

Town of
**Amherst Youth
& Recreation**
Department

The Family Room is getting ready for September October and fall, back to school vibes!

It is still our # 1 priority to keep families safe and healthy. The Family Room will continue its sanitizing protocols to maintain a clean, fun, friendly and educational environment. We ask for your cooperation in following these important tools and rules.

⇒ **FACE COVERINGS**

- ◆ **INDOOR PLAY** – Staff, parents and children in our program no longer need to wear masks, but are welcome to do so and should be supported if they make that decision.

⇒ **DISINFECTING AND SANITIZING**

- ◆ All equipment will be cleaned and sanitized between use. We require all items that have been played with to be immediately removed from play, placed into your basket and disinfected. Please return items to their proper bin and shelf.

⇒ **WASH YOUR HANDS!**

- ◆ PLEASE use hand sanitizer before entering the room. Wash your hands frequently and for at least 20 seconds. Hand sanitizers are available in and outside of the room.

⇒ **IF YOU ARE ILL**

- ◆ Sick children and caregivers **MUST STAY HOME!** Keep germs away and play another day.

⇒ **NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE ROOM**

- ◆ We are “allergy aware”. Please keep all food and beverages in designated eating areas.

⇒ **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PARENT YOUR CHILD**

- ◆ Please supervise and encourage your child to play safely and appropriately with toys and other children. Our staff is here to support and facilitate a safe environment and learning experience for all of its participants.

Thank you for your help in following these very important tools to keep us all safe and healthy.



OPEN DOOR HOURS

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY
and FRIDAY**

Harlem Road Community Center

9:30 am - 12:30 pm



NEW LOCATION

**NORTHWEST AMHERST COMMUNITY CTR
220 NORTHPOINTE PKWY**

“Toddler 101”

Tuesdays 9/26 - 10/31 9:30-10:30 am

“Titty Bitty Bear Bop”

Tuesdays 9/26 - 10/31 11:00-11:45 am

“FIT KIDS”

Thursdays 9/28 - 11/2 9:30-10:30 am

“Toddler Jam N Jive”

Thursdays 9/28 - 11/2 11:00-12:00 pm

*Playgroup participation requires current Family Room membership and pre-registration, per session.

Please note registration dates on the calendars and online at

www.amherstyouthandrec.org

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Harlem Road 716-631-7218



AMHERST YOUTH AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

NEW LOCATION

**NORTHWEST AMHERST
COMMUNITY CTR
220 NORTHPOINTE PKWY
AMHERST 14228**

The Family Room

play group

Registration

SEPTEMBER 6th - 22nd ONLINE
www.amherstyouthandrec.org
716-631-7132

toddler 101

"Toddler 101" is an enrichment program offered to Family Room members and the first step to structure and instruction for your little ones. The Family Room offers "Toddler 101" to children, 18 months-5 years of age on Tuesdays from 9:30 - 10:30 am.

Your child will learn from many themes introduced each session through songs, music and movement, stories and arts & crafts. All that learning with YOU by their side! Just \$25 per child/session beginning Sept. 26th - Oct. 31st.



"Fit Kids" is essential for the child with lots of ENERGY and helps promote healthy family lifestyles!

The "Big Room" is an indoor play area to climb, crawl and ride! Free play and structured gross-motor activities round out this physical, musical and recreational playgroup for children 18 months to 5 years.

Fit Kids will be held on Thursdays, beginning Sept. 28th - November 2nd, from 9:30-10:30 am. Just \$25 per child/per session



"Itty Bitty Beat Bop" is a NEW family music program for our littlest friends, ages 6 - 18 months.

We will shake, rattle and roll with our little ones and expose them to more than just music.

"Itty Bitty Beat Bop" will be held on Tuesdays a from 11:00 am - 11:45 am, beginning Sept. 26th - Oct 31st, for just \$25 per child/session!



"Toddler Jam N Jive" is a POPULAR, NEW family music program for children 18 months - 5 years. Music, instruments props and MORE will get us movin' and groovin'!

"Toddler Jam N Jive" will be held on Thursdays at the Northtown Center, from 11:00 am - 12:00 am, beginning Sept. 26th - Oct 31st for just \$25 per child/session!

Fall field trips

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION!

@ www.amherstyouthandrec.org

Please note that **The Family Room is CLOSED** on field trip days and special events.



Sunflowers of Sanborn

Friday, September 1st - 11:00 am

3322 Saunders Settlement Road Sanborn

Beautiful fields of fun for the whole family! Amazing photo-ops, kid-friendly and good food too. A perfect place to say goodbye to summer.



Tiny Tikes Hike & Bus Ride

Wednesday, September 20th; 9:45 am

meet at Harlem Rd.

We'll meet at Harlem Road and hop on the yellow school bus to Steiglmeier Park on Losson Rd. in Cheektowaga where we will explore great wildlife and appreciate the outdoors! Bring a lunch for a picnic on the playground!



Kelkenberg Farm

Friday, October 13th 10:30 am

9270 Wolcott Rd, Clarence Center 14032

Our favorite farm and field trip for the whole family! Let's see all the animals on the farm with our little ones! Kids will enjoy a pony ride and everyone will love the farm tour with petting animals, hayride, pumpkin picking and activities. Don't miss out on this one! It's a classic and outdoor fun for everyone in your family!



Halloween Trick or Treat!

Wednesday, October 25th - 10:30 am

Harlem Rd. Community Center Gym

Trick or Treating is so much fun with friends! We will celebrate with a craft, sing-a-long and then parade for treats. We are very excited to welcome all the "boos and ghouls" in their costumes for some Halloween FUN!



It's not Goodbye!

It's see you down the road...

It is with a sense of excitement and anticipation that we bid a fond farewell to The Family Room location at the Northtown Center at Amherst. We have spent the last the last 24 years building a community of families and friendships, while playing, learning and having fun! The memories made will last a lifetime and inspire us to create new spaces, places and experiences.

Many positive changes are on the way as The Amherst Youth & Recreation Department continues to grow and promote new programming for families in Amherst. Change is never easy, but...

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new."

~ Socrates

The Family Room is dedicated to "building on the new" as we move down the road to the Northwest Amherst Community Center. All of our playgroups will be offered at this amazing facility, which includes an actual gym! We are so excited to create a new learning environment, continue our popular playgroups, and plan programming for working families. As with all Youth & Recreation Department programs and services, we will evaluate as we go along and make changes as necessary. Please note that the traditional Family Room spaces at the Harlem Road Community Center will remain.

Thank you for all of your support and understanding as we navigate and chart a new course for our families! There are more memories to be made with all of you and new friends, too!



Grand OPENING

INVITATION

**NORTHWEST AMHERST
Community Center**

JOIN US!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
2:00PM-4:30PM**

220 NORTHPOINTE PKWY., NEAR
SWEET HOME & N. FRENCH RDS.

SH
Sweet Home
showcases
school spirit!
Performances by
student groups,
cheerleaders, plus
mascot visit!

First 200 guests
receive a
commemorative
gift!

Schedule of Events

2:00pm Opening Remarks, Time Capsule, Ribbon Cutting

2:30-4:30pm Activities for the Whole Family:
Basketball Shoot Out
Fitness & Weight Room
Corn Hole & Yard Games
Dance Party
Make a Snack Activity
Crafts for Adults & Children
Card & Board Games
Story Time for Children, Face Painting
Selfie Station

Refreshments
Community Partners Offering Information & Resources

Event Sponsor
N Northwest Bank

For more information call 716-631-7132 ext 7513 or e-mail
h1efebvre@amherstny.us

Connection • Collaboration • Community

Town of Amherst Youth & Recreation Department

COME ONE COME ALL!
LET'S CELEBRATE FALL!

Save the Date!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
BASSETT PARK
KLEIN & YOUNGS RD. - AMHERST, NY

FREE ADMISSION
ALL WELCOME!

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POP-UP IN THE PARK

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

FREE!
ALL AGES
WELCOME!

Beach Buddies
Tues., 9/12
5pm-6:30pm
Billy Wilson Park
Jellyfish
suncatchers &
salt dough
turtles

Leaf-ing Around
Tues., 9/26
5pm-6:30pm
Island Park
Leaf prints & painting
with leaves

Wonderous Woods
Tues., 9/19
5pm-6:30pm
Walton Woods
Scavenger Hunt

Stamp it!
Tues., 10/3
5pm-6:30pm
Glen Park
Nature
stamping

To Register visit
www.amherstyouthandrec.org
or call 716-631-7132

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FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

\$10 per family per night
w/ valid resident ID.
\$20 non-residents

Questions? E-mail
mholmes@amherstny.us

BALLOONS & BUBBLES
FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 22
6:30PM-8:00PM
HARLEM RD. COMMUNITY CTR.
PAVILION (BACKYARD)
4255 HARLEM RD.

GLOW PARTY
FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 17
7:00PM-8:30PM
WILLIAMSVILLE YOUTH & FAMILY CTR.
5095 SHERIDAN DR.

HAUNTED HAPPENINGS
FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 13
6:30PM-8:00PM
NORTHWEST AMHERST
COMMUNITY CTR.
220 NORTHPOINTE PKWY.

LIFE-SIZED BOARD GAMES
FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 1
7:00PM-8:30PM
NORTHWEST AMHERST
COMMUNITY CTR.
220 NORTHPOINTE PKWY.

Register online by visiting
www.amherstyouthandrec.org or call 716-631-7132