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Office Location

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

Visit us on the Web

cityofgroton.recdesk.com

Mission

The mission of the City of Groton Parks & Recreation is to promote a wide range of quality recreation and wellness programs along with park facilities for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

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."

Refund Policy

If the Recreation Department cancels a program/ class, a refund will be given. **Credit card convenience 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.

Cancellations

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 is cancelled or closed early, programs will be cancelled.

LOCAL	CONTACT NUMBERS				
Groton Little League	Jessica I	Donnel			
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Lacrosse					

Eastern Point Beach

A beautiful, family oriented beach with breathtaking views of Long Island Sound.

OFFICIAL BEACH SEASON

Saturday, June 20, 2020 to September 7, 2020

SEASON PASS HOURS & FEES

(CASH OR CHECK ONLY) ONLY sold at the City Municipal Building, 295 Meridian Street

Saturday, May 9—June 20, 2020

Monday – Friday: 4:00 - 7:30 pm9:00 am - 2:00 pm Saturdays:

SEASONAL RATES

(Vehicle registration is needed to purchase a pass)

City Residents/ City Taxpayers 62 years old and older* City Resident/City Taxpayer City Resident/City Taxpayer 2nd Vehicle	\$15.00 \$32.00 \$22.00	\$20 weekdays \$30 weekends and holidays \$40 Special Events that affect the Beach parking
Town of Groton Taxpayer 62 yrs+ * Taxpayer may be required to show current tax bill as proof.	\$32.00	WALK-INS
Non-resident 62 years old and older*	\$48.00	City Residents with ID & ALL kids 17 and under FREE
Non-resident	\$70.00	Non-Residents, 18 and older

^{*} To be eligible for this rate, an individual must be 62 on or before Labor Day.

WALK-IN GUEST PASS



SUMMER CABARET @ EASTERN POINT BEACH

Monday, June 22—Friday, September 4, 2020

For Residents and Non-residents without season

8 am - 4 pm

Monday – Friday:

\$5.00

DAILY PARKING (8 am to 8 pm)

Music on the lawn in front of the Zbierski House, 1 Beach Pond Rd. FREE CONCERT WITH SEASON PASS

Sunday, July 19th Sunday, August 16th Starts at 6:30 pm

Without a Season Pass parking is \$5.00 after 6:00 pm for Beach Concerts for Non-Residents. Check website, http://cityofgroton.recdesk.com, for Band Details.



CITY OF GROTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUMMER PLAYGROUND REGISTRATION FORM ONLY

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or injury incurred by participants while traveling to and from or participating in the above mentioned trips or activities 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 Physician's Name and Phone:

Allergies to food/medication:

Does your child use an Epi-Pen? Injuries or specific restrictions: _

Inhaler?

Other

Chronic/Recurring illness (diabetes; asthma)

I give the following people permission to pick up my child

I give my child permission to be a WALKER

(Initial Here)

Walker Permission to take the bus on Thursdays to the Beach

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	

West Side NOT AVAILABLE this

summer, new location choice

is Marine Science Magnet HS

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

SUMMER PLAYGROUND

The 2020 Summer Playground Program is offered to children in grades Pre-K through 9th (ages 4*-14). This program is designed to fill the youth's leisure time and expose them to activities that will develop skills, self-esteem, character, as well as physical abilities. Breakfast & Lunch are included at NO charge.

Dates: Monday, June 22—Friday, August 14, 2020 (Start date may change due to school snow days)

Times: 8:30-11:30 am for Pre-K—Kindergarten | 8:30- 3:00 pm for Grades 1– 9

Grades/Ages: Going in to Pre-k through 9th/ages 4*- 14

*Children must be four years of age by June 1, 2020

Locations: Washington Park on Park Avenue <u>OR</u> Marine Science Magnet High School on Shennecossett Rd (Location choice is up to the parents of the child--- <u>Please note on registration which site your child will attend)</u>

** Drop off and pick up for Summer Playground is at Eastern Point Beach every THURSDAY, for ALL groups.

PRE-K—KINDERGARTEN

Minnows (Washington Park ONLY)

This program will run from 8:30 am until 11:30 am. Activities will include arts and crafts, group activities, story time, songs, snack time, and field trips. Child must be 4 by June 1, 2020 to attend.

Breakfast is provided at no cost. There will be an additional entrance fee for some trips.

Fee for Entire Summer Program: \$125.00 City Resident /\$175.00 Non-Resident

Weekly Fee: \$40.00 City Resident / \$50.00 Non-Resident

1st - 9th GRADE

Snappers (1ST AND 2ND GRADE)

Piranhas (3RD AND 4TH GRADE)

Marlins (5TH AND 6TH GRADE)

Barracudas (7TH, 8TH & 9TH GRADE)

This program will run from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Arts, crafts, dramatic and creative exercises, group activities, field trips will be offered. Story time, world outreach and similar activities will also be incorporated. All groups will be supervised during lunch. **Breakfast and lunch are provided at no cost.** There will be an additional entrance fee for some trips.

Fee for Entire Summer Program: \$250.00 City Resident /\$325.00 Non-Resident

Weekly Fee: \$40.00 City Resident / \$50.00 Non-Resident



PLAYGROUND RAINY DAYS ** NEW LOCATION **

will be announced at a later date.

Due to the construction work on West Side Middle School our rainy day location for the 2020 Playground season



Spring Class Offerings

Babysitting Certification Class

Date: Saturday, March 28 OR

Saturday, May 16, 2020

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

Ages: 11-15 year olds

Place: City of Groton Municipal Building,

295 Meridian Street, Groton

Fee: \$55.00 per person (Resident or Non-Resident)

RED CROSS CERTIFICATES ARE EARNED

• Basic First Aid

• Make playtime fun with age-appropriate games

Manage your babysitting business

• Care for babies and kids up to 10 years old

• Handle a wide variety of emergencies

Each child walks away with a handbook, CD with lots of resources and a canvas babysitter's bag filled with starter materials! Certificates to be mailed home within 1 week of class.

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.

Session: Spring I Tuesdays, March 31— May 5, 2020 Session: Spring II Tuesdays, May 12 — June 9, 2020

(no class April 14 due to school vacation)

Where: West Side Middle School, 250 Brandegee Ave

Ages & Time:

5-7 year olds

Fee: 5:45 pm—6:15 pm \$30.00

8-13 year olds 6:15 pm—7:00 pm \$40.00

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

by Photographer George Savic

Beginner Photography Class Wed, April 22

Learn composition & special techniques to wow photos.

Advanced Photography Class Wed, May 20

Special effects, using different lenses & manual settings.

Time: 6:00 — 8:00 pm

Location: Zbierski House, 3 Beach Pond Rd, Groton

Ages: 12 to adult

Fee: \$50.00 (Fee is per class date)

Materials: Cell phone or digital camera is encouraged

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.

ADULT GOLF LESSONS			YOUTH GOLF LESSONS Ages: 8 – 15			
SPRG I:	Mon, April 6 - May 4	10-11 am	SPRG I:	Sat, April 18—May 16	11 am-12 noon	
SPRG II:	Mon, April 6 - May 4	6-7 pm	SUM I:	Sat, June 20—July 18	11 am-12 noon	
SPRG III:	Wed, April 8 - May 6	6-7 pm	FALL I:	Sat, Sept 12—Oct 10	11 am-12 noon	
SPRG IV:	Thurs, May 7 – June 4	10-11 am				
SPRG V:	Thurs, May 7 – June 4	6-7 pm	WOMEN ONLY			
SPRG VI:	Mon, June 1 – June 29	6-7 pm	SPRG I	Tuesdays, May 5—June 2	10-11 am	
			SPRG II	Tuesdays, May 5 – June 2	6-7 pm	

Fee: City of Groton Residents \$125 Non-Residents \$140

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 small basket of balls for each lesson.

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

Summer Class Offerings / Concerts in the Park

Adult Tennis Program

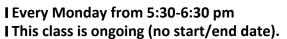
This addition to our summer program will be offered to Beginners, Intermediates, and Advanced players. There will be one (6) six week session to be held on

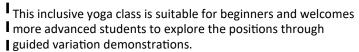
Tuesdays and Thursdays.

July 7- August 14, 2020 from 5:30-7:30 pm

Fee: \$60.00 City Resident / Non-Residents \$75.00

Community Yoga Class





The one-hour class will take a fitness-based approach to building students' strength, flexibility and concentration while relaxing the body and calming the mind.

Bring your own yoga mat please.

Where: City Municipal Building, 295 Meridian Street in Groton-From June – September, weather permitting, class will be held outside at Eastern Point Beach (left grassy side of the Zbierski House), 1 Beach Pond Rd in Groton

Fee: \$6.00 drop in rate.

NO need to pre-register, pay instructor at time of class.

SUMMER TENNIS LESSONS

It's TENNIS TIME at Washington Park! We have a great summer season of tennis, featuring a variety of programs and events geared to children of all ages.

The 8-week clinic run from **June 22– August 14, 2020**They meet Monday - Thursday. (Rain days - Fridays)

Tiny Tots Clinic Ages 4 & 5

10-10:30 am

Junior Clinic I Ages 6-9 For beginner and intermediate players 8:30-9:15 am

Junior Clinic II Ages 10-12 For beginner and intermediate players 9:15 -10 am

Teen Clinic Ages 13-18

For beginner, intermediate and advanced players 10:30 am- 12:00 pm

Junior and Teen Clinics will emphasize hand-eye coordination, motor skills, and the basic strokes of the game.

Fee: \$45.00 City Residents / \$60.00 Non-residents



All concerts are held on Fridays, 6:30 pm at Washington Park





June 19 Wicked Peach

June 26 Andre & Friends

July 3 The Cartells

July 10 Pop Rocks

July 17 Coyote River Band

July 24 MassConn Fusion

July 31 The Usual Lebowskis

Rain Dates: 8/14 & 8/21/20

Spring Community Events

CITY OF GROTON'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 11



At 10 A.M. sharp

for children 2-12



City of Groton Municipal Building 295 Meridian Street, Groton (front lawn areas)

Bring your own basket and camera/phone to take pictures with the Easter Bunny and McGruff.

Children First Groton is running a Book Drive for "Prescription to Read" so please donate a new or gently used children's book.

For more information call the office at 860-446-4128





Stay and enjoy the City Police Touch-A-Truck Citizens with Autism Safety System Kick-Off Event

Saturday, April 11 from 9 am - 3 pm

Sensory-Friendly

Come out and connect with local first responders and many other agencies!

Open to ALL local children!



S.T.E.P.S. Third Annual Young Women's Leadership Day

HEALTHY MINDS, BODIES AND RELATIONSHIPS WILL LEAD TO HEALTHY LIVES

Healthy Minds

- Create and explore new ideas
- Coping with stress

Healthy Bodies

- Rest and relax
- Proper diet and exercise

Healthy Relationships

- Building positive friendships and social support networks
- Communicating effectively
- Healthy STEPS Through Life
 An interactive game of life's choices and challenges.

March 21, 2020

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Inclement weather date: 04.11.2020

A unique opportunity for girls in grades 6-12

REGISTER NOW

https://2020-steps-YWLD.eventbrite.com Cost: \$25 (includes breakfast & lunch)

> Event Location: Connecticut College, Blaustein Building 270 Mohegan Ave, New London, CT 06320







KEYNOTE SPEAKER - DR. LEAH RUSSACK-BAKER





Contact Bea Jennette with any questions at 860-941-7949 or info@stepsCT.org





Citizens with Autism Safety System Kick-Off Event

Sensory-Friendly
Come out and connect with local first responders and many
other agencies!
Open to ALL local children!

On Saturday, April II, 2020 from 9 am - 3 pm at the City of Groton Municipal Building, 295 Meridian Street, Groton, CT. The City of Groton Fire Department, Parks & Recreation and many other entities will be available to welcome local children and their families.

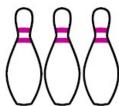
There will be opportunities to speak with many different agencies (both inside and outside) to receive important information.

This free event will provide an opportunity to see different types of vehicles, build relationships with personnel, and, most importantly, make a personal connection in a horn, light and siren-free environment. Please feel free to stop by one, or all, of the Departments! ALL local children are welcome to attend.

Please feel free to check out the City of Groton Police Department Facebook Page for additional information or call Dispatch at (860) 445-2451.

Special thanks to all of our sponsors, personnel and volunteers and especially to the Town of Stonington who worked with us to make this collaboration possible





Save the date for the second annual collaborative

BOWL-A-THON

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020 3:00 - 5:00 PM GROTON BOWLING CENTER GROTON, CT

\$200/TEAM (6-8 PLAYERS) INCLUDES SHOE RENTAL & 2 HOURS OF BOWLING FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT FOOD SPECIALS & BASKET RAFFLES

REGISTER YOUR TEAM AT HTTPS://2020-BOWL-A-THON.EVENTBRITE.COM/

BENEFITING ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDE:







Summer Events / Rentals

GROTON HEIGHTS WATERFRONT FESTIVAL

June 13, 2020 10 am—4 pm

A day of family fun to explore the Arts and Culture in the historic village of Groton Heights. New this year Thames River Heritage Park water taxi will offer tours of the riverfront, join in on walking tours to learn about the ghost and the history of Groton Heights waterfront.

The event is held in conjunction with Connecticut Open House Day where families can visit the historical buildings that are open to visitors free of charge on this day only! Food, a market place, games, prizes and entertainment will all be offered for the entire family to enjoy.

CITY OF GROTON DAY Friday, August 7, 2020

5:00 pm at Washington Park

The City of Groton puts on the Annual City of Groton Day for **residents** of all ages.

Award presentations and live music provide entertainment for the family and picnickers.

For the children, there will be contests, prizes, moonwalk, rock climbing wall, photo booth, Big Daddy Racing, face painting and special entertainment.

Hamburgers ~ Hotdogs ~ Chips ~ Soda / Water Don't miss this fun family event!

City Wide Yard Sale

Individually hosted Yard Sales will be held on **Saturday**, **June 27th from 9 am—3 pm** throughout the City of Groton.

We provide a map of the registered addresses.

<u>City residents</u> can register their address online at http://cityofgroton.recdesk.com or by email to pr@cityofgroton.com.

Planning a Party? Rent a Pavilion in our beautiful Washington Park setting. Pavilions come with a gril!

Small Pavilion (25-30 ppl) Large Pavilion (70-75 ppl)



Call 860-446-4128 for reservations

10 % Military Discount Available!155 Meridian St in Groton

Available to rent 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

\$100.00 security deposit (refundable)
*** Business rates differ.

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

Call 860-446-4128



Val's Bus Trips / Day Trips

Red Sox vs Yankees at Yankee Stadium! Saturday, May 9th

You'll arrive about one hour prior to game time, allowing you time to visit Monument Park and to view pre-game warm ups on the field. Then you'll enjoy all the action from your Yankee Stadium Terrace Level Reserved Seats as the Yankees and Red Sox take the field at 4:05 PM. You'll depart for home after the game and your return time home will be approx. 11:30 PM.

Bus Leaves: 10:30 am from the City of Groton Municipal Building, 295 Meridian Street, Groton

Fee: \$135.00 per person. Transportation and game tickets are included.

Deadline: To register is FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2020

Franklin Park Zoo (Zoo New England) OR Boston on Your Own

Saturday, June 13th

Enjoy a day at the Zoo: Serengeti Crossing, Children's Zoo, Giraffe Savannah, Tropical Forest, Outback Trail and more. Bring your own lunch or purchase food at one of the concessions. Departing Zoo at 4:15 pm.

OR we will provide a stop at the Museum of Fine Arts (465 Huntington Ave) to do Boston on Your Own. Skywalk Observatory & Fenway Park are a 15-20 minute walk from this location. Pick up at this stop is 4 pm.

Bus Leaves: 8:00 am from the City of Groton Municipal Building, 295 Meridian Street, Groton

Zoo Option Fees: Adult—\$68, Senior (62+) - \$63, Child (2-12 yrs) - \$60

Boston on Your Own Fee: \$50

Includes transportation, driver gratuity and Zoo tickets (if that is your option).

Deadline: To register is FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2020

Thames River Boat Tour & Fort Trumbull

Saturday, July 25th & Thursday, August 6th (Pick One Date)

*** This is NOT a bus trip, but rather a day trip, meeting place will be the Thames River Taxi Dock in Groton.

We will board our private boat and enjoy a 90-minute tour of the Thames River (bathroom on dock, none on boat). From the vantage point of the river you'll understand the strategic value of this storied waterway and region and hear a few of the 1000 stories in the Park.

Approximately 11:30 am we will dock at Fort Trumbull to enjoy lunch, the fort grounds and the Visitor Center. The world class Visitor Center contains state of the art multimedia theaters, computer touch screen interactive exhibits, 3-D models, and extensive graphics and text panels. This one of a kind center depicts over 225 years of military history and technological advances from the Revolutionary War to the Cold War. Leaving Fort Trumbull at 3 pm to return to the Groton Dock.

** Includes Box Lunch. Choose: Turkey, Ham, Tuna or Vegetarian sandwich.

Meet at the Thames River Taxi Dock: 10:00 am (301 Thames Street)

Departs Fort Trumbull: 3:00 pm to return to Groton Dock approx. 15 mins later.

Fee: 13 yrs + \$45.00, 6-12 yrs \$40.00, age 5 and under \$30.00 Deadline: To register is July 3rd (for 7/25) & July 17th (for 8/6)

Register Online at cityofgroton.recdesk.com



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 (not all activities include this): Child's S M L Adult's S M L XL							
	not give permission for Department of Parks and Re		my famil	ly to appea	r in any medi	a coverage	
Chronic/Recurring illness (diabetes; asthma)							
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.							
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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



City of Groton 295 Meridian St Groton, CT



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Groton City Farmers Market

From July through October Every Tuesday from 3-6pm

Washington Park (155 Meridian St, Groton)



At GROTON ELKS every Thursday Night

Doors Open at 4:30pm

Purchase BINGO Sheets, Special Games, Quickies, \$1,000 Progressive \$3,000 Progressive, Daubers, Food and more

BINGO starts 6:30 pm

Located at 700 Shennecossett Rd, Groton