

Recreation Commission Director's Report May 13, 2026

Programs/Events:

- **Summer Camp Registration Enrollment**

Classroom 1: Tiny Bubbles Ages 3-4 MWF 20 (**FULL**)

Tiny Bubbles Ages 3-4 T/TH 20 (**FULL**)

Classroom 2: Tiny Bubbles Ages 3-4 MWF 15 (**FULL**)

Tiny Bubbles Ages 3-4 T/TH 20 (**FULL**)

Pop Shots Ages 5-6 MWF 20 (**FULL**)

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PLAYGROUNDS

Pond Hill – Session I 93 Session II: 79

Fritz – Session I: 120 (FULL) Session II: 93

Moses Y Beach – Session I: 104 Session II: 92

TEEN TRAVEL

Summer Sizzlers – 135 (FULL)

- **Adult / Senior Softball Leagues**

Adult Men's 42 Teams

Adult Women's 7 Teams

Total Teams: 49

Sr Men's Softball 155 Players / 9 Teams

- **America 250 Celebration June 19 – June 21**

Parks and Recreation Role helping plan and facilitate Family Day Sunday June 21st at Choate

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) **EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN DELIVERED AND IS BEING STORED AT THE OLD POLICE DEPARTMENT UNTIL INSTALLATION ESTIMATED PROJECT START IN NEXT WEEK OR TWO**
- Working with Bee Mac Construction on the installation of new player bench pads at West Side Softball Field **COMPLETED APRIL 30TH**
- Community Pool Update May 5th:
 - Roof and trussing currently begin installed in the women's locker room
 - Walls being constructed on the men's locker room
 - Chemical Tanks installed in maintenance portion of men's locker room
 - Gabion Wall completed
 - Beginning the installation of the back wash tank for the pool
 - 95% of the concrete has been removed off site
- 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 Ishaan 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. **ONGOING ISHAAN LOOKING AT EARLY JUNE TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT**
- MW Billings recently completed annual inspection of gym curtain/divider and all 6 basketball hoops in gymnasium. No issues or repairs required or reported.
- Working with Wallingford Vikings Football on the conversion of the Pragemann Pavilion to a storage garage. **PO REQ HAS BEEN SENT TO PURCHASING FOR THE LABOR. MATERIALS GOING OUT TO QUOTE. PROJECT TO BE FUNDED OUT OF THE PRAGEMANN ENDOWMENT FUND**
- April 11th Wallingford Dog Lovers Association held their Spring clean-up of the dog park. Great job by Ed Clark, WDL and the Choate Student Volunteers on the clean-up.
- Review Annual Report 2025 – See Attached
- Generalized housekeeping at Fairfield Blvd, replaced window treatments in room 2 and 3 as the old original vertical blinds have reached their life expectancy.
- Toyota Oakdale Theatre has agreed to be the sponsor of Twilight Tunes for 2026 Concert Season. Donation is \$12,500.
- Doolittle Park Parking lot on South Elm St. was milled and will be paved/striped.
- Garden Market for Spring Summer Season has started at Doolittle, kicked off May 9th. Will need to find winter location as Town is leasing the old PD property to State Police for potentially 2 years while the Troop I Bethany offices are being renovated.
- BCI Inc. low quote for Community Lake Shoreline Clearing. Work to be scheduled for week of June 1st.
- We are also pleased to welcome a new addition to our Parks and Recreation programming team, Max Robbins. Max will play an integral role as Recreation Program Specialist in supporting and expanding our health and fitness programming, adaptive recreation offerings, arts programming, and summer camp experiences. His energy and commitment will help us continue to meet the diverse needs of our community and enhance the quality of programs we provide.