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Parks and Recreation Director's Annual Report 2019-2020

As Director of Parks and Recreation, I hereby submit the Annual Report for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. March through June of 2020 we were experiencing a national pandemic, which effected a number of late Winter and Spring programs.

EASTERN POINT BEACH:

Eastern Point Beach officially closed on Monday, September 2, 2019. During the summer of 2019; 50,766 patrons attended the beach.

SUMMER RECREATION:

The Summer Playground Program held at Washington Park and West Side Middle School completed another successful year. Two Hundred and ninety-six (296) youngsters were enrolled in these programs:

	Washington Park	West Side
Minnows (4 & 5 yr olds)	24	-
Snappers (6 & 7 yr olds)	38	13
Piranhas (8 & 9 yr olds)	46	26
Marlins (10 & 11 yr olds)	45	29
Barracudas (12-14 yr olds)	51	24
Total	204	92
Grand Total	296	

Youth Tennis Lessons at Washington Park started on Monday, June 24, 2019. A total of thirty-seven (37) youngsters and two (2) Adults have registered for the Program. The age group breakouts are as follows:

Tiny Tots (4-5 yr olds)	2
Junior Clinic I (6-9 yr olds)	16
Junior Clinic II (10-12 yr olds)	12
Teens (13-18 yr olds)	7
Adults	2
Total	39

Seven (7) Concerts in the Park were held at Washington Park during the months of June, July, and August. This program is co-sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department and Groton Utilities.

Summer Cabarets 2019 held three (3) concerts at Eastern Point Beach, the third Sunday of June, July and August.

Golf Lessons were offered to Adults and Youth and were held at the Great Brook Golf Center.

The City of Groton hosted the Field of Greens Farmers Market at Washington Park every Tuesday July – October 2019.

FALL RECREATION:

The West Side Middle School Fall Festival was held at Washington Park.

Friday Night Out evenings were offered to Groton Middle school students on Fridays in January, February and March.

Babysitting Courses were offered two times during the Fall.

Youth Karate started In September and ran sessions throughout the year at West Side Middle School.

Family Swim was offered at the UCONN-Avery Point Pool on Sunday afternoons; a large number of families enjoyed this program.

Bus trips through the department were offered during the fall season, to the Big E and Radio City Music Hall. Spring trips were canceled due to COVID 19.

Photography Classes were offered starting in the Fall/Winter at the Zbierski House.

The First Annual Scarecrow Trail was offered to residents and where displayed in the Groton Bank section of the City.

The tenth Annual Trick or Trunk was held on Friday, October 25, 2019 at the Groton Municipal Building due to the mosquito restrictions. We had 15 participate in decorating a space and over 300 people overall.

WINTER AND SPRING RECREATION:

The Winter Recreation Program prevailed with various supervised activities offered during the fall and winter months. Programs provided were: Peewee Basketball, Intermediate Basketball, Junior Basketball, Elks Hoop Shoot, Over-Thirty Basketball, and Karate.

Community Yoga was offered during the year in the municipal building auditorium.

City Cabaret held three (3) concerts in the auditorium during the months of January, February and March.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was canceled in April due to COVID 19.

Two Babysitting Courses were held throughout the year to youth of the community.

Two (2) publications of the Parks and Recreation Department Informational Brochures were distributed to the Residents of the City of Groton, one in September 2019 for all FALL/WINTER Activities and one in February 2020 for all SPRING/SUMMER activities.

BEACH AND PARKS MAINTENANCE:

The department performed all general maintenance and grooming duties for all beach and parks properties during the year. The City's parks system encompasses Washington Park – 32.82 acres, Eastern Point Beach - 9.4 acres, Birch Plain Creek Nature Area - 11 acres, Slocomb Terrace, the National Submarine Memorial, Colonial Manor, Costa Property, Griswold Point and Parklets at Bridge Street, Circle Avenue, Harmacy Park, and Smith/Allen Streets. A new playground structure was installed at Washington Park along with resurfacing of tennis courts.

Washington Park continues to be one of the premier recreation areas in Southeastern Connecticut. It offers residents and non-residents a place to picnic, relax, and play with six (6) picnic shelters, exercise course, two (2) basketball courts, five (5) baseball/softball fields, six (6) tennis courts, and a sliding area. It provides a recreational and family atmosphere we are proud of.

Highlighted Events:

- July Fourth Parade
- Annual City of Groton Day
- 2019 Jimmy Fund Softball Tournament
- Groton Little League Baseball
- Groton Little League Softball
- 13-15 Babe Ruth League
- Home of Avery Point Baseball
- Eastern Connecticut Major League
- EBAC Softball League
- Pfizer Softball League
- Fitch High School Softball
- Fitch High School Baseball
- Ella T. Grass Tech High School Tennis
- Workers Memorial Day
- Holiday Festival

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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