

Recreation Commission Director's Report October 7, 2026

Programs/Events:

- Fall Programming began September 21st
- First Middle School Dance was September 18th. Next one is October 16th.
- Halloween Parade Friday October 23rd
- Weber & Gannon Youth Basketball, Adult Basketball & Volleyball Registration is currently ongoing
- Nine and Chicken Scavenger Hunt Friday November 20th
- Holiday Stroll Friday December 4th
- Seasons of Celebrations Saturday December 5th

Projects/Facilities:

- 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. **Public Works recently completed this project, replacing the dry well with new well, fabric and stone. In addition, a paved sidewalk from the parking lot to the restrooms.**
- Community Pool Update October 7th:
 - Beginning Work on Side Walks (Concrete)
 - Detention Tanks being installed and tied into drainage
 - Siding for buildings has finally arrived and is being prepped for installation
 - Surge tank plumbing is completed and ready for water proofing
 - First coat of paint has been done on the interior walls
 - Interior lights 80% completed
 - 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.
 - Wet weather has caused some delays in work, even with these delays, project still on schedule to open for summer of 2027.
- Working with Wallingford Dog Lovers Association on Fall Clean Up of Dog park. Choate volunteers on board again this year to help on clean out day.
- 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. **Winter Market 2026-2027 will be held again in the garage behind the old police department on Wallace Ave. This was a great site for Winter 2025-2026 and looking forward to the return this winter.**
- Working on Quotes for fall shoreline clearing at Community Lake Park
- 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. **Both of these fields were done September 23rd and 25th.**
 1. Pat Wall Field
 2. Woodhouse Soccer Field 2 (Coyle Field)

