

Recreation Commission Director's Report September 2, 2026

Programs/Events:

- **Summer Camp Registration Enrollment**

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

Tiny Bubbles Ages 3-4 T/TH 19

Classroom 2: Tiny Bubbles Ages 3-4 MWF 21 (**FULL**)

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

Pop Shots Ages 5-6 MWF 24 (**FULL**)

Pop Shots Ages 5-6 MWF 23 (**FULL**)

TOTAL PRE-SCHOOL CAMPERS: 127

PLAYGROUNDS

Pond Hill – Session I: 112 Session II: 94

Fritz – Session I: 120 (**FULL**) Session II: 111

Moses Y Beach – Session I: 117 Session II: 115

Total Campers: Session I: 349 Session II: 320

TEEN TRAVEL

Summer Sizzlers – 135 (**FULL**)

- **Summer Program Numbers**

Activities Canceled 8

Activities Ran 171

Total Activities 179

% Running 94%

Registrations 3,073

- **Twilight Tunes**

Another successful summer of concerts with 6/7 running with crowds ranging from 700 – 1000 people. Received a lot of feedback on site during the shows from residents to extend the concert season again by one more week making it 8 concerts. This is something the department will be looking into and examining the cost of an additional week with PD and PW OT. Great partnership with the Toyota Oakdale Theatre for the 3rd year and look forward to a partnership in 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) **THE FITNESS COURT PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND IS CURRENTLY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THIS NEW AMENITY PROVIDES RESIDENTS A FREE OUTDOOR WORKOUT GYM, WITH SPECIALIZED WORKOUTS THAT CAN BE UPLOADED TO THEIR PHONE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE ON THE MURAL**

- In addition to the fitness court, (2) concrete pads and bike racks were installed at Community Lake for bike riders coming to use the park. One installed by the tennis and basketball courts and one installed by Fitness Court.
- Working with Public Works on the replacement of dry well located behind the back stop at West Side Field Softball. The well/basin has been holding water and overflowing after each rain fall, leading to large pooling of water behind the backstop of the softball field.
- Community Pool Update September 20th:
 - Roofs recently installed on both bath facilities
 - The concrete shell of the pool has been fully poured and cured
 - Plumbing and drainage pipes being installed to the retention tanks for water run off
 - Installation of the pool gutter in progress
 - CT Dept of Health has still not approved the tot slide for the pool, citing the reasoning as they have not seen one in the state of CT before. TLBA presented the state with information on how this slide functions and has been approved for multiple other municipal pools outside of Connecticut.
- 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. **THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND WE THANK ISHAAN FOR HIS EFFORTS**
- 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. THIS PROJECT IS ONGOING AWAITING THE REMOVAL OF THE CHIMNEY BY PUBLIC WORKS.**
- Winter Garden Market Location. **STILL WORKING ON ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS. NOT MANY VIABLE LOCATIONS TO HOUSE WHAT WE NEED, IF THE LEASE AGREEMENT HAPPENS WITH STATE POLICE.**
- BCI Inc. low quote for Community Lake Shoreline Clearing. **WORK WAS COMPLETED MID JUNE**
- Fall Field Closures this fall for aeration and drill seeding. Year two of implementing field closures to rest in off seasons, with seasons of overuse. This fall, two locations have been identified for treatment and closure for the season for fall activities.
 1. Pat Wall Field
 2. Woodhouse Soccer Field 2 (Coyle Field)