

# *The Community House School*

The CH is home to The Community House School, founded in 1927. The school is a nonprofit, nonsectarian educational organization, licensed by the New York City Department of Health and registered with the New York State Board of Regents. The school has an accredited Kindergarten as well as a variety of preschool programs.

The school encourages learning through socialization, cooperation and experimentation. Teachers are licensed and certified. All staff attend continuing education courses throughout the year. In addition to our classroom, we have a Creative Movement Teacher and a Music Teacher.

Facilities include a secure, outdoor play yard, large and small gym, large kitchen for cooking lessons and an auditorium with stage and professional lighting.

Your child's name must be placed on a waiting list in advance of registration. In mid-January, an appointment will be made for you to come and visit the school.

Registration will follow. The school year runs from September through June.

For further information, please call:  
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*Hello, Neighbor!* Welcome to The Community House (CH) in Forest Hills Gardens. The CH is an 80 year old nonprofit, nonsectarian recreational facility for residents of Forest Hills and surrounding neighborhoods. It provides a common meeting place and it offers constructive activities and programs for children and activities and social events for adults.

We offer numerous activities for children including an After School Program, Summer Program, swim lessons, martial arts classes, basketball and soccer clinics, as well as opportunities for community service. We plan fun family activities throughout the year. The annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon and Father-Son event are examples of long-standing CH traditions. For adults, we have sports programs, yoga classes, special events and social activities.

Our "official season" begins in the Fall with the Members' Barbecue and Annual Meeting, the Mother-Daughter Luncheon, followed in December with a Family Holiday Party, the Father-Son event, the "Taste of Forest Hills" Wine & Food Sampling as well as other fun filled activities.

The facilities of The Community House include a large gym/auditorium with stage and professional lighting, game room, professional kitchen, Smith Hall and adjacent Tea Room (available for rental), and a heated, indoor swimming pool (20' x 60') with locker room facilities and showers.

Visit us on the web: [www.thecommunityhouse.net](http://www.thecommunityhouse.net)

**Office Hours:** The office is open Monday through Saturday at 9 am. Depending on nighttime activities, the closing times may vary. Schedules are sent out monthly in the *CH Chatter via e-mail*, and are posted in the CH lobby. The CH is closed on Sundays.

**Pool:** The pool is located on the lower level of the Community House. Qualified and certified lifeguards are on duty to maintain order and follow safety rules. The N.Y.C. Department of Health inspects the pool annually and we are meticulous about following regulations. Members can even rent the pool for parties! Please contact the office if you are interested in renting the pool.

**Guests:** We welcome your guests at the CH, provided that you accompany them and are a member in good standing. In order to protect the value of your subscription, guests are permitted no more than three visits in a calendar year. The guest fee is \$10.00 per person per visit.

**Rental:** Subscribers may rent Smith Hall and the Tea Room at a reduced rate. The CH is the perfect setting for wedding receptions, anniversary parties and other occasions. Please call the office for details.

**After School Program:** The After School Program is open to Family membership children from grades Pre K - 6. The program is fully supervised and includes sports activities, arts and crafts, board games and homework assistance. The hours for the program are as follows: 3:00pm - 7:00pm for grades Pre-K through 6

There is a monthly fee per child for this program. Transportation from PS 101Q is available at an additional cost. Please see the Director for more details.

**Subscription Fees:** Application for membership to the Community House may be made at any time. Membership runs for a full 12 months. Subscribers are notified at least two weeks prior to the expiration of their membership. Renewals are due by the 15th of the following month. Membership privileges include free adult yoga classes and free martial arts classes for adults & children. There are also free basketball & soccer clinics for children. The membership fees are as follows:

**Application Fee** \$75.00

**Family Membership** - full family membership privileges and eligible to participate in the after school program \$750.00

**Special Family** - Families with all children age 3 and under OR families with all student children (8th grade or higher) \$625.00

**Couples** \$600.00

**Single Adult** \$450.00

**Adult Basketball Membership** \$200.00

Payment may be made by check or money order. Partial payments, or applications for subscriptions of less than 12 months, are not accepted. If you allow your membership to lapse and apply to return after a period of more than one year, a \$75.00 reinstatement fee will be added to the normal fee charged. If your membership is lapsed for less than one year and you wish to re-subscribe, there is no reinstatement fee.