

Town of New Windsor Recreation Department

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

Message From The Recreation Director

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Spring training for Major League Baseball is a few weeks away so I have baseball on the brain. And in the era of the steroid scandal I like to look back on the old days of baseball when things were more pure. It makes me think about players like Lou Gehrig. I recently read a story by Mack Douglas about Gehrig that I wanted to share with all of you.

In 1937, Lou Gehrig, the outstanding first baseman of the New York Yankees, was asked to go to the Children's Hospital in Chicago, while there to play the White Sox, and visit a boy with polio.

Tim, ten years old, had refused to try therapy to get well. Lou was his hero, and Tim's parents hoped that Lou would visit Tim and urge him to try the therapy.

Tim was amazed to meet his hero. Lou told Tim, "I want you to get well. Go to therapy and learn to walk again." Tim said, "Lou, if you will knock a home run for me today, I will learn to walk again." Lou promised.

All the way to the ballpark, Lou felt a deep sense of obligation and even apprehension that he would not be able to deliver his promise that day. Lou didn't knock one home run that day. He knocked two.

Two years later, when Lou Gehrig was dying with the dreaded muscular disease that to this day bears his name, on July 4, 1939, they

celebrated Lou Gehrig Day at Yankee Stadium.

Eighty thousand fans, the governor, the mayor, and many other celebrities paid their respects. Lou was one of America's great heroes.

Just before the mike was turned over to Lou to respond, Tim, by this time twelve years old, walked out of the dugout, dropped his crutches, and with leg braces walked to home plate to hug Lou around the waist.

That's what Lou Gehrig meant when he exclaimed those immortal words: "Today I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth."

There aren't too many players like Lou Gehrig today.

**Newsletter Date:
February 2008**

Upcoming Events:

•**Trip to Mohegan Sun Casino**— Monday Feb. 25th— Bus leaves Marasco Center 7am and returns at 7pm. Fee is \$25— includes buffet and \$10 gambling voucher.

•**Community CPR and AED Class**— Sunday March 9th: 12noon-4:30pm at Marasco Center. Fee is \$45 for NW Residents/ \$50 Non-Residents.

•**Swing Dance Class**— Thursday nights— March 27th-May 1st at Marasco Center 7:00pm-8:30pm. \$60 per person/ 6 weeks or \$12 per person walk-in rate per class. NO PARTNER NEEDED!

•**Spring Soccer**— Registration currently going on— Games will be played Tuesday or Wednesday nights: April 22nd-June 18th. Ages 4-11 only. Fee is \$45-one child/ \$70-2 children/ \$90-3 or more. New Windsor residents only!

•**Spring Tennis Lessons**— Register now! Classes meet Mondays, April 21st-June 9th (ages 7-10) 4-5:30pm and Tuesdays, April 22nd-June 10th (ages 11-15) 4-5:30pm.

Recreation Dept. Now Accepting Credit Cards & Online Registration—By: Nicole Lucera

The Recreation Department is happy to announce that we are now accepting Visa and Master Card for registration of all trips and programs. We are now also accepting online registration on our website: www.nwrecisfun.com. We are hoping that this will help to increase registration and enrollment for all of our programs. Remember to keep checking our website frequently, as we are always posting new activities.

Some upcoming activities and trips for the Spring are as follows: **Mom & Tot's (spring session)** for children ages 2-4,

Wednesday mornings, April 2nd-May 21st in the Teen Center (located behind Rec office). Fee is \$50 per child. We will also be holding a **Children's Playgroup (spring session)** for children ages 3-5, Tuesday & Thursday mornings, April 1st-May 22nd in the Community Center. Fee is \$100 per child.

We are also taking registration for **Spring Soccer** and **Spring Tennis Lessons**. The Spring Soccer season will run from April 22nd-June 18th. Games will be played on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings (depending on age group) at Mt. Airy Sports Complex.

Spring Soccer will only be for children ages 4-11 years old.

Spring Tennis Lessons will be held as follows: Ages 7-10 will play Monday's from 4-5:30pm and ages 11-15 will play Tuesday's from 4-5:30pm. The season runs from April 21st-June 10th, and all lessons will be held at San Giacomo Park. The fees are: \$45-one child, \$70- 2 children, and \$90- 3 or more children.

****Reminder~ Annual Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday March 15th at 11am at Mt. Airy Sports Complex. For children ages 8 & under. **New Windsor residents only!**