History Of Sunset Park
Sunset Park derives its name from the vantage point on a hill facing west toward Upper New York Bay. The bluff of Sunset Park affords a thrilling view of the harbor, including the rugged skyline of Manhattan, the inspiring Statue of Liberty, the green hills of Staten Island, and New Jersey, and the diverse neighborhoods in the 1600s. The land remained relatively undeveloped until the beginning of the 19th century when Irish immigrants settled the area. In the 1880′s and the 1890′s a large Scandinavian community was established. The first parcel of land for this property was acquired in 1891 by the City of Brooklyn for the purpose of a park. By 1905 Sunset Park had been expanded to its present size. Rustic retaining walls, a man made pond, a six-hole golf course, a neoclassic shelter, and a carousel were original features of the park developed between 1898 and 1911. Landscaping included numerous conifers and vines. Large groups of rhododendrons were planted near the pond. In 1935 a new park design was implemented, and the pond, golf course shelter and carousel were removed.

The Sunset Park Pool and the Play Center was opened in 1936 as part of the massive Works Progress Administration (WPA) capital construction program. Architect Aymar Embury II created a neoclassical / Art Deco design for Sunset pool. The vertical columns and diamond-motif brickwork were typical of many park buildings of the (WPA) era. Sunset pool was one of the eleven outdoor public pools that opened throughout New York City in one summer. The pools were among the most remarkable public recreational facilities in the country; they represented the forefront of design and technology. The influence of the pools extended throughout the entire communities; attracting aspiring and neighborhood children and changing the ways millions of New Yorkers spent their leisure time. Sunset pool received an extensive $5 million restoration in 1984, including reconstruction of the pool, bath house, comfort station, and installation of a new filtration system. The playground was expanded in 1988 with new play equipment such as the sunburst spray fountain and kindergarten swings. Several benches were added to the perimeter of the play area. Students from school district 15 designed and painted the murals inside the bathhouse to portray their park, their neighborhood, and their city.

Register for Membership
Monday to Friday
9 am—9 pm
Saturday
10 am—3 pm
Gov’t Photo ID & Proof of Address required.
16 & 17 year olds must have School ID & Birth Certificate.
Kids 15 & under must be accompanied by parent.
Parent must have child’s Birth Certificate.
Ages
17 & Under ……….. Free
18—54 ……….. $50
($25 for 6 months)
55 & Over ……….. $10
Payment by credit card, money order or check.
No starter card accepted;
No out of state checks accepted.
Payable to N.Y.C. Parks & Recreation
Hours of Operation
Monday–Friday: 8 am—10 pm
Saturday: 8 am—5 pm
Manager: Karen Gripper
Deputy Manager: James Graham
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**Quilting Classes**
Learn how to make a quilt whether you are a beginner or an advanced quilter. Fun and easy step by step instructions with an experienced instructor.

- **Monday**
  - 9 am—2 pm

**Boot Camp**
Tuesday & Thursday
7 pm—8 pm

**Computer Classes**
Basic in Computers

- **Monday**
  - 7:30 pm—9 pm
  - Wednesday
  - 10 am—11:30 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
Adult/Senior Free Time: 1 pm—2 pm
Children: 3 pm—6 pm
Teens: 6 pm—7:45 pm
Adult/Senior Free Time: 6 pm—7:45 pm

**Gymnasium**
Monday thru Friday
Teens (17 & Under): 6 pm—8 pm
Adults (18 & Older): 8 pm—9:30 pm
Saturday
Adults/Seniors: 8 am—10 am
Children: 10 am—1 pm
Teens/Adults: 2 pm—4 pm

**Afterschool Program**
- Homework Assistance
- Visual Arts
- Dance/Drama
- Computer Classes
- Fitness/Gym
- Soccer, Basketball, & more
- Lending Library
- ESL Tutoring
- ELA Tutoring

**Teen Activities**
Monday - Friday
- Game Nights
- Computers/Music Studio
- Air Hockey/Table Tennis
- College Tours
- Basketball Tournaments
- Special Events TBA

**Hip-Hop Classes**
Wednesday: 6 pm—7 pm
Saturday: 2 pm—3 pm

**C.O.N.O.**
Council of Neighborhood Organizations
Education, Recreation & Life Skills Programs
14 yrs - 21 yrs
Monday Thru Thursday
6 pm - 8 pm

**Adult/Senior Programs**
Table Tennis

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Promote strength, stamina, and flexibility
Chinese Exercise/Dance Classes
Monday thru Saturday
8 am—10 am

**Yoga/Pilates**
Instructor: Crystal Davis
Tuesday & Thursday
6:15 pm—7:15 pm

**AB Class**
Instructor: Ron Jones
Monday & Wednesday
7 pm—8 pm

**Weight Room**
Monday thru Friday
8 am—2 pm
6 pm—9:30 pm
Saturday
8 am—4 pm
Teens
Friday: 6 pm—8 pm
Saturday: 12 noon—2 pm