



City of Ionia Parks & Recreation

Our Mission:

The City of Ionia Department of Parks and Recreation is committed to providing a comprehensive system of year-round quality recreation and leisure services designed to meet the needs of the community, its residents and visitors physically, mentally and socially in a clean and safe environment that reflects the highest ideals of integrity, pride and leadership in the community.



Our Vision:

1. Provide exceptional programming that meets the community's needs for health and fitness, as well as, personal enjoyment and enrichment.
2. Develop youth and young adult programming that builds self-esteem, respect, team building, and life health and fitness skills.
3. Expand cultural opportunities and special events for all ages.
4. Routinely survey the community and respond to emerging recreational trends and needs.
5. Maintain and improve parks and facilities so that they are attractive, safe and meet the physical and recreational needs of the community. Complete needed improvements in existing parks, plan for the expansion of the river trail, and coordinate facility development with local entities.
6. Strengthen the Departments through the involvement of key community leaders in Department planning and events.
7. Strengthen alliances with other local organizations and programs in order to expand recreational opportunities and coordination. Coordinate programming efforts with other community agencies.
8. Strive to expand the Department to a regionalized Parks and Recreation Department with financial support from the City and surrounding Townships that provides regionally shared costs for recreation programming, facility maintenance and development, and personal costs.
9. Seek out community and grant financial support for the further development of recreational facilities and programs.

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- Like Ionia Parks and Recreation on Facebook for updates
- Website: visit the City of Ionia and click on the Parks and Recreation box
- Registration can take place online or in person at the Armory

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Spring Sports & Activities

Lil' Hoopers March Madness:

Boys and Girls will learn the skills of basketball including dribbling, shooting, team work and sportsmanship, for ages 4-9 boys. Registration December to February, games and practices are in March.

Tee Ball:

Batter Up! The fundamentals of hitting, fielding, running and sportsmanship will be taught. Ages 3-6. Registration January to April. Games and practices are April through June.

Spring Soccer:

Learning and understanding basic skills and rules needed to play. Ages 4-10. Registration January to March, games and practices are April through May.



Summer Sports & Activities

Day Camp:

5 week long camp at Hale Park. Children enjoy different field trips and daily activities. Registration March to June, camp will take place June through July. Ages 5-12.

Summer Adult Softball:

Ages 18+ Tuesday– Men's League, Sunday Co-ed League. Registration February to April, games start in May.

Tackle Football:

Children will learn skills and rules of football, games are played on Saturdays either home or away. Registration May to July, games and practices are August through October. Ages 4th-8th grade.

Cheer:

Cheerleaders will learn cheers to perform at games for the tackle football players. Registration May to August, games and practices are August-October. Ages 4th-8th grade.



Fall Sports & Activities



Flag Football:

Boys and Girls will learn the skills of flag football including running, passing, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Registration May to August, games and practices are September through October. Ages 4-3rd grade.

Fall Soccer:

Learning and understanding basic skills and rules needed to play. ages 4-10. Registration May to August, games and practice are September through October.

Adult Softball:

Ages 18+ Played Mon, Tues, Fri, Sun Men's and Co-Ed leagues. Registration June to August, games are August through October.

Floor Hockey:

Boys and Girls will learn skills of floor hockey, one of the most fun sports to watch. Registration August-October, games and practices are November through December. Ages 5-12.



Winter Sports & Activities

1st-4th Basketball:

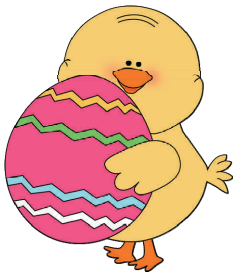
This is a basketball league for 1st through 4th grade boys and girls. Teams will be Co-Ed Registration September to November, games and practices are December through January. Ages 1st-4th grade.

Adult City League Basketball:

Ages 18+Men's, Co-ed, and Women's Leagues. Registration October to December, games are January through April.



The Benefits are Endless



Special Events



Ionia 5K:

A sponsored run/ walk on the river trail through Ionia.

XTERRA:

America Off-Road Triathlon Series; swim, run, bike

Tae Kwon Do:

Presented by Master Patricia Ramos, located at the Ionia Armory. Classes include Self Defense, Fitness, Health, Well Being, Strength

Free Summer Movie Series:

Free summer movies hosted at the Ionia Theatre.

Dance and Gymnastics:

Tumble Bumble Bee's Gymnastics and Tippy Toes Dance host classes at the Armory for most ages. Dance classes and times are announced via Facebook when decided.

Easter Egg Hunt:

Ages 10 and under enjoy a free Easter Egg hunt sponsored by a local business. Special Appearance by a fluffy creature. Hosted at Harwood Sports Complex.

Santa:

Santa visits the Armory in December during the weekend of the parade. Santa has Friday night visits and pictures as well as a free pancake breakfast Saturday morning. Santa also has a big red mailbox out front for children to write him letter, remember to include your return address for a letter back.



Rentals

We have different park pavilions for rent in the City of Ionia, as well as the Harwood Sports Complex ball fields and different rooms in the Armory Community Center. Different rates apply. Fees can be found online or at the Parks and Recreation office. Contact the office for any questions on rentals.