

# GATES RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT



## Memorial Park Sledding Hill

## 2026 WINTER PROGRAM GUIDE

RESIDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY 5

### GATES RECREATION & PARKS STAFF

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### GATES RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION

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### MISSION STATEMENT

To provide accessible, affordable, and quality leisure programs, activities, services and facilities to all residents of the Town of Gates and to ensure residents that all programs and facilities are available for the public to participate in regardless of race, gender, income, physical disabilities, creed or other barriers that would preclude participation.



# WINTERFEST 2026

## OUTDOOR STREET HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

WESTGATE PARK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

STARTS AT 9:00 AM

AGES 18 & UP - SIGN UP INDIVIDUALLY . TEAMS DRAFTED THE MORNING OF THE TOURNAMENT  
FEE: RESIDENTS \$25, NON-RESIDENTS \$30 REGISTER UNTIL 1/24 (DETAILS AT GATESREC.ORG)

## SLEDDING WITH PARKER!

MEMORIAL  
PARK  
SLEDDING HILL

SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 7  
2-4PM

A stylized illustration of a turtle's head and shell. The shell is light green with brown outlines of the scutes. The head is brown with two small black eyes. The text is overlaid on the shell.

# **ANIMAL EXPLORERS**

**GATES REC CENTER  
SATURDAY, MARCH 7  
2 - 4 PM**

Join us for an afternoon all about animals with Stokoe Farms! Get up close with some of their favorite animals (Tortoises, Bearded Dragons, Hedgehogs & more). Then head into the Rec Center for a Scavenger Hunt, Craft & Animal Challenges.

A stylized illustration of a white bunny's face. It has large, long, pink inner ears and black outlines for eyes. The background is a solid teal color.

# **EASTER EGG HUNT**

**SATURDAY APRIL 4**  
**10:00 AM**

**PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9:45 AM**

**AGES 8 AND UNDER**

**TOTAL SPORTS EXPERIENCE**

**880 ELMGROVE RD.**

# Playdates with ★ Gates Rec

**Gates Rec Center**

**6:15 - 8:15 PM**

JAN  
**8**

## Puzzle Swap

Come get some "new to you" puzzles to beat the winter blues.



JAN  
**15**

## Book Swap

Find some "new to you" books for all ages.



JAN  
**22**

## Make 'n Take Craft

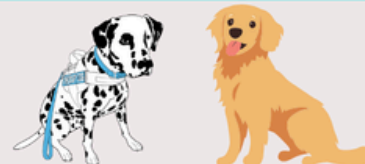
Make a winter craft to take home. All supplies will be provided.



JAN  
**29**

## Therapy Dogs

Gryffin & his friend Shea will be visiting!



FEB  
**5**

## Scavenger Hunt

Complete a football themed scavenger hunt and get hyped for the Super Bowl.



FEB  
**12**

## Hockey Night

Air Hockey, Bubble Hockey, Knee Hockey, Pillo Pollo Hockey!



Thursday Night Playdates with Gates Rec! Throughout the months of January & February head to the Gates Rec Center for some "after hours" fun. Spend two hours playing in our rec center and feel free to participate in each weeks activity. Bring a friend or bring dinner and HAVE FUN! **Free Program.**

All children must be accompanied by an adult.





# SUMMER 2026 SAVE THE DATES!!



Registration begins in April



# SUMMER CAMP

July 6 - August 14

8:00 AM - 3:30PM

(After care option available until 5:30pm)

Locations TBD

**\*\*Age groups: K-1, 2-4, 5-7\*\***

Limited LIT & CIT positions available for 8th, 9th  
& 10th graders

Applications for all positions are available on  
our website.



# SPORTS CAMP

August 17

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August 21

Lions Park

August 24

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August 28

Westgate Park

# NATURE CAMP



8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Entering grades K - 7

# Munchkin Madness



## Jan. 14 - March 25



(No Classes Feb. 18)

Weekly themed activities with story, hands on craft and play time. Please bring a shirt to get messy in. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Residents: \$25  
Non-Residents: \$35

For Ages 1-5  
9:30 - 10:30 AM

## preschool classes with Miss Stacie

Story, Craft & snack time 10:30 AM FREE

**Jan. 13**  
**Snowflake**

**March 17**  
**Luck of the Irish**

**Feb. 24**  
**Hearts**

**April 21**  
**Flowers**

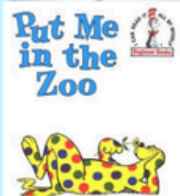
February 5:

The Snow Thief



March 5:

Put me in the Zoo



April 9:

The Little Raindrop



## First Thursday's

10:30AM

FREE

Come enjoy a story, craft and a snack all themed around these classic children's books:

# KIDS NIGHT OUT

This monthly program gives kids the chance to enjoy an evening away from their parents in a fun and safe environment. We will have games, crafts, snacks and different themed activities.

**AGES: 5-11 YEARS**  
**6:30 - 8:30 PM**  
**RECREATION CENTER**

RESIDENTS: \$12  
 NON-RESIDENTS: \$20  
 (EACH NIGHT)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16**

KPOP  
 DEMON  
 HUNTERS 

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

ROBLOX 

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13**

POKEMON 

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10**

LABUBU 

**FRIDAY, MAY 8**

ZOOPTOPIA 

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5**

SUMMER  
 CELEBRATION! 

**FRIDAY,  
 JANUARY 30**

  
 CRAFT NIGHT

**FRIDAY,  
 FEBRUARY 27**

  
 Video Game  
 Night

**FRIDAY,  
 MARCH 27**

  
 Beads Galore  
 Night

## 'TWEEN NIGHTS AT GATES REC!

This monthly program gives our older kids the chance to enjoy an evening away from their parents in a fun and safe environment. We will have games, crafts, snacks and different themed activities.

**AGES: 9-14**  
**6:30 - 8:30 PM**

**RESIDENT: \$12**  
**NON-RESIDENT: \$20**  
**(EACH NIGHT)**

**FRIDAY,  
 APRIL 24**

  
 SPORTS MANIA  
 NIGHT

**FRIDAY, MAY 15**

  
 PAINTING  
 NIGHT

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12**

  
 Kickoff To SUMMER!



**Grades  
K-5**



**Gates Rec Center**

**8:30 AM -  
5:30 PM**



JOIN OUR GATES REC STAFF AS WE PARTICIPATE IN FUN ACTIVITIES DURING THE DAY OFF OF SCHOOL. BREAKFAST, AN AFTERNOON SNACK, GAMES, ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS ARE PROVIDED. SIGN UP FOR ONE OR ALL OF OUR RECESS DAYS!

# Recess Day Camps

Register online ([gatesrec.org](http://gatesrec.org))  
or in our office



## Single Day Camps

**Friday,  
March 20**

\$40 Residents  
\$50 Non Residents  
(per day)



## Week Break Camps

### February Break:

Friday, Feb. 13  
Tuesday, Feb. 17  
Wednesday, Feb. 18  
Thursday, Feb. 19  
Friday, Feb. 20

### April Break:

Monday, March 30  
Tuesday, March 31  
Wednesday, April 1  
Thursday, April 2  
Monday, April 6

### **NO CAMP**

Monday, February 16  
Friday, April 3

\$175 Residents  
\$210 Non Residents  
(all 5 days)



# American Dance Academy



Registration begins  
January 5

## Saturday Classes

Classes begin January 10

### Tap, Ballet & Tumbling

(Ages 4 - 7)

10:30 - 11:15 AM

### \*Tap, Ballet & Jazz

(Ages 7 - 9)

9:30 - 10:25 AM

Offering year-round classes  
for all ages & levels:

\*=Classes with previous  
instruction required

Fees per session  
listed on [www.gatesrec.org](http://www.gatesrec.org)

## Monday Classes

Classes begin January 12

### Hip Hop

(Ages 8 - 12)

5:30 - 6:00 PM

### \*Tap, Ballet, Jazz & Hip Hop

(Ages 9 - 12)

5:30 - 7:00 PM

### \*Tap, Ballet, Jazz, & Hip Hop

(Ages 12 - 15)

7:00 - 8:30 PM

For more information, including session dates please visit  
our **NEW WEBSITE** at [www.gatesrec.org](http://www.gatesrec.org) or email  
[AmericanDanceAcademy1986@gmail.com](mailto:AmericanDanceAcademy1986@gmail.com)

# Children's Birthday Parties

At the Gates Rec Center

## JANUARY - MAY

Reservations begin Monday 12/1

**\*\*RESERVATION REQUESTS CAN BE MADE  
ONLINE AT GATESREC.ORG**

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS  
BETWEEN 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
2 HOUR MIN - 4 HOUR MAX

\$50 PER HOUR FOR GATES RESIDENTS  
\$65 PER HOUR FOR NON-RESIDENTS

PRICE INCLUDES USAGE OF THE REC CENTER, 30 ADDITIONAL MINUTES BEFORE AND  
AFTER PARTY FOR SET UP AND CLEAN UP & STAFF MEMBER FOR ASSISTANCE.

GAGA PIT AVAILABLE TO RESERVE FOR ADDITIONAL FEE.



# Gates Recreation Center

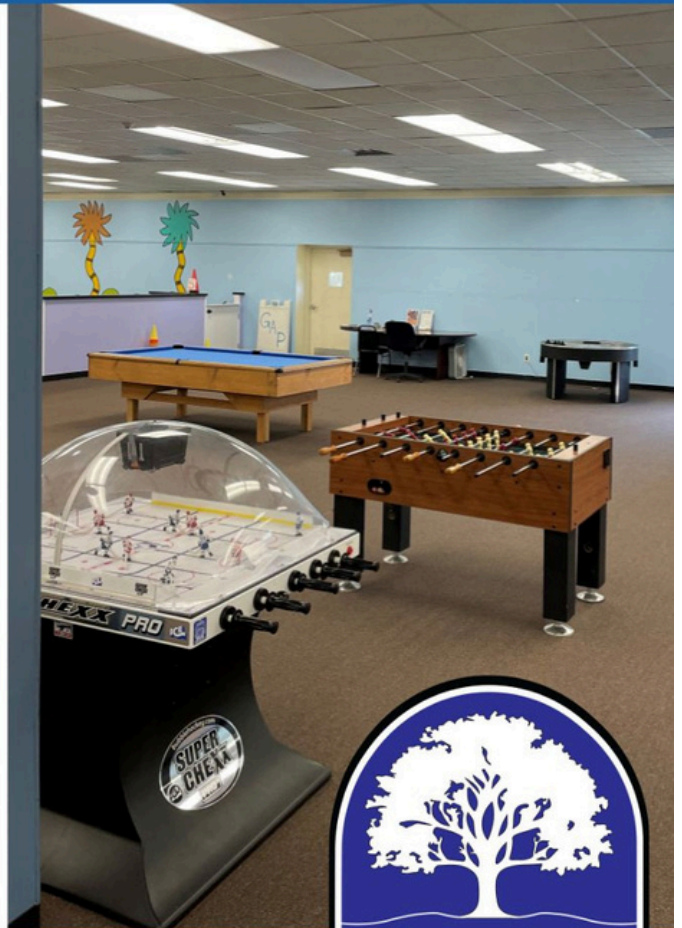
*Recreation Center open hours:*

**Monday/Tuesday/  
Thursday/Friday  
9:30am - 2:00pm**

**Wednesdays  
CLOSED**

The Recreation Center is closed on school breaks and hours are subject to change throughout the year. Please call 429-8289 to inquire about any schedule changes .

- *Please check in/sign in at the Recreation office.*
- *Preschool play area is for ages 5 years and younger.*
- *Food/Drinks only allowed in tiled area.*
- *Please DO NOT go in any of the cabinets, craft supplies areas or cubbies.*
- *Ask a staff member if you have any questions about the equipment.*
- *Water bottle fill up station available in the main hallway.*
- *Please clean up after yourself!*



**TOWN OF GATES  
RECREATION CENTER**

**1605 BUFFALO RD**

**585-429-8289**

**WWW.GATESREC.ORG**



# Valentine's Day CONCERT

**13 FEBRUARY 2026**

Join us to celebrate Valentine's Day! We will have cheese and crackers, fruit and veggies. Marco Amadia will be playing and singing for your entertainment.

**2:00 - 4:00 PM**  
**Town Hall Annex**  
**Fee: \$8 (resident)**  
**\$10 (non-resident)**  
**Register by Feb. 6**

# St. Patrick's Day LUNCH AND CONCERT

**Tuesday, March 17**  
**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**Town Hall Annex**

**Join us for a Ham lunch and Irish music by Innisfree**  
**Transportation available.**

**Program Fee: \$12 (resident), \$15 (non-resident)**  
**must register by March 12**



# BINGO NIGHT



Join us for a fun night of BINGO. We will play approximately 12 games (Regular & Specials). We will have beverages and light snacks. Feel free to bring your own refreshments.

**Friday, April 17**  
**6:30 - 8:00 PM**  
**Gates Town Hall Annex**



**Program Fee: \$8 (resident), \$ 12 (non-resident)**

# Kentucky Derby

**Saturday, May 2**  
**5:00 PM - 7:30 PM**  
**Town Hall Annex**

**Program Fee: \$10 (resident), \$ 15 (non-resident)**

Join us to celebrate the Kentucky Derby. We will have a horse racing game to play, the TV will be on for some of the earlier races and mock Mint Julips, light snacks and light dinner. We will finish the night off watching the race.



PLACE YOUR BETS	
RACE	_____
WIN	_____
PLACE	_____
SHOW	_____
WAGER	_____


**AMP FREE**

Lifespan proudly offers the Aging Mastery Program (AMP) designed to inform and encourage as you take steps to improve your lives and engage with our community.

### Wednesdays

**February 4 - April 29**  
(no class Feb. 18, Apr. 1)

**1:00 - 2:30 PM**  
**Rec Center Room A**  
**Program Fee:**  
**FREE (resident),**  
**\$10 (non-resident)**  
**Pre-registration required**

## SENIOR FITNESS

This class, provided by Agape Physical Therapy, will be led by a licensed therapist who will lead the class in generalized exercises to build strength and endurance for the upper body, trunk and legs.

**Mondays,**

**Session 1: January 26 - April 6**  
(No class Feb. 16, Mar 9 & 16)

**Session 2: April 13 - June 8**  
(No class May 25)

**2:00 - 3:00 PM**

**Large Meeting Room**

**Program Fee:**  
**\$15 (resident)**  
**\$25 (non-resident)**



## TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS & FALL PREVENTION

Tai Chi combines slow moving with deep breathing. Increases strength, balance & posture. Prevents falls. Improves mind, body & spirit. Reduces stress and increases relaxation.

**Tuesdays**

**Session 1: January 13 - March 3**

**Session 2: March 10 - May 5**

**1:00 - 2:00 PM**

**Large Meeting Room**

**Program Fee:**  
**\$10 (resident), \$15 (non-resident)**  
**Pre-registration required**

## SAIL

Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) series incorporates cardio, upper and lower body strengthening, and dynamic and static balance. It is a faster-paced class, well-rounded, with fun music.

**Tuesdays & Fridays**

**Session 1: January 13 - March 13**

**Session 2: March 17 - May 22**  
(no class Apr. 3)

**10:00 - 11:00 AM**

**Large Meeting Room**

**Program Fee:**  
**\$15 (resident), \$20 (non-resident)**  
**Pre-registration required**

## TAI CHI

Have you made plans for keeping in shape over the fall and winter? We don't want to stiffen up over time, do we? Our friendly Tai chi class is for YOU! Tai chi is done from a standing position. Learning new skills prevents mental decline! Beginner students will have more one on one assistance if needed.

**Thursdays**

**Session 1: January 22 - March 5**

**Session 2: March 12 - April 23**

**2:00 - 3:00 PM**

**Rec Center Room A**

**Program Fee per session:**  
**\$30 (resident), \$40 (non-resident)**



## CHAIR FITNESS WITH CINDY

**FREE**

Join Cindy for some chair fitness and balance exercises. We will be doing some low impact movements.

**Thursdays**

**January 22 - May 14**  
(No class Feb. 19 & Apr. 2)

**10:00 - 10:45 AM**

**Large Meeting Room**

**Program Fee: FREE**  
**Pre-registration required**



## NUTRITION CLASSES **FREE**

Join Cornell Cooperative Extensions Nutrition Educator, Allyssa VanValkenburg, for our nutrition classes. Classes will have a food demonstration with samples and recipes.

### Wednesdays

**February 25 - Cooking for 1 or 2**

**March 25 - Healthy Heart**

**April 22 - Bone & Joint Health**

**12:30 - 1:30 PM  
Annex**

**Please Pre-registration for each day.**


**FREE**

**Wednesdays  
1:00 - 3:00 PM  
Gates Recreation  
Room A**

Join us to play Bunco monthly. Don't know how come the first day and learn how easy it is.

**January 14 - Introductory Session  
Contest begins on January 21  
and will continue February 18, March 18,  
April 22 and May 20.**

**Prizes will be awarded at May session.**

## MAH JONGG

We play with the standard hands and rules of the National Mah Jongg League. Want to learn? Join us and we will have a teaching table.



### Mondays

**(no class Jan. 19, Feb. 16 & May 25)**

**1:00 - 4:00 PM**

**Gates Recreation Room A**

## EUCHRE

**Competitive Group**

**Mondays**

**(no class Jan. 19, Feb. 16 & May 25)**

**10:30 AM - 2:30 PM**

**Gates Town Hall Annex**

**Non-Competitive Group**

**Wednesdays**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Gates Town Hall Annex**



## BRIDGE

**Wednesdays  
1:00 - 3:30 PM**

**Gates Town Hall Large  
Meeting Room**

**\$2 to the instructor per visit**



## BINGO

**Tuesdays and  
Thursdays**

**1:00 - 2:00 PM**

**Gates Town Hall Annex**

**\$1 per visit at the door**

## HOOK N' NEEDLES

**Knitting & Crocheting Group**

Join us for a morning of needle work and socialization. Want to learn to knit or crochet? Come join us and we will teach you how.

**Wednesdays  
9:00 - 11:30 AM  
Gates Recreation  
Rec Center**



## UKULELE CLUB

This club meets weekly all year long, practicing songs from all eras of music. We have both experienced musicians and those that are new to playing ukulele. We also have a few ukuleles to loan out if you are interested in learning. The club occasionally performs at events around the community. The best way to see what we are all about is to stop by and check us out!

**Every Tuesday  
9:30 - 10:30 AM  
Gates Town Hall Annex**



# Adult Services

## HICAP

**Health Insurance, Counseling & Assistance program.**  
**Call (585) 325-2800**  
**8:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

## Eldersource Care

**An Eldersource Care Manager can provide information & guidance on various elder issues.**  
**Call (585) 244-8400 for appt.**

## Medical Transportation

**Transportation available for medical appointments**  
**(9:30 AM - 3:30 PM).**  
**For Gates senior 55+ residents only.**  
**Call (585) 429-8289**

## Lifespan

**A social worker from Lifespan will be in the annex from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**on January 8, February 12,**  
**March 5 & April 2.**  
**Call (585) 244-8400 for appt.**

## AARP Defensive Driving

### Upcoming Classes

**January 7 & 9**  
**March 11 & 13**  
**May 13 & 15**

**Pre-registration is required.**  
**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM each day.**  
**\$25 for AARP Members, \$30 for non members**  
**Please call the Recreation Department at**  
**(585) 429-8289 to register.**

## Westside Express

**Westside Express provides transportation needs for Gates and Chili residents.**  
**Appointments must be scheduled two weeks in advance. Volunteers drive their own vehicles. For more information, please call (585) 889-6104 and a dispatcher will return your call.**

## AARP Tax Preparation

Free tax preparation for adults 50 years and older. Volunteers will be available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays beginning in February by appointment only. To make an appointment, call (585) 429-8289 on the appropriate day below. Appointments will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.



**Wednesday, January 21 -**  
**Gates Residents only**

**Friday, January 23 -**  
**Non Residents**



# 60+ Lunch Program



**TUESDAYS,  
WEDNESDAYS, &  
THURSDAYS  
LUNCH IS  
SERVED AT 11:30AM**

## Transportation

Our Recreation bus is available to pickup any town resident ages 50 or older or those with disabilities. Pickup times will be approximately between 10-11 AM and return trips home will begin at 2:00 PM. Call (585) 429-8289 between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM to reserve a seat on the bus for the days you would like to be picked up.

## Lunch Program details:

Gates Recreation & Parks, in partnership with Monroe County Office for the Aging, provides lunches for the members of our community that are 60 years of age or older. It is preferred that lunch is preordered 10 days ahead of time by calling (585) 429-8289 or by signing up in the annex or Recreation & Parks office. If you are not pre-registered, lunch will only be available on a first come, first serve basis. The suggested contribution for lunch is \$3.50. A monthly lunch and activity schedule is available. We offer a variety of activities throughout the year. Bingo is played Tuesday & Thursday afternoons starting at 1:00 PM. Transportation is available for any Gates resident on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.



THIS PROGRAM IS FUNDED IN PART BY MONROE COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING, NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING, US ADMINISTRATION ON AGING, AND PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Visit our website ([www.gatesrec.org](http://www.gatesrec.org)) for specific information on each park and how to rent one of our facilities.

## **ENCLOSED SHELTERS:**

**HOURS OF OPERATION:**  
9:00 AM - 9:30 PM

**MONDAY - THURSDAY**  
**RESIDENTS - \$120**  
**NON-RESIDENTS - \$240**

**FRIDAY - SUNDAY**  
**RESIDENTS - \$150**  
**NON-RESIDENTS - \$300**



**WESTGATE PARK**  
**1489 HOWARD RD**



**MEMORIAL PARK**  
**160 SPENCERPORT RD**



**LIONS PARK**  
**100 KENTUCKY AVE**

## **OPEN PICNIC PAVILIONS:**

**HOURS OF OPERATION:**  
10:00 AM - 9:00 PM (MAY - OCTOBER)

**MONDAY-THURSDAY**  
**RESIDENTS - \$60**  
**NON-RESIDENTS - \$120**

**FRIDAY - SUNDAY**  
**RESIDENTS - \$75**  
**NON-RESIDENTS - \$150**



**WEGMAN RD PARK**  
**510 WEGMAN RD**



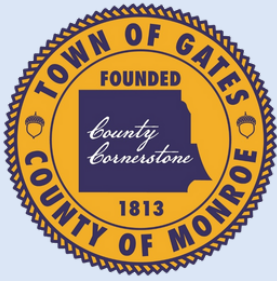
**MEMORIAL PARK**  
**160 SPENCERPORT RD**



**FIRST RESPONDERS PARK**  
**4310 LYELL ROAD**

**REFUND/CHANGE OF DATE FEE POLICY:**  
NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE UNLESS NOTIFICATION OF CANCELLATION IS GIVEN 14 CALENDAR DAYS IN ADVANCE. THE PROCESSING FEE FOR ALL RESERVATION REFUNDS IS \$25. THERE IS A \$20 CHARGE FOR CHANGES OF DATE OR LOCATION. ANY DATE CHANGE MUST ALSO BE RECEIVED 14 CALENDAR DAYS IN ADVANCE.

**THE PRICE OF OUR ENCLOSED SHELTERS INCREASES ON HOLIDAYS. TO SEE MORE PHOTOS OF OUR PARKS, VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE. YOU CAN ALSO CALL OUR OFFICE TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE THE SHELTER IN PERSON.**



Town of Gates  
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Rochester, NY 14624  
(585) 247-6100  
townofgatesny.gov

RECREATION PROGRAM  
REGISTRATION  
BEGINS JANUARY 5  
*GATESREC.ORG*

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

GATES HISTORICAL SOCIETY.....	464-9740
GATES GARDEN CLUB.....	733-7331
GATES PUBLIC LIBRARY.....	247-6446
GATES CHILI CONTINUING ED.....	247-5345
TOTAL SPORTS EXPERIENCE.....	458-4263
WESTSIDE FAMILY YMCA.....	247-3501

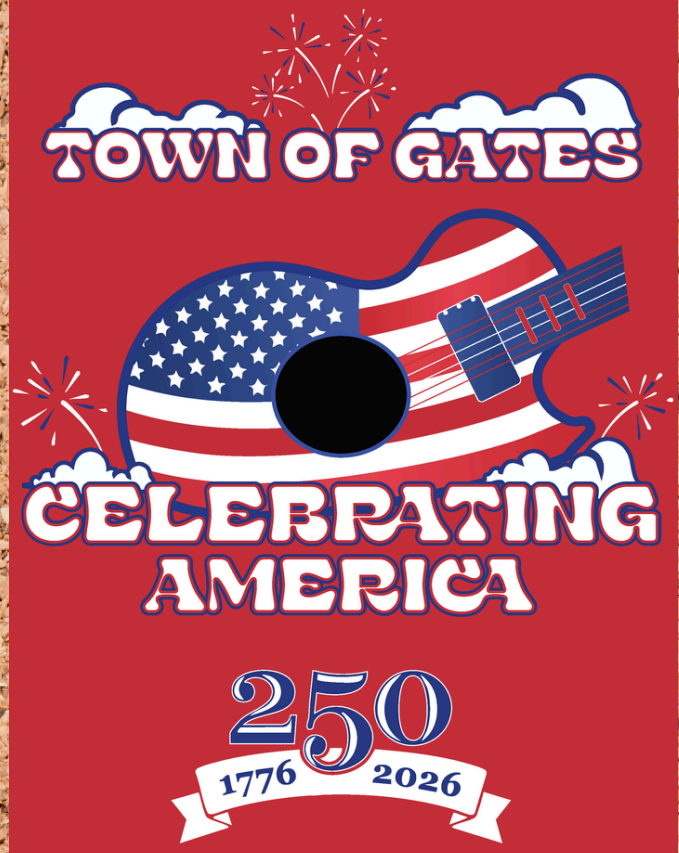
**WINTER/SPRING SPECIAL EVENTS:**

WINTERFEST HOCKEY  
JANUARY 31

SLEDDING WITH PARKER  
FEBRUARY 7

ANIMAL EXPLORERS  
MARCH 7

EASTER EGG HUNT  
APRIL 4



June 27, 2026  
Parade/Music/Fireworks