

Mt. Olive Township Economic Development Committee Newsletter Q4 (2023)

This E-newsletter includes information about the economic development updates from Mt. Olive Township's Economic Development Committee, as well as resources and events that may be of interest to our business community. We encourage you to reach out to the Economic Development team if you have any additional questions or if we can be of assistance. Please email go to <https://www.mountolivetwpnj.org/economic-development-committee>

News Around Town:

Construction is now underway for the new WaWa being built on 206 south and Flanders-Netcong Rd. This project is projected to be completed in the mid to late Summer of 2024.



Mt. Olive Area Chamber of Commerce:

-What is the Mount Olive Area Chamber of Commerce?

- The Mt. Olive Area The Chamber of Commerce has over 125 members from Mt. Olive, Budd Lake, Flanders, Hackettstown, and Washington Township. The Chamber of Commerce is an organization of local area business owners and entrepreneurs who promote the interests of their local business community. The Chamber of Commerce also provides access to valuable resources and relationships that help local businesses save money and market their products.



-What is the mission of The Mount Olive Area?

- Our mission is to support the development of your professional network and to help promote your expertise and business capabilities among local business professionals. Also, to foster relationships with other professionals, enabling each other to grow and succeed, including networking, educational and informational events.

-Why should you join if you are a local business or entrepreneur?

- Joining the Chamber of Commerce can boost your sales and significantly improve a local business's visibility and credibility. Also, joining the Chamber of Commerce will help your business network with other local businesses in the area.

-Events at the Mt. Olive Chamber of Commerce holds throughout the year:

- **Marketing in the Morning:** Committee Chair **Patricia Singer** holds this monthly event that allows business owners to network, build relationships and present their business to everyone in attendance. We also feature 1 or 2 Chamber members in spotlight presentations.
- **Networking at Night:** Committee Chair **Patrice Schaffer** holds these events to provide a creative and fun environment to Network and make connections with other businesses. A great event to bridge the gap between your business and like-minded businesses.
- **Breakfast with the Mayors:** Committee Chair **Charles Aaron** hosts this yearly event where the mayors of Mount Olive, Hackettstown, and Washington townships, and other prominent individuals update our members on the political, social & economic changes and improvements to the area.
- **Business & Humanitarian Awards:** Committee Chairperson **Charles Aaron**
The Business and Humanitarian Awards (BAHA) are an annual evening event recognizing a chamber member as the Business Person of the Year and either an individual or entity as the Humanitarian of the Year.

-How can you join Mt. Olive Chamber of Commerce if you are a business in the local area?

- If you have questions prior to joining, feel free to email the Chamber President Chuck Aaron at president@mountolivechambernj.com
- Or you can go to the Mt.Olive Area Chamber of Commerce Website for more information: <https://mountolivechambernj.com> or to join now go to <https://mountolivechambernj.com/why-join/join-now/>

Personal Business Spotlight:

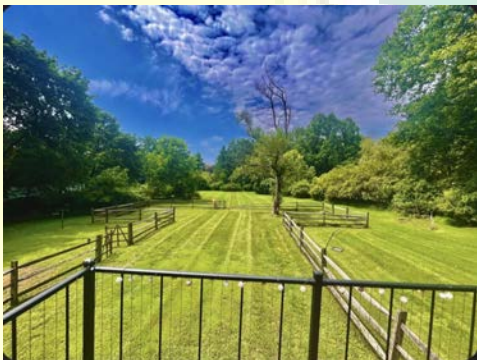
The Mt. Olive Economic Development Committee will continue to spotlight a personal business that is located within Mt. Olive, Flanders, or Budd Lake. This quarter the EDC will spotlight **SCR Landscape & Maintenance and Hunter Hall.**

SCR Landscape & Maintenance is owned and run by a local Mt. Olive resident Sebastian Rehm who has been landscaping since he was 17 years old. His dream has always been to start his own landscaping business that provides professional lawn care and hardscape services.

SCR Landscape & Maintenance is located in Mt. Olive provides residential services to the greater Mt. Olive area. This new landscaping and maintenance company provides services which includes grass cutting, edging, fertilizing, dethatching, aerating, mulching, pruning, seasonal cleanups and snow removal. SCR Landscape & Maintenance can also provide construction services such as patios, walkways, and stairs.

SCR Landscape & Maintenance look forward to working with the surrounding community and residents and hearing from you to provide any of the services listed above in the near future.

Phone: (908) 619-5624



Hunter Hall:

My name is Florencia Guzman. I am the director and founder of Hunter Hall. I come from a family of professional musicians where I represent the fourth generation of pianists. I always wanted to create a place for people to gather and enjoy art and music together. This is Hunter Hall's mission; we provide a space for people to collaborate with one another, to study, experience and enjoy classical music.

Hunter Hall creates a very approachable environment for classical music by offering an intimate concert setting in which every audience member sits close enough to easily see and hear the performer and where concert-goers can talk with the artist at our relaxed receptions afterwards. We normalize the experience of attending classical music concerts by removing any off-putting formality or fear of "doing things right" and transforming our concerts into comfortable, joyful and accessible experiences for everyone.

We work hard to program a range of local and international musicians in our quarterly concert series, with the goal of both supporting the artists and introducing their work to the local community of classical music appreciators that we bring together.

One of our main goals is to restore and rejuvenate the celebration of classical music both through our concert series and through teaching in a variety of settings. We offer private lessons and group music classes, and host innovative educational music programs for local private and public schools. We find ourselves in an age when cultural venues seek to rebuild a committed audience base that was shattered during covid lockdowns and children are more interested in playing video games than playing an instrument. We are proud of Hunter Hall's mission and ongoing work to keep classical music not just alive but thriving for both young people and adults.

Hunter Hall has presented in concert the world class violinist Alexander Markov, the living legend pianist Mikhail Voskresnsky, and the famous pianist Carlos Guzman. Our concert series 2023-2024 includes pianist Peter Toth, pianist Kim Ngan Nguyen, the duet with pianist Magrit Zimmermann, mezzo-soprano Christina Lamberti, the duet with pianist Maki Yoneta and violinist Claire Haidara, among others.



Transcending the Limits of Expression, One Note at a Time...



Website: HunterHallNj.com

Email: HunterHallNJ@gmail.com

Address: 50 Patricia Dr. Flanders

Phone: 201-344-1754

***Looking to promote your local business in town? Feature your business in our Business Spotlight! The Business Spotlight highlights the unique businesses that call Mt. Olive home. It's a great way to get your name out to the community and showcase your entrepreneurial journey. Please email Johncavanaugh@iis-corp.com.**

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Big Business Spotlight:

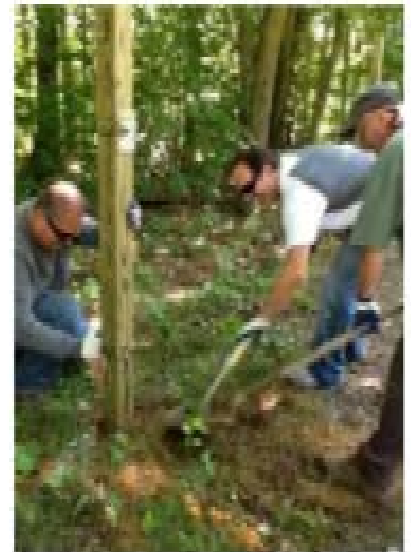
The Economic Development Committee would like to spotlight a big business that helps the local community and the surrounding towns of Mt. Olive, Flanders, or Budd Lake. This quarter the EDC will spotlight [Givaudan Fragrance Corp](#) (300 Waterloo Valley Road, Mt. Olive, NJ 07828).

Givaudan Fragrance & Beauty craft inspired fragrances to perfume lives and memories, and develop innovative beauty and wellbeing solutions that make people look and feel good all over the world. Nature is both our responsibility and our most precious muse. We are just as committed to sustainability as we are to creating innovative products that satisfy consumer needs and anticipate their desires.

With a collaborative approach that favors co-creation, we have built a diverse portfolio across personal care, fabric care, hygiene, home care, fine fragrances, and beauty, reflecting our multidisciplinary expertise.

The Givaudan production site located in Mount Olive, continuously works to stay active, engaged and involved in the community around us. Throughout the years of calling MTO our home, the team members at Givaudan have participated in many different community outreach activities. We were an instrumental part in maintaining the townships “Brail Trail” by painting & securing 150 bollards along the trail over a 3-day period.

MTO Brail Trail



We partner with the local chapter of the Salvation Army during the holiday season to participate in the Angel Tree Program. This initiative provides Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in local communities. Site-wide food Bank donations and charity 5K races are also just some of the outside activities that our team members participate in to help give back to the community around us.

MTO Salvation Army Angel Tree Project



With a heritage that stretches back over 250 years, we are committed to driving long-term, purpose-led growth by improving people's health and happiness and increasing our positive impact on nature. This is Givaudan. Human by nature.

Website: <https://www.givaudan.com/usa-mount-olive>

Phone Number: (973) 448-6500

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Grand Openings in Mt. Olive:

Mt Olive Mattress:

The Economic Development Committee would like to welcome Mt. [Olive Furniture Store](#) located at 453 US-46, Hackettstown (Located next to E-Z Storage).



Showroom Hours:

- MON: 10:00 AM TO 6:00 PM
- TUE: 10:00 AM TO 6:00 PM
- WED: APPOINTMENT ONLY
- THURS: APPOINTMENT ONLY
- FRI: 10:00 TO 6:00 PM
- SAT: 10:00 TO 6:00 PM
- SUN: 12:00PM to 5:00PM

Phone: (862) 362-0646

Website: <https://mtolivefurniture.com/>

Ross Department Store to ITC:

The EDC would also like to welcome the [Ross Store](#) to the ITC. You can find the Ross store at 30 International Dr. South (Next to TJ Maxx).



Hours:

- Monday: 9:30am TO 8pm
- Tuesday: 9:30am TO 8pm
- Wednesday: 9:30am TO 8pm
- Thursday: 9:30am TO 8pm
- Friday: 9am TO 8:30pm
- Saturday: 9am TO 8:30pm
- Sunday: 10am TO 9pm

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Mt. Olive would like to say “Howdy” to the Boot Barn:

Lastly, the EDC would also extend a welcome to the [Boot Barn](#). Located at 50 International Dr. South (Near the Walmart).



**BOOT
BARN®**



Mt. Olive Welcomes Ivy Rehab Physical Therapy:

The EDC would like to extend a warm welcome to [Ivy Rehab Physical Therapy of Mt. Olive.](#)
7 Naughtright Rd, Suite K (Located in the Retro Fitness Plaza).



Hours:

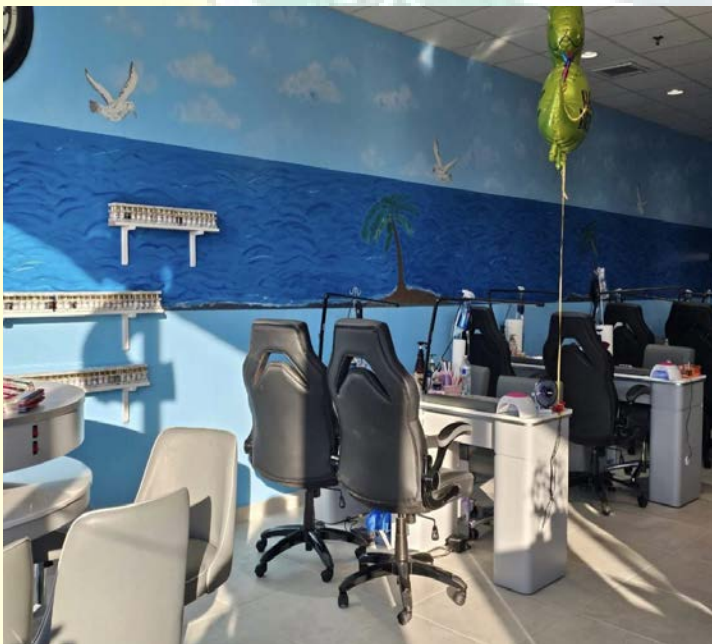
- Monday: 9am to 8pm
- Tuesday: 8am to 3pm
- Wednesday: 9am to 8pm
- Thursday: 8am to 3pm
- Friday: 9am to 5pm
- Saturday: Closed
- Sunday: Closed

Phone Number: 908-922-4722

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PHYSICAL THERAPY

Pro Nails & Spa 1:

The EDC would also like to give a very warm welcome to [Pro Nails & Spa 1](#), 50 International Dr S Unit D6 (Near the New Home Goods Store).



Hours:

- Monday through Friday: 9:30am to 7:30pm
- Saturday: 9:00am to 7:00pm
- Sunday: 10:00am to 5:00pm

Phone Number: (973) 527-7070

Website: pronailspaiflander.com

New Business Openings in Mt. Olive:

Mokssh Grocery Store (286 US-206, Flanders)



Mia Nonna's Cucina (380 Route 206, Flanders)



Lakeview Tex-Mex Sports Bar and Grill (331 US-46, Budd Lake)



Morris-Sussex-Warren Workforce Board

Offering Business Support Services:

The Morris-Sussex-Warren Workforce Development Board, is committed to providing needed funding, services, and resources to support business and to assist employers as they adapt operations, implement hiring initiatives, while retooling the upskilling of their workforce.



Where Can I Find Employees With Special Skills?

Recruitment and Hiring Initiatives:

- Assistance with job posting and talent search (local, state, and national market exchange: <https://newjersey.usnlx.com/>)
- Recruitment & marketing events to jobseekers
- Virtual Job Fairs- Promotion to jobseekers

To participate in the next job fair contact **Beth Rodgers**: brodgers@co.morris.nj.us

Can They Help Me With the Costs of Hiring?

On-the-Job Training (OJT)

- Funding is available to help cover the costs of training full-time hires. We'll reimburse up to 75% of each employee's salary for up to 6 months while individuals are being trained in their new position. There are no penalties should an employee not meet business requirements. Simple process with minimal paperwork.

Can They Help Me With Costs For Training My Employees?

Funding to Train Existing Employees

- Funding is available to support training initiatives for upskilling/cross training and/or to help the business remain competitive (**Employers receive up to \$5,000 per employee**).

How Will You Benefit From The Program?

- You decide who receives training
- You select the desired training, skills, or industry-recognized credential
- It's a simple process with minimal paperwork

What Else Might Strengthen My Workforce?

Work Opportunity Tax Credit

- Your business may need to advance users in technology, develop supervisors/managers, provide job specific skills or advanced credentials etc.

For more information contact Beth Rodgers, Associate Director of Business Services (973-631-5145) or email brodgers@co.morris.nj.us

Small Business Calculator Study

A recent study from the SmartAsset advisor company revealed (June 2023) the places in each state across the nation with the strongest small business practices. The study uses IRS data to calculate how much money small business income is generated in each county (relative to countrywide income), as well as how many small businesses are operating in each country. County's which scored the best in these metrics were the places which ranked highest in the study.

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For a closer look at top performing counties in New Jersey, check out the table below:

Rank	County, State	Small Business Returns	Small Business Income	Income Taxes	5 Year Change in Small Business Returns Index	5 Year Change in Small Business Income Index	Small Business Index
1	Monmouth, NJ	26.12%	12.12%	\$8,536	43.02	7.50	61.33
2	Hunterdon, NJ	26.98%	10.90%	\$8,536	42.19	7.37	60.42
3	Morris, NJ	25.99%	10.38%	\$8,536	42.57	7.37	59.07
4	Cape May, NJ	23.00%	12.22%	\$8,536	42.99	7.32	58.71
5	Somerset, NJ	24.88%	9.41%	\$8,536	43.69	7.67	57.36
6	Union, NJ	23.02%	8.67%	\$8,536	44.87	7.58	55.19
7	Ocean, NJ	20.91%	9.37%	\$8,536	46.13	7.34	54.45
8	Passaic, NJ	22.47%	8.13%	\$8,536	45.02	7.42	54.09
9	Mercer, NJ	21.03%	7.03%	\$8,536	45.16	7.45	51.64
10	Sussex, NJ	21.19%	7.39%	\$8,536	42.49	7.27	51.45
	New Jersey	22.70%	8.94%	\$9,013			

For more information about Smartasset go to:

<https://smartasset.com/checking-account/savings-calculator#newjersey>

Economic & Sustainable Development (ESD) Grants Program:

The Economic Development Committee wants to make Mt. Olive Township a more sustainable place to work, live, and play. There is an abundance of financial incentives in the form of grants and loans to communities interested in becoming environmentally sustainable. Here are some websites that can help local businesses with grants and loans:

- **Mt. Olive Township Planning & Zoning:** [Planning & Zoning | Mount Olive NJ \(mountolivetwpnj.org\)](http://Planning & Zoning | Mount Olive NJ (mountolivetwpnj.org))
- [New Jersey Economic Development Authority](#)
- [New Jersey State Department of Environmental Protection](#)
- [New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Sustainability Funding & Incentive Guide](#)
- [Sustainable Jersey \(Power Point Presentation\)](#)
- [Sustainable Jersey \(Grants\)](#)
- [United States Small Business Administration](#)
- [New Jersey's Clean Energy Program](#)



Emergency Announcement Services:

Morris County has moved to a new emergency management alert system called AlertMorris. In our town this emergency management alert system is called **AlertMTolive**. With AlertMTolive, you receive emergency alerts by email, text, phone, or whatever method of communication you prefer. To sign up go to <https://www.mountolivetwpnj.org/emergency-alerts>

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SIGN UP FOR FREE BY CLICKING HERE

Upcoming Mt. Olive Town Meetings:

- **Economic Development Committee Meetings**
The Economic Development Committee (EDC) meets the third Wednesday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m, currently meetings are held virtually over Zoom.
- **Mt. Olive Town Council Meetings**
The Mt. Olive Town Council meetings are held on two Tuesdays a month at 7:00 pm at the municipal building or can be viewed via YouTube (add link). The Town Council Agendas can be found at the [Mt. Olive Township Town Council Municipal Webpage](#).
- **Mt. Olive Planning Board Meetings**
The Mt. Olive Township Planning Board meetings are held on two Thursdays a month at 7:00 p.m at the municipal building. The Planning Board Agendas can be found at the [Mt. Olive Township Planning Board Municipal Webpage](#).

Upcoming Recreation Events at Turkey Brook Park:

- **Kiwanis Pictures with Santa at Turkey Brook Park (Weekends starting November 25th through December 23rd).**
- **Tree Lighting at Mt. Olive Municipal Building December 1st @ 7 pm** (204 Flanders-Drakestown Rd, Flanders)
- **Flanders Toys for Tots Holiday Drive Starts December 2nd.** Drop off toys at the Flanders Fire Department (27 Main St., Flanders)
- **Menorah Lighting at Mt. Olive Senior Center December 7 @ 6:30 pm** (204 Flanders-Drakestown Rd, Flanders).
- **Any Who's Winter Fest (Weekends December 8-10, 15-17, and 22-23 @ Turkey Brook Park)**
- **Mt. Olive Library Book Sale to support the local library (December 9th from 10am to 3pm)** at the Mt. Olive Library (202 Flanders-Drakestown Rd, Flanders)
- **Tulsi Pujan Diwas Celebration on December 25th**
- **Kwanzaa Celebration from December 26th through January 1st.**

Whimsical Weekends @ Turkey Brook Park

December 8 - 10
December 15 - 17
December 22 - 23

Hours: Fridays, 4pm - 7pm
Saturdays & Sundays, 12pm - 7pm

\$15 ages 3 - 12
(ages 2 and under FREE)
\$5 ages 13 & up

ANY WHO'S WINTER FEST

Vendor Village provided by Amish Mike

Holiday Lights, Vendor Village, Food, Music, Bonfire, Rides & Characters

Mount Olive Community

Christmas Tree Lighting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1
7PM

MOUNT OLIVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
204 FFLANDERS - DRAKESTOWN RD

DECEMBER 10
6:30PM

Public Menorah Lighting

Mt Olive Senior Center

Winter Sports Clinics:

- Jr. NBA Basketball program (grades 9-12) runs from November 28 through March 6 at Mt. Olive Middle School Gym from 6pm-9pm. Cost \$179 per player.
- MO Jr. Track Team (Kindergarten through 8th Grade) register @ www.Motrack.org (registration opens January 2024). Season runs from Mid March through Mid-June. Registration \$65 per kid.
- Mt. Olive Co-ed Volleyball +18. Register at Movba@gmail.com (Registration starts December 1) Costs \$150 for season. Games are at MO Middle School 7:30-9:00 pm.
- Mt. Olive Co-ed Junior Volleyball Grades 4-12. Register at www.movba.net (Registration starts December 1st). Season starts late March- early June. \$125 per player and \$115 per sibling.
- Mt. Olive Junior Lacrosse Clinic grades k-8. Register at Mojlc.org (Registration starts December 1). Costs vary due to grade. Clinic runs from January through March at Mt. Olive High School Dome (18 Corey Rd. Flanders)



MOUNT OLIVE JUNIOR TRACK TEAM 2024

SEASON: Mid March - Mid June
Open to kindergarten - 8th grade
Registration fee: \$65

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 2024
Learn more about the program and how to register at www.motrack.org



BASKETBALL JR NBA

15 WEEKS OF ORGANIZED GAMES!

- Limited to 120 Players
- Open to players Gr. 9 - 12
- Teams will be broken into 2 divisions based on age and skill level
- College format - 20 minute halves
- Everyone Plays

Nov. 28 - Mar 6
Tues & Weds
6pm - 9pm

Mt Olive Middle School Gym

Register online

Registration Fee
\$149 before Nov. 3
\$179 after Nov. 3

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Minds in Motion

4 Wednesdays
Time: 5pm - 7pm
Fall and Winter 23-2024

CODE & CONTROL ROBO DOZER
FALL SESSION
Ages 8 - 12
Oct 18, 25 & Nov 1, 8

BUSINESS BONANZA
WINTER SESSION
Ages 9 - 13
Feb 21, 28 & March 6, 13

Cost: \$175

Build and take home your very own powerful robotic bulldozer and sleek handheld wireless controller! With your own colored manual and the aid of your instructor, you will teach assemble your Robo Dozer that consists of over 40 different robotic parts that includes a speaker, circuit board, motors, LED lights, and much more. Learn the advantages and disadvantages of tracked vehicles as well as examples of robots with continuous tracks. Use the controller to command your robot to move around in all directions, play sounds, and light up its cab roof light! And more...

Location for both: Mt. Olive Senior Center
204 Flanders Drakestown Rd, Budd Lake NJ 07828

Come brainstorm and learn everything about creating your own business! Gain the fundamentals of entrepreneurship and best business practices which will cement the foundation and mindset for success. You will learn how to create your very own Print on Demand E-commerce business! Learn how to create designs and sell all types of merchandise like t-shirts, water bottles, and more. You will see how your print on-demand platform handles pricing, shipping, and all the customer details! You will also learn how to drive sales using the power of digital marketing. Work with other students as you strengthen critical thinking, improve communication skills, encourage integrity, and learn leadership qualities.

(Participants will need to bring their own laptop or tablet and also have access to an email account.)



CO ED VOLLEYBALL

FRIDAYS @ MT OLIVE TING RD SCHOOL

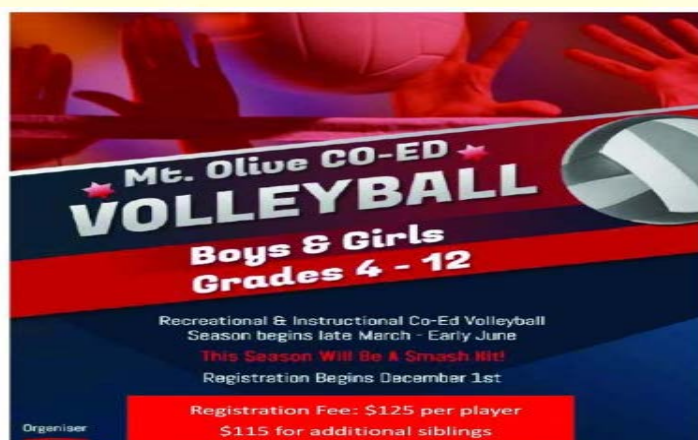
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

SESSION 1: SEPTEMBER 29 - JANUARY 20
SESSION 2: FEBRUARY 2 - MAY 21
7PM - 9:30PM

AGES 18+

\$75 per session

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.MOVBA.NET



Mt. Olive CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

Boys & Girls
Grades 4 - 12

Recreational & Instructional Co-Ed Volleyball
Season begins late March - Early June
This Season Will Be A Smash Hit!
Registration Begins December 1st

Registration Fee: \$125 per player
\$115 for additional siblings



MOUNT OLIVE JUNIOR LACROSSE CLUB

REGISTRATION OPENS DECEMBER 1ST

REGISTER ONLINE WWW.MOJLC.ORG

Program runs March-June

CLINIC PROGRAM:
Boys: K-2nd grade
Girls: K-2nd grade

TRAVEL TEAMS:
Boys: 3rd-8th grade
Girls: 3rd-8th grade

FREE K-8th beginners clinic
Saturday 1/27
8am - 9am
@Centercourt dome
EMAIL: Registration@mojlc.org

practice/game schedule
K-4 3 days a week
grades 5-8 4 days a week
schedules may change.

QUESTIONS? Email: registration@mojlc.org