



TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Newtown Park and Recreation Commission

These minutes are subject to the approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission

The Parks and Recreation Commission met Tuesday September 13th, at the Newtown Community Center, 8 Simpson Street, Newtown, CT 06470.

Present: Vincent Yanni, David Payne, Aaron Britton, Jim Parker, Warren Spencer

Absent: Clinton Depaolo, Rance Thompson

Staff: Amy Mangold, Carl Samuelson

Mr Yanni called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Mr Spencer moved to accept the minutes of March 8, 2022. Mr Payne 2nd – approved

Mr Spencer moved to accept the minutes of May 10, 2022. Mr Payne 2nd – approved

Mr Yanni moved to accept the minutes of June 14, 2022. Mr Britton 2nd – approved

Mr Payne moved to accept the minutes of August 9, 2022. Mr Yanni 2nd – approved

Old Business

Bicycle Playground – ARP meeting was postponed until September 22nd.

Fundraising planned – Scarecrow Contest and Turkey Shoot

Dickinson Pavillion Repairs – Met with Mr Rosenthal Thursday. Three years ago it was \$165,000 for repairs or \$700,000 to replace the pavilion.

Pricing for a substantial upgrade, possibly a metal roof, looking at wifi, electricity, fans or conduit for adding later. \$105-152,000 for fall job.

The bathroom needs a new roof, the recent rain caused leakage, the hope is to do the roof with the pavilion roof.

Fans are \$3000 for small or \$10,000 for large. Pavillion needs 4 small fans plus an electrician. Replacing with LED ceiling lights will stop the birds nesting on top of the lights as well as save money.

Teen Center windows, siding and one ramp needs to be taken care of. Possibly the tile in front room depending on funding. The Teen Center is being rented out and programs are being held there. They are looking into what would need to be done to be able to rent both rooms out at the same time for separate events. They have \$52,000 in the Teen Center account for repairs.

New Business

Young Life Basketball Postponed until next meeting.

Hawley Field Lighting – The lighting was installed by Youth Football years ago and they have maintained it. The current leaders want the town to take this over. The lights do not meet requirements and could cause liability so Park and Rec is not taking them over. To bring them up to code they would need variance from the Borough due to height required.

Dr Draper tree donation – This donation is 18 6' holly trees and would be good for erosion control at Orchard Hill. They are native plants and Mr Rosenthal approved.

CIP – extensive discussion on the items listed in previous year's CIP.

The Commissioners agreed on the following order:

- 1 Fairfield Hills Pickleball 23/24**
- 2 Teen Center Renovation for expansion and renovation 23/24**
- 3 Lake Lillinonah Park Improvements 23/24**
- 4 Treadwell Playground Replacement 25/26D**
- 5 FFH Field Phase 1 and Trail Phase 3 26/27**
- 6 Treadwell Turf and Lighting 26/27**
- 7 Maintenance Yard Abatement 25/26**
- 8 Dickenson Water Park Playground 27/28**
- 9 Rail Trail (grant received for design) 25/26**
- 10 Duplex 29/30**
- 11 Dickenson Playground Renovation 31/32**
- 12 Treadwell Pavillion Repair/Replacement 32/33**

Mr Britton moved to accept CIP plan as discussed. Mr Spencer 2nd – approved.

Correspondence – (attached) Tabacco, Vallinaggi, McCarthy, Party Troupe, Ferraro, Zierzow

Director's Report –

Diana Johnson passed away unexpectedly. Not only was Diana a personal friend and neighbor but she was the person who began the Tree lighting when she was part of the Chamber of Commerce 37 years ago.

Carnival was a huge success. It was a lot of hard work at the end of a very busy summer but a ton of fun and a great success! We sold 1759 wristbands and many more tickets We raised a little over \$21,000. Thank you to the health dept, public works and PD for help and participation. We also enjoyed the Fire Departments and the clubs that were able to come and be a part of the event.

This holiday weekend marks the closing of Treadwell Pool and Eichler's Cove Beach after Labor Day. We have had a wonderful/busy outdoor season, we are scraping through the life guards as they are mostly back to school or very busy with fall activities but we are fortunate to get through the season. They all did a wonderful job.

School and Youth sports have all begun and youth football is very eager for the completion of the artificial field in the back of the high school, we had a small delay with vandalism but it will be completed very soon! Thank you Chief for the help with that issue.

We are really excited with all of our fall programming and our brochure is almost complete, so stay tuned for some exciting fall events and the return of the scarecrow campus project!

Asst Director's Report – attached

Maintenance Report

Police Department has been to Treadwell 6 times in the last 18 days for vandalism. High School artificial turf field is open today. The field is ready but still needs some landscaping and fencing to be finished. Vandal was caught.

Lost quite a few trees this year.

Pools are now closed, they will be covered in a few weeks. The filters will run till beginning of November to deter algae growth.

Mr Payne moved to adjourn the meeting with Mr Britton 2nd.

Mr Yanni adjourned the meeting at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

LeReine Frampton, temporary clerk

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RoseAnn Reggiano
Assistant Director Recreation

TOWN OF NEWTOWN

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
www.newtown-ct.gov/parks-recreation

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
Amy Mangold, Director

FROM: Rose Ann Reggiano, Assistant Director – Recreation

DATE: September 13, 2022

RE: Monthly Report

The Carnival was awesome! We raised \$21,159.00. Sold 1759 wristbands for the four nights. Our workers were great, thank you to Kate Geerer, Victoria Weimann Harrison Farah, Matthew Holden, Jack Chappa, John Sclafani, Peggy McIntyre and Mary Jo Pecora Runkle.

Summer Day Camp this year for amazing, we had a total of 604 campers at Treadwell Day Camp and 557 campers at Dickinson Day Camp. It was a great year for all campers.

All other summer camps numbers were also great, over 120 camps, only 6 were canceled.

We had a lifeguard appreciation party on 8/10. The majority of the lifeguards did attend and were very appreciated for it. A big Thank you to our Director Diane Sarna and our Assistants and Head Guards, Melissa Petertonjes, Caroline Mahoney, Devin McGovern, David Lawrence, Natalie Barden, Jack Wojtowicz and Mopsey Seaver. Next year we are looking to certify all lifeguards in waterfront.

We sold 1558 family passes, 1305 residents and 203 non-residents. 575 individual passes, 54 residents and 3 non-residents. 117 day passes, 110 residents and 7 non-residents and 24 non-residents senior passes. We had 464 seniors take advantage of the free senior pass.

Our Fall Brochure is out and registration is open.

Our 3rd annual Scarecrow contest is back at Fairfield Hills Lampposts. This year the proceeds will benefit our future bicycle playground.

Our Spooktacular Family fun event will be on Wednesday, October 26 from 5:30 – 7 pm. We are asking families to bring candy for Main Street.

Howl O Ween Dog Party will be on Saturday, October 29 from 11 – 1 pm.

It's back our annual Turkey Toss basketball on November 18 from 6 – 8 pm.

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OPERATIONS FACILITY
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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: September 13, 2022

RE: Monthly park update and field report

Some much needed rain has helped non-irrigated fields recover some just in time for fall sports. There is still some restoration work at our shop related to the sewer line project which will be completed this fall.

We anticipate starting back on the Treadwell pavers this week once we wrap up the rest of the new artificial field project at the High School.

Dickinson Park: Regular mowing and grooming as well as daily maintenance continue here. Plans are coming together for the pavilion renovation and some fall work will commence now that camp is over.

Newtown Middle School: Fields were laid out and painted for the fall athletic season. The recent rain has helped these fields recover dramatically.

Orchard Hill: Regular maintenance here continues. Two downed trees were cleaned up here.

Lake Lillinonah: Weekly mowing and daily garbage/grill cleaning will continue for the season.

Oakview: The banks here were cut for the season. We have completed spreading and rolling millings here. The field was lined for fall soccer.

Tilson Field: The damaged lines here were repaired by Field Turf.

Treadwell Soccer/Softball: Treadwell lines were repaired by Field Turf. The field is groomed and lined for fall sports.

Glander Fields: No new news here as the fields were renovated for the tournament last month. A tree that came down by Glander 2 was cleaned up.

Liberty Fields: . Trees that were overgrown have been pruned. Some fencing repair has also been completed here.

Walnut Tree: No new news. The field continues to be groomed and cut for fall baseball.

Fairfield Hills: A lot of the natural areas have been cut for the season. Some of the downed trees have been cleaned up, others are waiting for the Public Works bucket truck. We had a very successful Parks Field Day here with over 175 attendees.

NHS Fields: The artificial field project is almost complete. The field officially opens today, for football practice. We still have some guiderail installation and perimeter seeding to do but the project is substantially complete. The other fields here are in great shape, as they should be at the beginning of the season.

Sandy Hook School: Weekly mowing and field grooming are ongoing for the season.

Hawley School Fields: Weekly mowing and field grooming are ongoing for the season. We will be installing the goal posts from the back high school field once football is done for the season.

Eichlers Cove Marina: The beach is now closed for the season. We will be bringing in swim equipment and lifeguard chairs when time allows.

Dog Park: The trees were pruned and invasives were removed around the animal control facility. Weekly mowing and maintenance continues at the dog park.

Treadwell Park: Fall sports are in full swing. A lot of the trees along the wall have been pruned. Along with the start of fall sports has been the start of fall vandalism season. The police have been called 6 times in the last 18 days to report vandalism.

Pole Bridge Preserve: No new news here.

Watertown Field: No new news here except regular mowing and grooming continues.

- 152 hours of vacation/sick/personal/injury/discipline hours were used out of 2112 potential work hours in the past month. This represents a 7.5% loss in workforce.

8/15/22, 8:41 AM

Town of Newtown Mail - Thank you



For
Sept Mtg
2022

Amy Mangold <amy.mangold@newtown-ct.gov>

Thank you

1 message

Louise Zierzow <lzierzow@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 8:35 AM

To: Natalie Jackson <natalie.jackson@newtown-ct.gov>, Amy Mangold <amy.mangold@newtown-ct.gov>



For providing us Seniors with such a lovely picnic on Friday.

You managed to have beautiful weather, a delicious box lunch, and as always, lots of good friends gathered together.

Louise

8/16/22, 8:41 AM

Town of Newtown Mail - Fwd: Concert/Picnic at Dickenson PRk

Sept
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Amy Mangold <amy.mangold@newtown-ct.gov>

Fwd: Concert/Picnic at Dickenson PRk

1 message

Natalie Jackson <natalie.jackson@newtown-ct.gov>

Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 4:08 PM

To: Amy Mangold <amy.mangold@newtown-ct.gov>, MaryHelen McCarthy <maryhelen.mccarthy@newtown-ct.gov>, Jennifer Faircloth <jennifer.faircloth@newtown-ct.gov>

Just passing along feedback from Friday :)

Natalie Jackson, LCSW
Director of Human Services
Town of Newtown
8 Simpson Street
Newtown, CT 06470
P: 203.270.4315

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Mary Ann Smith** <maryanns@snet.net>
Date: Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 1:19 PM
Subject: Concert/Picnic at Dickenson PRk
To: Natalie Jackson <natalie.jackson@newtown-ct.gov>

Hi Natalie,

Seniors are still talking about the great day everyone had on Friday, 8/12.

Conroy Warren and his band got people dancing, weather was fabulous and the staff worked very hard coordinating a very successful afternoon.

Thank you, Amy, Jenn C., and Jenn F. (and Newtown police)

Mary Ann Ferraro

Sent from my iPhone



Amy Mangold <amy.mangold@newtown-ct.gov>

[CRPA Members] Thank you!

1 message

Matt M <thepartytroupe@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 29, 2022 at 8:00 AM

Reply-To: Matt M <thepartytroupe@gmail.com>

To: crpamembers@simplelists.com

Hi all - that was one heck of a summer we just put behind us!

From all of us at [The Party Troupe](#), I just want to extend a massive **THANK YOU** to all of you fantastic folks out there at the summer camps and libraries that had us come out to do our foam parties, magic shows (via [Matt Matthews Magic](#)), face painting, and balloon twisting!

— THE —
PARTY
TROUPE
THANK YOU!



Thank you for trusting us to be a part of your summer programming for another year! I know we'll see many of you throughout the year for your afterschool programs and other events.

I'm looking forward to a very short breather after which I'm already going to work to begin planning all the awesome new activities we'll be offering you for next summer!

Thank you again for all of your continued support year after year! It's truly my pleasure to be able to be a part of this amazing community!

Matt
The Party Troupe, LLC
Magicians, Face Painters, Balloon Artists, Foam Parties, and more!
www.ThePartyTroupe.com
www.MattMatthewsMagic.com

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SCHOLARSHIP
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August 26, 2022

Newtown Parks & Recreation
8 Simpson Street
Newtown, CT 06470

Dear Newtown Parks & Recreation,

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the Newtown Scholarship Association, thank you for your generous donation of \$4,500.00, dated 7/12/2022, especially in this most challenging year. We will apply your donation to the Lee Davenson Memorial Scholarship.

This year NSA is supporting almost 140 students from Newtown through the award of approximately \$280,000 in scholarships, including continuing aid beyond just the student's freshman year.

Since its founding in 1937, the NSA has given well over \$4.5 million in financial aid to thousands of young people from our community. That is quite an accomplishment for a small-town volunteer organization. And it would not be possible without the generosity of friends like you.

We, and the students, are very grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

Margaret A. McCarthy

Margaret McCarthy
Assistant Treasurer
Corresponding Secretary

Please retain this receipt for tax purposes. Gifts are tax deductible as permitted by law. No goods or services were provided in return or exchange for this contribution. Newtown Scholarship Association Inc. is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit 501(c) 3 organization, incorporated in the State of Connecticut. Our federal tax ID no. is 06-6059483.

*What a successful day
you had!*



Roseann Reggiano <roseann.reggiano@newtown-ct.gov>

Carnival Instructions

Richard Vallinaggi <richswingsandthingsct@gmail.com>
To: Jennifer Balbes <jennifer.balbes@newtown-ct.gov>
Cc: RoseAnn Reggiano <roseann.reggiano@newtown-ct.gov>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 11:20 AM

Hi Jennifer and RoseAnn:

Just wanted to drop a note to say "Thank You" for inviting us to your Carnival event!!! We had a great time.

If you sponsor this event again next year please keep us in mind; we would love to come back. Also, if there are any other events throughout the year and you are looking for food trucks please reach out.

Thanks again,
Rich & Debbie Vallinaggi

PS:
RoseAnn- hope you were able to enjoy the wings when you got home!!!!

[Quoted text hidden]



Roseann Reggiano <roseann.reggiano@newtown-ct.gov>

Kids Test Kitchen

Meredith Tabacco <meredithhunt24@hotmail.com>

Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 9:02 PM

To: Roseann Reggiano <roseann.reggiano@newtown-ct.gov>

I just wanted to write a note to say how much my kids LOVED this camp!

Anthony keeps reminding me to sign him up for the Fall session.

Even the little postcard recipes that are given to them with the recipes to take home are adorable!

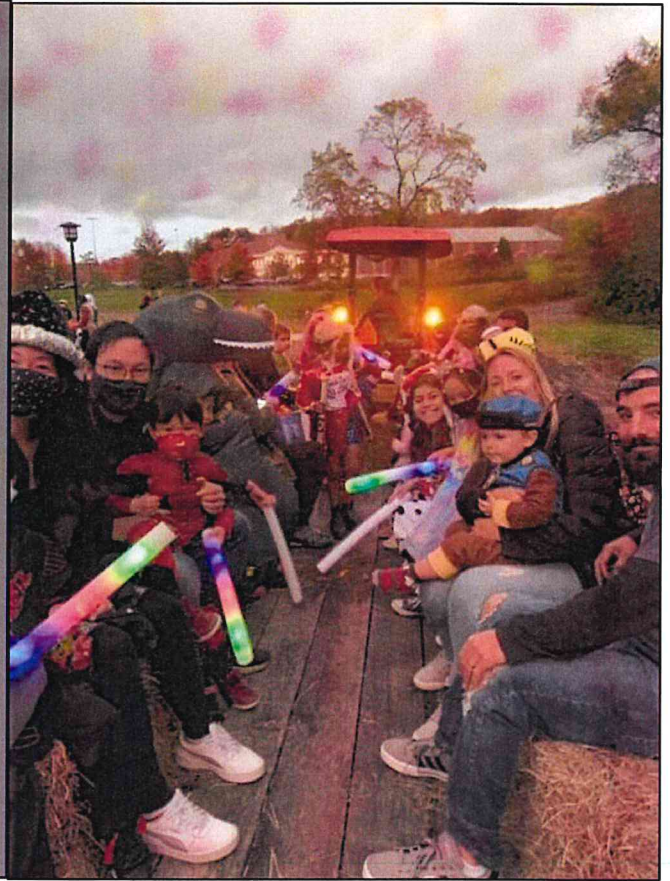
I have to say coming from a neighboring town, I am BLOWN away by the number of camps offered in Newtown. I feel truly blessed and lucky to live here.

Please extend my thanks to the lovely instructor! Looking forward to seeing her again 😊

Meredith Tabacco

Newtown Parks and
Recreation Presents:
**SPOOKTACULAR
FAMILY FUN
EVENT**

Wednesday, October 26
5:30-7pm



**Join us for a spooky evening filled with
activities for the whole family:**

**GAMES • DJ DANCE PARTY • HAYRIDE
COSTUME CONTEST • PRIZES & MORE!**

Note: Last hayride departs at 6:45pm

Costume Categories:

Family Look-A-Like / Scariest / Cutest / Most Creative / Funniest
Best Overall Winner takes home a pumpkin!

You must pre-register for this event

Activity Code: 114102 A Ages: 3 & up Fee: \$5 per person

Location: Community Center Multipurpose Room, 8 Simpson Street

To Register:

Call 203-270-4340 or visit www.newtown-ct.gov/parks-recreation

Sponsored by Newtown Parks and Recreation Department

8 Simpson Street, Newtown, CT 06470



12TH ANNUAL

HOWL-O-WEEN

It's a DOG PARTY

Saturday, October 29, 11am-1pm

THIS EVENT BENEFITS
THE NEWTOWN
PARK AND BARK
DOG PARK

Bring your furry companion/s to this
special event catered for canine fun!

Games • Raffles • Prizes • Costume Contest

Costume Contest Categories

- Scariest
- Most Original
- Cutest
- K-9 Human Look-a-Like
- Best in Show



Register in advance or on the day of the event (cash only on site)

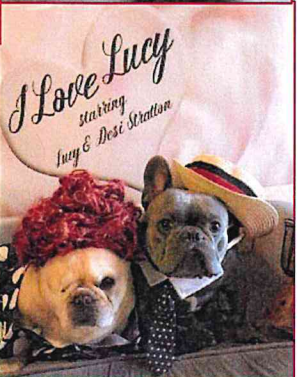
Activity Code: 114104 A | **Fee:** \$10 per dog

Location: Park & Bark Dog Park, 21 Old Farm Road

To Register: Call 203-270-4340

or visit www.newtown-ct.gov/parks-recreation

Sponsored by: Newtown Park & Bark
and Newtown Parks and Recreation Department
8 Simpson Street, Newtown, CT 06470



Newtown Parks and Recreation & Newtown Economic and Community Development Present:

3rd ANNUAL SCARECROW CONTEST

October 3-24 | Location: Fairfield Hills Campus Lamp Posts



Who Can Participate?

Individuals, families, businesses, sports groups and community organizations are invited to participate in our 3rd Annual Scarecrow Contest. Choose a Fairfield Hills Lamp Post during the month of October, (first-come, first-served). Build your own unique scarecrow and affix it to your lamp post (you can pick up your number card at our office). You can work on your scarecrow from October 3-24.

Voting:

The community is invited to vote for their favorite scarecrow from October 25-28. A Ballot Box will be set up on the Fairfield Hills Campus.

Prizes & Categories:

Categories are Most Original | Newtown Pride | People's Choice

The winner will be announced on October 31. Winners have a chance to win a Summer 2023 Family Pool & Beach Membership Pass or assorted tier prizes donated by local businesses.

Fee: \$25 per Lamp Post. All proceeds will benefit our future Bicycle Playground.

To Apply:

The Scarecrow Contest Application & Rules are available for download on our website.

Complete the Application and mail to us or bring it to our office with your payment by Friday, October 21.

www.newtown-ct.gov/parks-recreation | 8 Simpson Street, Newtown, CT 06470

Calling All Local Businesses:

We are seeking donations of prizes such as gift certificates, coupons & gift baskets. If you are interested in donating, please contact RoseAnn Reggiano | roseann.reggiano@newtown-ct.gov | 203-270-4373



2022 Scarecrow Contest Rules



- This contest is open to any individual or team (business or nonprofit organization) that would like to contribute to Newtown Parks and Recreation's spirit of the season.
- Participants are encouraged to develop a design that is appropriate for public display, utilizing materials that will withstand elements that may include wind, rain and/or snow.
- To participate, download and complete the Application from our website. Mail your application to us or bring it to our office with your payment by Friday, October 21. Once your application is confirmed, you will be able to pick up your number sign from our office.
- The general public is invited to cast their ballots on their preferred scarecrow for each of the following categories: Most Original | Newtown Pride | People's Choice
- Ballots will be available at the Newtown Parks and Recreation office at 8 Simpson Street or can be downloaded from our website. Voting is limited to one ballot per person, per day. Ballot box will be located in the vestibule at the Newtown Community Center, 8 Simpson Street.
- There is no limit to the number of ballots cast, but they must be submitted to the Newtown Parks and Recreation office between Tuesday, October 25 & Friday, October 28.
- Winners have a chance to win a Summer 2023 Pool & Beach Family Membership or assorted tier prizes donated by local businesses.
- Scarecrows cannot exceed 6' in height, and cannot be wider than 2.5'.
- Displays cannot extend past the grass line or onto the sidewalk. Secure with zip ties or wire, no excessive tape please.
- Displays cannot obstruct pedestrian traffic on sidewalks and should be angled so as to be visible to both oncoming traffic and pedestrians.
- Displays cannot include acts of violence, nudity or racially insensitive content.
- Newtown Parks and Recreation is not responsible for the maintenance or care of individual entries. Participants are encouraged to provide upkeep should any materials become detached.
- Scarecrows must be removed by November 1. All scarecrows remaining after that will be collected and disposed of by the Newtown Parks and Recreation staff on November 2. No residue is to be left on lamp posts.
- Newtown Parks and Recreation reserves the right to NOT accept any entry that is deemed inappropriate for general public display.

**www.newtown-ct.gov/parks-recreation
8 Simpson Street, Newtown, CT 06470
203-270-4340**

2022 Scarecrow Contest Application



First & Last Name: _____

Organization/Business (please fill out if you are representing a group):

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Requested Light Post Number

(See attached map - list up to three choices in order of preference):

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Describe Scarecrow Design: _____

By signing below you agree to abide by the rules as laid out for the 2022 Contest

Signature of Applicant: _____

Applications must be completed and returned with \$25.00 fee by Friday, October 21 to Newtown Parks and Recreation at 8 Simpson St, Newtown, CT 06470.

If you have any questions please call (203) 270-4340

