



Today's CITY OF GROTON **Fall - Winter** **2021-2022**



Scarecrow Trail Oct 20-Nov 3

City of Groton's Park & Recreation Program Brochure
Basketball, Swimming, Karate, Concerts, Bus Trips and much more...

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The Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the City Municipal Building in Room Council Chambers

Office Location

City of Groton, Municipal Building
295 Meridian St. Groton, CT 06340

Visit us on the Web

cityofgroton.recdesk.com

Registration Policy

Registration is required for all programs. If the class does not reach its minimum enrollment, it will be cancelled. The Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any program. Participants will be notified of all cancellations. Full payment of fees on all activities and classes must be made at the time of registration. Checks are payable to the "City of Groton"

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE!

Refund Policy

If the Recreation Department cancels a program/class, then a full refund will be given. Credit card processing fees are non-refundable. If a session is cancelled due to weather or other problems, an effort will be made to schedule a make-up session. If a make-up session cannot be scheduled, no partial refund will be made. Program cancellations due to weather conditions will be announced on Channels 3, 4, 6 & 8, 105.5, 104.7, 102.3 FM & 980 AM, or the individual may call the Recreation Department at 446-4128. Evening activities will be cancelled by 3:00 pm.

Whenever Groton schools are cancelled or close early, programs will be cancelled.

LOCAL CONTACT NUMBERS

Groton Little League (Baseball & Softball and Babe Ruth)	Jessica Donnel JessGrotonLittleLeague@gmail.com
Groton Mystic Youth Football	Keona Strickland stricklandkeona@yahoo.com
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Groton Soccer Club	grotonsoccer@yahoo.com
Groton/Mystic Lacrosse	Chad Frost 860-608-1528

860-446-4128

Groton City Farmers Market

Every Tuesday from 3-6pm
through the end of October

At Washington Park

(155 Meridian St, Groton)



Vendors bringing locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, plants, meats, fish & scallops, eggs and cheeses, baked goods, soaps, honey, kombucha, organic coffee and other specialty items.

Winter Pop-Up Farmers Markets

Inside the Auditorium of the City Municipal Building, 295 Meridian Street

Tuesday, November 23rd and Tuesday, December 21st from 4—7 pm

AND

the second Saturday of the month in November—March from 10 am—1pm

GOLF LESSONS at Great Brook Golf Center

Chris Hedden promotes a fun and relaxed learning environment. He will cover the following fundamentals: grip, stance, posture, backswing, follow-through, sand shots, downswing, chipping, putting, equipment information, and golf etiquette.

Participants will need the following equipment: A 3 wood, 7 iron, pitching wedge, and a putter. If you do not have clubs, equipment is available. Each student must purchase a basket of golf balls for each lesson.

Fee: Residents \$150 Non-Residents \$160

ADULT GOLF LESSONS			YOUTH GOLF LESSONS Ages: 8 – 15		
Fall I :	Thurs, Sept. 2– Sept. 30	10—11 am	Fall I	Sat, Sept. 11– Oct. 9	11 am—Noon
Fall II:	Thurs, Sept. 2– Sept. 30	6—7 pm			

WOMEN ONLY

A calm, relaxing instruction class for women of all abilities.
Grab a friend and enjoy!

Fall I: Mondays, Sept. 13- Oct. 11, 2021 10-11 am

Fall II: Mondays, Sept.13- Oct. 11, 2021 6—7 pm

Fee: Residents: \$150 Non-residents: \$160



Programs / Classes

FAMILY SWIM

Avery Point Pool
1084 Shennecossett Road, Groton

Session I: Sundays, Sept 12 – Nov 7, 2021
(no swim on 10/10)

Session II: Sundays, Jan 9 – March 13, 2022
(no swim on 1/16 & 2/20)

Time: 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Fee: **\$10.00 per family/address**

**** Registration for each session is required**

This program is a fun evening for families to get together and enjoy the pool at the UCONN-AVERY POINT campus. Adults must stay

Open to City Residents and City Employees ONLY



ADULT SWIM

Avery Point Pool
1084 Shennecossett Road, Groton

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays
(Beginning September 14)

Time: 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Fee: **FREE**

**** Registration prior to attending is necessary**

**This program is intended for ADULTS ONLY
(18 years +)**

Open to City Residents and City Employees ONLY

Face masks must be worn at all times in the athletic building except for actively swimming in the pool.

Babysitting Certification Class

Giving teenagers the skills to manage whatever may come up while babysitting.

You'll learn how to:

- Care for babies and kids up to 10 years old
- Keep the kids and yourself safe
- Make playtime fun with age-appropriate games
- Handle a wide variety of emergencies
- Manage your babysitting business



Saturday, November 6, 2021

Time: 9:00-4:00 (bring a bag lunch)

Ages: 11-15 year olds

Place: Council Chambers, City Municipal Building
295 Meridian St, Groton

Fee: \$65.00 per person

Limit: 16 students

Registration deadline is Monday, November 1st

** Masks will be required*

**Red Cross Approved,
Certificates Provided.**

City of Groton, Parks and Recreation ~ 860-446-4128

SHOOT STRAIGHT BASKETBALL 2021-2022

Grades 1 & 2

Saturdays, starting December 4, 2021 - March 5, 2022

9:30-11:00 am

Grades 3-5

Mondays, starting November 29, 2021 – February 28, 2022

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

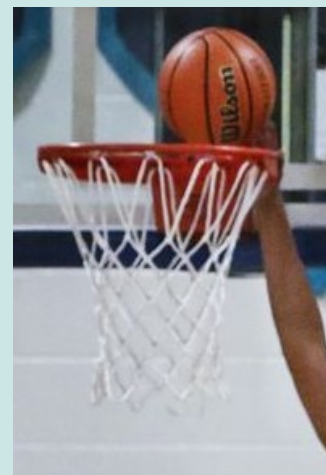
The above programs are for both boys and girls emphasizing fundamentals, physical fitness, sportsmanship, equal play and teamwork. This program helps develop a youngster's positive self-image and teaches youngsters that sports can be played for FUN.

Location: Thames River Magnet School, 250 Brandegee Ave, Groton

Fee: \$30.00/Residents

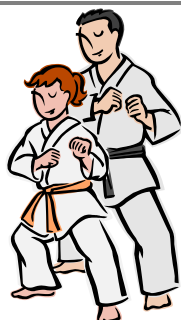
\$40.00/Non-Residents

Jerseys are provided



***** Thames River Magnet School Use is pending Facility Request Approval. *****

Registered participants will be notified of any changes and refunded if school use is not granted.



KARATE

Program will be offered to boys and girls and will run in five week sessions. The kids will learn Concentration, Self-Confidence, and Listening Skills while practicing the art of modern and traditional Tai Kwon Do. Through drills, students will; earn respect, manners, self-defense (Stranger Danger), and improved fitness. This is an introductory program and uniforms are not required for the first 5 weeks. All classes are taught by Bob Chester, a 6th degree Black belt.

Session I

Tuesdays, October 5 – November 2, 2021

Session II

Tuesdays, November 16 – December 14, 2021

Session III

Tuesdays, January 11– February 8, 2022

Session IV

Tuesdays, March 1 – March 29, 2022

Ages & Time:

5 – 7 year olds 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Fee: \$30.00/ 5 week session

8-12 year olds 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm

Fee: \$40.00/ 5 week session

**** Minimum of 4 students needed to hold class.**

All sessions are held at Thames River Magnet School, 250 Brandegee Ave, Groton

October Fun!

Third Annual Scarecrow Trail

When: Wednesday, October 20—November 3

Where: City of Groton

Who can participate: Individuals, Businesses and Community Organizations residing in the City of Groton.
NO Entry Fees.

Registration & Display of Scarecrow:

*****ALL SCARECROWS MUST BE REGISTERED BY 4 PM ON OCTOBER**

14th*** Entrants are responsible for displaying scarecrow on their

own property by Wednesday, October 20th. Pick up of weatherproof

sign with Scarecrow name and # assigned for voting is in our office Monday, Oct 18—Wednesday, Oct 20.

If you are a city resident/business/organization in need of space to display your scarecrow, call our office at 860-446-4128 to have us provide you space on City Property.

Judging: Scarecrow judging will be done both by popular vote and judge's panel. The public (city residents and non-residents) can only vote once. Ballots are **not valid** without your name and address.

Voting will start on Friday, October 22nd by email to pr@cityofgroton.com.

Prizes: Ribbons will be awarded in **4 categories: Best City Spirit, Spookiest Scarecrow, Funniest & Most Original**. Ribbons will be pinned on winning scarecrows on Friday, November 5th.

Please keep scarecrows up through the following weekend to show off your ribbon!

✦ All entries must be family friendly. Scarecrows that reflect controversial social, religious, or political situations will not be accepted. City of Groton has the right to reject/disqualify any and all scarecrows they deem offensive or inappropriate. Disqualified Scarecrows are not eligible for voting. Scarecrows must remain on display outside from October 20—November 8, 2021.

✦ Winners will be announced Friday, November 5th via Facebook and Website.

See our website for full Scarecrow Trail Rules and Details, cityofgroton.recdesk.com

✦ Trail map will be posted on our Facebook page and website



FALL BUS TRIPS 2021

BIG E ON CT DAY Wednesday, September 22, 2021



Avoid the hassles of traffic and parking and spend Connecticut Day at the Big E, the largest fair in New England. Browse the Avenue of the States, agricultural and livestock events, shopping and some of the best food around!

- Leaves:** 8:30 am from Washington Park's overflow parking off of Park Ave & 283 Meridian Street, Groton CT
- Returns:** Approximately 8 pm to the City Municipal Building, leaving grounds directly after the daily parade concludes (parade starts at 5 pm, bus leaves by 6 pm)
- Destination:** Big E Fairgrounds, W Springfield, MA
- Fee:** \$55.00 per person. Includes transportation, entrance fee & driver gratuity.
- Registration deadline:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 Open to City Resident & Non-Resident.

Masks must be worn on the bus. Covid guidelines may change, we will follow Big E current rules.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

Rockette's Christmas Spectacular Show at Radio City Music Hall

Bring your family and get into the Holiday Spirit.

Enjoy New York City dressed up for Christmas, take a selfie in front of the Christmas Tree at Rockefeller Center and then a spectacular show you won't soon forget!

- Leaves:** 8:30 am from the Groton City Municipal Building, 295 Meridian Street
- Agenda:** Free time to shop and have lunch on your own before the show. Show starts at 5:00 pm, Doors open at 4 pm for entrance (50th Street).
- Departs:** Directly after the show (about 6:45 pm) getting us back to Groton about 10:00 pm.
- Seats:** Orchestra seating
- Fee:** \$150.00 per person (includes bus transportation, gratuity and show tickets) Under 2 free, on parent lap.
- Deadline:** To register is FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2021. Very LIMITED seating, book your tickets early!

Open to City of Groton Residents & Non-Residents

Masks must be worn on the bus. Covid guidelines are subject to change, vaccination proof or negative test results may be required.

September Community Events

THE GREATER MYSTIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND GROTON UTILITIES PRESENT

RUN - BREWFEST - MUSIC - FOOD



EASTERN POINT BEACH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

A 3.4 mile run followed by a Brewfest, Music and Food

1:00pm - 3.4 Mile Run

1:30pm to 4:00pm - Brewfest

1:30pm to 4:00pm - Music Provided By

Whiskey, Wine and Coke

5K Run Including Brewfest - \$35 (Day Of \$50)

Brewfest Only - \$25 (Day Of \$40)

There for the Music Only - Free!



RIVERFRONT
CITY OF GROTON
5K FOOT PURSUIT

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

REGISTER AT:

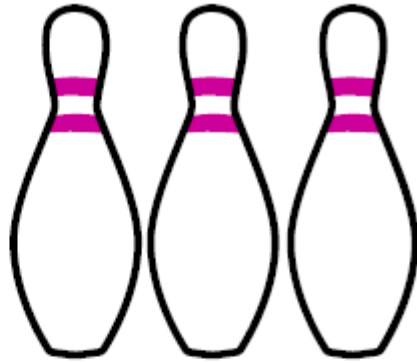
<https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Groton/RiverfrontCityofGroton5K>

*children's activities,
music*



TO BENEFIT
THE RIVERFRONT
CHILDREN'S CENTER

Community Share!



Join us for the second annual collaborative

BOWL-A-THON

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 AT 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

GROTON BOWLING CENTER IN GROTON, CT

\$200/TEAM (6-8 PLAYERS)

INCLUDES SHOE RENTAL & 2 HOURS OF BOWLING

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM, VISIT
[HTTPS://STEPSCCT.NETWORKFORGOOD.COM/EVENTS/30624-2ND-ANNUAL-GIRL-POWER-BOWL-A-THON-2021](https://stepscct.networkforgood.com/events/30624-2ND-ANNUAL-GIRL-POWER-BOWL-A-THON-2021)

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City of Groton, Parks and Recreation ~ 860-446-4128

Bill Memorial Library will be hosting the following adult programs in the fall:

Introduction to Birdwatching -- Learn the basics of birdwatching with staff from the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center. There will be a virtual program on Tuesday, September 7, at 6:30 p.m. followed by an in-person walk around Ft. Griswold on Saturday, September 11, at 9:00 p.m. This program is free, but registration is required. Contact the library at **860-445-0392** for more information.



Pumpkin Cinnamon Rolls -- Join us on Saturday, October 9, at 11:00 a.m. for a virtual cooking class, where you will learn to make pumpkin cinnamon buns. Led by a registered dietician from Food Explorers, Inc. in Enfield, the class is easy to follow, even for those with limited experience in the kitchen. The program is free and registration is required. A list of ingredients, all readily available at any grocery store, will be sent to participants in advance. For more information, contact the library at 860-445-0392.



**The City of Groton
Parks & Recreation Department is
always looking to expand our program offerings.
If you would like us to consider adding your class/program,
please reach out to us!**

Submit a class proposal to the
City of Groton

**Director of Parks and Recreation
295 Meridian Street
Groton, CT 06340**

The proposal should include the type of
program description, fee charged, age limits, class size, and space needed.
More information, the better!

Community Events—Winter 2021-2022

The City of Groton Police Department will be hosting its annual “Stuff a Cruiser, Food and Coat Drive” family-friendly (COVID compliant) event on Saturday, December 11, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



We look forward to seeing you and working together to meet the needs of all in our community. Please share in the holiday spirit!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The City of Groton Police Department will be hosting its annual Holiday Festival (COVID compliant) event on Thursday, December 2, 2021 starting at 6 pm

Come meet and greet Santa Claus and his helpers and take a free photo with Santa!

Check our Facebook page for updates and announcements about this event.

Please consider bringing a canned good or non-perishable food item to help those in need during this holiday season.



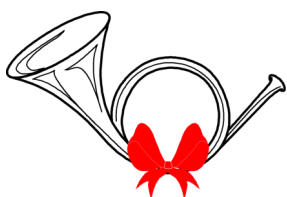
Special thanks to all our sponsors and community partners who assisted in keeping this festivity going!

FREE Winter Concert Series

City of Groton
Municipal Building,
295 Meridian St, Groton.



2nd Sunday of January, February & March at 3:00 pm



Please check our Website and Facebook to get updates/details

City Public Works Department—860-446-4127

Fall Leaf Collection:

Wednesdays,
October 27, November 3, 10, 17, (no 11/24)
December 1 & 8, 2021

Please do **not** sweep leaves into the street or road. Leaves accumulate into catch basins and clog them creating drainage problems.

Final Leaf Collection date is
December 4, 2019!

NOTE: If you have leaves that need to be picked up after the official Leaf Collection is over, please call the Highway Office at 860-446-4127 and leave your name, address, phone number and about how many bags of leaves you have and we will pick them up on a Wednesday. One week notice is required.

Please do **not** sweep your leaves into the street or road. Leaves accumulate into the catch basins and clog them up creating drainage problems.

LEAVES WILL NOT BE COLLECTED IF PLACED IN PLASTIC BAGS.

Christmas Tree Collection:

Wednesdays,
December 29, 2021
January 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2022

Please have your Christmas trees curbside by 7:00 AM for pickup.

DO NOT PLACE CHRISTMAS TREES IN PLASTIC BAGS

Call 860-446-4127 with any questions



City of Groton Pickup Schedule for Trash, Recycling and Bulky Waste

It is important that you have your items out for pick up by the following times (NO exceptions)

6:00 AM— Memorial Day to Labor Day (Summer Schedule)

7:00 AM—Rest of the year

Most all routes and starting points have changed, therefore, the time we arrive at your house has also changed.

It is imperative for you to have your items out in time.

Trash & Recycling Pickup Schedules for Holidays:

- ✦ If a holiday falls on a Monday, and this is your pickup day, it will be picked up on Tuesday morning
- ✦ If a holiday falls on a Tuesday, and this is your pickup day, it will be picked up on Wednesday morning
- ✦ If a holiday falls on a Wednesday, and this is your pickup day, it will be picked up Thursday morning
- ✦ If a holiday falls on a Thursday, and this is your pickup day, it will be picked up on Friday morning*
- ✦ If a holiday falls on a Friday, and this is your pickup day, it will be picked up on Thursday morning*

*For Thanksgiving Day and the Day after Thanksgiving, if these are your pickup days, Thursday Thanksgiving Day will be picked up on Wednesday morning and Friday the Day-After Thanksgiving Day will be picked up on the following Monday morning.

The City of Groton Sanitation Dept. sells trash and recycling carts as follows:

95 gallon Green Otto Trash Carts for \$72.00 each

65 gallon Green Otto Trash Carts for \$57.00 each

65 gallon Blue Otto Recycling Carts for \$57.00 each

We will take only 1-2 cans or bags of yard clippings, brush or hedges with your trash. **Call 860-446-4127 with any questions**



City of Groton, Parks and Recreation ~ Rentals

Year round rental for your next family party

Zbierski House

at Eastern Point Beach

with breathtaking views of Long Island Sound!

3 Beach Pond Rd, Groton

House holds 50 people.

City of Groton residents	\$25.00 per hour
Non-residents	\$50.00 per hour

*** Business rates differ.

\$100.00 security deposit (refundable)

Tables and chairs for 50 are included. Limited kitchen on premise.
Additional parking fees apply during open beach season.
First floor, 2 restrooms and attached porch for your use.
Year round rental!



Visit cityofgroton.recdesk.com or
call 860-446-4128 for further details.



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Groton, CT 06340

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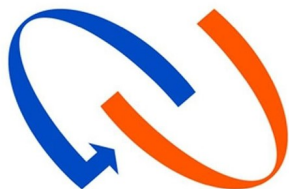
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**CITY OF GROTON
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM**

Name / Parent or Guardian _____ Email _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone # _____ Work Phone # _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone # _____
(Someone other than parent, you will be called first)

PROGRAM	PARTICIPANT'S NAME	DOB	M/F	FEE	GRADE/AGE

Circle one please: T-shirt size: Child's S M L Adult's S M L XL

I do _____ I do not _____ give permission for myself or my family to appear in any media coverage approved by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Chronic/Recurring illness (diabetes; asthma) _____

Allergies to food/medication: _____

Does your child use an Epi-Pen? _____ Inhaler? _____ Other: _____

Injuries or specific restrictions: _____

Physician's Name and Phone: _____

I hereby understand and agree that the City of Groton Parks & Recreation Department, its employees, volunteers and commissioners will not be held liable for any accident or injury incurred by participants while traveling to and from or participating in the above mentioned trips or activities.

Individuals with disabilities who require accommodation to participate in a program should request accommodation from the Parks & Recreation Department at or before registration. Documentation supporting the need and the extent of the accommodation may be required.

Signature

Printed Name

Date

For more information call Parks & Recreation Office at 446-4128

Make checks payable to: **City of Groton**

Mail to: City of Groton, Parks & Recreation, 295 Meridian Street, Groton, CT 06340

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City of Groton
295 Meridian St
Groton, CT

From the Fire Department



Daylight Savings
time is at
2:00 am on
Sunday,
November 7, 2021.
Don't forget to set
your clocks
back one hour.

**This is also a good time to change
the batteries in your
smoke detectors!**