

SAYREVILLE RECREATION

RECREATION COMPASS



As winter settles in, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude for the continued support of our recreation programs and events.

We had a very successful year; including the addition of indoor mini golf in February, the return of a Sayreville tradition with the Bomber Bonfire, our new weekly Farmer's Market, and our monthly Cruisin at Kennedy Park Car Shows. And, of course, we hosted long-established community events you look forward to every year: Independence Day Celebration and Sayreville Day, among others.

This season, let's take time to enjoy the simple pleasures that winter brings, whether it's a walk through the snow, a warm cup of cocoa, or connecting with friends and neighbors.

Thank you for being a part of our wonderful community. Your participation and enthusiasm make all the difference. Wishing you a peaceful, joyful, and healthy winter season!

Parade of Lights Welcomes Holiday Season

The **Holiday Parade of Lights** was a dazzling success, bringing joy and festive spirit to our community!

With over 30 marching organization and bands, and twinkling light displays, the parade was a truly magical experience for all ages.

Parade watchers were treated to hot chocolate and cookies, musical performances, and a ride on the mechanical reindeer.



Bomber Bonfire Lights The Night

New to the Sayreville Recreation calendar this year, the **Bomber Bonfire** was a fantastic evening of community fun and warmth!

Held at War Memorial Park, the event featured a giant bonfire, a DJ, and a dazzling performance from a fire dancer!

We were glad to reignite this proud Sayreville tradition and open the event to the entire community. We can't wait to light the night again next year!



Junior Journalist

Hit the Bricks 5k

The Hit the Bricks 5k is such a great experience. I've done it for two years now and it is so fun!

They provide donuts and bagels after the race, and the race raises money for the town and other causes.

The course is fun and I love running the nature preserve.

-Sophia, age 13

Runners Hit the Bricks for a Fall 5k Run

The **Hit the Bricks 5K** was a tremendous success, with nearly 50 participants lacing up their shoes for a fun and challenging run through the scenic Capik Nature Preserve. Runners of all ages and abilities enjoyed the beautiful fall weather and vibrant atmosphere, making it a memorable event for the entire community.

Thank you to the sponsors and runners who raised money to **support the Sayreville BIC**.

Female Open Top 3

1. Morgan Koonce (21:46)
2. Sophia Stanley (22:10)
3. Kristen Hager (24:08)

Male Open Top 3

1. Gregory Kuczynski (18:40)
2. Mark Parisen (19:31)
3. Brian Tyska (22:47)

Ghosts, and Goblins at the Trunk or Treat & Zombie Carnival

Our Trunk or Treat and Zombie Carnival was a spooktacular hit this year, bringing together families for a night of fun and fright!

The **Trunk or Treat** featured creatively decorated cars, offering treats to many excited trick or treaters, while the **Zombie Carnival** was packed with thrilling and haunting games.

A big thank you to all the organizations who decorated a trunk and distributed candy. We can't wait to see you all again next year for even more ghoulishly good fun!



Junior Journalist
Trunk or Treat

*I love the candy. I love the costumes.
I love the games. I can't wait for the
next Trunk or Treat!*

-Blake, age 8



Sayreville Day Brings Community Together

Sayreville Day was a heartwarming celebration of togetherness, bringing residents of all ages together for a day of fun, connection, and shared experiences.

The event featured live music, local food vendors, games, and activities that highlighted the spirit of collaboration and camaraderie in our town.

It was inspiring to see so many neighbors coming together to celebrate what makes our community so special.

Car Shows Raise Money For Sayreville BIC & Food Bank

Thanks to the generosity of our participants, the **Cruisin at Kennedy Park** and **Blast from the Past** car shows raised \$2,000 for the Sayreville BIC and donated many non-perishable food items for the food bank.

