



City of Brooklyn

Recreation Department



Recreation

Recreation is fundamental for children's physical, mental, social and emotional development. Participation in recreation activities helps develop our youth, improve their education, and deter negative behaviors.

*The health and Social Benefits of Recreation (chapter 2)

Building Features

John M. Coyne Recreation Center

- 200ft by 90ft Ice Arena
- Indoor Pool 125ft long by 59 ft wide
- Outdoor Pool 59ft long by 40ft wide
- Baby Pool 10ft by 20ft
- Steam Room
- Sauna
- Whirlpool
- Weight Room
- Party Area
- Community Room
- Skate Shop
- Concession Stands



Ice Arena



- Our Ice Arena holds over 1900 people
- The ice surface is 200ft by 90ft



Natatorium

- Our indoor pool is 125ft long by 59ft wide and features a diving well
- The outdoor pool is 59ft long by 40ft wide
- We offer a baby pool that is 10ft by 20ft
- Also included is a whirlpool, steam room and sauna
- We applied for a Community Development Block Grant in April for a Spray Ground which would be located on the west side of the outdoor pool deck. We are waiting to see if we have been chosen to receive the funding.



Our own Brooklyn Natatorium Staff

- We currently have 38 American Red Cross certified lifeguards on staff. 23 of these lifeguards also are certified Water Safety instructors and 9 are certified Lifeguard Instructors.
- These individuals have to recertify every 2 years to maintain their certifications.

Above and beyond at the Brooklyn Recreation

All lifeguards at our facility are required to monthly test their skills to maintain that their skills are sharp and their responses are quick

Cardiovascular Room

- Our cardiovascular room features bikes, treadmills, free weights, weight lifting machines, and ellipticals.
- Through a generous trust donation of \$77,000 we will be renovating our racquetball court into an additional workout area. Hopefully, the renovation will be complete by the summer



Reasons for Recreation

Attracting Investments- Corporate CEO's say that employee quality of life is the third most important factor in locating a business, and small company owners say recreation, parks and open spaces are the highest priority in choosing a new location for their business

*City of Columbia, MO Parks and Recreation

Communities that offer quality recreation programs can reduce crime and delinquency and increase the overall health of their citizens, thus demonstrating that recreation programs are great community investments

*Economic Benefits of Recreation, Tourism and Open Spaces (Chapter 5)

Recreation Center Programs

- Barracuda Competitive Swim Team
- Neon U.S. Swim Club
- Lifeguarding Class
- Learn-to-Swim
- Friday Night Basketball
- Youth Baseball
- Girls Fast Pitch Softball
- Learn-to-Skate
- Brooklyn Youth Hockey
- Figure Skating Club
- Jazzercise
- Yoga
- Youth and Club Soccer
- Adult Co-Ed Softball
- Day Camp
- Youth Dance
- The Buddy Program



We need to have services and facilities to allow people to enjoy their free time, and to give parents low cost alternatives.

Barracuda Swim Team



- Features approximately 100 competitive swimmers from Brooklyn and our surrounding areas.
- It is a Year-round team and competes regularly throughout the summer against area recreation center teams



NEON



Neon Swim Club is a high quality swim team which develops well rounded and successful athletes by cultivating a healthy environment where athletes of all ages can learn and perfect techniques in all four competitive strokes. They participate in a team atmosphere, which also promotes good sportsmanship.

Lifeguarding Class



Lifeguarding classes are run several times a year by certified American Red Cross Lifeguard Instructors



Learn-to-Swim

- Our Learn-to-Swim program is offered year round and levels range from parent and tot to level 6
- Approximately 700 students participate yearly in the program



Friday Night Basketball



- Friday Night Basketball is a youth program geared for children in grades 3 thru 8.
- The size of the program is usually around 60 or more



Youth Soccer

- The youth soccer program teaches about 330 kids the rules and beginning skills of soccer
- These teams travel and play throughout the year



We cut, line and maintain 8 soccer fields at Marquardt Park, the Brooklyn High School and Giant Eagle Field



Youth Baseball

Youth baseball ranges from 3 to 4 year old T-ball thru 12 year old baseball.



Baseball



Also Used By the Community

- Brooklyn Girls High School
- St. Thomas More CYO
- The Brooklyn Calvary
- The Brooklyn Dodger's
- Brooklyn Pre-School PTA

Maintenance maintains 5 baseball fields

- Fenway*
- Wrigley*
- Memorial 1*
- Rita Brown Field*
- Marquardt*



Youth Baseball

To date we have **174** participants "2012"

At the present time we offer

3-4 pre-t-ball

5-6 combined T-ball

7-8 Boys and Girls combined,

9-10, 11-12 Boys baseball

10-12 girls fast pitch softball



The Buddy Programs

The quality of life for those with disabilities is enhanced through recreation opportunities.

* The Health and Social Benefits of Recreation (chapter 2)

- Buddy Baseball
- Buddy Basketball
- Buddy Swimming
- Buddy Hockey



Day Camp

Camp Brooklyn is a 6 week program
from 8 am-2:45 pm

- The day camp program takes place over summer break and enrolls about 120 kids
- This program takes multiple field trips and does many activities such as swimming, arts & craft and sports



Youth Dance

- ◉ Youth dance is a seasonal program held in the summer that teaches children ranging from 3-8 years of age
- ◉ Different styles of dance are taught (Ballet, hip hop and jazz)



Learn-to-Skate

- Our Learn-to-Skate program is year round and about 600 children participate throughout the year
- The youngest students are 3 years of age



Brooklyn Youth Hockey



- Brooklyn Youth Hockey is run by a parent association and hosts games, practices, and tournaments at the Brooklyn Recreation Center
- There are two levels of hockey, which are Learn-to-Play and Intermediate
- Between 4-6 teams are expected to participate in this club in the upcoming season

Brooklyn Figure Skating Club of Ohio

The Brooklyn Figure Skating Club of Ohio is dedicated to promoting figure skating as a sport, a means of recreation and an art. To help skaters attain their goals they offer moves in the field, freestyle, dance, private lessons, and USFSA testing



Jazzercise

- ◉ Jazzercise burns up to 600 calories in a fun, powerful and effective 60 minute total body workout
- ◉ Every class combines dance based cardio with strength training and stretching to sculpt, tone and lengthen muscles for maximum fat burn
- ◉ Choreographed to today's hottest music, Jazzercise is a fusion of jazz dance, resistance training, Pilates, yoga and kickboxing.
- ◉ Start dancing yourself fit and change the shape of your body today!





YOGA



- ◉ Senior Yoga- Gentle yoga paying attention to movement of each body part to get the body limber
- ◉ Piloga- Yoga- Flow with Pilates mix-poses grouped together to keep you moving throughout the class, with core work mixed in to an intermediate level class
- ◉ Gentle Yoga- Lyengar style break down of the pose for alignment

Park Features

- 2 Youth baseball diamonds behind the building
- 2 outdoor concession stands
- 2 full court basketball courts with lighting for the evening and glass backboards
- Skate park
- 2 Larger baseball fields for softball and travel baseball
- Pavilions for rental and public use
- State of the art playground equipment
- Sand volleyball court
- Beautiful outdoor walking trail



Maintained Parks

Well maintained parks and facilities encourage better care of homes and personal property values.

* City of Manitowoc Parks and Recreation

Recreation brings neighbors together, encourages safer, cleaner neighborhoods and creates a livelier community atmosphere. Parks and recreational facilities also help improve a communities image, socioeconomic status and enhances the area's desirability. When people move they seek a desirable community. When they retire, they also look for a community that will accommodate their special needs.

* The Health and Social Benefits of Recreation (Chapter 2)

John Frey Park

Wrigley and Fenway Baseball Fields

These two fields are located behind the recreation facility

These fields are used for the smaller youth teams and home to the Varsity and JV Girls High School softball teams



These fields were dedicated to John Frey in 2007

John Frey contributed greatly to the citizens of Brooklyn.

He was a huge advocate of young children and senior citizens



Sport Court

Sport Court is our outdoor basketball courts and tennis courts located behind the Senior Center. These courts feature glass backboards and lighting for evening play



Skate Park

Our skate park is located behind the Senior Center and is next to the Sport Courts

This park features jumps and lifts for skateboarders and in-line skaters



Memorial 1 and Memorial 2

Better known as M1 and M2, these large baseball diamonds are located behind City Hall in Veterans Memorial Park.

These diamonds are used for adult softball and fast pitch baseball

Memorial 2 was dedicated in 2008 to Rita Brown commemorating her contributions and 21 years of dedicated service to the residents of Brooklyn



Pavilions

- Our pavilions are located in Veterans Memorial Park behind City Hall
- These pavilions are used for hosting events and are rented to the public



Pavilions

Grand Pavilion

Old Stone Pavilion

South Creek Pavilion



Playgrounds



Our recreation department offers three different playground options that all have state of the art playground equipment

Brock Memorial Park

Dedicated in 1990 to Cpl. James P. Brock – Renovated in 2008
(located on Ridge Road)

Marquardt Park

Dedicated in honor of Robert J. Marquardt
(Athlete, Student, Teacher, Leader)
(located off of Biddulph)

Veterans' Memorial Park

Is our largest park that comprises of nearly 75 acres. It is comprised of an upper and lower section
(located behind City Hall)

Sand Volleyball Court and Putting Green

Our volleyball court and putting green is located in Veterans Memorial Park behind City Hall

This court and putting green can be used for enjoyment by all



Outdoor Nature Trail

Located in Veterans Memorial Park, our outdoor walking trail takes you through the beautiful scenery of the Park



Hosting Events



- Baron Cup
- Sectional and District Hockey Tournaments
- Holiday Hockey Tournaments
- Ice Shows
- Figure Skating Competitions and Exhibitions
- Swim Meets
- Navy Seals Testing Facility
- Holiday and School Group Skating
- Memorial Day Parade
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Skate with Santa
- Halloween Safety Skate

Baron Cup



- The Baron Cup Hockey Tournament is a prestigious event
- This event hosts the top teams from each division, in a winner take all tournament
- Attendance ranges from 3,000 to 5,000 people for the tournament

Sectional and District Hockey

- The John M. Coyne Recreation Center hosts this region's sectional and district hockey tournament
- More than 6,000 people come through our doors to see these games



Holiday Hockey Tournaments

Our home teams host several holiday hockey tournaments during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.



The Ice Show

The Ice Show is a skating show that includes our house pro's, and the kids from our Learn-to-Skate program. This show is a fun family event.



Figure Skating Competitions and Exhibitions

- ◉ The John M. Coyne Recreation Center is host to numerous figure skating competitions and exhibitions
- ◉ The Brooklyn Figure Skating Club runs these competitions and exhibitions



Swim Meets

Our natatorium is host to the Suburban Swim League Championships every few years.



Holiday and School Group Skating

- ◉ The Recreation Department offers several different open skating sessions
- ◉ Skate with Santa, Halloween Skate, and School Group Skating are some of the more popular events



Easter Egg Hunt, Skate with Santa and Hallow-Scream Skate

- The Easter Egg Hunt, Skate with Santa and Hallow-Scream Skate are annual events that are held for the children in the community
- Along with sponsors in the city these events are well attended



Memorial Day Parade

- The Brooklyn Memorial Day Parade is held every Memorial Day
- This Parade goes throughout the City of Brooklyn, and the community is encouraged to participate



Existing Partnerships

- ◉ City of Parma Heights
- ◉ American Red Cross
- ◉ Silver Sneakers
- ◉ Reach Program
- ◉ CYO Athletics
- ◉ Brooklyn Club Soccer
- ◉ Navy Seals



Partnership with Parma Heights

- Effective June 1, 2011 The Brooklyn Recreation Center entered into a community partnership program with the City of Parma Heights
- This partnership allows Parma Heights residents to use our facility and join our programs for a discounted rate



American Red Cross



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Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

- Our Natatorium has an existing relationship with the American Red Cross
- All of our lifeguard staff, lifeguard instructors, and water safety instructors are trained by the American Red Cross
- The American Red Cross also holds blood drives at our facility

REACH Program

- The REACH Program supplied and installed two plasma screen TV's in the lobby of our recreation center.
- Through their on-site training, we are able to provide our schedule and events on these screens.



Navy Seals Testing Facility

The United States Navy uses our facility to test up and coming Navy Seals.

This group comes several times a year.



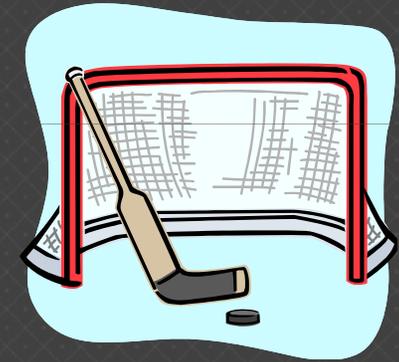
Healthways SilverSneakers Fitness Program

SilverSneakers is offered at our facility, and is a fitness program that is a product of Healthways. It is a national leading exercise program designed exclusively for older adults



Brooklyn Recreation Center Home Teams

- St Ignatius Hockey
- Olmsted Falls Hockey
- Brecksville Hockey
- Brooklyn Hockey
- St Edward Swim Team
- St Joseph Academy Swim Team
- Travel Baseball
- St Thomas More Athletics



St. Ignatius Wildcats Hockey

- The Brooklyn Recreation Center is home to the St. Ignatius Wildcats Hockey Team
- St. Ignatius plays all of its home games at the Brooklyn Recreation Center and hosts tournaments here



Olmsted Falls Bulldog Hockey

- Olmsted Falls Hockey is a member of The Brooklyn Recreation Center's home hockey teams



Brecksville Bees Hockey

- The Brecksville Bees play their home games and practices at the Brooklyn Recreation Center
- Brecksville also hosts a skating event for their students after a hockey game every year at the Brooklyn Recreation Center



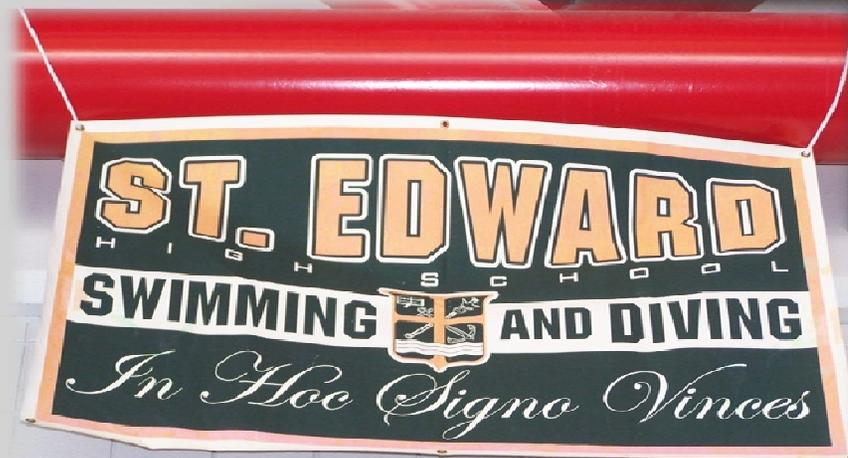
Brooklyn Hurricanes Hockey

- The Brooklyn Recreation Center is home to the Brooklyn Hurricanes Hockey Team
- The Hurricanes play home games, practice, and host tournaments at our facility



St. Edward Eagle Swimming

The St. Edward Eagle Swim Team calls the
Brooklyn Recreation Center its home
for practices



St. Joseph Academy Swimming

The Brooklyn Recreation Center is home to
the St. Joseph Academy Jaguars Swim
Team



Travel Baseball



- The City of Brooklyn has several traveling youth baseball teams that utilize our fields.
- These teams use The Brooklyn Recreation Departments baseball fields as their home fields.
- These teams also host several large tournaments throughout the summer.

St. Thomas More Athletics

- ◉ St. Thomas More Athletics uses the Brooklyn Recreation Center for practice football fields and baseball fields
- ◉ They also use our baseball diamonds as home fields throughout the season



Sponsorship Opportunity

- ◉ The Brooklyn Recreation Department is inviting businesses to participate in the City of Brooklyn's Youth Sports Sponsorship Programs
- ◉ Your business will be featured on a uniform
- ◉ This is a great way to promote your business and support youth activities in the community

Attendance

- Attendance varies monthly based off of what activities are going on in our building.
- We host large events regularly, which causes a large volume of people to come through our doors
- Our admissions for all programs, participants, parents and patrons was about 40,000 people last year

Did you Know?

Parks and Recreation Programs can provide activities for youth leisure time.

It costs more than one hundred times more per youth, to incarcerate a child than it does to provide recreation programs.

**The National Association of State Parks (economic Values and Benefits of State Parks)*

Challenging economic times and high fuel costs, people tend to stay close to home instead of vacationing, especially people with younger children.



Example: youth sports programs have costs associated with them, and when local government budgets are limited; these programs must compete with schools, law enforcement and other important services for local dollars. The long term economic benefits to the community may be tougher to determine, but evidence shows that participation in youth sports has verifiable benefits that reduce cost to individuals and the overall community. Study after study has shown that participation in youth sports helps reduce juvenile delinquency, increases productivity and supports a healthy lifestyle over the lifespan.

** Economic Benefits of Recreation, Tourism and Open Spaces (Chapter V)*