

Town of Newtown, CT

3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT

These minutes are subject to the approval by the Parks and Recreation commission

The Parks and Recreation Commission held an in-person meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, with an opportunity for phone – in public participation, at the Newtown Senior Center, 8 Simpson St, Newtown, CT 06470

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clinton DePaolo at 6:03pm

**Present:** Clinton DePaolo, Jim Parker, Vincent Yanni, Rance Thompson, David Payne

**Staff Present:** Amy Mangold, Carl Samuelson, RoseAnn Reggiano

**Absent:** Aaron Britton, Warren Spencer

**Public:** Ms. Alexa Larson

**Public Participation:**

- Ms. Alexa Larson shared she is looking forward to outdoor pickleball

**Acceptance of Minutes:** Acceptance of the minutes of the March 8, 2022 meeting has been tabled until June due to lack of quorum.

**Old Business**

- Men's Softball; Past Due Payment *Update:* Ms. Amy Mangold shared that the former league coordinator paid the outstanding balance and the new league managers have met with Mr. Carl Samuelson to review the guidelines of field time.
- Tilson Light Controller Upgrade *Update:* Mr. Carl Samuelson shared that the warranty for the controller for Tilson lights has expired, and that the equipment has now become obsolete. He explained that any time it needs repairs it is a bit of a process to have it fixed. Recently when having the control fixed other issues were found. The mechanics found that the light controls for the basketball court at Treadwell were in the same box as the lights for Tilson. Additionally there was damage to the wires and electronics in the box from animals getting in. Musco lighting repaired the wires and reconfigured the control set up so everything is organized in the control box. Mr. Samuelson also shared there will be another 10 year warranty for the fixture and said to keep it in mind while budgeting in the future.

**Old Business**

- *None*

**Correspondence**

- *None*

## **Chairman's Report**

Clinton DePaolo, Chairman Newtown Parks and Recreation

- *None*

## **Directors Report**

Amy Mangold, Director of Parks and Recreation:

- Ms. Amy Mangold reported that the Fruit Trail Awakening happened on April 30th and it was a great success. There were about 60 volunteers including a youth group from the Church of Latter-Day Saints and a Daisy Troop. A majority of the volunteers were from out of town. Ms. Mangold gave a special thank you to Ms. Alexa Larson for all her help with the event as she was there both days. Ms. Mangold also gave a thank you to Grace Little from the Church of Latter Day-Saints for helping to get everyone involved.
- Ms. Mangold shared that she, Mr. Carl Sameulson, and Mr. John Moore had interviews for the open maintainer position and decided on who they will be hiring; they are hoping to get him started soon.
- RecTrac is full up and running on the cloud now and has been working great so far. The website was down for minimal time while making the transition.
- Ms. Mangold shared an update on the bicycle playground, she is waiting on a date to go to a planning and zoning meeting to present to them.
- Summer concerts at Dickenson are scheduled and ready to go! Tuesdays will be for children concerts sponsored by The Friend of The Library and Thursdays will be adult concerts sponsored by Claris Construction.. Ms. Mangold thanked Claris Construction for their support with the concerts. (*Attachments #1 & #2*).
- The money for the new truck and pavilion was approved through the ARP Fund so the department will now be able to get those items in motion.
- At the department head meeting, the Communications director shared there have been lots of mental health issues and substance abuse issues lately. Ms. Mangold shared she will be getting involved with the Newtown High School health fair to educate students on self care with other Prevention Council members .
- Ms. Mangold shared that while she was at the skate park to check on a program, she connected with a mom from Oxford who was very interested in getting a skate park in her town. Ms. Mangold agreed it would be a great outlet for the kids there and could benefit their town as much as it has Newtown. Mr. Carl Samuelson and herself will be meeting with the director of Oxford Parks and Recreation and the Oxford First Selectman at the skatepark to do a walk through and discuss the opportunities and benefits .

First Selectman Rosenthal will be walking behind Treadwell Park to see the area being proposed for a Disc Golf course and to view the proximity to the Sandy Hook School Memorial project with Ms. Magold and Mr. Carl Samuelson.

## **Assistant Director's Reports:**

### *RoseAnn Reggiano, Assistant Director of Recreation*

- Ms. Roseann Reggiano shared that the 11th annual Strutt Your Mutt was Saturday, May 14th at Fairfield Hills from 11AM-2PM. There will be 12 vendors and 6 sponsors this year.
- Ms. Reggiano also shared she is getting ready for summer, Eichler's Cove Marina opens the weekend of May 14th as well.
- Ms. Reggiano shared that there will be pickleball lessons given at Edmond Town Hall through Jan Brown, who has donated her time to give the lessons. Her husband, Bruce Brown, will be doing lessons in June as well. The pickleball fund has \$1,597 so far.
- There will be another pickleball fundraiser on May 31st at Newsylum Brewery in Fairfield Hills with a silent auction.
- There will be a bike clinic coming up, where the money made from it will go towards the bicycle playground.
- She also met with Diane Sarna, the new waterfront director. They decided to have 2 assistant waterfront directors as well as 4 head lifeguards.
- Ms. Reggiano shared they will be needing water for the Rooster Run in June.
- There will be a sip and paint event on June 16th (*Attachment #3*).
- The carnival is coming back! The carnival will be set up at Fairfield Hills from August 17th to August 20th. Ms. Reggiano will be needing volunteers for the ticketbooth, ground maintenance, and bracelet help. There will also be 4 food trucks this year.
- There will be a fundraiser at the Edmond Town Hall, a haunted halloween event in October. There was discussion of doing 2 waves of the haunted house, one earlier in the day for the kids so they don't get too scared and another later in the day for the older kids.

### *Carl Samuelson, Assistant Director of Parks*

- *Attachment #4 through #5*

## **Commissioners out and about:**

- *None*

## **Motions:**

- *None*

**Adjournment of Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the multi-purpose room located at 8 Simpson Street, Newtown, CT unless changed to virtual due to COVID restrictions.

Submitted by,

*Victoria Weimann, Clerk*

# TUESDAY TUNES

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Dickinson Bandshell

Tuesdays, 2 - 3pm

June 28

Flor Bromley

July 5

Benanna Band

July 12

Vanessa Trien

July 19

Annie and the Natural Wonder Band

July 26

Steve Elci and Friends

August 2

Al deCant and Jill Kubeck



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# Thursday Summer Concert Series

NEWTOWN PARKS & RECREATION

together with

Claris Construction present

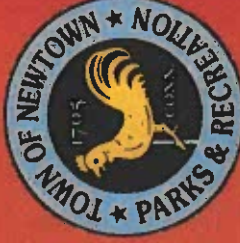
## 2022 FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

Dickinson Bandshell

Thursday Family-friendly Concerts

6:30 - 8 pm

June 30	Echoes of Sinatra
July 7	Keltic Kick
July 14	Kathy Thompson Band
July 21	Goldrush
July 28	Jake Kulak and the Lowdown
August 4	Gold Roots



In the event of rain, concerts will  
be moved inside to Edmond Town Hall  
Register at [ch.boothlibary.org](http://ch.boothlibary.org)

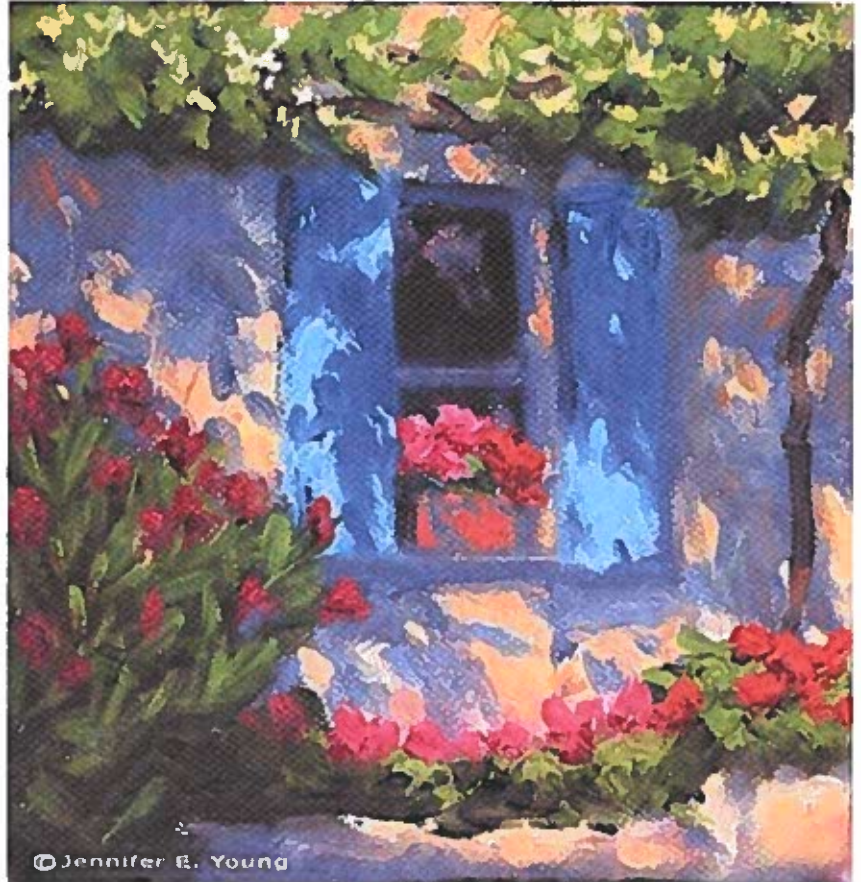


# SIP AND PAINT



## (Ages 21 & Up)

Uncork your creativity!! Adults who want to return to painting, learn to paint, or paint with friends and loved ones are invited to participate in Sip and Paint – a new, fun painting and wine experience offered at Newtown Parks and Recreation. While sipping wine connect with your creative side, with your friends and meet new people. Painters will be provided with paint supplies, brushes, and a wine glass to paint “Dancing Light.” Instructors will guide painters through the proper steps and offer encouragement to create a personal work of art inspired by a featured painting. Bring your own wine or beverage and snack of your choice. At the end of the evening participants will bring home a finished painted wine glass that is their own unique expression along with a great memory of a fun time. The evening is a wonderful way to relax and socialize, sip wine and be creative! Your advance reservation is required, space is limited.



**“Dancing Light”**

**Activity Code:** 414106 A

**Thursday, June 16**

**6:30-8:30 pm Age: 21 & up Fee: \$70**

**Location:** Newtown Community Center  
Art Room

**8 Simpson Street, Newtown, CT**

**Instructor:** Georgetown School of the Arts &  
Paint Draw and More

To Register:  
Call 203-270-4340 or visit  
[www.newtown-ct.gov/parks-recreation](http://www.newtown-ct.gov/parks-recreation)

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CARL SAMUELSON  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PARKS

## TOWN OF NEWTOWN

### PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

#### PARKS AND FIELDS REPORT

**TO:** Newtown Parks and Recreation Commission,  
Amy Mangold, Director

**FROM:** Carl Samuelson, Assistant Director – Parks

**DATE:** May 10, 2022

**RE:** Monthly park update and field report

Spring is well underway and this season has been incredibly challenging with staff shortages and cool rainy weather. Spring cleaning is complete and all athletic fields are open and in use daily assuming weather allows.

The sewer line project behind our shop is currently at a standstill but certainly made for a challenging spring. Some tunnel access work remains along with some paving and concrete repairs.

We have mulched the Pleasance and have now moved on to the Police Department. Park beds will be mulched in the coming weeks.

The nets for pickleball and tennis have all been installed for the season and we set up and broke down for Earth Day at Newtown Middle School.

We have received training on some of the infrastructure components at the Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial. The contractor is responsible for care for a period of one year. Care is very similar to that needed to run the small pool at Treadwell.

**Dickinson Park:** The ice rink was broken down and removed and the park received a general spring cleaning. The bathrooms have been opened for the season which includes well sanitization and needed testing for the State. Bathroom vandalism has been repaired twice so far this spring.

The playground project has been held up by rain, but is going well. Surfacing should be installed by the end of next week if the weather cooperates.

The fields here have received spring fertility and the planting beds have received weed control. Weekly mowing and field grooming have started for the season.

**Newtown Middle School:** Weekly mowing and field grooming has started for the season. Fields here are groomed and lined for NMS scholastic events as needed. Spring fertility was applied here. Goal mouths were aerated and seeded on these fields.

**Orchard Hill:** Weekly mowing and daily garbage removal has started for the season.

**Lake Lillinonah:** The dock has been installed for the season. Weekly mowing and daily garbage/grill cleaning has started for the season.

**Oakview:** The field is open for the season. Needed lines have been laid out and are painted on a weekly basis. Spring fertilizer has been applied and weekly mowing has started for the season. Goal mouths were aerated and seeded here.

**Tilson Field:** The initial lighting upgrade work has been completed. Some additional damage was found and a larger cabinet with an additional control module was needed. We are waiting for these components to arrive.

A fencing quote was received to repair an area of damaged fencing as well as fully fence the rest of the field.

**Treadwell Soccer/Softball:** Spring sports have started here and these fields are very busy. Weekly mowing and field grooming have started for the season. Spring fertility was applied here.

**Glander Fields:** The dugout was completed and all of the buildings here were painted blue by Newtown Babe Ruth Baseball, with needed approvals. Weekly mowing and field grooming have started for the season. Spring fertility was applied here.

**Liberty Fields:** . Weekly mowing and field grooming have started for the season. Spring fertility was applied here.

**Walnut Tree:** Weekly mowing and field grooming have started for the season. Spring fertility was applied here.

**Fairfield Hills:** The campus has received a few spring cleanings, as the wind storms this spring have been merciless. Weekly mowing and field grooming have started for the season. Spring fertility was applied here.

**NHS Fields:** All of the needed lines have been laid out and painted. We have assisted in digging footing holes at the softball field. Weekly mowing and field grooming have started for the season. Spring fertility was applied here. Goal mouths were aerated and seeded on these fields.

**Sandy Hook School:** Weekly mowing and field grooming have started for the season. Spring fertility was applied here.

**Hawley School Fields:** No new news here. Weekly mowing and field grooming have started for the season. Spring fertility was applied here.

**Eichlers Cove Marina:** The docks are in for the season and are ready to go. Weekly mowing and field grooming have started for the season.

**Dog Park:** Weekly mowing and field grooming have started for the season. The dog bowl water has been turned on but we have not yet activated the splash pad.

**Treadwell Park:** The paver project has started again and will be completed later this spring. Weekly mowing and field grooming have started for the season. The bathrooms have been opened for the season here.



**Pole Bridge Preserve:** Some tree removal has taken place here following the numerous wind storms. Some clean up remains.

**Watertown Field:** Equipment has been dropped off to build the backstop here. This will be completed in the next 7-10 days. Weekly mowing and field grooming have started for the season.

- 408 hours of vacation/sick/personal/injury/discipline hours were used out of 2200 potential work hours in the past month. This represents a 19% loss in workforce.