

2010

Gath Pool



Summer Events

- **Swim Lesson Registration**
 - Tuesday/Thursday—June 8 & 10th 2010 3PM to 6PM at Gath Pool and at Crystal Lake
 - Saturday—June 12th 2010 from 1PM to 4PM at both Gath Pool and Crystal Lake
 - **Session 1 Lessons Begin**—Monday June 28, 2010
 - **July 4th Celebration**—The Newton Civic Pride Committee will again sponsor the annual July 4th Celebration at the Russell J. Halloran Sports and Athletic Complex culminating in a Fireworks Display at 9PM **Gath Pool will be closed for Fireworks Preparation**
 - **Championship Swim Meet**—The Newton Parks and Recreation Department will again host the West Suburban Summer Swim League Championships on Saturday August 7, 2010 meet begins at 9AM the facility is closed to the public during this event and may reopen after event cleanup approximately 6PM weather permitting.
- **Schedule of Activities**

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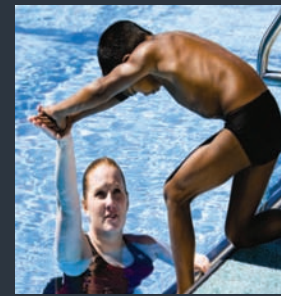
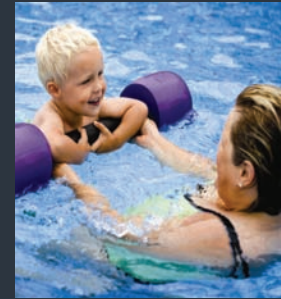
Swimming Lessons:

The City of Newton provides lessons to residents for a nominal fee. The fee for the 2010 season will be \$45.00 per person/session a swim permit is also a requirement for all participants in the learn to swim program regardless of age.. The season swim permit must be purchased prior to lesson registration

We have four sessions of lessons for the summer of 2010, please note the session dates below:

- Session 1** - June 28, 2010 through Friday July 9, 2010 Pool Closed
Monday, July 5, 2010 pool opens on Weekend/Holiday Schedule at 1PM—No Lessons
- Session 2** - July 12, 2010 through Friday - July 23, 2010
- Session 3** - July 26, 2010 through Friday - August 6, 2010
- Session 4** - August 9, 2010 through Friday - August 20, 2010

The Parks and Recreation Department Learn to Swim Program is an authorized provider of American Red Cross Learn to Swim Programs. As such we are obligated to follow the guidelines of the American Red Cross. The program offered will be the newly released 2009 American Red Cross Learn to Swim Program. This program now has age restrictions as part of the program. Children under the age of 6 must be registered for the Pre-School Program. Participants in the progressive learn to swim program levels 1-6 must be a minimum age of 6 years or they must be in the pre-school program children in pre-school must be toilet trained, Gath accepts 3 year olds minimum age at Crystal is 4 years old. The age restriction is part of being a red cross provider and we can not change the red cross requirements.



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Facility Information.

Summer Swim Permit:

Permits are issued to **RESIDENTS ONLY** for the Summer season.

- Fees are nonrefundable.
- Adults (18 years of age and older) cost \$45.00 for the season
- Students are considered (any person age 6 through 18 years of age) \$20.00 per person.
- All participants enrolled in the learn to swim program are required to purchase the summer season permit regardless of age
- Seniors (age 62 and over) \$20.00 per person.
- Resident Adult Daily fee \$6.00,
- Resident Student Daily Fee: \$4.00,
- Non-Resident Daily Fee \$10.00 each regardless of age.
- Residents with financial hardship may apply to the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for a scholarship/fee waiver.
- Summer swim permits are valid at both Crystal Lake and Gath Pool

Easy Registration: We offer on-line swim lesson registration at www.ci.newton.ma.us/parks There are links from the Gath Pool page and the swim level description pages to our on-line registration site. Payment is due with Master Card or Visa only at time of registration.

Swim Wear: Bathing suits are a requirement under Massachusetts Health Code. No Substitutes will be accepted. Positively no street clothes, cut-offs, leotards etc..... We strongly suggest that all patrons take care in purchasing socially acceptable bathing attire. Management reserves the right to determine what will be acceptable swim wear. Use of a white "T" shirt for fair skinned is permitted in areas that you can stand up.



Newton Swim Team

The Newton Swim Team "Bluefish" participate in the West Suburban Summer Swim League.

The coaches for this team are Scott and Mary Pohlman they bring 33 years experience to the program

You must be a resident of Newton to participate in the meets for the summer swim league.

Contact Scott/Mary Pohlman at 617-527-7177 before 9PM . You can also e-mail the coaches:

newtonmswimteam@gmail.com

Gath Pool Facility Rules and Regulations

Swim Team: Gath Pool will close from 5-6 PM Mon, Wed, Thurs and Friday for Swim Team Practice and close at 5 PM for the night on Tuesday's for Summer Home Swim Meets. Schedules of meets can be obtained on city web: www.ci.newton.ma.us/parks

Diapers: No Children with diapers will be permitted in the big pool: We will accept a commercially produced reusable swim diaper with the addition of a bathing suit covering the swim diaper in the wading pool. **Disposable swim diapers will not be permitted.**

Bicycles: All bicycles must be placed in the designated area outside the baby pool and locked with the proper device. The Parks and Recreation department assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen items.

Swim Apparatus: Snorkels, Masks Fins, inner tubes, inflated toys of any kind are not allowed except during Recreation Department Sponsored events and as part of the learn to swim program.

Food: Absolutely no food, drink, alcoholic beverages are permitted. Glass containers prohibited within 20 of pool area per Mass Health Code.

Chairs and other obstacles: Baby carriages, lawn chairs, umbrellas and newspapers etc... are not permitted on the pool deck. This is for the comfort of all users and the protection of users because of wind blown items. Small carry on baby car seat will be acceptable.

Diving Board and Water Slide Swim Requirements: All children and non-swimming adults using the deep water area of the pool, diving boards and water slide must complete the following swim test prior to use.

Deep Water Test: Jump into water at the five foot mark and comfortably swim using the crawl or breaststroke with rhythmic breathing for a distance of approximately 60 feet..

(during busy times test will only be given during breaks)

Water Slide Rules and Regulations:

*Because this slide must be used in water 4'-6" in depth or deeper all users must pass the above deep water test

*Weight limit for this slide is minimum 40 lbs, max 400 lbs.

*Sliding head first is prohibited

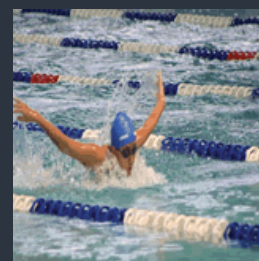
*Only one person is allowed on slide at a time including ladder

*Standing or jumping from any part of slide is prohibited

*Before sliding wait for lifeguard signal all is clear

*Do not use this slide if you are pregnant

*Do not use this slide if you have a history of back problems, fainting, fear of heights, heart conditions or seizures



Pool Schedule of Operations

Pre-Season - June 14- June 28 Weekdays M-F will be as follows:

Baby Pool Opens at 3:00 PM pre-season

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

General/Adult Swim - All swimmers

5:00 PM to 6:00 PM will be

Swim Team Practice

6:00 PM to dusk will be

General/Adult Swim all swimmers welcome (2lanes)

Tuesday's the Newton Swim Team has home swim meets the pool including the baby pool will also be closed for the evening.

Regular Season Schedule - June 28, 2010 through August 20, 2010 :

8:30 to 12:10 will be

Swimming Lessons only

Pool Closed to all other use

12:15 to 1:00

Adult only Swim/Senior Exercise

No Children allowed including the deck

1:00 to 4:55 PM

General Swim

Open to All Swimmers

(1) lap lane will be up

5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Swim Team Practice

Pool not open to the public

6:00 PM to dusk

General/Adult Swim

all swimmers welcome

(2) lap lanes will be up

Early Morning Swim Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 AM to 8:15 AM begins 7/6/2010

Post Season Schedule - August 23 through Labor Day September 6, 2010 will be:

Baby Pool opens at 1 PM in the post season

12:15 to 1:00 will be

Adult only Swim

No Children allowed

1:00 to Dusk

General Swim

(2) lap lanes

Weekend Schedule - All Sat/Sun and holidays will follow this schedule

Baby Pool opens at 1 PM on weekends and closes at Dusk

1:00 PM - Dusk

General Swim

Pool Closed - Sunday - JULY 4, Fireworks setup

Swim Meet Schedules and Monthly Calendars are available on the City Web site at

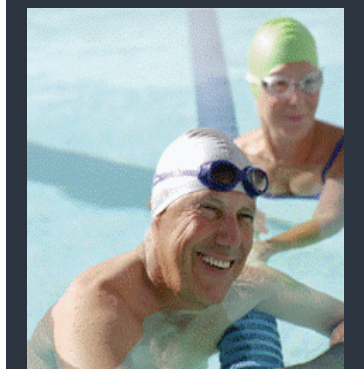
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We reserve the right to adjust our printed schedules as needed based on the weather conditions or other operational factors.



Lap Swimming

Lap Swimming at Gath pool is scheduled during all open swim times. We always have a minimum of one lap lane available. We ask that patrons circle swim and keep to the right when swimming laps.



Senior Aquatic Exercise

Recreation offers a noon-time exercise program for participants over age 55 during our Adult only Swim Time weekdays from 12:15 until 1:00 PM Contact Nancy Scammon, Senior Adult Director for the Parks and Recreation Department at 617-796-1506. Pre-registration is needed to attend this program.