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General Information

Needham Community Council

www.needhamcommunitycouncil.org

Supports people in Needham who have under-met health, educational or social needs. Programs include free learn to speak English classes (ESL), food pantry, thrift shop and many more programs. This website also has a listing of all clubs and societies in and around Needham.

MA Photo Ids

www.mass.gov/rmv/license/13bMAID.htm

Office locations – Roslindale, Watertown, Natick

Needham Public Library

www.needhamma.gov/library

Free library cards giving you access to books, books in foreign languages, DVDs, music and free or reduced fee passes to museums and nature preserves.

They also have an on-line library service with courses to study languages. There are classes for specific languages (Russian-speakers, Spanish-speakers etc.) It is located under DATABASE ACCESS in the on-line library services. The program is called MANGO. Basic Mango teaches simple, practical skills for common, polite conversation situations in only a few short hours. Complete 2.0 Mango teaches in-depth and comprehensive language and grammar skills.

Needham Town Hall

www.needhamma.gov

1471 Highland Avenue

781-455-7500

Hours Monday – Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm

Dump sticker information – go to website, click on Departments, click on Public Works, click on Recycling Transfer Station, click on Recycling Transfer Station Stickers

Water information – go to website, click on Departments, click on Public Works, click on Water, Sewer and Drains Division

Licenses, Business Certificates, Passports – go to website, click on Department, click on Town Clerk, click on licenses, Business Certificates, Passports

Babysitting Resources

www.sittercity.com

www.Care.com/babysitting/Needham

Needham Youth Commission

www.needhamma.gov/youth

For \$5.00 you can get a list of all kids in town that have signed up to provide various services, including babysitting. The listings are even broken down by regions of town.

Cable Companies

Local cable tv companies

Comcast

www.comcast.com

RCN

www.RCN.com

Verizon

www.Verizon.com

Classes and Enrichment

Needham Public Schools

www.rwd1.needham.k12.ma.us/community_education

Needham Community Education is the umbrella office for a number of Beyond the Day educational programs- EASE (Elementary After School Education), KASE (Kindergarten After School Education), PAS (Pollard After School), Rock after School (High Rock After School) programs are offered in two sessions running from Nov – Jan and the end of Feb – May. They also offer Adult Education, Driver’s Education and online courses.

Japanese Language School

www.jlsboston.org

The school was established about thirty-four years ago on June 7, 1975, to maintain and strengthen Japanese language skills for children who live in Boston and the surrounding communities.

Russian School of Mathematics (RSM)

www.russianschool.com

An after school math enrichment program with an emphasis on problem solving skills and critical thinking.

Newton Chinese Language School

www.newtonchineseschool.org

Newton Chinese Language School is not only a Chinese language learning center for kids but also a vivid activity center for Chinese community in the greater Boston area.

Shishu Bharati School of Languages and Culture of India

www.shishubharati.org

A non-profit school located in Lexington, Massachusetts, Nashua, New Hampshire and Norwood, Massachusetts offering a broad spectrum of educational programs in the languages and cultures of India for students of all ages.

The school's objective has been to develop a sense of well-informed cultural pride in the students by exposing them to the Indian arts, customs, languages, history, geography, and current events.

The curriculum consists of well-established programs in Gujarati, Hindi, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Sindhi, as well as a comprehensive program in Indian Culture. The school also offers a kindergarten class for young children and Yoga and Advanced Culture classes for adults.

Clubs and Organizations

Cub Scouts Pack 502

www.BeAScout.org

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young boys that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes — and, through nearly a century of experience, knows — that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.

Girl Scouts

www.girlscoutseasternmass.org

An organization dedicated solely to girls—all girls—where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adult volunteers, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives, like leadership, strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth.

Needham Newcomers Club

www.needhamnewcomers.org

They are a diverse group welcoming everyone from young singles to families with children to join.

The club offers a variety of events throughout the year. Their events change from year to year, but some of their most popular events include Kickoff Cocktail party, Annual Progressive Dinner, wine tastings and food and wine pairing events. They also have ongoing group activities including a ladies' night out, ladies' luncheons, men's events, a book club and more.

Needham Women's Club

www.needhamwomensclub.org

The Needham Women's Club is an intergenerational service and social club whose members work together to improve and enrich the lives of the Needham community through philanthropic and outreach programs.

Parent Talk, Inc.

www.parenttalk.info

A community-based organization helping families with young children connect, learn, play, and grow together. We offer comprehensive enrichment activities designed to help members build relationships as well as educational tools and vehicles focused on child development and parenting.

Parent Talk members enjoy numerous benefits including playgroups, newsletters, lectures, free access to our indoor playspace, free museum passes, retail discounts, reduced rates on select children's classes, family activities, and social events for children and parents. In addition, Parent Talk offers clubs and committees designed to engage members in the community and develop life-long friendships.

SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Council)

www.needhamSEPAC.org

The Needham SEPAC is a parents' organization that provides information to parents and advocates collectively for children in the Needham special education program. This includes special needs children educated within Needham Public Schools and those with out-of-district placements.

There is no membership fee to join Needham SEPAC. They hold monthly public meetings designed to inform parents on issues of general interest and topics specific to Needham. They also hold special events which may incur a charge.

Driving Information

www.mass.gov/rmv/forms/21317.pdf

Frequently asked questions and answers about International Driving Permits, International Driver Licenses and Driving Privileges for Foreign Licensed Drivers

Needham Driving School

www.needhamdrivingschool.com

Newton Driving School

www.driving-school-boston.com

Emergency

Dial 911 from your phone if you need immediate police, fire or medical help. If you use a cell phone, you will be asked the address of your emergency. You will also be asked what the problem is.

Health and Wellness

Needham Park and Recreation

www.needhamma.gov/parkandrecreation

Provides year-round recreation opportunities and leisure services for Needham residents of all ages. Their goal is to provide opportunities that are safe and fun, and promote healthy living classes include swimming in the summer and skating in the winter.

YMCA

www.ymcaboston.org/charlesriver

The Y is dedicated to improving the health, mind, body and spirit of individuals and families. Everyone is welcome, all men and women, boys and girls of all income, faiths and cultures.

Their Membership for ALL Program makes the Y more affordable than ever with income-based pricing for membership as well as reduced rates for YMCA programs. Through the new Armed Services YMCA and Department of Defense Outreach Initiative the Y offers subsidized family or single adult memberships.

Levanthal-Sidman Jewish Community Center (JCC)

www.lsjcc.org

The JCC in Newton MA (serving Greater Boston) is for fitness, family fun, cultural and performing arts, preschool, adult education and more. All are welcome.

Boston Sports Clubs (BSC)

www.mysportsclub.com

Click on Boston Sports Club Newton or Wellesley locations

No matter what your fitness level, all Sports Clubs locations offer a multitude of options for everyone, including a wide range of group exercise and fitness programs. Select facilities also offer racquet sports, pools, basketball courts and other recreational activities. All Clubs are fully equipped with tons of strength training equipment, cardiovascular machines and other exercise equipment. Additional services such as personal training, massage, steam room and sauna, Sports Clubs for Kids and fitness assessments are also available.

Kid-Friendly Restaurants

Acapulco's Mexican Restaurant and Cantina

www.acapulcos.net

1 First Avenue, Needham

A children's menu with some of the more simple Mexican dishes. Fun, family atmosphere.

Bertucci's Brick Oven Pizzeria

www.bertuccis.com

1257 Highland Avenue, Needham

With their signature brick oven, culture of hospitality, Bertucci's lets you and your family and friends share an authentic Italian experience. Children love to play with the pizza dough and color the activity sheets while they wait for their dinner.

Brothers Pizza

www.brothersneedham.com

201 Reservoir Street, Needham

Exceptionally nice to the kids. Kids love the pizza, Mom will love the Greek salad.

Comella's Restaurants

www.comellasrestaurants.com

1095 Great Plain Avenue, Needham

Extensive menu including \$5 for a 16" cheese pizza.

Dunn-Gaherin's Pub

www.dunngherins.com

344 Elliot Street, Newton (just over the Needham/Newton line)

Traditional pub comfort food served either at a friendly bar or a cozy dining room setting. Great value children's menu.

Fresco

www.fresconeelham.com

35 Chapel Street, Needham

Children's menu for breakfast and lunch. Crayons and breakfast all day.

Fuji Steak House

www.fujisteakhouseneelham.com

1430 Highland Avenue, Needham

A little pricier than other restaurants in town, Fuji has a nice family atmosphere with tables of 10 around a stove. Entertaining chefs creating the food. There is a fish pond in the restaurant that will entertain the kids while you wait. They also have a Sushi Bar.

Not Your Average Joe's

www.notyouraveragejoes.com

105 Chapel Street, Needham

Good children's menu. Service is accommodating and friendly.

Stonehearth Pizza

www.stonehearthpizza.com

974 Great Plain Ave Needham, MA 02492

Monday nights are 1/2 off up to 2 kids per 1 adult entrée. Gluten-free menu.

Preschools/ Nursery Schools

A to Z Childcare

www.atozchildcare.com

126 Gould Street, Needham, MA

781-444-6541

Carter Nursery School

www.cartercenterforchildren.org

800 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA

781-449-3246

Chestnut Childrens' Center

www.chestnutchildrenscenter.com

167 Chestnut Street, Needham, MA

781-455-7144

First Baptist Church Nursery

www.fbcneedham.org

858 Great Plain Avenue, Needham, MA
781-449-8471

First Bridge

1132 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA
781-453-0400

Grace Christian Nursery School

www.amazinggraceneedham.org

543 Greendale Avenue, Needham, MA
781-449-0732

Kinder Care Learning Center

www.kindercare.com

1000 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA
781-449-0774

Knowledge Beginnings

www.knowledgebeginnings.com

206 A Street, Needham, MA
781-455-8723

Needham Children's Center

www.needhamchildrenscenter.com

858 Great Plain Avenue and 23 Dedham Avenue, Needham, MA
781-449-4486

Needham Playschool Inc

42 Broad Meadow Road, Needham, MA
781-444-0666

Newman Elementary School

www.needham.k12.ma.us/preschool/index.htm

1155 Central Avenue, Needham, MA
781-455-0416

Noah's Arc Preschool

www.noahsarkneedham.org

1154 Great Plain Avenue, Needham, MA
781-449-2439

Pine Village Preschool (a Spanish immersion preschool)

www.mybilingualpreschool.com

65 Fourth Avenue, Needham, MA
617- 721-3234

Salt Box School

www.saltboxschool.com

1458 Great Plain Avenue, Needham, MA
781-444-8558

Temple Beth Shalom Childrens Center

www.tbsneedham.org

670 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA

781-449-3016

Resources of Things to Do In and Around Needham

Local papers

Wicked Local

www.wickedlocal.com/needham/town_info

Needham Times

www.wickedlocal.com/needham

Hometown Weekly

www.hometownweekly.net

Needham Patch

www.needham.patch.com

Boston Globe

www.boston.com/bostonglobe

Boston Herald

www.bostonherald.com

Boston Parents' Paper

www.boston.parenthood.com

Bay State Parent

www.baystateparent.com

Magazines geared towards families with kids. They are filled with activities and information about things to do with your kids as well as schools, daycares and more.

Sports

Baseball

Charles River YMCA Tee-Ball & Instructional League

781-444-6400

www.ymcaboston.org/charlesriver

*A Spring and Fall season program for **ages 3-7**. Whether hitting off a tee (ages 3-5) or a pitch by a coach (ages 6-7) the league will teach the fundamentals of America's favorite pastime in a fun environment. Register in February for Spring and August for Fall.*

FEE: Contact Program

Rookie & Farm Leagues

www.needhamfarmandrookieleagues.com

E-mail: needhamsummerbaseball@yahoo.com *For security reasons, you must enable JavaScript to view this E-mail address.*

*Spring leagues for **6 and 7 year olds**. Rookie League is a developmental program for 6 year olds. Farm League is a 7 year old program played on a diamond, developing baseball skills. Registration begins in January and is advertised in the Needham Times and School Bulletins. Season is April through June.*

FEE: Contact Program

Needham Summer Baseball

www.needhamsummerbaseball.com

E-mail: needhamsummerbaseball@yahoo.com *For security reasons, you must enable JavaScript to view this E-mail address.*

*For **ages 8-18**, this program is held from late June through the 1st week of August. Travel teams compete in leagues with area towns. Tryouts are held in May. January/ February registrations are advertised in the Needham Times and School Bulletins.*

FEE: Contact Program

Little League/ Babe Ruth

www.needhambaseball.com

*Spring Season runs April 1st through the end of June for **6-18 year olds**. Summer Season runs Mid-June through the end of July for **8-15 year olds**.*

Little League/ Babe Ruth is a structured that combines instruction and a game-playing environment. Please see our website for Registration and Fee details.

American Legion Post #14 Baseball

www.needhampost14.com

*A competitive baseball program for **ages 14-19**. The program is held from May through August. 2010 Sign up and Try-outs will be held in May.*

Needham Fall Baseball

www.leagueathletics.com

Baseball Ages 6 – 7 - Fall Sandlot

Sunday afternoons through October. This is a great chance for your kids to get a few extra swings and a few more chances in the field. Coaches will pitch in this league to keep things moving for everyone. The goal here is some fun Sunday baseball before the leaves fall.

Baseball Ages 8-9 - Fall Cup

One game per week on Sunday afternoons through October. Kids will be pitching and scores will be kept. Great chance to tune up for AAA Spring Ball

Fall Travel Baseball

Majors teams are mostly 11-12 year olds

AAA teams are mostly 10-11 year olds

AA teams are mostly 8-9 year olds

*Fall Travel teams are in the NELL Fall League with opponents from Newton, Needham, Belmont, Brookline and Weston. Beginning in early September, two games per week are played (one weekday and one on Sunday) for six weeks. For purposes of the fall league, participants must be age eligible for the **2012** Little League Spring Season*

Contact program for registration and fee information.

Basketball

St. Joseph's Basketball

www.stjoesintownhoop.com

*An in-town intramural basketball league for boys and girls in **grades 5-8**. The season runs from November through March. Emphasis is on fundamentals and team spirit. Everyone plays and the end of season playoffs includes all teams. Registration is held online until October 31st.*

FEE: Contact Program

Needham Basketball Association

www.needhambasketball.com

*Instructional program for boys and girls in **grades 1-4**. The season is held from early January through mid March. Registration takes place from late October to early November.*

FEE: Contact Program

Charles River YMCA Basketball

781-444-6400

www.ymcaboston.org/charlesriver

This Winter program is set up for children age 3 through high school. Age appropriate fundamentals, skills development and sportsmanship are stressed in all leagues. Registration begins in October.

FEE: Contact Program

Needham Metrowest Basketball League

www.needhammetrowestbball.com

An instructional, competitive, grade based regional Winter program for **4th-8th graders**. Tryouts are held in late September to early October, Practices begin in late October and continue through mid March for the season that run from the first week in December through March. All teams make playoffs.

FEE: Determined annually (uniform fee separate)

Dance

Fine Dance Studio

www.afdance.com

Charles River Ballet Academy

www.charlesriverballet.com

Needham Dance Theatre

www.needhamdancetheatre.org

Paulette's Ballet Studio

www.paulettesballetstudio.com

Football and Cheerleading

Needham Junior Football & Cheerleading

www.needhamfootball.net

*Football and cheer program for children **in grades 3-8 (of Playing Season)**. Focus on sportsmanship and teamwork while learning the sports. The season runs early August through November. Monitor website for exact registration dates which usually begin in March/ April and fill quickly!*

FEE: Contact Program

Charles River YMCA Flag Football

781-444-6400

www.ymcaboston.org/charlesriver

*An instructional program in the Spring and Fall for **ages 5-9** to learn the basics of football in a fun, non-competitive atmosphere. Each meeting will provide skill development and a game. Register in August for Fall and February for Spring.*

FEE: Contact Program

Gymnastics

Exxcel Gymnastics and Climbing

www.exxcel.net

Energy Fitness

www.energyfitnessgym.com

New England Sports Academy (NESAs)

www.nesacademy.com

Planet Gymnastics

www.planetgym.com

Hockey

Needham Youth Hockey Assoc. Inc.

www.nyha.org

*A Winter youth hockey program for boys and girls, **ages 4-17**, with an emphasis on developing skills, fun, sportsmanship, respect and fair play.*

Please see website for more details.

Charles River YMCA Indoor Floor Hockey

781-444-6400

www.ymcaboston.org/charlesriver

*This Winter program, for **6-10 year olds** is geared towards players of all abilities. Age appropriate fundamentals, skills development and sportsmanship are stressed in all leagues. Registration held in October.*

FEE: Contact Program

Ice Skating

Babson Skating Center

www.3.babson.edu/skating_center

Bay State Skating School

www.baystateskatingschool.org

The Roche Center in West Roxbury is the closest location to Needham.

Indoor Soccer

Newton Indoor Sports Center

www.newtonindoorsports.com

Lacrosse

Needham Girls' Lacrosse

www.needhamlacrosse.com

A Spring season instructional travel program for girls in 2nd through 8th grades. Goal is to teach the basic skills and techniques of women's lacrosse. Member of the Founders League. November online registration.

FEE: Contact Program

Boys' Youth Lacrosse

www.needhamboyslacrosse.com

This program provides an instructional lacrosse travel program open to boys in 4th-8th grades, and an in-town program for 1st and 2nd grades. Spring season runs from April to mid-June with registration in November. Fall season runs through September and October with registration in August.

* Players must supply their own equipment.

FEE: Contact Program

Soccer

Needham Soccer Club

Contact: Maura Steeves

www.needhamsoccer.com

For 1st-12th grade (ages 6-18), the purpose of the club is to promote and enhance the game of soccer for Needham youth. Programs for travel and non-travel; separate Fall and Spring seasons. Fall registration is held from April 15th – end of May. Spring registration from September 15th – end of October. ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY.

FEE: See Website for Seasonal Rates

(Family discounts and scholarships are available.)

Young Girls' Soccer League

www.nygsl.org

Fall and Spring Sunday soccer league for 1st and 2nd grade girls. Emphasis on having fun, team building, soccer skills and positive encouragement for all participants. See website for registration details.

FEE: Contact Program

Softball

Rookie League Softball

781-449-2920

Contact: Becky Krechting

www.needhamgirlsrookiesoftball.com

E-mail: krechting@comcast.net *For security reasons, you must enable JavaScript to view this E-mail address.*

A developmental spring league for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade girls. Registration is ongoing from January until February 28th and is advertised in the Needham Times and School Bulletins. Season is April through June.

FEE: Contact Program

Needham Girls' Softball

781-455-0736

www.needhamsoftball.com

This program for girls in grades 3-8, is geared to teach fundamentals of the game, develop skills, and foster team work and team spirit. Sign-ups are held late January/ early February for this Spring program that runs from April to June. All abilities welcome!

FEE: Contact Program

Needham Fastpitch Inc.

www.needhamfastpitch.com

This Year Round competitive girl's league for ages 9-18 focuses on skill development through games. The goal of the program is to have fun while developing the N.H.S softball athletes of today and tomorrow. See website for details and registration form.

FEE: Contact Program

Swimming

YMCA

www.ymcaboston.org/charlesriver

JCC

www.lsjcc.org

BSC

www.mysportsclub.com

Needham Summer Swim Team

www.needhamsharks.org

Held at Rosemary Pool from the end of June through early August, this swim team offers an opportunity for children to improve and refine their swimming skills through low-key competition. For ages 7-18, applications are available at the Park & Recreation office beginning in May.

FEE: TBD

Track

Needham Track Club

www.needhamtrack.org

For ages 3-14, this Summer program offers age-appropriate training and low-key competition with emphasis on fun. Middle school program offers greater emphasis on track and field skills. Register by mail starting in January.

FEE: Contact Program

Theater/Drama/Music

All About Us Performing Arts

www.allaboutusinc.com

Theater classes are held at Mass Bay Community College in Wellesley.

All Newton Music School

www.allnewtonmusicschool.com

JCC

www.lsjcc.org

Go to website, click on Classes, click on Arts

Needham Community Theater

www.needhamtheatre.org

Needham Music

www.needhammusic.com

Newton Music Academy

www.newtonmusicacademy.com

Tutoring Services

Needham Public Schools

www.rwd1.needham.k12.ma.us/community_education/Tutoring

Needham Youth Commission

www.needhamma.gov/index.aspx?nid=116

***If you have any questions or suggestions please contact
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