

# Greetings from Kingston Parks and Recreation

**Kingston Kayaking** returns in full swing! All our programs provide use of kayaks, paddles and lifejackets. Cost \$30.00/ Kingston Residents and \$40/ non residents. \$10 discount is offered if participants bring their own boat. **Pre-registration is required.** Call (845) 481-7336 for details.



**Kayaking 101:** New to kayaking or looking to improve your strokes? Sign up for our September 5th Kayaking 101 class to learn all about kayaking safety, types of kayaks and proper paddling techniques!

**Monday and Friday Night Paddles:** These moderate to hard kayaking classes will tour along the Hudson River and up the Rondout Creek. With photogenic views of the lighthouse and a stunning sunset, this paddle is great for a different view of the river. Monday

Night tours launch at 5:30pm September 14th and 28th. Friday Night Paddles launch at 5:30pm September 4th, 11th and 18th.

**Youth Co-Ed Flag Football:** Our Flag Football program is designed to introduce young athletes to the game and help them develop their skills in football. We have two divisions our 7-10 year olds and our 11-14 year old divisions. Games are played Monday nights at Dietz stadium. Games start September 28th. Registration is required. Cost \$50 for Kingston residents and \$65 for non residents. For more information call (845) 481-7330.



**Disc Golf:** Are you new to the sport of disc golf, or maybe an experienced player looking for a group to play with? We are happy to announce that starting September 10th through October 15th, at 5:30pm we are officially launching the Kingston Disc Golf Club. Each Thursday come and play a round with local players and perfect your throws. Pre- registration is required. Cost \$12/ player for all six weeks! For more information Call (845) 481-7336 for details.

## September Important Dates:

4th, 11th and 18th: Friday Night Kayaking  
 5th: Kayaking 101  
 9th: Nature Walk at Hasbrouck Park  
 10th: Thursday Night Disc Golf Starts  
 14th and 28th: Monday Night Kayaking  
 23rd: Nature Walk at Rotary Park  
 28th: Monday Night Flag Football Games Begin

## Web Information:

Visit [www.Kingstonparksandrec.org](http://www.Kingstonparksandrec.org) for our up to date schedule, to register for programs and facility reservations.



**Nature Walks:** Enjoy some fresh air while learning about our parks. With two easy interpretive walks, you will discover all about ecology, history and so much more!

Limited to the first 10 pre registrants. Call (845)481-7336 or register online at [kingstonparksandrec.org](http://kingstonparksandrec.org).

September 9th at 5:30 pm along the Hasbrouck Park trail. Meet at Hasbrouck Park past the entrance gate, at the lower parking lot on your left. Please be aware this hike is not stroller/ wheelchair accessible.



September 23 at 5:30 pm meet at Rotary Park, 36 Delaware Ave. We will meet in front of the iron gates at the park entrance.

## **Parks and Rec Summer Round-up**

This summer, the City of Kingston partnered with the Center for Creative Education, Family of Woodstock, the Boys and Girls Club and Kingston Read and Write to offer a summer respite program at four locations across Kingston. Despite the pandemic, Kingston Parks and Recreation was pleased to be a part of the team which provided free local summer fun to the youth of our community.

With an unusually hot summer, patrons flocked to Kingston Point Beach to find some cooling relief. The City provided lifeguards and staff on site to make sure everyone was safe and obeyed COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Our wonderful maintenance staff kept our parks clean and sanitized throughout the summer, allowing us to keep the parks open to the public. Though many amenities were closed or limited, the maintenance staff stayed hard at work refreshing many of the facilities with new paint, repairs and replacements.

Forsyth Park tennis lot was fully repaved and restriped for better access and drainage.



## Upcoming Park Projects

We here at Kingston Parks and Recreation are always looking to improve our parks and programming options. This year we are excited to share with you a few of the upcoming projects happening in our parks. For more information about ongoing park projects contact Julie Noble at (845) 481-7339.

- Hasbrouck Park Pavilion is having its roof replaced.
- Hutton Park pavilion will be refurbished.
- Barmann Park will have the perimeter fence and overgrown vegetation removed.
- Rickel Knox Park will have a new playground and play surface. We will also be adding new benches, a new handicapped accessible entryway and front fence.
- Loughran Park is receiving new playground equipment and making repairs to pieces of the current playground. The tennis courts will also be repaired.
- Kingston Point Park will be having renovations done to construct a new accessible ramp to the bathrooms and an accessible changing room.
- Kingston Point Park will have construction of a brand new U-12 soccer field and parking lot.
- Hodge Center will be retrofitted with a new accessible door.
- Andretta Pool will be repaired, plumbing upgraded, interior and exterior renovations and a brand new Splash Pad.
- Dietz Stadium Complex and parking lot will benefit from a new master plan and major renovations.
- The Rondout Neighborhood Center will have an all new HVAC system, all new LED lighting and other upgrades.
- Several parks will have WIFI and security cameras installed.
- TR Gallo park is having a full replacement of its electrical system.
- All park pole lighting will be replaced with LED lights.



# COVID-19 Updates

As we reopen our parks and facilities, we want to remind the public to remain safe and aware of the rules and changing hours of our parks. Currently all of Kingston City Parks and playgrounds are open to the public from dawn to dusk. We ask patrons to please follow the COVID- 19 guidelines.

- Pavilions are still closed for use and can not be rented at this time.
- Picnic tables have been spaced at safe 6ft+ distances around the park. We ask that patrons please not move the tables
- Gatherings within the park must be kept to a maximum of 50 people.
- While the Forsyth Nature Center is open there are changes in accessibility and protocol to help ensure everyone's experience is a safe and enjoyable one.
  - Face masks must be worn to enter the Nature Center and must remain on during your visit.
  - The current Nature Center hours are 9:00am-5:00pm until further notice.
  - Visitors are asked to obey new signage regarding traffic flow and access.
  - Feed Machines and drinking fountains will not be available for use.
  - The lower picnic area will remained closed due to limited spacing and difficulty sanitizing the wooden tables.
- City Hall and the Parks and Recreation Offices are open but with limited access. To visit the Parks and Rec offices you will need to first go to Kingston City Hall, 420 Broadway and have your temperature taken and answer a quick survey. You will then be allowed to enter the Andy Murphy Center. We highly recommend, if your business or questions can be handled by mail or email, to use those alternatives. Our main office number is (845) 481-7330 or email [lbruck@kingston-ny.gov](mailto:lbruck@kingston-ny.gov).

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 <p><b>KEEP YOUR DISTANCE</b></p> <p>Practice proper social distancing with people outside your household.</p>	 <p><b>STAY HOME IF SICK</b></p> <p>If you have a fever, respiratory symptoms or are just not feeling well, please stay home.</p>	 <p><b>WEAR A MASK</b></p> <p>When entering an indoor space or interacting with others, wear a face covering.</p>	 <p><b>OBSERVE GUIDELINES</b></p> <p>When visiting new locations, respect established capacity and safety guidelines.</p>
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