



The 'Tot Times' Newsletter

February 2017

Republic Parks & Recreation

Mark Your Calendar

- Feb. 3: Father/Daughter Dance
- Feb. 6: Toddler Open Gym
- Feb. 8: Toddler Tumbling (First Day of Session)
- Feb. 10: Tot Academy (First Day of Session)
- Feb. 13: Toddler Open Gym
- Feb. 15: Toddler Tumbling
- Feb. 17: Tot Academy
- Feb. 20: Toddler Open Gym
- Feb. 22: Toddler Tumbling
- Feb. 24: Tot Academy (Registration Opens for Next Session); Soccer Registration Deadline
- Feb. 27: Toddler Open Gym

Welcome our new Toddler Instructor, Jared

George

Jared grew up in Springfield where he fell in love with teaching at a young age. He co-founded a graphic arts club at Reed Middle School when he was a Senior at Hillcrest. After college, he moved back to Springfield where he started a family and took the job of a stay-at-home dad for several years. During that time, he started making comic books and teaching



about art and comics through the Greene County Library system. In 2015, he and his family moved to Republic where Jared quickly fell in love with the town from movie night at The Amp to enjoying the many parks Republic has to offer.

Taking his love of all things goofy, fun and energetic, Jared joined the team at Republic Parks and Recreation as the Toddler Instructor. He hopes to bring a fun spin on some of the established classes and also bring in some more fun with a few other classes geared toward getting the youth of Republic engaged and learning.

Father Daughter Dance

Registration is now open for the 13th Annual Father/Daughter Valentine Dance! The dance will be held on Friday, February 3 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Republic Community Center. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for pictures; music will begin at 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy refreshments (finger foods and beverages), music provided by a live DJ, pictures taken by a professional photographer, and LOTS OF FUN!

Registration for the event runs through the day of the event. The cost per couple (father & one daughter) is \$30.00 and \$15.00 for each additional daughter. Pre-registration is required and payment is due at the time of registration.

Father Daughter Valentine Dance

Friday,
February 3, 2017
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Republic Community Center
711 E. Miller Road

Pre-Registration is Required

\$25.00 Per Couple	\$30.00 Per Couple
\$10.00 Each Additional Daughter (If Registered by January 29)	\$15.00 Each Additional Daughter (If Registering Jan. 30-Feb.3)

Cost includes a complimentary 5x7 photo, finger foods, music provided by a live DJ, a goody bag for all daughters, and more!

For More Information Call 417-732-3500



Youth Soccer Registration Open Through February 24

The Republic Parks & Recreation Department is taking individual and team registrations for Youth Spring Soccer through February 24. This co-ed soccer league is open to children ages 3-12 (must be 3 years of age by March 21). Age divisions are as follows: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12 years. The eight-game season will begin on Tuesday, March 21. The league fee is \$275.00 per team with a \$25.00 discount for resident teams. Games are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Garoutte Field located at 210 E. Hines in Republic.

For more information, or to register an individual child, call (417) 732-3500 or stop by the Republic Community Center located at 711 E. Miller Road. All of our youth sports programs rely heavily on volunteer coaches to make them successful.

Toddler Open Gym

Toddler Open Gym is offered to toddlers ages 0-5 every Monday that Republic Schools are in session. Age appropriate toys and activities will be set up so toddlers can run off their energy! Our inflatable tiger bouncer is also up for the last hour of the program! A parent/guardian is required to stay and is encouraged to interact with their child. Toddler Open Gym will not be held when Republic Schools are out of session or on snow days. No registration is required.

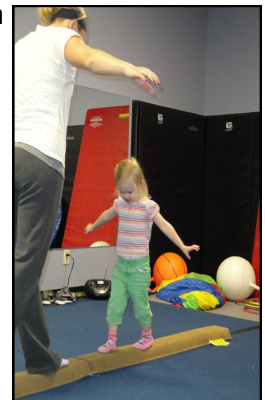
- Ages: 0-5 years
- Date: Mondays when Republic Schools are in session
- Time: 9:00—11:00 a.m.
- Location: Activities Building
- Fee: \$3.00 per toddler



New Toddler Tumbling Session Beginning in February

This class is open to toddlers ages 2-5 and covers basic tumbling, movement, balance and flexibility. Music and props are incorporated into each class, as well. One parent will be required to participate in the class with their toddler.

- Ages: 2-5 years
- Next Session: February 8—March 17
- Registration: Registration is open through February 8 or until full
- Class Times: Wednesdays 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. or 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
- Location: Activities Building



Tot Academy Begins in February



Tot Academy includes themed lessons, a story, activities/crafts and a snack. A new theme will accompany each four week session. Past themes include space, camping, and science. A parent/guardian is required to stay during this class.

- Ages: 2 - 5 year olds
- Next Session: February 10—March 3 (Theme: Pirates & Mermaids)
- Registration: Registration is open through February 10 or until full
- Class Times: Fridays from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. and 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.
- Location: Community Center
- Fees: \$20.00 per four week session



Additional Community Events:

Republic Branch Library (Call 732-7284 for more information):

- **Racing to Read Storytime: February 8, 10, 15, 22, 24, 28 at 10:00 a.m.** in the community room for infants - age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.
- **Pajama Storytime: Monday, February 13 at 7 p.m.** in the community room for infants-age 6. Wear your pajamas and cuddle up with a stuffed animal as you listen to stories and sing songs perfect for bedtime.
- **Mini Golf @ The Library: Friday, February 17 from 6-8 p.m.** for all ages. Come in from the cold and into the library after hours for a round of mini golf. We'll read "Curious George Plays Mini Golf" by H. A. Ray and eat a snack together before we play mini golf on our special course. All youth must be accompanied by an adult caregiver during this family event.

February Craft:

Sensory Rainbow:

You Will Need:

- White Paper
- Colored Markers (Colors of the Rainbow)
- Cotton Balls
- Glue
- Various colored craft supplies (Buttons, pom-poms, felt, foam, pipe cleaners, construction paper, etc.)



Instructions:

1. On the white paper, draw a rainbow with the colored markers.
2. Have the child glue on the cotton balls below the rainbow for the clouds.
3. Spread out the different craft supplies and have the child glue the supplies to the color of the rainbow that matches the color of the craft supplies.

Happy Valentine's Day