

Town of Waterbury



REC REPORT

Quarterly Recreation Update

SPRING IS SPRINGING!

We have been grateful for so much sunshine this winter and as we enter the spring. It makes outdoor time much more enjoyable and makes us look to summer. Spring also reminds me of new beginnings. This spring we've continued to offer community classes, have partnered with are organizations for classes and workshops, and continue to care for kiddos in our afterschool program and camps. We have an eye to this summer and the future of the department. Please share your input on the department so we can continue to serve the community.

APRIL 8 ECLIPSE

on April 8, Waterbury is lucky enough to be in the path of totality of a solar eclipse! Much of northern Vermont will be in the path of totality. To prepare for the cosmic event, the Town of Waterbury has a safety plan, parking locations, and is working closely with the local community on communications.

Anywhere you can see the sun, you can see the eclipse! April in Vermont can be snowy, muddy, wet, or sunny. Please prepare for the day according to the weather and season. Know that there will be a lot of traffic in town and that if you leave home that it will take longer than usual. We are thinking of it as a busy foliage weekend.

Learn more about Waterbury's plan by scanning the QR code.



Waterbury Eclipse Information

COMMUNITY EVENTS & CLASSES

The Recreation Department celebrates the change of seasons and has hosted some community-center events, from swim lessons, to movie nights, to mending workshops, and the once-in-a-lifetime eclipse. We've loved meeting more of our community, learning skills and having fun. Consider joining some events in the near future!

We are gearing up for more community events and workshops - movie nights, workshops, tennis lessons, and more. All events help support our Recreation Department maintenance budget, and specific events help fundraise for summer camp scholarships. This month we have a summer camp fundraiser - Canvas and Cookies - to help raise funds for kids to attend camp (see to the left).

We are also planning some summer events. Please stay tuned for an update before summer (a not-so-quarterly newsletter) with information about a kickball tournament, community pool parties, and events in the park.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Pizza & Movie Night April 5 at 6:15pm	Pool Membership Prices Increase April 15	Community Garden Plots Registration May 1
Weekly 5k Running Club Thursdays starting May 16	Summer Camp Starts! June 24	Tennis in the Park Starts July 2024

And more!

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CANVAS AND COOKIES

A Fundraiser for 2024 Summer Camp

APRIL 20, 2024
FIRST CLASS - 3PM
SECOND CLASS - 5PM
\$35
RECREATION BUILDING
27 BUTLER STREET, WATERBURY VT

Join Waterbury Recreation and Enchanted Paintbrush for a family-friendly paint class and delicious cookies!

All proceeds support activities for campers at our 2024 Summer Camp
 Register now at www.WaterburyRec.com



SUMMER CAMP 2024

Camp Registration has been open since the beginning of March and has looked different this year. Thank you to all the families who signed up and navigated the new process. We still have some spots open in our camp and encourage families to register for a summer of fun!

Camp is 8 weeks long, and operates from 8am until 5pm. Campers enjoy our local parks, our sports fields, and our public pool. We have educators and entertainers joining for performances and learning opportunities. We will have all-camp olympics, field days, and pool parties. New for 2024, all campers will participate in swim lessons.

Camp payment deadlines are:

50% is due April 26

50% is due May 24

If families need a payment plan or help covering the cost of camp, please reach out to Katarina Lisaius, Recreation Director, for more information.



SUMMER AT THE POOL

Buy your summer pool pass by April 15 before prices increase!

After a successful partnership with Bolton Valley, the department is now preparing for summer swimming lessons and visits to our municipal pool! Pool Director Heather Lessor will again be leading all pool activities this summer. The Town of Waterbury is a proud provider of Starfish Swimming Lessons, a nationally certified swim instruction curriculum. Lessons will operate throughout the summer and are also part of summer camp, a new addition this year. Information about swim lessons will be posted by mid-April.

PARK PROJECTS

Waterbury Recreation, Public Works Department, and community organizations are preparing for park maintenance and projects as the weather turns. We will be updating Hope Davey Disc Golf Course in accordance with the 2023 Master Plan, Hope Davey Playground area, tilling the Community Garden locations, launching a Children's Garden in partnership with the library, maintaining of our playing fields, and much more. Spring and summer are our busiest seasons.

Specifically at the Hope Davey Disc Golf Course, we will be updating holes 9, 12, and 13. These holes will be modified to protect wildlife, maintain good neighbor relations, and support the community feedback from the Master Plan process. The course and nature trails are closed until the beginning of May. The community can enjoy the course changes at the end of spring when mud season has (hopefully) subsided.

Spring is also the time when we get back out on our playing fields. If you are interested in joining a team, please check out our facilities calendar and reach out to the organizers. If the organizer is not clear, connect with the Recreation Department and we can help.

None of this work would be possible without countless volunteers and community members who help maintain our parks, fields, and lead the leagues. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Katarina Lisaius (klisaius@waterburyvt.com).




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