## **Pre School Programs**

Sports Squirts US Sports Fall, Spring & Summer  
A weekend program offering a sports introduction program for children ages 3 – 5.

## **Sleigh Riding**

Colgate Park WO Rec Dept. Winter  
Open to all. Sleigh riding *under the lights*. Program dependent on weather conditions. Call Rec office for daily updates.

## **Soccer**

In-House Program Mountain Top League Fall  
Open to boys & girls grades pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup>. Various age divisions. Games are played on the weekends.

Traveling All Stars Mountain Top League Fall & Spring  
Open to boys & girls grades 1 through 11. Competitive teams that represent WO in various leagues and tournaments.

Winter Indoor Clinic Mountain Top League Winter  
Open to boys and girls grades K-3. Stresses agility, coordination, footwork, passing, ball striking and developing an understanding of the game.

Indoor Soccer League WO Rec Dept. Spring

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d girl's division. Games on weekday evenings.

Soccer Palace

Privately Owned

All Year

Open to boys & girls ages 7 to 19. Tournaments & leagues. Training sessions for individuals, groups and teams.



## Softball

Traveling All Stars                      WO Rec Dept.                      Summer & Fall  
Open to girls grades 4 – 8. Competitive team represents WO in various leagues and tournaments.

Girls of Summer Softball Camp                      WO Rec Dept.                      Summer  
Open to girls entering grades 4 – 8. One week instructional program stressing the fundamentals of the sport. Traditionally a ½ day schedule.

Softball Sundays                      WO Rec Dept.                      Winter  
Open to girls grades 4 – 8. Weekly clinics traditionally held early on Sunday evening. The indoor program's goal is to prepare players for the upcoming spring season.

Men's Over 50 Slo Pitch                      NJSS Conference                      Spring/Summer  
Open to men over 50. Team represents WO in the North Jersey Senior Softball Conference.

Men's Over 60 Slo Pitch                      NJSSA                      Spring/Summer  
Open to men over 60. Team represents WO in the North Jersey Senior Softball Association. Games are traditionally played on Tuesday & Saturday mornings.

**Sports Conditioning Program**                      WO Rec Dept.                      Fall, Winter, Spring  
Open to boys & girls in grades 3 – 12. Geared to increase speed, agility and coordination.

## Swimming

WO Wave Swim Team                      WO Rec Dept.                      Summer  
Open to WO residents ages 8 – 17. Team represents WO in the North Jersey Swim League.

Swim Lessons                      WO Rec Dept.                      Summer  
Open to WO children 5 and over. Sequential program from beginner to advanced. Generally held weekday mornings in July.

## Tennis

Tennis Lessons                      Professional Tennis Programs                      Spring, Summer & Fall  
Open to ages 4 thru adult. Group and individual lessons available. Held at Degnan Park and/or Rolling Hills

West Orange Tennis Club Privately Owned All Year  
Membership required, guests permitted. Eleven indoor courts, thirteen outdoor courts. Pool, sauna and steam room.

## Theater

Luna Theater Company Privately Owned All Year  
Vibrant new program – new facility in the Valley Arts District.

Pleasant Valley Productions Privately Operated Summer  
Primarily responsible for programming at OSPAC. Also provide theatrical training, internships and occasional indoor special presentations.

## Volleyball

Traveling All Stars WO Rec Dept. Fall  
Open to girls grades 6 – 8. Team competes in the Suburban Youth Volleyball League.

WO All Star Volleyball Clinic WO Rec Dept. Spring  
Open to girls grades 3 – 8. Stresses the fundamentals of volleyball.

Summer Volleyball Camp WOHS Staff Summer  
Open to girls in grades K – 11. Stresses the fundamentals of volleyball.

## Wrestling

Wrestling Team WO Rec Dept. Winter  
Open to all youths grades 2 thru 8. Instructional and competitive. The team represents WO in various tournaments and leagues.

Wrestling Fall Clinic WO Rec Dept. Fall  
Open to youths in grades 2 to 8 that wish to participate on the town's youth team in the winter. One night a week of basic instruction and conditioning.

## REGISTRATION POLICIES

The West Orange Recreation Department requires all of the following documentation each time you register for a program. Registration is online

**ALL RESIDENTS SHOULD SET UP THEIR ACCOUNT.**

**[www.westorange.org/rec](http://www.westorange.org/rec)**

1. Parent's Driver's License with a WO address or Valid WO Rec ID
2. Child's Birth Certificate
3. Child's Most Recent Report Card

The sole purpose of these verification's is to protect our taxpayers.

Programs sponsored by other agencies may have different registration policies. We suggest that you call the agency in advance for this pertinent information.

# **Special Places & Programs**

## **GINNY DUENKEL POOL**

Conducted by the West Orange Recreation Department, the pool is open to WO residents only. Various membership plans are available. With rare exception, members are allowed to sponsor guests on a daily basis. Membership applications are available at the Rec Dept. in the spring. The facility includes three pools: a large main pool equipped with a safety entrance ramp, a diving tank with a low board and a water slide and a baby pool complete with spray toys. Other amenities include a snack bar with a spacious eating deck, large lounging areas and a rec center. Special programs at the pool include the swim lesson program, seven day a week recreation program, the very successful WO Wave Swim Team, the Youth Sports Pool Party, senior citizen programs, pool parties, the annual Sports & Games Night and more...

## **SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

Conducted by the West Orange Board of Education and based at WOHS, the program is available to West Orange children entering grades 2 – 8 in the Fall of the following school year. Classes include a wide variety of subject areas including but not limited to music, fine arts, academic pursuits and physical fitness. Program runs for approximately the first month of summer vacation during the AM hours on weekdays only. Various tuition packages available.

## **MAYOR'S PROGRAM FOR THE UNIQELY GIFTED**

Conducted by the West Orange Recreation Department with the overwhelming support of the business community. Open to our special population and their families. The year long program provides valuable information, support services, a summer camp, monthly theme parties, summer pool parties and trips.

## **FOOTSTEPS FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL CHILD**

FOOTSTEPS is a division of the West Orange Recreation Department that provides year round recreational programs for children with special needs. It also includes a peer mentoring component commonly referred to as "Big Buddies." Six week semesters are held in the Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer. Typical courses may include but not be limited to bowling, swimming, gardening, cooking, dancing and fitness.

## **UNICO'S GARDEN FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL CHILD**

The garden is located in Degnan Park adjacent to the Katz Civic Center. In 2008, the National Chapter of UNICO awarded our local branch top honors for this stunning and worthwhile project. The garden has over a dozen individual plots as well as a hot house. It is utilized extensively by WO Older Adults.

## **KATZ CIVIC CENTER**

Conducted by the West Orange Recreation Department. The site is the location of a wide variety of recreational programs. The facility has two rooms available to the public. The cozy skate room accommodates up to thirty five guests. It has been used successfully for meetings, seminars and small parties. The Lake Room, with a patio overlooking the pond, accommodates one hundred and ten people. It is ideal for larger get togethers. Either room can be rented by community civic groups or residents. A brochure is available on request.

### **HAVING A PARTY?**

**KATZ CIVIC CENTER – BEAUTIFUL AND AFFORDABLE**  
**CALL THE REC OFFICE AT 973-325-4150 FOR A BROCHURE**  
**ALSO AVAILABLE ON REC WEBSITE [www.westorange.org](http://www.westorange.org)**  
**WEST ORANGE RESIDENTS ONLY**

### **SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS**

Conducted by the West Orange Dept. of Senior services. Open to West Orange residents with rare exception. Full year program includes golf, tennis, line dancing, water aerobics, bridge, computers, bingo, ballroom dancing, summer picnics, arts & crafts, painting, holiday theme parties, trips and much more... All programs are reasonably priced.

### **JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY**

Conducted by the West Orange Police Department in cooperation with the Township of West Orange and the WO Board of Education. Program is open to boys and girls ages 11 – 13. Generally run the first week of summer vacation at Liberty Middle School. The Academy seeks to reduce juvenile delinquency, promote better relations between police officers and youths, encourage responsible citizenship, promote good peer behavior and improve communication skills through innovative and exciting programming.

### **WEST ORANGE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Open seven days a week, closed Sundays in the summer. A true gem of the community. Modern facilities equipped with internet access. Book readings, film studies, cultural diversity programs and historical retrospectives. Special children's room and programs including Tot Story Time, Summer Reading Club, Holiday Arts & Crafts, etc.... Programs geared to Teens & Tweens.

***EXCITING NEW LOCATION SLATED TO OPEN IN 2023***

### **WEST ORANGE COMMUNITY HOUSE**

A non-profit organization serving our Township since 1911. Quality, creative, well-balanced programs in a clean healthy environment. Affordable day care, after school care, latch key program and summer day camp. Includes a chapter of the Boys & Girls Club.

## **JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER**

Serving the Jewish community at large in Essex, Morris and Sussex Counties. Full range of services from early childhood through older adults. Health Center, aquatics, cultural arts, summer camps, sports programs, and much more.

## **O'CONNOR ECOSYSTEM**

Conducted by the West Orange Recreation Department. Constructed with the assistance of *Nickelodeon* network. A two tiered ecosystem that illustrates the interdependency of life forms. It includes a wetlands area and a stream fed pond. Ideal for small class trips, the area is a hands-on, living science exhibit.

## **OSKAR SHINDLER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

Conducted by the West Orange Recreation Department in cooperation with Pleasant Valley Productions. Slated to begin construction in late 1999. Named in honor of Oskar Shindler, "a humane man in an inhumane time." Nestled next to historic Crystal Lake, the facility will feature an open air amphitheater built into the natural slope of the land. Planned events include summer theater, concerts, children's programs and special celebrations.

## **TURTLE BACK ZOO**

Conducted by the Essex County Department of Parks. The facility is open for business most of the year closing only during the winter months. Wide assortment of animals including the great Plains Exhibit and the Scottish Highland Exhibit which were added in 1999. Family fun activities including petting zoo, food pavilion, picnic area, pony rides, souvenirs and train ride. Since 2010, the facility has greatly expanded to include many new exhibits and a traditional carousel. An overhead zip line adventure course has also been added.

## **CODEY ARENA**

Conducted by the Essex County Department of Parks. The facility is open for business all year. Programs include open ice skating, skating lessons, roller hockey, figure skating school and much more... South Mountain Arena is the practice site of the National Hockey League's New Jersey Devils.

## **FRANCIS BYRNE GOLF COURSE**

Conducted by the Essex County Department of Parks. Open to residents of Essex County. One of three county run eighteen hole regulation golf courses. Snack bar on the premises. Seasonal memberships, special senior rates and daily rates for non-members. Byrne underwent extension renovations in 2009 and further dramatic upgrades to the course are planned to be completed in 2023.

## **COUNTY RESERVATIONS**

Conducted by the Essex County Department of Parks. Open to residents of Essex County. Over two thousand acres of pristine land with hiking trails, streams, ball fields, and picnic areas. In some instances, permits may be required. The system includes South Mountain Reservation, Mayapple Hill, Turtle Back

Rock and Eagle Rock Reservation. Eagle Rock is the site of the *Highlawn Pavilion*, one of the highest rated five star restaurants in the Northeast.

### **THOMAS EDISON NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**

Conducted by the United States Department of the Interior. Open to the general public. The Edison Site, visited in 1998 by First Lady Hilary Clinton, is earmarked for major renovations and improvements in the coming years. It is the location of the Black Maria, the nation's first moving picture studio.

Programs sponsored by the West Orange Recreation Department are typically advertised through a combination of the following **media outlets**:

1. T.V. Channel 36 (Comcast), Fios Channel 45 (Verizon)
2. The West Orange Chronicle
3. The monthly Rec newsletter
4. Township Website: [www.westorange.org](http://www.westorange.org)
5. West Orange Patch
6. Digital Distribution through the Schools
7. Town Council Monthly Presentation
8. Facebook

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **REC ACHIEVEMENT RECEPTION      WO REC      FEB/MARCH**

A bi-annual event which honors individuals who have made valuable contributions to the people of West Orange through their involvement in various rec programs. Traditionally held on the first Saturday after New Year's. The reception is held at the Katz Civic Center.

### **ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE      PARADE COMMITTEE      MARCH**

A long standing special occasion for the Township. Generally held on the Sunday before the March 17<sup>th</sup> holiday. Gala marching parade begins at noon from Town Hall and travels up Main Street to Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Participants include pipe bands, Irish organizations, local clubs, school groups, etc.

### **MEET THE BUNNY      WO REC      APRIL**

A great day of family fun with a "bunny" theme. Generally held on the Saturday before Easter Sunday at Degan Park. Activities include egg hunts, story time, petting zoo, miniature golf, face painting and much more...

### **MEMORIAL DAY      VETERAN'S OF FOREIGN WARS      MAY**

A tribute to our veterans who served their country so admirable. Sponsored by the VFW Post 376 Glennon-Sayers. Held at the Veteran's Memorial at Town Hall. Generally held on the morning of Memorial Day. Patriotic musical tribute, the traditional placing of the wreaths and the Principal Address.

### **SPORTS & GAMES NIGHT      WO REC      JUNE**

A family event of fun and friendly competition. Generally held the last Friday night in July at Ginny Duenkel Pool. Activities include parent & child tube races, belly flop contest, treasure hunts, water basketball, knock hockey, balloon toss, and more... Modest admission covers all activities plus dinner.

### **FOURTH OF JULY      WO REC      JULY**

A day long celebration of America's Independence Day held at WOHS. The day's activities include multiple food trucks, pony rides, moon walks, music, the popular eating contest and more... The day's festivities conclude with a rousing fireworks display also held at WOHS.

### **FISHING DERBY      WO REC      SEPTEMBER**

A perfect chance for child and parent to enjoy a special event together. Held annually at Crystal Lake. The pond is stocked on the morning of the derby. Casting contests, door prizes and participation awards. Food and refreshments available courtesy of the Elks. All proceeds are donated by the charitable organization to Camp Moore, a summer camp for disabled children.

**OLD TIMER’S DAY****WO REC****SEPTEMBER**

A nostalgic gathering of the ‘Old Guard.’ Generally held the first Saturday after Labor Day. The day starts in the early afternoon with the presentation ceremony and the Old Timer’s Game at Colgate Park. Following the game, a reception is held at Connor Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

**WO JAZZ & BREW FESTIVAL****OSPAC****SEPTEMBER**

A weekend long celebration of jazz at the Oscar Schindler Performing Arts Center. Dozens of outstanding acts along with vendors, workshops and special features. A can’t miss Fall event.

**MAYOR’S 5K RUN****THE DOWNTOWN ALLIANCE****SEPTEMBER**

Held with the valuable assistance of Organon, Inc. and Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation. The 5K run meanders through the historic Main Street corridor of the Township. Medals and trophies awarded in a variety of age groups. The activities begin at 9:30 AM with a special one mile *Fun Run*.

**HALLOWEEN HAPPENING****WO REC****OCTOBER**

An exercise in creepy creativity, the event varies in format from year to year. Possibilities include a haunted house, spooky woods or haunted hayrides. Generally held the weekend prior to Halloween.

**VETERAN’S DAY****VETERAN’S OF FOREIGN WARS****NOVEMBER**

Another opportunity to thank the many men & women who risked their lives to insure our freedom. Held at the Veterans Memorial at Town Hall. Special commemorative gathering to thank the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for us.

**TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY****WO REC DEPT****DECEMBER**

A Holiday gathering held on the lawn of Town Hall. Generally held the first Saturday evening in December. Features a musical tribute to *The Season* followed by the lighting of the tree. Special guest appearance by Santa. Complimentary drinks and snacks are donated by Pal’s Cabin and the West Orange Shop-Rite.

**Did you know.....?**

The Recreation Department sends out a monthly newsletter electronically? You can receive this important info right at your work or home computer.

Visit the Home Page of the Township’s website –

[www.westorange.org](http://www.westorange.org)  
and click “Notify Me”



## **PLAYGROUND FACILITIES**

### **WEST ORANGE RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

<u>Boland Park</u>	Dogwood Road off Northfield Ave. Kiddie Park, Youth Baseball Field, Basketball Court	5 Acres
<u>Byrne Park</u>	Liberty Street off Washington Street Kiddie Park, Neighborhood Garden	1 Acre
<u>Club Boulevard</u>	Club Boulevard off Gregory Avenue Kiddie Park	½ Acre
<u>Colgate Park</u>	Franklin Avenue off Main Street Kiddie Park, Futsal Court, Lit Baseball/Softball Field, Horseshoe Pits (2), Sleigh Riding, Walking Path, Town Pool	8 Acres
<u>Crystal Lake</u>	Prospect Ave. & Eagle Rock Avenue Rustic Walking Path, Fishing, Oscar Schindler Performing Arts Center	10 Acres
<u>Degnan Park</u>	Aliza Drive off Pleasant Valley Way Kiddie Park, Lit Tennis Courts (5), Lit Softball Field, Fishing, Basketball Court, Katz Civic Center, UNICO Garden for the Exceptional Child	10 Acres
<u>Jenkins Park</u>	Rose Terrace of Valley Road Kiddie Park, Small Grass Play Area	2 Acres
<u>Lafayette Park</u>	Main Street & Park Avenue Kiddie Park, Youth Baseball Field, Macadam Play Area Fieldhouse	2 Acres
<u>Minish Park</u>	Lancaster Terr. off Pleasant Valley Way Kiddie Park, Multi Purpose Field, Community Garden	2 Acres
<u>O'Connor Park</u>	Ralph Road off Pleasant Valley Way Kiddie Park, Multi Purpose Fields, Lit Tennis Courts(4), Lit Handball Courts (4), Basketball Court, Lit Street Hockey, Walking Path, Fieldhouse	27 Acres
<u>Rolling Green Hills</u>	Mt. Pleasant & Gregory Avenues Tennis Courts (2)	½ Acre

Stagg Field                      St. Cloud Ave. off Northfield Road                      13 Acres  
Kiddie Park, Multi Purpose Fields, Lit Tennis Courts (4)  
Basketball Court, Fieldhouse

### **WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

West Orange High School                      Conforti Avenue of Eagle Rock Avenue  
Lit Football Stadium, Lit Soccer Field, Lit Baseball Field,  
Eighty (80) Yard Practice Field – all are artificial turf;  
Synthetic Track

Roosevelt Middle School                      Gilbert Avenue off Gregory Avenue  
Multi Purpose Fields

Liberty Middle School                      Mt. Pleasant Ave.  
Multi Purpose Fields

Edison Central Six School                      William Street off Franklin Avenue  
Multi Purpose Fields

Gregory Elementary School                      Gregory Avenue  
Kiddie Park, Multi Purpose Field, Basketball Court

Hazel Elementary School                      Hazel Avenue off Rollinson Street  
Kiddie Park w/Spray Toys, Multi Purpose Field, Eckhardt T-Ball Field,  
Macadam Play Area.

Redwood Elementary School                      Forest Avenue off Eagle Rock Avenue  
Kiddie Park w/Handicapped Access, Multi Purpose Fields,  
Macadam Play Area, Basketball Court

Pleasantdale Elementary School                      Pleasant Valley Way  
Kiddie Park, Multi Purpose Field, Basketball Court

Mt. Pleasant Elementary School                      Manger Road off Mt. Pleasant Avenue  
Kiddie Park, Youth Baseball Field, Macadam Play Area

St. Cloud Elementary School                      Sheridan Road off Northfield Road  
Macadam Play Area

Washington Elementary School                      Washington Street & Main Street  
Kiddie Park, Macadam Play Area

Lichtenstein Field                      Valley Way off Eagle Rock Avenue  
Kiddie Park, T-Ball Field

The weather got you guessing about practices or games?

Call the Rec Dept.'s Weather Hotline after 3:00 PM

on weekdays for the latest update. **973-243-1115**

## PHONE/ELECTRONIC DIRECTORY

**\*\*\*\*\*THIS SECTION UNDER CONSTANT CONSTRUCTION\*\*\*\*\***

### WEST ORANGE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

Mailing Address:

**66 Main Street, West Orange, NJ 07052**

Office Location: Kennedy Fieldhouse @ Colgate Park.

**60 ½ Cherry St., West Orange, NJ 07052**

### MUNICIPAL CONTACT INFO

	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Web</u>	<u>Email</u>
Rec Dept.	973-325-4150	www.westorange.org	recreation@westorange.org
Special Events Coordinator	973-325-4150	www.westorange.org	cwahlers@westorange.org
FOOTSTEPS Coord.	973-325-4150	www.westorange.org	footsteps@westorange.org
Mayor's Program Ind. w/Special Needs	973-243-1169	www.westorange.org	specialneeds@westorange.org
Ginny Duenkel Pool	973-325-4085	www.westorange.org	recreation@westorange.org
Katz Civic Center	973-325-4087	www.westorange.org	katzcenter@westorange.org
Grounds Maintenance Div.	973-325-4148	www.westorange.org	jpelose@westorange.org
WO Public Library	973-736-0198	www.wopl.org	admin@westorangelibrary.org
WO Board of Ed.	973-669-5400	www.woboe.org	first initial & last name@woboe.org
WO Arts Council	973-324-9100	www.westorangeartscouncil.org	info@westorangeartscouncil.org

### CO-OPERATIVE NON PROFIT PROGRAMS INFO

	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Web</u>	<u>Email</u>
WO Basketball Club	973-941-9594	Under Construction	wobc2001@aol.com
WO Mountain Top League	973-736-1755	www.mountaintopleague.com	Sport Specific-check web
WO Police Athletic League	973-736-3595	www.wopal.org	info@wopal.org

## NON-MUNICIPAL CONTACT INFO

	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Web</u>	<u>Email</u>
Boy Scouts Council	973-731-0932	www.geocities.com/troop2wo/	timb07052@yahoo.com
Curves Fitness Center	973-669-1088	www.curves.com	none
Codey Arena	973-731-3828	www.essex-countynj.org	link on website
En Garde Fencing Club	973-736-2446	www.engardefencing.com	none
Eagle Rock Bowling	973-731-6363	www.nationwidebowling.com	none
Essex County Parks Dept.	973-268-3500	www.essex-countynj.org	joedi@admin.essexcountynj.org
Essex Equestrian Center	973-731-4182	www.essexequestrian.com	link on website
Essex Green Cinema	973-731-7755	www.amctheatres.com	none
Francis Byrne Golf Course	973-736-2306	www.essex-countynj.org	none
Girl Scouts Council	973-746-8200	www.gshnj.org	girlscouts@gshnj.org
Jewish Community Center	973-736-3200	www.jccmetrowest.org	info@jccmetrowest.org
Luna Stage Company	973-395-5551	www.lunastage.org	info@lunastage.org
Martial Arts Training Center	973-325-8340	none	none
New Jersey Arts Incubator	973-669-0600	www.njai.org	as@njai.org
Plaza Bridge Club	973-669-7388	www.plazabridgecenter.bravehost.com	none
Professional Tennis Prog.	973-543-0506	www.professionaltennisprograms.com	director@professionaltennisprograms.com
Soccer Palace	973-325-1110	www.thesoccerpalace.com	soccerpalace@aol.com
Thomas Edison Museum	973-736-5050	www.nps.gov/edis	none
Turtle Back Zoo	973-731-5800	www.turtlebackzoo.com	JDoeff@turtlebackzoo.org
Unique Perf. Arts Center	973-669-1791	www.uniquepac.com	sales@uniquepac.com
Way of the Tiger	973-324-1501	www.way-of-the-tiger.com	shihan@way-of-the-tiger.com
West Orange Chess Club	973-992-5731	westorangechessclub.blogspot.com	glen.hart@skanskausa.com
WO Community House	973-736-1282	www.wochinc.com	citopem@aol.com
West Orange Elks	973-325-9821	none	nviscito@verizon.net
WO Tennis Club	973-731-1740	none	none

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 Superintendent of Grounds: Joe Pelose

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 Program Coordinator/Pool Office Manager: Juan Pintado  
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