

Queens Library wants to raise awareness about the importance of a healthy lifestyle for Rockaways residents. Rockaways Summer of Health is a series of programs and events designed to educate and get the Rockaways fit and healthy. Participate in a variety of classes and workshops for a healthy lifestyle such as stress reduction, nutrition and exercise classes.



## **Rockaways Health Facts**

#### High blood pressure and high cholesterol contributes to heart disease.

- 33% of adults were told by a health care professional that they have high blood pressure which is higher than Queens and NYC overall at 26%.\*
- Rockaways residents had an average annual heart disease hospitalization rate in 2003-2004 that was 30% higher than the Queens rate and 20% higher than the rate in NYC.\*

## Obesity can lead to a variety of health problems, including heart disease and diabetes.

- 26% of adults are more likely to be obese while 19% of adults in Queens and 20% of all adults New York City are likely to be obese.\*
- 9% of adults have diabetes.\* Type 2 diabetes is strongly associated with obesity and can worsen the effects of high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and other risk factors for heart disease.

# Physical activity helps people maintain a healthy weight and strengthens the cardiovascular system.

- More than 4 in 10 Rockaways residents (44%) report not doing any physical activity.
- Only about one third of Rockaways residents (37%) report exercising at least 3 days a week.

\*Data Source: NYC Community Health Survey 2002

## **ROCKAWAYS SUMMER OF HEALTH BEACH WALK**

**Beach Boardwalk from 12th Street to 26th Street** 

Saturday, August 22

**10:00 AM: Skateboarding and Health (Skate Park)** 

10:30 AM: Zumba Class (Beach)

10:30 AM: Kite Making (Beach)

11:00 AM: Kite Flying (Beach)

11:00 AM: Yoga (Beach)

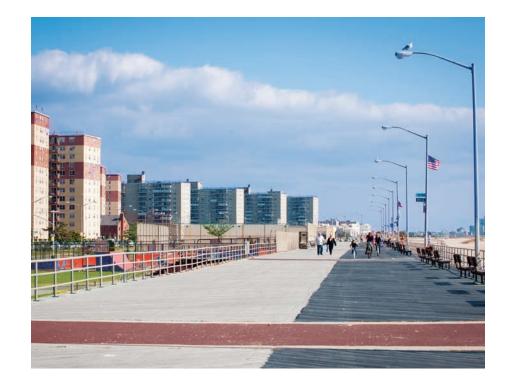
12:00 PM: Lawn Games (Beach)

12:00 PM: Soccer Clinic for Kids (Beach)

12:30 PM: Dance Party (Beach)



Celebrate the end of the Rockaways Summer of Health with a fitness walk along the boardwalk. Start out with 1 mile walk along the boardwalk and enjoy refreshments, classes and other activities for the entire family.



## **SEASIDE**

## 116-15 Rockaway Beach Boulevard, 718-634-1876

### Tuesday July 7 11:00AM

## Reducing Stress through Meditation

Dr. Frank Pawlowski discusses the extraordinary effect meditation has to reduce stress-related responses, improve concentration, and enhance clarity of thought and mental equilibrium.

## Thursday, August 13

#### **Free Blood Pressure Screenings**

Stay healthy with Queens Library through free blood pressure screenings offered by the Visiting Nurse Service.

# Tuesday, August 11 3:00PM

### Thursday, August 13 @ 3:00PM

Yoga with Jill Ackiron Moses

Come enjoy the benefits of yoga with instructor Jill Ackiron Moses! Please wear exercise attire. The first 10 participants will receive a free yoga mat! This program is made possible with a generous grant from the Jacob and Valeria Langeloth Foundation.

## Monday, August 10 3:00PM

# Wednesday, August 12 3:00PM

#### **Zumba: Dance for Your Health**

Come join Certified Zumba Instructor, Maxine Davis, in a Latin-inspired dance exercise class. Zumba involves dance and aerobic elements. The choreography incorporates hip-hop, soca, samba, salsa, merengue and mambo. Squats and lunges are also included. Approximately 15 million people take weekly Zumba classes in over 200,000 locations across more than 185 countries.



## **ARVERNE**

### 312 Beach 54 Street, 718-634-4784

### Monday, July 20 1:00PM

### **Free Blood Pressure Screenings**

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## Monday, July 20 4:00PM

### **Healthy Cooking with Spices**

Want to spice up your life? Learn to cook with them!

### Thursday, July 23 5:00PM

#### **Zumba: Dance for Your Health**

Join certified Zumba Instructor Priya Massand for a Latin-inspired dance exercise class.

### Wednesday, July 22 4:00PM

#### **Pounds Fitness**

Channel your inner performer and rock your body with this modernday fusion of movement and music! Teens will drum along to music using weighted drumsticks at this fun-filled workout.

## **BROAD CHANNEL**

## 16-26 Cross Bay Boulevard, 718-318-4943

# Monday, August 3 5:00PM

# **Guided Meditation to Improve Well-Being**

Guided meditation calms the mind and relaxes the body. People who practice meditation regularly experience reduced levels of stress and increased inner peace and welling. Our instructor will help you focus on relaxing the mind, and making positive mental changes.

## Tuesday, August 4 4:00PM

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## **FAR ROCKAWAY**

1637 Central Avenue, 718-327-2549

# Wednesday, August 19 3:00PM

## **POUND Fitness: Cardio Jam Session**

POUND is a full-body cardio jam session that combines light resistance with constant simulated drumming. The 45-minute workout fuses cardio, Pilates, plyometrics, and isometric movements and poses. Burn calories and tone your body while rocking out to your favorite music!

# Wednesday, August 19 2:00PM

#### **How to Start Exercising**

Get started achieving your fitness goals in a supportive environment with personal trainer Jill Ackiron Moses! This program is made possible with a generous grant from the Jacob and Valeria Langeloth Foundation.



## **PENINSULA**

92-25 Rockaway Beach Boulevard, 718-990-8502

Thursday, July 16 3:00PM

#### **Nutrition 101**

Good nutrition
can help you prevent
or overcome health
challenges. Learn which foods
help your body achieve optimal
functioning and a higher level of
wellness than you may have ever
known.



#### **Exercise Club**

Get started achieving your fitness goals in a supportive environment with personal trainer Jill Ackiron Moses!

## **QUEENS LIBRARY FOR TEENS**

2002 Cornaga Ave, 718-471-2573

### Monday, July 27 3:30PM

### **Teen Hygiene for Boys**

What is good hygiene and how does it relate to good health? Find out at this workshop, for teen guys only!

## Tuesday, July 28 3:30PM

## **Teen Hygiene for Girls**

What is good hygiene and how does it relate to good health? Find out at this workshop, for girls only!

## Wednesday, July 29 4:00PM

## Healthy Lifestyle: An Open House and Health Panel Discussion

We are celebrating the Rockaway Summer of Health with a special panel discussing careers, nutrition and fitness. All ages can visit the Teen Center for this "quality of life" experience. Refreshments will be served and tours of the center will take place throughout the afternoon.