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CITY OF GROTON

Fall - Winter

2022-2023

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Scarecrow Trail

Oct 26—Nov 9

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City of Groton's Park & Recreation Program Brochure

Basketball, Swimming, Karate, Concerts, Bus Trips and much more...

Online Registration: cityofgroton.recdesk.com

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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)	grotonpresidentll@gmail.com http://grotonlittleleague.com/
Groton Mystic Youth Football League/Cheer	grotonmysticfalcons@gmail.com http://www.grotonmysticfalcons.com/
Groton Parks & Recreation	860-536-5680 29 Spicer Ave, Noank, CT 06340 parksrec@groton-ct.gov
Groton Soccer Club	grotonsoccer@yahoo.com
Groton/Mystic Lacrosse	Chad Frost 860-608-1528

860-446-4128

FAMILY SWIM

Avery Point Pool
1084 Shennecossett Road, Groton

Session I: Sundays, Sept 18 – Nov 13, 2022
(no swim on 10/9)

Session II: Sundays, Jan 8 – March 12, 2023
(no swim on 1/15 & 2/19)

Time: 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Fee: \$10.00 per family/address, per session

**** 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, Not a drop off activity.

Open to City Residents and City Employees ONLY



ADULT SWIM

Avery Point Pool
1084 Shennecossett Road, Groton

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays
(Beginning September 13)

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

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 :	Wed, Sept. 7– Oct 5	10—11 am	Fall I	Sat, Sept. 10– Oct. 8	11 am—Noon
Fall II:	Wed, Sept. 7– Oct 5	6—7 pm			

WOMEN ONLY

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

Fall I: Thursdays, Sept. 1– Sept. 29, 2022 10-11 am

Fall II: Thursdays, Sept. 1– Sept. 29, 2022 6—7 pm

Fall III: Mondays, Sept. 12- Oct. 10, 2022 10-11 am

Fall IV: Mondays, Sept.12- Oct. 10, 2022 6—7 pm

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



Programs / Classes

AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER CLINIC

Fridays, September 23—December 2

(NO clinic 10/21, 11/11 or 11/25)



Location: Thames River Magnet School

Grades 1– 2 4:00—5:00 pm

Students report to Recreation Staff in lobby directly after school dismissal for 4:00 session. Recreation staff will walk them to Gym.

Grades 3– 5 5:15—6:15 pm

Drop off and pick up is in the Gym.

Fee: \$35.00 **All equipment is provided. No Online Registration Offered.**

Thames River Magnet students register first. If space allows, starting Monday, September 19th all other Groton Public School students can register. **LIMITED TO 30 IN EACH TIME BLOCK.**

This will fill up fast! Winter session will start January 13—March 3, 2023.

Child and Babysitting Safety & CPR AED/First Aid

The new Child and Babysitting Safety (CABS) program from ASHI gives teenagers and young adults everything they need to know for safe and successful babysitting. From getting started with their business, to dealing with parents and children, to key safety, caregiving, and first aid tips, the magazine-format CABS guide and vlogger-style video make learning fun.

American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR AED/First Aid courses provide students the highest quality training in the lifesaving skills of first aid and/or CPR and use of an AED. This course empowers students to act with confidence in the event of an emergency at work, home, or in the community.

Students should be at least 12 years old for this class.

Saturday, September 24 OR Saturday, November 5

* Same Class on both dates, pick 1

Time: 9:00 am—4:00 pm (bring a bag lunch)

Ages: 12 and above

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

Fee: \$80.00 per person

Registration deadline is Tuesday, September 20th & Tuesday, November 1st

Limit: 16 students

Students will receive their CABS Certificate the day of the class, CPR AED/First Aid certificates will be emailed within a week of the class.



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

SHOOT STRAIGHT BASKETBALL 2022-2023

Grades 1 & 2

Saturdays, starting December 3, 2022 - March 4, 2023

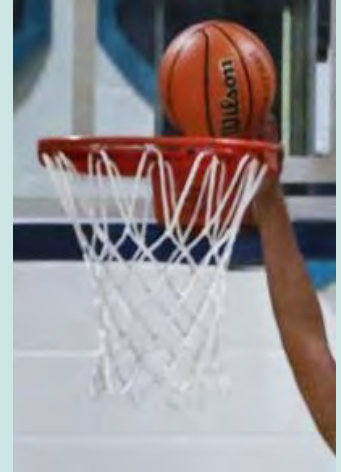
9:30-11:00 am

Grades 3-5

Mondays, starting November 28, 2022 – March 6, 2023

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: \$35.00/Residents

\$45.00/Non-Residents

Jerseys are provided



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, September 27 – October 25, 2022

Session II

Tuesdays, November 8 – December 6, 2022

Session III

Tuesdays, January 10– February 7, 2023

Session IV

Tuesdays, February 28 – March 28, 2023

Ages & Time:

5 – 7 year olds 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Fee: \$35.00/ 5 week session

8-12 year olds 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm

Fee: \$45.00/ 5 week session

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

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

Family Fun—Scarecrow Trail!

Fourth Annual Scarecrow Trail

When: Wednesday, October 26—November 9

Where: City of Groton

**Calling all City Residents,
City Businesses and
City Community Organizations,
it's that time again to create your
best Scarecrow!**



Join the Fun!

Registration & Display of Scarecrow:

ALL SCARECROWS MUST BE REGISTERED BY 4 PM ON OCTOBER 19th Entrants are responsible for displaying scarecrow on their own property by Wednesday, October 26th. Pick up of weatherproof sign with Scarecrow name and # assigned for voting is in our office Friday, Oct 21 (8-Noon only on Friday)—Wednesday, Oct 26 (Mon-Wed 8 am—4 pm).

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 Wednesday, October 26th by email to pr@cityofgroton.com.



**Everyone can enjoy
the Trail and Vote!**

★ **Prizes:** Ribbons will be awarded in **4 categories: Best City Spirit, Spookiest Scarecrow, Funniest & Most Original.** Ribbons will be pinned on winning scarecrows on Thursday, November 10th.

Winners will be announced Thursday, November 10th 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 2022

BIG E ON CT DAY Wednesday, September 21, 2022



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 7 pm to the City Municipal Building, leaving the Big E grounds at 5:00 pm

Destination: Big E Fairgrounds, W Springfield, MA

Fee: \$60.00 per person. Includes transportation, entrance fee & driver gratuity.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 Open to City Resident & Non-Resident.

Covid guidelines may change, we will follow Big E current rules.

Check our website <http://cityofgroton.recdesk.com> and Facebook page for more Fall/Winter Bus Trips to come!



Letters to Santa begins on

Monday, November 28th and continues until Monday, December 12th. The City of Groton Parks & Recreation Department will set up a special mailbox for this so that letters will go straight to the North Pole!

Don't forget a return address for a reply from Santa!

Or mail your letter to 295 Meridian Street, Groton, CT 06340 and we will put it in the mailbox for you.



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

PERSONALIZED PAVERS AT EASTERN POINT BEACH

Engraved pavers
arranged around the
flagpole in front of the
Tyler House.

\$225.00 / 3 lines max.
Payment is due with
order form.

*Honor someone, a special
moment or in memory of.*



See our website for the order form:

<http://cityofgroton.recdesk.com>

Call us with any questions at 860-446-4128

FREE Winter Concert Series

City of Groton

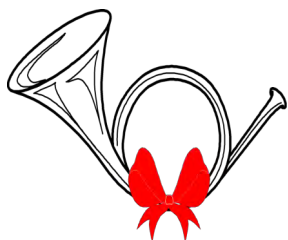
Municipal Building,

295 Meridian St, Groton.

City Cabaret



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



**Please check our Website and
Facebook to get updates/details
and band information.**

Community Events—Winter 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 10, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the City of Groton Municipal Building.



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



Keep an eye on the City Police Department website <http://cityofgroton.com> and Facebook Page for updated information for our Annual Holiday Festival in December!



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!

September Community Events

RUN - BREW FEST - MUSIC - FOOD

**THE GREATER MYSTIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND GROTON UTILITIES PRESENT**

GREATER
MYSTIC
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE




GROTON UTILITIES

EASTERN POINT BEACH SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2022

To Benefit The Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce
and The Riverfront Children's Center

- 11:00am
- 11:30am - 3:00pm

5K Run

**Brew Fest, Food &
Music by Azalea Drive**
(Last pour at 2:45pm)

REGISTER NOW

5K Run Including Brewfest -
5K Run and Designated Driver -
Brewfest Only -
There for the Music Only -

\$35 (Day of \$50)
\$20
\$25 (Day Of \$40)
Free!



Community Share!

2nd Annual Outdoor Artisan Market

Saturday, September 24

Rain Date – September 25

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Bill Memorial Library

Next to Fort Griswold

**Local
Crafters &
Artisans**



Alpacas from Six
Paca Farm

**Fun for
the whole
family!**



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860-445-0392



girls who CODE

Are you interested in computers?

Do you want to learn a new skill?

Teens collaborate on a coding project, with fun opportunities to meet tech professionals, make crafts, play games, and help our community. Stay tuned for Bill Memorial Library's Girls Who Code Kick-off in early October 2022, when students in grades 6-12 and their parent or guardian are invited to attend a free in-person informational session. *Please call the library at (860) 445-0392 for more information or to register.*



Storyteller Rona Leventhal presents Haunts, Haints, and Hollers: Stories for a Halloween Eve

(appropriate for ages 8-12) at the Bill Memorial Library!

Friday, October 28 at 6:00 PM

Join us at the darkened library as Rona Leventhal presents all manner of stories of haints, dead folk, shape shifters and mysterious players..... from the spooky and eerie to the silly & transformative!

City Public Works Department—860-446-4127

Fall Leaf Collection:

Wednesdays,
October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 30
(no Pick Up 11/23) and December 8, 2022

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



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 28, 2022
January 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2023

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 \$89.00 each

65 gallon Green Otto Trash Carts for \$79.00 each

65 gallon Blue Otto Recycling Carts for \$79.00 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	\$30.00 per hour
Non-residents	\$60.00 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.



Farmers Market Fun!

Groton City Farmers Market

Every Tuesday from 3-6pm
through Mid-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

Second Sunday of the month from 11 am—2pm

November 13, December 11, 2022

January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9 & May 14, 2023



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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 6, 2022.
Don't forget to set
your clocks
back one hour.

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