

Fall 2023 News



Essex County Trails & Sails

Trails & Sails is a 10-day FREE event series Sept 15-24 in Essex County that shows off all the great projects and programming being done to help make this area such a special place. With more than 7,000 participants annually, many of whom are local, Trails & Sails is a great opportunity to get out and explore more areas of Essex Co with your friends and neighbors.

Homestead Hike! Come join BTA/BOLT and Boxford Recreation Committee for a guided hike to explore the Boxford State Forest and learn about the history of some Boxford homesteads. This event is also co-hosted by Robin Siegel from the Boxford Historic Document Center who will be giving a talk about the area of Bald Hill in the Boxford State Forest. The Boxford State Forest parking lot on Middleton Rd. If coming from East Boxford Center, it is just after #196 Middleton Rd, on the right side. And if coming from the Endicott Rd (Masco) end of Middleton Rd, it is just after passing MoonPenny Rd, and on the left.

Wear comfortable walking shoes, bring bug spray and if you'd like, water. The hike is approximately 3.5mi round trip and bugs are ATROCIOUS at the moment, bug spray and cover are a MUST!!

If the weather is very inclement we will cancel and will post on our website www.btabolt.org and on the Recreation Committee website.

For more information visit WWW.TRAILSANDSAILS.ORG

Playground Safety Form

Have you visited a playground recently and noticed it was in need of repair? Our committee wants to make sure all play areas are safe.

Just complete our form to submit any observed damage or safety concerns. The information submitted is confidential. Responses will be reported to the DPW for further evaluation. We aim to work closely with the DPW to maintain the playgrounds.

Use the link below to access the form.

<https://forms.gle/SvgErzhqYagrTrTd8>

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Wildcat 5K Trail Run

The Danvers YMCA will host the Wildcat 5K Trail run on Oct 7. 10:00 a.m. 5K Run starts, followed by walkers & wagggers. The race starts at the Danvers YMCA Stile Pond Camp with run through Boxford's Wildcat Trail, 4a Stiles Pond Road. The cost is 5K Run-\$30 (18+); \$50 for 2 same household; 5K Walk/Wag-\$20; \$10 for youth; 10 and under free. Post-race fun includes free fall treats, music, fun for everyone, and an amazing view! Pre-register by September 15, to guarantee a race t-shirt. You can also register at Stiles Pond on race day. To register click [here](#).

Seeking members!

The Recreation Committee is seeking 2 additional members!

See the description below for more information on the role of the Recreation Committee.

Contact Leanne Mihalchik for more details or to join our group!
Lmihalchik@town.boxford.ma.us

The Boxford Recreation Committee oversees the maintenance of all the athletic fields in Town, except for the BAA baseball field at Stiles Pond. The Boxford DPW Parks and Recreation department actually does the maintenance. The tennis courts behind the Boxford Police Station also come under the Recreation Committee. The Town-owned parcel of land between Stiles Pond and Main Street, north of the Danvers Y Camp, is known as Camp Sacajewea and is managed by the Recreation Committee. The Boxford Trails system, maintained by BTA/BOLT and the Boxford Bay Circuit Program Committee, has a representative on the Recreation Committee. Visit <https://www.town.boxford.ma.us/recreation-committee> for more information.

BAA Fall News



See below for information regarding Masco Youth Basketball

Come check out our Masco Youth Hockey table:
Saturday, September 16
Boxford Apple Festival
10 am - 3 pm

MITE DEVELOPMENT

Registration is open - No tryouts - Season will begin in October.

LEARN TO SKATE / LEARN TO PLAY

Registration is open - No tryouts - Season will begin on September 16th

<https://www.mascohockey.com/>

Tennis/Pickleball Courts

Court Reservation:

<https://boxfordcourts.skedda.com/booking>.

Courts are located behind the Boxford Police Station. Parking in the lot behind the station.

For more information on how to book or cancel a court and to view guidelines for court usage click the following link:

<https://www.town.boxford.ma.us/recreation-committee/pages/tennis-pickleball>

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BTA/BOLT Updates

BTA/BOLT continues to be hard at work making sure the trails in town are cleared and safe for use. In addition to bridge trail clearance, they are also keeping up with bridge maintenance.

The annual BTA/BOLT Pumpkin Hunt will be held on Sunday, October 29th. Festivities start at 10:45 am and pumpkin hunting starts promptly at 11 am. Located at Cargill Field (corner of Main St and Middleton Rd.) This is a **free** event that includes the pumpkin hunt, donuts, cider, and a hayride.

Parking is located at Harry Lee Cole School.

The Center at 10 Elm

The Center at 10 Elm offers a variety of recreation opportunities for all ages in the beautiful, peaceful new building.

Fitness classes such as yoga and chair yoga, strength training, and Qigong are offered.

Other activities include meet-ups for Bridge and Mahjogg.

Visit the [Boxford Council on Aging website](#) for more information on their programs.

www.town.boxford.ma.us/council-aging

Click [here](#) to read their September 2023 newsletter.

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If your son or daughter would like to participate in the Masco Youth Basketball Program for the 2023/2024 season, please register at:
<https://www.mascoyouthbasketball.com/>

Registrations are currently open but will switch to Late Mode on October 13th. Please register before Oct 13th to avoid any late fees.

The Masco Youth Basketball program serves children from Boxford, Middleton and Topsfield, in Grades 1 through 8. The program offers an Intramural League for 1st Graders through 8th Graders, and a Travel League for 5th Graders through 8th Graders.

Regardless of whether your child plans to play Intramural, Travel, or both, ALL players must register for Masco Youth Basketball at the above link.

The Travel Tryouts will be held in mid-October and if your child makes a travel team, a separate travel registration link will be sent to parents of players who make a travel team. Total cost of travel basketball is \$300.

The Intramural Program begins in mid-November. Total cost of Intramural basketball is \$75. More details will follow after Registration has closed. Inquiries can be e-mailed to mascoyouthbasketball@gmail.com.

2023-2024 TRAVEL BASKETBALL TRY-OUT DATES + TIMES:

- *4th Grade Boys: Tuesday 10/10 + Wednesday 10/25 6:00-7:15pm
- 5th Grade Boys: Wednesday 10/11 + Monday 10/16 6:00-7:15pm
- 6th Grade Boys: Tuesday 10/17 + Monday 10/23 6:00-7:15pm
- 7th Grade Boys: Wednesday 10/11 + Monday 10/16 7:30-8:45pm
- 8th Grade Boys: Tuesday 10/17 + Monday 10/23 7:30-8:45pm
- 5th Grade Girls: Tuesday 10/10 + Wednesday 10/25 6:00-7:15pm
- 6th Grade Girls: Wednesday 10/18 + Tuesday 10/24 6:00-7:15pm
- 7th Grade Girls: Tuesday 10/10 + Wednesday 10/25 7:30-8:45pm
- 8th Grade Girls: Wednesday 10/18 + Tuesday 10/24 7:30-8:45pm

All Try-outs are held at the Masco Fieldhouse unless otherwise noted. Attendance at one session is required; attendance at both sessions is highly recommended. Wear sneakers + a t-shirt; bring water + a ball.

* First year 4th grade pilot travel team; if your child makes this team, they are required to play intramurals and travel.

WILDCAT 5K TRAIL

RUN.WALK.WAG

\$ PRIZES FASTEST M/F • AGE GROUP AWARDS • FALL FOOD & RAFFLES!

F R E E
CIDER DONUTS,
SWEET TREATS
& RAFFLES
FOR ALL!



Hosted by
The Danvers YMCA

Get wild to give the gift of
camp to a local child in need
& support local trails!

♀ Wild Kitten Fun Run

Raffle for
Dog participants
too!



Race shirt &
Fall Treats for
all!

OCTOBER 7, 2023

10:00am Start, Reg Opens at 8:30

Chip Timing by

100% of proceeds go back into the community and giving the gift of camp to a child in need.
Danvers Community YMCA- www.danversymca.org