

Recreation Commission Director's Report December 10, 2025

Programs/Events:

- Nine and A Chicken Scavenger hunt sponsored by Chick Fil A was Friday November 21st roughly 35-40 families participated
- Holiday Stroll and Seasons of Celebrations had good turnouts this past weekend. Parks and Recreation to have follow up meeting with WCI, Public Celebrations and Mayor about merging the events to one day for 2026
- Adult Men's Basketball 12 teams for upcoming season (Same as 2024-2025)
- Adult Co Ed Volleyball 13 teams for upcoming season (Same as 2024 – 2025)
- Fall 2025 Program Numbers

Fall 2025 (September 1-December 31)

Activities Canceled	21
Activities Ran	195
Total Activities	217
% Running	90%
Registrations	3,473

- Winter Garden Market kicked off December 5th and was held at the former Police Department Traffic Division Garage on Wallace Ave. Vendors seemed very happy with the location. 26 Vendors attended opening Saturday. We are set up for 28. The winter market will be held here for Winter of 2025-2026. A location will be needed for the winter market in 2026-2027.

Projects/Facilities:

- Working with the Wallingford Health Department on the purchase and construction of a fitness court for Community Lake Park. Recent phone interview with the National Fitness Campaign awarded Wallingford a \$35k grant for the project. Wallingford Health Department to allocate \$185k of funding from the Opioid Settlement Funding to be appropriated for the equipment. Only 3 sites currently in CT (Plainville & Bridgeport) **CURRENTLY ON GOING**
- Working with Bee Mac Construction on the installation of new player bench pads at West Side Softball Field **ON GOING - WEATHER PERMITTING**
- Community Pool Update:
 - Site work continuing with the removal and breakdown of the concrete on site
 - Concrete Footings and Foundation have been installed for the Women's locker room. Working on the same footing and foundation for the Men's locker room.
 - Still day to day removal of the existing on site concrete
- Estimated Cost for Conceptual Plan for site work and redesign of Dutton Park was sent to Sheila in Program Planning for potential grant opportunities to fund the design work of the project. Conceptual Design cost estimated at \$91k. **ON GOING WORKING WITH SHEILA GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR ON POSSIBLE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS PROJECT**
- SLR International was the lowest quote as the Architect to work on the Pat Wall Feasibility Plan. This Feasibility Plan is to redesign the external areas of the field and upgrade the fencing, backstop, dugouts, bull pens, provide accessibility to the field from the upper level, retaining wall seating in the hill behind home plate. Estimated cost of the project from the feasibility plan is \$856k. **WORKING WITH SHEILA GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR ON POSSIBLE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS PROJECT**

- Working with Ishan Penny, Wallingford Resident and Eagle Scout on Pollinator Garden to be placed on the West Side of the Park and Recreation Department Building, next to patio. Project to begin March/April 2026.
- Working with Janis Small Town Attorney on a Sponsorship/Advertising Program for Volunteer Run Leagues to utilize advertising field banners to be put up on the field fences beginning in the 2026 season. Hoping to have language finalized this week.

Upcoming –

- Pragemann Park Pavilion Conversion into storage garage for Lacrosse and Football
- Parks Master Plan