



## A Message from County Executive **ED MANGANO**

Dear Friends,

As your Nassau County Executive, and a parent, I understand the importance of summer recreational opportunities. Accordingly, I am pleased to introduce an expanded Nassau County Summer Recreational Program in five of our parks:

- **Cantiague Park**, centrally located in Hicksville.
- **Eisenhower Park**, centrally located in East Meadow.
- **Nickerson Beach Park**, located in Lido Beach along the Atlantic Ocean near the Long Beach area.
- **Wantagh Park**, located on the South Shore off the Wantagh Parkway.
- **Cow Meadow**, located in Freeport.

These beautiful parks provide perfect settings for youngsters to enjoy a range of activities, including recreational sports and crafts. The geographic range also allows us to place this service within reach of many communities.

I am committed to ensuring that your County government provides you with the best possible services in the most efficient manner possible. This initiative represents one of the many steps I am taking to enhance the quality of life we all enjoy in Nassau County.

Sincerely,

Edward P. Mangano  
Nassau County Executive



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# Nassau County's 2012 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM



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*Building Better, Brighter Futures for Our Children*

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## MID-ISLAND

# Cantiague Park

Hicksville • West John Street • 516-571-7056  
east of Cantiague Rock Road

Centrally located in Hicksville, this 127-acre park offers a variety of recreational opportunities, with five tennis courts; three basketball courts; baseball and athletic fields, including a beautiful new multi-sport synthetic turf field; and a large playground. In addition, there is a summer "water theme" park with an Olympic-sized pool, two water slides, a diving pool, a "kiddie" pool, a training pool and an interactive water-play area. A mini-golf course, a nine-hole golf course, a driving range and the indoor ice-skating rink cap off the recreational facilities at Cantiague Park.

## Eisenhower Park

East Meadow • 516-572-0348  
Hempstead Tpke & East Meadow Ave.

A 930-acre oasis of open space and recreation in the heart of Nassau County, Eisenhower Park is one of the largest public spaces in the New York metropolitan area – larger, in fact, than Central Park. The park offers a full range of athletic and family activities, including dozens of athletic fields and courts, playgrounds, a fitness trail, a batting cage, mini-golf, 18-hole golf courses and a driving range. The Park's Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre offers entertainment and varied programming throughout the summer months.



## SOUTH SHORE

# Nickerson Beach Park

Lido Beach • 880 Lido Boulevard • 516-571-7700

Nickerson Beach is one of the County's true gems, boasting a magnificent beachfront that has undergone an extensive multimillion-dollar renovation in recent years. In 2009, Newsday praised the park as "Perfect for a family looking to let off a little steam," citing activities ranging from beach volleyball to basketball and tennis, as well as the state-of-the-art playground. The playground is part of a seamless area known as the "Fun Zone" that also provides colorful basketball courts and a skateboard area. There are also swimming pools, picnic areas and, of course, the beach – a three-quarter-mile-long expanse of beautiful white sand and dunes.



## Wantagh Park

Wantagh • 1 King Road • 516-571-7460  
just south of Merrick Road

This 111-acre park is one the oldest in the Nassau County parks system, and one of the most beautiful, bordered on the south by Flat Creek with East Bay beyond. The park has several baseball and athletic fields, a large playground area, tennis and basketball courts, a 2-mile fitness trail incorporating a variety of exercise stations, and walking paths along the scenic bay. The spectacular summer "water theme" park incorporates an Olympic-size pool, two 32-foot water slides, diving, "kiddie" and training pools, and an interactive water-play area.

## Cow Meadow Park

Freeport • South Main Street • 516-571-8685

Cow Meadow has been part of the county park system since 1970. This park and preserve serve to protect and showcase 150 acres of Long Island's marine wetlands, including salt marsh, mud flat and tidal creek habitats. The park offers 4 basketball courts, one baseball field, 6 tennis courts, 4 handball courts and a 1 mile jogging course.

## SUMMER RECREATION DETAILS

**Dates:** July 2 – August 9 (Closed on July 4, 2012)

**Program Day:** 9 am – 3 pm or (Full-day option 9 am – 5 pm)

**Important notes:** Rain cancels Summer Recreation Program: Program will not commence if there is rain at 9 am, and program is cancelled should rain begin during day. Continuous days of excessive and high heat indexes may also cause the closing of camp. Refunds will not be made due to the closing of camp for either rain or excessive heat. Parents must retrieve children immediately.

Pick up is PROMPTLY at 3 pm and 5 pm. Failure to pick up your child in a timely manner may result in additional fees and surcharges.

Parents are encouraged to provide child with sunscreen & instruct child in self-use. All clothing and personal items that children will bring to camp must be properly labeled.

**Ages:** 5 - 12 separated in the following categories: early childhood (5 - 6); juniors (7 - 8); intermediate (9 - 10); and seniors (11 - 12). Grouping with friend requests will be honored to the best of the camp's ability, but may be limited to number of friends and age categories of children.

**Activities:** In addition to 45 minutes of open swim (three parks), a typical day can include: arts & crafts; board games; scavenger hunts; disk golf; potato-sack races, Quick Start Tennis, 1st Tee Golf, and sports such as baseball, basketball, flag football, soccer, tennis, volleyball, lacrosse and golf. Nassau County reserves the right to limit the activities at each park.

**Special events:** Vary by park (as determined by staff) and include additional modest fees (as low as \$1). Examples include visits from sports pros, tennis instruction, fun days such as "Crazy Hat Day," and food days such as "Ice Cream Day,"

**Registration Deadline: June 1, 2012:** Registration fee of \$25 applies to returning campers (from 2011) who register by March 1, 2012. Registration fee of \$50 applies for new campers (regardless of registration date) and returning campers who apply after March 1, 2012. Registration fees are NOT refundable.

**Fees:** 9 am – 3 pm \$600 for one child,  
9 am – 5 pm \$750 for one child

Additional sibling discount: \$30 off for a second child,  
\$60 off for third child, \$90 off for fourth child.

**Information:** 516-572-0245, avisconti@nassaucountyny.gov  
Refunds must be requested in writing, and in our office prior to 6/1/2012. Registration fee will NOT be refunded.

This program is licensed by the New York Department of Health and, as such, is required to be inspected twice a year. Inspection reports are filed at the:

Nassau County Department of Health Office of Recreational Facilities, Children's Camps, 106 Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Uniondale, NY 11553, (516) 227-9717

**Applications are available online at [www.nassaucountyny.gov/parks](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/parks), by calling Nassau County Summer Recreation at 516-572-0245 or email: [avisconti@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:avisconti@nassaucountyny.gov)**