



## LEOMINSTER RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2009/2010 FALL/WINTER BROCHURE

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome to our fall and winter programs! The activities for the upcoming season have been expanded to meet the ever-growing needs of our community through the use of additional facilities, which will help us select suitable programs for the entire family. *We have implemented a nut free, latex free policy for all programs as many of our children have severe allergies; therefore to ensure safety and comfort for all, we cannot allow any type of nuts and latex within the programs.* It is our goal to offer quality recreation activities for all ages. These activities provide for a cooperative endeavor between the Leominster Recreation Department, the School Department, the Public Library, and the City of Leominster.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

The Leominster Recreation Department's mission is to provide a wide variety of recreational programs and opportunities that are cost effective and that enhance the quality of life for Leominster youth and adult residents. The Recreation Department also oversees city owned property used for recreational activities while providing maintenance on 103 acres.

The Department strives to identify and deliver, on a timely basis, programs and activities that the citizens of Leominster desire and/or request.

Lastly, the Department commits itself to providing to the community, safe, clean facilities and equipment.

**The Leominster Recreation Department reserves the right to correct any mistakes in this brochure at the time of print. We also reserve the right to cancel any program because of low enrollment, poor weather, etc.**

### RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

Maureen Donatelli Chair  
Jeff O'Neill, Vice Chair  
Lionel (Sonny) Charpentier, Thomas Bissonnette  
John Ciccolin Patricia Caisse

# Leominster Recreation Department Facilities and Policies



## FACILITY LOCATIONS

Doyle Field	206 Priest Street	Barrett Park	40 Barrett Parkway
Arthur A. Fournier Park	525 Litchfield Street	Prospect Park	321 Prospect St.
Carter Park	125 Main Street	Third Street Playground	163 Third Street
Johnson Street Playground	95 Viscoloid Ave	Johnny Appleseed School	845 Main Street
Fallbrook School	25 DeCicco Dr.	Northwest School	45 Sterns Ave.
Samoset School	100 DeCicco Dr	Southeast School	95 Viscoloid Ave
Priest St. School	115 Priest Street	Bennett School	145 Pleasant Street
Leominster High School	122 Granite Street	Carter Jr. High Field	261 West Street
Lassie League Fields	Bassett Street	Bachand Little League Field	140 -12 <sup>th</sup> Street
National Little League	45 Sterns Ave	Justin DeSantis Little League	40 Bernice Street
Leominster State Pool	111 Viscoloid Ave	Sky View Middle School	500 Kennedy Way

## MEDICAL POLICY

The City of Leominster Recreation Department will not prohibit any person's participation in an activity due to a medical condition or handicap, unless such condition is likely to cause injury to those individuals or other participants in that activity. A participant, who has been notified by a qualified medical professional, that he/she has a medical condition that is likely to cause injury to themselves or other participants, is obligated to inform the Leominster Recreation Department. This should be done at the time of registration and willingly withdraw from the program and/or activity if requested by the Department. You must also sign a release form for any activity you may be participating in and release the Recreation Department from any responsibility if an accident were to occur.



•ALL PROGRAMS ARE NUT FREE / LATEX FREE•

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Walk-in registrations begin on September 8, 2009.** Our hours are Monday – Wednesday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Registrations are done on a first come first served basis with priority given to Leominster residents. The Recreation Department reserves the right to cap the registrations for any program based on availability of personnel, facilities, or any other factors affecting the programs. **All registrations are \*NON-REFUNDABLE.**

### Mail-in Registration

*Leominster Recreation Department  
25 West Street, City Hall  
Leominster, MA 01453*

*\*ALL registrations are non-refundable unless:*

1. The Recreation Department cancels a program.
2. You mailed in a registration and no openings exist.
3. \*You request to withdraw from a program in sufficient time that a replacement can be found and no costs have been incurred because of you.

*\*A 30% handling fee will be charged if a refund becomes necessary. Please make note of this important policy.*

**REGISTRATION POLICIES – Read Carefully**

- Registration is done on a first- come, first serve basis, with priority given to Leominster residents. The Recreation Department reserves the right to cap the registrations for any program based on availability of personnel and facilities or any other factors affecting the programs.
- **Non-residents wishing to register** for a non-trip program will be allowed only if space permits, with **a \$5.00 increase in fee**. Non-residents will be placed on a waiting list and notified when space becomes available.
- For a trip program, a deadline will be set for six (6) weeks prior to the scheduled trip for residents to have priority over non-residents. After the deadline, registrations will then be open to everyone for one week. If the trip is not filled to capacity, it may be cancelled at that point and all money will be refunded. It is important to register early to ensure that a trip will take off.
- If registration is received by mail and there are no openings in that program, you will be put on a waiting list and contacted by phone. We will return your checks if no openings arise.

**There is a \$25 service charge for all returned checks.**

# **PROGRAMS**

## **MOUNT WACHUSETT GPS SKI PROGRAM**

The GPS Club is the least expensive way to ski or ride at Wachusett Mountain. As a GPS Coordinator, the Leominster Recreation Department will make skiing and boarding easy for you and your family! All we need is a minimum of 4 people, 6 years and older- enough to fill a quad chair, of course the more the merrier. Being a part of our group will give you highly discounted rates on Century Passes and other services for your family, friends or fellow employees. You may **ONLY** join the GPS Club through a Coordinator. Be part of our Leominster Recreation Department Club today!

GPS Club Passes, 6 yrs and older:

Benefit	Price
GPS Gold Century Pass	\$499
GPS Silver Century Pass	\$269
GPS Bronze Century Pass	\$199

\*Restrictions Apply see [www.wachusett.com](http://www.wachusett.com) for valid times.

## **ADULT EXERCISE PROGRAM**

Lauren Casavant, certified instructor will instruct an adult exercise program at Fallbrook School. The program is designed to give participants a fun workout to music for a great aerobic workout. Classes will include aerobics, hand weights, interval training, and more. Participants are encouraged to bring a bottle of water, weights, and an exercise mat or towel for floor exercises.

**Session I: September 8 –October 15, 2009**

**Session II: October 27 – December 10, 2009**

**Session III: January 5- February 11, 2010**

**SITE: Fallbrook School Café (Gym if available)**

**NIGHTS: Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**TIME: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

**Cost: \$55**

**REGISTER: Register at the Recreation Department office, Barrett Park or mail a completed registration form with payment. The instructor will also accept registrations on the first night of class at the gym.**

# **Pottery Classes**

## **POTTERY PROGRAM FOR KIDS**

We are very excited to have Mrs. Jennifer Connell, back again for our fall and winter programs! Jen Connell is a certified K-12 art teacher currently teaching in Fitchburg during the school year, and for the Leominster Recreation department during the summer. Students participating in the Leominster summer program have enjoyed pottery classes with Jen for the past three summers. She will be offering a pottery class for ages 11- 14. Participants will be exposed to the wheel, hand-building / sculpturing, glazing and other pottery making techniques such as coil, slab, pinch and wheel throwing. Students will create at least one piece using each technique and complete the piece by glazing or painting. No prior ceramics experience is required. It was such a success so sign up today! **(Each session is limited to 9 participants)**

**Session 1: September 15 - October 20, 2009 (6 wks)**

**Session 2: \*November 3 –Dec 17, 2009 (6 wks)**

*\*No class week of Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> due to Thanksgiving*

**DAYS: Tues & Thurs AGES: 11-14 yr olds**

**SITE: Barrett Park**

**TIME: 4:00 – 5:15 p.m.**

**COST: \$70/participant/session**

## **ADULT BEGINNER POTTERY**

Jen Connell is a certified K-12 art teacher currently teaching in Fitchburg during the school year, and for the Leominster Recreation department during the summer. Students participating in the Leominster summer program have enjoyed pottery classes with Jen for the past two summers. This is a beginner's pottery class for adults who would like to learn hand building and wheel thrown pottery techniques. Learn the meditative art of creating pottery on the wheel, or dust off those pottery skills that you haven't used for so long. Make cups, bowls, vases, candleholders, plates, or whatever you desire. Pottery is such a therapeutic art form that many find very relaxing and enjoyable. No prior experience necessary, as long as you don't mind getting a little dirty!

**(Each session is limited to 9 participants)**

**Session 1: September 15 - October 20, 2009 (6 wks)**

**Session 2: \*November 3 –Dec 15, 2009 (6 wks)**

*\*No class week of Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> due to Thanksgiving*

**DAYS: Tuesdays**

**SITE: Barrett Park**

**TIME: 6-8**

**COST: \$80/participant/session**

# ADULT POTTERY--STUDIO TIME

The open studio is for the potter who has taken several classes and considered an advanced student, knows the wheel and needs no direct instruction. Under Jen's supervision, you may come in to use the clay, wheel, tools, etc. Make cups, bowls, vases, candleholders, plates, or whatever you desire. You will need to pre-register for the studio time.

**Session 1:** September 15 - October 20, 2009 (6 wks)

**Session 2:** \*November 3 --Dec 17, 2009 (6 wks)

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**DAYS:** Thursdays **TIME:** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m

**SITE:** Barrett Park **COST:** \$50/participant/session



The Leominster Recreation Department along with FAST Athletics to run after school programs at the different elementary schools. This after-school program will include stretching, exercise and gym related activities; all to promote physical fitness as well as creating a safe, non-threatening environment for children of all backgrounds. It is meant to be a fun, friendly program for children teaching them sense of discipline, teamwork, and most importantly fair play.

It will run once a week at elementary schools (to be determined once school starts) for one hour after school. The FAST Athletics group will meet the children participating in the program right after the school dismissal and will spend one hour with them. This program will begin, once the children have settled into the new school year. The Recreation Department office will be sending home flyers via your child's school

**Session 1:** Sept. 15 – Oct. 15

**Grades:** 1-5

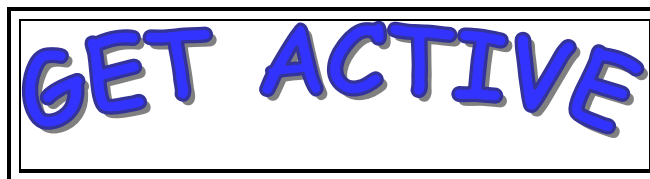
**Session 2:** Oct. 26 –Dec. 11

*\*No class week of Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> due to Thanksgiving*

**SCHOOLS:** Elementary Schools To Be Determined

**TIME:** After-school; for 1 hour

**COST:** \$75



*with the LEOMINSTER RECREATION DEPT*

This is an After School program designed for EVERYONE!!! Sports, Music, Dancing, Running, Jumping, Playing, Laughing, and Lots of Movement. It is designed to improve communication skills, help with team building opportunities, & create an exciting, cheerful, & safe environment. Please wear appropriate clothing and sneakers for an "Active" afternoon in the gym! Remember a water bottle too.

**DATES:** \*Sept. 15 – Dec. 15 **Grades:** 3- 5

*\*No class week of Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> due to Thanksgiving*

**SCHOOLS:** Elementary Schools To Be Determined

**TIME:** After-school; for 1 hour

**COST:** \$75

### **LEARN TO SKATE- ICE SKATING PROGRAM**

Learn to Skate program at the Landry Arena at the Wallace Civic Center in Fitchburg, MA is an excellent introduction to ice skating for children. Skaters are taught basic coordination, balance and maneuverability on the ice in a weekly 40 minute group lesson. In the Tot classes, instructors use songs, games, toys and other fun methods to cater to the learning styles and development of children ages 2.5 – 5 years. The Youth program is for ages 6-12 years where skaters learn the essentials of skating including gliding, pushing, stopping and stroking in a fun and enjoyable atmosphere. Please register at the Leominster Recreation Dept.

**CLASS DAY:** Sundays **TIME:** 2:00-2:40 p.m.

#### **Program Level Ages Level Description**

**PreTot 2.5 – 3 years:** For tot skaters who have little or no formal skating experience. Emphasis is on introducing little ones to the ice.

**Tot 1 4 – 5 years:** For skaters ages 4 – 5 years who have little or no formal skating experience and younger tots who have mastered the skills in PreTot. Emphasis is on basic mobility.

**Youth 1 6 – 12 years:** For skaters with little or no formal skating experience. Emphasis is on coordination, balance and mobility on the ice.

**Teen/Adult 13 years & up:** For skaters 13 years and older who wish to learn how to skate or advance their current skating skills.

#### **SESSION SCHEDULES AND COST:**

<b><u>Session I:</u></b>	9/20 – 11/8	8 wks	\$99
<b><u>Session II:</u></b>	11/15 - 1/3	8 wks	\$99
<b><u>Session III:</u></b>	1/10 - 2/28	8 wks	\$99

### **BABYSITTING COURSE WITH “RED CROSS”**

Are you interested in becoming a certified babysitter? We are very fortunate once again to be working with the Red Cross to run this wonderful program. You will learn how to handle certain situations, develop emergency procedures, and provide activities to children. You will be required to attend the entire session of training to receive a certification card from the Red Cross stating you successfully completed the course. **(Limited to 10)**

**DATE:** October 3, 2009

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Red Cross Building downtown

**AGES:** 11 – 15 **COST:** \$60.00 per person



## WINTER BASKETBALL PROGRAMS

*Registrations will be accepted beginning September*

*8th and ending October 23<sup>rd</sup>. **THE DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 23, 2009.*** Register by completing the form in this booklet and mailing it along with a check payable to the Leominster Recreation Department or stopping by the office.

### MITE BASKETBALL LEAGUE

#### **BOYS AND GIRLS**

The Mite Basketball league features two divisions for boys and two divisions for girls for the beginning player with emphasis on basic skills, fundamentals, and enjoyment of the game. During the season, each child will be given an equal amount of playing time to work on these skills. The program begins in November and runs through February.

**GRADES:** 1 & 2 (Pee-Wee Division)  
3 & 4 (Junior Division)

**COST:** \$55.00 per person

**GAMES/PRACTICES:** TBD based on availability of schools and gyms and coaches schedules.

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER:** Friday, October 23, 2009.

### **\*\*MANDATORY DRAFT FOR GIRLS & BOYS BIDDY AND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUES.\*\***

**Draft Check In: 6:00 p.m. // Draft Begins 6:30 p.m.**

- Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> - Boys Gr. 7/8
- Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> - Boys Gr. 5/6
- Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> - Girls Gr. 5/6 -7/8

### GIRLS BIDDY AND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

The biddy and intermediate leagues are moderately competitive with emphasis placed on teaching basic basketball skills as part of an organized league where each girl plays at least half a game. The league is divided into two divisions by age. Grades 5-6 will be in the girl's biddy division and grades 7 and 8 will be in the girl's intermediate division.

**GRADES:** 5 & 6 (Biddy Division)  
7 & 8 (Intermediate Division)

**COST:** \$55.00 per person

**GAMES/PRACTICES:** Games/Practices TBD.

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER:** October 23, 2009

### BOYS BIDDY AND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

The biddy and intermediate leagues are very popular programs that emphasize on basic fundamentals, strategy, and teamwork. The program is designed to give all players equal playing time while making new friends. The league is divided into two divisions by age. Grades 5-6 will be in the boy's biddy division and grades 7 and 8 will be in the boy's intermediate division.

**GRADES:** 5 & 6 (Biddy Division)  
7 & 8 (Intermediate Division)

**COST:** \$55.00 per person

**GAMES/PRACTICES:** Games / Practices TBD

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER:** Friday, October 23, 2009.

## GIRLS AND BOYS TEEN BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The Teen Basketball league is designed for players in grades 9-12. You do not need to be a basketball star to play. All High School team players are ineligible to play in this league. The league is divided into two divisions, one for girls and one for boys. At least four teams are needed for each division to run. Player and spectator conduct policies have been implemented into this league. All participants must sign this policy during registration. Registration begins October 5, 2009

**GRADES: 9-12**      **COST: \$60.00 per person**

**GAMES/PRACTICES: TBD based on gym availability**

**MANDATORY DRAFT: January 6, 2010**

**PLACE: Skyview Middle School**

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: January 5, 2010.**

# SPECIAL EVENTS

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### JOHNNY APPLESEED FESTIVAL

**Saturday, September 12, 2009**

**(Raindate: Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>)** The City of Leominster will be celebrating Johnny Appleseed with a festival to take place in downtown Leominster, with numerous activities, booths, crafts, moonwalks, foods, performers, and more! Spend the day with family and friends at this annual event!!



### ART IN THE PARK AT THE JOHNNY APPLESEED FESTIVAL

Calling all artists and art lovers! Come one; come all for our great outdoor art festival of the year, "Art in the Park" at the Johnny Appleseed Festival. The Recreation Department is sponsoring a great finale of the year for artists to show and sell their art. We are also looking for artists to do demonstrations on this day. If interested please notify Recreation Department to reserve a spot. Space is available so call the Recreation Department office at 978-534-7529 to reserve your space today.. All we ask is that you bring your own tables and supports

**DATE: Saturday, September 12, 2009**

**Rain Date: Saturday, September 26, 2009**

**SITE: Inside Monument Park**

**TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**COST: \$10.00 per 10 x 10 spaces**



DONATION: 10% OF SALES /// \$10.00 REGISTRATION FEE (DEDUCTED FROM SALES PERCENTAGE)



### HAUNTED TRAIL

The Leominster Recreation Department will reenact a haunted trail at Barrett Park. You may even find out more than you wanted to know. If you like Halloween, in general, and being spooked, then don't miss out!!!

**DATES: Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17**

**TIME: 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. COST: \$6.00 per person**

## HALLOWEEN PARADE



Once again, join us for a Halloween festival with tricks, treats, a parade and more! Dress in your favorite costume as we parade through downtown, and trick or treat to local businesses. There is NO theme this year, use your own creativity. It is a traditionally safe way to celebrate the day.

**DATE: Saturday, October 24, 2009**

**TIME: Meet at 4:00 p.m. (Walgreen's Parking Lot)  
Pumpkin lighting to follow parade**

**SITE: Downtown Leominster**



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**Bring a carved pumpkin for a "Pumpkin Lighting" after trick or treating.**

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## HOLIDAY STROLL -DOWNTOWN LEOMINSTER

Please join us for some fun, holiday cheer and lots of great activities as we kick off the holiday spirit at the downtown stroll.

**DATE: Saturday, December 5, 2009**

**SITE: Downtown Leominster**

**TIME: 2:00 pm Stroll; 6:00 pm Mayor's Tree Lighting**

**AGES: Everyone**

## NORTH POLE CALLING

In conjunction with the Leominster Senior Citizen Center, children have an opportunity to speak directly to Santa Claus at the North Poles. Flyers will be distributed through the schools to register or you can call the Leominster Recreation Department.

**DATE: Tuesday, December 15, 2009**

**(Snow Date: December 16, 2009)**

**COST: \$3 per family**

**AGES: 3 – 6**

## EASTER EGG HUNT



The Easter Bunny invites all children, ages 2-6 to celebrate springtime and join the annual search for eggs hidden at Barrett Park. Special eggs are hidden within the property and can be turned in to win special prizes. The Easter Bunny will make a special appearance during the hunt.

**DATE: Saturday, March 27, 2010**

**SITE: Barrett Park, Leominster Recreation Dept**

**COST: Free-Chinese auction to help defray some costs**

**TIME/AGES: Hunts last about 1 hour**

**Hunt begins at 10:00 a.m. for 2-4 year olds**

**Hunt begins at 12:30 p.m. for 5-6 year olds**

## FISHING DERBY

Join us for our annual fishing derby for youths' ages 14 and younger; children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments and bait will be available for purchase. Please bring a bucket for fish caught and a bait container. There is a three trout limit

The derby is sponsored by the Leominster Recreation Department, local businesses and contractors, and The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. A great weekend activity! Prizes awarded at 11:15 a.m.

**DATE: Saturday, April 17, 2010**

**SITE: Barrett Park Pond AGES: 14 and younger**

**TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. COST: Free entrance; Refreshments and bait available for purchase**

**OUTDOOR EVENTS-  
Fall and Winter 2009-2010**

The Leominster Land Trust and the Leominster Recreation Department are co-partnering in offering hikes and trail work days for the 2009-10 calendar years. Additional events may be offered at various times.

**COST:** Free (unless noted) - *Hikers gather informally and hike at your own risk.*

**If you are planning on joining us on any of the hikes, please notify the Recreation Department office by Friday at 978-534-7529 or by contacting Deanne Comeau at 978-537-3018.** Hikes are canceled if it rains.

We recommend that hikers wear proper hiking gear, bring water, a flashlight or headlight for moonlight hikes, take a lunch or snack, wear sunscreen and insect repellent.

**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> - Hike the entire Monoosnoc Trail- 11 Miles**

This is your chance to see the entire Monoosnoc Trail or arrangements can be made for hiking only a section. 8:00 a.m. – between noon and 1:00 p.m. depending on the pace of walkers. Meet at Samoset School side gym parking lot to take the van to West Street or contact Judith Sumner at 978-534-7529 to make arrangements to park your car at another location along the trail if you can not hike the entire trail. Wear proper hiking gear, take water, lunch, insect repellent and (camera and binoculars might be fun.)

**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – Mary Albertson Trail to the Beech Forest and up to the South Monoosnoc Overlook on the Monoosnoc Trail**

Meet on Elm Street at the Power Lines at 9:00 a.m. and we will car pool to the trail head.

**Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup> – Parmenter Road Coed Moonlight Hike;** 6:00 -8:30 p.m. Meet at the Parmenter Road gate of Leominster State Forest on Elm Street. Come experience the fun of hiking through Leominster State Forest during the full moon. Hike will start and end at this gate. Wear headlights if you have them. Bring your own snack and water. Dress in layers for the weather.

**Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> – Sterling Rail Trail- Moonlight Family Snowshoe or Cross Country Skiing.** 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. See Lake Washacum in the full moonlight. Meet at Barrett Park parking lot to carpool. Dress in layers for the weather.

**Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> - Doyle Reservation Moonlight Family Snowshoe or Cross Country Skiing.** 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Meet in the Parking lot of The Doyle Conservation Center, 325 Abbott Avenue, to explore this beautiful property owned by The Trustees of Reservation by snow shoe or cross-country skis. Dress in layers for the weather.

Bring your favorite cookies to share- hot cocoa will be provided.

**Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> Barrett Park Family Hike**

10:00 a.m. – noon Meet at Barrett Park parking lot.

**Trail workdays** are held on either a Saturday or Sunday morning at 8:00 until noon at various times throughout the year. Volunteers are to meet at the Trustees of the Reservations garage at 325 Lindell Ave. If you are available to help with trail maintenance, please call Dick O'Brien at The Trustees of Reservations at 978-840-4446 ext.1910 by the Friday before.

### **BARRETT PARK ACTIVITIES**

Barrett Park is available to groups and families who wish to hold small gatherings at the park. Groups must fill out a facility request form and submit a required \$25.00 reservation fee. A refundable \$100.00 security deposit is required. Your deposit will be returned if Barrett Park policies have been followed; please contact the Recreation Department for policy details. If a percentage of this security deposit is required to pay for services or repairs, it will take approximately two weeks to issue a check for the balance due. Barrett Park is a great location for you and your family to enjoy year round.

### **CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING OR SNOWSHOEING**

Put your cross-country skis on and enjoy the Winter Wonderland at Barrett Park or Prospect Park. Both parks are ideal for outdoor group outings or family parties. Please call the Leominster Recreation Department for additional information.

### **FREE ICE SKATING ON BARRETT PARK**

The Recreation Department will be clearing the ice on Barrett Pond and lighting it for night skating. It will be lit until 9:00 p.m. during the skating season. We are looking to have a concession stand available Thursday through Sunday from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Skating will begin once the ice has been declared safe for skating. We ask that you *watch for the “NO” SKATING” signs* and please use all precaution while on the ice. Those areas not cleared are not to be used for skating. For more information on skating and conditions, please listen to the radio, look in the newspapers, or call the Leominster Recreation Department Office.

# WOMEN'S HIKING SERIES

The Women's Hiking Series, led by members of the Leominster Recreation Department and the Leominster Land Trust Trails Committee in conjunction with Leominster Conservation Commission, offers hikes for women through Leominster Monoosnoc Hills once a month. Additional hikes may also be offered at various times of the year. (Call 978-534-7529 for monthly updates and meeting points.) Hikers should wear hiking boots; bring water to drink, a light snack, binoculars, bug repellent and sunscreen.

<b><u>DAYS:</u></b>	Leominster Hikes are held the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month with additional hikes scheduled on various dates
<b><u>TIME:</u></b>	9:00 a.m. until approximately noon
<b><u>COST:</u></b>	Free (unless noted) - <i>Hikers gather informally and hike at your own risk</i> <b>Please let us know if you are planning on joining us on each hike so we can notify you of any changes in the schedule.</b> Please watch the local newspaper or call the Recreation Department at 978-534-7529 for an update on the hiking schedule.
<b>Cancellations:</b>	Hikes are canceled if it rains. Regular hikes will be held instead of x-country ski or snow shoe should there be a lack of snow.

**Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> - *West Street to Exchange Street***

Hike from West to Granite Street trail parking lot to the Beech forest and down to the Distributing Reservoir. Meet at the end of West Street at the trail parking lot.

**October 8<sup>th</sup> - *Wachusett Mountain State Reservation***

We will hike one of the trails up the mountain to see the view from the highest point in Massachusetts east of the Berk-shires. Meet at Barrett Park to car pool.

**November 12- *Douglas State Forest***

We will hike along the boardwalk trail through a 5-acre portion of a swamp that is designated as a Massachusetts Wild-land. At Douglas State Forest we can view the rare example of Atlantic White Cedar. Meet at Barrett Park to car pool.

**December 10 - *Sholan Farm to Wachusett Street & back***

Hike, Snow Shoe or Cross Country Skiing, it all depends on the weather. Meet at the Sholan Farm trail head. We will have a pot luck lunch at Deanne Comeau's home after the hike. Just let us know what you will be bringing.

**January 14- *Doyle Reservation- Snow Shoe or Cross Country Skiing***

Meet in the parking lot of The Doyle Conservation Center, 325 Abbott Avenue, to explore this beautiful property owned by The Trustees of Reservation by snow shoe or cross-country skis.

**February 11 - *Wachusett Greenway Rail Trail – West Boylston (pending trail conditions)***

Meet at Barrett Park to car pool to cross-country ski or snowshoe the flat trail.

**March 11- *To Be Announced- hike a trail suitable for the spring thaw.*** Meet at Barrett Park.

# **CELEBRATION TOURS-(Day Trips)**

*These are some of the trips offered by Celebrations Tours for local Recreation Departments. Please contact the Recreation Dept for additional trips scheduled to take place and departure times and locations.*

## **RED SOX VS ORIOLES in Baltimore**

Cheer on the Boston Red Sox on this three day excursion. You are provided with roundtrip deluxe motor coach transportation throughout the weekend. In addition, you will have seating for two games at Camden Yards, a stadium tour, breakfasts, a 2 hour narrated Baltimore city tour, and a narrated harbor cruise with time to browse Harbor Place. Please contact the Recreation Department for more information and additional room packages.

**DATES: September 18-20, 2009 COST: Starting at \$399 for Twin Basis**

## **VERMONT DAY TRIP**

Spend a beautiful fall day in Vermont, featuring The Putney Inn and the Green Mountain Flyer. Your trip will include a deluxe lav-equipped motorcoach with beverages and donuts served on board. Once in Vermont, you will enjoy a two hour scenic train ride aboard the Green Mountain Flyer. You will feast at the Putney Inn featuring maple glazed ham or roast turkey with country stuffing. Following lunch, there will be time for shopping and browsing. A seasonal demonstration/narration at the popular Red Apple Orchard with time for shopping and browsing for some fresh produce will conclude the trip.

**DATE: October 3, 2009**

**COST PER PERSON: \$99**

## **New York City—Shopping, Shopping, Shopping**

Begin your Holiday Shopping in New York City on Saturday, November 21, 2009. Your trip includes a round trip deluxe motorcoach bus and plenty of time for shopping. Your escort will point you in the right direction for all the best shops! Space is limited...sign up today!

**DATE: November 21, 2009**

**COST: \$59 per person**

## **Atlantic City & New York City**

### **Featuring the Radio City Christmas Show**

Enjoy a 2-night/ 3-day trip with Celebration Tours. Your package includes a deluxe motorcoach bus throughout, accommodations for 2 nights at the *Tropicana Hotel Casino* with a super package per person of \$20 in coins, 2 buffet breakfasts, 2 buffet dinners, an IMAX Theatre Show, and reserved orchestra/ first mezz seating for the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show. Please contact the Leominster Recreation Department for more information. Don't miss out on this exciting trip!

**DATE: November 29 — December 1, 2009**

**COST PER PERSON:**

**\$319 Twin Basis \$299 Triple Basis \$399 Single Basis**



## **Christmas In Newport**

Spend the day in Newport, RI on a Christmas tour. Your trip will include a deluxe lav-equipped motorcoach with beverages and donuts served on board. In addition, you will have admission to two historical mansions and enjoy a ten mile scenic coastal drive of Newport. We will be stopping for brunch at the Atlantic Beach Club, some time for shopping and browsing the Brick Market Place and a visit to La Salette Shrine lightning display.

**DATE: December 6, 2009 COST: \$89 per person**

**DEPARTURE TIME: 7:00 a.m.**